The liberal media love to invoke Watergate as a shining example of why journalism is important: to hold the government accountable. That clearly happened with the media’s pursuit of Nixon, a man liberals hated.

But when it comes to the IRS-Tea Party scandal, where conservative Americans were denied — and continue to be denied! — their right to fully participate in the political process during two election cycles, the liberal media are silent. There are no Woodward and Bernsteins on the left digging up the truth. Instead, the liberal media are burying the truth.

Consider this shocking point: Since last June 26, ABC has given the IRS scandal a total of 22 seconds of coverage. That’s it. Less time than a Geico commercial. In addition, as this newsletter goes to press, NBC and CBS had last reported on IRS-gate on Feb. 3, more than two months ago.

Those are only two examples of the liberal media bias we document, expose, and neutralize every day. Here at the MRC, our experts have focused on IRS-gate with our Bias Alerts, press releases, NewsBusters blog, MRCTV, Business & Media Institute, nationally syndicated columns, CNSNews.com, Facebook, Twitter, MRC Action, and regular radio and television appearances.

Recently, during an interview on Fox’s The Kelly File I revealed the ABC News-22-seconds fact and Megyn Kelly was stunned. “Wow. That’s unbelievable, Brent. I mean, that is literally unbelievable. Is that documented?” she said. As I told her, yes, it’s documented. It’s what we do. We’re America’s media watchdog.

With that in mind, let’s look at some of the other startling facts about IRS-gate that the left-wing media are either spinning or censoring.

When the scandal broke publicly in May 2013, revealing that the IRS had delayed, since at least 2010, approval of many Tea Party groups’ tax-exemption status applications, President Barack Obama held a press conference to denounce the “misconduct,” which he labeled “inexcusable” and an “outrage.”

“We’re going to hold the responsible parties accountable,” Obama declared. Yet, when interviewed in February this year, Obama claimed that a few IRS employees had made “some bone-headed decisions” and that there was “not even a smidgen of corruption” in relation to the IRS’s targeting of Tea Party groups.

It is amazing the lies this man can tell with a straight face.

Neither ABC, CBS, nor NBC reported Obama’s absurd claim. The president knows the liberal media will cover for him, which explains why he says whatever he wants about IRS-gate, or even
about Obamacare. (You can keep your doctor, remember?)

The same holds true for the IRS employees at the heart of the scandal. Lois Lerner was in charge of the tax-exemption office that oversaw the Tea Party applications. Last May she pleaded the 5th against self-incrimination when questioned by the Republican-led House Oversight Committee. On March 5, 2014, she did it again, taking the 5th nine times.

The committee chairman even asked Lerner if she agreed with Obama that there was “not even a smidgen of corruption” at the IRS — and she pleaded the 5th again.

Although Lerner refused to answer any questions about the IRS-Tea Party scandal, the CBS Evening News and ABC World News reported nothing on the hearing — not a word. NBC Nightly News also largely ignored Lerner’s non-cooperation.

In not reporting on the hearing, the CBS Evening News continued its blackout of the scandal; its last mention of the matter was on Feb. 3. For ABC, its last reporting on the case was Nov. 27, 2013, more than 130 days ago. That’s not just bias. That’s censorship.

Lerner is at the center of the Tea Party case, she pleads the 5th, and the liberal media say there’s no scandal. In fact, they just drop it.

Picking up where NBC’s Williams left off, NBC Today reporter Natalie Morales proclaimed on Mar. 6, “Well, after a shouting match on Capitol Hill … [the] probe of alleged IRS abuses may have hit a dead end.”

CBS This Morning’s Charlie Rose repeated the party line, declaring, “A congressional investigation into the IRS may be stalled this morning because of partisan bickering.”

Besides the hearing, the Oversight Committee released a 141-page report on Mar. 11, asserting that Lerner had made several "false or misleading" statements in 2012 about the IRS scandal. The report also charged that Lerner “was extensively involved in targeting conservative-oriented tax-exempt applicants for inappropriate scrutiny,” and that she obstructed the committee’s investigation.

Not one of the network news shows did a story on the committee’s report.

Back in December, the committee had the IRS Chief Counsel William Wilkins, one of only two Obama appointees to the IRS, testify. Under questioning, Wilkins said “I don’t recall” 80 times, a lapse that Issa called “a deliberate attempt to obfuscate your involvement in this matter or gross incompetence on your part.” Neither ABC, CBS, nor NBC said a word.

Issa’s committee discovered in January that the Justice Department official supposedly investigating IRS-gate is Barbara Kay Bosserman, who is — ready? — a financial donor to Obama and the Democratic National Committee. Again, ABC, CBS, and NBC have not reported this blatant conflict of interest.

Meanwhile, MSNBC’s Al Sharpton claims the IRS scandal is “phony” and that the House Oversight Committee has “turned up nothing, no wrongdoing.”

That’s a lie, and it’s broadcast on MSNBC. Over at ABC, CBS, and NBC they don’t have to lie — they just don’t report anything that could hurt Obama or reveal the truth about the IRS case.

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You can help us fight liberal media bias and get the truth to the public. Call today to learn how you can support our mission. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
Liberals in the media like to claim there is no left-wing bias in their news coverage, but if their worldview is Alinsky-like to begin with, that’s often how they see and report things. Moreover, it explains why so many of them end up working for left-wing politicians or leftist organizations and, when they finish their “public service,” they go right back to their biased news rooms.

A new Media Reality Check by MRC Vice President Brent Baker shows that at least 30 news reporters now work for the Obama administration or had worked in the administration and are now back toiling in a liberal media outlet. The two most recent revolving-door liberals are Ronan Farrow, a former State Department “Youth” adviser who now has his own show on MSNBC, and Joy-Ann Reid, a former Obama campaign aide who also was given a show on MSNBC.

Below are a selection from the 30 revolving-door Obama-tons/journalists.

**David Axelrod:** Chicago Tribune reporter late 1970s-1984; chief strategist for Obama campaign 2007-08; senior adviser to President Obama 2009-11; senior political analyst for MSNBC 2013 --.

**Roberta Baskin:** Former ABC News 20/20 investigative reporter; former correspondent for CBS’ 48 Hours; director of Media Communications for the Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, 2009 --.


**Laura Blumenfeld:** Washington Post reporter 1990s-2012; head of strategic communications for Middle East peace process at State Department 2013 --.

**Daren Briscoe:** Los Angeles Times reporter 2002-04; Newsweek correspondent 2004-09; deputy press secretary and then press secretary at Department of Education 2011-13.

**Jay Carney:** Time magazine correspondent 1993-2005; Time bureau chief 2005-2008; director of communications to Vice President Biden 2009-11; White House press secretary 2011 --.

**Eric Dash:** New York Times business reporter 2004-2012; senior adviser for policy and communications at Treasury Department 2012 --.


**Samantha Power:** Reporter for U.S. News & World Report, Boston Globe and The New Republic 1993-96; special assistant to the president and senior director for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights on the National Security Staff 2009-12; U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., 2013 --.
Watchdog

Nets Spin Pope

Although Pope Francis has repeated the Catholic Church’s unalterable opposition to abortion, contraception, and homosexual “marriage,” the liberal networks keep trying to spin that fact away. On the one-year anniversary of Francis’s pontificate, Mar. 13, NBC Today’s Anne Thompson reported that Catholic students she interviewed were “thrilled” that the Pope was talking about other things besides abortion and gays, and “getting back to the original message of Jesus Christ.”

So traditional marriage was not the message of Jesus Christ?

Over at CBS, reporter Mark Phillips slammed 86-year-old Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI as “reclusive and tired” but praised Pope Francis for having “seemed to reject the Vatican line that homosexuality was an intrinsic disorder.” CBS then quoted leftist Vatican reporter Marco Politi ludicrously claiming, “This means a new look on divorce, on second marriage, a new look on homosexuality, on homosexual unions, on contraceptives.” ... No, it doesn’t, but the nets keep spinning, and hoping.

Censoring Scientists

ABC, CBS, and NBC dogmatically promote the idea that global warming is man-made, wreaking havoc with the weather, and regularly interview alarmist scientists on the topic. But when it comes to scientist-skeptics on global warming, you won’t find them on the networks. In fact, as of Mar. 6, CBS and ABC had not interviewed a scientist-skeptic in more than 1,300 days — more than 3.5 years and not once was a global warming critic expert brought in to discuss the issue. That’s censorship.

NBC did a little better, last interviewing a scientist-skeptic only 298 days prior, on May 13, 2013. But the nets love the alarmists. Typical is CBS This Morning, which gave a national platform to physicist Michio Kaku on Feb. 12, who dramatically warned that the “heating of the North Pole” could “cause gigantic storms of historic proportions.” Not surprisingly, Kaku’s pronouncement was not questioned by CBS.

Leftist ABC and CBS are so biased that, as of Mar. 6, they had not interviewed a global warming scientist-skeptic in 1,300 days.

What Election?

An underdog Republican with minimal funding, running on an anti-Obamacare message, upset a well-heeled Democrat for a congressional seat in Florida. The evening news networks totally ignored the story and the morning new shows gave it only a few seconds of coverage. Before the results were in, CBS Evening News’ Nancy Cordes had reported on Tuesday, Mar. 11, that the race was “a referendum on the president’s health care law.” But after Republican David Jolly won, the Evening News didn’t say a word.

The next day, CBS This Morning gave the election 20 seconds of coverage, and the morning shows at ABC and NBC gave it a combined 33 seconds. But the evening news at ABC, CBS, and NBC said nothing. Also, on Mar. 12, a Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll showed President Obama at an all-time low approval rating of 41%. The NBC Nightly News did not report its own poll.

The liberal networks keep spinning news about Pope Francis to the left while downplaying his clear opposition to abortion and gay “marriage.”

Bits & Pieces
What Tea Party?

The Tea Party movement, which rose in opposition to Obamacare and high taxes, gave the GOP a congressional majority in the 2010 elections, and has been harassed by the IRS, turned five-years-old on Feb. 27 but the networks gave that anniversary nearly zero coverage. ABC and CBS reported nothing. Only NBC’s morning show, Today, gave the Tea Party anniversary 10 seconds of coverage.

When the Tea Party launched on Feb. 27, 2009, it held protests in more than 40 cities. At the five-year anniversary, a massive celebration was held in Washington, D.C., with speakers such as Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-Minn.) and talk-radio host Mark Levin. The leftist media regularly smear the Tea Party as “racist,” “homophobic,” “terrorists,” and “wingnuts,” but when it comes to straight reporting on a significant political event and national movement, the networks censored the news.

Chevron Wins — Shh!

A judge ruled on Mar. 4 that a $9.4 billion judgment against oil-giant Chevron by an Ecuadorian court was “obtained by corrupt means,” including bribery, but ABC, CBS, and NBC didn’t report the ruling. CBS was particularly egregious in its silence because it had run a dramatic 60 Minutes hit piece on Chevron in 2009, claiming the company had not properly cleaned oil pits in Ecuador. 60 Minutes had used six anti-Chevron “experts” and only one pro-Chevron source. The story was so slanted even the liberal Columbia Journalism Review labeled it “an exercise in innuendo.” In a press release after the Mar. 4 ruling, Chevron explained that its reputation had been “taken hostage and held for a multi-billion-dollar ransom,” but rather than quit and “pay these criminals off, Chevron exposed the truth.” Predictably, CBS, ABC, and NBC did not.

Minibits

■ NBC’s Chuck Todd smears Arizona conservatives’ support for a bill to protect religious liberty: “These people have been in the sun too long. Maybe it’s frying in the head. Just cranky retirees and people on the witness protection program, that’s who’s left in Arizona?” ■ CNN’s Candy Crowley reveals her obvious bias, “How do they solve a problem like Ted Cruz in the Republican caucus in the Senate?” ■ Meanwhile, MSNBC’s Chris Matthews drones, “To Ted Cruz of Texas, government shutdowns and debt ceiling defaults are all in a day’s work.” ■ Former NBC anchor Tom Brokaw ridicules freedom: “In Korea, Cuba, Vietnam, and space, the U.S. spared little to defeat communism — at times, it seemed like a national obsession.” ■ CNN’s Brian Stelter shows why people don’t believe CNN, “Some stories don’t have two sides. Some stories are simply true. There’s no necessity to give equal time to the quote-unquote ‘other side.’ One of these is climate change.” ■ ABC’s Barbara Walters throws another hard ball to Joe Biden, “I don’t think there’s much doubt that you’re a superb Vice President.” ■ MSNBC’s ever-unbalanced Mika Brzezinski dissects GOP reminders about President Clinton’s mistreatment of women: “Any Republican who is dredging this up is a misogynistic sexist hypocrite.” ■ Finally, a voice of sanity in the wilderness, Charles Krauthammer quips, “This idea of austerity, you know, we have talked about Obama’s assaulting the Constitution. This is an assault on the dictionary.”

■ Oil-giant Chevron, which the networks have attacked for decades, won a major court ruling in a $9.2 billion environmental lawsuit but ABC, CBS, and NBC reported nothing.
Hidden just below the surface of the liberal media is a barely noticed trend of patronizing contempt: Joe Biden is the Democrats’ Dan Quayle, but because he is a Democrat they’ll do anything to avoid treating him like they treated Dan Quayle.

The Washington Post trumpeted a new poll recently that showed Hillary Clinton was cleaning Biden’s clock in an early poll among Democrats, 73 percent to 12. The Post saw that as great news for Hillary, but not as disastrous news for the man who’s currently in his second term as vice president. Try to imagine Al Gore pulling 12 percent in a presidential poll during Clinton’s second term.

Politically, Biden is a Joke Man Walking. But shhh, we’re not supposed to notice. It might make the president who selected him look bad.

Biden’s unleashed some jaw-dropping gaffes that the networks have skipped. In 2008, he bashed his friend McCain: “John’s last-minute economic plan does nothing to tackle the number-one job facing the middle class, and it happens to be, as Barack says, a three-letter word: jobs. J-O-B-S, jobs.”

Katie Couric earned a “Cronkite Award” for shoving Sarah Palin around in 2008, but a few days earlier she threw softball questions at Biden -- and Biden still managed to mangle history: “When the stock market crashed, Franklin D. Roosevelt got on the television and didn’t just talk about the, you know, the princes of greed.” Roosevelt wasn’t president in 1929, and there was no television. But Couric didn’t correct him, and ABC ignored it. NBC noticed, briefly.

Now take Biden’s latest gaffe about New York City. Hong Kong’s airport is shiny and new, he reported. “But if I blindfolded you and took you to LaGuardia Airport in New York, you must think, ‘I must be in some Third World country.’ I’m not joking,” he said. New York mayor Bill de Blasio called it “inappropriate,” saying Biden’s speech was “not the right way to talk about it.”

In December, Biden upset feminists while talking to female employees at an internet company in Japan. Biden was scheduled to address the company’s female employees and “discuss the economic impact of women in the corporate world.” Instead, while talking to the women, he blurted, “Do your husbands like you working full time?” Network coverage? Zero.

CBS This Morning covered the Biden Asia trip for four days in a row, but never found time for that clip. If a Republican like Rick Santorum had said it, it would have been painted as a dark male chauvinist moment.

The most recent proof of the media’s disinterest in Biden’s outrages came in a February 7 interview on CNN’s New Day. Anchor Kate Bolduan displayed her servility to the Democrats from the opening chatter about how much Biden loves Amtrak trains. Her first question asked about what he hopes to achieve as the leader of a new presidential task force on job training.

Riveting, CNN, just riveting.

The so-called “worldwide leader” in news couldn’t muster a single question about the ongoing failures of Obamacare, the IRS harassment of conservative groups, the muddle of Afghanistan, or the fiasco in Benghazi. Instead, Bolduan pestered Biden about when he would announce whether he would run for president and whether his wife would approve, with zero mention of his very weak polls. Before that, she wondered “Can I ask you one fun question about Corvettes?”

This was Bolduan’s toughest question: “What do you say to your fellow Senate Democrats who have made it pretty clear that they don’t want the President anywhere near their state this election cycle? And you jokingly kind of said, okay, I’ll stay out of it. But what do you say to them?” Biden replied “I know I’ve been invited to go into well over 128 races so far. And so there’s some places the President is considerably more popular than I am.”

Even here, some so-called reporters seemed more like press secretaries than reporters. Shira T. Center at the Capitol Hill newspaper Roll Call helpfully guessed that CNN had provided this hot scoop: “Biden Boasts Democrats Want Him to Campaign for Them.”

Joe Biden is a national embarrassment, so much so that even with the national media doing their best to cover up, still the never-ending gaffes make their way out to John Q. Public, who will never vote him into any national office ever again.
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- **FNC:** Fox News Live, Feb. 28
  - Special Report w/ Bret Baier, Feb. 28, Mar. 14
- **FOX:** The Kelly File, Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 6, 13
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### Print

- **Central Kentucky News, Feb. 21**
- **Chicago Sun-Times, Feb. 26**
- **Green Bay Press-Gazette, Mar. 6**
- **International Business Times, Feb. 28**
- **Leader and Times, Feb. 21**
- **Newport Independent, Feb. 27**
- **Shreveport Times, Mar. 4**
- **The American Conservative, Feb. 26**
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- **American Family Radio, Mar. 4, 6**
  - Battelline with Alan Nathan, Feb. 28
- **Bishop Harry Jackson Show, Feb. 25**
- **Cable Radio Network, Feb. 26, Mar. 6**
- **Charley Sykes Show, Mar. 4**
- **Dennis Miller Show, Feb. 26, Mar. 14**
- **The Kelly File, Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 6, 13**
- **Your World W/ Nellie Cavanuto, Feb. 17, Mar. 12**
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- **Austin 360, Mar. 1**
  - Biz Pac Review, Mar. 4
  - Breitbart.com, Feb. 21, 22, 25, 26, 28, Mar. 5
  - Catholic Culture, Feb. 28
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