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NBC Not Only Going Radical, It's Now Caught Deliberately Lying – MRC Demands Investigation by Congress

NBC's cable news outpost MSNBC daily cranks out left-wing "news" and Democratic talking points fed to it by the George Soros-funded Media Matters. This leftist babble is spewed on MSNBC shows headed by Ed Schultz, Chris Matthews, Al Sharpton and Rachel Maddow. We've documented, exposed, and neutralized this in spades at the MRC. Now, however, it's NBC News that is moving further left and, in the case of the tragic Trayvon Martin-George Zimmerman shooting in Florida, we've caught the network deliberately lying to the American people.

NBC purposely edited the 911 call by Zimmerman to make him look like a racist. It is the left-wing narrative that NBC wanted, especially during this election year as it fits the liberal Democratic playbook.

NBC aired the doctored tapes at least five times, on the *Today* show and also the *NBC Nightly News*. After we exposed NBC's deceit, and Sean Hannity and I discussed this on his show, it sparked national outrage.

The good news is that our NewsBusters blog was first to expose NBC's deceit, which sparked an investigation and the firing of at least one of the NBC producers responsible for the lie. But that's not the end

of it. We are taking our case to the shareholders of NBC's parent company, Comcast, and to committees in Congress to investigate this blatant violation of the public trust, which was broadcast over the public airwaves.

NBC is not going to get away with it.

The shooting of black teenager Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Fla.,

by neighborhood watchman George Zimmerman, a Hispanic, occurred on Feb. 26. Three weeks later, the police released the audio of the 911 call placed that night by Zimmerman. Part of the exchange went like this:

Zimmerman:
"This guy looks like he's up to no good. Or he's on drugs or

something. It's raining and he's just walking around, looking about."

Dispatcher: *"Okay, and this guy, is he black, white or Hispanic?"*

Zimmerman: *"He looks black."*

That was the real call. But when NBC News got a hold of it, they edited out the dispatcher's question and made the sequence like this:

Zimmerman: *"This guy looks like he's up to no good. He looks black."*

Anyone hearing that tape will believe Zimmerman was racially



The MRC exposed how NBC deliberately edited the 911 call by George Zimmerman, which cast him as a racist. NBC aired the doctored 911 transcript at least 5 times, including on *Today* and the *NBC Nightly News*.

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MRC Calls on Congress to Investigate Comcast / NBC for Journalistic Fraud in Trayvon Martin Reporting

Rejects fake "apology," activates 100,000+ calls, emails and letters to parent company Comcast and cites FCC involvement in pending Comcast / Verizon deal

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Alexandria, VA – Today, Media Research Center President Brent Bozell announces the media watchdog is calling upon Congress to investigate Comcast / NBC News for the intentional editing of the George Zimmerman audio that was broadcast multiple times and subsequently flamed the fires of racial hatred and animosity:

"NBC is laughing at the public. Last week we said we would have more to say if their behavior in this matter didn't change. Given their continued irresponsibility, today we open up a new front. "

On April 10, the MRC issued a press release calling upon Congress to investigate Comcast / NBC News for the intentional editing of the George Zimmerman 911 audio that was broadcast multiple times and subsequently flamed the fires of racial hatred and animosity.

motivated – even a racist. As I remarked on Fox's *Hannity* on Mar. 29, NBC "outright advanced a falsehood on national television. They outright told a deliberate lie on national television."

NBC ran that lie on its Miami affiliate three times on March 19 and 20. MSNBC then posted the falsehood on its Web site with a big story on Mar. 21. Then on Mar. 22 and 27, NBC *Today* broadcast the lie again, reaching more than 5 million viewers each time.

We exposed that falsehood on Mar. 28. Several days later – after the issue went viral on the Internet but NOT in the so-called mainstream media (with the exception of a *Washington Post* blog) – NBC said it would investigate the matter.

That was laughable, and we said as much in an Apr. 3 press release: "This is a massive breach of the public trust. NBC is guilty of dishonestly fanning the flames of racial hatred in America by doctoring tapes. NBC cannot be trusted with the investigation. It's like Nixon investigating the Watergate tapes. NBC is deliberately lying to the viewing public."

We also documented that MSNBC had gone back and changed its version of the 911 call but did not inform its audience about the original lie. MSNBC just whistled past the editorial graveyard, as did NBC's *Today*, which has not told its audience about the false story it aired.

In a PR stunt on Apr. 3, NBC issued a press release stating "there was an error made in the production process that we deeply regret. We will be taking the necessary steps to prevent this from happening in the future and apologize to our viewers."

The peacock network, no surprise, did not apologize to Zimmerman or on NBC for smearing him. Also, this

was no "error," as in a "mistake," as in an accident. One cannot edit accidentally. All editing is deliberate.

There was no "error." It was a willful falsehood, quotes pasted out of context to feed the narrative of a racial assault. So we pushed harder, calling upon our grassroots MRC Action Team members to contact Comcast board members and demand an investigation. Our members responded with more than 100,000 calls and e-mails – an avalanche.

NBC then tried another dodge, this time leaking to Reuters on Apr. 5 that a senior producer in Miami had been fired. This time NBC changed its story, claiming that the spliced 911 quotes resulted from an editing decision to save time – not an "error." Save time? The critical tape edited out took two seconds of time! Still covering up, NBC refused to name the producer who was supposedly fired and insisted it would not reveal the information gathered by its investigation. And still NBC has refused to apologize on the air, to the very evidence it purposely misled.

NBC and its political allies want this scandal to go away but it's not going to happen when the MRC is on the prowl. On April 10, I announced that we are calling upon Congress to investigate Comcast/NBC News for the intentional editing of the 911 call that was broadcast multiple times and subsequently flamed the fires of racial hatred.



George Zimmerman deemed guilty by the liberal media feeding frenzy before the police even had him in custody.

NBC's fabrication of a lie, broadcast repeatedly over the public airwaves, is a complete violation of the public trust. Comcast is in the midst of a business deal with Verizon requiring approval by the FCC and the Justice Department. There are anti-trust concerns.

We have contacted committees in Congress asking them to investigate Comcast/NBC's public deception in view of the proposed Comcast/Verizon business deal; and Comcast's duty to the public trust given that one of their premier properties – NBC – has advanced this deception and arrogantly refuses to apologize to its own broadcast viewers.

We have just begun to fight. Stay tuned, and if you want to help us hold NBC accountable, you can send a donation to help keep us on the march. Thank you.

Sincerely,



L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President

WINNER of the “BEST GET”

TELL THE TRUTH!
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“Tell The Truth!” 2012 Campaigner Ryan McNicholas Works Hard to Spread the MRC’s “Don’t Believe the Liberal Media” Message

The MRC’s “Tell The Truth!” 2012 campaign field teams have been spreading the message “Don’t Believe the Liberal Media!” since January, making that issue part of the election-year discussion. The campaign has earned wide national coverage and allowed tens of millions of Americans to learn the truth about liberal media bias.

As a bonus for the hard-working “Tell The Truth!” team members, the MRC held a contest for the one volunteer who could get the best exposure for the “Don’t Believe the Liberal Media!” message going into Super Tuesday – the “Best Get” contest.

Everyone worked hard but campaigner Ryan McNicholas surpassed expectations by traveling more than 22 hours straight to get to the GOP debate in Mesa, Ariz., on Feb. 22 and then, in the field passing out signs all day, he scored big coverage in *The New York Times*. As the number one “Best Get,” he won an Apple iPad.

Ryan, who was a Young Americans for Freedom member at the University of California-Santa Barbara, said the liberal media bias there was “unbelievable” and that he was eager to combat that bias on a national scale with the “Tell The Truth!” campaign.

When he heard about the contest on Monday, Feb. 20, Ryan said he called campaign team leaders Bill Toyne and Robyn Stiles at the MRC and convinced them to send him to the CNN-sponsored Mesa debate.

They agreed. But then came the hard part. As Ryan explained, he was still in Cleveland, Ohio on Monday night. Flights out of Chicago were cheaper, so he bought a ticket. “I woke up at 3:00 AM Tuesday and drove to Detroit, dropped off one of my co-workers and then drove to Chicago – got to Chicago, jumped on a plane that went from Chicago to Louisville, from Louisville to Charlotte, from Charlotte to Phoenix,” said Ryan. “By the time I got to a car and got to my aunt’s house, it had been 22 hours and 45 minutes straight of travel. Then I was there all day on Wednesday, covering the debate.”



As winner of the number one “Best Get,” Ryan McNicholas won an Apple iPad.



Ryan McNicholas’s winning exposure for the “Tell The Truth!” 2012 campaign appeared in *The New York Times* on Feb. 22.

“There was a guy there taking pictures of the *Tell The Truth!* signs and I asked him who he was with,” recounted Ryan, “and he said, “*The New York Times.*” Then he asked me if he could follow me around. Then when people saw the guy taking pictures, a lot of people started taking the signs – they went crazy. I couldn’t hold back people from taking the signs out of my hand. And that’s how the picture got in *The New York Times.*”

“The signs are very popular, the buttons are very popular,” said Ryan. “There were a couple hundred people carrying the signs.”

Ryan said he plans to work on conservative political campaigns as a career, and for younger conservatives who want to be active in the movement, he advises “learn your background, make sure you know what you’re talking about, and don’t be afraid.”

As for the iPad, “it’s great,” he said, especially with the FaceTime feature that let’s him video-chat with his father who works in China. “I can watch Shanghai out his window,” he said. “It’s pretty darn cool.”

Bits & Pieces

Gun Control TV

CBS This Morning gave NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a billionaire with top-flight security, a national platform on Mar. 29 to pontificate unchallenged for stricter gun control laws. Hosts Erica Hill and Charlie Rose let Bloomberg prattle on with inane arguments, such as “Somebody’s banging on your door and says, ‘I’m going to come in and kill you.’ And this guy’s got the gun out. You’re better off not having a gun.”

Better off not having a gun when someone’s trying to kill you? Hill and Rose foolishly nodded along and then Hill finally lobbed a softball, “You’ve been an outspoken proponent, obviously, of gun control for some time. As you watch what’s happening in Florida with Trayvon Martin, what do you think of this ‘stand your ground’ law in Florida?”

With most major facts in the Martin case still unknown, Bloomberg nonetheless lectured, “You don’t want people being vigilantes.” How about liberal mayors not being ignorant propagandists?



‘Deranged’ GOP Judges

When President Obama threatened the Supreme Court, declaring that overturning his precious Obamacare would be “unprecedented” and “judicial activism,” CNN’s top legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin applauded, lecturing that the remarks were “entirely appropriate.” But when a U.S. Fifth Circuit Court judge, after considering Obama’s warning, asked the Justice Department to clarify in writing whether courts have the authority to declare laws unconstitutional, Toobin went ballistic, smearing the judge as “deranged.”

On CNN’s Apr. 5 *Starting Point* show, Toobin ranted that Fifth Circuit Court Judge Jerry Smith was having “a hissy fit,” adding that “what these judges have done is a disgrace.” Obama did “nothing wrong,” snarled Toobin, who went on to whine that this “just shows how some of these Republican judges are just deranged by hatred of the president.”



Bull Lauer

NBC *Today* host Matt Lauer is so full of liberal bias beans it’s laughable. With House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) on the Mar. 28 show, Lauer lectured that the economy is so good Republicans shouldn’t waste people’s time by running against Obama. The economy “does put some Republicans in a difficult position,” Lauer ludicrously claimed. “You’ve got better job numbers. You’ve got better manufacturing numbers. Consumer debt is down. Consumer confidence is up. Isn’t it hard to run against a recovering economy?”

Earth to Lauer: National unemployment is 8.3 percent, and hasn’t fallen below 8 percent since March 2009, and the real unemployment rate (not looking and underemployed) is 15 percent, which equals about 25 million Americans out of work. The housing market has not turned around, gas costs almost \$5/gallon, grocery prices are up, and the government is \$16 trillion in debt. That’s what liberals call a recovery.

This Week's Bias

Panelists on the Mar. 25 edition of ABC's *This Week* took the Trayvon Martin shooting case – when major facts in the case are still unknown – to bash the 2nd Amendment and Christians. Matt Dowd ranted that Florida and similar gun-rights states “are also the same states and the same legislatures and the same governors who sort of push for prayer in school. There's such an irony there. We want to be a Christian nation and we want to act in a Christian manner, but, oh, by the way, we don't believe in turn the other cheek. And we don't believe in love your enemy. And we believe in loading, loading citizens and basically give them an opportunity to shoot people.”

Cokie Roberts chimed in, harping that “we need to pray more with all those guns out there,” while *Nightline*'s Terry Moran thundered that the “stand your ground” law in Florida “destroys the American system.”

Minibits

■ *Newsweek*/Daily Beast reporter Allison Yarrow ludicrously labels Dick Cheney, “He may be one of the most evil people in the world,” while *Newsweek*'s Ramin Setoodeh continues the smear, “I would never give my heart to Dick Cheney. It would freeze over.” ■ NBC's Hoda Kotb seriously reports, “Skittles obviously has become really kind of a symbol in the whole Trayvon Martin case. A symbol of racial injustice. You see people holding up the bags of Skittles in their hands and it clearly means something.” ■ CNN's Jeffrey Toobin admits the obvious, “I'm not exactly famous for my hatred of the Obama administration” and ABC news anchor Josh Elliott does the same:



Politico's Roger Simon

“I'm proud to work at a place that believes in advocacy journalism!” ■ NBC's Andrea Mitchell stumps for Marxist medicine, “Cuba is highly regarded for its health care, and especially one of Fidel Castro's signature projects, which is training doctors, doctors who then provide free medical care throughout Latin America.” ■ Politico's Roger Simon reveals his true colors, “The question for some, especially women, is: Why do the Republicans want to get government out of our lives, but into our wombs?” ■ MSNBC's Chris Matthews, apparently sober, predicts, “I think the call from the President to Sandra Fluke will be remembered perhaps not as dramatically as the call from then-Senator Kennedy, to Mrs. King, to Coretta King after her husband was hauled off into the backwoods of Georgia in shackles, but it will have a character to it that people will remember.” ■ And his MSNBC colleague Lawrence O'Donnell rails, “I want to see hard core Republican conservatism put up there on a debate stage with President Obama's practical approach to governing, and I want to see hard core Republican conservatism crushed.” ■ CNN's Kyra Phillips, with a straight face, asks Catholic Bishop Richard Malone, “Times are changing. Views are changing. So, why not get on board ... with the 43 percent of Catholics who have no problem with gay marriage?” ■ *NYT* Editor Andrew Rosenthal laughably claims, “Fox News presents the news in a way that is deliberately skewed to promote political causes, and the *New York Times* simply does not.” ■ Finally, a major newsflash on NBC *Today*, “Just days after joining Pinterest, that online scrapbook, President Obama's catching some good-natured heat. He posted a family recipe for chili, always a topic of culinary debate.”



NYT's Andrew Rosenthal
Clueless or ridiculous?

L. Brent Bozell III • March 20, 2012 • Nationally Syndicated Column

MSNBC's Sharpton Sinkhole

A few nights back, Mark Levin made a powerful point on his radio show: Fox News boss Roger Ailes is a well-known and infamous name in media circles, like some sort of cable-news Voldemort or Darth Vader. Meanwhile, MSNBC boss – quick, can you name him? – Phil Griffin is unknown and not the least bit controversial even after hiring, as Mark unforgettably put it, a “conga line of morons.”

NBC News used to be the channel for sober, boring Huntley-Brinkley journalism. Liberal, to be sure. But serious. It wasn't always objective, but it had a reputation for professionalism. Think Tim Russert. But in today's era, Brian Williams going on saucer-eyed burger runs with President Obama is a refreshing improvement over MSNBC's lineup, chock-full of vicious, uncivil, shamelessly partisan left-wing hacks.

Griffin is the man who should be held responsible for this. This man fired Pat Buchanan because he didn't think his latest book “should be a part of the national dialogue, much less the dialogue on MSNBC.” Buchanan worried in print about a possible “end of white America.” But Griffin hired and now promotes the race-huckstering activist Reverend Al Sharpton.

By giving Sharpton a platform and showing Buchanan the door, Griffin is engaging in mind-boggling hypocrisy - hypocrisy unbecoming of a “news” network executive, unless he works for MSNBC.

Before Buchanan was thrown out, the blog Inside Cable News – no conservative hot spot – decried “The Sharpton Sized Elephant in MSNBC's Buchanan Room.” The blogger saw danger around the corner: “MSNBC is all but inviting the same litmus test to be applied to Sharpton. And Sharpton would fail that test just as Buchanan apparently has.”

Before his hiring, Sharpton was infamous for perpetuating a hateful racist hoax in 1987 starring a teenaged Tawana Brawley, who smeared dung and wrote racial epithets on herself, and then falsely accused a pack of white men of repeatedly raping and sodomizing her. In 1991 and again in 1995, Sharpton was ranting at the center of racial protests – filled with blacks shrieking anti-Semitic insults – that wrapped up with funerals. But this didn't stop Sharpton from running for president in 2004, with placid calm in the liberal media seas.

Since Obama was elected, Sharpton lost a bunch of weight, then underwent a different sort of makeover – a PR scrub by the national media, honored as “reinvented” in a fawning *Newsweek* cover story and boosted by Lesley Stahl on *60 Minutes*

as “now, a trusted White House adviser who's become the President's go-to black leader.” Does anyone believe the “trusted White House adviser” thing had nothing to do with these gooey stories...or Sharpton's new job last summer at MSNBC?

David Duke underwent a face lift. He still had to answer for David Duke.

Sharpton not only anchors a TV show, but with MSNBC's permission he moonlights as an activist as well, leading his marches and crusades. A few days ago, NBC's *Today* brought on Sharpton to condemn Rush Limbaugh for being “offensive and misogynist,” with co-host Amy Robach wondering: “Is this something the Republican Party needs to deal with right now?” Like a good company servant, Robach had nothing to say about whether Sharpton is a judge of anyone else's moral integrity or political appeal.

While MSNBC unloads both barrels on Rush Limbaugh for “vicious attacks” and lobbies for his show's complete implosion, they continue to employ Sharpton and Ed Schultz, who advocated on air for ripping Dick Cheney's heart out of his chest and calls Joe Lieberman's wife a “whore.” The idea that MSNBC can lecture anyone else for being an uncivil cesspool is beyond ridiculous. It's just sick.

But then, MSNBC is very talented at denial. Rachel Maddow also entered beyond-laughable territory when she granted an interview to Slate at the end of 2011 and claimed “there may be liberals on TV at MSNBC, but the network is not operating with a political objective.”

There is no party line to toe at MSNBC, she insisted, just a herd of independent minds. Maddow continued, with a straight face: “Whereas Fox is operating with a political objective to elect Republican candidates, and particularly, to elect Republican candidates Roger Ailes likes. I think Roger Ailes is a really good TV executive, but their operation is essentially a political operation to elect Republicans.”

NBC and MSNBC are now owned by Comcast – thanks to a merger approved by the Obama Justice Department. Comcast was aided by the activism of one Al Sharpton, so perhaps his program was part of the deal. Comcast executives and employees have also shoveled millions of dollars to Obama's re-election campaign. The definition “essentially a political operation to elect Democrats” has never been more accurate.



MRC in the News

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The experts at the Media Research Center are interviewed almost every day on stories of national importance, often reaching millions of Americans daily. They provide analysis and commentary on radio, TV, the Internet, in magazines, books and in newspapers, always striving to help restore political balance to the major media. Some of the MRC's latest media appearances include the following:

Television

- CBN: *NewsWatch*, Feb. 11, 27, Mar. 2
 FNC: *America Live*, Mar. 13, Apr. 5
Fox News Live, Mar. 23
Hannity, Media Mash, Mar. 23, 29, Apr. 5, 11
Happening Now, Mar. 28, 30
O'Reilly Factor, Mar. 15, 22, 24
 NBC: NBC affiliate, Tyler, TX, Apr. 2

Radio

- America Tonight – Apr. 5
 Battleline w/ Alan Nathan – Mar. 23
 Bob Dutko Show – Mar. 16, 21, 28
 Focus News in Family – Apr. 4
 Georgia News Network – Mar. 20
 IRN/USA Radio Network – Mar. 28
 Lars Larson Show – Mar. 29
 Mark Levin Show – Mar. 16
 Neil Young Show – Mar. 21, 23
 Phil Valentine Show – Mar. 14
 Radio America – Apr. 10
 Rush Limbaugh Show – Apr. 9, 12
 KHOW, Denver, CO – Apr. 2
 KPDQ, Portland, OR – Apr. 5
 KSCJ, Sioux City, IA – Apr. 7
 WBAL, Baltimore, MD – Mar. 28
 WFFG, Miami, FL – Apr. 5
 WIBC, Indianapolis, IN – Mar. 30, Apr. 5
 WNJC, South Jersey, NJ – Apr. 5
 WNRR, Augusta, GA – Apr. 6
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Print

- Associated Press – Mar. 19, 22
Boston Herald – Apr. 4
Charleston Daily Mail – Mar. 23
Chicago Tribune – Apr. 3
Christian Science Monitor – Apr. 4
 Creator's Syndicate – Mar. 21, 26, Apr. 2, 4
Houston Chronicle – Apr. 3
Human Events – Mar. 28
Investor's Business Daily – Mar. 23, Apr. 2
Kansas City Star – Apr. 2, 3
Los Angeles Times – Mar. 27, 30, 31, Apr. 1
National Journal – Mar. 29
National Review – Apr. 16
Philadelphia Inquirer – Mar. 27
 Reuters – Apr. 5
Salt Lake City Tribune – Apr. 6

- San Jose Mercury News* – Apr. 3
Seattle Times – Apr. 3
 States News Service – Mar. 20
Sydney Morning Herald – Mar. 28
 Talk Radio News Service – Mar. 26
Topeka Capital Journal – Mar. 30
Wall Street Journal – Mar. 23, Apr. 4
Washington Examiner – Mar. 27
Washington Free Beacon – Mar. 22
Washington Post – Mar. 26
Washington Times – Mar. 19, 27, Apr. 4
Watertown Daily Times – Mar. 28
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Internet

- ABCNews.com – Mar. 26
 American Spectator blog – Mar. 23
 American Thinker – Apr. 1, 2
 Atlas Shrugs – Apr. 1
 Big Hollywood – Mar. 31
 BuzzFeed – Mar. 30
 Crosswalk.com – Mar. 31
 Daily Pundit – Apr. 5
 Digital Journal – Apr. 2
 Drudge Report – Apr. 9, 10, 11, 12
 Examiner.com – Apr. 2, 3
 FoxNews.com – Mar. 27, Apr. 3
 FoxNusiness.com – Apr. 5
 GOPUSA – Mar. 28, Apr. 4
 Hollywood Reporter – Mar. 30
 Huffington Post – Apr. 3, 5
 Mediabistro.com – Apr. 1, 4
 Mediaite – Apr. 4
 MiamiHerald.com – Apr. 4
 Multichannel News – Mar. 30
 NationalReviewOnline – Mar. 26
 NewsMax – Mar. 20
 OneNewsNow – Mar. 21, 26, 27, 29
 OpposingViews.com – Apr. 3
 Patriot Post – Apr. 4
 Periscope Post – Apr. 2
 PrairiePundit – Mar. 31
 RadarOnline – Apr. 12
 RedState.com – Apr. 6
 RightWingWatch – Mar. 30
 Salon.com – Apr. 4
 SheWired – Apr. 3
 The Atlantic Wire – Apr. 2
 The Daily Caller – Apr. 3
 The Wrap – Apr. 1
 Townhall.com – Mar. 31
 TV NewsCheck – Mar. 26
 USA Today.com – Mar. 27, 28
 Washington Post.com – Apr. 2, 4
 Wonkette – Mar. 26
 - PARTIAL LISTING



On Fox's *Hannity*, Apr. 12, MRC President Brent Bozell discussed how NBC doctored the 911 call in the Trayvon Martin shooting.



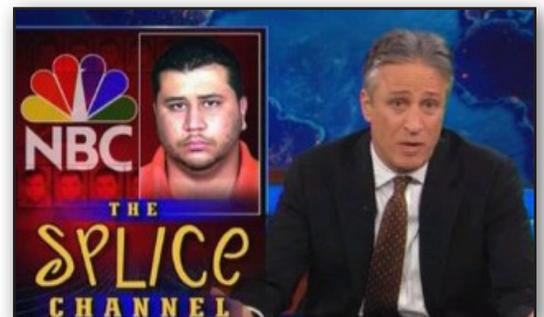
MRC analysis on liberal media bias was cited in "Talking Points" on Fox's *The O'Reilly Factor*, Mar. 24.



On Fox's *Happening Now*, MRC Vice President Dan Gainor discussed liberal media attacks on the meat industry, Mar. 23, while a CNSNews.com article was mentioned on the same program on Mar. 30.



On Fox's *Hannity*, Apr. 6, MRC President Brent Bozell detailed the liberal media spin concerning President Obama's threats against the Supreme Court.



NBC's deliberate editing of the 911 call in the Trayvon Martin shooting was so blatant that even liberal Jon Stewart poked fun at the network's leftist bias.



Matt Lauer:

MINISTER OF LIBERAL BIAS

at NBC's *Today*

NBC *Today* co-host Matt Lauer should just as well be named Matt Liberal given his long history of leftist media bias. Fairness and balance, needless to say, are not part of Lauer's journalistic lexicon. A new "Profile in Bias" by the MRC documents Lauer's most egregious instances of bias since he started at *Today* in 1997, samples of which are presented here. (Read the entire report at www.mrc.org.)

- "It was 1983, a time of Reaganomics, burgeoning yuppies, and the Decade of Greed." – 12/30/03
- "Have you stopped to think what the Obama version of Swift Boating might be in this campaign cycle if you get to the general election? What they did to John Kerry, what's that version going to be with Barack Obama?" – Lauer to Barack Obama, 2/19/08
- "Fit to serve: Barack Obama photographed shirtless in Hawaii and a lot of women are giving him the presidential seal of approval." – 12/23/09
- "[W]ouldn't it be a great idea if we took even half of that money that's spent by corporations and special interests trying to influence politics and dedicated it to changing the world for the better? ... [B]y giving it to help education or to fight AIDS?" – Lauer to Bill Clinton, 9/5/07
- "Speaker Wright, let me start with you. When you resigned nine years ago, you had been battered by the right. You called for an end to what you called 'mindless cannibalism.' Nine years later we're

hearing terms like that again and others swirling around the impeachment of Bill Clinton. Have we learned nothing in nine years?" – Lauer to former Speaker Jim Wright, 12/21/98

- "Russia's rush to capitalism left the vast majority scrambling to survive. For many, life is worse than it was in Soviet times." – 2/12/04
- "Americans are working more and getting less vacation time than people in any other industrialized nation. ... I feel strange saying, I never stopped to think about the fact there is no official U.S. policy on vacation time." – 6/12/00
- "But we have to also be careful and draw a line not to let our patriotism get in the way of the [Olympic] games in general." – 2/7/02
- "Today, life on earth is disappearing faster than the days when dinosaurs breathed their last, but for a very different reason. ... Us homo sapiens are turning out to be as destructive a force as any asteroid. ... The stark reality is that there are simply too many of us, and we consume way too much, especially here at home. It will take a massive global effort to make things right, but the solutions are not a secret: control population, recycle, reduce consumption, develop green technologies." – 6/14/06, hosting *Countdown to Doomsday*.

To discover more about Matt Lauer's outrageous liberal bias, or to watch video clips, just visit: www.MRC.org