The world lost an inspiring leader on Apr. 8 when Margaret Thatcher, the former conservative prime minister of England and one of the most important women of the 20th century, passed on to her reward.

She was a contemporary and close friend of our own Ronald Reagan. Together, they helped defeat Soviet communism — freeing millions of people in Eastern Europe and Russia — and their similar domestic policies helped unleash their countries’ economies, fueling tremendous private sector growth.

Thatcher was also Britain’s first female prime minister, an Iron Lady of the right who infuriated the left. Because of her principles and their success, the liberal media just had to attack her in their coverage following Baroness Thatcher’s death at the age of 87.

The journalistic jibes echoed those taken when Thatcher was prime minister (1979-1990), as well as the cruel barbs hurled by “news” outlets in her dotage over the last 10 years.

At the MRC, we documented, exposed, and neutralized the left-wing media’s attacks on Thatcher for the last 25 years. Let’s look at what her enemies in the “news” media said of her.

In April 1990, ABC’s Dunsmore again screeched about a riot in London, stressing that it was “an expression of anger about a decade of Margaret Thatcher’s policies. The division between haves and have-nots has widened.”

Just like what they said about Reagan.

After Thatcher left office in November 1990, the Washington Post’s Glenn Frankel lectured that she had left behind a “complicated legacy” that “divided Britain between north and south, haves and have-nots, winners and losers.”

Tom Oliphant at the Boston Globe tarred her at the time as a “right-wing extremist” whose policies created a
social and political “hell.” Oliphant, no surprise, has never described Nancy Pelosi or Barbara Boxer as a left-wing extremist.

In 2000, *Time* magazine and CBS News picked the most important people of the 20th century. As I noted in my syndicated column last month, on CBS on Christmas Eve that year, Bryant Gumbel and Dan Rather took turns suggesting Thatcher wasn’t worthy. Gumbel began: “On the woman’s front, Eleanor Roosevelt is obviously a given. Do we agree with the Margaret Thatcher pick?”

Rather replied, “I don’t, to be perfectly honest.” Gumbel agreed: “I don’t either.” Rather then demeaned her: “My guess, Margaret Thatcher is there, as much as any reason, because she is a woman.”

I’m not making this up. Eleanor Roosevelt, best known as a First Lady and then as an esteemed lecturer of liberal nonsense, is to Gumbel and Rather “obviously a given” on the world stage, while Margaret Thatcher is a mere footnote, only worth mentioning only because she was a woman. Neither took exception with the other American woman on the list of the century’s leaders: radical eugenicist Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood.

So how did the leftist media treat Thatcher after she died of a stroke last month? Pretty shoddily, as MRC research shows.

The day of Thatcher’s death, CNN’s Max Foster railed, “This was the Prime Minister that decimated entire industries in the United Kingdom during her period in power … She decimated communities across the UK, and a lot of people absolutely despise her legacy.”

Over at socialist-land MSNBC, ex-*Newsweek* reporter Richard Wolfe thumped, “She most certainly punished communities. She punished branches of government. She punished industries, she took a brutal, brutal look at what industries were working and just said, ‘We’re going to close it down.’ … Margaret Thatcher, no question, she stood up to communism. As I said before though, she had an attitude to her domestic enemies that, frankly, was the antithesis of freedom.”

CBS’s Mark Phillips, quoting a left-wing activist, tagged Thatcher as “Plunder-woman,” a “figure both reviled and revered.”

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“very controversial.” NBC’s Martin Fletcher did the same.

On MSNBC’s *Daily Rundown*, contributor Martin Bashir couldn’t contain his anger. “She was breaking unions, particularly with regard to the mining unions, which resulted in some incredibly violent, domestic strife and protest,” he fretted.

“Remember, also, that in the 1980s she unleashed some of the worst race riots because of the excessively overly heavy policing that she encouraged in urban communities.”

The next day, CNN turned to liberal actress Meryl Streep, who portrayed Thatcher in the 2011 movie *The Iron Lady*, and who dutifully complained that the late PM’s “hard-nosed fiscal measures took a toll on the poor, and her hands-off approach to financial regulation led to great wealth for others.” (Streep, incidentally, was paid $1 million for her role in the movie.)

The left-wing media do not like Margaret Thatcher, just as they do not like Ronald Reagan or Clarence Thomas or Michelle Bachmann. Thatcher was a conservative woman who fought against socialism and for limited government, free enterprise, self-reliance and hard work. She represents everything the left and the liberal media despise.

Every day, we document, expose, and neutralize the bias of the liberal media. Our mission is vital in advancing the conservative cause and telling Americans the truth, and like Thatcher and Reagan, we don’t compromise and we don’t quit.

You can help us fight this good fight. Make a donation to the MRC today. Call (703) 683-9733. To borrow from Margaret Thatcher, “No one would remember the Good Samaritan if he’d only had good intentions; he had money as well.”

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
The major forces in the liberal media — ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, NPR, NYT, and Washington Post — tried desperately to not cover the shocking trial of Dr. Kermit Gosnell, an abortionist charged with murdering 7 babies born alive during abortions — he cut their spinal cords — and myriad other heinous crimes committed in his “house of horrors” clinic in Philadelphia.

The “news” media deliberately tried to censor the story (in March and early April) because it reveals everything that is true and horrible about abortion: babies are butchered, dismembered, even when born alive, breathing on a table, clawing for life.

Report that to the American people on the national news — for weeks, like the OJ trial — and it will turn many “pro-choicers” into pro-lifers. It will truly be, as they say, a game-changer.

The left-wing media don’t want that to happen, thus their virtual silence about the case. With that censorship obvious, the Media Research Center pulled out all the stops over the last six weeks to document, expose, and neutralize the “news” outlets and shame them into covering Gosnell’s trial.

As this newsletter went to press, the MRC drive had partly succeeded.

The trial — still ongoing in a Philadelphia courtroom — started on Mar. 18. For four weeks, the network “news” shows and MSNBC said nothing, zero stories; CNN ran one short piece. The MRC’s NewsBusters blog documented the non-coverage and MRC President Brent Bozell released a letter on Apr. 4, signed by 20 prominent conservative leaders, exposing the liberal media’s censorship by omission of the story.

“The Kermit Gosnell case, in which his abortion clinic has been described as a ‘House of Horrors,’ could have been plucked from the fever dream of Hollywood’s most depraved slasher film writer, and yet ABC, CBS, and NBC have completely censored it out of the news,” said Bozell. (The MRC’s own CNSNews.com published stories on Gosnell starting on Mar. 20 and continues to do so with a reporter in the courtroom every day.)

Fox’s Special Report with Bret Baier cited the MRC letter and noted the non-coverage.

The MRC then launched an online petition, calling on ABC, CBS, and NBC to stop censoring the story. More than 26,000 people signed the petition and thousands “shared” it on Facebook.

On Apr. 9, the MRC slammed the liberal networks again, reporting that while they had completely ignored the Gosnell mass murder trial, they had, in one week, devoted 36 stories — 41 minutes, 26 seconds of airtime — to Rutgers basketball coach Mike Rice pushing some players around and using “homophobic slurs.” Horrors!

Those data were cited by Investor’s Business Daily and conservative talk radio hosts Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, and Mark Levin, among others. Finally, USA Today columnist Kirsten Powers wrote about the media censorship in an

The Gosnell case truly merits more national coverage. If Gosnell had gone on Anderson Cooper 360, that same day, Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.) went on the House floor and spoke about “the national media cover-up” of the Gosnell trial and cited the MRC’s research. “Why the censorship?” he asked, “When will the media blackout stop?”

Finally, on Apr. 15, CBS broke its silence, running two stories about Gosnell and specifically noting the conservative criticism of the networks’ non-coverage. The same day, NBC’s Web site ran an article about the criticism of the media, but no broadcast news coverage. On Apr. 16, the New York Times sent a reporter to the Gosnell trial and filed a short story, focusing mainly on the complaints about coverage instead of actually covering the story.

ABC stayed silent but CNN, to its credit, ran a lengthy and balanced story on Anderson Cooper 360.

The Gosnell case truly merits more national coverage. If Gosnell had gone into a nursery with an AR-15 and killed seven babies — or shot an abortionist! — the news stories would be wall-to-wall and the president would be at the scene demanding stricter gun control.

The liberal media want to hide the truth from the American people; the MRC is drawing that curtain of censorship back.
Come Out, Come Out!

NBC's Matt Lauer and his cohorts on Today are pleading for any homosexual major sports players to please come out of the closet. On the Apr. 9 show, Lauer whined, “It’s interesting that in 2013, with attitudes towards homosexuality changing so dramatically in this country, there isn’t a single major athlete in a major professional sport playing right now who has come out and said, ‘I’m gay.’ Why is that? What is it going to take to change that and have someone come out and say it?”

Panelist Danny Deutsch pleaded for “just one brave person” to come out and claimed, without a shred of evidence, that “10 percent of professional athletes are gay.” Lauer, buoyed, went on, “If one recognizable, high-profile, major sports athlete comes out and says, ‘I’m gay,’ do you think the floodgates open? You think all kinds of people come out?” Gee, Matt, we can only hope!

Lean Marxist

MSNBC's hard-left political agenda revealed itself once again in a “Lean Forward” ad that called for abandoning the idea that parents are responsible for their children. Echoing Hillary Clinton’s “It Takes a Village,” MSNBC host Melissa Harris-Perry lectures in the ad, which started in April, that we’ve not spent enough on public schools “because we’ve always had kind of a private notion of children - your kid is yours and totally your responsibility. We haven’t had a very collective notion of these are our children.”

“So part of it is we have to break through our kind of private idea that kids belong to their parents or kids belong to their families, and recognize that kids belong to whole communities,” she lectured. “Once it’s everybody’s responsibility and not just the household’s, then we start making better investments.” In other words, children belong to the state, the “collective.” Lenin would be proud.

Hail Socialist Healthcare

MSNBC’s Chris Hayes could barely contain his enthusiasm for Britain’s socialist health care system and his disdain for Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan. On his Apr. 8 All In show, Hayes cheered that Britain’s National Health Service, opposed by Thatcher, “is a beloved and popular institution that has provided universal health care for Brits regardless of means or class since the end of World War II, and may well be one of the great hallmarks of western social democracy.”

As for the “Reagan-Thatcher axis,” droned Hayes, the two “shared contempt for egalitarianism [and] they both bequeathed massive inequality. Today, decades after they left office, if you compare inequality across industrialized nations, England and the U.S. are at the top, also sharing the least amount of social mobility.” Like most pro-socialists, Hayes didn’t mention which country in the world enjoys complete equality or endless social mobility — it’s all theory.

Eighteen Members of Congress Expose Kermit Gosnell in Speeches

Largely because of MRC efforts to expose the liberal media cover-up of the case, 18 members of Congress went to the House floor and denounced the leftist media over their non-coverage of the Gosnell abortion-murder trial.
Spinning Reagan

If Ronald Reagan were alive today, his flavor of conservatism would be far more liberal than Americans comprehend, according to the spinmeisters at NBC. On the Apr. 9 Today, co-host Willie Geist reported, “If a presidential election were held today, according to this survey, 58 percent would vote for Ronald Reagan over President Barack Obama.” The ever-ignorant Al Roker — with no facts to back his claim — chimed in, “But the interesting thing is a lot of people probably, I mean Ronald Reagan probably would be seen almost liberally today as opposed to being a conservative. I mean, he did a lot of great things. But, I mean, things have shifted.”

Geist heartily agreed with Roker, chirping, “relative to what you see now, absolutely,” but he also remarked that, from the survey, “three in four Americans today thought our country was better off in the ‘80s than it is now.” Note to NBC: Conservatism works.

Lawmakers Kill!

Although nothing in the new gun-control bill would have prevented recent high-profile shootings, MSNBC’s Lawrence O’Donnell ranted this was the “most vicious lie being told by Republicans.” On his Apr. 11 show, he railed, “You can blame the shooter for the first 10 bullets; you have the law and lawmakers to blame for every bullet fired after that.”

“Magazines larger than 10 rounds used to be illegal in this country,” O’Donnell lectured. “The mass murders in Newtown, Connecticut, and Aurora, Colorado, and Tucson, Arizona, were all made much more murderous thanks to the members of Congress and lawmakers around the country who have done everything that they can to make sure that when our mass murderers enter a movie theater or a shopping mall or an elementary school, they will be able to go in there with high-capacity magazines.” Got it? Blame “lawmakers,” not the actual killers.

Minibits

■ MSNBC’s Chris Matthews wonders when President Obama is “going to get some credit for this amazing economy that’s coming back? It really is amazing.” ■ CBS’s Bob Schieffer seriously asks GOP Sens. McCain and Graham: “Do you all feel that your party is somehow being held hostage? ... Are people on the extreme ends of your party holding the rest of you hostage here?” ■ NBC’s Matt Lauer unknowingly states common-sense: “The [sequester] cuts went into effect Friday night, although they roll out over a long period of time. And yet, I’m surprised there hasn’t been more outrage on the part of the general public.” ■ Given the public’s non-response to the sequester, NYT’s Paul Krugman spins, “I think the public hasn’t really fully appreciated just how radical the Republican agenda is and that may take longer. This is a much more fanatical Republican Party than most people have yet seemed to realize. So give it some time.” ■ NBC’s David Gregory wonders if Reagan were alive today, “Could he exist? Could he get elected in today’s Republican Party? Or would he be seen as a liberal?” ■ PBS’s Matt Frei explains the crowd at Hugo Chavez’s funeral, “What they are saying is that the three most important people in their lives, all dead, are Jesus Christ, Simon Bolivar, and now Hugo Chavez.” ■ On the papal election, CNN’s Ben Wedeman absurdly reports, “Vatican City joined Saudi Arabia as one of the few states left on earth where women have no vote. Women’s voices may be louder than before, but, for now, the doors to this men’s club remain firmly shut.” ■ NBC’s Brian Williams insists, “My work has been so cleansed, as I see it, and as I’ve tried, of political opinions over 27 years.”

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The Media Lobbyists Lose on Guns

President Obama suffered a large, embarrassing loss in the Senate on a slew of gun-control bills. If this were a Republican president, they’d be sounding the lame-duck alarms on the nightly newscasts. But most media outlets can’t do this. They were fully invested in this campaign alongside Obama, and to underscore his weakness is to acknowledge their own.

Since mid-December, the broadcast networks and cable news hosts like Piers Morgan and Joe Scarborough have relentlessly lobbied for gun control. On how many occasions did they completely shred the notion of objectivity — of journalism itself — and boldly engage in lobbying for gun control, using their networks as megaphones? Let’s consider a few recent moments.

1) On April 11, “Morning Joe” hosted Vice President Biden for an hour-long interview — yes, most people get 5-6-7 minutes, but if you’re the Veep and want to promote gun control, you get an hour. It was an embarrassing hour of kissy-face that ended like this: Biden: “Joe, thank you.” Scarborough laughs. Biden: “No, no, no, no, no. You have changed the debate in America. You.” Scarborough replies, “Thank you so much.” Biden insists, “The two guys that deserve — if anything gets done — an award here are you and Michael Bloomberg.” Awwww, shucks.

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3) CNN put out a corporate press release headlined, “If 90 Percent of Americans Support New Background Checks, How Can Congress Do Nothing?” They announced two days of special journalism devoted to underlining one side of the debate and undermining the other: “CNN takes an in-depth look at the national conversation and the debate over new background checks with Guns Under Fire: A CNN Special Report on Background Checks.”

4) On several nights of “Hardball,” MSNBC’s Chris Matthews offered up the number of the Capitol switchboard. “You can get a hold of your Senator by calling, as I said last night, 202-224-3121. If you don’t know your senator or Member of Congress, fine, you just go to www.house.gov and enter your zip code to find out who your Congressman is. And www.Senate.gov to find your Senator.”

Can’t this be simply acknowledged as corporate lobbying by Comcast, the owners of MSNBC? It certainly can’t be described as something a “news” channel does.

5) Over at taxpayer-funded television, PBS omnipresence Bill Moyers posted a “Take Action” item on his “Moyers & Company” website. The Moyers staff told viewers how they can “Take A Stand Against Gun Violence,” and be complete Bloomberg robots: “Call your senator: After you’ve read up on the legislation, give your senator a call. If you don’t have the number, [Bloomberg’s group] Mayors Against Illegal Guns will look it up for you (follow the link and hit “Call Congress”). The group also offers to call you first and walk you through critical talking points.”

They also pushed viewers to “Tell your friends” to “demand a plan” for gun control on Facebook and Twitter, and “recruit your mayor” to join Bloomberg’s group.

Whether it’s guns, gays, or global warming, the “objective” media all too often decide that there’s one side that deserves to win and one side that needs to be crushed or ignored. The first journalistic principle seems to be arrogance.

The news reports after Obama’s loss were overwhelmingly composed of Obama yelling at Congress, and Newtown relatives near tears. Actual soundbites or arguments from the gun-rights advocates were either submerged or forbidden.

As usual, liberal TV networks thrive on emotional manipulation, and when that fails, they hyperventilate in disbelief that anyone would dare to make Obama declare it had been a “really shameful day in Washington.”
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:

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A powerful MRC TV video on the liberal media’s cover-up of the Gosnell case documents how they ran more stories on cupcakes and “Superman’s” birthday than on the horrific murder of 7 babies born alive and then killed.

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On Fox’s Varney & Co., MRC President Brent Bozell details how the liberal media are deliberately censoring the high costs and other bad news about Obamacare.

On the April 9 Fox & Friends, Laura Ingraham and the hosts discussed MRC research on the contrast of coverage between Hugo Chavez and Margaret Thatcher.
Jim and Melissa Emery are happy “transplants” from the Blue states of Illinois, New York, and Connecticut to the Red state of Georgia. They met thirty-five years ago in Greenwich, CT, where they were Marketing Brand Managers at Chesebrough-Pond’s.

Melissa grew up in Kenilworth, IL and received a degree in Economics from the Krannert School of Management at Purdue University and an MBA from the Kellogg School at Northwestern University. Previously she had a stint in the NH National Guard.

After getting her MBA, she traveled on her own throughout Europe for three months. She started her career with Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati before working for Chesebrough.

Jim grew up in the General Electric town of Schenectady, NY and received a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of New Hampshire in 1970 and an MBA from the Amos Tuck School at Dartmouth College in 1972. Jim’s travels between getting his degrees were not quite as exciting as Melissa’s. They included Ft. Campbell, Kentucky and Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, leading to a six year stint in the NH National Guard.

Shortly after getting married in 1979, Melissa and Jim decided to leave the corporate world and start their own marketing research company, specializing in focus groups. Over the next fifteen years, they traveled throughout the world extensively, doing work for companies such as 7-Eleven, AT&T, BellSouth, Brown-Forman, Broyhill, Campbell Soup, Coca-Cola, Colgate-Palmolive, Kraft Foods, MGM Grand, Pepperidge-Farm, Prudential, Quaker Oats, Revlon, Timberland, the General Electric town of Schenectady, NY and the Skidaway Republican Club, where she was Chairman for 4 years. She is currently the Board Chairman of the Savannah Philharmonic and Vice President of Marketing for the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway. She was honored as Alumna of the Year in 2002 by the Krannert School at Purdue University for her efforts as a member of the Krannert Alumni Association Board of Directors.

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Now easing into full-time retirement, Jim, too, has discovered the satisfaction in helping the local community. In addition to his pro bono branding work for area companies and organizations, he was Vice President of the Lucas Theatre Board of Directors and served on the Savannah Music Festival Board from 2003-2010 and was a CASA volunteer. Currently, he is on the Boards of Bethesda Academy and the Marshes of Skidaway, and is a Senior Advisor to the Garcia Lindsay Group, an Executive Search firm.

When not working, Jim and Melissa enjoy golf and world travel. They have traveled together on six continents and have been to over fifty countries together.

While they love visiting faraway places, their travels have only reinforced how lucky they are to be Americans and live in this great country. Like many MRC supporters, however, they are concerned for our nation. They tell us: “We love this country, and we want to preserve its greatness for future generations.”

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