Liberal Media Smear Conservative Presidential Candidates: ‘Dangerous,’ ‘Scary,’ ‘Slimy,’ ‘Hardline,’ ‘Extremist’

The 2016 presidential election is a year-and-a-half away but the liberal media are already smear ing and attacking some of the conservative Republican candidates that have entered the race, specifically Ted Cruz and Rand Paul.

Cruz and Paul, with their Tea Party roots, are maligned daily by the liberal media. They are described and labeled with words the liberal media would never use against a liberal Democrat, words like “slimy,” “dangerous,” “scary” and “flamethrower.”

Can you imagine ABC, CBS, or NBC calling Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama “slimy” or an “uppity loudmouth”? It would never happen. As the MRC has documented, the news networks can barely gin up the honesty to label Clinton a “liberal,” let alone a “hardline liberal.” And when is the last time you heard the so-called mainstream media describe Obama as “liberal”? It’s rare. A “leftist”? “Socialist”? Never.

The MRC is documenting the liberal media bias against the conservative candidates every day through our five divisions, through social media, through press releases, e-mail alerts, e-briefs, and through frequent radio and television interviews.

This is just the start of the media assault on conservatives in the 2016 presidential race. It is going to get much, much worse, and the Media Research Center will document and expose it.

On the upside for conservatives, the new media on the Internet, talk radio, Fox News, and social media like Facebook and Twitter make it possible to deliver the truth directly to the American people without a liberal gatekeeper.

The battlefield is changing, but about 36 million Americans still get their news from ABC, CBS, and NBC, and there is CNN, MSNBC, most newspapers and Hollywood. Let’s look at how some of these left-wing outlets are attacking conservative candidates and undermining their message.

Even before he announced he would seek the GOP presidential nomination, conservative Senator Ted Cruz (Texas) was despised and maligned by the liberal media. Back in 2013, MSNBC’s Chris Matthews set the framework, “This guy [Ted Cruz] goes pretty far. I think he fits in the tradition of [anti-Semitic] Father Coughlin and [Joe] McCarthy.”

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Matthews’ then-colleague Martin Bashir wondered, “Do you think Ted Cruz is a bit like the David Koresh of the Republican Party? He’s a bit like a character who believes himself anointed, believes himself to be a prophet, ignores everything and torches the place in the process.”

Politico’s Roger Simon, commenting on a government shutdown, railed that Cruz “has grown so drunk on the sound of his own voice and so besotted with delusions of his own grandeur.”

CNN’s Candy Crowley likened Cruz to a “loose cannon,” and asked, how does the GOP “solve a problem like Ted Cruz?”

The Washington Post’s Jonathan Capehart chirped that there’s “a bipartisan agreement on Capitol Hill: it’s that Senator Cruz is a bit of a jerk. Well, maybe not a bit of a jerk — he is a jerk.”

On the day Cruz announced his presidential run, March 23, MSNBC’s Donny Deutsch ranted that Cruz is “completely unelectable” and has “accomplished nothing,” he’s “just a piece of theater and nothing more.” Deutsch fumed on that Cruz is “the worst, I think he’s scary, I think he’s dangerous, I think he’s slimy, and I think he brings no fresh ideas.”

That day, ABC, CBS, and NBC labeled Cruz “conservative” 13 times in their coverage.

Senator Rand Paul was treated slightly kinder by the liberal media, but not by much.

Back in 2011, after entering the Senate, Paul was described by ABC’s Terry Moran as “Senator No Surrender.” And while President Obama argued for “a budget scalpel,” intoned Moran, “Rand Paul would use a chainsaw, shutting down the Departments of Energy and Education” and “he would kill the Consumer Product Safety Commission.” Got it? Obama is a delicate, skilled surgeon — Paul is a chainsaw killer.

Echoing that imagery, MSNBC’s Chris Matthews said Paul, Cruz and Utah’s Mike Lee were “political terrorists” and “their only goal is to blow things up,” they want to “bring down not just this administration but, let’s face it, the American government.”

Because Paul reminded Americans about liberal Bill Clinton’s treatment of women, MSNBC’s Mika Brzezinski ranted that anyone who mentions the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal “is a misogynistic, sexist hypocrite.”

Brzezinski’s colleague Ed Schultz, predictably declared that “Rand Paul has a real problem with women reporters.” (Schultz is the leftist who called conservative Laura Ingraham a “right-wing slut.”)

After Paul challenged several reporters about loaded questions on abortion and foreign aid, the New York Times’s Jeremy Peters labeled Paul “a control freak,” and the

Washington Post’s Paul Cillizza lectured Paul to act presidential and stop being “a media critic.” In other words, don’t criticize the liberal media. (But Obama can criticize Fox News?)

These attacks and smears against some of the conservative presidential candidates are just beginning. The liberal media are desperate to help put another leftist in the White House and advance their radical agenda.

The MRC will be documenting and exposing what the liberal media do, as always, and especially their attacks on conservatism in the 2016 race. You can help us in this mission by making a donation to the MRC today. Please give us a call or send an e-mail. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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MRC & FRC Launch National Campaign to Stop Disney ABC Sitcom Showcasing Vile, Anti-Christian Bigot DAN SAVAGE

It sometimes seems like the moral universe has been turned upside down — in this case, Disney ABC is preparing to launch a sitcom that celebrates the degenerate, hateful homosexual Dan Savage, one of the foulest and most subversive anti-Christian bigots on the American scene. Imagine a gay Marquis de Sade, but sponsored by Disney ABC.

For more moral confusion, note that the perverted sitcom is disgustingly titled Family of the Year.

The Media Research Center and the Family Research Council have joined forces and launched a nationwide education campaign about Dan Savage and Disney ABC’s plans, and are calling on Americans to demand that the network do the right thing and dump the revolting show.

Savage routinely insults conservatives, Christians, the Bible, the family, marriage, anything that supports Western civilization and traditional morality.

He has said, among other X-rated things, that he wishes Republicans “were all f---ing dead”; that “Carl Romanelli should be dragged behind a pickup until there’s nothing left but the rope”; that Christian high school students should “ignore the bull---- in the Bible”; that he thinks about “f---ing the s--- out of” Senator Rick Santorum; and that Dr. Ben Carson can “suck my d---. Name the time and the place and I’ll bring my d--- and a camera crew and you can suck me off and win the argument.”

Seems like a lovable character for a “family” TV show, doesn’t he?

In a press release, MRC President Brent Bozell said, “Disney ABC’s decision to effectively advance Dan Savage’s calls for violence against conservatives and his extremist attacks against people of faith, particularly evangelicals and Catholics, is appalling and outrageous. Disney ABC giving Dan Savage a platform for his anti-religious bigotry is mind-boggling and their silence is deafening.

“If the production of Family of the Year is allowed to continue, not just Christians but all people of goodwill can only surmise that the company Walt Disney created is endorsing violence.”

FRC President Tony Perkins said, “Does ABC really want to produce a pilot show based on a vile bully like Dan Savage? Do Dan Savage’s over-the-top-obscenity, intimidation of teenagers and even violent rhetoric reflect the values of Disney?”

The MRC and FRC sent a letter in March to Disney/ABC Television Group President Ben Sherwood urging him to end the Savage program. He didn’t respond. Now, the MRC and FRC have an online postcard-petition and telephone campaign, directed to Disney ABC executives and board members that people can participate in.

So far, more than 21,900 people have signed the postcards and 8,773 telephone calls to Disney ABC have been made. Also, the American Family Association has joined the phone campaign, and nine other prominent conservative leaders, including Catholic League President Bill Donohue and Live Action President Lila Rose, have joined the MRC effort.

To learn more and to fight against the degenerate filth Disney ABC and Dan Savage are producing, visit: action.mrc.org or call the MRC at (571) 267-3500.
**Bits & Pieces**

**Hillary, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah!**

Like teenage girls chasing the Beatles, a liberal media mob ran across lawns and around a building to get a glimpse of their heroine, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, as she arrived in the “Scooby Van” for an Iowa campaign event. As MSNBC’s Alex Seitz-Wald giddily illustrated on Apr. 14, “We can see the motorcade approaching right now. They are turning the corner and looks like they are about to head down - We see the Scooby van! The famous Scooby van is coming down the road right now towards our set up.”

“The Scooby van is coming up right here, right behind our camera. Here it is! There she goes! And Secret Service following behind her. Okay, they are going around to the back. You can see the media running behind me here to chase the Scooby van.” Back in the studio, anchor Thomas Roberts could only drool, “Wow, wow!”

**VA Mess: Nets Silent**

Although an extensive investigation by the Associated Press revealed that the waiting time and delays for health care at Veterans Administration facilities had not improved in over a year, despite an extra $16.3 billion from Congress to fix the delays, neither ABC, CBS, NBC, Telemundo, nor Univision reported one word. They said nothing.

AP found that since the scandal broke 12 months ago, the number of vets waiting more than 30 or 60 days for care had remained flat. Also, the number of medical appointments that take longer than 90 days to complete nearly doubled. Fox News’ Special Report was the only television venue to report the VA news. For the networks and other cable outlets, they’re non-stop censoring this news to protect Obama.

**All Abortions OK? Shh!**

While the liberal media relish reporting on how Republicans want to restrict abortion or ban it altogether, they don’t like to mention the Democrat position: no restrictions at any time, even in the 9th month. Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) challenged a reporter on Apr. 8 to ask the DNC’s Debbie Wasserman-Schultz if she was “okay with killing a 7-pound baby” not yet born, and “ask her when life begins.”

The AP whined that Paul danced around its questions and yet didn’t ask Wasserman-Schultz, and neither did any other liberal news outlet. Instead, Debbie tweeted a non-answer about supporting women making an abortion decision with their doctor. In other words, as Paul later told CNN, “It sounds like her answer is yes, she’s okay with killing a 7-pound baby.” Debbie hasn’t denied it, and the networks haven’t reported it. The liberals support abortion on demand, no restrictions at all at any time — all paid for by you — but they don’t want this reported to Americans.

Despite a year’s passing and $16.3 billion from Congress, delays for care at VA facilities have not improved, yet neither ABC, NBC, CBS, Telemundo, nor Univision reported this disturbing news.
Maddow in Love

Two days before Hillary Clinton even announced her presidential run, MSNBC host/propagandist Rachel Maddow couldn’t contain her enthusiasm: “Hillary Clinton is good at this, she’s really good at this. I mean, yes, she did lose the 2008 presidential primary to Barack Obama, barely. But it is still historically inexplicable the way she became the first-ever woman elected to the United States Senate in New York state when she had never lived there a day in her life. But she did it and she did it with small-scale events and shoe leather.”

“And now this weekend, her campaign says that she will launch her second campaign for president of the United States,” gushed Maddow. “Once that video launches this weekend, once they hit send, it’ll be off to small-scale events, rural areas, one-on-one meetings and very small-scale meetings with voters.”

Yes, Hillary is so good, let’s just coronate her now!

Foundation-Gate

Although the Clinton Foundation has accepted $42 million from foreign governments and at least $170 million from foreign individuals, large chunks of which were donated when Hillary Clinton was Secretary of State — a potential series of ethics violations — ABC, CBS, and NBC have given the scandal a mere 11 minutes of coverage, according to an MRC analysis.

One of the donors was a Chinese firm with numerous claims of worker-abuse against it, and several other entities from the Middle East, which discriminate against women, also donated. But ABC News didn’t report it and only asked a question about it on a Sunday show; NBC gave it one minute; and CBS gave it 10 minutes. Univision and Telemundo didn’t cover it. If this involved a conservative foundation, the nets would investigate. Hillary and Bill get a pass.

Minibits

■ NYT’s Timothy “Karl Marx” Egan lectures that Republicans from humble beginnings, such as John Boehner and Scott Walker, are the “Horatio Algerians for the new Gilded Age, working to keep the downtrodden down.”

■ Nothing like fueling a fire with DNC talking points: Covering Indiana’s Religious Freedom Restoration law, ABC’s Paula Faris reports on the “growing outrage”; NBC’s Erica Hill says, “outrage growing”; ABC’s George Stephanopoulos whines of the “growing firestorm”; and ABC’s Gio Benitez says “outrage is growing.”

■ Meanwhile, CNN’s John Avlon seriously claims that Gov. Mike Pence’s defense of religious liberty “puts him in the same position as George Wallace was a generation ago.”

■ Time’s Joe Klein smears Israel’s Benjamin Netanyahu: “He won because he ran as a bigot. This is beyond tragic. It is shameful and embarrassing.”

■ The Nation’s Dave Zirin explains why Americans love the NCAA tournament: “When you dispense with the niceties of it all, when we stop trying to speak in politically correct language, what we’re looking at is the organized theft of black wealth.”

■ On Ted Cruz’s love for country music after 9/11, Ebony’s Jamilah Lemieux mocks, “Nothing says ‘Let’s go kill some Muslims’ like country music, fresh from Lynchburg, Virginia.”

■ The Washington Post’s Eugene Robinson whines that GOP opposition to the Iran nuke deal “is just nuts. And, you know, the Iranians sound like a voice of reason in this whole thing by saying, you know, this whole thing is silly.”

■ A NYT’s headline absurdly asserts, “Early in 2016 Race, Clinton’s Toughest Foe Appears to Be the News Media.”
The Whitewashing of Ted Kennedy

Imagine an eighth grader, presented with a portrayal of Sen. Edward Kennedy, the late patriarch of the “royal family” of American politics. The student would learn nothing but legends about “the greatest Senator of all time,” as Sen. Ed Markey proclaimed.

On the occasion of the opening of an “Edward M. Kennedy Institute” in Boston, CBS Evening News anchor Scott Pelley oozed, “Another New England superstar was honored today. Politics was his game, and we’ll have his story next.” There was not one discouraging word...not even the word “liberal,” applied to arguably the single most left-wing senator of all time.

This is not a bipartisan practice. When President George W. Bush dedicated his library on April 25, 2013, CBS reporter Jim Axelrod insisted “this library is an intellectual fortress defending one of the most controversial modern presidents, whose time in office saw the [9/11] attack on the U.S., two wars and the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.”

The whitewash was so complete that even Fox News Sunday host Chris Wallace barked up the carnival: “Up next, our Power Player of the Week: Vicki Kennedy on her husband’s vision to inspire new generations about the U.S. Senate.” Wallace noted Teddy was fiercely partisan, and the second Mrs. Kennedy replied, “He was the proudest Democrat that there was, but the great thing about Teddy was that he always listened to the other side and worked so well with the other side.”

Except he didn’t. Let us recall his vicious “Robert Bork’s America” speech in 1987, when he stated “Robert Bork’s America is a land in which women would be forced into back-alley abortions, blacks would sit at segregated lunch counters, rogue police could break down citizens’ doors in midnight raids, schoolchildren could not be taught about evolution, writers and artists would be censored at the whim of government.”

But NBC brought on his son Patrick Kennedy to proclaim “my dad was always an optimist. I mean, having overcome so many of his own personal challenges and political challenges – I mean, this was a guy that everyone loved. Why? Because he persevered.”

One might expect Teddy’s politician son to spin things this way, but it doesn’t mean the hyperbole should go unchallenged by a discerning press. “A guy that everyone loved?” The 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s would beg to differ.

In these “superstar” tributes, there was no talk of womanizing, before and after the senator got divorced from Joan Kennedy in 1982. Gearing up for Kennedy’s presidential run in 1979, Time magazine ran a piece titled “Sex and the Senior Senator.” They wrote, “The mere mention of Edward Kennedy’s social life is enough to make an editor’s head throb.” They lamented out loud about how to handle the topic, concluding with a D.C. dinner party where “14 talented and interesting men and women talked of nothing but [Kennedy’s] sexual activities.”

But now? Sen. John McCain announced on Face the Nation on CBS that Ted was a man of his word (and his vows?): “Ted always kept his word. The only times I saw him angry was when somebody didn’t keep their word to him.” At the opening ceremonies, President Obama shamelessly asked “What if we carried ourselves more like Ted Kennedy? What if we worked to follow his example a little bit harder?”

Does this involve his driving habits? Oh, that.

The double standard also happened in newspapers. With Bush in 2013, New York Times reporter Peter Baker gave Bush-bashers their due. “While critics have fumed about what they called the whitewashing of his record in the media blitz leading up to the library dedication.”

But the Times published two gush-filled articles on Teddy, without a single mention of a Kennedy critic. Reporter Carl Hulse relayed “members of the [Kennedy] institute’s staff said it was not too late for younger Americans to learn how to tolerate an opposing point of view.”

But is it too late for journalists to learn journalism?
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**

**FBN:**
- Varney & Co., Mar. 25, Apr. 1, 6, 10, 14
- Your World With Neil Cavuto, Apr. 13

**FNC:**
- The Kelly File, Mar. 24

**KVTV CBS:**
- The Flip Side, Apr. 6

**NEWSMAX TV:**
- America’s Forum, Mar. 26, Apr. 8
- Malzberg Show, Mar. 25

**OneAmerica:**
- The Daily Ledger, Mar. 23, 26, Apr. 2, 9
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**Radio**

American Family Radio, Mar. 30, Apr. 2, 7
Battle Line with Alan Nathan, Apr. 2
Dan Marduri Show, Apr. 6
Lars Larson Show, Mar. 30, Apr. 7
Red Eye Radio, Mar. 23, 24, Apr. 8
Rush Limbaugh, Mar. 6, 11, 16, 17, 18, 24, 27, Apr. 6, 8, 9
KBAR, Murtaugh, ID, Mar. 24, 26, 31, Apr. 1, 7
KBET, Las Vegas, NV, Mar. 30
KLIF, Dallas, TX, Apr. 1
KNTV, Houston, TX, Mar. 23, 30
KPRZ, San Diego, CA, Mar. 25, Apr. 1, 8
KVNT, Anchorage, AK, Mar. 24
KVOR, Colorado Springs, CO, Mar. 25, 31, Apr. 3, 8
WCGO, Chicago, IL, Mar. 27
WFLA, Tallahassee, FL, Mar. 26
WIBC, Indianapolis, IN, Mar. 23, 30
WIZM, La Crosse, WI, Apr. 9
WWJZ, Detroit, MI, Mar. 25
WNJCN, Deptford, NJ, Mar. 26
WNRR, Augusta, GA, Mar. 23, 25, Apr. 1
WNYM, New York, NY, Mar. 25
WDAI, San Antonio, TX, Apr. 2
WROK, Aurora, IL, Mar. 23, 30
WTKF, Moorehead City, NC, Apr. 2
WXMM, Madison, WI, Mar. 25, Apr. 2, 9
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**Print**

American Spectator, Apr. 9
Associated Press, Apr. 9
The Nation, Mar. 25
Wall Street Journal, Mar. 25, 26
Washington Examiner, Mar. 23, Apr. 6
Washington Post, Apr. 1, 9
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**Internet & Twitter**

American Thinker, Mar. 22, Apr. 3
Biz Pac Review, Mar. 21
Breitbart, Mar. 31
Climate Depot, Mar. 25
Conservative HQ, Mar. 24
Daily Caller, Mar. 25
Drudge Report, Mar. 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, Apr. 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20
Examiner, Mar. 23, 29, 30, 31, Apr. 5
Fox Nation, Mar. 24
FoxBusiness.com, Apr. 1
Hot Air, Mar. 29, 30
Jewish Business News, Mar. 25
Jewish Press, Mar. 23, Apr. 7
LifeSite News, Mar. 23, 30
National Journal, Mar. 30
National Review Online, Apr. 14
National Right to Life News, Mar. 25
New Advent, Mar. 26
Newsmaker, Mar. 22, 24, 27, 29, Apr. 8
One News Now, Mar. 23, 27, Apr. 7
PJ Media, Mar. 22
RushLimbaugh.com, Mar. 6, 11, 16, 17, 18, 24, 27, Apr. 6, 8, 9
Stanek Report, Mar. 23, 25, 26, Apr. 17
The Blaze, Mar. 29
TownHall.com, Mar. 27
Western Journalism, Mar. 31, Apr. 1, 2
WND, Mar. 28, Apr. 8
Yahoo News!, Mar. 27, 31, Apr. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14
@frcdc, 15.4K followers, Mar. 23
@markmeckler, 50K followers, Mar. 25
@energybrief, 7K followers, Mar. 25
@senatorlankford, 12.8K followers, Mar. 26
@students4lifehq, 15.6K followers, Mar. 26
@stevedeaceshow, 19.7K followers, Apr. 13
@distract_me, 76K followers, Apr. 17
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On Fox’s Your World With Neil Cavuto, MRC President Brent Bozell details the liberal media’s double standard in favorably covering leftist Hillary Clinton versus unfavorably reporting on conservatives Ted Cruz and Rand Paul.

Commenting on the liberal media’s adulatory coverage of Hillary Clinton, MRC President Brent Bozell tells Fox’s Varney & Co. that it’s all “pap,” she isn’t on a “listening tour” because she already has her agenda.

The MRC and FRC campaign demanding that Disney ABC drop the degenerate Dan Savage sitcom it’s planning is earning extensive national media attention online, on talk radio, in newspapers, and on social media.
Brent Bozell’s Media Research Center is the only organization I know dedicated to targeting and exposing the lies and calumnies of the vitriolic Big Media, which, for far too long has been the propaganda arm of the left. I have donated monthly to the MRC since 2007, and was pleased to increase my effectiveness in December 2013 by joining Brent’s Patriot Fund. I pray you will do the same.

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