Dear Friend,

The first two presidential debates – one on NBC, one on MSNBC – are done. Pundits are debating whether they will make a difference in the race, but one thing is very clear: It’s business as usual for the media moderating these things.

As the MRC documented in a recent Media Reality Check and in several CyberAlerts, the Democrats were treated to an amiable chit-chat among friends at their April 26 debate while the Republicans took round after round of hostile fire from enemies on May 3.

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Long-time Democratic operative Chris Matthews was the moderator at the MSNBC-sponsored GOP presidential debate, asking insipid liberal questions such as, “Would it be good for America to have Bill Clinton back living in the White House?”

It’s about time the GOP put an end to this charade by refusing to debate on CNN or MSNBC when they employ left-wing political pundits who throw roses at liberal politicians while they hurl invective at Republicans.

So why don’t they take a stand? Because they’re afraid of the consequences. The Democrats can refuse to debate on Fox News Channel, and the other networks chortle. If the Republicans refuse to debate on MSNBC, they infuriate ABC, CBS, CNN, PBS and NPR.

But they should not be afraid. The news media need both parties as much as the parties need the news media. Conservatives and Republicans should stop taking this long-standing injustice sitting down, and if they take a stand, their supporters will cheer.

The left-wing campaign to “unseat” Fox News should be a rallying cry for the GOP. If the left wants to assert that Fox is not a “legitimate” news channel, then the right should go to the mattresses to reply that the so-called “mainstream” media are no better.

The leftists believe in a media strategy with all the sophistication of holding your breath and turning blue. Fox hatred is required. On The Huffington Post blog, author Carol Hoenig argued

the Democrats should debate on Fox yet her article was headlined, “Fox News: A Cancer On Society.”

Don’t Play By Liberal Media Rules in Presidential Debates

Fight Back! Conservatives Can Set the Agenda

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media are an illegitimate gang of shameless Democratic partisans with James Carville on their speed dial.

The left is deadly serious, making it clear that it’s not a joke when radio hosts warn about them cracking down on conservative speech with a new “Fairness Doctrine” if the Democrats take control of both Congress and the White House. They will go from merely turning down Fox invitations to turning off conservative talk radio.

What should conservatives do? Start with the debates. Conservatives probably cannot expect to face moderators who don’t have Democratic politics on their resume, from Tim Russert to George Stephanopoulos to Chris Matthews to Brian Williams. This should not necessarily be a disqualifier. Let’s remember that some anchors without party jobs in their past (Jim Lehrer and Gwen ifill, both of PBS) have regularly leaned left in their debate performances. But Republicans and conservatives ought to be more forceful in demanding fairness and balance in the questioning these moderators provide.

1) The first line of defense has to come from the contenders themselves. On several occasions in the GOP debate, Mitt Romney mildly protested the premise of liberal questions that emerged. Chris Matthews asked, with a straight face: “Would it be good for America to have Bill Clinton back living in the White House?” Culling from e-mails, The Washington Post refugees at Politico.com — a debate co-sponsor — asked Romney another loaded question: “What do you dislike most about America?” … To select something that dopey reeks of bad, and partisan, judgment. Can you imagine the uproar if Fox asked Howard Dean that one in the 2004 cycle?

2) The GOP debate negotiators should start playing hardball and protesting up front when potential moderators are suggested. They ought not to suggest, but demand a Brit Hume or a Chris Wallace as moderators. Further, they ought to do more to press for a panel of questioners to allow more diversity in questioning. In fact, why don’t the Republicans just have a presidential debate on radio with talk-show host moderators? Invite Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Laura Ingraham, and others, to be the questioners. Why do Republicans always insist on playing by liberal media rules, on their field?

3) Republicans should mock the Democratic withdrawal from Fox with a loud, continuing question: How will Hillary & Co. handle Osama bin Laden when they don’t have the courage to handle questioning from Brit Hume?

“It’s a simple and powerful question, and conservative candidates should ask it every time they are interviewed on TV or radio. Don’t give the liberals an inch. The MRC doesn’t, but we need our friends to help in the fight.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
Business & Media Institute Exposes Anti-Human Eco-Extremist

The work of the MRC’s Business & Media Institute continues to generate national attention. BMI has exposed and publicized the radical plans of eco-extremist Paul Watson, a founder of the leftist Greenpeace. BMI’s effort paid off with exposure to The Drudge Report’s 13 million readers and, from there, extensive coverage in other top media.

Watson, now the president of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, claimed in a May 4 commentary that mankind is “acting like a virus” and harming Mother Earth. Mankind is “killing our host the planet Earth,” he wrote, and then called for a population drop to fewer than 1 billion — a loss of 5.5 billion people. He also advocated no city be larger than 20,000 people and that mankind needed “to re-wild the planet.”

Here’s the face of the radical left for everyone to see. But if it were left to the liberal media, the story would have stopped there, on the left-wing Web site where it was linked. This time it didn’t. The Business & Media Institute picked up the story and spread its radically dark message — these environmentalists aren’t just anti-business, they’re anti-civilization itself — for millions to see.

First, BMI posted an analysis on the BMI Web site. After passing the story along to Matt Drudge, within an hour, the story was posted on The Drudge Report. Follow-up marketing and the Drudge link drove 100,000 visitors to BMI’s site. That resulted in about six radio interviews, including G. Gordon Liddy and the Lars Larson show. Dozens of Web sites ran the piece and Investors Business Daily, Fox News and the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review wrote stories about it.

The very real, and very radical agenda of the left-wing environmentalist movement will not be a secret so long as BMI is around. — Dan Gainor

www.businessandmedia.org

PBS Censors Film on Moderate Muslims
But Runs Bill Moyers’ Leftist Propaganda

In late April, the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), which is taxpayer-funded, yanked one of its own documentaries — about moderate Muslims who oppose radical Islamists — because the film did not fit PBS’s liberal political agenda and because the co-producer is Frank Gaffney, a conservative.

At the same time, PBS ran an anti-Iraq war propaganda “documentary” by the leftist Bill Moyers, as well as a two-part anti-Catholic film on the Inquisition and a three-part visual glorification of atheism, entitled A Brief History of Disbelief.

Gaffney, who runs the Center for Security Policy, was awarded $600,000 to produce Islam vs. Islamists: Voices from the Muslim Center. The excellent documentary details the various groups and vast numbers of moderate Muslims in America and abroad who oppose the terrorist agenda of radical Islamists. The film shows that there are millions of responsible Muslims committed to peace and religious liberty.

Yet that somehow didn’t fit with PBS’s leftist view of the world. Hollywood veteran Martyn Burke, who worked with Gaffney on the film, explained that certain PBS officials wanted Gaffney fired from the project. When that didn’t happen, PBS claimed there were technical problems with the movie and dropped it from its lineup, though none were explained by PBS.

On April 25, however, PBS ran another Bill Moyers hatchet job, Buying the War, in which the left-wing bloviator tried to “document” that the liberal media in America somehow were lap dogs for the Bush Administration’s policy to invade Iraq. Not one conservative appeared interviewed on the program to challenge Moyers’ ludicrous idea. ... All brought to you by PBS and your tax dollars.
ABC Wrong Again

Many reporters are economically illiterate and ABC’s Diane Sawyer proved it in spades on the May 8 Good Morning America by claiming that today’s stock market condition matches that of the pre-1929 crash that ushered in the Great Depression. Noting the recent gains in the stock market, Sawyer asked ABC analyst Mellody Hobson, “Did you know that the stock market has hit a milestone reminiscent of what happened before the big crash?” ... But it hasn’t.

In 2000-2007, the Dow rose from 10,577 to 13,312 — an average annual increase of 3.7 percent. In the seven years prior to the 1929 crash, the market spiked from 100 to 381, growing over 40 percent a year, making the rate of increase over 10 times more than the current levels. Sawyer’s conclusion about the 1929 market and today’s market isn’t just wrong, it’s also nonsensical.

NBC Wrong, Too

While ABC can’t get its economic news right, NBC’s Brian Williams flubbed big time on the abortion issue on the May 11 Nightly News, falsely claiming that “most Americans believe a woman has a right to an abortion. Most Republicans do not.” While it’s true that most Americans don’t want abortion banned under all circumstances, the vast majority favor restrictions on abortion, and only 16 percent, according to a February Washington Post poll, want abortion “legal in all cases.”

Further, a May 4-6 survey by CNN/Opinion Research found that 50 percent identified themselves as “pro-life” while a minority of 45 percent called themselves “pro-choice.” And, NBC’s own April poll documented that Americans, 53 to 34 percent, agreed with the Supreme Court’s decision to uphold a federal law banning partial-birth abortions.

No TIME for Bush

In its May 14 cover story listing “the 100 most influential men and women shaping our world,” TIME magazine chose not to include the leader of the most powerful nation on earth, President George W. Bush. This occurred, no less, during a week when nearly every major news outlet in America and abroad covered the President’s veto of the Democrats’ withdrawal-from-Iraq spending bill. Those same media, including TIME, write and gripe about President Bush every single day and yet TIME says he doesn’t merit “most influential” status.

Save Us, Redford!

In its ongoing global warming hysteria campaign, ABC’s Good Morning America promoted actor Robert Redford as the latest hero in the race to save the planet. On the May 2 program, weatherman and climate-change crusader Sam Champion plugged Redford’s new cable TV series, The Green, about the environment. And as Champion spoke, ABC’s on-screen graphic read: “Redford Goes Green: Hollywood Legend Saves the Planet.”

Redford is a notorious Hollywood liberal. Yet Champion, apparently trying to convey that Redford is new to liberal political activism, praised his acting skills and then reported, “But now, he’s a pioneer for the environment.” Champion then went on to detail some of the revolutionary ideas that will be broadcast on The Green, such as a woman who makes clothes out of soda bottles and a man who runs his car on leftover fried chicken oil. “It’s a look at what’s new and it’ll always be exciting and what’s new in an eco-friendly world,” chirped Champion.
Rosie Wrong, Again

While scheduled to leave ABC’s *The View* in mid-June, co-host Rosie O’Donnell has not let up in her liberal tirades. Case in point, on May 1, the fourth anniversary of President Bush’s “mission accomplished” speech, O’Donnell railed, “How many more years and how many more dead kids?”

O’Donnell went on to denigrate U.S. troops in an exchange with co-host Ricki Lake. O’Donnell: “Why do people enlist in the Army?” Lake: “To get an education, and they’re poor-.” O’Donnell: “The vast majority, yes …. It’s true!” No, it’s not. A recent Heritage Foundation study documented that recruits are “better educated, wealthier, and more rural on average than their civilian peers,” and “the distribution of household income of recruits is noticeably higher than the entire youth population.”

CNN’s Leninist

There’s a reason many conservatives joke that CNN must be the Communist News Network. Here’s another: Reporter Soledad O’Brien interviewed a staunch Leninist, Shaun Harkin, but didn’t tell viewers about Harkin’s communist background. In a May 1 *Your World* story about a pro-illegal immigration march in Chicago, O’Brien mentioned the diverse “grass roots” crowd and then introduced “Shaun Harkin. He is one of the organizers with the March 10 Movement,” a radical left immigration group (also not identified by O’Brien).

Harkin lectured that “raids and deportations” of illegals are “wrong and unjust.” A quick search of Harkin on the Internet shows that he’s a regular writer for the Socialist Worker Online. In defending the totalitarian Vladimir Lenin in one article, Harkin says, “the dynamics of imperialism that Lenin analyzed are still present. His approach continues to offer the best framework to understand imperialism—and is an essential tool for revolutionaries today.” None of that was worth even noting on CNN.

Minibits

■ ABC’s *George Stephanopoulos* plays the Republicans-are-racists card: “I think that anyone who’s not going to vote for Barack Obama because he is black isn’t going to vote for a Democrat anyway.” ■ BBC Washington correspondent *Kathy Kay* demands: “How many shootings does it take before America has a serious discussion about gun control?” ■ Referencing Don Imus, *Newsweek’s* Weston Kosava lectures, “media power is still concentrated largely in white hands and, as a result, racism is sometimes tolerated and enabled in ways that many white Americans are unable, or unwilling, to acknowledge.” ■ PBS’s taxpayer-funded *Bill Moyers* rails that a “wall-to-wall ideological right-wing press … mongered for war along with the administration” and “also mounted a slime machine to discredit any journalist who dared to stand against the official view of reality.” ■ As *Dan Rather* told Moyers: “[Conservatives] have a slime machine and we know it.” ■ And on his PBS show *Tavis Smiley* demands, “Why shouldn’t we be outraged? Why shouldn’t we be angry with George Bush?” ■ ABC’s *Chris Cuomo* waxes enthusiastically that gas in Europe “is $6 a gallon to discourage guzzling. A lot of big ideas and innovations coming out of Europe.” ■ Good Morning America’s *Robin Roberts* is happy: “Imagine universal health care for everyone. That’s what a bold new plan on Capitol Hill is proposing.” ■ Meanwhile, CBS’s Portia Siegelbaum cheers Cuba: “Thanks to the socialist island’s free health care system, which emphasizes preventive medicine, Cubans enjoy a very high life expectancy.” ■ At the May 3 GOP debate, reporter Jim Vande Hei seriously asks candidate Mitt Romney, “What do you dislike most about America?” ■ Finally, this intellectual heavy-lifting: On NBC’s *Nightly News*, anchor Brian Williams reflects, “As part of our ongoing series of reports on the environment, we take on the question that can make otherwise competent adults quake with fear. You come to the end of the checkout line and then comes that question, ‘paper or plastic?’”
When the weather warms in Washington, the nation’s capital is swarmed by tourists. Many Washington residents respond by going on vacation for a temporary escape, but not me. It’s truly one of my favorite times of the year to be in the office, because along with all of those tourists comes the latest group of CNSNews.com interns.

Don’t confuse CNSNews.com internships with the thousands of other run-of-the-mill internships available in Washington each late spring. In our case, the many applications that flood into the office of CNSNews.com intern coordinator Jane Carter are carefully screened. The successful candidates can then be assured that they will be working alongside some of the nation’s best journalists. Our interns are not assigned coffee pot or copy machine duty. From day one, they are drilled on the fundamentals of journalistic professionalism and effective story telling.

Occasionally, we have to disabuse our interns of some of the long held and wrong headed practices that they have picked up from the establishment media. But for the most part, the student journalists that we attract have already spotted the flaws in the establishment media - most dealing with bias - and concluded that there is a better way of covering the news.

CNSNews.com’s 2007 class of summer interns includes Katherine Poythress from Alabama who is currently majoring in English at Michigan’s Hillsdale College and Matt Purple from Connecticut who is focused on political theory and media studies at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. We will also welcome Evan Moore from Virginia who has already obtained a bachelor’s degree in government and international politics at George Mason University in Virginia and now has his sights set on a master’s degree in corporate and professional communications at Radford University in Virginia. Whitney Stewart from Minnesota, pursuing a degree in American Studies from Hillsdale College, will round out the group of news interns.

As the CNSNews.com operation has grown over the years, we have come to rely on leveraging the power of promoting and advertising our news content to ensure the maximum number of people read and hear of our news. This role is taken up by Communications Director Craig Bannister, who this summer will have the opportunity to share his many years of corporate and media communications experience with another carefully selected intern - Shannon Lynch from Virginia, a journalism major at George Mason University.

Our crop of news interns will shadow investigative reporters, videotape news events - segments of which will be published to accompany news articles - and, in short order, find themselves published by a nationally recognized news organization. It won’t happen overnight, but once our interns understand the correct way to practice journalism and apply the necessary amount of hard work to their assignments, they will become full-fledged CNSNews.com correspondents.

They will be assigned to cover some of the most important and contentious topics facing our nation today, ranging from anti-war protests to the controversy over embryonic stem cell research. During the summer of 2007, they will also be fortunate enough to be exposed to the intensifying presidential campaign of 2008.

By the time they return to school in the fall, our news interns have typically compiled a portfolio of at least 20 published articles and gained the perspective and know-how necessary to forge a career as a much-needed breed of journalist: one who takes pride in reporting the news fairly, fully, and without trying to impose a political agenda on readers.

That return to the classroom is always a bittersweet experience for the CNSNews.com full-time staff. While we are able to take pride in knowing that we helped shape the professional futures of these talented students, we also regret the loss of the interns’ daily contributions.

But, now, it’s a time of excitement, of welcoming our five interns, having the privilege of showing them the CNSNews.com model of journalism, and watching them develop as professionals. This is the ninth year in which we’ve conducted a summer intern program. It never gets old.
**MRC in the News**

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:

### Televison

- **CNN:**
  - Headline News-Glenn Beck, May 7
- **FNC:**
  - Your World with Neil Cavuto, May 4
  - Hannity & Colmes, May 17
- **WPVI-TV,** May 7

### Radio

- **Money Dots,** Mainstreet USA, May 19
- Roger Hedgecock Show, May 11
- G. Gordon Liddy, May 8, 17
- Dennis Miller Show, Apr. 23
- American Family Radio, May 8, 15
- Thom Hartmann Show, May 24
- Drew Mariani Show, May 9
- Lars Larson Show, May 7, 15
- Michael Dresser Show, May 14
- The Right Balance, May 22
- NRA News, May 18
- IRN News, May 7
- WCBM, Baltimore, MD, May 17
- WCHS, Charleston, WV, May 7
- WSAU, Wausau, WI, May 8, 10
- WRVA, Richmond, VA, May 9, 12
- KTLK, Burbank, CA, May 21
- KFTK, Greeneville, NC, May 7, 11
- KSLR, San Antonio, TX, May 7, 14
- WAOK, Atlanta, GA, May 9
- WLPO, LaSalle, IL, Apr. 7
- KSTE, Sacramento, CA, May 8
- WAKR, Akron, OH, May 10
- WQUN, Hamden, CT, May 10
- WGNU, St. Louis, MO, May 10
- WTPS, Miami, FL, May 10
- KNUS, Denver, CO, May 13
- KKMS, Minneapolis, MN, May 14
- WBNW, Boston, MA, May 15
- KSAL, Salina, KS, May 15

### Print

- **Washington Post.com,** Apr. 7, 13
- WorldNetDaily.com, Apr. 18, May 3
- National Ledger, Apr. 21, 23, May 4
- National Ledger, May 11
- Yahoo! News, May 11
- WorldNetDaily, May 12, 15, 16
- USConservatives.about.com, May 11
- News Tribune.com, May 11
- Human Events Online, May 9
- Salon.com, May 7
- My West Texas.com, May 7
- MLive.com, May 7
- CNSNews.com, May 16
- Townhall.com, May 7, 10, 11
- OneNewsNow.com, May 8
- Worshipping Christian Blog, May 8
- The Light Blog, May 8
- Townhall.com, May 20
- Frontpagemag.com, May 21
- CNN Money.com, May 18
- National Ledger, May 17

### Internet

- MRC Media Analysis Director Tim Graham is interviewed on CNN’s Glenn Beck about liberal bias at PBS.
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- KCRS, Midland, TX, May 10
- WDTY, Charlotte, NC, May 14
- WIBA, Madison, WI, May 8
- WRVC, Huntington, WV, May 9
- WLW, Cincinnati, OH, May 16
- WIBC, Indianapolis, IN, May 17
- KOGO, San Diego, CA, May 16
- WHJJ, Providence, RI, May 15

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