The courageous operation by Navy SEALs that led to the death of Osama bin Laden in Pakistan is a historic testament to the perseverance and ingenuity of the Americans tasked with keeping this country safe. President Barack Obama certainly deserves the credit for greenlighting the mission and not flinching at the last minute. He is ultimately responsible for bringing the monster who killed nearly 3,000 Americans on 9/11 to justice.

But Obama did not do this by himself. Nor did he do it overnight. The machinery — military and intelligence — that caught Bin Laden was put in place by George W. Bush during the final seven years of his two-term presidency following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Yet the liberal media — no surprise — don’t want to talk about that now. They don’t want to give Bush any credit whatsoever. They despise him.

The liberal media spent much of their time deriding Bush and his war against terrorism while ignoring the fact that there was not another 9/11 under his watch. And now they’re going to praise him? Fat chance.

Bush won’t get credit, however, from the liberal media or from Obama. Case in point: After the May 1 mission that killed Bin Laden, Obama went on television to inform the country of what a great job he had done. He underlined that Osama had “avoided capture” under Bush and “continued to operate” during his tenure. But, said Obama, “I directed” CIA chief Leon Panetta to make getting Bin Laden the “top priority” and “I” gave the go-ahead to the final mission.

Obama also avoided Bush in a Medal of Honor ceremony on May 2. Even in a “bipartisan” event at the White House that night, Obama honored the “military and counter-terrorism professionals” and “the members of Congress from both parties” who offered support to the mission — but no credit for Bush.

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And what about our media? They never asked if Obama was being rude. They were in no hurry to give Bush credit, either. In their mind, Bush doesn’t deserve it. They didn’t like him then, they don’t like him now.

Way back in 2003, NBC’s Bob Costas allowed leftist film-maker Michael Moore to claim that Bush had been in cahoots with Osama. With no evidence, Moore bellowed, “I think our government knows where he is and I don’t think we’re going to be capturing him or killing him any time soon.” Costas didn’t challenge Moore.

Days before the 2004 election, when Osama released a tape attacking Bush, former CBS anchor Walter Cronkite went on CNN’s Larry King Live and insisted that Karl Rove “probably set up” this tape with Al Qaeda. Cronkite had no evidence; he just smeared Bush.

In January 2006, MSNBC loud mouth Chris Matthews lectured that U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia was “insulting” Osama’s country and was therefore somehow responsible for 9/11. That’s the same political drivel that Rev. Jeremiah Wright regurgitates.

On Apr. 4 of this year, ABC’s Good Morning America allowed former Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura to spew his vile “truther” theory that Bush knew about the 9/11 attacks beforehand. NBC’s Ann Curry did the same in a Mar. 9 Today interview with Ventura.

After Osama was killed, the discrediting continued. On the May 2 NBC Nightly News, reporter Richard Engel opined that the civil war in Iraq had hamstrung U.S. troops, creating “a distraction from the United States’ original mission to find Bin Laden, stop Al Qaeda, and prevent another 9/11.”

With U.S. troops in Baghdad, “Al Qaeda and the Taliban slipped back into Afghanistan,” lectured Engel. He also claimed “there was never a connection between Iraq and Osama bin Laden.” But as the intelligence clearly shows, and as our own CNSNews.com, as well as Fox News, reported, the man who told CIA interrogators about Osama’s courier, which led to locating and killing Osama in 2011, was named Hassan Guhl and he was captured in 2004 in Iraq. He had gone into Iraq to scout ways for Al Qaeda to attack U.S. troops there.

Simply, U.S. intelligence was able to locate Bin Laden in 2011 precisely because U.S. troops were in Iraq in 2004 to capture Guhl, and his information was cross-checked with other imprisoned Al Qaeda thugs. It was a vast jigsaw puzzle, with many missing pieces, but U.S. patriots pieced it together using the information they had collected over 10 years. The liberal media aren’t saying much about Guhl and Iraq.

Then there was leftist radio hack Mike Malloy, who one day after Osama’s death, asked his audience, “So when does SEAL Unit 6, or whatever it’s called, drop in on George Bush?” Neither the liberal media nor the liberal White House denounced Malloy’s suggestion that a U.S. president be killed. So much for tolerance and civility!

That’s the liberal media for you. Their goal is to elevate Obama, get him re-elected, and discredit his conservative critics. That’s why the essential contributions of the Bush administration in battling Al Qaeda and, ultimately, eliminating Osama are not covered fairly by press. That imbalance is why we exist — to keep watch, to expose the bias and neutralize it. They won’t give us any credit either but, like Bush, we will ultimately win.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President

\[Image 1\] MSNBC Hardball host Chris Matthews claimed that U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia were “insulting” to Osama Bin Laden and therefore maybe they were responsible for terrorist attacks against America.

\[Image 2\] NBC’s Richard Engel theorizes that the Iraq war distracted the U.S. from finding Osama Bin Laden, ignoring the intelligence gathered in Iraq that ultimately led to Bin Laden’s demise.
MRC Honors Cal Thomas
with Fifth Annual William F. Buckley Jr.
Excellence in Media Award

Editor’s Note: At its 2011 Gala and DisHonors Awards on May 7, the MRC honored author, TV commentator, and widely syndicated columnist Cal Thomas with the William F. Buckley Jr. Excellence in Media Award. Mr. Thomas’s acceptance remarks are printed below, and the video of his acceptance speech can be viewed at the MRC Web site, www.MRC.org.

Cal Thomas: Thank you very much, Brent, that’s very nice [introduction]. All I can say is that standards are falling everywhere. I’d like to congratulate the two people who walked out during my introduction: I salute their good taste. Like Groucho Marx once said, “I wouldn’t want to belong to any club that would have me as a member.”

But it is a great honor to be recognized by your peers, and since they don’t, it’s an even greater honor to be recognized by you.

We’ve all heard — like Neal Boortz, I don’t have a teleprompter. They’re all taken up in this town, I don’t know why. So I’m going to read some prepared notes.

We’ve all heard of the glass ceiling, which for years kept women from achieving their highest aspirations because of gender. Bill Buckley broke through the Iron Door, which segregated conservative thought to a place outside the mainstream marketplace. Bill’s destruction of that Iron Door by the force of his supreme intellect made it possible for succeeding generations to follow in his wake.

He graced the op-ed pages of 300 newspapers and made me think, ‘Gee, if he can do it, just maybe I can too.’ This column began with a relationship. It was Tom Johnson, the former LBJ aide, who opened the door for me when he was publisher of The Los Angeles Times. He introduced me to the leadership of the L.A. Times syndicate, and urged them to give me a chance.

Tom is a true pluralist and a gentleman. The column quickly grew to reach 500 newspapers because I persuaded editors that if they’d let me into their newspapers, I’d get them new subscribers among the disaffected conservatives. They did, and I did.

The number of papers carrying me has fallen off slightly for many reasons, including the trouble in which newspapers have found themselves. But it remains, I think — well, I guess it’s number one. But, you know, here today, gone tomorrow, right?

The other relationship that helped me more than any other goes a little higher than Tom Johnson. In March of 1983, I asked God to do a greater miracle than Moses parting the Red Sea. I asked Him to part the liberal mind. And if He did, I said I’d seek to honor Him with the platform He had given me.

And so, while I’m most appreciative to the Media Research Center and to Brent Bozell for this honor tonight, I must give credit where the real credit is due, to the one who gave me the gift of writing. I recall what God told Samuel: “He who honors Me, I will honor.”

So, thanks to my wife Rae for standing with me for 46 years and thanks to the God who I serve and who I hope is pleased with His servant. Thank you very much.

“I asked God to do a greater miracle than Moses parting the Red Sea. I asked Him to part the liberal mind.”
L. Brent Bozell III, the president and founder of the Media Research Center, served as Master of Ceremonies for the gala. The DisHonors Awards Presenters included national talk radio giant Neal Boortz, Hollywood screenwriter Andrew Klavan, and bestselling author Ann Coulter. Acceptors included RedState.com Editor Erick Erickson, Congressman Steve King (R-Iowa), and Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli. The gala continued after the awards with a concert headed by “The Outlaws.”

Discover the “Quote of the Year” and view the complete 2011 Gala and DisHonors Awards online at www.MRCTV.org.

AWARD #1:
The Obamagasm Award
WINNER: Newsweek’s Evan Thomas, who told MSNBC’s Hardball host Chris Matthews that President Barack Obama is “sort of God,” June 5, 2009.
Evan Thomas: “Reagan [at the 1984 D-Day commemoration] was all about America, and you talked about it. Obama is, ‘We are above that now. We’re not just parochial, we’re not just chauvinistic, we’re not just provincial. We stand for something.’ I mean, in a way, Obama’s standing above the country, above — above the world. He’s sort of God.”
In “accepting” the award for Thomas, RedState.com Editor Erick Erickson joked that he spoke with Thomas who said, “Brent Bozell can go to Hell, thank you very much!”

AWARD #2:
The Tea Party from Hell Award
WINNER: PBS host Tavis Smiley, who equated radical Muslim suicide bombers with Christians in America, May 25, 2010.
Author Ayaan Hirsi Ali, talking about radical Muslims: “Somehow, the idea got into their minds that to kill other people is a great thing to do and that they would be rewarded in the hereafter.”
Host Tavis Smiley: “But Christians do that every single day in this country.”
Ali: “Do they blow people up every day?”
Smiley: “Yes. Oh, Christians, every day, people walk into post offices, they walk into schools, that’s what Columbine is — I could do this all day long....There are folk in the Tea Party, for example, every day who are being recently arrested for making threats against elected officials, for calling people ‘nigger’ as they walk into Capitol Hill, for spitting on people. That’s within the political — that’s within the body politic of this country.”
Tea Party Patriots founders Jenny Beth Martin and Mark Meckler accepted the award on behalf of Smiley, thanking him for “continuing to point out the absurdity of the Left and helping to grow the Tea Party movement.”
AWARD #3:  
The I’m Not a Political Genius But I Play One on TV


Reiner: “Hitler, by the way, never got more than 33 percent of the vote ever in Germany. ... He wasn’t a majority guy, but he was charismatic, and they were having bad economic times — just like we are now. People were out of work, they needed jobs, and a guy came along and rallied the troops. My fear is that the Tea Party gets a charismatic leader, because all they’re selling is fear and anger and that’s all Hitler sold: ‘I’m angry and I’m frightened and you should hate that guy over there.’”

In picking up the award for Reiner, Americans for Prosperity President Tim Phillips quipped that “Meathead” was back at the hotel “because he’s afraid to turn off his TV — if he does, MSNBC’s audience will drop by 25%, and that’s just wrong.”

AWARD #4:  
Ode to Olbermann

WINNER: MSNBC’s Keith Olbermann seriously commented that Rush Limbaugh and conservative “hate radio” were largely responsible for the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City by terrorist Timothy McVeigh, Apr. 19, 2010.

Olbermann: “‘What was the more likely cause of the Oklahoma City bombing: talk radio or Bill Clinton and Janet Reno’s hands-on management of Waco, the Branch Davidian compound and maybe to a lesser extent Ruby Ridge?’ Well, obviously, the answer is talk radio, specifically Rush Limbaugh’s hate radio. ... Limbaugh claimed others would have blood on their hands in the event of future right wing terrorism. Frankly, Rush, you have that blood on your hands now, and you have had it for 15 years.”

Congressman Steve King (R-Iowa) “accepted” the *Dis*Honors Award for Olbermann, remarking that “this 21st century DeToqueville,” in leaving MSNBC to work for CurrentTV had taken “an exit ramp to irrelevance.”

AWARD #5:  
Damn Those Conservatives Award

WINNER: MSNBC’s Ed Schultz railed that Republicans like it when people lack health care and die so they can make money “off your dead corpse!” Sept. 23, 2009.

Ed Schultz: “The Republicans lie! They want to see you dead! They’d rather make money off your dead corpse! They kind of like it when that woman has cancer and they don’t have anything for her.”

Virginia’s Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli “accepted” the award for Schultz, joking that Ed could not pick up the award himself because “he really doesn’t like to be in front of large crowds” which is why “it’s good he is on MSNBC.”
In Memoriam Bill Rusher, 1923 - 2011

It is commonly accepted that without National Review magazine and Bill Buckley there would have been no Ronald Reagan. Let the history books be amended to state that without the functional organization of its publisher, William A. Rusher, National Review would never have survived.

I knew Bill Rusher pretty much my entire life. I have memories of him visiting at my parents’ home in Chevy Chase, Md., during the Goldwater years. When I entered the public policy arena in 1979 he was a mainstay: publisher of the movement’s flagship magazine; television debater; columnist; author; mentor.

In 1985 I launched the Media Research Center and Bill took an immediate interest in our work, regularly projecting our studies to millions through his syndicated column. In 1986, I invited Bill to join our board of directors and he kindly agreed. About five years later I asked him to serve as chairman of the MRC. He again agreed and all seemed good with the world.

Bill would serve in that capacity until advancing age and infirmities made travel finally impossible and he tendered his resignation in 2009. Let the record state that while the founder and president of the organization receives the public kudos, it was Bill Rusher whose steady hand directed and guided the MRC from the beginning. Many have commented on Bill’s famous sense of elegance, his wit and charm, his attention to detail, and his organizational talents. Add to it his debater’s lust for blood and his quirky sense of humor and you had a force of nature.

While it’s true that Bill had a sense of humor, it’s also true there was some humor he could live without. Bill never liked the MRC’s annual April Fool’s joke, whereby we took our bi-weekly newsletter Notable Quotables and for the April 1 edition produced the most outrageous and utterly fictitious quotes possible, attributing them to selected liberal journalists, and then watching to see who fell for the gag. Year after year Bill would express his displeasure but he couldn’t convince me to stop.

And then that April 1 morning in 1994 I received the call at home from the assistant editorial page editor at the Washington Times. He wanted to confirm that we had just released our April Fool’s edition, and cited a quote. Yes, I confirmed, and why was he asking? Because one of his columnists had fallen for the gag, the fellow explained, and he’d committed an entire column to savaging the liberal media using these quotes as evidence. Oh dear, said I, and who might that columnist be? William Rusher.

I was tasked with the mission to deliver Bill the bad news. I waited until 9:00 am California time and placed the call. Bill was beyond unhappy. He was apoplectic. His arguments about the (lack of) professionalism of this exercise were now firmly confirmed. He hung up right after telling me — “thanks so much, Brent!” — he needed to contact his syndication immediately to exercise damage control. I giggled as I hand-wrote him a note telling Bill I was going to hide under a rock and would re-emerge when his anger had passed. Which of course it did, eventually.

My wife was puzzled when she saw my expression when I was delivered the news of his death. “You’re not sad?” she asked. No I wasn’t, and no I’m not. Bill was 87, fighting infirmities, and prepared for his Maker. He’s now with Him, of that I’m sure, organizing the troops in Paradise.

I’m not sad, but I do miss him, and thank him for a lifetime of memories, of mentorship and of friendship. Bill Rusher, RIP.
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 - Apr. 21
- **C-SPAN**: Washington Journal - Mar. 9
- **FBN**: Lou Dobbs - May 12, 13
- **FNC**: Fox & Friends - May 13, 15
- **Glenn Beck**: May 12
- **Hannity**: Apr. 14, 21, May 6, 12, 13
- **O’Reilly Factor**: May 13
- **KETK-TV (NBC)**: News - May 12
- **MSNBC**: The Ed Show - May 12

### Radio

America’s Radio News Network, May 16
- American Family Radio, Apr. 27, May 11
- Lars Larson Show, Apr. 20, May 11
- Mark Levin Show, Apr. 25
- Neal Boortz Show, May 13
- NRP, May 13
- NRA News, May 10
- Sean Hannity Show, Apr. 26, May 13
- Thom Hartmann Show, Apr. 27, May 10
- USA Radio Network, May 4
- EWTN Radio, Apr. 25
- Georgia News Network, Apr. 22
- IRN, Radio News, May 12
- KCOL, Loveland, CO, Apr. 28
- KPRZ, San Diego, CA, May 10
- KZIM, Cape Girardeau, MO, May 16, 26
- WABC, New York, NY, Apr. 25
- WBAL, Baltimore, MD, May 13
- WDRC, Hartford, CT, Apr. 26
- WMUZ, Detroit, MI, Apr. 27
- WOI, Columbus, SC, May 18
- WSB, Atlanta, GA, Apr. 22
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### Internet

- **ABC News.com**: Apr. 26
- **AdWeek**: Apr. 12
- American Thinker, May 13
- Big Hollywood.com, May 12
- Boston Globe blog, May 12
- BreitbartTV, Apr. 19, May 8
- CBN.com, Apr. 22
- Daily Caller, Apr. 18, 27
- Drudge Report, April 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, May 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17
- FavStocks.com, Apr. 24
- Forbes.com blog, Apr. 25
- FOXBusiness.com, Apr. 15
- FoxNation, May 9, 13, 14
- Hawaii Free Press, May 12
- Hollywood Reporter, Apr. 27
- HotAir.com, Apr. 29
- Huffington Post, Apr. 27, May 12
- Mediaite, Apr. 19
- MTV.com, May 12
- Newsier, Apr. 26
- OneNewsNow, Apr. 23, 27, May 13
- PatriotPost, May 13
- Politico, Apr. 28, May 10, 11
- RedState.com, May 9
- RightWingNewsWatch, May 9
- RollingStone.com, May 12
- Salon.com, Apr. 19
- The Daily Caller, May 9
- Time.com, Apr. 26, May 11
- Wall Street Journal blog, May 12
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### Print

- **Calgary Herald**: May 13
- **Chicago Sun-Times**: Apr. 17
- **Chicago Tribune**: May 12
- **Christian Post**: Apr. 22
- **Christian Science Monitor**: May 11
- **Daily Mail**: Apr. 15
- **Dallas Morning News**: Apr. 22
- **Detroit Free Press**: May 11
- **Gannett News Service**: May 9
- **Los Angeles Times**: May 11
- **Miami Herald**: Apr. 23
- **Ms. Magazine**: Apr. 13
- **New York Daily News**: May 11
- **New York Magazine**: May 12
- **New York Post**: Apr. 19
- **Orange County Register**: May 12
- **Philadelphia Inquirer**: May 13
- **Pittsburgh Tribune Review**: Apr. 25, May 9
- **USA Today**: May 11
- **Washington Examiner**: May 9
- **Washington Post**: Apr. 19, May 12
- **Washington Times**: Apr. 19, 23, May 9, 11, 12
- **Women’s Wear Daily**: May 9
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On Fox’s Hannity, May 13, MRC President Brent Bozell analyzes that week’s most outrageous examples of liberal media bias.

Brent Bozell discusses the MRC’s 2011 Gala & DisHonors Awards on Fox & Friends.

Fox NewsWatch highlighted Cal Thomas winning the William F. Buckley Jr. Excellence in Media Award.

In his Apr. 22 special report, “Behind the Bias: The History of Liberal Media,’ Fox’s Sean Hannity referenced MRC research and interviewed MRC President Brent Bozell.
Remembering Mr. Allen
A generous supporter surprises the MRC in his will.

In October of 2004, Bill and Sharon Towery visited the Media Research Center (MRC) headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. Towery’s uncle and MRC supporter, Eugene Allen, had recently died and the Towerys had requested a tour of our offices. During the course of our meeting, we got a big surprise. Bill and Sharon presented the MRC with a $137,756 gift from Mr. Allen’s estate. While we knew of Mr. Allen’s philanthropy and his generous support of the MRC over the years, we never expected this. Mr. Allen’s support of the MRC began in 1996 with a $100 contribution. Each year thereafter he generously contributed to our work, sometimes making several donations in one year. Mr. Allen continued to support the MRC until he passed away in 2002 with total lifetime gifts of over $6,000. We are very grateful that Mr. Allen decided to include the Media Research Center in his will, and we pledge to uphold the ideals that inspired him to support the MRC in the first place.

Attention Investors
Charitable Gift Annuity Rates to Change July 1. The new rate schedule contains slightly lower rates for single-life annuities for ages 69 and younger, and slightly higher rates for single-life annuities at ages 75, with the top rate rising to 9.8%. Similar changes apply to 2-life gift annuity rates.

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