Liberal Media Are Deliberately Censoring the News by Not Investigating the Benghazi Bombshells

The left-wing media are doing all they can to not investigate, to not get to the bottom of what happened during the al-Qaeda-linked terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya, when four brave Americans, including our own ambassador, were brutally murdered by Islamist thugs.

To this day, some 25 on-the-ground witnesses to the Sept. 11, 2012 attack have not been allowed to testify about what happened. It’s been nine months and not even their names have been released — and they work for the State Department (and CIA) on the taxpayer’s dime!

Yet the liberal media say nothing. Instead, they are spinning any angle they can find to hide the truth and protect the Obama administration. They seem to be channeling what then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton shrieked before Congress, “What difference at this point does it make?”

Can you imagine if a Republican or conservative had said the same about the Newtown school shooting or the Boston Marathon terrorist attack? — What difference does it make?

1) A four-man commando team in Tripoli was denied permission to go to Benghazi and help those under siege. The administration’s response that there wasn’t enough time is ludicrous given no one knew how long the attacks would last.

2) The Foreign Emergency Support Team (FEST), an anti-terrorist unit, was not sent in because conditions on the ground were too dangerous, but this is exactly what FEST is designed for, and the FEST team wanted to go in.

3) It is now established beyond any doubt that instantly the State Department knew this was a terrorist attack. So why did the administration lie, calling this a video issue, and who gave that order?

4) Gregory Hicks, the number two diplomat in Libya, says he was demoted after complaining about the false story being put out by Washington. This is denied by the State Department, which says no one was punished.
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The liberal media truly despise Republican Senator Ted Cruz of Texas, and for good reason: he’s smart, unafraid, articulate, persuasive, electable, and conservative as can be. In short, he’s the type of solid conservative the liberals fear. They can’t beat him in an interview or an argument, so they smear him.

In a recent Media Reality Check, the MRC’s Deputy Research Director Geoff Dickens culled some of the harshest things said about Cruz and compiled the “Top 10 Most Obnoxious Anti-Ted Cruz Quotes.” Let’s take a look at a few of them:

**Cruz is a Lying Jerk!**

*Washington Post*’s Jonathan Capehart: “If there’s 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. Democrats don’t like him. But Republicans really can’t stand him.” — MSNBC’s Morning Joe, 4/10/13.

**‘Ignorant’ Cruz Playing to the ‘Illiterates’ on Guns**

“This guy, what he is saying, the way he is framing his question, suggests complete, utter ignorance. I’m talking about Ted Cruz here and I have brought this up before. Complete and utter ignorance and anybody - conservative jurists will agree with me and they do, that when he goes on this line of attack about violating the Second Amendment, it suggests complete, utter ignorance of what the Second Amendment says. So did Ted Cruz not go to law school? Has he ever been to law school?” — MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough, Morning Joe, 3/15/13.

**Extremist Hate Groups ‘Must Love Ted Cruz’**

Chris Matthews: “Guns, immigration and gays. Is that your reading, that those are the stimuli to these people when they organize these hate groups?...Who do they root for? Who do they root for?”

Brian Levin, Center for Study of Hate & Extremism: “They don’t root for anybody now.”

Matthews: “They don’t root for Rand Paul? Pat Buchanan? I mean, who? They must like this new guy Ted Cruz. They must love Ted Cruz, c’mon!” — MSNBC’s Hardball, 3/6/13

**Cruz ‘Has a Face That Looks a Little Like Joe McCarthy’**

“So Ted Cruz is, just violates my sense. And I think if you mention the name Ted Cruz to other Senators, you just get titanic oceans of eye-rolling, because you’re a freshman, you don’t go in and take over hearings. Like hang around and learn how it’s done. And it’s like the most un-conservative act to come in two weeks into the job and decide the Senate exists for you to take it over. And so I think he’s made a lot of enemies. It doesn’t help that he has a face that looks a little like Joe McCarthy actually. So, I just, you know, I find him a little off-putting.” — New York Times columnist David Brooks, 4/21/13

**‘Echoes of Joe McCarthy’**

“You know, I don’t often say it, and I rarely say it, but there was echoes of Joe McCarthy there. Really strong echoes. ... The jackals are in the street tonight.” — MSNBC’s Chris Matthews, 2/14/13.

**A ‘Potentially Dangerous Demagogue’**

Politico’s Evan Thomas: “You need to watch this guy [Cruz], because there are a lot of demagogues out there, but not that many who are that smart. He is really, really smart, and that makes him potentially dangerous.” — PBS’s Inside Washington, 2/22/13
Murdering ‘Fetuses’

Although Dr. Kermit Gosnell was found guilty of murdering three babies born alive during abortions by cutting their spinal cords with scissors, the pro-abortion *New York Times* repeatedly described the victims as “fetuses,” implying they were somehow less than human persons. On May 13, even after Gosnell was convicted, reporter Jon Hurdle first wrote there was debate over “whether the fetuses Dr. Gosnell was charged with killing were alive,” and then, “Gosnell was acquitted of one first-degree murder charge involving an aborted fetus.”

The NYT’s word-absurdity continued: “[S]ome of the fetuses appeared to move or make noises .... Gosnell kept the severed feet of aborted fetuses .... There was no evidence that any of the fetuses were born alive ... prosecutors’ arguments that one of the fetuses, Baby C, was alive.” The gruesome Gosnell case revealed how horrific abortion really is, and that evil reality is one the NYT continues to try to disguise.

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**Hitler Talk**

MSNBC’s Chris Matthews frequently compares conservatives with Nazis but if someone suggests a leftist is in any way authoritarian or totalitarian, he cries foul. In a segment on the 2013 NRA convention speeches on the May 8 *Hardball*, Matthews played clips of Sarah Palin and Glenn Beck and lectured, “First of all, it’s Hitlerian, generally speaking, demagoguery. It’s always about righteous indignation. All great demagogic speakers talk about how they’re coming to get us.”

But then Matthews flipped. He played a clip of Beck showing a satirical poster of Michael Bloomberg giving a Nazi salute. Bloomberg as Lenin. Mistaking this for a Nazi, instead of a Bolshevik, Matthews huffed, “I can’t overplay how far right this country’s gotten. ... You’ve got a Nazi salute there, the mayor of New York .... But this idea of making moderate politicians like Mike Bloomberg, who’s really a centrist, into some sort of — what? A Nazi?” Note to Matthews: read the transcripts of your shows.

**Minibits**

- *Salon’s* David Sirota reveals his sick wish, “Let’s hope the Boston Marathon Bomber is a white American.”
- *NPR’s* Dina Temple-Raston pre-judges the Boston terrorism: “April is a big month for anti-government and right-wing individuals. There’s the Columbine anniversary. There’s Hitler’s birthday. There’s the Oklahoma City bombing. There’s the assault on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco.”
- MSNBC’s Chris Matthews joins the left-wing chorus, “Normally, domestic terrorists, people, tend to be on the far right. I don’t think Tax Day means a whole lot to the Arab world, or Islamic world, or the — certainly not to al Qaeda.”
- Lefty radio host Bill Press yearns for sequester pain, “I hope it becomes un-freaking-bearable in every way, and then let them cry uncle.”
- CNN’s Jeffrey Toobin spins the non-coverage of the Gosnell abortion-murder trial: “The people making those criticisms by and large are conservatives, who are saying the liberal media is trying to protect abortion rights by not showing this horror show. I don’t buy that at all. I don’t think we’re covering this up.”
- MSNBC’s Chris Matthews also reveals his love for Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell, “I really do have a problem with Mitch McConnell. ... Because he tends to be an SOB generally. Does anybody like that guy?”
- PBS’s Tavis Smiley, whiny about the gun-control-bill loss, declares, “That makes me want to throw up, but I can’t do that on national television, so I’ll keep it in until I get off camera in three minutes.”
- *NYT’s* Thomas Friedman explains how to stop terrorism: “We need to redouble our efforts to make America stronger and healthier so it remains a vibrant counterexample to whatever bigoted ideology may have gripped these young men. And the best place to start is with a carbon tax.”
Remembering Howard Phillips

Howard (“Howie”) Phillips was unique. The year was 1987 and the Reagan administration had announced the INF Treaty to limit short-range nukes. Many conservatives were opposed. I elected to host a press conference to make that point publicly.

The night before, we met privately. As ringleader, I issued a directive: no attacks on Ronald Reagan. Our beef was with the treaty, not with the Gipper. My co-conspirators agreed, unanimously. But while we were meeting President Reagan was sitting down for an interview with Tom Brokaw and said about conservative opposition, “Some conservatives just believe in the inevitability of nuclear war.”

Bad choice of words. The next morning conservatives were furious, none more so than the late Senator Malcolm Wallop, who broadsided the president from the Senate floor. As we assembled for our press conference I withdrew my edict. Anyone who felt the need to respond to Reagan, had the right to do so. It was decided that three of us would speak on behalf of everyone.

Now here’s a little bit of inside baseball about press conferences. It matters not a whit what you say. Reporters cover events, but transcribe only soundbites. For speakers vying for coverage, the rule is pretty solid as well: He with the best one-liner wins.

I led off, and my statement contained that sentence which I delivered with brio and knew was sure to stick. Very satisfied, I sat down, but not before introducing Richard Viguerie, the patriarch of the “New Right” re-birth of the conservative movement. He didn’t have a statement, just a little card containing one sentence. His attention-grabber line was twice as good as mine, which he delivered with double the brio. Advantage: Viguerie.

We turned the podium over to Howie Phillips. Within a minute he’d delivered his soundbite. Viguerie and I, seated at the head table on either side of the lectern, leaned our chairs back, looked at each other, and silently nodded. We knew Phillips had scored the knockout. “Reagan is a useful idiot.”

All hell broke loose. All day we were peppered with questions from the press after being denounced by the White House. That evening, Viguerie and I were guests on CNN and anchorman Bernie Shaw eviscerated us. That was it. We asked Phillips to join us for breakfast the following morning.

Serious and worried, we told our friend it was time for serious damage control. The options:

One, apologize. Whatever your intent, this is perceived as a personal insult and no one, most especially Ronald Reagan, should be insulted by us.

Two, clarify. We know what you meant. Len called Soviet sympathizers overseas “useful idiots.” What you meant was that Reagan unwittingly is doing the bidding of the Soviets now. Call it a bad choice of words. Re-phrase your point.

We should have known better. Phillips met our worried disposition with a beaming, crooked smile and twinkling eyes. “Or three, stand by my words!” he said before erupting in laughter.

It doesn’t matter what you think of his answer (obviously I didn’t agree). It was a quintessential Howie Phillips moment: Confident, cocky, care-free.

It is a sad commentary on conservatives’ sense of their own history that many may not know the name Howard Phillips. He, along with Viguerie, Terry Dolan (another name unknown to most in the movement), Paul Weyrich and Ed Feulner, was the founder of the New Right juggernaut that delivered Reagan. As a political force, they created the conservative movement that exists today.

The goal of the New Right wasn’t merely to fight the establishment. It was to create a conservative counter-establishment. As opposed to today’s movement, they didn’t play defense, fidgeting and dithering about Sen. Harry Reid, tax increases, and Iran. They relished offense and weren’t satisfied until Sen. George McGovern was again a private citizen, taxes were slashed, and the Soviet Union destroyed.

They were happy warriors. As opposed to so many of today’s conservatives, worried that American exceptionalism cannot be redeemed, and so depressed by the prospect, those conservatives saw unlimited possibilities. Whittaker Chambers famously had told Phillips’ generation that in abandoning communism, he was leaving the winning side for the losing cause. Some conservatives accepted that depressing outlook as inevitable. The New Right rejected that thinking entirely — and did so with gusto, what good men do when they are committed to principle and unafraid.

Most amazing, this merry band of brothers was just that — a band. By today’s standards, the New Right was never really a movement. It was a dozen or so leaders, with a dozen or so organizations, with maybe two dozen dollars to spend. What should have been a blip became a seismic explosion. They were revolutionaries, the political arm of the movement that ushered in the Reagan era.

Most conservatives wouldn’t be here but for men like Howard Phillips. They are his legacy. RIP.
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MRC Trustee, Patriot’s Fund, and Legacy Society Member Stuart Gorin of Viera, Florida, was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, where he began a career in journalism as a teen-age cub reporter with the Dundalk Community Press. He graduated from the University of Missouri; served in the U.S. Army as an information specialist with the Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group in Thailand; and spent several years working as a reporter for English language newspapers in Thailand and Germany, and United Press International in North Carolina.

He then spent more than 30 years with the U.S. Information Agency in Washington, D.C., and tells us that he was one of the very few conservative writers on the staff. While there, he covered presidential and congressional election campaigns to explain our democratic process to foreign audiences. He said, “Of course, while there I covered both Republican and Democrat candidates and campaigns. Unlike what you see in the news media today, I presented all sides fairly.”

Stuart’s time as a journalist allowed him to view the liberal media’s bias from the inside: “I saw then, and continue to see now, that the media was and is nothing like I’d grown up expecting to see.” To help counter that liberal bias, in retirement he writes a monthly political newsletter for Conservative Republicans called The Space Coast Tusk, which is emailed to around 1,000 people across the country.

Stuart and his wife Barbara have been supporting the MRC since 2004. “After I retired, I learned about the MRC, and thought, these guys have it right. This is how journalism should be,” he said.

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James Nolan
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