Liberal Media Censor Truth About Benghazi to Protect Obama and Clinton

The liberal media routinely spin, slant, distort, and sometimes outright lie about the news to further their agenda. This is deplorable when it involves major issues such as jobs, taxes, or the fight over so-called global warming, but it is disgusting when it concerns Americans who have been killed by terrorists.

In Benghazi, Libya on Sept. 11, 2012, the U.S. compound was attacked by Islamist terrorists and four brave Americans were murdered. To this day — one year and nine months later — the killers have not been brought to justice, witnesses aren’t allowed to testify, and Congress, trying to find out what happened, has had to repeatedly subpoena the State Department just to get e-mails sent after the attack.

The liberal media spin is that it’s all about “politics,” and even when damning facts surface proving the White House lied, the media censor the truth. They spin it into the ground and bury it, or they don’t mention it at all.

At the Media Research Center, we are documenting, exposing, and neutralizing that bias and using all means available to us to demand the media tell the truth about Benghazi. You can support us in this effort by signing our online petition (mrc.org/action) to ABC, CBS, and NBC to report the facts about the attack.

Despite the e-mail bombshell, the hearing, and the special committee, all ABC’s Robin Roberts asked of the former Secretary of State was this: “Benghazi, the new investigation. Are you satisfied with the answers and are you content with what you know [about] what happened?” Hillary’s response, “Absolutely...” Then Roberts went on to questions about running for president.

You can help by spreading the word about the MRC to your family and friends and asking them to visit our website (www.mrc.org), our Facebook page, or give us a call (571-267-3500) for more information about how they can fight the liberal media.

Now, let’s look at some of the latest distortions concerning Benghazi.

In April, a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit forced the State Department to release e-mails it had with-held from Congress about Benghazi. The new documents were a bombshell, particularly a Sept. 14, 2012 e-mail from Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes that showed the White House had concocted the ludicrous talking point that an anti-Muslim video had sparked the Sept. 11 attack.

The blame-the-video storyline was referenced 5 times in the e-mail, which was written to prep then-U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice for the Sunday talk shows, for her “to underscore that these protests are rooted in an Internet video, and not a broader failure of policy.”

When pressed at an Apr. 30 briefing by ABC’s Jonathan Karl (kudos to him) about why the administration had

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Just One Example of How Far They’ll Go

As part of the leftist media’s ongoing drive to protect the Obama administration from scrutiny over the Benghazi terrorist attack, which killed 4 Americans, including our ambassador, Daily Beast writer Eleanor Clift absurdly claimed on the May 11 McLaughlin Group that the ambassador wasn’t, in fact, murdered. In full White House spin control mode, Clift seriously said, “I would like to point out that Ambassador [Chris] Stevens was not murdered. He died of smoke-inhalation in the safe room in that CIA installation.”

Clift further fantasized that “every media organization has investigated this to death.” Author Pat Buchanan snapped, “It was a terrorist attack, Eleanor! He was murdered in a terrorist attack!” Clift, in full, liberal denial, replied, “It was an opportunistic terrorist attack that grew out of that video.” Adding insult to injury, Clift thundered that as far as Benghazi goes, “we should put David Petraeus on trial, not Hillary Clinton.”

held the e-mail, concealing it from Congress until the lawsuit hit, Press Secretary Jay Carney fantastically claimed the e-mail was not about Benghazi!

His explanation was surreal. Carney actually argued that the e-mail written to prepare Ambassador Rice to answer questions — in place of Secretary Hillary Clinton — about the Benghazi attack on the Sunday news shows was somehow really about North African protests overall. Despite Karl’s hard-hitting questions, ABC’s World News buried the story 10 minutes into its broadcast. As Fox’s Bill O'Reilly commented, “ABC should have led with it.” The NBC Nightly News offered a news brief that glossed over key details. The CBS Evening News reported nothing of the exchange.

The next day, May 1, the House Oversight Committee held a hearing on Benghazi. Air Force Gen. Robert Lovell testified that the military “should have done more” to respond to the Benghazi attack, stressing, “we should have tried.”

CBS and NBC completely ignored the hearing. ABC’s World News gave it 46 seconds of coverage and didn’t include Lovell’s quote about “should have tried.” MSNBC’s Chris Matthews lectured that it was “a little ridiculous” to suggest the military could come to the assistance of our ambassador in Benghazi, Chris Stevens, when the attack occurred.

“How would the president even know he [Stevens] was going on that trip out there to Benghazi?” wondered Matthews, apparently unaware of modern telecommunications.

On May 5, the ABC, CBS, and NBC morning shows gave a combined 12 minutes, 24 seconds of coverage to the White House Correspondents Dinner, which had taken place on Saturday, May 3. But only CBS This Morning reported that House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) had announced on Friday, May 2, that a special committee to investigate Benghazi was being set up.

Later in the week, May 8, when the House voted to establish the committee, ABC’s World News didn’t report it — nothing! — and the NBC Nightly News gave it 27 seconds. The CBS Evening News mentioned it but highlighted Democratic talking points about the committee being “partisan.” That same day, on ABC’s Good Morning America, Robin Roberts interviewed Hillary Clinton.

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Clinton, no surprise, said, “Absolutely.” Roberts then moved on to talk about Clinton potentially running for president in 2016.

ABC’s liberal bias was echoed by the PBS News Hour, where Mark Shields whined about the special committee, “it’s going to be a disaster. It will be a disaster. It won’t be good for the country.” I’m sure Ambassador Stevens’ family doesn’t view it that way, and neither do the families of Sean Smith, Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods. But the liberal media are willing to go that far now, if not further.

We are holding them accountable through our News Analysis Division, NewsBusters blog, Business & Media Institute, and our own news services CNSNews.com and MRCTV. The American people deserve the truth. We’ll deliver it. Stay tuned.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
MRC Files Lawsuit Against Obamacare Contraceptive Mandate

“The Media Research Center filed a lawsuit in federal court on April 11 challenging the Obamacare contraception mandate for employers, arguing that the mandate violates the Judeo-Christian religious beliefs of the MRC and asking the court to declare the MRC an “eligible organization,” which would exempt it from the unjust rule and protect it from crushing fines of $12,500 per day or $4.6 million a year.

“By challenging this mandate, we join the growing chorus of organizations which are resisting this unjust and pernicious law,” said MRC President and Founder Brent Bozell. “Now is the time for all of us to stand up and be counted. The mandate is not merely another onerous regulation or tax burden. It’s an attack on the Constitution, civil society, and the principles of freedom, which both cultural conservatives and libertarians must unite to defeat.”

L. Brent Bozell III

The Health and Human Services-issued mandate says employers must provide health insurance coverage for contraception, sterilization procedures, and abortion-causing drugs such as Plan B, which can prevent a human embryo from implanting on the uterine wall — an abortion.

“I, along with the vast majority of MRC employees believe abortion, whether through the actions of an abortionist or a drug, is the taking of innocent human life,” said Bozell. “As the founder and president of the MRC, neither I nor the MRC’s employees should be forced by the government to provide, pay for, or subsidize drugs that cause abortion.”

“We don’t stop being religious or moral people when we leave our house of worship,” he said. “We have the right in our free country to practice and live by faith.”

Under the Obamacare law, the Affordable Care Act, churches and “official” religious groups do not have to obey the contraception mandate, and neither do “eligible organizations” that pass a self-certification process. To self-certify, which the MRC has done and is asking the Court to confirm, it has to 1) oppose the contraception mandate on religious grounds; 2) operate as a non-profit; 3) hold itself out as a religious organization; and 4) self-certify by meeting those first three conditions.

In the lawsuit, Media Research Center v. Sebelius et al, the MRC documents that for three decades it has been the nation’s premier defender of pro-life views and Judeo-Christian values from attacks in the liberal media. In addition, the MRC leadership and the overwhelming majority of its employees oppose the mandate on religious, moral and ethical grounds.

Although the MRC has self-certified as an “eligible organization” and therefore exempt from the contraception mandate, if the Court says the MRC is wrong, it will face fines of $12,500 a day, starting from May 1 of this year. A hearing on the case is scheduled for June 6 in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.
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The Watchdog

Bits & Pieces

ABC, CBS, and NBC hyped a global warming study but buried the study’s own forecast that a 4-foot rise in sea level might occur — maybe! — 200 years from now.

Sea Rise – in 2214

ABC, CBS, and NBC hyped a new NASA study about Antarctic ice melting, frantically warning about a 10-foot rise in sea level, but burying the fact that the potential scenario could produce a 3-foot rise sometime after 2100 - 90 years from now — and a 4-foot rise not until after 2214 — 200 hundred years from now. Those are projections. Nonetheless, CBS’s Elaine Quijano warned on May 12, “A 10-foot-rise in sea level would submerge tunnels and subways here in Manhattan and parts of Queens and Brooklyn,” and “it would also put the entire city of Miami Beach and much of South Florida underwater.”

NBC’s Brian Williams panicked that “scientists say further degradation is almost certainly unstoppable.” CBS’s Scott Pelley hyped that “a large part of Antarctica is melting and cannot be stopped.” Deep in the CBS report, Quijano finally disclosed, “sea levels could rise by four feet, but not before 2214.”

Lois Who?

Although the House voted 231-178 — with six Democrats joining with Republicans — to hold former IRS official Lois “I plead the Fifth” Lerner in contempt of Congress in the IRS-Tea Party scandal investigation, the network news shows gave the issue a mere 15 seconds of coverage on May 7. That was it, a quarter of a minute. For contrast, ABC, CBS, and NBC hyped the White House report on global warming for a total of 27 minutes, 37 seconds over a one-day period May 6-7. That’s 110-times the coverage given to Lerner.

Revealing more liberal media bias, the 15 seconds given to the IRS contempt vote was only mentioned on one network show, ABC’s Good Morning America.

In addition to the global warming propaganda, ABC gave a singing nun 1 minute, 19 seconds of coverage; NBC on tattoos 4 minutes, 30 seconds; and Michael Douglas’ marriage woes got 1 minute, 45 seconds on CBS.

No Gay Kiss? You’re KKK!

If you oppose homosexuality, then you’re a racist hater just like the KKK — that’s the line being pushed by the liberal media. When the openly gay NFL draftee Michael Sam was finally picked by the St. Louis Rams, he kissed his boyfriend on national TV, a scene that disgusted many viewers (especially those with kids) and sparked some angry tweets by NFL players.

But CNN’s Carol Costello re-set the talking points on May 12 by interviewing ESPN’s L.Z. Granderson, who lectured that we needed to “look at the heroes who have worked tirelessly throughout the decades — being brave enough to come out. ... Yes, some of the objection is part of the storyline, but we didn’t celebrate the KKK during, you know, the March on Washington. We focused on the achievement of the March. We should be embracing this moment, as well, in the same manner.”

Got it? Anti-gay = KKK.

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ESPN’s L.Z. Granderson spins that criticism over gay football player Michael Sam’s nationally televised kiss with his boyfriend is equal to focusing on the KKK’s criticism of the March on Washington.
Shh! VA Scandal

More than 63 veterans have died because of delayed care at VA hospitals and even bacteria-ridden water at one facility, but the liberal media are nearly silent on the scandal. In addition, the American Legion is calling on VA Secretary Eric Shinseki to be removed but ABC, CBS, and NBC are eerily quiet. The facts have been trickling out in local media and on cable news for several months. ABC’s Good Morning America, however, gave the story only 29 seconds of coverage on May 6, with reporter Amy Robach cheering that President Obama is “standing by his secretary of Veterans Affairs.”

That same GMA, on the same day, gave 4 minutes and 40 seconds of airtime to a story about the 14-year-old TV show Beverly Hills 90210. CBS This Morning gave the VA scandal 18 seconds of coverage, also on May 6. That same show, however, gave 30 seconds to a story about a costume ball. Sixty-three veterans are dead. Where is the network news?

Leanling Left

Confirming what we already know, a new survey of 1,080 journalists shows that 28% self-identified as Democrats and only 7% called themselves Republicans, a 4-to-1 disparity. What’s worse is that compared to the same survey in 2002, the GOP-identified reporters are down from 18%, a loss of 11 points, while the Democrat-identified scribblers were down only 7 points from 36%. Some 50.2% said they were “political independents.”

The survey was conducted by the Indiana University School of Journalism, which has conducted the poll since the early 1970s. The journalists surveyed included 358 from daily newspapers, 238 from weekly newspapers, 132 from TV stations and networks, 97 from radio stations, 92 at online news outlets, 103 at wire services and 60 from news magazines. In the general population, 30% of people identify as Democrats and 24% as Republicans.

Minibits

■ ABC’s Cecilia Vega cheers that with Chelsea Clinton pregnant, “The next generation of the Clinton dynasty is on the way,” and an ABC This Week teaser asks, “Has a Clinton dynasty begun?” ■ Meanwhile, the NYT’s Jennifer Steinhauer proclaims, “Few doubt that Hillary Rodham Clinton’s nomination for president would be good for women.” ■ MSNBC’s Chris Hayes, apparently unaware the 16th Amendment, the income tax, wasn’t adopted until 1913, lectures that, “Without the IRS, or something like it, we wouldn’t have a government. In fact, it’s the cornerstone upon which the entire edifice of the federal government is built.” ■ CBS’s Bob Schieffer seriously asks, “Are Republicans against equal pay for women?” ■ MSNBC’s Chris Matthews rails, “We have seen the birthers and the 9/11 truthers. Remember them? Now meet the health care truthers, those creatures of the far right who say the Obama administration is cooking the enrollment numbers on the Affordable Care Act.” ■ NBC’s Brian Williams, apparently sober, warns about global warming, “Unless the world changes course quickly and dramatically, the fundamental systems that support human civilization are at risk.” ■ On the same front, Gawker’s Adam Weinstein hysterically rants, “We have laws on the books to punish anyone whose lies contribute to people’s deaths. It’s time to punish the climate-change liars. Denialists should face jail. They should face fines. Those malcontents must be punished and stopped.” ■ Finally, an actual headline on CNN, “BREAKING NEWS: Titanic sunk 102 years ago tonight.”
CBS’s Late Show host and consistently whiny liberal David Letterman recently announced he will retire from the show in 2015. Another left-winger, Stephen Colbert, is set to replace him. Throughout the 2000’s and especially in recent years, Letterman’s jabs at conservatives became increasingly shrill and bitter; at the same time, his ratings slipped in comparison with Tonight Show competitor Jay Leno.

Letterman smeared Michelle Bachmann as a “whacko,” derided Sarah Palin as “slutty,” called Mitt Romney a “felon,” and mocked Dick Cheney’s heart disease. For Obama, however, Letterman was all praise.

Below are just a few of the most outrageous, left-wing outbursts made by Letterman in recent years, compiled by MRC Deputy Research Director Geoff Dickens.

Letterman interviewing former White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan: “Is Cheney a goon? I don’t mean that to be like a smart ass, but he seems like he might be a goon. ... My feeling about Cheney — and also Bush, but especially Cheney — is that he just couldn’t care less about Americans. And the same is true of George Bush. And all they really want to do is somehow kiss up to the oil people. ... Is there any humanity in either of these guys?” – 6/11/08

Letterman: “You people are very lucky here tonight. Because we have, in addition to a wonderful program we have the smartest person on television - Rachael Maddow. Knows everything! ... You’re the smartest person in the world. Ladies and gentlemen, here she is. Rachel Maddow! She’ll be hosting the coverage of both conventions on MSNBC! – 8/22/12

Letterman: “Hypothetically speaking, at the end of the day has your husband ever come home and said to you ‘Oh that John Boehner! What an idiot!’”

Michelle Obama: “It has, it has never happened. Never, never. He is always upbeat, particularly about Congress.”

Letterman: “Yeah well it’s, how can you not be upbeat?” – 3/19/12

Letterman: “This is fascinating. Remember Dick Cheney? Former Vice President Dick ‘Boom-Boom’ Cheney.”

Paul Shaffer: “That’s the guy.”

Letterman: “Had a lot of trouble with his heart. The guy had four or five heart attacks. And had many, many procedures. Had a heart transplant. And now he’s written a book and he claims to be a changed man. And he relishes every day. He was on the weekend show with George Stephanopoulos...”

Clip of Dick Cheney:

“I wake up every morning, literally, with a smile on my face. Grateful for another day I thought I never thought I’d see. And...[Sound of flatline beep plays]...and the other thing that comes through loud and clear after you’ve been through something like that.”

Letterman: “Well that was, that was some high drama. Wow!” — 10/29/13

Letterman to President Obama: “I can’t tell you how satisfying it is to watch you work.” – 9/21/09

Letterman: “And Michele O’Bachmann’s got that haircut. Have you seen that haircut on the woman? It’s all the rage. Oh man, if you want to get one of those Michele O’Bachmann haircuts, go into the nearest beauty salon and ask for the whacko. That will get you where you want to be.” – 8/31/11

Letterman: “One awkward moment for Sarah Palin at the Yankee game, during the seventh inning, her daughter was knocked-up by Alex Rodriguez. Wow! Baffles the mind, doesn’t it? ... [Palin also] bought makeup from Bloomingdale’s to update her ‘slutty flight attendant’ look.” – 6/8/09
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:** News Today, May 14
- **C-SPAN:** Washington Journal, Apr. 27
- **CNN:** Reliable Sources, Apr. 27
- **FBN:** Lou Dobbs Tonight, May 7
- **FNC:** Fox & Friends, May 2
  - Hannity, Apr. 23, 28, May 6, 8
  - The Five, May 13
  - The Kelly File, Apr. 30, May 8, 9, 14, 16
  - Your World With Neil Cavuto, Apr. 24, May 2
- **MSNBC:** The Cycle, May 6
- **One America News Network:** Daily Ledger, May 1, 5, 12
- **RT:** Big Picture With Thom Hartmann, May 15
- **Internet & Twitter**
  - MRC in the News
  - One News Now, May 14
  - CNSNews.com
  - Newsbusters.org
  - Culture & Media Institute
  - Business and Media Institute

**Print**

- American Spectator, May 1, 8
- Investor’s Business Daily, May 5
- Park City Daily News, May 12
- SoCo Magazine, May 8
- The Gazette, May 4
- Townhall.com, May 8, 9
- Washington Post, May 6, 9, 16
- Washington Times, Apr. 30, May 9
- **Print**
- **Media Jumps to Defend Hillary After Questions Raised About Her Health**
  - MRC’s Tim Graham appeared on Fox’s The Kelly File on May 14 to discuss the media’s rush to defend Hillary Clinton following Karl Rove’s questioning of her health.

**Radio**

- American Family Radio, Apr. 29, 30, May 7
- Battlenite with Alan Nathan, May 2, 16
- Bob Dutko Show, May 15
- Cable Radio Network, May 12, 13, 20
- Dennis Miller Show, May 5
- Faith Radio, Apr. 29
- Herman Cain Show, Apr. 25, May 8, 13
- Imus in the Morning, May 15
- Janet Mefford Show, May 14
- Lars Larson Show, May 9
- Michigan Morning News, May 8
- NPR, Apr. 26
- NRA News, May 12
- Phil Valentine Show, May 2, 9
- Rush Limbaugh Show, May 15
- Washington Times Radio, Apr. 30, May 7, 14
- World Radio, May 15
- CFAX, Victoria, BC, Apr. 25
- KCBR, Colorado Springs, CO, May 2, 7, 9, 13, 14
- KFAB, Omaha, NE, May 15
- KFYI, Phoenix, AZ, May 15
- KDIO, Boise, ID, May 9
- KNTH, Houston, TX, May 6, 8, 13
- KPRZ, San Diego, CA, Apr. 30, May 7, 14
- WBAL, Baltimore, MD, May 12
- WENY, Corning, NY, May 7, 14
- WFLA, Tampa Bay, FL, May 2, 6
- WIBA, Madison, WI, May 1, 13, 16
- WIBC, Indianapolis, IN, Apr. 28, May 5, 12
- WKBN, Youngstown, OH, May 9
- WNNR, Augusta, GA, Apr. 21, May 7, 12
- WROK, Aurora, IL, Apr. 28, May 5, 12
- WTKF, Morehead City, NC, May 9, 16

- **Print**
- **Internet & Twitter**
- **American Thinker**, Apr. 23, 27
- Biz Pac Review, May 5
- Breitbart.com, May 7
- Canada Free Press, Apr. 23
- Catholic News Agency, May 15
- Daily Beast, May 5
- Daily Caller, Apr. 22, 29
- DailyMail.com, May 14
- Drudge Report, May 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 21
- El Diario, May 5
- Enews.co.uk, May 7
- Examiner.com, Apr. 28, May 4
- Fox 411, May 7
- Fox Nation, May 8
- FoxBusiness.com, May 14
- FoxNews.com, May 1, 7
- Georgetown Dish, Apr. 28
- Gospel Herald, May 15
- Hot Air, May 6
- HumenEvents.com, May 13
- KWN.com, Apr. 30
- Legal Insurrection, Apr. 26
- Mediate.com, May 6
- Mother Jones, Apr. 28
- Newsmax.com, Apr. 29, May 1, 8, 13
- OneNewsNow, May 14
- PJ Media, Apr. 25, 26, May 2
- Radio Ink, Apr. 25
- Real Clear Politics, May 10
- The Blaze, Apr. 25, May 1, 2, 12
- Townhall.com, May 2, 13
- Twitchy, May 1
- United Liberty, Apr. 22
- Vermont Watchdog, May 6
- Washington Examiner, May 5, 7
- Washington Free Beacon, May 13
- Wzbang, May 14
- WND, May 6
- World magazine, May 15
- Yahoo! News, May 5
- @CF indifference, May 5
- @heritage, May 7
- @robertbluey, May 7
- @mattklevins, May 7

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- **Internet & Twitter**
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I really don’t remember how, or when, I first learned about the MRC, but over several years, I would support them because I was impressed with their work. When I received a letter asking if I would consider making an automatic monthly gift, I was proud to do so, and I have been a monthly donor since 2010.

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