The City of Baltimore is still smoldering from the horrific violence perpetrated by rioters following the death in late April, while in police custody, of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old black man with a long criminal history.

The riots caused 113 police officers to be injured; 2 people shot; 1 person critically burned; 250 people arrested; and at least 285 businesses destroyed.

But while Americans watched the perpetrators riot and attack police on live television day after day, the liberal media focused not on the actual criminals committing the violence and breaking the law.

Instead, they spun the story as one of “systemic failure,” “state violence,” and “economic injustice” — “people in pain” who were “striking out” against “oppression,” as the MRC documented and exposed.

The whole notion of individual responsibility was thrown out the window by the liberal media. In their mind, society is always to blame, especially when the lawbreakers involved are largely minority, as is the case in Baltimore.

Further, because it’s society’s fault, according to the liberal media, the solution is — you guessed it — more spending, more social programs, more “infrastructure.” A trillion here, a trillion there, and soon we’ll have peace on earth.

The liberal media’s narrative on the Baltimore riots was exposed through the MRC’s various divisions, including the NewsBusters blog, MRCTV, on Facebook and Twitter, and through interviews of our experts on talk radio and cable television. Let’s look at some of that liberal media bias.

There were relatively peaceful protests in Baltimore until Freddie Gray died on April 19, following which the protests turned very violent. In short order, MSNBC’s Chris Matthews chimed in, blaming the riots in part on “right-to-work states.” As he told former Maryland Rep. Kweisi Mfume, “I wish the jobs hadn’t first gone south, congressman, because that’s where they went first. And they went to the right-to-work states ... where the unions didn’t have any power.”

Matthews also pinned the blame on long commutes: “You get into Baltimore, you can’t find a job with a short commute. And that’s, to me, the problem that’s behind all this.”

CNN contributor Marc Lamont Hill blamed racism and the police, the latter which he called an “occupying
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He prattled on that these “uprisings” were in reaction to “the state violence that’s been waged against black female and male bodies forever,” and cheerfully added, “I think we should be strategic in how we riot.” (That actually happened: A CNN contributor advised people on how they should break the law.)

In another segment, Comrade Hill railed it was necessary to assert “righteous rage, righteous indignation in the face of state violence and extrajudicial killing.”

Making the liberal point unquestionably clear, Hill thundered on CNN Tonight, “Freddie Gray is dead. That’s why the city is burning. It’s not burning because of these protestors. The city is burning because the police killed Freddie Gray and that’s a distinction we have to make.”

The case is under investigation, no court has proven that “the police killed Freddie Gray,” but basic facts don’t matter to the left-wing media. And for Hill, the buildings apparently immolated themselves.

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The “police violence against [the] black community” was “far more shameful.”

But the liberal message that police en masse are deliberately targeting the “black community” is a myth. Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke, a Democrat, told Fox News that police attacking black males and the black community in general was a “false narrative.”

But “one of the reasons that this thing thrives is because of the liberal mainstream media,” he said. “They have abandoned their responsibility under the 1st Amendment to be neutral and to get to the facts, and they have become the mouthpiece, they have become the propaganda wing of leftist policy and leftist ideology.”

Indeed they have, which is why the work of the MRC is so vital. The liberal media have an agenda and they fuel racial and civil discord and they censor the truth. The MRC, America’s media watchdog, is the only organization battling the leftist media every day.

You can help us in this good fight by making a donation to the MRC. Contact us today. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
The liberal media always attack conservatives, with a light hand or a heavy hand depending on the circumstances, because the goal is to advance a left-wing agenda: to keep America marching down the road to socialism. As last month’s MRC Watchdog documented, Ted Cruz and Rand Paul have been maligned by the liberal media since they were elected to the Senate back in 2010 and dramatically more so now that they are running for the 2016 presidential nomination.

Dr. Ben Carson, Gov. Mike Huckabee, and Sen. Marco Rubio are also under the gun. In three separate reports, the MRC chose some of the worst examples of liberal media bias targeting these three men, showing how low the leftist press will go to smear leaders on the right.

What follows are a few selections from those reports, which can be viewed in full at www.mrc.org.

“Just when you thought the Republican Party’s open antagonism toward women and their reproductive organs couldn’t get any more hostile, hours ago, talk show host, former governor, and failed presidential candidate Mike Huckabee took it upon himself to ‘mansplain’ to the women of America how one party wants to tame their wild libidos.”
— MSNBC’s Alex Wagner on Huckabee’s remarks that women are smart enough to meet their own birth control needs without federal intervention, 1/23/14

“I want Mike Huckabee to wake up tomorrow having suddenly grown a vagina. Then I want to deny his vagina proper medical care and birth control while making crazy statements about his libido. And see how he likes it.”
— ABC’s Scandal producer Shonda Rhimes, 1/23/14

“You know, I don’t know whether that’s right from a Cambodian re-education camp or it’s Chairman Mao’s Little Red Book. What propaganda!”
— MSNBC’s Chris Matthews on Huckabee’s cartoon project about Ronald Reagan, 5/12/11

“Now the wacks are still — you got Huckabee still running. If Huckabee runs, he’s a lunatic.”
— MSNBC’s Chris Matthews, 2/23/11

“The interesting thing about Dr. Carson’s nearly 30-minute speech was that he barely mentioned religion. Except for the opening texts and a confused reference to Jesus at the end, his speech was completely political at an event that has always been strictly bipartisan. The idea is to bring people together, not to push them apart.”
— Washington Post’s Sally Quinn on Carson’s National Prayer Breakfast speech, 2/7/13

“Dr. Ben Carson is the director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins and the first doctor to separate conjoined twins at the head. And he believes the earth is 6,000 years old, and that homosexuality is akin to bestiality, and that the Bible calls for a flat tax. He’s half-brilliant brain surgeon, half-Tea Party dumbass. He doesn’t just operate on conjoined twins, he is one. He’s also someone who many Republicans are encouraging to run for president in 2016, and why not? There’s no more attractive figure in the Republican Party these days than an anti-intellectual with an advanced degree.”
— HBO’s Bill Maher, 7/19/13

“Look at what the chairman of the Democratic convention, the mayor of Los Angeles, Antonio Villaraigosa, said last night. He said you can’t just trot out a brown face or a Spanish surname and expect people to vote for your candidate. He was referring to you tomorrow night.”
— ABC’s George Stephanopoulos to Sen. Rubio, 8/29/12

“Florida Senator Marco Rubio got some good press this week for saving Nancy Reagan from a fall at a Reagan Library event. But when it comes to the rest of the American senior citizens, Rubio wants to leave them high and dry. ... [H]is policies are downright ugly.”
— MSNBC’s Ed Schultz, 8/25/11
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MSNBC’s Lawrence O’Donnell absurdly claims that the word “thug” is racist but doesn’t mention that he used the word at least three times to describe “bully-ish” behavior.

MSNBC’PC’ Thug

MSNBC’s self-described socialist Lawrence O’Donnell got up on his high horse May 5 to denounce the use of the word “thug” because it’s supposedly “racist,” but chose not to note the many times he has used the word on-air. After showing numerous CNN and Fox News clips with the word “thug,” O’Donnell lectured that “the first word of choice for a virulent racist to use on your show … would be thug.” But the “good news,” he smirked, “is we can just drop it, just like that.”

O’Donnell, despite smearing his cable news competition, didn’t mention that on MSNBC he had described Scott Brown’s senatorial campaign “as worthy of the thugs in my Boston neighborhood.” He also didn’t note his comment about a “thug e-mail” involving Chris Christie. Lastly, he was silent about his claim that “any thug can get his hands on a hoodie.”

Climate War

Popular liberal media contributor on all things global warming, Bill Nye the Science Guy told HuffPost Live on May 7 that fighting climate change was like World War II. It’s “certainly the most serious problem facing humankind right now,” he lectured, declaring that he wants to “create the next Great Generation” to battle carbon footprints — you know, just like fighting the Nazis.

“And so I want the people coming of age now, the president’s kids and stuff, to work together to address climate change,” he said unchallenged on the show. “I think they can, I’m sure they can do it.” Grasping further, Nye said “we’re going to need some regulation to get people on board, and just like they had during World War II,” with “rationing tires,” “collecting bones to get the calcium” and “victory gardens.” The clear message is that climate skeptics are the enemy and we need to indoctrinate youth to fight them.

Christian Jihadists?

While discussing the two Islamist shooters in Texas killed by police when they tried to terrorize a “Draw Muhammed” cartoon contest, CNN’s left-wing analyst Marc Lamont Hill thumped on May 8 that there are Christian terrorists too. “Some of them are Christians, some of them are Christian!” he railed. He went on to claim, citing no evidence, that Christians are engaged in ideological violence all over Africa, Europe, and South America, absurdly declaring, “So, let’s not suggest that this is an Islamic issue.”

Several days before that exchange, Hill was on CNN and laughed at the idea that Islam was “more violent” and “more prone to terrorism than other religions.” This is the same left-wing CNN analyst who charged that the police officers in Baltimore were engaging in “terrorism” by trying to stop rioters and that the crimes actually weren’t riots but were “uprisings.”

Clearly, Lamont Hill is perfect for CNN.

Global warming alarmist Bill Nye lectures that fighting climate change is like fighting WWII and we need to “create the next Great Generation” by indoctrinating youth to battle carbon emissions.
Flexible Conservatives

Daily Beast writer Michael Tomasky contends that if conservative Christians want to win people over to their cause, they need to compromise, i.e., give up their cause. Militant gays bent tactics over the years and pushed a “we’re just like you” message, snaps Tomasky. But the “religious right can’t change,” he lectures. “When you believe the Big Guy Himself handed you down your positions, you’re not going to alter them or indeed even the way you talk about them.”

Tomasky adds, “What is the religious right’s version of ‘we’re just like you’? I don’t think there is one. Because they are not like the rest of us, at least when it comes to politics. And those among this larger ‘we’ who are religious think religion demands chiefly that we behave compassionately toward the less fortunate, not that we refuse to bake cakes for matrimonially minded lesbians.”

Alas, conservatives may just have to stick to their principles and defend the truth. How positively … conservative.

CBS Buries Own Poll

While CBS News touted its own poll on the 2016 presidential race, it didn’t talk about a particularly important finding from the survey showing that 51% of Americans think business owners “should be allowed to refuse services to same-sex couples if same-sex marriage violates their religious beliefs.” In addition, 52% of Independents agreed with that view as did 69% of Republicans. But CBS censored that fact.

Instead, on May 5 the CBS Evening News and CBS This Morning hyped the findings of the poll concerning President Obama’s approval ratings versus those of Congress. CBSNews.com, like its broadcast counterparts, buried the gay marriage question and findings deep in an article on its website. No doubt, CBS wants certain truths to stay in the editorial closet.

Minibits

In all seriousness, Time’s Laurene Powell Jobs declares that Hillary Clinton is “not radical, but revolutionary … one of America’s greatest modern creations.” ■ Dismissing Peter Schweizer’s fact-based Clinton Cash book, NBC’s Andrea Mitchell lectures, “truth be told … there are a lot of holes,” and her colleague Savannah Guthrie parrots, “critics say … this is a right-wing hit job.” ■ As for 2016, CNN’s LZ Granderson warns “the Republican field still looks like an intolerant field” playing the “politics of discrimination and exclusion.” ■ Using the same brush, NYT’s Jonathan Martin smears that the GOP is driven by “white resentment politics.” ■ CNN’s Brianna Keilar breathlessly reports that Hillary ordered “a chicken burrito bowl with black beans and guacamole and an iced tea,” which means, “she’s just like us. She eats at Chipotle.” ■ Bloomberg’s Mark Halperin informs us, “We’ve never seen her get a burrito before.” (Yes, he said that.) ■ MSNBC’s Mika Brzezinski lets her liberalism flow, “Hillary Clinton and Marco Rubio. There is no comparison. Maybe this is my ideology, but I’m sorry – that’s a little boy, and that’s an experienced, accomplished woman.” ■ The Washington Post’s Elahe Izadi explains that Kansas’ new rule against welfare money being used for “nail salons, cruise ships, that sort of thing, [makes] a lot of people feel like this law is mean-spirited.”

This is what makes Hillary Clinton just like a an average American.
‘Hate Group’ Blamed for ISIS Attack in Texas

Liberals claim to be the world’s boldest defenders of freedom of expression, which is, of course, nonsense. Here’s another canard: Liberals also claim to be the most offended against anyone “blaming the victim.” What liberals possess is an ideological system which identifies favored groups as victims, and supports squelching the free speech of anyone challenging them.

One of those favored groups are Muslims. Over the weekend, the American Freedom Defense Initiative (AFDI) held the Muhammad cartoon contest in Dallas, obviously a provocative event. But it wasn’t meant to result in two Islamic extremists showing up with assault rifles, and shot to death by police after they opened fire.

Two men identifying as ISIS have now attacked America – in our homeland. So how did the press respond? Liberal journalists deplored AFDI’s exercise of free speech and blamed the targeted victims for the attack.

Within hours, ABC described AFDI as “notorious for its anti-Islamic views.” The shooters were not “notorious,” the shooting targets were. On the Monday evening news, all three “objective” networks were repeating a leftist group’s highly emotional “hate group” designation.

“It happened at a Dallas suburb where a group [that has been] labeled an anti-Islamic hate group was holding a Prophet Mohammad cartoon contest,” announced NBC anchor Lester Holt.

Washington Post national reporter Lindsey Bever wrote a highly negative article labeling AFDI leader Pamela Geller as an “incendiary organizer” of a Muhammad cartoon contest. The Post, too, went to that same highly emotional leftist source for a smear. Geller was labeled the “anti-Muslim movement’s most visible and flamboyant figurehead.” In addition, “She’s relentlessly shrill and coarse in her broad-brush denunciations of Islam and makes preposterous claims.”

On MSNBC, Chris Matthews blamed AFDI for “causing” or “provoking” the shooting. NBC terrorism analyst Evan Kohlmann even claimed they were not holding a free-speech event: “These people are not standing by that principle, they’re standing by the principle of hatred for other people. That’s their guiding light. That’s what they do. They are intentionally trying to provoke a response from the Muslim community.”

This spin is obnoxious and offensive. By this standard, MSNBC spends most of its waking hours operating on the “principle of hatred of other people,” people who define themselves as conservatives.

Activists like Geller and her partner Robert Spencer are making a provocative point about how free speech is being uniquely curtailed out of sensitivity to Muslims, who apparently “earn” this sensitivity by being violent or making threats of violence. Liberals and their media outlets have no such sensitivity toward Christians or Jews.

Freedom of speech, not religious sensitivity, was the mantra for the media when the National Endowment for the Arts subsidized the maker of “Piss Christ” in the 1990s, as it was when museums hosted Chris Ofili’s dung-spattered “art” work on the Virgin Mary, as it was when the National Portrait Gallery promoted a video of a crucifix with ants crawling over the body of Christ.

But freedom of speech for criticizing Islam? There’s apparently no room for that in America. They won’t even show the cartoon.

And who was their source, anyway? The Southern Poverty Law Center – yes, that group that has also labeled the Family Research Center a “hate” group for supporting traditional marriage, leading to an assassin using their “hate map” to go to FRC’s building and open fire, seriously wounding a security guard, with the intent to kill as many staff as possible, before being subdued.

The leftist media know that. And still use SPLC as their source.
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