The liberal media don’t like to talk about it, especially going into a presidential election, but the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq is winning, and particularly so since “The Surge” strategy kicked into high gear in May 2007.

That success, instead, is attacked daily by the dominant liberal media, as the Media Research Center (MRC) documents and exposes. The liberal media push a message of defeat and despair, and one that blames the Republican Party in particular and conservative ideas in general for everything wrong in the world.

Ignoring 9/11, the attack on the USS Cole and the 1993 bombing at the World Trade Center, for instance, some in the liberal media now declare that the U.S. presence in Iraq is the cause of terrorism!

But even worse than the liberal “news” media are Hollywood and “entertainment” television. They are pushing an even more radical anti-American message to millions of viewers every day. These attacks are also documented and exposed by the MRC, and they reveal what a constant, uphill struggle it is to combat the liberal media writ large.

Following are some of the MRC’s selected examples of radical liberalism unleashed by the “entertainment” world.

TV talk icon and leftist agitator Rosie O’Donnell calls U.S. government “terrorists” and labels President Bush a “war criminal.”

“I just want to say something: 655,000 Iraqi civilians are dead. Who are the terrorists? ...If you were in Iraq, and the other country, the United States, the richest in the world, invaded your country and killed 655,000 of your citizens, what would you call us?” — Rosie O’Donnell, ABC’s The View, May 17, 2007

“This President invaded a sovereign nation in defiance of the UN. He is basically a war criminal. Honestly. He should be tried at The Hague.” — Rosie O’Donnell, Fox’s At Large with Geraldo Rivera, Apr. 30, 2005

“If you can read, you can walk into a job later on. If you don’t, then you’ve got the Army, Iraq, I don’t know, something like that. It’s not as bright.” — Novelist Stephen King, Apr. 4, 2008

“This is a big heist, this is a big heist. The right wing is in power, the bankers are screwing everyone — the oil companies, Halliburton — this is no f---ing mystery. ... It started with Reagan crushing the poor, crushing the unions ....” — Actor Richard Belzer, HBO’s Real Time with Bill Maher, Jan. 25, 2008

“I wondered to myself during ‘Shock and Awe,’ I wondered which of the megaton bombs Jesus, our president’s personal savior, would have personally dropped on the sleeping families of Baghdad?” — Actress Meryl Streep, Boston Globe, July 9, 2004

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“Now we’ve got a new bunch of Hitlers.”

“I’m just saying if he [Vice President Dick Cheney] did die, other people, more people would live. That’s a fact.”

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It’s time “to embrace the difficult and perhaps embarrassing process of impeachment.” — Actor Richard Dreyfuss, National Press Club, Feb. 16, 2006

“I’m just saying if he [Vice President Dick Cheney] did die, other people, more people would live. That’s a fact.” — Bill Maher, HBO, Mar. 2, 2007

“I don’t know what it’s going to take for people to really wake up and understand that they [the Bush administration] are liars and they are murderers.” — Joy Behar, ABC’s The View, Feb. 28, 2007

“Cheney is a terrorist. He terrorizes our enemies abroad and innocent citizens here at home indiscriminately.” — Alec Baldwin, HuffingtonPost.com, Feb. 17, 2006

“No wonder Bush is intimidated. … His hands are covered in the blood of Cindy Sheehan’s son. They are dripping with the blood of all who have died there.” — Actress Christine Lahti, HuffingtonPost.com, Aug. 11, 2005

“The leadership class of the Republican Party is a conservative Christian loony bin …. The leadership of the Republican Party are a bunch of sociopathic maniacs who have their lips super-glued to the ass of the conservative right.” — Alec Baldwin, HBO’s Real Time with Bill Maher, Apr. 1, 2005

“What it looks like is going to happen is that [Lewis] Libby and Karl Rove are going to be executed. … I don’t know how I feel about it because I’m basically against the death penalty, but they are going to be executed.” — Al Franken, CBS’s Late Show with David Letterman, Oct. 21, 2005

“The president is a moron! I’m saying it. I don’t care. He’s an idiot. Cheney is evil. I’m sick of it, impeach them, get them out! I hate them! I hate them. Get them out.” — Kathy Griffin, Comedy Central’s Weekends at the DL, Sept. 10, 2005

“All their reasons for waging war on Iraq have been proven to be manipulation of facts, untruths, and lies, lies and more lies.” — Jessica Lange, C-SPAN, Sept. 24, 2005

President Bush “is a rube. He is a dolt. He is a yokel on the world stage. He is a Gilligan who cannot find his ass with two hands. He is a vain half-wit who interrupts one incoherent sentence with another incoherent sentence.” — Bill Maher, NBC’s Tonight Show, Feb. 20, 2007

“No, you can’t make this stuff up. That’s Hollywood. That’s television. That’s liberal entertainers echoing what they’re fed by their friends in the liberal media. They go hand in hand, and they reach tens of millions of Americans every day with their liberal bilge.

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Sincerely,

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L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
MRC and Iwo Jima Veterans Call On *TIME* Magazine To Apologize for Insulting America’s Heroes

The MRC, in coordination with its grassroots supporters and individuals and groups representing more than 1,000 veterans, is demanding that *TIME* magazine and its air-headed managing editor, Richard Stengel, apologize for grossly insulting the soldiers who fought heroically on Iwo Jima island during World War II.

Just about everyone is familiar with the famous photograph of U.S. Marines raising the American flag atop Mount Suribachi, victorious after the battle of Iwo Jima. In addition to the photograph there is an Iwo Jima memorial that depicts the hallowed flag raising.

But instead of honoring the American men who fought and died on Iwo Jima, *TIME* and Stengel, going into the month for Memorial Day, chose to doctor the famous image. In this case, *TIME* went with a green-enviro cover that depicted the Marines planting a tree on Mount Suribachi. The cover headline read, “How to Win the War On Global Warming,” suggesting — as only a liberal dolt would — that the “war” to defeat climate change is somehow on a par with the worldwide struggle in the mid-20th century to defeat fascism and militarism.

When pressed for an explanation for his insulting cover, *TIME*’s Stengel muttered that it was just another “point of view.” After weeks of phone calls and protests by MRC supporters and thousands of other Americans outraged by the cover, MRC President Brent Bozell issued a press release and sent a letter to Stengel — signed by 20 surviving veterans of Iwo Jima and another 44 soldiers, many veterans of Korea and Vietnam — demanding an apology.

“Co-opting the hallowed image of the United States Marine Corps War Memorial was horrendous enough,” the May 21 letter to Stengel reads. “To barely acknowledge and, in fact, dismiss the outrage of the Marines who served there — and that of all those who served and are serving in all branches of the military — is worse still.

“The Iwo Jima Memorial is a sacred part of our national story. It is a transcendental image that represents the love, honor and respect the American people have for those who gave so much to defend us, those who wrote vital chapters in blood and sweat to ensure our American tale could continue being told.

“...Our intent with this letter is to elicit what nothing thus far has succeeded in securing — a full and complete apology from you and your publication to the men who served at Iwo Jima, and in defense of our nation then and now.”

*TIME* has not apologized — yet. But the folks there now know that millions of conservatives across America, not to mention more than 1,000 U.S. veterans, are fully aware of the magazine’s ideological theatrics, cheapening of America’s heroes and struggles, and just downright disrespect for the soldiers who fought — and who died — in defense of freedom. Honorable people and an honorable nation do not belittle the men and women who make the ultimate sacrifice to secure their liberty — *TIME* magazine, sadly, has clearly lost its moral and historical bearing.


To read the list of Veterans who signed President Bozell’s letter, please visit: [www.mediaresearch.org/press/2008/press20080521-signatories.asp](http://www.mediaresearch.org/press/2008/press20080521-signatories.asp)
Thank Iran?

Despite the phenomenal success of the U.S. military surge in Iraq over the last year — crushing insurgency violence, reducing U.S. casualties, and restoring order in many regions in Iraq — it isn’t enough for Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. In fact, she told an editorial board of The San Francisco Chronicle on May 29 that “the surge didn’t accomplish its goal. And some of the success of the surge is the goodwill of the Iranians — they decided in Basra when the fighting would end, they negotiated that cessation of hostilities — the Iranians.”

Yes, thank the Iranians for negotiating peace in Iraq (!), said Pelosi, third in line for the presidency. Not surprisingly, the Chronicle did not print that segment of its audiotaped interview with Pelosi, and it was not reported by NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN, MS-NBC or The New York Times. Pelosi slandered America’s heroic troops in Iraq and the liberal media didn’t say a word. How very predictable.

Goodbye USA!

Successful actress and liberal activist Susan Sarandon, who has made millions in the U.S. movie and TV industries, nonetheless vowed on May 24 that if Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) is elected president, she’s moving abroad. “If McCain gets in, it’s going to be very, very dangerous,” Sarandon told The Telegraph. “It’s a critical time, but I have faith in the American people. If they prove me wrong, I’ll be checking out a move to Italy. Maybe Canada, I don’t know. We’re at an abyss.”

However, as Fox’s Brett Baier reported on May 31, Hollywood types who threaten to leave the country because of politics, don’t often keep their promises. “Numerous stars vowed to pack up if George W. Bush won the 2000 election, including Barbara Streisand, Martin Sheen, Alec Baldwin and even Sarandon’s longtime boyfriend Tim Robbins,” but “all still currently reside here in the U.S.” said Baier.

No Ribs!?

In catching up with ABC’s coverage of how high gas prices had forced one person to skip breakfast and another to “no longer take joy rides on my day off,” the NBC Nightly News on May 27 reported on e-mails received from people about how gas prices were affecting their Memorial Day. Anchor Brian Williams detailed the misery with a note from California: “Instead of our usual ribs, we are having burgers. As bleak as it sounds, next year we may have a cup of soup.” And from Sacramento: “We usually do rib eye steaks and racks of ribs with lots of sides. ... This year it will be homemade hamburgers with french fries and soda instead of beer.”

And, finally, “Miguel from Miami: ‘Our three girls are asking their boyfriends to come to the house to pick them up instead of using their cars to go on a date.’” ... The horror, the horror.

McClellan’s Helper

It should come as no surprise to learn that the publisher of former White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan’s kiss and tell book — What Happened: Inside the Bush White House and Washington’s Culture of Deception — is very liberal and affiliated with the leftist The Nation magazine. The publishing house, Public Affairs, was founded by liberal Peter Osnos, and has produced such titles as The Prosecution of George W. Bush for Murder, as well as six books by leftist billionaire George Soros.

Osnos has revealed that he worked “very closely” with McClellan and editor Lisa Kaufmann to get McClellan’s book out. In columns he writes for...
the leftist Century Foundation, Osnos has denounced Rush Limbaugh as “bombastic, aggressive, and mean,” and bemoaned how William F. Buckley Jr. left behind “a right-wing culture that tends to be as coarse and leaden as his demeanor could be buoyant.”

Demented Media

One day before his medical records were released, ABC’s World News with Charles Gibson speculated on May 22 that 71-year-old GOP presidential candidate John McCain may be psychologically unfit to hold office for too long. Gibson, who is 65, relied on 72-year-old Dr. Tim Johnson, ABC’s media editor, to suggest McCain might develop “dementia.” When Johnson commented that McCain’s Vietnam war imprisonment had caused no serious psychological or physical damage, Gibson pounced: “But he’s 71 years old. What do the actuarial tables say about a man who’s 71 years old?” Johnson explained that they say McCain should live to 87, but added, “At age 71, there’s about a 30 percent chance of developing serious memory loss or even dementia.” To Johnson’s credit, he noted that “experts point out that with aging maybe some skills such as judgment get better.” Maybe Gibson’s news judgment will improve when he’s 71.

Mrs. Stepford McCain

CNN is so liberally biased it stooped to comparing Cindy McCain, wife of likely GOP Presidential nominee John McCain, as a “Stepford Wife,” i.e., a beautiful, trophy-like wife who obeys her husband’s every command and doesn’t think for herself. On the May 21 Situation Room, reporter Carol Costello described the “Cindy McCain we see” as “low key ... taking the traditional role of standing by her husband’s side at events.” Costello then quipped: “A role critics say makes Mrs. McCain look like ... well, Glenn Close in the movie The Stepford Wives.”

In contrast, Costello went on to speak glowingly of Barack Obama’s wife, Michelle Obama. In reference to her appearance in Vogue magazine, Costello said, “Michelle Obama chose a traditional black dress with pearl earrings for her Vogue spread. As The Washington Post described it, it was if Michelle Obama was saying ‘I am not some scary other — I am Camelot with a tan.”

Minibits

■ Concerning Scott McClellan’s back-stabbing book about the White House, CNN’s Wolf Blitzer asks McClellan: “I guess the question is, is the President — this is a blunt question — in your opinion, a serial liar?” ■ AP’s Charles Babington confesses, “There’s ample evidence that Obama is something special, a man who makes difficult tasks look easy, who seems to touch millions of diverse people with a message of hope that somehow doesn’t sound Pollyannaish.” ■ PBS’s Bill Moyers hits Rev. Jeremiah Wright with another hardball question: “Did you ever imagine that you would come to personify the black anger that so many whites fear?” ■ The Politico admits what we all know: “Many journalists are not merely observers but participants in the Obama phenomenon.” ■ CNN’s Kyra Phillips lectures Rudy Giuliani about international terrorism: “But the Iraq war is not about protecting us from terrorism. No, no, no, I’m not voicing my opinion. I’m voicing what’s out there. I’m voicing the realities.” ■ Meanwhile, CNN’s T.J. Holmes worries much over “King” Kennedy: “Senator Ted Kennedy, the liberal lion of the U.S. Senate, the last name synonymous with political royalty, really, in this country.” ■ MSNBC’s Keith Olbermann being, well, himself: “Mr. Bush, at long last, has it not dawned on you that the America you have now created, includes ‘cold-blooded killers who will kill people to achieve their political objectives?” ■ Actress Jessica Lange lets it rip in speaking to Sarah Lawrence College graduates: “We are living in an America that in the last seven and a half years has waged an unnecessary war, established prison camps, condoned torture, employed corporate armies, eliminated the right of habeas corpus, practiced extraordinary rendition, and believe me, this is only a partial list.” ■ Finally, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez agrees with Bill O’Reilly about liberal media coverage hurting the war effort: “To a large extent, you’re absolutely right, that because that is reflected in some of the questioning and some, obviously, in the press reports that occurred...I believe that, in fact, we create the strategic defeat for America to a large extent by the way that we cover it in the press.”
Barack Potatoo Obama?

Imagine that John McCain named a young running mate to campaign with him, and this national rookie suggested America had 58 states, repeatedly used the wrong names for the cities he was visiting, and honored a Memorial Day crowd by acknowledging the “fallen heroes” who were present, somehow alive and standing in the audience. How long would it take for the national media to see another Dan Quayle caricature?

Let’s raise the stakes. What if it was the GOP presidential candidate making these thoroughly ridiculous comments? This scenario is very real, except it isn’t McCain. It’s the other fellow.

ABC reporter Jake Tapper follows politicians around for a living. On his blog, he suggested Barack Obama has a problem: “The man has been a one-man gaffe machine.”

Just in the last few days, in Sunrise, Florida, Obama said, “How’s it going, Sunshine?” He did the same thing in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, calling it “Sioux City.”

Some of his geographic struggles seem calculated. When asked why Hillary Clinton trounced him in Kentucky, Obama claimed “I’m not very well known in that part of the country...Sen. Clinton, I think, is much better known, coming from a nearby state of Arkansas. So it’s not surprising that she would have an advantage in some of those states in the middle.”

But Obama’s home state of Illinois is more than “near” Kentucky - it borders Kentucky.

In Oregon, there was a doozy. Obama said of his long campaign, “I’ve been in fifty-seven states, I think, one left to go.” No one in the press made much of this. As former ABC political reporter Marc Ambinder, now with the Atlantic Monthly magazine, admitted: “But if John McCain did this – if he mistakenly said he’d visited 57 states – the media would be all up in his grill, accusing him of a senior moment.” If you doubt him, remember how most media outlets noted, then underlined McCain’s error about al-Qaeda being trained and funded by Iran.

In New Mexico, Obama suggested he was like a young Haley Joel Osment in The Sixth Sense, with the ability to see dead people: “On this Memorial Day, as our nation honors its unbroken line of fallen heroes — and I see many of them in the audience here today — our sense of patriotism is particularly strong.”

Fallen heroes in the audience? Is this Barack Potatoo Obama? This is precisely the kind of misstatement that Dan Quayle-bashers would run ad infinitum.

But there have also been gaffes on more serious matters. ABC found that campaigning in Rush Limbaugh’s hometown of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Obama argued that our military’s Arabic translators in Iraq are needed in Afghanistan: “We only have a certain number of them and if they are all in Iraq, then its harder for us to use them in Afghanistan,” he claimed. But Afghans don’t speak Arabic; they speak several other languages. That’s a lot like McCain’s gaffe — except for the degree of media attention, which in the Democrat’s case was virtually nonexistent.

McCain also would have enjoyed more media focus on Obama’s completely muddled analysis of South America last week. He told the Orlando Sentinel on Thursday that he would meet with Chavez to discuss “the fermentation of anti-American sentiment in Latin America, his support of FARC in Colombia and other issues he would want to talk about.” But on Friday in Miami, he insisted any country supporting the Marxist guerillas of FARC should suffer “regional isolation.” This left Obama advisers scrambling to suggest that these two opposing statements can somehow be put together, that he can meet Chavez and isolate him at the same time.

Sometimes, Obama invents Bosnia-sniper-style whoppers about his personal history. In Selma, Alabama, Obama claimed that the spirit of hope derived from the civil rights protests in Selma in 1965 inspired his birth — when he was born in 1961. He also has inaccurately claimed that the Kennedys funded his Kenyan father’s trip to America in 1959.

While he was making boo-boos in New Mexico on Memorial Day, Obama also (according to CBS reporter/blogger Maria Gavrilovic) talked about post-traumatic stress disorder by claiming he had an uncle “who was part of the American brigade that helped to liberate Auschwitz,” and then came home and spent six months in an attic. Gavrilovic didn’t note that the prisoners at Auschwitz were liberated by the Red Army. Obama earlier made the claim on his campaign site that his grandfather knew American troops who liberated Auschwitz and Treblinka (also liberated by the Red Army).

Everyone should grant these candidates a little room for error in the long slog of presidential campaigning. But what about some balance? The same national media that turned Dan Quayle’s name into an instant joke are now working overtime to present Obama as Captain Competent.
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- The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer: May 8, 22, 29, June 6, 7, 8, 9

**FNC:**
- Fox: Election HQ, May 20
- Fox & Friends, May 9, 27
- Special Report with Brit Hume, May 8, 16

**Fox Business Network:** May 21

**Sinclair Broadcasting:** May 21

**Radio**

- American Family News, May 20
- American Family Radio, May 21, 22
- Flipside Show, May 5, 19
- Faith 2 Action, May 6
- Cable Radio Network, May 23
- Colorado Radio Network, May 13
- Voice of America, May 13
- NRA News, May 9
- WOR, New York, NY, May 20
- WIBC, Indianapolis, IN, May 8, 22
- WIBA, Madison, WI, May 21
- 1700 San Diego, CA, May 7, 21
- KKTX, Corpus Christi, TX, May 5, 7, 19
- KKKK, Longmont, CO, May 19, 20
- KXYL, Brownwood, TX, May 23
- WPHT, Philadelphia, PA, May 26
- WBT, Charlotte, NC, May 11, 25
- KZIM, Cape Girardeau, MO, May 27
- KVOI, Tucson, AZ, June 8
- KPSZ, Des Moines, IA, May 16
- KBAR, Burley, ID, May 21
- KFAQ, Tulsa, OK, May 23

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