I truly believe left-wing billionaire George Soros despises American exceptionalism and our beliefs in limited government, free markets and individual liberty. In 2006 he said, “the main obstacle to a stable and just world order is the United States.” In 2004, he spent $27 million trying to defeat George W. Bush. In recent years he has spent at least $48 million to fund 180 liberal media outlets. Soros is the premier sugar daddy of a savvy, left-wing media army that is marching across the Internet and resupplying allies such as NPR.

Soros denies that he runs a liberal media empire but it exists, and an upcoming MRC Special Report — George Soros, Media Mogul: Lefty Businessman Spends Millions Funding Journalism — documents that empire’s devastating influence.

Written by Dan Gainor, the Boone Pickens Fellow and MRC vice president for Business and Culture, the report details Soros’s funding of myriad liberal media organizations in the United States; the support these groups get from top journalists and outlets such as ABC, CBS, and The New York Times; and the nationwide echo chamber they create by perpetually cranking out “news” that attacks business, the military, the family, tradition — all things conservative.

The goal of Soros’s media leviathan is to smother the conservative message and hide the truth from the American people.

Let’s look at some of Dan’s major findings.

Soros, a Hungarian-American, made his $14.5 billion fortune in hedge funds; Forbes ranks him the 46th richest man in the world. Since 1979 he has given away more than $8 billion. A large chunk of that money went to foundations he started, which in turn made donations to liberal media outlets.

Some of the leftist — and radical left-wing — news groups benefiting from Soros’s largesse include NPR, Democracy Now! radio, the Columbia Journalism Review, ProPublica, the Center for Public Integrity, Media Matters, Center for Investigative Reporting, Brave New Films, and the Think Progress blog at the Center for American Progress, which is run by former Bill Clinton chief of staff, John Podesta.

The list goes on. In addition, some of the more prominent Soros-backed media groups include advisory boards populated by well-known liberal journalists. So much for news “impartiality!”

The MRC report shows that all these liberal media groups reach more than 330 million people worldwide. That’s greater than the entire population of the United States!

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Soros can do that. It’s the perfect journalism fantasy: a huge budget, lots of major media partners, and a leftist agenda unconstrained by advertising.

NPR, so far, has received $1.8 million from Soros. Its local member stations have received $3.4 million. The Columbia School of Journalism got $600,000.

The Center for Public Integrity — it likes to attack Big Coal, Big Oil, and conservatives like Gov. Haley Barbour — received $651,650 in 2009 from Soros’ Open Society Institute. Two of the heavy hitters on the Center’s board of directors are Arianna Huffington and ABC’s Christiane Amanpour. Yes, the “news” anchor on ABC.

The Center for Investigative Reporting received close to $1 million. It runs stories on global warming, illegal immigration, and the evils of Big Business. It also counts among its media partners the Washington Post, CNN and ABC News.

The Center’s board includes Len Downie, the former executive editor of the Washington Post, as well as CBS News Producer George Osterkamp. The group’s advisory board includes Bill Moyers and Seymour Hersh and former 60 Minutes host Mike Wallace. Talk about a stacked deck!

And they said there was a right-wing conspiracy?

Another group that gets Soros funding is Project Syndicate, a source for left-wing commentary. At least 462 newspapers in 150 countries subscribe to the syndicate and reach 72.8 million people every month. Some of its writers include Jimmy Carter and Mikhail Gorbachev. That seems balanced: left-wing and Marxist.

The Center for American Progress, or CAP, received $7.3 million in Soros funding. Beyond its “think tank” operation, the CAP runs the influential blog Think Progress. This simple “blog” operates with 30 writers and researchers, all pushing a left-wing message.

One of Think Progress’ ongoing missions is to attack Fox News. In the first 6 months of 2010, it slammed Fox in 30 different stories. The left-wing AlterNet site attacked Fox in 18 stories over that same period. In addition, the Soros-backed Color of Change successfully bullied advertisers, such as Best Buy, Wal-Mart, and RadioShack, to pull their ads from the Glenn Beck Show on Fox.

Brave New Films, funded with Soros money, produced the anti-Fox movie, OUTFOXED: Rupert Murdoch’s War on Journalism.

As the MRC Special Report documents, George Soros is Hell-bent on reshaping the entire media landscape to promote his brand of liberalism, which mirrors European socialism, and which also reflects the worldview of the Obama administration and congressional liberals.

He is succeeding on many fronts. Soros-funded “news” outlets are up and running across the country and across the Web. And they are guided, editorially, by many of the leading liberal reporters in America.

We are battling that multi-billion dollar media beast every day through our own Web sites, blogs, reports and news service, and we have allies at Fox, on talk radio, and on the Internet. It is a massive campaign to expose and neutralize the ever-mushrooming liberal media as they are seeded by Soros and others like him.

It often seems overwhelming, but it is a war we can win. There is no substitute for victory.

But we must be realistic. It is going to take a herculean effort to stop this ferocious left-wing onslaught. It’s going to be our greatest challenge — ever.

If Soros succeeds, he successfully transforms the United States into a European socialist state.

We cannot allow this.

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President

Soros-funded liberal “news” organizations and projects are mushrooming across the Internet are are directed by “establishment” liberal journalists from such outlets as ABC, CBS, NBC, the Washington Post, and The New York Times.
MRC Challenges CNN: Zakaria Must Recuse Himself From Covering Foreign Policy

After CNN host and leading foreign policy reporter Fareed Zakaria stated that he was meeting privately with President Barack Obama to discuss foreign affairs, MRC President Brent Bozell publicly called upon Zakaria to recuse himself from covering foreign policy that affects America, a topic which he is supposed to report on objectively.

CNN’s Eliot Spitzer first raised the issue of the meetings in an interview with Zakaria on May 12. Zakaria confirmed it and then quickly claimed that he had participated in only “a couple of conversations with the president, off-the-record” and that Obama never asked him “for advice on a specific policy.” Apparently, off-the-record talks with the president about foreign policy do not constitute advising for Zakaria.

In a May 16 press release, Bozell said, “The President’s secret meetings with Zakaria — the same reporter who openly used a CNN network broadcast to promote Obama in 2008 — show a clear and disturbing double standard at CNN.”

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Bozell noted that the liberal media regularly condemned conservatives who communicated privately with Republican presidents, citing attacks against columnist George Will who gave Ronald Reagan advice in 1980. In addition, CNN’s Jack Cafferty slammed Fox News CEO Roger Ailes for sending a memo to President George W. Bush in 2001 following 9/11. Neither Will nor Ailes is a reporter. But Zakaria is a reporter, or at least he claims to be one.

Bozell continued: “To now claim that Zakaria’s covert meetings do not conflict with his journalistic integrity is not only inaccurate, it’s hypocritical by CNN’s standards. As such, Zakaria must recuse himself immediately from covering foreign policy that affects the United States. A refusal to extricate himself is in clear violation of CNN’s journalistic principles.”

CNN host Fareed Zakaria admitted he was meeting privately with President Barack Obama to discuss foreign affairs, prompting MRC President Brent Bozell to call upon CNN to recuse Zakaria from covering foreign policy that affects the U.S. Without recusal, Zakaria is in clear violation of CNN’s journalistic standards.

Back in October 2008 on his CNN show Fareed Zakaria: GPS, Zakaria told his viewers that Republican John McCain represented the past and Democrat Obama symbolized “the hope of the future,” adding that “America has always been a country that looks forward. So, I will be voting for Barack Obama on election day this year.”

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‘Dangerous’ Palin Bus

While MSNBC whined about the U.S. flag on Sarah Palin’s bus, CBS News lectured that by not giving the liberal media a schedule of her appearances nationwide, Palin was creating a “dangerous” traffic hazard. CBS producer Ryan Corsaro fretted, “I just hope to God that one of these young producers with a camera, whose bosses are making them follow Sarah Palin as a potential Republican candidate, don’t get in a car crash, because this is dangerous.”

CBS reporter Brian Montopoli also complained, “Palin’s team isn’t just ignoring the press; it’s actively trying to misdirect reporters. ... She appears to be trying to show that she doesn’t need mainstream media outlets (other than Fox News, where she remains a contributor) to connect with the American people. ... It feels like she’s baiting us and treating us like paparazzi and make the ‘lamestream media’ appear that way.” Uh, you betcha!

Bash-ing Palin

In one of his more obvious displays of sheer idiocy, MSNBC anchor Martin Bashir seriously argued on his May 31 show that in displaying the U.S. flag on her bus for her nationwide tour, former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin was probably “in breach of federal law” because the Flag Code has set rules. Bashir falsely claimed that Palin was using the flag for advertising and in supposed violation of the code. The code is voluntary and not a law. Bashir didn’t report that.

He instead prattled that Palin was using the flag “for her own financial purposes,” draping herself in Old Glory to make “millions of dollars.” It’s all about “filling her pockets,” he whined. “It’s a cash bus and she’ll keep rolling it for as long as she can.” No word yet from Bashir on Democrats displaying the flag at campaign rallies, or even on lapel pins.

‘Fairness Bias’?

NPR again revealed its left-wing bias by charging that conservatism doesn’t merit much coverage when it contradicts liberalism. On CNN’s May 31 In the Arena, NPR’s Brook Gladstone, in all seriousness, claimed: “I do not for a second advocate banning any voices from the air, but to give equal time to those who dispute say, global warming, merely muddies the water. The public is not served by hearing prolonged presentations of a nonsensical debate. Give them a voice, but not an equal voice. That’s the same as lying in order to appear fair.”

‘Slut’ What?

MSNBC host and talk radio jock Ed Schultz called conservative Laura Ingraham a “right wing slut” and “a talk slut” on-air and was suspended for a week, but neither ABC, CBS, nor NBC mentioned it on their May 25 evening news shows, and their morning news shows also skipped it on May 26. But back in 2007 when talk radio’s iconoclastic Don Imus referred to college basketball players as “hos” and was suspended on Apr. 10, the networks couldn’t cover it enough.

The evening news networks each offered two stories that same day on Imus. The next day, ABC’s Early Show and NBC’s Today each broadcast three stories. ABC’s Dan Harris derided Imus’s “racist, sexist comments,” and NBC’s Brian Williams called the words “hateful.” But not a peep of network coverage in 2011 when an MSNBC liberal calls a conservative a “right-wing slut.”
**Weiner: ‘Classy’**

Although the very married and very liberal Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-N.Y.) sent lewd photographs of himself to young women and, when caught, repeatedly lied about it to the nation for 10 days, Reuters’ Chrystia Freeland told MSNBC that his press-conference confession and apology “was a masterful performance.” Freeland began her bizarre analysis on the June 6 edition of the Dylan Ratigan Show by describing Eliot Spitzer — a Democrat who lost his New York governor’s seat when caught with high-priced whores — as “a really classy guy.”

Referencing Weiner’s confession, Freeland cheered that he “was very contrite” and stressed that not bringing his wife along to stand with him for the apology was a “classy touch.” Freeland added that “Client 9” Spitzer was also “classy” because when he got caught, “he admitted it and he resigned.” But the Reuters editor did not call for Weiner to do the classy thing and resign.

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**Don’t Say ‘Democrat’**

Here we go again with the disappearing “Democrat” label. Now that former Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards has been indicted by the Justice Department on felony counts related to his alleged spending of campaign money to cover-up an affair and love child, the networks aren’t labeling Edwards a “Democrat.” Instead, as ABC, CBS, and NBC reported on their May 25 morning news shows, Edwards is just a “former presidential candidate” — no party label attached.

Yet when Rep. Chris Lee (R-N.Y.) was caught in a Craigslist shirtless-photo scandal, the networks endlessly noted he was a Republican and a conservative. On Feb. 10, Today’s Kelly O’Donnell described Lee as “an up and coming conservative,” and reported, “This is the image, shirtless and flexing, that tanked the political career of Chris Lee, a conservative, Republican Congressman from Western New York.”

All the network morning news shows that day and the evening network news on Feb. 9 labeled Lee a Republican.
No One May Lecture Obama

When Barack Obama replaced George Bush, there was unbridled joy among the elites. The days of “cowboy diplomacy” were over! Finally, we had a president who was a careful multi-lateralist, who wouldn’t rudely impose his will, but would instead work with allies to build consensus.

But that’s not what Obama delivered with Israel last week, is it? Obama went to the State Department and insisted Israel needed to stop its “unsustainable” policy toward the Palestinians and “boldly” retreat behind pre-1967 borders. A stunned Benjamin Netanyahu responded as any ally would if so roundly betrayed. He publicly — correctly — denounced Obama’s policy prescription.

Jeffrey Goldberg of The Atlantic magazine (and website) posted an item on May 20 headlined: “Dear Mr. Netanyahu, Please Don’t Speak to My President That Way.” Netanyahu, he wrote, threw a “hissy fit.” That pretty much encapsulated the American media’s reaction. “Cowboy diplomacy” is just fine from time to time — if the man in the saddle is Obama.

On that night’s NBC Nightly News, reporter Andrea Mitchell was finding anonymous distaste for Netanyahu from other Israeli officials, never mind that his country was unquestionably applauding him: “I was told that even some Israeli officials, David, were uncomfortable with what they acknowledge was a lecturing tone by the prime minister. But he felt very strongly he had to say this to the world, to President Obama’s face.”

By the time Sunday’s Meet the Press rolled around, Mitchell heightened the attack on Netanyahu for daring to lecture the Almighty Barack. “Netanyahu seized on it. Even before he got on the plane, he criticized the President, and in such a fashion! He lectured him in the Oval Office. And if you look at that picture that you have up there right now, it was a stone-faced Barack Obama and Netanyahu basically treating him like a school boy.”

And then, some more anonymity: “People even who work for Netanyahu, some Israeli officials, told him later that he went too far. That it was, it was really rude and that there would be blowback to this.”

Mitchell’s NBC sure was less outraged when Venezuelan dictator Hugo Chavez came to the U.N. in 2006 and denounced President Bush as a devil. Kelly O’Donnell was downright blase: “Chavez repeatedly called the president ‘a devil,’ and labeled him a ‘Yankee terrorist.’ The administration quickly dismissed the swipe…. And some say that the Venezuelan president cannot be so easily ignored because he has so much oil.”

The next day, Matt Lauer turned to a set of VH-1 comedians. He played the Chavez devil clip, and said “That’s wacky.” Sherrod Small replied, “I ain’t laughed that much at a Latino guy on TV since I watched Telemundo. He’s got what it takes.” Jessica St. Clair added: “He’s saying what everybody wants to say, and so now we love him.”

Thanks, NBC, for always standing up for our president, regardless of party.

How about when that idiot Iraqi journalist threw a shoe at President Bush’s head in December of 2008, screaming “This is your goodbye present, you dog”? On NBC’s Today, reporter Richard Engel excused the shoe-tosser because he had relatives killed in Baghdad. Reporter Chuck Todd went further, virtually endorsing the Bush insult, saying that “in our last poll we had 80 percent said they wouldn’t miss him,” and “He’s already being sort of kicked out of office by the American people.”

The other networks were even worse. ABC’s World News put “Folk Hero?” on screen as anchor Elizabeth Vargas trumpeted how this “instant celebrity to many of his countrymen.” Then-employed and more perky CBS anchor Katie Couric hailed how “many Iraqis are calling him a hero.” Reporter Elizabeth Palmer snidely concluded the man “should do jail time, said the Iraqi bloggers, because he missed.”

Did anyone disagree with Obama’s position on Israel? Apparently not, if we are to trust the press. None of the network morning shows found critics of Obama’s remarks on Israel. CBS’s Early Show instead turned to former Clinton State Department spokesman Jamie Rubin.

Anchor Erica Hill suggested Netanyahu couldn’t “give an inch” politically to the president on Israeli security. Rubin replied: “This is unfortunate for everyone, I think. Because President Obama doesn’t have the huge popularity in Israel that, perhaps, President Bush had, it’s easier for Prime Minister Netanyahu to have a fight with him.”

CBS’s liberal guest insisted it was “unfortunate for everyone” that Obama wasn’t more popular in Israel, with the clear implication that he should be. Our media feel President Obama’s pain so intensely that they can’t bear the thought that someone would say an unkind word to him, especially with their cameras rolling. Their outrage at Netanyahu is only a small indicator of how much they’re going to hate Obama’s Republican opponents in the months to come.
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 Midday - June 2
C-SPAN: Airing of MRC’s Gala - Mar. 9
FBN: Lou Dobbs - May 12, 15, June 7
FNC: Fox & Friends - May 13, 15, 27, June 3
Hannity - May 12, 13, 26, June 2
NewsWatch - May 30
O’Reilly Factor - June 6
Special Report - May 25
MSNBC: The Ed Show - May 12

**Radio**

American Family Radio, May 11, 13
Cable Radio Network, May 16
Denise Miller Show, May 15
Glenn Beck Show, May 12
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Lars Larson show, May 11
Mark Levin Show, May 18
Neal Boortz Show, May 13
NRA News, June 2
Point of View, May 25
Radio News Network, May 16
Rush Limbaugh, June 7
Thom Hartmann Show, May 10, 31
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KPRZ, San Diego, CA, June 1
KZIM, Cape Girardeau, MO, May 26
WBAL, Baltimore, MD, May 13, 26, June 2
WCBS, Baltimore, MD, May 15
WCHS, Charleston, WV, June 3
WIBA, Madison, WI, May 26
WIBC, Indianapolis, IN, June 1
WMUZ, Detroit, MI, May 24
WQIC, Columbia, SC, May 18
WTIC, Farmington, CT, May 26
WTKF, Greenville, NC, June 3

**Internet**

American Journalism Review, May 31, June 1
AmericanSpectator blog, May 26
AmericanThinker, May 28
Asia Media Journal, May 17
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Business Insider, May 24
Canada Free Press, May 26
Gannett News Service, May 9

On Hannity and Fox & Friends, MRC President Brent Bozell analyzes the liberal media’s relentless attacks against conservative Sarah Palin.
Help Preserve America’s Greatness for Future Generations

“We made our first donation to the Media Research Center, a whopping $25, in 1996. Back then, there was only the News Analysis Division. There was no MRC website, no Cybercast News service, no Business & Media Institute, no Culture and Media Institute — just Brent Bozell, Brent Baker and some guys who must have enjoyed staying up all night watching TV news. And all they had to watch were the three networks and CNN.

We first donated because we were conservatives and we didn’t like what we heard and saw on the nightly news. We had heard Brent Bozell speak and were drawn to his passion and amazed by the depth of his knowledge. We were avid fans of Rush Limbaugh, and discovered that a lot of his information came from the MRC. That was enough of an endorsement for us.

We’ve been gratified to see the growth of the MRC over the years, and to meet so many of the fine people who help support the organization. We’ve been impressed by their determination to keep up with the changes in technology and communications outlets, and their ability to field new ventures in new outlets.

We are still supporters, and we have added a bequest to the MRC in our wills. This simple procedure gives the MRC and us both the security of knowing that they will be able to carry on the fight as the first wave of soldiers leaves the battlefield. This fight is not one that will be won soon or easily. Despite all the wonderful work the folks at MRC have already done, more unbalanced, unhinged newscasters seem to pop up every year. The bias leading to Obama’s election wasn’t even covert. On any given day, we expected to see Katie Couric in a cheerleader’s outfit with a big O on the front, doing a perky little cheer for her hero.

We love this country. We want to preserve its greatness for future generations. We know of no other organization that works harder, is more devoted, or that states the conservative point of view more eloquently than the MRC. Every year at the DisHonors Awards and the attendant Board of Trustees meeting, we are inspired once again to try to help Brent and the professional, dedicated team he has assembled to carry on the fight. This is an on-going struggle, and it is important to us that the ability to carry on the fight outlives us.

Please join us by including the MRC in your estate planning.

Jim and Melissa Emery — Savannah, Georgia

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