The IRS's targeting of Tea Party and other conservative groups for political harassment between 2010 and 2013 screams out for aggressive congressional hearings and, if warranted, a special prosecutor. It is a scandal that reveals how big government can truly bully Americans, silence political opponents, and subvert the Constitution. It is not a “kerfluffle,” as MSNBC’s Chris Matthews wants people to believe. If patriotic Americans cannot band together under the law to express their political views and seek redress from Congress — particularly during two election cycles! — then the Republic is in peril.

Yet the liberal news media are acting as if there’s really nothing to the scandal, that it was just some low-level employees in Cincinnati who were over-zealous, and now that the IRS has apologized(!), we can all go back to praising President Barack Obama and bashing conservatives who, after all — as CNN, MSNBC, the New York Times and NBC keep telling us — don’t want a black man to succeed in the White House.

When the IRS scandal first broke in early May, it was a bombshell, but as I predicted, the liberal media expressed outrage and then quickly moved on. We documented, exposed, and neutralized that media bias but more needs to be done.

Do you honestly think this story would be fading from the news if the IRS under President George W. Bush had targeted liberal groups and individuals, such as Planned Parenthood, Occupy Wall Street, or the NAACP for political harassment? No, it would be headline news 24 hours a day until every IRS official involved was fired and the president deposed under oath.

The liberals want to bury this story — as with the Benghazi scandal — because it strikes at the heart of the Obama administration. It potentially could topple the president, thus the fleeting coverage. Let’s look at some of the facts.

The IRS started targeting groups with the words “tea party” or “patriot” in their name and that were applying for 501c3 or 501c4 tax-exempt status on Mar. 1, 2010. That was about 9 months after Tea Party groups started to spontaneously arise across the country largely in opposition to the then-proposed Obamacare. On Mar. 23, 2010, the health care leviathan was signed into law. In the November 2010 elections, Republicans won a majority in the House.
Not long thereafter, Lois Lerner went before Congress and claimed that neither she nor the IRS did anything wrong, and she then immediately invoked the 5th Amendment against self-incrimination and refused to answer any questions.

The liberal media largely ignored that startling story. ABC’s Good Morning America gave it 16 seconds on May 24, while World News did not report it. Over at CNN, the Newsroom cherry-picked a poll and claimed that Americans were saying “to heck with the scandals.” CNN didn’t mention that the same poll showed 76% support for appointing a special prosecutor to investigate the IRS. (Shh!)

The NYT’s Nicholas Kristoff dismissed the IRS issue as “pretty minuscule” and yawned that “every second term has scandals.” CBS’s John Dickerson shrugged-off the entire topic as a “small fire” for the Obama administration. In addition, audio of an IRS official lecturing a pro-life group that it mustn’t express its “religion” or “beliefs” if it wanted to obtain tax-exempt status was totally ignored by ABC, CBS and NBC.

Two other major stories, both broken by our own CNSNews.com, showed that more than 1,000 IRS employees had misused government credit cards issued by Citibank, and that the IRS had ordered spy-equipment: cameras hidden in coffee trays and potted plants. That’s something you’d expect in East Germany, not America, yet the networks ignored the stories completely: zero coverage. (Fox News covered it, citing our material, as did Rush Limbaugh, Mark Levin and Sean Hannity.)

An MRC analysis of the network morning and evening news programs from May 10 through June 12 confirms what we said would happen with the IRS scandal: early outrage by the liberal media and then a steep drop-off in coverage. Sure enough, there were 127 network news stories during that timeframe: 52 in the first week; second week, 44; third week, 7; fourth week, 24; and in week five, 1 story.

The left-wing media essentially underwent a “lover’s spat” with the Obama administration over the IRS scandal and now they’ve kissed, made up, and are moving on. The liberal media now have gone virtually silent. They are censoring one of the most chilling political scandals in U.S. history from the American people.

We cannot allow the left-wing media to get away with this censorship. The IRS’s political intimidation and legal harassment of conservatives is a violation of the 1st Amendment and a cancer weakening the Republic. George Washington didn’t surrender, nor did Lincoln, and neither shall we.

You can help us fight back and defeat the liberal media. Please send a donation to the MRC today. Call 571-267-3500 and ask for Development. Thank you. Now, forward march!

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
New Book by MRC President Brent Bozell (and Tim Graham) Tells How the Liberal Media Conspired to Steal the 2012 Election

The left-wing national news media conspired to steal the presidential election in 2012 and they are gearing-up to do it again in 2016, but they can be stopped. A new book by MRC President L. Brent Bozell III and co-author Tim Graham details what happened last year and shows how conservatives can fight back.

In Collusion: How the Media Stole the 2012 Election and How to Stop Them From Doing it in 2016, Bozell documents how decades of liberal media bias came to fruition last year in a naked attempt to protect Barack Obama from his failures, trumpet his accomplishments, and discredit his GOP rivals.

Collusion shows how the left-wing media attacked Mitt Romney but repeatedly gave Barack Obama a pass on his socialist health care plan, the half-billion-dollar collapse of Solyndra and other crony-capitalist government boondoggles, the Fast and Furious scandal, and the traitorous failure to dig into the Administration’s cover-up of lies about the murder of our U.S. ambassador and three other brave Americans in Benghazi on the eve of the election.

The book is a game-changer. As Bozell and Graham write, “Conservatives must become far more educated about the left-wing media’s agenda so that the media never succeed in rigging an election again. Conservatives did not adequately understand their enemy last year — a fatal blunder in the art of war. Collusion will give you and every conservative who reads it, the opportunity to intimately study the liberal media as you prepare for battle.

“Taking back our country starts with taking on and neutralizing the liberal media. If conservatives ignore this menace and again stumble in the face of the media’s relentless campaign to destroy them, our country is lost. Yes, it’s that dire.”

You can order the new book at mediacollusion.com. All proceeds go to the Media Research Center.
Crack, OK — Homophobe, Bad

George Stroumboulopoulos, the host of a new political talk show on CNN, is so left-wing he thinks smoking crack is not as bad as making an anti-homosexual comment. Asked about Toronto Mayor Rob Ford’s use of crack cocaine and anti-gay remarks, the CNN host said on June 9, “Can somebody who’s an addict be fit to serve? Of course, of course because with proper help and growth, of course somebody who has an addiction can be fit to serve office. Can somebody who hurls homophobic slurs, are they fit to serve? No. That’s the more concerning part of it.”

As for NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s backing of “gay marriage,” Stroumboulopoulos cheered that the Democrat billionaire took “the right position,” adding, “I loved his impassioned plea saying Republicans should be, and conservatives should be in favor of marriage equality. I thought that was fantastic.” CNN: Certainly Not Neutral.

Bush: The Kidnapping, Rapist, Baby Killer

HBO’s Bill Maher crudely smeared President George W. Bush once again by mocking his mountain bike rides with wounded veterans and by equating his actions to those of the Cleveland man who kept women in his basement, impregnated them, and then killed their babies. On his May 31 Real Time show, Maher railed, “George Bush, over the Memorial Day weekend, held the Wounded Warrior 100K, which was a kind of a celebration for wounded warriors who came back from Iraq, and I guess they walked or ran or something on their prosthetic limbs.

“And I found this to be nauseating. I mean, first he sends them off to war to get their limbs blown off and then he has them over for a barbecue. This is like the Cleveland guy having a pizza party for those girls he had in his basement.” This is “funny” and “witty” coming from Bill Maher, the political latrine-mouth of cable television.
**Spinning Terrorism**

MSNBC’s left-wing Chris Hayes predictably ignored the Islamist terrorist murder of a British soldier in London until it sparked anti-Muslim reaction there. On his May 28 All In show, Hayes crowed that a bystander spoke with the terrorist, “She didn’t cower and she didn’t run and she didn’t even succumb to rage. She just looked terror in the eyes and essentially said, calmly: you will lose. That is how we should respond to terrorism.”

Hayes pushed his anti-terrorism prescription further, lecturing, “Psychologists have found that when people feel safe and secure, they become more liberal. When they feel threatened, they become more conservative. We know from our own recent experience, 9/11 massively empowered America’s right wing. I should note that state-sanctioned violence of war in response to terror has the same effect.”

Is it any wonder that MSNBC’s primetime ratings are down 20% since last year?

**Sleazy Matthews**

Because conservative Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.) dared — dared! — to criticize President Barack Obama and call him — yikes! — a “radical,” MSNBC’s Chris Matthews drew his rhetorical knives and smeared him as some sort of kook. On his June 12 Hardball, Matthews railed against Cruz, “This guy goes pretty far. I think he fits in the tradition of Father Coughlin and [Joe] McCarthy and, of course, maybe to a lesser extent, Pat Buchanan and, of course, [Bill] O’Reilly.

“These guys are hard right-wing guys. They look a lot alike. They have what we call the black Irish look to them. They don’t smile much. It’s quite a tradition here, but it does run to the right of the regular Republican Party.” Yes, Cruz is no RINO. He’s conservative, smart, articulate and, many think, Reagan-esque, which is why Matthews is tarring him.

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**Minibits**

- MSNBC’s Chris Matthews explains political opposition to Obama: “They can’t stand the idea that he is president, and a piece of it is racism. It is the sense that the white race must rule. That’s what racism is. And they can’t stand the idea that a man who is not white is president.”
- Matthews’ Tweedle-Dum colleague Martin Bashir echoes that lie by ludicrously claiming that “IRS” is a dog whistle and “Republicans are using it as their latest weapon in the war against the black man in the White House.”
- NBC’s Joy-Ann Reid thumps that “the only thing that conservatives and Republicans are sure of is that they hate Barack Obama, that their base hates Barack Obama, and that up to now the media has refused to see the monster that is Barack Obama.”
- MSNBC’s Al Sharpton frets that Republicans and conservatives want to end Obamacare: “They just want to play the political game of repeal, repeal, repeal that will go nowhere. It’s ugly politics, and it shows the continuing power of Tea Party extremism governing today’s Republican Party.”
- Daily Beast’s John Avlon laughably asserts, “We’re watching the end of right-wing conservative talk radio. The genre is dying among ratings and dying among advertisers. Rush is at the end of his career.”
- Ex-CBS anchor Dan Rather opines on opposition to Obama, “These people, politically, want to cut his heart out and throw his liver to the dogs.”
- Morning Joe’s Mika Brzezinski slams gun-rights congressmen, “This country, I mean, it’s being led by a bunch of buffoons, I have to tell you.”
- Aurora Sentinel Editor Dave Perry rails against gun-rights’ supporters, “Send the guilty monsters directly to Guantanamo Bay for all eternity and let them rot in their own mental squalor. I’m talking about the real terrorist threat here in America: the National Rifle Association.”
- CBS’s Charlie Rose, not sensing the obvious, sniffs, “The billionaire Koch brothers may buy some of the nation’s biggest newspapers. Why critics fear politics could get in the way of journalism.”
- NYT columnist Bob Herbert absurdly asserts, “It’s silly that there’s a liberal bias in media. There are liberal voices and there are conservative voices. But overwhelmingly, media in the United States — television, newspapers — the bias shifts towards the right. It’s a center-right media in this country.”
One Man’s Fascination With Hitler

Here’s a story you probably haven’t heard, unless you read Drudge or Breitbart. The Independent (U.K.) has published a story (from which I pull freely), as have a couple of Jewish outlets. That’s all I can find. You tell me if it qualifies as “news” that the “news “ media should be covering.

It involves a young man who would someday become one of the best-known and most powerful men in the world. A new book is out. It explores recently uncovered diaries kept by this young man. The journal entries document his fascination with Adolf Hitler and Nazism.

This young man traveled to Germany three times between 1937 and 1945. Clearly he admired the Germans — and that includes the racial imperatives of Nazism. The Independent reveals this entry logged after he visited the Rhine in 1937:

“Very beautiful, because there are many castles along the route. The towns are all charming which shows that the Nordic races appear to be definitely superior to their Latin counterparts. The Germans are really too good — that’s why people conspire against them — they do it to protect themselves.”

By today’s standards that sentiment is clearly racist. It glorifies Aryans as “superior” to brown people. This young man wrote as well: “I have come to the conclusion that fascism is right for Germany and Italy. What are the evils of fascism compared to communism?” His travelling companion Lem Billings would later state that the young man was “completely consumed by his interest for the Hitler movement.”

The young man would return to Germany after the war, in 1945, and after visiting Hitler’s famous “Eagle’s Nest” mountain-top retreat, would write that, “Anyone who has visited these places can imagine how in a few years, Hitler will emerge from the hate that now surrounds him and come to be regarded as one of the most significant figures that ever lived. There is something mysterious about the way he lived and died and which will outlive him and continue to flourish. He was made of the stuff of legends.”

This man was 20 in 1937. It is undeniable that any pro-Nazi sentiments that might have existed in his youth — his father was a public apologist for Hitler — evaporated with time. Still, this man was one of the most prominent men of the 20th century. How could this not be of interest to the media?

You can hear the explanations. They are what the press had to say to justify not reporting the late Senator Robert Byrd’s membership in the KKK.

It’s not news. He was young and naïve. This is in some respects true. There is no “hard” news here, but how often do we find news reports about a prominent person’s past? George W. Bush for one would find this curious.

Also, when former Senator Trent Lott said in 2002 that when, as a young man at approximately the same time (1948) he’d supported the segregation agenda of Strom Thurmond, a position he’d come clearly to repudiate, there followed an avalanche of negative press and he was forced to resign in disgrace.

It’s speculative. Admiration does not necessarily an endorsement make. I’ll buy that one too. Clearly when this young man evinced his admiration for the “superiority” of the Nordic races he had no idea that Hitler would make this a justification to slaughter six million Jews. We could state just as emphatically that to declare Hitler would be “one of the most significant figures that ever lived” is, in fact, accurate. He was “the stuff of legends” — and so was Nero.

But what if this man’s name was Ronald Reagan? None of this would apply. Youthful ignorance would be no excuse. A man of his historic importance? Admiring the “superiority” of Nazism? You betchum we’re going to cover it!

Taken further, they would argue, Who are we to declare these views had no impact on his thinking? After all, in some circles his name is synonymous with radical right, even fascistic leanings.

Most importantly, the news media would tell us, It is precisely because it is speculative that it should be reported. At best it’s a simple curiosity, at worst a bombshell of Nagasaki proportions. Don’t the American people deserve to be told, and shouldn’t they be allowed to judge for themselves?

If this young man’s name was Ronald Reagan it is undeniable that this new book would be a top-shelf media story everywhere. But his name wasn’t Reagan. It was John F. Kennedy.
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Brent Bozell has graciously asked us to serve as co-chairs for the Media Research Center’s Legacy Society for the next two years. We are honored and pleased to do so.

When we looked up “legacy,” the first definition given is the one that pertains to the legal aspect of legacy — something that is left in a will, to be passed on, a bequest.

That surprised us. We thought the main definition was what was given as the second definition: “Something handed down from the past, from an ancestor or predecessor, as in ‘the legacy of ancient Rome.’”

To our way of thinking, the second definition is really what the MRC Legacy Society is all about. It’s about finding ways to preserve the legacy of America, to preserve its unique values and promise, to keep alive its priceless spirit of liberty and opportunity, to ensure that we can present the America that we hold so close to our hearts to future generations.

The Legacy Society is really about standing up for America. Everyone can stand up and make a difference in their own way.

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• We can be active within our home communities and help shape the daily events that really matter to us.
• We can join our local Town Councils or regional political groups, hold signs during the election season, write letters to the editor, and be active participants, not passive observers. Remember, “All politics is local,” as Tip O’Neill said.
• We can stay informed about the political, economic, and social happenings in this country and around the world, and be able to talk intelligently and calmly to our friends, neighbors, and co-workers about the issues when the opportunity presents itself.

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I have said in the past — and I believe it today more than ever — that far and away the most important thing we can do for America is to create an information culture where all points of view are presented fairly and honestly. The MRC’s mission is “To create a media culture in America where truth and liberty flourish.” We know that, when given the facts, when given both sides of the issue, there’s a much better chance that the American people will make the right choices for themselves and for the country.

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Thank you very much. God Bless America.

Steve and Raffaella