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Liberal Media Smear Critics of Taliban Prisoner Swap – 'Bloodthirsty Right-Wingers' – to Protect Obama

President Barack Obama's decision to swap five Taliban terrorists for U.S. deserter Bowe Bergdahl, without informing Congress 30 days beforehand as the law requires, sparked intense criticism from conservatives and even a few liberals, so the leftist media ran to Obama's defense, just as you'd expect.

The networks, newspapers, and the lefties on cable and online relentlessly smeared critics of the prisoner-exchange as being, among other things, "a lynch mob," "ruthless," "bloodthirsty right-wingers," and "a@#holes" who were "Swiftboating" Bergdahl.

They also buried liberal constitutional scholar Jeffrey Toobin's conclusion that Obama "clearly broke the law." (You didn't see Toobin on ABC, CBS or NBC.)

The Media Research Center documented, exposed, and neutralized that liberal media attack through our News Analysis Division, NewsBusters blog, news service CNSNews.com, on Facebook and Twitter, and through interviews (and citations) on talk radio.

Now that Bergdahl is back in the USA, the liberal media want the issue to die – no more discussion. But one of the released Taliban already has pledged to go to Afghanistan to fight

Americans; Bergdahl's fellow soldiers are talking about his desertion and the six other U.S. soldiers who died trying to locate him; and lawmakers are examining Obama's violation of the Defense Authorization Act, his failure to notify Congress before releasing prisoners from Guantanamo Bay.

As more details on the exchange emerge, the liberal media will spin them and smear conservatives as haters who only want to hurt Obama and his supporters during this election year.

There's more left-wing media bias to come on this issue. Let's look at some examples of what they've already done.

President Obama announced the prisoner swap on May 31, live from the Rose

Garden of the White House. In that evening's coverage, however, neither ABC *World News* nor CBS *Evening News* mentioned that Obama may have violated the law. The NBC *Nightly News*, to its credit, did report it.

The next day, June 1, ABC *This Week's* George Stephanopoulos set the spin, claiming that unnamed presidential advisers were saying the release "was moving so fast, they couldn't talk to the Congress."



Constitutional expert and CNN legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin said that President Obama "clearly broke the law" in not notifying Congress about the Taliban prisoner swap, but the networks did not report Toobin's conclusion or interview him.

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Stephanopoulos, a former top adviser to President Clinton, went on to report that “the president, when he signed this law, said he had the constitutional authority not to live by it, that he had the constitutional authority to go around Congress”

“There’s nothing American about Ted Cruz.” These critics “are ruthless,” and “can’t stand the fact that [Bergdahl’s father] Bob Bergdahl doesn’t hate Muslims.”

MSNBC’S ED SCHULTZ

“[I]t all came together very quickly in the final days,” said Stephanopoulos.

While Stephanopoulos was pushing his line on *This Week*, Sunday’s *Meet the Press* host David Gregory was telling viewers that the deal with terrorists was good diplomacy because it could open “a new round of negotiations with the Taliban” about the future of Afghanistan.

CBS *This Morning*’s Nora O’Donnell repeated that theme, reporting June 2, “This exchange represented a rare diplomatic breakthrough between the United States and the Taliban.”

By this point, however, several of Bergdahl’s fellow soldiers were publicly expressing their disappointment over the prisoner swap, emphasizing that a 2010 Pentagon report confirmed that Bergdahl was a deserter and that six American soldiers reportedly had died in operations to locate him.

The liberal media – no surprise – attacked those soldiers. *Politico*’s Roger Simon claimed that we shouldn’t “take as absolute legal fact five-year-old memories from people who

served with Bergdahl under circumstances of great stress.”

They apparently were too stressed to know the truth.

The New York Times editorialized that Bergdahl’s “raggedy” platoon was “known for its troubles” – “a misfit platoon that stumbled through its first months in Afghanistan and might have made it too easy for him to walk away.”

Did you get that? It’s the platoon’s fault!

Even an Obama administration official, Brandon Friedman, tweeted, “What if his platoon was long on psychopaths and short on leadership?” Friedman later scrubbed his Twitter account and apologized.

Meanwhile, NBC and MSNBC were pushing the “Swiftboat” line.

NBC’s Chuck Todd parroted the talking point that the administration “did not expect this backlash on Bergdahl himself. I’ve had a few aides describe it to me as, ‘We didn’t know that they were going to swiftboat Bergdahl.’”

In lock-step, MSNBC’s Ari Melber declared, “We’re going to look at the right-wing playbook for the newly released American POW, a wounded man who isn’t even out of the hospital yet. Swiftboat first, ask questions later. ... Bergdahl is being Swiftboated by the reflexive anti-Obama machine.”

Left-wing writer Joe Conason also lectured on MSNBC “that the Republican Party in a coordinated way has cooked up a lynch mob against an American soldier.” The liberal *Daily Kos* smeared critics of the Taliban release as “our nation’s blood-thirsty population of chickenhawks,” all of them “a--holes.”

When conservative Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) asked whether the exchange created an incentive for terrorists to seize more Americans as hostages, MSNBC’s Ed Schultz fumed, “There’s nothing American

about Ted Cruz.” These critics “are ruthless,” said Schultz, and “can’t stand the fact that [Bergdahl’s father] Bob Bergdahl doesn’t hate Muslims.”

On the softer side, commentator Juan Williams suggested Bergdahl should be viewed like the Prodigal Son: “You don’t make judgments as you have the opportunity to bring that child back. America should be loving this child at this moment.” (Bowe Bergdahl is 28 years old.)

The liberal media are throwing everything they can at anyone who criticizes the Taliban-Bergdahl deal. Even if you were there on the front lines with Bergdahl, you don’t know what you’re talking about, according to the leftist scribblers.

As for Obama, liberal lawyer Jeffrey Toobin told CNN on June 2 that the president “clearly broke the law,” a view also expressed by



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some congressmen. Toobin has not been interviewed on this point by the national network news or by the *New York Times*.

The leftists are in full spin. We are documenting and exposing their media bias every day. You can help us in holding them accountable. Call our Development staff for more information (571-267-3500). We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President

Liberal Media Savaged Ronald Reagan, But Americans View Him as the 'Greatest President' in U.S. History

Ronald Reagan died 10 years ago on June 5. While he was alive, the liberal media relentlessly attacked Reagan and his conservative views: limited government, low taxes, anti-communism, and self-reliance. They never wanted to give him credit for inspiring Americans to view their country as that “Bright Shining City on a Hill,” and the envy of the world.

Despite those media attacks, a 2011 Gallup poll (the latest available) shows that Americans view Ronald Reagan as the “greatest” U.S. president, with Abraham Lincoln coming in second.

Reagan died 10 years ago on June 5. Looking back at how the left-wing media treated one of America’s greatest presidents, the MRC collected some of the most biased assertions made against “The Gipper” in a *Media Reality Check*, selections of which are published below.

“At the end of his presidency, a great many people thought he’d made the wealthy wealthier and had not improved life particularly for the middle class.”

— **ABC’s Peter Jennings, 6/10/04**

“You talk about a vision, and it’s some kind of abstract, vague idea. Did his [Reagan’s] vision include extraordinary deficits? Did his vision include cutting of the budgets for education and a back of the hand in terms of public education? ... No, I don’t think history particularly will be kind. ... I don’t think history has any reason to be kind to him.”

— **CBS’s Morley Safer, 6/14/04**

“Most of those who are physically, economically or otherwise disadvantaged, deeply resented and still resent his insistence that government is the problem, not the solution. Severe and continuing cutbacks in government services to the poor and vulnerable resulted, and the gulf dividing rich from poor widened.” — **NYT’s R. W. “Johnny” Apple, 6/11/04**

“Before Reagan, people sleeping in the street were so rare that, outside of skid rows, they were almost a curiosity. After eight years of Reaganomics — and the slashes in low-income housing and social welfare programs that went along with it — they were seemingly everywhere. And America had a new household term: ‘The homeless.’”

— **San Francisco Chronicle’s Kevin Fagan, 6/10/04**

“It isn’t so much that liberals are ignorant. It’s just that they know so many things that aren’t so.”

RONALD REAGAN



“I’m not so certain he was nice. It’s hard for me to think of anyone as nice when I hear him say ‘The homeless are homeless because they want to be homeless.’ To my mind, a President should care about all people, and he didn’t, which is why I will always feel Reagan lacked soul.”

— **UPI’s Helen Thomas in *Good Housekeeping*, 7/93**

“In the plague years of the 1980s — that low decade of denial, indifference, hostility, opportunism, and idiocy — government fiddled and medicine diddled, and the media were silent or hysterical. A gerontocratic Ronald Reagan took this [AIDS] plague less seriously than Gerald Ford had taken swine flu. After all, he didn’t need the ghettos and he didn’t want the gays.” — **CBS’s John Leonard, 9/5/93**

“The Reagan Administration has made a bad situation worse ... by challenging the legitimacy of the Soviet regime, calling the USSR an ‘evil empire’ doomed to fail.” — **Time’s Strobe Talbott, 5/21/84**

“People who want to give Ronald Reagan the entire credit for the collapse of the Soviet Union ignore the fact that the Soviet economy was collapsing and the Reagan Administration covered it up. ... The CIA concealed what was happening over there so they could keep the defense budget over here high.” — **Newsweek’s Eleanor Clift, 1/15/94**

“Reagan, as commander-in-chief, was the military’s best friend. He gave the Pentagon almost everything it wanted. That spending, combined with a broad tax cut, contributed to a trillion-dollar deficit.... Social programs? They suffered under Reagan. But he refused to see the cause and effect.” — **NBC’s Tom Brokaw, 12/27/89**

Bits & Pieces

What IRS?

Although Congress has been investigating the IRS-Tea Party scandal for a year and was forced to issue subpoenas for many documents, the IRS now claims it has lost at least two years' worth of e-mails from the computer of the agency official at the center of the scandal, Lois Lerner. While that fact was dumped to the media late on a Friday afternoon, June 13, by June 16 – 4 days later! – only the CBS *This Morning* show had reported the stunning revelation.



The networks buried the news that emails central to the IRS scandal were supposedly lost and the computer hard drives were destroyed.

erupting again?" The IRS had promised to provide the emails to House investigators for over a year but then disclosed that Lerner's PC had crashed way back in 2011 and nothing could be recovered. If this happened under a Republican administration, it would be headline news 24/7. With Obama, the liberal media are frantically trying to delete it.

CBS's Norah O'Donnell wondered, "How did the IRS lose emails in the scandal targeting conservatives after the government spent millions to back up data?" Co-host Charlie Rose commented, "the controversy that started last year is



ABC and NBC nightly news ignored the FBI criminal probe of the VA scandal, in which 62 veterans have died, but did report on the 20-year-old OJ Simpson police chase.

What FBI?

Although the FBI opened a criminal investigation into the VA scandal, in which at least 62 veterans have died, the evening news at ABC and NBC chose not to report the FBI's action on June 11 and the *CBS Evening News* gave it only 18 seconds of coverage. The *ABC World News* and *NBC Nightly News* instead gave extensive coverage to the 20-year anniversary of O.J. Simpson's slow-speed car chase by the police.

NBC's report on the car pursuit lasted three minutes and 2 seconds, with anchor Brian Williams thumping that the OJ murder trial "changed us forever. It changed television, especially cable, and the definition of what passes for news." ABC gave OJ a 20-second brief but also did two minutes on home vacation scams, and a one minute, 51 second story on actor Seth Rogen's viral video spoofs – but no mention of the FBI criminal probe.

CNN Smear-meister

CNN announced on June 6 that its new political director is David Chalian, the former *Yahoo! News* Washington bureau chief who smeared the Romneys as racists while covering the 2012 Republican National Convention. At that event on Aug. 29, 2012, ABCNews.com ran live video of the convention and Chalian, while talking about Hurricane Isaac and New Orleans' residents, was caught declaring that the Romneys wouldn't care about it: "They aren't concerned at all. They are happy to have a party with black people drowning."

Yahoo!, to its credit, fired Chalian, but other liberal media were perfectly content with his racist declarations. After Yahoo! Chalian landed a gig as VP of video programming for Politico, and now he's the political director at CNN. Surely, Republicans will get a fair shake at the Cable News Network?



CNN's new political director, David Chalian, is the same left-winger who declared in 2012 that the Romneys "are happy to have a party with black people drowning."



MSNBC's Ed Schultz rails that criticism of the Taliban prisoner swap is driven by Republicans who "hate this president" and want him taken out, "no matter the cost."

in the swap. An American soldier is coming home and they're going to play it to the hilt as something wrong with President Obama. It's his fault. High crimes and misdemeanor. Should have gone to Congress. Didn't follow the legal pathway. Time to get rid of him. I believe that they are just ideologically-driven and they hate this president."

Ed's Gitmo Spin

In his never-ending mission to defend President Obama and smear his opponents as hate-filled, MSNBC's Ed Schultz railed on June 5 that conservative criticism of the Taliban prisoner swap was all geared to set the stage for impeaching Obama after the mid-term elections. "This Republican freak-out over the release of Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl, it's all about one thing and one thing only and that is impeaching President Obama," Schultz fumed. "They're looking for something. Republicans are hell-bent on taking out the president of the United States. No matter the cost."

Ed, warming up, railed on, "It doesn't matter who was

Todd's Taliban Tale

In keeping with his role as court stenographer for the Obama administration, NBC's Chuck Todd repeated the White House talking points about the Taliban prisoner release when questioned on MSNBC's Morning Joe, June 4. On the release, Todd ludicrously claimed, "At some point you've got to do something with these folks. And these Taliban leaders, they emphasize, have no American blood on their hands, at least as far as they know."

That latter point is totally false, as has been documented in numerous reports: at least three of the five combatants were involved in operations against U.S. and coalition forces. Sputtering more propaganda, when asked why National Security Adviser Susan Rice went on TV and claimed Bowe Bergdahl served with honor and distinction, Todd said, "People in the White House who spent time with Sergeant Bergdahl's family on Saturday got a little caught up in the moment itself and how can you not any time?"

Minibits

■ **Chuck Todd**, who plays a reporter on NBC, declares of Benghazi, "You know, I'll hear from Republicans that say, 'But there are unanswered questions!' Well, no, all the questions have been answered. There's just some people that don't like the answers." ■ *The Washington Post's* **John Kelly**, still angry, complains, "I still call Reagan National Airport 'National Airport.'... It seemed odd to me to rename National after a man who didn't even use the airport. Then there's the irony of naming an airport after the guy who broke the air traffic controllers' union. It's like renaming Atlanta 'Shermanville.'" ■ NBC's **Andrea Mitchell** frets over not acting on climate change, "Let's imagine for a moment that there's a baby being born right now. What future does this child face if nothing is done?" ■ MSNBC's **Michael Eric Dyson** plays the race card, again, "I see a relationship between what Paul Ryan says when he talks about inner-city people who are urban, with all the code words being articulated, and the kind of Cliven Bundy expression, to the kind of Donald Sterling." ■ Meanwhile, his comrade **Ed Schultz** exclaims, "Not raising the minimum wage is every bit as racist as comments made by Cliven Bundy and Donald Sterling. It's just displayed in a different way." ■ Former *Newsweek* Editor **Jonathan Alter** whines, "Obama was willing to compromise and Republicans were not. That's not a biased statement. One of my problems with the limitations of journalism is that straightforward descriptions of reality are seen as being biased." ■ *The New Yorker's* **David Remnick** moans, "What's frustrating to me sometimes about Obama is that the world seems to disappoint him. Republicans disappoint him, Bashar al-Assad disappoints him, Putin as well." ■ MSNBC's **Chris Matthews** dissects the Koch brothers' financial support of conservative causes, "They're selling the health of the planet for their own economic good, isn't that what they're doing? They're hurting the planet's health so they can have more money."



The ever-angry and obnoxious Chris Matthews claims the Koch brothers are "...selling the health of the planet for their own economic good, isn't that what they're doing? They're hurting the planet's health..."

L. BRENT BOZELL III AND TIM GRAHAM

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HBO's Dreadful Reagan Lie

It's been ten years since Ronald Reagan passed away, but one horrible myth about him will not die. When he passed, *The Advocate* magazine published an essay by radical gay playwright Larry Kramer titled "Adolf Reagan." The rant began: "Our murderer is dead. The man who murdered more gay people than anyone in the entire history of the world, is dead. More people than Hitler even."

In Kramer's fever swamp of a brain, Reagan caused AIDS. He reveled in its fatalities. Now HBO is honoring Kramer's unceasing hatred by making a TV movie out of his hate-filled 1985 play/jeremiad "The Normal Heart." The movie ends with a "historic" note bashing Reagan some more:

"President Ronald Reagan mentioned AIDS publicly for the first time Sept. 17, 1985, vowing in a news conference to make AIDS research a 'top priority.' Reagan's proposed budget for 1986 actually called for an 11 percent reduction in AIDS spending. By the end of 1986, there were 24,559 reported deaths." (Which is higher than all the Jews murdered by the Nazis?)

This is the stuff of nuttiness. It's bad enough that a magazine would publish this bile; it's unconscionable that a TV network produce a movie "based on real events" furthering it.

The real Reagan record on AIDS is different than the seemingly never-ending mud-slinging. His HHS Secretary called it a "top priority" in 1983, when the disease was so new that few people even understood what was happening. AIDS funding skyrocketed in the 1980s, almost doubling each year beginning in 1983 — when the media started blaring headlines — from \$44 million to \$103 million, \$205 million, \$508 million, \$922 million, and then \$1.6 billion in 1988.

Now, try finding Walter Mondale "mentioning AIDS publicly" when he ran against Reagan in 1984. It didn't come up in the presidential debates. It's nowhere to be found in his 1984 convention speech. A Nexis search of *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times* in 1984 doesn't locate a Mondale quote on AIDS.

Does that mean he's "Adolf," too?

Kramer's enough of a lunatic that in 2011, he was recklessly blaming every president from Reagan to

Obama for AIDS in a letter he passed out to people attending a revival of "The Normal Heart." It said "Please know that beginning with Ronald Reagan (who would not say the word 'AIDS' publicly for seven years), every single president has said nothing and done nothing, or in the case of the current president, says the right things and then doesn't do them."

Those in the press giving oxygen to this character assassin deserve the highest possible condemnation.

In 2006, as *The New York Times* honored Kramer by putting him in a panel discussion on the 25th anniversary of the first *Times* article on AIDS, he distributed typically crazy remarks in advance, calling for "Nuremberg trials" to hold not only Reagan, but the owners and editors of — how's this for gratitude? — *The New York Times* to be tried like Nazi war criminals for the AIDS holocaust.

They remember none of this at the *Times*. A few days ago, reporter Patrick Healy honored him in an article titled "A Lion Still Roars, With Gratitude." Healy warmly recalled Kramer as "the most strident, scolding voice in New York City (in the world, really) on behalf of gay men infected with HIV" in the 1980s.

Healy actually portrayed Kramer as some sort of prophet. He reported that at a special screening at the HBO film at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York, the film's director, "Glee" creator Ryan Murphy, led "a thousand-member audience" in a standing ovation for Kramer. "Larry, before we begin this film, I only have one thing to say. You were right."

Larry Kramer has been not only wrong, but factually unglued. But none of this apparently matters. One might argue that in the 1980s, when the death toll was climbing and the hopelessness was deepening, that Kramer's rants of "You're killing us" spurred action. But you can't be a newspaper or a movie channel that claims to care about facts and history (and civility) and refuse to acknowledge how deeply wrong Kramer was and continues to be, screaming that Ronald Reagan is worse than Hitler.

Ends don't justify means. But it's worse than that. This is pure hatred.

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- CNN:** *Anderson Cooper 360*, June 12
News Room, May 23
- EWTN:** *News Nightly*, May 30
- FBN:** *Best of Imus in the Morning*, May 21
- FNC:** *Fox & Friends*, May 20, June 5, 12
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Meeting With Brian Doherty, June 13
The Kelly File, May 27, June 6
Your World With Cavuto, June 9
- MSNBC:** *Jansing & Co*, June 12
- NewsmaxTV:** *America's Forum*, June 13
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- The Blaze:** *Wilkow*, May 19
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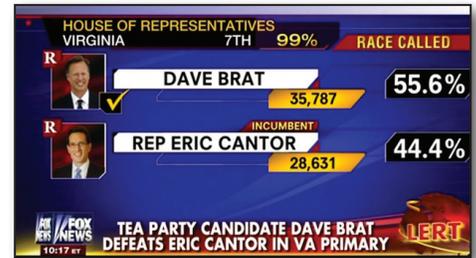
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After Rep. Eric Cantor's (R-Va.) primary loss, Fox News quoted Brent Bozell as saying, "this is a huge victory for the Tea Party against the establishment."



On the June 6 *Your World With Neil Cavuto*, Brent Bozell detailed how the liberal media deliberately buried the VA scandal after the VA secretary resigned and that NBC deliberately didn't question Obama about it on – appropriately enough! – the anniversary of D-Day.



A BMI story by Julia Seymour about how gas prices have stayed above \$3 a gallon for 1,245 days was picked up by numerous media, including CNN's *News Now* and the *Drudge Report*, which is viewed by 14 million people every day.



While interviewing American protestors outside the Mexican Embassy in Washington, D.C., Public Affairs Minister Ariel Moutsatos-Morales told MRCTV's Dan Joseph that, "When a Mexican ... crosses a border, let's say illegally, they are not committing a crime. They are doing it illegally, but they are not committing a crime" – a shocking claim that was picked up by many media, including the influential *Drudge Report*.

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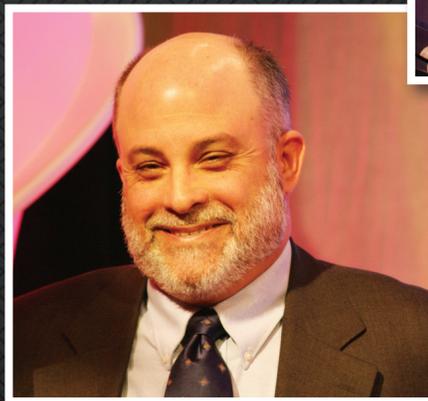
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