Polls Show Public No Longer Trusts TV News
MRC Is Succeeding in Educating Americans
About Liberal Media Bias

For nearly 30 years the Media Research Center has worked to document, expose, and neutralize liberal media bias. It’s a relentless battle on many fronts: the network news, public radio, cable TV, newspapers, Hollywood, the Internet and social media — and who knows what new media technology is on the horizon?

When we launched the MRC in 1987, the experts said we couldn’t succeed. The multi-billion dollar liberal media outlets were just too powerful, they said. Not so!

We are succeeding. Two recent national surveys indicate that we are shredding the liberal media’s credibility and their ability to brainwash Americans into accepting the inevitability of socialism; and we are successfully educating the public about liberal media bias and how the leftist media can affect presidential races and advance their political agenda.

A Quinnipiac University poll revealed that Americans no longer trust the network news, or much of cable TV news. In fact, the most trusted network is the Fox News Channel, with 30% support. The other networks’ numbers were disastrous.

CNN is trusted by only 22%; NBC News and CBS News are trusted by 10%

of voters; ABC News got an abysmal 8%; and the radical left MSNBC is trusted by ... 7%!

Even Real Clear Politics admitted that the poll shows “the utter collapse of public trust in the networks.”

The once dominant liberal media with a monopoly on the national conversation have been relegated to a fringe in terms of their trustworthiness. The Quinnipiac survey proves that the work of the MRC is indispensable to the promotion of truth and liberty and the preservation of the Republic.

There’s more. A national poll by Rasmussen Reports found that among “likely voters” a whopping 59% believe the media coverage of the 2016 presidential race will be slanted. In addition, most likely voters say the news coverage will be biased in favor of the liberal Hillary Clinton.

The Rasmussen survey also found that 61% of likely voters do not trust the political news they currently receive. That number is up 16 points from 45% last October — a massive uptick.

Among the factors contributing to the public’s distrust of the national news media is the exposure of NBC’s
Brian Williams as a serial liar and ABC’s George Stephanopoulos as a left-wing partisan hack.

The MRC has been instrumental in publicizing both cases and educating the public about them by rolling out our new Rapid Response effort. Rapid Response incorporates all of our programs — News Analysis Division, NewsBusters blog, MRCTV, MRC Business, MRC Culture, and MRC Action — in a focused effort. Then through press releases, syndicated columns, and interviews of our expert staff on talk radio and on television, and most importantly our social media programs, we reach millions of Americans. Our social media in particular reaches beyond our traditional conservative fan base, delivering the MRC message to many new audiences.

In Brian Williams’ case, the revelations about his outright lying for years in many of his news reports led to his removal from the NBC Nightly News anchor chair. He was suspended but will return in the fall to MSNBC, the network’s hard-left cable news channel, as a “breaking news” and special reports anchor, a position that will only further cripple NBC’s credibility.

As for Stephanopoulos, he failed to disclose to ABC’s viewers that he had donated $75,000 to the Clinton Foundation as he went on to harshly interview an author-critic of the foundation. It was a clear conflict of interest.

When Stephanopoulos got caught, the MRC relentlessly publicized the scandal and called on ABC to take action.

Stephanopoulos eventually gave a self-serving apology and boasted that, as punishment, he would not help moderate the first GOP primary debate next February. How honorable of him!

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Stephanopoulos is a political operative who helped Bill Clinton get elected in 1992 and in 1996, and he was a senior White House adviser to President Clinton. There is no way he can fairly report on a Hillary Clinton presidential run.

Americans know what’s going on. As the Rasmussen poll shows, 46% of likely voters think ABC should ban Stephanopoulos from any programming related to the 2016 presidential campaign precisely because of his close friendship with the Clintons.

The Rasmussen and Quinnipiac polls prove that the MRC’s hard work is bearing fruit. More and more Americans are aware of liberal media bias and understand how it can affect elections, not to mention how it colors the news in general to advance a left-wing social agenda.

But while the survey data are encouraging, we know the left-wing media, in all their insidious manifestations, are persistent. They will not stop. In addition to their stranglehold on old media, the liberal news outlets mushroom across the Internet and social media, and indirectly with their biases and agenda through academia, entertainment and Hollywood.

Their goal is to push America further along the road to socialism and, in so doing, cripple the Republic. We must expose them. We must neutralize them.

Winston Churchill once said, “Never give in. Never give in. Never, never, never — in nothing, great or small, large or petty — never give in, except to convictions of honor and good sense.”

In our battle against the liberal media, the MRC will never give in — never, never, never. But we need your financial support in this good fight; it is vital. We have seen success. I ask that you make a donation to the MRC today to help us carry on. Thank you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President

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Your gift could double today!
The MRC President Brent Bozell has called on ABC News to pull George Stephanopoulos from any campaign coverage of the 2016 races because of his clear and scandalous conflict of interest concerning the Clintons, as well his own dishonesty toward the viewers of ABC News.

“He is a Clinton partisan and a liberal commentator and he has been deceiving his audience,” Bozell said. “ABC is an accomplice to this deception and now has an ethics and integrity problem.”

In April, Stephanopoulos — the host of This Week and Good Morning America — brutally grilled the author of Clinton Cash, a book about the dubious and high-dollar donations to the Clinton Foundation by individuals and foreign governments.

In that news segment, however, Stephanopoulos did not disclose to viewers that he himself had made $75,000 in donations to the Clinton Foundation. When caught, several weeks later, Stephanopoulos confessed and gave a self-serving apology about giving the money to “stop the spread of AIDS, help children, and protect the environment in poor countries.”

He also disclosed that he would not moderate one of the first GOP primary debates in February 2016. “George Stephanopoulos’ apology and recusal from moderating the 2016 presidential debate is not enough,” said MRC President Bozell in a May press release.

“Stephanopoulos’ contributions to the Clinton Foundation and his close association with the Clintons make him unfit to play the important role of an impartial, balanced and fair news anchorman on any ABC political based programming involving the 2016 election.”

Bozell also tweeted that Stephanopoulos “has been deceiving his audience and should recuse himself from covering 2016. If he doesn’t, @ABC should do it for him.”

After ABC failed to sanction Stephanopoulos and sought to keep the scandal under wraps, with the help of allies in other liberal media, the MRC issued a second press release.

“Unless George Stephanopoulos recuses himself from all 2016 election coverage — or unless ABC pulls him from covering the 2016 campaign — conservatives should avoid going on any ABC shows,” said Bozell.

“ABC has made it clear that they will not hold its anchors accountable for unethical and dishonest journalistic behavior and it should not expect conservatives to subject themselves to coercive interviews by former Clinton campaign operatives masquerading as objective journalists.

“In a recent survey, ABC News was dead last in the ‘trust’ factor for the networks. Only 8% of the public trusts ABC News. This kind of behavior explains why.”

Stay tuned as the MRC continues to push back against ABC News and Clinton hack George Stephanopoulos.

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ABC’s George Stephanopoulos donated $75,000 to the Clinton Foundation.
Shh! Protect Obama!

Although President Barack Obama chastised the Supreme Court for considering a case on the constitutionality of Obamacare subsidies in states that didn’t set up exchanges, the networks didn’t report it. They censored the president’s warning to the court. At the G-7 Summit on June 8, Obama blasted the court on the case, stating, “It’s not something that should be done based on a twisted interpretation of four words in, as we were reminded repeatedly, a couple thousand-page piece of legislation.”

On cable, Fox News’ Shannon Bream reported the president’s remarks, noting that Obama “is not only questioning the legitimacy of the justices even hearing the dispute, but also characterizing an adverse ruling as completely out of line.” The networks were silent but can you imagine their outrage if a Republican president had chastised the Supreme Court just prior to a ruling?

Paying to Promote the Cause

In case you’re wondering why gay pride parades end up on your local news all the time but not Christian pride events, you should look to see if your local news station is sponsoring the homosexual march, as ABC 7 did in the nation’s capital. For the annual Capital Pride Parade on June 13, which featured hundreds of gay men and women in various states of undress marching through the streets of Washington, D.C., local news station WJLA, channel 7, proudly served as a “Rainbow” level sponsor.

Obviously, it’s hard to get an unbiased story on a topic like homosexual marriage when the local news is actually paying for and being rewarded by the gays. In addition to drag queens making out with other men in Speedos and lesbians waving sex toys at the crowd, the parade included gay jello wrestling. ABC 7/WJLA is owned and operated by the Sinclair Broadcast Group and broadcasts its “news” to 5.7 million people in the D.C. metro region each week.

Pro-Choice Piggy

Forever pushing its left-wing agenda, MSNBC interviewed the muppet “Miss Piggy” on June 6. We kid you not. Reporter Irin Carmon asked, “Are you pro-choice?” Predictably, Miss Piggy declared, “I am pro, I am pro-everything.” What prompted this silly spectacle? Miss Piggy had been given a Feminist Art’s First award from the Brooklyn Museum.

Continuing with the feminist theme, MSNBC’s Carmon asked Miss Piggy, “What’s the definition of feminism to you?” to which the puppet replied, “You’re looking at it!” Asked “Why not Ms. Piggy?” and the doll replied, “I’ve spent so much money marketing myself as Miss Piggy.”

It should come as no surprise to learn that MSNBC didn’t ask the puppet if she were pro-life or believed in God.
Gail ‘Double Standard’ Collins

NYT columnist and former editorial page editor Gail Collins follows such a flaming double standard in her coverage of conservatives vs. liberals it’s impossible to miss. Back in 2008 when Sen. John McCain, then 70, was running against the youthful Barack Obama, Collins mocked that McCain looked “like an old guy yelling at kids to get off his lawn.”

But now that 67-year-old liberal Hillary Clinton is running, old age and “experience” are suddenly a good thing to Collins. In the June 4 NYTs, the Gray Lady scribbler contrasted Clinton with “first-term senators” Rubio and Cruz, “both 44,” and Scott Walker, 47. “Would you rather have a president with a lot of experience or one with new ideas?” lectured Collins. “We’re electing a new leader to pilot our ship. Do we care more about quick reflexes or a seasoned response to crises?”

Collins sounds just like an old guy yelling at kids to get off his lawn.

Immigration Poll Ignored

A new Pew poll showing 56% of adults disapprove of President Obama’s handling of immigration was, not surprisingly, completely ignored by leftist Telemundo and MundoFox, and given less than 30 seconds of coverage on Univision. The poll showed that even Hispanics, 48% to 44%, disapprove of Obama’s handling of the issue, but the Spanish language networks didn’t want to talk about it.

Univision’s very brief report on June 4 focused on the one aspect of the poll that was favorable to the network’s pro-amnesty agenda: specifically, 78% think illegal aliens already in the USA should be allowed to stay. That was it. Univision, like Telemundo and MundoFox, said nothing further. That’s not just liberal bias, that’s censorship.

Remember the MRC In Your Wills and Trusts

At the MRC we know death is not a pleasant subject, but preparing for it is something we all must do. Do you have a will? Have you planned for how you want your estate handled?

Do you ever look at plaques and engravings that tell about gifts from someone often in memory of a loved one. In many cases they were likely gifts from estates, i.e., a planned gift in someone’s will designated to leave money to an organization for general purposes or a specific need. Have you ever considered making such a gift to the Media Research Center? Some language you could use is:

I give and devise to The Media Research Center, located in Reston, Virginia, all (or state a percentage) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program). Or,

I give and devise The Media Research Center, located in Reston, VA, the sum of $_____ (or asset) to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program).

The MRC appreciates your consideration as you explore ways that philanthropy might fit with your overall estate planning. If you have included the MRC in your estate plans already, please let us know so we may thank you.

If you would like to talk to someone at MRC about this please contact Carl Sperapani at (571) 267-3445 or csperapani@mrc.org

“Death doesn’t bother me; I just don’t want to be there when it happens.” — WOODY ALLEN
Politico’s Clinton-Scandal Dismissals

Politico keeps posting ridiculous columns by both Democrats and Republicans who charge that the Clinton scandals are either (1) nonexistent or (2) all politically harmless.

Joe Conason, a leftist author who’s been dismissing every Clinton scandal for decades in books with titles like The Hunting of the President, is at it again. This time he’s produced The Fake Clinton Scandals Are Back: The right’s newest crusade has an old fake villain. Conason should be easily dismissed by the editors for criminal ignorance—or downright deception. One can downplay things like Benghazi. One cannot deny they are scandals—or at the very least, serious controversies.

It’s better to focus on the second kind, a Republican who thinks the Clintons are much smarter than idiotic conservatives who hold their scandals against them.

Matt Latimer is a former speechwriter for President George W. Bush and Defense Secretary Don Rumsfeld. Loyalty apparently doesn’t mean much to this fellow. He’s written a cutting expose of the Bush team called Speech-Less. His sneering Politico piece was titled “Scandals Only Make the Clintons Stronger: The Republican plan to defeat Hillary Clinton is doomed. It’s time to go easy on her.”

This is the same Politico contributor who witnessed the 2014 wave election for conservatives and quickly wrote a piece under this headline: “Hillary’s Wonderful Week: A Bush speechwriter proclaims: Her campaign lacked villains. Now she’s got a lot of them.” Can you imagine anyone looking at the wave election of 2006 and writing it up as “McCain’s Wonderful Week”?

Latimer dismisses polls that show voters don’t think Hillary is honest or trustworthy, and cracks, “Is it possible to win the White House if more than half the electorate thinks you’re dishonest? Uh, of course, it is, people. The Clintons do this all the time.”

Except Hillary didn’t last time. She sank like a rock. That wasn’t just the Clintons’ train full of baggage. It was Hillary’s completely leaden speech delivery — like “I don’t feel no ways tired” — her imperious press strategy, and other routines she’s repeating in this cycle.

Latimer advises that Republicans should shock everyone by dismissing the Clinton scandals, and rely on the press to decide whether it all matters. “You know, it’s easy to pile on the Clintons, but I’m going to give them the benefit of the doubt and hope that the media does its job. My focus is on my campaign and my message to the voters…”

Hoping the media do their jobs is like hoping you hit the Powerball lottery every time you enter a 7-Eleven. A nice idea, but pure fantasy.

Besides, no serious GOP strategist thinks you can only run on the Clinton scandals. Latimer said voters want “ideas, not innuendo.” Voters do want ideas, but does he think the Clintons and their media allies aren’t going to traffic in innuendo when it comes to defining the Republican candidates? Romney haircuts? Rick Perry’s rocks with paint?

The candidates this time have shown some promising gumption on this front, using the Clinton scandals when the Clintons throw innuendo. A Republican war on women? Rand Paul throws back Bill Clinton’s personal war on bimbos. Hillary represents the “everyday Americans”? You throw back Hillary and Bill’s long list of six-figure speeches.

Latimer mocks everyone who’s ever been outraged by a Clinton scandal by making each sound like an unglued conspiracy theorist: Maybe “someone will finally have footage of Hillary Clinton setting an American flag on fire while smoking a crack pipe at a Nazi appreciation meeting with Kim Jong Un.”

There are no “silver bullet” scandals, nor do Republicans need them. Way too much of what the Clintons have done to enrich themselves and cement their return to power over the last 15 years makes a complete mockery of Bill’s 1992 campaign book title: Putting People First. We suspect that if ever there was a serious examination of this issue alone, Hillary Clinton might be toast.
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, social media, 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

**FBN:** Varney & Co., May 14, 17

*Cavuto Coast to Coast,* Jun. 9

**FNC:** The O’Reilly Factor, May 7

Hannity, May 14, Jun. 3

The Kelly File, May 29

**NEWSMAX TV:**

Prime w/J.D. Hayworth, Jun. 11

Steve Malzberg Show, May 8, June 9

**OneAmerica:**

The Daily Ledger, May 18, 21, 28, Jun. 4, 11

*The Blaze TV:*

*The Dana Show,* May 5, 15

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### Print

**Dallas Morning News,** May 12

*International Business Times,* May 14

*National Review,* May 17, 28

*The Wall Street Journal,* May 14, 20

*The Washington Post,* May 20

*The Washington Times,* May 18, 19, Jun. 1, 10

Times Free Press, Jun. 8

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### Internet & Twitter

**American Energy Alliance,** Jun. 10, 12

*American Spectator,* May 28

*American Thinker,* May 23, 29

Associated Press, Jun. 2

BizPacReview.com, Jun. 2

Breitbart News, May 15, 28, 29, Jun. 1, 2, 3

*Business Insider,* May 22

Christian Post, May 29, Jun. 3

Conservative HQ, May 15, 19

Crooks and Liars, May 24

Daily Iowegian, Jun. 1

Drudge Report, May 29, Jun. 4, 15

Examiner.com, May 16, Jun. 5, 12

Fox Nation, May 29

FoxNews.com, May 13, 15, Jun. 2, 12

Free Beacon, May 19, 20, Jun. 3

Global Dispatch, Jun. 2, 4

HotAir, May 13, 15, 21

IJ Review, May 12, Jun. 4

LifeNews.com, May 12, 25, 28, Jun. 1, 3, 10

Mediate, May 27

Newadvent.org, May 19

Newmax.com, May 21, Jun. 2, 11

NRA News, May 14

NRL News, Jun. 4

One News Now, May 13, 14, 15, 26, Jun. 2, 8

PJ Media, May 11, 14, 26

Politico, May 12, 29

Salon, May 22

Stanek Report, May 11, 14, 26

Sunshine State News, Jun. 15

Tampa Tribune, Jun. 6

The Inquisitor News, May 13, 28, 29, Jun. 8

The Minority Report, May 22, Jun. 9

The Patriot Post, May 18, Jun. 10

TheBlaze.com, May 28, 29, Jun. 1

Townhall.com, May 16, 22, Jun. 10

Washington Examiner, May 21, 26, 30, Jun. 1

Washington Times, May 10, 21

Western Journalism.com, May 28

WND, May 27, Jun. 2

FACEBOOK

Diane Black, 8.8K fans, Jun. 5

INP Network, 612K fans, Jun. 9

LifeNews.com, 555K fans, Jun. 10

Louis Gohmert PAC, 2.4K fans, Jun. 1

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### Radio

Alan Nathan Show, May 14, 20, 21, 29, Jun. 4, 11

American Family Radio, May 14, 20, Jun. 4, 12

Bill Bennett Show, May 15

Tim Costello's Capitol Hill Show, May 12, 28, June 5, 11

Wayne Dupree Show, Jun. 11

Sean Hannity, May 15

*Imus in the Morning,* May 25

Drew Mariani Show, May 13, Jun. 11

Mark Levin Show, May 29, Jun. 1

Lars Larson Show, May 29, Jun. 1

Steve Malzberg Show, May 8, June 9

*Mike Lindell’s Big notions:*

The Daily Ledger, May 18, 21, 28, Jun. 4, 11

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### On Cavuto: Coast to Coast, MRC President Brent Bozell discussed how the New York Times apparently fears Marco Rubio’s presidential prospects given their hit pieces on the conservative candidate.

Fox’s *The Kelly File* highlighted an MRC analysis of the extensive coverage the networks ABC, CBS, and NBC gave — 140 mentions — to the “hands up, don’t shoot” myth following the shooting death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo.

**MRC Research Director Rich Noyes was interviewed on NewsmaxTV’s Steve Malzberg Show about the liberal media’s obsession with alleged police misconduct, Bruce Jenner’s transgenderism, and the lack of criticism on the networks of Obama’s foreign policy.**

Stanek Report, 1.7K fans, May 11, 14, 26

The Minority Report, 18K fans, May 22, Jun. 9

**TWITTER**

@alvedaking, 28.6K followers, Jun. 9

@Drudge_Report, 780K followers, May 29, Jun. 4

@energymike, 7.2K followers, Jun. 1

@energymike, 7.2K followers, May 18, Jun. 9

@ewerickson, 130K followers, May 12

@FRCdc16, 16K followers, May 22

@IngrahamAngle, 534K followers, Jun. 5

@lifenewshq, 136K followers, Jun. 10

@MonicaCrowley, 236K followers, May 22

@newadvent, 130K followers, Jun. 10

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BBC anchor Kathy Kay absurdly asserts, “I don’t think you can look at George [Stephanopoulos] over the last few years and say there was a partisan bent to his interviewing, or to his anchoring, or to his reporting.”

The Week’s Ryan Cooper stumps for Sen. Bernie Sanders, “The fact that he is utterly fearless in advocating for Scandinavian-style democratic socialism is no reason to treat him like a kook.” On Bill Clinton and Barack Obama tweeting each other, NBC’s Willie Geist reports, “They’re adorable together, aren’t they?” and colleague Tamron Hall replies, “They are. Comedy team. Jerry Lewis and Dean Martin.” After praising Communist China’s straight-line trains, MSNBC’s Chris Matthews complains, “We have this Amtrak, I’ve been taking it for a half a century, it doesn’t go in a straight line. In this case, it tried to make a turn and turned over, because there’s so many turns on that route. How do you get rid of the turns?” (Yes, he actually said that.)

The Associated Press dutifully quotes James Taylor, “Obama is my favorite, favorite president. I am just thankful for every day that he’s in office. Every day that Barack Obama and Michelle Obama are in the White House is a day that I am thankful for.” The Washington Post’s Ruth Marcus dismisses Carly Fiorina, “I don’t think we would be taking her seriously at all if she weren’t a woman. And I would love to see a woman President. I think she is a failed business leader and a failed political candidate.”

Former CNN anchor Soledad O’Brien lectures, “thug is a proxy, it is a word we use instead of the N-word. And I think that’s really true.” No surprise: Actor George Clooney coos over Hillary Clinton to Univision’s Jorge Ramos, “I think that she’s a tremendous candidate and I know her and I think the world of her and I think that I would be very happy if she were president.”