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Liberal Media Undercut the War Against Terrorism

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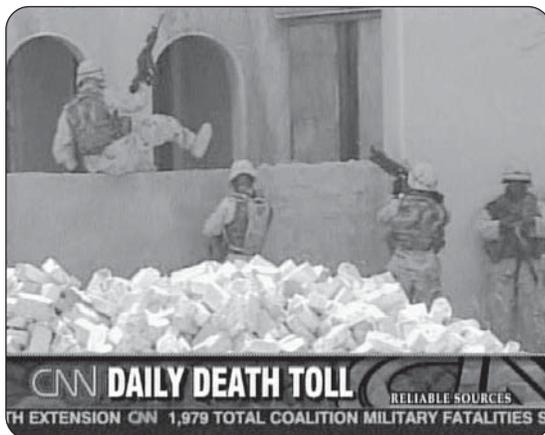
Day in and day out the news you hear about Iraq is bad and depressing. It's non-stop reporting about "insurgents," bombs, blood, and there's always the ever-handly reference to Vietnam. There are many positive stories to be told, but you aren't hearing them because the major media are undermining the U.S. war effort in Iraq and, by extension, the war against terrorism.

That's how dangerous the liberal media are. And that's why the Media Research Center does what it does and why the 2005 "Tell the Truth!" campaign is vital to combating the insidious liberal media and bringing the truth to all Americans.

There is at least one major journalist with the guts to tell the truth about the media's coverage. You didn't read about this in your local paper, or even on the national networks, or in such "respected" outlets as the *New York Times* or *USA Today*.

As a guest on CNN's *Reliable Sources*, on July 31, former CNN *Washington Bureau* Chief Frank Sesno was asked his opinion about a column written by Mark Yost of the

St. Paul Pioneer-Press. Yost had criticized his colleagues for not reporting on the good news in Iraq, such as power and desalination plants coming online, schools opening, and heroic Iraqi policemen. Sesno agreed, and said: "Yes.



In a war of their own, the liberal media are doing their best to undermine the U.S. war effort in Iraq and the war against terrorism.

Fair criticism. You know, it's interesting, for this conversation I went online last night when I couldn't sleep, and spent a good deal of time looking into this. And including the *Chicago Sun-Times*, the *L.A. Times*, *USA Today*, *Christian Science Monitor*, they all have special sections online — you know, 'Read more about the Iraq war' and they list their archives of stories going back days, sometimes weeks or even months. ... [B]ut even then, the bias is toward that which is going wrong, that which is blowing up and that which is not working.

"If you are a reader or a viewer and you want to know, well, How are we doing? Is anything getting rebuilt? Are they really democrats over there? How engaged are the Sunnis? Could I see an interview with any

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of these founding fathers and founding mothers of this new emerging country? Can you find that? You'll have a hard time doing it."

You will have a hard time finding any positive news. This is because, just as with Vietnam, the elite liberal media are biased against the war. We've documented and exposed this at the MRC, and are informing the public about it through our "Tell the Truth!" campaign – something we do day after day (see www.mrc.org).

And our efforts are bearing fruit. A June poll commissioned by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, found that "attitudes toward the performance of the news media are at or near their low points in Pew trends dating back to the mid-1980s. This is especially the case in opinions regarding the press' patriotism, bias, and fairness." Pew's summary of it findings detailed how "just 42 percent say news organizations generally 'stand up for America'" and 6-in-10 Americans see news organizations as politically biased, up from 53 percent two years ago.

The liberal media are beating the drums of defeat and retreat, as they did during the Cold War, particularly on Vietnam but also in the Korean War. It's no surprise then to see some polls showing a large number of Americans uneasy about the war: Report negative news 24/7 and you'll get negative opinions 24/7. The fact is that many of the top media people in America are left-wing moral relativists, graduates of the Blame America First school.

Some examples. On the NBC *Nightly News* for June 30,

anchor Brian Williams was discussing the elections in Iran and whether the new President there had been involved in the 1979 hostage crisis. In talking to reporter Andrea Mitchell, before a broadcast audience of about 7 million Americans, Williams suggested this ridiculous and insulting comparison: "Someone brought up today the first several U.S. Presidents were certainly revolutionaries and might have been called terrorists at the time by the British Crown, after all." Mitchell agreed, saying, "Indeed, Brian." In other words, the terrorists killing U.S. troops in Iraq (and in other countries) aren't that much different than the American patriots who founded this country?!

A near-identical comment was voiced by NBC *Today's* Matt Lauer, who interviewed Second Lady Lynne Cheney about her children's book on George Washington. The exchange, last November 9, went as follows:

Lauer: "Let me talk about this idea that a rag-tag group, not well-fed, not well-clothed, completely under-equipped as compared to this great British army and the Hessians could accomplish this. And let me ask you to think about what is going on in Iraq today. Where the insurgents, not well-equipped, smaller in numbers, the greatest army in the world is their opposition. What's, what's the lesson?"

Cheney: "Well, the difference of course is who's fighting on the side of freedom."

Yes, freedom. It's a concept that Matt Lauer,

Brian Williams, Andrea Mitchell, NBC, and so many liberal media elites take for granted or just don't understand.

The examples cited above are not unique. They occur day after day on the networks, on the top cable news programs, in the major daily newspapers, and across the World Wide Web. Many of our troops in Iraq have complained about that bias to me personally and to our staff.

Here at the MRC, we document and expose that liberal bias. Through our educational efforts, especially our "Tell the Truth!" program, we not only inform millions of conservatives about that bias but we also bring them good news. We tell them about the noble work that is being done in Iraq. For instance, members of the 115th Maintenance Company (Utah National Guard unit), have adopted two schools in Iraq and are building, in their spare time, desks and shelves for 540 students. Hundreds of other soldiers are doing similar work across Iraq. Also, in many places, U.S. troops have successfully trained and transferred control to Iraqi policemen. Basic infrastructure, for clean water and safe roads has been rebuilt in many places.

There is much more to tell. With your help, we will continue to fight against that imbalance and bring you the truth.

Until next time,



L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President

Bernie Goldberg Gets Even

BY L. BRENT BOZELL III

I've made up my mind. I don't like Bernie Goldberg. Matter of fact, I hate him.

Who does this man think he is? I've spent the better part of two decades exposing the outrages of the liberal media, and during most of that time Bernie Goldberg was earning a comfortable living in that very industry. Along the way I'd thought about writing a book about media bias, but before I could do that, Goldberg decided there was a problem with bias and decided to write a book about it, and "Bias" shot to the top of the *New York Times* bestseller list. I wanted to dismiss Goldberg's good fortune as just the luck of the Irish, except Bernie Goldberg is Jewish. And to prove his success was no fluke, Goldberg followed-up with "Arrogance" – another *Times* bestseller.

Now he's done it to me again. Have you ever found yourself ruminating to yourself, about a certain public personality and arriving at a certain pithy observation, thought: "Memo to self: Write that down"? Now, take that process a step further. Collect those thoughts, expand on them a bit, and what could you deliver? If done well, a whale of a summertime beach read. It's a simple formula, so simple anyone could think of it. Except I didn't. And Bernie Goldberg did.

"100 People Who Are Screwing Up America (And Al Franken is #37)" is out, and it's a wonderful read for anyone not on that list.

It's easy to presume that this is the conservatives' answer to recent published tirades against the right by leftists like Al Franken and Michael Moore, but there are important distinctions. First, Goldberg doesn't limit the list to those on the left. Jimmy Swaggart makes the list as does Michael Savage. Many in the religious right will quarrel with his selection of Judge Roy Moore. All should applaud his choice of David Duke ("proof that you can take the boy out of the neo-Nazi brown shirt, but you can't take the neo-Nazi out of the boy").

Which leads me to the second reason you can't compare Goldberg to Al Franken and Michael Moore. They are left-wing radicals but I don't know that Goldberg is even a conservative. I say this because a couple of years ago, I spent an evening plying him with liquor in a bar, and still couldn't get his tongue wagging. Goldberg doesn't go after liberals for being liberal. He goes after those liberals, like Al Gore, Robert Byrd, Maxine Waters, George Soros, Jimmy

Carter, Jesse Jackson, and Ted Kennedy who have gone over the edge and become world-class crackpots.

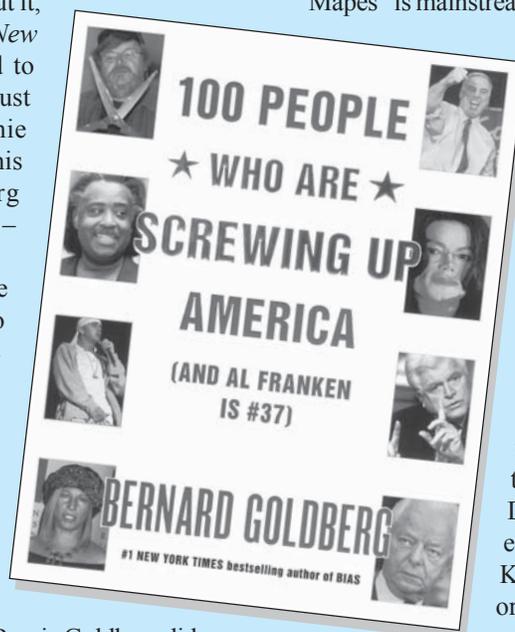
When Goldberg first went public with his complaints about journalists abusing their positions in furtherance of a political agenda, the response from his peers was immediate, and vicious. Now he gets even, and does so with unshackled brio. Former CBS colleague Dan Rather "is disingenuous at best and delusional at worst." Former CBS producer Mary Mapes "is mainstream journalism's worst nightmare: someone

so zealous that her actions lend weight to every question about fairness that has been raised about the entire news industry." Bill Moyers' commentaries are "enough to make you choke on your Brie and spit up your Chablis." Goldberg really unleashes on the low-brows of entertainment. God help them. The Jerry Springer Show is "the television equivalent of a churning mass of maggots devouring rotten meat." Maury Povich "actually makes Jerry Springer appear decent." Howard Stern is "a form of pollution, a kind of sludge that runs through our culture today." Phil Donahue "has made the world safe for emotion masquerading as thought." Kitty Kelley is a "sleaze merchant extraordinaire...this low-rent hack."

And then there are society's bottom feeders, beginning with Paris Hilton and her parents, of whom Goldberg writes, "If they gave Nobel Prizes for the mom and dad who raised the most vapid, empty-headed, inane, hollow, vain, tasteless, self-centered, useless twerp in the entire country – maybe in the entire world – Rick and Kathy Hilton would be on their way to Stockholm to pick up the medal." On "gangsta" rapper Ludacris: "If a bunch of white racists got together and tried to come up with a way to make young black guys look really dumb...first they'd invent gangsta rap, and then they'd invent somebody just like Ludacris." Of useless rocker/druggie/convicted felon Courtney Love, Goldberg's entire essay is... "HO."

On and on it goes. Publishers, university professors, feminist icons, political consultants, civil rights leaders, Hollywood producers – there isn't a pillar of political or cultural elitism not sent crashing to the ground by an author who certainly giggled while writing these pages just as certainly as readers will chuckle while leafing through them.

And for the record, this would have been my idea, eventually.



We Need Cronkite?

USA Today founder Al Neuharth told Americans in his July 1 column that Iraq is just like Vietnam and this country needs someone like Walter Cronkite to shake us out of our denial. “The most important similarity between Iraq and Vietnam is that both Democratic and Republican Presidents lied to us in wartime,” said Neuharth. “[But] the crucial difference between Vietnam and Iraq is that there is no Cronkite to call Bush’s bluff. Without a strong, trusted, non-political voice, too many of us remain Bush-blinded.”

Walter Cronkite, another limousine liberal, is a “trusted, non-political voice”? Hmm. Who is really “blinded”? Neuharth went on to praise Cronkite for stating, on national television in 1968,



USA Today Founder Al Neuharth opines that President Bush is a liar, Americans are 'Bush-blinded,' and that the U.S. needs someone like the 'non-political' Walter Cronkite to tell us the truth.

“There is no way this war can be justified any longer.” The brilliant Neuharth had speculated (hoped?) last November that if Cronkite were still on CBS, John Kerry would be president.

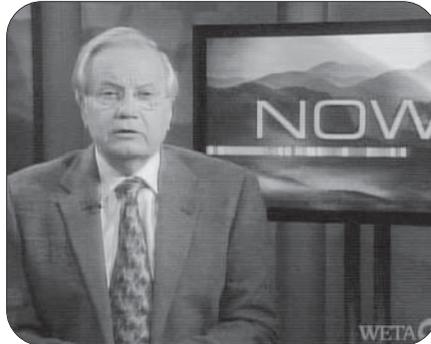
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Bill 'Anti-Gay' Moyers

Hard to believe, but, yes, that paragon of moral righteousness, diversity, and tolerance, Bill Moyers, has been known to play the gay-bashing homophobic card to help his liberal friends get elected – and he’ll even lie about it to cover his tracks. Recently



The ever-tolerant and ever-sensitive Bill Moyers played the anti-homosexual, gay-bashing card against Barry Goldwater's staff in 1964 – and then Moyers lied about it.

declassified FBI files confirm that Moyers, while working to re-elect Lyndon Johnson in 1964, contacted then-FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to request that he “do an investigation of [Republican presidential candidate Barry] Goldwater’s staff to find... evidence of homosexual activity.”

When this became public in 1975, Moyers initially claimed the memo with his name on it “was another example of the Bureau salting its files with phony CIA memos.” But when former Acting Attorney General Laurence Silberman offered to conduct an investigation and promised to “publicly exonerate” Moyers if the memo was proven fake, Moyers admitted that he did make the request. Such integrity.

'Kill Your Family!'

While the liberal media whine endlessly about treatment of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, they ignore the risks that U.S. soldiers face there every single day. As reported on FNC’s *Special Report with Brit Hume*, Brigadier General Jay Hood, commander of

Gitmo, testified before the House Armed Services Committee. He revealed that “it is not unusual” for a guard to “have urine or feces or spit or some other liquid thrown at him by a detainee. It’s not unusual for a detainee to look at an American and tell him, ‘When I get out of here, I’m going to kill you and your family. I’ll find you.’”

Henneberg further stated how one detainee, whom the U.S. even fitted with a prosthetic leg, “was released from Gitmo last year and returned to the fight against Americans in Afghanistan.” The networks ignored the hearings. The headline over a Reuters dispatch read: “Democrats see ‘whitewash’ of Guantanamo problems.”

Boston Globe Bashes Vets

National Book Award winner James Carroll went on an anti-American rant in a July 5 *Boston Globe* column. “After the fireworks, the music, the rhetoric of freedom — what then? The party is over,” said Carroll. “Can we think about what, exactly, we were celebrating? ... What kind of nation does our flag fly over now? Not a less innocent one, because American innocence was never the truth. Not one less reluctant to go to war without a good reason, because we have foolishly credited bad reasons in the past. But now the nation lacks even that.

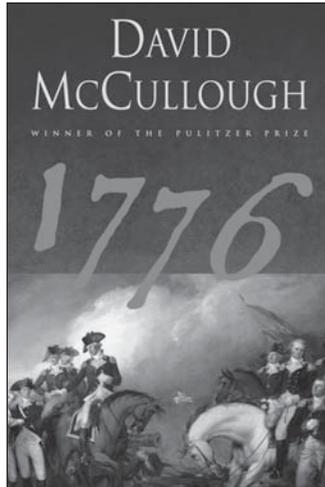
“As our President demonstrated last week, we have become a people who wage unending war — killing and maiming our young ones and theirs — without being remotely able to say why.” In between, Carroll stated: “The American fighters of the Pacific War were not heroes.”

Media Help Anti-Gun Group

How would the liberal media react if a top reporter agreed to help raise funds at an NRA-sponsored event? They’d scream partisanship. But for a liberal anti-gun group, it’s okay. Come September 28, the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence will host a

fundraiser for humorist Art Buchwald at the French Embassy in Washington, D.C. The invitation promises “emcee Mark Shields, with Ben Bradlee, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, and Mike Wallace.”

So, guaranteed to be on stage for the liberal fundraiser are a Kennedy, a PBS *NewsHour* pundit, a former executive editor of the *Washington Post*, and the best-known face of CBS’s *60 Minutes*. Other media luminaries to attend include NBC News health analyst Dr. Sue Bailey, former *New York Times* columnist Russell Baker, and former CBS anchor Walter Cronkite.



McCullough, the author of *1776*, on CNBC’s *Tim Russert* show for June 18.

McCullough, a two-time Pulitzer winner, told Russert that if the Continental Army efforts led by George Washington “had been covered by the media, and the country had seen how horrible the conditions were, how badly

things were being run by the officers, and what a very serious soup we were in, I think that would have been it” for the colonialists and the British would have won.

Media in 1776

If today’s U.S. media were reporting on the Revolutionary War in the 1770s, America’s patriots would have lost and Britain would have won, said esteemed historian David

Nina ‘Very Liberal’ Totenberg

A parody of herself? NPR’s Nina Totenberg has tagged Supreme Court nominee John Roberts as “very conservative,” “very, very conservative” and “very, very, very conservative,” as

well as “a really conservative guy,” “a hardline conservative” and “a clear conservative,” to say nothing of being “a conservative Catholic.”

On the July 31 edition of *Inside Washington* she commented that after she “spent five hours reviewing all of his documents from when he worked



NPR’s very liberal Nina Totenberg says that Supreme Court nominee John Roberts is “very, very, very conservative,” and a “hardline conservative,” to boot.

in the Justice Department,” she “was actually quite surprised at how, how very, very conservative he was.” Apparently, she didn’t listen to herself.

MRC CyberAlert Highlighted on Fox News Sunday

On June 26, *Fox News Sunday* anchor Chris Wallace cited an *MRC CyberAlert* demonstrating how the broadcast networks “jumped on” the controversy over comments by White House Deputy Chief-of-Staff Karl Rove after largely downplaying the Gitmo-is-Gulag remarks of Senator Dick Durbin. Over graphics showing network logos with text summarizing coverage of the two controversial remarks, Wallace reported:

“Now let’s check out a story you won’t find on any other Sunday show. There’s a new study out comparing how the media covered Senator Durbin’s remarks about the treatment of prisoners and Karl Rove’s speech about the response to 9/11. Here’s what the Media Research Center found. On the Rove flap, which broke



Wednesday night, ABC and NBC jumped on it, carrying stories Thursday night and Friday morning. But on the Durbin story, a very different reaction. ABC and NBC waited seven days, ignoring the entire controversy until Durbin apologized on the Senate floor. CBS never covered the story at all.”



By David Thibault
CNSNews.com Editor-in-Chief



Message to Paul Begala: The Truth is the Truth

Occasionally, the political Left's inflammatory rhetoric surprises even some of its own members, producing two reactions – the effort at damage control and outright denial.

In the first case, Democratic politicians will try to dilute or divert the inflammatory comments.

For example, following the recent assertion by Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean that the Republican Party was “pretty much a white, Christian party,” there was a mad scramble by certain Democrats to offer alternative views on the subject and by others to muzzle the party chairman.

In the second case, the person who uttered the controversial comments will deny having made them or insist that he was misquoted or taken out of context. Amid this denial, he will be backed up by the liberal spin machine that now includes dozens of Web logs.

The best example of this involves former Clinton administration political operative Paul Begala, who in a July 13 rant to a group of liberal college students gathered in Washington, D.C., demeaned the Bush administration's war against terrorism.

“They have done a p***-poor job of defending us. Their strategy was always, ‘We’ll fight them over there so we don’t fight them over here.’ Well, guess what? Bin Laden didn’t get the memo. He wants to fight us here as well, as we saw in London last week. And so, their theory is, ‘We can’t really do everything to protect our country because we have to cut taxes for the rich,’ and so they want to kill us, particularly in New York and other places. I was driving past the Pentagon when that plane hit. I had friends on that plane. This is deadly serious to me. They want to kill me and my children if they can. But if they just kill me and not my children, they want my children to be comforted that while they didn’t protect me because they cut my taxes, my children won’t have to pay any money on the money they inherit. That is bull**** national defense and we should say that.”

Not surprisingly, Cybercast News Service was the only news organization that reported on Begala's comments, which,

even for someone as partisan as Begala, were pretty remarkable.

His outrageous and daffy intermingling of Republicans and terrorists clearly showed that Begala considers both the enemy – one indistinguishable from the other. And as jaw-dropping as the comments are in print, they're even more unsettling when you watch the video of Begala's rant, which Cybercast News Service also provided to its readers.

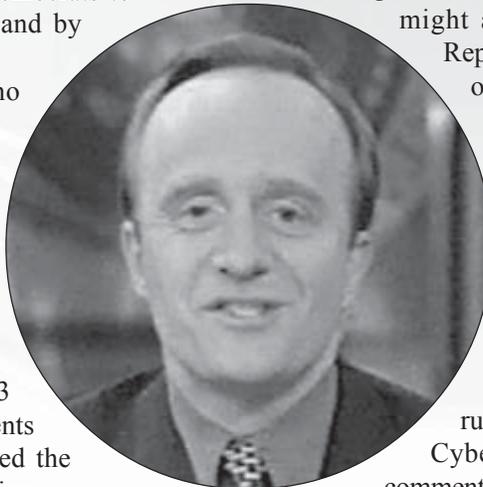
Begala's inflection left little doubt that in his mind, it might as well have been President Bush and Republican leaders in Congress at the controls of the planes that smashed into the World Trade Center and Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

You're free to deduce why Begala is so bitter, but one thing he is not free to do is revise what he said to those students on July 13. Begala can try, as he did in a Web log response, to claim that he was only guilty of sloppy grammar. His left-wing friends in the blogosphere can rush to his defense, as they did, and accuse Cybercast News Service of taking Begala's comments out of context and intentionally misquoting the former Clinton aide.

But the truth is the truth. And Begala's July 13 remarks, which spilled out when he didn't think anyone in the media was paying attention, are now part of the permanent record. His bilious comments didn't make it into the establishment media because those liberal news organizations show as much bias in what they omit from their pages as what they commit to their pages.

As you surely know by now, that's not our philosophy at Cybercast News Service. We'll keep an eye on Begala, Dean, and some of the others in their party and tell you exactly what they said, their slithery explanations notwithstanding. If Begala and his allies want to criticize us for doing that, we can handle the heat.

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- ☛ FNC, *Special Report w/Brit Hume*, July 28
- ☛ C-SPAN, *Q&A with Brian Lamb*, July 20
- ☛ MSNBC, *Connected: Coast to Coast*, June 28
- ☛ FNC, *FOX News Sunday Roundtable*, June 26

Radio

- Sean Hannity Radio Show*, July 28
- Janet Parshall's America*, July 6
- Bottom Line with Herman Cain*, July 6
- Joe Scarborough Radio*, July 28
- WMET, July 29
- KAHL, San Antonio, July 1
- KDKA, June 23, July 6
- Faith2Action w/Janet Folger*, June 23
- WOIC, Columbia, June 23
- NRA News, June 22, 29, July 1, 13
- KOGO, San Diego, June 30, July 27
- KPCC, Los Angeles, June 24
- WMUZ, Detroit, June 24
- KSLR, San Antonio, July 13
- WIBC, Indianapolis, June 30, July 28
- KOA, Denver, June 20, 21
- WBAL, Baltimore, June 21, July 30
- WIBA, Madison, June 21
- Right Balance*, June 22

Print

- New York Times*, July 31
- USA Today*, July 1
- Los Angeles Times*, July 1
- South China Morning Post*, July 10

- Federal News Service, White House Briefing, July 20
- Clarion Ledger*, July 10
- News-Times*, July 25
- Times-Democrat* (Oklahoma), July 2
- American Spectator*, July-August
- Chattanooga Times Free Press*, July 9
- Human Events*, July 8
- St. Petersburg Times*, July 3
- Itar-Tass, July 4
- Press Enterprise* (Riverside, CA), July 3
- Plain Dealer* (Cleveland), June 26
- TIME*, June 24
- Washington Post*, June 21
- Washington Times*, July 15, 20, 22, 26, Aug. 2
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- Television Week*, June 24, 27
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- American Spectator Online, July 25
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- Enter Stage Right.com, July 4
- OC Register.com, July 3
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On *Hannity & Colmes*, MRC President Brent Bozell and host Sean Hannity discussed the most blatant examples of liberal media bias.



On Fox News, Tim Graham, MRC Director of Media Analysis, commented about the liberal media bias at PBS.



MRC Director of Research Rich Noyes, on *Fox & Friends*, talked about the left-wing bias at the radio network 'Air America.'



On *Connected: Coast to Coast*, the MRC's Tim Graham discussed media coverage of religion with host Ron Reagan.

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