Dear Friend,

Liberal bias dominates in nearly every major media market in America — at ABC, CBS, NBC, MSNBC, CNN, USA Today, The New York Times, The Washington Post, Time, Newsweek, taxpayer-funded PBS and NPR, the AP wire service and, of course, Hollywood. In all, more than 60 million Americans get their news and views from liberal media outlets.

All we conservatives have is talk radio: Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Laura Ingraham, Neal Boortz, and others. Millions of Americans listen to conservative talk radio everyday, but that is not nearly as many who get their news from the liberal media. And still, the liberals can’t stand it. They want to stop it. They want to control everything.

Liberals thought they could compete with conservatives on talk radio. That’s why they launched the leftist Air America network. (And how the liberal news media cheered them on!) But then something interesting happened. The market spoke. No one was interested in Al Franken and Company. Air America went bankrupt.

So now liberals have another plan. Now, liberals are trying to kill conservative talk radio, the most influential New Medium, by reinstating the Fairness Doctrine, an antiquated FCC regulation repealed by Ronald Reagan in 1987. Liberals say they want to provide equal time for opposing views on controversial issues over the public airwaves, but liberals really want to use the Fairness Doctrine today to censor conservative talk radio, if not end it.

The MRC has been monitoring and reporting on these nefarious actions by the political left through our News Analysis Division, the Culture and Media Institute, the Business & Media Institute, and through CNSNews.com, as well as through press releases and numerous interviews on radio and television, particularly the Fox News Channel.

In addition, the MRC, thanks to your support, is expanding its analysis and reporting staffs and creating a totally new multi-media Web/Internet presence — a state-of-the-art broadband infrastructure and revolutionary New Media presence for the conservative movement. We’re building, adding to the foundation that has made the MRC America’s media watchdog. Now we have a new challenge: to expose the so-called Fairness Doctrine for what it is — government-enforced liberal media bias.

In recent weeks, numerous leaders in Congress have begun the drumbeat of support for the reinstatement of the Fairness Doctrine. These leftists include Sens. John Kerry, Dick Durbin, Bernie

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Sanders, Diane Feinstein, and Rep. Dennis Kucinich. And they have a friend in Sen. Trent Lott, who was on the wrong side of the amnesty debate and lashed out at conservative talk radio when he lost, saying, “Talk radio is running America. … We have to deal with that problem.” Another moderate, Republican George Voinovich, was asked by Sean Hannity about the Fairness Doctrine and said, “I’m all for it, whatever it is. I think everyone should be open to show the other side.”

Voinovich apparently didn’t know what he was talking about. It isn’t about being “open to show the other side.” For the record, President John F. Kennedy’s commerce secretary, Bill Ruder, did know what he was talking about when he said, “Our massive strategy was to use the Fairness Doctrine to challenge and harass right-wing broadcasters and hope the challenges would be so costly to them that they would be inhibited and decide it was too expensive to continue.”

That was 45 years ago. Liberals want to do the same thing today. And the liberal media are doing their part by crafting negative news stories about conservatives to set the stage in the public arena to bring the Fairness Doctrine back.

After Don Imus was fired for making racist comments, the liberals at NBC tried – and continue to try – to take down Rush Limbaugh by also smearing him as a racist. On the May 21 Today show, co-host Matt Lauer and reporter Michael Okwu ran a national story about Rush’s satirical parody song, “Barack, the Magic Negro.” The song is about Rev. Al Sharpton’s views on Sen. Barack Obama; and the “Magic Negro” label comes from an op-ed written by a black columnist at the Los Angeles Times. It was political satire and neither Obama nor Sharpton complained, even when the media invited them to! Still, NBC distorted the issue and tried to smear Rush by quoting a far-left-wing media critic saying the song is the “radio equivalent of a black-faced minstrel show.” Then, NBC reporter Okwu ended his hatchet-piece with the ominous question: “Legitimate satire or something darker?” Hint, hint.

NBC tried again on its June 24 Nightly News! This time, reporter John Yang first cut and pasted a quote from conservative Pat Buchanan (see p. 5), deliberately misrepresenting his remarks on criminal illegal immigrants in order to tar him as a racist. In the same segment, Yang, linking to Buchanan, said, “Those emotions are being fanned by conservative radio talk show hosts, such as Rush Limbaugh.” Pushing further, Yang threw Newt Gingrich’s name into the racial mixing bowl fabricated by NBC.

On MSNBC’s Hardball, Elizabeth Edwards, wife of liberal Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards, arranged a call-in on June 26 and sandbagged guest Ann Coulter for her alleged “hate” speech (see p. 3). Host Chris Matthews let Mrs. Edwards harangue Coulter for about 10 minutes. Two days later, the morning news shows on ABC, CBS, and NBC gave Edwards more time to misrepresent Coulter and trash her – Coulter, alas, was not allowed to call in or defend herself. It was the same thing: Selectively, deliberately editing what Coulter said in order to make it appear she said something awful.

In another example, at the July 7 “Live Earth” concerts launched by Al Gore to promote global warming hysteria, for which NBC Universal provided 75 hours of free coverage, liberal activist Robert F. Kennedy Jr. railed: “The next time you see John Stossel or Glenn Beck or Rush Limbaugh or Sean Hannity – these Flat Earthers, these corporate toadies – lying to you, lying to the American public, and telling you that global warming doesn’t exist, you send an e-mail to their advertisers ….”

Liberals, not surprisingly, did not call for “equal time” for conservatives to challenge Kennedy’s radical views at the concerts. Nor do they call for the Fairness Doctrine to be applied at ABC, CBS, NBC or NPR.

The liberal media and their activist comrades will stop at nothing to destroy conservatives and conservative leaders on talk radio. They will lie about conservatives, smear them, do whatever it takes. It’s the politics of personal destruction. At the same time, they want liberals in government to step in and censor conservative talk radio with the mis-named Fairness Doctrine.

The MRC is documenting and exposing this dangerous left-wing activism every day. As you no doubt understand by now, this is a crucial battle. The liberal media have billions of dollars and control the major information levers. New technology, new media, and the marketplace are helping conservatives and the MRC. But we must stay vigilant and fight back hard. The liberals will not stop. Neither will the MRC. That’s our job. And it’s only possible because of your support and commitment, for which I thank you.

Sincerely,

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Media Think Moore Has the Health Care Prescription

By Dan Gainor

The name Michael Moore conjures up images of the worst of Hollywood liberalism. He’s no longer satisfied trying to sway a presidential election, like he did with Fahrenheit 9/11, or attacking our right to bear arms like in Bowling for Columbine.

Now he’s graduated to promoting socialized medicine and hoping to set the agenda for the 2008 presidential race with his one-sided health care rant SiCKO.

And the media have been eating it up. Network news shows have used the schlock-umentary as a jumping off point to talk about health care and argue for a nationalized plan. Reporters have said Moore shows “compassion” and “generosity,” that he’s a great “campaigner” and an “adroit politician.”

ABC’s Terry Moran went even further. He’s “taking on America’s deeply flawed health care system,” said Moran on Nightline June 13. And “… the point his movie ultimately makes: fixing health care is a moral, even a religious obligation.”

Hillary’s nationalized health care is now a “moral” obligation, according to the news media.

And you thought Hillary-care was dead? Nothing that bad ever dies with the left.

Front and center of the revival is Moore, who has appeared on dozens of news shows to tout the health care systems of Canada, Britain, France and even Cuba over the United States. Several times during the film, Moore remarked that health care in a particular nation was “free,” as if he didn’t truly grasp the meaning of the word.

Of course socialized medicine isn’t free. Citizens pay for it first — in taxes and then in rationing of medical care.

That’s not the story Moore was telling. He deliberately left opposing views out of his film. And he sure doesn’t tolerate opposing views on TV either. On July 9, Moore appeared on CNN for an interview with Wolf Blitzer. But Moore was incensed because moments before, Dr. Sanjay Gupta had pointed out some of the many flaws in the film.

Moore went from agitated to angry and even made fun of how to pronounce Gupta’s name. Since that interview, Moore has issued a public letter to CNN, calling on the station to retract its “errors” about SiCKO and apologize to him.

With SiCKO and his other so-called documentaries, the Business & Media Institute has worked as a check and balance on Moore’s propaganda. To date, BMI has done four interviews on SiCKO. Throughout 2007, BMI will be following with more on Moore, the darling of the mainstream media.

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Liberal Media Deliberately Distort Ann Coulter’s Comment

Comments about liberal Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards made by conservative author Ann Coulter on ABC’s Good Morning America were deliberately distorted by the liberal media, which then gave endless coverage to Elizabeth Edwards to further distort Coulter’s words and urge people to financially support her husband’s campaign.

This is precisely how the liberal media operate: distort, twist, spin, cut and paste, and lie about their enemies regardless of the facts.

On June 25, ABC’s Chris Cuomo asked Ann Coulter about criticism she had encountered because of previous comments she had made about John Edwards, and Miss Coulter replied:

“But about the same time, you know, Bill Maher was not joking and saying he wished Dick Cheney had been killed in a terrorist attack. So, I’ve learned my lesson. If I’m gonna’ say anything about John Edwards in the future, I’ll just wish he had been killed in a terrorist assassination plot.”

With that, the liberal media were off to the races. They took out the part about Bill Maher wishing the vice president were dead, leaving the following cut-and-pasted quote:

“If I’m gonna’ say anything about John Edwards in the future, I’ll just wish he had been killed in a terrorist assassination plot.”

That out-of-context quotation was repeated on MSNBC, CNN, NBC’s Nightly News, in The Washington Post, in USA Today’s ‘On Politics’ blog, on CNN’s ‘The Caucus’ blog, on YouTube, and across the Internet and around the globe on numerous left-wing Web sites. For days, the liberal media fanned the flames and essentially lied about Ann Coulter. They also interviewed Elizabeth Edwards on ABC, CBS, NBC, and in other venues, allowing her to further twist the facts and make appeals for her husband’s campaign. Distort, lie, trash and burn — that’s how the liberal media operate.
Bits & Pieces

NBC: Run, Gore, Run!

NBC Universal donated 75 hours of coverage to Al Gore’s Live Earth concerts — essentially 75 hours of global warming propaganda — on seven of its various stations on July 7. During NBC’s primetime coverage, Gore told Dateline anchor Ann Curry, “Thanks for what NBC has been doing,” for these concerts are “the largest global entertainment event in all of history.” NBC’s Curry then pressed Gore to run for president, fawning, “without you there will not be the political will in the White House to fight global warming.

“…A lot of people want me to ask you tonight if you’re running for president. …After fueling this grassroots movement, if you become convinced that without you there will not be the political will in the White House to fight global warming.

Liberal Reporters — Duh!

A June 21 report by Bill Dedman of MSNBC.com documented that out of 144 journalists surveyed, 125 of them (87 percent) gave financial contributions to Democrats and liberal causes; only 17 gave to Republicans; and only two gave to both political parties. While the reporters surveyed worked in a variety of news capacities across America, some were top-tiered journalists, including a correspondent and a producer for CBS’s Sunday Morning; a CNN reporter now with NPR; an NBC Dateline reporter; and a senior editor at Time magazine.

Another liberal donor is the “ethics” columnist for The New York Times, Richard Cohen, who gave $585 to the left-wing activist group MoveOn.org. When asked about his donations, Cohen, with a straight face, claimed that MoveOn.org is “non-partisan.” Cohen makes no bones about his disdain for President Bush, and he claims the Boy Scouts and the Catholic Church are “discriminatory” because of their moral views about homosexuality. The New York Times has a policy prohibiting political contributions. So much for ethics at this paper.

Slamming Coulter

After Elizabeth Edwards, wife of liberal Democratic candidate John Edwards, phoned into MSNBC’s Hardball on July 3 and attacked Ann Coulter for “hate” speech — and completely distorted Coulter’s actual comments — the morning network news shows gave Mrs. Edwards more time to slam and lie about Coulter on July 5.

‘Ugly’ Rush?

The June 24 NBC Nightly News distorted comments Patrick Buchanan made about illegal immigrants and

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Libby? Impeach Bush!

MSNBC’s Keith Olbermann, apparently sober, was so enraged by President Bush’s commutation of Lewis “Scooter” Libby’s prison sentence that in his July 3 “Special Comment” he ranted that President Bush is only president of “a rabid and irresponsible corner of the Republican Party.” Vice President Dick Cheney is “without conscience,” wailed Olbermann, adding that Cheney is a “ventriloquist” and Bush is his “dummy.”

But Olbermann wasn’t done. He railed some more: “Display just that iota of patriotism which Richard Nixon showed, on August 9, 1974. Resign. And give us someone, anyone, about whom all of us might yet be able to quote John Wayne, and say, ‘I didn’t vote for him, but he’s my President, and I hope he does a good job.’ Good night and good luck.”
compounded its liberal thrashing by accusing Rush Limbaugh of fanning “ugly emotions” about illegal immigration. NBC reporter John Yang first ran this quote by Buchanan on immigration: “Many of them are child molesters or drunk drivers, they’re rapists, they’re robbers.” Yang never told his NBC audience that Buchanan was talking about criminal illegal immigrants!

Yang then ran a clip of Democratic Rep. Luis Gutierrez condemning Buchanan and remarking, “the vast, overwhelming majority of immigrants that come here to this country come here to work hard, sweat, toil, and make our country a better place.” Then, referring back to the spliced Buchanan comments, Yang struck: “Those emotions are being fanned by conservative radio talk show hosts, such as Rush Limbaugh.” And Yang struck again, saying “And TV ads,” as he turned to a video clip of Newt Gingrich.

**Hitler Meant Well?!**

President Bush is actually worse than Hitler because at least the German dictator meant well when he was trying to exterminate Jewish people, ex-Seinfeld sit-com writer and Washington Post sports reporter Peter Mehlman contended in a June 20 rant published on The Huffington Post blog. Claiming that many people see Bush as the worst president, Mehlman asserted that “what no one is saying is the one overarching reason he’s the worst: the Bush Administration is the first that doesn’t even mean well. ...

“You could argue that even the world’s worst fascist dictators at least meant well. They honestly thought they were doing good things for their countries by suppressing blacks/eliminating Jews/eradicating free enterprise/repressing individual thought/killing off rivals/invading neighbors, etc. ...Bush set a new precedent. He came into office with the attitude of ‘I’m so tired of the public good. What about my good? What about my rich friends’ good?’

**ABC, CBS Ignore Ruling**

On July 6, ABC and CBS completely ignored a federal court ruling in the Bush Administration’s favor about NSA surveillance to fight terrorism, and NBC spun the ruling in an ambiguous way while still casting doubt on the Administration. This was in complete contrast to how the networks covered an August 2006 ruling in the case that went against the Administration. Then, the networks were all over the topic.

Typical was ABC World News anchor Charles Gibson, who lectured in August, “A federal judge tells the Bush administration one of its main terror-fighting tools violates the Constitution.” Yet after the recent July 6 ruling, Gibson said nothing, ABC said nothing, and CBS said nothing. At NBC, Lester Holt reported on the court ruling, noting that the plaintiffs in the case “couldn’t prove they were spied upon.” All the while, an on-screen graphic behind Holt read: “Domestic Spying.”

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**Minibits**

- **$250** to a left-wing political cause, The New Yorker’s Marc Singer huffed: “If someone had murdered Hitler — a journalist interviewing him had murdered him — the world would be a better place. I only feel good, as a citizen, about getting rid of George Bush, who has been the most destructive president in my lifetime.”

- Newsweek’s Jonathan Darman waxes about Hillary Clinton, “It’s her resilience and capacity to survive and thrive against all comers that partly fuels the haters’ fury. ... in fact, the more they have attacked, the higher she has risen.”

- MSNBC’s Chris Matthews fawns over Sen. Barack Obama: “So much of what you say just grabs people like me, because it sounds like Bobby Kennedy. It sounds like the ’60s at its absolute best.”

- ABC’s Barbara Walters praises Michael Moore’s socialist health-care documentary SiCKO: “I just have to say, I don’t usually give opinions, but whatever — you’re Republican or Democrat or whatever you are, this is an amazing film. I thought it was — I think everybody should see it.”

- Geraldo Rivera rails against Michelle Malkin’s views on enforcing the law against illegal immigration: “Is that Hispanic guy an illegal or is he legal? It reminds me so much of when they used to pull down the pants of Jews to see if they were circumcised or not. It is, it is, so pathetic. It’s so un-American.”

- USA Today founder Al Neurath rips, “My amusement comes from Rush Limbaugh’s show. ... I don’t become offended by the idiotic things he says; I become amused by them. ... It’s OK for idiots like him to voice their opinion because that’s what this country is about....All the bloggers on the Internet have a right to all of their stupidity, too.”
To hear the establishment media tell it, liberals’ attempts to reinstate the so-called Fairness Doctrine are nothing more than an effort to ensure talk radio listeners hear both sides of controversial issues. But, where’s their fairness when it comes to covering both sides of the Fairness Doctrine debate?

Often, when the liberal media talk about the need for a fair fight between ideologies, what they really mean is that they want the government to fix the game to dictate who wins. It’s not “fair,” they say, that some people are more successful than others, so we need the government to raise taxes on the prosperous and redistribute the wealth to the less successful. But, it’s not really about ensuring equal opportunity; it’s about mandating equal outcome. Likewise, the liberal media will have you believe that unequal outcome in life is the result of some conspiracy (price gouging, unfair business practices, etc.).

So, too, with their coverage of the Fairness Doctrine debate. It’s not “fair,” they say, that more people listen to conservative talk shows than to liberal talk shows — so, obviously, something sinister must be afoot preventing people from hearing liberal viewpoints. And, as always, they call on the government to do something to balance the scales.

But, that’s not how we do it at CNSNews.com. Sure, we reported it when two liberal groups published a study showing that 91% of talk radio is dominated by conservative voices and recommending increased government regulation and caps on conservative station ownership. But, we also reported a media analyst’s explanation of how the study’s methodology skewed the results (by omitting public radio, for example).

Likewise, while we covered claims by liberal talk host Ed Schultz that “progressive talkers are being held to a totally different standard than conservatives,” we also spoke to the publisher of a leading talk radio trade publication who says “the only standards anyone is held to are ratings and revenue. Progressive hosts face the same challenges that conservatives do. There’s nothing wrong with somebody being successful or having a following. There’s nothing illegal about it, either.”

And, we talked to other media analysts who point out that, while liberals also dominate broadcast and print media, they’re not calling for equal time mandates for conservatives in those forums.

CNSNews.com also provides readers with coverage of what members of Congress are saying on both sides of the debate. We quoted Sen. Trent Lott (R-Miss.) when he blamed talk radio for derailing legislation on illegal immigration, saying, “Talk radio is running America. We have to deal with that problem.” And, we reported Rep. Bernard Sanders’ (I-Vt.) challenge to liberals to “speak out against those advertisers” who support shows hosted by “right-wing nuts” like Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity.

But we also told readers about Rep. Mike Pence’s (R-Ind.) warning on the dangers of putting government “in the business of rationing free speech” and legislative efforts to prohibit the return of the Fairness Doctrine. Pence has succeeding in getting the House to pass an amendment preventing the Federal Communications Commission from spending money in 2008 to reinstate the doctrine and he is currently sponsoring the Broadcasters Freedom Act which would outlaw the doctrine’s return.

And, we told our readers how Democrats are requesting a study to show that conservative talk radio is being used “to convey messages of bigotry or hatred, creating a climate of fear and inciting individuals to commit hate crimes” in a tactic similar to President Bill Clinton’s efforts to blame conservative talk radio for the Oklahoma City bombings.

At the end of the day, though, regardless of the merits and fate of controversial proposals like the Fairness Doctrine, responsible journalism calls for fair and balanced presentation of both sides of the issue.

And, that’s what CNSNews.com provides its readers — not because the government says we have to, but because it’s the right thing to do.
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**Television**

**FNC:**
- Hannity & Colmes, July 9
- The Big Story with John Gibson, July 5
- Fox News Live, June 22
- Your World with Neil Cavuto, June 18
- Fox & Friends, June 14

**CBN:**
- News, June 8

**Radio**

USA Radio Network, July 6
- AP Broadcast, June 6
- Lee & Terry Show, July 3
- Dennis Miller Show, June 22
- Lynn Breidenbach Show, July 9
- O’Reilly Factor, June 18
- National Public Radio, June 8
- Dateline, June 26
- Dateline Washington, June 25
- The Right Balance, June 22
- American Family Radio, June 27
- Family News in Focus, June 21
- Faith2Action, June 25
- Catholic Connection, June 12, 20
- Thom Hartmann Show, June 28
- American Family Radio, June 12, 18, 21
- KTLK, Minneapolis, MN, July 3
- KCBI, Dallas, TX, July 3
- WNNJ, Franklin, NJ, July 3
- WIBA, Madison, WI, June 12, 15, 26, July 5
- WMUZ, Detroit, MI, July 5
- KMED, Medford, OR, July 10
- KPSZ, Des Moines, IA, June 25
- WYDE, Birmingham, AL, June 29
- KGNW, Seattle, WA, June 27
- WCHS, Charleston, WV, June 12, 27
- WHJJ, Providence, RI, June 27
- WIBC, Indianapolis, IN, June 28
- WDRC, Hartford, CT, June 26
- WFLA, Orlando, FL, July 2
- WYDE, Birmingham, AL, June 29

**Internet**

- MRC President Brent Bozell is interviewed on Hannity & Colmes about a liberal blogger who wants to see Rush Limbaugh and Ted Nugent killed.
- On Fox’s The Big Story, TimesWatch Director Clay Waters discusses NBC’s promotion of Al Gore’s global warming propaganda.
- On Fox & Friends, MRC President Brent Bozell discusses Katie Couric’s shortcomings and the declining ratings of the CBS Evening News.

**Print**

- Washington Times, July 10, 19
- Associated Press, June 7, 12, 15
- Baptist Press, July 5
- Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, June 11, 17, 25
- Christianity Today, June 29, July 2
- World magazine, June 30
- San Antonio Express-News, June 24
- Indianapolis Star, June 23
- Christian Century, June 26
- Investor’s Business Daily, June 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, July 11
- Fort Worth Star-Telegram, June 21
- Human Events, June 15, 21
- NewsMax.com, June 6
- Chicago Sun-Times, June 16
- Chicago Tribune, June 27
- Seattle Post, June 8
- Houston Chronicle, June 8, 11
- New Republic, June 7
- New York magazine, June 12
- Catholic News Service, June 13
- U.S. News & World Report, June 8, 11
- Christian Post, June 7
- Colorado Leader, June 9
- Orange County Register, June 2

- WPTF, Raleigh, NC, June 18
- KPSZ, Des Moines, IA, June 25
- PARTIAL LISTING

- AnnCoulter.com, June 28
- CitizenLink.org, July 2
- MichaelMedved.com, June 12
- FoxNews.com, June 22, July 3
- National Review Online, June 5
- FrontPageMag.com, June 13, July 3, 6
- Media Bistro Fishbowl, July 4
- National Journal Blog, July 5
- MediaBistro.com, June 19
- TV Newser, June 12
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- Accuracy in Media, July 3
- TV Watch, June 8
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- Human Events Online, June 12, July 2
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