The liberal media, particularly the networks ABC, CBS, and NBC, are doing all they can to help ensure that Solicitor General Elena Kagan is confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court. They are doing this by refusing to tell the truth to the American people about Kagan’s radical views and actions.

The new media, such as Fox News, conservative talk radio, and our own CNSNews.com, are reporting on Kagan’s radicalism. And there is a lot of news on the Internet, on blogs and Web sites, including NewsBusters and MRC.org.

But at ABC, CBS, and NBC — where about 40 million Americans get their news every day — there is a desert of coverage of just who Kagan really is. This bias by omission is pathetic and shocking, and reveals how far the left-wing media will go to carry water for the Obama administration and keep Americans in the dark.

Here at the MRC, we’re exposing that bias and giving the truth to the public. Let’s look at some examples of things you’d never know if you relied solely on the networks.

At Princeton in 1981, Kagan wrote a senior’s thesis about the rise and fall of socialism in New York City in the 1930s. Lamenting the demise of the Socialist Party, she wrote, “The story is a sad but also a chastening one for those who, more than half a century after socialism’s decline, still wish to change America.” The networks did not report this.

In the thesis for her master’s degree in 1983, Kagan praised the judicial activism of the Earl Warren Supreme Court — the networks said nothing. Kagan worked as an adviser to liberal Michael Dukakis in his 1988 presidential campaign — the networks said nothing.

As a domestic policy adviser in the Clinton White House in 1998, Kagan opposed making assisted suicide a federal crime, writing that this is “a fairly terrible idea.” ABC, CBS, and NBC never reported this. Fox News did, but no other cable news show.

Also, the networks almost completely ignored Kagan’s key role in the Clinton White House efforts to promote the monstrous act of partial-birth abortion. Our own CNSNews.com reported that, in 1996, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) sent the Clinton White House a proposed draft statement on partial-birth abortion that declared a panel they convened “could identify no circumstances” under which this skull-puncturing and skull-vacuuming procedure would be “the only option” to save a woman’s life or preserve her health.”

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Yet on Dec. 13, 1996, Kagan wrote this language would be a “disaster” if released publicly, since it clearly contradicted what President Clinton had claimed.

Partial-birth abortion, she wrote, “may be the best or most appropriate procedure in a particular circumstance to save the life or preserve the health of a woman.” Weeks later, ACOG’s public statement carried those exact words from the White House.

Three years later, Justice Stephen Breyer repeated those same words in declaring Nebraska’s partial-birth abortion ban unconstitutional.

Kagan, in effect, was one of the key strategists in blocking enactment of the partial-birth abortion ban unconstitutional.

CBS’s Jan Crawford on the Evening News played a snippet of Sen. Orrin Hatch pressing Kagan to admit the notes to ACOG were in her handwriting, during the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing in late June. But CBS viewers saw just seconds of this exchange with zero context for what these two people were discussing — other than the generic topic of abortion. The grisly specifics were omitted.

In 2005, while dean of Harvard Law School, Kagan signed a letter with three other law school deans in opposition to legislation that would clearly define who an “enemy combatant” is in America’s war against terrorism. The leftist letter compared the bill to the “fundamentally lawless” actions of “dictatorships.”

Neither ABC nor NBC reported on this and CBS ran only one short story.

Kagan has often said her “judicial hero’ is Aharon Barak, a left-wing activist judge who was on the Israeli Supreme Court. Judge Robert Bork says Kagan’s admiration of Barak is “disqualifying in and of itself.”

The networks have done zero stories about Kagan’s praise of Barak.

As solicitor general under Obama, Kagan argued before the Supreme Court last September that the government could ban political pamphlets published by corporations around Election Day.

The high court ruled against Kagan 5-4. Yet on her support for banning political pamphlets specifically, ABC and CBS reported nothing, and NBC barely touched on it when Sen. Mitch McConnell mentioned it in an interview.

If you watch the network news shows, you’d never know that the next person likely to be confirmed to the Supreme Court thinks it is constitutional to ban political pamphlets.

Thomas Paine, call your office.

All these things, all these examples of Kagan’s radicalism have been documented and exposed by the MRC through our various divisions. Fox News, conservative talk radio, and the blogosphere have also reported many of these facts, frequently using our research.

But ABC, CBS, and NBC are nearly stone silent. They aren’t going to tell the truth to the American people. We are — every day.

As America’s media watchdog, the MRC is the leading source for liberal media bias. And through our NewsBusters blog, other divisions, and our news service CNSNews.com, we are reporting the facts, reporting the truth.

It’s a drag-out war with the liberal media, but the truth wins in the end, and we’ll be there. Stay tuned!

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
MRC’s NewsBusters: the Most Successful Blog Battling the Liberal Media

By Matthew Sheffield, Executive Editor, NewsBusters.org

When NewsBusters, the MRC blog covering liberal media bias, launched in August 2005, it was the first collaborative project between a Washington non-profit group and the blogosphere. To this day it is the most successful.

NewsBusters is the premiere online conservative media watchdog. A natural outgrowth of the MRC’s mission, NewsBusters, or NB, is a hub of rapid, round-the-clock content that serves as the Web’s most meaningful check on the liberal media.

From talk radio hosts to TV news anchors to newspaper ombudsmen, prominent journalists have demonstrated — through flattery, citations, or attacks — that NewsBusters is a tremendous force in the world of political media.

Since its launch, NewsBusters has become one of the most successful political blogs on the Web, both in terms of traffic and influence. For example, Technorati, Wikio, and other services that track these things, consistently rank NB in the top 10 political blogs on the Web. NewsBusters was also recognized as one of the top 10 independently owned political blogs during the 2008 election season.

NewsBusters is cited on a daily basis by media powerhouses including Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Glenn Beck, Mark Levin, Fox News, CNN, and countless local talk radio hosts across the country.

We’re not resting on our laurels, either. In the next few weeks, in celebration of our fifth anniversary, we’ll be rolling out a brand-new, upgraded version of the NewsBusters website that will feature even more content including columns from Cal Thomas, Michelle Malkin and other conservative writers.

A number of factors have contributed to the success of NewsBusters, chief among them the dedication of MRC staff and supporters. The leadership of Brent Bozell and the vision of Brent Baker continue to enable the site to grow, attract more visitors, and enjoy ever-increasing sway in the battle against the liberal media. MRC supporters are responsible for giving us the resources to make it all possible.

Keeping the media accountable is quite the task, and NewsBusters has become the online home for every story pertaining to liberal media bias. With more than 50 contributors, more than 30,000 blog posts, and over 45,000 registered users, NB is carrying the MRC’s stellar reputation as the political right’s foremost media watchdog into the digital media world.

According to Web traffic analysts, the MRC’s NewsBusters consistently ranks among the top 10 political blogs on the Internet.

“NewsBusters Rocks!”

RUSH LIMBAUGH

“The Media research Center is home to some of the most important conservative Web sites in the country. Sites that I visit everyday several times a day. Newsbusters is THE place for up-to-minute research and analysis on media bias and other hot stories of the day.”

MARK LEVIN
What Rationer?

Two days after President Obama recess-appointed (on July 6) the radical leftist Dr. Donald Berwick to run Medicare and Medicaid, the morning and evening news at CBS and ABC had reported nothing, while the NBC Nightly News gave it only 35 seconds of coverage. Berwick is a Harvard academic who explicitly advocates health care rationing and redistribution of wealth, and rejects American free enterprise. Karl Marx would approve of this man’s politics.

NBC’s Brian Williams, nonetheless, just mumbled on July 8 that “Republicans are angry” over the recess appointment and then cited an unnamed Obama official as “this was one of many appointments being blocked by the Senate.” This was false, as Democrats control the Senate and their leadership had never called a hearing for Berwick because some of their own members were opposed to this radical! NBC’s morning show, Today, gave 20 seconds to the issue — the morning shows at ABC and CBS never mentioned Berwick but gave 52 minutes of coverage to Hollywood bad-girl Lindsay Lohan.

Racist Conservatives

There is no liberal media bias according to MSNBC’s ongoing guest anchor Cenk Uyger. What we have are racist conservatives who complain about liberal media bias. On the July 7 Dylan Ratigan show, Uyger bemoaned America’s alleged “shift to the right” over the last few decades, confessing, “when I started out I was a liberal Republican. No such thing exists anymore.”

The media failed to explain America’s rightward political shift, lectured Uyger, because conservatives “kept calling them the liberal media, and why did they call them that? Because during civil rights, they [the media] said ‘yeah, black people and white people are the same’ and the conservatives at the time said, ‘damn liberal media,’ and, you know, that intimidated the media into not recognizing this trend.”

He is talking about us, of course. And the more we study his words, the less we understand what he’s rambling about.

‘Dumb’ Conservatives

Conservative talk radio, unlike CNN, reaches more than 10 million Americans every single day. Maybe that’s why CNN host Rick Sanchez is so jealous. He whined on July 9 that “we in America are so easily led to go against our own interests” and “the people who are really leading the charge in this country are the guys on the radio, many of which don’t even have a college degree.”

Sanchez also railed that “these guys on talk radio, some of whom make hundreds of thousands of dollars, if not millions of dollars” spread the false message, in Sanchez’s liberal view, that America is “held back by high taxes” and that if we could “get the government off our backs [then] all our problems in this country are going to be solved.” Sanchez, incidentally, is the same anchor-with-a-college-degree who, following the Feb. 27 earthquake in Chile, misidentified the Galapagos Islands as Hawaii.

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Minibits

Bloomberg News’ Al Hunt declares, “The side that talks about the need to rein in the federal government” is “not very rational.” The NYT’s Frank Rich rails against the GOP on MSNBC, “They have a race problem. I don’t know what the message is except the Party of No. It’s a return to sort of the classic kind of John Birch Society Republicanism of just, you know, pure Ayn Rand. No government, no regulation. Let business do what it wants. Let people fend for themselves.” After Obama dumps Gen. McChrystal for dissembling in Rolling Stone, CBS’s Chip Reid cheers, “Sounds like a pretty brilliant decision, really,” and NBC’s Chuck Todd crows, “a brilliant decision by the president,” and CNN’s Wolf Blitzer, on cue, chirps, “politically, a very brilliant move.” Bloomberg News’ Ed Chen in announcing he’s going to work for the left-wing Natural Resources Defense Council, waxes that he’s “resuming doing the Lord’s work, particularly after the BP oil spill. That debacle was a divine signal to redouble my efforts to help clean up the environment, [and] help America kick its petroleum addiction.” ABC’s George Stephanopoulos relishes Obama’s “martial language” on the oil spill “and his ‘battle plan’ to fix it” because it has “the feel of Franklin Roosevelt during World War II and those fireside chats.”

No Label

Why can’t networks be honest? CNN’s Tony Harris hosted a July 7 segment about Arizona’s new law against illegal immigration but didn’t tell viewers that the critic of the law on his show, Isabel Garcia, is a long-time leftist supporter of illegal immigration. Nor did Harris mention that Garcia participated in a radical demonstration in which she beat and decapitated a pinata-effigy of Arizona sheriff Joe Arpaio and carried the head down the street.

Instead, Mr. Harris referred to Garcia as merely the “deputy public defender in Pima County, Arizona.” Harris then let Garcia rail against Arizona State Senator Russell Pearce, who wrote the law in question, claiming that his point against racial profiling stemmed from his being “a white person.” Garcia went on to claim that Arizona’s new law was a federal conspiracy to create “a laboratory for everything that’s anti-immigrant.” Harris let her rant, saying only “okay, got you” and “oh my.”

CBS Silent

Although CBS’s Maggie Rodriguez, co-host of The Early Show, conducted three lengthy interviews with Bristol Palin’s boyfriend Levi Johnston in 2009 when he was criticizing conservative Republican Sarah Palin, neither Rodriguez nor The Early Show said a word about Johnston’s recent admission that he had lied about the Palins. He told People magazine on July 6, “I publicly said things about the Palins that were not completely true.”

Back in April 2009, Rodriguez interviewed Johnston and his mother to supposedly “clear up the ‘lies’ they say the Palins have been telling about them.” Then in October Rodriguez did a second interview “in this he-said-she-said battle” to “show the world the real Levi.” Then again on Nov. 17, another interview, with Rodriguez chirping that “Johnston says he is winning the war of words between Sarah Palin and him.” Now Johnston is saying he lied about the Palins, and CBS and Rodriguez don’t want to talk about it. Surprised?

Gun News Control

Despite the landmark ruling by the Supreme Court in McDonald v. Chicago that every American has the right to buy and use guns for self-defense, the morning news shows at ABC, CBS, and NBC gave the story a total of 2 minutes and 34 seconds of coverage on June 29. The ruling sweeps away about 75 years of liberal propaganda against the Second Amendment, which explains why the liberal morning news shows didn’t say much.

ABC’s Good Morning America devoted 21 seconds to the story, but gave 8.5 minutes to discussing actor Michael Douglas’s ex-wife. CBS’s Early Show gave 25 seconds to the story but spent 5 minutes and 15 seconds on a segment about cooking flank steak. NBC’s Today ran the longest piece on the court ruling, 1 minute, 48 seconds, with reporter Pete Williams fretting that the Supreme Court’s decision now “limits what state and local governments can do.”
So Much for ‘Core Conservative Values’

As summer rolls on, conservatives continue feeling confident that an electoral wave is going to wash over the opposition come November. Polls show there is a great and growing dissatisfaction with Washington, which is not new, except the face this time around is that of Barack Obama, and the public is revolting over his administration’s incessant attempts to grant the federal government ever more power and resources.

But success in the fall is not guaranteed, and even if it ends in a GOP takeover of the House, as many predict, questions remain. Have Republicans learned anything from the disasters of ’06 and ’08? Will Republicans embrace real conservatism and put some real restraints on Obama’s lust for power?

One disturbing tendency of the old regime is coming back: fiscal conservatives are already selling out social conservatives in an attempt to build winning coalitions without them. How many times must the GOP learn this is suicide? To win, conservatives must have not a “truce” between fiscal and social conservatives, as Gov. Mitch Daniels has unfortunately called for, but a strong, healthy alliance, with the common goal of victory.

This is perfectly acceptable to most social conservatives. Social conservatives will happily break bread in the cause to support tax cuts or any conservative attempt at fiscal reform. Do you find social conservatives supporting a minimum wage increase or opposing term limits and balanced budget amendments?

And yet some libertarians not only refuse to work with social conservatives, they’re actively seeking out and supporting causes in direct opposition to the core beliefs of social conservatives.

Comes now the news that fiscal conservative leader Grover Norquist, a man who prides himself on forming grand working coalitions, has joined the board of a group called GOProud, calling the group “an important part of the conservative movement” with a commitment to “core conservative values.”

It’s a gay group. And Norquist thinks social conservatives are going to accept this absolute abandonment? Traditional marriage and the right of religious people to speak out against homosexuality as a sin are “core conservative values.” Proposition 8 in California — defending the institution of marriage, the only thing the GOP won in 2008 — was victorious because culturally conservative blacks and Hispanics joined the GOP coalition.

Norquist wants to take the GOP in the exact opposite direction now, full speed ahead, the consequences be damned.

GOProud is a spinoff of the Log Cabin Republicans, who became so liberal and loosely affiliated with the GOP that they refused to endorse President Bush for re-election in 2004. But all this new group is really known for so far is getting a booth at the last Conservative Political Action Conference and mocking the social conservatives at the National Organization for Marriage as “pansies” and “wusses.”

GOProud’s leader, Jimmy LaSalvia, even made a “who’s the pansy at CPAC” video. LaSalvia wasn’t a hit with conservatives, but he was a hero to leftist gay bloggers, as Queerty.com cheered his “awesome CPAC hissy fit” against the anti-gay “meanies.” Norquist now sits on his board.

Norquist is a man with a quixotic passion for trying to build strange coalitions by selling out core conservative principles. He doesn’t think opposing the excesses of sex, violence, and filthy language on television is a conservative value, even when tens of millions of impressionable children are being poisoned by these messages. He suggested “damn close to nobody” in the movement agreed with issuing real fines for broadcast indecency — this after a completely lopsided 391-22 House vote in favor in 2004 and before the 379-35 vote in 2006 that led to President Bush signing the bill.

After Janet Jackson, the public overwhelmingly wanted action, but this man is not basing his coalition-building on math. He’s building it on his own preferences and beneficiaries.

He tried to build a large Republican bridge to radical Muslim Americans, which hasn’t exactly been the most promising of outreach projects. He has repeatedly welcomed lobbyists for legalized marijuana to his Wednesday morning meeting in Washington. He helped organize a Latino Partnership for Conservative Principles to support amnesty for illegal aliens, which conservative activist Mark Krikorian called “the Republican Auxiliary of the left’s open border movement.”

Now Norquist has declared open war on social conservatives. Note to Chairman Steele: If he succeeds, and they leave the party, the GOP is ruined.
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, 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**

CBN: *NewsWatch*, June 14

CNN: *Newsroom*, June 21, 25

  *Reliable Sources*, June 27, July 18
  *The Situation Room*, June 24

FNC: *Fox & Friends*, June 30

  *Fox News Watch*, July 3
  *Glenn Beck Show*, July 8

Hurriyet, June 24, July 1

  *Special Report w/ Bret Baier*, July 8
  *The O’Reilly Factor*, June 24

MSNBC: *Hardball w/Chris Mathews*, June 21

  *Rachel Maddow*, June 17

**Radio**

American Family Radio, June 16

Fox News Radio, June 28

IRN Radio Network, June 16

  *Mancow Muller Show*, June 19

  *Mark Levin Show*, July 8, 9

  *NRA News*, June 17, 24, July 1

  *Phil Valentine Show*, June 28

  *Rush Limbaugh Show*, July 8, 9

Talkline, June 21

  *Thom Hartmann Show*, June 29

  *Washington Times Radio*, July 5

KBAR, Burley, ID, June 28

KKKK, Longmont, CO, June 21

KPDQ, Portland, OR, June 24

KQKE, Silicon Valley, CA, July 8

KRMS, Osage Beach, MO, July 5

KWEL, Midland, TX, June 18

WAFG, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, June 18

WBT News, Charlotte, NC, June 20, July 4

WCHE, Westchester, PA, June 16, July 2

WENY, Corning, NY, June 23, 30

WIBA, Madison, WI, June 17, 22, 25, July 2

WIBC, Indianapolis, IN, July 1

WIZM, La Crosse, WI, June 18

WOR, New York, NY, June 28

WSAU, Wausau, WI, June 30

WTAN, Clearwater, FL, June 21, 28

WTKF, Greenville, NC, June 25, July 2

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**Print**

*Austin American-Statesman*, June 18

*Chicago Tribune*, June 28

*Ithaca Journal*, June 19

*Las Vegas Review Journal*, July 2

*Pensacola News Journal*, June 19

*Philadelphia Bulletin*, June 29

*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, June 21

*Politico*, June 24, 28

  *The Guardian*, June 18

  *Wall Street Journal*, July 2

  *Washington Times*, June 16, 18, 21, 22, 27

  - PARTIAL LISTING

**Internet**

American Thinker, June 20

AOL Politics Daily, June 28

B-Cast, June 18

CBN.org, June 14

Drudge Report, June 1, 21, 28, 29,

  *July 8, 9, 10, 14, 17*

FoxNews.com, June 15, 28

Human Events blog, July 6

LifeNews.com, July 1

Mediaite, June 29

Miami Herald.com, July 6

NYT Opinion blog, June 29

OneNewsNow, June 22

Slate.com, July 3

Smart Girl Nation, June 18

Statesman.com, June 18

Sunshine State News, June 16

The AtlanticWire, July 8

ThinkProgress.org, June 15

Washingtonpost blog, June 28

WorldNetDaily, June 16

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MRC president Brent Bozell appeared on the July 9 *Fox and Friends* to discuss the media blackout on the NASA administrator’s remarks to Al Jazeera, David Berwick’s recess appointment, and CNN’s firing of Octavia Nasr.

CNSNews.com Editor Terry Jeffrey presents the conservative side on illegal immigration and border security on CNN’s *The Situation Room*, June 24.

MRC’s news service CNSNews.com is frequently featured on the popular and influential Drudge Report, which reaches an estimated audience of 12 million readers.

In the regular *Media Mash* segments on Fox’s *Hannity*, MRC President Brent Bozell analyzed liberal media bias, on June 24, June, 1, 8, and 16.
Media Bias is the problem, the Media Research Center is the Solution

MRC Trustee Jennifer Dieckmann has supported the Media Research Center since 1998. She explains that she “first became aware of how liberal the American media are” when she and her husband Mark returned to the United States after living in England for three years. She says “I know that the BBC is a left-leaning news outfit, but the news anchors themselves don’t slant the news. They read it straight. The newspapers were better too. If you wanted the spin, you went to the tabloids. When Mark and I got back here and saw the news, we asked ourselves ‘What happened?’” She and Mark realized that the American media had become little more than mouthpieces for the Left, and she knew something needed to be done about it.

Jennifer first learned about the MRC when Rush Limbaugh mentioned it on his radio program. She visited our Web site and realized that the MRC is the only organization capable of combating the media’s half truths, distortions, and outright lies.

In 2007, Jennifer and Mark decided to attend one of the MRC’s Annual Meetings in Washington, DC. After hearing Brent and some of our other media experts detail the depth and the breadth of the MRC’s activities, and learning more about our many successes, she increased her commitment to the cause and accepted our invitation to become an MRC Trustee. She explains:

“I increased my support because I want to make a difference. There are a lot of worthwhile organizations out there, but I’m not wealthy and I can’t afford to support them all. I realized that in order for my gifts to have a real impact, I’d need to focus my giving. A single $5,000 gift to the MRC is a more effective use of my limited resources than fifty $100 gifts to fifty different groups.”

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