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## Giddy Liberal Media Cheer and Applaud Supreme Court Striking Down Defense of Marriage Act

The liberal media could not contain their pro-gay bias (and joy!) when the Supreme Court ruled that the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) was unconstitutional. The Court's 5-4 decision in late June requires the federal government to legally recognize – and bestow benefits upon – homosexual couples.

Adam and Steve are now viewed the same as Adam and Eve at the federal level.

Gays, of course, were deliriously happy about the ruling and so were their stenographers in the left-wing media. The decision was hailed by some journalists as one of the greatest “civil rights” advances in history and some liberal dunces

even likened it to the Emancipation Proclamation.

We documented, exposed, and neutralized that liberal – and so often lunatic left – media bias through News-Busters, CMI, BMI, the News Analysis Division, CNSNews.com, MRCTV, our press releases, e-mail alerts, and during numerous radio and TV interviews of our expert staff, including yours truly.

It's no overstatement to say that the pro-homosexual bias in the media was nauseating, as it has been for decades and unbearably so since Barack Obama became president. With the DOMA ruling, all pretense of neutrality or balance was discarded.

Let's look at how the liberal media bias truly came out of the closet.

On June 26, as the court ruling was announced, ABC's Bill Weir reported that “for those who believe equality for gay Americans is the civil rights struggle for our time, this was a day on par with the Emancipation Proclamation, with women marching to the polls for the first time.”

Weir's *Nightline* colleague, Terry Moran, was outside the Supreme Court. In an ABC News *Special Report*, Moran – with a never-ending smile and giddy demeanor – gushed that “this decision, which I have just gotten, is a declaration of equal rights for

gay Americans under the federal law. It is big.”

Moran wasn't done. Concerning Justice Anthony Kennedy's majority opinion, Moran swooned “there is ringing language in here ... language that is almost poetic in its embrace and affirmation of equal status.”

Over at NBC, legal analyst Lisa Bloom couldn't contain her enthusiasm over the defeat of DOMA and breathlessly reported, “There is no question that this is a sweeping historic decision for gay rights.” As for the leftist justices, Bloom cheered that “all three women on the Court voted with



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the majority, they tend to be the pro-civil rights bloc,” adding that the case is among the “biggest civil rights issues of our time.”

On ABC’s *Good Morning America*, reporting live (Pacific Coast time), host George Stephanopoulos tossed the story to openly gay weatherman Sam Champion, telling him, “You and Rubem [Robierb] married in December. I can only imagine what this day feels like to you.”

Champion, almost dancing, enthused, “My heart is pounding, like really thumping in my chest. ... It’s very easy to discount this into



ABC *Good Morning America* weatherman Sam Champion, who is “married” to Rubem Robierb, cheers the court ruling on-air and pro-homosexual colleague Josh Elliott gives him a hug.

a legal brief or to say that they are theories. But this is about people’s lives. And there are people all over this country just looking to know that they’re equal and that their feelings for someone that they love can be legitimized and is just as right as their neighbors’. And so to me, it’s a true affirmation.”

Remember, that was just the weatherman for ABC. As Champion carried on, news reader Josh Elliott stood up and gave him a big hug. Back in 2012, Elliott, a rabid pro-gay advocate, declared, “I’m proud to work at a place that believes in advocacy journalism!”

Over at MSNBC, uber-liberal Chris Matthews interviewed Gavin Newsom, the former mayor of San Francisco and long-time pro-gay activist, and actually compared him to abolitionist John Brown who, prior to the Civil War, was hanged for leading an armed insurrection to free the slaves.

Carrying his abolition = gay rights history lesson further, Matthews wondered, “What are we going to do if we have a country that ends up being divided this way, like almost half-slave and half-free?”

Matthews honestly said that. But does any sane person think current laws in 37 states prohibiting men from “marrying” each other is tantamount to the North-South racial divide and the subsequent Civil War that killed 700,000 Americans? Only in the MSNBC mind.

Matthews’ colleague Chris Hayes was equally fantastic. In his *All In* show, Hayes was all smiles. He enthused, “This is a watershed moment in the centuries-long struggle for equality in this country. It is a sweet, sweet victory, and it is important in this life to savor those.”

The liberal media could not stop celebrating the defeat of DOMA. It was like watching a journalistic Studio 54. On NBC’s *Today*, Gabe Gutierrez reported live from San Francisco, “In one of the country’s oldest and largest gay neighborhoods, vindication. It was the day San Francisco’s Castro



MSNBC’s Chris Matthews lauds ex-San Francisco mayor and pro-gay activist Gavin Newsom and equates him to pre-Civil War abolitionist John Brown.

District had been waiting for.” The next day, ABC’s Robin Roberts chattered on about “wonderful pictures” of “jubilation” and “people dancing in the streets in cities all around the country.” On-screen was a picture of San Francisco City Hall illuminated by rainbow-colored lights.

Examples of the pro-homosexual bias of the liberal media on DOMA in particular and “gay rights” in general are endless. Search the MRC website and you’ll find page after page of documentation. Needless to say, few critics of the court’s ruling or opponents of “gay marriage” were given much air-time by the liberal media.



NBC’s *Today* was excited to show the couples who challenged the DOMA law being interrupted during their interview after the Supreme Court decision to take a phone call from President Obama.

In his dissent, Justice Scalia wrote that the ruling against DOMA means that traditional marriage supporters will be tarred as “enemies of the human race.” After all, how dare anyone object to two people of the same sex loving each other? (Or 3 or more people?)

There will be no tolerance for conservatives or tradition or the natural order. This is already apparent in the leftist media’s long-time smearing of conservatives as racists or worse.

We must resist the liberal speech police. We must doggedly expose and neutralize the left-wing media. The MRC is doing that yeoman’s work day in and day out. Join us in the good fight. Send a donation today by calling (571) 267-3500. Thank you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III  
Founder and President

# Conservatives Must Battle Liberal Media Head-On Every Day If They Want to Win and Rebuild America's Greatness

BY BRENT BOZELL AND TIM GRAHAM

*Excerpted from the new book Collusion: How the Media Stole the 2012 Election and How to Stop Them From Doing it in 2016, by Brent Bozell III and Tim Graham. Visit [www.mediacollusion.com](http://www.mediacollusion.com) to purchase the book. All proceeds go to the MRC.*

The press has tilted liberal for decades, has it not? Yes, but never have the news media performed as they did in 2012, and if conservatives don't recognize this and commit themselves to changing the equation, they will not win again — at least not any time soon.

With the real possibility that the days are numbered for this country's freedoms, it is not just a problem, it is a crisis. ...

How critical is this to conservatives? There is nothing more important. The 2012 cycle was not an aberration, it is the new normal. It is now an established reality that the "news" media will do anything and everything to distort and discredit any con-

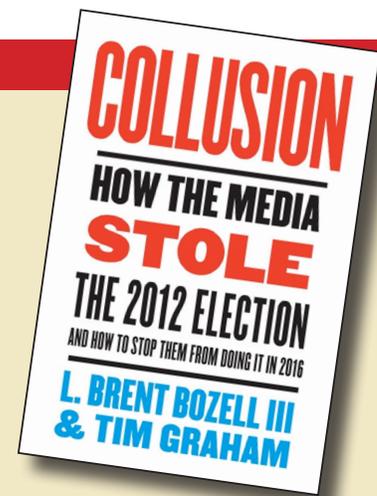
servative imperative that challenges leftist orthodoxy.

Unless and until this situation is corrected, not only will conservatives be thwarted, they will continue to lose ground as their policy prescriptions are ever more vilified.

If this isn't a top-shelf concern for a conservative leader or organization, he is condemned to political death and—frankly, at some point we must say it — deservedly so. ...

Obama was the most vulnerable incumbent in modern times. His performance on the economy was (and continues to be) disastrous, by any objective measurement. The United States is on the precipice of a fiscal and monetary collapse. He has done nothing to arrest, even slow the slide. Indeed, because of his excesses the country seems primed to go over the cliff.

On social policy he declared war on everyone of faith with his (anti-)religious mandate,



while advancing the most radical policies on key issues, from abortion to gays. On foreign policy, after being touted as the necessary antidote for the worldwide damage caused by the anti-Bush poison, he turned out to be even less popular.

Barack Obama was a disaster. And he won reelection, handily.

Yesterday's journalists were liberals, not today's radical leftists, much in the same vein that their political standard bearers, like George McGovern, were several degrees to the right of the socialist presently occupying 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Yesterday's journalists attempted, at least on some level, sometimes, maybe once every solar eclipse or so, to strive for objectivity.

Today's journalists make no such effort. They reject a code of ethical conduct if it interferes with their political mission. Yesterday's journalists by and large were educated, not just in the liberal arts, but in journalism.

Today's journalists make a mockery of the word. They are naive, even sometimes downright stupid. They are undisciplined, not just in the preparation but in the delivery of news. They cannot, or just will not distinguish between news and information. They are pawns for misinformation and practiced in disinformation. They are loud, condescending, arrogant, dishonest, foolish, incompetent, mean-spirited-and dangerous.



MRC President L. Brent Bozell III signs copies of his new book *Collusion*, which he co-wrote with MRC Media Analysis Director Tim Graham, in his office in the new MRC headquarters in Reston, Virginia.

# Bits & Pieces



A letter from the IRS inspector general showed that Tea Party groups were targeted far more frequently than liberal organizations contrary to White House claims, but ABC and NBC completely ignored the news and CBS gave it minimal coverage.

## What IRS Letter?

The IRS inspector general released a letter in late June confirming that the agency had targeted Tea Party groups aggressively but had examined far fewer liberal organizations, contrary to claims by left-wing members of Congress and the media. Not surprisingly, ABC and NBC totally ignored the letter – they reported nothing – and CBS *This Morning* gave it minimal coverage on June 28.

The IRS letter revealed that 100% of groups with the words “tea party” or “patriot” or “9/12” in their name were subjected to excessive questioning by the IRS in applying for tax-exempt status, but only 30% of organizations with “progressive” in their name were targeted. CBS *This Morning* did report that the IRS letter showed “conservative and progressive groups were both given extra scrutiny” and that “fewer liberal groups were targeted.” But beyond that the network news, from which about 40 million Americans get their news every day, didn’t say anything.

## Blame the GOP

Obamacare is not working well and it’s all because the GOP is not interested in helping President Obama fix the labyrinthine law’s problems, according to NBC’s Chuck Todd. On July 2, the administration quietly announced that businesses would not have to start implementing Obamacare for another year, after election year 2014, and this is because of the law’s ever-unraveling complexities and burdensome, job-killing costs. Nonetheless, Todd told *Meet the Press* on July 7, “You could argue that there are some Republicans that are trying to sabotage the law, that they’re hoping to not get it off the ground and then they can suddenly make the case, ‘See, we’ve got to get rid of it.’ And they’ve got some state governors that are openly trying to sabotage it.”



NBC’s Chuck Todd laughably argues that Obamacare is not working and is raising health care costs because Republicans do not support it with enough enthusiasm.

In the liberal mind, Obamacare isn’t working because Republicans don’t like socialist health care. Next thing you know, liberals will be blaming George W. Bush.

## Atlantis, Florida

MSNBC’s Chris Matthews, once again emotionally over-charged by President Obama’s rhetoric, hyperventilated on the June 26 *Hardball* that Miami will soon turn into Atlantis if government doesn’t stop global warming. “Why did President Obama try to move the ball on global warming and climate change today?” thumped Matthews. “Well, because cities like Miami are about to turn into Atlantis if we don’t do something about this. They’re only five feet in the air, Atlantis – I mean, Miami.”

Matthews apparently meant that Miami is only a few feet above sea level. He stumped on, “At least he [Obama] knows that the future of the planet is at stake. ... [C]arbon emissions are causing the sea level to rise and we’re going to have Miami turning into Atlantis by the end, by our children’s lifetimes. It’s not a joke. It’s frightening.” ... Maybe the air is thinning over at MSNBC?



MSNBC’s Chris Matthews hyperventilates that unless government fixes global warming, Miami will be under water like Atlantis.

## Liberal Visceral

A gang of liberal pundits drew their rhetorical knives to gut conservative Sean Hannity after he mocked MSNBC's low ratings in an interview with *Playboy* magazine. On *Now w/ Alex Wagner*, left-wing columnist Howard Fineman railed against Hannity's criticism of big government, yelping, "I mean, the lack of sort of self-awareness, deliberate lack of self-awareness is just stunning. One of the reasons why the system is so dysfunctional is because of the mindlessly accusatory nature of what he [Hannity] – what they do."

Hannity is "an enthusiastically, vigorous user of that style of rhetoric and politics, and it's one of the main reasons why things aren't working – Wake up! Wake up!" barked Fineman. Author and columnist Joe Klein then chimed in, "There are an awful lot of scared people out there in this country right now. He preys on them, just as Rush does and the others. He's shameless."

Hannity's cable news and talk-radio shows are among the highest rated in the nation. Klein, Fineman, MSNBC? Not even close. The defense rests.



Liberal panelists on MSNBC whine about the large audiences and influence of conservatives Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh but don't note those audiences, even daily, are astronomically higher than all the news programs on the left-wing MSNBC.



CBS's Norah O'Donnell stumps for the immigration amnesty bill, repeating liberal talking points and citing liberal Republicans to make her case.

## Viva CBS!

CBS *This Morning's* Norah O'Donnell and Anthony Mason repeatedly argued in favor of the Senate's amnesty/immigration bill on July 10 while interviewing conservative Rich Lowry, who detailed why the legislation is a disaster. O'Donnell first pressed, "Is it a sound argument to say because the bill's not perfect, you shouldn't pass it

at all?" When Lowry answered that the bill is "deeply flawed," Mason jumped in, "But you could say that about most legislation – come on!"

Tag-teaming, O'Donnell then played the VIP card, noting amnesty-backers include "George W. Bush, you have Jeb Bush, you have Marco Rubio, you have a number of conservative economic business leaders," and adding the Rovian talking point, "The Republican Party is in demographic death spiral unless they do something on immigration reform." Needless to say, if CBS news' apparatchiks are cheerleading for an amnesty bill, conservatives know it's not good for the nation.

## 'Under \_\_\_\_\_'

MSNBC's Ed Schultz continued to push the homosexual agenda on his June 29 show, allowing openly gay actor and activist George Takei to endorse same-sex "marriage" and mis-quote the Pledge of Allegiance unchallenged. Discussing the Supreme Court's ruling that the Defense of Marriage Act was unconstitutional, Takei, who played in the original "Star Trek" series, lectured, "Well, when I pledge allegiance to the United States, I say, 'One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.'"

Takei didn't mention the actual pledge says, "One nation, under God, indivisible ...," and Schultz didn't correct him. Schultz just nodded along and then whined that Republicans who oppose gay marriage "turn a blind eye and act as if this is just totally and morally wrong, and they play the moral card a lot." Yes, they do, as do countless Americans. Note to Ed: What part of sodomy is not "morally wrong"?



Gay activist and *Star Trek* actor George Takei cites the Pledge of Allegiance to push his case and omits the words "under God."

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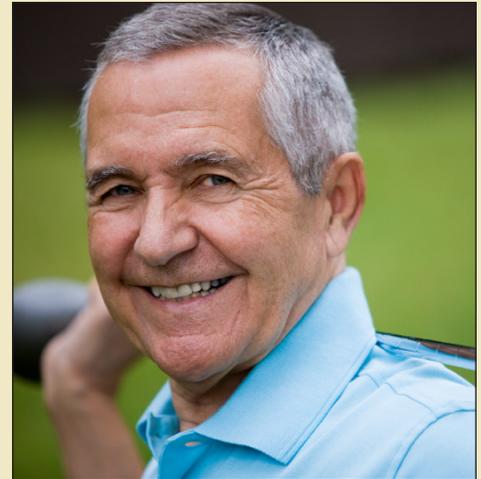
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# MRC in the News

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## Television

- CBN:** *Morning News*, June 18
- FBN:** *Cavuto*, June 13, 20  
*Lou Dobbs Tonight*, June 13
- FNC:** *Fox News Watch*, June 29  
*Hannity*, June 13, 18, 25 July 9, 16, 23  
*The O'Reilly Factor*, June 13, 18  
*Varney & Co.*, June 14, 21, 27, July 11

## Radio

- Alan Nathan Show*, June 20
- American Family Radio, June 28, July 1, 2, 3, 12, 24
- Andrea Tantaros Show*, June 28, July 12, 15
- Battle Line*, June 28, July 3, 8
- Ben Ferguson Show*, July 11
- Cable Radio Network, June 28, July 5, 16
- EWTN Catholic Connection, July 2
- Harry Jackson Show*, July 8
- Larry Elder Show*, June 13
- Lars Larson Show*, July 1
- Laura Ingraham Show*, June 19
- Mark Levin Show*, June 25, 28, July 1, 2
- NRA Radio, July 15
- Rush Limbaugh Show*, July 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 22, 23
- Sandy Rios Show*, July 2
- Sean Hannity Show*, July 9
- Steve Deace Show*, June 20, 25
- Steve Malzberg Show*, July 5, 12
- KCMN, Colorado Springs, CO, June, 14, 28, July 10
- KERV, Kerrville, TX, June 26, July 3
- KHVV, Honolulu, HI, July 9
- KIRO, Seattle, WA, July 5
- KMED, Medford, OR, July 2
- KNTH, Houston, TX, June 27, July 1, 8
- KNWZ, Palm Springs, CA, July 11
- KPRZ, San Diego, CA, June 12, 26, July 3, 9
- KWEL, Midland, TX, July 1, 8
- KXYL, Brownwood, TX, July 18
- WBAL, Baltimore, MD, June 28, July 8
- WDRC, Hartford, CT, June 26, July 8
- WENY, Corning, NY, June 26, July 3, 10
- WIBA, Madison, WI, June 12, 25, July 1, 2, 9, 11
- WIBC, Indianapolis, IN, June 13, 27
- WIFI, Burlington, NJ, July 12
- WJR, Detroit, MI, July 12
- WNRR, Augusta, GA, July 1
- WOCA, Ocala, FL, July 15
- WROK, Aurora, IL, July 1, 8
- WRTA, Altoona, PA, July 15
- WTKF, Morehead City, NC, June 28, July 5
- WVHU, Huntington, WV, July 3
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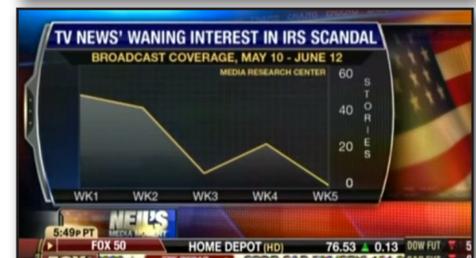
- Albuquerque Journal*, June 39
- Beaufort Observer*, June 21
- New York Daily News*, July 3, 8, 12
- Northern Virginia Daily*, June 13, 14, 20
- The Oregonian*, July 1
- Washington Post*, June 27
- Washington Times*, June 20, July 2, 5, 9
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## Internet & Twitter

- Biz-Pac Review, July 9
- Bloomberg Businessweek, July 11
- Catholic Online, June 17
- Celebrity Café.com, July 10
- CNN.com, June 24
- Daily Caller, July 4, 5, 6, 7
- Daily Mail, June 29
- Drudge Report, July 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22
- Examiner.com, June 28, 29, July 1, 8, 9
- FoxNews.com, June 24, 28, July 1, 2, 6, 9, 11, 12,
- GOPUSA, June 10
- HeraldOnline.com, July 8
- Hollywood Reporter, June 28
- HotAir.com, June 19, July 1, 9
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- IrishCentral.com, July 9
- LifeNews.com, July 2, 9
- Mediaite, June 13, July 2
- MyNorthwest.com, July 2
- Newsmax.com, June 30, July 9
- OneAmerica News, July 3
- OneNewsNow, July 1, 11
- OregonLive.com, July 1
- Patriot Post, June 21
- PJ Media, June 29, 30, July 8
- Salon.com, June 15, July 4
- The Blaze.com, June 19
- The Hill.com, July 9
- Townhall.com, June 18, 25, July 9
- UPI.com, June 29
- Weekly Standard.com, June 19
- WND.com, June 30, July 6, 10
- @MattLewis, 34K followers, June 20
- @JillStaneK, 12K followers, June 28
- @kristanhawkins, 634 followers, June 28
- @heritage, 311K followers, July 2
- @ewerickson, 91K followers, July 2
- @davidlimbaugh, 106K followers, July 2
- @cwfora, 8K followers, July 5
- @foramerica, 62K followers, July 8
- @katiepavlich, 60K followers, July 9
- @jennybethm, 17K followers, July 12
- @thetheaparty\_net, 45K followers, July 12
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On *Hannity's* July 19 "Media Mash," MRC President Brent Bozell listed the history of racial discord fueled by MSNBC's Al Sharpton, emphasizing that the liberal media rarely scrutinize Sharpton who is "trying to pit blacks against whites."



On Fox's *Cavuto*, Brent Bozell details how the liberal media are downplaying the IRS-Tea Party scandal to protect the Obama administration, citing an MRC study that documents how rapidly the network news stopped covering the issue 2 weeks after it surfaced.



MRC President Brent Bozell, citing research from his new book *Collusion*, analyzes the liberal media's character assassination against anyone who challenged Barack Obama in the 2012 race on Fox's *Hannity*, July 9.



# Minibits

■ NBC's **Chuck Todd** does damage control over Obama's Berlin speech bomb, "You had that very distracting [teleprompter] glass and you could just see that the president himself wasn't feeding off of the crowd. And I think, look, part of it, it was hot." ■ Columnist **Eleanor Clift** explains what's really behind opposition to the \$955 billion (over 10 years) Farm Bill: "Tea Party Republicans, in an effort to kill the farm bill, will stereotype and make racial comments about food stamps, which is a big element to the program."



MSNBC's **Chris Hayes** cackles, "Yes, right wingers, people are going hungry in America and the GOP's jihad on those in need gets uglier every single day. There's a Republican jihad on food stamps."

Right. So he sees himself as the guardian of that, and in that sense a small-c conservative President who's protecting those achievements."

■ HBO's **Bill Maher** slaps Ronald Reagan as "an anti-government, union-busting, race-baiting, anti-abortion, anti-gay, anti-intellectual, who cut rich people's taxes in half, had an incurable case for the military-industrial complex, and said Medicare was socialism that would destroy our freedom" and is "the man most responsible for our decline." ■ Finally, another reason why MSNBC's ratings are so low, **Chris Hayes**, who yammers, "Everything about the institutional structure and economic benefits of the conservative movement is slanted toward ridiculous clownish antics. It's what we see on right-wing talk radio, it's what gets you a contract with Fox News. The people who want to be players in this world have to put on the red nose and floppy shoes, and then they have to go to clown auditions."

■ Meanwhile, MSNBC's **Chris Hayes** cackles, "Yes, right wingers, people are going hungry in America and the GOP's jihad on those in need gets uglier every single day. There's a Republican jihad on food stamps." ■ CBS's **Elizabeth Palmer** describes Iran's presidential race, "In U.S. terms, it was as if all the candidates for the presidency came from the Tea Party." ■ Author/columnist **Jonathan Alter** seriously argues that Obama is defending "the American social contract against an assault by the American

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