The JournoList scandal, whereby 400 liberal media types — some with apparent anger-management problems — exchanged thousands of e-mails only to see them leaked in the new media, proves what the Media Research Center has been saying all along: the establishment media are dominated by liberals and liberals’ thinking is often immature and self-destructive.

One JournoList member, for example, wrote about how she’d love to watch Rush Limbaugh suffer a heart attack and die.

These folks cause immeasurable damage. Through their dominance at the networks and major newspapers, the liberals spread left-wing mayhem across the board, protect their political friends in government, and disparage conservatives at every turn. They also do a great disservice to the nation and the public with their slanted coverage.

We document, expose, and neutralize all of this every day at the MRC. Our struggle is two-fisted and ‘round the clock. The JournoList scandal only further validates our mission. But this particular affair has an undeniably comical side.


In July 2010, the Daily Caller Web site, run by conservative Tucker Carlson, got a hold of the trove of e-mails and started publishing them, verbal warts and all. Some of the people from JournoList who were identified were incensed and embarrassed, and at least one, David Weigel at The Washington Post, lost his job.

But what did these wonder birds expect?

Some 400 lefties sign on to an electronic discussion list and commence trashing other people in the media and bashing Rush Limbaugh and Matt Drudge and then — shockers! — someone leaks the material to the online media. Irony of ironies!

Note to the tech-savvy, liberal blogger/journalists on the Web: If you write your political tactics down and send...
them to 400 of your closest friends by e-mail, don’t be surprised to see your missive on tomorrow’s front page.

TIME’s Joe Klein gave one of the more laughable responses after the story broke. On his blog (!), he wrote: “When seen through the lens of witless right-wing conspiracy mongering, this seems embarrassing. But there was no conspiracy afoot. I didn’t need the folks on JournoList to figure out how to react to Sarah Palin. … I am offended that my private correspondence was leaked and published.”

Offended? Men like Joe Klein absolutely relish certain leaks to the media — Pentagon Papers, Abu Ghraib photos, WikiLeaks documents. But when it’s their own material leaked ... they’re outraged. What hypocrisy.

As for the conspiracy mongering, well, the cat is half out of the bag.

Here at the MRC, we’ve never claimed there was a vast, secret conspiracy of liberals in the media plotting the destruction of conservatives and the American way of life like underground cells of jihadists.

No, the liberals are right out in the open. You can see them every day on ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, MSNBC, HBO, in TIME, Newsweek, The New York Times, most college faculty, in Hollywood. They’re everywhere — and now they even post their radical views in large Internet discussion groups.

The newsrooms are stacked with liberals, as the work here documents through daily MRC CyberAlerts, our NewsBusters blog, the Business & Media Institute, and our other divisions. JournoList just compounds the evidence. The e-mail leaks also reveal how reckless and petty certain liberal media scribes are.

Consider, David Weigel lost his “conservative movement” blogger job at The Washington Post because he told 400 of his closest JournoList friends that, among other things, Matt Drudge is “an amoral shut-in” who should “set himself on fire.” He also complained about “how f---ing moronic” it was to give airtime to conservatives, and he frequently resorted to using the word “ratf---er” as an adjective to trash conservatives.

Then there’s Sarah Spitz, a producer at the public radio station KCRW, who wrote that if Rush Limbaugh were suffering a heart attack, she’d “laugh loudly like a maniac and watch his eyes bug out. ... I never knew I had this much hate in me. But he deserves it.”

Spencer Ackerman, formerly of The Washington Independent and now at Wired.com, railed about conservatives criticizing Rev. Jeremiah Wright and advised his JournoList buddies: “Instead, take one of them — Fred Barnes, Karl Rove, who cares — and call them racists.”

Ackerman also advised the list to “find a right-winger’s [sic] and smash it through a plate-glass window. Take a snapshot of the bleeding mess and send it out in a Christmas card to let the right know that it needs to live in a state of constant fear. Obviously, I mean this rhetorically.”

Obviously? Those liberals, a barrel full of rhetorical monkeys.

Clearly, some of the JournoList members were not prudent, kind, or even half-sensible, and the listserv group itself, like liberalism, imploded by its own design. Founder Ezra Klein shut the list down after the e-mails became public.

This marks a victory for us because JournoList proved that we have been right all along and justified in our work. The liberal media have no interest in being fair or unbiased. That’s why Americans refuse to trust them and that’s why we do what we do. Chalk one up for the good guys, and stay tuned. We have many more battles to win.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
Arizona’s Illegal Immigration Law

MRC Study Shows ABC, CBS, NBC Heavily Tilted Coverage Against the Law

A new study by the Media Research Center documents that the network news shows ran coverage that was nearly 10 to 1 against Arizona’s law to combat illegal immigration. ABC, CBS, and NBC have slanted their news coverage in order to undercut the new law, validate the actions of criminal illegals already in the country, and belittle the victims of illegal immigration.

Even after a liberal federal judge halted the most effective aspects of the law on July 28 -- a step that is currently under appeal by the state of Arizona -- the liberal media are still piling on with their pro-illegal immigrant coverage.

In the study, the MRC looked at the coverage of the Arizona law on both the morning and evening network news programs from April 23 to July 25. ABC, CBS, and NBC aired 120 stories during that time and 77 stories were negative (against Arizona) while only 8 stories were positive. The other 35 stories were neutral in coverage.

Network anchors and reporters sided against defenders of border control and championed sympathetic illegal aliens and their (often American-born) children. In 120 stories not once did they ever they describe “immigrants rights activists” as liberals or on the left.

Furthermore, the three networks described the Arizona law as “controversial” on 27 occasions, despite its overwhelming popularity in opinion polls. But the Obama administration’s decision to file a lawsuit against Arizona to crush the law was never described as “controversial” on ABC, CBS or NBC.

When Mexican President Felipe Calderon blasted the Arizona law in a Rose Garden press conference with President Obama and before a joint session of Congress, he got a standing ovation from congressional Democrats, Attorney General Eric Holder, and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. But CBS and NBC said nothing about this, and ABC only noted that Calderon had given a speech.

Further, the pointed criticisms by Republicans and conservatives against Calderon’s insulting remarks were given no airtime by the networks.

It’s clear from the study that once Arizona decided to do what was necessary to secure its border with Mexico and fight back against the criminals crossing illegally onto U.S. soil, the liberal media largely lined up with the illegal aliens and cheered them on. The forces of law and order and the many victims of illegal immigration in Arizona were given short-shrift by ABC, CBS and NBC.

To read the full study, visit www.MRC.org and its Media Reality Check, “Networks Protest Arizona’s Immigration Law with Cameras and Microphones.”
Not So King-ly

Best-selling author and notorious liberal Stephen King went on a verbal rampage in an Aug. 6 *Entertainment Weekly* column, harping that conservative Glenn Beck is “crazy” and Rush Limbaugh is a cynical huckster. With Rush, waxed King, “there’s a hollowness there, and a patronizing undertone when he interacts with callers (who are called Dittoheads for a reason).” King also derided Rush as having “no conviction in that sonorous, slightly flabby voice.”

King babbled on, declaring that Rush is only “marginally” saner than Beck, who is “crazy, but — like those urban nutcases — he actually seems to believe what he’s saying.” This is the same lefty King who said in 2008 that, “If you can read, you can walk into a job later on. If you don’t, then you’ve got the Army, Iraq — I don’t know, something like that. It’s, it’s not as bright.”

No Conservatives

In its coverage of California’s Proposition 8, the ballot initiative to legally define marriage as being between one man and one woman, ABC’s *Good Morning America* interviewed a liberal when the measure passed and then interviewed another liberal when the initiative was overturned by a gay federal judge. No conservatives were allowed on the show to comment.

On Aug. 5, the day after the judge’s ruling, ABC’s George Stephanopoulos spoke only with left-wing Slate.com reporter Dahlia Lithwick. She mused about the case going to the Supreme Court and Justice Anthony Kennedy, the probable swing vote, defending “the right to choose your own lifestyle.” Back in November 2008, when Prop. 8 first passed, *Good Morning America* interviewed in-studio Ron Buckmire and Dean Elzinga, both homosexual rights activists. Again, no conservatives were asked for comment or brought in to provide balance on the issue.

All Bad News?

All three evening news networks — ABC, CBS, NBC — chose not to report on a massive vote against Obamacare on Aug. 4 but instead found time to chatter about the president’s birthday. Missouri voters, on Aug. 3, overwhelmingly (71% to 29%) passed Proposition C, which called upon the state to enact a law forbidding the federal government from fining citizens who refuse to buy health insurance, as Obamacare mandates.

But the evening newscasts on Aug. 4 at ABC, CBS, and NBC skipped the bad news — entirely! These same networks had also chosen not to report on the Aug. 2 decision of a federal judge in Virginia, who rejected the White House’s attempt to block a state lawsuit challenging the health insurance mandate. Instead, ABC’s Diane Sawyer, for example, told us all about Obama turning 49 on his “big day.”

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**Watchdog**

**MSNBC’s ‘History’**

MSNBC’s *News Live* guest host Cenk Uygur slammed conservatives over gay marriage on Aug. 4 and continued to push his leftist version of U.S. history as he regularly does. There will “be gay marriage all across the country one day” predicted Uygur because America “is fundamentally progressive.” Conservatives “fought against women’s rights and they lost,” and “they fought against civil rights for blacks and they lost,” lectured Uygur, and now they’re “fighting against gay rights and they will lose, because this country believes in progress and human rights.”

Conservatives one day may “pretend to be fans of famous gay rights crusaders like Harvey Milk as some now pretend to be big fans of Martin Luther King,” charged Uygur, but “we know better, because in the end there’s only one thing that this country does with conservative ideas when they fight against progress, they throw them in the trash bin of history.”

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**Schorr Propaganda**

While the liberal media praised the career of CBS’s Daniel Schorr — he died in July, age 93 — they glossed over one of his more vicious hatchet jobs. As recounted by the *Weekly Standard*, back in 1964, Schorr reported on a supposed trip to Germany by Republican Barry Goldwater: “It looks as though Senator Goldwater, if nominated, will be starting his campaign here in Bavaria, center of Germany’s right wing,’ also known Schorr added helpfully, as ‘Hitler’s one-time stomping ground.’

“Goldwater, he went on, had given an interview to *Der Spiegel*, ‘appealing to right-wing elements in Germany,’ and had agreed to speak to a conclave of, yes, ‘right-wing Germans.’ ‘Thus,’ Schorr concluded, “there are signs that the American and German right wings are joining up.”’ Although easily checkable, the story was false in all its particulars.

Goldwater had made no plans to visit Germany; the *Der Spiegel* interview was a reprint from another magazine; and there was no Anschluss between German neo-Nazis and U.S. Republicans.

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**‘Scared White Voters’**

Without a shred of evidence to back up his lurid assertions, MSNBC’s Chris Matthews smeared Fox News and conservatives as playing the race card for challenging the Justice Department’s dismissal of a voter-intimidation case involving the New Black Panther Party. “Fox News and its friends have been whipping up white hysteria over allegations that members of the New Black Panther Party, two of them, intimidated voters in Philadelphia two years ago,” harped Matthews. He didn’t tell viewers that the DOJ, in the case’s first stage, had found the Panthers guilty.

But “now all seven Senate Republicans on the U.S. Judiciary committee of the Senate want the Justice Department investigated itself,” whined Matthews. “Is this yet another example of a rightist strategy to stir up racial resentment among whites by portraying whites as victims of black rule in this country?” He smeared on, “the right wing is loving it because it’s white/black.”

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— CHRISTIAN MATTHEWS —
Oliver Stone’s Foot-in-Mouth Disease

It never ceases to amaze that Oliver Stone thinks Ronald Reagan was a dunce. When it comes to judging iron-fisted dictators and anti-American despots, Oliver Stone is the intellectually incurious simpleton. He thinks Reagan was stupid because he clung to an all-encompassing ideology. But so does Stone. He thinks every evil in the world came from corporations, especially American corporations, including those he uses to make himself millions.

How else would you explain the (new) mess Stone (again) has made as he prepares a 10-part documentary for Showtime on The Secret History of America, including evaluations of Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin. In an interview with the Sunday Times of London, Stone declared Hitler was a monster, but he was apparently still America’s fault: “Hitler was a Frankenstein but there was also a Doctor Frankenstein,” Stone said. “German industrialists, the Americans and the British. He had a lot of support.”

Stone unfortunately wasn’t finished. He proceeded to denigrate the importance of the Holocaust: “Hitler did far more damage to the Russians than [to] the Jewish people, 25 or 30 [million killed].” The reason few people know this, according to Stone? “The Jewish domination of the media,” he said. “There’s a major lobby in the United States. They are hard workers. They stay on top of every comment, the most powerful lobby in Washington. Israel has f-----d up United States foreign policy for years.”

The major media thoroughly, and for the most part correctly, punished Mel Gibson within hours for a drunken anti-Semitic rant in 2006. But Stone has drawn a pass, since he’s made a raft of leftist films, and never one glorifying Jesus. Not everyone took the week off. Abraham Foxman of the Anti-Defamation League proclaimed “Oliver Stone has once again shown his conspiratorial colors with his comments about ‘Jewish domination of the media’ and control over U.S. foreign policy. His words conjure up some of the most stereotypical and conspiratorial notions of undue Jewish power and influence.”

Stone then apologized for downplaying the Holocaust: “In trying to make a broader historical point about the range of atrocities the Germans committed against many people, I made a clumsy association about the Holocaust, for which I am sorry and I regret.”

He’s made clumsy associations before: in 1997, he was one of 34 celebrities to sign a letter comparing the treatment of Scientologists in Germany with persecution by the Nazis in the 1930s.

This man’s affinity for dictators hasn’t waned. He even came to the defense of Iranian president (and habitual Holocaust-denier) Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. He slammed the U.S. policy toward Iran as “horrible” and added “Iran isn’t necessarily the good guy, but we don’t know the full story!”

That’s the problem with Stone. He always purports to speak truth to power, but he’s never met a truth he couldn’t demolish.

What Stone always knows is that America is the bad guy. Anyone with the audacity to oppose this country, and better yet, slander it, is suddenly the sugary apple of Stone’s eye. He has made documentaries about hate-filled killers like Castro, and Yasser Arafat, and just last month, Venezuelan strongman Hugo Chavez (with a pathetic box-office gross of $166,000). But Ahmadinejad turned him down. “While it is true that Oliver Stone is considered to be among the opposition in the U.S., the opposition is still part of the Great Satan,” proclaimed his media adviser, Mahdi Kalhor.

Stone continues to see the gleam in many a dictator’s eye. In January, Stone told The Hollywood Reporter that “Stalin has a complete other story... Not to paint him as a hero, but to tell a more factual representation. He fought the German war machine more than any single person. We can’t judge people as only ‘bad’ or ‘good.’ Hitler is an easy scapegoat throughout history and it’s been used cheaply”.

Apparently, these mass-murdering dictators are seen too narrowly by Americans: “I’ve been able to walk in Stalin’s shoes and Hitler’s shoes to understand their point of view,” Stone proclaimed. “We’re going to educate our minds and liberalize them and broaden them.” Of course, that included blame for America. “Go into the funding of the Nazi party. How many American corporations were involved, from GM through IBM. Hitler is just a man who could have easily been assassinated.”

Stone’s apologies for his remarks downplaying the Holocaust will probably prevent Showtime from heeding some Hollywood calls for canceling his “Secret History” series. But it’s amazing that Stone’s political and historical buffoonery continues to be presented by some interviewers and media executives as something wise and wonderful.
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**

- **CSPAN-2**: BOOK-TV, Aug. 14
- **FNC**: Fox & Friends, July 23, 30
- Glenn Beck Show, Aug. 4
- Hannity, July 22, 26, 29, 30, Aug. 2, 5

**Radio**

- American Family Radio, July 20, 23
- Focus on the Family, July 26
- G. Gordon Liddy, July 29
- Lars Larson Show, July 20
- Lou Dobbs Show, Aug. 2
- Mark Levin Show, July 21, 26
- Martha Zoller Show, July 29
- Rush Limbaugh Show, Aug. 2
- Thom Hartmann Show, July 27
- USA Network, July 30
- KJSL, St. Louis, MO, Aug. 3
- KPRZ, San Diego, CA, July 28
- WCHE, Westchester, PA, July 29
- WIBA, Madison, WI, July 26, 27
- WIBC, Indianapolis, IN, July 29
- WTKF, Greenville, NC, July 30
- WTVN, Columbus, OH, July 30
- WSAU, Wausau, WI, June 30
- WTAN, Clearwater, FL, June 21, 28
- WTKF, Greenville, NC, June 25, July 2

- **Partial Listing**

**Internet**

- BigJournalism.com, July 28
- CNN.com, July 29
- Daily Caller, July 28
- Daily Pundit, July 23
- Digital Journal, July 29
- Drudge Report, Aug. 2, 3, 4
- Federal News Service, Aug. 6
- Finance Wire, July 27
- FoxNews.com, Aug. 4, 7
- Human Events Online, Aug. 4
- National Review Online, July 22
- NPR blog, July 29
- OneNewsNow.com, July 27
- Patriot Post, July 29
- Politics Daily, July 28
- Red State, July 22
- Townhall.com, July 27
- Yahoo! News, July 29

- **Partial Listing**

**Print**

- Baltimore Sun, July 29, Aug. 6
- Canada Free Press, July 16
- Christian News Wire, Aug. 4
- Christian Science Monitor, Aug. 4
- Investor’s Business Daily, July 19, 29
- Philadelphia Bulletin, July 31
- Politico, July 29

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Stories by the MRC’s Business & Media Institute and CNSNews.com are regularly posted on the popular news aggregator site, The Drudge Report. Two CNSNews.com stories hit Drudge on July 22, reaching an audience estimated at 14 million.
After Fox News was assigned a front-row seat at the White House press room, CNN’s Rick Sanchez whines, “I understand the Associated Press. I even understand Bloomberg, but don’t you have to be a news organization to get that seat?” Newsweek’s Fareed Zakaria lectures, “The idea that the average American is overtaxed is a nice piece of populist pandering. ... All of the Bush tax cuts were unaffordable.” MSNBC’s Andrea Mitchell harps that with ethics cases against two black congressmen, “Are black lawmakers being singled out by the ethics watchdogs on Capitol Hill? New charges of racial bias.” Looking back at the 1994 GOP electoral sweep, MSNBC’s Chris Matthews snarls about the “nutty standouts,” with the first bunch being “the black helicopter crowd of paranoids who were elected to Congress that year.” CBS’ Harry Smith hits President Obama with a snowflake, “Do you feel sometimes like your administration is not given the credit it deserves?” CBS’ Chip Reid pouts, “With so many accomplishments in just 18 months, you’d think the president would be flying high. Instead, his approval rating continues to sink and now stands at just 44 percent.” When a conservative guest notes that MSNBC’s Dylan Ratigan gave far more time to a liberal guest, Ratigan rails: “I said I’m in charge of the show. I decide who I’ll talk to. I might spend the entire time talking to Jonathan Capehart and not talk to you at all. And then you can choose never to come on my show again.” Finally, some fresh air from Ann Coulter on CBS’ The Early Show: “CBS News itself has reported that John Lewis was called the ‘N’ word 15 times. That is a lie, that is a despicable lie, that never happened. Why doesn’t CBS News apologize for that?”