The horrific shooting at a movie theater in Aurora, Colo., by a man obsessed with the *Batman* movies resulted in the tragic death of 12 people and the wounding of 58. Our prayers and good thoughts go out to those victims and their families. May God comfort them in their suffering.

There is often no way to logically explain why these types of violent acts occur. Nonetheless, the liberal media, like clockwork, exploit such crises to push their leftist agenda. Predictably, they immediately politicized the tragedy to advocate for more gun control laws. They also — no surprise — falsely linked the conservative Tea Party to the killings. Again.

We documented, exposed, and neutralized that liberal bias through our News Analysis Division, our NewsBusters blog, on MRCTV, and in my nationally syndicated column. The pro-gun-control Aurora coverage echoed that of the Tucson shooting in 2011, the Virginia Tech case in 2007 and the Columbine High School case in 1999. Let’s look at the latest left-wing spin.

On the very day of the Aurora shooting, July 20, *Time*’s Michael Grunwald lectured, “There is nothing wrong with politicizing tragedy. Gun control and the Second Amendment are issues, too, and now seems like a pretty good time to talk about them.”

What if George Bush had politicized the 9/11 tragedy? Those same reporters would have been furious.

Over at CNN, the same day, reporter Brooke Baldwin harangued Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, “Why hasn’t your party, the Democratic Party, done more to legislate guns? ... And my question to you is, what has to happen for Washington to reinstate the assault weapons ban which expired back in 2004?”

Yet CNN was not done lecturing and proposing public policy for the entire nation. That night on his self-titled show *Piers Morgan Tonight*, CNN’s leftist nanny-in-chief railed, “There are now almost as many guns in America as there are people, and this can only surely lead to more senseless deaths. Something has to be done, and that debate will start tonight.”

Morgan then went on to prophesize-in-hindsight that stricter gun control would “have prevented this from happening” and that we need to “strengthen the law now to stop another young man like him” from buying guns and shooting people.

On the *Today* show, July 22, NBC’s Michael Isikoff blamed the NRA for blocking stricter gun laws and warned
PBS’s Bill Moyers ranted: “The NRA is the enabler of death — paranoid, delusional, and as venomous as a scorpion. With the weak-kneed acquiescence of our politicians, the National Rifle Association has turned the Second Amendment of the Constitution into a cruel hoax, a cruel and deadly hoax!”

And so it went. Besides pushing the gun-control party line, the liberal media smeared conservatives with the movie-theater killer.

On ABC, Good Morning America’s George Stephanopolous told viewers several hours after the shooting that reporter Brian Ross had “found something that might be significant.”

Ross then declared that a “Jim Holmes” of Aurora, Colorado, — the name of the suspected shooter — had joined the Tea Party, but “we don’t know if this is the same Jim Holmes.” How on Earth could a professional journalist drop that bombshell on national television, and in the next breath admit it was pure speculation?

MSNBC’s Lawrence O’Donnell railed that the National Rifle Association wants to ensure that “American mass murderers are the very best equipped mass murderers in the world.”

that Americans could now only rely on “beefed-up security and greater vigilance” to protect themselves from crazy, gun-wielding killers.

The next day, Time’s Mark Halperin let slip on MSNBC what we already know: liberal journalists want to gut the Second Amendment. Halperin confessed, “If you walk the halls of most major news organizations or of the OEOB [Old Executive Office Building] at the White House or West Wing, I think you’d find overwhelming sentiment that there should be stricter gun control laws in the United States.”

Yes, for lefties, more government is the key to peace and tranquility. Halperin, predictably, didn’t mention that gun violence is most prevalent in those places that have the strictest gun control laws, such as Michael Bloomberg’s New York City and Rahm Emanuel’s Chicago. Halperin also didn’t mention that where law-abiding citizens can reasonably buy and carry guns, 24-7 if they want, crime rates are lower.

Florida, for example, introduced a concealed-carry law in 1987 and since that time the homicide rate in the Sunshine state fell 52 percent. Vermont, a bastion of liberalism, nonetheless allows its citizens to carry guns without getting permission, paying a fee, or enduring a waiting period, and the Green Mountain state is one of the safest five states in the country.

But the leftist media don’t want to talk about that. Instead, with the Aurora coverage, it’s all about regulating guns into the ground. Four days after the shooting, MSNBC’s Lawrence O’Donnell was still ranting that NRA President Wayne LaPierre wants “to make sure American mass murderers are the very best equipped mass murderers in the world,” and that he spends his time scaring NRA members “so he can continue to siphon $1 million off their dues money every year to stuff into his blood-drenched pockets.”

O’Donnell’s colleague Chuck Todd, meanwhile, was breathlessly researching and reporting on the amount of paperwork it takes to register a car in Colorado versus the amount of paperwork for registering a gun. Hold the presses!
Tell The Truth! 2012 Campaign Sweeps the Nation This Election Year

The MRC’s Tell The Truth! 2012 campaign has reached tens of millions of people across the country with the message, “Don’t Believe The Liberal Media!” As a result, this topic is now part of the national debate going into the November elections.

The campaign started in February and it has exceeded our grandest expectations, and its success is due largely to the fired-up grassroots conservatives who gravitated to the Tell The Truth! message and then zealously helped spread the word. Here are some highlights:

- Ten TTT! 2012 Field Representatives have traveled to 38 states and distributed 16,750 bumper stickers, 45,000 buttons, and 40,000 signs bearing the message, “Don’t Believe The Liberal Media!”
- TTT! 2012 ads have been running almost every week on the Mark Levin talk-radio show, which reaches 7 million listeners a week, and has driven thousands of people to the tellthetruth2012.org website.
- In February, the MRC rented massive billboards in Times Square bearing the message, “Don’t Believe The Liberal Media!” Those billboards covered 1,632 square feet and were viewed by 1.5 million people.
- Giant billboards bearing the MRC message greeted the liberal media outside both the Republican and Democratic National Conventions.
- Online ads with the TTT! 2012 message have run on numerous sites, including The Drudge Report, Human Events, Breitbart, National Review, and our own MRC.org, Newsbusters, CNSNews.com and MRCTV.org. As a result, more than 11 million people have seen the ads.
- The MRC Facebook page grew by 640,000 new fans and is now over 1.5 million, making the MRC a leader among conservative groups in the fast-paced world of social media. Through the Facebook page, more than 32,000 people have signed the TTT! 2012 Petition.
- MRCTV.org has created and posted several video reports documenting, exposing, and neutralizing the liberal media’s love for President Obama and hatred for all things conservative. These TTT! 2012 videos have been viewed over 73,000 times so far, and more videos are in production.

To learn more about the TTT! 2012 campaign, visit www.mrcaction.org.
Protecting Obama

After the president revealed his true anti-American character in stating that hard-working small business owners didn’t build their businesses, CBS ran to the rescue to explain what Obama really meant. On This Morning, July 26, host Charlie Rose lectured, “If you look at the full context of that, he was talking about building roads to these businesses, and they didn’t build the roads.”

Uh-huh.

Left-wing guest John Dickerson promptly chimed in with a liberal slogan from the 1990s, “What the president was saying is it takes a village, essentially, to use a cliche from a previous campaign; that no matter what you’ve done, you’ve been helped in your life, whether it’s by teachers or roads or the policeman on the corner.” Obama has certainly been helped by the liberal media.

Hail Socialized Medicine?!

In what was clearly the silliest and most embarrassing moments in choreographic history, the London Olympics opening ceremony included a lavish and leftist (and goofy) celebration of Britain’s National Health Service, an absurd production that NBC couldn’t praise enough.

Host Matt Lauer cheerfully commented, “Back in the states ... we’re locked in this kind of partisan debate over the future of health care in our own country. Here, they feel so strongly about their health care system, they’re actually celebrating it as part of the Olympic opening ceremony.”

Co-host Meredith Vieira hyped that the show honors “two of Britain’s greatest achievements, children’s literature and the National Health Service’s publicly funded health care system.” For doctors and nurses in the show, Vieira cheered, “this has to be a great moment of pride for them to receive this kind of recognition before a worldwide audience.” For the worldwide audience this was bizarre.

Nazi = Political Right?

Revealing its ignorance of history and politics, as well as its liberal bias, CNN repeatedly described the accused Sikh temple shooter in Wisconsin as a “far right ... neo-Nazi” who supported racial “white supremacy,” implying that race-based national socialism equals a right-wing political viewpoint. How does that happen? In reports on Aug. 5 and 6, CNN reported that the suspect “played in a far-right punk band,” that the band was a “neo-Nazi” hate group, and the shooter “was very much involved in white supremacy.”

But those political and racial views have nothing to do with the right and everything to do with the left. The Nazis were the National Socialist German Workers Party who modeled their organization after the Bolsheviks in the USSR; the socialist Nazis were racists who promoted Aryan, white supremacy theories; and both Adolf Hitler and the left-wing socialist Benito Mussolini were early devotees of Vladimir Lenin and Stalin.
Solyndra, Shh!

Solyndra, the solar panel company that received a $527-million loan guarantee through Obama’s Energy Department and then went bankrupt is only going to be able to pay back $24 million to the taxpayers, but the network news shows aren’t saying a word — not on the morning or the evening news programs. Dow Jones newswire reported the $503-million loss on Aug. 2. The same day, the Washington Examiner covered the taxpayer rip-off but also noted that documents filed in a Delaware bankruptcy court showed that equity firms tied to the White House would get back about $35 million from the failed Solyndra scheme.

Then on Aug. 5, ABC’s George Stephanopoulos on This Week sat uncomfortably as RNC Chairman Rence Priebus riffed, “The entire philosophy of ... Barack Obama can be summarized in one word and that’s Solyndra. That’s Barack Obama’s philosophy.” Stephanopoulos quickly moved on and neither ABC, CBS, NBC has mentioned the meager $24 million payback.

Pimping Newsweek

When Newsweek — no longer a “news” magazine but a left-wing opinion sheet and unofficial Obama-Biden pamphleteer — ran a hit-piece on Mitt Romney with a cover story entitled “The Wimp Factor,” CBS and CNN flogged it. On Face the Nation, host Bob Schieffer dutifully asked DNC Chairman Debbie Wasserman Schultz about the cover “and it says ‘The Wimp Factor.’ ... Is Mitt Romney a wimp?” Schieffer also claimed, without evidence, “You know, if you gave Governor Romney some truth serum and people in his campaign ... I think they would say they are concerned about this. I mean, this article was savage. It was brutal.”

CNN gave 12 minutes of coverage to the Newsweek attack on July 30. Anchor John Berman hyped the “pretty brutal” portrait of Romney and then called former President George H.W. Bush — a WWII fighter pilot — a “wimp.” CNN’s Soledad O’Brien read from one of Newsweek’s nastier passages, giving the liberal screed more attention.

Minibits

- *Time’s* David von Drehle hails Justice John Roberts for his pro-Obamacare ruling, “Not since King Solomon offered to split the baby has a judge engineered a slicker solution to a bitterly divisive dispute.”
- Ex-Newsweek columnist Howard Fineman complains that with Romney “an establishment Republican behaving like an attack dog, you’re going to have the Rush Limbaughs of the world behaving like werewolves. Mitt Romney has dragged the center of the gravity of the discussion over to the nasty realm.”
- Bloomberg News’ Margaret Carlson smears Romney: “He does speak for the people among the conservatives who wish for a return to the good old days of Jim Crow.”
- CNN’s Christine Romans, apparently sober, claims, “This President has been cutting taxes like crazy. I mean, let’s be honest, right?”
- Ignoring Obama’s admitted illegal drug use, MSNBC’s Chris Matthews rails, “He’s never not only broken any law, he’s never done anything wrong. He’s the perfect father, the perfect husband, the perfect American. And all they do is trash the guy.”
- *The Washington Post’s* Dana Milbank laughably asserts, “It’s not an ideological thing. I think the media would love to have an Obama scandal to cover.”
- MSNBC’s Melissa Harris-Perry trashes America as formed on land that “was stolen” and built with hands that “were enslaved,” adding that “it’s ours, all of it: the imperialism, the genocide, the slavery ....”
The Media *Built That For Obama*

On August 5, Chris Cillizza at *The Washington Post* announced he was playing with a “somewhat controversial idea” that Mitt Romney should be the favorite to win the presidential election. Debatable, maybe. But controversial? Well, yes. It violates the pro-Obama mandate of our national press corps.

The usual political measures look terrible for Obama, he noted. “The unemployment rate has been over 8 percent for 42 straight months, a streak unparalleled in American history.” Obama must win despite the crippled economy - the most important issue for the voters.

The numbers are political red alerts. *The Post’s* polling in July showed 44 percent approved of how Obama was dealing with the economy, while 54 percent disapproved, and 41 strongly disapproved of the job he is doing on the economy, while only 21 percent strongly approved. Six in ten said the economy was getting worse, not better, in a Gallup poll.

And now the unthinkable: His campaign is being outmuscled financially. Obama’s team has spent more than $400 million already on his re-election effort, *The New York Times* estimates, and Team Obama is deeply worried he will be outspent by Mitt Romney and GOP-favoring super PACs in the fall.

So where can Obama find optimism? Cillizza cited the “narrative.” “From the debate over when Romney totally cut ties to Bain Capital, to the (ongoing) debate over whether he should release more of his tax returns, to the negative press surrounding Romney’s trip to Britain, Israel and Poland last week, the narrative of the campaign over the past month has worked heavily in Obama’s favor.”

Curiously, Cillizza omits the fact that the dominant narrative writers of the campaign are the national media, our “news” purveyors, working overtime on Obama’s behalf.

Reporters pin down the candidate, slap his face, and steal his lunch money, and then go on camera and say it’s sad the candidate had another bad day with his narrative. When Barack Obama was hailed by crowds in Berlin in 2008, the media were thrilled. When Romney traveled to Europe and Israel in 2012, 86 percent of the network news stories were negative, dwelling on supposed gaffes, “diplomatic dust-ups” and foreign “missteps.”

In nearly every interview, reporters are pressing Romney about his tax returns, rolling out the red carpet for anyone who will demand he release them immediately. Can you imagine reporters in 2008 asking Obama repeatedly for his college grades, or about his cocaine use, or Reverend Wright, in interview after interview?

Obama granted five interviews to *60 Minutes* before that election, and was never asked about his record in Illinois, or any of his scandalous associations, from Reverend Wright to Bill Ayers to Tony Rezko (now in prison), who helped him buy his house. Instead, Steve Kroft asked in his first interview “Do you think the country is ready for a black president?” Kroft was still curious in his fifth interview, as they sat down in apparently racism-wracked Nevada: “I know, for a fact, that there are a lot of people out there, there are a lot of people right here in Elko, who won’t vote for you because you’re black. I mean, there’s not much you can do. But how do you deal with it?”

Ultimately Barack Obama will never be outspent - if you were to calculate the price of the promotional air time provided by the pro-Obama media, and in this cycle, their relentless Romney-bashing. While the networks manufacture gaffes overseas with Romney, real Obama gaffes – “If you've got a business, you didn't build that” - are called Republican smears, quotes out of “context.”

In an online analysis, ABC claimed Republicans were basically lying: “Republicans have seized on the line ‘you didn’t build that’ to falsely claim that Obama was speaking directly to business owners about their businesses.” On CBS, morning anchor Charlie Rose complained about Obama being taken out of context, and the network’s political analyst John Dickerson agreed that Obama needed to be defended: “Exactly, and what the President was saying, is it takes a village, essentially.”

When Obama said “Look, if you’ve been successful, you didn’t get there on your own,” he knew whereof he spoke. Everything he’s gained in politics has been granted to him by an adoring news media. Look no further than Steve Kroft beginning his first Obama interview in 2007 by seriously comparing Obama with Abraham Lincoln.

It’s no surprise that many voters have a serious feeling of buyer’s remorse. But our shameless media have no remorse at all for foisting this man on the country, and no capacity for embarrassment that they put him on Mount Rushmore without an accomplishment to his name. It’s too bad America can’t vote to send the media packing. But they can, and should turn off the nightly narratives lamely called a “newscast.”
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, July 26, Aug. 13  
**FNC:** Hannity, July 5, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16  
**The O’Reilly Factor,** July 24, Aug. 6  
**Your World w/Neil Cavuto,** July 30

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American Family Radio, July 17, 18, 19, 25, 31, Aug. 8, 9, 10  
Black American News Network, July 20  
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The MRC repeatedly saw its work posted on The Drudge Report in July and August, reaching an audience of 12 million people with each hit.
Help the MRC Help America While Helping Yourself

MRC Trustee, Patriot’s Fund, and Legacy Society Member Stuart Gorin of Viera, Florida, was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, where he began a career in journalism as a teen-age cub reporter with the Dundalk Community Press. He graduated from the University of Missouri; served in the U.S. Army as an information specialist with the Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group in Thailand; and spent several years working as a reporter for English language newspapers in Thailand and Germany, and United Press International in North Carolina.

He then spent more than 30 years with the U.S. Information Agency in Washington, D.C., and tells us that he was one of the very few conservative writers on the staff. While there, he covered presidential and congressional election campaigns to explain our democratic process to foreign audiences. He said, “Of course, while there I covered both Republican and Democrat candidates and campaigns. Unlike what you see in the news media today, I presented all sides fairly.”

Stuart’s time as a journalist allowed him to view the liberal media’s bias from the inside: “I saw then, and continue to see now, that the media was and is nothing like I’d grown up expecting to see.” To help counter that liberal bias, in retirement he writes a monthly political newsletter for Conservative Republicans called “The Space Coast Tusk,” which is emailed to around 1,000 people across the country.

Stuart and his wife Barbara have been supporting the MRC since 2004. “After I retired, I learned about the MRC, and thought, these guys have it right. This is how journalism should be,” he said.

Last year, after attending a Planned Giving seminar held in conjunction with the MRC’s Annual Meeting, Stuart set up a Charitable Gift Annuity.

“I like that I was able to help the MRC and myself at the same time,” he said. “It’s a really a win-win-win situation: I win because I get to take an upfront tax-deduction and will get income for the rest of my life. The MRC wins, because they’ll get what will remain of my gift. Most importantly, however, America wins every time the MRC exposes and neutralizes the liberal media agenda.”

![Stuart Gorin]

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