The liberal media in America are completely in the tank for President Obama and his socialist agenda. This is evident on so many levels, as we document, expose, and neutralize daily here at the Media Research Center, and as I and my colleague Tim Graham examine in our new book, Collusion: How the Media Stole the 2012 Election and How to Stop Them From Doing it in 2016.

One way the leftist media cover for the administration is to not report certain facts about a story — this is called bias by omission. They don’t tell you the full story, sort of like Walter Cronkite in reverse: “And that’s the way it isn’t.”

The Benghazi terrorist attack, which the media repeatedly said was caused by an anti-Muslim video (going into the 2012 election), occurred on Sept. 11. Four Americans were killed, including our ambassador. To this day, the murderous thugs have not been brought to justice and the 35 U.S. personnel on the ground — State Department and CIA — have not testified before Congress. The liberal media could care less.

Scattered reports about gun-running out of Benghazi to Syrian rebels and renditioning of Libyan jihadists at the CIA annex there are not touched by the networks. They’re also silent about what Obama did that night after being told of the attack — did he just go to bed? And who told Hillary Clinton — before the fighting was over! -- that it was sparked by a YouTube video?

The liberal media aren’t asking those questions, or any questions for that matter. They want Benghazi to go away. The same is true for the IRS-Tea Party scandal, which is worse than Richard Nixon using the IRS to punish his powerful political enemies. It is an unprecedented abuse of IRS power by liberals to persecute and harass ordinary American citizens and prevent them from fully participating in the political process.

As I said in a statement, joined by Rush Limbaugh, “The liberal media’s refusal to cover the IRS scandal — more than the NSA scandal, more even than the tragic loss of life in Benghazi -- cuts to the very heart of their corruption. No fair, objective journalist can look at the facts of this flagrant abuse of power and not conclude that it is a massive political scandal deserving of constant, merciless scrutiny.”

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When the IRS scandal broke, the networks gave it decent coverage, which we noted. But that quickly tapered off to where now, despite blockbuster revelations leading to the White House, the coverage by the liberal media is nearly nonexistent. Let's look at some examples.

During a speech in mid-May, just prior to the release of an inspector general report about the IRS’s targeting of “Tea Party” groups to delay their applications for tax-exemption status, a planted questioner asked IRS official Lois Lerner about the topic. Lerner claimed that several rogue agents in the IRS Cincinnati office had acted improperly.

Later, before Congress, Lerner repeated the Cincinnati narrative, said she and the Washington IRS office did nothing wrong, and then pleaded the 5th Amendment against self-incrimination.

Congress kept digging and, lo and behold, on July 18 career IRS employee Carter Hull, who works in the Washington IRS office, testified that as early as April 2010 he was given Tea Party applications to review and told to craft a template for screening such applications.

Hull also said he was ordered to send his “test case” Tea Party files to Lois Lerner’s senior adviser — the first time he had been so instructed in his 48-year career. Hull further testified that Lerner’s adviser said such applications had to go through the IRS chief counsel’s office, which is headed by William Wilkins, one of only two Obama political appointees at the IRS.

So the story about the rogue Cincinnati agents, like the Benghazi video, was a lie.

On Aug. 4, 2011, Hull attended a meeting with people from Wilkins’ office to discuss Tea Party applications. Five days later, Wilkins visited the White House.

So, the actual storyline shows that Tea Party applications were not just stalled in Cincinnati — they were reviewed in Washington, D.C. and overseen by Lerner’s adviser and by the office of an Obama political appointee.

More than 50 days since Hull testified, neither ABC nor NBC have done a story. The CBS Evening News ran one story — one!

Some other facts, as documented and exposed by the MRC but not covered by ABC, CBS, or NBC, include the following:

- Tea Party applications are still being screened and delayed by the IRS, as are pro-life groups’ applications.
- Government officials improperly accessed former GOP-Senate candidate Christine O’Donnell’s tax files; the computer records of that activity were destroyed; and the DOJ isn’t prosecuting anyone.
- $500 million in IRS contracts were awarded to a close friend of a senior IRS official.
- Despite the sequester and scandal, $70 million in bonuses are being distributed to IRS employees.
- IRS agents used credit cards to buy diet pills, romance novels, and online pornography.
- IRS documents about Tea Party files were so redacted, “blacked out,” they were useless to congressional investigators.
- 100% of “progressive” tax-exemption applications were approved but only 46% of applications from conservatives.

ABC, NBC, CBS have reported nothing on these stories. They are deliberately censoring the news. There is no other way to explain the lack of coverage.

They did, however, give 187 minutes of coverage to the birth of the royal baby over three days. But during the 11-plus weeks since the IRS scandal broke, the networks provided only 157 minutes of coverage.

Obama and his squawking parrots in the liberal media are calling the IRS scandal a “phony scandal,” and the networks have scrubbed it from their broadcasts. But the everyday Americans targeted by this historic abuse of power don’t think it’s phony.

Neither do we. Delaying tax-exemption applications for Tea Party groups since 2009-10 means using federal power to stop conservatives from participating fully in the political process during two important election cycles. That’s tyrannical, and the liberal media are colluding to keep citizens in the dark.

We’re America’s media watchdog and we’re holding them accountable. You can help us in this fight. Join us, and send a donation to the MRC today by calling 571-267-3500. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Conservatives Won’t Win Until They Fight the Culture Media & Hollywood Head-On

BY BRENT BOZELL AND TIM GRAHAM

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Conservatives must become far more educated about the news industry, selective in their choices, and confrontational when attacked. And they must learn to park their publicity-seeking egos in the garage.

The research is there for anyone to recognize who will and won’t be fair, and how he should be treated. Piers Morgan is not going to conduct a civilized interview and with his miniscule audience is irrelevant. So why consent to be interviewed and give him oxygen? The New York Times is going to edit mercilessly in order to present you in the worst possible light. Why expect otherwise?

Conservatives are ammo for Bill Maher, Jon Stewart, and Stephen Colbert. Why agree to be made a fool? There is nothing, absolutely nothing of value on MSNBC for a conservative. Why on earth does anyone accept any invitation for any show for any reason?

There is a world of difference between the taped and live interview. The former lends itself to shenanigans; with the latter, it’s more difficult. Conservatives should always insist on a live format, if at all possible, and if in the process the interviewer pulls a fast one, with either incorrect statements, or some other exercise in Gotcha Journalism designed to embarrass the guest, the guest should pounce, and hit right back. It’s national television, it’s live, and they can’t stop you.

Embarrass them this way, and Brian Williams & Co. will never try that again. If it’s taped and later manipulated, the conservative should publicly denounce the network or print outlet, fully discredit the entity, and refuse ever to participate again unless a clarification, correction, or apology — whatever the offense called for — is issued.

Conservatives should understand there are outlets that aren’t biased against them and generate major audiences, even larger ones than most liberal entities. Through conservative talk radio they can reach tens of millions—daily. There is Fox, and The Wall Street Journal and other sources that may not be conservative, but aren’t activist liberal, either. And then there’s the mother lode: the Internet.

Conservatives must understand that in the information age the cultural trumps the political. It is a lesson learned by the left years ago, and one they’ve perfected, projecting their vision to tens of millions of people daily, nightly, using entertainment television, movies, music, digital media — all the media formats where celebrities they’ve recruited, not politicians, champions the cause du jour. They are our society’s royalty. They are the Pied Pipers and their legions of adoring fans will follow blindly, but obediently. When the culture is changed, the political battle is a mop-up operation, simply codifying the new cultural norm into law. They’ve succeeded with gay rights, made critical advances with environmental issues, regimented momentum for abortion, created a new national outcry for immigration “reform,” and now are using it to go for the political Holy Grail, gun control.

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What Gaffes?

Although President Obama made several absurdly false statements during his appearance on The Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno, the networks covered for him and didn’t correct the record. On the Aug. 7 show, Obama claimed that Russian President Vladimir Putin had “headed up the KGB” in earlier days. Putin was a lieutenant colonel in the KGB but he was never head of the spy agency. Nonetheless, ABC’s World News and NBC’s Nightly News re-ran Obama’s remarks with no correction, leaving the impression that Obama had not erred.

Also on The Tonight Show, Obama said government needed to help fund the deepening of “ports all along the Gulf,” mentioning Charleston, S.C., Savannah, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla., none of which are in the Gulf. They’re along the eastern seaboard. Neither ABC, CBS, nor NBC have corrected Obama’s glaring error. Do you think they’d be as kind to a Republican or to George W. Bush?

Hannity Killed Detroit

Detroit is bankrupt and broken because of Sean Hannity and other conservatives who felt threatened by Smokey Robinson, claims Salon’s Andrew O’Hehir. In a July 27 screed, “Why the Right Hates Detroit,” O’Hehir rails that Detroit and New Orleans, “as centers of African-American cultural and political power … posed a psychic threat to the most reactionary and racist strains in American life,” a strain represented by the “coded racism of Sean Hannity.”

“As payback for the worldwide revolution symbolized by hot jazz, Smokey Robinson dancin’ to keep from cryin’ and Eminem trading verses with Rihanna, New Orleans and Detroit had to be punished,” Salon thumps. “Specifically, they had to be isolated, impoverished and almost literally destroyed, so they could be held up as examples of what happens when black people are allowed to govern themselves.” Conservatives killed Detroit to punish black people — that’s the intellectual height of leftist news analysis in 2013.

Salon.com actually published an article claiming that Detroit went bankrupt because of the “coded racism of Sean Hannity.”
GOP Apartheid

Republican efforts to require voters to present an ID before voting is like apartheid in South Africa, frets MSNBC’s Chris Matthews.

On his July 29 Hardball show, Matthews told civil rights leader Wade Henderson, “It does look like it’s almost like South Africa to this extent: You have a white—what’s the word—feeble minority. It’s losing its majority status. And it says, the Republican Party, ‘we can only get so many white votes. So, we got to reduce the votes of others.’ It does look that way. Only the—maybe you’re non-partisan, but only Republicans have pushed this in these 31 states. No Democratic legislature. You gotta’ look at the pattern here. You talk about profiling. I’m sorry, Republicans do this stuff.’”

To his credit, Henderson did not agree with Matthews’ apartheid picture, only noting that, yes, 31 states are looking at the voter ID issue.

Sex Slave Military

MSNBC’s Melissa Harris-Perry actually equated criminal Ariel Castro’s house-prison/sex dungeon to America’s colleges and the U.S. military — no kidding. Perry opined, “The twisted house that Castro built was designed to protect himself and keep his victims silent and hidden. And in some American institutions that were designed to promote intellectual and political freedoms, we find instead that this same culture of institutional self-preservation at the expense of survivors of sexual violence on college campuses, where victims’ concerns go unaddressed and perpetrators go unpunished.”

She dribbled on, “And in the U.S. military where an epidemic of sexual assault is met with an unwillingness to protect soldiers who have been victimized and a reluctance to prosecute their cases .... No one is suggesting that four-star generals are Ariel Castro, but that notion of, like, build the house to protect the perpetrator and not the victims just felt very familiar, felt resonant in this story.”
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**Television**

**Blaze TV:** Wilkow, July 30

**CBN:** News Watch, July 24, 30, Aug. 2

**CNN:** The Lead w/ Jake Tapper, July 16

**FBN:** Cavuto, July 26, 30, Aug. 6

**Varney & Co.,** July 25, 26, Aug. 6, 13

**FNC:** America Live w/ Megyn Kelly, July 24, 31

**Fox & Friends,** July 26, 27

**Fox NewsWatch,** July 27

**Hannity,** July 25, Aug. 1, 8, 12

**The O’Reilly Factor,** July 29

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**Radio**

American Family Radio, Aug. 2, 5, 9

Andrea Tantaros Show, Aug. 2

Cable Radio Network, July 23, Aug. 6

Jerry Doyle Show, July 23

Lars Larson Show, Aug. 6, 8

Mark Levin Show, July 30, 31

News England Talk Network, July 31

NPR, Aug. 1

Rush Limbaugh Show, July 25, 26, Aug. 12

Steve Malzberg Show, July 26, Aug. 2

USA News Network, Aug. 12

Wisconsin Public Radio, Aug. 2

Battle Line, July 25, Aug. 2, 8

Bob Dutko Show, July 23, 26

KCMN, Colorado Springs, CO, July 31, Aug. 1, 6

KIDO, Boise, ID, Aug. 2

KLUP, San Antonio, TX, July 31

KMED, Medford, OR, July 30, Aug. 5

KMJ, Fresno, CA, Aug. 2

KNTH, Houston, TX, July 22, 25, 29, Aug. 5, 8

KRLA, Los Angeles, CA, July 26

KWRE, Warrenton, MO, Aug. 12

KZIM, Cape Girardeau, MO, Aug. 16

WAEB, Allentown, PA, Aug. 8

WBAL, Baltimore, MD, July 22, Aug. 2, 7

WCCO, Minneapolis, MN, Aug. 5

WENY, Corning, NY, July 24, 31

WHNZ, Tampa, FL, Aug. 2

WIBA, Madison, WI, July 22, 31, Aug. 5

WIBC, Indianapolis, IN, July 25, Aug. 1, 8

WLQV, Detroit, MI, July 25

WNRR, Augusta, GA, Aug. 9

WNTA, Rockford, IL, Aug. 6

WTCI, Hartford, CT, Aug. 5

WTKF, Morehead City, NC, July 26, Aug. 2

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**Print**

Baltimore Sun, July 31

Investor’s Business Daily, July 29

Los Angeles Times, July 31

National Review, July 25

New York Post, July 27

New York Times, Aug. 6

U.S. Daily Review, July 27

USA Today, July 22

Washington Times, July 24, 25, 29, Aug. 7

Winston-Salem Journal, Aug. 7

World Magazine, Aug. 5

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**Internet & Twitter**

Biz-Pac Review, July 9

Bloomberg Businessweek, July 11

Celebrity Cafe.com, July 10

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, July 1, 8, 9

FoxNews.com, July 1, 2, 6, 9, 11, 12, 17

HeraldOnline.com, July 8

HotAir.com, July 1, 9

Human Events online, July 9

IrishCentral.com, July 9

LifeNews.com, July 2, 9

Mediate, June 13, June 2

MyNorthwest.com, July 2

Newsmax.com, June 30, July 9

OneAmerica News, July 3

OneNewsNow, July 1, 11

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PJ Media, July 8

Salon.com, July 4

The Blaze.com, July 30

The Hill.com, July 9

Townhall.com, June 18, 25, July 9

WND.com, June 30, July 6, 10

@heritage, 311K followers, July 2

@ewerickson, 91K followers, July 2

@davidlimbaugh, 106K followers, July 9

@cwfora, 8K followers, July 5

@katiepavlich, 60K followers, July 9

@jennybethm, 17K followers, July 12

@theteaparty_net, 45K followers, July 12

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On Fox’s Hannity, Aug. 1, MRC President Brent Bozell details the many smears against conservatives by the leftist media.

CNSNews.com Editor Terry Jeffery analyzes the liberal media attacks on certain GOP leaders who want to defund Obamacare, on CNN’s ‘The Lead w/ Jake Tapper,’ Aug. 16.
Why conservatives ignore the popular culture is puzzling, to say the least. Naivete? Laziness? Intimidation? Arrogance? Take your pick — but until they focus their energies on the cultural media, where many, many times more people can be found than in the public policy arena, and make their voice heard loudly in the popular culture conversation, they will never succeed. The opposite also holds true: should conservatives choose to enter this arena, the results could be electrifying.

Which is not to say they haven’t. Think about the hundreds, the thousands of discussions surrounding Jesus Christ. Now remember the movie, The Passion of the Christ. Which had a greater impact? Think about all the dissertations on liberty. Now watch Braveheart. Which resonated more? Flawed as he was Mel Gibson understood that there is no reason, none whatsoever, that conservatives can’t be as successful as liberals, more so even when you consider the logical footing on which the conservative argument rests.

Finally, conservatives must commit to devoting the necessary resources to the technologies of the future. Social media is here to stay and the right has been AWOL. What do Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Pinterest, and so many other formats have in common? They are interactive, they are enormously popular, and, most important for this discussion, they are free, absolutely free of liberal control.

Conservatives can now communicate directly, instantaneously with millions upon millions of people, directing their messages, their way, when they want, where they want, and with whom they want. And by this time next year there will be a half-dozen new vehicles to transport our ideas.

The work of winning hearts and minds for America’s original constitutional recipe is a daily grind, and there are few final victories. But we have no choice if we wish to transmit the spirit of 1776 to a tercentennial celebration, and beyond. A free and balanced media is crucial to the health of this country. Journalists should feel the duty — as outlined in the Society of Professional Journalists’ Code of Ethics — to “distinguish between advocacy and news reporting,” that “[a]nalysis and commentary should be labeled and not misrepresent fact or context.”

They pledged to further democracy by “seeking truth and providing a fair and comprehensive account of events and issues.” But any honest examination of the national media in 2012 would say these trampled and forgotten pledges of professionalism should be stowed away in Washington, D.C., as an educational artifact in the “Newseum.”