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In addition, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) told journalists that, when it came to covering the detention centers, they couldn’t record anything on audio or video; they couldn’t ask questions while touring the centers; they couldn’t interact with staff or the illegal children; all photos would be provided by HHS; and all questions had to be submitted by e-mail or phone to the HHS.

The liberal media did as they were told. There were no complaints from ABC, CBS or NBC. Can you imagine the outcry the left-wing media would have made if the Bush administration had set such rules for reporting on Hurricane Katrina victims?

Marine Corps Gen. John Kelly testified before Congress in July about the “crime-terror convergence” at the border, including “Lebanese Hezbollah’s involvement in the region,” but the networks ignored his testimony – 0 stories.
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On July 11, *Townhall*’s Katie Pavlich quoted Border Patrol sources that MS-13 gang members at the processing center in Nogales, Ariz., were using the facility as a recruitment hub, and using its phone banks to communicate with other gang members in Atlanta, New York and Chicago. Number of stories on this by ABC, CBS, and NBC? Zero.

On July 14, Fox News quoted the vice president of the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol Union, Chris Cabrea, explaining how border officers are contracting illnesses from the illegal aliens. The networks did not report on this.

On the VA scandal, the network news shows initially aired some thorough reports in May. But an MRC analysis shows that ABC, CBS, and NBC radically scaled back coverage of the VA from a total of 180 minutes in May to only 30 minutes in June, a decline of 84%!

Between July 1 and July 15 the networks spent less than 20 minutes on the VA, and only 2 minutes of coverage July 15-23.

The *Washington Times* reported on 50 VA whistle-blowers who were punished for exposing the poor conditions under which some VA patients suffered — ABC, CBS, and NBC skipped the story.

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As for the attacks against Israel by the terrorist group Hamas, the liberal media have clearly revealed their pro-terrorist bias. On July 29, the Associated Press tweeted, “As much of the world watches Gaza war in horror, members of Congress fall over each other to support Israel.”

Yours truly told Megyn Kelly on Fox News that the AP article accompanying that tweet was just as slanted and “could have been written by Hamas working for the AP or the AP is doing press releases for Hamas. It’s indistinguishable. This makes a mockery of journalism.”

Also, despite the fact that the State Department designated Hamas a “terrorist” organization in 1997, in 70 stories by the networks (from late July through early August) on the fighting, 65 reports described Hamas as either “militants,” “fighters,” or “soldiers.” Only 5 network news stories called Hamas “terrorist.”

The MRC has documented many other examples of the liberal media’s bias against Israel, which can be read at our NewsBusters blog or in our Bias Alerts at www.mrc.org.

Whether it’s the border crisis, the VA, the IRS scandal, Obamacare, Benghazi, or any issue that could reflect badly on the Obama administration and the “progressive” agenda, the leftist media will run cover and slant the news, or censor it.

Our mission is to document, expose, and neutralize that bias. Fortunately, with the advancing technology of the Internet and emerging platforms and social media, we can hold the liberal media accountable in ever-more effective ways and in real-time, 24/7.

But we need your help in this crucial battle. Join the good fight. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
Foreign Crises Dominate the News

But Leftist Media Shut Out Critics of Obama Administration

The downing of a Malaysia Airlines plane over Ukraine and the horrific warfare between Hamas and Israel dominated much of the news in the last two weeks of July, but when it came to criticism of the Obama administration in relation to those two events ABC, CBS, and NBC were nearly silent.

The evening network news shows essentially brooked no criticism of President Barack Obama, Secretary of State John Kerry, or the administration overall, in sharp contrast to the way they relentlessly attacked President George W. Bush and his foreign crises.

The double-standard is stunning, as an analysis by MRC Senior News Analyst Scott Whitlock documents.

The terrorist group Hamas ratcheted up its missile attacks against Israel in early July and Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 was shot down on July 17. As the MRC study shows, during July 8-23, the evening news at ABC, CBS, and NBC aired 79 stories (169 minutes) on the Gaza fighting but only 45 seconds of that coverage included criticism of the Obama administration.

From July 17 through July 23, the evening news networks aired 96 stories (209 minutes) on the jet shoot-down but only 10 seconds of that news included criticism of Obama and his team.

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The CBS Evening News did run a story on July 23 about Obama attending fundraisers in the midst of multiple international crises but ABC and NBC said zip.

On July 20, Secretary of State John Kerry was on Fox News Sunday and let slip on a hot mic a jab at Israel’s retaliation against Hamas, mocking, “It’s a helluva pinpoint operation.” If a Republican had jabbed Israel in such a way, it would have been headline news. But, in this instance, ABC, CBS, and NBC said nothing! They ignored it, censored it.

On July 23, Michael Bloomberg, the former left-wing mayor of New York City and Obama ally, blasted the president’s Federal Aviation Administration for stopping flights to Tel Aviv, and he subsequently flew to Israel to, as he said, “show solidarity with the Israeli people” and “show that it’s safe to fly in and out” of the country.

Bloomberg further criticized the Obama administration, saying that halting the flights “hurts Israel and rewards Hamas.”

CBS and ABC completely ignored Bloomberg’s actions and his comments. The NBC Nightly News gave the story 27 seconds and downplayed Bloomberg’s actual remarks.

Over 15 days — July 8 through July 23 — the network evening news devoted 6 hours and 20 minutes of coverage to the Ukraine shoot-down and to the fighting in Gaza. In all that news, however, ABC, CBS, and NBC gave just 2 minutes and 56 seconds of coverage to criticism of President Obama and his administration.

That’s equal to about 8/10ths of 1% of critical news. That’s censorship, and that’s how ABC, CBS, and NBC operate to protect their leftist friends in the White House.
What’s the difference between a political scandal involving a Republican and one involving a Democrat? When it comes to news coverage, reporters almost always identify the political party of a Republican caught in a scandal, but when the culprit is a Democrat, the party label is usually left out of the story.

There are exceptions to this rule, of course, but not many. To document the point, the MRC presents below how ABC, CBS and NBC identified (or failed to identify) the figures in 16 political scandals — 8 Democrats, 8 Republicans — during the past few years:

**Rep. Mark Foley (R-Fla.):** On Friday, Sept. 29, 2006, Foley resigned after ABC News exposed him as having sent explicit e-mails to male House pages. That evening and on the next day’s morning news shows, ABC, CBS and NBC all tied Foley to the Republican Party. “This is more than just one man’s downfall,” Today co-host Matt Lauer declared on NBC. “It could be a major blow to the Republican Party.”

**Sen. David Vitter (R-La.):** In July 2007, Vitter’s name surfaced as a client in the phone records of the so-called “D.C. Madam.” Over the next week, ABC, CBS, and NBC ran a total of nine stories on Vitter’s scandal, and included his GOP affiliation in every single one of those stories.

**Sen. Larry Craig (R):** On Aug. 27, 2007, news broke that Craig had been arrested that June in a bathroom sex-sting operation at the Minneapolis airport. Over the next two days, every broadcast morning and evening news show pointed out he was a “Republican.” On NBC’s Today, co-host Matt Lauer linked Craig to all conservatives: “Can the right-wing withstand yet another scandal involving one of its own?”

**New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer (D):** When news broke on Mar. 10, 2008 that Spitzer, a former state attorney general, had been linked to a prostitution ring, only CBS mentioned his party. It took two more days until a reporter on ABC’s World News mentioned that Spitzer was a Democrat, while the NBC Nightly News waited until the fourth night to acknowledge Spitzer’s party affiliation. In their first two days of coverage, NBC’s Today show ran 18 segments on Spitzer’s scandal, and never once identified his political affiliation.

**Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick (D):** On Mar. 24, 2008, all three broadcast evening newscasts covered the indictment of Detroit’s then-mayor for perjury and obstruction of justice, but none told viewers he was a Democrat. When he was sent to jail on Aug. 7 for violating his bond, ABC and NBC again skipped the mayor’s party ID, although CBS’s Dean Reynolds managed to squeeze it in: “Once a rising star in Democratic Party politics…..”

**Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska):** On July 29, 2008, after Stevens was indicted for failing to report gifts, all three broadcast evening newscasts employed identical language to describe him as “the longest-serving Republican in the U.S. Senate.” Three months later (Oct. 27, 2008), during the waning days of the election campaign, Stevens was convicted; again, all three evening newscasts pointed out he was a Republican. (Six months later, Stevens’ conviction was overturned because of prosecutorial misconduct; the judge said “I’ve never seen anything approaching the misconduct in this case.”)

**Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich (D):** On Jan. 29, 2009, Blagojevich was removed as governor for corruption (he’d been arrested for attempting to sell the U.S. Senate seat vacated by Barack Obama after the presidential election). Covering Blagojevich’s ouster, ABC, CBS, and NBC gave viewers no hint he was a Democrat. The same thing happened when Blagojevich was convicted in June 2011 — stories on ABC, CBS and NBC, but no Democrat label.
Sen. John Ensign (R-Nev.): On June 17, 2009, the morning after Ensign admitted to an extramarital affair, all three broadcast network morning shows made a point of labeling the senator as a “Republican.”

S.C. Gov. Mark Sanford (R): On June 24, 2009, then-Gov. Mark Sanford admitted to an extramarital affair he was having with a woman in Argentina. All three evening newscasts that night, and the morning shows the next day, made sure to tell viewers that Sanford was a Republican. On Good Morning America, longtime ABC newsman Sam Donaldson pontificated: “The problem Republicans have, so many of them are sanctimonious. They thump the Bible. They condemn everyone else and then when they are human, they don’t have much credit in the bank for forgiveness.”

Former Rep. William Jefferson (D-La.): On August 5, 2009, both ABC and NBC covered the guilty verdict handed down against the former nine-term Democratic congressman for bribery, racketeering and wire fraud, but NBC failed to name his political party. The next morning, all three networks aired brief reports; this time ABC and CBS skipped over the name of Jefferson’s political party.

Former N.J. Gov. Jon Corzine (D): On Nov. 4, 2011, the one-time senator and governor of New Jersey was forced to quit as head of MF Global after the firm filed for bankruptcy, exposing the unauthorized use of hundreds of millions of dollars in customer funds now lost in bad investments. When CBS and NBC covered the news that night, both failed to mention Corzine’s Democratic ties, while ABC skipped the news entirely.

Former New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin (D): When news broke on Jan. 18, 2013, that Nagin had been indicted for corruption, all three evening newscasts failed to note that he was a Democrat. “Seven years ago, this man was the face of Hurricane Katrina,” ABC World News anchor Diane Sawyer generously noted. When Nagin was convicted on Feb. 13, 2014, the same three newscasts repeated the pattern: They covered the story, but did not tell viewers Nagin was a Democrat.

Former Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D-Ill.): On Feb. 15, 2013, federal prosecutors charged Jackson with illegally spending $750,000 of campaign funds on items such as Michael Jackson and Bruce Lee memorabilia. That night, neither the CBS Evening News nor NBC Nightly News bothered to identify Jackson as a Democrat, while ABC’s World News skipped the news entirely. The next morning, none of the three networks bothered to mention that Jackson was a Democrat.

San Diego Mayor Bob Filner (D): Amid accusations that he sexually harassed numerous women, news broke on Aug. 22, 2013 that San Diego’s Democratic mayor (and former congressman) had agreed to resign as part of a deal with the city council. All three of the broadcast networks covered that news on their evening and morning newscasts, but only CBS bothered to mention that Filner was a Democrat.

Rep. Trey Radel (R-Fla.): On Nov. 19, 2013, news broke that Radel had been arrested in October for cocaine possession. That night and the next morning, every ABC, CBS and NBC evening and morning news show reported the story, and made sure to tell viewers that Radel was a Republican. “Breaking new details on the Republican congressman caught buying cocaine,” ABC’s George Stephanopoulos trumpeted on Good Morning America. “The Tea Party talk radio host now facing prison time.”

N.J. Gov. Chris Christie (R): In January 2014, all three broadcast networks leaped to cover accusations that members of Christie’s administration had orchestrated a major traffic snarl as part of a political payback. Breaking the news on their Jan. 8, 2014 evening newscasts, CBS and NBC both tagged Christie as a Republican; the next morning, all three networks were highlighting Christie’s Republican identity.

There are exceptions to this trend: On Dec. 2, 2010, after Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-N.Y.) was censured by the House for corruption, all three evening newscasts told viewers he was a Democrat. When then-Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-N.Y.) admitted on June 6, 2011 that he’d been lying about sexually explicit pictures of himself that had been posted to Twitter, all three evening newscasts that night told viewers he was a Democrat, too.

But the trend is clear: Most of the time, the media frame their coverage to help insulate the Democrat Party from the antics of their more scandalous politicians, while Republicans caught up in similar scandals are usually identified by their party affiliation.
Eric Holder, Media-Spoiled Brat

Attorney General Eric Holder granted an exclusive interview to ABC’s This Week from London, where he was portrayed by ABC as deeply concerned about the global terrorist threat. What stands out from this very rare session – Holder hasn’t been on Sunday network television in four years – is that Holder pulled out the oldest, lamest card in the Obama political deck: Obama and he are opposed by people who should be suspected of racism.

And darned if he didn’t get away with it again.

Pierre Thomas, ABC’s Justice Department correspondent, interviewed Holder, and asked him why he believes they are “sometimes treated differently,” those were your words. What did you mean by that?”

Holder took that softball and hit it over the fence. “There’s a certain level of vehemence, it seems to me, that’s directed at me [and] directed at the president,” he answered. “You know, people talking about taking their country back…. There’s a certain racial component to this for some people.”

Holder’s been “treated differently,” all right. He’s been pampered by the press, a coddling that is ongoing, more than five years after he called America “a nation of cowards” on racial matters. Thomas at least raised this disreputable speech again, and Holder doubled down on it.

“I wouldn’t walk away from that speech,” he said.

The man who avoided Sunday TV interviews for four years is going to accuse someone else of cowardice? But this is the kind of latitude that Holder gets. No one has found it bizarre that the nation’s chief law enforcement officer refuses to take network questions, even when swirling in controversy. No one demanded he explain why he lied to Congress about his knowledge of the disastrous “Fast & Furious” gun-running operation he ran. No one has demanded he explain why he refuses to name a special counsel to investigate the IRS. No one in the media demanded he explain anything, even his historically aggressive record of prosecuting journalists.

Eric Holder hasn’t suffered any of the media hostility that these “objective” reporters uncorked on John Ashcroft or Alberto Gonzales when they held his office in the Bush years. No one sympathetically asked Gonzales if his opponents’ objections had a “racial component.”

Look at how ABC is highlighting all the “hard news” on its “Video” pages for this interview, on top of the “racial animus” accusation:

- “Eric Holder: Palin Wasn’t a Good VP Candidate.”
- “Eric Holder: Redskins Name Offensive, Should Be Changed.”
- “Attorney General Says Gay Marriage Bans Are Unconstitutional.”

On the Sunday show, most of ABC’s focus was on terrorist attacks – and even as Thomas cited the “underwear bomber” in 2009 or the Boston Marathon bombers of 2013, there wasn’t even a hint that those attacks and others were failures for Obama and Holder. Those deadly Fort Hood attacks, the first one and the second one? Why should ABC bother Holder with those?

Then there’s the teeming flood of illegal immigrant minors. Thomas asked “can you see where critics are coming from” on busloads of illegals? But then he quickly added complaints from the ACLU, so Holder could sound like a sensible moderate enforcing the laws. “We’re certainly going to get criticized from both sides. But what we’re certainly also going to do is make sure that we follow the law.” That’s absurd, but it was good enough for ABC.

Eric Holder sounds like a brat, a spoiled child pampered by the media. Because of that, he can stay on offense, confident that he can get away with tarring his critics as racists as a way of making them look fringy and shutting them up.
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**
- **C-SPAN:** Capitol Hill Hearings, July 16
- **FBN:** Cavuto on Business, July 15
- **FNC:** Dennis Miller Show, Aug. 4
- **Fox & Friends,** July 25
- **MediaBuzz,** July 21
- **Special Report with Bret Baier,** July 16
- **The Kelly File,** July 30
- **NewsmaxTV:** America’s Forum, July 30
- **Steve Malzberg Show,** July 29
- **One America News Network:** Daily Ledger, July 23, 28, 30
- **WSJV-TV:** South Bend, IN, July 15

**Radio**
- Battline with Alan Nathan, July 24, 31
- Jim Bohannon Show, July 16
- Lars Larson Show, July 22
- Mark Levin Show, Aug. 5, 6
- Michael Berry Show, July 31
- Michigan’s Morning News, July 30
- Robinson Report, July 29
- Rush Limbaugh Show, July 21, Aug. 5, 6
- Russ Jones Show, Aug. 1
- USA Radio, July 21, 23
- Washington Times Radio, July 23, 30
- KBAR, Murtaugh, ID, July 28
- KBET, Las Vegas, NV, July 22
- KCBR, Colorado Springs, CO, July 29, 31, Aug. 1
- KERV, Kerrville, TX, July 23, 30
- KFAQ, Tulsa, OK, July 23
- KNRS, Salt Lake City, UT, July 22
- KNTH, Houston, TX, July 22, 24, 29
- KPRZ, San Diego, CA, July 23, 30
- KWEL, Midland, TX, July 21, 28
- WAEB, Philadelphia, PA, July 28
- WBYZ, Savannah, GA, July 23
- WENY, Corning, NY, July 23, 30
- WESR, Eastville, VA, July 23, 30
- WIBA, Madison, WI, July 23
- WIBC, Indianapolis, IN, July 21, 28
- WIFI, Burlington, NJ, Aug. 1
- WLBF, Montgomery, AL, July 24
- WLOB, Portland, ME, July 29
- WNRR, Augusta, GA, July 23, 28, 30
- WPRK, Raleigh, NC, July 30
- WQSC, Charleston, SC, July 22
- WROK, Aurora, IL, July 21, 28
- WTMJ, Milwaukee, WI, July 23, 27
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**Internet & Twitter**
- American Free Press, July 18
- Atlanta Journal-Constitution, July 18
- Bangor Daily News, July 29
- Portland Press Herald, Aug. 1
- Press Herald, July 28, 31
- The Portland Sun, July 30
- Washington Post, July 24
- Washington Times, July 23, 24, 30, 31
- **PARTIAL LISTING**

**Print**
- American Spectator, July 24, 25
- American Thinker, July 25
- BizPac Review, July 23
- Breitbart UK, July 31
- Breitbart.com, July 28, 29, 31
- CBN News, July 30
- Conservative Daily, July 31
- Daily Caller, July 21
- Drudge Report, July 15, 16, 22, 24, 29, 30, 31, Aug. 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13
- Examiner.com, July 19, 24, 29, 31
- Fox Nation, July 30
- FoxNews.com, Bias Bash, July 23, Aug. 1
- Frontpage Magazine, July 22
- Global Dispatch, July 24
- Hollywood Reporter, July 24
- Human Events, July 20
- Inquisitr, July 23
- LifeNews.com, Aug. 4
- Mediaite, July 25
- Newsmax, July 28
- National Review Online, Aug. 2, 12, 13
- OneNewsNow, July 24
- Politico, Aug. 5
- The Blaze.com, July 22
- Townhall.com, July 23, 24, 30, Aug. 1, 5
- The Blaze.com, July 25
- WND.com, July 21, 23
- @heritage, 433K followers, July 29
- @michelebachmann, 222K followers, July 29
- @david Limbaugh, 144K followers, July 29
- @ewerickson, 116K followers, July 30
- **PARTIAL LISTING**

The Media Research Center participates in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). MRC’s CFC number is 12489.
MRC Legacy Society Member Dae Miller has been a supporter of the Media Research Center for many years. She recently explained why:

“Once when I was on a cruise sponsored by Hillsdale College, a friend and I were talking about the conservative organizations that we both supported and she asked me if I supported the Media Research Center. I told her that I didn’t, but when she explained who the MRC was and what it did, I realized that the MRC was an organization worthy of my support.

For years I’d noticed that the liberal news media were presenting the American people with half-truths and distorted facts. I saw that they’d rather tell the people what to think rather than give the people the information they needed to make up their own minds. I knew that someone needed to hold the liberal media to account and demand that they stop lying. Someone needed to make sure the American people got the whole story, not just part of it. The MRC is the only organization capable of holding the liberal media accountable for their lies and making sure that the people hear the truth.”

In January, 2011, Dae called the MRC and offered to set up a Charitable Gift Annuity using her credit card (she explained that she wanted to use her card because she wanted the air miles!) She stated:

“I’d already made sure that my children will be provided for when I’m gone, so I felt comfortable taking money out of my estate and putting it somewhere where it mattered. I know that when I die and the money passes to the MRC it will do the world real good.”

She continued, “Setting up a Charitable Gift Annuity with the MRC is easy. Once I made the initial gift, my work was done. The MRC handles all the paperwork, investing, and accounting. The payments go directly into my checking account. It’s great.”

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