If the terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya had occurred under President Reagan’s watch, or George W’s, the liberal media would’ve hammered it day in and day out until all the major questions were answered, the killers brought to justice, and the government officials responsible for this disaster punished. They would not let it go. There’d be whistleblowers on 60 Minutes, a PBS documentary, a Hollywood movie, and the networks would flog the story 24/7, with headlines such as “Benghazi Scandal: Day 365.”

But President Barack Obama is a left-wing Democrat, and the liberal media who voted for him are doing all they can to protect Obama (and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton). Their near-deafening silence on Benghazi over the last year, especially given the administration’s ongoing refusal to let eyewitnesses testify, proves the liberal media are in the bag for President Obama.

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Let’s look at some of the findings.

● After the attack on Sept. 11, 2012, the White House falsely claimed it was sparked by some obscure anti-Muslim video posted on YouTube. That was the line until after the November presidential election. The liberal networks applauded her with ABC’s Diane Sawyer cheering Clinton’s “fiery appearance,” while NBC’s Brian Williams fawned over the potential 2016 presidential contender and reminded viewers that she’s “the most admired woman in the world in the Gallup poll, for the 11th year in a row.”

● In January, then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton finally found time to testify before Congress about Benghazi. As for the attack that killed Americans, including our own ambassador, Clinton squealed, “What difference does it make?”

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disclosing that President Obama was
disengaged the night of the terrorist
attack and that he, Panetta, hadn’t even
spoken with Secretary Clinton during the
nine-hour assault. CBS and NBC ran one
brief story each on Panetta’s revelation,
ABC reported nothing.
  ● On Apr. 29, Fox News aired
bombshell testimony from a Benghazi
eyewitness who said U.S. Special
Forces could have responded in time
to the attack had they been allowed.
Fox’s Brett Baier also reported that
three State Department and one CIA
employee had retained lawyers and
wanted to testify about Benghazi as
whistleblowers. For both revelations,
ABC, CBS, and NBC reported ... nothing.
  ● On Apr. 30, when Fox’s Ed Henry
pressed Obama about the threatened
whistleblowers, the president pleaded
ignorance: “I’m not familiar with this
notion that anybody has been blocked
from testifying.” Network news stories
on this? Zero.
  ● Also in April, a House congressional
report on Benghazi concluded that the
White House had lied about the anti-Muslim
video and subsequent related spin to
supposedly protect an FBI investigation
of the attack. CBS ran two stories on the
report but ABC and NBC said nothing.
  ● In July, Rep. Frank Wolf (R-Va.)
told the House that Benghazi
survivors were being forced to sign
non-disclosure agreements, and CNN’s
Jake Tapper reported, “[T]he CIA is
involved in what one source calls an
unprecedented attempt to keep the
spy agency’s Benghazi secrets from
ever leaking out. Since January, some
CIA operatives involved in the agency’s
missions in Libya have been subjected
to frequent, even monthly polygraph
examinations. ... It’s being described as
pure intimidation with the threat that
any unauthorized CIA employee who
leaks information could face the end of
his or her career.”

Where are ABC, CBS, and NBC on this?
Napping around the president’s feet.
More than a year after the attack
and we still don’t know for certain
how many U.S. personnel were on the
ground in Benghazi. CNN reported in
August that there were 35, with at least
21 working out of the CIA annex there.
Also, Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.) said the
administration was disbursing those
Benghazi survivors here and abroad
and in some cases “changing names,
creating aliases.” On both points, ABC,
CBS and NBC have reported nothing.
In early September, The Washington
Times reported that a forthcoming
book, Under Fire by former government
official Fred Burton, reveals “that
an unidentified security official in
the Benghazi compound protecting
Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens
messaged the U.S. embassy in Tripoli:
‘Benghazi under fire, terrorist attack.’”

CBS This Morning interviewed Burton
and he said, “the moment that the first
round was fired, the agents that were
there knew absolutely that this was a
terrorist attack.” But during that entire
segment, the CBS “journalists” never
mentioned Obama, Clinton, or Susan
Rice, our U.N. ambassador who had told
5 Sunday news programs on Sept. 16,
2012 there was no information showing
that Benghazi was a terrorist attack,
and that it had all started as a spontaneous
event sparked by a YouTube video.
Neither ABC nor NBC have interviewed
Burton or reported on his book.

More than one year has elapsed
and the administration has failed to
bring any of the Benghazi murderers
to justice. The families of the lost
Americans and the survivors of the
attack have been completely ignored by
the TV bookers, no matter how much
they are demonized or silenced by Team
Obama.

Can you imagine how things would
play out at the networks if it were Team
Reagan or Team Bush?
The liberal bias of the networks on
Benghazi is deliberate and nauseating.
Look at the facts available and it’s clear
that ABC, CBS, and NBC are censoring
the truth about Benghazi. We’re
combating that bias and censorship but
there is much more to be done.
You can help us in this fight by
making a donation to the MRC today. I
look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
Obama Lied About His Mother to Promote Socialized Medicine and the Liberal Media Covered For Him

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 and Tim Graham. Visit www.mediacollusion.com to purchase the book. All proceeds go to the MRC.

The media’s sneakiest dirty trick in the book is bias by omission, because it is so hard to find, when journalists decide “what the people don’t know won’t hurt them,” or more precisely, “what the people don’t know won’t hurt our candidate.”

Back in 1992, CBS correspondent Betsy Aaron made a blunt statement at a journalists’ conference. “The largest opinion is what we leave out,” she said. “I mean, it sounds simplistic, but I always say worry about what you’re not seeing. What you are seeing, you can really criticize, because you’re smart and have opinions. But if we don’t tell you anything and leave the whole areas uncovered, that’s the danger.”

In Barack Obama’s case this omission emerged in 2012 over his biographical narrative: his 1995 memoir Dreams from My Father, which became a huge bestseller as he prepared to run for president and enriched him with an estimated $1.3 million in royalties (not to mention almost $4 million for his campaign book The Audacity of Hope), and that’s just through 2007.

Reporters loved this book. In an October 23, 2006, cover story in Time magazine, Joe Klein oozed about Obama’s parentage: “He told the story in brilliant, painful detail in his first book, Dreams From My Father, which may be the best-written memoir ever produced by an American politician.”

Chris Matthews was even more effusive, to the point of slobbery, on MSNBC, which is to say, typical. The book was “unique because he’s a politician and not since U.S. Grant has a politician written his own book, and that is refreshing.” It was great literature. “It’s almost like Mark Twain. It’s so American, it’s so textured. It’s so, almost sounding like great fiction because it reads like us. It’s picturesque. Is that the right word, ‘picturesque’? I think it’s got that quality.”

Matthews was exactly right. It sounded like great fiction because so much of it was fictionalized. The warning was right there in the preface to his 1995 memoir, where Barack Obama admitted the chapters to come were taking liberties with the truth: “Although much of this book is based on contemporaneous journals or the oral histories of my family, the dialogue is necessarily an approximation of what was actually said or relayed to me.” Even the people weren’t entirely real: “For the sake of compression, some of the characters that appear are composites of people I’ve known, and some events appear out of precise chronology.”

… Some media people have been stunned when they are told of this paragraph, as if they never read this book, or skipped the preface. But that has never

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“Journalism is dead. Censorship and character assassination are very much alive. Collusion proves it, with frightening evidence.” SEAN HANNITY

“Conservatives are right. The leftwing ‘news’ media did try to steal the 2012 elections. Bozell and Graham provide the indisputable evidence.” RUSH LIMBAUGH

“Every conservative needs to understand how the Left is using the so-called ‘news’ media to manipulate public opinion — and elect presidents. This book provides the irrefutable evidence.” MARK LEVIN
While the networks briefly mentioned the one-year anniversary of the terrorist attack on the U.S. compound in Benghazi on Sept. 11, they didn’t say a word about Secretary of State John Kerry’s refusal to allow the survivors of Benghazi to talk about what actually happened on that tragic day in 2012. Talk about a cover-up! CBS’s Sharyl Attkisson tweeted on Sept. 10 that Kerry “tells Congress he will not honor the request to make Benghazi survivors available for questioning.”

House Republican Darrell Issa (Calif.) has repeatedly asked the State Department to allow those witnesses to testify in public. CBS This Morning reported that on Sept. 11 but didn’t mention Kerry’s refusal and non-cooperation. ABC’s Good Morning America mentioned Benghazi, but no Kerry, and no Issa. Four Americans were murdered by Islamists at Benghazi. To this day, their killers have not been caught and the administration won’t let the witnesses testify. ABC, CBS, NBC? Silent.

**Ignore Labor**

Although the pro-Obama AFL-CIO now fears that Obamacare will strip its workers of good health care and wants the law radically changed, the networks are largely ignoring them. At a Sept. 11 conference in Vegas, Laborers’ International Union of North America President Terry O’Sullivan railed, “But we will be damned if we are going to lose our health insurance because of unintended consequences in the law,” adding that if Obamacare “can’t be changed, it needs to be repealed.” This is one of Obama’s biggest donors. Neither ABC, CBS, nor NBC reported those comments.

NBC and CBS ignored the AFL-CIO conference in toto while ABC’s Good Morning America gave it 24 seconds, but no mention of O’Sullivan. Back in August, AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka detailed the “mistakes” in Obamacare and demanded the president and Democrats make changes, but his views were also ignored by the usually pro-labor union networks.

**What Witnesses?**

Secretary of State John Kerry refuses to allow State Dept. Benghazi survivors to talk to Congress but CBS, NBC, and ABC won’t report it.

The networks gave nearly 6.5 minutes of coverage over 2 days to the president’s new dog, but barely 2.5 minutes over 3 months to GOP efforts to defund Obamacare — that’s bias!

**New Dog!**

ABC, CBS, and NBC gave extensive coverage to the Obama family’s new dog over a 24-hour period but have nearly ignored conservative Republicans’ efforts to defund Obamacare over the last three months. On Sept. 8-9, two days, the networks gave the presidential pooch “Sunny” 6 minutes, 23 seconds of national news coverage. In contrast, between July 9 and Sept 8, for two months, they gave the GOP defunding effort — a serious measure in must-pass legislation — a mere 2 minutes, 26 seconds.

ABC’s virtual non-coverage, as an example, amounted to a total 8 seconds, with George Stephanopoulos sputtering that if Republicans “shut down the government, say, over their cause to de-fund Obamacare, they will relegate themselves to minority status for generations.” That sounds like the Stephanopoulos-Clinton-adviser we all know. For the cuddly Portuguese Water Dog, ABC showered him with 174 seconds of news. Yeah, sure, there’s no bias at the networks — just ask Sunny!
‘A Little Sick’

CNN’s Carol Costello let her liberal hair down again to trash Rush Limbaugh’s upcoming children’s book, *Rush Revere and the Brave Pilgrims*. As played out on Sept. 5, the Huffington Post tweeted, “Hey kids! Rush Limbaugh wrote a book that’s just for you,” which Costello quickly retweeted, adding, “Um, oh, seriously?” Costello carried on in a separate tweet that day, commenting on the book, “I’m a little sick now.”

So much for balance or fairness — not to mention the book isn’t even out yet. Costello loves to broadcast her liberalism, though. On Aug. 2 she went to Facebook to slam the GOP effort to defund Obamacare, mocking that “with an approval rating of 17%, you’d think the House would come up with something new. Hahahahaha.” Back in January 2008, Costello claimed that Rush had “lost influence” with the GOP, a “sign of the talkers’ diminishing power.” Every 15 minutes, Rush reaches 3 million listeners. CNN would kill for those numbers.

**Obama**

MSNBC’s Ed Schultz is outraged that more Americans don’t love President Obama like he does. On his Sept. 13 show, Schultz barked, “It amazes me that people don’t love Obama. … It just amazes me he can’t get above 50% when it comes to a favorable view of the economy. … I just cannot believe this number. Seriously. President Obama’s handling of the economy: Only 45 percent of the American people think he’s doing a good job on the economy and 52 percent disapprove?”

“You mean to tell me we’ve had 41 months of private-sector job growth?” Schultz ranted. “We’ve got a stock market that is absolutely going through the roof? We’ve got record profits?” Then Ed found the answer: “You know what that is? That is a lot of negative campaigning in the media. That is the Republican, conservative effect on how we think as a country.” … Ed, uh, that’s liberal BS.
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- **Blaze TV:** Wilkow, Sept. 5
- **FBN:** Cavuto, Aug. 26
  - Varney & Co., Aug. 20, 28, Sept. 28
- **FNC:** Fox Newswatch, Aug. 10, 17
  - Hannity, Aug. 15, 29, Sept. 5,
    Special Report w/Bret Baier, Sept. 10
  - Your World w/Neil Cavuto, Aug. 26

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**Radio**

- American Family Radio, Aug. 22, Sept. 4, 11
- Andrea Tantaros Show, Sept. 6, 13
- Battle Line, Aug. 28, Sept. 6, 12
- Bob Duttio Show, Sept. 13
- Financial Safari Radio, Sept. 11
- IRN/USA Radio, Aug. 29, Sept. 12
- Lars Larson Show, Sept. 6, 13
- Mark Levin Show, Sept. 10, 16, 17
- Phil Valentine Show, Sept. 5
- Rush Limbaugh Show, Aug. 28
- Sean Hannity Show, Aug. 19
- Steve Malzberg Show, Aug. 23, 30
- Cable Radio Network, Aug. 27
- KCNN, Colorado Springs, CO, Aug. 26, 30, Sept. 13
- KNTH, Houston, TX, Aug. 19, 26, Sept. 2, 9, 12
- KNUS, Denver, CO, Sept. 10
- KQV, Pittsburgh, PA, Sept. 5
- WATR, Waterbury, CT, Sept. 4
- WENY, Corning, NY, Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4
- WIBA, Madison, WI, Sept. 4, 5, 9, 11
- WROK, Aurora, IL, Aug. 19, 26, Sept. 9
- WTIC, Hartford, CT, Sept. 2
- WTKF, Morehead City, NC, Aug. 23, 30, Sept. 13

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**Internet & Twitter**

- ABCNews.com, Aug. 20
- Breitbart.com, Aug. 19, 22, Sept. 8, 11
- Christian Post, Aug. 20, 29, Sept. 12
- Cincinnati.com, Sept. 6
- Daily Caller, Sept. 5, 6, 10, 11
- Drudge Report, Sept. 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19
- Fiscal Times blog, Sept. 6
- FoxNews.com, Aug. 28, 31, Sept. 11, 12, 13
- FrontPage magazine, Sept. 11
- HotAir, Sept. 6
- Huffington Post, Aug. 19
- Lauralgraham.com, Sept. 11
- LifeNews.com, Sept. 2, 5
- Mediaite, Sept. 11
- Minority Report, Aug. 28
- Mother Jones, Aug. 27
- National Geographic.com, Sept. 12
- NewsMax, Sept. 12
- One News Now, Aug. 22, 27, Sept. 2, 6
- Right Side News, Sept. 12
- Rush Limbaugh.com, Aug. 22, 23
- Slate.com, Sept. 4, 6, 7
- The Blaze.com, Sept. 4, 9, 10
- The Hill blog, Sept. 9, 10
- Townhall.com, Aug. 17, 29, Sept. 5, 10
- Twitchy.com, Sept. 11
- VoiceofRussia.com, Sept. 1
- Washington Examiner, Aug. 28, Sept. 6, 9
- Washington Post blog, Sept. 12
- WND.com, Aug. 21, 30, Sept. 9
  - bsweducrson.com, 9K followers, Aug. 22
  - heritage, 330K followers, Sept. 10
  - jdamemint, 178K followers, Sept. 10
  - tomholthaus, 298K followers, Sept. 11

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**Print**

- Augusta Chronicle, Sept. 3
- Daily News Journal, Aug. 31
- Detroit News, Aug. 18
- Federal News Service, Sept. 9
- Forbes, Aug. 26
- Lexington Herald Leader, Aug. 27
- National Journal, Aug. 23
- Sacramento Bee, Sept. 4
- U.S. News & World Report, Sept. 11
- Washington Times, Aug. 16, 19, Sept. 1, 3, 4, 6, 9

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MRC President Brent Bozell discusses MSNBC Chris Matthews’ charge that half of America is racist as the reason for Obama’s low approval rating, on Fox’s Hannity, Aug. 30.

BMI Director Dan Gainor details how leftist George Soros is funding the Columbia University School of Journalism to breed the next generation of liberal reporters.

On Your World w/ Neil Cavuto, Aug. 26, Brent Bozell cites examples of the liberal media cheerleading for President Obama’s drive to bomb Syria and support the rebels, many of whom are linked to al Qaeda.

The MRC’s CNSNews.com scored another big Drudge Report hit on Sept. 19 with a story on President Obama’s claim that “raising the debt ceiling doesn’t increase our debt.” Drudge Report gets an average 30 million viewers (or visitors) a day.
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nicked the larger legend that’s been created. The nation’s so-called guardians of factual accuracy don’t even expect honesty from Obama on his own life story.

... Liberals occasionally tried to preserve a fraction of their dignity as journalists with a few uncomfortable facts. But they were quiet about it.

For example, on July 13, 2011, in a story published on page 16, New York Times reporter Kevin Sack explained, “The White House on Wednesday declined to challenge an account in a new book that suggests that President Obama, in his campaign to overhaul American health care, mischaracterized a central anecdote about his mother’s deathbed dispute with her insurance company.”

The headline said the book “challenges” the Obama story, and in the story they used the word “mischaracterized.” It was a whole lot more misleading than that.

The new book was titled Singular Woman: The Untold Story of Barack Obama’s Mother. The author was Janny Scott, the same Times reporter who was so impressed with Obama’s storytelling in 2008. ... Scott quoted from correspondence from Obama’s mother, Ann Dunham, to assert that the 1995 dispute concerned a Cigna disability insurance policy. Her actual health insurer had reimbursed most of her medical expenses without argument. The Times noted that although candidate Obama often suggested Dunham “was denied health coverage because of a preexisting condition, it appears from her correspondence that she was only denied disability coverage.”

So he was lying. Indeed, reporters could have held Obama accountable for lying repeatedly on his way to his first presidential victory and beyond, obscenely using his own deceased mother as a prop: He lied to an entire stadium of supporters in his August 28, 2008, convention speech. ... The same lie was repeated in the October 7, 2008, presidential debate .... Obama also mentioned her in a 2007 campaign TV ad: “In those last painful months, she was more worried about paying her medical bills than getting well. I hear stories like hers every day.”

... [The] suppressing media not only failed to find this deception in 2008. They ignored it when it was exposed in 2011. Network coverage of this new jaw-dropper on ABC, CBS, and NBC? Zero in 2011, and zero in 2012.

... [Obama] lied repeatedly about his mother — a shameless, pandering appeal to emotion, using his mother to enact socialized health care, and the media — how can we deny this? — deliberately abetted that dishonesty.

After Obama was safely reelected, David Axelrod insisted that the voters prized Obama’s authenticity and disdained Mitt Romney’s apparent plasticity. “Barack Obama’s very authentic. They knew what drove him. They were comfortable with him.”Authenticity was hardly Obama’s strong suit, but how could voters know otherwise when the national media were censoring news?”

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**Minibits**

- CBS’s Mark Phillips whines that Pope Francis opposing military action in Syria “has entered the world of partisan international politics — he’s taken sides,” and that the Pope’s call for prayer and fasting is a “religious street protest.”
- MSNBC’s Chris Matthews spins opposition to Obama: “They never say their problem with Obama is that he’s black, but look at the pattern,” while his colleague Krystal Ball yacks, “Congratulations, Republicans. You have taken the place of Jim Crow. You are now the people conspiring to keep folks from voting.”
- CNN’s Chris Cuomo slams Obama with a crushing wiffle ball, “What is more daunting to you: The prospects of protecting the free world, or dealing with a teenager and a near-teen? What gives you more pause for concern?”
- The wisdom of MSNBC’s Ed Schultz: “Make no mistake, Obamcare saves lives and it is good for America,” it is “the most positive thing that this country has done since the civil rights legislation that was passed back in the ‘60s.”
- NYT Editor Jill Abramson rationalizes her paper’s liberal bias, “I can see how the intensity of coverage on certain issues may, to some people, seem to reflect a liberal point of view. But I actually don’t think it does.”
- MSNBC’s Alex Witt reveals his non-partisan, down-the-middle style of journalism: “How does this President get past the folks who say ‘No’ on everything? Is there no incentive for the GOP to work with the President on anything, ever?”
- Bloomberg’s Margaret Carlson lets her hair down over President Bush’s Iraq war resolution, “You would hope that Bush’s lies would keep him awake at 3 in the morning, but what they really do is haunt the country.”