Dear Friend,

As I’ve warned you they would, the liberal media, their friends in Congress, and left-wing activists are doing everything in their power to silence conservatives on talk radio and cable TV. The recent vicious, and thoroughly dishonest, attacks on Rush Limbaugh over his “phony soldiers” comments, as well as Bill O’Reilly’s comments about gangster-rap music vs. the reality of black culture in America, are but two examples in this war to silence conservatives.

And there have been other attacks. Is there a day when Ann Coulter isn’t vilified by the liberal media and by liberal politicians? Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, while not a talk-radio host, is nonetheless perpetually under the gun from the liberal media because of his conservatism and his criticisms of the left-wing media. Laura Ingraham is frequently maligned, as are Sean Hannity, Mark Levin, and many other conservatives who make a living in the new media: talk radio, cable TV, and on the Internet. Even Fox News Channel, which is truly balanced in its coverage and presentation of conservative and liberal opinion, is regularly smeared by the so-called mainstream media and the left-wing politicians who do their bidding.

While the liberal media certainly tear into conservatives, as the Media Research Center has documented for years—the MRC is on the liberals’ enemy list too!—the latest attacks show how intellectually and morally bankrupt the media truly are. They can’t really debate issues or ideas anymore because so many liberal policies have failed, and Americans are moving on — and they’re moving on with the new media and the many conservatives working in that arena.

As a result, liberals have turned to their last resort: character assassination. The politics of personal destruction. Forget facts, forget the truth, forget fair play. The liberal-left is out to destroy conservatives and will do whatever it takes — the ends justify the means. This is precisely what the MRC, for the last several years, said would happen. This is also what was predicted — in detail — in my 2005 book, Weapons of Mass Distortion: The Coming Meltdown of the Liberal Media. And this is why the MRC’s mission is so important: The liberals are playing for keeps. They want to shut conservatives down and shut off conservative ideas.

Look at the Rush case. On Sept. 26, on his radio show, Rush was talking with a caller about the Iraq war and how

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the liberal media often trot out any soldier they can find who will denounce the war. In this instance, Rush was referring to a phony soldier if there ever was one: Jesse Macbeth. This soldier had lied about his military service, lied about viewing atrocities in Iraq, and spread his lies further through videos posted on the Internet. The truth is that Macbeth had been discharged from the Army after only 44 days in boot camp, had never served in Iraq, had never earned the Purple Heart he claimed, and had pleaded guilty to making false claims in order to scam more benefits from the Veterans Administration. He is now in prison.

Macbeth was indeed a “phony soldier” and he was precisely the “phony soldier” referred to — by name! — by Limbaugh. He wasn’t the only one, of course — there are at least 60 cases of phony soldiers currently under investigation by the federal government. But don’t wait on the liberal media to tell you about those cases.

Nonetheless, the liberal attack machine went into action. Media Matters, a left-wing media “watchdog” launched with the help of Hillary Clinton and George Soros, took Limbaugh’s words out of context completely and deliberately posted them on their Web site. They actually cut off the radio clip at the point where Rush says “the phony soldiers” and didn’t include the rest of Rush’s comments about Macbeth and phony soldiers. Instead they claimed — they invented — the line that Rush was calling Iraq veterans who opposed the war “phony soldiers.”

From there, the liberal media took off. The networks, most newspapers, and some cable shows, such as CNN and MSNBC, repeated Media Matters’ version of events and smeared Rush as an unpatriotic buffoon, intolerant of anyone who might criticize the Iraq war. MSNBC’s Chris Matthews, for instance, told his Hardball audience on Sept. 28: “Radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh says veterans who support withdrawing the troops are ‘phony soldiers.’ Those are his words.” CNN’s The Situation Room, on Oct. 1, read: “Limbaugh’s charge that some veterans who are criticizing the war are, in his words, quote, ‘phony soldiers.’”

It was all lies. Liberals on Capitol Hill who want to re-introduce the Fairness Doctrine, to effectively kill conservative talk radio, took the lies to the floor of the Senate. Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) denounced Limbaugh in a Senate floor speech. Rush “went way over the line” and “his unpatriotic comments I cannot ignore,” slammed Reid.

Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) said essentially the same but added this personal insult: “Maybe he was just high on his drugs again.”

That is the politics of personal destruction. That is character assassination. And that’s how the liberal media and their congressional friends operate.

But they didn’t stop there. Rep. Mark Udall (D-Colo.) introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives denouncing Limbaugh — quote, “condemning the attack by broadcaster Rush Limbaugh on the integrity and professionalism of some of those Americans in the military. Rush’s “phony soldiers” comment “constitutes an unwarranted slur on the integrity and professionalism of members of the Armed Forces” further reads the resolution. Udall and his friends might just as well have read a script drafted by Media Matters and edited by NBC and CNN.

Rush Limbaugh — God bless him — fought back. He challenged Reid to come on his radio show, “like a man,” and make the allegations he made in the privileged sanctuary of the Senate. Reid pretty much shut up after that.

The MRC defended Rush vigorously because he deserved it. Our CyberAlerts and NewsBusters blog documented the liberal media’s distortion of Rush’s comments, showing exactly how and by whom his words were mis-reported. The MRC’s Cybercast News Service kept people informed about the shenanigans in the Senate and House. Also, my syndicated column on the issue was distributed by Creators Syndicate and an MRC press release was distributed to thousands of people and numerous media, noting that Media Matters and the liberal media are engaged in “nothing short of a deliberate pattern to smear the reputations of conservative media personalities in order to eliminate any voice of opposition.”

MRC experts were also interviewed about the issue on numerous radio shows and cited in newspapers and across the Internet. In addition, audio clips of congressmen defending Limbaugh, obtained exclusively by our own CNSNews.com staff reporters, were broadcast by Rush and other talk-radio shows, reaching millions of Americans.

America now knows the truth. Rush Limbaugh has been vindicated.

While the dust has settled somewhat from this latest attack, the liberal media are not stopping. They are only regrouping and reloading. These attacks are designed to destroy leading conservatives in the new media and, short of that, set the stage for a Democrat-controlled Congress to re-impose the Fairness Doctrine. The MRC is exposing all this and keeping Americans informed. We must stand together and fight together. With your help, we can win — inch by inch, issue by issue, battlefield by battlefield. It’s a tough fight, but we’re in it — for keeps!

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
While the national media are beginning to describe the Democratic side of the presidential campaign as Hillary Clinton’s to lose, the Media Research Center is about to expose how the national media have been blazing her trail to the presidency for the last 15 years. In a new book, Whitewash, arriving in bookstores on Nov. 13, the MRC’s Brent Bozell and Tim Graham expose the unprecedented media favoritism that is the key to Hillary’s mythic political standing.

Among the questions answered in the book: Why Hillary? How did the First Lady to a disgraced, impeached president become a presidential front-runner despite never having held elective office before 2001? And how did this happen given her staggering number of personal, political, and financial scandals — and her leftist political agenda?

The answer to Hillary Clinton’s success is the liberal media.

The liberal media have never acted as a “watchdog” when it comes to Hillary Clinton. They have rolled over and played near-dead when it was time to hold her accountable. They have downplayed or ignored her every scandal and recast her ultra-liberalism to depict her as being in the political center. Her heroic narrative of parting the waters for womanhood is also theirs — Time magazine, after all, introduced Hillary Clinton to the country as an “amalgam of Betty Crocker, Mother Teresa and Oliver Wendell Holmes.” With the power of that myth, Hillary Clinton has intimidated Republicans and Democrats alike into parting the way for her royal parade to the mountain top.

To expose the truth about Hillary Clinton that the liberal media have buried, the MRC’s Bozell and Graham interviewed dozens of leading conservatives to let Americans hear the whole story—people such as Rush Limbaugh, Newt Gingrich, Sean Hannity, Ann Coulter, Mark Levin, Laura Ingraham, Cal Thomas, and many others.

Among Whitewash’s many revelations are the following:

- How Hillary’s media allies have rushed to pronounce her “unbeatable” and “inevitable” to counter Barack Obama’s unexpectedly strong challenge.
- How the frequent claim that “no one has been more investigated than Hillary Clinton” is not just incorrect, but utterly absurd.
- The Republican congressman who says the Clintons “went after” him “mercilessly” for daring to investigate Hillary scandals.
- How liberal reporters — and female liberal reporters especially — have ignored Mrs. Clinton’s leftist record in order to hail her as a feminist pioneer.
- How the American people would not have learned about virtually any of Hillary’s many scandals were it not for the upstart alternative media.

Every book that’s raised the mildest criticism of Hillary Clinton — even the ones from liberal authors — has been derided as “old news” by her media friends, fit only for the shredder, not the library. So why Whitewash? Because without this book, we’re in danger of history repeating itself in a tiresome rerun of the first frazzled Clinton presidency. All that scandalous “old news” will be repeated. The pattern of deception will be the same: from her privileged and unaccountable position of strength, Hillary will feel free to be corrupt. The news media will ignore 90 percent of it and celebrate her as an incredibly brainy pioneer.

Why should people care about a Katie Couric softball-pitch from 1993? Or another sappy cover story in Time or Newsweek? Because it will happen again in 2008. And 2009. And 2010. And it will be worse, for the stakes are much higher for America in these times of international terrorism — a time when the truth about our leaders and our security is vital.

To order Whitewash for yourself or as a gift for a friend or family member, visit the MRC bookstore at www.MRC.org or call toll-free 1-877-263-4486. Proceeds benefit the Media Research Center.
Toobin’s Tall Tale

To trash conservative Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas once again — this time, as Thomas’s new book, My Grandfather’s Son, was released — CNN trotted out its legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin on Oct. 1. Toobin breathlessly told Anderson Cooper 360’s audience that Thomas is “furious all the time” and his anger over the media burst into “the stratosphere” when it came to Anita Hill. On National Public Radio, the same day, Toobin called Thomas a “nut” with “highly unusual and extreme” legal views.

The next day, Laura Ingraham, on her radio show, asked Toobin if he had ever met Justice Thomas — Toobin CNN’s Jeffrey Toobin called Judge Clarence Thomas a “nut” with “extreme” views and then it was revealed he had never met or interviewed Thomas.

changed the subject. Then, when she asked him if he had interviewed or even spoken with Thomas for his book about the Supreme Court, The Nine, Toobin did not answer. On Oct. 4, Justice Thomas informed Laura Ingraham that Toobin had never interviewed him and that he “would have no clue” who Toobin was if he saw him on the street.

CNN: Race Hustler

On Sept. 25, CNN’s Kiran Chetry tried to smear Fox’s Bill O’Reilly as a racist for his criticisms of gangster rap music.

— would become “one of those Don Imus moments?” O’Reilly had said his experience at the restaurant only confirmed that the gang-banger, foul-mouthed culture espoused by many black rappers was not the norm and was worthy of condemnation.

Black journalist Juan Williams blasted CNN for taking things out of context. “It had nothing to do with racist ranting by anybody except these idiots at CNN,” roared Williams that same day on Fox’s O’Reilly Factor. “It’s outrageous... too often the images on TV are these rappers glorifying drugs, glorifying violence, degrading women... Here’s my complaint: They’re trying to shut up anybody who’s having an honest thought about race relations in this country, and wants to speak honestly about the damage being done by the likes of these rappers or these comedians who use the N-word, and all of that.”

White Wingers?

MSNBC’s Keith Olbermann ranted on Sept. 21 that Republican presidential candidates turned down offers to debate at radical left-wing-hosted events because they are essentially racists. “When the Republican presidential candidates refuse to debate at black or Hispanic venues, why are they not being asked if they’re as racist as that seems?” chuckled Olbermann to Washington Post liberal columnist Eugene Robinson. All the while, the on-screen display on the ratings-challenged Countdown show read, “White Wingers.”

Olbermann rattled on, suggesting that the GOP really wants to re-segregate the country. “Is it possible they’re actually hoping to move backwards in this, that there is some part of the Republican Party that says, you know, we got to roll back, those activist judges in Brown versus Board of Education, we got to get rid of them?”

Couric Complains

CBS Evening News anchor Katie Couric told an audience at the National Press Club on Sept. 27 that expressions of patriotism, such as wearing flag-lapel pins and referring to “we” Americans following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, made her “uncomfortable.” In her talk, broadcast on C-SPAN2, Couric complained that “corporate America owning a lot of media outlets” killed any questioning of “this inevitable march toward war.”

Couric further prattled that “anyone who questioned the administration was considered unpatriotic.” As for Iraq, the perky-one, without citing a lick of evidence, declared: “People in this country were misled in terms of the rationale for war.”
pull in between 7 and 8 million viewers each — Couric is scraping in around 5.5 million, lower than Dan Rather’s lowest ratings when he was anchor.

**Not Gentlemanly**

Upset about a pending story in Gentleman’s Quarterly on political infighting in Sen. Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign, the Clinton machine put the squeeze on the magazine’s editor. As reported by Fox’s Brit Hume (and the newspaper Politico) on Sept. 25, “GQ magazine agreed to kill a critical piece about fighting within the Hillary Clinton campaign team in exchange for access to Bill Clinton for another story.”

Politico had reported the day before that GQ was given a “a stark choice: Kill the piece, or lose access to planned celebrity cover boy Bill Clinton.

Despite internal protests, GQ Editor Jim Nelson met the Clinton campaign’s demands.” Fox’s Hume further noted: “The episode is said to be an illustration of the power of the Clinton celebrity factor, and the fact that the Clintons have the rare ability within the political world to actually affect magazine sales.”

**Penn Pimps**

Left-wing activist and Hollywood actor Sean Penn went on the David Letterman show on Oct 1 to promote his new movie … and to promote Venezuela’s socialist leader Hugo Chavez. Penn had recently visited the socialist leader at his palatial digs in South America. Letterman said that he had heard that Chavez was “nuts” and “wacky,” and that America “ought to keep our eye on him.”

The ever-insightful Penn retorted that Chavez is a “fascinating guy” and that “if people have oil under their ground they’re called wacky.” Chavez has done great things for the poor, said Penn. When asked about Chavez’s plan to nationalize the media there, Penn snorted, “You know, the idea that, that there’s no freedom of expression, I mean the loons on Fox News are broadcast there every day.”

**Bush’s ‘Stooges’?**

All-around angry man Bill Maher, who has his own show on HBO, went on CNN’s The Situation Room on Sept. 18 to declare that U.S. General David Petraeus, Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker, and Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, are “stooges” for President Bush. When CNN’s Wolf Blitzer asked about the recent congressional testimony of Petraeus and Crocker, Maher parroted the party line of the leftist group MoveOn.org.

“Well, it was a White House-written report,” smirked Maher. “We know that. Bush has an interesting little scam going. He also quoted in his speech on Thursday night, Maliki. And he said basically that the Iraqi leadership is asking us to stay. So, in other words, he puts words into his stooges’ mouths, and then, he quotes them.”
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When the left began its smear campaign to claim that talk-radio host Rush Limbaugh’s “phony soldiers” remark regarding convicted faux veteran Jesse Macbeth referred to all soldiers who’ve spoken out against the Iraq war, CNSNews.com Staff Writer Nathan Burchfield took to the Hill to get reaction and cover both sides of the controversy.

Regarding Limbaugh’s explanation that his comment referred exclusively to Macbeth and others who’ve falsified their military records, Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.) told Nathan, “I don’t buy it” - but, he also admitted that he hadn’t bothered to read the full transcript of Limbaugh’s comments and had only seen the portion publicized by the liberal group Media Matters. Nathan also captured on tape comments from congressmen defending Limbaugh, such as Rep. Jack Kingston (R-Ga.), who told Nathan of his plan to introduce a House resolution in support of Limbaugh.

Twice on his program, Limbaugh played Nathan’s clips, using both Levin’s comments and those of Sen. John Warner (R-Va.) praising Limbaugh as “a patriot,” and crediting CNSNews.com both times. Nationally syndicated talk-radio host Mark Levin played Nathan’s clips and cited CNSNews.com, as did his nationally syndicated talk radio colleague, Sean Hannity.

In addition to adding the audio and video captured by our reporters to our Web site, we’ve also begun posting video clips of television appearances by CNSNews.com staff, such as Nathan Burchfield’s Fox and Friends Weekend interview and CNSNews.com Editor-in-Chief Terence Jeffrey’s regular appearances on CNN’s The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer.

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Television

FNC:
- Fox & Friends Weekend, Sept. 29
- Fox & Friends, Sept. 10, 14, 27, 28
- Special Report with Brit Hume, Sept. 27, Oct. 2
- Hannity & Colmes, Sept. 26
- Your World with Neil Cavuto, Sept. 26
- Fox News Live, Sept. 14
- The O’Reilly Factor, Sept. 13, 14, 27
- Fox News Watch, Sept. 22
- The Big Story, Sept. 20, Oct. 5
- Fox Daytime, Sept. 13
- This Morning w/ Mike & Juliet, Sept. 12

CNN:
- The Situation Room, Sept. 24, Oct. 3
- Glenn Beck Show, Sept. 26
- Prime News, Sept. 13

CNBC:
- Kudlow & Co., Sept. 25

WUSA-TV:
- Sept. 19

CBN:
- NewsWatch, Sept. 13

Radio

Mark Levin Show, Oct. 3, 5
Jackie Mason Show, Oct. 7
Sean Hannity Show, Oct. 5
Rush Limbaugh Show, Oct. 2
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Laurie Roth Show, Sept. 24
Laura Ingraham Show, Sept. 17, 26
George Putnam Show, Sept. 24, 27
USA Radio News, Sept. 25, Sept. 28
Lars Larson Show, Sept. 26
The Gill Report, Oct. 2
Chuck Harder Show, Oct. 2
Fox News Radio, Oct. 2
Lynn Woolley Show, Oct. 1
American Family Radio, Sept. 26
Lynn Breidenbach Show, Sept. 18, Oct. 2
The Right Balance, Sept. 14, 17

MRC in the News

On Fox News Channel, Sept. 26, MRC President Brent Bozell discussed anti-war comments made by CBS anchor Katie Couric.

MRC President Brent Bozell was interviewed on CNN’s Glenn Beck Show about the Washington Post censoring an anti-Muslim cartoon.


Print

Washington Times, Sept. 26, Oct. 2, 3, 4
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Cincinnati Enquirer, Sept. 20
Touchstone magazine, September
Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, Sept. 17, 30, Oct. 7, 14
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World magazine blog, Oct. 2
Live Wire blog, Sept. 3
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Patriot Post, Sept. 5
Catholic Online, Sept. 6
CBNNews.com, Sept. 13
Wonkette.com, Sept. 26
World magazine blog, Oct. 2
Jihadwatch.org, Oct. 3
Laura Ingraham.com, Oct. 3
Truthseeker blog, Oct. 3

WRBC, Lewiston, ME, Sept. 27
WCHS, Charleston, WV, Sept. 10, 14, 24, Oct. 3
WDUN, Atlanta, GA, Oct. 4
KGAB, Cheyenne, WY, Sept. 18
WTXF, Greenville, NC, Sept. 14, 21
KNST, Tucson, AZ, Sept. 24
KRBC, Lewiston, ME, Sept. 27
WYLL, Chicago, IL, Sept. 18
WFLA, WTBN, WFLG, Tampa, FL, Sept. 21
WLOB, Portland, ME, Sept. 17, 20
WEIM, Boston, MA, Sept. 28
KYYL, Brownwood, TX, Sept. 20
WDMC, Hartford, CT, Sept. 14
KMED, Medford, OR, Sept. 18
WLUU, Detroit, MI, Sept. 14
WLQV, Detroit, MI, Sept. 11
WHJJ, Providence, RI, Sept. 3
KZIM, Franklin, NJ, Sept. 11
WLQV, Detroit, MI, Sept. 11
WGSO, New Orleans, LA, Sept. 11
WIBA, Madison, WI, Oct. 2
WDYT, Charlotte, NC, Oct. 2
WSUS, Franklin, NJ, Oct. 4
WBT, Charlotte, NC, Oct. 7

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