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Liberal Media Smear Rush Limbaugh with Fake Quote to Discredit Conservative Movement

The liberal media attacked Rush Limbaugh in October with two unverified quotes that smeared him as a racist. The initial thrust was to kill Rush's bid to buy a share in the NFL franchise St. Louis Rams. The larger goal was to discredit Rush altogether and, by extension, the conservative movement and the alternative media, particularly talk radio and conservative outlets on the Internet.

The malicious attack on Rush illustrates, in many ways, why the MRC exists: to expose and neutralize liberal media bias. In this case, however, the attack was brutal, relentless and based on lies, not just bias. We acted swiftly, calling on media offenders to substantiate their claims, and we also published a new Special Report, "A Rush To Ruin: The Left's Character Assassination Campaign Against Rush Limbaugh." (See p. 8.)

The liberal media have always despised Rush, a longtime friend of the MRC, and this latest attack shows they have sunk to a new low to silence conservative voices and reveals that we must always stay on guard.

When word leaked in early October that Rush was part of a group interested in bidding on the Rams, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* writer Bryan Burwell let loose, attributing to Rush the following quote: "I mean, let's face it, we didn't have

slavery in this country for over 100 years because it was a bad thing. Quite the opposite: Slavery built the South. I'm not saying we should bring it back. I'm just saying it had its merits. For one thing, the streets were safer after dark."

Burwell did not source the quote and when called on it within days, he lamely attributed it to a book by Jack Huberman called *101 People Who Are REALLY Screwing America*, published in 2006 by the left-wing Nation Books.

Huberman, however, had also not sourced the quote and had added another false one, claiming that Rush had said the man who assassinated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. should have received a medal.

Lies, lies, lies, but the liberals spread the poison. As our new Special Report documents, MSNBC's David Shuster repeated

the fabricated "slavery" quote and attributed it as follows: "Cited by James Farrior, Pittsburgh Steelers." MSNBC's Tamron Hall also repeated the fabrication.

CNN's Rick Sanchez further spread the lie and ludicrously attributed it this way: "Rush Limbaugh On the Radio." Most 9th grade book reports are better sourced, folks.

Soon enough, race hustlers Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson jumped on

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Rush Limbaugh was smeared as a racist (!) with fabricated remarks unverified by the liberal media, and now that the facts are evident and vindicate Rush, few of the offenders in the liberal media will take responsibility for their negligence.

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the bandwagon. Sharpton, who was found guilty of defamation in 1998 and has called Jews “diamond merchants,” lectured to any news camera available that Rush should not be allowed to purchase a share in an NFL team.

Jackson, who has called Jews “Hymies” and New York City “Hymietown,” echoed Sharpton. The liberal media, of course, gave extensive coverage to these left-wing hucksters.

When NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell was asked about Rush, he dodged and claimed that a real comment by Rush from 2003 about quarterback Donovan McNabb was “polarizing,” adding that “we are all held to a higher standard here” and “I would not want to see those kinds of comments from people who are in a responsible position within the NFL.”

Exposing Goodell’s liberal double-standard, our NewsBusters blogger Noel Sheppard reported that pop-singers Jennifer Lopez and Fergie own a part of the NFL’s Miami Dolphins and yet have said far more controversial things than ever uttered by Rush.

Lopez, for example, sang an obscenity-laden rap song a few years ago that included the following lyrics: “What’s my motherf----- name? R-U-L-E/Blowin’ back on this Mary Jane To bring pain to p---- n----- and p---- hoes, it’s one in the same.”



CNN’s Rick Sanchez and MSNBC’s David Shuster were among the many members of the liberal media who spread the false and malicious quotes about Rush Limbaugh.



Fergie sang a 2003 song that equated the CIA with terrorists and said the U.S. government was lying about the war on terrorism. But according to the NFL’s Goodell, “divisive comments are not what the NFL is all about.”

When *Fox & Friends* interviewed me, I stressed that Goodell had a responsibility to know what he was talking about and, after looking at the facts, a responsibility to defend Rush – after all, Rush is probably the most well-known supporter of the NFL in the private sector.

But Goodell and others were cowed by the liberal media and the racial smears.

We weren’t. Once the Big Lie about Rush hit cable TV on Oct. 12/13, we issued a press release demanding that CNN and MSNBC immediately and publicly source the despicable quote they attributed to Limbaugh. We also overnighted letters to the presidents

of CNN and MSNBC.

Within a day, both cable channels started to back away from their false claims. But they never really apologized or retracted their lies about Rush. CNN’s Sanchez, after three days, lamely said on-air, “We have been unable to independently confirm that quote.” He also apologized for reporting it “without independent confirmation.”

Over at MSNBC, David Shuster chirped, “We have been unable to verify that quote independently. So, just to clarify.” The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* said it “continues to research the origin of the quote.” The double-speak goes on.

Rush Limbaugh was maliciously smeared as a racist(!) and yet, now that the facts are evident, few of the offenders in the liberal media will take responsibility for their negligence.

For the liberal media, Journalism 101 is gone. Basic fact-checking is dead. The liberal media will do anything to silence conservatives and the alternative media.

Rush is the Big Kahuna in the liberal media’s crosshairs because he has an audience of 20 million and is on the air every day, spreading the truth of conservatism. But we are all being targeted.

This is why we need to continually resist the liberal media, expose them, and hold them accountable. All of the MRC divisions engage in this battle every day, and we can win because we have the truth and your support.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President

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New Poll Confirms the MRC's Message About Liberal Media Bias

A new poll reveals that more and more Americans view the dominant news media in America as liberally biased - very liberally biased - and this proves that the hard work of the MRC over the years is starting to pay off. We document, expose, and neutralize the liberal media, and now a vast majority of Americans see things our way.

While there is still a lot of hard work to be done - more than 40 million Americans get their news every day from the liberal ABC, CBS, and NBC - the new poll shows that 83.6 percent (5 out of 6 people) see the national news media as "very or somewhat biased."

Also, the poll revealed that nearly nine out of ten, 89.3 percent of Americans, think the media were a strong factor in electing Barack Obama as president.

The survey of 800 people was conducted by the Polling Institute at Sacred Heart University in early September, and came on the heels of a poll by the liberal Pew Research Center for the People and the Press that reflected similar results.

Some of the other findings by the Polling Institute include the following:

✓ Nearly 70 percent

Nearly 70 percent of Americans say the national news media are intent on promoting the Obama presidency.

✓ More than half (56.4 percent)

More than half (56.4 percent) said the news media are uncritically promoting Obama's health care plan.

✓ 6 out of 7 Americans

6 out of 7 Americans "strongly or somewhat agreed that the news media have their own political and public policy positions and attempt to influence public opinion."

✓ Nearly 60 percent

Nearly 60 percent agreed that the news media appear to be coordinating to discredit the record of former Alaska Governor and GOP Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin.

In a Sept. 15 press release on the topic, MRC President Brent Bozell said: "The media have earned every last drop of a growing majority of Americans' disdain and distrust. Blatantly biased, false and lazy reporting plagues network television and our nation's left-wing newspapers. And some of these entities are adding insult to injury by demanding financial bailouts from the American taxpayer."

"If the liberal broadcast networks and newspapers refuse to acknowledge they have become a victim of their newsrooms' own prejudices, they will continue to flounder until extinction," said Mr. Bozell. "Alternative media are no longer just competing; they are outshining with solid, balanced and trusted coverage."

To read more about the polls, visit www.MRC.org.



Bits & Pieces

Better Off Red?

No liberal media would ever try to claim that Germany was better off under the Nazis, but when it comes to the communists who ruled the Soviet Union, *Newsweek* reported on Oct. 12 that perhaps the Russians were "Better Off Red." Yes, the regime that was a massive police state with hundreds of forced-labor camps and which slaughtered at least 25 million of its own people, was, in *Newsweek's* view, perhaps doing better than it is today.

Newsweek breathlessly revealed, "Since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, Russia has seen an increase in oligarchs and Louis Vuitton outlets. But by many other measures, Russians are worse off." *Newsweek* then used unreliable Communist-era statistics to compare crime rates and other factors, and lectured that, sadly, there are only 1,510 movie theaters today while the communists had 2,337 theaters. The report also cited life expectancy and farmable land — but no mention of the bloody purges and collectivization that caused several widespread famines. Oh, the good old days!

Liberals on Drugs

If you're a liberal with a drug or alcohol problem, you are to be pitied by the liberal media. Case in point: Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI), the late Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.), and even CNN founder Ted Turner. But if a conservative has — or had — a drug or alcohol problem, the person is fodder for endless skewering. One of the worst offenders is CNN's Paul Begala, who delights in reminding viewers that Rush Limbaugh was once addicted to prescription pain-killers.



Democratic operative and CNN analyst Paul Begala mocks Rush Limbaugh by referencing the talk-radio giant's former prescription-drug addiction.

On the Oct. 6 *Situation Room*, the Democrat Begala remarked on Rush's reported attempt to buy the St. Louis Rams, "Just don't put him in charge of the team's drug policy. Don't give him access to that medicine cabinet." This is the same Begala who said of Rush's criticism of Bill Clinton in 2007, "Maybe it was just the OxyContin talking." No word yet from Begala about President Obama's marijuana history. Of course, Begala will also denounce conservatives as "mean-spirited."

Olympic Loss, Good?

Leave it to ABC's Claire Shipman to spin President Obama's failed bid to get the Olympics for Chicago as a good thing for the president, if not for America. As Shipman, whose hus-



ABC's Claire Shipman spins that the Olympics not awarded to Chicago is a win for Barack Obama because "another victory" for the president would have only enraged his critics.

band Jay Carney is chief spin-doctor for VP Joe Biden, explained online on Oct. 6: Had Obama won the Olympics bid it would be "great for all of us. But maybe not so much for him. Why? Because then he would have then really irked his critics."

Obama's detractors, claimed Shipman, are already peeved that he's "the world's prom king. Another victory would have just started a wave of dangerous, uncontrollable seething." The lost bid is a "good thing because it punctures his detractors ballooning and poisonous envy," spun Shipman. "Opponents, gleeful about their rivals' embarrassment, become a bit less hazardous."

ABC Spins Polanski

Leave it to liberal ABC to spin away the revolting facts about Roman Polanski's drugging and sodomizing of a 13-year-old girl in 1977 which led, finally, to his arrest



ABC's Diane Sawyer laments the arrest of convicted child-rapist (and movie-maker) Roman Polanski as "a true international incident," adding that France's cultural minister calls it "absolutely horrifying."

in Switzerland as a fugitive from justice. Polanski had pleaded guilty years ago in Los Angeles but then fled America to avoid imprisonment. Despite his guilt, ABC's *Good Morning America* on Sept. 28 described his arrest as "a police trap" that "sparked an international row."

Co-anchor Diane Sawyer fretted that Polanski is 76 years old, and that "his films [are] revered in Europe. It's a true international incident this morning. The French cultural minister called it absolutely horrifying." Co-host Robin Roberts described the arrest of the

"Oscar-winning director" as an "international chess game," and didn't mention the shocking details of his crime, only saying, "having sex with a minor." According to the official police record, Polanski, then 44, plied the 13-year-old with champagne and a Quaalude drug, took photos of her nude, and then raped her, and sodomized her.

CNN is 'Scary'

On Sept. 30, CNN's Jack Cafferty and Wolf Blitzer endorsed a column by the *NYT*'s Tom Friedman that essentially equated American conservatives with the hate-filled radicals who fueled the 1995 killing of Israeli leader Yitzhak Rabin. Friedman's piece is "scary and sobering," warned Cafferty. "Friedman's right. You don't have to look any further than protesters comparing President Obama to a Nazi, or a Facebook poll asking if he should be killed. Tom Friedman says even if you're not worried about violence against Mr. Obama, you should be worried about what's happening to American politics."



On "The Situation Room," CNN's Jack Cafferty equates American conservatives with the hate-fueled radicals who assassinated Yitzhak Rabin in Israel.

Cafferty lectured on: "I remember the hatred that a tiny but extreme right-wing element in Israel had — religious zealots who thought they were doing the Lord's work by killing Rabin. And it was a very scary time in Israel then, and I guess, to a certain degree, it's pretty scary right now." Blitzer chimed: "That's a very powerful column ... yeah."

Not Uncle Sam

Sam Tanenhaus, the *New York Times Week in Review* and *Book*

Review editor, is beloved by liberals and academics because he is an alleged expert on conservatism who invariably finds ways to trash conservatives. His latest attack occurred Oct. 1 on Slate.com's book feature, with Tanenhaus touting his new tome, *The Death of Conservatism*. He opined that "the right insists it is driven by ideas, even if the leading thinkers are now Limbaugh and Beck, and the shock troops are tea-baggers and anti-tax demonstrators."

The Eastern-elite Tanenhaus apparently is okay with using the sexually vulgar phrase "tea-baggers" as well as implying that anti-tax protesters are quasi-storm troopers. He harped on that conservatism is "a convergence of shared prejudices and cultural enmities. Thus, the right's first great modern tribune was Joe McCarthy, whose theatrical 'investigations' of 'enemies within' were either endorsed or indulged by each of the intellectuals mentioned above." And that's the kind of stuff that makes him an "expert" on conservatism, according to the left.

Minibits

■ MSNBC's **Ed Schultz** calmly and rationally explains health care debate: "The Republicans lie! They want to see you dead! They'd rather make money off your dead corpse! They kind of like it when that woman has cancer and they don't have anything for her!"

■ CNN's **Larry King** praises Michael Moore's latest anti-capitalism movie, "This is a brilliant documentary. You are our number one propagandist." ■ **David Letterman** gushes to Obama, "I can't tell you how satisfying it is to watch you work."

■ *New York Times*'s **Mike Allen** bumbles over why media ignored ACORN story for so long: "What we heard was news executives saying that there's so much out there. Two wars, health care, a president who's struggling, that they didn't have time to focus on this."

■ MSNBC's **Chris Matthews** yawps on the tea party demonstrations, "This crazy anti-government talk isn't improving any body's life. The clown show is over." ... Matthews also comments on the best-selling books: "There's so much right-wing crap on the best-seller list these days."

■ ABC's **Dan Harris** lasers-in on the anti-Obama tea parties: "Add it all up, some prominent Obama supporters are now saying that it paints a picture of an opposition driven, in part, by a refusal to accept a black President."

■ *TIME*'s **Joe Klein** also repeats the liberal party line on Obama-critics: "They're being egged on by the demagogues in the Republican Party, by Boss Rush Limbaugh. And I call him the boss because there isn't a single Republican elected official who's willing to call him out on his lies."

■ MSNBC's **David Shuster** analyzes the GOP congressional criticism of Obama-care: "Look at the image of the Republican Party, all white males with short haircuts. They look sort of angry. No women, no minorities, and it looks like they've sort of become unhinged."



MSNBC's Ed Schultz describes the GOP health care plan as a "lie," and "They want to see you dead!" so they can "make money off your dead corpse."

L. Brent Bozell III's • September 22, 2009 • Nationally Syndicated Column

Omnipresent Obama

Following his usual mantra that "to watch me is to love me," Barack Obama appeared on five Sunday interview shows (on Sept. 20) and since that wasn't enough, then the *David Letterman* show on Monday, Sept. 21. He remains convinced that the more he plays dust speck in the national eye, the further he'll get in passing his leftist agenda. He's also confident our media won't hold him accountable. They just hold him.

"I can't tell you how satisfying it is to watch you work!" a beaming Letterman gushed to Obama. Even during that show, Letterman was still whacking away at George W. Bush as an idiot, unctuously currying favor with the new president. Letterman doesn't pretend to be an objective journalist, of course. But can you recall him ever voicing his satisfaction with conservatives?

Perhaps the most amazing thing Obama did — over and over — on that Sunday was to scold the media for making the national dialogue coarser by allowing his critics to have a voice on the networks. "Let's face it, the easiest way to get on television right now is to be really rude," he said.

Obama should be embarrassed. This is amateurish and silly (if I say so rudely). It's also a broken record. When Reagan, Bush I, and Bush II were in office, nasty demonstrators — even rioters — were celebrated by the left. But when Democrats take control (Clinton, Obama), any criticism becomes angry, hateful, and now racist.

Obama's most ridiculous answer came as only one network host — ABC's George Stephanopoulos — inquired (softly) about the ACORN scandal. "Frankly, it's not something I've followed closely," Obama claimed, adding he had not been aware that ACORN received much federal money.

This is ludicrous, a little like George Bush claiming he didn't follow the Texas Rangers, or Dick Cheney declaring he didn't know Halliburton received much federal money. John Fund laid out the whole history for *The Wall Street Journal*. In Illinois, Obama served as ACORN's attorney and a top trainer at ACORN's Chicago organizing conferences. In 1996, Obama filled out a questionnaire and put ACORN at the top of the list of his key supporters for his state Senate campaign.

Then, during the presidential campaign, Obama leaned on the group for support, but shamelessly lied to the press about the connection. In 2007, in a speech to ACORN's leaders prior to their political arm's endorsement of his presidential campaign, Mr.

Obama was effusive: "I've been fighting alongside of ACORN on issues you care about my entire career. Even before I was an elected official, when I ran Project Vote in Illinois, ACORN was smack dab in the middle of it, and we appreciate your work."

This president is starting to lie with disturbing regularity. Obama's campaign aides denied he had been an ACORN trainer until the *New York Times* found records to prove it. Team Obama quietly gave an ACORN subsidiary \$832,000 for get-out-the-vote activities in key primary states. On their financial disclosure forms, they claimed the money was for "staging, sound, lighting." It must have been one helluva stage. They only stopped lying after the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* revealed their true nature.

This wasn't the only unpleasant line of questioning that most of the networks avoided. Only NBC's David Gregory asked about the role of liability reform in cutting health care costs. "You're not saying to the left they've got to accept malpractice reform, or caps on jury awards. You don't even think that that contributes to the escalating cost of health care."

Obama just ignored Gregory's question. Despite his reputation in the Bush White House as a pushy nuisance in the briefing room, Gregory didn't even attempt a weak follow-up with Obama. He changed the subject to Jimmy Carter suggesting opposition to Obama was racist.

Only CBS asked the president about his abandonment of a missile defense shield in central Europe. In his final question, Bob Schieffer pressed, "Shouldn't you have tried to get something from the Russians in exchange for doing that?" As usual, Obama said he was doing everything smarter and more efficiently than Bush, and he also blurted that Russia "has always been paranoid" about missile defense.

NBC's Gregory skipped that question to Obama, but then insisted on putting the screws to Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham minutes later: "I want you on the record on the missile defense change from the White House. The Defense Secretary wrote in *The New York Times* this morning, 'Those who say we're scrapping missile defense in Europe are either misinformed or misrepresenting what we are doing.'"

At this point, you just start laughing.



MRC in the News

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Fox & Friends, Sept. 24, 28, 30
Fox & Friends Weekend, Oct. 3
 Fox Business Network: Oct. 1
 MSNBC: *Countdown*, Sept. 28
Hardball, Oct. 5

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 Steve Malzberg Show, Oct. 1
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 G. Gordon Liddy Show, Sept. 1
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 USA Radio Network, Sept. 3
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 KKTX, Corpus Christi, TX, Sept. 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30
 WAMT, Orlando, FL, Sept. 15, 25, Oct. 1
 WTKF, Greenville, NC, Sept. 15, 18, Oct. 2
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 KMED, Medford, OR, Oct. 2
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MRC President Brent Bozell addresses the absurd racism charges made by activist Janeane Garofalo against "Tea Party" conservatives who oppose high taxes, on *Fox & Friends*, Oct. 3.



CNSNews.com Editor Terry Jeffrey analyzes President Obama's failed lobbying for the Olympics and how many conservatives saw it as "hubris brought low," on MSNBC's *Hardball*, Oct. 5.



On *Fox & Friends*, the MRC's Brent Bozell details *USA Today's* liberally biased coverage of the ACORN scandal.



Bret Baier cites MRC research on liberal media bias on Fox's *Special Report*, Oct. 2, reaching more than 2 million Americans.

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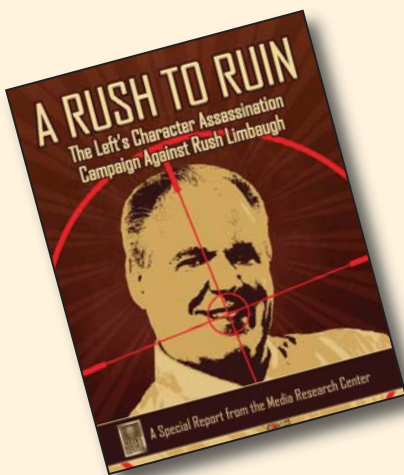


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