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After the bankruptcy, between August and October, there were 8 stories on the evening news at ABC, CBS, and NBC. For the three months following the Enron implosion in 2002, those same news networks had run 198 stories — a 24-to-1 disparity!

There’s more. On Oct. 7, the Friday of the Columbus Day weekend, the administration dumped a cache of e-mails showing that Steven Spinner, an Obama fundraiser and Energy Department official, had badgered his colleagues to approve the $536-million loan. ABC, CBS, and NBC didn’t report it. They also said nothing about the Oct. 6 resignation of Jonathan Silver, who ran the loan guarantee program.

As I said in an Oct. 11 press release, “ABC, CBS, and NBC are aiding and abetting in the cover-up of an outrageous scandal linked directly to Obama and his failed economic policies. ... These networks are intentionally minimizing coverage to avoid reporting the failure and scandal that resulted under Obama’s watch for the same stimulus package they hailed in 2009.”

Thanks to the liberal media’s non-efforts, a Pew survey in September showed that only 43% of respondents had even heard of the scandal.

That’s what happens with media bias by omission. A similar thing occurred with Van Jones, a radical leftist hired to be Obama’s “green jobs” czar. While the liberal media went mum on Jones’s Marxism, an Internet blogger reported on Sept. 4, 2009 that Jones had signed a petition in 2004 demanding to know whether the Bush administration had “deliberately allowed the September 11th attacks to occur.”

Fox News ran stories but ABC and NBC said nothing until after Jones resigned on Sept. 6. CBS ran one story. Also, the Washington Post reported nothing until the morning before Jones resigned and the New York Times said nothing until after the resignation. They kept as quiet as they could for as long as they could.

Also, on Sept. 10, 2009, an Internet site ran video of the leftist Association of Community Organizers for Reform Now (ACORN) advising a man and woman, posing as a pimp and a prostitute, on how to avoid paying taxes while operating a brothel stocked with under-age girls.

The evening network news reported nothing for five days. Then, ABC and CBS aired only one story, NBC three. The networks did not report that while President Obama was claiming he knew little about ACORN, he actually was a former ACORN trainer and had represented them in court.

In 2009, then-White House Communications Director Anita Dunn boasted that one of her “favorite philosophers” was Mao-Tes-Tung, the Communist tyrant whose policies resulted in the death of 65 million Chinese. Fox ran a story but ABC, CBS, NBC, NPR, Time, Newsweek, USA Today, and the New York Times said ... nothing.

The networks also largely ignored Climategate, which showed that global warming “experts” had twisted data and tried to censor their critics in scientific journals. ABC, CBS, and NBC also ignored extensive undercover-video showing Planned Parenthood covering up the sexual abuse of minors.

The new media and conservative talk radio covered those explosive stories, as did our own news service, blog, analysis division and MRC TV. The liberal media can try to hide the truth but as America’s media watchdog we never stop uncovering it. We’re on the prowl 24/7. So, stay tuned.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
Liberal Media Attack GOP Presidential Contenders in 2011
But Cheered Democratic Candidates in 2007 Campaign

The liberal media are doing all they can to help the leftist Barack Obama get re-elected in 2012 while belittling and smearing the conservative Republicans who dare to challenge him. This is embarrassingly obvious in the skewed coverage of the GOP candidates on the morning network news shows, as a new study by the Media Research Center amply documents.

The MRC report, From Democratic Promoters to Republican Destroyers, compares the ideological questions (liberal vs. conservative) that the Republican contenders were asked between January and September of this year with similar questions Democratic presidential candidates got between January and July 2007. The questions were asked during interviews on NBC Today, ABC Good Morning America and CBS The Early Show.

The results are stunning. Out of 98 ideological queries during 53 different interviews, the Republican presidential contenders were asked 81 liberal and only 17 conservative questions, a nearly 5-to-1 disparity. The morning shows are clearly hitting the Republicans hard from the left.

Yet back in 2007 with the Democrats there were 118 questions, 83 of them liberal and only 35 conservative. The news shows then were — no surprise — not really challenging the Democrats at all, but catering to them.

In this year’s coverage, ABC, CBS, and NBC have repeatedly hammered the GOP leaders about raising taxes. It’s like a mantra on the networks. On the Apr. 13 Today, Matt Lauer constantly fired at Michele Bachmann: “Is raising taxes on the table? Why shouldn’t the burden be equally shared? Why shouldn’t we put some of that burden on the wealthy corporations?”

Mitt Romney, Ron Paul, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich, as well as, earlier, Tim Pawlenty and Donald Trump were barraged with left-leaning questions favoring tax hikes. Four years ago, Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, and Barack Obama were thrown softballs that basically endorsed their support for tax increases.

Matt Lauer, on Feb. 5, 2007, saluted Edwards: “I’m going to — I’ll applaud your honesty. You basically have come out and said, ‘Look, I want universal health care for everyone in this country, and I’m going to raise taxes to accomplish it.’” That is called a “question” to the Democrats.

In line with that, NBC’s Meredith Vieira spent an entire day with Obama in May 2007, grilling him with these queries, “Do you have a weakness on the campaign trail, anything that you have to have with you at all times? Stuffed animal? ... Do you dream of the White House?” Oy vey.

Then there’s the type of coverage. In 2007, ABC’s Good Morning America gave Edwards 38 minutes of air time and Clinton 26 minutes in “town hall” style events. None of the GOP candidates have been given the same treatment. The Democrats’ spouses and top advisers also received extensive coverage in 2007, creating a presidential aura for the candidates.

Have the networks done that for the Republicans? Only on two occasions: Romney with his wife on May 31 and Ron Paul with his son, Sen. Rand Paul, on Jan. 5.

Beyond the morning shows, by this time in 2007, CBS’s 60 Minutes had aired a very supportive interview of Obama, even though he was not yet the nominee. This year, not one Republican candidate has been featured on 60 Minutes.


And yet the liberal media elite wonder why people think they’re biased. To read the full report, visit www.MRC.org.
Bits & Pieces

Left and Left-er

Without even a pretense of objectivity, CNN Sunday hosted two left-wing black intellectuals - Prof. Cornel West and PBS’s Tavis Smiley, both of whom have public radio talk shows — to “analyze” Republican Herman Cain’s view that racism is not a major factor in America’s business world today. West railed that Cain “needs to get off the symbolic crack pipe and acknowledge that the evidence” of racism “is overwhelming.”

PBS’s Smiley echoed his left-wing buddy, stressing that it didn’t matter whether Cain had a point about hard work and moving up the corporate ladder because he’s “trying to get the GOP nomination” and is playing to a conservative base. “The numbers are clear that there is disparity based upon race” throughout America, lectured Smiley, adding that Cain’s contrary view is “almost silly to respond to because the evidence is so overwhelming.”

GOP Kills

The deadly outbreak of listeria in cantaloupe on a small farm in a corner of Colorado is all the fault of the House Republicans, lectured MSNBC’s Martin Bashir on Sept. 30. On his live show, Bashir seriously claimed, “John Boehner and his Republican majority decided to gut the food safety and inspection service. … Cut, cut, cut. Now the results are in: 16 people have lost their lives.”

See? Republicans apparently … kill. Bashir was just warming up, further ranting, “Republicans in Congress talk proudly of their commitment of laissez-faire economics, where government gets out of the way and everything works perfectly. You try telling that to those who ate melon with a side of listeria.” Traveling further into the surreal, Bashir said that Obama “earlier this year, signed the Food Safety Modernization Act into law … he actually tried to do something. But guess what actually happened? The proposal died on the vine.”

David Gregory (D-NBC)

NBC’s David Gregory cheerfully laid out the talking points for how President Obama could exploit the Occupy Wall Street protests. On the Oct. 7 Today, above a screen-headline that read “Can ‘Occupy Wall Street’ Protests Help Obama?” host Ann Curry wondered “how the president could maybe mobilize these anti-Wall Street demonstrators?” On cue, Gregory chimed in: “Well, you raise a key point. How does the president try to harness this anger, this sense of unfairness about the economy, about income inequality in this country, about the middle class stagnating for the past 30 years? That’s what the president wants to try to tap into here.”

Then Gregory provided the talking points: “Here the president wants to say, ‘Look, I’m on the side of the middle class here. I want more fairness in our country. The Republicans want to take you backward.’ Gregory might have added, “And we’re on your side.”
Go Radical Protestors!  
ABC’s Christiane Amanpour could not contain her excitement over the left-wing Occupy Wall Street protests, an enthusiasm she never expressed for Tea Party demonstrations. On the Oct. 9 This Week, Amanpour gushed, “The revolution is being televised and Tweeted and Facebooked. The Occupy Wall Street protests are suddenly all that Washington can talk about. Are we witnessing the birth of a new kind of Tea Party?”

She then giddily chirped that the protests were in their third week and spreading, adding that “politicians of both parties finally realize that these young people could not be ignored.” Amanpour even hosted a protest-blogger and advised that this “populist movement” should “perhaps try to translate that into some kind of political question, political demand. Is there something that you can make this about?” While Amanpour never explained just what “the revolution” was about, she almost wet her pants talking about it.

1,000 Countries?  
Like her colleague Amanpour, ABC’s Diane Sawyer couldn’t contain herself over the Occupy Wall Street protests and her reporting/cheerleading became absurd as a result. On the Oct. 10 World News, Sawyer gave an update on the protests, telling her 6 million viewers, “As of tonight, it has spread to more than 250 American cities, more than 1,000 countries -- every continent but Antarctica.”

The problem with that claim is that there are only 195 nation states in the entire world, not 1,000. Also, Sawyer presented no evidence to show that these sparsely attended protests were occurring in 250 U.S. cities, let alone on six of the seven continents. But it sure sounds exciting, doesn’t it?

Minibits  
■ CNN’s Jack Cafferty being, well, Jack Cafferty: “Here’s the question: Are Republican debate crowds bloodthirsty?” ■ Alabama’s anti-illegal immigration law is, huffs ABC’s Diane Sawyer, “the toughest anti-immigration law in America ... a crackdown so severe it’s been described as the Arizona law on steroids.” ■ Poor Obama, whines CNN’s Piers Morgan, “it’s like he’s up against this express train of bile, and he can’t get anything done.” ■ PBS’s Tavis Smiley wonders, “Has the President really seen the light about the venom and the vitriol and the vulgarity of the enemy that he’s up against?” ■ As for the GOP presidential candidates, MSNBC’s Thomas Roberts seriously comments “many of these candidates would rather take legislation to build a time machine and go back in time to where we had, you know, no women voting, slavery was cool. I mean, it’s just kind of ridiculous.” ■ NYT’s Bill Keller spins Obama’s low poll numbers: “The Republicans have been relentlessly effective at rebranding every failing of the Bush administration as Obama’s fault.” ■ Liberal George Lopez goes racial on Fox & Friends, “Herman Cain — it’s funny, the Republicans do know that he’s darker than Barack Obama, maybe, but whiter on the inside.” ■ CNN allows actor Alan Cumming to bellow: “America’s this country full of such hatred in terms of politics, and the politics of hate is so rampant.” ■ Finally, NYT’s Paul Krugman stoops to the lowest: “What happened after 9/11 — and I think even people on the right know this, whether they admit it or not — was deeply shameful. The memory of 9/11 has been irrevocably poisoned; it has become an occasion for shame.”
A FOND FAREWELL TO
MRC Director Leon J. Weil (1927 – 2011)

A seat on the MRC Board of Directors opened in 1991 and the late Bill Rusher was quick to recommend to me his friend Ambassador Leon J. Weil — “Lee” to his friends. On the appointed day, we met in New York City at the City Athletic Club where, he proudly announced, at age 64 he’d just finished a grueling round of squash, that being just another sport for the man who, he proudly told me, at age 54 had been named by Ronald Reagan to the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports — along with some other guy called Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Bragging? No, celebrating. He was enjoying life, and he was proud he could. This man with that crooked Clark-Gable mischievous smile and the Reaganesque winsome, innocent fascination with the world around him, this was a man you liked immediately. It took only a couple of minutes’ conversation to appreciate he was equally sharp as nails, and equally tough if need be.

Lee agreed to join the MRC Board of Directors that day, and when the MRC spun off the Parents Television Council in 2001, he agreed to chair that newly formed board as well. Lee led both groups until his passing on October 4 at age 84.

What a life. In the world of finance he was a giant: for 60 years a trusted financial advisor, a partner or senior executive at several Wall Street firms, and an Exchange Official on the American Stock Exchange. His other professional hat was in foreign service and international affairs, with accomplishments no less pronounced: Ambassador to Nepal from 1984-1987 and an official election observer in Asia, Eastern Europe and Central and South America. He helped develop capital market systems in Mongolia, Russia, Ukraine and Armenia, too.

In politics, he was a fundraiser for multiple conservative Republican efforts, including the campaigns of Senator James Buckley and President Reagan. He served on many boards, from the Berkshire School to the International Foundation for Election Systems. He hiked throughout Asia, Africa, Europe and the U.S. He ran the NYC marathon. He climbed Kilimanjaro.

All were magnificent accomplishments, enough for a battalion, not an individual. But at the Media Research Center and the Parents Television Council, we remember even more. “Lee Weil brought a sober, relaxed and focused presence to our Board,” writes fellow board member and Ambassador Curt Winsor. “He was deeply loyal to the MRC and its founding principles (and principal).”

From board member Michael Keiser: “What I liked best about Lee Weil was his inclusiveness. Always a gentleman, he was by nature never a divider, even when the divide between viewpoints was wide. He always presented the patient expectation that ‘you’ll come to see it my way’ eventually.

MRC Executive Vice President David Martin, who worked with Lee regularly on investment issues, recalls: “His astute knowledge of the financial marketplace, insight, thoughtfulness and oversight was a resource that helped the organization grow and flourish. I will truly miss our conversations.” Board member Karl Ottosen puts a bow on it all: “We are thankful that Lee was a man who not only touched our lives, he left a lasting imprint. We will miss him.”

Mabel Weil was Lee’s beautiful wife of 59 years and pre-deceased him by six months. God willing, they are now reunited. We offer our deepest condolences to their children Cary, Jerry and Kate, and thank them for letting us borrow their father for so many meetings, for so many years.

Lee Weil’s seat will be replaced, but he will be irreplaceable. We are left with that lasting imprint, a lifetime of leadership and public service and a lifetime lesson in civility, gentility and grace. Requiescat In pace.
Watchdog

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

- **ABC:** *Nightline*, Sept. 19
- **CBN:** News, Sept. 16, 29, Oct. 9
- **CNN:** Anderson Cooper 360, Oct. 3
- **FNC:** *Fox News Watch*, Oct. 15
- **WJBC:** News, Sept. 23

### Radio

- **American Family Radio:** Sept. 21, 29
- **Cable Radio Network:** Sept. 16
- **Chris Plante Show:** WMAL, Sept. 29
- **Doug Giles Show:** Sept. 28
- **G. Gordon Liddy Show:** Aug. 29, 29, Sept. 2, 7, 8, 9
- **Lars Larson Show:** Sept. 21, 27, 30
- **Mark Levin Show:** Aug. 28, 29, Sept. 2, 7, 8, 9
- **Mark Skoda Show:** Sept. 21
- **Neal Boortz Show:** Sept. 8, 26, 27, Oct. 12, 20
- **Mark Levin Show:** Aug. 28, 29, Sept. 2, 7, 8, 9
- **Mark Skoda Show:** Sept. 21
- **NRA News:** Sept. 28
- **Phil Valentine Show:** Sept. 16
- **Rush Limbaugh Show:** Aug. 28, 29, Sept. 2, Oct. 3, 5, 14
- **Sean Hannity Show:** Sept. 2, 7, 10, 25
- **USA Radio Network:** Sept. 23
- **CRN Radio News:** Sept. 29
- **Georgia News Network:** Sept. 23
- **KBAR:** Burley, ID, Sept. 15, 21, 27, Oct. 3
- **KMED:** Medford, OR, Sept. 23
- **KPDQ:** Portland, OR, Sept. 21
- **WAVA:** Arlington, VA, Sept. 28
- **WCHS:** Charleston, WV, Sept. 21
- **WFLA:** Tampa Bay, FL, Sept. 30
- **WIBA:** Madison, WI, Sept. 19, 29
- **WIZM:** La Crosse, WI, Sept. 28
- **WMPS:** Memphis, TN, Sept. 23
- **WNNJ:** Montague, NJ, Sept. 16
- **WSBA:** York, PA, Sept. 23
- **WTFFK:** Greenville, NC, Sept. 23
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### Print

- **Catholic News Agency:** Oct. 9
- **CNN Wire:** Oct. 14
- **Creators Syndicate:** Oct. 5, 10, 13
- **Daily Mail:** Sept. 22
- **Deseret Morning News:** Oct. 6
- **Finance Wire:** Oct. 15
- **Human Events:** Oct. 5
- **International Business Times:** Sept. 23
- **International Wire:** Oct. 4
- **Investor’s Business Daily:** Sept. 28, Oct. 3, 4
- **Post Chronicle:** Sept. 19, 29
- **Scripps Howard News Service:** Oct. 13
- **USA Today:** Sept. 27, Oct. 14
- **Wall Street Journal:** Sept. 14
- **Washington Post:** Sept. 16
- **Washington Times:** Sept. 12, 15, 22, 28, 29, Oct. 7
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### Internet

- **Atlantic Wire:** Sept. 14
- **Big Journalism:** Oct. 11
- **Breitbart TV:** Oct. 11
- **Crosswalk.com:** Oct. 7
- **Death and Taxes:** Sept. 22
- **Drudge Report:** Sept. 21, 22, 26, 29, 30
- **Examiner.com:** Sept. 27, Oct. 5
- **Fox News Watch:** Sept. 16
- **FreeRepublic:** Oct. 11
- **FoxNews.com:** Sept. 16, 27, 28, 29, 30, Oct. 3, 5, 6
- **Globe NewsWire:** Sept. 19
- **GOPUSA:** Sept. 14, 16, 21, 23
- **Hot Air:** Sept. 13, 19
- **HuffingtonPost:** Oct. 3
- **LifeNews.com:** Sept. 19, 23, 27
- **Mediaite:** Sept. 22, Oct. 11
- **Michelle Malkin:** Oct. 11
- **National Catholic Register:** Sept. 29
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**On Fox’s Nightly Scorecard, MRC President Brent Bozell notes that while the jump in the poverty rate is being reported as a “problem for Obama,” it is not being reported as a “problem caused by Obama. His policies have nothing to do with the effect in the minds of liberal journalists.”**

**On ABC’s Nightline, Culture and Media Institute Vice President Dan Gainor was interviewed about transgender “star” Chaz Bono, and he explained how ABC was using the family-friendly Dancing with the Stars show to push “homosexuality and transgenderism down on the American public,” adding that ABC is “normalizing what is clearly abnormal behavior.”**

**NewsBusters Senior Editor Tim Graham appeared on the October 14 O’Reilly Factor to discuss the MRC study, A Tale of Two Protests: Media Cheer Wall Street Occupiers But Jeered Tea Partiers.**

**NBC Chicago.com:** Sept. 26
**NewsMax.com:** Sept. 22, 29
**OneNewsNow.com:** Oct. 6
**Patriot Post:** Sept. 23, Oct. 7
**Politico:** Sept. 14, Oct. 6
**Poynter.org:** Oct. 7
**RedState.com:** Oct. 6
**The Hill.com:** Sept. 29
**TownHall.com:** Sept. 27, Oct. 11
**U.S. News & World Report.com:** Sept. 14, 21
**Wall Street Journal.com TV:** Oct. 19
**Weasel Zippers:** Sept. 24, 30
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Al and Beverly Ansemann

Are you watching MRC TV? These guys are...

Rush Limbaugh reads MRC TV transcripts and shows video highlights from MRCTV reporter Dan Joseph’s interviews of several Occupy Wall Street protestors in Washington.

Fox’s Bill O’Reilly and Sean Hannity highlight an MRC TV report and video footage from the Congressional Black Caucus and the shocking things its members said about Herman Cain.

Conservative talk-radio hosts Neal Boortz, Mark Levin, Chris Plante, and many others regularly cite the MRC, CNSNews.com, MRC TV and NewsBusters.