This letter was written before the Nov. 6 elections and no matter who won, the fact is that for the last year the left-wing “news” media did all they could to advance the re-election of President Barack Obama, his congressional allies, and their left-wing agenda. I told you 2012 would see the leftist press more active than ever, and I was right. In fact, it was even worse than I feared.

The left-wing “news” herds at ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, the New York Times, the Washington Post, AP, NPR, MSNBC, and so on, pulled out all the stops to rig the election for Obama. That’s a serious accusation. I stand by it. Their coverage was a disgrace, and a threat to our republic. And it’s why the MRC worked around the clock to document, expose, and neutralize this leftist media.

Things were so pathetic in terms of left-wing slant, we sent an “open letter” to all the liberal media outlets in September, publicly denouncing them as being guilty of interfering with the democratic process. The letter was co-signed by more than 20 prominent conservative leaders, including Rush Limbaugh, Mark Levin, Laura Ingraham, Ed Meese, Lars Larson, Congressmen Louie Gohmert and Trent Franks, Tea Party leaders and Family Research Council President Tony Perkins.

We told the liberal news organs they were out of control with an unmistakable leftist agenda, rigging the election and taking sides to pre-determine the outcome. We slammed them publicly for breaching the public trust.

The letter cited several ways in particular that the leftist media were pushing their plans. They included constantly painting conservatives and conservative policy proposals as “extreme” while not reporting on the disastrous results of the hard-left policies enacted since 2009; deliberately burying the brutal economic news and real unemployment numbers in America; dishonestly attacking Mitt Romney’s business record and painting Obama’s record in an angelic light; purposely covering up scandals such as Solyndra, the gun-walking Operation Fast and Furious, and the act-of-war terrorist attack at the U.S. consulate in Libya, not to mention the politically correct lies about the “Arab Spring.” (Shh! Don’t say “radical Islam.”)

These were all things you would expect the Obama Campaign to do. It is reprehensible that it was the so-called “news” media doing it on Obama’s behalf.

On and on it went. The liberal media downplayed the numerous incendiary remarks made by Vice President Joe Biden; they barely talked about the
$16-trillion-plus national debt; and they didn’t cover how Obamacare is raising the costs of health care, limiting services, and is a vicious assault on religious liberty and the First Amendment.

In the letter, we urged Americans to seek out alternative sources of political news in order to make an intelligent, well-informed decision on Nov. 6.

To touch more specifically on just two examples of how outrageous the liberal media were, let’s look at Operation Fast and Furious and the terrorist attack on the U.S. consulate.

Fast and Furious was launched by the Obama administration in 2009, through the Justice Department, as a scheme to let firearms “walk” into the hands of drug cartels so law enforcement supposedly could better track the bad guys. It all came to a halt in December 2010 when one of our own Border Patrol agents, Brian Terry, was killed in Arizona and two of the assault rifles at the scene were traced back to Fast and Furious.

The Obama administration stalled and delayed Congress’ investigation of the scandal for two years and to this day refuses to let White House employee Kevin O’Reilly testify about his role in the debacle. He was even swiftly shuffled off to work in Iraq when Congress discovered his e-mail trail to Fast and Furious. The liberal media are ignoring him.

Then, the hugely popular Spanish-language TV station in America, Univision, broadcast a devastating report on Fast and Furious in late September, proving how guns funneled through the program were used to murder at least 14 Mexican teenagers; another 57 guns were captured from the cartels by Mexican authorities. ABC, CBS, and NBC didn’t say a word.

As I said in a national statement, “This is another example of the media deliberately rigging this election. The Obama administration provided guns to Mexican drug cartels and the networks have the gall to ignore it. ABC, CBS and NBC have absolutely no excuse for spiking this explosive report, and are clearly doing so because it will damage Obama’s chances of re-election. It’s despicable that the networks simply will not tell the truth about Fast and Furious because they know that it will hurt their chosen candidate.”

As for the terrorist attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya on the anniversary of 9/11, we must not forget that this was sovereign U.S. territory and our ambassador and three other brave Americans were assassinated. Yet for two weeks the White House, echoed by liberal media munchkins, claimed the event was spontaneous and tied to a shoddy video on YouTube that, in all seriousness, no one had even seen.

That video-causes-protests spin was perpetuated to protect Obama from being viewed as the president who was on watch when another deadly terrorist attack, on Sept. 11, occurred and Americans died (several weeks before the election).

Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Steve Forbes and a couple dozen conservative personalities and leaders sent congratulatory messages to the MRC on the eve of the 25th Anniversary Gala.

Obama had morphed into Jimmy Carter before our eyes but the liberal media refused to report on the administration’s failed foreign policy of apologies, appeasement, and undeniable negligence in terms of the safety and security of American diplomats. Obama had failed at his No. 1 job: to protect Americans. Yet the media covered for him.

The last four years were sickening in the way the liberal media spun the news, or just ignored so many crucial stories, to protect the liberal Zeitgeist. Believe me when I say, it’s only going to get worse.

The future for conservatives is in the new media, for which we are in the vanguard with our various divisions, blogs, MRC-TV and MRC Action Team. You can help us in this crusade against left-wing media bias by making a contribution today. Please do. We are in this together because, as conservatives, we know the truth and have a duty to defend it.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
MRC Honors Andrew Breitbart

The Fifth Annual William F. Buckley Jr. Excellence in Media Award

EDITOR’S NOTE: At the 25th Anniversary Gala and DisHonors Awards on Sept. 27, the MRC honored the late Andrew Breitbart with the William F. Buckley Jr. Excellence in Media Award. Andrew’s entrepreneurial mastery of the new media ran circles around the liberal media, infuriating them and encouraging conservatives. Andrew died on March 1, 2012. Below are excerpts from the introductory remarks by columnist Cal Thomas and Andrew’s father-in-law Orson Bean.

CAL THOMAS: Once upon a time, in an America far, far away, which then had a media seemingly less hostile to the things conservatives value the most, there was a species called an investigative reporter. His job was to root out corruption, and what others wanted kept secret, in order to enlighten the public and hold politicians of both parties accountable. To the extent such a species exists today, it largely serves the function of the rest of left-wing journalism.

As we have seen with the success of Fox News and talk radio, the liberal media get very upset when their territory is invaded by upstart outsiders. Andrew Breitbart was an upstart and an outsider.

Andrew quickly became a player because there are things covered up by the major media, mostly to assist their friends in government, that they don’t want exposed. In that capacity, Andrew upheld the highest principles of a true investigative reporter. Among his and his organization’s many valuable contributions to public knowledge were the Anthony Weiner tweets, which I hate to bring up so soon after our meal; the ACORN 2009 undercover videos that exposed the supposed non-profit outfit as a shill for Democrats; and this year the Planned Parenthood videos outed a counselor for telling a young woman that having a sex-selection abortion was no problem.

Andrew was a blogger, a commentator on various programs, and a wonderful trouble-maker for those who deserved to be in trouble. He founded Breitbart.com and five other Web sites: Breitbart.tv, Big Hollywood, Big Government, Big Journalism, and Big Peace. He became a big player in what has come to be called the ‘new media,’ including work as an editor on The Drudge Report Web site and, yes, The Huffington Post.

Bill Buckley didn’t dwell in the past but he believe’d we could and should learn from it. He was fascinated by the rise of the new media and encouraged conservatives to become involved in it as he had in the old media. He didn’t live to see it come to full fruition, and Andrew left us too soon for him to have an even greater influence than he already has had. It is a tribute to him that his Web sites and work endure.

And it is now my pleasure, as the winner of last year’s William F. Buckley Jr. Award, to present this year’s award posthumously to Andrew Breitbart. May he rest in peace and may his legacy live on. Accepting the award is Orson Bean, Susie’s [Breitbart’s] father, and with him is Allie Mills Bean.

ORSON BEAN: You may remember me, I formerly went on the screen under the name Irene Dunn. [Laughter.] At my age, I have from time to time started thinking about the end of things and it has occurred to me that when my time does come, I hope to go the way my dear old grandpa did, quietly in his sleep, not screaming like the passengers in his car. [Laughter.]

And he was just so full of heart. The thing I loved most about Andrew, in terms of his public persona, was how people on the left hated him until they met him and then they started loving him. The New Yorker sent a woman out to L.A. where we all live to do a piece on him and they did a long piece. She spent 10 days — he brought the woman over to meet us — and I thought they would do a hatchet job and they did a love letter. She loved him. She couldn’t say bad things about him.

The New York Times wrote two major pieces about him in the last year of his life and they were both love letters because the reporters spent time with him — and that’s the way it was with Andrew. Larry Solof, who was his best friend from earliest childhood and formed the Breitbart organization with Andrew, loved Andrew. We all loved Andrew.

My daughter Susie wanted so much to come here tonight and, finally, it isn’t time yet. She’s still so in despair with grief, and to be surrounded by so many people who loved him just would have overwhelmed her. Anyway, I’m so happy to accept this on behalf of Andrew and Susie, and my four grandchildren that he presented me with, the youngest of whom is named William — William Buckley Breitbart.

Thank you.
Conservative talk-radio host Chris Plante emceed the gala and the closing DisHonors for “Worst Reporter in the History of Man Award” was presented by MRC President and Founder L. Brent Bozell III. In between, DisHonors presenters included talk-radio host Laura Ingraham, Fox News contributor Stephen Hayes, and National Review Online editor Jonah Goldberg. Acceptors included RNC Chairman Reince Priebus, Family Research Council President Tony Perkins, Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelser, and conservative philanthropists Foster and Lynn Friess.

The award “winners” were voted on by a group of prominent media observers, including Ann Coulter, Lou Dobbs, Rush Limbaugh and Mark Levin. The gala continued after the awards with a concert by the Davisson Brothers Band. (The entire gala can be viewed online at www.MRC.org.)

AWARD #1:
The Obamagasm Award
WINNER: MSNBC’s Chris Matthews, who said President Barack Obama is “the perfect American.” Nov. 15, 2011.

Chris Matthews: “This guy’s done everything right. He’s raised his family right. He’s fought his way all the way to the top of the Harvard Law Review, in a blind test becomes head of the Review, the top editor there. Everything he’s done is clean as a whistle. He’s never not only broken any law, he’s never done anything wrong. He’s the perfect father, the perfect husband, the perfect American. And all they do is trash the guy.”

AWARD #2:
The Vast Right-Wing Knuckle Draggers Award
WINNER: MSNBC anchor Thomas Roberts, who suggested GOP primary candidates want to go back in time when “slavery was cool.” Sept. 23, 2011.

Thomas Roberts: “I get out of all of these things [debates] that 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.”

AWARD #3:
Damn Those Conservatives Award

Ann Curry: “The Center of [sic] Budget and Policy Priorities says, you’re smiling because you know about this, says 62 percent of the savings in your budget would
come from cutting programs for the poor, that between eight and ten million people would be kicked off of food stamps, that you would cut Medicare by $200 billion, Medicaid and other health programs by something like $770 billion. Where is the empathy in this budget?... Do you acknowledge that poor people will suffer under this budget, that you have shown a lack of empathy to poor people in this budget?"

AWARD #4:
Barbra Streisand Political IQ Award for Celebrity Vapidity
Sean Penn: “You have what I call the ‘Get the N-word out of the White House party,’ the Tea Party. ... At the end of the day, there’s a big bubble coming out of their heads saying, you know, ‘Can we just lynch him?’”

Audience Participation
The Worst Reporter in the History of Man Award
WINNER: Katie Couric, former anchor at NBC Today and the CBS Evening News. (Editor’s Note: It was an extremely loud and strong tie between Katie and Dan Rather, but then the audience voted in a run-off to secure Katie’s win.) In the compilation of video-clips from 1991–2011, Couric told millions of Americans that Jimmy Carter was “the best ex-president this country has every had”; that “the Gipper was an airhead”; that “a movie star named Al Gore” showed up to testify before Congress; whether President Obama told then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) to “get crackin’” on legislative work; told Obama, “You’re so confident, Mr. President, and so focused, is your confidence ever shaken? Do you ever wake up and say, ‘damn, this is hard?’”

Left: President Bozell leads the the audience in voting on “The Worst Reporter in the History of Man.” Right: the star-studded panel of presenters and accepters who were entrusted with voting on the massive amounts of noise coming from the Gala audience.
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:  
- Washington Journal, Sept. 29  
- The MRC 25th Anniversary Gala, Oct. 5, 6, 9, 10, 12

CNN:  
- Out Front, Sept. 21

FNC:  
- Fox & Friends, Sept. 21, 29  
- Fox News Watch, Sept. 30  
- Hannity, Sept. 13, 20, 28, Oct. 4  
- Happening Now, Sept. 27  
- On the Record, Sept. 26  
- The Five, Sept. 18

VARNEY & CO, Sept. 17, Oct. 4, 11  
- Your World w/ Cavuto, Sept. 13

NBC:  
- Rock Center W/ Brian Williams, Sept. 13

NewsMax TV:  
- Sept. 20

**Radio**

- American Family Radio, Sept. 21, Oct. 2, 5

- Battleground w/ Alan Nathan, Sept. 19, 21  
- Bill Cunningham Show, Sept. 24  
- Cable Radio Network, Oct. 5

- Dennis Miller Show, Sept. 12  
- Erick Erickson Show, Oct. 2

- Heritage Foundation Radio, Oct. 4  
- Jerry Doyle Show, Sept. 26, 27  
- Larry Elder Show, Sept. 26  
- Lars Larson Show, Oct. 3

- Mancow’s Morning Madhouse, Sept. 18  
- National Public Radio (NPR), Sept. 16

- Phil Valentine Show, Oct. 3  
- POTUS Radio (Sirius), Oct. 1

- Rush Limbaugh Show, Sept. 26, 27  
- Rustie Humphries Show, Sept. 28, Oct. 2

- Sean Hannity Show, Oct. 2  
- IRN/USA Radio, Sept. 18

- KCMN, Colorado Springs, CO, Sept. 28  
- KPRZ, San Diego, CA, Sept. 19, 26, 27, Oct. 4

- KSFO, San Francisco, CA, Oct. 5  
- WEZS, Laconia, NH, Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 5

- WIBC, Indianapolis, IN, Sept. 20, Oct. 4

- WIZM, LaCrosse, WI, Sept. 25  
- WLW, Cincinnati, OH, Sept. 22

- WOR, New York, NY, Oct. 4  
- WROK, Aurora, IL, Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1

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**Print**

American Spectator, Sept. 25  
- Associated Press, Sept. 13, 17  
- International Business Times, Oct. 3


- Washington Post, Sept. 10, 21, 28, Oct. 1

- Washington Times, Sept. 11, 23, Oct. 2, 3

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**Internet**

American Spectator.com, Oct. 2  
- Celebrity Cafe, Sept. 27

- Christian Post, Sept. 25, Oct. 2

- Daily Caller, Oct. 1

- Drudge Report, Oct. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

- E! Online, Sept. 27

- Examiner.com, Sept. 23, 26

- FoxNews.com, Sept. 26, 27, Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

- GOPUSA, Oct. 4

- HotAir, Sept. 15

- Huffington Post, Oct. 5

- Human Events.com, Oct. 2

- InstaPundit, Sept. 28

- MediaBistro, Sept. 28

- Mediaite, Sept. 26

- Michelle Malkin.com, Sept. 28

- NationalReviewOnline, Sept. 12

- NBCNews.com, Sept. 11

- NewsMax.com, Oct. 2

- NonProfit Quarterly, Oct. 2

- NRA News, Sept. 28, Oct. 3

- OneNewsNow, Sept. 25, Oct. 3

- PJTV Media, Sept. 25

- Politico, Sept. 21

- Radar Online, Sept. 26

- RealClearPolitics, Sept. 26, Oct. 1, 4

- RedState.com, Sept. 26

- RushLimbaugh.com, Sept. 25

- San Mateo Daily Journal, Sept. 29

- StarPulse.com, Oct. 4

- Terra.com, Oct. 3

- TheBlaze.com, Sept. 19, 28

- Times 24/7, Sept. 27

- Twitchy, Sept. 27

- Washington Examiner, Sept. 21, 25, Oct. 2

- Washington Post blog, Sept. 26

- WND.com, Sept. 26

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MRC research on liberal media bias is cited on Fox’s The Five program, Sept. 18.

The MRC’s 25th Anniversary Gala and DisHonors Awards was broadcast on C-SPAN on Oct. 5, 6, 9, 10 and 12.

During an NBC Rock Center interview with Bill Maher about his donations to president Obama, Ted Koppel discussed the MRC’s media monitoring operation and demonstrated how MRC news analysts were wearing headsets and monitoring his every word. That’s right, Ted. We are!

On Fox’s Varney & Co, MRC President Brent Bozell details how the liberal media covered for President Obama after the terrorist attack on the U.S. consulate in Libya.

On the Sept. 29 Hannity, MRC President Brent Bozell analyzes how the leftist media have distorted the facts about the terrorist attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya.
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