Liberal Media Networks Shamelessly Bury Scandalous News That Would Hurt Obama Administration

You would think that the two-year anniversary of the Benghazi terrorist attack, in which four Americans died including our ambassador, might merit some coverage on ABC, CBS and NBC. Astonishingly, they said nothing — not one report on Sept. 11, 2014.

This is no surprise, and it is no accident. The left-wing media are deliberately censoring or downplaying any scandalous news that could hurt the Obama administration. It’s what is called bias by omission: They don’t report news that makes liberals look bad.

The Media Research Center has meticulously documented and exposed that outrageous bias through our various divisions — News Analysis, MRCTV, CNSNews.com, NewsBusters, MRC Business — our social media tools, and with near-daily radio and television interviews of our expert staff.

That work is vital because we are reaching tens of millions of Americans with our message every week. But it’s necessary to keep in mind that, despite that reach, as well as all the new media sources to choose from, about 40 million Americans still get their news every day by watching the morning and evening news shows at ABC, CBS and NBC.

In addition, left-wing billionaires like George Soros are funneling millions of dollars to leftist news sites on the Web, and they are also funding dishonest high-tech social media attacks against conservatives, such as Rush Limbaugh, to bully them off the air.

The MRC needs your financial support to fight against the left-wing media and their bag men. You can help by calling us (571-267-3500) and making a donation today. Join us in the good fight!

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the FBI then interrogated her for information.

Despite those startling revelations, the CBS Morning Show ran only one short story on Mrs. Foley and one piece on the Sotloff family; the CBS Evening News reported nothing. NBC News said zip, and ABC’s World News Tonight ran one — one! — story on Diane Foley.

Barak Barfi, a spokesman for the Sotloffs, told CBS This Morning, “We never really believed that the administration was doing anything to help us. ... The families sat with this National Security Council official and basically he bullied and hectored them and they were scared.”

Can you believe that? The parents of two Americans beheaded by Islamist thugs were bullied by an Obama official and no major news network investigated the story.

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The Foleys and Sotloffs got 3 stories, and then the networks moved on. For contrast, in 2005 after her son was killed in the Iraq war, Cindy Sheehan camped out in front of President Bush’s Texas ranch. In one month alone, Aug. 9-Sept. 9, the networks aired 100 stories on Sheehan: ABC, 37; NBC, 33; and CBS, 30.

During the Sept. 11, 2012 Benghazi attack, U.S. foreign service officer Sean Smith, and three other Americans, were killed by Islamists. Last month, on the anniversary of that attack, Smith’s mother, Pat Smith, who is still trying to find out exactly how her son died, told Fox News, “What happened to Hillary and Obama? Why aren’t they doing something? It was their area! They don’t give a damn about their people! That’s how I feel.”

CBS This Morning subsequently ran two short stories on Pat Smith and then moved on. The NBC Nightly News did one short piece and ABC News reported nothing. Again, compare Pat Smith and Cindy Sheehan — it’s clear liberal bias.

Navy SEAL Tyrone Woods was also murdered at Benghazi and his father, an attorney, told Fox News that the White House officials who ordered reinforcements not to help stop the attack are defacto “guilty of murdering my son.” Network stories on Mr. Woods? Zero.

Border Patrol agent Brian Terry was killed in 2010 during a shoot-out with drug cartel killers who were using guns obtained through the Justice Department’s Fast and Furious program. Terry’s mother, Josephine, went to Facebook in 2012 and blasted then-Attorney General Eric Holder for his “double talk in answering questions,” calling him “a joke” and a “coward politician.”

Her remarks are sound bite fodder for the media, but only CBS The Early Show did a story. ABC, NBC, and the CBS Evening News didn’t report it.

Incredibly, the networks didn’t run one story on the two-year anniversary of the Benghazi attack, as noted, but all three outlets aired two minutes of a bear playing with a flag tee on a golf course. CBS This Morning also gave 3 minutes to a story on electronic dog collars causing stress.

Then there are the polls the networks aren’t reporting. An MRC analysis shows that approval ratings were low for President Obama Jan. 1-Aug. 31, 2014, and also low for President Bush in the same time-frame in 2006.

Yet for Bush, the networks ran 124 news stories on those low polls while for Obama they aired only 9 stories. That’s undeniable liberal media bias.

The MRC is battling that blatant left-wing bias every single day. You can help us in that fight by calling and making a donation today. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
The Watchdog

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** This year’s William F. Buckley Award for Media Excellence was presented to best-selling author and nationally syndicated talk-radio host Mark Levin at the 2014 MRC Gala, held on Sept. 25. To see the video, visit www.mrc.org. Below are excerpts of Mr. Levin’s remarks.

**MARK LEVIN:** “First of all, Brent Bozell should get this award every single year as far as I’m concerned. ... The Media Research Center is absolutely crucial to this Republic, and the worse things get, the more important it is. So, those of you who support the Media Research Center, I want to thank you for what you do. It’s crucially important. ...

Buckley, 1955, the mission statement for National Review: He said, in part, conservatives in this country, at least those who have not made peace with the New Deal ... are non-licensed non-conformists. And that’s what we are. ...

He added, “the most alarming, single danger to the American political system lies in the fact that an identifiable team of Fabian operators is bent on controlling both of the major political parties.” Clever intriguers, using phrases like national unity, middle of the road, progressivism and bipartisanship. Clever intriguers are reshaping both parties, he said.

Twenty years later, Governor Ronald Reagan was determined to put Buckley’s words into action at the national level. Reagan saw the threat the Left posed to the nation ... and its ideas were becoming increasingly acceptable to the Republican establishment. The first battle had to be waged within the Republican Party, so the next battle could be waged against the progressive Democrats. For this, Reagan was despised by the establishment.

In fact, in 1974, our friend George Will tried to kill the Reagan challenge to Gerald Ford before it got off the ground. He wrote, “Reagan has never demonstrated substantial national appeal. His hardcore support today consists primarily of kamikaze conservatives” — I like that phrase! I think I’ll use it — “who thought the 1964 Goldwater campaign was jolly fun.” ...

Well, [Will] was wrong. ... In 1975, in his speech to CPAC, [Reagan] said, “Our people look for a cause to believe in. Is a third party what we need or is it a new revitalized second party? Raising a banner of no pale pastels, but bold colors to make it unmistakably clear where we stand on all the issues troubling the people. A political party cannot be all things to all people without certain fundamental beliefs, which must not be compromised to political expediency or simply to swell its numbers. ... And if there are those who cannot subscribe to these principles, then let them go their way.”

I’m reading these quotes for a reason: people need to be reminded. In 1977 at CPAC, after he was defeated by Ford before it got off the ground. He wrote, “Reagan has never demonstrated substantial national appeal. His hardcore support today consists primarily of kamikaze conservatives” — I like that phrase! I think I’ll use it — “who thought the 1964 Goldwater campaign was jolly fun.” ...

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We seek to preserve our liberty here, our Constitution and our country. I believe the hour is late and the time is now for another Buckley-Reagan revolution. And I want to thank you all, the MRC, Brent Bozell, all you patriots, and God bless you.”
The 2014 MRC Gala and DisHonors Awards were emceed by columnist and author Cal Thomas and the award presenters included CNBC contributor Larry Kudlow, talk-radio host Chris Plante, and Duck Dynasty star Alan Robertson, while the acceptors were Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), attorney Cleta Mitchell, actress Stacey Dash, and the Benham brothers David and Jason. The nominee quotes were selected beforehand by a panel of 15 distinguished media observers, including Rush Limbaugh, Monica Crowley, Neal Boortz, Ann Coulter, Laura Ingraham and David Limbaugh.

AWARD #1
Damn Those Conservatives to Hell Award

WINNER: Ex-MSNBC host Martin Bashir who argued that Sarah Palin merited having someone defecate in her mouth.

MARTIN BASHIR: “When Mrs. Palin invoked slavery, she doesn’t just prove her rank ignorance. She confirms that if anyone truly qualified for a dose of discipline [defecate in mouth] from Thomas Thistlewood, then she would be the outstanding candidate.”
AWARD #2
#obamacarefail
WINNER: MSNBC host Krystal Ball who claimed conservatives oppose Obamacare because they want people to die and the president to fail.
KRYSRALT BALL: “The GOP is saying to young people, ‘We would like to have the government stick an unnecessary transvaginal probe in you if you want an abortion, but when it comes to health insurance, don’t take any government help.’ ... And if you die an agonizing and unnecessary death ... you will have died to serve the noble and patriotic cause not of conservatism, but of hurting this president and denying him a victory.”

AWARD #3
The Celebrity Dumb Ass Award
WINNER: Director Rob Reiner who claimed President Barack Obama is politically the same as Ronald Reagan and Bob Dole.
ROB REINER: “Obama right now, where Obama is, is right around where Reagan was, right around where Nixon was. He’s no more left than those Republicans. ... Obama’s right around where Bob Dole is. I mean, they’re very similar, you know? There’s not much of a difference there.”

AWARD #4
Dan Rather Memorial Award for the Most Stupid Analysis
WINNER: Newsweek and Daily Beast writer Eleanor Clift who said the U.S. ambassador was not murdered in Benghazi because he died of smoke inhalation.
ELEANOR CLIFT: “Every media organization has investigated this [Benghazi attack] to death. This animates the right-wing of the Republican Party. And I would like to point out that Ambassador [Chris] Stevens was not murdered. He died of smoke inhalation in the safe room in that CIA installation.”

QUOTE OF THE YEAR
The Quote of the Year Award was also bestowed on Newsweek’s Eleanor Clift for her absurd claim that the U.S. ambassador in Benghazi, Chris Stevens, was not murdered by terrorists because he died of smoke inhalation on Sept. 11, 2012.
Duck Dynasty’s Alan Robertson Presents “The Funnies” at the Gala

Duck Dynasty star Alan Robertson, the oldest son of his outspoken co-star father Phil Robertson, presented “The Funnies” at the MRC DisHonors Awards, which were humorous news clips that poked fun at such things as MSNBC Al Sharpton’s cue-card illiteracy, the “recent” death of FDR, and President Obama’s marijuana bong. (See clips at mrc.org/gala.) Here are some of Alan’s remarks.

ALAN ROBERTSON: “You are the fanciest Duck Dynasty crowd I have ever addressed. When Brent told me to dress up, I thought he meant dress camo. I didn’t realize it was something else. But what was ironic is that Cal Thomas and I have the same tailor — who would know that, right?

I got to tell you, I am the beardless brother. If you watch our show, you know that. I tell people all the time, seeing a bearded Robertson, there’s nothing to that, they’re everywhere. But seeing a beardless Robertson, this is a real treat tonight. It’s like a hairless Sasquatch. That’s what you’re seeing tonight. So count yourselves lucky.

And even when I grow a beard, I get no love in my family. I get no love at all. Dad and Uncle Si say I look like Yasser Arafat, when I grow a beard. Have those two looked in the mirror lately? Comparing me to Yasser Arafat? They look like KSM and Osama bin Laden, those two. They’re not waving a TSA wand over me, I’ll tell you that right now. They better treat me right or I’m going to leave this family and become a Benham brother.”

Media Research Center Strengthens Its Brand With Newly Named ‘MRC Business’ and ‘MRC Culture’ Divisions

The Media Research Center, or MRC, name is widely known and respected for its solid research and accurate exposure of liberal media bias, a golden reputation it has earned over the past 27 years.

To strengthen that brand in the public eye, America’s media watchdog in October changed the Business & Media Institute and Culture & Media Institute to, respectively, MRC Business and MRC Culture.

“The battle for the future of America isn’t just a political one,” said Dan Gainor, vice president of the two divisions. “Businesses have to endure the media’s war on the free market and demonization of success. And social conservatives are reminded daily that news and entertainment tear down our values of family, faith and country. MRC Business and MRC Culture take up those battles and more every single day. We use our expertise to defend the freedoms established by the Founders.”

MRC Culture has a huge impact on the defining issues of our time. Each month, MRC Culture stories generate hundreds of thousands of views of MRC sites. Whether it’s the new pro-Hillary Clinton TV show “Madam Secretary” or media coverage of the Gosnell trial, MRC Culture is out in front. The department has had nearly 300 radio appearances already in 2014.

MRC Business has a major influence defending businesses unfairly under attack, researching the hidden history of media climate coverage and investigating the million-dollar connections between liberal billionaire George Soros and the liberal media. It has had nearly 300 radio appearances already in 2014.
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

**FBN:**  
Varney & Co., Oct. 3

**FNC:**  
America’s News HQ, Sept. 20  
Fox & Friends, Sept. 29  
O’Reilly Factor, Oct. 8  
Outnumbered, Oct. 9  
Special Report, Sept. 19, 26  
The Kelly File, Oct. 10

**MSNBC:**  
Rachel Maddow Show, Oct. 2

**NewsmaxTV:**  
America’s Forum, Sept. 24, 30, Oct. 3  
Steve Malzberg Show, Oct. 2

**One America News Network:**  
The Daily Ledger, Oct. 2, 6, 9

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### Print

**National Review,** Oct. 2  
**New York Times,** Sept. 30  
**Pittsburgh Tribune-Review,** Oct. 8  
**Sun Sentinel,** Sept. 23  
**Wall Street Journal,** Sept. 22  
**Washington Post,** Oct. 1  
**Washington Times,** Sept. 22, 30, Oct. 4, 5  
**World magazine,** Sept. 29

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### Internet & Twitter

- **American Spectator,** Oct. 2  
- **American Thinker,** Oct. 2  
- **Breitbart.com,** Sept. 22, 27, 30  
- **Cardinal Newman Society,** Oct. 7  
- **Conservative Daily,** Sept. 16  
- **Daily Caller,** Oct. 8  
- **Drudge Report,** Sept. 30, Oct. 2, 3, 7, 10  
- **Examiner.com,** Sept. 27, Oct. 4  
- **Fox 411,** Sept. 22  
- **FoxNews.com,** Sept. 26, Oct. 8, 17  
- **Huffington Post,** Sept. 25, Oct. 8  
- **Human Events,** Sept. 22  
- **Inquisitr,** Sept. 27  
- **Mediaite,** Oct. 8  
- **Newsmax,** Oct. 2, 3, 8  
- **PJ Media,** Oct. 6  
- **Politico,** Sept. 19  
- **Red Alert Politics,** Oct. 1  
- **RightWing News,** Sept. 16  
- **RushLimbaugh.com,** Sept. 23  
- **The Blaze,** Sept. 15  
- **The Minority Report,** Sept. 16  
- **Townhall.com,** Oct. 1, 4  
- **Washington Examiner,** Oct. 6, 9  
- **WND.com,** Sept. 28, 30, Oct. 1  

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No laughing matter, but on Oct. 3 MRC president Brent Bozell and Fox’s Steward Varney find a little humor in the liberal media’s consistent efforts to cover Obama failures and scandals.
Increase Your Income, Reduce Taxes and Help America’s Media Watchdog

The end of the 2014 is fast-approaching. To help you claim every tax advantage possible, send less money to Washington and help America’s Media Watchdog fight the liberal media, we want to make sure you aware of some important options regarding year-end stock gifts.

In the last few years the Dow Jones Industrial Average and Standard & Poor’s Index have reached historic levels. However, if you sell stock that have enjoyed significant appreciation you will have to pay a tax as high as 23.8 percent on that appreciation.

One way to avoid paying this tax is to donate the stock directly to MRC prior to outright sale. A stock gift will also provide you with an important income tax deduction for the value of the stock which you may claim immediately to the extent allowed by law.

Here’s another idea. You can also give stock to the MRC in exchange for a one or two life charitable gift annuity. A gift annuity provides a fixed, guaranteed, lifetime, partially tax-free income stream to one or two individuals whom you designate. Additionally, you also receive an income tax deduction and, for gifts of appreciated stock, partial avoidance of capital gain and capital gain taxation. A gift annuity also provides important support to the MRC to fund any area of operations.

For more information or a free gift annuity proposal, contact Carl Sperapani at (571) 267-3445 or csperapani@mrc.org.

The MRC requests that you consult with your tax consultant or advisor before making any tax-related financial decisions.

“It is a win-win. When the donor gives appreciated stock there is no capital gains tax to pay and you fund an organization you want to help. You get the deduction and then you get money for the rest of your life. It is fabulous, and I mean every word.”

ANN SCHUTT
Member, MRC Legacy Society

Legacy Society members have included the MRC in their estate plans by naming it as a beneficiary of their will, by setting up a Charitable Gift Annuity, a Charitable Remainder Trust, or through a variety of other planned giving vehicles.

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