For the last two years the liberal media have performed like cheerleaders on steroids for the Obama administration and the Democrat-controlled Congress, promoting the liberal agenda across the nation and, at the same time, smearing conservatives and Tea Partiers as extremists or racists or, yes, witches.

Last year, their propaganda efforts helped to get socialized medicine passed and the Keynesian stimulus spending unleashed, which pushed the nation further into $13 trillion in debt. But that was last year. The sweeping midterm election victories by conservative Republicans proved that the biggest loser in 2010 was not just the Democrats, it was the liberal media.

The 2010 elections were, in fact, a repudiation of the liberal press.

As the Media Research Center meticulously documented and exposed, through our own divisions and the alternative media — talk radio, blogs, cable TV, the Internet — the liberals pulled no punches in tarring conservatives throughout 2010 and especially in the months leading up to Election Day.

A new study by the MRC’s News Analysis Division, for example, shows that the evening news at ABC, CBS, and NBC, between Sept. 1 and Oct. 25, repeatedly smeared conservative and Tea Party candidates as “extreme,” “fringe,” or “out of the mainstream.” Yet in those broadcasts, not one left-wing candidate from the party of Obama/Reid/Pelosi was labeled in the same way. Not one.

Tea Party-backed Republican candidates Joe Miller in Alaska and Christine O’Donnell in Delaware were consistently tagged as “ultra-conservatives,” but no Democrats were ever branded as “ultra-liberal.”

In Pennsylvania, candidate Pat Toomey was marked as “conservative,” which he is, but Democrat Joe Sestak was not labeled as “liberal,” which he is. CBS couldn’t find the journalistic mettle to describe even loud-mouthed extremist Florida Rep. Alan Grayson a “liberal,” but the network consistently labeled his opponent Daniel Webster as “conservative.”

The networks gave more coverage to the O’Donnell contest than to any other, though there were races that were more competitive and, therefore, newsworthy. The point for the liberal media was to hammer on O’Donnell and turn her into the poster child for the Tea Party conservatives. O’Donnell is a conservative Christian who once expressed the view that masturbation is a sin, a view that horrified the libertine media and they played it up to discredit her and conservatism.

In another example, NBC’s Today trashed New York gubernatorial candidate Carl Paladino as an “angry candidate” who practices “gutter politics.”
and who somehow hates homosexuals because he believes that a child has a right to a father and a mother.

Both O’Donnell and Paladino lost their races, as did Joe Miller. But while the liberal media buried those candidates with endless, vicious attacks, they couldn’t stop so many of the solid, conservative candidates running in races across the country.

The liberal media were apoplectic, but tough conservative Rand Paul, the son of Rep. Ron Paul (R-Tex.), won a U.S. Senate seat. So did Florida’s Marco Rubio, the conservative son of Cuban immigrants, and Toomey in Pennsylvania. Nikki Haley won the governor’s seat in South Carolina, and John Kasich took Ohio. All had been lampooned by the left-wing media.

Overall, 50 incumbent Democrats were defeated while only 2 House Republican incumbents lost; the GOP picked up more House seats than in any election since 1938. (Republicans picked up 680 seats in state legislatures.) Among the winners, 40 in the House were Tea Party-backed candidates while 5 of the Senate wins were Tea Party-backed, the people the liberal media painted as radical wackos, way out of the mainstream.

The attacks came day and night. Less than two weeks before the election, ABC’s Christiane Amanpour lectured that Ronald Reagan and William F. Buckley Jr., exemplified “a long and venerable tradition” of “intellectual conservatism,” but “people are looking at the Tea Party and saying this is not conservatism as we knew it, but it’s extreme.” Over at MSNBC, Chris Matthews was making near-constant references to 1930s Nazi Germany when covering Rand Paul. Matthews’ cable comrade Ed Schultz was also harping, “We really could have taken some video from the 1930s in Germany and we could have matched it up with that video” from a Rand Paul event. On and on it went.

But while they were trying to destroy the Tea Party movement, they overlooked some facts.

For example, while the liberal media weren’t talking about this, a Rasmussen Reports survey from early October showed that 41 percent of voters had a favorable view of the Tea Party. In addition, a Gallup poll from August revealed that 40 percent of Americans described themselves as “conservative.” Only 21 percent said they were “liberal,” and 35 percent said “moderate.”

Furthermore, a September CBS News/New York Times poll showed that 53 percent of Americans wanted “smaller government providing fewer services” versus 34 percent who wanted “bigger government providing more services.”

As for the public’s view of the media, the polls further confirmed what the MRC has been documenting for more than two decades. A Rasmussen Reports survey showed, for example, that 66 percent of Americans are “angry” at the media, 33 percent of whom are “very angry.” The poll also revealed that 48 percent of voters think most reporters are trying to help the president pass his agenda when they report on him.

The liberal media clearly lost with the midterm elections. The conservative victories and positive news from the polls, however, will not deter the liberals who run ABC, CBS, NBC, the major newspapers, the magazines, the publishing houses, the cable outlets CNN, MSNBC, HBO, and Hollywood, and academia, and the ever-broadening news venues on the Internet.

Mark my words, the liberal media will double down and go after conservatives with an even meaner vengeance. This is why the MRC is vital to the conservative movement. We fight the liberal press every day, every hour. We don’t give up. We don’t quit. Come on! Let’s continue to take the fight to them!

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
MRC Presents the 2010 William F. Buckley Jr. Award for Media Excellence to Conservative Leader M. Stanton Evans

Longtime author, journalist and conservative movement leader M. Stanton Evans was presented with the 2010 William F. Buckley Jr. Award for Media Excellence by the Media Research Center on Oct. 14. This is the fourth such award by the MRC and the previous recipients were Rush Limbaugh, Tony Snow and Brit Hume.

In presenting the award to Evans during an event for the 2010 “Tell The Truth!” campaign at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C., MRC President L. Brent Bozell III said, “Stan Evans’ list of contributions to the conservative movement is nearly impossible to measure. It is champions like him that keep the conservative movement going. His unwavering dedication to simple, common sense principles and truths have led him to found some of our movement’s leading organizations.”

“Stan Evans’ writing and wit capture an audience that benefits from his no-nonsense approach to politics,” said Bozell. “He is one of our nation’s true heroes.”

Evans was given the award in recognition for his outstanding leadership in the conservative movement, and for defending and advancing conservative principles through the media.

His list of accomplishments and contributions include his integral role in the founding of the Young Americans for Freedom and the signing of the Sharon Statement in Sharon, Conn., in 1960. He also worked as associate editor at National Review from 1960-1973 with William F. Buckley Jr., and then went on to be an editor at Human Events.

In 1977, he founded the National Journalism Center, where more than 1,700 young journalists have been trained. He is the author of nine books, including his most recent, Blacklisted by History: The Untold Story of Senator Joe McCarthy and His Fight Against America’s Enemies.

Evans said he was “very honored” to receive the award because one, it came from the MRC which does “tremendously important” work, and two, because it is the William F. Buckley Jr. Award.

“Bill Buckley is someone I had known for over 50 years, since I was in college,” said Evans. “He was, arguably, one of the most influential of all people — and it’s a very short list of people — in creating the entire conservative movement of the 20th century.”

“M. STANTON EVANS

“He is one of our nation’s true heroes.”
Blame Fox

With polls showing the Republicans would win big on Election Day, CNN’s Situation Room let HBO’s left-wing Bill Maher lecture its viewers and repeatedly blame Fox News for the pending Democrats’ losses. “Part of the problem, of course, is your competitor over there at Fox News, filling people with misinformation,” droned Maher. “ Somehow, people have not gotten the message, for example, that Obama gave you a tax cut. All they hear is that the stimulus bill was some sort of socialist program to run up the debt.”

Insults Galore

As Republicans steamrolled to electoral victory on Nov. 2, MSNBC Hardball host Chris Matthews invited Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-Minn.) on his show as his guest to analyze the results but then repeatedly insulted her, claiming she was “in a trance” and “hypnotized” by GOP talking points. When Bachmann cited the economy and jobs as major concerns of voters, Matthews harangued, “Congressman Bachmann, are you hypnotized tonight? Has someone hypnotized you? Because no matter what I ask you, you give the same answer. Are you hypnotized? Has someone put you under a trance tonight? That you give me the same answer no matter what question I put to you?”

Unfazed, Bachmann shot back that the election returns showed Americans were “coming out of our trance, really, we’re coming out of our nightmare,” and that she backed free markets and real job growth. Matthews ignored her answer and barked again, “Congresswoman Michele Bachmann, who seems to be in a trance.”

What Book?

On ABC’s Good Morning America last year, liberal strategist James Carville touted his new book, 40 More Years, yammering that Democrats would rule Washington for the next four decades. But two days after this year’s midterm elections, Carville went on the same ABC show and his good buddy, host George Stephanopoulos, never mentioned the Carville book nor his friend’s ridiculously incorrect political forecast.

On May 4, 2009, Carville had told Good Morning America, “Every growing demographic is trending Democratic and I think we’re probably on the verge of another 40-year era of party dominance here. These teabaggers, they turned everybody off. There were a bunch of like 75-year-old cranky white guys mad at everything. It just couldn’t have been a better event for the Democratic Party. I hope they come back and tea bag some more.”

James Carville predicted a 40-year Democratic congressional majority last year, but he was not quizzed on this point on ABC’s Good Morning America after the midterm elections.

HBO’s liberal-intellectual Bill Maher advises on CNN that conservative Republicans won in the elections because Fox News filled people’s heads with “misinformation.”
Typical Times

On Election Day, the New York Times editorial page ran a string of political endorsements for not only races in New York and Connecticut, but also eight Senate seats, nine House seats, and eight governorships. For the 25 races in question, the New York Times endorsed 23 Democrats, 2 Independents and ... 0 Republicans.

The 2 Independents, by the way, were former GOP liberals: Charlie Crist in Florida and Lincoln Chafee in Rhode Island.

Olbermann Hypocrite

MSNBC’s leftist Keith Olbermann, who has regularly trashed Fox News and has blasted the outlet because its parent company, News Corp, donated money to Republicans, was suspended without pay on Nov. 4 because it was uncovered that he gave campaign donations to three Democrats. MRC President Brent Bozell criticized Olbermann and NBC in a Nov. 5 press release, stating, “Keith Olbermann is officially the Worst Hypocrite in the World. He rails about a ‘national cable news outlet’ that ‘starts to donate to partisan groups of one party,’ then does exactly that.”

“But it begs a bigger question,” continued Bozell, “Why did it take NBC so long? This man has been using his perch as a newsman at MSNBC to promote a radical left-wing and hate-filled agenda for years. And they fire him over three contributions? NBC needs to review its own policies.” But they never did fire him. Ultimately he was suspended … for the weekend.

Minibits

■ MSNBC’s Keith Olbermann, sans caffeine, barks that Tea Party Republicans are “a group of unqualified, unstable individuals who will do what they are told, in exchange for money and power, and march this nation as far backward as they can get, backward to Jim Crow, or backward to the breadlines of the ’30s, or backward to hanging union organizers, or backward to the trusts and the robber barons.” ■ Newsweek’s Jonathan Alter whines, “A right-wing Republican takeover of Congress and state capitals isn’t something to accept with indifference. Midterms matter, and voters tempted to skip this election should have their heads examined.” ■ Daily Beast Editor Tina Brown opines on ABC that leftist jesters Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert “really are like the Huntley and Brinkley of today, in the sense that people really, really trust them.” ■ MSNBC’s Ed Schultz, apparently sober, harps, “I call NPR National Pentagon Radio. They’re no more left wing than Fox News as far as I’m concerned. Look at the commentators they have on there, right? They’re all right-wing commentators.” ■ On HBO’s Real Time with Bill Maher, Rob “Meathead” Reiner frets, “My fear is that the Tea Party gets a charismatic leader, because all they’re selling is fear and anger and that’s all Hitler sold — ‘I’m angry and I’m frightened and you should hate that guy over there.’” ■ The Washington Post’s Michael Leahy scribbles, “If an Obama brand exists, it is his image as a probing, cerebral President conducting an exhaustive analysis of the issues so that the best ideas can emerge, and triumph.” ■ ABC’s Joy Behar reveals her true character, railing against Republican Sharron Angle, “I am not praying for her. I’m telling you right now. She’s going to Hell. She’s going to Hell, this bitch.”
NPR’s Religion Double Standard

National Public Radio’s firing of Juan Williams tells you all you need to know about the radical, and thoroughly intolerant, Left. Juan Williams is a liberal, but still, he isn’t liberal enough. The idea that he would acknowledge a mere thought of discomfort at the idea of people in “Muslim garb” on airplanes in a post-9/11 world became a firing offense. It didn’t matter that he prefaced it with all the perfunctory and politically correct disclaimers about not being a bigot and we shouldn’t blame all Muslims for terrorism.

Fired.

Today’s Left is void of any principles whatsoever. They can be as astonishingly offensive and insulting as they want toward Christians, and no one gets punished. The indefatigable Catholic League provides the documentation.

On April 30 on NPR’s “Fresh Air,” substitute host David Bianculli raved over the leftist musical satirist and Harvard math professor Tom Lehrer for his Catholic-mocking 1965 song “The Vatican Rag.” It has lyrics like this: “Get in line in that processional, step into that small confessional, there a guy who’s got religion’ll tell you if your sin’s original.” Lehrer also sang “So you get down on your knees! Fiddle with your rosaries! Bow your head with great respect, and — Genuflect! Genuflect! Genuflect!”

The NPR host raved over how on the recording, he loved “how the audience often explodes with joy — sometimes in reaction to a rhyme, sometimes to the music, and sometimes because of the sheer audacity of the subject matter.”

Now imagine an NPR host raving over the “sheer audacity” of a Muslim-mocking ragtime song mocking all that bowing to Mecca and the ritual prayers — without them getting fired within 24 hours.

On July 19, 1997, NPR weekend anchor Scott Simon was also a Lehrer cheerleader. “I think ‘The Vatican Rag,’ do you mind me telling you, is your most thoroughly brilliant song?” he proclaimed to this anti-Catholic bigot. “There is a combination of shock and horror and laughter on first reaction at that song. It’s just extraordinary.”

If that seems like a mild Sixties tune, consider what about 40 NPR stations aired in 2008 on the daily current events/comedy show “Fair Game with Faith Salie,” distributed by the group Public Radio International. They were joking about Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee and his “secret” family recipes. “Boring holy wafers no more,” one recipe began. “Take one Eucharist, preferably post-transubstantiation, deep-fry in fat, not vegetable oil, ladies, until crispy. Serve piping hot. Mike likes to top his Christ with whipped cream and sprinkles. But his wife, Janet, and the boys like theirs with heavy gravy and cream puffs. It goes great with red wine.” The tag line, delivered by host Faith Salie, was, “Now that is just ridiculous. Everyone knows evangelicals don’t even believe in transubstantiation.”

That Catholic-insulting episode caused a hubbub in, of all places, Salt Lake City, Utah at NPR affiliate KCPW. But our vigilant national guardians against “Islamophobia” never noticed. NPR never expressed horror. The comedy show was canceled several months later for having no major corporate underwriter, although for a time, the supposedly classy magazine The Economist offered financial support. Salie naturally proclaimed she was mocking herself: “I am proudly a Christian and, specifically, a Catholic,” she wrote one angry e-mailer in apology.

If satire is “fair game” — for only some religions — then consider the news reporters. During the John Roberts Supreme Court nomination in 2005, NPR’s Nina Totenberg infamously proclaimed orthodox Catholicism should be a disqualifier for the high court: “Don’t forget his wife was an officer, a high officer of a pro-life organization. He’s got adopted children. I mean, he’s a conservative Catholic… a hardline conservative.”

Adopting children was a frightening stand? But that’s not all. On the since-canceled show “Day to Day” (a collaboration of NPR and the liberal website Slate), Slate’s Dahlia Lithwick was asked if John Roberts would drift left, and she said nope, he’s too Catholic: “I also wouldn’t underestimate the influence of his religion, that Scalia and Thomas, one of the reasons they may not have drifted leftward has a lot to do with very, very strong religious views that pull them to the right.”

With the nomination of Sam Alito a few weeks later, Lithwick suggested too many Catholics threatened the vaunted separation of church and state: “People are very, very much talking about the fact that Alito would be the fifth Catholic on the Supreme Court if confirmed.” No one was fired or disciplined for disapproving of “too many Catholics” on the Court.

But Mr. Williams was fired. When, oh when will Congress have the guts to defund this monstrosity called National Public Radio?
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

**CBN:** *NewsWatch*, Oct. 20, 21  
**FNC:** *Fox & Friends*, Oct. 22  
*Hannity*, Oct. 22, Nov. 4, 12  
*Red Eye*, Sept. 30, Oct. 3  
*Special Report*, Oct. 19  
*The O’Reilly Factor*, Nov. 1

### Radio

American Family Radio, Oct. 20, 21, Nov. 4  
Georgia News Network, Nov. 5  
Lars Larson Show, Oct. 20, Nov. 5  
NRA News, Oct. 21  
Phil Valentine Show, Oct. 21  
Rush Limbaugh Show, Oct. 21  
Rusty Humphries Show, Oct. 21  
Salem Radio Network, Oct. 21  
Steve Malzberg Show, Oct. 26  
Thom Hartmann Show, Oct. 20, Nov. 3  
Wisconsin Public Radio, Oct. 25  
AM 970, New York, NY, Oct. 18  
KCOL, Denver, CO, Oct. 22  
KSFO, San Francisco, CA, Nov. 8  
KWEL, Midland, TX, Oct. 22  
WBAR, Baltimore, MD, Oct. 22  
WBAT, Burley, ID, Oct. 21  
WCBS, Charleston, WV, Nov. 5  
WENY, Corning, NY, Nov. 4  
WHJJ, Providence, RI, Oct. 22  
WIBA, Madison, WI, Oct. 21  
WIBC, Indianapolis, IN, Oct. 21  
WLQV, Detroit, MI, Oct. 22  
WMUZ, Detroit, MI, Oct. 21  
WTAN, Clearwater, FL, Oct. 21, Nov. 4  
WTKF, Greenville, NC, Oct. 22

### Internet

ABCNews.com, Nov. 4  
CNN, Political Ticker, Nov. 4  
Daily Caller, Oct. 21, Nov. 1, 3  
Drudge Report, Oct. 5, 6, 12, 22, 25, 26, Nov. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13  
FaceTheState.com, Oct. 18  
FoxNews.com, Oct. 18, 22, Nov. 5  
Hot Air, Oct. 13  
Huffington Post, Oct. 10  
LifeSiteNews.com, Nov. 2  
Mediaite.com, Nov. 5  
NewsMax, Oct. 15, 21  
One News Now, Oct. 25  
RenewAmerica, Nov. 4  
RightSideNews, Oct. 23  
RushLimbaugh.com, Oct. 21  
World Net Daily, Oct. 19

### Print

*CQ Today*, Oct. 22  
*Daily Mail*, Oct. 25  
*Dallas Morning News*, Oct. 22  
*Detroit News*, Oct. 25  
*Hollywood Life*, Oct. 14  
*Human Events*, Oct. 20  
*Legal News Lines*, Oct. 27  
*Los Angeles Times*, Nov. 2  
*Mail & Guardian*, Oct. 18  
*National Journal*, Nov. 6  
*New York Post*, Nov. 3  
*New York Times*, Nov. 1

On Fox’s *The O’Reilly Factor*, host Bill O’Reilly cited an MRC study on Nov. 1 about liberal bias in the media coverage leading up to the midterms elections.

On Fox & Friends, MRC President Brent Bozell discussed NPR’s firing of news analyst Juan Williams for remarks he made concerning Muslims and airports.

Fox’s *Red Eye* host Steve Gutfield applauded the MRC’s denunciation of video activist James O’Keefe’s attempt to deceive a CNN reporter.

In the “Media Mash” segment of Fox’s *Hannity* on Nov. 12 MRC President Brent Bozell analyzed NBC’s liberally biased coverage of President George W. Bush’s memoir, *Decision Points*. 
Steven and Raffaella Feinstein
Foxboro, MA

My wife Raffaella and I have been supporting the Media Research Center since 2005. We had become disgusted with the liberal media’s contemptuous treatment of conservatives and our values. We wanted to fight back. When we received a letter from Brent Bozell asking for our help, we were happy to help.

Our involvement with the MRC began in earnest in January of 2006 when we bought tickets for the MRC’s Annual Gala featuring the DisHonors Awards in Washington, DC. After we bought the tickets, I received a call from James Nolan who explained that since we had given $1,000 over the course of the previous year, we were invited to the MRC’s Annual Meeting before the Gala. We have made the trek annually down to Washington ever since. We even attended the “Tell the Truth!” 2010 Tour this year at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. We’re always astounded by all that Brent and his team are doing for conservatives and for America.

We recognize how important the work of the MRC is. We know that the news media plays an important role in shaping people’s perception of reality, and that perception of reality helps to shape their political opinions. The so-called ‘mainstream media’ are doing everything they can to push people into supporting a liberal agenda. The MRC is the only organization with the manpower resources, expertise, and credibility to challenge and correct the media’s half-truths, lies, and distortions.

Please join me and Raffaella in the Associates program with a tax-deductible gift of $1,000. Let me say this as clearly as can be: We feel that no other contribution you make to any candidate or organization is as important or effective as supporting the MRC. Without the clear, bias-free media environment that the MRC makes possible, nothing else matters.

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