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Liberal Media Silent on Holder's Not Reading of Arizona Law, Not Blaming 'Radical Islam' for Terrorism

If you want to see the ultimate example of liberal and politically correct absurdity, go on YouTube and type in "Eric Holder and Arizona law" and "Eric Holder and radical Islam." There you will see the U.S. attorney general of the United States, the man responsible for enforcing our nation's laws, completely fail before Congress to say whether "radical Islam" played a role in the last three terrorist attacks by Muslims in America. He also admits that he hasn't read Arizona's new law against illegal immigration, although he tells the public it's a bad and racist law.

The liberal media completely ignored Attorney General Eric Holder's congressional testimony that he was unable to say whether "radical Islam" was a factor in the last three terrorist attacks in the U.S. by Muslim extremists.

What's worse than this buffoonery, however, is that the dominant liberal media completely blacked out any reporting of this outrage. Not ABC, CBS, NBC, MSNBC, NPR, PBS, *Newsweek*, *Time*, *USA Today*, the *Washington Post* or the *New York Times* ran a single story on what is grossly scandalous and what clearly constitutes major news. (CNN gave the Arizona law/Holder issue a brief mention.)

The Fourth Estate are censoring the truth. The only outlets providing the facts to the people have been the new and alternative media, such as Fox News, talk radio, conservative blogs, and our own NewsBusters, MRC.org and CNSNews.com.

Can you imagine if an attorney general in the Bush or Reagan administrations had testified that he had not read a law he was condemning or that he could not say whether oil had anything to do with the Exxon-Valdez oil spill? The liberal media would be all over that like a fly on, well, you know.

It's an outrageous double standard. Let's look at the facts.

During a House Judiciary Committee hearing on May 13, Rep. Ted Poe (R-Tex.)noted that the Department of Justice "may file a lawsuit against" the Arizona law and said to Holder, "Have you read the Arizona law?"

Holder's response: "I have not had a chance to, I've glanced at it. I have not read it."

An incredulous Poe shot back that it wasn't exactly a night's worth of reading: "It's 10 pages. It's a lot shorter than the health care bill, which was 2,000 pages long. I'll give you my copy of it, if you would like to have a copy."

Holder was caught but the lefties in the media went church-silent. How can you make arrogant cracks about Dubya and Palin barely being able to read, but skip over this gaffe?

Holder's admission came almost three weeks after the Arizona law passed

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(on Apr. 23) and after all the media's impending-fascism panic, replete with Katie Couric warning about how protesters were smearing refried-bean swastikas in Phoenix. Yet throughout this entire period, the attorney general of the United States could not be bothered to read what amounts to a long memo.

In fact, four days before this embarrassing episode, Holder sat for two network Sunday shows, with ABC's Jake Tapper and NBC's David Gregory, and neither asked if he'd printed out and read the Arizona law. But can you blame them? Do reporters ask Jeff Gordon before Daytona if he put gas in the tank?

Although he repeatedly criticized Arizona's law against illegal immigration in public, Attorney General Eric Holder admitted before Congress he had not actually read the 10-page law, a fact the liberal media did not report.

But now that the media know the truth, these reporters who are vehemently supportive of Holder's ideological persuasion are equally uninterested in Holder's laziness.

As mentioned, the liberal media passed on the story. CNN was the one exception. John King, on his show, ran the video of Holder's shameful testimony on May 14.

If it weren't for Fox News, the *Washington Times,* talk radio, and certain blogs, as well as our own NewsBusters, MRC.org, and CNSNews.com, this embarrassing episode might have vanished into thin air. Once again, the so-called "prestige" media blacked out the news that they would dismiss as tiresome Republican talking points.

They did the same with Holder's absurd inability to say whether "radical Islam" might have played a factor in motivating the terrorist of the Ft. Hood shooting and the terrorists in the failed Christmas Day and Times Square bombings.

At that same May 13 hearing, Holder was asked by Rep. Lamar Smith (R-Tex.), "Do you feel that these individuals might have been incited to take the actions they did because of radical Islam?"

Holder: "Because of?"

Smith: "Radical Islam."

Holder: "There are a variety of reasons why I think people, uh, have taken those actions ...."

Smith: "But radical Islam could have been one of the reasons?"

Holder: "There are a variety of reasons why people do these things ...."

Smith: "But was radical Islam one of them?"

Holder: "There are a variety of reasons why people do these things ...."

And so it went, and Holder dodged the question nine times.

The liberal media said nothing — not ABC, CBS, NBC, MSNBC, PBS, CNN, *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Newsweek*, ad infinitum. They blacked it out.

Fox News, talk radio, and conservative blogs ran the story, and you can watch the testimony on YouTube and our own EyeBlastTV. But you won't find it (and didn't see it) in the so-called mainstream media.

This liberal bias is so blatant and brazen. Are there no adults in the room at the networks?

The black out reveals why the mission of the MRC is so important. The liberal media will not tell the truth. They seek to deceive the American people every day. We exist to document, expose, and neutralize their bias. In these dangerous times, we are leading the battle with your help. Let's keep the radicals on the run. Ever forward!

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President

Check out the MRC's comedy show *NewsBusted*

The *Washington Times* called it a "a sassy, snarky dispatch modeled after *Saturday Night Live*'s parody news reports, complete with audience laugh track. It cites media bias and liberal high jinks, and can be seen at www.newsbusters.org — possibly demonstrating that indeed, the rules are changing."

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More Than 100,000 MRC Members Fight Back Against Bigoted, Anti-Christian 'JC' Show

More than 100,000 MRC Members so far have signed a petition launched by the MRC Action Team to condemn Comedy Central's long history of defaming Christianity. This step was taken in tandem with a newly formed group of conservative leaders, including MRC President Brent Bozell, who gathered in June to denounce a proposed Comedy Central show that is designed specifically to ridicule Jesus Christ and Christianity.

The group, **Citizens Against Religious Bigotry**, is also calling upon advertisers to not support the bigoted program.

Comedy Central, which cranks out the vile *South Park* and other shows that regularly mock Christianity — but steers clear of any criticism of Islam — is in the early stages of plans to produce an animated program called *JC*, which depicts Jesus as a laid-back bohemian who flees to New York City to get away from his demanding Father in Jerusalem.

The MRC's Brent Bozell, along with Family Research Council President Tony Perkins, Catholic League President Bill Donohue, talk radio host Michael Medved, Parents Television Council President Tim Winter, and Rabbi Daniel Lapin, denounced Comedy Central's bigotry and hypocrisy in a June 3 tele-news conference.

"This is an animated show that is designed to mock, and designed to ridicule and designed to be offensive to Christians," said the MRC's Bozell. "At this point, we say enough is enough. We are not going to remain silent on this anymore."

Michael Medved explained how Comedy Central would never air a program that peddles anti-Jewish or anti-Muslim stereotypes.

Rabbi Lapin, with the American Alliance of Jews and Christians, said, "Now is the time for all far-seeing citizens, particularly Jewish Americans, to step forward and stand shoulder to shoulder, protesting an appalling attack of ridicule and mockery against Christianity. It just isn't funny."

Coverage of CARB's tele-conference was carried by Fox's *The O'Reilly Factor*, *Entertainment Weekly*, Associated Press, *Washington Post*, *Drudge Report*, *Hollywood Reporter,* and more than 80 other media outlets, including ABC News.com and *USA Today*.

To sign the petition against Comedy Central's anti-Christian bigotry, visit www.MRC.org and click on "MRC Action."

The Networks and CNN Spike Obama's Slur of Conservatives

When President Obama smeared the conservative Tea Party movement with the perverted sexual slur "teabaggers," the networks ABC, CBS, and NBC, as well as cable's CNN said nothing. The new media, including NewsBusters and MRC.org, were all over the shocking news. The MRC also issued a press release exposing the networks' clear hypocrisy and blackout of the president's gutter-talk.

In an interview for a new book by liberal scribbler Jonathan Alter, Obama said that Republican opposition to the economic stimulus bill "helped to create the teabaggers and empowered that whole wing of the Republican Party to where it now controls the agenda for the Republicans."

More than 24 hours after this was reported on a blog, it was all over the Internet but the networks refused to report it. In a press release, MRC President Brent Bozell said, "If President George W. Bush had slurred the gay-rights movement during his presidency, it would have immediately dominated the news of every single national media outlet. Yet ABC, CBS, NBC and CNN haven't even lifted an eyebrow since news broke that President Obama used the raunchy 'teabagger' slur to demean the hundreds of thousands of Americans who comprise the Tea Party movement. Reporters should be asking questions like:

- **Does Obama stand behind likening these Americans to a derogatory slang for oral sex?**
- **Is this hypocrisy coming from the same administration that was too squishy to use the phrase 'War on Terror'?**

"Instead, they spike coverage. Not because they didn't know about it, but because it comes from the same radically liberal president whom they worked so hard to elect and it offends the same conservative group of Americans they have worked so hard to characterize as violent, racist, and homophobic."

Bits & Pieces

NBC's Chuck Todd repeated the liberal media line that unpopular Democratic Senator Harry Reid (Nev.) is in a good position come November because his electoral opponent is "a little too conservative."

Media 'Angle'

NBC pulled out the liberal talking points to explain how the Republican Senate primary win for tea party conservative Sharron Angle in Nevada is a plus for Democrats and Harry Reid. Angle, you see, is "too conservative." Yup, although Angle trounced her opponents in a three-way primary and is already 11 points ahead of Senate Majority Leader Reid in the polls, NBC's Kelly O'Donnell chirped that "Democrats are actually cheering Sharron Angle's win" because "they can use that Tea Party status to paint her as a bit more extreme."

NBC's Chuck Todd joined the echo-chamber on the June 8 *Today* show, predicting that Reid is "less vulnerable" now that he faces a conservative in the election, adding that "With Sharron Angle a little too conservative to appeal to independents potentially — now that's the Harry Reid path to victory." Over at CBS, Bob Scheiffer parroted, "I suspect that Democrats in Nevada are very happy about this."

Helen 'Trailblazer' Thomas

MSNBC's Savannah Guthrie bemoaned that "a lot of people feel some anguish" about the resignation of left-wing reporter Helen Thomas despite her caustic attack against Israel and demand that Jews return to Poland and Germany, where millions were slaughtered during World War II. On the June 8 *Daily Rundown*, Guthrie said that Thomas's remark "tarnishes a career that otherwise people would be celebrating because she was indeed a trailblazer."

NBC's Andrea Mitchell remarked that Thomas had "apologized" and "we all know ... that Helen has very passionate views on this subject." NBC's Chuck Todd lamented, "Well, the front row in the White House briefing room is not going to be the same." At ABC's *World News*, Dan Harris lectured that the anti-Israel Thomas may deserve a break, "given her status as a journalistic giant and a trailblazer for women, and given her age." Neither ABC, CBS, nor NBC ran any coverage of reaction from Jews or Israelis concerning Thomas's anti-Semitic comments.

Blame Cheney and Rush

Reciting the liberal media's talking points, MSNBC's Chris Matthews went on *The Tonight Show* and told host Jay Leno that Dick Cheney essentially was to blame for the oil spill in the Gulf. After Cheney became Bush's vice president, said Matthews, "he began holding secret meetings with the oil companies" and "the energy policy of the previous eight years was written in the back room with Cheney and the oil companies. And that's a fact. They don't have any regulation."

MSNBC's Chris Matthews essentially blamed the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico on former V.P. Dick Cheney, and also misrepresented Rush Limbaugh's remarks and called him "a jerk."

When Leno asked about Rush Limbaugh's alleged remark that environmentalists should clean the oil spill, Matthews barked, "Well, he would say that. He's a jerk. But Rush Limbaugh is totally pro-industry, totally pro-business, never would say, he's never said a word against offshore drilling in his entire life." Limbaugh had actually said that environmentalist lobbying had resulted in more drilling off-land and much further out in the ocean, where there is higher risk.

Blame Bush, Again

Arianna Huffington

While the liberal media will undoubtedly find a way to blame George W. Bush for the Apocalypse, should it come, they have already blamed him for the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, which started in April 2010. As columnist and ABC News contributor George Will predicted on the June 6 edition of *This Week*, "Sooner or later, we'll blame this on George W. Bush. But right now, it is a regulatory industry of the Obama administration that seems to have failed."

Co-panelist and lefty Arianna Huffington did not disappoint, answering Will tartly, "The truth is, that right now we have precisely the regulatory system that the Bush-Cheney administration wanted: Full of loopholes, full of cronies and lobbyists filling the very agencies that are supposed to be overseeing the industry." When asked by Will, "So, it's Bush's fault? Just clear this up," Huffington harped, "It is absolutely 1,000 percent Bush-Cheney's fault."

Sam Backs Calderon

ABC's Sam Donaldson, with a straight face, defended Mexican President Felipe Calderon's harsh attack — from the White House Rose Garden — on Arizona's new law against illegal immigration as being like Bill Clinton's criticism of the Tiananmen Square massacre in China, where an estimated 1,000 people were killed. On *This Week,* Donaldson said Clinton went to the Great Hall of the People in China and "I heard President Clinton say, 'what you did in Tiananmen Square was wrong.' He lectured. We all said, that's terrific because it was the ox being gored on the other side."

Still defending Calderon, Donaldson further opined, "He said what a lot of Americans are also saying, that the Arizona law is discriminatory." Fellow panelist (and liberal) Cokie Roberts chimed in, comparing Calderon's actions to Ronald Reagan and the Berlin Wall, "You know, 'Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall.'"

Revolving Door

ABC News' Teddy Davis is now working as assistant communications director for the Obama-aligned Service Employees International Union (SEIU). This raises to 15 the number of revolving-door media liberals who have joined the Obama machine or moved from the administration into the liberal media. Davis reported for ABCNews.com and conducted interviews for ABC's online "Top Line" show. He also helped plan coverage for *World News*, *Good Morning America*, *Nightline* and *This Week*. Earlier in his career he worked as a communications aide to California's liberal Democratic Gov. Gray Davis.

As tallied by the MRC, the other revolving-door Obama liberals include four each from ABC News and *The Washington Post*; three from CNN; and one each from the *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Newsweek* and *Time* magazine.

L. Brent Bozell III • June 1, 2010 • Nationally Syndicated Column

Tavis Smiley's Outrage

PBS station managers made a big push last year to drive any trace of "sectarian" Christianity out of the taxpayer-funded broadcasting system, banning any church services or religious lectures that appeared on a handful of stations. They ultimately compromised and banned any new church programming. But on at least one program, PBS sounds like it's declaring war on Christianity, including smears on Christianity that are not based on reality.

If that sounds shocking, imagine what the average Christian PBS viewer might have thought as he watched Tavis Smiley's weeknight talk show on May 25. The guest was ex-Muslim and atheist author Ayaan Hirsi Ali, there to promote her latest book, "Nomad." Smiley claims to be a Christian, but he attacked Ms. Ali for "idealizing Christianity" and recklessly turning people away from Islam.

Right out of the box, Smiley was out to make a point. "You say unapologetically and rather frankly that your mission here is to inform the West about the danger of Islam," he began. "What danger do we need to be made aware of?"

What? Did Tavis Smiley somehow sleep through 9/11? Is PBS keeping him locked in a closet where he remains unaware of the ongoing terrorist attacks on Americans — successful and unsuccessful - made by Islamic radicals? When Ali brought up the deaths of 13 at Fort Hood and the failed Times Square bomber, Smiley unloaded a literally unbelievable statement: "But Christians do that every single day in this country."

Ali replied: "Do they blow people up?" Smiley: "Yes. Oh, Christians, every day, people walk into post offices, they walk into schools, that's what Columbine is — I could do this all day long."

Tavis Smiley is not only wrong, he's perversely wrong. The boys who shot up Columbine High School were not Christians, they were just violent psychopaths who, among other evils, mocked students who cried out for God to save them. There aren't Christians walking into post offices or schools every single day in America and blowing people up. Anyone in charge of journalistic integrity at PBS should see this as a blazing inaccuracy, in addition to a religious smear. Men this dishonest should be kept from microphones, not hired to speak into them.

But Smiley kept going, insisting Christians were far worse than Muslim terrorists: "There are so many more examples of Christians — and I happen to be a Christian. That's back to this notion of your idealizing Christianity in my mind, to my read. There are so many more examples, Ayaan, of Christians who do that than you could ever give me examples of Muslims who have done that inside this country, where you live and work."

Who would have thought that anyone would outdo Rosie O'Donnell, who insisted radical Christianity was "just as threatening" as radical Islam?

Ali calmly explained that Christians are far more tolerant. They take abuse on television programs without threatening to blow up Comedy Central offices or promise Daniel Pearl-style decapitations for executives. She acknowledged "not all Muslims are terrorists, we must emphasize that, but almost all terrorist activities that take place today in our time are done and justified in the name of Islam."

This caused another burst of illogic from Smiley, who compared the Fort Hood attack to the Tea Party activists protesting ObamaCare on Capitol Hill. "There are folk in the Tea Party, for example, every day who are being recently arrested for making threats against elected officials, for calling people 'nigger' as they walk into Capitol Hill, for spitting on people."

Put aside the thoroughly unproven accusations, now that Rep. Emanuel Cleaver has backed off the story of conservative spitters, and there is no audio, or corroboration of the accusation of N-words being thrown. Had those events actually happened, would they in any way have been comparable to murder?

PBS has an ombudsman now to receive public complaints. Michael Getler should hear from across the country, from Christians and non-Christians alike, that Tavis Smiley must provide a retraction and an apology for his scurrilous and bigoted remarks against Christians and the billions that practice that faith. PBS stations across the country accept millions in funding from good-hearted Christian taxpayers who don't deserve to see allegedly "public" broadcasting attacking their integrity.

Seventy-seven percent of Americans call themselves Christian.

People in public broadcasting boast in their pledge drives and their direct-mail fundraising letters and in their congressional testimony that they are an oasis of civility and intelligent discourse. But they host, and help fund, the unintelligent, inaccurate garbage coming out of the mouth of Tavis Smiley. This trash belongs in the dumpster.

MRC in the News

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:

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CBN: *Newsmaker of the Week*, June 3
NewsWatch, June 4
CNN: *Rick's List*, Apr. 19
FNC: *America Live,* June 4
Fox & Friends, May 23, 25, 22, 29, June 11
Hannity, May 27, June 10
The O'Reilly Factor, June 10
NBC: Chicago, June 4

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Mark Levin Show
American Family Radio, May 18, 25, June 1, 2, 4
Lars Larson Show, May 20, June 3
Cable Radio Network, May 24
Marketplace, May 25
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Focus on the Family, June 3
Diane Jones Morning Show, June 3
Thom Hartmann Show, May 18, 25
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Rush Limbaugh Show, May 20, 28
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Big Hollywood.com, June 3
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On Fox's June 10 *Hannity* show, MRC President Brent Bozell analyzed how the liberal media engaged in damage control over fellow liberal Helen Thomas's anti-Semitic remarks.

Dan Gainor, vice president of Business and Culture at the MRC, detailed the liberal media's harsh attacks on conservative candidate Rand Paul on *Fox & Friends* Sunday, May 23.

The new group Citizens Against Religious Bigotry, which includes MRC President Brent Bozell, was featured by NBC Chicago concerning its campaign against Comedy Central's bigoted, anti-Christian show "JC."

On the June 11 *Fox and Friends*, President Brent Bozell discussed recent primaries, media coverage and the impact that the Tea Party is having on the elections.

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■ HBO's **Bill Maher** in his usual, degenerate, form: "Can we just look back and say Robert Bork was a racist who shouldn't have been on the court?" ■ And again, **Maher** belches, "Rush Limbaugh is a child. But he gets his way because he's the fat bully on the playground." ■ Faux conservative **David Frum** lectures on Limbaugh in the *Washington Post*, "It might seem ominous for an intellectual movement to be led by a man who does not think creatively, who does not respect the other side of the argument and who frequently says things that are not intended as truth." ■ Also, faux conservative **David Brooks** whines on NBC about GOP Sen. Bennett losing his primary from tea party opposition: "This is a damned outrage, to be honest. … [Bennett] bravely cast a vote (on the bailout) that nobody wanted to really cast and now he's losing his career over that. And it's just a damned outrage." ■ ***USA Today*'s** wishful thinking, "Historians say President Obama's legislative record during a crisis-ridden presidency already puts him in a league with such consequential presidents as Lyndon Johnson and Franklin Roosevelt." ■ Actress **Scarlett Johansson** reveals the obvious on CBS's *Late Night*: "I was at the White House Correspondents' Dinner and Obama was hilarious, actually. He really, like, we all drank the Kool-Aid. We were sold. It was amazing." ■ On the Gulf oil spill, MSNBC's **Chris Mattehws** reveals exactly how left-wing he really is: "Why doesn't the president go in there, nationalize an industry and get the job done for the people? There's a national interest in this, not just a BP interest." ■ Finally, some straight-shooting from *Washington Examiner*'s **Byron York**, "In one sense, the press, or at least some members of the press, have only themselves to blame. Obama treats them with contempt because he knows that when big tests come, they've always been on his side. There's no reason for him to think they won't be there in the future."

Bill Maher

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