



# Worst of the Week

The Most Egregious, Horrendous and Stupefying Liberal Media Bias of the Week

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## JOE KLEIN, CLINTON SHOESHINE BOY; IMPEACHMENT FRENZY LED TO 9-11?

The so-called mainstream media never admit their liberal tilt, so the news analysts at the Media Research Center tirelessly document the bias and expose their left-wing agenda. The "awards" for last week's lowlights:

- ★ **Joe Klein, Clinton Shoeshine Boy.** In all the hoopla for the new Bill Clinton book, the biggest Clinton booster was Time writer Joe Klein. On NBC's Meet the Press, he insisted, "My feeling is, that in the end on all this stuff he's more sinned against than sinner." In an article reviewing his Clinton interview for Time, Klein oozed that Clinton's case against Starr is "a lawyer's case, careful and powerful." Starr was "unseemly and irresponsible," and the press "was way too credulous" of Starr's probes." In reality, the media savaged Starr as a "zealot" on a "witch hunt."

Klein even suggested on NBC that September 11 could be blamed on Ken Starr, since Clinton claimed he was unable to dismiss FBI Director Louis Freeh without it looking like a scandal-killing move. Klein asserted: "You could say that we might have had a better shot at rolling up those al-Qaeda cells if Bill Clinton had been free to fire Freeh." It should come as no surprise that Klein authored a Clinton-puffing book in 2002 called *The Natural: The Misunderstood Presidency of Bill Clinton*.



- ★ **Impeachment Frenzy Led to 9-11?** On June 21, CNN's Paula Zahn interviewed former House impeachment manager Bob Barr about Clinton's book, but her segment focused on what conservatives did to Clinton, not what he did to himself: "Do you concede...that there was an obsession by parts of the right wing to get Bill Clinton?" She also asked Barr about so-called "analysts" who are Clinton spin artists: "What do you say to analysts out there who are suggesting that this impeachment was a great distraction to the country and might have slowed down any kind of progress that was being made on the hunt for Osama bin Laden?"

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