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Welcome to the Media Research Center's annual awards issue, a compilation of the most outrageous and/or humorous news media quotes from 2014 (December 2013 through November 2014).

To determine this year's winners, a panel of 40 radio and TV hosts, columnists, editorial writers, Web editors and expert media observers each selected their choices for the first, second and third best quote in each category. First place selections were awarded three points, second place choices two points, with one point for the third place selections. Point totals are listed alongside each quote. Each judge was also asked to choose a "Quote of the Year" denoting the most outrageous quote of 2014.

The MRC's Kristine Lawrence distributed the ballots and tabulated the results. Senior news analyst Scott Whitlock rounded up the numerous video clips included in the Web-posted version. Rich Noyes and Brent Baker assembled this issue and Brad Ash posted the entire package to the MRC's Web site.

For videos of every television news quote contained in this issue, visit: www.MRC.org or NewsBusters.org.

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Letter from the President

As the nation's premier media watchdog group, the Media Research Center takes great pride in exposing some of the most outrageous and biased rhetoric by members of the news media, as well as the liberal agenda behind the rhetoric.

To commemorate the worst of the worst, I'm honored (not really) to present our annual *Worst of the Worst* for 2014: a collection of the media's most outrageous quotes from the past year. Our selections are culled from our bi-weekly *Notable Quotables* compilation.

This year's edition features some truly vile quotes, including CNN's Carol Costello chortling at an audio tape of Bristol Palin telling police how she was shoved, dragged and cursed at. "This is quite possibly the best minute and a half of audio we've ever come across," Costello laughingly told her audience, "so sit back and enjoy."



Worst of the Worst 2014 reflects the media's desperate and ultimately unsuccessful efforts to influence the 2014 elections. They held nothing back as they pounded conservatives and promoted the Left's agenda.

On a daily basis, liberal activists posing as journalists shamelessly regurgitated the "war on women" myth, and the failed cable news network MSNBC spent hours portraying conservatives as racists, with Chris Matthews spewing that the GOP was out to "kill the black vote."

Worst of the Worst is proof of just how unhinged the media can be in pursuit of their liberal agenda. We were there to track and document it all for your reading pleasure.

Enjoy!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "L Brent Bozell III". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President

ABOUT THE MEDIA RESEARCH CENTER

When the Media Research Center (MRC) opened its doors over a quarter of a century ago, expectations were uncertain. How could this organization, with only a handful of staff and with virtually no resources, possibly challenge—never mind neutralize—the multi-billion dollar news media industry?

Now in its 28th year of documenting, exposing and neutralizing liberal media bias, the MRC's reputation as a leader in shaping the media landscape is well established. From the very beginning, Brent Bozell and his team were determined to build the MRC into the nation's premier media watchdog group and a major powerhouse within the conservative movement.

The MRC now houses the largest archive of news footage and the most sophisticated media monitoring operation in the world. The MRC has also invested in the leading social media operation in the conservative movement, enabling us to reach millions of people every week.

Academics, historians, producers, journalists, and talk show hosts regularly seek out MRC's archived news footage which they cannot get anywhere else.

A dominant mover and shaker within the conservative movement, MRC's publications, analysis and commentary on topics ranging from how the liberal media cover the economy to how they perpetuate left-wing social values are sought out by virtually every prominent conservative in the country.

The Media Research Center's team of expert news analysts monitor all of the major nationally-televised news broadcasts as well as leading print publications. MRC's News Analysis Division (NAD) publishes the daily *CyberAlert* email report, weekly *Media Reality Check* reports, and the bi-weekly *Notable Quotables* collection of the most biased and outrageous quotes from members of the liberal media, which is compiled into this annual *Worst of the Worst*.

NAD's NewsBusters.org blog was the first conservative blog to reach the 1 million fan milestone on Facebook, and currently boasts over 2 million Facebook fans.

MRC also publishes groundbreaking Special Reports on topics ranging from the media's vilification of the Tea Party to their failure to properly cover the Obama administration's woeful response to the 2012 terrorist attack in Benghazi.

MRC's analysis is bolstered by a sophisticated, industry-leading marketing apparatus, which allows us to deliver approximately 180 million impressions each week. This includes millions of visits to our websites; regular appearances on TV, radio and in print; a massive and growing Facebook presence with over 6.5 million fans; and email and grassroots messaging.

Each week, MRC reaches 16 million Americans outside of our existing conservative fan base on social media with MRC content and messaging. This is pivotal to our goal of growing the conservative movement by expanding our reach.

Our grassroots army has over 650,000 concerned citizens enrolled. We mobilize this army of highly engaged, patriotic Americans to contact hundreds of thousands Americans each week, urging citizens to take action in neutralizing the left-wing press by signing petitions, making phone calls, and participating in email campaigns, all demanding fair and accurate reporting in the media.

Prominent talk radio and television hosts, including Rush Limbaugh, Mark Levin, and Sean Hannity, routinely cite our work exposing the national media's left-wing agenda.

A central problem of left-wing media bias is the media's sin of omission or outright censorship—that is, their failure to report the news that hurts the left-wing agenda.

MRC is relentless in exposing this alarming and unethical practice. Our news arm, CNSNews.com, leads the charge in reporting the latest developments on all the Obama administration scandals and failures the liberal media refuse to cover, including 'Fast and Furious,' the Benghazi terrorist attacks, and the IRS's targeting of conservatives. MRC's thorough reporting and analysis ensures that the media's censorship is exposed and neutralized. CNSNews.com stories appear almost daily on the *Drudge Report*.

In 1992 the MRC founded the Youth Education and Internship Program (YEIP) with the mission to educate and train young conservatives in multiple disciplines. Today, the MRC trains 20-25 interns each year. Interns play an integral role in helping to advance both the mission of the MRC and the conservative cause. Upon joining the MRC following a highly competitive selection process, interns are immersed in the strategies and best practices of journalism, marketing, filming, and fundraising. Working side-by-side with our experienced staff, interns research, write articles, blog, and film. They contribute data to Special Reports, help develop surveys and ad campaigns, or join reporters on Capitol Hill, the National Press Club, and other D.C. venues to dig up the latest scoop.

The Move Along, Nothing to See Here Award for Denying Obama's Scandals

WINNER



"We're not going to be shamed into it [covering the Benghazi hearings] by others who have political beliefs that want to try to have temper tantrums to shame other news organizations into covering something. If it's of real news value, we'll cover it."

— *CNN Worldwide President Jeff Zucker to New York Times television reporter Bill Carter at a Deadline Club event May 19. [52 points]*

RUNNERS-UP

"Without the IRS, or something like it, we wouldn't have a government. In fact, it's the cornerstone upon which the entire edifice of the federal government is built. And that is precisely the reason conservatives have so consistently taken a sledgehammer to it....Conservatives recognize that one of the only things standing between us and a genuine plutocracy are thousands of anonymous bureaucrats doing the basic work of enforcing our nation's laws."

— *MSNBC host Chris Hayes on criticism of Lois Lerner, April 15, All In. [40]*



"The enemies of Hillary Clinton, by that I mean the partisan enemies, have got their voodoo doll. It's called Benghazi. Every time they put the pin in, they hope it hurts Hillary....It's become an obsession bordering on cultism among Republicans, with even John Boehner falling under its spell. You can almost smell the incense. 'Benghazi, Benghazi, Benghazi.' They keep chanting the word until it gets Hillary to fall."

— *Chris Matthews starting off MSNBC's Hardball, May 5. [34]*

The Obamagasm Award

WINNER



"You know, I'm a Christian preacher, and God finally said, 'Look, I can't send nobody else. I got to go myself.' And I ain't saying that Obama is Jesus, but for many of his followers he is."

— *MSNBC contributor Michael Eric Dyson on Melissa Harris-Perry, August 23, arguing for Obama to visit Ferguson, Missouri. [70 points]*

RUNNERS-UP

"Despite bitter opposition, despite having come close to self-inflicted disaster, Obama has emerged as one of the most consequential and, yes, successful presidents in American history....I don't care about the fact that Obama hasn't lived up to the golden dreams of 2008, and I care even less about his approval rating. I do care that he has, when all is said and done, achieved a lot. That is, as Joe Biden didn't quite say, a big deal."

— *New York Times columnist Paul Krugman writing the cover story for the October 23 edition of Rolling Stone, "In Defense of Obama." [47]*



"You had a tough summer. We saw the rise of ISIS, the outbreak of Ebola, trouble in the Ukraine, illegal immigrants coming across the border. Did you ever go back to the residence at night and say, 'Are we ever going to get a break here?...'You came here talking about hope and change. Do you still hope? Is change, was it harder than you thought it would be?"

— *Two of host Bob Schieffer's questions to President Obama in an interview shown on CBS's Face the Nation, November 9. [41]*

The Blue State Brigade Award

for Biased Campaign Coverage

WINNER



"It's not a substantive argument. It was a scare tactic by the Republican opponents of Democratic incumbents, who tried to focus on ISIS and Ebola in the scariest, most non-factual ways, to take the eye off the real issues."
— NBC's Andrea Mitchell during MSNBC's election night coverage, November 4. [57 points]

RUNNERS-UP

"If November comes and goes and Democrats hold the Senate and break even in the House, I think we're going to look back at the month of July as the month Republicans lost their shot at the Senate."

— Incoming NBC Meet the Press host Chuck Todd on MSNBC's The Daily Rundown, August 1, talking about Boehner's lawsuit and the House immigration bill. [47]

Host Chuck Todd: "Some Americans suddenly saying tax cutting has gone too far?"

Clip of Kansas voter: "It's been a train wreck."

Todd: "Could Republicans now become the victims of a new anti anti-tax fever?"

— Opening show tease on the September 21 edition of NBC's Meet the Press, as the on-screen headline trumpeted: "Anti Anti-Tax Fever." [44]



The Media Hero Award

WINNER



"I would just like to say that I'm honored to be meeting you. I watched those hearings, as did so many other people. And to so many of us, you were our heroine."

— Longtime ABC News anchor Barbara Walters to law professor Anita Hill, who accused Justice Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment before his 1991 confirmation, on ABC's *The View*, March 19. [74 points]

RUNNERS-UP

Anchor Diane Sawyer: "Back here at home, a firebrand is back in the news with a big alert for middle class Americans, the bedrock of the nation..."

Correspondent David Muir: "It's long been part of the American dream. Families hoping to secure their spot in America's cherished middle class. And she is the firebrand who's made a name fighting for them."

Clip of Senator Elizabeth Warren: "There is nobody in this country who got rich on his own."...

Muir: "She says she's not running for president, Diane, but she's clearly campaigning for the middle class tonight."

— ABC's *World News*, April 21. [50]

"The hands, they're like the paintbrushes of Picasso. He just uses them as an artistic expression mode....The thing about Clinton is, everybody thinks he's a great improviser, and he is a great improviser. But he also hones these speeches....He's like a great editor, in addition to being a great spontaneous orator."

— Co-host John Heilemann on Bloomberg's *With All Due Respect*, October 7, reacting to a clip of Bill Clinton campaigning in Arkansas. [47]



The Planet in Peril Award for Climate Hysteria

WINNER



“Man-made climate change happens. Man-made climate change kills a lot of people. It’s going to kill a lot more. We have laws on the books to punish anyone whose lies contribute to people’s deaths. It’s time to punish the climate-change liars....Denialists should face jail. They should face fines....I’m talking about Rush and his multi-million-dollar ilk in the disinformation business. I’m talking about Americans for Prosperity and the businesses and billionaires who back its obfuscatory propaganda....Those malcontents must be punished and stopped.”

— *Gawker.com* staff writer Adam Weinstein in a March 28 post, “Arrest Climate-Change Deniers.” [70 points]

RUNNERS-UP

Co-host Joe Scarborough: “What’s a greater threat to civilization, Christian extremism, Jewish extremism or Muslim extremism?”

NBC’s Ayman Mohyeldin: “To civilization?...I would not say any of those. I would not say radical Islam is the greatest threat to civilization today.”

Scarborough: “What is?”

New York Times political reporter Nicholas Confessore: “Global warming.”

— *MSNBC’s Morning Joe*, October 6. [50]



“So your son or daughter has a disease and you go to 100 doctors — 97 percent of them, 97 of the hundred say, ‘This is the cause and this is the cure,’ and three percent say, ‘This is the cause, this is the cure.’ That is what it is on the climate science: 97 percent of experts say this, three percent say that and conservatives are saying ‘I’m going go to with the three percent.’ That’s not conservative, that’s Trotskyite radical.”

— *New York Times* columnist Tom Friedman on CBS’s *Face the Nation*, April 6. [36]

The Obama's Orderlies Award

for Championing ObamaCare

WINNER



"We got a report today about ObamaCare that was both surprising and widely misunderstood. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said about two million Americans are likely to pass up full-time jobs because of the President's health insurance program. Those aren't necessarily jobs being lost. They're also workers choosing to work less."

— Anchor Scott Pelley on the CBS Evening News, February 4. [63 points]

RUNNERS-UP

"I'll tell you what I think God thinks of the Affordable Care Act — it's a big 'amen.'"
— Ed Schultz answering viewers' questions on MSNBC's The Ed Show, December 4, 2013. [57]

"I always hear that the moon landing was the last great thing that America did. I think the last great thing America did was giving health care to 30 million people. [applause] I find that to be so much more of a significant achievement than landing on the moon."
— Host Bill Maher on HBO's Real Time, July 25. [41]

"It's doing very, very well....You've got five million people signed up so far. [applause] An enormous number of people have signed up, so it's successful....I think everyone's very grateful that you did this. And I think it is important for people to sign up. It's just better to be covered. You just never know."
— Syndicated daytime talk show host Ellen DeGeneres talking to President Obama about the health care law on her March 20 show. [23]



The Ku Klux Con Job Award

for Smearing Conservatives with Phony Racism Charges

WINNER



“Killing the black vote. This is *Hardball*....Good evening, I'm Chris Matthews in Washington. This is rotten stuff, isn't it? The Republican effort to kill the black vote in state after state: Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Florida, Texas. We can all see what they're doing. Believing they can't convert the African American vote, they've decided to slaughter it....This is murder in broad daylight.”

— *Chris Matthews opening MSNBC's Hardball, October 21. [65 points]*

RUNNERS-UP

“I want to talk today about a controversial word. It's a word that has been with us for years and, like it or not, it's indelibly printed in the pages of American history. A word that was originally intended as a derogatory term, meant to shame and divide and demean. The word was conceived of by a group of wealthy white men who needed a way to put themselves above and apart from a black man, to render him inferior and unequal and to diminish his accomplishments.... Y'all know the word that I'm talking about: ObamaCare.”

— *Host Melissa Harris-Perry on her eponymous MSNBC show, December 8, 2013. [48]*



“The essence of this Tea Party is a racist institution. It is born of the fact that they cannot stand the fact that a black man is President of the United States. But it also shows me that despite what happened in Virginia — right? — this Republican Party hasn't learned one lesson. They still will go as far right as they can, as extreme on the extreme fringe of the Republican Party. That's who's leading the party today.”

— *Left-wing radio host Bill Press on MSNBC's PoliticsNation, December 16, 2013. [43]*

Damn Those Conservatives Award

WINNER



“Okay. I’m just going to come right out and say it: This is quite possibly the best minute and a half of audio we’ve ever come across — well, come across in a long time anyway. A massive brawl in Anchorage, Alaska, reportedly involving Sarah Palin’s kids and her husband. It was sparked after someone pushed one of her daughters at a party....And now police have released audio of that interview. It does include some rather colorful language from Bristol. Here now is Bristol’s recollection of how that night unfolded. So sit back and enjoy.”

— CNN Newsroom anchor Carol Costello on October 22, introducing audio of Bristol Palin describing how a man shoved her, dragged her on the ground and repeatedly cursed at her. [65 points]

RUNNERS-UP

“[Senator John] McCain should pay a heavy price for unleashing this ignorant, two-wheeled bilewagon [Sarah Palin] on the country’s politics. If you think she’s a legitimate political leader, you’re an idiot and a sucker and I feel sorry for you....She is the living representation of the infantilization of American politics, a poisonous Grimm Sister telling toxic fairy tales to audiences drunk on fear, and hate and nonsense....It was the address of a malignant child delivered to an audience of malignant children. If you applauded, you’re an idiot and I feel sorry for you.”

— Esquire’s Charles Pierce in a March 8 blog post about Palin’s CPAC speech. [47]

“There’s nothing American about Ted Cruz.”

— Host Ed Schultz on MSNBC’s The Ed Show, June 2. [31]



The Pantsuit Patrol Award

for Boosting Hillary Clinton

WINNER



"I think you've been on our 'most fascinating' list more than anyone, and — and you were THE most fascinating....No matter what their political views, you are someone we admire — and, for me, it's more than admiration — it's very deep affection, and I thank you for coming on....No matter what she does, she will always, to me, be the most fascinating."

— *Barbara Walters to Hillary Clinton on Walters' last day as co-host of ABC's The View, May 16. [63 points]*

RUNNERS-UP

"Maya Angelou, the late Maya Angelou, wrote a poem about her during the 2008 presidential campaign. It contains these lines: 'There is a world of difference between being a woman and a being an old female. If you're born a girl, grow up, and live long enough, you can become an old female. But to become a woman is a serious matter. A woman takes responsibility for the time she takes up and the space she occupies. Hillary Clinton is a woman.' Some say she may be the first woman in the White House. I am pleased to have Hillary Clinton back at this table. Welcome."

— *Host Charlie Rose setting up an interview with Clinton on his PBS program, July 17. [49]*



"Navigating through a buttoned-down sea of Brooks Brothers and Talbots as she made her way to the podium, Hillary was surrounded by applause, and by groupielike bureaucrats waving camera-phones. It was a historic moment, at least in the world of State...If her debut was a rock concert, Hillary was Bono — a bona fide international celebrity, with credibility as a crusader for the disadvantaged. In that regard, she was one of a kind."

— *From the February 2014 book HRC co-written by Bloomberg News reporter Jonathan Allen and The Hill's Amie Parnes. [39]*

America's Royal Baby Award

WINNER



"Move over, Prince George. This morning, Americans have their own royal, or, rather, presidential baby, to look forward to."

— *Correspondent Bianna Golodryga on ABC's Good Morning America, April 18. [61 points]*

RUNNERS-UP

"Leading astrologers say that Charlotte Clinton Mezvinsky is destined for a future working on social justice and will enjoy a strong relationship with her proud grandparents, Hillary and Bill. After Chelsea Clinton and Mark Mezvinsky's daughter was born..., *Politico* asked astrologers to weigh in on what is written in the stars for the former first daughter's first daughter."

— *Politico's Kendall Breitman in a September 29 article. [55]*

"Just moments ago, Chelsea Clinton and her new baby girl Charlotte, left the hospital....This is sort of like, you know, kind of reminds of the whole Kate and William moment. I mean, isn't it even the same dress?"

— *Anchor Erin Burnett on CNN's OutFront, September 29. [35]*



"Prince George is doing wonders for the royal family's popularity. Look at those cheeks. This morning, speculation abounds: Could Chelsea Clinton's own baby announcement have a similar impact on an American dynasty?"

— *Correspondent Susan Saulny on ABC's Good Morning America, April 20. [25]*

MSNBC = Mean-Spirited, Nasty, Belligerent Chris Award

WINNER



“If only the people who voted in 2010 show up this November, you can kiss all this goodbye. You’ll see the beginning of the end to what could have been — what many of us believe should have been — an historic turn toward full democratic government in this country....It will be a double-downing of efforts to suppress the votes of those who voted for him in historic numbers, the return to something like Jim Crow days, redolent of all the old anti-black gimmickry of that time — literacy tests and poll taxes and all the rest. The goal will be to erase not just Obama from the history books, but any evidence that someone of his background should ever think of being President. It will mean victory for the haters.”

— *MSNBC’s Chris Matthews opening the January 7 Hardball. [60 points]*

RUNNERS-UP

“What’s worse, Thom Tillis or Ebola?”

— *Matthews on Hardball, October 27. [50]*

“Someone should ask Reince Priebus, him being the leader of the Republican Party in this country, why his party is so compelled to deny people the right to vote. Wasn’t it Abraham Lincoln — who would run the risk of being called a Republican-In-Name-Only today — who won the Civil War so people, especially African Americans, could be regular voting citizens?...Doesn’t it [the Republican National Committee] have a responsibility, a moral responsibility, to tell the parties across the country that the party of Lincoln shouldn’t become the party of Jefferson Davis?”

— *Matthews wrapping up Hardball, February 13. [34]*

“A mean-spirited political trickster trying to run up the score in an easy reelection. Sound familiar? Well, this is not yet a Watergate, but the more we learn about Chris Christie, the more he does look like Richard Nixon.”

— *Matthews on Hardball, January 15, teasing a nearly 12-minute segment comparing Christie to Nixon. [28]*



The Twisted Tweets Award

WINNER



"Rick Perry sending 1,000 National Guard troops to border to shoot small children. Could make good headlines — in Russia."
— *Tweet from Politico's chief political columnist Roger Simon, July 21. [60 points]*

RUNNERS-UP

"I hope Roger Ailes dies slow, painful, and soon. The evil that man has done to the American tapestry is unprecedented for an individual."
— *August 14 Twitter message posted by Alan Pyke, deputy economic policy editor for the far-left Think Progress blog, in reaction to the Fox News Channel's coverage of the unrest in Ferguson. [51]*

"Maybe the rightwing will hate it, but everyone else will go awww: the adorable new #Cheerios ad w/ biracial family."

— *A January 29 posting to MSNBC's official Twitter page. After many outraged responses, the post was removed and replaced by an apology: "It does not reflect msnbc's position and we apologize." [29]*

"Well, we can look forward to: unregulated banks, no health care, filthy air and oceans, and WAR, WAR AND MORE WAR. Thanks, folks!"

— *Post-election message posted on Twitter by actress Bette Midler, November 5. [29]*



The Audacity of Dopes Award

for the Wackiest Analysis of the Year

WINNER



“Every media organization has investigated this [Benghazi] 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.”

— The Daily Beast’s *Eleanor Clift* on The McLaughlin Group, May 11. [85 points]

RUNNERS-UP

“With the 2015 budget request, [President] Obama will call for an end to the era of austerity that has dogged much of his presidency and to his efforts to find common ground with Republicans.”

— Washington Post *business reporter Zachary Goldfarb* in a February 21 front-page article, “Obama budget to rebuff austerity.” *The federal government’s total public debt rose from \$10.63 trillion when Obama took office to \$17.42 trillion at the time Goldfarb’s article appeared.* [40]

“Russia overwhelms. Russia mystifies. Russia transcends....The empire that ascended to affirm a colossal footprint; [over footage of communist symbols] the revolution that birthed one of modern history’s pivotal experiments. But if politics has long shaped our sense of who they are, it’s passion that endures as a more reliable route to their collective heart.”

— Actor *Peter Dinklage* narrating a piece on Russia which introduced NBC’s coverage of the opening ceremonies of the Winter Olympics, February 7. *During the Soviet era, estimates are that between 8.5 million and 50 million people died of starvation, politically-motivated murder and in forced labor camps.* [34]



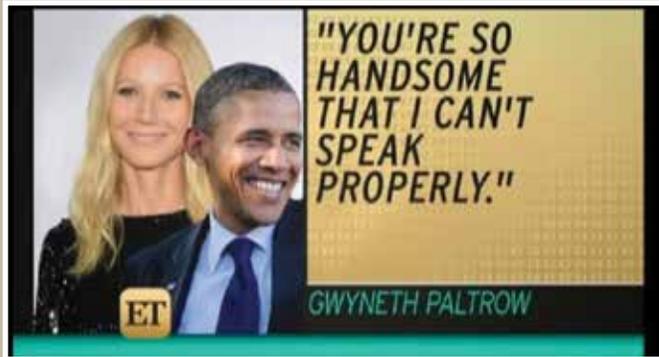
Anchor Brian Williams: “Whatever else is remembered from Hillary Clinton’s trip to Iowa this past weekend to attend a big political steak fry, along with her husband, it’s this soundbite from her speech that may survive for all time.”

Hillary Clinton: “I’m back!”

— NBC Nightly News, September 15. [27]

The Barbra Streisand Political IQ Award for Celebrity Vapidity

WINNER



"I am one of your biggest fans, if not the biggest, and have been since the inception of your campaign....It would be wonderful if we were able to give this man all of the power that he needs to pass the things that he needs to pass...You're so handsome that I can't speak properly."
— Actress Gwyneth Paltrow introducing President Obama at an October 9 DNC fundraiser held at her Los Angeles home. [83 points]

RUNNERS-UP

"This is the only country in the world where we don't have health care. Countries embarrass us around the world. And this is the only country in the world where we don't have a gun law. I watched you, you know, talk about that. You know, quite frankly, it's embarrassing. Obama is not embarrassing. The country is embarrassing."
— Movie producer Harvey Weinstein on CNN's Piers Morgan Live, November 15, 2013. [44]

"This [the rise of the Tea Party] has happened before in history. In Germany in the '20s and '30s, there was this right-wing reactionary element that was so terrified of anarchy and communism, that they said, 'You know what? There's a group of street thugs that are real ideologues, and they're willing to take it and they're willing to bloody themselves. And you know, once they get into power we can control them.' And that was why they backed them. 'We can control this.' And what they didn't realize...What is true is that ideologues are only loyal to ideology."
— Graphic novelist, cartoonist and former Saturday Night Live writer Max Brooks, son of Mel Brooks, on HBO's Real Time with Bill Maher, June 27. [36]



Quote of the Year

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