Liberal Media Attack Conservative Giuliani for Saying Obama is Leftist, Doesn’t ‘Love’ America

The liberal media cannot stand it if a conservative passionately and candidly criticizes President Barack Obama. Flattening someone on the right is fine, as the leftist media regularly do. But say something negative about their hero and it’s hell to pay.

They set out to smear, discredit, and punish the critic who dares to speak his mind. This is the case with the liberal media’s swift and brutal attack on former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, a.k.a. “America’s Mayor.”

His sin? Giuliani said he didn’t believe Obama loved America. He then gave several reasons why he felt that way, citing Obama’s many criticisms of America, his life-long association with leftist anti-Americans like the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, and his inability to even utter the words “radical Islam.”

Had Giuliani zinged a fellow conservative, the liberal media would have applauded his “constructive” criticism and maybe pitched him a book deal. But Giuliani took issue with the anointed one.

As the MRC has documented and exposed, the liberal media quickly trashed Giuliani, going so far as to label him “racist” and “unhinged.”

Let’s look at some of the attacks — and the media’s hypocritical silence when the left criticizes someone on the right — which illustrate the liberal media’s hypocrisy.

At a Feb. 18 dinner in New York City, Giuliani said, “I do not believe, and I know this is a horrible thing to say, but I do not believe that the president loves America.”

The next day, Giuliani was on Fox’s The Kelly File and said, “From all that I can see of this president, all that I’ve heard of [Obama], he apologizes for America, he criticizes America. He talks about the Crusades and how the Christians were barbarians, leaves out the second half of the sentence that the Muslims were barbarians also. He sees Christians slaughtered and doesn’t stand up and hold a press conference, although we hold a press conference for the situation in Ferguson. He sees Jews being killed for anti-Semitic reasons. He doesn’t stand up and hold a press conference. This is an American president I’ve never seen before.”

Giuliani also noted in subsequent interviews that Obama was heavily
influenced by the Communist Party member Frank Marshall Davis and the socialist Saul Alinsky, as well as the America-hating Rev. Jeremiah Wright, whose left-wing church Obama attended for 20 years. Giuliani often remarks that Obama is incapable of naming the terrorist threat of “radical Islam,” and chooses to call it “workplace violence” or “a random act” of violence.

The liberal media erupted. The New York Times ran a defensive story headlined “President Obama Has, In Fact, Expressed Love For His Country.” MSNBC’s Chris Matthews whined, “Mr. Mayor, you should never go after someone’s love of his country. It breaks the rules we live by. It divides us when we should be united. I urge you to take it back.”

This is the same person that asked the day after Obama was inaugurated the first time, “Does Rush Limbaugh hate this country? Wait till you hear what he said about the new president.” What hypocrisy!

NBC’s Chuck Todd lectured that Giuliani’s remarks were “cable catnip” leading “this week’s race to the bottom.” He also claimed, without a shred of evidence, that Giuliani was somehow injecting “the issue of race” into the discussion.

The fact-challenged columnist Mike Barnicle, who had to resign from the Boston Globe because of his editorial screw ups, declared in the Daily Beast that Giuliani is a “nut boy” full of “bitterness and a contempt that borders on hate.” He added for measure that Giuliani is a “self-absorbed, ego maniac.”

ABC, CBS, and NBC said Giuliani had launched a “war of words” with NBC’s Erica Hill stressing that he had sparked a “firestorm.” Her colleague Kristen Welker hyped that “some Republicans,” unnamed, were saying that Giuliani’s “comments are really hitting below the belt and are disrespectful to the president.”

Time magazine’s Mark Halperin, also without naming names, declared that “some people said maybe he [Giuliani] should seek help from” a psychiatrist. The Washington Post’s Eugene Robinson followed that tack, harping, “This is so crazy and counterproductive … it’s a guy losing it, basically. … It is racist and it sounds, frankly, kind of unhinged.”

In other words, Giuliani hit the target. He revealed a disturbing truth about Obama, and for this, he must be crushed.

Even Joe Scarborough, who plays a conservative on MSNBC, lumped Giuliani among the “stupidest people” in the GOP, someone who spews “hatred.” His comrade, Mika Brzezinski, echoed all Obama-loving journalists when she kvetched, “I question the patriotism of someone who questions the president’s patriotism.”

Brzezinski, no surprise, didn’t question Saint Barack when he, on the 2008 campaign trail, said President Bush’s deficit spending was “unpatriotic.” Mika is a hypocrite too.

And so too is Chris Matthews, who in 2011 wondered if the conservative Rupert Murdoch was a “real American.” MSNBC’s Ed Schultz, another hypocrite, questioned the patriotism of a conservative senator in 2014, snarling, “There’s nothing American about Ted Cruz.” Then there’s left-wing walnut Howard Dean who said of the GOP in general last year, “I question their patriotism.”

For the liberal media, any criticism of conservatives is fair game but direct and heartfelt criticism of Obama is verboten. It’s a double standard, a liberal bias that the MRC tracks and exposes every day through its various divisions.

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STAN EVANS

1934-2015

One of the Wittiest, Wisest, and Most Humble Leaders in the Conservative Movement

M. Stanton Evans, one of the funniest and most beloved figures in the conservative movement, and a long-time friend of the Media Research Center, died on March 3 at age 80. He is sorely missed but his journal- 

ism, books, speeches (many now on YouTube and MRC TV), and training of more than 2,000 reporters at the National Journalism Center (1977-2002) will help to advance conserva-

tive ideas long into the future.

“I am saddened to learn of the passing of my friend Stan Evans,” said MRC President Brent Bozell in a statement on the day Stan died of pancreatic cancer in Leesburg, Va. “His contributions to journalism and public policy are numerous and notable. Stan’s legacy will live on in those he knew and inspired.”

Stan’s influence was sweeping. At William F. Buckley’s home in 1960, a 26-year-old Stan Evans wrote the Sharon Statement, the conservative charter of the Young Americans for Freedom. Stan wrote 8 books over his lifetime, including the invaluable The Theme is Freedom and his bulletproof defense of Sen. Joe McCarthy, Blacklisted by History. Stan became the editor of The Indianapolis News at age 26, making him the youngest metro paper editor in America; a nationally syndicated columnist; a commentator for CBS and NPR; and chairman of the American Conservative Union (1971-1977).

When Ronald Reagan was losing primaries going into North Carolina in 1976, people advised him to quit but Stan argued otherwise and raised $75,000 to run ads against Gerald Ford’s liberal policies. Reagan won that primary and it set the strategy for his 1980 campaign, the presidency, and victory in the Cold War.


Stan, a magna cum laude Yale University grad and Phi Beta Kappa member, received numerous awards over the years. In 2010, the MRC was proud to honor him with the William F. Buckley Jr. Award for Media Excellence.

Stan often participated in the MRC DisHonors Awards and Gala, displaying his dry (and side-splitting) wit. As his friends knew, Stan was one of the funniest men in America. Among some of his witticisms are the following:

“Liberals don’t care what you do as long as it’s compulsory.”

“Gridlock is the next best thing to having a Constitution.”

“I start each morning with black coffee and cigarettes, because breakfast is the most important meal of the day.”

“The Republican Party ought to be a pro-life party. Its leaders spend so much time in the fetal position.”

“We have two parties here, and only two. One is the evil party, and the other is the stupid party. I’m very proud to be a member of the stupid party. Occasionally, the two parties get together to do something that’s both evil and stupid. That’s called bipartisanship.”

You fought the good fight, you finished the race. Rest in peace, Stan.
We all know about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963. But did you know there was an earlier, less-reported assassination plot against JFK in 1960 by a would-be suicide bomber? Marine Corps Colonel Robert Rust, an MRC Trustee, played a crucial role in stopping it. Rust also found the potential murderer’s manifesto explaining why he planned to kill Kennedy. When Rust confronted the plotter, Richard Paul Pavlick, and asked, “You really did come down here to kill Kennedy?” Pavlick said, “Yes,” confessing to the crime.

It all started back in 1960 as JFK and Richard Nixon were heading into the November election. At the time, Robert Rust was an assistant U.S. attorney in Miami, and Pavlick a 73-year-old retired postal worker living in Belmont, N.H. Pavlick was an anti-Catholic atheist who believed that if Kennedy became president, the country would be run by the Pope.

When JFK won, Pavlick packed up his 1950 Buick and let his former boss, Postmaster Thomas Murphy, know that he would soon be hearing about him “in a big way.”

Pavlick stalked Kennedy and sent postcards to Murphy with cryptic references. Alarmed, Murphy called postal inspectors in Boston who, in turn, alerted the Secret Service. By this time, December 1960, JFK was at his family’s vacation home in Palm Beach, Fla., and Miami Secret Service Agent John Marshall was informed about the potential threat from Pavlick.

On December 11, Pavlick, who had rigged his car with dynamite, parked outside the Kennedy estate, waiting for him to depart for Sunday Mass. He planned to drive his car into JFK’s limousine at the church and blow up both their vehicles, killing himself and the president-elect: a suicide bombing.

Pavlick didn’t get the chance that Sunday, and so continued to stalk JFK in the Palm Beach area. Meanwhile, Marshall had sent out a BOLO (Be On The Lookout) for Pavlick’s car to all law enforcement.
have probable cause to search the car, however, so Rust and Marshall had to find something to keep Pavlick from bailing himself out of jail and getting away.

They called hardware stores in New Hampshire and on the 37th call, said Rust, he found out that Pavlick had purchased 10 sticks of dynamite, detonator cord, blasting caps, batteries, and a detonator switch from a store. The suspicion, which was correct, was that Pavlick had rigged his car as a rolling bomb.

Rust wrote up a criminal complaint stating that Pavlick was traveling on the interstate commerce system with a homemade bomb that he planned to use to kill Kennedy. Rust added a count about blowing JFK up in front of a church, based on the new law against bombing a church.

Rust persuaded Pavlick to sign a second search-consent form.

Inside the hotel room, Marshall searched the closet and Rust looked under the bed where he found a briefcase. Inside the case was Pavlick’s 18-paragraph manifesto, in which he railed against the Catholic Church and all religious “superstition,” explained that JFK had to be killed, and apologized for any innocent people who might die in the assassination.

It was then that Rust asked Pavlick if he had planned to kill JFK and he said, “Yes.”

“It’s important to note that Pavlick was an atheist because the mainstream press is always trying to make atheists look warm and fuzzy,” said Rust. “This was not a warm and fuzzy atheist.”

Pavlick was soon indicted for threatening to kill Kennedy, and he eventually ended up in the New Hampshire State Mental Hospital, from which he was released in 1966. Pavlick died in a VA hospital in 1975.

Col. Rust, 86, had a successful career as a U.S. attorney in Miami, as a private practice lawyer, and as a Florida state legislator. He received the Secret Service Award of Merit for his actions in protecting President-elect John F. Kennedy.

The Smithsonian Channel broadcast a documentary on the Pavlick case, which included interviews with Col. Rust, in 2013.

Robert Rust and his wife have been trustees of the MRC for 15 years. The Rusts have graciously offered a $100,000 Challenge Grant to the MRC; they are matching all increased dollar support up to $100,000.

Richard Paul Pavlick (right), an anti-Catholic atheist who tried to kill President-elect John F. Kennedy in December 1960 with a car filled with dynamite and gasoline. When caught, Pavlick confessed to Robert Rust, saying “yes,” he had planned to kill JFK.
They Come to Bury Conservatism

The media have developed a predictable and equally annoying habit every presidential election cycle. We hear the Republicans are going to be crushed by pandering too much to conservatives. The Democrats are firmly moderate and need a push from the left so they don’t forget their “compassion.”

So it was with Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter 35 years ago. So will it be in 2016, no matter who is nominated.

Republican primary voters have nominated moderates in every election cycle since Reagan '88, but not because they are moderates. Instead, the moderates survive the usual conservative circular firing squad exercise; or, as was the case with both father and son Bush, the moderates ran as conservatives. How did the moderates who ran as moderates fare? Ask Presidents Dole, McCain and Romney.

And yet those same tired voices in the press soldier on, still claiming ridiculously that a moderate Republican is the solution to the GOP’s woes.

The media elites who have no concept of the GOP’s base will not stop insisting conservatives should be ignored. Predictably, both sides of the pundit table at the PBS NewsHour on February 27 identified the annual Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) as the place where Republican candidates and ideas go to die.

Liberal analyst Mark Shields said conservatives have an “unelectable message,” which is pretty much what he’s been saying for the past half a century, no matter how many times conservatives win, including the last two midterms. Faux-conservative New York Times columnist David Brooks expressed horror. “There’s conservatives, and then there’s conservatives, and then conservatives, and then way over on the other side of the room is CPAC.... this is like the hardest of the hardcore.”

On ABC’s This Week on March 1, NPR’s Cokie Roberts insisted “I think the person that won at CPAC was John Kasich. He didn’t show up, and I think that’s the wisest thing for anybody to do.” Minutes later, the former Republican pollster Matthew Dowd ridiculously claimed Reagan would be booed today at CPAC.

Earth to Dowd: It is pollsters like you who would never, ever have found a job on a Reagan campaign.

Back in January on This Week, Roberts argued “Republicans should stay out of Iowa altogether. What happens to them is that they get pushed so far to the right in those venues that it gives them a terrible time in the general election.”

What about the Democrats?

On February 22, This Week celebrated “Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont, as unabashedly progressive as Ben & Jerry’s.... Sanders rails against the corrupting influence of money in politics. He stands for economic justice.... He’s not just for raising the minimum wage, he wants to double it.”

ABC reporter David Wright acknowledged Sanders calls himself a socialist, and suggested he might be Don Quixote tilting at the Clintons’ windmill. Then ABC found a voter who said “Hey, more power to him. He’s going to get that windmill straightened up for sure.”

Every summer, the radical left has a “Netroots Nation” conference, but you won’t find the media elites lining up to proclaim that the leftist attendees are too extreme and potentially damaging to the Democrats. The radicals at the Daily Kos started a “Yearly Kos” convention in 2006, then renamed it “Netroots Nation” in 2008. Their 2007 conference attracted seven of the eight Democratic presidential candidates.

Last July, Vice President Biden and Sen. Elizabeth Warren each spoke to the gathering in Detroit, but no one on the networks found that dangerous, or even interesting. Put “Netroots Nation” into the Nexis database, and you get nothing ever on ABC or CBS, a brief CBS mention in 2013, and a brief PBS mention in 2010.

So let’s review: “Ultraconservatives” are perennially ruinous to Republican political victories, but there’s no such thing as ultraliberals in the Democratic Party. Every candidate to the right of Jeb Bush is doomed in a general election, and if he should win the nomination, he’ll be inevitably dismissed as going “too far to the right” to be electable.

The best advice for GOP candidates: Listen carefully to these journalists. Then do the opposite.
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