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MRC's *Tell The Truth!* Campaign Wages All-Out War To Stop Liberal Media Lies in Crucial Election Year 2012

The liberal media are doing all they can to re-elect Barack Obama and other left-wingers in 2012. They have no intention of giving conservatives a fair shake. If liberalism triumphs in November, it will be because of the leftist news media who are spinning and flatout lying to tilt the elections their way.

Without exaggeration, 2012 is the most important year for conservatives in modern history. We truly are at a crossroads: We can either continue rapidly down the road to socialism where nearly every facet of our lives is ruled by nanny-state bureaucrats, or we can fight back with everything we have to re-set the country on the course set by the Founding Fathers. Freedom or slavery? Liberty or tyranny?

It is that fundamental.

We must fight and we must win. To do that, the most powerful weapons at our disposal are the MRC and our "Tell the Truth!" 2012 campaign.

The MRC documents, exposes, and neutralizes the liberal media on a variety of fronts daily through our Web site divisions, NewsBusters blog, e-mail alerts, MRC TV, Special Reports, our news service CNSNews.com, and with our expert spokespersons interviewed on talk radio and television.

That's a lot of firepower for conservatives to combat the liberal media blitzkrieg.

Only we can do it.

With the \$5-million "Tell the Truth!" 2012 campaign we are taking that MRC weaponry — the facts about liberal media bias — directly into the arena where the left-wingers operate, on the ground, at the rallies and town halls, on the campaign trail. They cannot ignore us, and the conservatives we



The MRC's massive "Tell the Truth!" 2012 billboard — "Don't Believe the Liberal Media!" — is on display in Times Square for four weeks and will be viewed by at least 1.3 million onlookers.

meet from stop to stop flock to us to share ideas and eagerly take our signs, pins, and bumper stickers and spread the word: "Don't Believe the Liberal Media!"

Last month, I told you about our boots-on-the-ground operations in New Hampshire and South Carolina, where left-wing reporters were attacking the conservatives in the primary races there. Our "Tell the Truth!" teams hit more than 25 events in those two states. We distributed thousands of signs and stickers. The "Tell the Truth!" message was everywhere.

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As a result, the leftist news media, on TV and in print, could not keep us out of the picture. Wherever they were, we were there too, and millions of Americans saw us and our grassroots supporters through CBS, ABC, CNN, Fox News, *The Washington Post*, and the many local TV affiliates, newspapers and online media.

Since then, we moved on to the primary campaigns and news spots in Florida, Nevada, Michigan and Ohio. We were again cheerfully surrounded by thousands of conservatives in those states who wanted our "Tell the Truth!" materials. They took everything we could supply them with and they confronted the leftwing media at every single event. They are the real soldiers in this battle, eager to confront the liberal media and demand that they tell the truth.

At the Jan. 26 Republican primary debate in Tampa, Florida, there was no stopping them. For more than an hour outside prior to the debate, CNN's Erin Burnett interviewed several people, including former Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer and CNN's own campaign-beat journalist John King. For that whole time, right behind Burnett in the crowd, were conservatives waving the "Tell the Truth!" sign, "Don't Believe the Liberal Media!"

That message was seen by more than 5.3 million viewers on national television.

It was also seen at 27 other events in Florida where we sent our "Tell the Truth!" field teams. At a Newt Gingrich rally in Tampa, covered by CNN Live, the "Tell the Truth!" message was there, right behind the candidate. At a Romney speech, our message was there.

Our "Tell the Truth!" team also hit 11 events in Nevada. There again, conservative activists eagerly took our signs and other materials and trumpeted the message at those news events to the liberal media: "Tell the Truth!" They did the same at primary-campaign news stops throughout Michigan, at the Religious Broadcasters Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, and at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, D.C. Our main message,

"Don't Believe the Liberal Media!" is now part of the 2012 election campaign and the liberal media are being forced to acknowledge it.

We are fighting back.

In addition to our "Tell the Truth!" field teams and the 60 experts at MRC headquarters, however, we are also spreading the "Tell the Truth!" banner across the battlefield through social media Facebook and Twitter, as well as e-mail. This is the largest

social media effort ever undertaken by conservatives through these platforms and, by our calculations, more than 1 million Americans will participate. (There are also billboard signs and mobile billboard trucks broadcasting our message in targeted cities, including a massive 1,684-square-foot billboard in Times Square, New York City.)

We don't have the multi-billion-dollar resources of the left-wing networks CBS, ABC, NBC, or cable CNN and MSNBC. We have something stronger: the truth. As I said when we launched this campaign, "This is our message to the left-wing so-called news media: To the degree you try to tilt this election, we'll be there documenting, exposing, and neutralizing your efforts. The reason you're losing your audiences by the millions is because of your bias. You may continue at your own peril. Fasten your seatbelts, folks, we're coming after you."

We are going after the liberal media because they are the top weapon of the socialist elite who infest the halls of government and who are destroying America. Our Founding Fathers took up arms and went to war against King George III because of his tyranny. Former Reagan Attorney General Ed Meese recently said that this government today is as close to George III as anything in U.S. history. Meese is no alarmist, and he is right about America today.

We don't have time for polite debate anymore. We're on the march in 2012 and we need your support. Thank you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President

MARCH 2012

Top 25 'Occupy' **Celebrity Activists Worth \$4 Billion**



You can't make this stuff up. While the liberal media keep trying to paint the Occupy protests as grassroots democratic activism — the people's movement — at its most American, they conveniently fail to report that the top 25 celebrity "Occupiers" enjoy a combined wealth of a little more than \$4 billion. These multi-multi millionaires are somehow supposed to be a part of the common 99 percent-ers.

An analysis by Paul Wilson of the MRC's Culture & Media Institute, based on data from the Celebrity Net Worth Web site, exposes the grassroots poseurs for what they truly are: limousine (and private jet) liberals, the 1% if ever there was a 1%.

The Occupy rabble-rousers held a "Millionaire's March" back in October in which they rallied in New York City outside the homes of certain wealthy people, such as Rupert Murdoch and David Koch. They also protested against Chase banker Jamie Dimon, who is worth \$200 million.

But Dimon can barely hold a candle to the wealth of the celebrity occupiers. At the top of the left-wing list is Yoko Ono, worth \$500 million. Ono comes from a prominent Japanese banking family and is the widow of John Lennon. She threw in her support for the movement, saying "John is sending his smile to Occupy Wall Street." Her son (\$200 million) also supports the 99 percent-ers.

No. 2 is Jay-Z (\$450 million). This "common man" drew controversy for trying to sell T-shirts to Occupiers without "sharing" the proceeds. Meanwhile, rapper Kanye West, worth \$70 million, showed up to the protests in New York wearing gold chains.



Jane Fonda



Michael Moore



Yoko Ono



David Letterman

Sarcasm-king David Letterman (\$400 million) also backs Occupy Wall Street (OWS), as does horror-czar Stephen King (also \$400 million).

Hip-hop music mogul Russell Simmons (\$325 million) is a fervent OWS supporter and the author of a 2011 manual, "Super Rich: A Guide to Having It All."

Actress and fitness guru Jane Fonda (\$120 million), attacked the wealthy on CNN's Joy Behar Show without contemplating that she might, just might, be one of the loathsome One Percent. She said of the Occupiers: "They're the Paul Reveres."

The funniest hypocrite was radical filmmaker Michael Moore (\$50 million), who tried to tell CNN's Piers Morgan he wasn't in the One Percent, and then later had to confess the obvious. The conservative site The Michigan View found and displayed photographs of Moore's 10,000-squarefoot mansion on Torch Lake in northern Michigan, where the average property sells for \$2 million.

This is the same Castro-loving Moore who warned an Occupy crowd in September about the rich, "They are thieves. They are gangsters. They are kleptomaniacs. They have tried to take our democracy and turn it into an hypocrisy."

For the complete celebrity list of Occupy mega-millionaires, visit

www.MRC.org

and click on the Culture & Media Institute division page.

Bits & Pieces



Without citing one fact to back her claim, *The Economist's* Zanny Minton Beddoes dismissed Republican Rick Santorum as an absolutist whose ideas are "terrifying — logical, but terrifying."

'Medieval' Santorum

The idea of conservative Rick Santorum winning the GOP nomination for president completely unhinged Zanny Minton Beddoes, who is the supposedly sober economics editor for The Economist magazine. On HBO's Real Time with Bill Maher, Feb. 10, Beddoes mentioned that she had read "a little bit" of Santorum's book, It Takes a Family: Conservatism and the Common Good, which led her to frantically warn that it is "terrifying — logical, but terrifying."

She prattled on, noting that the book had been reviewed perhaps in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* (she couldn't recall) "and it said that Santorum would be a fine mind for the 13th century. And it's kind of right. It's logical, it's natural law, it's the kind of Catholic absolutist view of the world of several centuries ago." Beddoes didn't cite one fact to back her claim, only referencing a review from someone else of a book she had not fully read. That seems like a solid basis for analysis, no?

Pro-Life Totalitarians

The left-wingers on ABC's *The View* — discounting marginally conservative Elizabeth Hasselback — were apoplectic at a Texas judge's ruling in favor of a law requiring pregnant women to listen to their own ultrasound before undergoing an abortion. "It's very totalitarian in my opinion," stormed Joy Behar. "I mean, it smacks of forcing somebody to

confront something that they have already decided they don't want to deal with," i.e., a baby's heartbeat.

Barbara Walters nodded on cue and bemoaned, "to give up a child that is obviously unwanted, that's why you're doing it, it is such a tremendous decision, it's involved with so much fear of what you're doing and guilt. Then to have



On ABC's *The View*, liberal Barbara Walters frets that requiring a pregnant woman to have an ultrasound before an abortion is "heartbreaking" because it forces her "to see the fetus, to hear the heartbeat."

to go and be forced to hear, to see the fetus, to hear the heartbeat, to put more guilt on you, I think is heartbreaking." Not as heartbreaking — literally — as it is for the unborn child.

Soledad Spins

CNN's Soledad O'Brien is so infuriated by remarks that Barack Obama is the "food stamp" president, she's cherry-picking the facts to pin the label on George W. Bush. On Jan. 19, O'Brien declared that "it was George Bush who was the food stamp president" because there was a greater percent increase of food stamp recipients during Bush's 8 years vs. Obama's first 3 years.

But the stubborn facts from the Census Bureau prove that the number of Americans on food stamps reached an all-time high -46.3 million



CNN's Soledad O'Brien cherry-picks data to falsely claim there were more Americans on food stamps under President Bush than now under President Obama.

people — in September 2011, Obama's 3rd year as president. Under Bush, the percentage of people on food stamps stayed at roughly 9% every year of his second term but then rose to 11%, 13%, and then 14% in, respectively, 2009, 2010, and 2011. Some numbers apparently don't add up the same for left-wing CNN news anchors as they do for people in the real world.

'Crazy' Rush

Hardball's Chris Matthews went ballistic after hearing Rush Limbaugh talk about how liberal Democrats are so pro-abortion that they perhaps "fear kids," and that liberals statistically "are aborting their own people." Matthews, a flaming liberal Democrat, couldn't stomach that truth and flailed on his Feb. 15 show, "That sounds like hatred of women. That's a weird kind of message."

Matthews was just warming up and further fumed, "He is challenging the right of a woman



today in the 21st century to decide if she wants to get pregnant. It is an astounding assault on women's rights that he's playing to there. ... He is basically saying, 'Me, this big guy,

this big guy is telling women there is something wrong with you and deciding whether you want kids or not.'" Earth to Chris: Liberal Democrats are so pro-abortion it is a policy written into the Democratic Party platform.



CNN photo-shopped four GOP primary contenders as drag queens in a supposedly serious news report about the Missouri primary contest, a tactic CNN would never do to Democrats or President Obama.

Drag Queen GOP

Although the liberal media would never photo-shop Barack Obama as a drag queen as part of a serious campaign news story, they would do it to a Republican or conservative candidate. CNN went so far as to put four Republicans in dresses and tiaras in a graphic about the Missouri GOP primary on Feb. 7. The picture headlined "Missouri's Beauty Contest" and depicted Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich, Rick Santorum and Ron Paul in drag.

CNN's John Avlon was smiling and smitten with the image, telling viewers that for Missouri, "There are no delegates being awarded and in fact it's been called a beauty contest, and there's reason for that. I just want to give people time to soak in that beautiful graphic. It is a beauty contest." Liberal humor aside, does anyone honestly think CNN would photo-shop Obama or any other top Democrat in drag as part of a supposedly serious news report?



'Old' Constitution

Spreading its left wings, *The New York Times* ran a front-page analysis on Feb. 7 dismissing the U.S. Constitution as "terse and old," lacking in such crucial "human rights" as "travel." *NYT* Supreme Court reporter Adam Liptak trumpeted that the "Constitution has seen better days" and "its influence is waning" partly because "it guarantees relatively few rights." Indeed, "the Constitution is out of step with the rest of the world in failing to protect ... a right to travel, the presumption of innocence and entitlement to food, education and health care," thundered Liptak.

The Times piece also — shockers! — whined that "only 2% of the world's constitutions protect, as the Second Amendment does, a right to bear arms. Its brothers-in-arms are Guatemala and Mexico." We need to move on, opined *The Times*: "The rights guaranteed by the American Constitution are parsimonious by international standards, and they are frozen in amber."

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Obama Courts the Glitz Elite

While Democrats mock Mitt Romney for his alleged lack of interest in the 'very poor' and focus their political pitch on income inequality, one can't help noticing the Obamas running around to \$35,000-a-head fundraisers with the very rich and very famous in New York City and Hollywood.

Michelle Obama kicked off February with an exclusive fundraiser in Beverly Hills at the home of Netflix executive Ted Sarandos and his wife Nicole Avant, who raised Hollywood millions for the Obamas in 2008, and then became their ambassador to the Bahamas. Now Nicole Avant's back managing Obama's Hollywood money march. Many of Tinseltown's titans ponied up: Jeffrey Katzenberg, Harvey Weinstein, Haim Saban, and Steve Bing, among others. (Katzenberg's also given \$2 million to the Obama-affiliated super PAC called Priorities USA Action.)

California has the largest amount of "bundlers" who've raised gazillions for Team Obama. Bundlers collected at least \$35 million from their wealthy-people networks. That represents at least 40 percent of the \$86 million raised by the Obama campaign and the Democratic National Committee last quarter.

That list includes not only Katzenberg and Weinstein, but Vogue editor-in-chief Anna Wintour. ABC *Desperate Housewives* star Eva Longoria was in the second highest tier, bundling \$200,000 to \$500,000.

In her remarks in Beverly Hills, Mrs. Obama plucked the liberal heart strings by touting her husband's appointment of two 'brilliant' women to the Supreme Court to push social liberalism: 'We cannot forget the impact their decisions will have on our lives for decades to come — on our privacy and security, on whether we can speak freely, worship openly and, yes, love whomever we choose.'

That love-whomever-we-choose theme is a sop to another major Hollywood/New York constituency, the LGBT activists. Last summer, Michelle Obama appeared at another million-dollar California fundraiser at the luxurious Westwood mansion of her interior decorator Michael Smith and his partner James Costos, an executive at HBO. Ellen DeGeneres and her partner Portia De Rossi were there, as well as Drew Barrymore, Ryan Phillippe, and Vanessa Williams.

Every time Mrs. Obama goes to California for cash, she also makes TV appearances to boost the Obama image. On the latest trip, she was honored

by Jay Leno and by Ellen DeGeneres.

Don't think all these

favors aren't part of a deliberate attempt by the entertainment conglomerates to influence legislation designed to maximize their own profits. Their major initiative is the current 'Stop Online Piracy Act.' Unfortunately, their opposition is the tech sector in Silicon Valley to the north. Although the DNC received \$1 million more from the entertainment sector than from the tech sector in the first three quarters of 2011, Obama just declared he could not support this bill.

In between Michelle's Hollywood ATM withdrawals, President Obama landed in southern California late September for three events: one at the ritzy La Jolla home of Elizabeth and Mason Phelps; a gay event at the House of Blues in West Hollywood with ABC *Modern*

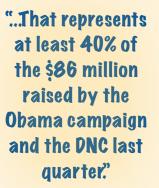
Family star Jesse Tyler Ferguson; and then a \$17,900-a-plate dinner with 100 top Hollywood bigwigs at Fig & Olive restaurant on Melrose Place, including Jack Black, Judd Apatow, Quincy Jones, Danny DeVito and Rhea Pearlman. This is Hollywood's One Percent.

Of course, for the last two weeks, we've been incessantly reminded that Obama sang two lines of Al Green's soul classic 'Let's Stay Together.' That was one of several Big Apple fundraisers for Obama at the Apollo Theatre.

In the same trip, Obama held a \$35,800-per-ticket fundraiser at the New York brownstone of director Spike Lee, who was infamous in Bush era for suggesting in a reckless conspiracy-theory HBO documentary that the federal government dynamited the levees to drown black people in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

Obama patronized Lee by claiming he and his wife went on a first date to see 'Do the Right Thing,' which ends with a race riot. That's a real hand-holding flick. Among the 45 guests were Mariah Carey and husband Nick Cannon.

Campaign Obama wants its candidate to be seen as the embodiment of the '99 Percent.' In truth, he is the personification of the exclusive and ultimate One Percent — the super rich and super famous. Our 'news' and entertainment media have their hands full trying to meld those conflicting themes into one convincing narrative.





MRC in the News

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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

CNN: Live, Jan. 26

EWTN: The World Over, Jan. 26

FBN: Your World W/Cavuto, Jan. 10, Feb. 17

FNC: Fox News Sunday, Jan. 29

Hannity, Media Mash, Jan. 20, Feb. 1,

9, 16, 23

News Watch, Jan. 7, Feb. 11 O'Reilly Factor, Feb. 7 On the Record, Feb. 9

Special Report, Jan. 26, Feb. 14

Radio

American Family Radio, Jan. 27, Feb. 15 Bob Dutko Show, Feb. 15, 17 Chuck Wilder Show, Feb. 9 FRC Radio, Feb. 16 Janet Mefferd Show, Jan. 9 Kevin Miller Show, Feb. 14 Lars Larson Show, Feb. 9 Mancow's Morning Madhouse, Feb. 16 Phil Valentine Show, Jan. 20, Feb. 15 Rusty Humphries Show, Feb. 15 USA Radio Network, Feb. 15 Washington Times Radio, Feb. 15 KABC, Los Angeles, CA, Jan. 19 KBRT, Los Angeles, CA, Jan. 24 KGAB, Cheyenne, WY, Jan. 24 KGO, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 19 KLPW, St. Louis, MO, Jan. 26 KPDQ, Portland, OR, Jan. 25 SiriusXM Patriot, Jan. 20 USA Radio Network, Jan. 24, 27 WBT, Charlotte, NC, Jan. 14 WCHE, Westchester, PA, Jan. 23 WCHS, Charleston, WV, Jan. 13, 24, Feb. 14 WIBC, Indianapolis, IN, Jan. 26, Feb. 16 WICH, Norwich, CT, Feb. 14 WJR, Detroit, MI, Jan. 17 WLBF, Montgomery, AL, Jan. 16 WMAL, Washington, D.C., Jan. 20, Feb. 17 WOR, New York, NY, Jan. 9, 24 WRTA, Altoona, PA, Jan. 18 WTKF, Greenville, NC, Jan. 27, Feb. 17 WTMJ, Milwaukee, WI, Jan. 27 WWBA, Tampa Bay, FL, Jan. 18

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Print

Associated Press, Jan. 27 Boston Globe, Jan. 21 Cal Thomas Syndicated Column, Jan. 12 Charlotte Observer, Jan. 19 Chattanooga Times-Free Press, Jan. 23 Creator's Syndicate, Jan. 23, 25, Feb. 2, 8 Investor's Business Daily, Jan. 31, Feb. 8 Miami Herald, Jan. 20 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Jan. 23 The Examiner, Feb. 9 Tulsa World, Jan. 5 Variety, Feb. 4 Village Voice, Jan. 23 Wall Street Journal, Jan. 28 Washington Post, Jan. 10 Washington Times, Jan. 20, 23, Feb. 17 ~ PARTIAL LISTING

Internet

Breitbart.com, Jan. 20 Christian Psot, Feb. 10 CNN.com, Feb. 13 ContactMusic.com, Jan. 27 Daily Caller, Feb. 1, 10, 15, 17 Drudge Report, Jan. 23, 24, Feb. 6, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22 Examiner.com, Jan. 8, Feb. 6 Florida Today, Jan. 25 FoxNation, Jan. 25, 26, Feb. 18, 19, 20 FoxNews.com, Jan. 4, Feb. 8, 14 GOPUSA, Feb. 1 Huffington Post, Feb. 1 IOL.com, Jan. 27 Life News, Feb. 6, 17 LifeSiteNews.com, Jan. 24 Mediabistro.com, Feb. 8 Mediate, Feb. 10 New York Times blog, Feb. 2 NewsMax.com, Jan. 24, 26, Feb. 17 OneNewsNow, Jan. 26, Feb. 8, 13 Orlando Sentinel blog, Jan. 21 PhillyBurbs.com, Jan. 23 Politico, Jan. 19, Feb. 3, 7 RadarOnline.com, Jan. 26 RushLimbaugh.com, Feb. 9 Townhall.com, Jan. 20 Yahoo! News, Feb. 14

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On Fox's *Hannity*, Feb. 9, MRC President Brent Bozell details how the liberal news networks ignored the Obamacare-mandateon-contraceptives story for nearly two weeks to protect President Obama and liberal policies.



On Fox's On the Record, host Greta Van Sustren and panelist Karl Rove discussed the Obamacare mandate on abortion drugs and how the story was broken, in large part, by the Media Research Center.



The MRC's "Don't Believe the Liberal Media!" sign was broadcast in coverage of the Conservative Political Action Conference by Fox's *The O'Reilly Factor*.



Remembering Mr. Allen

A generous supporter surprises the MRC in his will.

In October of 2004, Bill and Sharon Towery visited the Media Research Center (MRC) headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. Towery's uncle and MRC supporter, Eugene Allen, had recently died and the Towerys had requested a tour of our offices. During the course of our meeting, we got a big surprise. Bill and Sharon presented the MRC with a \$137,756 gift from Mr. Allen's estate. While we knew of Mr. Allen's philanthropy and his generous support of the MRC over the years, we never expected this. Mr. Allen's support of the MRC began in 1996 with a \$100 contribution. Each



Mr. Eugene Allen

year thereafter he generously contributed to our work, sometimes making several donations in one year. Mr. Allen continued to support the MRC until he passed away in 2002 with total lifetime gifts of over \$6,000. We are very grateful that Mr. Allen decided to include the Media Research Center in his will, and we pledge to uphold the ideals that inspired him to support the MRC in the first place.

ATTENTION INVESTORS

If you'd like to learn more about how to join Mr. Allen by supporting the MRC through a gift in your will, or if you'd like to learn about the other ways you can make a Planned Gift, please call MRC Planned Giving Manager James Nolan: 1-800-672-1423, ext. 125. He's looking forward to your call.

Minibits

■ MSNBC's Martin Bashir seriously — seriously! — reports that Republican Rick Santorum "sounds more like Stalin than Pope Innocent III" and

therefore may not have "one of the finest minds of the 13th century." ■ ABC's **Joy Behar** slobbers over Obama's SOTU speech: "'His speech was equivalent to Ronald Reagan's 'Morning in America' speech, which was a positive outlook on the world and I think that Republicans can embrace him



MSNBC's Martin Bashir being his objective self: "Gingrich lies repeatedly."

because of Ronald Reagan."

PBS's Bill Moyers smears the GOP: "'Now, the delusional fringe has come in from the margin and runs the [Republican] Party."

- MSNBC's Martin Bashir being his objective self: "Gingrich lies repeatedly."
- ABC's George Stephanopoulos tars Gingrich: "Do you think he's playing racial politics when he calls President Obama a food stamp President?"
- CNN's **Bob Franken** explains the GOP primary debates: "These seem to be appeals to the extreme white wing of the Republican Party. That is to say that there continues to be among many conservatives a real resentment against blacks." ABC's **Jon Karl** bemoans loss of Jon Huntsman in GOP race: "With Huntsman gone, the field of Republican candidates has lost the only

candidate who favored civil unions for gay couples and said he was concerned about climate change."

New York Magazine's John Heilemann finally admits what everyone knows: "No person with eyes in his head in 2008 could have failed to see the way that soft coverage helped to propel Obama first to the Democratic nomination and then into the White House."