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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The so-called “news” media have spent much of the past two decades demonizing the rhetoric of conservative radio talk show hosts as mean-spirited, divisive or a menace to civil discourse. But these same journalists – who gleefully castigate Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Mark Levin and other conservatives – are silent about the vile and vicious rhetoric that spews from the Left’s leading radio talk show hosts.

Since late 2007, the Media Research Center has collected numerous examples of the outrageousness of left-wing radio hosts. And, unlike the Left – which attempted to smear Rush Limbaugh with phony quotes – readers can find an audio or video of every one of these quotes posted at our Web site: www.MRC.org.

This report includes examples of over-the-top rhetoric from left-wing hosts Mike Malloy, Stephanie Miller, Randi Rhodes, Ron Reagan, Jr., Ed Schultz and Montel Williams, all of whom currently or at one time broadcast to a national audience on either the Air America network or via XM and/or Sirius satellite radio. Among the lowlights:

- **Conservatives Want to Kill Barack Obama:** “I really think there are conservative broadcasters in this country who would love to see Obama taken out.” (Ed Schultz)
- **Conservatives Are Terrorists:** “Do you not understand that the people you hold up as heroes bombed your goddamn country? Do you not understand that Glenn Beck and Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh and Bill O’Reilly are as complicit of the September 11, 2001 terror attack as any one of the dumbass 15 who came from Saudi Arabia?” (Mike Malloy)
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■ **Dick Cheney Should Die:** “He is an enemy of the country, in my opinion. Dick Cheney is an enemy of the country....Lord, take him to the Promised Land, will you? See, I don’t even wish the guy goes to Hell, I just want to get him the hell out of here.” (Ed Schultz)

■ **Rush Limbaugh Should Die:** “I’m waiting for the day when I pick up the newspaper or click on the Internet and find that he’s choked to death on his own throat fat, or a great big wad of saliva or something, whatever. Go away, Limbaugh, you make me sick.” (Mike Malloy)

■ **Michele Bachmann Should Die:** “So, Michele, slit your wrist! Go ahead! I mean, you know, why not? I mean, if you want to – or, you know, do us all a better thing. Move that knife up about two feet. I mean, start right at the collarbone.” (Montel Williams)

If the establishment media were really interested in cleansing the airwaves of hateful rhetoric, they would not confine their criticism to conservative hosts. Instead, they would – and they must – make an equal effort to expose the nastiness that runs rampant on left-wing talk radio. Unless and until they do, they are participating in an act of journalistic hypocrisy.

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When liberals are out of power, their slogan is: "Dissent is patriotic." But when liberals are in charge, they do not seem especially inhibited about discrediting and demonizing conservative critics, especially when conservatives are winning the battle of public opinion. With the Obama administration and big government liberals now facing potentially devastating midterm elections, conservative talk radio once again finds itself alongside the Tea Party at the top of liberals' 2010 hit list.

This is nothing new. For two decades, conservative radio hosts have been under assault from the establishment media as mean-spirited, divisive and a menace to civil discourse. After the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, Bryant Gumbel smarmily insinuated that conservative broadcasters were the real villains: "Never do most of the radio hosts encourage outright violence, but the extent to which their attitudes may embolden and encourage some extremists has clearly become an issue." Then-CBS anchor Dan Rather smeared: "You can turn on your radio in any city and still dial up hate talk: extremist, racist and violent rhetoric, from the hosts and those who call in."

A dozen years later, ex-NBC *Nightly News* anchor Tom Brokaw was still hammering away: "The problem with talk radio is they mock anyone else's point of view, and they do it often in a mindless fashion....We've lost the ability to have civil discourse in America, and it's a big cancer on our political system as well."

When conservative hosts say something that liberals want to paint as out of bounds — or when the Left falsifies quotes to impugn them — the news media seize the opportunity to stoke the fires of outrage. Journalists also have no problem heaping epithets on individual hosts. Sean Hannity is a "conservative junkyard dog," according to CBS's Morley Safer.

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Mark Levin is an “angry voice” speaking to “the wingnuts,” MSNBC’s Chris Matthews claimed. *Time*’s Joe Klein blasted both Hannity and Glenn Beck as “poisonous helium balloons” who peddle “hateful crap.” When radio host Bill Cunningham dared call then-presidential candidate Barack Hussein Obama by his full name in 2008, CNN’s Anderson Cooper branded it “sleazy campaigning” from “a two-bit radio host.”

The fiercest attacks have been aimed at the leader of the pack, Rush Limbaugh. CNN’s Jack Cafferty took to the airwaves to slam Limbaugh as “that corpulent Oxycontin aficionado of right-wing talk radio,” while MSNBC’s Matthews disparaged him as a “human vat of vitriol.” *New York Times* online columnist Judith Warner indicted the supposedly intemperate language of conservative hosts for the Holocaust museum shooting: “You can’t accuse Beck or Limbaugh of inciting violence. But they almost certainly do stoke the flames.” In October 2009, both CNN and MSNBC jumped to attack Limbaugh as a racist after the Left circulated a made-up quote of the host supposedly praising the merits of slavery.

The impression left by such “reporting” is that conservatives are befouling the nation’s airwaves while liberals seek only to enlighten. This spring, longtime CNN and MSNBC political commentator Bill Press (who now hosts his own morning radio show) detailed the critique of conservative radio in his book, *Toxic Talk: How the Radical Right Has Poisoned America’s Airwaves*. Press charged that conservative radio has “an extremely corrosive impact on our public discourse: engaging in personal attacks, spreading lies, fanning the flames of bigotry, and slamming the door on legitimate differences of opinion....The genie of right-wing talk, unleashed by Limbaugh and his compatriots, is destroying our democratic process.”

Instead of talk radio dominated by “ugly name-calling” from “today’s ministers of hate on the right,” Press suggested an uplifting liberal version: “I believe talk radio should inform, not inflame. I think it should entertain, not demean. I think it should elevate political discourse, not debase it.” The thought echoed Mario Cuomo, who attempted a radio show of his own after losing the New York governorship in 1994: “We [liberals] believe in subtlety. We believe in telling the whole truth. We don’t want to exaggerate. They [conservatives] write their message with crayons. We use fine-point quills.”

So liberal talk radio elevates discourse, using fine-point quills? The Media Research Center has recorded and tracked the radio shows of several top national liberals since late 2007. In that time, left-wing hosts have: wished for the death of top conservatives; called Republicans and conservatives “terrorists” responsible for the 9/11 attacks; and charged that conservatives want to kill President Obama.

Host Mike Malloy – a onetime CNN news writer and producer – has “joked” that conservatives feast on the blood of children, and wished for Rush Limbaugh to “choke to death on his own throat fat.” Ed Schultz called Dick Cheney “an enemy of the country” and hoped he would die: “Lord, take him to the Promised Land, will you?” Randi Rhodes accused Republicans of “acts of treason” and of wanting to “let people drown in hurricanes.” Montel Williams (whose program ceased in early 2010 with the bankruptcy of the Air America network) invited Republican Representative Michele Bachmann to slit her own throat: “Start right at the collarbone.”

Yet the “news” media that have gone out of their way to demonize conservative hosts have had virtually nothing to say about the vile and vicious rhetoric that spills forth from the Left’s leading radio talk show hosts. MSNBC even gave Ed Schultz his own program in 2009, bringing his extremist rhetoric to an even wider audience.

And liberals like Bill Press don’t seem at all bothered by the vitriol emanating from his side of the airwaves. In the acknowledgments of *Toxic Talk*, Press went out of his way to praise his liberal comrades: “There may not be many national progressive talk show hosts, but the few who do broadcast every day are world-class. I’m proud to be in the company of Ed Schultz, Stephanie Miller, Thom Hartmann, Randi Rhodes, Ron Reagan, and Mike Malloy – and I’m in awe of their strong voices on the air.”

It’s hypocritical for liberals like Press to attack conservatives for supposed poor behavior on the airwaves while applauding “progressive” hosts who act far worse. And it’s journalistic malpractice for news reporters to tout the virtues of civility on the airwaves and say nothing about the vicious rhetoric spewing from left-wing media.

What follows is a listing of some of the most outrageous quotes from radio hosts that the MRC has collected since late 2007. And, unlike the Left’s concocted smears against Rush Limbaugh, every single one of these quotes have been documented: Visit www.MRC.org to listen to an audio clip (or, in a few cases, a video clip) of each quote included in this report.

Conservatives Want Terrorists to Succeed

Host Joe Scarborough: “Do you agree with the CIA Director that it’s almost as if Dick Cheney hopes Americans die so he gains a political advantage?”

Ed Schultz: “Absolutely. Absolutely.”

Scarborough: “So you believe Dick Cheney wants Americans to die?...You believe the former Vice President wants Americans to die in a terrorist attack so he can gain a political advantage?”



Schultz: “You got it, Joe. You got it. I think Dick Cheney’s all about power. I think Dick Cheney is all about seeing this country go conservative on a hard right-wing and I think he’ll do anything to get it there....”

Mike Barnicle: “I certainly don’t believe that the former Vice President of the United States is sitting there in McLean, Virginia saying, ‘You know, I hope today’s the day.’ Do you believe that?”

Schultz: “I really do, Mike, I do. I really believe, because I think it’s all about the conservatives grabbing the power and keeping it. These folks hate. Just my opinion. I mean, I don’t want to offend anybody.”

– Exchange on MSNBC’s *Morning Joe*, June 16, 2009.

“Cheney is nothing but a selfish pig. And for him to do what he’s doing to the elected President of the United States goes ‘beyond the pale,’ to use one of his favorite sayings. It is official – Dick Cheney wants this country to get hit. He wants another terrorist attack for political gain. They want to bury liberals the same way they want to bury the terrorists. They want complete global control, is what they want. Control of oil, control of resources, control of the economy – the list goes on and on – the control of the school systems, everything! That’s what they want. And the only way that you can get any of that is if you have conflict. And since we’re not in a war, we have to set the table for a war.”

– Ed Schultz, *The Ed Schultz Show*, April 21, 2009.

Conservatives Actually Are Terrorists

“You crazy sons of bitches, you right-wingers. Do you not understand that the people you hold up as heroes bombed your goddamn country? Do you not understand that Glenn Beck and Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh and Bill O’Reilly are as complicit of the September 11, 2001 terror attack as any one of those dumbass 15 who came from Saudi Arabia? Don’t you get that?”

– Mike Malloy on *The Mike Malloy Show*, January 19, 2010.



“Republicans, whose – who have had straws stuffed up their noses by Rush Limbaugh and their brains sucked out, replaced by ‘Excellence in Broadcasting,’ don’t have a clue as to what is going on, because this is where they get their information....They [working class Americans] think they are Republican, and the Republican Party, a terrorist organization, loves that. Just like the jihadists love the fact that brain-dead uneducated Muslim boys in the Middle East are willing to give themselves over to suicide bombing. Why? Because there are 700 virgins – or is it 70? – waiting for you in paradise! Well, Republican voters are just the same, the same! Limbaugh and the Mannity [Sean Hannity] and the rest of these pigs get on the air and say to their brain-dead listeners, ‘Well, we have 70 virgins waiting for you – only it’s in the form of tax cuts!’...I say let the sons of bitches drown. Let them

drown! This is what they want! They are suicidal! Republicans are jihadists. They want to blow themselves up! They are a terrorist organization, the Republican Party. It needs to be killed before it does more damage to our country!”

– Mike Malloy, *The Mike Malloy Show*, February 13, 2009.

“They’re worse than useless. These are terrorists. These are domestic terrorists. They want the country to fail, for God’s sake. They want exactly what anyone who attacked this country on September 11, 2001 wanted. The real internal terrorists are the Republicans. I mean, isn’t that clear? Rush Limbaugh is a bigger threat to this country than Osama bin Laden. He’s a bigger threat than anybody that the CIA can invent. He’s a bigger threat than any terrorist that ever leveled its sights against the United States, Limbaugh is. So why isn’t he arrested and sentenced for treason?”

– Mike Malloy *The Mike Malloy Show*, on February 10, 2009.

Republicans Orchestrated Christmas Jet Bombing

“There are forces at work in this country – and I believe this as surely as I believe I put on my right shoe before I put on my left – there are forces alive in this country, who are very active in this country, very wealthy in this country, who want to see Obama fail no matter what, and the idea of killing two or three hundred people on board a jetliner in order to make the point is nothing. It means nothing. We kill that many in a week in our adventures around the world, in places where we’re bombing where we shouldn’t even be....My gut feeling is that this was deliberate. This was deliberately done in order to put the Obama administration in such a vise grip, that it’s impossible to get anything done. To raise so much fear. This is what Republicans do, this is what they do.”

– Mike Malloy on the January 4, 2010 *Mike Malloy Show*, talking about al-Qaeda’s attempted Christmas Day bombing of a passenger jet.

Tea Party: “The Sickest Movement I’ve Ever Seen”

“They just come town to town, and they stand there with their stupid signs screaming and yelling about corporations need to be protected. It’s the sickest movement I’ve ever seen in my life!”

– Randi Rhodes talking about the Tea Party on *The Randi Rhodes Show*, April 15, 2010.



Clarence Thomas = Supreme Court's "House Negro"

"The latest from the crazy people in the tea bag movement is a story about Virginia Thomas. She is the wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, and she's setting up a tea bagger nonprofit group. Now this will be interesting, because the tea baggers are essentially racist, and how are they're going to deal with a very dark Clarence Thomas and a very white Virginia Thomas setting up a subdivision of their crazed tea bagger party – how they're going to deal with that will be great fun to watch.

"Now Clarence Thomas has always, kind of, adopted the attitude of the House Negro, so perhaps he'll do it this time also. Clarence Thomas, in all the years he's been on the United States Supreme Court, I don't think has ever, ever written an opinion that became the rule of the Court; he has never been the lead author. He has – I don't think he's even spoken for the past six years. He just looks at fat Tony Scalia; and if Fat Tony farts, Uncle Clarence farts. If Fat Tony burps, Uncle Clarence burps. This is the guy that George Herbert Walker Bush said was the most qualified man in America to be on the Supreme Court."

– Mike Malloy on *The Mike Malloy Show*, March 15, 2010.

Criticism of ObamaCare = Incitement of Terrorism

"You rat bastards are going to cause another Murrah federal building explosion. You are. And then what is Beck – maybe at that point Beck will do the honorable thing and blow his brains out. Maybe at that point, Limbaugh will do the honorable thing and just gobble up enough Viagra that he becomes absolutely rigid and keels over dead. Maybe then O'Reilly will just drink a vat of that poison he spews out on America every night and choke to death! Because that's what's gonna to happen. That's what they are pushing these right-wing, nut case, fringe, militia jerk-wads to doing!"

– Mike Malloy on *The Mike Malloy Show*, March 26, 2010, complaining about conservative hosts criticism of the newly-passed health care law.

Conservatives Hope You Die

"If in fact the GOP doesn't like any form of, of health care reform, what do we do with those 40 to 60 million uninsured? So, from this point on, I'm telling ya, when they show up at the emergency room, just shoot 'em! Kill them! Drag them off and throw them in a – what are we doing? I saw that in Kenya. I see people dying in the Kibera slums, and every morning somebody goes through and just retrieves the bodies. Now, if we really say, 'We have nothing to do, we can't help those 40 million people,' do we have enough body bags? I don't know."

– Montel Williams on *Montel Across America*, July 21, 2009.



“The Republicans lie! They want to see you dead! They’d rather make money off your dead corpse! They kind of like it when that woman has cancer and they don’t have anything for her. That’s how the insurance companies make money: by denying the coverage. My God, Democrats! What’s wrong with you?! You can’t deal with these people! At all!”

– Ed Schultz on MSNBC’s *The Ed Show*, September 23, 2009.

Conservatives Incite Murder “For Sport”

“This is what they do. [Bill] O’Reilly inspires people to go kill doctors who provide private abortion services, legal services to his patients, and then O’Reilly stands there with that dung-eating look on his face – what a son of a bitch he is! – ‘Oh, it wasn’t me, blah, blah.’ Of course it was you, you thug! And then the suicide-prone Glenn Beck rails against Census workers, and inspires his people to go out and kill one for sport. And I will guarantee you that O’Reilly and Beck and the rest of these monsters on the neo-fascist right in this country love this stuff. It gives them something else to talk about. It’s sport.”

– Mike Malloy, *The Mike Malloy Show*, September 23, 2009.

“A security guard [at Washington, D.C.’s Holocaust Museum] tonight, Stephen T. Johns, is dead, because Rush Limbaugh and Neal Boortz and Sean Hannity and Matt Drudge and Michael Savage and all the rest, Glenn Beck, all the rest of these people pump daily, hourly, minute by minute, into public discourse: hatred, fear, contempt. They do it every day. They do it without letup; they are not self-censoring. It’s a constant deluge in this country, of this poison from these right-wingers. Poison.”

– Mike Malloy on *The Mike Malloy Show*, June 10, 2009.

Conservatives Want Endless Repeats of Oklahoma City Bombing

“Today, I think Glenn Beck and Rush Limbaugh want today to be declared, uh, a national holiday. I suggest it be called Beck Memorial Day. This is the kind of day 15 years ago when Beck was still working, uh, in a bath house as a towel boy. This is the kind of day that, 15 years ago that Beck, when he woke up and heard about the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building, he applauded. He clapped. He danced. He jumped around like a drop of water on a hot pancake griddle! He was just as happy as could be! This is what Beck and Limbaugh and the rest of these right wing freaks want to see happen again. And again. And again. Endlessly.”

– Mike Malloy talking about the 15th anniversary of the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building, *Mike Malloy Show*, April 19, 2010.

No More “Acts of Treason” or “Letting People Drown”

“[Snorts] I hope he [Sean Hannity] enjoyed his little rant, because he is going to have to make it every day for the next eight years. Every day for the next eight years, this is what he is gonna say on his radio show. Anybody who would try that hard to make you afraid – which is what they’ve been doing for eight years – has to be scared out of their mind that they are about to get their fingernails pried off the levers of power, that they are not going to be able to steal anymore, that they are not going to be able to commit acts of treason anymore. They are not going to be able to out CIA undercover operatives. They’re not going to be able to ignore terrorist warnings, or disappear people anymore. They’re not going to be able to let people drown in hurricanes anymore. They’re not going to be able to get their mitts on the Treasury, or hire cronies, or pack the Justice Department with Karl Rove protégés without Senate confirmation.”

– Randi Rhodes on *The Randi Rhodes Show*, October 29, 2008.

Conservatives Want to Kill Barack Obama

“Sometimes I think they want Obama to get shot. I do. I really think that there are conservative broadcasters in this country who would love to see Obama taken out. They fear socialism. They fear Marxism. They fear that the United States of America won’t be the United States of America anymore.”

– Ed Schultz, *The Ed Schultz Show*, August 11, 2009.

“Right Wing” Killed the Kennedy Brothers

“You know as well as I know that the death of Senator Ted Kennedy is the death of a man, absolutely, and everything he was to the people in his extended family, but we also understand it’s the death of an era. One of the remaining – if not the remaining – lynchpin of liberalism in this country is gone. And you know what the term ‘lynchpin’ means. So, with the death of Ted Kennedy last night, liberalism in this country has, has lost its champion, the person who, in the modern era, personified liberalism to a greater degree than anyone in Congress. I think his death heralds the beginning of a very, very, very dark period in this country. I remember feeling that way in 1963 and again in 1968, when his two brothers were murdered by the right wing in this country.”

– Mike Malloy, *The Mike Malloy Show*, August 26, 2009.

U.S. Government Killed Martin Luther King, Jr.

“The argument has been made that one of the reasons that the U.S. government assassinated Martin Luther King, Jr. was because of his speech at Riverside Church in New York — I think it was Riverside Church — where he came out fully against the war in southeast Asia and fully against the policies that were being perpetrated against the American people in general. He left his little safe niche of, ‘Oh, well, he’s the spokesman for the Negroes,’ and stepped outside that and started taking on greater issues, and so the United States government said, ‘Well, time to get rid of this guy.’”

— Mike Malloy, *The Mike Malloy Show*, January 14, 2008.

Blaming Fort Hood Murders on George W. Bush

“I think in his [Fort Hood shooter Nidal Hasan’s] particular case, it’s that he’s counseling these guys, hearing about the horrors of these wars that he’s now going to be sent into, you know. You add to it obviously the fact that he appeared to be — and again, we don’t have all the details yet — but appeared to be getting more radicalized, you know. But you know, and also add in that, look, George Bush made many people around the world feel like this was a war against Islam by using words like ‘crusade’ and all of that. So, and then you add to that the fact that he apparently was taunted for being Muslim because of the attitudes that had, that developed here. So — and that’s not to excuse him in any way. That’s what I keep hearing on the Right is, ‘Oh, you people on the Left are trying to excuse him. Oh, its politically correct,’ or whatever. No, nobody is saying that this is any kind of excuse at all. But, I mean, it’s just, I think you’ve got to get to the real reasons if you want to stop this from happening again.”

— Stephanie Miller on *The Stephanie Miller Show*, November 10, 2009.



Republican Congresswoman Would Have Enjoyed the Holocaust

“I sometimes wonder what people think in this country, when they send someone like, oh, for example, Michele Bachmann to Congress. She represents a district in Minnesota, she’s a Republican of course, and she’s a hatemonger. She’s the type of person that would have gladly rounded up the Jews in Germany and shipped them off to death camps. She’s the type of person who would have had no problem sending typhoid-smear blankets to Native American families awaiting deportation to reservations. She’s the type of person that I’m sure believes that the use of Agent Orange in Vietnam was good, and the use of depleted uranium in Iraq served a purpose. This is an evil bitch from Hell. I mean, just an absolute evil woman.”

— Mike Malloy, *The Mike Malloy Show*, October 17, 2008.

Dick Cheney Eats Babies

“[Former Vice President Dick] Cheney, by the way looks very ruddy; I couldn’t get over that, like, he must have feasted on a Jewish baby, or a Muslim baby. He must have sent his people out to get one and bring it back so he could drink its blood, because that’s, you know, that’s what somebody like Cheney does to get that ruddy look....The weird part – there were no dribbles of blood down his tux, but it was very clear that he had been eating the blood of either a Jewish or a Muslim baby; he wouldn’t eat a Christian baby. If he ate the blood of a Christian baby, I – there’s something in the old writings that said that instantly the trap door to Hell opens and you disappear into the smoke.”

– Mike Malloy, *The Mike Malloy Show*, October 22, 2009.



“Cheney has had five heart attacks, and history of heart trouble – well, I guess they’re one and the same. The cause of his latest health problem is not clear. I think I know. (long pause) He’s done too much cannibalism, drunk too many cups of blood! Cheney’s in the hospital. Ah, the first good news all day....I’m not going to feel anything but intense gratitude that this miserable bastard has finally stepped off this earthly coil! Really!...Cheney is a murderer. He’s a killer. He’s a torturer. He is evil personified! He is a walking mass of horror and when he’s gone, this planet will be cleaner!”

– Mike Malloy on *The Mike Malloy Show*, June 25, 2010.

Fred Barnes Eats Babies

“[The *Weekly Standard*’s] Fred Barnes – this guy is beyond crazy. I’m sure he eats children’s arms and legs for afternoon snacks. This guy is insane.”

– Mike Malloy, *The Mike Malloy Show*, January 30, 2008.

Wanting Fox Hosts Beaten With Baseball Bats

Host Ed Schultz: “Speaking of sports, [Fox News hosts Bill] O’Reilly, [Glenn] Beck and Geraldo [Rivera] go to a Yankees game this weekend and somehow they ended up in the front row. How in the heck did they ever manage that, Steph?”

Radio host Stephanie Miller: “Ah, Ed. You know if ever there was a time I wish the Yankees would bring back Bat Day, and give a bunch of drunken New Yorkers bats, that would have been the day.”

– Exchange on MSNBC’s *The Ed Show*, July 23, 2010.

Conservative Republicans = Mass Suicide Cult

Announcer: “The following is a paid advertisement from Republicans for Mitt Romney, or mass suicide. If John McCain is the Republican Presidential nominee, it will destroy the Republican Party. We’re Romney supporters and we know. Because, if you vote for John McCain, we’re going to go on a killing rampage. Hey, better dead than moderate.”

Republican Character Voice: “Look, I for one don’t want to die in a hail of gunfire from crazed Mitt Romney supporters, but it’s better than nominating a man who opposed the Bush tax cuts. Hell, John McCain spent years in a North Vietnamese prison. A prison! That doesn’t make him a hero. That makes him an ex-con.”

Announcer: “Exactly, and um, you know what men do in prison. You see, if John McCain is President, he’ll make sodomy mandatory. Now, Mitt Romney, well, he believes all sex should be outlawed.”

Second Republican Character: “As a true Republican, I’m prepared to poison my own children if John McCain is the nominee, but I do wish there was another way.”

Announcer: “There is. If Mitt Romney is the nominee, he’ll give everyone a free new car, made by people in Michigan, with company-paid health care and pensions just like 1955. If John McCain is the nominee, well, we are going to kill everybody, then turn the guns on ourselves. So choose wisely this election day. This has been a paid ad from Republicans for Mitt Romney, or [sound of gun being cocked] mass suicide.”

– Parody commercial aired on Air America’s *Randi Rhodes Show*, February 5, 2008.

“Pig” Limbaugh Would Like It If All Children Starved

“If Limbaugh had his way, hungry kids would remain hungry kids, period. They can starve to death. Limbaugh is a filthy, disgusting personification of predatory capitalism at its worst. He’s just a filthy beast. I don’t understand how this woman who married him, how does she get in bed with this slob? I mean, how do you do that? How does she sit across a dinner table from him? Uhhh – never mind!...Can you believe that this society produced a filthy human being like that? A society that has in its element, corporate America that determines this pig – this pig is worth \$50 million a year. That’s 1 million a week! This filthy dehumanized pig is worth that? I get him when the lights are out, he’s mine, there’s no question about that! None!”

– Mike Malloy on *The Mike Malloy Show*, June 17, 2010.

Rush Limbaugh, Wife Beater?

“I’m guessing that the White House advisor on domestic violence will never say that beating your wife is OK, which may be a disappointment to Rush Limbaugh. And you wonder why this guy can’t stay married...”

– Ron Reagan, Jr. on *The Ron Reagan Show*, June 29, 2009.



Rush Limbaugh Serves Satan

“That Rush Limbaugh, that guy, I have to say – there’s another fat bastard that I opened up the door for, huh? It really, it really makes me mad because, um, he, he goes and – like, I opened up the channel for fat funny guys, I really did, that were blue collar and populist or whatever. He took the blue collar and, like, totally went the wrong way with it. So, he is taking my mojo and, like, using it for satanic forces, and I just don’t like it when people are working for Satan instead of God. I don’t like that.”



– Roseanne Barr guest hosting Air America’s *American Afternoon*, May 1, 2008.

Rush Limbaugh = Hitler

Host Ed Schultz: “It’s kind of like the way Rush brought it to CPAC over the weekend, about how, you know, how interesting he was.”

Clip of Rush Limbaugh at CPAC, accompanied by audio of Adolf Hitler and cheering Nazis: “I want Barack Obama to fail if his mission is to restructure and reform this country so that capitalism and individual liberty are not its foundation. Why would I want that to succeed?” ...

Schultz: “Now if you watch Limbaugh with the sound down, the drugster, he looks like Adolf Hitler! His animation is amazing! It’s, the parallel is so striking. And then, of course, Rush is now the angry American. The angry American. And that’s where they are. They are so out of touch, just like Hitler was out of touch. But he was mesmerizing. So, I think it was comical. I think there are parallels drawn by some of the things Hitler was saying and some of the things that were at the CPAC convention. They are not Americans. They don’t care about the greater good of society.”

– Ed Schultz, *The Ed Schultz Show*, March 2, 2009.

Dick Cheney Is a Nazi

“You know, I listen to this monster, and all I see is underneath his suit, I see the SS uniform. And if he were to open up his collar, there would be the death’s head.”

– Mike Malloy referring to Dick Cheney on the January 7, 2009 *Mike Malloy Show*.

Let’s Hang Matt Drudge with a Republican’s Intestines

“Drudge? Aw, Drudge, somebody ought to wrap a strong Republican entrail around his neck and hoist him up about six feet in the air and watch him bounce.”

– Mike Malloy on *The Mike Malloy Show*, December 19, 2007.

Republicans: A “Nest of Rats” that Must Be “Murdered”

“Republicans are evil sons-of-bitches. The Republican Party needs to be murdered. It needs to – it’s like if you had a nest of rats in your house, or a hornets nest under the eaves at your barn or your house, and you knew they were going to do harm to you, your family, your kid – if you live on the farm, your livestock, whatever. What would you do? Of course – you’d get an exterminator and you would murder the nest and get rid of it. Just get rid of it. This is what America needs right now; they need to have the Republican Party eliminated, totally, completely. It is destructive, it is negative, it is sick. [laughs] A mercy killing is what’s needed here.”

– Mike Malloy, *The Mike Malloy Show*, February 4, 2009.

“For the people who give a damn about what I say about the Republican Party being murdered, of course it needs to be murdered. It needs to be ended. It is a force for destruction in this country unlike anything that’s ever been domestic. It really is. The commies, the spies sent by the Germans, the freaks, even [Rush] Limbaugh – the head of the Republican Party – is not as damaging as these Republican officeholders....The Republican Party needs to be executed. Rush Limbaugh needs to choke to death on his own fat....The Republican Party needs to be beheaded. It needs to be taken out on some dark moonless night in the middle of a corn field and decapitated.”

– Mike Malloy, *The Mike Malloy Show*, February 18, 2009.

Wishing Conservatives Would Die

“He is an enemy of the country, in my opinion, Dick Cheney is, he is an enemy of the country. He’s making it harder for those who are in power right now to protect the country. He’s about the political divide. It just, I just think the guy’s such a freakin’ loser. You know, Lord, take him to the Promised Land, will you? See, I don’t even wish the guy goes to Hell, I just want to get him the hell out of here.”

– Ed Schultz, *The Ed Schultz Show*, May 11, 2009.



“So, Michele, slit your wrist! Go ahead! [chuckles] I mean, you know, why not? I mean, if you want to – or, you know, do us all a better thing. Move that knife up about two feet. I mean, start right at the collarbone.”

– Montel Williams talking about Representative Michele Bachmann on Air America’s *Montel Across America*, September 2, 2009.

“I have a good news to report: Glenn Beck appears ever closer to suicide. I’m hoping that he does it on camera. Suicide is rampant in his family, and given his alcoholism and his tendencies towards self-destruction, I am only hoping that when Glenn Beck does put a

gun to his head and pulls the trigger, that it's on television, because somebody will capture it on YouTube and it will be the most popular little piece of video for months."

– Mike Malloy, *The Mike Malloy Show*, August 4, 2009.

Hoping Rush Limbaugh Dies

"I've spent way too much time in the past 20 years paying attention to what this slobbery bastard had to say. I told [my wife] Kathy the other day, I just – I've never said this before, but I hope I'm alive when this, when this guy dies. I really do. He is so morbidly overweight. He smokes. He eats his Viagra and goes down to the Dominican Republic to bugger little boys. I just hope that I'm around when he croaks. I don't know why, but I do."

– Mike Malloy talking about Rush Limbaugh on the January 23, 2009 *Mike Malloy Show*.

"Some horrifyingly intense America-hater like Rush Limbaugh, who appears to be morphing into, seriously, he is morphing into Jabba the Hutt – I've seen some recent video, this guy is enormous, he just keeps bloating up. It's, it's just – I hope he keeps going, because that means he will soon croak. You know, like I've said, he will eventually choke to death on his own throat fat."

– Mike Malloy on *The Mike Malloy Show*, on January 28, 2009.

"The Limbaugh story – I got my hopes up, I really did....What's the matter, Rush – a little too much Viagra? Those 14-year olds really wear you down, won't they? Oh, my God, what a joke that was! If Limbaugh would have died, I would have demanded to see the death certificate because, after all, it is Hawaii....I'm waiting for the day when I pick it up, pick up a newspaper or click on the Internet and find out he's choked to death on his own throat fat or a great big wad of saliva or something, you know, whatever. Go away, Rush, you make me sick!"

– Mike Malloy on the January 4, 2010 *Mike Malloy Show*, talking about Rush Limbaugh going to the hospital after suffering chest pains.

We Should "Rip Out" and "Kick Around" Cheney's Heart

"You're damn right, Dick Cheney's heart's a political football. We ought to rip it out and kick it around and stuff it back in him. I'm glad he didn't tip over....How come Dick Cheney's health care isn't being dropped? Do you realize that if you had five heart attacks – hell, you wouldn't get past two heart attacks and they'd dump you. But, because you're a war criminal, and because you are on the take from Haliburton and you had these executive meetings in 2001 back in the, you know, the days of the rolling blackouts and executive privilege on how we're going to develop energy policy in this country, you do stuff like that – hell, you can get the best health care on the face of the earth."

– Ed Schultz on *The Ed Schultz Show*, February 24, 2010.

Better to Cheat than Let Republican “Bastards” Win

“I, I, I tell you what. If I lived in Massachusetts, I’d try to vote 10 times. I don’t know if they’d let me or not, but I’d try to. Yeah, that’s right. I’d cheat to keep these bastards out. I would. ‘Cause that’s exactly what they are.”

– Ed Schultz, *The Ed Schultz Show*, January 15, 2010.

Time to Shove GOP “Bastards Right Into the Dirthole!”

“To hell with the Republicans! They’re anti-American! They’re psycho talkers! They don’t care!...Harry [Reid], you are ball-less! You won’t do the nuke option for the American people and shove the Republicans into the ditch! Shove those bastards right into the dirthole! This is about power! It’s about winning!”

– Ed Schultz on *The Ed Schultz Show*, July 14, 2010.

What Passes for Humor on Lib Radio

“He’s a fat conservative butthead/Sick Republican sleazeball/Fearmongering scumbag/Egotistical asswipe/Mean-spirited, hog-wallowing, fat conservative putz/With the face of a horse’s ass/Mega dildos, Rush!”

– From a *Randi Rhodes Show* parody song attacking Rush Limbaugh, May 18, 2010.

Sarah Palin: A Threat to Teenage Boys

“That’s who she is. She’s friends with all the teenage boys. You have to say no when your kids go, ‘Can we sleep over the Palin’s?’ No!, No!”

– Randi Rhodes talking about Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin, September 12, 2008 *Randi Rhodes Show*.

Hoping Sarah Palin Goes Insane

“Now, you don’t believe, gentle listener, that these Free Republic, Limbaugh, Drudge Report suck-heads are not completely mad? They’re completely insane? And you know who is the perfect personification of this madness, is their new darling, Sarah Palin....I can look at Sarah Palin and look at her eyes and see a total collapse of anything that even resembles reality. This is a woman who is absorbing more and more and more of her own life force, if you know what I mean by that. She is eating herself alive. She honestly is starting to believe what the brain-dead teabaggers and birthers and, and – ‘Obama’s health care plan is to murder old people’ – what – the adulation and the praise and the

cheering that they heap on this crazy psychopath, when she makes a public speech. And I'm hoping, I'm praying, while I — I don't pray — while I hope that Rush Limbaugh will choke to death on his own throat fat, I also hope that Sarah Palin will drive herself completely, completely into madness, and I think the possibility truly exists."

— Mike Malloy, *The Mike Malloy Show*, July 28, 2009.

Going After Democrats Who Stand In Obama's Way

"Geraldine Ferraro turned out to be the David Duke in drag. Who knew? She's like, 'Why am I the bad guy here? I just don't want an anti-Semite racist in the White House.' Like Nixon, or Ronald Reagan, or Dick Cheney — who moved to Wyoming so he would never have to see a black guy or a Jew ever, and still run for Vice President of the United States. I mean, it's like, unbelievable to me. I can't believe it — what a whore Geraldine Ferraro is. She's such a f***ing whore. [loud cheers] ...

"Hillary is a big f***ing whore, too, okay. [applause]...She is a big f***ing whore, and do you know why she's a big f***ing whore? Because her deal is always, 'Read the fine print, asshole.' You know, like, 'I said I'd pull you, but I didn't say I'd f*** you,' you know. She's like, 'The super delegates,' — no, never mind, the super — 'The pledged delegates aren't legally obligated to do anything.' Oh, f*** you. You know? Just f*** you! They aren't legally bound to do anything, she said. And if that doesn't work, you know she's going all Lieberman on you, right? [more cheers]"

— Then-Air America host Randi Rhodes, in a March 22, 2008 appearance sponsored by the network's San Francisco affiliate KKGN, video of which was posted on YouTube on April 4, 2008. Rhodes was suspended, and later left the network; her show was subsequently syndicated by Nova M radio. [WARNING: Video contains uncensored obscenities.]

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