

days gone by had proclaimed their love of freedom, but they, like the universities, were silenced in a few short weeks. Only the Catholic Church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign toward suppressing truth. I never had any special interest in the Catholic Church before, but now I feel a great affection and admiration because the Church alone has had the courage and persistence to stand for intellectual truths and moral freedom. I am forced thus to confess, that which I once despised I now praise unreservedly." (Time Magazine, 1940, December 23, p. 40)

### **Give Me a "B" for Bigotry**

I would strongly suggest the "B" that is pivotal in CBS, NBC, and ABC stands for bias and bigotry. 60 Minutes, on this past Easter Sunday, ended with Andy Rooney's anti-Catholic diatribe filled with lies, half truths and innuendoes. Where does Andy get off thinking that defamation of character and detraction are American? And where does CBS think that Mr. Rooney's tirade in any way enhanced the news of an Easter evening? Shame, shame, shame. On Easter Sunday evening, no less. Is there anything left that the media considers sacred? Obviously not.

### **Good News or Bad News?**

During the past several years, journeying as I do as a public speaker, I have asked thousands in my audiences this question: "If you were to discuss and talk about the headlines of your local newspapers on a daily basis, would you become an ambassador of good news or of bad news?" Universally, people have answered "bad news." Why must this be so? Why can we not look to the media to accentuate the positive in the American Dream? God; country; religion; morality; life; liberty; the pursuit of happiness? The media is destroying everything our flag stands for, in a way far worse than the foreign terrorists. The most rotten of apples have worms inside. Tolstoy says that nineteen of the twenty-one civilizations that have fallen have been corrupted from within.

### **The Media is Destroying the American Dream**

You, the media, are destroying the American Dream, for all Americans regardless of race or religion *can*

walk hand in hand and embrace one another in love. Yes we are all sinners, that is our common heritage. No one sins more against the American Dream and children than the media. Which group will you target next? What Hitler did to the Jews, and what our forefathers did to our black brothers and sisters, you are now doing to millions of loyal American Catholics and tens of thousands of fine and even holy priests. Will you target mothers since some of them kill their children and are unfaithful to their vows? Will you target doctors, since some of them go along with the killing of innocent children which belies the very fundamental oath of their profession? Will you target lawyers and judges who have systemically done away with each one of the Ten Commandments? Will you target Evangelicals since they so strongly oppose your world view? Or will it be Rabbi's, or ministers? I would suggest, no one! No one! Bigotry and bias are un-American, they destroy the American Dream. If that is too high an ideal, to attack no one group, then I would suggest cleaning up your own act of anything that would promote moral abuse our children. One finger pointing to any group allows three to be pointed against yourself. It was someone far wiser than any of you who said "Judge not, and you will not be judged." Wake up! You are destroying everything our flag stands for. You are un- American, almost to the core. If you do not wake up, the American Dream has ended. You have killed it.

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# **What Has the Media Done to Our Flag?**

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As Bernie Goldberg points out in his national best-seller "Bias" the Media is destroying the highest ideals of this Nation under God, this people that holds these truths to be self evident, that all men and women are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. First and foremost the right to life, then freedom, and the pursuit of happiness. With their anti-Christian, anti-God, Anti-Catholic, and anti-life bigotry, they are coming against this land that was founded upon the laws of nature and the laws of nature's God. (The Bible) For over 150 years this nation was pro-God, pro-Church, pro-synagogue, pro-family and pro-life. Pornography, abortion, bigotry, public obscenity, sodomy, immoral movies, and child abuse were outlawed. The Bible and the New England Primer were official textbooks in every American public school. The first 106 colleges of this country were all Christian and the most precedented quote in American law was "the laws and institutions of this nation must necessarily be based upon and embody the life and teachings of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise."

### **Civil War**

Bigotry raised its ugly head in the middle of the last century when many Americans were discovered to be racist and that our Negro American brothers and sisters were not entitled to the same rights and privileges as we were because of the ill-fated Dredd Scott decision. And we met on a great battlefield, testing whether this nation or any nation founded upon the principles that all men and women were created equal regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background? Because of Abe Lincoln, thank God, we won that war. And now African Americans are considered well into the very fabric of our land. Michael Jordan, Shaq O'Neill, Reggie Jackson, Willie Mays, Hank Aaron, Andrew Young, are now household words that call for great

respect, as are the names of Martin Luther King, Jr., and Rosa Parks.

### **Land of the Free and Home of the Brave**

This is the land of the free and the home of the brave, where Lady Liberty still beacons, "send me your homeless and your poor from your teaming shores" This is the land where Italians, French, Irish, Greeks, Japanese have equal opportunities for the pursuit of the American Dream where men and women are not judged on the basis of the color of their skin, their religion or their ethnic origin. This is the land where religion and morality have formed the very basis of our high ideals.

### **Twin Towers of America**

George Washington said in his farewell discourse that religion and morality are the twin towers of America and anyone who would attack these could not possibly consider themselves as loyal Americans.

### **September 11th**

Then came September 11th, and terrorist tried to attack the American Dream and our citizens rose up to defend the highest ideals of our land, equality, liberty, religion and morality. We saw, once again, a nation at prayer, joining hands and singing "God Bless America" and waving our flag. But there is another terrorist attack from within grooming. The attack of the leftist bigots who are offended by such a display of religious fervor. Bernie Goldberg warned us it was here and it was strong. The ACLU, NOW, and the media in general, could not stomach a nation once again at prayer with Catholics, Protestants, Jews, and other religions joining hands.

### **The 99 Condemned for the 1**

When it was disclosed that about 1% of American men were pedophiles, including doctors, lawyers, ministers, priests, and rabbis, - fathers, grandfathers, brothers, and sons, the American Press released its bigotry in a primarily although not exclusively anti-Catholic tirade. The issue was not child abuse, for nowhere in America is there as much child abuse as there is in the media. Promiscuity, pornography, even child pornography, sodomy, profanity, vulgarity, and

abortion flood our media and the minds and hearts of our young people because of it. Howard Sterns, Jerry Springer, Madonna, are all darlings of our pagan airwaves. The media leads the way in endorsing the worst kind of abuse. To date, 100,000,000 abortions largely due to the increased promiscuity promoted in books, movies and television. Unfortunately, the media is the primary educator of the present of the American soul. Babies and children are killed, abused, prostituted and vulgarized on the altars of our American press by the thousands daily.

### **Stemming the Tide**

The main forces stemming the tide of such anti-American paganism have been conservative Evangelicals, Catholics and Jews. As John Leo stated in his excellent article "With Bias Toward All" (US News and World March 18, 2002) "There is a total connection between regular Americans who understand the news is being packaged by leftist irreligionists who consider anyone who doesn't agree with them 'a right-winged nut.'" Do they attack themselves? Oh no.

That would be honest and show a lack of bigotry and hypocrisy.

### **A Broad Negative Bigoted Brush**

Who are they attacking at the present with a broad and negative brush? The answer is all too obvious: the Catholic Church. What hypocrisy. As Bishop Wilton Gregory, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said "I'm very heartened by the professionals who work with both victims and abusers, who encourage us in this work because, they tell us, there is not another institution in the United States that is doing more to understand and address the horror of sexual abuse of minors" and that is true.

### **An Unsurpassed Record**

Any fair-minded person should realize that the Catholic Church teaches a no-tolerance policy on abortion, pornography, artificial contraception, promiscuity, self-abuse, incest, sodomy, and even deliberately consented to impure thoughts. On the positive side, the Church promotes the Gospel of Life, a Legion of Decency, and a Catholic School system that promotes virginity and purity. The

Catholic Church holds up for everyone the Mother of God as our Model of Purity, along with many Saints such as St. Cecilia and St. Maria Goretti, who both died to maintain their virginity. The Church always advocates prayer, frequent confession, modesty in dress and the practice of mortification and penance. In all of history, no institution has done more to promote purity, as any-fair minded person will readily admit. The real reason is, of course, that the Church is the Mystical Body of Jesus, who works in and through His members to bring His Gospel to bear on a world in darkness.

### **Guidelines for Every Diocese**

Every Catholic Diocese has long since set in place guidelines for handling pedophiles to the extent there are today virtually no known pedophiles in the ranks of our priesthood. No other American institution can claim anything near that; no hospital, no medical profession, no court room, no news room, no newspaper, no business. The truth of the matter is that in every other institution there are no guidelines to protect children from pedophiles. The media for example, from one end of this country across to the other, has done little or nothing to weed pedophiles from their ranks and they certainly have done nothing to weed from their ranks those who would destroy innocent babies in the womb. As far as cover-up, most of the media not only covers up sins against children, but often times blatantly endorses them.

### **Catholic Church Strongly Defended our Jewish Brothers and Sisters**

When Hitler wanted to attack the Jews, he got the media to go along with him by printing that Jewish merchants were greedy money lenders and the like. Only the Catholic Church stood strong. This is what Albert Einstein said to Time Magazine in their December 23, 1940 Edition:

"Being a lover of freedom, when the revolution came to Germany, I looked to the universities to defend it, knowing that they had always boasted of their devotion to the cause of truth; but no, the universities were immediately silenced. Then I looked to the great editors of the newspapers whose flaming editorials in