

## SEMINAR - October 3 - Brent Bozell

Former SIRC President Melissa Emery is on the national Board of the Media Research Center (MRC), an effective watchdog on America's very left leaning mainstream media. She asked MRC's founder and inspirational leader Brent Bozell to speak on Skidaway Island about the challenges ahead to win back our country from its left leaning tilt in the past decade or so. He started with a perspective on how society has exponentially evolved in how it learns about political truths and world knowledge. Ignorance was rather widespread until the invention of the printing press in 1437. In 1890 the radio was invented and brought more update information to the masses. TV began in the 1930s to enlighten and entertain even more. But it was not until the internet invention in 1973 that the public's thirst for more immediate stories began to take off, and began the decline of newspapers as the major influence of public opinion.

### **Dominance of Social Media**

Then in 2007 began the biggest influence of all with the emergence of the all-powerful social media. Many are based in California, and today three of them have nearly a trillion dollars in spare cash which could allow them to become even more powerful by having the ability to buy almost anything to increase their power and crush the competition. Facebook has nearly three billion followers worldwide, and Twitter gets some 140,000 hits every second. And 92% of all worldwide searches go through Google.

Barack Obama revolutionized presidential politics by mobilizing his progressive followers on the internet, and even Trump stumped the traditional pundits by amassing millions of followers through his controversial tweets.

The left wing social media giants were also surprised and aghast by Trump's 2016 victory and made sure to prevent his winning again in 2020. How did they do it? Two ways: by controlling what the average viewer did get to download as info but more importantly censoring out what they did not want the public to see.

### **Censoring By Social Media Swung the 2020 Election**

MRC did extensive interviews in seven swing states. Shockingly 45% of Biden voters were not at all familiar with Joe Biden's controversial son Hunter Biden, When they later found out about the incriminating content of his newly discovered laptop computer, implying his father lied about not knowing of the son's political graft, 9% said they would not have voted for Joe Biden had they known! That in itself would have given the election to Trump with 311 electoral votes. they are nowhere close to supporting the progressive point of view.

### **A Better-Informed Public Is More Conservative**

MRC research also showed that on most major issues, when the public is better informed, Out of 40 key issues facing voters in the future, interviews showed that the conservative position on 12 issues is supported by over 80% of Americans, while another 13 issues yielded over 70% support.

Yet with the stranglehold the progressive social media kings have on dispensing information, the conservative candidates have an uphill battle in elections. That plus the biased regular mainstream media, universities and Hollywood make for a lot of obstacles to overcome.

Other hurdles include outright Marxist groups like Black Lives Matter trying to transform America fundamentally. Another revolution is taking place in classrooms where Critical Race Theory is trying to indoctrinate young people to think America is basically and irredeemably racist.

### **Explaining the Trump Derangement Syndrome**

A glimpse of Trump's plans for his second term revealed an astonishingly bold play, which second termers usually attempt. Whereas others focus on personal legacies during their second terms, Trump was focused on fundamentally changing America by destroying the Deep State.

(Editor's note: no wonder key agencies were weaponized to oust Trump or never let him run again. Vast ways of life would end for not only government employees, but entities that have gotten fat from the wasteful status quo. Even a first term true conservative like Ron DeSantis wouldn't dare be as bold, but a lame duck Donald Trump was viewed as willing to risk enough to radically change a lot of embedded inefficiencies.)

### **Question and Answer Session**

Q1. What's your view of the FBI being politicized? A1. Is there any doubt when FBI agents actively tried to trap a Trump appointee into making incriminating statements? FBI agents even in the middle of the campaign were weaponized to try to prevent a Trump election, They also admitted to planning some sort of "insurance policy" to prevent him from taking office if God forbid he did get elected. A sad day, as the FBI used to be the world's most respected law enforcement agency.

Q2. What's your view of Dinesh D'Souza's *2000 Mules*? A2. Not conclusively compelling of certain election fraud, but worth debating in a public forum. But in today's mainstream media dominance, that will never happen, Q3. Why does social media get a pass on liability for false stories, when news media and TV have been sued successfully.

A3. The specific exemption rated them not as publishers, but merely a platform via Section 230 in a 1996 federal law to protect new internet startup enterprises. It may still

be a good idea to protect future start-ups lest the giants use liability suits to crush emerging competitors.



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