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The Trump Effect on the Media

By Roger Aronoff

Whatever one thinks of Donald Trump, he has clearly struck a chord with Americans on several fronts: contempt for the media, the belief that America is far too often a chump when it comes to international dealings (whether trade or national security), and, of course, issues related to illegal immigration. He was even recently defended—sort of—by the liberal MSNBC pundit, Chris Matthews. Matthews appears to be somewhat moved by Trump's recently released immigration agenda, questioning whether this candidate is a "true phenomenon."

"Of the people who care about illegal immigration, who don't refer to it euphemistically as 'undocumented workers' or something like that, who really don't like illegal immigration, this guy seems to be scoring," said Matthews on his August 18 "Hardball" show, turning then to Salon editor-at-large Joan Walsh.

"But you know, I mean, that proposal would create essentially a police state to round up and move out 11 million undocumented immigrants and possibly their American-born children," said Walsh, who is usually on the same page as Matthews. "So it's not really—"

Matthews repeatedly cut her off, and demanded to know, specifically, "What is there out there that would actually stop illegal immigration besides [Trump] talking about it?"

Americans are, quite frankly, sick and tired of the crimes being committed by illegal aliens, and then finding out that, for example, an individual who had been deported five times, and convicted of felonies seven times—was then released back onto the streets until he committed a brutal, senseless crime. In that case, Francisco Sanchez murdered Kate Steinle in San Francisco. The mainstream media consider it acceptable to look the other way and not report on festering criminal illegal alien behavior such as murder and assault. However, insisting that people who came here illegally, created a false identity for themselves, or overstayed a visa, should now be able to stay here and be given a pathway to citizenship is considered good progressive policy and highly compassionate.

"If immigrants are principally defined by their missing papers, their path to legal status becomes far more tenable," writes Emily Bazelon for The New York Times Magazine on August 18.



"Imagine if we started calling all immigrants 'dreamers,' which is how many of us think of our own ancestors."

"And 'illegals' implies a permanent caste, as if there is no possibility of becoming anything else—even if millions of immigrants in the course of American history have shown otherwise."

Of course, members of the mainstream media imply that if Congress would only pass comprehensive immigration reform, granting immediate amnesty followed by a pathway to citizenship, then these issues would resolve themselves.

Since President Obama refuses to enforce the existing laws, it seems far-fetched to consider it credible that he would properly enforce any new laws Congress might pass. Stephen Dinan reported for The Washington Times in April that "both arrests and deportations of criminal aliens are down about 30 percent through the first six months of fiscal year 2015."

Clearly, the Obama administration is failing if it intends to enforce immigration law—or even selectively enforce parts of it.

"And guess what? The Democrats want the votes," said Matthews on his show. "And that's the secret of this whole thing, and that's why a guy like Trump, who may well be a demagogue, is at least saying something that people can hear." He added that, in his view, Republicans and the editorial page of The Wall Street Journal want amnesty as a steady source of cheap labor.

"...sources inside the Department of Homeland Security say a new program is urging them to become citizens in time to vote in the 2016 election," reported Fox News this April. "Of the 20 states with the highest green card population, 14 are holding Senate races in 2016, so millions of new voters could dramati-

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Accuracy in Media's Cliff Kincaid recently covered a press conference at the **National Press Club** at which **James O'Keefe** of **Project Veritas** released new video allegedly showing that foreign nationals were being helped by top staffers in **Hillary Clinton's** presidential campaign to make a donation, in violation of federal election laws.

Kincaid noted how most of the media didn't take the story seriously, citing the low dollar volume involved. But nonetheless, it was still a violation of the law, and **O'Keefe** promised more video to come. **O'Keefe** has used this sort of technique on ACORN, NPR and others.

Betsy Rothstein, formerly of **The Hill** and **FishbowIDC**, and now with **The Daily Caller**, was among those mocking the story. She cited a question asked at the conference asked by **Kincaid**: "Soon an obviously right-leaning reporter with a tripod piped up and lobbed a softball. 'Why aren't the liberal media exposing what you are?'"

She wrote that she approached **Kincaid** and asked what publication he worked for. She said that he got a little "unnecessarily defensive" and asked her, "What publication do YOU work for?" She said she told him and he appeared to relax, telling her that he works for **AIM**.

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Editor's Message



Dear Fellow Media Watchdogs:

Our national news media are actually quite transparent, but not on purpose, when it comes to revealing their agenda, which is largely about protecting and advancing the agenda of the Democrats and the far-left. But they pretend like they are fair and balanced, and that their only bias is the desire to tell good stories, regardless of who is made to look bad.

We have been reminded of this by the coverage of three recent stories in the news. One is the issue of illegal immigration. But to the media, it's about "immigration." Forget the word illegal. The issue has been brought to the fore by Donald Trump in his run for the Republican nomination. But he is accused of being anti-immigration, or anti-immigrant, and of having said that all Mexicans coming across the border are rapists. He did not say that. The issue is about people who illegally cross into this country, or overstay their visas, with the intention of getting fake identification, and then using it to get a job, or get government benefits. While many of them are fine people just looking to improve their lives, it's not about immigration per se. It's about controlling our borders and the rule of law. But what's driving the issue are the criminal illegal aliens. Thanks to Judicial Watch, we have learned that last year alone, under President Obama, about 30,000 criminal illegal aliens were released into the general population, bringing the total released back on our streets during Obama's time in office to over 195,000.

Second is the issue that arose out of Curt Schilling's re-tweet of a graphic that said that only 5 to 10 percent of Muslims are extremists, and that it was said back in 1940 that only 7 percent of Germans at the time were Nazis. "How'd that go?," was the question that got Schilling, a former all-star major league baseball player who was providing analysis of the Little League World Series on ESPN, suspended from the network for his comments. So what's the problem? The headline in USA Today said, "Curt Schilling compares Muslims to Nazis..." But it was clear that he was talking about the radical Muslims who would engage in or support terrorism, not all Muslims. He was referring to that percentage which might consider taking part in beheadings, or blow people up because they are Christians, or Jews, or from a different Muslim sect. But political correctness in the media does not allow him to state the obvious.

And finally, we had the murder of two WDBJ7-TV employees, a reporter and cameraman in the Roanoke, Virginia area. In this case it was a crime committed by a black, gay man—and former male prostitute—who claimed to have been pushed to the brink by the treatment he received at the hands of his co-workers at a couple of TV stations, and pushed over the line by the brutal murders in Charleston, SC of nine blacks by Dylann Roof. When Roof committed his heinous act of violence and brutality, it was clearly a racist act. Why wasn't this act by Vester called a racist act and a hate crime? After all, he did call for starting a race war. We have a very corrupt media. •

For Accuracy in Media

Roger Aronoff

Your Letters

To the Editor:

I have tried desperately to disparage Donald Trump as a Charlatan, but no matter how hard I try, I can't. I am now on board all the way. You see, I am old or at least getting that way. I am a big proponent of my Grandchildren. Our Governments have done nothing but destroy any chance of a future for quite sometime.

John C.

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cally impact the election.”

Former President Bill Clinton recently claimed that net “in-migration” to the U.S. from Mexico is now neutral. However, the Center for Immigration Studies determined that Mexican immigration has actually “increased by 740,000 from 2014 to 2015—accounting for 44 percent of the increase in the total immigrant population in the last year.”

But the question of whether the illegal immigrants residing in, and flowing to, America are Mexican citizens or originate from other countries may be a clever distraction from the real discussion: illegal immigration’s negative impacts.

“More non-Mexicans than Mexicans were apprehended at U.S. borders in 2014, the first time on record this has happened,” the Pew Research Center reported in July. More specifically, the Mexican unaccompanied alien children (UAC) and families apprehended by the Border Patrol made up less than one quarter of those apprehended along the Southwest border, according to the Border Patrol’s fiscal year 2015 numbers.

“The Obama administration last year initially blamed bad economies and growing gang violence...for sparking the surge, but later acknowledged that human traffickers were marketing the journey by pointing out a loophole in [the] U.S. immigration system that requires non-Mexican children to be released into the U.S. while they await final immigration decisions,” reported Dinan for The Washington Times in April. “That gives them a chance to abscond and disappear into the shadows with the more than 11 million other illegal immigrants in the country.”

Many people believe the number is

much higher—perhaps more like 30 million—and the former Mexican Ambassador to the U.S. inadvertently referred to “the 30 million undocumented immigrants in the United States” on MSNBC’s “Andrea Mitchell Reports” before “correcting” himself, saying the number was 11.3 million.

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The media are content instead to play election year politics. The New York Times made space on its August 19 front page to cover how Trump’s immigration agenda may cost the Republican Party the 2016 presidential election. We know how concerned the Times must be about that possibility.

“For many readers of ‘First Thoughts’ know all too well, there’s no path to the White House for the GOP if their nominee can’t at least come close to 35% of the Hispanic vote,” wrote MSNBC’s Chuck Todd and Mark Murray on August 19. “And ending birthright citizenship could easily turn into the wedge issue NEXT fall, a la Todd Akin.” More concern for the fate of the GOP.

Trump’s immigration plan says it would “End birthright citizenship.”

The argument that anchor babies shouldn’t become U.S. citizens may be controversial, but it is by no means a “white supremacist” perspective, nor does it, as MSNBC reports, “question the legality of the Constitution.” The Heritage Foundation’s Matthew Spalding explained in 2010

for U.S. News & World Report that in 1898 “the Supreme Court expanded the constitutional mandate, holding that the children of legal, permanent residents were automatically citizens.”

“While the decision could be (and is often) read more broadly, the court has never held that the clause confers automatic citizenship on the children of temporary visitors, much less of illegal residents,” argued Spalding. Trump told CNN that changing this wouldn’t require amending the Constitution, but that it could be done through legal challenges.

Trump’s utter contempt for the media has also struck a chord with Americans. He doesn’t hesitate to call their questions, or them, for that matter, “dumb” or “stupid,” and he doesn’t bow to political correctness. He is not only forcing the other candidates to respond to him, and take positions that they wouldn’t have had to take otherwise—he is also forcing the mainstream media to confront issues that reporters would rather not cover at all.

It’s a long road ahead until the first votes are cast at the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary in early February, and from there a short hop to Super Tuesday on March 1st, when 12 states will choose their delegates to the summer conventions. At that point the dust may settle a bit, and we should have a much better idea of who is likely to prevail—or at least who the finalists are likely to be—in each of the major political parties. Until then, it’s anyone’s guess. •

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Iran Nuclear Side Deals Expose Additional Flaws

By Roger Aronoff

More Democrats are falling in line to support the Iranian nuclear deal, despite recent revelations further exposing the farcical nature of the inspections regime on which it depends. And according to The New York Times, nearly everyone they talk about in this article who either is or might be opposing the deal is doing so because of their loyalty to Israel, or because they come from a state where “anti-Obama sentiments” are “feverish.” It’s never based on the merits. That’s only the people who

support the deal, the article implies, and those who are voting with Obama. They are supposedly the principled ones, voting out of “optimism” or based on the merits of the deal. This line of attack is right out of the Obama playbook, blaming Israel and the Jews for opposition to Obama’s foreign policy legacy, which is truly a disaster in the making.

We recently pointed out many of the inherent problems in this deal, and listed many of the reasons it should be defeated in Congress. Even though, according to this AP article, “A congressional vote of

disapproval would not prevent Obama from acting on his own to start putting the accord in place. While he probably would take some heavy criticism, this course would let him add the foreign policy breakthrough to his second-term list of accomplishments.”

This new push for Democratic endorsements for the deal comes at a time when the details of one of the International Atomic Energy Agency’s (IAEA) secret deals with Iran have gone public, and it becomes all the more apparent that Iran is not going to be held accountable for its

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past nuclear activities. It makes it all the more unlikely that Iran will face tough scrutiny from the international community, or the IAEA, under the framework's proposed inspections regime.

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IAEA director general Yukiya "Amano" was in Washington recently to brief members of Congress and others about the recently inked nuclear accord," reported Adam Kredo for The Washington Free Beacon on August 18. "However, he did not discuss the nature of side deals with Iran that the United States is not permitted to know about."

"Iran apparently threatened Amano in a letter meant to ensure he did not reveal specific information about the nature of nuclear inspections going forward, according to Iranian AEOI [Iran's Atomic Energy Organization] spokesman Behrouz Kamalvandi," reports Kredo.

Notably, many media outlets—including The New York Times and Washington Post—have not covered this threat against Amano. The Fox News and Associated

Press articles covering the Parchin side deal do not mention Iran's threatening letter.

Instead, the AP's George Jahn gives the false impression that he broke news regarding the Parchin side deal with his August 19 article. Jahn labeled this a "revelation" that has "newly riled Republican lawmakers." What was new was that the AP had actually seen the draft agreement, and reported based on that.

In reality, however, Senators James Risch (R-ID) and Bob Menendez (D-NJ) had both confronted administration officials about the IAEA's secret deals with Iran in July during a Senate hearing.

"Parchin was designed and operated as an explosive testing place where they designed a detonation trigger for a nuclear weapon," said Senator Risch during that July 23 hearing. "What you guys agreed to was, we can't even take samples there. IAEA can't take samples there. They're going to be able to test by themselves. ... How in the world can you have a nation like Iran doing their own testing?"

Senator Menendez later asked Secretary of State John Kerry whether this was true, and was told by the Secretary that he could neither confirm nor deny that assertion. It would be better to be fully briefed in a classified setting, Kerry said. But, "The IAEA has said that they are satisfied that they will be able to do this in a way that does not compromise their needs and that adequately gets the answers that they need," Kerry asserted.

The Times dismissed this issue in its August 20 article, focusing instead on President Obama's pro-deal letter to Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY). Nadler endorsed the deal the next day.

Republicans have "pounced" on this

news of inadequate enforcement, but "that issue involved a longstanding effort by the IAEA to complete a report on past Iranian efforts to develop a nuclear weapon, an important part of the international effort to pressure Iran," argues Jonathan Weisman near the end of his article in the Times.

"It has little to do with verification of the nuclear accord between Iran and the United States, Britain, Germany, France, Russia and China," he writes. "That verification regime is laid out in the actual nuclear accord and does not rely on Iran's self-monitoring."

If this side deal has little to do with the accord, then why list it within the framework in the first place? The deal requires Iran to work with the IAEA on "outstanding issues" as part of listed "transparency and confidence building measures."

Iran, therefore, is under considerable pressure to appear to now be cooperating with the IAEA.

The Washington Examiner argues in an editorial that "Such an arrangement would give the Iranian regime effective control of the process, making inspections of this site a farce. If this is so, then the Obama administration has agreed to give Iran massive sanctions relief, amounting to \$140 billion, in exchange for little more than promises that cannot be verified independently."

Instead of increasing transparency, Iran has resorted to attempting to coerce its own inspectors. Rather than ignoring or downplaying this nation's continued stonewalling, the mainstream media might want to reconsider their blind support for this flawed, unworkable deal. •

Bernie's Billionaires

By Cliff Kincaid

Socialist Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) is running against some—but not all—billionaires. At a recent campaign appearance in South Carolina, he singled out the Koch brothers as "greedy." But Roger Morgan, the author of a book on hedge fund operator and billionaire George Soros, wonders how greedy Soros has been, and whether the media will bother to take a look. He notes that the hedge fund operator's net worth rose from about \$9 billion before President Obama took office to over \$24 billion today.

How did this happen? Was he just a good investor? Did he have inside information? Was he the beneficiary of crony capitalism? Why don't the investigative reporters get busy on this story?

We have searched in vain for anything in the public record suggesting that socialist Sanders is concerned in the least about how Soros has made his money. While the Koch brothers make products that are useful to people, Soros manipulated and exchanged currencies to make his initial fortune. He was convicted of insider trading in France. His currency manipulations

against the Bank of England, which damaged the Pound and hurt the investments of ordinary people, earned him \$1 billion.

These maneuvers would seem to make him a more attractive target for a socialist like Sanders. Yet, Sanders is silent on Soros. Why?

The answer, quite simply, is that Soros has poured a lot of his money into socialist causes. One of the biggest causes into which Soros has poured millions of dollars is the legalization of dangerous drugs.

Publicly, Sanders supports decriminalization and "medical" marijuana. But

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Chelsea G. Summers of the New Republic discovered a 1972 Sanders letter to a local newspaper, in which he said he supported abolishing “all laws dealing with abortion, drugs, sexual behavior (adultery, homosexuality, etc.)” as part of his campaign for the governorship of Vermont.

Does this mean the legalization of LSD, heroin and cocaine?

In addition to the marijuana legalization movement, Soros money has financed the “Occupy” movement and various other Marxist-oriented groups such as Critical Resistance, founded by long-time communist Angela Davis. Her goal is to empty the prisons because, she argues, they are filled with victims of capitalism.

Soros isn't the only billionaire financing groups or causes that Sanders believes in. Others include billionaire environmentalist Tom Steyer, billionaire gay activist Tim Gill, and billionaire anti-Second Amendment advocate Michael Bloomberg.

But Sanders only wants to talk about the billionaires who support conservatives or Republicans.

When Sanders appeared on NBC's “Meet the Press” on September 14, 2014, host Chuck Todd tried to not let Sanders get away with his charges against the Koch brothers without having to answer for the left-wing billionaires behind socialist causes and the Democratic Party. The issue at the time was the Supreme Court decision called Citizens United that allowed corporations, labor unions and others to exercise First Amendment rights of free speech and political advocacy in elections.

Sanders said, “The Koch brothers and the other billionaires are going to spend hundreds of millions of dollars. That is not a way you bring about change. We've got to mobilize the American people.” Todd responded, “Let me ask you on that billionaire front: Is there such thing as a—If a billionaire agrees with you on issues are you okay with them participating in the process? Or do you think this entire process, whether it's Tom Steyer or Michael Bloomberg or the Koch brothers?”

Sanders tried to evade the question, saying, “Chuck, I think Citizens United will go down in history as one of the worst Supreme Court decisions ever. I think it is opening up the road to oligarchy in the United States of America, where the billionaires, like the Koch brothers...”

This somewhat confusing exchange then ensued:



Todd: Left or right?

Sanders: Left or right, but it's mostly right. Let's be clear about it. It's not fair to give...

Todd: This year it's, yeah, they have, they're...

Sanders: And it will always be.

Todd: ...spending more money.

Sanders: It will always be. Look: The Koch brothers are going to spend four-hundred million dollars. Do you know what their agenda is? Do you know what they believe in? Let me tell you what they believe in. This is what they told us. They want to end Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid. More tax breaks for the rich and large corporations. Nobody in America wants that except the billionaire class. And yet they are now able to put hundreds of millions of dollars into the political process. This is a real danger to American democracy.

Todd let Sanders get away with far too many wild charges in that exchange. First of all, the charge about the “billionaire class” wanting to completely end all social welfare programs is a gross exaggeration. Some of these programs clearly have to be modified before they go broke. According to the bipartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, Social Security last year paid \$73 billion more in benefits than it raised from taxes. Sanders should be pressed on his irresponsible failure to support measures to reform the system to make sure those who paid into it get their benefits.

What's more, it's not the case that so-called right-wing billionaires are more active than those on the left. In 2014, PolitiFact, a group that purports to review political claims for factual accuracy, reviewed a list of 22 billionaires active in politics and found that 13—or more than half—gave predominantly to liberal groups or groups affiliated with the Democratic Party. The other nine gave predominantly to conservative groups.

According to Sanders, the Koch broth-

ers are hoping to spend \$400 million in this election cycle. Contrast that figure with the fact that, over the last 32 years, according to their own estimate, the Soros-funded Open Society Foundations had expenditures of almost \$12 billion. In 2014, the Open Society Foundations said they had expenditures of \$827 million.

These figures are not, of course, considered direct spending in elections or on behalf of candidates. But these funds support organizations that engage in political activities that may have even more of an impact than the money that goes directly into issue advocacy or the indirect and direct funding of campaigns. For example, over the 32-year period, the Soros Foundations concede they spent \$1.5 billion “to promote reform in the United States on issues such as criminal justice, drugs, palliative care, education, immigration, equal rights, and democratic governance.”

All of these are loaded terms that involve substantial sums of money for left-wing political activities. The term “criminal justice” means getting people out of prison. The word “immigration” means more legal immigrants and illegal aliens in the U.S. The word “drugs” means making dangerous mind-altering substances more available to the public. And on and on it goes.

One of those terms, “palliative care,” is worth additional review and comment, especially because the Republicans have failed to stop Obamacare, and it is continuing to take root and unfold. Ione Whitlock of LifeTree, Inc., a pro-life group, has called “palliative care” a form of “imposed death” to be used on old people whose lives are said to be too costly for the health care system to maintain. LifeTree has documented Soros support for what Whitlock calls the “Big Death” lobby, implemented under the Obamacare legislation.

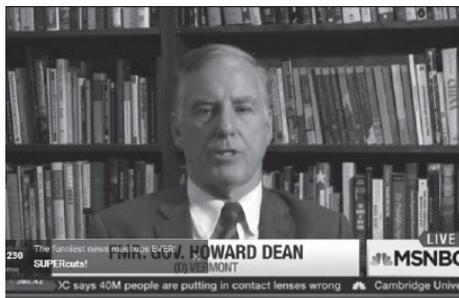
Since Bernie Sanders seems to be so concerned about the elderly losing their Social Security benefits, perhaps he ought to take a look at what the Soros-funded “Big Death” lobby is up to. The aim seems to be to get the elderly out of the way so they don't collect benefits.

Sanders can't possibly defend that, can he?•

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Howard Dean: Hillary Email Scandal Manufactured by GOP and “Bored” Press

By Don Irvine



Appearing on NBC’s Meet the Press, former DNC chairman Howard Dean defended Hillary Clinton’s handling of her email scandal, saying, in essence, that this is a manufactured scandal:

Todd: The evolving answers here, at the end of the day, can you say that Hillary Clinton has handled this well?

Dean: I actually don’t think the answers are evolving. I think they’re steady as she goes. Look, this is, in fact, manufactured partly by a press that’s bored and partly by the Republicans. Here’s the deal. She did not break any rules, she did not break any policy, she may have sent stuff that was classified that wasn’t labeled classified, and it is well known that the State Department and others are trying to get stuff classified after the fact. She can’t be blamed for this. So I look at this as the usual press frenzy, the pack journalism, and I think it’ll go away, because there’s no sense to it.

Neither the GOP nor the press had to manufacture anything. Clinton’s email scandal is of her own making, thanks to her unprecedented decision to use a private email server located at her home in New York, thereby bypassing the official government system. That, combined with her initial refusal to turn over the server, then wiping it clean, plus the discovery of potentially classified emails on her private email system, have combined to cast doubt on her honesty and trustworthiness, all on their own. No help was needed from the GOP or the “bored” press.

Dean may not think Hillary has been evolving with her answers about the scandal, but Chuck Todd thinks otherwise as evidenced in this video. •

James Carville Dismisses Hillary Email Scandal: “Stupid Media People Making Stuff Up”

By Don Irvine

Longtime Clinton adviser James Carville went on the offensive against attacks on Hillary, telling MSNBC’s *Andrea Mitchell Reports* guest host Luke Russert on Wednesday that the federal investigation into Clinton’s private email server “won’t amount to a hill of beans,” and that it’s really just “stupid media people making stuff up.”

The latter comment was in reference to a column on Tuesday by *The Washington Post*’s Chris Cillizza who said that there is a “full-scale Democratic freakout” over



Clinton’s falling poll numbers and her handling of her private email server.

Carville said that all Cillizza did was “quote a guy who talked to a guy.” In an effort to discredit Cillizza, a fellow liberal, Carville said that there apparently isn’t anyone editing the *Post* these days:

Russert: You don’t think that there’s a... Okay, there’s no full-scale Democratic freak out. Why is there a rise in the polls of Bernie Sanders, why do you now have her under 50 percent amongst Democrats for the first time, and why does she have the lowest approval rating since 2001 in March?

Carville: Let me ask you a question, why is she beating every Republican in favorability ratio than any Republican running for president and the Democrats are freaking out? I mean, look, polls go up and down. This is foolishness. I’m having to come out of my vacation to deal with this kind of stupidity that these people are putting out. And Hillary is going to be just fine. Just fine.

Russert: If this is just the media doing this, then why is the FBI investigating, why is there a congressional, why is that?

Carville: If you’ve read the Jeffrey Toobin piece in the *New Yorker*, it says basically this, there is almost zero chance that she did anything that was wrong. And this goes on and on, it’s never going to stop, you know, these people, ‘why is Paul Begala and Jim Carville defending her? Why can’t we just attack her like we want to?’ And I understand that, I’ve been dealing with this for 23 years now.

Russert then asked Carville if he was concerned about seeing the words FBI, Clinton and criminal investigation next to each other in headlines, and if this was in his opinion a part of the vast right-wing conspiracy?

“No, it’s not going to amount to a hill of beans, just like all of the other stuff that I’ve been through. A bunch of people that are talking to each other, spinning themselves over a pile of garbage...” Carville said. “It’s mostly just stupid media people talking to other stupid media people making stuff up, and spinning themselves up on something that’s not going to amount to a hill of beans.”

At least that’s what Carville and many other Democrats hope. But every day the scandal grows, while Hillary remains in denial and tries to joke about it, blaming conservatives and the media for being the only ones asking her about it.

The threat to her candidacy is real enough that Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY) said that it could “upend her campaign” if she “intentionally misled or lied to the American people” and knowingly sent classified information through her private email server.

The clock is ticking, and Hillary knows it. •

What You Can Do

Please send the enclosed postcards to:

- Joe Scarborough of MSNBC to acknowledge his recent admission about his network;
- Rachel Maddow for her lack of self-awareness in criticizing Fox News, peddling conspiracy theories, and ignoring the bias of her own network;
- Mr. Jorge Ramos of Univision for his attacks on Donald Trump, and his claim to be practicing journalism in the finest tradition.