While much of the media are doing contortions trying to explain why the latest terrorist attacks are either home grown, lone wolf, or committed by alienated youth, this misses the point. And yes, we realize that most victims of Islamic jihadists are other Muslims. Just look at the massacre in Pakistan late last year of 141 individuals, including children and teachers. Or the one in January by Boko Haram in Nigeria that may have led to the death of at least 2,000.

The Islamic terrorists who attacked the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo in Paris, France on January 7th, brutally murdering 12 people, were killed by authorities today. The situation is still fluid, but reports indicate that at least 15 hostages are now free, and one more terrorist may be on the loose following two hostage situations that ensued during the hunt for the terrorists. One might think that Paris—and France—might be able to breathe a sigh of relief. In reality, however, the attack on Charlie Hebdo and the two ensuing hostage situations were merely a continuation of the latest line of Islam-inspired terror attacks worldwide, be it on the Canadian Parliament; in Sydney, Australia; in Pakistan; of two cops in New York City; or in Moore, Oklahoma.

The problem is not who these attackers are, or whether they are a card-carrying member of al Qaeda, Boko Haram, or the Islamic State—but that they are conducting such atrocious acts. One might think that Paris—and France—might be able to breathe a sigh of relief. In reality, however, the attack on Charlie Hebdo and the two ensuing hostage situations were merely a continuation of the latest line of Islam-inspired terror attacks worldwide, be it on the Canadian Parliament; in Sydney, Australia; in Pakistan; of two cops in New York City; or in Moore, Oklahoma.

The Washington Post reported that Boko Haram may have executed thousands. “A video recently emerged, Genocide Watch reported, that shows gunmen shooting civilians as they lay face down in a dormitory,” reports Terrence McCoy. “A local leader explains they are ‘infidels,’ even though he admits they’re Muslim: ‘We have made sure the floor of this hall is turned red with blood, and this is how it is going to be in all future attacks and arrests of infidels. From now on, killing, slaughtering, destruction and bombings will be our religious duty anywhere we invade.’”

McCoy notes that Boko Haram’s attacks seem more “wanton” than those perpetrated by other terror groups.

These attacks are coming at us at such a pace today that any sort of long term solutions, such as being more responsible and not insulting Islam or the prophet Muhammad, seem futile. Do we really think anyone at the school in Pakistan or in Baga, Nigeria had slandered the prophet?

“The Religion of Peace” website has documented the Islam-motivated terrorist attacks of 2014.

The Washington Post reported on January 7 that the “Paris attack lacked hallmarks of Islamist assaults in West,” highlighting the possibility that this was an unofficial attack with “without any direct ties to groups such as al-Qaeda or the Islamic State.”

The next day, The New York Times reported that one of two attackers “suspected of killing 12 people at a satirical newspaper in Paris traveled to Yemen in 2011 and received terrorist training from Al Qaeda’s affiliate there before returning to France.”

However the media decide to parse the latest Paris attacks, these Islamic jihadis clearly have been drinking from the same toxic stream of violent ideology.

As happened with the Moore, Oklahoma beheading by Alton

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Jerome Corsi, Senior Staff Reporter for WorldNetDaily, is the first journalist to attempt to understand the 2012 Benghazi, Libya attacks through the eyes of the members of the Citizens’ Commission on Benghazi (CCB). These members bring a vast array of knowledge, experience and contacts to the Commission.

Corsi is writing a series of articles about the events surrounding the terrorist attacks on the U.S. Special Mission Compound and nearby CIA Annex on September 11 and 12, 2012, that resulted in the deaths of four Americans, including Ambassador to Libya Chris Stevens.

Accuracy in Media established the CCB in 2013. ‘[Paul] Vallely explained that the Citizens’ Commission on Benghazi was formed ‘after we saw all the stumbling and deception that was going on’ with the initial round of Benghazi hearings held by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee in January 2013,’ writes Corsi.

Corsi interviewed 11 of the 17 members of the Commission, and as his articles make clear, the members were speaking for themselves, not for the Commission, during their interviews. As of this writing, WND has published 4 such articles.

Editor’s Message

Dear Fellow Media Watchdogs:

The state of the union is crumbling, and mendacious. Thanks to our corrupt, left-wing, Obama-protecting media, our nation is in serious jeopardy. Rereading my review and analysis of President Obama’s State of the Union address from last year, I was struck by the amazing similarity to this year’s. The themes were largely the same. But this time, there were 83 fewer Democrats in Congress, and Republican majorities in both Houses of Congress—facts which went without note.

The statistics that allow President Obama to argue that our economy is doing so well are a cherry-picked illusion. Yes, the unemployment rate is down, and some 11 million new jobs have been created. But the rate is down because so many people have dropped out of the labor market, and so many of the jobs that have been created are part-time, and very short term. I have relatives who worked part time as census workers in 2010, during the last U.S. census. They would work for a few weeks at a time, then be off for a couple months, and then get hired again. By our government’s accounting, each time they started up again counted as one of those 11 million jobs created.

Obama patted himself on the back for our low gas prices, and argued that our biggest threat is global warming, or as they now call it, climate change. Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK) turned the tables on a Democratic effort to try to embarrass Republicans by making them vote on a bill that stated that climate change wasn’t occurring. Inhofe urged his members to vote yes, saying that of course the climate is changing, by any measure. The hoax, he argued, is the belief that we can somehow tweak the global temperature to bring it in line with what the warmists believe it should be.

Most disturbing were Obama’s lies about how “we’ve halted the progress of the nuclear program” in Iran and “reduced its stockpile of nuclear material.” He then threatened to veto any sanctions bill “that threatens to undo this progress.” Even The Washington Post gave this three Pinocchios, meaning “Significant factual error and/or obvious contradictions.” President Obama’s claims about Iran, his apparent belief that a deal can be struck with Iran that would be verifiable, and that they would honor, is preposterous. And his claim that ISIS is in retreat in Iraq and Syria, and that we are somehow being successful in that war, is equally absurd. The good news is that even a number of Democrats, like New Jersey Senator Robert Menendez, are in open revolt against Obama’s obviously false representations. We can only hope that a Republican Congress can limit the damage this man can do in his remaining two years in office.

I have often been critical of Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-OH), over Benghazi and other matters in which he seems to give at least tacit support to President Obama’s agenda. But his invitation to Israeli Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu to speak before Congress on Iran and Islamic jihadi terrorism in March has boosted him in my eyes. It is clearly meant as an eloquent rebuttal to Obama’s SOTU address.

For Accuracy in Media

Roger Aronoff

Your Letters

To the Editor:

You are absolutely correct and there are many of us who see EXACTLY what Obama is doing and have from his first term. However, he has corrupted the system in such a way as to avoid ever being called out or prosecuted for his breaking of laws and destruction of our Constitution.

Jane W.
Hebdo offices spared the life of a woman  
One guest on MSNBC’s Now with Alex Wagner compared Jerry Falwell’s lawsuit against Hustler Magazine to the violent murder of 12 innocent people at Charlie Hebdo, without any rebuttal coming from Wagner. Jonah Goldberg of National Review condemned this as the “The Dumbest 57 Seconds Ever on TV.”

I would also point to MSNBC’s Melissa Harris-Perry’s characterization of Nolen’s beheading of a co-worker as supposedly having as little to do with his alleged “workplace violence” as what he ate for breakfast. The FBI, apparently, swallowed the idea that Nolen’s attack was workplace violence, as well.

And recently, after the Charlie Hebdo attacks, Howard Dean went on MSNBC’s Morning Joe to condemn the attacks, but asserted, “I stopped calling these people Muslim terrorists. They’re about as Muslim as I am. I mean, they have no respect for anybody else’s life, that’s not what the Koran says. Europe has an enormous radical problem. I think ISIS is a cult. Not an Islamic cult. I think it’s a cult.”

“When I watch Americans use words like cowardly, barbaric, murder, outrageous, shocking, etc., to describe a violent extremist organization’s actions, we are playing right into the enemy’s hands,” said Maj. Gen. Michael K. Nagata, U.S. commander of American Special Operations forces in the Middle East, in December regarding ISIS, according to The New York Times. “They want us to become emotional. They revel in being called murderers when the words are coming from an apostate.”

The Daily Caller cited an example of The New York Times removing a section from a previously posted article that told of how one of the terrorists at the Charlie Hebdo offices spared the life of a woman who was there during the attack:

“Instead, she told French news media, the man said, ‘I’m not going to kill you because you’re a woman, we don’t kill women, but you must convert to Islam, read the Quran and cover yourself.’ she recalled.”

Later on in the day, the Times removed “but you must convert to Islam, read the Quran and cover yourself.” This is the type of political correctness that is commonplace in the media. It is not a matter of cowardice, fearful of being attacked like Charlie Hebdo was, but rather an ideological, editorial decision to attempt to minimize the link to Islam.

As I asked in my recent column on the underreported and misreported stories of 2014, “What does it take to spark media outrage? … What is it going to take to end this ongoing slaughter by jihadists, acting in the name of Islam?”

In 2011, when Charlie Hebdo was firebombed for “an edition poking fun at Islam,” according to the UK Telegraph, Time Magazine’s Bruce Crumley blamed the publication for the violence perpetrated against it, writing, “Not only are such Islamophobic antics [as publishing cartoons] futile and childish…but they also openly beg for the very violent responses from extremists their authors claim to proudly defy in the name of common good. What common good is served by creating more division and anger, and by tempting belligerent reaction?”

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By such a measure the media should censor itself from publishing or disseminating the inflammatory Charlie Hebdo materials in any outlet at all. And if The Washington Post is any indication, that’s exactly what it did: it used a photograph that cleverly hides the Charlie Hebdo cover from view while featuring a copy of the publication amidst other magazines.

Ironically, the call to combat terror came before the attacks and not necessarily from the media, but from Egypt’s President Abdel Fattah al Sisi. He made a speech that hopefully will prove to be a turning point, but don’t count on it. In his New Year’s Day speech, he urged the Imams to lead a “religious revolution” against extremism. But he has a huge battle on his own turf, as he gained power after millions of Egyptians called for the removal of Mohamad Morsy, the Muslim Brotherhood leader who had been elected president of Egypt after the removal of Hosni Mubarak. This is but a small step forward.

As President Al Sisi said, “I say and repeat again that we are in need of a religious revolution. You, imams, are responsible before Allah. The entire world, I say it again, the entire world is waiting for your next move … because this umma is being torn, it is being destroyed, it is being lost—and it is being lost by our own hands.”

Why must such bold words come from Egypt’s president, and not our own, and other Western leaders, or from the mainstream media? Steve Emerson, of the Investigative Project on Terrorism, and a member of the Citizens’ Commission on Benghazi, argued that “Indeed, the responses from our own president, French President Hollande and British Prime Minister David Cameron all quoted the same empty pabulum in asserting that the Paris attack had nothing to do with Islam or any religion for that matter. But the hollow comments coming from our own leaders are steeped in the stench of appeasement and cowardice.”

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and Iran.” The term “outreach” implies that Obama is pursuing a wise and correct approach to our enemies in the communist and Muslim worlds. This is how a major liberal paper attempts to intimidate Republicans into letting Obama and the far-left have their way. Let’s hope the Republicans are smart enough to see through this propaganda disguised as “news.”

The liberals are worried indeed, because, as the Post notes, there are 246 Republicans in the House, the party’s largest majority since just after World War II, and the GOP now controls 31 governorships and 68 of 98 partisan legislative chambers.

On the national level, there is no formal process underway to re-establish a House or Senate internal security panel, but the need is clearly there. The proceedings of old House and Senate panels on un-American Activities or internal security have proven to be absolutely essential in understanding the rise of Barack Obama and the modern “progressive” movement. Hearings into communist activities in America were cited by such books such as Jerome Corsi’s The Obama Nation and David Freddoso’s The Case Against Barack Obama: The Unlikely Rise and Unexamined Agenda of the Media’s Favorite Candidate. That’s because Obama’s Marxist mentor, Frank Marshall Davis, and his lawyer, Harriet Bouslog, had figured so prominently in the investigations of Soviet-sponsored networks on American soil. Bouslog defended Davis against charges that not only was he a member of the Communist Party, but a suspected Soviet espionage agent.

The Republicans have controlled the House and conducted some worthwhile investigations. The Post refers to these as probes into “alleged” wrongdoing at the IRS, the Department of Justice, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Such hearings were necessary because of the media’s failure to aggressively investigate the Obama administration. Congress has failed, however, to investigate such topics as Muslim Brotherhood penetration of the executive branch. That’s why panels looking at internal security are so desperately needed.

The failure of the House to investigate the Muslim Brotherhood lies at the feet of House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH), who denounced his fellow Republicans when they sought a probe of Hillary Clinton aide Huma Abedin’s controversial foreign Muslim connections. Boehner was also slow to embrace a special committee to investigate Benghazi.

Frank Gaffney of the Center for Security Policy notes that the Muslim Brotherhood’s influence is so pervasive within the U.S. government and civil institutions “that a serious, sustained and rigorous investigation of the phenomenon” is in order. He adds, “To that end, we need to establish a new and improved counterpart to the Cold War-era’s HUAC [House committee on Un-American Activities] and charge it with examining and rooting out anti-American—and anti-constitutional—activities that constitute an even more insidious peril than those pursued by communist Fifth Columnists fifty years ago.”

The House Homeland Security Committee, under the chairmanship of Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX) has proven to be a major disappointment. He even refused to investigate the expansion of the Muslim Brotherhood channel, Al Jazeera, into the U.S. through the purchase of Al Gore’s Current TV.

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Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) can do some good work as the new chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere. But a subcommittee on internal security could be revived and do a lot of specialized work into the activities of the pro-Castro lobby.

In addition to re-establishing a congressional panel on internal security, Republican-controlled states can work in the same area. Some of the best hearings into internal subversion were conducted years ago by the state legislature in California through the California Un-American Activities Committee. The Golden state is no longer in the Republican camp, but a number of states now under Republican control could decide to form legislative committees or panels and open hearings
in this area.
The creation of these committees would lead to cries of “McCarthyism.” Papers like the Post would say that Republicans are being too “aggressive” and “partisan.” But the conservative base is clearly demanding action to stem the tide of Obama’s “fundamental transformation” of America. They know they can’t count on the major media to investigate the Obama administration.

Another opportunity like this may never happen again. •

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The Real Haters and Their Targets

By Cliff Kincaid

As incredible as it seems, an anchor for the terror channel Al Jazeera is hosting an upcoming “documentary” on “Hate In America.” It appears, based on a press release issued in advance, that the program will spend absolutely no time at all on the threats or hate directed against those who have been falsely labeled “Islamophobes” by such groups as the Southern Poverty Law Center and the Council on American Islamic Relations.

In fact, the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) is one of the “partners” producing the documentary, along with Al Jazeera anchor Tony Harris. It is scheduled to air on February 23rd on the Investigation Discovery channel. Another “partner” is NBC News’ production arm, Peacock Productions.

The release says the program “features the racially charged murder of a black father in Mississippi who died after being beaten and run over; the gruesome mass shooting of a Wisconsin Sikh congregation; and a brutal anti-gay attack on the streets of New York City.”

While there are certainly hateful incidents and crimes against blacks, homosexuals, and others, the idea that the SPLC should be put forward as a legitimate arbiter of what constitutes “hate” is laughable. It tends to be critical of people who write or act critically of radical Islam, the United Nations, President Obama or the homosexual lobby.

The hate that has been generated against critics of radical Islam can be seen in the murder of 17 cartoonists, journalists, other hostages and two police officers in France.

President Obama called these terrorists “cowards.” But he had told the United Nations in 2012, “The future must not belong to those who slander the Prophet of Islam.” The French writers were connected with a magazine that published cartoons making fun of the Islamic prophet Muhammad.

One of the dead writers was specifically named as a target by an al-Qaeda magazine.

Blogger and activist Pamela Geller notes that in 2012, then-White House Press Secretary Jay Carney, rather than defending freedom of the press and speech, instead attacked the French magazine for publishing the cartoons, saying the images would be “deeply offensive to many.”

The SPLC targets its critics by name as well, labeling them “hate groups” and running photographs of officers and employees so they can more easily be identified. The group was implicated in the 2012 terrorist attack on the Washington, D.C. headquarters of the Family Research Council (FRC), when homosexual militant Floyd Corkins entered its offices and shot a security guard. He had intended to shoot and kill many others.

An investigation found that Corkins identified his target on the website of the SPLC, which provides maps of locations of various alleged “hate groups,” as well as names of their leaders and officials. The FRC was listed as one such group.

The SPLC’s “Teaching tolerance” project ran an article praising unrepentant communist terrorist bomber Bill Ayers as a “civil rights organizer, radical anti-Vietnam War activist, teacher and author.” An “editor’s note” went so far as to say that Ayers had become “a highly respected figure in the field of multicultural education.”

In fact, Ayers and his wife Bernardine Dohrn participated in bombing campaigns against people and police, and were open supporters of communist regimes in Hanoi and Havana. They use education as a weapon against “white supremacy” and capitalism.

In a column on the hate crimes racket, we noted that the media strategy behind SPLC’s use of the “hate” label to describe conservatives serves to demonize them and convey the impression that they should not be taken seriously and are outside the mainstream. In the case of the FRC and other Christian organizations, the SPLC’s main objection is to the group’s mission of documenting the harm that is caused by homosexual behavior and promiscuity to society, the family, and the individuals practicing it.

The fact that an anchor for Al Jazeera would be part of a program on “hate” is simply beyond belief. Al Jazeera is the channel of the Muslim Brotherhood, a group linked to various Islamic terrorist groups such as Hamas. Its financial sponsor is the terrorist-supporting government of Qatar in the Middle East.

The SPLC lists its enemies by name, identifying their cities and towns, thus making it easier for violent lunatics and terrorists to find them. Such was the case with the FRC.

This writer was named on one SPLC list of “30 new activists heading up the radical right.” That, in turn, was picked up by the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), which included me on a list of “Islamophobic individuals.” All such claims are demonstrably false and designed to silence the exercise of one’s First Amendment rights. In more extreme cases, such as the FRC case, the SPLC’s attacks can make those named into targets and victims of violence or terrorism.

Nevertheless, the Investigation Discovery (ID) channel is giving the SPLC unwarranted positive national publicity. The channel describes itself as one of the nation’s fastest growing cable networks, delivering programming to nearly 85 million U.S. households.

Its claim about delivering the “highest-quality programming” to news consumers has now come into serious dispute, at a time when throwing around the term “hate” can have fateful consequences.

• The channel can be contacted at (240) 662-3709.
USA Today Gives Space to Radical Muslim Cleric to Bash France Over Charlie Hebdo

By Don Irvine

One day after the massacre at the offices of the French satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo, USA Today decided to run an opinion piece by a radical Muslim cleric, Anjem Choudary, who blasted the French government for not censoring the magazine and thereby placing its citizens in danger:

“So why in this case did the French government allow the magazine Charlie Hebdo to continue to provoke Muslims, thereby placing the sanctity of its citizens at risk?”

Choudary also said that “contrary to popular misconception, Islam does not mean peace but rather means submission to the commands of Allah alone.” He said that Muslims are obligated to defend the Prophet Muhammad, and, as the Messenger Muhammad said, “Whoever insults a Prophet kill him.”

The massacre at the Charlie Hebdo office left 12 dead. It was horrific and indefensible, and for USA Today to give voice to Choudary and his venomous opinions is inexcusable.

ABC News Recaps Hillary Clinton’s Tough Year

By Don Irvine

In a rather remarkable report, ABC News’ Chief White House Correspondent Jonathan Karl briefly recapped how 2014 “didn’t go exactly as planned” for former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

In the report, Karl reminded viewers of some of her missteps, from the “dead broke” comment in her interview with Diane Sawyer, to her $200,000 speaking fees and her criticism of Obama’s foreign policy with regard to the rise of the Islamic State, all of which she either struggled to defend or, from which she had to backtrack.

Then there was her potential presidential candidacy in 2016, where former Obama adviser David Axelrod warned that she was in danger of making the same mistake in 2016 as she did in 2008:

“Hillary’s candidacy got out in front of any rationale for it, and the danger is that that’s happening again. You hear ‘Ready for Hillary,’ it’s like, ready for what?”

Hillary did have a defender of sorts in DNC Vice Chairwoman Donna Brazile, who admitted that while Clinton didn’t have a stellar year politically, it was likely due to the fact that she’s been off the campaign trail for four and a half years, and that she just needs to “regain her political footing.”

That might be hard to do, though, considering that Hillary is not as politically savvy as her husband Bill, and that Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren is nipping at her heels with a populist message that has enameled the far-left and provides a potentially formidable primary opponent, should she decide to run for president.

Last year may not have been a good one for Hillary, but there are signs that 2015 won’t be any easier for the woman once considered by Democrats as the inevitable 2016 nominee—as liberal enthusiasm for her wanes.

No Unlucky Numbers as Fox News Remains Top Cable News Network for 13th Consecutive Year

By Don Irvine

For those who are superstitious, the number 13 is considered an unlucky number, but for the Fox News Channel it’s the opposite. The network finished 2014 as the top-rated cable news network for the 13th straight year.

Not only did Fox News remain at the top of the cable news ratings, they did so in style—outdistancing their major competitors, MSNBC and CNN, by a wide margin.

Both Fox’s and CNN’s numbers were down slightly from the year before, but MSNBC’s slid 12% in total viewers and 18% in the demo.

In primetime, Fox was even more dominant, averaging 1,748,000 total viewers and 300,000 in the demo, compared to MSNBC’s 589,000 and 169,000 in the demo. CNN’s numbers were 515,000 and 181,000 respectively.

Fox was the only network to increase its audience in the demo, while CNN was down 1% and MSNBC 17%.

Even though 2014 was disastrous for CNN—which logged its worst-rated year in total viewers and second lowest in the demo—and for MSNBC, this didn’t stop the heads of those networks from putting a little perfume on their collective pigs by issuing optimistic memos at the end of the year.

At least CNN’s CEO and president Jeff Zucker is trying to find a solution to his network’s ratings mess, while MSNBC’s president Phil Griffin flounders as viewers abandon the network in droves, with no end in sight to its downward spiral.

What You Can Do

Please send the enclosed postcards to:

• Jake Tapper of CNN about his criticism of the Obama administration for not sending a top official to Paris unity rally;
• Andrea Mitchell for her questionable moral equivalency when it came to free speech and Muslim sensibilities;
• Please use the third postcard to help AIM with a generous donation to allow us to continue our important work of holding this administration accountable for its failures in Benghazi, and the cover-up.