

Capitol Violence Wasn't Surprising — and Was Very Convenient for the Left

Those storming the Capitol January 6 should and likely will be punished in a way that, you can bet, 2020's leftist rioters should have been but almost universally weren't. The 1/6 lawbreakers were also condemned by mainstream media in a way the leftist rioters should have been but almost universally weren't. That's the two-tiered justice system and crocodile-tear media we now have.

Yet the storming perhaps "wasn't so surprising," noted commentator Andrea Widburg January 7. She writes that for years the Left has endeavored to destroy a duly elected president, and its "rage and disdain have been open and aggressive."

This effort's media demonization of President Trump has been unending, with defamation status quo. His supporters have been treated likewise. Why, ex-CNN figure Reza Aslan called them an "evil, racist scourge [that] must be eradicated from society."

Leftists also impeached Trump over an innocuous Ukraine phone call and then tried to impeach him again with mere days left in his term. And opposition to this was silenced via censorship.

Matters only escalated in 2020. Leftists used COVID as a pretext to neuter election laws and facilitate vote fraud; lockdown rules then further destabilized society and economically devastated Trump supporters (small businessmen) while enriching the Democrats' big corporate donors (e.g., Amazon).

Leftists intensified this destabilization by ceasing criminal prosecution of "woke" rioters, declawing police, and offering tacit and occasionally even open support for BLM and Antifa violence. Simultaneously, they claimed "that burning cities; looted stores; and sustained, destructive Antifa attacks against the government infrastructure in Portland and Seattle were 'mostly peaceful' or just the manifestation of 'an idea,'" writes Widburg.

Yet Trump supporters endured, hoping the election would save them. They assumed basement-bound Biden's campaign absence and Trump's swamped rallies presaged victory. They grasped mail-in voting's perils, but figured massive election day participation would be sufficient. They still believed, just a bit, in the system.

Instead of Trump victory, however, "there were observers blocked from observing voting and vote counts. There were states that, for the first time in history, as Trump was massively ahead, simultaneously shut down counting for hours," Widburg reminds us. "There were bizarre numbers that, instead of accreting, as votes must, marched backward for Trump or magically transferred themselves to Biden. Even without all the other claims of fraud, this was going to make people suspicious. But



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when people wanted answers, the entire Establishment said, "Shut up! You're stupid."

Now an analogy: If a soccer game is played with rules applied fairly, the losing side's fans can accept the outcome. But blatant cheating could mean a riot. That's just over a game, too.

So now consider recent years' events: Traditionalists have seen their voices silenced and votes stolen as they've been defamed; they've seen their businesses and livelihoods destroyed via unscientific COVID regulations visited

on them by politicians who regularly violate those very regulations. The same leaders have also allowed rioters to imperil traditionalists' businesses and homes and then sometimes have punished the victims for defending themselves. My, were the roles reversed, Al Sharpton would be leading the chant, "No justice, no peace!"

Except, that would yield fruit (BLM got millions in corporate donations). In contrast, after normalizing political violence, leftists are now using a rare instance of rightist aggression to demonize Trump supporters and try to strip their civil liberties.

Moreover, as to this aggression, note that "two known Antifa members" were spotted at the Capitol rally, according to a law-enforcement source cited by the *New York Post* January 7. And if *agents provocateurs* were at work, it would just be Leftism 101.

Flashback: In 2016, Democratic operative Scott Foval was caught on hidden video admitting he was part of a Democrat-funded dirty-tricks team that incited violence at Trump events. Calling it "conflict engagement," he boldly proclaimed, "We're starting anarchy here." Such incitement's goal is, not surprisingly, "to create a sense of 'anarchy' around Donald Trump that would undermine his political support," related Breitbart in 2016.

Whoever instigated the Capitol violence, event video indicates that most participants were against it. The problem? The Left can have 570 violent riots, as happened in the George Floyd incident's wake, and media will cover for them. Traditionalists must be perfect; one violent act perpetrated by a few in a 10,000-strong rally will be used to discredit their whole movement.

Sadly, all this reflects descent into Third Worldism, transition into a land of men and not laws, where to the victors go the spoils and despoiled the losers' lives will be. The good news is that instead of just lamenting "America is gone; woe is me!" as many conservatives have, we do have recourse — to nullification by states of unconstitutional federal laws and edicts. Tyrants can't so easily forge our chains if we unchain ourselves from the illusion of federal government as king. ■