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## This Is What **Mobocracy Looks Like**

“**T**his what democracy looks like! Whose streets? Our Streets! This what democracy looks like!”

You’ve no doubt witnessed some of the televised “protests” and heard these chants emanating from Seattle’s own “people’s republic,” which has dubbed itself the Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone, or CHAZ, (although some residents of the barricaded six-block area prefer to call their “liberated” zone CHOP, for Capitol Hill Occupied Protest, or PRCH, for People’s Republic of Capitol Hill).



Following days of protest and rioting, BlackLivesMatter/Antifa militants took over the area around the Seattle Police Department’s East Precinct and demanded the police leave their new “Cop-Free Zone.” Seattle’s socialist mayor Jenny Durkan (a militant lesbian and former Obama DOJ appointee), who had encouraged the mayhem that was devastating the city by having police stand down, once again capitulated to the mob: The Seattle PD was ordered to abandon their precinct HQ — and the area’s citizens — to the rioters. Mayor Durkan described the mob takeover as a festive “block party” and positively compared it to San Francisco’s 1967 “Summer of Love,” when tens of thousands of hippies and “peace” activists descended upon that city. Of course, the Fake News media were quick to take up the same theme, describing the CHAZ/CHOP/PRCH seizure as “peaceful” and “festive” — a benign mini-Woodstock!

John McDermott, owner of an auto shop, does not view his new CHAZ “rulers” so benignly. They set fire to his business, and when he and his son stopped the arson, the CHAZ mob came after them. He called 911 repeatedly — 19 times. He was told help was on the way, but it didn’t come. When a police patrol car did arrive, the officers merely “observed” from a block away — as ordered by Durkan and Police Chief Carmen Best.

However, kowtowing to the frenzied mob invariably encourages even more audacious demands, as history abundantly proves. Soon came “THE DEMANDS OF THE COLLECTIVE BLACK VOICES AT FREE CAPITOL HILL TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON,” a list of 30 demands issued by the CHAZ mob leaders. Among their demands: abolition of the police department; release of all “protesters” (i.e., rioters); voting rights for imprisoned convicts; “dissolution” of the “extant justice system”; “Socialized Health and Medicine”; “Free” housing;

and “free” services for illegal migrants. And much more, such as, “we demand that the use of armed force be banned *entirely*. No guns, no batons, no riot shields, no chemical weapons.” Interestingly, these demands are being made at the same time that CHAZ is being ruled *at gunpoint* by an armed (and masked) “police force” that apparently follows the orders of BLM warlord rapper Raz Simone. And the leftist politicians and media who hyperventilate and faint at the sight of guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens have no problem with heavily armed

Marxist-led “protesters” in the service of chaos and destruction.

What Raz Simone and the rest of the anarchist occupiers most likely do not understand is that their days are numbered. They will be disposed of when they are no longer needed. They would do well to read “Bolsheviks Shooting Anarchists,” the desperate letter by anarchist leaders Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman written in January 1922 from Stockholm, Sweden, where they had fled to escape death at the hands of their erstwhile communist “comrades.” Goldman and Berkman, the most famous anarcho-communists of their day (and still lionized by the Left today), lamented, “The prisons of Russia, of Ukraina, of Siberia, are filled with men and women — aye, in some cases with mere children — who dare hold views that differ from those of the ruling Communist Party.” In fact, they wrote, “it is not at all necessary to express your dissension in word or act to become subject to arrest; the mere holding of opposing views makes you the legitimate prey of the de facto supreme power of the land, the Tcheka” (Lenin’s secret police).

Goldman and Berkman, who had participated in the persecution of Russian Christians, whined, “it is the Anarchists who now suffer the most ruthless and systematic persecution.” They charged that the Bolsheviks “by the use of machine guns and artillery ‘liquidated’ the whole [Anarchist] organization.”

Yes, *that* is what “democracy” looks like. Which is why our Founders denounced democracy and gave us the rule of law in a constitutional republic. Alexander Hamilton said: “We are a Republican Government. Real liberty is never found in despotism or in the extremes of Democracy.” James Madison, the “Father” of our Constitution, wrote that “democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been found incompatible with personal security, or the rights of property; and have in general been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their deaths.” ■

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