

## Wrong Field for You

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“If you’re an emotionally unstable baby who regards disagreement as ‘violence,’” tweeted “roving journalist” Michael Tracey, “journalism is probably the wrong field for you.”

Only half-right. Given their goals, filling jobs that would otherwise be filled by journalists is indeed the right thing for hysterico-new-new-Left activists — just as bank-telling is right for inside men helping bank robbers rob banks.

Tracey is commenting on how *New York Times* “journalists” — and others — apoplexed over the *Times*’ sin of permitting unqualified disapproval of mass rioting to grace its

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editorial pages. In his June Third op-ed, U.S. Senator Tom Cotton argued that the rioters, “if not subdued, not only will destroy the livelihoods of law-abiding citizens but



will also take more innocent lives.” He recommended invoking the Insurrection Act in order to deploy the military.

One can argue about whether invoking the Act would be a good idea.

Or one could, even in the *Times* . . . if one weren’t thereby invading the “safe space” of pseudo-journalists who had supposed that they need never face the hazards of fundamental debate within its pages.

An abject but vague apology now prefaces the op-ed.

The *Times* has also fired the editor who let it be published.

After all, by the time it reached print, Cotton’s piece did continue to contain evaluations with which someone might disagree.

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