

The Mobs Attacked and Defended

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It's "mobocracy" — the riots in major cities around the nation, but especially in Portland, Oregon, where the president sent federal agents. Local police had stood back for weeks as Democratic politicians — such as Joe Biden — referred to the rioters as "peaceful protesters." Even as the mobs lit fires in the streets, defaced property, and attempted to break into government buildings.

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But Sexton doesn't really answer the key questions: "Why are anarchists terrorizing Portland? What was the real purpose of the



apparent leaders, but doesn't go very far beyond Democratic Party attempts to leverage the riots.

Which may at least offer amusement. "The reason I am here tonight is to stand with you," Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler assured the mob as he put on goggles. "So if they're launching the tear gas against you, they're launching the tear gas against me." But that same night, his security detail "scuffled" with "protesters" and his own police department threatened to use tear gas and impact weapons on the incendiary horde.

Is this really about legitimate protest, as Biden insists?

Fighting federal fascism, as Democrats and many others insist?

Americans are all-in for criminal justice reform and the right to protest. Many, me included, have peacefully taken to the streets in recent weeks.

But there is nothing peaceful about assault, arson, property destruction.

And Democrats who aim to use the fracas to beat Trump in November may find that 'playing with fire' . . . burns.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.

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Seattle 'Capital Hill Autonomous Zone'? Why were 'Occupy City Hall' protesters allowed to fight with police in lower Manhattan for a month, until officers cleared out their encampment on Wednesday?" Sexton rejects the official reasons give by the movements'