

Finally Fed Up

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We keep returning to Portland — from a safe distance.

Why?

Because rioters keep rioting there.

And because the people tasked to protect lawful order keep making nicey-nice with the thugs.

But maybe not anymore.

Portland's mayor, Ted Wheeler, is apparently finally fed up, thanks to the most recent mass mayhem, conducted to ring in the New Year.

What's motivating the newfound concern for innocent victims? More than any epiphany

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about the proper responsibilities of government, it may be the average age and modal hue of the current batch of rioters — as well as Wheeler's awareness that Joe Biden sort of won the election, so haven't the rioters already got what they wanted?



“Why would a group of largely white, young and some middle-age men destroy the livelihood of others who are struggling to get by?” Mayor Wheeler asks.

Rhetorically.

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Pull out your notebook. The “why” is: bad ideas plus bad character. They feed on each other. Gain insight into Marx, Marcuse, et al., on the one hand, and, on the other, thugs happy to rationalize their sprees. Then you will understand.

Yes, it's time indeed to stop your “good-faith efforts at de-escalation”; it's high time to use “additional tools,” like physical force, to stop the criminals who are committing their crimes right in front of you.

Oh, and by the way: it's your job.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.