

Unity Means Not Dividing

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Today, Joseph Robinette Biden Jr., the former Vice-President and longtime U.S. Senator from Delaware will become the 46th president of these United States. Speaking of being united, or *getting* united, that's something the 78-year-old Biden, with 43-years of Washington experience, wants to work on.

Good luck. Let me offer some advice: Recognize when the country is *already* united, then play into it by advancing policies supported by overwhelming majorities.

Term limits come to my mind, as does another issue, popular left to right: criminal justice reform.

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Americans are solidly for that . . . but instead of political action, we got a lousy summer of double-digit deaths by riot. And, as civil disorders go, last summer’s unrest was the most expensive destruction ever — over \$1 billion in senseless damage.

Unity also suggests not needlessly dividing folks.



Which makes me wonder why, the day after the capitol riot, Biden characterized the police response as “a clear failure to carry out equal justice.”

A woman was shot dead within the capitol building; I’m only glad more people weren’t killed.

Aren’t you, Joe?

“No one can tell me,” Biden argued, “that if it had been a group of Black Lives Matter protesting yesterday, they wouldn’t have been treated very, very differently than the mob of thugs that stormed the capitol. We all know that’s true, and it is unacceptable.”

Well, at *Reason/The Volokh Conspiracy*, David Bernstein calls that gaslighting, rattling off the reality of stand-down orders for police in Minneapolis, Chicago, Indianapolis, Columbus, Louisville, Portland, Denver and elsewhere — not to mention demonstrators setting up a Seattle “autonomous zone” treated to weeks of hands-off non-policing.

Americans, black and white, liberal and conservative, are united against violence, at the U.S. Capitol or anywhere else.

Don’t divide us, Joe.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.