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## Even Libertarians

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Former CIA Director John Brennan raised eyebrows, last week, when he said on MSNBC that officials in the new administration "are now moving in laser-like fashion to try to uncover as much as they can

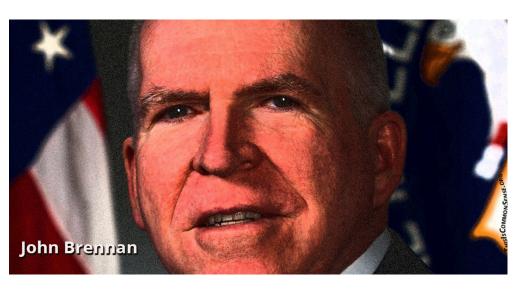
about what looks very similar to insurgency movements that we've seen overseas, where they germinate in different parts of the country and they gain strength and it brings together an unholy alliance frequently of religious extremists, authoritarians, fascists, bigots, racists, Nativists, even libertarians."

Tellingly, he doesn't mention any specific groups by name. Like *antifa* (cough). But in America



there *have* been a few violent groups engaged in what might be called "insurgencies."

It is almost as if Brennan has forgotten the groups that this past year have gone so far as to set up political territory within major American cities, proclaiming independence from these United States. Such "autonomous



zones" (hastily and violently constructed in Seattle and elsewhere) existed for days and weeks on end but failed to spark the Democrats' "laser-like" attention as did the capitol break-in, which just so happened to be an assault upon *them*.

Why ignore antifa but focus on . . . "even libertarians"?

While libertarians defend freedom and peaceful change, the Democratic Party and the Deep State seem to find mass protest combined with violence in causes they like *helpful* ("Black Lives Matter," etc.). For increasing their insider power, no doubt, and ramping it up to new, oppressive levels. But mass protest (say, against the lockdowns) they regard as dangerous — because corrosive to their power.

Meanwhile, antifa in Portland have taken to the streets and attacked Democratic Party offices.

Violence is not something we should be cavalier about. Or partisan about. Oppose it all. Period.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.