## **Common Sense**

## Lynch Mob at Eleven

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The facts in the Kyle Rittenhouse case were never the focus of the bulk of news reporting. What was? Constructing a rationale for progressive Democrats to ceaselessly wax eloquent on the strawman of their choice. Or worse.

Trapped in legend, the conclusion of the trial could only appear to them as something utterly alien and malign.

"The Rittenhouse Verdict is Only Shocking," Matt Taibbi headlined his Substack media takedown, "if You Followed the Last Year of Terrible Reporting."

The jury's decision "was hardly a surprise to many of us who watched the trial rather than the media coverage," wrote Jonathan Turley at *USA Today*.

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"Two Americas are hearing two entirely different stories about this case," GOP pollster Kristen Soltis Anderson noted on *Meet the Press*, "and neither of them is the full view that that jury got over the days and weeks of that trial."

We were repeatedly told that young Rittenhouse "crossed state lines" (still perfectly legal\*) looking for trouble (any evidence of that?) and had "no business



being there."

The truth? Kyle Rittenhouse had a constitutional right to be in Kenosha.

Notice I did *not* say "showed good judgement," however, neither did Rittenhouse fit the legacy-left-media's or Joe Biden's "white supremacist" vigilante stereotype.

Thank goodness, the Kenosha jury got it right. The media nearly universally got it wrong — largely on purpose — as well as missing the biggest issue of all, identified concisely by former Democratic Party presidential candidate and Hawaii congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard: "This tragedy never would have happened if the government had simply carried out its responsibilities to protect the safety, lives and property of innocent people."

Government failed to do its job, and a lynch mob press corps failed to report it.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.

<sup>\*</sup> Sadly, even the ACLU joined the chorus harping on Rittenhouse having "traveled across state lines." The group also rightfully ripped the Kenosha Police Department and the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office for "an outrageous failure to protect protesters."