



Enthusiasm for Extremism in Action

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She insists it's about the rule of law. And not political. Not in any way.

"Maine Secretary of State Claims Politics Played 'No Role' in Booting Trump Off Ballot," is how *The Epoch Times* headlined the story.

Secretary of State Shenna Bellows has *unilaterally* barred former President Donald Trump from the Maine presidential primary ballot. As in the Colorado case, the excuse rests with the January 6, 2021, protest rally and mob entrance into the capitol building. She says that "the weight of evidence" she "reviewed indicates that it was an insurrection."

Knowing what real insurrections are, and what words mean, and the long history of protests that get out of hand, including in recent times, most non-partisan people, as well as all Trump supporters, must conclude just the opposite: *no insurrection*

was even attempted.

Bellows may actually believe that the January 6 events constituted an insurrection, that her job allows her to do what has never been done in American history, and that this would be good for the nation.

On the insurrection issue, she and Democrats rely upon motivated reasoning. People worked up in a cause can believe almost anything that would aid the cause. Still, the common-sense guess is that almost no one really believes *her* . . . but of course her Democratic comrades must *pretend*.

On the scope of her position, prudence would usually steer a partisan such as herself away from doing such a radical thing.

On the good of the nation, the clear hyperpartisan appearance would exacerbate tensions around the country, widening the divide into a chasm.

What may really be in evidence, though, is that leftists are mimicking the radicalism of the pandemic lockdowns, driven by the sheer frenzy of their vision of themselves as embodiments of righteousness . . . always to exercise arbitrary power.

An enthusiasm that spreads virally. As a mania.

Thus does extremism work.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.