



Not Now

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“Reconsider Any Belief In Innate American Goodness,” Ken White [advises](#) at the *Popehat* Report. “A country that votes for Trump is broken in very complicated and daunting ways,” informs the attorney and podcaster.

“Fuck Civility,” he declares, and for good measure, “Stay Tuned For Violence.”

They do sorta go together, eh?

“Debate is preferable,” he notes for the record, “[b]ut most Americans would agree with what Thomas Jefferson said about the blood of patriots and tyrants. At some point violence is morally justified and even necessary. Americans will disagree on when.”

Though, let’s all agree, *not now*.

My thinking the day after takes a different route.

First, the lawfare unleashed on Mr. Trump helped him more than it hurt. A majority of the public did not suddenly become enamored with the idea of 34 felony convictions but stuck by the former president, now president-elect, because of their contempt for the New York Attorney General and the U.S. Department of Justice, seen as rogue players in partisan politics.

America [had come to look](#) like [Egypt](#).

Second, the establishment media’s years-long campaign against Trump, hyperbolic and often dishonest ([see](#) Charlottesville [narrative](#)) failed miserably. Arguably, like lawfare, it was counterproductive.

“Americans don’t trust the news media,” asserted *Washington Post* owner Jeff Bezos, explaining his paper’s 2024 A.D. [non-endorsement](#) for president.

In the aftermath of Mr. Trump being declared the winner, Matt Walsh offered on X: “Legacy media is officially dead.”

Not dead. Just in need of rebirth. Like Democratic Party leaders, news media professionals face a choice, either (a) blame the public for not being more appreciative or (b) reflect upon its own principles and performance.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.