



Force Over Reason

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L.A. is in [flames again](#), with rioting, looting, attacks on police (with “commercial grade fireworks”) and against the much-despised ICE agents. At issue, they tell us, are the horrible things ICE does to illegal entrants into the United States—kidnap them, say; or deport them, as the government puts it—and this requires....

Well, what *does* it require in response? Open battles with the feds?

As in the 2020 BLM riots, rioters are attacking federal buildings, with attempts at [violent entry](#).

This is no way to persuade Americans of much of

anything—other than that force triumphs over reason.

So little wonder that the U.S. president chose to meet force with force by sending in the National Guard. Trump’s [explanation](#) on Truth Social qualifies as Classic Trump (not New Trump): “If Governor Gavin Newscom, of California, and Mayor Karen Bass, of Los Angeles, can’t do their jobs, which everyone knows they can’t, then the Federal Government will step in and solve the problem, RIOTS & LOOTERS, the way it should be solved!!!”

Federalizing the Guard will be fought in court—like everything else—but it appears to be yet *another case* in which folks argue that President Trump does not have the lawful authority ... only come to find out that Congress does constitutionally enjoy said power but unaccountably legislated it away to the president.

Rita Panahi of Sky News Australia covered the mayhem in her “Lefties Losing It” segment. “And while the Mexican flag was proudly flying throughout these protests, the American flag was nowhere to be seen,” Ms. Panahi [observed](#), “unless it was being set alight.”

Protesters waving the flag of the foreign state they’ve fled?!?!?

That’s not Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.