

## Our Leaders' Favored Anarchy

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"In a sane democracy," I wrote this weekend at Townhall.com, "the side with the most violent nutcases loses."

Too hopeful?

Independent video journalist Tim Pool made a similar point yesterday, covering Antifa versus Proud Boys fights in New York, as well as Antifa taking over the downtown streets of Portland, Oregon. He cautions those who defend themselves from going too far, for the media will simply make hay of violence against Antifa, ignoring Antifa provocations.

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violence — and then everyone complains there's violence," Mr. Pool explains.\*

Reasonable question: who is encouraging leftist mobs?

Perhaps two former Obama Administration officials, Eric Holder and Hillary Clinton.

"When they go low, we kick them," Holder said

last week. "That's what the new Democratic Party is about."

Mrs. Clinton insisted that "you cannot be civil with a political party that wants to destroy what you stand for."

Michelle Obama provided a civilized correction: "Fear is not a proper motivator," she said on the Today show. "Do you want them afraid of their neighbors? Do you want them angry? Do you want them vengeful?"

Journalist Sam Francis had a term for what seems to be on the rise: anarcho-tyranny. Government leaders let mob violence go unpunished, but crack down hard on peaceful citizens for infractions of onerous regulations.

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And so the violence ramps up.

As the President likes to say: "Not good."

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.

\* "Well, if Antifa doesn't show up," Pool went on, "I assure you, the Proud Boys and Patriot Prayer will walk in a big circle and then break up and go find beers somewhere."