

# The Deadly Indifference of the Democrat Mayors

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(Jul. 18, 2020) — The feckless, pro-Antifa mayor of the People’s Republic of Portland, Ted Wheeler, now challenges Bill (“do-as-I-say-not-as-I-do”) de Blasio for the title of the dumbest and most mendacious Democrat mayor presiding over the “[necklacing](#)” of their cities.

In response to President Trump’s dispatching of federal marshals and law enforcement personnel to defend federal buildings in Portland which Wheeler refuses to protect, he now claims that the federal officers are putting the city’s “citizens” (*sic*: violent Antifa goons and thugs) [in danger](#). This doofus gives new meaning to the term “jerk.”

If this is not the maximum height of Democrat hypocrisy, it is certainly high on the malgovernmental totem pole. Like most Democrat mayors who fiddle while their cities burn, turn blind eyes to black-on-black murders and refuse assistance from President Trump to quell the rioting, they place the primal urges of the mob above the civil and human rights of their “normal” residents. Disgraceful, yet not altogether unexpected. Look for a lot more of this species of dangerous – even deadly – governmental insouciance on a nationwide scale if Slow Joe Biden and his whatzername running mate win the election in November.

On this point, in a recent broadcast of “[The Five](#)” on Fox News, one of the contributors – Juan Williams – stepped on a rake when criticizing President Trump’s dispatching of federal marshals to Portland to protect federal courthouses there from the vermin Wheeler

allows to run wild. In his criticism, Williams argued, among other things that, purportedly, “We don’t send federal law enforcement into cities to tell them how to run their schools.”

Oh, really, Juan... *really?* Williams – an African-American (there’s that hyphenated-citizen anomaly again...) – needs a refresher course in American history. If he did that, he would realize that on no less than four occasions, a president of the United States has dispatched federal law enforcement personnel to certain states – and *against* the state governor’s wishes – to do exactly that: tell the locals how to run their schools and *enforce* those instructions.

Invoking the 1807 [Insurrection Act](#), President Eisenhower, a Republican, did it in 1957 to protect “The Little Rock Nine” in Arkansas. President Kennedy, a Democrat, did so in 1962 in Oxford, Mississippi in response to the “Ole Miss Riot” arising out of federal school desegregation efforts. He then repeated the use of the law twice in 1963, first in Tuscaloosa, Alabama as to the “[Stand in the schoolhouse door](#)” by Governor George Wallace, and shortly thereafter as to enforcement of school desegregation orders throughout Alabama.

These invocations of the Insurrection Act were done in the absence of a request by the states of Arkansas, Mississippi or Alabama, and in fact were undertaken over their objections. Too bad, so sad: the exigencies of the situation demanded federal intervention because the local authorities were derelict in their governing obligations. The Supreme Court had decided [Brown v. Board of Education](#) and the Democrat (ironic..., no?) governors and mayors were refusing to acknowledge the ruling.

Would Juan Williams now like to reconsider his objection to the use of the same Insurrection Act as applied to the feckless mayors of Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta, Baltimore, New York City, Minneapolis or Washington, D.C.? Williams may be a regular on Fox News, but at his core, he is a liberal Democrat allied with his kindred spirits who chant in unison: “Orange Man Bad.” Translation: do not look for a correction or change of heart from Williams.

As noted [here](#), the 1807 Insurrection Act is now codified as [10 U.S.C. § 253](#). It provides today – as it did when utilized by Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy decades ago – as follows: “The President, by using the militia or the armed forces, *or both, or by any other means*, shall take such measures as he considers necessary to suppress, in a State, any *insurrection, domestic violence*, unlawful combination, or conspiracy, if it (1) so hinders the execution of the laws of that state, and of the United States within the State, that any part or class of its people is deprived of a right, privilege, immunity, or protection named in the Constitution and secured by law, and the *constituted authorities of that state are unable, fail, or refuse to protect* that right, privilege, or immunity, *or to give that protection*, or (2) opposes or obstructs the execution of the laws of the United States or impedes the course of justice under those laws. In any situation covered by clause (1), the *State shall be considered to have denied the equal protection of the laws secured by the Constitution.*” (Emphasis added).

The rioting, arson, looting, assaults, murders and general anarchy now being [allowed](#) – and on occasion even enabled and subsidized – to take place in many Democrat-run American cities are precisely the species of evils the Insurrection Act was designed to combat. It has been used before. Its use now should be seriously considered by President Trump.

Perhaps he could send simultaneous letters to each of the malfeasant mayors giving them 48 hours (OK..., OK..., give them one week...) to restore order..., or he will do it for them, their wishes and spurious complaints aside. He could include a “big print font” copy of 10 U.S.C. § 253 and the Supreme Court’s *per curiam* decision in [Alabama v. United States](#) with each notice.

The non-rioting, “normal” residents of these cities – citizens and non-citizens alike and of whatever racial mix they may be – are being denied the equal protection of the laws secured by the Constitution. Many cower in fear as each new day brings the peril closer to their doors. The mayors are aloof and indifferent to the destruction and carnage and seem to be cemented in place in opposition to restoring order, not unlike George Wallace’s standing in the schoolhouse door. Better that their cities and residents be decimated than accept help from Orange Man Bad because, perish the thought in an election year, he just might succeed in doing what they refuse to do. Suck it up, they tell the normal folks: we’ve got an election coming up.

Again, faithful P&E readers, what is being sanctioned in these once-livable municipalities by their Democrat mayors and, in many cases, Democrat municipal councils, is but a pale preview of what awaits America under a Slow Joe/whatzername administration. Vote carefully in November.