Fox News Alone Visually Connects 2020 Summer Rioting to Democrat Party

"A lie which is half a truth is ever the blackest of lies" (Tennyson)

If you identify yourself as a liberal, I am loath to inform you that you are being deceived about a highly consequential matter concerning our choice for our next U.S. President. If, for example, you are buying into the Democrat Party line that President Trump is at fault for the nightly ravaging of both property and lives across certain U.S. cities ever since Memorial Day, then you are almost certainly seeking your news from any news source **except Fox News**. On the basis of a principle "embraced" by *Facebook* and *Google* sources in particular,[2] video footage of gratuitous violence (including the wanton destruction of property and the terrorizing of defenseless people) will **not be broadcast** either over public "air-waves" or on public internet postings. Now it would be one thing if such content had no bearing on deliberations over public policy; but is an altogether different matter when the exclusion of information utterly distorts public debate or goes so far as to throw an election by means of outright deception. This very ploy in fact amounts to such. Yet this is indeed the logical fallout of excluding the live witness testimony that only videos can provide. Thus, CNN analyst Brian Stelter states derisively:

"In the 'Fox & Friends' and 'Hannity' alternative universe, the rioting is still a present-tense threat and could restart at any time. This is contradicted by every news report from every other outlet. The [authentic] story now is about peaceful, powerful, sustained protest all across the country. But 'riot porn' video is irresistible to Fox's producers and hosts, even though the video is out of date now."[3]

Notice here that Stelter is implying of the daily (without fail) videos presented on Fox that they amount to a distortion of what he considers trustworthy reporting by the rest of the news media.

What is instead being conveyed by the "alphabet" news broadcasters is that Donald Trump, by either his presence or the subliminal message he conveys by his phraseology and demeanor, is the root cause of the "violence" conservatives imagine they are witnessing.[4] Ironically his critics at the same time diminish the degree of this "violence" by naming its "source" as merely a tiny outlier to what is otherwise a peaceful band of honorably-motivated "protesters." They thirdly seek to project a brutish image of Trump as if he wishes to dethrone Democrat mayors whom liberals judge to be "obviously" working toward a calm and peaceful climate on their own. So, they claim, it is Trump who is determined to pour gas onto a fire that, they insist, is cooling down toward a lasting peaceful utopia if just left alone.

The problem is videos can only lie if they are tampered with or shown out of context. Yet the contexts and details they show cannot possibly have been staged. At the very least they expose the reality that the extremely excessive looting of stores indicates they cannot have been committed by desperately-*impoverished* families. Furthermore, the ruining of both housing and family businesses, the traumatizing of innocent people to the point of murder, and the degrading taunting of police whose "hands are tied" by civic administrators; it is these realities that put the lie to Stelter's words.

As for the core question of blame, if the *image* aspect of the videos was the sincere reason that they are censored (on the grounds that *pure* violence ought not be *shown*), it would still be reasonable to expect the same networks to *verbally* correct the record with respect to the truth. Their failure to do so invalidates that excuse, especially so, since their commentary consistently favors only the Democrat Party. Yet their employment of a double-standard is proved

to be even more glaringly insincere by their refusal to shield even children from exposure to internet pornographic images. The fact of the matter is that visual images in general have a capacity to affirm aspects of objective truth that can be achieved by no other means.

By the exclusion of this indicator of reality, the question of adjudicating between differing opinions and perceptions is often reduced to "he said/she said" dead-ends. The question, for example, of when Joe Biden first denounced violence and distinguished it from "peaceful" protest (either at the time of George Floyd's death or only 90-some days later) can only be decisively answered by chronicled video-documentation. Likewise the nature of the exchanges between President Trump and Democrat mayors concerning discerning their level of culpability in regard to the unopposed murderous and destructive riots, can be easily settled; yet only by video documentation. For similar reasons, the authenticity of statements by "Black Lives Matter" (BLM) spokespersons, that the rampant looting and destruction of property wrought in its name does not count as vandalism, but merely represents valid "reparations" (payback) from our nation's past guilt of employing slavery, is provable; yet only if the recordings of their rhetoric gets aired. In the same way, nothing can convict the true hypocrisy of BLM, other than video records of its members intimidating helpless 80-year-old men and women! This travesty is further heightened by the failure of BLM to either renounce or apologize for, such tactics.

To be clear, the case concerning each the above circumstances is strong enough to convince a jury informed under the rigor of a legal trial in court where decisions are often made on the basis of other kinds of evidence. The concern of this paper is persuading voters whose only priority is sending in their ballot for President before even the first public debate between the candidates has been held.

That non-Fox outlets habitually accuse both Fox News and Trump's administration of "fanning the flames" which destroy property and lives, is an utterly absurd ploy. Yet such nonsense can only be exposed by opening the curtain for all the world to see. Not only the doers of these deeds, but also all who withhold their witness from the voting public, are enemies of the truth. If you, on the other hand, seek to know the truth to the end that truth will win out, you can see it played out on Fox News only!

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- [1] Clarence Barnhardt, ed. World Book Encyclopedia Dictionary. (Field Enterprises, 1965).
- [2] https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802008?hl=en
- [3] https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/10/media/conservative-media-reliable-sources/index.html
- [4] Notice how incoherent is such a "train" of thought.