



Who fuels the politics of violence?



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Talking Points

1. Who do these cartoons blame for the recent violent and sometimes fatal clashes between political opponents?
2. Does armed conflict in the streets threaten democracy?
3. How have authoritarian leaders used violence as a way to overthrow past democracies?
4. Should and could police arrest anyone carrying weapons to a protest?
5. Do non-state "militias" differ from armed gangs in the street?
6. How has nonviolent protest brought about big changes?

Between the lines

"There is very real scope for a post-election crisis ... with the level of intolerance, distrust, misinformation, disinformation, anger, polarization, mobilization in the streets, and now violence."

- Professor Larry Diamond

<https://www.stanforddaily.com/2020/08/26/protecting-american-democracy-a-conversation-with-larry-diamond>

Additional resources

■ More by Mike Marland

<https://www.editorialcartoonists.com/cartoonists/mikemarland/cartoons/>

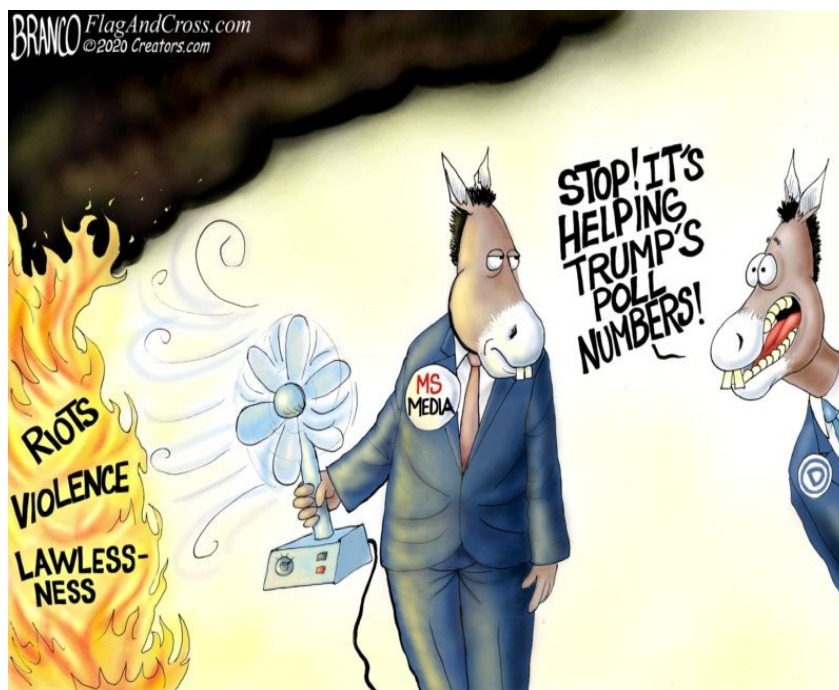
■ More by Antonio F. Branco

<https://www.editorialcartoonists.com/cartoonists/branco/cartoons/>

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