

## A QUESTION OF BENEFIT

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On January 7<sup>th</sup> I posted an observation on social media that something seemed awry with the incident at the Capitol on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Specifically, the timing of when the protest became violent didn't make sense. It still doesn't.

Consider the two groups of protesters. One was there in opposition to the counting of the ballots cast by the state electors and the other was there in support of that count. The violence erupted at the same time that the first objection was made on the floor. That timing does not support the purpose of either group of protesters.

The post on social media drew ninety-seven comments (so far) and yielded wide-ranging thoughts, most of which remained speculative or were derived from a pre-conceived notion of who was to blame.

When arrests were finally announced, some of those arrested were left wing activists and some were right wing activists, and yet, all the indicators are that what happened was not a spontaneous change from peaceful to violent; It smacked of organization. The question becomes the simple one that perhaps I should have begun with: Who benefits?

Neither of the groups protesting the event benefit. There are a number of individuals who in hindsight seem to benefit, but the indicators are that they are taking a benefit offered by the incident, and are not those who concocted the incident. They are most probably using it to their advantage: to advance their own agenda or position.

The answer to "Who Benefits" doesn't yield a specific answer, but it gets us closer. The only outcome of the incident that is large enough to have precipitated the orchestration of the incident, is the desire to change America. There are quite a few of these: Occupy Wall Street, Anti-Fa, The Open Society Foundation, Adbusters, and BLM inc. BLM inc. (the organization, not the sentiment) has publicly stated that it promotes a change to Marxism. While not members of any organized group, there are individuals in my own circle of friends and acquaintances who also desire this change. These groups support the downfall of our society as it exists today.

While I refrain from charging anyone with the organizing of the violence on January 6<sup>th</sup>, there is only one answer to the question, "Who Benefits?" The only people to benefit from planned displays of violence such as those in The District of Columbia, Oregon, and

Washington are the people who want to fundamentally transform American Society. That change can only be done through the manipulation of the existing government, or the replacement of that government with an alternative. Violent displays are intended to demonstrate that the existing state of the society is untenable, thereby precipitating the transformation.

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