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## **Quick Quotes**

### **Outspoken Black Commentator Denounces the Lionization of George Floyd**

"Confession: #GeorgeFloyd is neither a martyr or a hero. But I hope his family gets justice."

In a powerful Twitter video carrying the above caption, commentator and political activist **Candace Owens** explains why she does not believe George Floyd should be held up as a hero or martyr, despite the injustice done to him by police. She describes Floyd as a "career criminal" and asks her viewers to "imagine" being the pregnant black woman who was robbed at gunpoint when Floyd and accomplices forced their way into her home. "George Floyd takes a gun and points it to your stomach threatening you," Owens recounted. "You are screaming and crying for your life."

## Small Business-owner in the Bronx Victimized by Looters

"I'm 100 percent with people who are protesting for justice. But is this justice? Black lives matter; all lives matter. But what about my life and my family's life? You cannot justify doing something wrong because something wrong happened."

Looters smashed their way into his modest jewelry store and took off with \$150,000 worth of jewelry and laptop computers. An immigrant from the Dominican Republic, **Francisco Araujo** was appalled by what happened to George Floyd but wonders how he will be able to fix his store.

# Victim of 1992 Violence in Los Angeles Speaks Out Against Current Mayhem

"But what we now know is there are people who have a vested interest in overturning America. They don't believe that America is inherently good.... They think America is inherently evil and this country that had slaves has to pay forever. So they're going to insist to rewrite America."

In 1992, a black American, **Star Parker**, saw her small publishing business in Los Angeles destroyed by rioters protesting the acquittal of policemen charged for brutality in the arrest of Rodney King. Now a syndicated columnist and author, she is looked upon by many as a spokesperson for conservative Americans. After the death of George Floyd, she met with Vice President Mike Pence and black leaders to discuss a proper response to recent rioting.

# Columnist Labels the Widespread Destructiveness as a Revolution

"When protests that turn into riots happen everywhere at the same time, using similar tactics and slogans, it is not the work of a small number of lawbreakers. When pallets of bricks allegedly appear near places of looting, this is not the work of random opportunists. When the bailed-out radicals enjoy the universal support of the liberal media, politicians, celebrities, business leaders and clergy, something bigger is at play. It is revolution against the established order."

The vice president of the American branch of the Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property, **John Horvath**, **II**, is also an author and speaker. His book Return to Order predates the recent burst of anarchy in America.



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# Noted Author/Columnist Says Poor in America Are Better Off Than the Rest of Mankind

"The poorest 20 percent of Americans consume more goods and services than the national averages for all the people in the world's most affluent countries. If the U.S. poor were a nation, it would be one of the world's richest."

Columnist Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

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