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"Burn It Down!" More Leftists Threaten Violence if Ginsburg's Seat Is Filled

The passing of liberal icon Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on September 18 produced a great many emotions from across America. In many cases, for leftists, the sadness usually felt after the death of a beloved figure was overshadowed by another emotion — pure rage.

Democrats in Congress are showing their anger by threatening to add new states specifically Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C. — in order to garner more Senate seats. They are also touting a plan to add more justices to the court — known as court packing — until they're able to get a leftist majority. Others on the Left prefer a more direct approach, threatening outright violence should President Trump and the GOP Senate majority move forward in replacing Ginsburg on the court prior to the November 3 election.



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Among high-profile leftists who reacted angrily to Ginsburg's death and her potential replacement by Trump and the Republican-controlled Senate is former CNN personality and Muslim apologist Reza Aslan. Aslan, allegedly a religious scholar, was forced out at CNN shortly after he <u>consumed human</u> <u>brains</u> on the CNN show *Believer* with the Aghori people of Northern India.

As if the brain-eating wasn't enough to let you know that Aslan is a bit unhinged, he made this tweet on the night that Ginsburg died: "If they even TRY to replace RBG we burn the entire f***ing thing down."

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– Reza Aslan (@rezaaslan) <u>September 19, 2020</u>

Later that evening, Aslan posted a copy of Mitch McConnell's statement on Ginsburg's death, where the Senate majority leader promised that "President Trump's nominee will receive a vote on the floor of the United States Senate, along with a short message.

"Over our dead bodies. Literally," Aslan <u>wrote</u>.

A few days later — presumably after some introspection — Aslan doubled down at this threat to burn the system down with the added benefit of claiming that he was some sort of victim in the process.

"Been a few days since I tweeted that if GOP try to jam a SCOTUS thru b4 election we burn the f***ing thing down & since the death threats & Breitbart headlines about my tweet have now stopped let me just say that if the GOP try to jam SCOTUS through we burn the f***ing thing down."

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That last tweet appears to have been removed from Twitter's platform, although screenshots of it have been captured by several media outlets, including Fox News and Breitbart. Aslan seems surprised that people reacted violently after he literally suggested violence.

Hollywood screenwriter Beau Willimon, who helped create the Netflix series *House of Cards*, spoke for America's entertainment industry, <u>tweeting</u>, "We're shutting this country down if Trump and McConnell try to ram through an appointment before the election."

The rage over Ginsburg's possible successor even reached beyond our borders, with a Canadian political science professor <u>preaching violence</u> against political enemies. Emmet Macfarlane of the University of Waterloo in Ontario encouraged like-minded folks to "Burn Congress down before letting Trump try to appoint anyone to SCOTUS."

Macfarlane has since blocked his Twitter account so that only approved followers can now see his tweets.

If you think it's just unhinged Canadian professors, Hollywood types, and amateur cannibals threatening violence, observe the case of Scot Ross, a newly minted member of the Wisconsin Ethics Commission. Ross entreated Senator Ed Markey (D-Mass.) to "burn it all down," should he and the other Democrat senators fail in their attempts to stop the nomination process of Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court. "F***ing A, Ed. If you can't shut it down, burn it down," Ross said.

Twitter has allowed many of these violence-inciting tweets to remain up, which is fine until you realize that many conservative voices have had their accounts suspended or removed for comments far less offensive than these.

Meanwhile, mainstream media downplays the threats of leftist violence, claiming the threats are overblown, even after the riot-filled summer we've just experienced in America. CNN personality Brian Stelter commented snarkily: "Just another normal night over on Tucker Carslon Tonight..." The banner says 'THE LEFT THREATENS VIOLENCE OVER SUPREME COURT NOMINATION.'"

Yes. Because many on the Left have indeed threatened violence over the coming nomination. When logic fails, the weak-minded tend to fall back on violence as the solution to their problems. Most of us learned that violence is not the right answer to dealing with our problems when we were children. For those on the far Left, violence is their typical "go-to" strategy.



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