

## Madison Riots Prove Anarchists Hate Liberals Too

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The acts of violence last night in Madison specifically targeted individuals or icons of the American left. This follows a pattern of Madison violence in which the heart of Wisconsin liberalism, State Street, was repeatedly vandalized. The riots themselves have been the worst in the state's most liberal city, Madison.

But last night's targets were specifically liberal.

### TIM CARPENTER

A lifelong liberal, State Senator Carpenter is one of the first openly gay persons to serve in the Wisconsin state legislature. He is an advocate of Black Lives Matter and a leader of the Wisconsin Sierra Club. Carpenter is arguably one of the ten best known liberal elected officials in Wisconsin.

### FORWARD

The state motto Forward has deep roots in the progressive movement and has symbolized Wisconsin's heritage of moving forward. The "Forward" statue at the Capitol has long been used as the backdrop for political photos of prominent Wisconsin liberals.

### HANS CHRISTIAN HEG

There literally may be no white person in Wisconsin history who has given more top oppose racism than Hans Christian Heg. He was an abolitionist who helped found a militia that aided slaves who escaped from captivity in the south. He enlisted in the Union Army and died in the Civil War in 1863 in Georgia, fighting and dying so black Americans could be free. Heg's family was one of the original settlers of Muskego and, in the past, every school child in the state was taught his history.

They didn't tear down the statue of a slave owner or a Confederate general. They tore down the statue of a man who died fighting to end slavery. Likewise, they didn't beat up a Republican state senator or a conservative critic. They beat up one of the best known liberals in this state and one of the best known members of the Wisconsin gay community.

Perhaps it will finally dawn on Wisconsin's liberals that the anarchist rioters hate them just as much as they hate the rest of America.

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