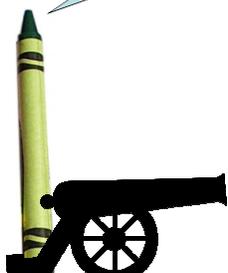


**INJUSTICE**  
**PUBLIC UNREST**  
**RIOTS**

What role should YOU have in them?

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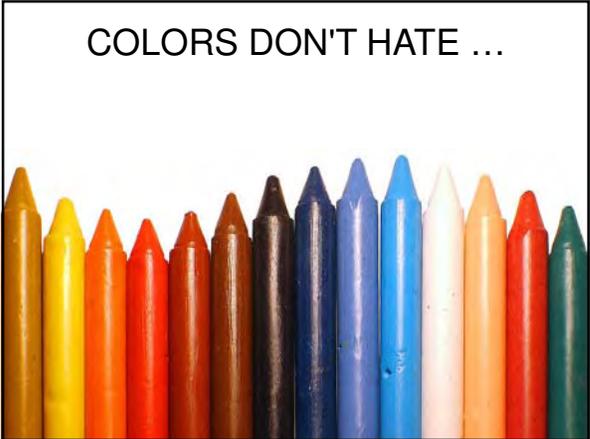
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I didn't like his color ... so I killed him!

The reason children keep their crayons in separate rooms.

To maintain the peace.



PEOPLE DO.

I **H-A-T-E** YOU!

TO BE MORE SPECIFIC... **SINFUL** PEOPLE DO.

I **H-A-T-E** YOU!

Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.

1 John 3:15 (NIV)

**ISSUE:** Seeking first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33) is more important than maintaining your "rights."

Give everyone what you owe him: ... if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.  
Romans 13:7 (NIV)

If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all people.  
Romans 12:18 (NET)

**"The perfect storm"**

Even if you disagree, you need to respect me!

I have my rights! Back off!!

This *isn't* going to end up good.

Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.  
Proverbs 29:20 (WEB)

**What about "crooked cops"?**

I'm obviously crooked!

- If you're in a **bad** situation, why **make it worse**?
  - There may be options, but you still need to do what's right.

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.  
Proverbs 15:1 (WEB)

**ISSUE:** Do your actions promote the peace and love of God?

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."  
Matthew 5:9 (ESV)

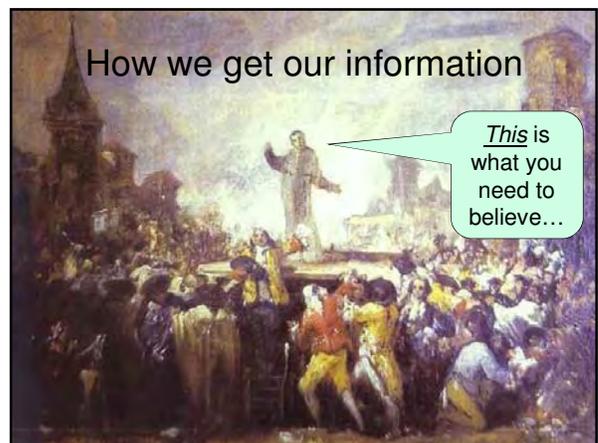
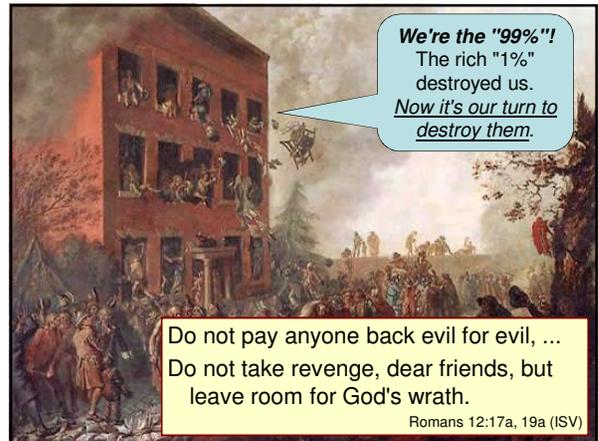
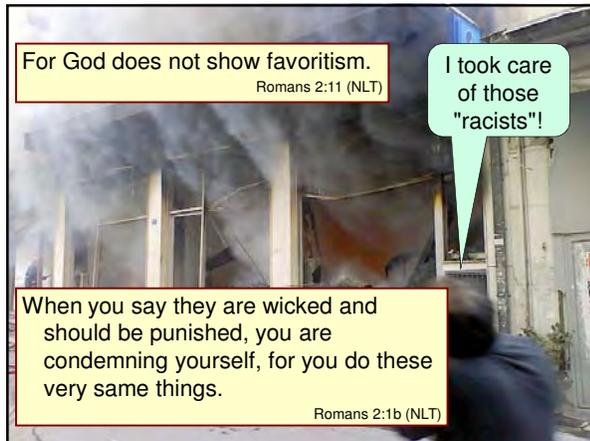
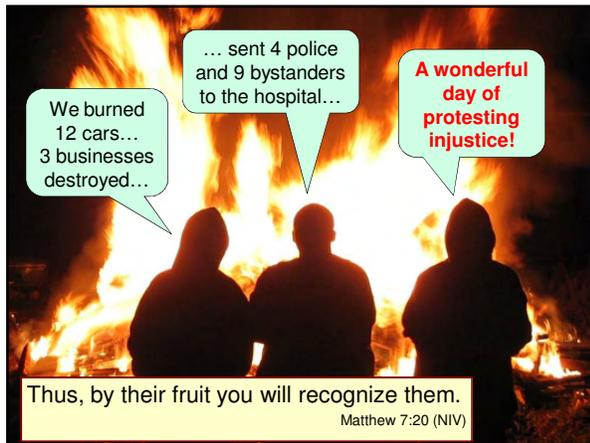
"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."  
Luke 6:27b-28 (NET)

**They are the sinners!**

"Let him who is without sin cast the first stone [or in this case, the first shoe]."  
Based on John 8:7

**They did it to us... we'll do it to them!**

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.  
Romans 3:23 (NET)



**Step 1: A Scene of Controversy**

Kill the police!

Crush the rioters!

Great scene! We'll sell more newspapers!

**Step 2: Determine what best serves the interests of the media**

"Once again, the overreacting police..."

Police attacking protesters.

Protesters attacking police.

Whatever it is... that is what you will see the most of.

"Once again, the rioting mobs attacked..."

**Step 3: Redefine the issues, as necessary**

You were going 80 MPH in a 25 MPH zone.

HOW IT BEGAN...

HOW IT WAS PORTRAYED...

"Once again, racial discrimination\* has raised its ugly head..."

\*(Insert any divisive topic.)

**Step 4: Polarization of Views**

I'll fight until MY view of justice prevails!

I saw it on television!

But the facts say...

Where did you get your view?

I heard mine on the radio talk show!

No! The facts really say...

**Step 5: Stubborn Zeal of People Who Were Not There**

YOU are wrong. It was self-defense!

YOU are wrong. It was cold-blooded murder!

YOUR eyewitnesses lied!

I see three round rods, not connected!

I see two square bars, connected at one end!

Which was it?

The eyewitnesses lied?

Maybe sometimes. Maybe mistaken. Maybe half of what really happened.

I see three round rods, not connected!

I see two square bars, connected at one end!

The eyewitnesses lied? **NOT ALWAYS**

Step 6: "Peaceful" Demonstrations (Blame the opponents for the violence.)

Step 7+: More Rage and Violence (encouraged by the media)... Etc.

## YOUR MISSION

Be an instrument of peace and blessing  
 – even to those you disagree with.

Love is patient ... kind ... not proud ... not rude ... not self-seeking ... not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love ... always perseveres.  
 From 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)

Don't leave a legacy of destruction!  
 (whether visible on the street, or hidden in the heart)

Through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked it is destroyed.  
 Proverbs 11:11 (NIV)

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