

Disaster and the Politics of Blame

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In reporting the fires in Los Angeles, Fox News has been relentless in its nonstop attack on Newsom who Fox News had made the symbol of everything wrong with the Democrat party. Fox News is explicitly blaming Newsom for causing the fires that have reduced whole neighborhoods in Los Angeles to ashes and have killed at least two dozen people. Fox News is accusing Newsom of deliberately cutting off the supply of water to Los Angeles to achieve social justice. These are serious charges that Newsom is denying to no avail.

No one believes Newsom's denials. Donald Trump has joined with Fox News to dump on Newsom. Trump is treating Newsom the same way the Democrat party has treated Trump, but with one big difference. Trump has cause to go after Newsom who has totally mismanaged the fires **THAT ARE STILL BURNING. The governor cannot put out the fires and now will need Donald Trump to do the job. What a disgrace for the governor. This is a pathetic example of failure to govern.**

Fox News is also dumping on the LA mayor Bass, but their main target for political retribution is Gavin Newsom. Newsom now says he wants to put together a Marshall Plan to rebuild Los Angeles. This is coming from a governor who cannot even manage the reservoirs. Governor Newsom is now becoming the new Joe Biden, that is, a symbol for bumbling partisan incompetence. To make

matters worse, Fox News is reporting that while the fires are burning, the areas burnt are being looted.

Newsom cannot get the situation under control. He has completely failed to protect life and property. But despite the massive damage and the appeals for help which cannot be ignored, the people in Los Angeles voted for the current governor and mayor, so the people are getting what they voted for. It isn't as if Newsom and Bass misled the public. Now these two partisan Democrats who believe that M-A-G-A spells N-A-Z-I now must turn to Trump for help. That can only be humiliating but in politics humiliation comes with the territory.

Now please understand that Governor Newsom is not the modern-day Nero. He is just another incompetent partisan politician. They are a dime-a-dozen and can be found wherever politicians govern. Newsom will muddle through this crisis which will eventually end. However, that won't help the people whose lives were lost and disrupted or undo the damage caused by partisan politics that sacrificed public safety to promote a selfish and racist political agenda.