

# The Demonization of “Anarchists”

I’m actually somewhat glad to see the media talking about how “anarchists” are rioting and breaking crap. No, it’s not because it’s true, or because *actual* anarchists should or would do that. I’m happy about it because it means that “the powers that be” know they can’t simply *ignore* anarchists and voluntaryists anymore. They would much rather just never talk about us, and pretend we don’t exist, but the principles of self-ownership and non-aggression have spread too far too fast, so that the parasite class had to shift from merely ignoring anarchists to demonizing them. It is a sign of their fear and desperation that they have to make that crap up.

And it isn’t going to do them much good, if any. The most it will do is reinforce a false assumption in the minds of some easily duped subjects who are *already* scared of the word “anarchy.” But among people who already know what anarchism is actually about, no one is going to watch the news and then say, “Darn, I liked the whole idea of non-aggression and a stateless, free society, but since the media said an anarchist broke a window, now I suddenly like violent authoritarian domination again.” It’s a transparently lame vilification stunt, which in the long run will do exactly nothing for the ruling class.

One pleasant side effect is that, even if it wasn’t done at the bidding of that authoritarian collectivist, Fuhrer Trump, he is absolutely going to start using propaganda like this to condemn people who advocate actual freedom, and then those supposedly pro-freedom people who were duped into being Trumpites are going to feel as stupid as they are.