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BETHLEHEM CITY COUNCIL AND THE POLITICS OF HATE
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When radical activists expressed their fears of policing and outright demands for police defunding and abolition for months on end, council was empathetic and encouraging. BUT, when everyday citizens expressed their public safety fears in a calm and rational way, council viciously attacked them for their legitimate concerns. What kind of behavior is this for public servants to engage in? Disgraceful. Tonight some Bethlehem City Council members exposed who they truly are. Anybody listening?

Bethlehem City Council spent hours this year holding the police accountable. The police responded to council's incessant grilling with grace and professionalism. But, tonight, when the citizens of Bethlehem calmly held council members accountable for their own public statements, most council members lost their minds and became defensive, played the victim or became enraged. Evidently, they will not tolerate being held accountable by those they represent. How deeply undemocratic.

Council expressed no concerns whatsoever with the statements radical Marxists made when they DEMANDED THE DEFUNDING AND ELIMINATION OF THE POLICE for months on end. Nor were they concerned in the least about the effect on citizens' psyches when their sycophants on social media repeated those demands ad nauseam for public consumption. On the contrary, they welcomed and encouraged those attacks and the demeaning context in which they were made. No one on council ever expressed the slightest concern for the public safety fears citizens had about police defunding even after they presided over months of relentless attacks by radical Marxist Anarchists on the Bethlehem police department, the Mayor and the institutions that provide public safety.

BUT.... when everyday citizens expressed their concerns and fears about those defunding threats, then council became deeply enraged, appalled and threatening. Tonight's temper tantrums from some council members reveal how much they despise being held accountable, accurately quoted and having their plans revealed. It also reveals their outright contempt for the legitimate concerns of citizens who don't just passively assent to council's ideological and political goals.

Instead of responding with empathy for the fears expressed by both sides, they responded with hateful shaming and blaming tactics against the side they clearly resent instead of truly listening to them. In all our years as political observers, we have never seen behavior this undignified and reprehensible.

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