

*Tension can be a good thing: it can lead to discourse out in the open, a use of words to spar with an opponent, debating the merits and demerits of an argument. When Assemblyman /u/ChaoticBrilliance's campaign bus arrived in Portland, however, the tension was the opposite kind.*

*Antifa had set up a barrier around the restaurant he was meant to take questions in, and supporters who had shown up were crowding into them, a situation set to explode into a full-blown riot should nothing be done to counteract the levels of brazen and volatile emotions. The police were nowhere to be seen, despite the pre-planning of this event. Likely the early arrival of the bus and the earlier confrontation between protestors and supporters caught them off guard.*

*Against the advisement of his staff, /u/ChaoticBrilliance began stepping off of the bus to assess the situation, and almost immediately had a shoe thrown at him. While he ducked, the security provided to him temporarily as a candidate surrounded him and blocked any further attacks.*

“Are you sure you still want to do this, /u/ChaoticBrilliance? It doesn't seem very safe.”

“No worries. That's what these guys are here for.”

*The candidate tried again, this time with security around him, and escorted him into the cafe. Windows were filled with anti-/u/ChaoticBrilliance slogans, posters labeled 'Bash the Fash', and various other slogans meant to disrupt and insult.*

*As /u/ChaoticBrilliance looked around at the large amount of people assembled in the restaurant, a surprising amount considering the threat of violence that awaited them outside.*

*He began to speak.*

“Wow, I didn't know I would get such a warm welcome from Portland, supporters and attackers alike!

*This generates laughter from the crowd, a good sign that leads to easing of a crowd.*

“Look, I came here to speak policy, not wield weapons against my political opponents, except with words. As I have explained before in my speech in Salt Lake City, we are facing the precipes of a cultural crisis, in which ideas and people have become so politically polarized that no man is safe voicing his opinion, although more recently those who argue for a right wing position are more than likely attacked than those on the left.

“Overall, however, it must be mentioned, no, stated that any physical attack on your political opponents, of either side, is wrong, and is a violation of the First Amendment.

“We do not need divisive politicians nor politicians willing to cater to the violence of a political group merely because they operate in the name of ‘social justice’, a vague and frankly redundant concept. We need to work to protect those freedoms of speech under attack today, in perhaps one of the greatest movements in America to remove rights from the hands of the people.

“I will repeat: we need a uniter, not a divider, and the evidence proves that I am that uniter, having been elected Speaker of our Assembly based on my commitment to considering and proposing legislation based on how it might benefit the state, not my party. I intend to do the same if elected to the Senate, instead of lying about my opponent’s record to cover up my own, like fellow candidate /u/Nothedarkweb is doing, to his misfortune.

“Furthermore, I have shown my commitment to bettering the state of the economy of the Western State in my time as Western Assemblyman, professing a commitment to your right to keep the wages you earn, a familiar and welcome concept among you who work in Portland, one of the greatest port cities on the west coast.

“As stated by the platform of the Western G.O.P., we will work on passing a Balanced Budget Amendment to affect the United States as a whole, so that it has the knockback effect of limiting government spending, which in turn leads to a reduced deficit, and will inevitably be accompanied by Republican proposals to lower taxes, which I know I will be supporting with all of my heart.

“Not to mention my commitment to workers rights: blue collar laborers do not deserve their wages to be stolen by either the government or the involuntary unions that plague our nation, and make Western businesses leave for places with more competitive wages. We were once the best economy in the United States, and growing, but now we have dropped to the third because of the leftist policy of ‘tax, spend, and regulate until the business is dead’.

“I gotta tell you, if I were a worker who got laid off of his job, the first thing I’d do is go to the ballots, and vote the Republican ticket, because not only is the Western State facing a dangerous threat to its right to the pursuit of happiness, known to regular Americans as the American Dream, but the whole of the United States.

“So when you vote, check your mark next to the candidate who cares about your Constitutional rights to the right to liberty, including freedom of speech, and the right to the pursuit of happiness, consisting of the American Dream.

“May God Bless you all, God Bless the West, and God Bless the United States of America.”

*Heavy clapping from people of all walks of life drowns out the screams and chants of Antifa and associated counter-protestors outside, and as /u/ChaoticBrilliance smiles, his wave entrances people into a second round of applause.*

*The trip back onto the bus was easier than the trip off, as most of the crowd had dispersed, either with signs and pins for the /u/ChaoticBrilliance campaign, or frustrated intentions. Either way, it was an exciting event, and he looked forward to attending more.*