



HOW WELL DID TRUMP HANDLE RACIAL UNREST?

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BACKGROUND INFO

The death of George Floyd triggered people to take to the streets to protest. It wasn't just any movement, Across the United States, there have been more than 4,700 demonstrations, or an average of 140 per day, since the first protests began in Minneapolis on May 26, according to a Times analysis. Turnout has ranged from dozens to tens of thousands in about 2,500 small towns and large cities. It started as a protest defending just George Floyd and police brutality but then made a move all around the world demanding for justice.

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Shortly after the peaceful protests began, riots started too. Minneapolis and Saint Paul experienced widespread rioting, looting, and property destruction over a three-night period in late May that resulted in \$500 million in property damage—the second most destructive period of unrest in United States history, after the 1992 Los Angeles riots.



TRUMP'S RESPONSE



After the riots and looting, On June 1, 2020 Trump released to the media stating that governors should deploy the National Guard in great numbers so that they “dominate the streets.”

Trump also stated that "If a city or state refuses to take the actions necessary to defend the life and property of their residents, then I will deploy the United States military and quickly solve the problem for them".

CAUSE

EFFECT



Trump has characterized the protests as violent, even though more than 90 percent of thousands of protests nationwide have been **peaceful**.

The agents were indiscriminate in their actions, going after attendees both peaceful and not with tear gas, rubber bullets, and arrests. That led to nights of violence and chaos in the city, calming down only after the feds left.

SO, HOW WELL DID TRUMP DO?

WHY THIS LETTER GRADE?

1. He was unable to control the situation and his decisions only made matters worse (with the feds and peaceful protests).
1. Instead of letting peaceful protests continue and protecting their right to demonstrate to let their voices be heard he demanded feds attack and break up the demonstrations...this only brought more resentment towards the police and gov
1. Overall, he really did divide the country and when given a chance to be able to lower tensions between far right and far left groups, he only started pointing fingers instead of taking the role of leadership to try and fix things in the country

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