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DIDN'T YOU SAY: "SILENCE IS CONSENT"?



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Here's what provoked me:

Hey SB! What do you think about this statement? – "Silence is consent." Haven't we heard that statement a lot recently? – Stefano Bachovich – obscure curmudgeon and wise political pundit – a prolific purveyor of opinions on just about everything. – SB's primary "go-to guy."

Here's my response:

Didn't You Say "Silence is Consent"?

After the Charlottesville violence, President Trump suffered a barrage of hate-filled accusations of racism. This was worse than anything he's previously experienced. His sin was that he immediately condemned the violent individuals on both sides of that confrontation: white supremacists and Nazis on one side, with Antifa on the other.

I believe Trump made a political error by not initially focusing on the white supremacists, at least for the first few days. But he was not wrong in stating there was wrongful violence on both sides. And he was dead right in stating just because someone objects to removing Confederate statues, that doesn't mean they are racist white supremacists. Thankfully Trump wasn't silent on the issue as it applies to either of the participants.

Since then, we all have taken note of self-described leftist/Marxist thugs with black masks, black gloves, sticks, clubs and other weapons. They are openly hunting down anyone who disagrees with their revolutionary ideas. Many of these outlaws call themselves Antifa.

As for those showing greatest disdain for Trump's "share the blame" instincts, their silence relative to these thugs is deafening. These same people may have been partly right – "silence is consent."