

# Senate Leadership Fund: ICYMI: “Mandela Barnes called anti- lockdown demonstrators ‘selfish,’ praised Black Lives Matter protests”

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**WASHINGTON, DC** - Radical Mandela Barnes treated Wisconsin small businesses suffering under draconian COVID lockdown restrictions in a totally different manner than violent BLM protests - in just a matter of a few months.

**[Fox News: Mandela Barnes called anti-lockdown demonstrators ‘selfish,’ praised Black Lives Matter protests for unity](#)**

When the Barnes-Evers regime in Madison extended restrictive COVID lockdown orders in 2020, keeping Wisconsin small businesses closed, over 1,000 protestors peacefully demonstrated at the Wisconsin state capitol. ***Barnes’ response was to call the demonstrations “selfish,” “dangerous,” and “literally flirting with death”*** as he compared the attendees to white supremacists who descended on Charlottesville in 2017.

Yet just a few months later, Barnes completely changed his tune on protests. In response to violent BLM protests that set fire to property in Wisconsin, ***Barnes defended the destruction: “To see a city burn on the outside is devastating but hardly compares to the implosion brought by systemic inequity and injustice.”*** He also claimed the violent protests were necessary to “save this nation.”

**“If you’re a Wisconsin small business, Mandela Barnes will attack you. But if you’re a violent social justice arsonist, he’ll have your back. If this**

**makes no sense to you - like thousands of other Wisconsinites with common sense - you know Mandela Barnes has no businesses taking these radical and dangerous views to represent Wisconsin in the Senate.” -SLF Communications Director Jack Pandol**