



Giuliani: Gov. Cuomo 'Should Remove' Mayor De Blasio, He's 'Lost Control' of NYC

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Rudy Giuliani, a former Republican mayor of New York City, called on New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) to remove NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio (D) for "preventing" the police from taking the actions necessary to stop the riots and looting and for losing "control of the mob and the city."

Since the death (an apparent homicide) of George Floyd in Minneapolis while in police custody on May 25, New York City, like many major cities, has been the scene of peaceful protests but also riots and looting led by radicals such as the socialist Antifa.

In a June 2 tweet, Giuliani wrote, "The Mayor in NYC has lost control of the mob and of the city. The Mayor is preventing the NYPD to take the actions necessary to stop brutal attacks on police and citizens. He is even falsely accusing NYPD of taking excessive action when he has made them punching bags."

In a subsequent tweet, Giuliani said, "Gov. Cuomo should remove Mayor DiBlasio. He is preventing the NYPD from taking the actions that have prevented riots in the past.

"Surely, you remember the Gigante report which helped me prevent riots under circumstances of long protests with many attempts to turn them violent."

On June 1, Giuliani had also tweeted, "Dear Progressive Mayors, A novel suggestion; you might consider using your police to prevent looting, arson and assault, not just to observe it. Don't worry the looters, arsonists, released convicts and Antifa will vote Democrat no matter what. They know what's best for them."

He further wrote, "Again today lawlessness reigned supreme. The police hardly interfered. All of this shows just how dangerous the Progressive Democrats are as Mayors and Governors. Their impracticality and desire to pander makes it impossible for them to take action necessary to protect us."

The New York Times reported on June 2 that rioters and looters had wreaked mayhem through Manhattan on Monday night, smashing windows and doors at Macy's in Herald Square, and many other shops such as Nike, Coach, Barnes & Noble, and Bergdorf Goodman.

"Within hours, the normally vibrant center of wealth and upscale retail had descended into an almost clichéd vision of disorder," said *The Times*. "Streets were speckled with broken glass and trash can fires. Bands of looters pillaged stores without regard for nearby police officers. The screech of sirens echoed between skyscrapers.

"By the early morning hours, a sense of lawlessness had set in."

In a 2017 commentary piece in *USA Today*, Cato Institute Executive Vice President David Boaz described Bill de Blasio as "America's Marxist mayor."

"The mayor of the world's financial center, the hub of American and global capitalism, thinks that the obstacle to progress is private property, the institutional system that has brought billions of people around the world out of back-breaking poverty," wrote Boaz.

He continued, "Mayor de Blasio says he'd like to have the power to determine what happens on every piece of land in the city. Other leaders have had such power, in the Soviet Union and China and Venezuela, and those systems did not produce progress. Or even toilet paper."