

No, Mayor de Blasio, President Trump Is Not to Blame for the Stabbing of New York Jews

Barely two weeks ago, on Dec. 12, Ben Shapiro wrote an article titled, "The Left's Grotesque Politicization Of Anti-Semitism." On Sunday, Dec. 29, we were given a glaring example of this grotesque, leftist politicization of anti-Semitism, as New York's Mayor de Blasio blamed the Hanukkah stabbings on "hateful speech" emanating from Donald Trump.

During an interview on Fox News, de Blasio said, "An atmosphere of hate has been developing in this country over the last few years. A lot of it is emanating from Washington, and it's having an effect on all of us."

When asked directly if he was pointing the blame at Trump, he replied, "not just the president," adding, "we need a different tone, starting in Washington ... that [will] encourage this country to actually find some unity and some common ground."

So, it is "not just the president" who is to blame for the recent spike in attacks on Jews, especially in greater New York. But the president, according to de Blasio, certainly shares some of the blame. (Note that CNN reported on Sunday that "There was an attack on Jewish New Yorkers almost every day last week.")

After all, it was President Trump who, earlier this month, issued an executive order to combat anti-Semitism in America.

And it was Trump who undid our disastrous deal with Iran, thereby giving the nation of Israel a corporate sigh of

relief.

And it was Trump who did what presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama would not do, moving our embassy to Jerusalem.

And it is Trump who is the first president with a Jewish child or Jewish grandchildren.

Of course, he is partly responsible for the stabbing of ultra-Orthodox Jews at a Hanukkah party in Monsey, New York. Who could not connect the dots?

During an interview on MSNBC, de Blasio also pointed to the rise of white supremacist groups, laying the blame for this on Trump as well. "But let's be honest, he said, "the last three years everything has changed. Once hate gets normalized, it spreads like wildfire, and it takes a more violent form, and we've got to stop it now before we end up making the wrong kind of history."

And how, pray tell, does the rise of white supremacy movements over the last three years explain blacks attacking white Jews, both at the kosher market in Jersey City, New Jersey, and the Hanukkah party in Monsey?

As Shapiro noted, "the left has been able to cover for its own anti-Semitism problem by focusing in on the rise of white supremacist violence, connecting that violence with President Trump."