

# Charivari 2.0: The Striking Resurgence of an Old Contentious Tactic

## Web Appendix: High-Profile Incidents

### NORTH AMERICA

#### Black Lives Matter

In 2015, Black Lives Matter protested at the residence of the Democratic Governor of Minnesota.

Source: Pat Kessler. Black Lives Matter Protesting Outside Governor's Residence. *CBS News* (1 September 2015) <<https://www.cbsnews.com/minnesota/news/black-lives-matter-to-protest-outside-governors-residence/>, accessed 18 December 2023>

In 2016, BLM “protesters set up shop outside former [Seattle] mayor Ed Murray’s house to protest his support for a new youth jail.”

Source: Barnett, Erica. 2020. Nonviolent Protests at Officials’ Houses are Protected Speech. *PubliCola* (August 3) <<https://publicola.com/2020/08/03/nonviolent-protests-at-officials-houses-are-protected-speech-political-leaders-want-to-shut-them-down/>, accessed 4 July 2023>.

In April 2016, BLM protesters marched to the private home of Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne to demand accountability over a police killing. They claimed that Wynne had refused for days to talk to them in her public office, so that marching to her private home was the last resort.

Sources: Police Investigating after Black Lives Matter Group Holds Vigil outside Private Home of Kathleen Wynne. *National Post* (1 April 2016) <<https://nationalpost.com/news/toronto/police-investigating-after-black-lives-matter-group-holds-vigil-outside-private-home-of-kathleen-wynne>, accessed 23 September 2022>

Tara Atluri. 2018. Black Picket Signs/White Picket Fences. In Jinthana Haritaworn, ed. *Queering Urban Justice*, 154-56, 160. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

In March 2020, BLM activists held “a protest at the residence of L.A. County District Attorney Jackie Lacey... Demonstrators gathered on Lacey’s front porch, banged on a drum, and rang her doorbell at 5:30 am. The disruption culminated with Lacey’s husband pointing a handgun out the couple’s front door, threatening to shoot the trespassers and ordering them to leave his property.”

Source: Jeffrey Cawood. South L.A. Activist Demands BLM Leader Step Down After ‘Cheap Publicity Stunt’ at D.A.’s Home. *Daily Wire* (9 March 2020)  
<<https://www.dailywire.com/news/south-l-a-activist-demands-blm-leader-step-down-after-cheap-publicity-stunt-at-d-a-s-home>, accessed 5 October 2023>

A large crowd of BLM sympathizers protested for many hours outside the private home of Derek Chauvin, the police officers killing George Floyd. The police eventually gave dispersal orders and, after 11:00 pm, arrested some protesters who resisted.

Source: Mary Divine. Six George Floyd Protesters Arrested at Fired Minneapolis Police Officer’s Oakdale Home. *Twin Cities Pioneer Press* (28 May 2020)  
<<https://www.twincities.com/2020/05/28/george-floyd-protesters-arrested-at-oakdale-home-belonging-to-minneapolis-police-officer/>, accessed 18 December 2023>

In mid-August 2020, BLM protesters marched to the private home of Minneapolis police union leader Bob Kroll, “wearing t-shirts that read ‘KKKroll Must Go,” demanding his resignation, and taking “swings at piñatas depicting Kroll and Collin,” his wife, a local journalist, whom activists want fired due to her connection to the police union leader. Some neighbors exited their homes to watch, some with signs “Blue Lives Matter” and one “with a pistol tucked into his pants” (source 1).

Sources: Declan Desmond. Protesters Show up at Bob Kroll's Home Demanding his Resignation. *Bring Me the News* (16 August 2020) <<https://bringmethenews.com/minnesota-news/protesters-show-up-at-bob-krolls-home-demanding-his-resignation>, accessed 26 September 2022>

William Jacobson. Black Lives Matter Protesters Harass Neighbors of Minneapolis Police Union Chief. *Legal Insurrection* (17 August 2020) (note: rightwing website)  
<<https://legalinsurrection.com/2020/08/black-lives-matter-protesters-harass-neighbors-of-minneapolis-police-union-chief/>, accessed 14 December 2023>

On Saturday August 1, 2020, two hundred BLM protesters tried to head toward the private home of Seattle police commissioner Carmen Best, the first black woman occupying that post. Neighbors in this ex-urban area outside Seattle block the protesters' access by using their vehicles to cut roads. Thereafter, police vehicles blocked access to Best's home as well.

By then, Seattle mayor Jenny Durkan had "had five demonstrations at her house in recent weeks," her spokesperson told the press. And allegedly "in June, 50 BLM supporters vandalized the home of Olympia Mayor Cheryl Selby."

Source: Mario Lotmore. Hundreds of BLM Supporters Storm Snohomish County Neighborhood to Protest at Seattle Police Chief Carmen Best's Home. *Lynnwood Times* (2 August 2020) <<https://lynnwoodtimes.com/2020/08/02/hundreds-of-blm-supporters-storm-snohomish-county-neighborhood-to-protest-at-seattle-police-chief-carmen-bests-home/>>, accessed 26 September 2022>.

See also: Erica Barnett. Nonviolent Protests at Officials' Houses are Protected Speech. *Publicola* (3 August 2020) <<https://publicola.com/2020/08/03/nonviolent-protests-at-officials-houses-are-protected-speech-political-leaders-want-to-shut-them-down/>>, accessed July 4, 2023>.

In October 2020, 300 Northwestern University students held a BLM protest outside the private home of university president Morton Shapiro in the middle of the night, at 12:30 am, demanding the abolition of the police department and insulting him as "piggy Morty," which Shapiro denounced as an anti-Semitic slur.

Source: Joely Simon. Northwestern's Jewish President Accuses BLM Protesters of Antisemitism. *Forward* (20 October 2020) <<https://forward.com/news/456863/did-protesters-at-northwestern-use-an-antisemitic-slur-against-the/>>, accessed 26 September 2022>

"St. Louis Gun-Toting Incident" (Wikipedia)

When on June 28, 2020, about 500 BLM protesters walked through a private gated community in St. Louis in order to protest in front of the private home of St. Louis mayor Lyda Krewson, two residents exited from their mansion and, from their front lawn, threatened the protesters with drawn firearms, claiming to defend their own private property and the integrity of the gated community. Shouting ensued, but no actual violence erupted, as the protesters resumed their march.

The incident received enormous media attention, and the Republican Party featured the two homeowners, Mark and Patricia McCloskey, very prominently at its National Convention. After a police investigation, charges were filed against the homeowners, and after a tension-filled prosecution, they plead guilty to misdemeanor charges, but were quickly pardoned by the state governor.

Sources: St. Louis Gun-Toting Incident. *Wikipedia*  
<[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St.\\_Louis\\_gun-toting\\_incident](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Louis_gun-toting_incident), accessed 26 September 2022>

Mark and Patricia McCloskey: What Really Went on in St Louis that Day? *BBC News* (25 August 2020) <<https://www.bbc.com/news/election-us-2020-53891184>, accessed 26 September 2022>

Kea Wilson. Meet the McCloskeys: How Private Places Act as a Form of Spatial Anti-Blackness in St. Louis. *Streetsblog* (29 June 2020) <<https://usa.streetsblog.org/2020/06/29/meet-the-mccloskeys-private-places-lead-to-spatial-anti-blackness-in-st-louis>, accessed 26 September 2022>

### Abortion Rights Protesters

In the run-up to the Supreme Court decision on *Roe v. Wade*, protesters on numerous occasions marched past the private homes of conservative Supreme Court justices, especially Brett Kavanaugh, yet also John Roberts, Samuel Alito, Clarence Thomas, and Amy Coney Barrett. These marches started in 2021, occurred with particular frequency, fervor, and high attendance after the leaking of Alito's draft decision and then again after the court's official decision in mid-2022, and resumed occasionally thereafter, through 2023.

Sources: Alejandro Alvarez. Abortion-Rights Advocates March on Kavanaugh's Chevy Chase Home. *WTOP News* (14 September 2021) <<https://wtop.com/gallery/montgomery-county/abortion-rights-advocates-march-on-kavanaughs-chevy-chase-home/>, accessed 5 October 2023>

Ellie Silverman. Outside Kavanaugh's Home, a Neighbor Rallies for Abortion Rights. *Washington Post* (7 May 2022) <<https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2022/05/07/wooten-holway-protest-justice-kavanaugh-neighbor/>, accessed 9 May 2022>.

Ian Fisher and Bloomberg. Top Court Demands End to ‘Weeks on End’ of Protests in Front of Justices’ Homes. *Fortune* (2 July 2022) < <https://fortune.com/2022/07/02/top-court-demands-end-to-weeks-on-end-of-protests-in-front-of-justices-homes/>, accessed 5 October 2023>

Lorraine Taylor. Protesters Gather Outside SCOTUS Justice Brett Kavanaugh’s Home on 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roe v. Wade Ruling. *Fox News* (23 January 2023) < <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/protesters-gather-outside-scotus-justice-brett-kavanaughs-home-50th-anniversary-roe-v-wade-ruling>, accessed 5 October 2023>

Lawrence Hurley. Free Speech or Federal Crime? Protesters are Still Marching outside Conservative Supreme Court Justices’ Homes. *NBS News* (14 May 2023) <<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/supreme-court/free-speech-federal-crime-protesters-are-still-marching-conservative-s-rcna78678>, accessed 14 December 2023>

### Protests over COVID-19 – mostly against Restrictions

Protesters “gathered at the private home of Ohio Department of Health Director Dr. Amy Acton, some reportedly armed” (source 1). Source 2 reports that these incidents happened several times.

Sources: David Dewitt. Some Republican Legislators Need to Grow Up, Stop Stoking Anger and Peddling Misinformation. *Ohio Capital Journal* (5 May 2020) <<https://ohiocapitaljournal.com/2020/05/05/some-republican-legislators-need-to-grow-up-stop-stoking-anger-and-peddling-misinformation/>, accessed 22 September 2022>

Jackie Borchardt and Jessie Balmert. First Came the Pandemic, then Came the Politics: Why Amy Acton Quit. *Cincinnati Enquirer* (13 June 2020) <<https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2020/06/12/why-ohio-health-department-director-amy-acton-quit/3174400001/>, accessed 18 December 2023>

“Anti-mask protesters targeted state epidemiologist Dr. Angela Dunn’s home in Salt Lake City last year and posted her address online.” Other public officials faced similar incidents.

Source: Becky Jacobs. Protesting Outside Private Homes is Off Limits, Utah Legislature Decides. *Salt Lake Tribune* (4 March 2021) <<https://www.sltrib.com/news/2021/03/04/protesting-outside/>, accessed 22 September 2022>

On an evening in December 2020, 3 protesters used bullhorns in front of the private house of Ada County Commissioner Diana Lachiondo in Boise – but she was at that time in town in her office, participating in the health district’s virtual meeting. Alone at home (their grandmother had left to walk the dog), her two young sons (age 8 and 12) got scared and, in tears, called their mother to come home; in response, she rushed out of the public zoom meeting. Widely reported in the media, this incident causes a big public outcry. The police identifies the 3 protesters, and courts later convict them.

Sources: Brian Holmes. CDG Board Member Lachiondo Responds to Protests Outside her Home. *KTVB* (9 December 2020) <<https://www.ktvb.com/article/news/local/208/ada-county-commissioner-diana-lachiondo-boise-idaho-home-visited-by-protesters-kids-home-alone/277-7c13c39d-0c39-42ac-911a-ae351fb8f7c2>, accessed June 21, 2023>.

“New Hampshire’s Republican governor [Chris Sununu] said ... that ... armed protesters have been gathering outside his home in the weeks since he issued a mask order [and] have increasingly become more aggressive, targeting my family, protesting outside my private residence, and trespassing on my property.”

Source: Kathy McCormack. Governor Cancels Inaugural, Citing Mask Protests at His Home. *APNews.com* (30 December 2020) <<https://apnews.com/article/arrests-concord-coronavirus-pandemic-new-hampshire-74c5be34db1e55a287b4b1da4bf89958>, accessed 12 December 2023>

Protesters against Boston’s citywide COVID-19 vaccination mandate frequently appeared in the early morning (around 7:00 am) at the private home of Boston mayor Michelle Wu with megaphones and chanted slogans, “disturbing the peace of a quiet residential area,” in the words of an upset neighbor (source 1). “The mayor regularly tweets about the demonstrations, citing heavy-metal music at 7 a.m., a ‘Happy Birthday, Hitler’ chant on her birthday, and protesters who have ‘shouted on megaphones that my kids will grow up without a mom because I’ll be in prison’ (source 2). The persistence of these protests for months induced the mayor to have the city council approve restrictions, but their deterrent effect proved limited (source 3).

Sources: Zipporah Osei. Here’s how 2,000 Readers Feel about the Protests at Mayor Michelle Wu’s House. *Boston.com* (18 January 2022) <<https://www.boston.com/community/readers-say/how-2000-readers-feel-about-the-protests-at-mayor-michelle-wus-house/>, accessed 19 September 2022>

Jennifer Levitz. Boston May Restrict Picketing as Officials Face Protests at Homes. *Wall Street Journal* (28 March 2022). ProQuest document ID: 2643931786.

Rick Sobey. Protests outside Michelle Wu’s Home: Boston Judge Rules Protester was ‘Wrongfully Arrested,’ Drops Charges. (5 September 2022)  
<<https://www.bostonherald.com/2022/09/05/protests-outside-michelle-wus-home-boston-judge-rules-protester-was-wrongfully-arrested-drops-charges/>, accessed 13 December 2023>

To “protest the lack of additional COVID-19 relief, [two leftwing] groups, SPACeS in Action and ShutDownDC, posted a video of activists hauling dozens of black body bags off a U-Haul truck and putting them outside the homes of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Sens. James Inhofe, Lindsey Graham and Susan Collins. “Do your job: #CovidRelief now,” ShutDownDC tweeted.”

Source: Bailey Aldridge. Body Bags Left Outside GOP Senators’ Homes by Groups Protesting Lack of COVID Relief. *McClatchyDC.com* (2 December 2020)  
<<https://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/nation-world/national/article247548235.html>, accessed 22 November 2023>

### Protests over Donald Trump’s Reelection Bid – Pre- and Post-Election

“A group of protesters gathered Saturday [in the early] morning outside the Kalorama home of Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, loudly condemning him as delays and fundings shortfalls threaten November’s mail-in ballot initiatives.”

Source: Colleen Grablick and Jeffrey Katz. Protesters Gather Outside of Postmaster General’s D.C. Home as Threats to Mail-In Voting Loom. *DCist.com* (15 August 2020)  
<<https://dcist.com/story/20/08/15/protesters-gather-outside-of-postmaster-generals-d-c-home-as-threats-to-mail-in-voting-loom/>, accessed 12 December 2023>

“Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson [Dem.] says ‘dozens’ of armed protesters descended on her home Saturday night, using megaphones to disrupt what had been a quiet evening with her young son.” They protested against the “stolen” election and shouted slogans based on conspiracy theories. Police soon arrived to protect Benson’s home, but did not dissolve the protest.

Sources: Bill Chappell. Michigan Secretary of State Says Armed Protesters Descended On Her Home Saturday. *NPR News* (7 December 2020) <<https://www.npr.org/sections/biden-transition-updates/2020/12/07/943820889/michigan-secretary-of-state-says-armed-protesters-descended-on-her-home-saturday>, accessed 23 September 2022>

Kathleen Gray. Trump Supporters Protest Michigan’s Election Results Outside its Secretary of State’s Home. *New York Times* (7 December 2020) <<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/07/us/trump-supporters-protest-michigans-election-results-outside-its-secretary-of-states-home.html>, accessed 18 December 2023>

After the contested election of 2020, Arizona Secretary of State Katie Hobbs (Dem.) faced several protests at which demonstrators chanted slogans outside her private residence.

Sources: Andrew Oxford. Arizona Secretary of State Katie Hobbs Reports Violent Threats, Calls out Ducey for 'Deafening Silence.' *Arizona Republic* (18 November 2020) <<https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/arizona/2020/11/18/arizona-secretary-state-katie-hobbs-receiving-violent-threats/3768419001/>, accessed 17 December 2023>

Autumn Lewien and Shannon Hiller. 2021. *BDI Issues Brief: Trends in Demonstrations at Homes, May-December 2020*. Princeton, NJ: Bridging Divides Initiative, Princeton University, p. 4.

Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers (Rep.), who had refused intense demands from Donald Trump and his close aides to overturn the 2020 election results, testified before Congress in mid-2022: “At home, up till even recently, ... [we] worry what will happen on Saturdays, because we have various groups come by, and they have had video-panel trucks with videos of me proclaiming me to be a pedophile and a pervert and a corrupt politician, and blaring loudspeakers in my neighborhood, and leaving literature both on my property and arguing and threatening with neighbors and with myself. ... One gentleman ... had a pistol and was threatening at my neighbor—not with the pistol but just vocally.”

In the same hearing, Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, who had refused Trump’s push to “find 11,780 votes” in a notorious telephone call, testified: “After the election, my email, my cell phone was doxed, and so I was getting texts all over the country. Then eventually my wife started getting a text, and hers typically came in as sexualized texts, which were disgusting ... Then some people broke into my daughter-in-law’s home. My son has passed, and she is a widow and has two kids. So, we are very concerned about her safety also.”

Sources: Hearing before the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6<sup>th</sup> Attack on the United States Capitol. House of Representatives, One Hundred Seventeenth Congress. Second



Session. June 21, 2022. Serial No. 117-5 (Washington, DC: U.S. Government Publishing Office, 2022): 18 (quote from Bowers), 30 (quote from Raffensperger).

Yvonne Wingett Sanchez. Alone in Washington, Rusty Bowers Tells World What Happened in Arizona. *Washington Post* (21 June 2022) <<https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2022/06/21/rusty-bowers-jan-6/>, accessed 5 October 2023>

“On December 5, hundreds of anti-fascists came with a large shield wall to oppose the weekly post-election far-right gathering [a ‘Stop The Steal’ event supporting Donald Trump] at Minnesota’s Governor’s Residence.”

Source: Niko Georgiades. Anti-Fascist Shield Wall Opposes Minnesota Far-Right. *Unicorn Riot* (15 December 2020) <<https://unicornriot.ninja/2020/anti-fascist-shield-wall-opposes-minnesota-far-right/>, accessed 18 December 2023>

### Protests against Israel’s Military Assault on Gaza, especially the Killing of Civilians

“Pro-Palestinian demonstrators have spent weeks protesting outside Secretary of State Anthony J. Blinken’s house, spilling pitchers of fake blood and shouting at him and his family” (source 1). Setting up an encampment with more than 100 people, they displayed signs reading “Bloody Blinken lives here” and “Caution: War Criminal Inside” (source 2). When a car with Blinken’s small children – ages 3 and 4! – would arrive, some protesters “shouted: ‘YOUR FATHER IS A BABY KILLER!’” (source 3). After six months, state authorities finally removed the encampment.

Sources: Lisa Lerer, Reid Epstein, and Katie Glueck. Gaza Protests Vex Democrats from White House to City Hall. *New York Times* (7 April 2024): 1, 10.

Michael Crowley. As Face of Biden’s Israel Policy, Blinken Draws the Wrath of Protesters. *New York Times* (4 February 2024): 17.

Michael Shaffer. Antony Blinken’s Family Is the Latest Target of Washington’s Ugliest Protest Trend. *Politico* (16 February 2024)  
<<https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2024/02/16/protesting-public-officials-homes-00141766>, accessed 19 August 2024>

Pro-Palestinian activists protested outside the homes of numerous legislative politicians, such as Nancy Pelosi in San Francisco, Senator Gary Peters of Michigan, and Democratic Representative Adam Smith in Bellevue, Washington; in the latter case, they spray-painted his garage doors with slogans such as “Baby Killer.”

Sources: Joel Umanzor. San Francisco Anti-War Protesters Call on Nancy Pelosi to Support Cease-Fire in Gaza. *San Francisco Standard* (3 December 2023) <<https://sfstandard.com/2023/12/03/san-francisco-protest-nancy-pelosi-cease-fire-gaza/>, accessed 3 December 2023>

Protestors Rally at Sen. Gary Peters’ Home to Demand his Support for a Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza. *WJR.com* (27 November 2023) <<https://www.wjr.com/2023/11/27/protestors-rally-at-sen-gary-peters-home-to-demand-his-support-for-a-permanent-ceasefire-in-gaza/>, accessed 14 December 2023>

Megan Lebowitz. Rep. Adam Smith Says his Home was Vandalized by Cease-Fire Activists. *NBC News* (1 December 2023) <<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/congress/rep-adam-smith-says-home-was-vandalized-cease-fire-activists-rcna127690>, accessed 3 December 2023>

Protesters marched to the private homes of university administrators, such as the University of Michigan president and the Harvard president, over issues related to the Israel – Hamas conflict in Gaza.

Sources: Jon King. Pro-Palestinian Protesters March to U of M President’s House after Cancellation of Student Votes. *Michigan Advance* (1 December 2023) <<https://michiganadvance.com/2023/12/01/pro-palestinian-protesters-march-to-u-of-m-presidents-house-after-cancelation-of-student-votes/>, accessed 3 December 2023>

Frank Zhou. Pro-Palestine Protesters March to the Harvard President’s Residence. *Harvard Crimson* (7 May) <<https://www.the.crimson.com/article/2024/5/7/hoop-rally-in-photos/>, accessed 8 May 2024.

“Pro-Palestinian protesters targeted the vacation home of American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) President Michael Tuchin ... set off smoke bombs and displayed a banner accusing Tuchin of being a ‘baby killer.’”

Source: Protesters Set Off Smoke Bombs at AIPAC President’s Brentwood Home. *Westside Current* (24 November 2023) <[https://www.westsidecurrent.com/brentwood/protesters-set-off-smoke-bombs-at-aipac-presidents-brentwood-home/article\\_d2e62bc0-8adf-11ee-a0c0-6b58ae6916a3.html](https://www.westsidecurrent.com/brentwood/protesters-set-off-smoke-bombs-at-aipac-presidents-brentwood-home/article_d2e62bc0-8adf-11ee-a0c0-6b58ae6916a3.html), accessed 13 December 2023>

## Charivari-Like Tactics Used by Protesters of Various Stripes concerning a Variety of Causes

A discussion of 15 incidents of residential picketing, 12 from 2013 onward, with a special focus on protests at the private residences of Trump administration officials and Republican politicians.

Source: Ruth Tam. 15 Times Protesters Crashed Politicians on their Home Turf. *The Kojo Nnamdi Show Blog* (28 June 2018) <<https://thekojonnamdishow.org/2018/06/28/x-times-protesters-crashed-politicians-home-turf/>, accessed 18 December 2023>

Across the US, “many [demonstrations] have occurred recently outside the private living spaces of public figures, beginning even before George Floyd’s death in Minneapolis police custody in May. As it happens, targets have often been liberal Democrats who the [more leftwing] protesters deemed too moderate or too willing to compromise.”

For instance, “when Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., voted to confirm some of President Donald Trump’s Cabinet picks in January 2017, thousands of people surrounded his Brooklyn apartment building, loudly rhyming “what the f--- Chuck?” Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler was forced to move out of his condo in September [2020] after left-wing protesters broke windows and threw burning debris into the lobby.”

Source: Charles Lane. Does the Right to Protest Include the Right to Hound Someone in their Home? *Washington Post* (26 October 2020) <[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/does-the-right-to-protest-include-the-right-to-hound-someone-in-their-home/2020/10/26/60b184d8-17aa-11eb-befb-8864259bd2d8\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/does-the-right-to-protest-include-the-right-to-hound-someone-in-their-home/2020/10/26/60b184d8-17aa-11eb-befb-8864259bd2d8_story.html), accessed 5 October 2023>

Protesters advancing various causes have frequently besieged, and occasionally vandalized, the family home of Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell in Louisville, KY, and his private residence on Capitol Hill.

Sources: Bailey Loosemore and Emma Austin. Protesters Rally Outside Mitch McConnell’s Louisville Home in Wake of RBG Death. *Louisville Courier Journal* (19 September 2020) <<https://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/2020/09/19/louisville-protesters-rally-outside-mcconnells-louisville-home/5838169002/>, accessed 10 December 2023>

Sara Sidery and Grace Hayba. Sen. Mitch McConnell’s Louisville Home Vandalized. *WDRB.com* (2 January 2021) <<https://www.wdrb.com/news/sen-mitch-mcconnells->

louisville-home-vandalized/article\_62eca8c2-4d0b-11eb-9b7d-cf36ca105b39.html, accessed 10 December 2023>

Matt Small. Noisy Protest Outside McConnell’s Capitol Hill Home over Filling Ginsburg Seat. *WTOP.com* (24 September 2020) <<https://wtop.com/dc/2020/09/noisy-protest-outside-mcconnells-capitol-hill-home-over-filling-ginsburg-seat/>, accessed 10 December 2023>

In Idaho in recent years, there have been numerous protests in front of public officials’ private homes on a variety of issues, ranging from gay rights, police funding, anti-COVID restrictions, and even a parking ordinance. A politician who sponsored a bill to restrict this residential picketing, Greg Chaney Rep.), saw his “house targeted by pitchfork-wielding protesters [who] carried a stuffed animal with Chaney’s name on it, apparently hanged in effigy.”

Sources: Ryan Suppe. ‘My House Isn’t the Problem’: How Idaho has Grappled with Intensifying Residential Picketing. *Idaho State Journal* (18 May 2021).

<[https://www.idahopress.com/news/local/my-house-isnt-the-problem-how-idaho-has-grappled-with-intensifying-residential-picketing/article\\_81738400-bfbc-548c-95c0-dc151a4e98f4.html](https://www.idahopress.com/news/local/my-house-isnt-the-problem-how-idaho-has-grappled-with-intensifying-residential-picketing/article_81738400-bfbc-548c-95c0-dc151a4e98f4.html) , accessed 5 October 2023>.

Audrey Dutton and James Dawson. Idaho Extremists Target Judges, Prosecutors, Health Workers in Doxxing Campaigns. *Idaho Capital Sun* (15 April 2022).

<<https://idahocapitalsun.com/2022/04/15/idaho-extremists-target-judges-prosecutors-health-workers-in-doxxing-campaigns/>, accessed 5 October 2023>

### Charivari-Like Tactics Used by State Governors against Federal Officials

After doing this on earlier occasions, Texas GOP governor Greg Abbott sent three busloads of migrants to Washington, DC, such that they arrived at the official residence of Vice President Kamala Harris at night on Christmas Eve.

Source: Giulia Heyward. Busloads of Migrants Dropped off Near Kamala Harris's Home on Christmas Eve. *NPR NEWS* (25 December 2022)

<<https://www.npr.org/2022/12/25/1145481615/busloads-of-migrants-dropped-off-at-kamala-harriss-home-on-christmas-eve>, accessed 14 January 2023>

## GERMANY

### Protesters against the Admission of Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Out of fear of a planned protest demonstration by 100 members of a hard-right party in front of his private home, the mayor of a small town in Saxony-Anhalt (former East Germany) resigned from his *pro bono* office, complaining that for weeks, he and his family had been insulted and harassed because he had welcomed 50 refugees to settle in his town.

Source: Bürgermeister tritt wegen NPD-Demo zurück. *Volksstimme* (9 March 2015) <<https://www.volksstimme.de/sachsen-anhalt/buergermeister-tritt-wegen-npd-demo-zurueck-654710>, accessed 19 September 2022>

About 370 demonstrators, including numerous supporters of an extreme-right grouping, protested in front of a planned shelter for refugees and then marched to the private residence of Saxony's prime minister (paraphrase of abstract). One leader shouted, "Politicians must not feel well at home any longer!" The police blocked direct access to the PM's home. At the same time, there was a counter-demonstration by the planned shelter – but not the PM's home.

Source: Rechtsextreme ziehen bei Protest gegen Flüchtlingsunterkunft vor Privatwohnung von Ministerpräsident Kretschmer. *Kieler Nachrichten* (22 October 2023) <<https://www.kn-online.de/panorama/dresden-rechtsextreme-demonstranten-ziehen-vor-privatwohnung-des-ministerpraesidenten-B62NJZI76ZDLVCSFT6T26MXOBM.html>, accessed 13 December 2023>

### Protesters against COVID-19 Restrictions

In Grimma, a small town in the countryside between Leipzig and Dresden (in former East Germany), about 30 protesters hailing from a rightwing grouping marched in December 2021 in a torch-lit parade to the private home of Petra Köpping, then Saxony's minister of health. Police soon appeared and dissolved the protest, taking down identifying information.

Because the torches evoked memories of the Nazi movement of the 1920s and 1930s, this incident drew strong, widespread condemnation from across the whole range of the ideological

spectrum, even from Germany's new rightwing populist party *Alternative for Germany* (AfD). Köpping's house thereafter received permanent police protection. When in January 2022, two members of the AfD tried to conduct their own protest at the site, the police turned them away.

Source: Julius Geiler. Nach Einschüchterungsversuch gegen Politikerin: Wenn die Wut in die Provinz wander. *Tagesspiegel* (5 December 2021) <<https://www.tagesspiegel.de/politik/wenn-die-wut-in-die-provinz-wandert-4293940.html>, accessed 23 June 2023>

In Halberstadt, hundreds of rightwing protesters against COVID-19 restrictions marched to the private home of mayor Daniel Szarata with torches and fireworks in the evening, shouted slogans, made noise, and shone intense flashlights. There have been several similar incidents across the country. The incident in Halberstadt was condemned by politicians from all mainstream parties.

Sources: Corona-Mob mit Fackeln vor dem Haus des Halberstädter OB – alle Fakten und Hintergründe. *Volksstimme* (16 February 2022) <<https://www.volksstimme.de/lokal/halberstadt/corona-mob-mit-fackeln-vor-dem-haus-des-halberstaedter-ob-alle-fakten-und-hintergruende-3336810>, accessed 19 September 2022>

Michael Klarmann. Zunahme der Drohkulissen vor Wohnhäusern von Politikern. *Endstation Rechts* (16 February 2022) <<https://www.endstation-rechts.de/news/zunahme-der-drohkulissen-vor-wohnhaeusern-von-politikern>, accessed 19 September 2022>

Politiker verurteilen Aufmarsch vor Privathaus von Halberstädter Oberbürgermeister. *Stern* (15 February 2022) <<https://www.nau.ch/politik/international/politiker-verurteilen-aufmarsch-vor-privathaus-von-halberstadter-oberburgermeister-66109142>, accessed 19 September 2022>

A man carrying a 4-meter-tall wooden cross led a crowd of 50-60 demonstrators to the private home of Baden Württemberg's Prime Minister Winfried Kretschmann to protest against COVID-19 regulations and restrictions. Tried because this protest was unregistered and unauthorized, the man was initially fined Euro 30,000; upon appeal, the fine was lowered to Euro 16,000.

Source: SWR Aktuell. Corona-Demo vor Kretschmanns Haus: Mann muss 16.000 Euro zahlen. *SWR.de* (15 February 2023) <<https://www.swr.de/swraktuell/baden-wuerttemberg/tuebingen/neuer-straftprozess-wegen-demo-vor-kretschmanns-haus-100.html>, accessed 13 December 2023>

## UNITED KINGDOM

“Hundreds of anti-lockdown protesters [during the COVID-19 pandemic] ... gathered outside [Welsh] First Minister Mark Drakeford’s home... crowds with loud speakers and banners shouted in the street outside [his] home. The protest has sparked condemnation from cross-party politicians... Carwyn Jones, who led Wales from 2008 until 2018, called it a favourite tactic of the far right in America.”

Source: Covid: Lockdown Protest at Mark Drakeford’s Home ‘Crossed Line.’ *BBC News* (25 July 2021) <<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-57963035>, accessed 5 October 2023>

## FRANCE

During the Paris riots over the police killing of a teenager with a migration background, a suburban mayor worked in his office at night. At 1:30 am on a Sunday, morning protesters “used a car to ram through the gates of his home before setting the vehicle on fire so that the blaze would spread to the house... Then when his wife ... tried to flee with the children, aged five and seven, they were attacked with fireworks rockets,” causing the wife to suffer an injury.

Source: Paris Riots: Suburban Mayor’s Wife Hurt as Rioters Attack their Home. *BBC News* (May 2023). <<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-66079408>, accessed 5 October 2023>