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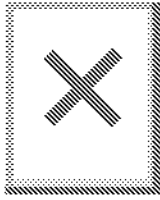
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## **Afternoon Edition: Trump Supporters Storm Capitol Building, Breaching Security**

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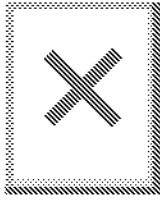
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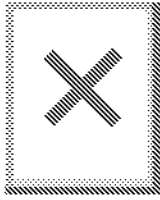


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## Hundreds of migrants without shelter in Bosnia as winter bites

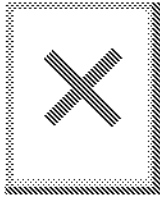
Nearly 3,000 migrants are stranded in northern Bosnia without shelter, the International Organization for Migration said, and some are suffering from respiratory problems and other complications as night-time temperatures plunge.





## **A moment in America, unimaginable but perhaps inevitable**

To see it unspool ----- to watch the jumbled images ricochet, live, across the world's endless screens ----- was, as an American, a struggle to believe your eyes. But there it was, in the capital city of...



## **Majority of Employers Will Encourage, Not Require, COVID-19 Vaccine: SHRM Research**

The majority of U.S. organizations (61 percent) that intend to encourage, but not require, their employees to get the COVID-19 vaccination, according to research from the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) conducted in December. Many employers won't need to do much arm-twisting in terms of...

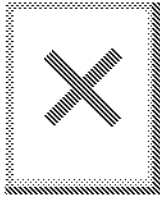


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## **This new phishing attack uses an odd lure to deliver Windows trojan malware**

QRat trojan malware provides hackers with complete control of infected machines and the ability to steal passwords and other sensitive data - but the phishing emails are unconventional.





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## Facial recognition: Now algorithms can see through face masks

The US Department of Homeland Security has carried out trials to test whether facial recognition algorithms could correctly identify masked individuals.

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### Guarding the New Green: Security Lessons for Cannabis Companies in Emerging Markets

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The impact of implicit bias on physical security can have tremendous consequences. When a security...

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**Sent:** January 7, 2021 11:08 AM (UTC-05:00)  
Hello All,

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This message is for awareness only.

I wanted to let everyone know (please share with your units) the information that was disseminated to different partners (below). OPE sent the information to fusion centers and marked it LES. OPS sent the other 2 messages to DSAC and InfraGard.

Thanks to everyone for doing their part to be engaged and responsive.

Erin

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Below is what we sent to DSAC/InfraGard and what OPE sent out. OPE's blast was a little more robust but they are sending it to fusion centers and LEOs.

#### **DSAC**

The FBI continues to monitor the unlawful protests currently occurring in Washington, D.C. The Office of Private Sector (OPS) will share any available and pertinent information for private industry on this portal, to keep our DSAC members informed.

#### **InfraGard**

The FBI continues to monitor the unlawful protests currently occurring in Washington, D.C. The Office of Private Sector (OPS) will share any available and pertinent information for private industry on this portal, to keep our InfraGard members informed.

#### **OPE**

The following information is sent on behalf of FBI Assistant Director George P. Beach in advance of a SITREP expected later this evening:

On January 6, 2021 Washington, DC became the scene of a number of individual protest gatherings. United States Park Police reported a total of four permitted First Amendment events attracting an unknown number of participants.

At approximately 11:30 AM a large number of persons gathered in the Ellipse area and listened to a speech by POTUS.

At the conclusion of the speech, a huge number of persons moved on foot down Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues to the area of the United States Capitol.

At approximately 2:30 PM a large group of protestors moved onto the grounds of the Capitol, some of whom eventually breached several doors and windows and gained entry to, and throughout, the building. Several hundred protestors

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remain in the Capitol.

Members of Congress and Staff have been removed to positions of safety.

At the present time, a coordinated police response consisting of members of the United States Capitol Police, United States Park Police, Metropolitan DC Police, Metro North Police, HSI, Federal Protective Service, US Marshals Service, FBI, and Virginia State Troopers are beginning to clear the Capitol.

The DC National Guard was earlier deployed in a limited capacity to assist with traffic control, and a request was made by the city to deploy National Guard Members to the United States Capitol.

Open source reporting indicates a woman was shot and seriously injured in the downtown area prior to the action at the Capitol.

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We received reports that the State Capitols of Kansas and Georgia were breached, and verified that the report from Kansas is false and remains the site of otherwise peaceful protests. Details on the potential breach in Georgia are being determined.

The DC Mayor has enacted a citywide curfew beginning at 6:00 PM and ending at 6:00 AM tomorrow, January 7, 2021.

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*Law enforcement and partner agencies continue to mobilize necessary resources to address the dynamic situation at the Capitol and throughout the larger DC-area. Efforts to safely evacuate all individuals at the US Capitol and clear the grounds continue to evolve rapidly precluding exact estimates pertaining to crowd size and movement.*

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Update: MPD has initiated mass arrests to enforce curfew violations throughout the city and clear remaining crowds.

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**OPERATIONAL UPDATES:**

(U//~~FOUO~~) The US Marshals Service is also joining other law enforcement agencies in supporting the USCP during operations in Washington, DC.

(U//~~FOUO~~) Virginia Governor Northam has declared a State of Emergency and imposed a curfew in Arlington and Alexandria from 1800 - 0600 tomorrow morning.

**UPDATES:**

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(U//~~FOUO~~) No significant updates as of 2000 hours.

**PENDING TARGETS OR SUBJECTS OF INVESTIGATIVE INTEREST:**

(U//~~FOUO~~) No significant updates as of 2000 hours.

**PLANNED EVENTS:**

(U//~~FOUO~~) The IOC is not tracking any additional planned events in Washington, D.C. for 6 January 2021:

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(U//~~FOUO~~) The FBI has received information indicating the possibility that protest activity may occur outside or around

*U.S. Government property and facilities into January 2021, and that individuals or groups may exploit this otherwise protected activity to commit or incite civil disorder, riot, or other criminal violations. Transmittal of this report informs appropriate personnel who must account for the safety and security of facilities and personnel. As an individual or groups ability to conduct lawful protests and seek redress from government is a right guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, no investigative activity is to be initiated solely based on such protected conduct unless some indication of criminal or terrorist activity is present.*

**From:** The Washington Post  
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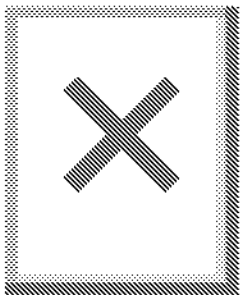
## **Congress certifies Biden's win, but the ordeal reveals fragility in the American system**

At 3:45 a.m., undeterred by the pro-Trump mob that ransacked the Capitol, Congress officially affirmed President-elect Joe Biden's victory. The House and Senate both voted to reject challenges to the results from Arizona and Pennsylvania. In a statement, President Trump even pledged an "an orderly transition."

I would love to write a triumphal take today. I could focus on lawmakers returning to fulfil their Constitutional obligation after a mob forced them to flee their chambers illustrates the resiliency of our institutions. I could point out that the light in the Capitol dome still shines this morning, serving as a beacon of hope for the cause of freedom.

It would be easy to pound out the sorts of platitudes that Gerald Ford reassured anxious Americans with when he replaced the disgraced Richard Nixon in 1974: "My fellow Americans, our long national nightmare is over. Our Constitution works; our great Republic is a government of laws and not of men. Here the people rule."

But proffering a feel-good narrative would not reflect the vulnerability that so many felt on Wednesday as the temple of American self-government was desecrated by insurrectionists who were intent on overturning the results of a free and fair election – at the encouragement of a sitting president refusing to admit defeat. This ordeal left a lot of elected officials, retired military leaders and former presidents from both parties feeling like something is rotten in the United States of America.



The storming of our Capitol on Wednesday drew comparisons to violent breaches in developing countries like Armenia and Serbia. Canisters of tear gas were fired across the Rotunda's white marble floor. A woman was fatally shot by police near the entrance to the House gallery.



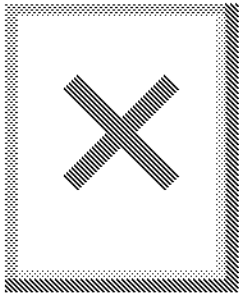
The last time an invading force took control of our Capitol was Aug. 24, 1814, when invading British troops set fire to the building. Only a torrential rainstorm, seen as providential, saved the structure.

Moreover, the majority of House Republicans — including Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (Calif.) and his No. 2 Steve Scalise (La.) — voted to invalidate electoral votes that Biden won fair and square, as did eight Senate Republicans. This is a reflection of the degree to which the GOP has undergone significant radicalization over the past decade — with Trump the symptom as much as the cause — that has left a significant faction of its adherents seemingly less than fully committed to the cause of democracy.

The raw emotions of the moment nearly led to a physical confrontation on the House floor early this morning. Rep. Conor Lamb (D-Pa.) accused Republicans of peddling “lies” about election fraud in his state. GOP members responded angrily. An exchange of words between Republicans and Democrats sitting behind Lamb seemed like it might be headed toward blows until aides intervened and Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) gaveled the chamber to order.

Meanwhile, Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) was booed for trying to claim that members of antifa had secretly infiltrated the Trump mob. Then Gaetz added that he did not

know “if the reports are true.” Across social media and pro-Trump TV channels, right-wing figures are starting to peddle similar disinformation.



**“The ‘American carnage’ that Donald Trump vowed to end at the dawn of his presidency was revived in terrifying, treacherous form at its sunset Wednesday,** as Trump made a fiery last stand and incited his supporters to storm and sack the U.S. Capitol as part of an attempted coup,” writes Philip Rucker. “The marauders freely roamed the building’s stately halls, some carrying Confederate flags. They occupied the Senate and House chambers and rummaged through desks. They vandalized the offices of congressional leaders. They assaulted police and other public servants. They trampled on the gleaming white platform constructed for [Biden’s] inauguration. One tried to replace the U.S. flag flying above the balcony

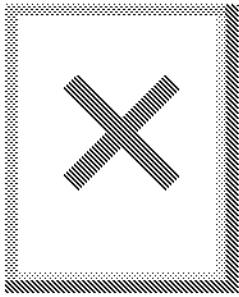
with a Trump campaign flag. Lawmakers and staffers hid in locked bunkers. ... With Wednesday's occupation underway, Trump's eldest daughter, Ivanka, tweeted that the rioters were 'American Patriots' and urged them to be 'peaceful.'"



**A disastrous failure of security allowed the storming of the Capitol, in which a heavily guarded symbol of American strength fell to chaos with stunning speed.** "In a city on high alert, in a building with its own 2,000-officer police department, people forced their way into the sanctums of American democracy with nothing more than flagpoles, riot shields and shoves. Nobody stopped them — and some officers were captured on video appearing to stand back as rioters streamed inside," Carol Leonnig, Aaron Davis, Dan Lamothe and David Fahrenthold report.

"Law enforcement experts said they were mystified by the tactics that police used once the mob was already inside the Capitol. ... One image posted on social media showed an officer taking a selfie with one of the intruders, and a video seemed to show officers opening the security fence to let Trump supporters closer. Police did not appear to try to detain the rioters, allowing them to leave unhindered. One even held a woman's hand to steady her on the Capitol steps. ... It was not until about 7 p.m., roughly five hours after the breach, that the Capitol was cleared and members of Congress returned to their chambers — escorted by heavily armed FBI agents and police in riot gear."

"It's like watching a real-life horror movie. I mean, we train and plan and budget every day, basically, to have this not happen," said Kim Dine, who was chief of the Capitol Police from 2012 to 2016. "How it happened, I can't figure that out."



**The woman shot dead by Capitol Police was identified as 35-year-old Ashli Babbitt, a California native and Air Force veteran.** Before her death, she used her social media accounts to express fervent support for Trump and echo many of the president's favorite conspiracy theories. Authorities said she was shot after jumping onto a windowpane inside the Capitol and died later in the day. (Jaclyn Peiser and Justin Jourvenal)

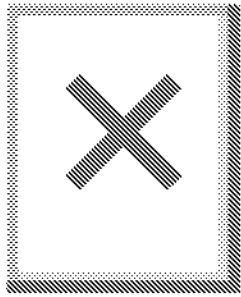
**Federal agents are also investigating a pickup truck found with weapons, ammunition and potential bombmaking material parked outside the Republican National Committee.** The truck, parked across the street from the party offices and near the entrance to a Metro station, contained rifles and shotguns and a mass of ammunition. Federal agents were still trying to

determine whether that vehicle and its contents are connected to suspected pipe bombs found earlier in the day outside both the RNC and Democratic National Committee headquarters, per Rebecca Tan, Peter Jamison, Leonnig, Meagan Flynn and John Woodrow Cox.

**The Pentagon had to scramble to deploy more than a thousand National Guard forces to help protect the Capitol on Wednesday night after they remained on the sidelines during the early hours of the crisis.** It was a stark contrast to the military's role in protests for racial justice in June, when National Guard helicopters flew perilously low over crowds of demonstrators, front-line forces massed near the city, and Pentagon leaders were criticized for appearing to support Trump's heavy-handed response. (Paul Sonne, Dan Lamothe, Missy Ryan and Alex Horton)

- Derrick Evans, a newly elected GOP member of West Virginia's House of Delegates, was among the rioters. He live-streamed – and then deleted – videos from inside the Capitol. (WV MetroNews)
- Jake Angeli, a longtime QAnon supporter and a fixture of Arizona right-wing rallies over the last year, was photographed storming the Capitol and sitting on the Senate dais wearing fur, a horned hat and a painted face. (Arizona Republic)
- Richard Barnett, of Northwest Arkansas, is the man photographed sitting behind a desk in Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office. He told 5News that he left her a note, which said "Nancy, Bigo was here, you B\*\*\*\*."
- Activists contrasted the generally kid glove treatment of the pro-Trump mob with the strong-arm police tactics used against Black Lives Matter protesters. (Robert Klemko, Kimberly Kindy, Kim Bellware and Derek Hawkins)
- Our reporting, visuals and graphics teams put together a detailed reconstruction of how rioters stormed into the building.





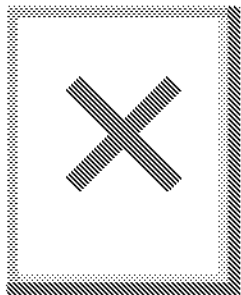
Security officers aim their guns at the door of the House chamber after rioters broke the windows. (Bill O'Leary/The Washington Post)

**Hundreds of people also gathered in state capitals nationwide to challenge the legitimacy of Biden's victory.** "Most of them didn't wear masks amid the coronavirus pandemic, and some carried guns in places like Oklahoma, Georgia, Arizona, Nevada and Washington state," the Associated Press reports. "There were some scuffles in states like Ohio and California, with some instances of

journalists or counterprotesters being pepper-sprayed or punched, but most demonstrations were peaceful — some of them quite small — and only a few arrests were reported. ...

**“News that protesters had breached the U.S. Capitol set off cheers at pro-Trump protests in Minnesota, Nevada and Arizona, where armed protesters marched at the Capitol in Phoenix and several men displayed a guillotine.** Georgia’s secretary of state and his staff evacuated their offices at the Capitol as about 100 protesters gathered outside, some armed with long guns. ... In Utah, the staff of Gov. Spencer Cox was sent home as several hundred people gathered in Salt Lake City ... Salt Lake Tribune photographer Rick Egan said he was pepper-sprayed by a demonstrator who taunted him for wearing a mask and shoved him as he was shooting video of the protest. ... At least one person was arrested at the Oregon Capitol in Salem on suspicion of harassment and disorderly conduct as police in riot gear tried to get people — many of them armed — to leave.”

**In the other Washington, after a rally in front of the state Capitol in Olympia, dozens of Trump supporters were able to open a door in a driveway gate and stream up to the front of Gov. Jay Inslee’s mansion,** where they chanted slogans as law enforcement stood guard on the front porch, the Seattle Times reports. “Whose house — our house’ some chanted, and one man planted a big red and white sign that declared, ‘Trump won 2020.’ Some of the protesters were armed. The roughly half-hour standoff with law enforcement ended as the group decided to leave the grounds rather than risk arrest.”



*A protester sits in a chair in the Senate chamber that Vice President Pence had been in just moments before. (Win  
McNamee/Getty Images/Bloomberg)*

**From Beijing to Moscow, this was a propaganda coup for our**

**adversaries.** “Nationalistic Chinese state-run tabloid the Global Times took the opportunity to bash U.S. politicians for having supported Hong Kong pro-democracy protesters who had stormed the city’s legislature in 2019,” Paul Schemm and Erin Cunningham report. “Konstantin Kosachev, chairman of the foreign affairs committee in the Federation Council, the upper house of Russia’s parliament, said American democracy was ‘obviously limping on both feet.’ ‘America no longer charts the course, and therefore has lost all right to set it. And even more to impose on others,’ he said. ...

“The breakdown in order at the heart of U.S. political institutions also allowed for the surreal situation of countries with poor democratic records and authoritarian traditions to call for calm and peaceful resolutions to the conflict, including Turkey, which urged ‘restraint and common sense.’ Venezuela, which has been in the midst of a severe political crisis for years and is antagonistic to the United States, condemned the ‘political polarization and spiral of violence’ in the country. Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said in remarks Thursday that ‘what happened in the United States showed how weak Western democracy is.’”

**Even our closest allies were unnerved.** Germany’s Foreign Minister Heiko Maas tweeted that “the enemies of democracy will be thrilled to see these unbelievable pictures” from Washington as he made a chilling analogy. “Riotous words turn into violent acts — on the steps of the Reichstag, and now in the Capitol,” Maas wrote. “The disdain for democratic institutions is devastating.”

**On the home front, a chorus of prominent leaders said politicians other than Trump also deserve blame for weakening public confidence.** James Mattis, the president’s first defense secretary, said Trump “fomented” the violent assault. “His use of the Presidency to destroy trust in our election and to poison our respect for fellow citizens has been enabled by pseudo political leaders whose names will live in infamy as profiles in cowardice,” he said in a statement.

**Vice President Pence and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) defied Trump on Wednesday, but their fleeting crumbs of courage came four years too late,** writes Ashley Parker. “The Republican Party’s bargain

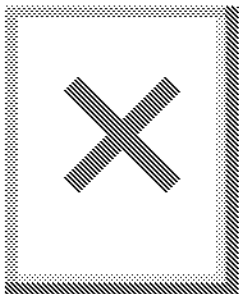
with Trump, writ large, has involved indulging the president's whims and anti-democratic passions in return for the promise of political gain and the hope of avoiding his ire. Both McConnell and Pence benefited from the arrangement."

**George W. Bush, the only living former Republican president, issued a rare statement:** "I am appalled by the reckless behavior of some political leaders since the election and by the lack of respect shown today for our institutions, our traditions, and our law enforcement. The violent assault on the Capitol – and disruption of a Constitutionally-mandated meeting of Congress – was undertaken by people whose passions have been inflamed by falsehoods and false hopes."

## **The lame-duck president**

**Former president Barack Obama made a similar point** "For two months

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## **Some White House aides resign in protest, as others discuss the 25th Amendment.**

Deputy national security adviser Matthew Pottinger resigned overnight, per Bloomberg News, while national security adviser Robert O'Brien and deputy chief of staff Chris Liddell are contemplating doing so. Deputy White House press secretary Sarah Matthews resigned a few hours earlier, saying she was "deeply disturbed" by the insurrection. Two top aides to first lady Melania Trump – chief of staff Stephanie Grisham and White House social secretary Anna Cristina Niceta – also abruptly quit in what one adviser to the president interpreted as a sign of their disapproval of the day's events.

**"One administration official described Trump's behavior Wednesday as that of 'a monster,' while another said the situation was 'insane' and 'beyond the pale,'" Rucker, Josh Dawsey, Shane Harris and Ashley Parker report.** "Fearful that Trump could take actions resulting in further violence and death if he

remains in office even for a few days, he could take actions that could cause further violence and death — senior administration officials were discussing Wednesday night whether the Cabinet might invoke the 25th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution to force him out, said a person involved in the conversations. A former senior administration official briefed on the talks confirmed that preliminary discussions of the 25th Amendment were underway, although this person cautioned that they were informal and that there was no indication of an immediate plan of action. ...

"Considerable internal anger was directed toward chief of staff Mark Meadows, according to four aides, both because of what many view as his incompetence in managing the White House and his willingness to prop Trump up while indulging his false election fraud claims. **People who interacted with Trump on Wednesday said they found him in a fragile and volatile state.** He spent the afternoon and evening cocooned at the White House and listening only to a small coterie of loyal aides. ... 'He kept saying: 'The vast majority of them are peaceful. What about the riots this summer? What about the other side? No one cared when they were rioting. My people are peaceful. My people aren't thugs,'" an administration official said. 'He didn't want to condemn his people.' ...

**"White House aides tried to get Trump to call into Fox News Channel, but he refused.** He at first did not want to say anything, but was persuaded to send some tweets. Then they scripted a video message for him to record, which he agreed to distribute on Twitter. But the president ad-libbed by including references to false voter fraud claims that they had asked him not to include, the administration official said. ... This official described Trump as so mad at Pence 'he couldn't see straight.' ... Trump's fury extended to Pence's chief of staff, Marc Short. The president told aides he wanted to bar Short — who was with the vice president all day at the Capitol — from the White House grounds, according to an official with knowledge of the president's remarks. Short has told others he would not care if he was barred. ... John F. Kelly, another former White House chief of staff who has shied away from rebuking Trump over other transgressions, suggested the president's leadership was wanting."

**Mick Mulvaney quit as Trump's special envoy to Northern Ireland.** "I can't do it, I can't stay," the former White House chief of staff told CNBC this morning. "Those who choose to stay, and I have talked with some of them, are choosing to stay because they're worried the president might put someone worse in."

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## Quote of the day

*"Trump and I, we've had a hell of a journey. I hate it to end this way," Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) said in a floor speech. "But, today, ... all I can say is: Count me out. Enough is enough."*

## Facebook banned Trump indefinitely.

Facebook chief executive Mark Zuckerberg said this morning that the social media giant is banning Trump indefinitely on both Facebook and Instagram. Twitter yesterday locked the president out of his account for 12 hours and removed three tweets. The president's preferred platform also warned that he could be subject to a permanent suspension if he continues inciting violence. (Tony Romm and Elizabeth Dwoskin)

- After Trump tweeted that Pence "didn't have the courage to do what should have been done," his supporters rushed to right-wing social media site Gab to call for those inside the Capitol to hunt down the vice president. Soon, videos of the mob chanting "Where is Pence?" circulated on Gab. (NYT)
- Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) said he'd never seen Pence "as angry as he was today. I had a long conversation with him," Inhofe told the Tulsa World. "He said, 'After all the things I've done for [Trump].'"
- White House counsel Pat Cipollone told West Wing staffers not to help Trump stage a coup to reduce the chance they could be prosecuted for treason under the Sedition Act, Vanity Fair's Gabriel Sherman reports.
- Trump aides believed the president was actually pleased by the mayhem he saw on TV at the Capitol, per the Times's Maggie Haberman.
- Rudy Giuliani tried to get Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.) to delay the counting when the Senate reconvened at 8 p.m., but the president's lawyer accidentally called the wrong senator and left a voicemail. That senator



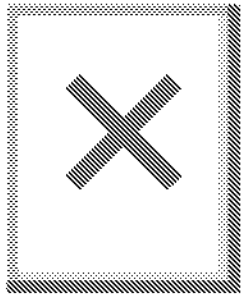
anonymously provided the audio to the Dispatch.

## **Commentary and opinion on the crisis:**

- Robin Givhan: "They let Confederate flags fly on the Capitol steps and inside its hallowed halls, making it plain just how they define the man and the real Americans for whom they claim to be standing firm."
- Monica Hesse: "An image of a rioter lounging behind a desk in Pelosi's office highlighted the smugness of the attackers. The Trump supporters who stormed the Capitol believed they were owed this opportunity to terrorize their elected representatives."
- Dan Balz: "Jan. 6, 2021, will be remembered as one of the darkest days in the history of the United States."
- The Washington Post's Editorial Board: "Trump caused the assault on the Capitol. He must be removed."
- David Von Drehle: "This is Trump's legacy."
- Dana Milbank: "Trump has committed treason."
- George Will: "Trump, Hawley and Cruz will each wear the scarlet 'S' of a seditionist."
- Kansas City Star Editorial Board: "Hawley has blood on his hands in Capitol coup attempt."
- The Albany Times Union's Editorial Board calls for the resignation of Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.) for trying to overturn the election while "knowing full well this political theater had no basis in fact."

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## **Democrats win Senate control**



Judge Merrick Garland speaks after President Barack Obama nominated him for the Supreme Court in March 2016. (Nicholas Kamm/AFP/Getty Images)

## **Biden taps Merrick Garland for attorney general.**

“Garland, 68, serves on the federal appeals court in the District. He is best known for being nominated to the Supreme Court in 2016,” Matt Zapotosky, Devlin Barrett and Ann Marimow report. “Many Democrats still think of Garland as a living example of Republican double-standards when it comes to the courts and the law, though some Biden advisers have come to view him as well-suited to restore norms of nonpolitical decision-making at the Justice Department, given his track record as a judge and a former senior official at the department. ... Biden and his inner circle of advisers plan to nominate Lisa Monaco, a former national security official during the Obama administration, to serve as deputy attorney general in the Justice

Department's No. 2 position. ... The incoming administration has picked Vanita Gupta, the former head of the department's civil rights division under Obama, to take the No. 3 job there ... Biden also plans to nominate Kristen Clarke to lead the Justice Department's civil rights division."

## **Winning both Georgia races will allow Biden to advance more of his agenda.**

"But while liberals cheered a new vision of what may be possible in the first two years of Biden's presidency, the razor-thin Senate margin made it clear Biden's options would still be severely limited, raising the risk that the new landscape would create expectations and pressure that Biden cannot meet," Annie Linskey reports. "Most immediately, Biden has promised additional help to struggling families by providing \$2,000 relief checks. Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.), who is poised to become majority leader, said Tuesday that another round of stimulus checks is 'one of the first things we want to do' ... Other items that may suddenly acquire new life are Biden's plans to expand the Affordable Care Act, launch a major infrastructure program, fight climate change and reform the criminal justice system. Still, most bills require 60 Senate votes to pass. ... The more far-reaching actions demanded by liberals — such as ending the filibuster, granting statehood to Puerto Rico and D.C., and expanding the Supreme Court — remain almost certainly out of reach."

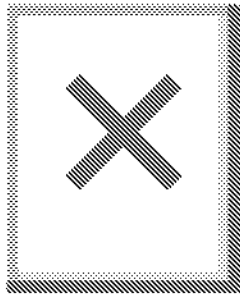
- Both Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff's leads are larger than the 0.5 percentage point threshold in Georgia that allows a candidate to request a recount. (Michael Scherer)

- Trump officials auctioned off oil and gas leases in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, capping the GOP's decades-long quest to drill in one of the nation's most vast unspoiled wild places. This is one of the most significant

## **The coronavirus**

- environmental rollbacks the president accomplished in his term. (Juliet Eilperin and Steven Mufson)

- Trump is unlikely to be able to exclude undocumented immigrants from being counted for a decade's worth of congressional appointment because the Census Bureau projected it won't be able to get state population totals to him before he leaves office. (Brittany Renee Mayes and Tara Bahrampour)
- The Justice Department was also hacked by the Russians as part of their the



*A health-care worker receives the coronavirus vaccine in Miami. (Eva Marie Uzcategui/AFP)*

## **As 3,915 Americans die of covid, the new variant spreads.**

Wednesday was the deadliest day yet of the pandemic. “The mutant variant of the novel coronavirus first seen in Britain is likely to be present in much of the United States. Although the variant has so far been detected in a very small fraction of infections, it shows signs of spreading and may become significantly more common in coming weeks, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and infectious-disease experts,” Joel Achenbach and Ben Guarino report. “A more transmissible virus could drive more patients into hospitals and boost the covid-19 death toll. It also could prolong the march toward herd immunity.”

**The CDC says allergic reactions to the vaccine are rare.**

“Of the 1.9 million people who received a shot during the first two weeks of vaccination, 21 experienced severe allergic reactions, according to a CDC study released Wednesday. Most of those people had a history of allergic reactions, and 20 of them have fully recovered,” William Wan and Achenbach report. “Given the small risk of severe allergic reaction and its treatable nature, the risk of catching the coronavirus and becoming severely ill or dying far outweighs that of a potential allergic reaction, CDC officials said. The virus is killing roughly 2,670 people every day — an average that continues to rise. ... Of the 21 patients with allergic reactions, the median age was 40.”

HHS is accelerating plans to distribute the vaccine through retail pharmacies. The latest figures show that more than 17 million doses of the two authorized vaccines have been distributed, but only about 4.8 million doses had been given as of Tuesday. The partnership with more than 40,000 pharmacy locations from 19 chains will be one way for states to allocate doses of vaccine directly to these locations. (Lena Sun)

Tony Fauci said the U.S. could and should have done a better job of rolling out the vaccines. “Clearly, no excuses,” he told the Economic Club of Washington, adding that they should have had 20 million doses distributed by now. (CNN)

### **The U.S. government paid a Texas company \$70 million for ventilators that were unfit for covid patients.**

The ventilator, developed by a company called AutoMedx, was designed to keep wounded soldiers alive while being transported from the battlefield and had been previously declared unfit for use in a respiratory pandemic according to a research study by the Pentagon. Still, the U.S. signed a contract for them. (Reed Albergotti and Aaron Gregg)

- Some Americans won't get their \$600 stimulus check until they file their 2020 taxes. “The IRS declined to say how many people are affected by the requirement to file a tax return before receiving a stimulus payment, but the National Consumer Law Center said it could be up to 20 million,” Heather Long reports.

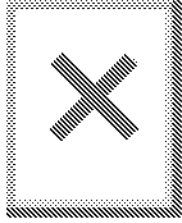
- Japan declared a state of emergency in Tokyo, asking restaurants and bars to close early and requesting that residents refrain from non-urgent outings. (Simon Denyer)

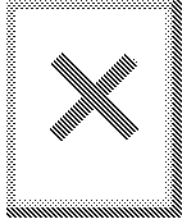
- Israel tightened its lockdown as officials fear the British variant is spreading rapidly and vaccine supplies run low. (NYT)

- A small but rigorous clinical trial in Argentina, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, found that convalescent blood plasma from recovered covid patients can help older adults avoid getting seriously sick with the virus — if it's administered within days of the onset of illness. (NYT)

## **Social media speed read**

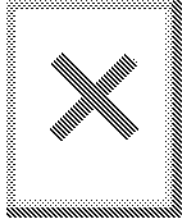
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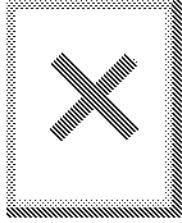


From a survivor of the 2018 Capital Gazette shooting in Annapolis:

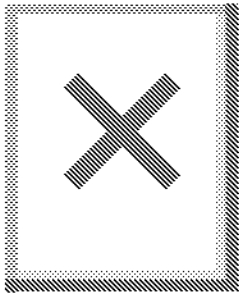




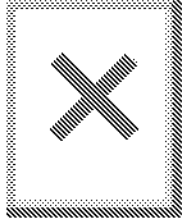
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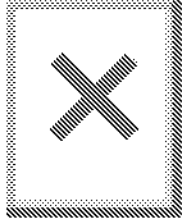
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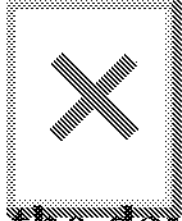
How it started and how it's going:



Model Karlie Kloss, who is married to Jared Kushner's brother Josh, said she tried to talk some sense into her in-laws:

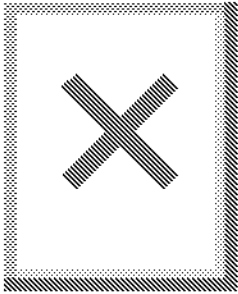


Trump's most recent White House communications director, who resigned last month, expressed disgust with the ongoing election challenges:

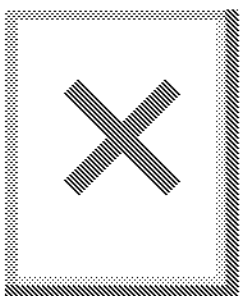


## Videos of the day

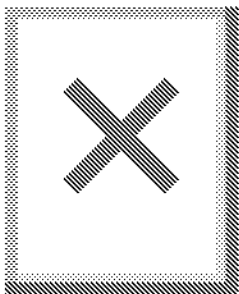
Seth Meyers delivered a serious monologue about what happened:



Stephen Colbert asked Republicans if they've had enough:

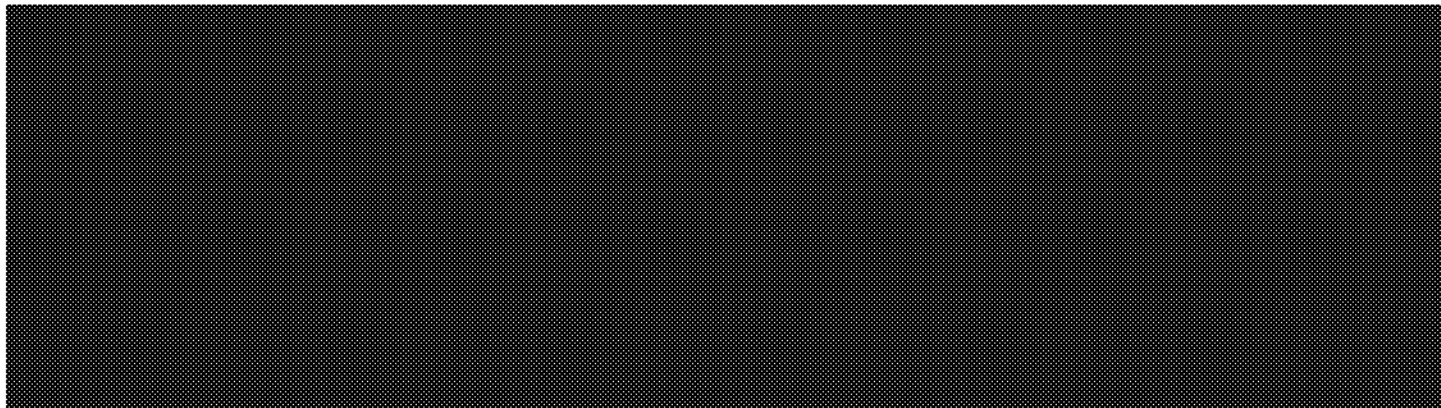


Jimmy Fallon said what happened at the Capitol was not patriotism, but "terrorism":



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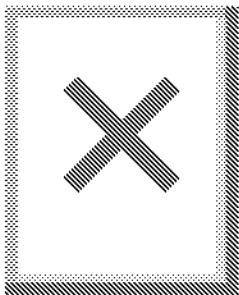
## **Congress certifies Biden's win, but the ordeal reveals fragility in the American system**

At 3:45 a.m., undeterred by the pro-Trump mob that ransacked the Capitol, Congress officially affirmed President-elect Joe Biden's victory. The House and Senate both voted to reject challenges to the results from Arizona and Pennsylvania. In a statement, President Trump even pledged an "an orderly transition."

I would love to write a triumphal take today. I could focus on lawmakers returning to fulfil their Constitutional obligation after a mob forced them to flee their chambers illustrates the resiliency of our institutions. I could point out that the light in the Capitol dome still shines this morning, serving as a beacon of hope for the cause of freedom.

It would be easy to pound out the sorts of platitudes that Gerald Ford reassured anxious Americans with when he replaced the disgraced Richard Nixon in 1974: "My fellow Americans, our long national nightmare is over. Our Constitution works; our great Republic is a government of laws and not of men. Here the people rule."

But proffering a feel-good narrative would not reflect the vulnerability that so many felt on Wednesday as the temple of American self-government was desecrated by insurrectionists who were intent on overturning the results of a free and fair election – at the encouragement of a sitting president refusing to admit defeat. This ordeal left a lot of elected officials, retired military leaders and former presidents from both parties feeling like something is rotten in the United States of America.



The storming of our Capitol on Wednesday drew comparisons to violent breaches in developing countries like Armenia and Serbia. Canisters of tear gas were fired across the Rotunda's white marble floor. A woman was fatally shot by police near the entrance to the House gallery.



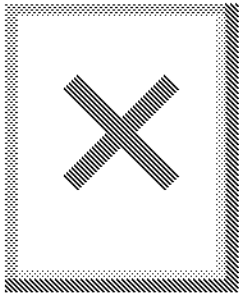
The last time an invading force took control of our Capitol was Aug. 24, 1814, when invading British troops set fire to the building. Only a torrential rainstorm, seen as providential, saved the structure.

Moreover, the majority of House Republicans — including Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (Calif.) and his No. 2 Steve Scalise (La.) — voted to invalidate electoral votes that Biden won fair and square, as did eight Senate Republicans. This is a reflection of the degree to which the GOP has undergone significant radicalization over the past decade — with Trump the symptom as much as the cause — that has left a significant faction of its adherents seemingly less than fully committed to the cause of democracy.

The raw emotions of the moment nearly led to a physical confrontation on the House floor early this morning. Rep. Conor Lamb (D-Pa.) accused Republicans of peddling “lies” about election fraud in his state. GOP members responded angrily. An exchange of words between Republicans and Democrats sitting behind Lamb seemed like it might be headed toward blows until aides intervened and Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) gaveled the chamber to order.

Meanwhile, Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) was booed for trying to claim that members of antifa had secretly infiltrated the Trump mob. Then Gaetz added that he did not

know “if the reports are true.” Across social media and pro-Trump TV channels, right-wing figures are starting to peddle similar disinformation.



**“The ‘American carnage’ that Donald Trump vowed to end at the dawn of his presidency was revived in terrifying, treacherous form at its sunset Wednesday,** as Trump made a fiery last stand and incited his supporters to storm and sack the U.S. Capitol as part of an attempted coup,” writes Philip Rucker. “The marauders freely roamed the building’s stately halls, some carrying Confederate flags. They occupied the Senate and House chambers and rummaged through desks. They vandalized the offices of congressional leaders. They assaulted police and other public servants. They trampled on the gleaming white platform constructed for [Biden’s] inauguration. One tried to replace the U.S. flag flying above the balcony

with a Trump campaign flag. Lawmakers and staffers hid in locked bunkers. ... With Wednesday's occupation underway, Trump's eldest daughter, Ivanka, tweeted that the rioters were 'American Patriots' and urged them to be 'peaceful.'"

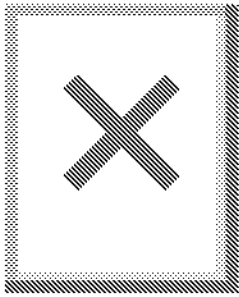


**A disastrous failure of security allowed the storming of the Capitol, in which a heavily guarded symbol of American strength fell to chaos with stunning speed.** "In a city on high alert, in a building with its own 2,000-officer police department, people forced their way into the sanctums of American democracy with nothing more than flagpoles, riot shields and shoves. Nobody stopped them — and some officers were captured on video appearing to stand back as rioters streamed inside," Carol Leonnig, Aaron Davis, Dan Lamothe and David Fahrenthold report.

"Law enforcement experts said they were mystified by the tactics that police used once the mob was already inside the Capitol. ... One image posted on social media showed an officer taking a selfie with one of the intruders, and a video seemed to show officers opening the security fence to let Trump supporters closer. Police did not appear to try to detain the rioters, allowing them to leave unhindered. One even held a woman's hand to steady her on the Capitol steps. ... It was not until about 7 p.m., roughly five hours after the breach, that the Capitol was cleared and members of Congress returned to their chambers — escorted by heavily armed FBI agents and police in riot gear."

"It's like watching a real-life horror movie. I mean, we train and plan and budget every day, basically, to have this not happen," said Kim Dine, who was chief of the Capitol Police from 2012 to 2016. "How it happened, I can't figure that out."





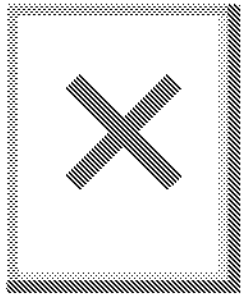
**The woman shot dead by Capitol Police was identified as 35-year-old Ashli Babbitt, a California native and Air Force veteran.** Before her death, she used her social media accounts to express fervent support for Trump and echo many of the president's favorite conspiracy theories. Authorities said she was shot after jumping onto a windowpane inside the Capitol and died later in the day. (Jaclyn Peiser and Justin Jourvenal)

**Federal agents are also investigating a pickup truck found with weapons, ammunition and potential bombmaking material parked outside the Republican National Committee.** The truck, parked across the street from the party offices and near the entrance to a Metro station, contained rifles and shotguns and a mass of ammunition. Federal agents were still trying to

determine whether that vehicle and its contents are connected to suspected pipe bombs found earlier in the day outside both the RNC and Democratic National Committee headquarters, per Rebecca Tan, Peter Jamison, Leonnig, Meagan Flynn and John Woodrow Cox.

**The Pentagon had to scramble to deploy more than a thousand National Guard forces to help protect the Capitol on Wednesday night after they remained on the sidelines during the early hours of the crisis.** It was a stark contrast to the military's role in protests for racial justice in June, when National Guard helicopters flew perilously low over crowds of demonstrators, front-line forces massed near the city, and Pentagon leaders were criticized for appearing to support Trump's heavy-handed response. (Paul Sonne, Dan Lamothe, Missy Ryan and Alex Horton)

- Derrick Evans, a newly elected GOP member of West Virginia's House of Delegates, was among the rioters. He live-streamed – and then deleted – videos from inside the Capitol. (WV MetroNews)
- Jake Angeli, a longtime QAnon supporter and a fixture of Arizona right-wing rallies over the last year, was photographed storming the Capitol and sitting on the Senate dais wearing fur, a horned hat and a painted face. (Arizona Republic)
- Richard Barnett, of Northwest Arkansas, is the man photographed sitting behind a desk in Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office. He told 5News that he left her a note, which said "Nancy, Bigo was here, you B\*\*\*\*."
- Activists contrasted the generally kid glove treatment of the pro-Trump mob with the strong-arm police tactics used against Black Lives Matter protesters. (Robert Klemko, Kimberly Kindy, Kim Bellware and Derek Hawkins)
- Our reporting, visuals and graphics teams put together a detailed reconstruction of how rioters stormed into the building.



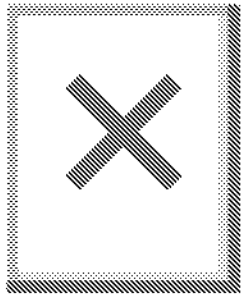
Security officers aim their guns at the door of the House chamber after rioters broke the windows (Bill K. Leary/The Washington Post)

**Hundreds of people also gathered in state capitals nationwide to challenge the legitimacy of Biden's victory.** "Most of them didn't wear masks amid the coronavirus pandemic, and some carried guns in places like Oklahoma, Georgia, Arizona, Nevada and Washington state," the Associated Press reports. "There were some scuffles in states like Ohio and California, with some instances of

journalists or counterprotesters being pepper-sprayed or punched, but most demonstrations were peaceful — some of them quite small — and only a few arrests were reported. ...

**“News that protesters had breached the U.S. Capitol set off cheers at pro-Trump protests in Minnesota, Nevada and Arizona, where armed protesters marched at the Capitol in Phoenix and several men displayed a guillotine.** Georgia’s secretary of state and his staff evacuated their offices at the Capitol as about 100 protesters gathered outside, some armed with long guns. ... In Utah, the staff of Gov. Spencer Cox was sent home as several hundred people gathered in Salt Lake City ... Salt Lake Tribune photographer Rick Egan said he was pepper-sprayed by a demonstrator who taunted him for wearing a mask and shoved him as he was shooting video of the protest. ... At least one person was arrested at the Oregon Capitol in Salem on suspicion of harassment and disorderly conduct as police in riot gear tried to get people — many of them armed — to leave.”

**In the other Washington, after a rally in front of the state Capitol in Olympia, dozens of Trump supporters were able to open a door in a driveway gate and stream up to the front of Gov. Jay Inslee’s mansion,** where they chanted slogans as law enforcement stood guard on the front porch, the Seattle Times reports. “Whose house — our house’ some chanted, and one man planted a big red and white sign that declared, ‘Trump won 2020.’ Some of the protesters were armed. The roughly half-hour standoff with law enforcement ended as the group decided to leave the grounds rather than risk arrest.”



A Protester sits in a chair in the Senate chamber that Vice President Pence had been in just moments before. ©Vin  
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**From Beijing to Moscow, this was a propaganda coup for our**

**adversaries.** “Nationalistic Chinese state-run tabloid the Global Times took the opportunity to bash U.S. politicians for having supported Hong Kong pro-democracy protesters who had stormed the city’s legislature in 2019,” Paul Schemm and Erin Cunningham report. “Konstantin Kosachev, chairman of the foreign affairs committee in the Federation Council, the upper house of Russia’s parliament, said American democracy was ‘obviously limping on both feet.’ ‘America no longer charts the course, and therefore has lost all right to set it. And even more to impose on others,’ he said. ...

“The breakdown in order at the heart of U.S. political institutions also allowed for the surreal situation of countries with poor democratic records and authoritarian traditions to call for calm and peaceful resolutions to the conflict, including Turkey, which urged ‘restraint and common sense.’ Venezuela, which has been in the midst of a severe political crisis for years and is antagonistic to the United States, condemned the ‘political polarization and spiral of violence’ in the country. Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said in remarks Thursday that ‘what happened in the United States showed how weak Western democracy is.’”

**Even our closest allies were unnerved.** Germany’s Foreign Minister Heiko Maas tweeted that “the enemies of democracy will be thrilled to see these unbelievable pictures” from Washington as he made a chilling analogy. “Riotous words turn into violent acts — on the steps of the Reichstag, and now in the Capitol,” Maas wrote. “The disdain for democratic institutions is devastating.”

**On the home front, a chorus of prominent leaders said politicians other than Trump also deserve blame for weakening public confidence.** James Mattis, the president’s first defense secretary, said Trump “fomented” the violent assault. “His use of the Presidency to destroy trust in our election and to poison our respect for fellow citizens has been enabled by pseudo political leaders whose names will live in infamy as profiles in cowardice,” he said in a statement.

**Vice President Pence and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) defied Trump on Wednesday, but their fleeting crumbs of courage came four years too late,** writes Ashley Parker. “The Republican Party’s bargain

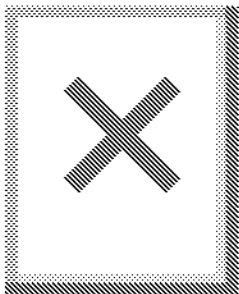
with Trump, writ large, has involved indulging the president's whims and anti-democratic passions in return for the promise of political gain and the hope of avoiding his ire. Both McConnell and Pence benefited from the arrangement."

**George W. Bush, the only living former Republican president, issued a rare statement:** "I am appalled by the reckless behavior of some political leaders since the election and by the lack of respect shown today for our institutions, our traditions, and our law enforcement. The violent assault on the Capitol – and disruption of a Constitutionally-mandated meeting of Congress – was undertaken by people whose passions have been inflamed by falsehoods and false hopes."

## **The lame-duck president**

**Former president Barack Obama made a similar point** "For two months

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## **Some White House aides resign in protest, as others discuss the 25th Amendment.**

Deputy national security adviser Matthew Pottinger resigned overnight, per Bloomberg News, while national security adviser Robert O'Brien and deputy chief of staff Chris Liddell are contemplating doing so. Deputy White House press secretary Sarah Matthews resigned a few hours earlier, saying she was "deeply disturbed" by the insurrection. Two top aides to first lady Melania Trump – chief of staff Stephanie Grisham and White House social secretary Anna Cristina Niceta – also abruptly quit in what one adviser to the president interpreted as a sign of their disapproval of the day's events.

**"One administration official described Trump's behavior Wednesday as that of 'a monster,' while another said the situation was 'insane' and 'beyond the pale,'" Rucker, Josh Dawsey, Shane Harris and Ashley Parker report.** "Fearful that Trump could take actions resulting in further violence and death if he



remains in office even for a few days, he could take actions that could cause further violence and death — senior administration officials were discussing Wednesday night whether the Cabinet might invoke the 25th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution to force him out, said a person involved in the conversations. A former senior administration official briefed on the talks confirmed that preliminary discussions of the 25th Amendment were underway, although this person cautioned that they were informal and that there was no indication of an immediate plan of action. ...

"Considerable internal anger was directed toward chief of staff Mark Meadows, according to four aides, both because of what many view as his incompetence in managing the White House and his willingness to prop Trump up while indulging his false election fraud claims. **People who interacted with Trump on Wednesday said they found him in a fragile and volatile state.** He spent the afternoon and evening cocooned at the White House and listening only to a small coterie of loyal aides. ... 'He kept saying: 'The vast majority of them are peaceful. What about the riots this summer? What about the other side? No one cared when they were rioting. My people are peaceful. My people aren't thugs,'" an administration official said. 'He didn't want to condemn his people.' ...

**"White House aides tried to get Trump to call into Fox News Channel, but he refused.** He at first did not want to say anything, but was persuaded to send some tweets. Then they scripted a video message for him to record, which he agreed to distribute on Twitter. But the president ad-libbed by including references to false voter fraud claims that they had asked him not to include, the administration official said. ... This official described Trump as so mad at Pence 'he couldn't see straight.' ... Trump's fury extended to Pence's chief of staff, Marc Short. The president told aides he wanted to bar Short — who was with the vice president all day at the Capitol — from the White House grounds, according to an official with knowledge of the president's remarks. Short has told others he would not care if he was barred. ... John F. Kelly, another former White House chief of staff who has shied away from rebuking Trump over other transgressions, suggested the president's leadership was wanting."

**Mick Mulvaney quit as Trump's special envoy to Northern Ireland.** "I can't do it, I can't stay," the former White House chief of staff told CNBC this morning. "Those who choose to stay, and I have talked with some of them, are choosing to stay because they're worried the president might put someone worse in."

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## Quote of the day

*"Trump and I, we've had a hell of a journey. I hate it to end this way," Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) said in a floor speech. "But, today, ... all I can say is: Count me out. Enough is enough."*

## Facebook banned Trump indefinitely.

Facebook chief executive Mark Zuckerberg said this morning that the social media giant is banning Trump indefinitely on both Facebook and Instagram. Twitter yesterday locked the president out of his account for 12 hours and removed three tweets. The president's preferred platform also warned that he could be subject to a permanent suspension if he continues inciting violence. (Tony Romm and Elizabeth Dwoskin)

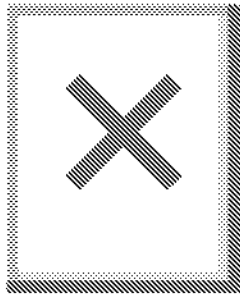
- After Trump tweeted that Pence "didn't have the courage to do what should have been done," his supporters rushed to right-wing social media site Gab to call for those inside the Capitol to hunt down the vice president. Soon, videos of the mob chanting "Where is Pence?" circulated on Gab. (NYT)
- Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) said he'd never seen Pence "as angry as he was today. I had a long conversation with him," Inhofe told the Tulsa World. "He said, 'After all the things I've done for [Trump].'"
- White House counsel Pat Cipollone told West Wing staffers not to help Trump stage a coup to reduce the chance they could be prosecuted for treason under the Sedition Act, Vanity Fair's Gabriel Sherman reports.
- Trump aides believed the president was actually pleased by the mayhem he saw on TV at the Capitol, per the Times's Maggie Haberman.
- Rudy Giuliani tried to get Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.) to delay the counting when the Senate reconvened at 8 p.m., but the president's lawyer accidentally called the wrong senator and left a voicemail. That senator

anonymously provided the audio to the Dispatch.

## **Commentary and opinion on the crisis:**

- Robin Givhan: "They let Confederate flags fly on the Capitol steps and inside its hallowed halls, making it plain just how they define the man and the real Americans for whom they claim to be standing firm."
  - Monica Hesse: "An image of a rioter lounging behind a desk in Pelosi's office highlighted the smugness of the attackers. The Trump supporters who stormed the Capitol believed they were owed this opportunity to terrorize their elected representatives."
  - Dan Balz: "Jan. 6, 2021, will be remembered as one of the darkest days in the history of the United States."
  - The Washington Post's Editorial Board: "Trump caused the assault on the Capitol. He must be removed."
  - David Von Drehle: "This is Trump's legacy."
  - Dana Milbank: "Trump has committed treason."
  - George Will: "Trump, Hawley and Cruz will each wear the scarlet 'S' of a seditionist."
  - Kansas City Star Editorial Board: "Hawley has blood on his hands in Capitol coup attempt."
  - The Albany Times Union's Editorial Board calls for the resignation of Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.) for trying to overturn the election while "knowing full well this political theater had no basis in fact."
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## **Democrats win Senate control**



judge Merrick Garland's Seal after President Barack Obama nominated him for the U.S. Supreme Court in March 2016 (Nicholas Kamm/AJP/Getty Images)

## **Biden taps Merrick Garland for attorney general.**

“Garland, 68, serves on the federal appeals court in the District. He is best known for being nominated to the Supreme Court in 2016,” Matt Zapotosky, Devlin Barrett and Ann Marimow report. “Many Democrats still think of Garland as a living example of Republican double-standards when it comes to the courts and the law, though some Biden advisers have come to view him as well-suited to restore norms of nonpolitical decision-making at the Justice Department, given his track record as a judge and a former senior official at the department. ... Biden and his inner circle of advisers plan to nominate Lisa Monaco, a former national security official during the Obama administration, to serve as deputy attorney general in the Justice

Department's No. 2 position. ... The incoming administration has picked Vanita Gupta, the former head of the department's civil rights division under Obama, to take the No. 3 job there ... Biden also plans to nominate Kristen Clarke to lead the Justice Department's civil rights division."

## **Winning both Georgia races will allow Biden to advance more of his agenda.**

"But while liberals cheered a new vision of what may be possible in the first two years of Biden's presidency, the razor-thin Senate margin made it clear Biden's options would still be severely limited, raising the risk that the new landscape would create expectations and pressure that Biden cannot meet," Annie Linskey reports. "Most immediately, Biden has promised additional help to struggling families by providing \$2,000 relief checks. Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.), who is poised to become majority leader, said Tuesday that another round of stimulus checks is 'one of the first things we want to do' ... Other items that may suddenly acquire new life are Biden's plans to expand the Affordable Care Act, launch a major infrastructure program, fight climate change and reform the criminal justice system. Still, most bills require 60 Senate votes to pass. ... The more far-reaching actions demanded by liberals — such as ending the filibuster, granting statehood to Puerto Rico and D.C., and expanding the Supreme Court — remain almost certainly out of reach."

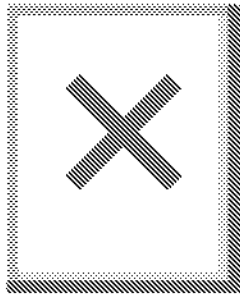
- Both Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff's leads are larger than the 0.5 percentage point threshold in Georgia that allows a candidate to request a recount. (Michael Scherer)

- Trump officials auctioned off oil and gas leases in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, capping the GOP's decades-long quest to drill in one of the nation's most vast unspoiled wild places. This is one of the most significant

## **The coronavirus**

- environmental rollbacks the president accomplished in his term. (Juliet Eilperin and Steven Mufson)

- Trump is unlikely to be able to exclude undocumented immigrants from being counted for a decade's worth of congressional appointment because the Census Bureau projected it won't be able to get state population totals to him before he leaves office. (Brittany Renee Mayes and Tara Bahrampour)
- The Justice Department was also hacked by the Russians as part of their the



*A health-care worker receives the coronavirus vaccine in Miami (Geva Maria Uzcategui/AJPF)*

## **As 3,915 Americans die of covid, the new variant spreads.**

Wednesday was the deadliest day yet of the pandemic. “The mutant variant of the novel coronavirus first seen in Britain is likely to be present in much of the United States. Although the variant has so far been detected in a very small fraction of infections, it shows signs of spreading and may become significantly more common in coming weeks, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and infectious-disease experts,” Joel Achenbach and Ben Guarino report. “A more transmissible virus could drive more patients into hospitals and boost the covid-19 death toll. It also could prolong the march toward herd immunity.”

**The CDC says allergic reactions to the vaccine are rare.**

“Of the 1.9 million people who received a shot during the first two weeks of vaccination, 21 experienced severe allergic reactions, according to a CDC study released Wednesday. Most of those people had a history of allergic reactions, and 20 of them have fully recovered,” William Wan and Achenbach report. “Given the small risk of severe allergic reaction and its treatable nature, the risk of catching the coronavirus and becoming severely ill or dying far outweighs that of a potential allergic reaction, CDC officials said. The virus is killing roughly 2,670 people every day — an average that continues to rise. ... Of the 21 patients with allergic reactions, the median age was 40.”

HHS is accelerating plans to distribute the vaccine through retail pharmacies. The latest figures show that more than 17 million doses of the two authorized vaccines have been distributed, but only about 4.8 million doses had been given as of Tuesday. The partnership with more than 40,000 pharmacy locations from 19 chains will be one way for states to allocate doses of vaccine directly to these locations. (Lena Sun)

Tony Fauci said the U.S. could and should have done a better job of rolling out the vaccines. “Clearly, no excuses,” he told the Economic Club of Washington, adding that they should have had 20 million doses distributed by now. (CNN)

### **The U.S. government paid a Texas company \$70 million for ventilators that were unfit for covid patients.**

The ventilator, developed by a company called AutoMedx, was designed to keep wounded soldiers alive while being transported from the battlefield and had been previously declared unfit for use in a respiratory pandemic according to a research study by the Pentagon. Still, the U.S. signed a contract for them. (Reed Albergotti and Aaron Gregg)

- Some Americans won’t get their \$600 stimulus check until they file their 2020 taxes. “The IRS declined to say how many people are affected by the requirement to file a tax return before receiving a stimulus payment, but the National Consumer Law Center said it could be up to 20 million,” Heather Long reports.

- Japan declared a state of emergency in Tokyo, asking restaurants and bars to close early and requesting that residents refrain from non-urgent outings. (Simon Denyer)

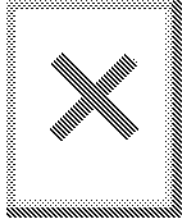
- Israel tightened its lockdown as officials fear the British variant is spreading rapidly and vaccine supplies run low. (NYT)

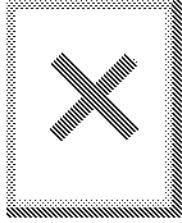
- A small but rigorous clinical trial in Argentina, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, found that convalescent blood plasma from recovered covid patients can help older adults avoid getting seriously sick with the virus — if it's administered within days of the onset of illness. (NYT)

## **Social media speed read**

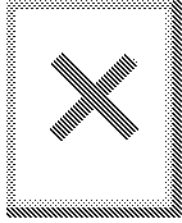
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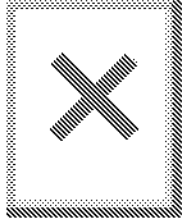




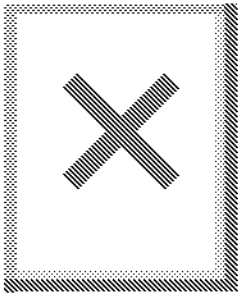
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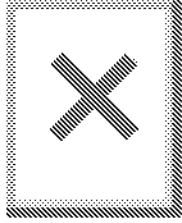
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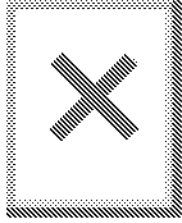
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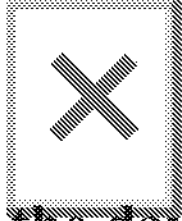
How it started and how it's going:



Model Karlie Kloss, who is married to Jared Kushner's brother Josh, said she tried to talk some sense into her in-laws:

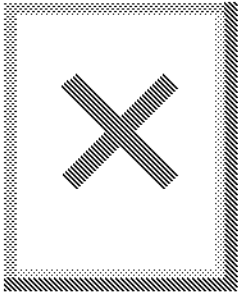


Trump's most recent White House communications director, who resigned last month, expressed disgust with the ongoing election challenges:



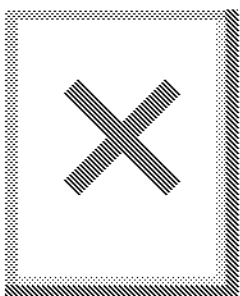
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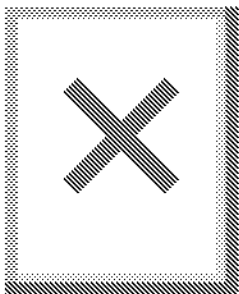




Stephen Colbert asked Republicans if they've had enough:

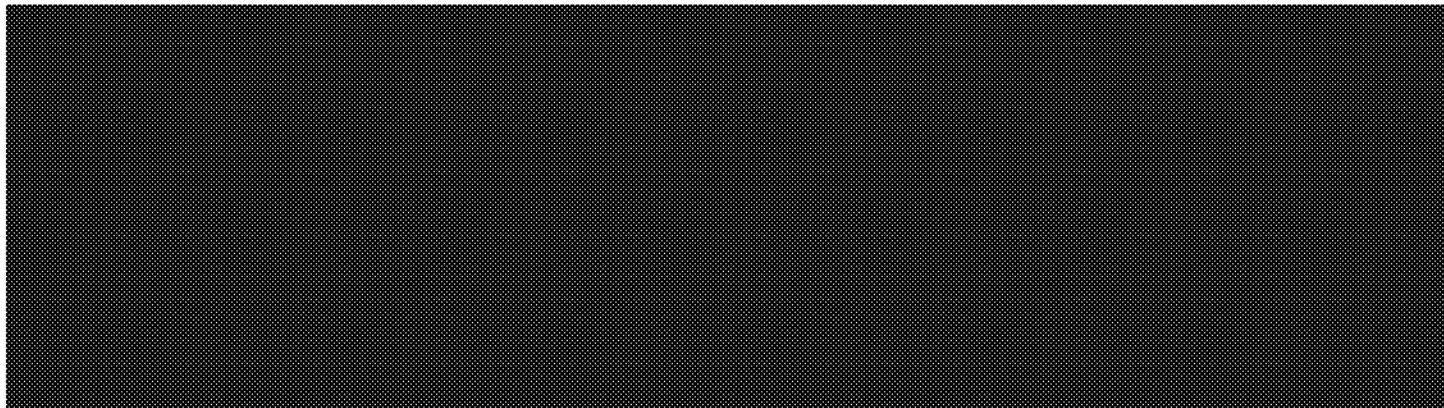


Jimmy Fallon said what happened at the Capitol was not patriotism, but "terrorism":



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## (U) US CAPITOL BREACH



(U) Rioters breaching the US Capitol. Source: New York Times, Getty Images

## (U) TACTICS, TECHNIQUES, AND PROCEDURES (TTPs)

## (U) LOCAL IMPACT AND OFFICER SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

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To: Haertel, Paul H. (SU) (FBI)  
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They didn't say why but I'm guessing [REDACTED]  
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Excellent, thank you!

[REDACTED]  
On Jan 7, 2021 11:31 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:  
I just posted the statement to Twitter and retweeted WFOs tweet about submitting tips.

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Any thoughts on pushing this out to local media to get the public to submit tips at the link highlighted below?

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***Director Wray's Statement on Violent Activity at the U.S. Capitol Building***

Director Wray issued the following statement today regarding the violent activity at the U.S. Capitol Building:

"The violence and destruction of property at the U.S. Capitol building yesterday showed a blatant and appalling disregard for our institutions of government and the orderly administration of the democratic process. As we've said consistently, we do not tolerate violent agitators and extremists who use the guise of First Amendment-protected activity to incite violence and wreak havoc. Such behavior betrays the values of our democracy. Make no mistake: With our partners, we will hold accountable those who participated in yesterday's siege of the Capitol.

Let me assure the American people the FBI has deployed our full investigative resources and is working closely with our federal, state, and local partners to aggressively pursue those involved in criminal activity during the events of January 6. Our agents and analysts have been hard at work through the night gathering evidence, sharing intelligence, and working with federal prosecutors to bring charges. Members of the public can help by providing tips, information, and videos of illegal activity at [fbi.gov/USCapitol](https://fbi.gov/USCapitol). We are determined to find those responsible and ensure justice is served."

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To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI); Hurley, James B. Jr. (OPE) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
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All,

If you are working the SIOC Command Post over the next few days, below are the steps to complete the OPE LE SITREP. Please note [REDACTED]

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Today's SITREP will be going out shortly. Everyone will receive it through the OPE distro. Attached is yesterday's OPE LE SITREP for your reference.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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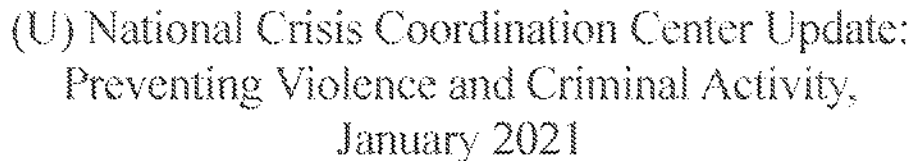
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## (U) National Crisis Coordination Center (NC3) Executive Summary


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*(U//~~FOUO~~) THE FBI, IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH ITS FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PARTNERS, CONTINUES TO MONITOR AND RESPOND TO EVENTS RELATED TO THE VIOLENCE ASSOCIATED WITH LAWFUL PROTESTS.*



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### (U) NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION ELECTORAL CERTIFICATION 2021

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- (U//~~LES~~) FBI Director Christopher Wray issued a statement regarding the violent activity at the U.S. Capitol Building. The full press release can be found [here](#).
- (U//~~LES~~) As of 1400 on 6 January 2021, Capitol Police reported protesters stormed the U.S. Capitol Building. The certification of Electoral College votes was paused until the building was cleared. The certification resumed at 1950 and was completed at 0340 on 7 January with no further activity.
- (U//~~LES~~) Multiple law enforcement agencies confirmed reports of a shooting that occurred inside the House Chamber of the U.S. Capitol Building. The female victim was transported and later pronounced deceased. The ongoing investigation into the shooting is being conducted by Capitol Police and Metropolitan D.C. Police Department.
- (U//~~LES~~) As of 1700 on 6 January 2021, the U.S. Capitol Building was cleared by US Capitol Police, US Park Police, FBI, HSI, FPS, ATF, USMS, FBI, DC Metro Police and Virginia State Police. A static perimeter around the Capitol grounds has been established by federal police D.C. National Guard.
- (U//~~LES~~) Additional law enforcement agencies may respond to provide assistance. Maryland State Police have deployed in support of police operations.
- (U) As of 1429 on 6 January, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser issued a city-wide curfew for the District effective 1800; the curfew will continue through 0600 EST 7 January. A State of Emergency has been declared and extended to 15 days.
- (U) The FBI has established the following national digital tip line to collect information regarding the events of 6 January: [TIPLINE](#).

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- (U//~~LES~~) The breach of the U.S. Capitol Building and subsequent criminal activities is the subject of an ongoing investigation conducted by the U.S. Capitol Police, other federal law enforcement agencies, and the United States Attorney's Office District of Columbia.

(U) GEORGIA SENATE RUNOFF 2021



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(U) KENOSHA, WI

(U//~~LES~~) On 5 January 2021, the Kenosha County District Attorney's (KCDA) Office declined to file criminal charges against the police officer who shot Jacob Blake on 23 August 2020.



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0700: 7 January 2021

## (U) Preventing Violence & Criminal Activity (PVCA)

*(U) Potential of criminal offenses or violence related to the 6 January 2021 Electoral College certification of the 2020 Presidential Election results for situational awareness -- past/ongoing (within last 12-24 hours) and planned (next 12-24 hours)*

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### *(U) Past Ongoing in the last 12 - 24 Hours*

- [REDACTED]
- (U//~~LES~~) Shortly after 1400 on 6 January, the United States Capitol Building in Washington D.C. was breached by several individuals and Capitol Police put out a call for assistance from any available law enforcement officers. At approximately [REDACTED] FBI [REDACTED] was deployed to the Capitol Building. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, the Federal Protective Services, and the U.S. Marshal Service have also sent personnel to the Capitol Building to assist.
- (U) As of 1429 on 6 January 2021, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser issued a 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM city-wide curfew for the District effective 1800 until 0700, 7 January.

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## (U) UPCOMING FLASHPOINTS AND RESPONSE

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*(U) Potential Flashpoints*

- (U) As of 1429 on 6 January, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser issued a city-wide curfew for the District effective 1800 on 6 January. MPD initiated over 40 arrests to enforce curfew violations throughout the city. The curfew will continue through 0000 EST 7 January.
- (U) According to open sources, the Governor of Virginia declared a State of Emergency and imposed a curfew in Arlington and Alexandria from 1800, 6 January to 0600, 7 January.

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From: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Road Closures in Washington, DC near FBI HQ Beginning Tuesday, 1/5/2021 through Wednesday, 1/6/2021  
To: Corsi, Dina M. (IB) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
Sent: January 7, 2021 5:08 PM (UTC-05:00)

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**The Pro-Trump Movement Was Always Headed Here (New York Times, 1/6/21)**

*For years, professional grifters, trolls, true believers and political opportunists have sowed conspiratorial lies. We are now witnessing the reaping.*

By Charlie Warzel

Opinion writer at large

On Wednesday, thousands of Trump supporters flocked to Washington to protest and overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election. They listened to their president say he would never concede, that American elections were no longer free or fair. Then he implored his audience to march on the Capitol building. Moments later, Trump supporters chanting, "This is our house" broke past police lines at the Capitol.

For close observers of the pro-Trump and far-right extremist movements, this dark moment has felt almost inevitable. You can draw a straight line from the message-board fever swamps to Mr. Trump's rallies to Charlottesville to "Stand back and stand by" to this. It is a desperate attempt to overthrow the democratic process. It is also the crash of a universe of toxic conspiracies against the rocks of human reality.

"The way I am seeing it is as a crescendo," Marc-André Argentino, a researcher who studies the QAnon movement, told me earlier this week referring to the planned protest. Recent weeks have felt like the confluence of contentious events and dark news, including an enormous coronavirus case surge, the end of the Trump presidency and the election certification process, and a vaccine rollout. "There is the sense that in some circles all hope for a Trump win will be lost," Mr. Argentino said. "For others it's the end of a Trump era, when they had free rein. For some it's frustration at upcoming liberal governance and lockdown measures."

As Wednesday's siege of the Capitol demonstrates, we're entering a volatile moment. Those who've been cocooned in Facebook groups and fed a steady diet of lies from election-denial outlets like Newsmax and One America News are coming to a realization that there is no grand plan for Mr. Trump to magically retain office.

In forums like The\_Donald, die-hard supporters are furious, not only at congressional Republicans who've refused to deny the election results, but also at Mr. Trump himself. "Trump better do something about all of this tomorrow, or he is the biggest traitor of them all," a supporter wrote online. He said that he was attending Mr. Trump's speech on Wednesday and that "it better not be for a rally, it better be for some real-deal information."

The desired information never came. It doesn't exist. For Trump supporters and QAnon believers, the cognitive dissonance in this moment is frightening to behold. In one video circulating from Washington, a group of Trump supporters confronted Senator Todd Young of Indiana, a Republican, outside the Capitol, asking why he refused to object to the election results. Mr. Young, clearly exasperated, argued that he must uphold the law.

"I took an oath under God. ... Do we still take that seriously in this country?" he asked. The supporters weren't moved. "The law matters with us!" one shouted. "It doesn't matter with the Democrats." That is just one example of the long-term effects of an endless stream of propaganda, conspiracy and lies. But there are so many. Here's a short list from just the past few weeks:

- A group of at least 13 Republican senators and more than 100 Republican House members said they would refuse to accept President-elect Joe Biden's Electoral College victory.
- The president of the United States was caught on tape for over an hour openly reciting QAnon conspiracy theories about voter fraud in an attempt to pressure Georgia state officials to overturn the election results.
- In Nashville, federal investigators announced they are looking into evidence that suggests the Christmas bombing suspect believed in lizard people and other far-fetched conspiracy theories.
- A Wisconsin pharmacist who believed the coronavirus vaccine to be harmful intentionally sabotaged more than 500 Moderna vaccine doses. In Georgia, state officials announced recently they are expanding vaccine access because many rural health care workers refuse to get the shot.

- On Monday, a man with an online history of extremist right-wing views was detained in Queens after a hoax 911 bomb call that shut down a mall parking garage.

Each example is concerning on its own. Taken together, these events show a country in crisis. As a reluctant chronicler of our poisoned information ecosystem, to me none of this is very surprising. It is the culmination of more than five years of hatred, trolling, violent harassment and conspiracy theorizing that has moved from the internet's underbelly to the White House and back again.

While that hate and violence has on occasion spilled into the streets, it appears we're only beginning to understand its true impact. For years now, professional grifters, trolls, true believers and political opportunists have sowed conspiratorial lies, creating intricate and dangerous alternate realities. We are now witnessing the reaping. It is likely to get worse.

There's no easy solution to our current crisis, in part because there's no one culprit. Donald Trump's half-decade assault on the truth has played an outsize role. So have social media platforms and pro-Trump outlets like Fox News. The mainstream press has also struggled, especially earlier in the Trump era, to counter disinformation and not amplify lies and conspiracies.

But that's just the supply side of our reality crisis. Equally important is the demand side, in which millions of Americans are actively courting conspiracies and violent, radical ideologies in order to make sense of a world they don't trust.

Such explanations don't begin to excuse the selfish lies or their dangerous effects. But they do illustrate that our reality crisis is born of selfishness, shamelessness and suffering. It is bone deep. And it will only continue to escalate.

But what is perhaps most frightening is that the alternate reality that many Trump supporters and anti-vaxxers and QAnon believers cling to doesn't exist — a fact that sooner or later will avail itself to many true believers.

And it is at that moment of cognitive dissonance — the moment the bubble begins to burst — that the plausible danger that experts have been warning about for years becomes real.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 10:12 AM

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Subject: Re: Road Closures in Washington, DC near FBI HQ Beginning Tuesday, 1/5/2021 through Wednesday, 1/6/2021

**Wednesday's protests could get ugly. But officials should be able to handle it — without the armed forces.**

Opinion by

David Ignatius

Columnist

Jan. 5, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. EST

As President Trump's supporters gather in Washington for what could be several days of violent protests, senior government officials appear confident that the chaotic situation can be handled by the D.C. police, federal law-enforcement agencies and the National Guard — without requiring any use of regular-duty military troops.

"I can see no situation where the cops can't handle it," said one official familiar with preparation for Wednesday's pro-Trump marches, adding that "the introduction of the military in the next 72 hours would be irreparably damaging to the country." This official said top leaders of both parties shared this opposition to use of the uniformed military to quell civil strife.

Worries about Wednesday's gathering have been fueled by Trump's call for demonstrations "will be wild," he tweeted to protest Congress's expected certification of the electoral college victory of President-elect Joe Biden. Some officials feared that if the protests led to violent confrontations, Trump might seek to invoke the Insurrection Act to maintain order and protect the 74 million supporters he falsely contends have been fraudulently disenfranchised by Biden's victory.

The protests could indeed get nasty, and the next few days may be very disorderly. But officials, led by some senior members of the administration, have worked hard to prevent a worst-case scenario in which Trump might seek to overturn the election result by deploying the uniformed military and imposing martial law.

Planning for this week's protests has been coordinated by an interagency team headed by acting attorney general Jeffrey A. Rosen and acting defense secretary Christopher C. Miller, joined by the secretaries of homeland security and interior and backed by Gen. Mark A. Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy. The team has been in regular contact and has drawn up detailed, written rules of engagement to avoid mistakes that might inflame the situation.

The FBI estimates that the protesters who assemble at the Ellipse and other march sites Wednesday will total 10,000 to 20,000 well below the 50,000 to 100,000 touted on some pro-Trump websites. To keep order, the D.C. government can call on about 3,800 members of its police force, supplemented by thousands of officers from the Capitol Police, the U.S. Park Police, the Federal Protection Service and other units.

Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) has also requested help from 350 members of the D.C. National Guard. The civilian overseeing the guard will be McCarthy, a widely respected former aide to then-Defense Secretary Robert Gates. The forces dealing with peaceful protests won't be allowed to use helicopters or fixed-wing aircraft, riot shields or lethal weapons. "There is no need to present an impression of anticipating violence," one official said.

Confidence that the D.C. and federal police plus National Guard can handle the situation is based partly on experience. The D.C. police force here has managed crowd control with more than 100,000 demonstrators in the past, one official said. To manage the crowds, control points will be established near the main march sites with police officers joined by the guard.

A final reason for confidence is that officials anticipate that left-wing counterprotesters from antifa and Black Lives Matter will mostly stay off the streets. That would lessen the likelihood of confrontations that could escalate into bloodshed and serious disorder, which might encourage Trump to invoke the Insurrection Act.

One flash point Wednesday may be the U.S. Capitol, where legislators will be meeting to certify the electoral college results. Protesters who gather initially at the Ellipse, near the White House, may then march down Pennsylvania Avenue, in the reversal of the usual inaugural parade route, and converge on the Capitol.

More than 500 Capitol Police will protect the building, but the situation could be inflamed if pro-Trump members of Congress emerge and make inflammatory speeches. Officials warn that if protesters try to "storm" the Capitol, as some have pledged, they will be arrested.

The flash point could come after dark Wednesday, if small bands of Proud Boys and other extremists go looking for trouble. One scenario weighed by contingency planners is that if 20,000 protesters gather overall, perhaps 1,000 would disperse after dark in roving bands of a dozen or so. Even in that situation, officials expect that the planned force would be adequate.

In Trump's effort to retain power, some officials feared he might use a foreign conflict with Iran as an additional pretext. But several officials said Tuesday that Iran doesn't appear to seek a direct confrontation in Trump's final days; Iranian-backed militias in Iraq could threaten Americans there, but U.S. forces are well positioned to protect personnel. The Pentagon's plan seems to be to watch carefully, avoid provocation and react to any attack with a deliberate, calculated response.



As the Trump administration nears its end, senior administration officials have a delicate task. They want to seem supportive of Trump's dream of somehow reversing the election outcome. But they know that any open attempt to subvert the transition could be illegal — and might subject them to future legal prosecution.

In these last tense days, these administration officials are caught between entertaining Trump's fantasies of retaining power and managing the reality that he lost.

*Read more from David Ignatius's archive, follow him on Twitter or subscribe to his updates on Facebook.*

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*This appeared on the Post's website about two hours ago. Hopefully these postings reflect nonsensical machismo but it only takes one armed demonstrator to misinterpret or overreact.*

### **Pro-Trump forums erupt with violent threats ahead of Wednesday's rally against the 2020 election**

**Posters respond to Trump's prediction of "wild" day with discussion of potential bloodshed and advice on sneaking guns into D.C.**

By Craig Timberg and Drew Harwell  
Jan. 5, 2021 at 12:57 p.m. EST

Far-right online forums are seething with references to potential violence and urging supporters of President Trump to bring guns to Wednesday's protests in Washington — in violation of local laws — as Congress meets to certify President-elect Joe Biden's victory.

Many of the posts appear to be direct responses to Trump's demands that his supporters pack the nation's capital in support of his bogus claims that November's national vote for Biden resulted from election fraud. Congress's largely ceremonial role in confirming Biden's victory has emerged as a catalyst for expected unrest that has D.C. police and the National Guard deploying on city streets to quell potential trouble.

Talk of guns and potential violence is rife on the encrypted messaging app Telegram, the conservative social media site Parler and on thedonald.win, an online forum that previously operated on Reddit before the company banned it in June after years of racism, misogyny, anti-Semitism and calls for violence.

Trump's tweet last month pushing baseless fraud claims and promoting the "big protest" on Jan. 6 — "Be there, will be wild!" — has become a central rallying cry. It was the top post on thedonald.win Tuesday morning, and anonymous commenters saw it as a call to action: "We've got marching orders," the top reply said.

Discussion in the thread followed about how most effectively to sneak guns into Washington, laced with occasional references to using them. D.C. has some of the nation's strictest gun laws: Openly carrying

guns is banned, concealed-carry licenses from other states aren't recognized, and all firearms in the District must be registered with local police.

Of carrying guns in D.C., one poster in the thread wrote, "Yes, it's illegal, but this is war and we're clearly in a post-legal phase of our society." Wrote another: "LIVE AS A FREE AMERICAN AND BRING YOUR ARMS!"

More than half of the top 50 posts on [thedonald.win](#)'s homepage Monday related to Wednesday's certification featured calls of violence within the top five comments, according to research by [Advance Democracy](#), a group headed by former FBI analyst and Senate investigator Daniel J. Jones, who lead the review of the CIA's torture program.

The group said thedonald.win had more than 18 million visits in November, and the recent posts with calls for violence had more than 40,000 engagements. One particularly troubling post said protesters should travel in groups that should "not let [anyone] disarm someone without stacking bodies." It added that protesters should be "ARMED WITH RIFLE, HANDGUN, 2 KNIVES AND AS MUCH AMMO AS YOU CAN CARRY."

In one thread promoted by moderators Tuesday morning, titled "GOOD LUCK PATRIOTS, THE EYES OF THE WORLD LOOK UPON YOU NOW!!!," posters shared tactical guides on how to avoid police blockades and D.C. gun laws, including: "If you plan on carrying concealed, don't tell anyone you have a gun." One commenter responded, "We The People, will not tolerate a Steal. No retreat, No Surrender. Restore to my President what you stole or reap the consequences!!!"

Moderators for thedonald.win did not respond to requests for comment.

Researchers expressed concern that the roiling political atmosphere is being fueled by Trump's unfounded claims about the integrity of the election that have swirled on far-right online forums for two months.

"You have what disinformation researchers have worried about for years, which is people becoming motivated to action by lies," said Joan Donovan, the research director at Harvard Kennedy School's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy.

References to guns and potential violence also have become routine on Telegram and Parler, according to the [Coalition for a Safer Web](#), a nonprofit group that advocates for technologies and policies to remove extreme content from social media. It cited a Parler post from last week, by an account touting the QAnon conspiracy theory, that said, "To all the Patriots descending on Washington DC on #jan6 ....come armed...."

A number of posts on Parler and thedonald.win voiced anti-police messages and slammed "Coptifa" — a combination of "cop" and "antifa," the far-left protest movement. "WE THE PEOPLE ... are through with you," said one expletive-filled post on Parler. "To all our enemies high and low you want a war? Well your asking for one. ... To the American people on the ground in DC today and all over this great nation, be prepared for anything. ... Now we are here. Now they get what they want."

Parler's chief operating officer, Jeffrey Wernick, declined to comment.

The [arrest](#) of Proud Boys leader [Enrique Tarrio](#) on Monday, for charges related to the burning of a historically Black church's Black Lives Matter flag in a protest last month, has further inflamed far-right conversations online, said Eric Feinberg, vice president for content moderation for the Coalition for a Safer Web.

"You don't know who's going to get radicalized by this," Feinberg said. "The next three days, I'm really worried about what could happen."



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To: [REDACTED]

Cc: SIOC [REDACTED]

The below message is sent on behalf of Assistant Director Larissa L. Knapp, Security Division.

**Regarding:** First Amendment Demonstrations in the District of Columbia on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 through Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

**Details:** Due to planned First Amendment Demonstrations in the District of Columbia this week, numerous roads may be closed in the vicinity of FBI Headquarters, WFO, and other FBI facilities, beginning Tuesday (1/5/21) through Wednesday (1/6/21).



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The Security Division request any information concerning traffic or safety in the vicinity of FBIHQ be reported to the Security Operations Center at [redacted]

**First Amendment Activity - Restricted Vehicular Traffic**

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. through Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

**Restricted Vehicular Traffic**

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. through  
Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

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*The Horizon*

Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021

## **NATIONAL ISSUES**

Wray on Capitol Violence: OPA – OPA issued the following statement today from Director Wray about the violence yesterday at the U.S. Capitol: “The violence and destruction of property at the U.S. Capitol building yesterday showed a blatant and appalling disregard for our institutions of government and the orderly administration of the democratic process. As we’ve said consistently, we do not tolerate violent agitators and extremists who use the guise of First Amendment-protected activity to incite violence and wreak havoc. Such behavior betrays the values of our democracy. Make no mistake: With our partners, we will hold accountable those who participated in yesterday’s siege of the Capitol. Let me assure the American people the FBI has deployed our full investigative resources and is working closely with our federal, state, and local partners to aggressively pursue those involved in criminal activity during the events of January 6. Our agents and analysts have been hard at work through the night gathering evidence, sharing intelligence, and working with federal prosecutors to bring charges. Members of the public can help by providing tips, information, and videos of illegal activity at the following link—[FBI Seeking Information Related to Violent Activity at the U.S Capitol Building](#). We are determined to find those responsible and ensure justice is served.”

Antifa/Capitol: OPA – Several outlets asked about the accuracy of remarks by Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Florida, that Antifa was behind the storming of the Capitol. OPA declined comment due to the ongoing investigation.

## **U.S. CAPITOL VIOLENCE**

Numerous field offices received calls from media about the violence yesterday at the U.S. Capitol. Reporters wanted to know if the local offices are helping identify individuals involved; investigate techniques to identify individuals; if they are talking to local residents who self-identified as participating; if there are related threats locally; and if they are otherwise involved in any related investigations or activity. Offices declined to comment and directed reporters to the director’s statement, the statements issued by Washington Field, and to the tips page on [fbi.gov](#).

The following offices reported calls:

Baltimore  
Boston  
El Paso  
Indianapolis  
Knoxville  
Omaha  
Philadelphia  
Pittsburgh  
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## **OTHER LOCAL STORIES**

Albuquerque – The NBC affiliate asked if the founder of Cowboys 4 Trump who also is a county commissioner “is on the FBI’s radar” after he allegedly posted what the reporter categorized as threats against members of Congress and the president on Facebook. PAO provided the following statement: “FBI policy is to neither confirm nor deny an investigation. We take all reports of threats seriously and work with our law enforcement partners to protect the public. We would remind members of the public to immediately contact law enforcement authorities should they receive threats of any kind.”

Albuquerque – The Roswell Daily Record asked if the FBI was considering charges against executives of a Roswell escrow company for the alleged misappropriation of client funds. PAO advised the reporter the FBI does not confirm or deny investigations, but anyone who is aware of wrongdoing should immediately contact law enforcement.

Boston – Outlets in Bangor, Maine, asked about the FBI’s presence at a home in Houlton this morning and if the investigation is connected to a fire at a church in Springfield, Massachusetts. PAO advised the agency is conducting court-authorized activity in connection with an ongoing investigation, there is no threat to public safety, and declined further comment.

Boston – A reporter with NBC Boston asked for a list of cases the FBI charged following the civil unrest this past summer. PAO provided a list of cases and declined further comment due to the fact that they are all still pending before the court.

Honolulu – SAC Miranda provided a quote yesterday for a press release from the USAO—Districts of Guam and Northern Mariana Islands about the sentencing of former Yona Mayor Jesse Blas, who pleaded guilty to public corruption charges. Miranda: “Most public officials are honorable and dedicated to serving their communities. Unfortunately, the actions displayed by Mayor Blas undermines the public’s trust in elected officials. Citizens expect and deserve their public officials to serve them honestly and in accordance with the law. Failure to do so erodes the public’s faith in government—which is crucial in ensuring public safety. The FBI will continue to aggressively investigate any corrupt public official who willfully and maliciously abuse their office.”

Indianapolis – A reporter with a newspaper in northern Indiana asked for confirmation the FBI arrested a fugitive out of Illinois from a 1997 case. In coordination with Chicago, PAO confirmed the FBI Gang Response Investigative Team arrested the fugitive at a park in Indiana on Jan. 5 after a tip, and shared open-source background information on the case. The reporter was referred to Cook County, Illinois, for further information.

Knoxville – The Tri-Cities NBC affiliate interviewed SSA Jason Jarnagin about COVID vaccine scams. Jarnagin provided information about potential scams, stressed not to give out personally identifiable information, and tips to avoid becoming a victim. Jarnagin also provided information about where to report vaccine fraud.

Pittsburgh – SAC Christman provided a quote for a press release from the USAO—Western District of Pennsylvania after a resident of Pittsburgh and former student at the University of Pittsburgh was charged with several crimes. Christman: “This arrest is the culmination of a year-long investigation which included threatening federal law enforcement officers. Threatening online statements, whether directed to a federal officer or any other person, is not harmless activity. It is serious criminal activity with consequences. Threats against law enforcement officers are particularly egregious in that it interferes with our ability to protect the communities we are charged with serving. We should all understand that the First Amendment is not a license to threaten others with harm and that the FBI and our law enforcement partners will relentlessly pursue those who pose a threat to the community.”

Portland – Two local radio stations interviewed retiring SAC Cannon. He discussed the FBI’s role in Oregon,

his views on serving here, how law enforcement is changing, and what it's like to work here.

Philadelphia – An Allentown Morning Call reporter asked if the FBI is investigating a white supremacist group called Patriot Front, allegedly responsible for graffiti and fliers left in Bethlehem, Allentown, and Easton. PAO responded: "The FBI does not confirm nor deny the existence of investigations. Meantime, we'd note that our focus is not on membership in particular groups, but on individuals who commit violence and criminal activity that constitutes a federal crime or poses a threat to national security."

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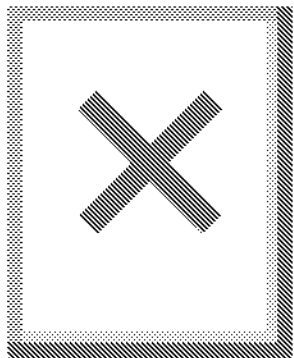
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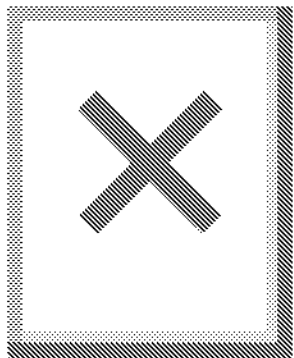


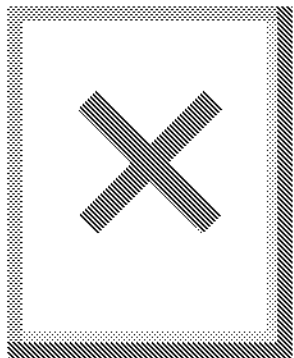
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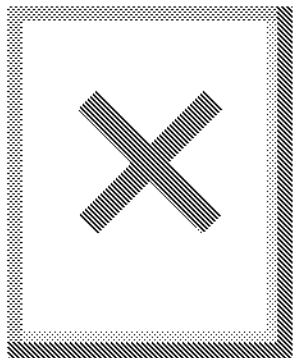


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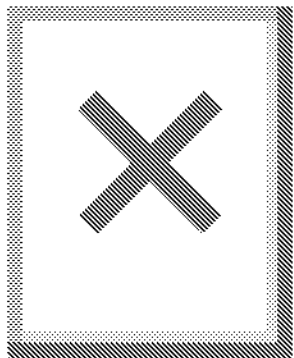


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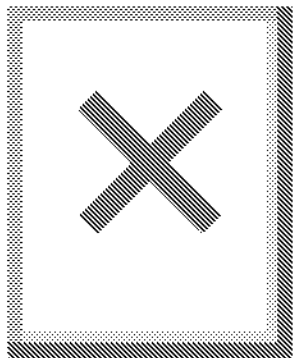


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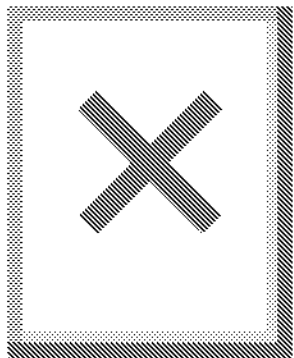


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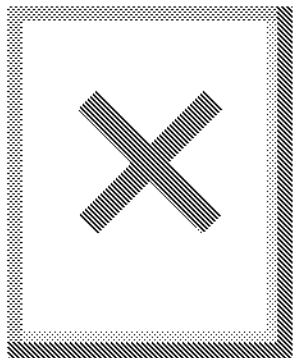


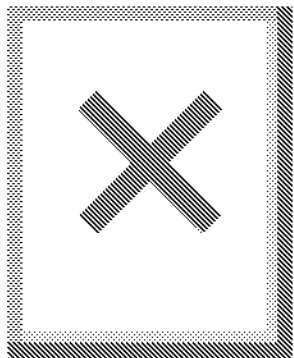
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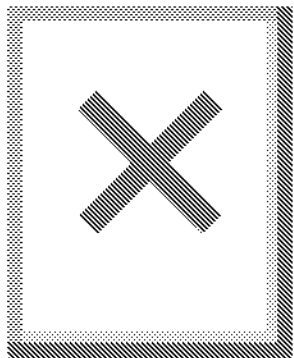
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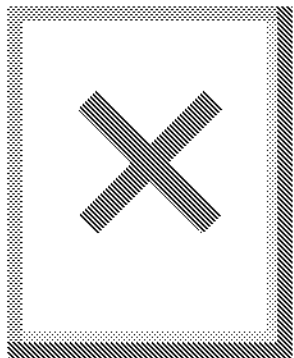


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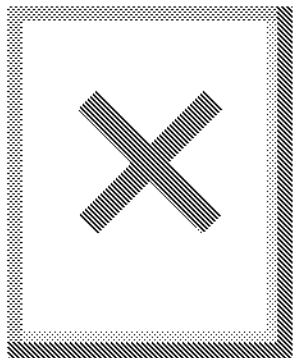


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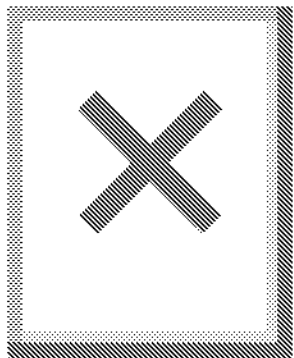


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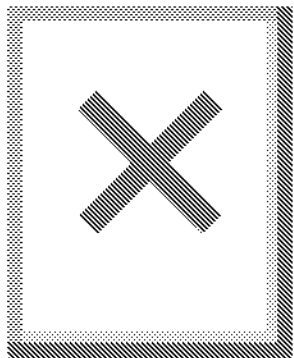
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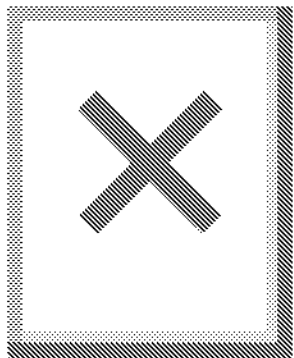


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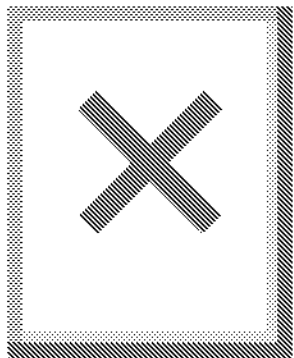


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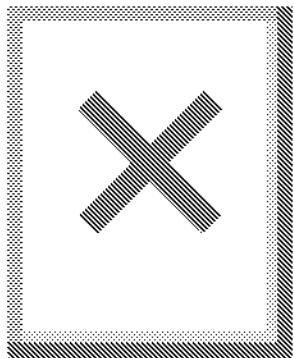


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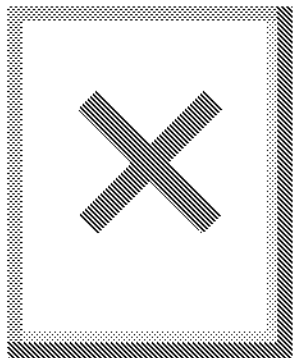
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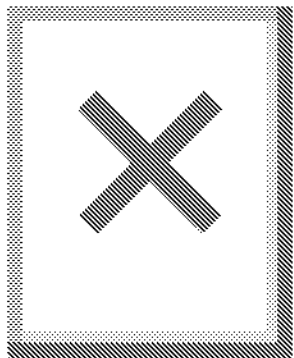


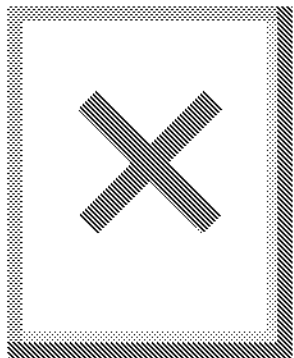
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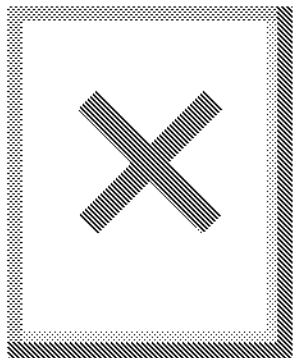


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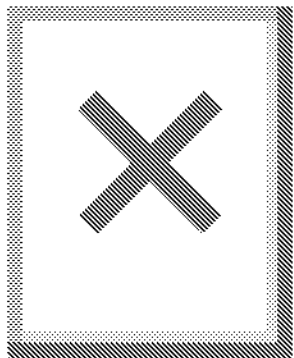


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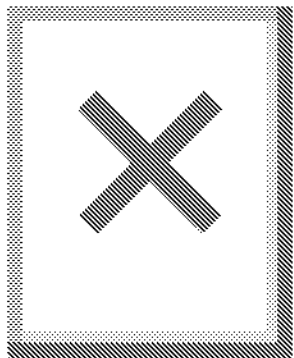


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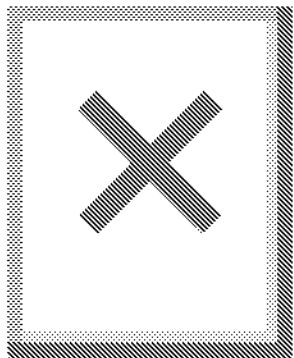


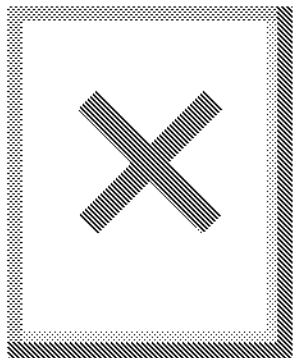
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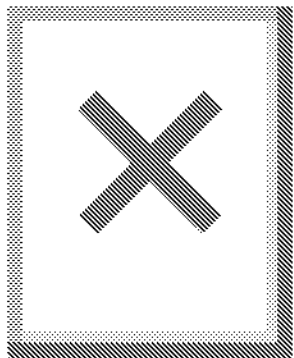


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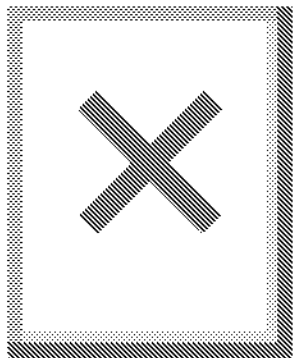


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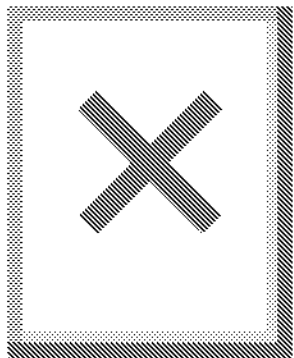


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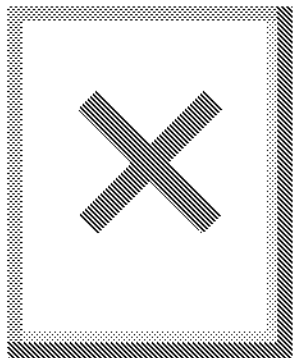


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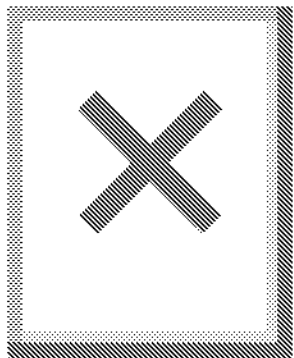


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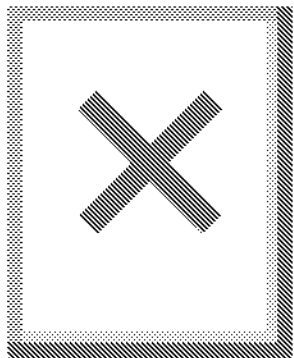
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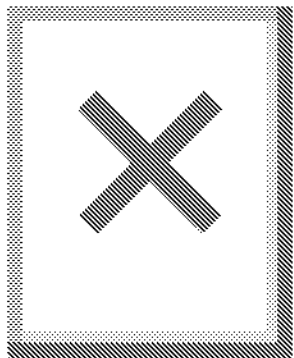


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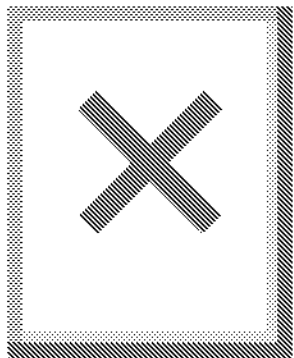


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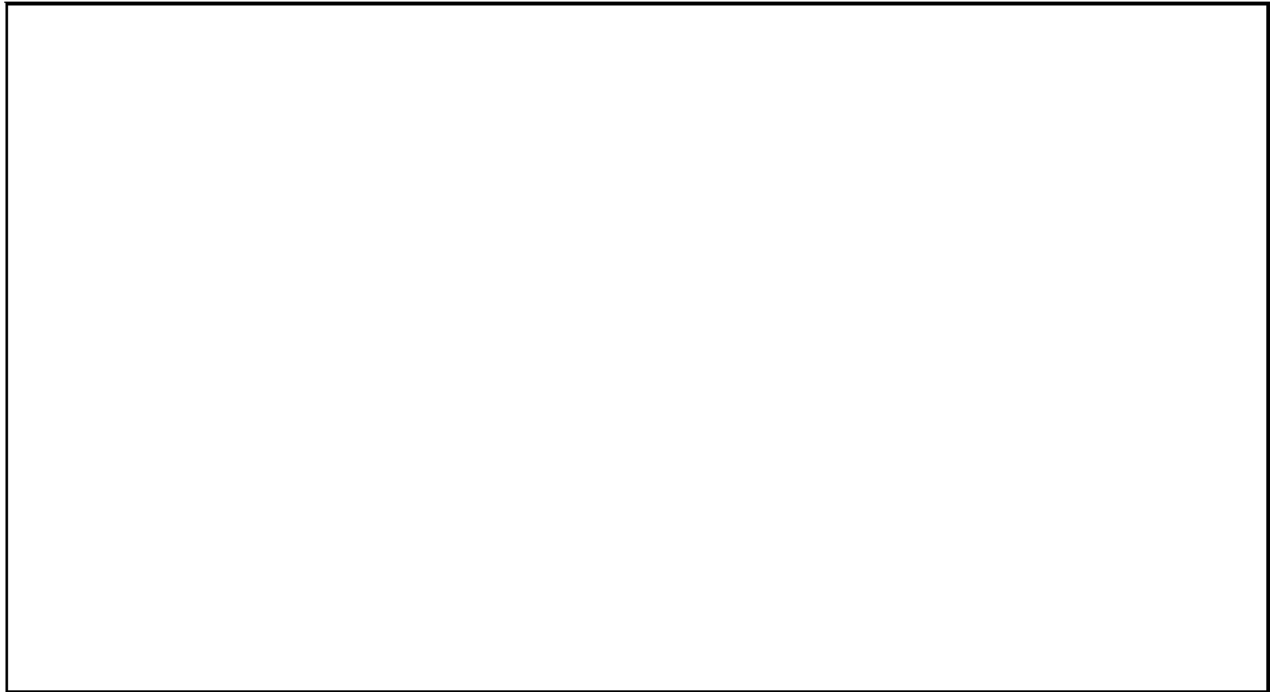
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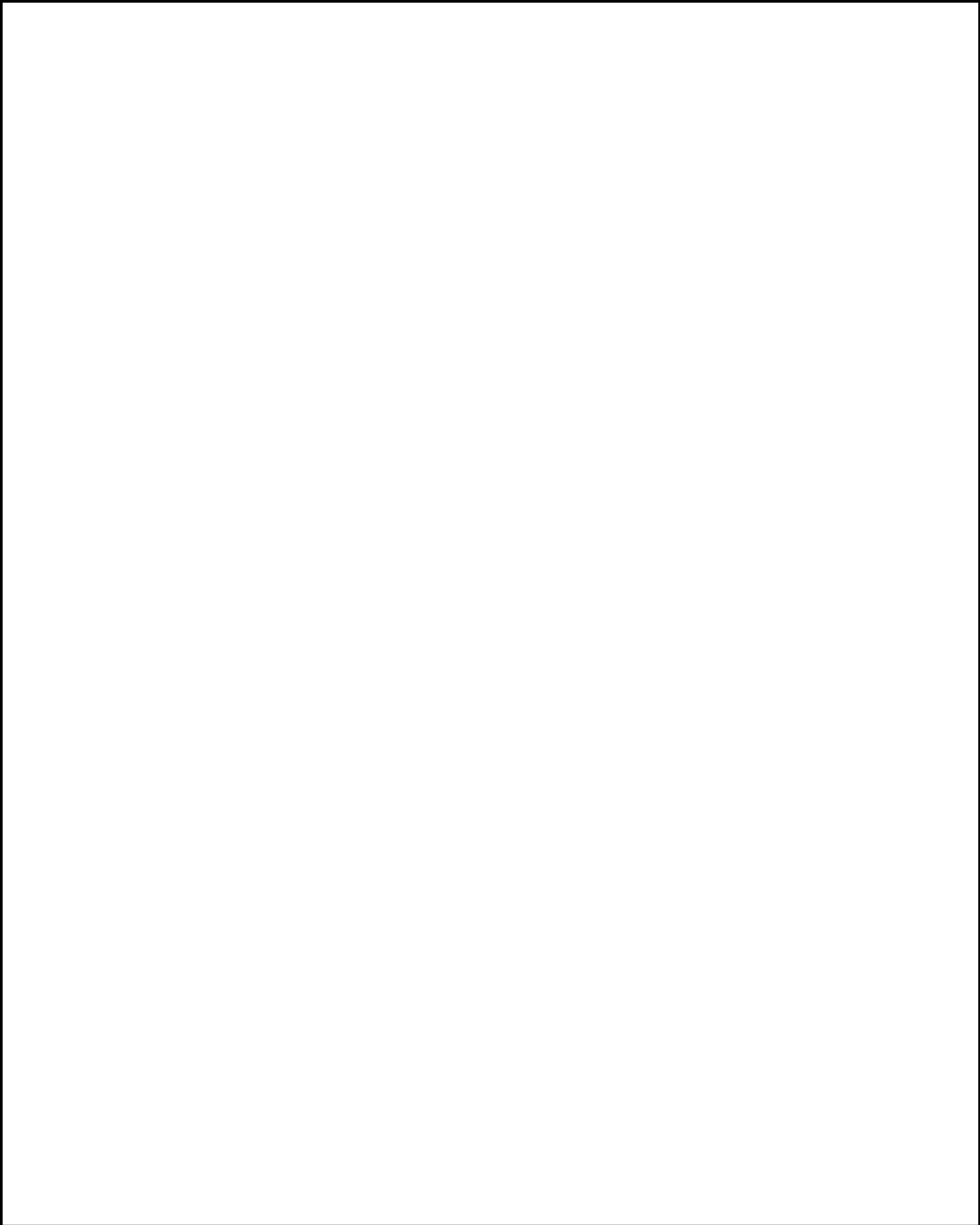
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Devlin Barrett  
By Jan. 7, 2021 at 5:10 p.m. EST

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Asked if federal agents and prosecutors will look at the incendiary statements made by speakers at Trump's rally shortly before a mob of his supporters breached security at the Capitol and wreaked havoc inside, acting U.S. Attorney Michael Sherwin said: "Yes, we are looking at all actors here, not only the people that went into the building, but ... were there others that maybe assisted or facilitated or played some ancillary role in this. We will look at every actor and all criminal charges."

Asked specifically if that included President Trump, who had urged the crowd to "fight like hell," before the rioting began, Sherwin replied, "We are looking at all actors here,

and anyone that had a role, if the evidence fits the element of a crime, they're going to be charged."

*Here are the potential criminal charges Capitol rioters could face*

Not long after the prosecutor made those remarks, White House spokeswoman Kayleigh McEnany gave a brief statement, saying: "What we saw yesterday was a group of violent rioters undermining the legitimate First Amendment rights of the many thousands who came to peacefully have their voices heard in our nation's capital. Those who violently besieged our capitol are the opposite of everything this administration stands for."

The far-reaching federal investigation could spell fresh legal jeopardy for the president's personal lawyer, Rudolph W. Giuliani, who also spoke to the crowd, declaring at one point, "let's have trial by combat," and declaring he was willing to stake his reputation, and that of the president, on being able to someday find criminality in the 2020 vote count.

On Thursday morning, Giuliani tweeted that the previous day's violence "was shameful. It was as criminal as the rioting and looting this summer which was not condemned strongly enough by the Left. This violence is condemned in the strongest terms. Our movement values respect for law and order and for the police."

Two of the president's sons also spoke at the event, though their remarks were less incendiary, threatening to primary Republicans who did not support Trump's effort to change electoral college tallies.

"Have some backbone. Show some fight. Learn from Donald Trump," Eric Trump told the crowd. "And we need to march on the Capitol today. And we need to stand up for this country. And we need to stand up for what's right."

Sherwin, the prosecutor, said that the first priority of investigators are the individuals who personally engaged in destructive or violent acts at the Capitol, or what he called "the closest alligators to the boat."

He also noted there were potential national security risks in Wednesday's chaos, with video showing papers strewn around lawmakers' offices, and some accounts of people taking things from the building.

“This is probably going to take several days to flesh out what was stolen what wasn’t,” he said. “Items were stolen from senators’ offices, documents were stolen and we have to identify what was done, and it could have potential national security equities.”

Sherwin spoke to reporters by phone Thursday to emphasize that the Justice Department and FBI are rapidly pursuing cases against those who engaged in violence or other lawbreaking, saying that dozens of people would be charged by the end of the day, and investigators are continuing to piece together evidence to bring additional cases.

The vast majority of those who broke into the Capitol building were allowed to politely leave once the chaos ended. One [online video](#) even showed an officer holding the door for a stream of angry individuals, including one who triumphantly shouted: “We stopped the vote!”

*[‘Nothing can stop what’s coming’: Far-right forums that fomented Capitol riots voice glee in aftermath](#)*

Now, investigators face a more complex task of piecing together digital evidence to identify and charge those who engaged in violence. That could take weeks or in some cases months, meaning that the bulk of that prosecutorial work may be left to the Biden administration.

Sherwin said investigators’ work was made more difficult by the fact that Capitol Police let so many of the people who broke into the building simply walk out.

The Department of Justice is committed to ensuring that those responsible for this attack on our Government and the rule of law face the full consequences of their actions under the law,” Acting Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen said in a statement Thursday.

While prosecutors vowed to file the toughest charges possible, they also signaled that they plan to file cases on lesser crimes like unlawful entry, which may be easier to prove, given the voluminous social media postings of the rioters.

D.C. Metro police released dozens of photographs Thursday seeking to identify and possibly charge with unlawful entry some of those who stormed into Congress, including a heavily tattooed shirtless man draped in animal fur and wearing Viking horns.

FBI Director Christopher A. Wray on Thursday said the FBI has deployed its “full investigative resources” and will “hold accountable those who participated in yesterday’s siege of the Capitol.”

The political fallout from the rioting continued Thursday, as Republicans faced a deep, angry rift within their party over the pro-Trump riot.

Former Attorney General William P. Barr — who before his Dec. 23 resignation had been one of Trump’s most loyal and effective cabinet secretaries — issued a statement condemning the president.

“Orchestrating a mob to pressure Congress is inexcusable,” Barr said in the statement, released through his former spokeswoman. “The President’s conduct yesterday was a betrayal of his office and supporters.”

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Secretary, Washington, D.C. Chapter

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From: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: FYSA - [REDACTED]  
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)  
Sent: January 7, 2021 6:57 PM (UTC-05:00)

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Pam's email is confusing? [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Regards,  
John

[REDACTED] (Cell)  
[REDACTED] (Desk)

From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 6:20 PM  
To: Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]; Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]; Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI) [REDACTED]; Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
Subject: Fwd: FYSA - [REDACTED]  
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To: "Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI)" [REDACTED]; "Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
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Brian and Jill,

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Thanks,

Pam

**Pamela Byron**  
Deputy Assistant Director  
Directorate of Intelligence / FBI  
[REDACTED] (desk)

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From: Vorndran, Bryan A. (NO) (FBI)  
Subject: [REDACTED] Preventing Violence and Criminal Activity  
To: [REDACTED]  
Sent: January 7, 2021 7:07 PM (UTC-05:00)  
Good Evening,

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I'm asking that everyone take time to read the below summary from today's Critical Incident Conference Call re the recent events at the U.S. Capitol. The below outlines [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Thank you  
for taking the time to read the rest of the information captured below.

Thank you,  
Bryan

UPDATE: This afternoon, all field office SACs attended a Critical Incident Conference Call (CICC) with FBIHQ to discuss the plan of action in light of the recent events at the U.S. Capitol and threat reporting indicating additional acts of violence may be planned leading up to the Presidential Inauguration scheduled for January 20, 2021.

FIELD OFFICE READINESS:

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INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW: SSAs and SSRAs are requested to [REDACTED]

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FBI ROLE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] we are positioning ourselves to investigate those matters rapidly should they arise. Our office will not be engaged in the monitoring of people exercising their constitutionally protected rights for peaceful assembly and protest.

*This means our role begins when we learn of intelligence suggesting a federal crime is about to be committed, or has been committed, or an arrest is made by a state or local partner and where we believe a federal crime has been committed.*

Captured below are several relevant federal statutes:

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#### FBIHQ AND REPORTING OF PVCA INCIDENTS:

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All New PVCA incidents should be promptly reported to ASAC [REDACTED] ASAC [REDACTED] will further disseminate information as appropriate to [REDACTED]. Note that field offices have been requested to report any PVCA matters to [REDACTED]. A field office survey will be provided to FBIHQ by 11AM CST each day.

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SENTINEL CRISIS [REDACTED] has requested ALL field office to send information and intelligence leads via the Sentinel Crisis File: [REDACTED]

NEW [REDACTED] DOCUMENTATION: In order to track, organize and coordinate incoming incidents, the following tag [REDACTED] has been created for use within [REDACTED]

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Agents

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IA or SOSs

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Please direct any questions or concerns to ASAC [REDACTED]

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Thanks Steve.

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Brian and Jill,

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Thanks,

Pam

**Pamela Byron**  
Deputy Assistant Director  
Directorate of Intelligence / FBI

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**From:** Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: FYSA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**To:** Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 7, 2021 7:55 PM (UTC-05:00)

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Thanks Pam... very grateful you were ahead of this one for the FBI.

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On Jan 7, 2021 4:32 PM, "Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)" [REDACTED] wrote:  
Bosses,

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[REDACTED]  
Thanks,  
Pam

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(DI) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FYSA - [REDACTED]

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Brian and Jill,

[REDACTED]  
Thanks,  
Pam

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**From:** OCIAC Alerts  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - (U//~~LES~~) FBI OPE DC Update - January 7 2021  
**To:**  
**Cc:** OCIAC  
**Sent:** January 7, 2021 8:37 PM (UTC-05:00)  
**Attached:** (U//~~LES~~) FBI Jan7SitRep-FINAL.pdf

*This information is being provided for senior learners. It is meant to increase executive leader situational awareness with activities and insights of interest to Orange County executives. This information is based on ~~the Orange County Executive Leadership Program~~ sources.*

Please find the attached FBI SitRep following yesterday's events. Thank you to FBI for sharing this information.

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 1:57 PM  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] External SITREP- January 7 2021

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Good evening,

Please find attached the 6 January 2021 National Crisis Coordination Center SITREP related to the violence associated with lawful protests.

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Thank you.

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Sent: January 7, 2021 8:51 PM (UTC-05:00)  
Attached: Jan7SITREPfinal.docx

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Team

For your awareness..OPE version of today's PVCA SITREP distro'd to fusion centers today.

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Please see the attached SitRep.

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Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 3:57 PM  
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Cc [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
**To:** Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI); Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI); Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI); Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI); Williams, Douglas A. Jr. (OCA) (FBI); Dunham, Christopher G. (OCA) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 7, 2021 10:01 PM (UTC-05:00)

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Thank you, Pam, for the heads up and below info. I also appreciated our previous discussions on this matter. OCA will coordinate with you if we get any Hill inquiries.

-JCT

Jill C. Tyson  
Assistant Director, OCA

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**Subject:** FYSA - [REDACTED]

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Brian and Jill,

[REDACTED]

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Thanks,

Pam

**Pamela Byron**  
Deputy Assistant Director  
Directorate of Intelligence / FBI

[REDACTED] (desk)  
[REDACTED] (mobile)

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From: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)

Subject: Re: FYSA - [REDACTED]

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To: Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI)

Sent: January 7, 2021 10:18 PM (UTC-05:00)

Thanks Jill...interesting times. I hope you had a good new year and the pup is doing well. I will catch up with you on Monday.

On Jan 7, 2021 8:00 PM, "Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI)" [REDACTED] wrote:

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Subject: FYSA - [REDACTED]

Brian and Jill,

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Thanks,

Pam

**Pamela Byron**

Deputy Assistant Director

Directorate of Intelligence / FBI

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From: [REDACTED]  
Subject: [REDACTED]  
To: Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)  
Cc: Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI)  
Sent: January 7, 2021 10:24 PM (UTC-05:00)

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Ma'am,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

v/r,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Request from Sen. McConnell - ASAP  
**To:** Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 7, 2021 10:36 PM (UTC-05:00)

Available for a call?

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On Jan 6, 2021 11:35 PM, "Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI)" [REDACTED] wrote:  
Thank you, EAD Brown. And boss for the call.

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[REDACTED]

-JCT

Jill C. Tyson  
Assistant Director  
FBI Office of Congressional Affairs  
[REDACTED]

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On Jan 6, 2021 11:12 PM, "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] wrote:  
Thanks John

-  
On Jan 6, 2021 10:57 PM, "Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI)" [REDACTED] wrote:  
Jill,

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[REDACTED]

Thank you.

Regards,  
John

[REDACTED] (Cell)  
[REDACTED] (Desk)

**From:** Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI) [REDACTED]

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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021 10:52 PM

**To:** D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED] Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI) [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Williams, Douglas A. Jr. (OCA) (FBI) [REDACTED] Cohen, Jodi (NSB) (FBI) [REDACTED] Meador,  
Stanley M. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Request from Sen. McConnell - ASAP

Copy, Sir. [REDACTED]

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[redacted] Thanks to all.

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Jill C. Tyson  
Assistant Director  
FBI Office of Congressional Affairs

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On Jan 6, 2021 10:41 PM, "Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI)" [redacted] wrote:  
Jill,

Standby... [redacted] b7E -1,3,5

[redacted]

Regards,  
John

[redacted] (Cell)  
[redacted] (Desk)

From: Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI) [redacted]

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Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 10:37 PM

To: Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI) [redacted] Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI) [redacted] D'Antuono,

Steven Michael (WF) (FBI) [redacted]

Cc: Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI) [redacted] Cohen, Jodi (NSB) (FBI) [redacted] Williams,

Douglas A. Jr. (OCA) (FBI) [redacted]

Subject: Request from Sen. McConnell - ASAP

DD Bowdich, EAD Brown, ADIC D'Antuono:

Tonight I have been in comms with the national security advisors for Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, and Leader McCarthy. All are grateful for the [redacted] agents we have sent to the Capitol complex to help.

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[redacted]

My cell [redacted]

Thanks.

-JCT

Jill C. Tyson  
Assistant Director  
FBI Office of Congressional Affairs

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Of course [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Thanks John

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Thank you.

Regards,  
John

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Subject: RE: Request from Sen. McConnell - ASAP

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Copy, Sir. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Thanks to all.

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Subject: Request from Sen. McConnell - ASAP

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DD Bowdich, EAD Brown, ADIC D'Antuono:

Tonight I have been in comms with the national security advisors for Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, and Leader  
McCarthy. All are grateful for the [REDACTED] agents we have sent to the Capitol complex to help.

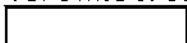
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Thanks.  
-JCT

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## ***America's Color Revolution***

by Paul Craig Roberts | [January 7, 2021](#)

The Establishment has imposed a color revolution on the American people. Ekaterina Blinova is a journalist who recognized that a color revolution has occurred in America under the guise of a presidential election.

<https://sputniknews.com/us/202011221081242712-politburo-are-dems-striving-to-win-it-all-turn-us-political-landscape-into-one-party-system/>

The Establishment used the Democrats for their purpose, because Trump was in office under the Republican banner. Trump, of course, is a populist, but there is no party that represents the people, so Trump ran as a Republican.

The left-wing, or the fraud that passes for one, thinks it is now in the money. This is a naive expectation. It is the Establishment that is really in charge, and there will be no leftist agendas unless they serve the Establishment. If Antifa and BLM were to split up, their funding would be cut off, and the prostitutes would be sicced on them.

Biden and Kamala are mere figureheads put in office by a stolen election. Any agenda they think that they have is irrelevant. Here is the Establishment's agenda:

First: Prevent any political organization of the "Trump Deplorables." Any who attempt to form a real opposition party will be made an example of. In America, it is child's play to frame up anyone. We saw that show in Russiagate, and Trump will now be exhausted with endless frameups as the Establishment pursues him into oblivion. If the President of the United States can be so easily framed up, an

unknown political organizer in the red states can be disposed of at will.

Second: Increase the demonization of white people and the destruction of their confidence. White Americans are still a majority and, therefore, a potential political force. Their demonization is already institutionalized in the educational system, in the New York Times' propagandistic "1619 Project," and in the "racial sensitivity" training that all white employees of US corporations, governments, and US military have to take. Trump ordered a halt to the anti-white indoctrination sessions in the Federal government and US military, but the new regime will quickly reinstate the required indoctrination as a sop to deluded blacks, feminists, and left-wingers.

Third: The Second Amendment will be overturned or bypassed. If the Establishment believes it is efficacious to unleash armed anti-white militias on Trump supporters in order to bring them into line, they will be disarmed in order to more easily terrorize them and prevent them from protecting their property and persons. White self-defense will be more or less criminalized.

Fourth: The Establishment will increase its fomenting of racial and gender conflict in order to keep Americans too divided to resist its increasingly odious control measures, whether they be through the use of COVID to suppress freedom of movement and association, through charges of being a foreign agent in order to suppress free speech, as in the Assange case, or through the round up and internment of Trump Americans who would be attempting to organize a political party that represents the people instead of the Establishment.

Fifth: Citizenship for the millions of illegal aliens and open borders in order to reduce the white population to an isolated minority.

These measures will suffice for the Establishment to complete the transformation of the United States from a democracy accountable to the people to an oligarchy of entrenched vested interests.

By the time oblivious white people wake up to their fate, violent revolution will be impossible. Modern weapons in the hands of the state are devastating. Mass spying and control techniques that exist today go beyond those of dystopian novels such as Orwell's 1984. Free speech is a thing of the past. Free speech no longer even exists in universities. As I write, Twitter, Facebook and the pressitutes are suppressing the free speech of the President of the United States, and the President of the United States is powerless to do anything about it.

<https://thehill.com/policy/technology/533027-twitter-locks-trumps-account-for-at-least-12-hours?mid=1609978506>

The Establishment's control over the media means that no charge against President Trump is too extreme to cause a protest. The enormous support shown for Trump in Washington on January 6 with estimates of participants ranging from 200,000 to 2,000,000 was easy for the Establishment to turn into a liability by

infiltrating the rally.

It was naive for President Trump and his supporters not to realize that infiltration was guaranteed as it was necessary for the Establishment to turn massive support into a massive liability. This would achieve two purposes. One purpose was to terminate the challenge to the electors in the Senate, and it succeeded. Here, for example, is Republican Senator Mike Braun from Indiana dropping his intent to object to the electors from the swing states where the election was stolen: "I think ... that today change things drastically. Yeah, whatever point you made before that should suffice. Get this ugly day behind us," he said. Even Rand Paul was intimidated: "I just don't think there's going to be another objection. I think it's over at that point." <https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/533033-gop-senators-hopeful-theyve-quashed-additional-election-challenges?rnd=1609980353> Here is Republican Senator Kelly Loeffler, whose reelection to the Senate was stolen from her acquiescing to Trump's and her own stolen elections: "When I arrived in Washington this morning, I fully intended to object to the certification of the electoral votes. However, the events that have transpired today have forced me to reconsider and I cannot now, in good conscience, object," Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R-Ga.). <https://thehill.com/homenews/house/533052-congress-affirms-biden-win-after-rioters-terrorize-capitol>

The other purpose served was to insure that Trump would not go out as a president whose reelection was stolen but as an insurrectionist. And it has succeeded.

Internationally Trump was denounced by NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg for not respecting democracy. "The outcome of this democratic election must be respected," declared Stoltenberg. Stolen election or not, it is democracy to be rid of Trump. <https://www.rt.com/usa/511743-uk-france-nato-condemn-capitol/>

British prime minister Boris Johnson declared that the US is the world symbol of Democracy and that it is vital there is a peaceful and ordered transfer of power, as if there was an actual insurrection taking place and an election was not stolen.

The French President Macron declared: "What happened today in Washington, DC today is not American, definitely." In other words, it is un-American to protest a stolen election that the Establishment refuses to address. [I watched presentations by independent experts to the Arizona, Georgia, and Michigan legislatures that proved beyond all doubt the presidential election was stolen. Half of the professional presenters were people of color.]

The German Chancellor Merkel blamed Trump for creating an atmosphere that led to a challenge to democracy in the US Capitol. <https://www.rt.com/news/511778-germany-merkel-america-trump-capitol/>

Republican senators themselves, former members of Trump's cabinet, and a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff jumped on Trump with both feet. The no longer Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said that Trump's "unhinged thugs" "tried to disrupt our democracy. They failed. This failed insurrection underscores how crucial the task before us is" *to restore Establishment control.*  
<https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/533039-mcconnell-after-rioters-storm-capitol-they-tried-to-disrupt-our-democracy>

Republican Senator Richard Burr from North Carolina said: "The President bears responsibility for today's events by promoting the unfounded conspiracy theories that have led to this point."

Republican Senator Mitt Romney from Utah said: the violence was "an insurrection, incited by the President of the United States."  
<https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/533034-richard-burr-says-trump-bears-responsibility-for-riot>

"There is no question that the president formed the mob, the president incited the mob, the president addressed the mob," said Rep. Liz Cheney (Wyo.), the third-ranking House Republican. "He lit the flame."  
<https://thehill.com/homenews/house/533052-congress-affirms-biden-win-after-rioters-terrorize-capitol>

Trump's former Secretary of Defense James Mattis told the press that "Today's violent assault on our Capitol, an effort to subjugate American democracy by mob rule, was fomented by Mr. Trump. His use of the presidency to destroy trust in our election and to poison our respect for fellow citizens has been enabled by pseudo-political leaders whose names will live in infamy as profiles in cowardice."

General Joseph Dunford, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Trump administration said Republicans "who have continued to undermine a peaceful transition in accordance with our Constitution have set the conditions for today's violence."

The press had a field day with misleading and lying headlines. One of the worst offenders was *The Hill*, formerly a source of real news on what was going on in Congress, but today a highly partisan Trump-hating source of Establishment propaganda.

With the American Establishment's foreign puppets, Republicans, Trump's own cabinet members, military leaders, and the press speaking with one voice, setting up President Trump as an insurrectionist threat to democracy, the Democrats' wild charges seemed credible.

Democrat Senator Schumer from New York, the new Senate Majority Leader,

Democrat House Speaker Pelosi, and a large number of Democrat members of Congress, together with the New York Times, have called for Trump's impeachment or his removal from office by invoking the 25th Amendment. Here is the new Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer (N.Y.) making the case:

"What happened at the U.S. Capitol yesterday was an insurrection against the United States, incited by the president. This president should not hold office one day longer," Schumer said in a statement.

"The quickest and most effective way — it can be done today — to remove this president from office would be for the Vice President to immediately invoke the 25th amendment. If the Vice President and the Cabinet refuse to stand up, Congress should reconvene to impeach the president," he added. <https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/533124-schumer-calls-for-25th-amendment-to-be-invoked-after-capitol-riots>

Here is Pelosi: <https://www.politico.com/news/2021/01/07/lawmakers-trump-25th-amendment-455832>

Here is Adam Smith, Democrat from Washington state and chairman of the House Committee on Armed Services, calling for Trump's removal from office: "President Trump incited & encouraged this riot. He & his enablers are responsible for the despicable attack at the Capitol. VP Pence and the Cabinet should invoke the 25th amendment to remove Trump, otherwise Senate Republicans must work with the House to impeach & remove him. <https://thehill.com/policy/defense/533136-house-armed-services-chair-calls-for-removing-trump-from-office>

For the *New York Times*, it doesn't not suffice to remove Trump from office. He must be prosecuted as well.

To understand the extraordinary hatred of President Trump by the Establishment, listen to his inaugural address. He described the Establishment accurately as a force arraigned against the American people, a force that he intended to dismantle and restore America to the American people. This was a revolutionary challenge, a reckless one as Trump is a populist, not a revolutionary leading a determined movement. Moreover, Trump was so uninformed about Washington that he never succeeded in appointing anyone to his government, other than General Flynn (an immediate casualty of the Establishment) who agreed with his agenda of normalizing relations with Russia, bringing the troops home from the Middle East, ending NATO, and bringing the jobs home that American corporations had exported to China. Here was Trump, unarmed, taking on the American Establishment. What was then obviously an act of suicide has only now been proven to be just that.

People who think in terms of party politics have no likelihood of understanding the situation. The struggle is not Democrat vs. Republican. or red state vs. blue



state. It is the Establishment against the people. If you have any doubt about this, note that the US National Association of Manufacturers, always a thoroughly Republican organization, agrees with Schumer and Pelosi that Trump must be removed from office. Here is the organization's statement: "Vice President Pence, who was evacuated from the Capitol, should seriously consider working with the Cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment to preserve democracy."

<https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/532968-democratic-lawmakers-call-for-pence-to-invoke-25th-amendment-remove>

The National Association of Manufacturers want Trump out because they are the ones responsible for China's rise, the US trade deficit and the destruction of half of the US middle class. All the goods and services imported from offshored production count as imports. It is the offshored production that is responsible for America's trade deficit, not China.

The pressitutes throughout the Western world have intentionally misrepresented the January 6th rally in Washington as an insurrection. The rally had to be misrepresented, because no one in politics today anywhere in the Western World can demonstrate such massive support other than Donald Trump. No one turned out for Biden or Kamala during the presidential campaign. Their events, soon cancelled, had no attendees. Yet, they won the election?!! What saps people are. Who turns out for Merkel, Macron, Boris Johnson. No one even knows who the leaders are in the rest of the Western World, obviously because there are none.

Trump could not be permitted to leave office with such a massive showing of support—a terrible embarrassment to the corrupt scum who "speak for the people." So the support had to be discredited by turning it into an insurrection ordered by Trump against Democracy, a holy word that is observed nowhere in the Western World.

The people who entered the Capitol were a tiny minority of those who attended the rally which was entirely peaceful and well behaved. It was so peaceful and well behaved that Facebook will ban and delete all photos and videos of Wednesday protests: <https://thefederalist.com/2021/01/06/facebook-will-ban-and-delete-all-photos-and-videos-of-any-aspect-of-wednesday-protests/> The facts are not consistent with the pressitute narrative and must be suppressed.

Here is a description of agitators who suddenly appeared and provoked the entrance into the Capitol by a few Trump supporters who, unlike the rioters in Minneapolis, Chicago, Detroit, Seattle, Portland, Atlanta and elsewhere, did not behave as rioters and did no damage. The report is from a person present not as a Trump supporter but as a person to film the event. The report was sent to NYU professor Mark Crispin Miller. I have left the person's name off so that he doesn't get investigated by the FBI:

"I was in Washington, D.C. today filming the Trump rally and related events. I also ran across your post concerning the Capitol demonstration tonight. Perhaps this short account will help you assess what others are saying in a small way.

"I was also at the Capitol before the crowd appeared setting-up my camera on a stone wall around the perimeter of the back of the capitol (the rear facing Constitution Avenue). Then I waited for President Trump's speech to end and for supporters to walk-up Constitution Avenue to the Capitol. I was located at the precise location where supporters first rushed up the slope towards the back of the Capitol after casting aside a section of the first Capitol perimeter barrier. Supporters gathered roughly at the center of the back of the capitol, but a circle began to grow around the perimeter as the crowd grew larger. I had no sense that the growing crowd intended to rush the Capitol.

"After a large crowd emerged at the perimeter a man in perhaps his late 30's or early 40's showed-up, pacing quickly to his left then to his right before the crowd, and essentially began hurling insults at the crowd challenging their political wisdom. He excoriated the crowd for thinking that their attendance would be taken seriously by members of congress. (Hard to say that he was wrong about that, whoever he was). I cannot recall his precise words, but for a very short period he engaged in a shouting exchange with supporters, and suddenly supporters pushed aside the first barrier and rushed towards the back of the Capitol. Others on the northern edge of the perimeter followed suit. But the first rush was right at the center of the back of the Capitol. I followed the rush to the bottom of the Capitol back steps, and began filming again from atop an inner perimeter stone wall.

"The police, so it appeared, were a little surprised by the rush, and this gave supporters an opportunity to race up the steps. One or two men even made it as far as the steps leading up to the scaffolds on the south side of the Capitol before police arrested them. By this time, five or ten men had climbed to the top of the tall steel tower structure facing the Capitol. Then the police erected and lined-up behind a new barrier perimeter at the foot of the Capitol steps. Police at the top of the Capitol steps aimed rifles down on the crowd (perhaps rubber bullet rifles, I could not tell). The crowd began arguing with police and pressing hard against the new barrier. The police sprayed men pressing directly against the barrier with tear gas from time to time causing them to retreat. Meanwhile, the men at the top of the tower began rallying the crowd to challenge the new barrier (over bull horns) by filling any gaps between the barrier and the stone wall that I was using as a filming vantage point. Another man worked the crowd with a bull horn immediately in front of me and also encouraged supporters to climb over the inner perimeter stone wall (my filming vantage point) and create a wall of pressure on the new barrier at the bottom of the Capitol back steps.

"After about 30 minutes to an hour I dropped to the bottom of the stone wall to reload my camera when suddenly the barrier gave way and police attempted to fortify it by blasting tear gas into the area between the stone wall and the barrier. I was hit by the gas myself and struggled back over the stone wall in order to breathe. The gas threw many crowd members into a panic. And I was nearly

trampled as I struggled to lift my camera and heavy gear bag over the wall after two women began pulling desperately on the back of my coat to pull themselves up and over the moderately high wall in retreat.

"After the second perimeter barrier gave way, the men with the bull horns began working the crowd very hard to fill-up with Trump supporters the steps of the Capitol and the scaffolding on both sides of it. At this point one of the calls, which the men with bull horns repeated from time to time in order to encourage people to climb the Capitol steps was "this is not a rally; it's the real thing." Another frequent call was "its now or never." After about a two hour effort peppered with bull horn calls of this nature the entire back of the Capitol was filled with Trump supporters and the entire face of the Capitol was covered with brilliant small and very large Trump banners, American flags, and various other types of flags and banners.

"Sometime after the rush on the back of the Capitol, people were apparently able to enter the Capitol itself through the front. But I was not witness to anything at the front or inside the Capitol.

"One clearly bona fide Trump supporter who had apparently entered the Capitol himself was telling others emotionally and angrily (including press representatives of some sort, even a foreign newsman) that he witnessed someone inside the Capitol encouraging violence whom he strongly suspected was not a legitimate Trump supporter (apparently on the basis that the man showed no signs at all of Trump support on his apparel). I did not pay that close attention to his claims (for example the precise claim of the violence encouraged) because, naturally, I had not yet read your post and it had not occurred to me that professional outsiders might play a role in instigating particular violent acts in order to discredit the event.

"I overheard one Trump supporter (who followed the rush on the Capitol himself) say aloud, "I brought many others to this rally, but we did not sign on for this" as he watched matters escalate.

"Still, from my seat, I would say that large numbers of very legitimate Trump supporters felt that it was their patriotic duty to occupy the Capitol in light of their unshakable beliefs that (1) the 2020 election was a fraud, (2) that the vast majority of the members of congress are corrupt and compromised, and (3) that the country is in the throes of what they consider a "communist" takeover (although many use the expression "communism" as a synonym for "totalitarianism"). They are also convinced that the virus narrative is a fraud and an essential part of an effort to undermine the Constitution --in particular the Bill of Rights. They have a very real fear that the country and the very conception of any culture of liberty is on the verge of an irreparable collapse. For most (if not a very large majority) rushing the Capitol was a desperate eleventh hour act of patriotism—even of the order of the revolution that created our nation. Some Trump supporters sang the Star

Spangled Banner and other patriotic songs as others climbed the Capitol steps. They also demonstrated a measure of respect for the Capitol itself. I saw no attempt by anyone to deface the Capitol simply for the sake of defacing it.

“The incontrovertibly compromised press has called this event a riot. But from what I saw and heard this would indeed be a gross and intentionally misleading oversimplification at best. At least from the standpoint of supporters, if their Capitol event was a riot, then so was the Boston Tea Party. It also seems to me that some professional help (very aware of deep sentiments) might have come from somewhere to make sure that the party happened.”

See also: <https://www.unz.com/steve/alternative-timeline-nyt-mostly-peaceful-protesters-call-for-electoral-accountability-inside-capitol/>

When I was on the Stanford University faculty, I remember rich and pampered Stanford students occupying the university president's office in a protest either against the Vietnam war or the name of the Stanford Football Team (Stanford Indians) and destroying the papers in the president's files of his life's work. Despite the liberalism of the university president, the presstitutes regarded the protest justified and well-intentioned.

The rioters and looters who rampaged through many of America's major cities suffered no media condemnation, only support and encouragement. This is because, unlike Trump, Antifa and Black Lives Matter are financed by and controlled by the Establishment and thus represent no threat. There is no FBI investigation or intended prosecution of any of the rioters who destroyed billions of dollars of property in America's cities.

But the Trump supporters, provoked into entering the Capitol, are in for it, said the Establishment figure whom Trump, in yet another of his mistakes, put in charge of the FBI.

It is difficult to defend Trump when he consistently puts in charge of his security agencies and Department of Justice, members of the Establishment who hate his guts.

The FBI did nothing about the real rioters that did billions of dollars of damage to private businesses, but FBI Director Christopher Wray vowed Thursday to “hold accountable those who participated in yesterday's siege of the Capitol after a pro-Trump mob overtook the building, forcing evacuations.” As these may have been FBI instigators, Wray might be talking about his own employees.

<https://thehill.com/policy/national-security/533165-fbi-director-we-will-hold-accountable-those-who-participated-in>

Here is Trump's FBI appointee describing the people who elected the man who appointed him:

**"The violence and destruction of property at the U.S. Capitol building yesterday showed a blatant and appalling disregard for our institutions of government and the orderly administration of the democratic process," Wray said in a statement.**

**"As we've said consistently, we do not tolerate violent agitators and extremists who use the guise of First Amendment-protected activity to incite violence and wreak havoc," he continued. "Such behavior betrays the values of our democracy. Make no mistake: With our partners, we will hold accountable those who participated in yesterday's siege of the Capitol."**

**Wray announced that the bureau "has deployed our full investigative resources" and is working with law enforcement partners "to aggressively pursue those involved in criminal activity" on Wednesday.**

**"Our agents and analysts have been hard at work through the night gathering evidence, sharing intelligence, and working with federal prosecutors to bring charges," he said.**

**He requested the public send in any information about Wednesday's events to the FBI, noting "We are determined to find those responsible and ensure justice is served."**

**<https://thehill.com/policy/national-security/533165-fbi-director-we-will-hold-accountable-those-who-participated-in>**

**Notice that Wray, the Establishment's servant, not the servant of the rule of law, aligns the First Amendment with "violent agitators and extremists" and thus discredits the First Amendment as a tool of insurrection.**

**The Saker expressed his disgust with the hypocrisy: <http://thesaker.is/mind-blowing-hypocrisy/>**

**Everyone who was not at the US Capitol building on January 6, which is the entire world, except the Trump supporters, has been brainwashed, by a corrupt, despicable collection of media whores serving an Establishment of Oligarchs, that Donald Trump intended an insurrection, but it was defeated. By whom?**

**It was Trump who called out the National Guard and who told his supporters to leave the Capitol and to go home.**

**What kind of people can present this as an insurrection that requires Trump's removal from office and prosecution? The answer is totally evil people who have not only the United States but the entire Western World in their clutches.**

**The Western World is dead. It is now Mordor.**

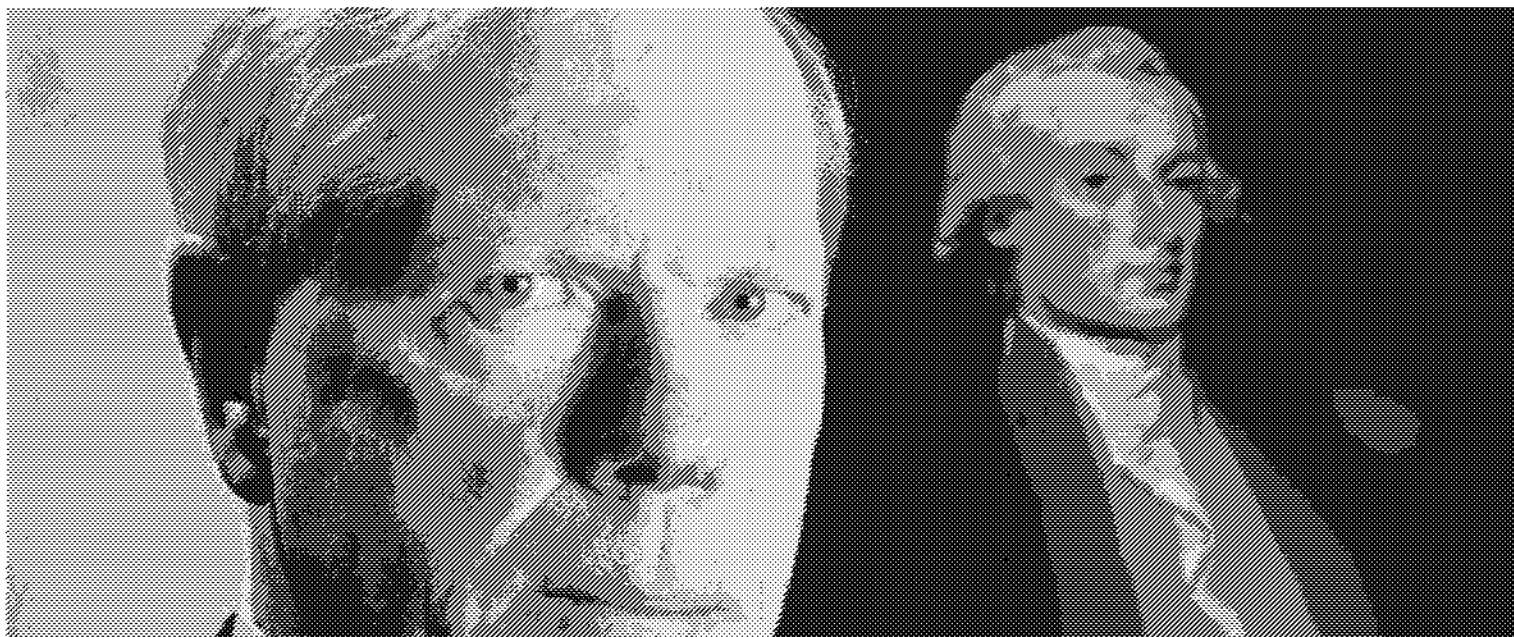
**Trump appointees realize that, unless they add to his orchestrated embarrassment, and to the setup for his demonization and prosecution, by**

themselves resigning, are targeted for reprisals. Seeing permanent unemployment facing him, US Deputy National Security Advisor Matthew Pottinger has resigned in response to Donald Trump's handling of the crisis on Capitol Hill. "Other people named as likely to abandon the sinking Trump ship are National Security Adviser Robert O'Brien and Deputy Chief of Staff Chris Liddell."

<https://www.rt.com/usa/511769-white-house-officials-resign/>

Everyone everywhere is participating in Trump's destruction. The English language Russian press loves embarrassing America. The fun and games leaves the world in ignorance of the extraordinary consequences of what the stolen election and demonization of Trump and his supporters means. The end of the Western World is a profound event, and it will affect everyone.

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## **FBI PUBLIC AFFAIRS – DIRECTOR'S AM NEWS BRIEFING**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021 5:00 AM EST**

### **FBI Seeking Public's Help In Identifying Capitol Rioters.**

Reuters (1/7) reports, "The FBI sought the public's help in identifying the pro-Trump rioters who stormed the U.S. Capitol." Additionally, "the FBI is taking the lead on an investigation into two pipe bombs that were recovered from the headquarters of the Republican and Democratic national committees." Reuters adds, "The FBI has asked the public to submit tips, including images and videos, to help agents identify people who were 'actively instigating violence.'" Similarly, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser "said police also intend to ask the public for help in identifying rioters."

US News & World Report (1/7, Hansen, 1.91M) reports the FBI tweeted it is "seeking to identify individuals instigating violence in Washington, D.C. We are accepting tips and digital media depicting rioting or violence in and around the U.S. Capitol on January 6" and provided a link for the public to "submit any images, videos, or other multimedia files you have related to possible violations of federal law committed." The Hill (1/7, Gstaier, 5.69M) reports that the FBI said in a statement, "Our goal is to preserve the public's constitutional right to protest by protecting everyone from violence and other criminal activity."

The AP (1/7, Eggert) reports US Attorney Matthew Schneider "urged people to give tips to the FBI if they are aware of people who joined a violent mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol." He said, "I'm personally disgusted and horrified by this. It's just nauseating to me. It's sick what people did inside the Capitol."

NBC News (1/7, 4.91M) reports, "The FBI Washington Field Office has received more than 4,000 tips including digital media that are now being analyzed."

Additional coverage includes the Miami Herald (1/7, Kenney, 647K), TODAY (1/7, 2.24M), Fox News (1/7, Pagones, 23.99M), Fox News (1/7, Aaro, 23.99M), the New York Post (1/7, Garger, 7.45M), WPLG-TV Miami (1/7, Solomon, 271K), KAIT-TV Jonesboro, AR (1/7, Ruch, 122K), the Journal-News (OH) (1/7, Spicker, 213K), WVXU-FM Cincinnati (1/7, Thompson, 4K), KRON-TV San Francisco (1/7, 267K), the Augusta (VA) Free Press (1/7), the Staten Island (NY) Advance (1/7, Spezzamonte, 234K), the New York Daily News (1/7, Marcius, 2.51M), CNBC (1/7, Macias, 7.34M), the Houston Chronicle (1/7, 982K), the Washington Times (1/7, Mordock, 626K), KCTV-TV Kansas City, MO (1/7, Taylor, 188K), NJ Today (1/7), the Daily Caller (1/7, Ross, 375K), CBS News (1/7, Kates, 5.39M), NBC News (1/7, 4.91M), the New York Post (1/7, Fitz-Gibbon, 7.45M), and Fox News (1/7, Musto, 23.99M).

**FBI Releases Photo, Offers Reward For Information On Pipe Bomb Suspect.** ABC News (1/8, 2.44M) reports, "The FBI has shared a photo of the person responsible for placing the suspected explosive devices outside the Republican National Committee and Democratic National Committee Wednesday." The FBI tweeted the photo and "posted a reward of up to \$50,000 'for information leading to the location, arrest, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for' the suspected pipe bombs." ABC adds, "A federal law enforcement source told ABC News that the suspected pipe bombs were indeed active, and U.S. Capitol Police confirmed that the devices could have caused 'great harm.'"

Additional coverage includes the New York Post (1/7, Moore, 7.45M), NBC News (1/8, 4.91M), WINK-TV Fort Myers, FL (1/7, 82K), and WRIC-TV Richmond, VA (1/7, 241K).

**Lawmakers Seek FBI Briefing On Capitol Siege.** The AP (1/7) reports, "Democratic leaders of five House committees are seeking an immediate briefing from the FBI on its investigation of Wednesday's violent breach of the Capitol, which left four people dead and disrupted a congressional proceeding to confirm the results of the presidential election." According to the AP, "In a letter Thursday to FBI Director Christopher Wray, the lawmakers called the riot 'a deadly terrorist attack' incited by President Donald Trump and his supporters. The lawmakers wrote, 'Given the incendiary environment caused and exacerbated by President Trump's rhetoric, along with the upcoming inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden, it is imperative that the FBI leverage all available assets and resources to ensure that the perpetrators of this domestic terrorist attack and those who incited and conspired with them are brought to justice, and that this domestic terrorist group is disrupted from further actions against our government.'"

**First Charges Brought Against Capitol Rioters, Wray, Other Law Enforcement Vow More Arrests To Come.** The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M) reports, "Several dozen people arrested in the violent chaos at the U.S. Capitol made their first appearances in court Thursday," and "authorities vowed to track down additional suspects." Meanwhile, "D.C. police chief Robert J. Contee III vowed that his department would arrest 'each and every one of the violent mob,' and said that investigators are circulating information publicly and to FBI offices nationwide." Similarly, acting Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen said, "The

Department of Justice is committed to ensuring that those responsible for this attack on our Government and the rule of law face the full consequences of their actions under the law."

HuffPost (1/7, 363K) reports that FBI Director Christopher Wray said the attack "showed a blatant and appalling disregard for our institutions of government and the orderly administration of the democratic process," adding, "Make no mistake: With our partners, we will hold accountable those who participated in yesterday's siege of the Capitol." US Attorney for the District of Columbia Michael Sherwin said the feds have a "good start," but charges are "just the beginning." He said the rioters "will be held accountable, both for what was done on the Capitol grounds and what happened within the Capitol." The Daily Caller (1/7, Datoc, 375K) reports Wray said, "We do not tolerate violent agitators and extremists who use the guise of First Amendment-protected activity to incite violence and wreak havoc. Such behavior betrays the very values of our democracy."

CNN (1/7, Perez, Herb, 89.21M) reports, "The FBI and other federal law enforcement agencies are planning a push to make arrests and bring charges against those who led the insurrection at the US Capitol." CNN adds, "FBI digital experts spent the night ingesting surveillance video from the Capitol buildings and the area around the complex and are using software to match images and faces with social media posts."

The AP (1/7, Richer, Balsamo, Whitehurst) reports acting US Attorney for DC Michael Sherwin "said...that 'all options are on the table' for charging members of the violent pro-Trump mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol – including sedition charges." Experts say that other possible charges "include civil disorder, destruction of property and rioting."

The Washington Post (1/7, Zapotosky, 10.52M) reports Acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen, in September, when he was Deputy Attorney General, urged in a memo that prosecutors "consider tough federal charges for those engaged in violent unrest," including seditious conspiracy, damage to federal property, use of explosives, and crossing state lines to commit crimes. The memo was intended to address civil rights protests, but "law enforcement officials say Rosen's memo is a blueprint for pursuing federal cases against Wednesday's rioters." Fox News (1/7, Fordham, 23.99M) reports that a Trump executive order from June, signed "after protesters targeted historic monuments and statues in the wake of George Floyd's death," authorizes up to 10 years in prison for "injury of federal property."

Additional coverage includes Reuters (1/7), NBC News (1/7, 4.91M), the New York Daily News (1/7, Crane-Newman, 2.51M), the Los Angeles Times (1/7, 3.37M), NBC News (1/7, 4.91M), Fox News (1/7, Ruiz, 23.99M), and the Voice of America (1/7, Farivar, 85K), Fox News (1/7, Giang-Paunon, 23.99M), Fox News (1/7, Gibson, 23.99M), the Philly (PA) Voice (1/7, 170K), the Fairfield (CT) Daily Voice (1/7), WIAT-TV Birmingham, AL (1/7), NJ News (1/7, Shea, 1.47M), the West Hartford (CT) News (1/7, O'Neill, Yankowski, 28K).

**Prosecutors Looking At Trump's Role In Capitol Riot.** The Washington Post (1/7, Barrett, 10.52M) reports acting US Attorney Michael Sherwin "said Thursday that President Trump was not off limits in his investigation of the events surrounding Wednesday's riot at the U.S. Capitol." When asked whether they will look at statements made at the Trump rally just before the riot, and by Trump specifically, Sherwin replied, "We are looking at all actors here, and anyone that had a role, if the evidence fits the element of a crime, they're going to be charged." However, Sherwin "said that the first priority of investigators are the individuals who personally engaged in destructive or violent acts at the Capitol, or what he called 'the closest alligators to the boat,'" and "emphasiz[ing] that the Justice Department and FBI are rapidly pursuing cases against those who engaged in violence or other lawbreaking." FBI Director Christopher A. Wray "said the FBI has deployed its 'full investigative resources' and will 'hold accountable those who participated in yesterday's siege of the Capitol.'"

New York Times (1/7, Benner, 20.6M) reports that Sherwin's "comments were an extraordinary invocation of the rule of law against a president who has counted on the Justice Department to advance his personal agenda." Politico (1/7, Gerstein, 6.73M) reports prosecutors raised "the prospect that inflammatory statements President Donald Trump and Rudy Giuliani made to supporters shortly before the assault will be closely scrutinized for possible criminal charges."

Additional coverage includes the Financial Times (1/7, Subscription Publication, 1.48M).

**US Attorneys Promise Charges Against Any Who Traveled From Their Areas To Participate In Capitol Riot.** The Houston Chronicle (1/7, Dellinger, 982K) reports, "More than a dozen U.S. attorneys from Texas, Ohio, Nebraska, South Carolina, Kentucky, Alabama, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Connecticut, Virginia and Maryland" have made statements that they will "prosecute anyone from their regions who traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate" in the riot.

The Detroit Free Press (1/7, Boucher, 2.16M) reports US Attorney Matthew Schneider said, "We're not looking at the people who were being peaceful. We are working with our partners in the FBI to determine whether or not people were committing acts of violence from Michigan, crossing a state line to do so. That's really the focus."

Boston (1/7, 538K) reports US Attorney Andrew Lelling said the Constitution does not protect "a violent assault on government institutions. Americans on the right and left must re-learn the difference. Anyone who traveled from Massachusetts with the intent to commit such crimes will be prosecuted in the District of Massachusetts."

Additional coverage includes the Hartford (CT) Courant (1/7, Mahony, 438K).

### **Critics Allege Racial Double Standard In Treatment Of Rioters.**

The Hill

(1/7, Johnson, 5.69M) reports,

"Civil rights groups, NBA stars and many others are criticizing what they said was a glaring difference in how police treated Black Lives Matter protesters over the summer and their treatment of a predominantly white, pro-Trump crowd that assaulted the U.S. Capitol." In particular, they point to a video in which "officers of the Capitol Police are shown offering no resistance to the rioters as they streamed into the building." They argued "there was a difference between peaceful protests calling for the end to police brutality and systemic racism against Black Americans and what transpired at the Capitol Wednesday afternoon." Rashad Robinson, President of Color Change, said, "In 2015, the FBI published a report about how police departments had been infiltrated with white nationalists and white supremacy, and we haven't seen anything, in terms of legislation to deal with this." He added that what happened is "a consequence of a whole set of enablers from those in government to those and social media platforms, to folks in mainstream media."

The AP (1/7, Morrison) reports that while Black Lives Matter protests drew "overwhelming force from law enforcement in dozens of cities," "chemical dispersants," "rubber bullets and hand-to-hand combat with largely peaceful crowds and some unruly vandals and looters," and "more than 14,000 arrests," on Wednesday there were "barely more than a few dozen arrests," with "several weapons seized [and] improvised explosive devices found. Members of a wilding mob [were] escorted from the premises, some not even in handcuffs. The key difference? The first set of protesters were overwhelmingly Black Americans and their allies. The second group was overwhelmingly white Americans who support" President Trump's "baseless claims of election fraud."

On ABC World News Tonight (1/7, story 5, 1:45, Muir, 7.47M), Rachel Scott said, "It's being described as a double standard... [and] many are wondering, what if those rioters had been Black? ... The size of the demonstration was similar to this one months earlier, but the response was not. This summer, when thousands took to the same streets in DC to peacefully protest racial inequality, law enforcement was out in full force – military helicopters flying low, tear gas and pepper balls deployed. ... Over the summer, the President called those protesters 'thugs.' Yesterday, calling his own supporters 'great patriots.'" On NBC Nightly News (1/7, story 6, 1:40, Holt, 5.91M), Gabe Gutierrez said, "During the George Floyd protests, President Trump tweeted, 'When the looting starts, the shooting starts.' Yesterday..." Trump: "Go home. We love you. You're very special."

The Dallas Morning News (1/7, 772K) reports, "Protesters and organizers said the police response was consistent with what they have seen: a long pattern of society's coddling of racists and downplaying of the violent white supremacist ideology that routinely places white people's grievances above those of their Black, often disenfranchised and downtrodden, countrymen and women."

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/7, Rao, 855K) reports Arizona State University criminology professor Edward Maguire "said it was a 'really reasonable concern'" that the law enforcement response to the Capitol riot "seemed so hands-off, especially in comparison to the unrest that erupted over the police killings of Black Americans." NBC News (1/8, 4.91M) reports Cleveland State University Associate Professor of urban studies Ronnie Dunn said, "This is the epitome of white privilege or white supremacy – the notion that they have the right or dominion to go into the Capitol and overthrow the results of a fair and free election and the will of the people."

**Capitol Police Chief Resigns Amid Questions Over Security Failures.** On ABC World News Tonight (1/7, story 4, 2:00, 7.47M), David Muir said, "There are still major questions tonight With the President calling for demonstrations for weeks, why wasn't there more security [at the Capitol]? The President himself had said, 'This will be wild.'" ABC's Pierre Thomas: "We're learning just how dangerous the situation was: more than 80 people arrested, [and] five firearms recovered, including a military-style assault rifle," as well as "two powerful functioning pipe bombs and 11 Molotov cocktails." On the CBS Evening News (1/7, story 6, 2:25, O'Donnell, 4.61M), Kris Van Cleave said, "Capitol Police appeared unprepared, despite warning signs online like this one calling for participants to come armed."

The New York Times (1/7, Dewan, MacFarquhar, Eligon, Hill, 20.6M) reports that the Capitol Police, "which numbers about 2,000 officers and has sole jurisdiction over the Capitol's buildings and grounds, was clearly outnumbered and unprepared for the onslaught, even as it was openly organized on social media sites like Gab and Parler." Reuters (1/7, Tanfani, Shiffman, Januta, Hosenball) says that according to some law enforcement officials, "the siege of the Capitol...represents one of the gravest security lapses in recent U.S. history."

The New York Times (1/7, Dewan, MacFarquhar, Eligon, Hill, 20.6M) reports, "Some law enforcement experts were astonished by the sight of an officer cowering in the crush of pro-Trump extremists and rioters using police shields and metal barricades as battering rams." USA Today (1/7, Brook, Phillips, 12.7M) reports, "Among the most striking images of law enforcement futility, on a day when chaos convulsed the U.S. Capitol, was of a lone, shirt-sleeved officer in retreat waving a baton at an advancing mob that had breached the Senate side of the building. Flag-waving rioters appeared to stalk the officer who bounded up one stairway after another – with no immediate back-up to be found."

Tom Costello said on NSC Nightly News (1/7, story 5, 2:25, Holt, 5.91M), "Among the charges prosecutors could press against the mob: trespassing, destruction of federal property, mail theft, federal rioting, assault on a police officer, federal gun charges, and insurrection." The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M) reports Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund "announced his resignation effective Jan. 16, a decision that came hours after [House Speaker] Pelosi publicly called on him to step down over the department's handling of the violent pro-Trump siege." Earlier Thursday, the AP (1/7, Daly) reports that Sund "defended his department's response to the storming of the Capitol, saying that officers 'acted valiantly when faced with thousands of individuals involved in violent riotous actions.'"

The Los Angeles Times (1/7, 3.37M) reports that Senate Minority Leader Schumer said Thursday that he plans to fire Senate Sergeant at Arms Michael Stenger when Schumer becomes majority leader later this month. Politico (1/7, Everett, Caygie, 6.73M) reports, "Stenger and House Sergeant-at-Arms Paul Irving are both under pressure to step down after the deadly and embarrassing breach of security." Bloomberg (1/7, 3.57M) reports that Senate Judiciary Chairman Lindsey Graham "called for a joint task force to investigate the response by authorities to the violence on Wednesday." Bloomberg adds that the House Appropriations Committee "separately announced an investigation into the Capitol Police's handling of the turmoil."

**Capitol Police Turned Down Offers Of Assistance Twice.** The AP (1/7, Long, Baldor, Balsamo, Merchant) reports, "Three days before supporters" of the President "rioted at the Capitol, the Pentagon asked the U.S. Capitol Police if it needed National Guard manpower," and "and as the mob descended on the building Wednesday, Justice Department leaders reached out to offer up FBI agents. The police turned them down both times, according to senior defense officials and two people familiar with the matter. Despite plenty of warnings of a possible insurrection and ample resources and time to prepare, the Capitol Police planned only for a free speech demonstration."

The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M) reports, "The secretary of the Army and the chief of D.C.'s police force acknowledged Thursday that they did not expect President Trump's supporters to try to enter the Capitol building, despite extensive online conversations in which far-right groups publicly discussed their plans to do just that. When that breach did occur, the Capitol Police called D.C. police to help, and eventually the D.C. National Guard moved in to help."

**Authorities Begin To Probe Security Failures.** Reuters (1/7, Tanfani, Shiffman, Hosenball) reports, "The bloody chaos inside the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday came after the police force that protects the legislative complex was overrun by a mob of Trump supporters in what law enforcement officials called a catastrophic failure to prepare." Reuters adds, "The siege of the Capitol, home to both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives, represents one of the gravest security lapses in recent U.S. history, current and former law enforcement officials said, turning one of the most recognizable symbols of American power into a locus of political violence." According to Reuters, "That lapse came despite glaring warning signs of potential violence by hardline supporters of President Donald Trump, who are inflamed by his baseless claims of a stolen election and hope to block the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden."

NBC News (1/7, Dilanian, Ainsley, 4.91M) reports, "Amid growing evidence that pro-Trump extremists were planning to target the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, the day Congress was set to certify the election of Joe Biden as president, in recent days Congressman Tim Ryan had asked the people in charge of security whether they had everything they needed. 'I had conversations with the sergeant-at-arms and the chief of the Capitol Police, who gave me assurances that every precaution was being taken, that we had enough manpower, that we were going to keep people completely away from the Capitol,' Ryan, the Ohio Democrat who chairs the subcommittee that funds the Capitol complex, told reporters Thursday." NBC News adds, "What happened instead was a security failure that one federal law enforcement official described 'as the darkest day since 9/11,' and Ryan and other members of Congress are now seeking answers."

The Washington Post (1/7, Kornfield, 10.52M) reports, "Members of both political parties pointed to the destruction of government property, threats to law enforcement and two explosive devices found near the Capitol as acts of terrorism as far-right extremist groups rallied in the nation's capital to contest the results of the presidential election. In the media, CNN executives told the organization's journalists that they could refer to the siege as 'domestic terrorism.' National security experts agreed with that assessment, comparing the aggressive takeover of the federal landmark to the FBI's definition of domestic terrorism: 'Violent, criminal acts committed by individuals and/or groups to further ideological goals stemming from domestic influences, such as those of a political, religious, social, racial, or environmental nature.'" The Wall Street Journal (1/7, Jones, Fuller, Grimaldi, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) also reports.

**Pentagon Limited Use Of DC National Guard Ahead Of Protests Due To Narrow Mission.** The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M) reports, "The Pentagon placed tight limits on the D.C. National Guard ahead of pro-Trump protests this week, trying to ensure the use of military force remained constrained, as the Guard carried out a narrow, unarmed mission requested by the city's mayor to help handle traffic ahead of planned protests." The Post adds, "In memos issued Monday and Tuesday in response to a request from the D.C. mayor, the Pentagon prohibited the District's guardsmen from receiving ammunition or riot gear, interacting with protesters unless necessary for self-defense, sharing equipment with local law enforcement, or using Guard

surveillance and air assets without the defense secretary's explicit sign-off, according to officials familiar with the orders. The limits were established because the Guard hadn't been asked to assist with crowd or riot control."

**Four Who Died Wednesday Have Been Identified.** USA Today (1/7, Hauck, Wagner, 12.7M) reports, "Four people died Wednesday when a mob of pro-Trump supporters stormed the Capitol, including three who suffered medical emergencies on Capitol grounds." The police announced during a Thursday press conference that 50-year-old Benjamin Phillips of Pennsylvania, 34-year-old Rosanne Boylan of Georgia, and 55-year-old Kevin Greeson of Alabama died from medical emergencies.

The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M) reports that 35-year-old Ashli Babbitt was killed by a Capitol police officer as she "tried to climb through a smashed glass pane in one of the doors" of the House chamber. The "California native and Air Force veteran was struck in the neck and later died. The two officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because an investigation into the incident is ongoing, said she was unarmed." The New York Times (1/7, Barry, Bogel-Burroughs, Philipps, 20.6M) reports, that Babbitt's "social media feed was a torrent of messages celebrating President Trump; QAnon conspiracy theories; and tirades against immigration, drugs and Democratic leaders in California." The Wall Street Journal (1/7, Duehren, Caldwell, Lubold, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) also has a feature on Babbitt.

**Documents Taken From Capitol May Contain National Security Risks.** Newsweek (1/7, 2.67M) reports, "Acting U.S. Attorney Michael Sherwin has said that materials stolen during yesterday's coup attempt on the U.S. Capitol by rioters supporting President Donald Trump's attempts to overturn the election may constitute a breach of national security. 'Materials were stolen, and we have to identify what was done, mitigate that, and it could have potential national security equities,' Sherwin said. 'We just don't know the extent of that damage at this point -- if there was damage, we don't know the extent of that.' Specifically, Sherwin said that rioters stole electronics from U.S. senators' offices that could've contained sensitive information relating to domestic and foreign intelligence and other sensitive matters, Reuters reports."

**Right-Wing Extremist Groups To Use Capitol Attack As Recruitment Tool.** USA Today (1/7, Carless, 12.7M) reports, "Wednesday's mob insurrection at the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., is unlikely to be the last violent action from far-right extremists, who may also be using the week's extraordinary events to recruit members for a swelling coalition around outgoing president Donald Trump, according to experts on extremism." USA Today adds, "While this week's attack was extraordinary in its brazenness, it was also a wake-up call to federal and local law enforcement that threats from far-right Trump supporters should be taken very seriously over the last two weeks of Trump's presidency and beyond, said Mary McCord, legal director at the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. 'There's a whole lot of talk about what happened in far-right extremist forums and chatrooms today, and about how the inauguration on January 20 will be the last stand and now is the time to recruit,' McCord said."

**Trump Allies Suggest Far-Left Activists Were Behind Capitol Violence.** The New York Times (1/7, Peters, 20.6M) reports many of President Trump's "most vocal and visible allies in Congress, the media and conservative politics...could not bring themselves to fault him for the surreal and frightening attack carried out by people he had just urged to 'fight like hell.'" They "downplayed the violence" and "deflected with false equivalencies about the Democratic Party's embrace of the Black Lives Matter movement. Some even tried to dispute the fact that Trump supporters were actually the perpetrators, suggesting that far-left activists had infiltrated the crowd and posed as fans of the president." Such claims "came from some of his highest-profile allies who helped enable his rise in the Republican Party," including Sarah Palin, who wrote, "To any insincere, fake DC 'patriots' used as PLANTS -- you will be found out."

**Curators Believe Capitol's Art Treasures Didn't Suffer Major Damage.** The New York Times (1/7, Bahr, 20.6M) reports detailed damage assessments from the Architect of the Capitol or the U.S. Capitol Police on the art in the Capitol due to the riot "have yet to be released." However, "the singular works of art that curators consider the treasures of the building did not appear to have suffered any major damage."

However, NBC News (1/7, 4.91M) reports House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer said that rioters stole a tribute to the late civil rights icon Rep. John Lewis (D-GA).

**Rep. Ryan: As Many As 60 Capitol Police Officers Injured.** NBC News (1/7, 4.91M) reports Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH) revealed "that as many as 60 Capitol Police officers were injured yesterday, including 15 hospitalized and one in critical condition." He said that many were struck on the head with lead pipes.

**GOP Legislators Identified As Participants At Events Surrounding Riot, One Identified As A Rioter.** The Hill (1/7, Wilson, 5.69M) reports West Virginia Del. Derrick Evans (R) was identified as being "among the violent mob that broke into the Capitol building" -- he "posted a video of himself entering the building." At least via other Republican state legislators "participated in events surrounding the attempted insurrection." The AP (1/7, Dil) reports that the president of the national Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, Jessica Post, said "any Republican legislator who took part in yesterday's insurrection, in Washington, D.C., or anywhere else in the country, should resign immediately."



**Rioters Came From A Number Of Backgrounds.**USA Today

(1/7, Voyles Pulver, Salman, 12.7M) reports,

"Participants in the riot at the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday came from many backgrounds and across the country," and despite claims of conservative pundits, including Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL), "all of the people identified so far by USA TODAY who breached the U.S. Capitol or were arrested had professed their support for Trump through social media postings and conversations with family or friends." USA Today publishes the names and profiles of a number of rioters.

**Capitol Rioter Who Put Feet On Pelosi's Desk Got PPP Loan.**NBC News

(1/7, 4.91M) reports, "The

Capitol rioter photographed with his feet on a desk in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office," Richard Barnett – an independent glass and glazing contractor in Gravette, Arkansas -- "received a \$9,300 forgivable loan under the Paycheck Protection Program last April."

The Washington Times (1/7, Blake, 626K) reports, "Barnett said that he took a letter from Mrs. Pelosi's office and left a note on her desk," and he "identified himself to reporters after leaving the Capitol building." The Daily Caller (1/7, Kerr, 375K) reports Barnett told a local news station, "I didn't mean to be there. Hell, I was walking around looking for a bathroom."

**Man Photographed Taking House Lectern Identified.** The Miami Herald (1/7, Ballogg, DeLeon, 647K) reports that the

"man seen in a viral photo taking a lectern from the U.S. House during Wednesday's attack on the Capitol" has been identified as Adam Johnson of Parrish, Florida. "Numerous local residents quickly recognized and identified him." Fox News (1/7, Sorace, 23.99M) reports, "Authorities have not officially identified the man in the photo or named Johnson as a person of interest."

**Texas Sheriff Investigating Lieutenant Who Posted Photos Of Herself Among Mob.** The San Antonio Express-News

(1/7, Pettaway, 685K) reports, "The Bexar County Sheriff's Office is investigating whether" jail lieutenant Roxanne Mathai, "broke policy or any laws by attending a pro-Trump rally that turned into an angry mob storming the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday." Photos posted to the Facebook page "don't show Mathai committing an unlawful act," but Sheriff Javier Salazar "said some of the photos show the lieutenant in the middle of the crowd that assaulted law enforcement agents." He added, "if she just stood by while first responders were assaulted, it would be more than just troubling, it would be downright infuriating" and he would have her investigated on administrative charges of conduct unbecoming. The sheriff also "sent the photos to the local FBI agency to see if Mathai participated in any illegal behavior during the incident."

**Flight Attendants Union Urges Banning Rioters From Flights.** The Los Angeles Times (1/7, Martin, 3.37M) reports the

Assn. of Flight Attendants-CWA, the nation's largest flight attendants union, called for barring "members of the mob that stormed into the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday" from commercial flights out of Washington, DC, citing "several incidents of raucous, unruly behavior on flights into Washington in the days leading up to the riot, attributed to supporters of President Trump." Association President Sara Nelson "urged the airlines to work in coordination with federal law enforcement agencies to 'ensure the safety and security of passengers and crews by keeping all problems on the ground.'"

**Companies Firing Some Capitol Rioters After Identities Become Public.**Reuters

(1/7, Bartz) reports

some of the rioters at the Capitol "were fired from their jobs on Thursday after internet sieuths publicized their identities."

**Kathy Griffin Takes Swipe At FBI Efforts.**Newsweek

(1/7, Jackson, 2.67M) reports comedian Kathy Griffin

"took a swipe directly at the FBI on Thursday," tweeting back after the bureau said it is looking for the people who committed acts of violence at the US Capitol. She said, "With all due respect, you work for the Department of Justice. The DOJ contacted me within hours of posting an offensive photo of donald trump. Hours. There is ample evidence all over the Internet clearly identifying thousands of these actual terrorists."

The New York Daily News (1/7, Matthews, 2.51M) reports Griffin "said she was investigated by the Secret Service and FBI" after posing with a fake severed head of the president. "Griffin said she was investigated by the Secret Service and FBI regarding the photo, kicked off of CNN's annual New Year's Eve broadcast and received death threats because of the photo."

**Concerns Over Cybersecurity Abound After Capitol Breach Leaves Devices Vulnerable.** The

Washington Post (1/7, Riley, 10.52M) reports yesterday's breach of the Capitol "left many unanswered questions about security at the Capitol, including its cybersecurity," as "the quick evacuation left computers and other device unattended as the mob ransacked offices. This is the stuff of cybersecurity pros' nightmares." Luta Security founder and CEO Katie Moussouris said, "There's an old saying, if an attacker has physical access to your computer, it's not your computer anymore." A right-wing journalist tweeted a photo showing "rioters had access to at least one unlocked computer in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office, open to email appearing to belong to a staffer," and Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) "said a computer was stolen from his office."

CNN

(1/7, Fung, 89.21M) reports that in addition to Merkley's laptop having been stolen, "US officials said

multiple senators' offices were hit." Acting US attorney for the District of Columbia Michael Sherwin said, "This is probably going to take several days to flesh out exactly what happened, what was stolen, what wasn't." Sherwin added, "Documents, materials, were stolen, and we have to identify what was done, mitigate that, and it could have potential national security equities." The

event "highlights the grave cybersecurity risks that now face all lawmakers, congressional staffers, and any outside parties they may have communicated with in the course of business, security professionals say."

TechCrunch (1/7, Whittaker, 502K) reports that the "breach will likely present a major task for Congress' IT departments, which will have to figure out what's been stolen and what security risks could still pose a threat to the Capitol's network." However, the "classified computers are separate from the rest of the unclassified congressional network and in a designated sensitive compartmented information facility, or SCIFs, in locked-down areas of the Capitol building." Former House Intelligence Committee staffer Mieke Eoyang said, "No indication those [classified systems] were breached."

New Republic (1/7, Silverman, 192K) says the "Trumper riot exposed not just the grounds' physical insecurity...but also its openness to electronic attack." The outlet adds, "it would have been trivial for a tech-savvy MAGA head or QAnon cultist, or an agent of a criminal organization or foreign government, to abscond with a government computer or leave behind a small listening device."

Also reporting is the Los Angeles Times (1/7, Masunaga, 3.37M).

**Boeing To Pay \$2.5B To Settle Criminal Charge Related To 737 Max.** The Dallas Morning News (1/7, 772K) reports the Justice Department "has filed criminal fraud charges" against Boeing for "impairing, obstructing, defeating and interfering with" U.S. regulators' attempts to properly certify the 737 Max and its faulty software program before two fatal crashes." The New York Times (1/7, Chokshi, Schmidt, 20.6M) says the company agreed to a deferred prosecution agreement under which it will "pay more than \$2.5 billion" to resolve the charges. The Wall Street Journal (1/7, Tangei, Michaelis, Pasztor, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) says the settlement includes a \$243 million fine and \$2.2 billion in compensation to airline customers and the families of people killed in two MAX crashes. Reuters (1/7, Shepardson, Rucinski) reports the Justice Department "said the \$243.6 million fine was at 'low end' of the sentencing guidelines."

Baron's (1/7, Root, 1.36M) reports that Special Agent in Charge Emmerson Buie of the FBI's Chicago Field Office said, "Today's deferred prosecution agreement holds Boeing and its employees accountable for their lack of candor with the FAA regarding MCAS."

Politico (1/7, Mintz, 6.73M) reports Boeing CEO David Calhoun in a statement, "I firmly believe that entering into this resolution is the right thing for us to do – a step that appropriately acknowledges how we fell short of our values and expectations." Calhoun added that the resolution is "a serious reminder to all of us how critical our obligation of transparency to regulators is, and the consequences that our company can face if any one of us falls short of those expectations."

Bloomberg (1/7, Levin, 3.57M) says this is "the latest to hit the planemaker's bottom line. The company's inability to deliver planes during the ground and cancellations of previous orders have cost the company billions of dollars." The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M), the AP (1/7), and the Seattle Times (1/7, Gates, Kamb, 1.19M) provide similar coverage.

**FBI Argues Twitter Can't Publish Report On Its Cooperation With The Agency.** Law360 (1/7, Subscription Publication, 9K) reports the FBI argued before the Ninth Circuit that Twitter should not be allowed to release "a transparency report that details the instances in which the social media giant cooperated with the agency on national security matters." The FBI argued that the case is not a First Amendment issue and that Twitter's proposed disclosures could do "serious damage to national security."

**Federal Judiciary Electronic Filing System Likely Compromised In SolarWinds Hack.** The Wall Street Journal (1/7, Volz, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports federal judiciary officials say the SolarWinds hack likely compromised the electronic filing used by federal courts. The Administrative Office of the US Courts stated Wednesday that the judiciary was adding new security measures to protect "highly sensitive confidential documents filed with the courts." It added, "An apparent compromise of the confidentiality of the [filing] system due to these discovered vulnerabilities currently is under investigation. ... Due to the nature of the attacks, the review of this matter and its impact is ongoing."

The AP (1/7) reports that DOJ also "disclosed on Wednesday" it was "among the dozens of U.S. government agencies and private businesses compromised by a massive, months-long cyberespionage campaign that U.S. officials have linked to elite Russian hackers." DOJ "said that 3% of its Microsoft Office 365 email accounts were potentially affected, but did not say to whom those accounts belonged." The federal judiciary "said on its website that 'an apparent compromise' of the U.S. judiciary's case management and electronic case file system was under investigation." DHS "was scouring the system, it said, and cited a particular risk to sealed court filings, whose disclosure could jeopardize a lot more than active criminal investigations."

**Trump Said To Prepare Presidential Pardon List, Including Self-Pardon.** Bloomberg (1/7, Jacobs, Sink, Wingrove, 3.57M) reports, "President Donald Trump has prepared a sweeping list of individuals he's hoping to

pardon in the final days of his administration that includes senior White House officials, family members, prominent rappers – and possibly himself, according to people familiar with the matter.” The sources said the President is planning the announcement for January 19 after vetting by senior advisers and the White House counsel. Bloomberg says, “The biggest question facing his legal team may be whether the president has the authority to pardon himself,” a power “Trump has previously claimed...though it’s a matter of legal dispute and has never before been attempted by a president.” Other pardons reportedly under consideration include Ivanka Trump, White House Senior Adviser Jared Kushner, Chief of Staff Meadows, White House adviser Stephen Miller, and Rudy Giuliani.

The New York Times (1/7, Schmidt, Haberman, 20.6M) reports that the President “has suggested to aides he wants to pardon himself in the final days of his presidency, according to two people with knowledge of the discussions, a move that would mark one of the most extraordinary and untested uses of presidential power in American history.” The Times says that “Trump has shown signs that his level of interest in pardoning himself goes beyond idle musings,” and while “legal scholars are divided about whether the courts would recognize” a self-pardon, “they agree [it] could create a dangerous new precedent for presidents to unilaterally declare they are above the law.”

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### TOP NEWS

#### Trump Pulls Wolf's DHS Nomination Amid Capitol Chaos

The White House withdrew the nomination for Chad Wolf, acting secretary of homeland security, to head the department in a permanent capacity, the same day Wolf condemned rioters who stormed the Capitol in an attempt to overturn the presidential election results.

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#### DOD Reaffirms \$342M in Satellite Contracts After Protests

The U.S. Department of Defense announced Thursday that it had re-awarded \$342.5 million in missile detection satellite contracts to SpaceX and L3Harris, following a reevaluation prompted by protests from Airbus and Raytheon.

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#### Biden, Garland Address Capitol Mob Violence in DOJ Intro

President-elect Joe Biden introduced D.C. Circuit Judge Merrick Garland as his pick to head the U.S. Department of Justice in a televised event Thursday, with both men pointing to the previous day's mob violence at the U.S. Capitol to highlight why the department must "restore trust" in the rule of law.

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Analysis

### Trump's Big Tech Lockout Adds Fuel To Oversight Debate

Facebook and Twitter's suspension of President Donald Trump's accounts mark a boiling point in the debate over policing harmful online postings and could spark new efforts to oversee companies' content moderation, including by chipping away at a key liability shield.

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### FEMA Finalizes Rule Prioritizing Federal Medical Contracts

The Federal Emergency Management Agency on Thursday finalized a regulation establishing that health care and medical contracts supporting national defense can take priority over all other federal and private contracts, emphasizing the rule's broad scope.

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## LITIGATION

### 7th Circ. Revives Black Cop's Bias Suit Against VA

The Seventh Circuit on Thursday revived a Black police officer's lawsuit claiming he was disciplined too harshly after being accused of sexual harassment because a white officer in a similar situation faced lighter punishment.

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## DEALS & CONTRACTS

### Mistake Outweighs Implied 'Promise' in Navy Bid Appeal

A military contracting board has denied an appeal from a New Mexico contractor, saying that the U.S. Navy's mistaken decision to advance the company's SeaPort-NxG task order bid couldn't save it from elimination after the branch found a disqualifying error.

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### FBI Tells 9th Circ. Twitter Has No Right To Pub Classified Info

The FBI is fighting to keep Twitter from releasing a transparency report that details the instances in which the social media giant cooperated with the agency on national security matters, telling the Ninth Circuit that it's not a First Amendment issue.

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## EXPERT ANALYSIS

### Boeing Case Boosts Contractor Ability To Guard Trade Secrets

By permitting government contractors to place proprietary legends on their data, the Federal Circuit's recent decision in *Boeing v. Secretary of the Air Force* will help contractors assert rights such as trade secret protections in unlimited-rights data, say Jay Carey and Evan Sherwood at Covington.

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### How Defense Bill Will Overhaul AML Policy in US

The recently enacted National Defense Authorization Act significantly expands beneficial ownership disclosure requirements, which will likely boost anti-money laundering enforcement and bring U.S. policy in line with other countries' enhanced AML laws, say attorneys at Paul Weiss.

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### What Trading Restrictions On China Mean For US Markets

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#### Minimizing Disruption To Clients During Law Firm IT Upgrades

For law firms planning overhauls in their information technology infrastructures in light of hard lessons learned from pandemic-era transition to remote work, there are five ways to ensure even the biggest tech upgrade has minimal impact on client service, says Brad Paubel at Lexicon.

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#### LEGAL INDUSTRY

##### Crowell & Moring Joins Calls For Trump's Removal

Crowell & Moring became the first major U.S. law firm to call for President Donald Trump's removal on Thursday, as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer joined other Democrats in urging Trump's suspension using the 25th Amendment after his supporters' attack on the Capitol.

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##### Fox Rothschild Atty Exits Firm After Joining Trump Ga. Call

A Fox Rothschild LLP partner agreed to leave the firm Thursday after it was reported that he was present on the now-infamous call President Donald Trump made urging Georgia's secretary of state to "find" 11,780 votes in favor of his reelection, according to a statement from the firm.

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### Ex-Jones Day Partner, DOJ Civil Rights Chief Quits

The head of the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division and former Jones Day partner Eric S. Dreiband said Thursday he's stepping down from the agency, joining a growing list of government officials who have announced their resignations a day after pro-Trump rioters stormed the U.S. Capitol in protest of the president's reelection loss.

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### Trump Lawyer in Philly Says He Was Used To Aid 'Crime'

Jerome M. Marcus of Marcus & Auerbach LLC, one of the attorneys who had represented President Donald Trump in his Philadelphia electoral challenge, told the federal court he wanted to withdraw from the now-dormant case Thursday, claiming he was used to "perpetrate a crime."

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### Texas In-House Atty Fired For Role In Capitol Chaos

Goosehead Insurance fired an in-house attorney Thursday for his apparent involvement in a large group of President Donald Trump's supporters that ultimately stormed the U.S. Capitol building a day earlier, according to social media posts by the Texas-based company.

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### Scholars Split On Whether The 25th Could Unseat Trump

Democratic lawmakers are pleading with Vice President Mike Pence to use the 25th Amendment to unseat President Donald Trump immediately, less than two weeks before his term ends. But does the amendment apply to this historical moment? Law360 asked five constitutional law experts.

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### In Their Words: What Attys Expect If Garland Becomes AG

D.C. Circuit Judge Merrick Garland has a big job ahead of him as President-elect Joe Biden's pick for U.S. attorney general, according to top attorneys, who say the nomination portends steep departures from the Trump administration in areas like white collar crime, immigration and civil rights.

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### 5 Things To Know About Deputy AG Pick Lisa Monaco

O'Melveny & Myers LLP partner Lisa Monaco's nomination for second-in-command at the U.S. Department of Justice has drawn glowing praise from current and former colleagues, who say she is a perfect fit for the role of deputy attorney general.

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### The 26 Trump Judicial Picks Getting Left Behind

Twenty-six of President Donald Trump's judicial nominees lost their shot at confirmation on Thursday when senators left Washington without approving BigLaw partners and other selections up for the First Circuit and trial courts in California, New York and elsewhere.

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### Bonus Spotlight

#### Cadwalader Doles Out End-Of-Year Bonuses, Back Pay

Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft LLP rang in the new year with an announcement that the firm would be matching the market-rate bonus scale and reimbursing employees for earlier pandemic-driven pay cuts.

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### Sullivan & Cromwell Promotes 2 Partners To Vice Chair

Sullivan & Cromwell LLP has appointed two new vice chairs as part of its succession planning process, the firm said Thursday, elevating partners who have represented some of the firm's top clients across its litigation and corporate practices.

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### G&A

#### How The Pandemic Took One Atty From Broadway To TikTok

When the COVID-19 pandemic brought live theater to an indefinite halt

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entertainment attorney Doug Nevin had to dramatically shift his practice, starting with figuring out how to delay Broadway productions and then helping launch "Ratatouille: The TikTok Musical."

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#### DC NFL Team Slams Paper's Bid To Unseal Wilkinson Suit

The Washington Football Team and a man who sued litigator Beth Wilkinson over her work investigating allegations of sexual harassment in the NFL team's front office opposed The Washington Post's request to open up a hearing to the public scheduled for Friday over the team's bid to keep much of the litigation under seal.

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#### NY Bar Throws Support Behind Cuomo's Pot Legalization Plan

The New York State Bar Association welcomed Gov. Andrew Cuomo's initiative to legalize cannabis for adult recreational use and create a new government agency to oversee the program.

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#### Cannabis Atty Opens Zuber Lawler's New Denver Office

A Colorado cannabis attorney who helped implement legalization in the state is opening a Denver office for the California-based law firm Zuber Lawler, the firm said.

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#### Ex-Girardi Attys Accused Of Covering Up Settlement Theft

Two former Girardi Keese attorneys should be held in contempt, Edelson PC attorneys told an Illinois federal judge this week, saying the pair engaged in a cover-up that allowed name partner Tom Girardi to allegedly steal \$2 million in settlement funds meant for widows and orphans of plane crash victims.

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#### Podcast

##### Law360's The Term: The Biden Era Begins

With the Supreme Court running out the clock in several Trump cases in the final days before the inauguration, Law360's The Term breaks down what to expect from the justices during the Biden administration.

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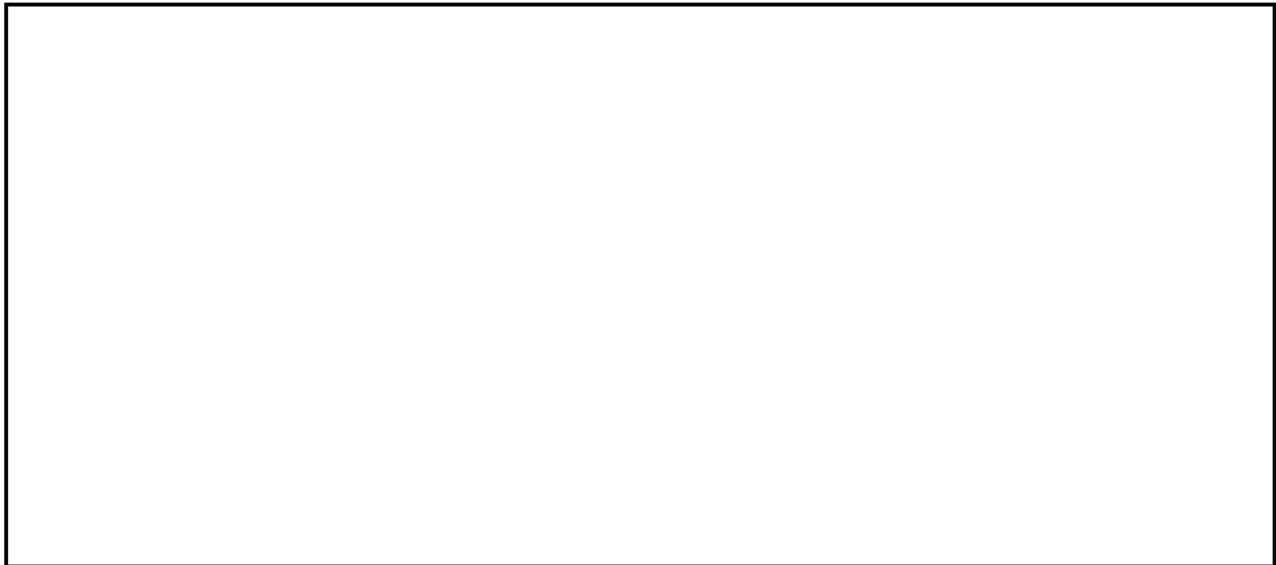
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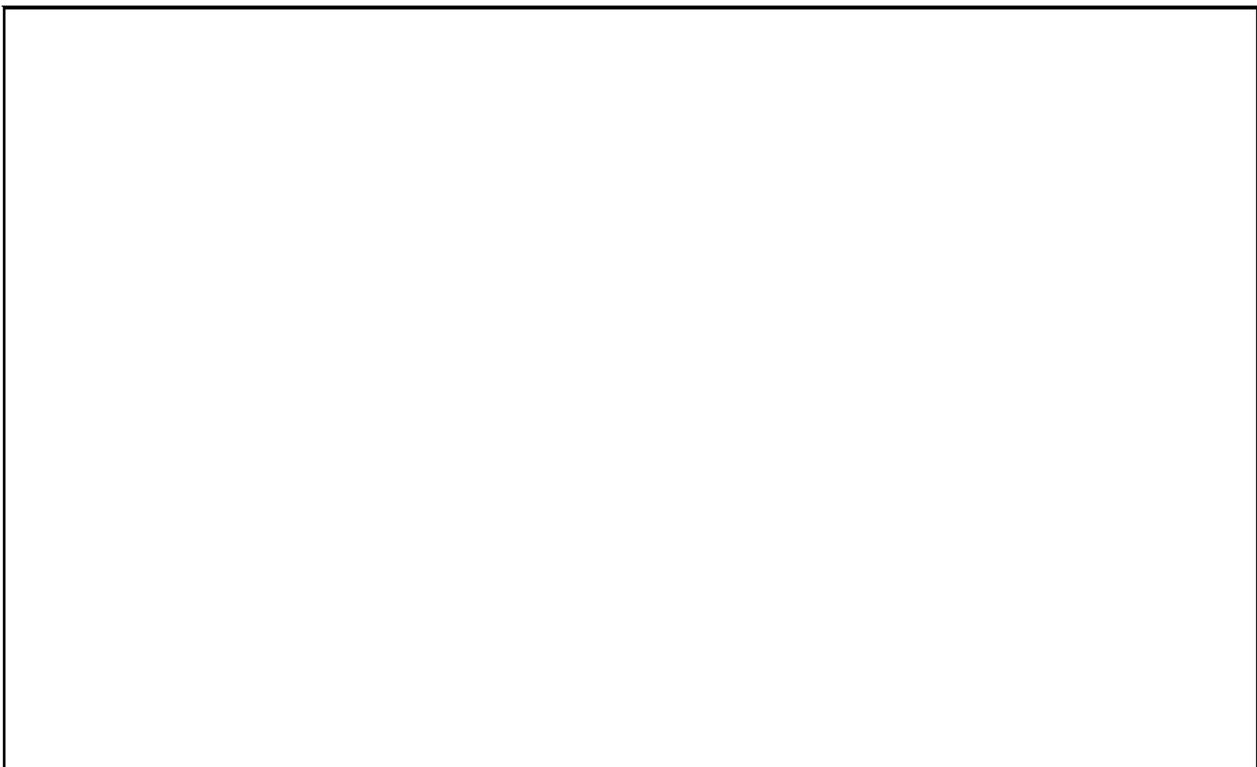


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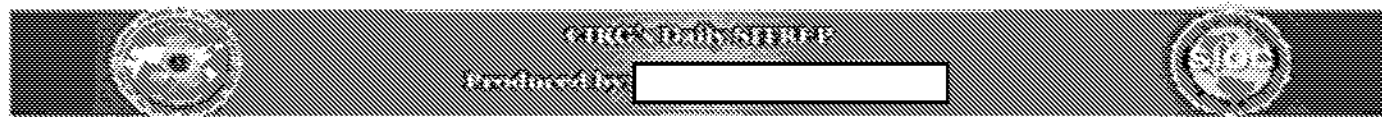
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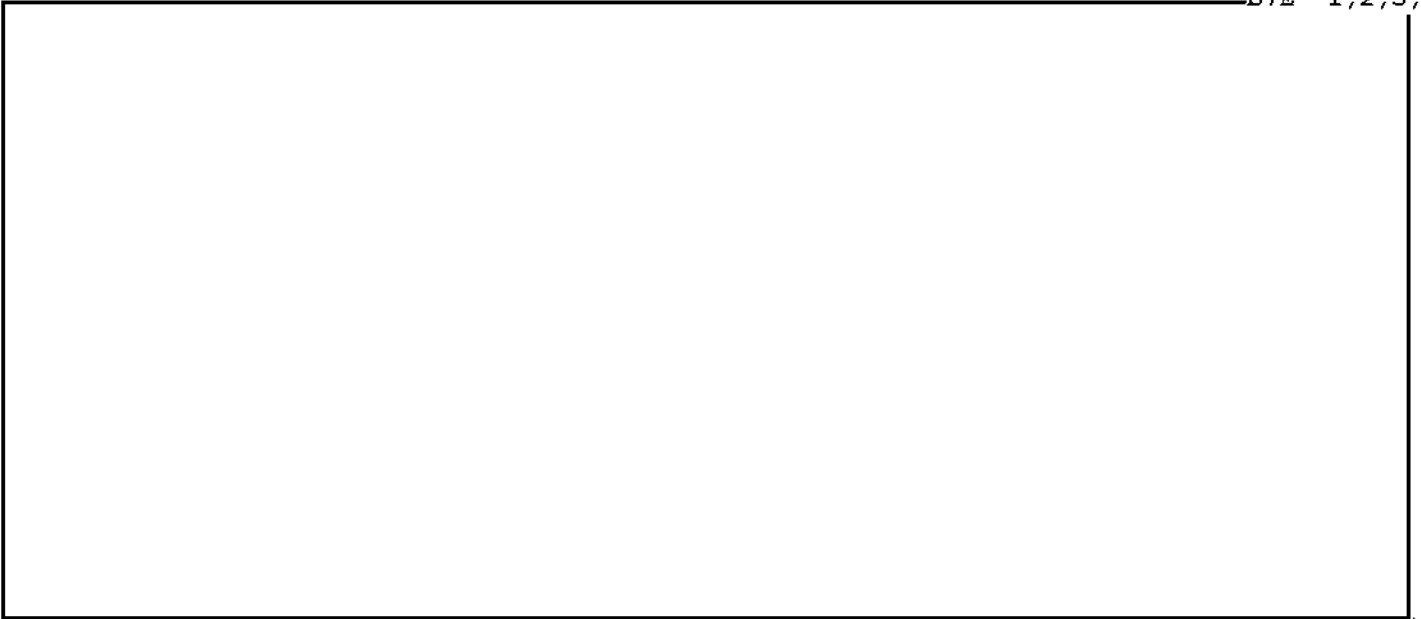
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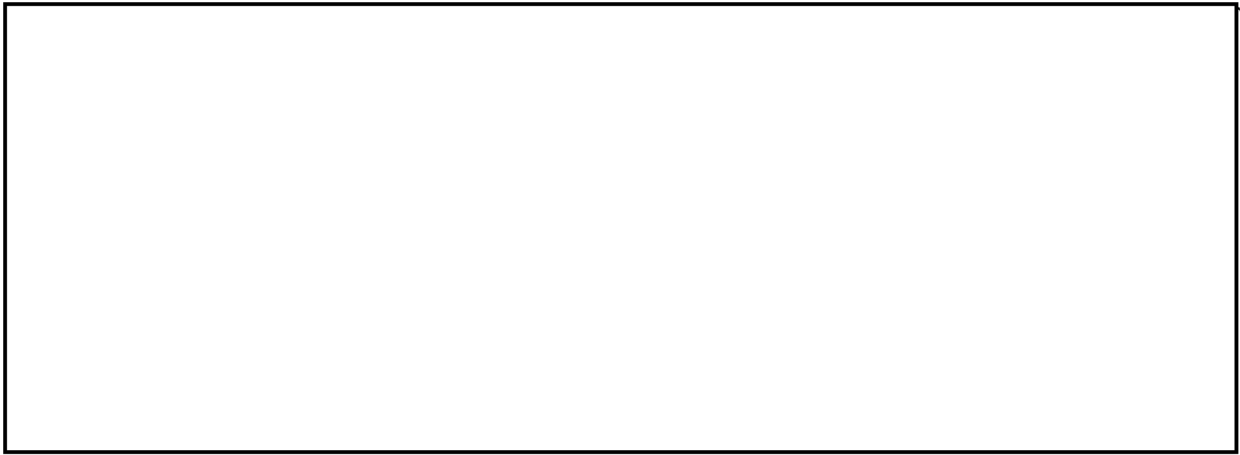
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- Deputy Sheriff LaKiya Rouse, Guilford County Sheriff's Office, North Carolina, died on 10/21/2020, as the result of complications after contracting COVID-19 in a presumed exposure while on duty.
- Police Officer Kendle Blackburn, Lebanon Police Department, Missouri, died on 12/28/2020, as the result of complications after contracting COVID-19 in a presumed exposure while on duty.
- Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick, U.S. Capitol Police, died 01/08/2021, due to injuries sustained while on-duty. Officer Sicknick was responding to the riots on Wednesday, 01/06/2021, at the U.S. Capitol and was injured while physically engaging with protesters. He returned to his division office and collapsed. He was taken to a local hospital where finally he succumbed to his injuries last night.

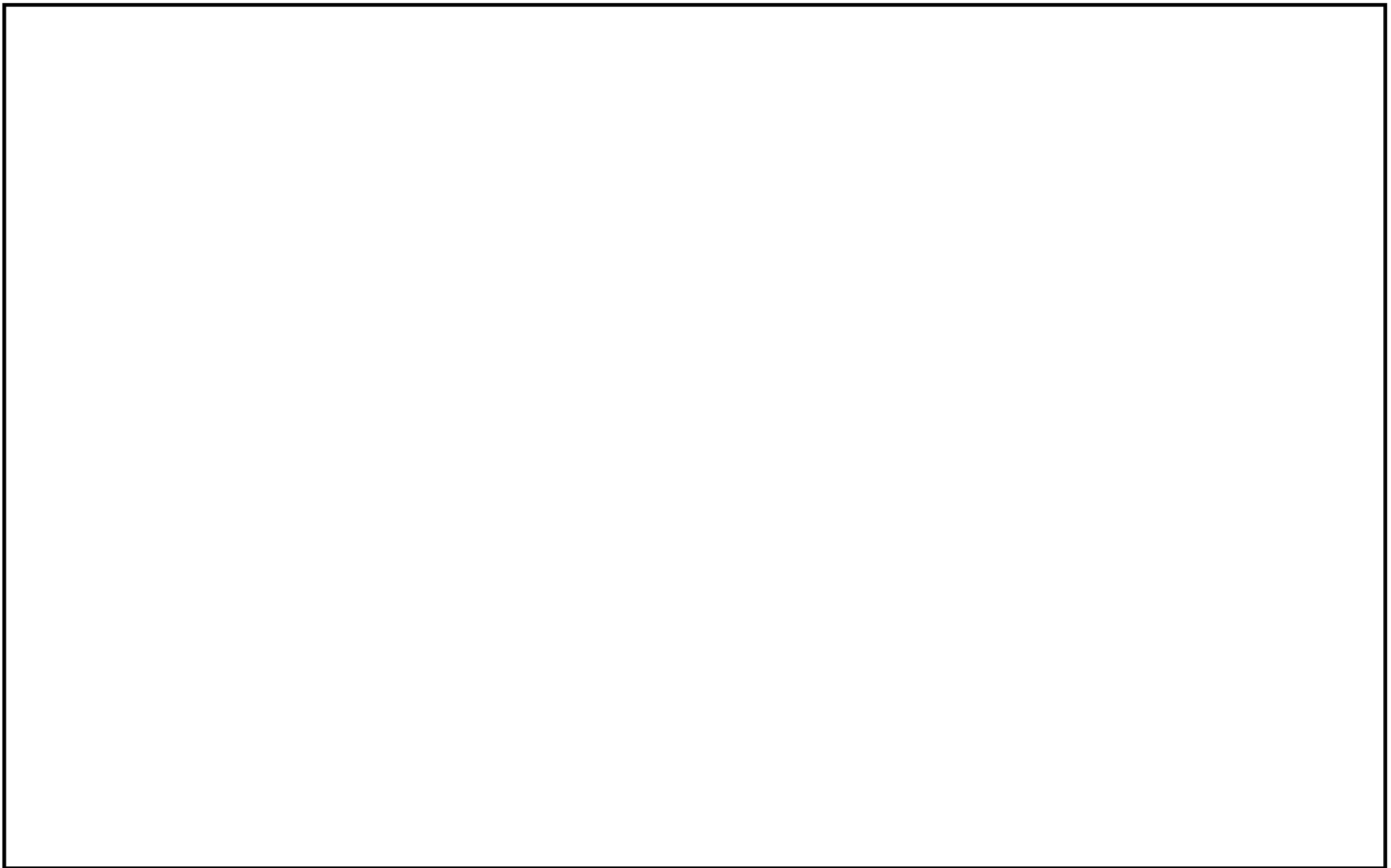
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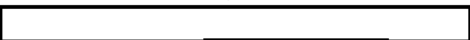
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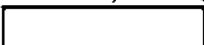
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## **FBI PUBLIC AFFAIRS – DIRECTOR'S AM NEWS BRIEFING**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021 4:00 AM EST**

**FBI Seeking Public's Help In Identifying Capitol Rioters.** Reuters (1/7) reports, "The FBI sought the public's help in identifying the pro-Trump rioters who stormed the U.S. Capitol." Additionally, "the FBI is taking the lead on an investigation into two pipe bombs that were recovered from the headquarters of the Republican and Democratic national committees." Reuters adds, "The FBI has asked the public to submit tips, including images and videos, to help agents identify people who were 'actively instigating violence.'" Similarly, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser "said police also intend to ask the public for help in identifying rioters."

US News & World Report (1/7, Hansen, 1.91M) reports the FBI tweeted it is "seeking to identify individuals instigating violence in Washington, D.C. We are accepting tips and digital media depicting rioting or violence in and around the U.S. Capitol on January 6" and provided a link for the public to "submit any images, videos, or other multimedia files you have related to possible violations of federal law committed." The Hill (1/7, Gstalter, 5.69M) reports that the FBI said in a statement, "Our goal is to preserve the public's constitutional right to protest by protecting everyone from violence and other criminal activity."

The AP (1/7, Eggert) reports US Attorney Matthew Schneider "urged people to give tips to the FBI if they are aware of people who joined a violent mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol." He said, "I'm personally disgusted and horrified by this. It's just nauseating to me. It's sick what people did inside the Capitol."

NBC News (1/7, 4.91M) reports, "The FBI Washington Field Office has received more than 4,000 tips including digital media that are now being analyzed."

Additional coverage includes the Miami Herald (1/7, Kenney, 647K), TODAY (1/7, 2.24M), Fox News (1/7, Pagonis, 23.99M), Fox News (1/7, Aaro, 23.99M), the New York Post (1/7, Garger, 7.45M), WPLG-TV Miami (1/7, Solomon, 271K), KAIT-TV Jonesboro, AR (1/7, Ruch, 122K), the Journal-News (OH) (1/7, Spicker, 213K), WVXU-FM Cincinnati (1/7, Thompson, 4K), KRON-TV San Francisco (1/7, 267K), the Augusta (VA) Free Press (1/7), the Staten Island (NY) Advance (1/7, Spezzamonte, 234K), the New York Daily News (1/7, Marcius, 2.51M), CNBC (1/7, Macias, 7.34M), the Houston Chronicle (1/7, 982K), the Washington Times (1/7, Mordock, 626K), KCTV-TV Kansas City, MO (1/7, Taylor, 188K), NJ Today (1/7), the Daily Caller (1/7, Ross, 375K), CBS News (1/7, Kates, 5.39M), NBC News (1/7, 4.91M), the New York Post (1/7, Fitz-Gibbon, 7.45M), and Fox News (1/7, Musto, 23.99M).

**FBI Releases Photo, Offers Reward For Information On Pipe Bomb Suspect.** ABC News (1/8, 2.44M) reports, "The FBI has shared a photo of the person responsible for placing the suspected explosive devices outside the Republican National Committee and Democratic National Committee Wednesday." The FBI tweeted the photo and "posted a reward of up to \$50,000 "for information leading to the location, arrest, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for" the suspected pipe bombs." ABC adds, "A federal law enforcement source told ABC News that the suspected pipe bombs were indeed active, and U.S. Capitol Police confirmed that the devices could have caused 'great harm.'"

Additional coverage includes the New York Post (1/7, Moore, 7.45M), NBC News (1/8, 4.91M), WINK-TV Fort Myers, FL (1/7, 82K), and WRIC-TV Richmond, VA (1/7, 241K).

**Lawmakers Seek FBI Briefing On Capitol Siege.** The AP (1/7) reports, "Democratic leaders of five House committees are seeking an immediate briefing from the FBI on its investigation of Wednesday's violent breach of the Capitol, which left four people dead and disrupted a congressional proceeding to confirm the results of the presidential election." According to the AP, "In a letter Thursday to FBI Director Christopher Wray, the lawmakers called the riot 'a deadly terrorist attack' incited by President Donald Trump and his supporters. The lawmakers wrote, 'Given the incendiary environment caused and exacerbated by President Trump's rhetoric, along with the upcoming inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden, it is imperative that the FBI leverage all available assets and resources to ensure that the perpetrators of this domestic terrorist attack and those who incited and conspired with them are brought to justice, and that this domestic terrorist group is disrupted from further actions against our government.'"

**First Charges Brought Against Capitol Rioters, Wray, Other Law Enforcement Vow More Arrests To Come.** The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M) reports, "Several dozen people arrested in the violent chaos at the U.S. Capitol made their first appearances in court Thursday," and "authorities vowed to track down additional suspects." Meanwhile, "D.C. police chief Robert J. Contee III vowed that his department would arrest 'each and every one of the violent mob,' and said that investigators are circulating information publicly and to FBI offices nationwide." Similarly, acting Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen said, "The Department of Justice is committed to ensuring that those responsible for this attack on our Government and the rule of law face the full consequences of their actions under the law."



HuffPost (1/7, 363K) reports that FBI Director Christopher Wray said the attack "showed a blatant and appalling disregard for our institutions of government and the orderly administration of the democratic process," adding, "Make no mistake: With our partners, we will hold accountable those who participated in yesterday's siege of the Capitol." US Attorney for the District of Columbia Michael Sherwin said the feds have a "good start," but charges are "just the beginning." He said the rioters "will be held accountable, both for what was done on the Capitol grounds and what happened within the Capitol." The Daily Caller (1/7, Datoc, 375K) reports Wray said, "We do not tolerate violent agitators and extremists who use the guise of First Amendment-protected activity to incite violence and wreak havoc. Such behavior betrays the very values of our democracy."

CNN (1/7, Perez, Herb, 89.21M) reports, "The FBI and other federal law enforcement agencies are planning a push to make arrests and bring charges against those who led the insurrection at the US Capitol." CNN adds, "FBI digital experts spent the night ingesting surveillance video from the Capitol buildings and the area around the complex and are using software to match images and faces with social media posts."

The AP (1/7, Richer, Balsamo, Whitehurst) reports acting US Attorney for DC Michael Sherwin "said...that 'all options are on the table' for charging members of the violent pro-Trump mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol - including sedition charges." Experts say that other possible charges "include civil disorder, destruction of property and rioting."

The Washington Post (1/7, Zapotosky, 10.52M) reports Acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen, in September, when he was Deputy Attorney General, urged in a memo that prosecutors "consider tough federal charges for those engaged in violent unrest," including seditious conspiracy, damage to federal property, use of explosives, and crossing state lines to commit crimes. The memo was intended to address civil rights protests, but "law enforcement officials say Rosen's memo is a blueprint for pursuing federal cases against Wednesday's rioters." Fox News (1/7, Fordham, 23.99M) reports that a Trump executive order from June, signed "after protesters targeted historic monuments and statues in the wake of George Floyd's death," authorizes up to 10 years in prison for "injury of federal property."

Additional coverage includes Reuters (1/7), NBC News (1/7, 4.91M), the New York Daily News (1/7, Crane-Newman, 2.51M), the Los Angeles Times (1/7, 3.37M), NBC News (1/7, 4.91M), Fox News (1/7, Ruiz, 23.99M), and the Voice of America (1/7, Farivar, 85K), Fox News (1/7, Giang-Paunon, 23.99M), Fox News (1/7, Gibson, 23.99M), the Philly (PA) Voice (1/7, 170K), the Fairfield (CT) Daily Voice (1/7), WIAT-TV Birmingham, AL (1/7), NJ News (1/7, Shea, 1.47M), the West Hartford (CT) News (1/7, O'Neill, Yankowski, 28K).

**Prosecutors Looking At Trump's Role In Capitol Riot.** The Washington Post (1/7, Barrett, 10.52M) reports acting US Attorney Michael Sherwin "said Thursday that President Trump was not off limits in his investigation of the events surrounding Wednesday's riot at the U.S. Capitol." When asked whether they will look at statements made at the Trump rally just before the riot, and by Trump specifically, Sherwin replied, "We are looking at all actors here, and anyone that had a role, if the evidence fits the element of a crime, they're going to be charged." However, Sherwin "said that the first priority of investigators are the individuals who personally engaged in destructive or violent acts at the Capitol, or what he called 'the closest alligators to the boat,'" and "emphasiz[ing] that the Justice Department and FBI are rapidly pursuing cases against those who engaged in violence or other lawbreaking." FBI Director Christopher A. Wray "said the FBI has deployed its 'full investigative resources' and will 'hold accountable those who participated in yesterday's siege of the Capitol.'"

New York Times (1/7, Benner, 20.6M) reports that Sherwin's "comments were an extraordinary invocation of the rule of law against a president who has counted on the Justice Department to advance his personal agenda." Politico (1/7, Gerstein, 6.73M) reports prosecutors raised "the prospect that inflammatory statements President Donald Trump and Rudy Giuliani made to supporters shortly before the assault will be closely scrutinized for possible criminal charges."

Additional coverage includes the Financial Times (1/7, Subscription Publication, 1.48M).

**US Attorneys Promise Charges Against Any Who Traveled From Their Areas To Participate In Capitol Riot.** The Houston Chronicle (1/7, Dellinger, 982K) reports, "More than a dozen U.S. attorneys from Texas, Ohio, Nebraska, South Carolina, Kentucky, Alabama, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Connecticut, Virginia and Maryland" have made statements that they will "prosecute anyone from their regions who traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate" in the riot.

The Detroit Free Press (1/7, Boucher, 2.16M) reports US Attorney Matthew Schneider said, "We're not looking at the people who were being peaceful. We are working with our partners in the FBI to determine whether or not people were committing acts of violence from Michigan, crossing a state line to do so. That's really the focus."

Boston (1/7, 538K) reports US Attorney Andrew Lelling said the Constitution does not protect "a violent assault on government institutions. Americans on the right and left must re-learn the difference. Anyone who traveled from Massachusetts with the intent to commit such crimes will be prosecuted in the District of Massachusetts."

Additional coverage includes the Hartford (CT) Courant (1/7, Mahony, 438K).

**Critics Allege Racial Double Standard In Treatment Of Rioters.** The Hill (1/7, Johnson, 5.69M) reports, "Civil rights groups, NBA stars and many others are criticizing what they said was a glaring difference in how police treated Black Lives

Matter protesters over the summer and their treatment of a predominantly white, pro-Trump crowd that assaulted the U.S. Capitol." In particular, they point to a video in which "officers of the Capitol Police are shown offering no resistance to the rioters as they streamed into the building." They argued "there was a difference between peaceful protests calling for the end to police brutality and systemic racism against Black Americans and what transpired at the Capitol Wednesday afternoon." Rashad Robinson, President of Color Change, said, "In 2015, the FBI published a report about how police departments had been infiltrated with white nationalists and white supremacy, and we haven't seen anything, in terms of legislation to deal with this." He added that what happened is "a consequence of a whole set of enablers from those in government to those and social media platforms, to folks in mainstream media."

The AP (1/7, Morrison) reports that while Black Lives Matter protests drew "overwhelming force from law enforcement in dozens of cities," "chemical dispersants," "rubber bullets and hand-to-hand combat with largely peaceful crowds and some unruly vandals and looters," and "more than 14,000 arrests," on Wednesday there were "barely more than a few dozen arrests," with "several weapons seized [and] improvised explosive devices found. Members of a wilding mob [were] escorted from the premises, some not even in handcuffs. The key difference? The first set of protesters were overwhelmingly Black Americans and their allies. The second group was overwhelmingly white Americans who support" President Trump's "baseless claims of election fraud."

On ABC World News Tonight (1/7, story 5, 1:45, Muir, 7.47M), Rachel Scott said, "It's being described as a double standard...[and] many are wondering, what if those rioters had been Black? ... The size of the demonstration was similar to this one months earlier, but the response was not. This summer, when thousands took to the same streets in DC to peacefully protest racial inequality, law enforcement was out in full force -- military helicopters flying low, tear gas and pepper balls deployed. ... Over the summer, the President called those protesters 'thugs.' Yesterday, calling his own supporters 'great patriots.'" On NBC Nightly News (1/7, story 6, 1:40, Holt, 5.91M), Gabe Gutierrez said, "During the George Floyd protests, President Trump tweeted, 'When the looting starts, the shooting starts.' Yesterday..." Trump: "Go home. We love you. You're very special."

The Dallas Morning News (1/7, 772K) reports, "Protesters and organizers said the police response was consistent with what they have seen: a long pattern of society's coddling of racists and downplaying of the violent white supremacist ideology that routinely places white people's grievances above those of their Black, often disenfranchised and downtrodden, countrymen and women."

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/7, Rao, 855K) reports Arizona State University criminology professor Edward Maguire "said it was a 'really reasonable concern'" that the law enforcement response to the Capitol riot "seemed so hands-off, especially in comparison to the unrest that erupted over the police killings of Black Americans." NBC News (1/8, 4.91M) reports Cleveland State University Associate Professor of urban studies Ronnie Dunn said, "This is the epitome of white privilege or white supremacy -- the notion that they have the right or dominion to go into the Capitol and overthrow the results of a fair and free election and the will of the people."

**Capitol Police Chief Resigns Amid Questions Over Security Failures.** On ABC World News Tonight (1/7, story 4, 2:00, 7.47M), David Muir said, "There are still major questions tonight With the President calling for demonstrations for weeks, why wasn't there more security [at the Capitol]? The President himself had said, 'This will be wild.'" ABC's Pierre Thomas: "We're learning just how dangerous the situation was: more than 80 people arrested, [and] five firearms recovered, including a military-style assault rifle," as well as "two powerful functioning pipe bombs and 11 Molotov cocktails." On the CBS Evening News (1/7, story 6, 2:25, O'Donnell, 4.61M), Kris Van Cleave said, "Capitol Police appeared unprepared, despite warning signs online like this one calling for participants to come armed."

The New York Times (1/7, Dewan, MacFarquhar, Eligon, Hill, 20.6M) reports that the Capitol Police, "which numbers about 2,000 officers and has sole jurisdiction over the Capitol's buildings and grounds, was clearly outnumbered and unprepared for the onslaught, even as it was openly organized on social media sites like Gab and Parler." Reuters (1/7, Tanfani, Shiffman, Januta, Hosenball) says that according to some law enforcement officials, "the siege of the Capitol...represents one of the gravest security lapses in recent U.S. history."

The New York Times (1/7, Dewan, MacFarquhar, Eligon, Hill, 20.6M) reports, "Some law enforcement experts were astonished by the sight of an officer cowering in the crush of pro-Trump extremists and rioters using police shields and metal barricades as battering rams." USA Today (1/7, Brook, Phillips, 12.7M) reports, "Among the most striking images of law enforcement futility, on a day when chaos convulsed the U.S. Capitol, was of a lone, shirt-sleeved officer in retreat waving a baton at an advancing mob that had breached the Senate side of the building. Flag-waving rioters appeared to stalk the officer who bounded up one stairway after another -- with no immediate back-up to be found."

Tom Costello said on NBC Nightly News (1/7, story 5, 2:25, Holt, 5.91M), "Among the charges prosecutors could press against the mob: trespassing, destruction of federal property, mail theft, federal rioting, assault on a police officer, federal gun

charges, and insurrection." The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M) reports Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund "announced his resignation effective Jan. 16, a decision that came hours after [House Speaker] Pelosi publicly called on him to step down over the department's handling of the violent pro-Trump siege." Earlier Thursday, the AP (1/7, Daly) reports that Sund "defended his department's response to the storming of the Capitol, saying that officers 'acted valiantly when faced with thousands of individuals involved in violent riotous actions.'"

The Los Angeles Times (1/7, 3.37M) reports that Senate Minority Leader Schumer said Thursday that he plans to fire Senate Sergeant at Arms Michael Stenger when Schumer becomes majority leader later this month. Politico (1/7, Everett, Caygle, 6.73M) reports, "Stenger and House Sergeant-at-Arms Paul Irving are both under pressure to step down after the deadly and embarrassing breach of security." Bloomberg (1/7, 3.57M) reports that Senate Judiciary Chairman Lindsey Graham "called for a joint task force to investigate the response by authorities to the violence on Wednesday." Bloomberg adds that the House Appropriations Committee "separately announced an investigation into the Capitol Police's handling of the turmoil."

**Capitol Police Turned Down Offers Of Assistance Twice.** The AP (1/7, Long, Baldor, Baisamo, Merchant) reports, "Three days before supporters" of the President "rioted at the Capitol, the Pentagon asked the U.S. Capitol Police if it needed National Guard manpower," and "and as the mob descended on the building Wednesday, Justice Department leaders reached out to offer up FBI agents. The police turned them down both times, according to senior defense officials and two people familiar with the matter. Despite plenty of warnings of a possible insurrection and ample resources and time to prepare, the Capitol Police planned only for a free speech demonstration."

The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M) reports, "The secretary of the Army and the chief of D.C.'s police force acknowledged Thursday that they did not expect President Trump's supporters to try to enter the Capitol building, despite extensive online conversations in which far-right groups publicly discussed their plans to do just that. When that breach did occur, the Capitol Police called D.C. police to help, and eventually the D.C. National Guard moved in to help."

**Authorities Begin To Probe Security Failures.** Reuters (1/7, Tanfani, Shiffman, Hosenball) reports, "The bloody chaos inside the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday came after the police force that protects the legislative complex was overrun by a mob of Trump supporters in what law enforcement officials called a catastrophic failure to prepare." Reuters adds, "The siege of the Capitol, home to both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives, represents one of the gravest security lapses in recent U.S. history, current and former law enforcement officials said, turning one of the most recognizable symbols of American power into a locus of political violence." According to Reuters, "That lapse came despite glaring warning signs of potential violence by hardline supporters of President Donald Trump, who are inflamed by his baseless claims of a stolen election and hope to block the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden."

NBC News (1/7, Dilanian, Ainsley, 4.91M) reports, "Amid growing evidence that pro-Trump extremists were planning to target the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, the day Congress was set to certify the election of Joe Biden as president, in recent days Congressman Tim Ryan had asked the people in charge of security whether they had everything they needed. 'I had conversations with the sergeant-at-arms and the chief of the Capitol Police, who gave me assurances that every precaution was being taken, that we had enough manpower, that we were going to keep people completely away from the Capitol,' Ryan, the Ohio Democrat who chairs the subcommittee that funds the Capitol complex, told reporters Thursday." NBC News adds, "What happened instead was a security failure that one federal law enforcement official described 'as the darkest day since 9/11,' and Ryan and other members of Congress are now seeking answers."

The Washington Post (1/7, Kornfield, 10.52M) reports, "Members of both political parties pointed to the destruction of government property, threats to law enforcement and two explosive devices found near the Capitol as acts of terrorism as far-right extremist groups rallied in the nation's capital to contest the results of the presidential election. In the media, CNN executives told the organization's journalists that they could refer to the siege as 'domestic terrorism.' National security experts agreed with that assessment, comparing the aggressive takeover of the federal landmark to the FBI's definition of domestic terrorism: 'Violent, criminal acts committed by individuals and/or groups to further ideological goals stemming from domestic influences, such as those of a political, religious, social, racial, or environmental nature.'" The Wall Street Journal (1/7, Jones, Fuller, Grimaldi, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) also reports.

**Pentagon Limited Use Of DC National Guard Ahead Of Protests Due To Narrow Mission.** The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M) reports, "The Pentagon placed tight limits on the D.C. National Guard ahead of pro-Trump protests this week, trying to ensure the use of military force remained constrained, as the Guard carried out a narrow, unarmed mission requested by the city's mayor to help handle traffic ahead of planned protests." The Post adds, "In memos issued Monday and Tuesday in response to a request from the D.C. mayor, the Pentagon prohibited the District's guardsmen from receiving ammunition or riot gear, interacting with protesters unless necessary for self-defense, sharing equipment with local law enforcement, or using Guard surveillance and air assets without the defense secretary's explicit sign-off, according to officials familiar with the orders. The limits were established because the Guard hadn't been asked to assist with crowd or riot control."

**Four Who Died Wednesday Have Been Identified.** USA Today (1/7, Hauck, Wagner, 12.7M) reports, "Four people died Wednesday when a mob of pro-Trump supporters stormed the Capitol, including three who suffered medical emergencies on Capitol grounds." The police announced during a Thursday press conference that 50-year-old Benjamin Phillips of Pennsylvania, 34-year-old Rosanne Boylan of Georgia, and 55-year-old Kevin Greeson of Alabama died from medical emergencies.

The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M) reports that 35-year-old Ashli Babbitt was killed by a Capitol police officer as she "tried to climb through a smashed glass pane in one of the doors" of the House chamber. The "California native and Air Force veteran was struck in the neck and later died. The two officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because an investigation into the incident is ongoing, said she was unarmed." The New York Times (1/7, Barry, Bogel-Burroughs, Philipps, 20.6M) reports, that Babbitt's "social media feed was a torrent of messages celebrating President Trump; QAnon conspiracy theories; and tirades against immigration, drugs and Democratic leaders in California." The Wall Street Journal (1/7, Duehren, Caldwell, Lubold, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) also has a feature on Babbitt.

**Documents Taken From Capitol May Contain National Security Risks.** Newsweek (1/7, 2.67M) reports, "Acting U.S. Attorney Michael Sherwin has said that materials stolen during yesterday's coup attempt on the U.S. Capitol by rioters supporting President Donald Trump's attempts to overturn the election may constitute a breach of national security. 'Materials were stolen, and we have to identify what was done, mitigate that, and it could have potential national security equities,' Sherwin said. 'We just don't know the extent of that damage at this point – if there was damage, we don't know the extent of that.' Specifically, Sherwin said that rioters stole electronics from U.S. senators' offices that could've contained sensitive information relating to domestic and foreign intelligence and other sensitive matters, Reuters reports."

**Right-Wing Extremist Groups To Use Capitol Attack As Recruitment Tool.** USA Today (1/7, Carless, 12.7M) reports, "Wednesday's mob insurrection at the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., is unlikely to be the last violent action from far-right extremists, who may also be using the week's extraordinary events to recruit members for a swelling coalition around outgoing president Donald Trump, according to experts on extremism." USA Today adds, "While this week's attack was extraordinary in its brazenness, it was also a wake-up call to federal and local law enforcement that threats from far-right Trump supporters should be taken very seriously over the last two weeks of Trump's presidency and beyond, said Mary McCord, legal director at the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. 'There's a whole lot of talk about what happened in far-right extremist forums and chatrooms today, and about how the inauguration on January 20 will be the last stand and now is the time to recruit,' McCord said."

**Trump Allies Suggest Far-Left Activists Were Behind Capitol Violence.** The New York Times (1/7, Peters, 20.6M) reports many of President Trump's "most vocal and visible allies in Congress, the media and conservative politics... could not bring themselves to fault him for the surreal and frightening attack carried out by people he had just urged to 'fight like hell.'" They "downplayed the violence" and "deflected with false equivalencies about the Democratic Party's embrace of the Black Lives Matter movement. Some even tried to dispute the fact that Trump supporters were actually the perpetrators, suggesting that far-left activists had infiltrated the crowd and posed as fans of the president." Such claims "came from some of his highest-profile allies who helped enable his rise in the Republican Party," including Sarah Palin, who wrote, "To any insincere, fake DC 'patriots' used as PLANTS – you will be found out."

**Curators Believe Capitol's Art Treasures Didn't Suffer Major Damage.** The New York Times (1/7, Bahr, 20.6M) reports detailed damage assessments from the Architect of the Capitol or the U.S. Capitol Police on the art in the Capitol due to the riot "have yet to be released." However, "the singular works of art that curators consider the treasures of the building did not appear to have suffered any major damage."

However, NBC News (1/7, 4.91M) reports House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer said that rioters stole a tribute to the late civil rights icon Rep. John Lewis (D-GA).

**Rep. Ryan: As Many As 60 Capitol Police Officers Injured.** NBC News (1/7, 4.91M) reports Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH) revealed "that as many as 60 Capitol Police officers were injured yesterday, including 15 hospitalized and one in critical condition." He said that many were struck on the head with lead pipes.

**GOP Legislators Identified As Participants At Events Surrounding Riot, One Identified As A Rioter.** The Hill (1/7, Wilson, 5.69M) reports West Virginia Del. Derrick Evans (R) was identified as being "among the violent mob that broke into the Capitol building" – he "posted a video of himself entering the building." At least vie other Republican state legislators "participated in events surrounding the attempted insurrection." The AP (1/7, Dii) reports that the president of the national Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, Jessica Post, said "any Republican legislator who took part in yesterday's insurrection, in Washington, D.C., or anywhere else in the country, should resign immediately."

**Rioters Came From A Number Of Backgrounds.** USA Today (1/7, Voyles Pulver, Salman, 12.7M) reports, "Participants in the riot at the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday came from many backgrounds and across the country," and despite claims of conservative pundits, including Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL), "all of the people identified so far by USA TODAY who breached the

U.S. Capitol or were arrested had professed their support for Trump through social media postings and conversations with family or friends." USA Today publishes the names and profiles of a number of rioters.

**Capitol Rioter Who Put Feet On Pelosi's Desk Got PPP Loan.** NBC News (1/7, 4.91M) reports, "The Capitol rioter photographed with his feet on a desk in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office," Richard Barnett – an independent glass and glazing contractor in Gravette, Arkansas – "received a \$9,300 forgivable loan under the Paycheck Protection Program last April."

The Washington Times (1/7, Blake, 626K) reports, "Barnett said that he took a letter from Mrs. Pelosi's office and left a note on her desk," and he "identified himself to reporters after leaving the Capitol building." The Daily Caller (1/7, Kerr, 375K) reports Barnett told a local news station, "I didn't mean to be there. Hell, I was walking around looking for a bathroom."

**Man Photographed Taking House Lectern Identified.** The Miami Herald (1/7, Ballogg, DeLeon, 647K) reports that the "man seen in a viral photo taking a lectern from the U.S. House during Wednesday's attack on the Capitol" has been identified as Adam Johnson of Parrish, Florida. "Numerous local residents quickly recognized and identified him." Fox News (1/7, Sorace, 23.99M) reports, "Authorities have not officially identified the man in the photo or named Johnson as a person of interest."

**Texas Sheriff Investigating Lieutenant Who Posted Photos Of Herself Among Mob.** The San Antonio Express-News (1/7, Pettaway, 685K) reports, "The Bexar County Sheriff's Office is investigating whether" jail lieutenant Roxanne Mathai, "broke policy or any laws by attending a pro-Trump rally that turned into an angry mob storming the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday." Photos posted to the Facebook page "don't show Mathai committing an unlawful act," but Sheriff Javier Salazar "said some of the photos show the lieutenant in the middle of the crowd that assaulted law enforcement agents." He added, "if she just stood by while first responders were assaulted, it would be more than just troubling, it would be downright infuriating" and he would have her investigated on administrative charges of conduct unbecoming. The sheriff also "sent the photos to the local FBI agency to see if Mathai participated in any illegal behavior during the incident."

**Flight Attendants Union Urges Banning Rioters From Flights.** The Los Angeles Times (1/7, Martin, 3.37M) reports the Assn. of Flight Attendants-CWA, the nation's largest flight attendants union, called for barring "members of the mob that stormed into the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday" from commercial flights out of Washington, DC, citing "several incidents of raucous, unruly behavior on flights into Washington in the days leading up to the riot, attributed to supporters of President Trump." Association President Sara Nelson "urged the airlines to work in coordination with federal law enforcement agencies to 'ensure the safety and security of passengers and crews by keeping all problems on the ground.'"

**Companies Firing Some Capitol Rioters After Identities Become Public.** Reuters (1/7, Bartz) reports some of the rioters at the Capitol "were fired from their jobs on Thursday after internet sleuths publicized their identities."

**Kathy Griffin Takes Swipe At FBI Efforts.** Newsweek (1/7, Jackson, 2.67M) reports comedian Kathy Griffin "took a swipe directly at the FBI on Thursday," tweeting back after the bureau said it is looking for the people who committed acts of violence at the US Capitol. She said, "With all due respect, you work for the Department of Justice. The DOJ contacted me within hours of posting an offensive photo of donald trump. Hours. There is ample evidence all over the Internet clearly identifying thousands of these actual terrorists."

The New York Daily News (1/7, Matthews, 2.51M) reports Griffin "said she was investigated by the Secret Service and FBI" after posing with a fake severed head of the president. "Griffin said she was investigated by the Secret Service and FBI regarding the photo, kicked off of CNN's annual New Year's Eve broadcast and received death threats because of the photo."

**Concerns Over Cybersecurity Abound After Capitol Breach Leaves Devices Vulnerable.** The Washington Post (1/7, Riley, 10.52M) reports yesterday's breach of the Capitol "left many unanswered questions about security at the Capitol, including its cybersecurity," as "the quick evacuation left computers and other device unattended as the mob ransacked offices. This is the stuff of cybersecurity pros' nightmares." Luta Security founder and CEO Katie Moussouris said, "There's an old saying, if an attacker has physical access to your computer, it's not your computer anymore." A right-wing journalist tweeted a photo showing "rioters had access to at least one unlocked computer in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office, open to email appearing to belong to a staffer," and Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) "said a computer was stolen from his office."

CNN (1/7, Fung, 89.21M) reports that in addition to Merkley's laptop having been stolen, "US officials said multiple senators' offices were hit." Acting US attorney for the District of Columbia Michael Sherwin said, "This is probably going to take several days to flesh out exactly what happened, what was stolen, what wasn't." Sherwin added, "Documents, materials, were stolen, and we have to identify what was done, mitigate that, and it could have potential national security equities." The event "highlights the grave cybersecurity risks that now face all lawmakers, congressional staffers, and any outside parties they may have communicated with in the course of business, security professionals say."

TechCrunch (1/7, Whittaker, 502K) reports that the "breach will likely present a major task for Congress' IT departments, which will have to figure out what's been stolen and what security risks could still pose a threat to the Capitol's network." However, the "classified computers are separate from the rest of the unclassified congressional network and in a designated



sensitive compartmented information facility, or SCIFs, in locked-down areas of the Capitol building." Former House Intelligence Committee staffer Mieke Eoyang said, "No indication those [classified systems] were breached."

New Republic (1/7, Silverman, 192K) says the "Trumper riot exposed not just the grounds' physical insecurity...but also its openness to electronic attack." The outlet adds, "It would have been trivial for a tech-savvy MAGA head or QAnon cultist, or an agent of a criminal organization or foreign government, to abscond with a government computer or leave behind a small listening device."

Also reporting is the Los Angeles Times (1/7, Masunaga, 3.37M).

**Boeing To Pay \$2.5B To Settle Criminal Charge Related To 737 Max.** The Dallas Morning News (1/7, 772K) reports the Justice Department "has filed criminal fraud charges" against Boeing for "impairing, obstructing, defeating and interfering with" U.S. regulators' attempts to properly certify the 737 Max and its faulty software program before two fatal crashes." The New York Times (1/7, Chokshi, Schmidt, 20.6M) says the company agreed to a deferred prosecution agreement under which it will "pay more than \$2.5 billion" to resolve the charges. The Wall Street Journal (1/7, Tangei, Michaels, Pasztor, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) says the settlement includes a \$243 million fine and \$2.2 billion in compensation to airline customers and the families of people killed in two MAX crashes. Reuters (1/7, Shepardson, Rucinski) reports the Justice Department "said the \$243.6 million fine was at 'low end' of the sentencing guidelines."

Saroni (1/7, Root, 1.36M) reports that Special Agent in Charge Emmerson Buie of the FBI's Chicago Field Office said, "Today's deferred prosecution agreement holds Boeing and its employees accountable for their lack of candor with the FAA regarding MCAS."

Politico (1/7, Mintz, 6.73M) reports Boeing CEO David Calhoun in a statement, "I firmly believe that entering into this resolution is the right thing for us to do – a step that appropriately acknowledges how we fell short of our values and expectations." Calhoun added that the resolution is "a serious reminder to all of us how critical our obligation of transparency to regulators is, and the consequences that our company can face if any one of us falls short of those expectations."

Bloomberg (1/7, Levin, 3.57M) says this is "the latest to hit the planemaker's bottom line. The company's inability to deliver planes during the ground and cancellations of previous orders have cost the company billions of dollars." The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M), the AP (1/7), and the Seattle Times (1/7, Gates, Kamb, 1.19M) provide similar coverage.

**FBI Argues Twitter Can't Publish Report On Its Cooperation With The Agency.** Law360 (1/7, Subscription Publication, 9K) reports the FBI argued before the Ninth Circuit that Twitter should not be allowed to release "a transparency report that details the instances in which the social media giant cooperated with the agency on national security matters." The FBI argued that the case is not a First Amendment issue and that Twitter's proposed disclosures could do "serious damage to national security."

**Federal Judiciary Electronic Filing System Likely Compromised In SolarWinds Hack.** The Wall Street Journal (1/7, Volz, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports federal judiciary officials say the SolarWinds hack likely compromised the electronic filing used by federal courts. The Administrative Office of the US Courts stated Wednesday that the judiciary was adding new security measures to protect "highly sensitive confidential documents filed with the courts." It added, "An apparent compromise of the confidentiality of the [filing] system due to these discovered vulnerabilities currently is under investigation. ... Due to the nature of the attacks, the review of this matter and its impact is ongoing."

The AP (1/7) reports that DOJ also "disclosed on Wednesday" it was "among the dozens of U.S. government agencies and private businesses compromised by a massive, months-long cyberespionage campaign that U.S. officials have linked to elite Russian hackers." DOJ "said that 3% of its Microsoft Office 365 email accounts were potentially affected, but did not say to whom those accounts belonged." The federal judiciary "said on its website that 'an apparent compromise' of the U.S. judiciary's case management and electronic case file system was under investigation." DHS "was scouring the system, it said, and cited a particular risk to sealed court filings, whose disclosure could jeopardize a lot more than active criminal investigations."

**Trump Said To Prepare Presidential Pardon List, Including Self-Pardon.** Bloomberg (1/7, Jacobs, Sink, Wingrove, 3.57M) reports, "President Donald Trump has prepared a sweeping list of individuals he's hoping to pardon in the final days of his administration that includes senior White House officials, family members, prominent rappers – and possibly himself, according to people familiar with the matter." The sources said the President is planning the announcement for January 19 after vetting by senior advisers and the White House counsel. Bloomberg says, "The biggest question facing his legal team may be whether the president has the authority to pardon himself," a power "Trump has previously claimed...though it's a matter of legal dispute and has never before been attempted by a president." Other pardons reportedly under consideration include Ivanka

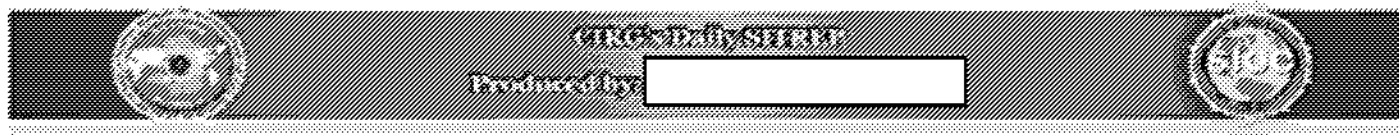
Trump, White House Senior Adviser Jared Kushner, Chief of Staff Meadows, White House adviser Stephen Miller, and Rudy Giuliani.

The New York Times (1/7, Schmidt, Haberman, 20.6M) reports that the President "has suggested to aides he wants to pardon himself in the final days of his presidency, according to two people with knowledge of the discussions, a move that would mark one of the most extraordinary and untested uses of presidential power in American history." The Times says that "Trump has shown signs that his level of interest in pardoning himself goes beyond idle musings," and while "legal scholars are divided about whether the courts would recognize" a self-pardon, "they agree [it] could create a dangerous new precedent for presidents to unilaterally declare they are above the law."

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# US Capitol Police Officer Dies From Injuries Suffered During Riot

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A U.S. Capitol Police officer died from injuries suffered during Wednesday's riot at the U.S. Capitol.

Officer Brian D. Sicknick died about 9:30 p.m. Thursday, according to a Capitol Police statement.

Sicknick, who joined the Capitol Police in 2008, was injured while physically engaged with rioters at the U.S. Capitol. He collapsed after returning to his division office and was taken to a hospital, police said.

"The entire USCP Department expresses its deepest sympathies to Officer Sicknick's family and friends on their loss and mourns the loss of a friend and colleague," the Capitol Police statement said.

While defending the U.S. House and Senate overrun by rioters Wednesday, Capitol Police also were forced to defend themselves. Three congressional and police sources tell News4 that at least 60 officers suffered injuries.

Four other people died Wednesday

A woman, Ashli Babbitt, was shot and killed by a Capitol Police officer "as protesters were forcing their way toward the House Chamber where members of Congress were sheltering in

place," Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund said in a statement. The officer was placed on administrative leave and police powers were suspended pending the results of a joint investigation with D.C. police.

Rosanne Boyland, 34, of Kennesaw, Georgia; Kevin Greeson, 55, of Athens, Alabama; and Benjamin Phillips, 50, of Ringtown, Pennsylvania, each died after suffering medical emergencies, D.C. police said.

It took four hours to disperse the rioters from the Capitol complex. By then, they had roamed the halls of Congress, posed for photos inside hallowed chambers, broken through doors, destroyed property and taken photos of themselves doing it. At least 80 people were arrested, but it will take time to sort through all the footage to determine who should be charged and with what.

The House Appropriations Committee, which controls the police department's budget, has launched a review of what went wrong.

House Appropriations Committee Chair Rosa DeLauro (D-Ct.) along with House Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Tim Ryan (D-Ohio) released a statement early Friday morning on Sicknick's death.

"Our hearts break over the senseless death of United States Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick, who was injured in the line of duty during yesterday's violent assault on the Capitol," they wrote. "Our prayers are with his family, friends, and colleagues on the force."

Sund is resigning as Capitol Police chief effective Jan. 16, a spokeswoman said Thursday

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*\*Please be advised the death of Officer Brian Sicknick is being reported by various new sources and is currently under investigation by Capital Police. Officer Sicknick's death has NOT been added to today's count as it has not been determined as felonious or accidental at this time. The LEOKA Daily Report will be updated as official notification is received.*

**(Circumstances per preliminary details provided from FOX News and CNN)**

(CNN)The US Capitol Police confirmed the death of one of their officers late Thursday from injuries suffered when a mob of President Donald Trump's supporters stormed the Capitol a day before.

Capitol Police said in a statement that Officer Brian D. Sicknick died at approximately 9:30 p.m. ET Thursday "due to injuries sustained while on-duty."

The death is being investigated by the DC Metropolitan Police Department's homicide branch, the US Capitol Police and their federal partners.

"Officer Sicknick was responding to the riots on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at the U.S. Capitol and was injured while physically engaging with protesters. He returned to his division office and collapsed. He was taken to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries."

As of today (01/08/2021):

- 0 law enforcement officers were reported to have been feloniously killed in the line of duty in 2021. During the previous year, for the same time period, 1 officer was feloniously killed.
- 3 law enforcement officers were reported to have been accidentally killed in the line of duty in 2021. During the previous year, for the same time period, 0 officers were accidentally killed.
- 0 law enforcement officers were reported to have contracted COVID-19 and succumbed to the illness in 2021.
- 0 law enforcement officers were reported to have succumbed to conditions from 9/11 response.
- 0 law enforcement officers were reported to have succumbed to a heart attack in 2021.
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Number of law enforcement officers killed in previous years:

- Feloniously killed:
  - 2020- 47
  - 2019 – 48
  - 2018 – 57

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- 2017 -- 46
- 2016 -- 66
- 2015 -- 41
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- Accidentally killed:
  - 2020- 46
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# How the U.S. Capitol Police were overrun in a 'monumental' security failure

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Inside the U.S. Capitol, the rioters were in charge.

Trump supporters were roaming freely, carrying off furniture. Capitol Police had not asked other law enforcement agencies for help until their building was surrounded by a mob seeking to overturn the election results. Now, their officers were exhausted and injured. Their chief was down the street, in the department command center, and a police commander on the scene was pacing in a circle. Top congressional leaders, hidden in secure rooms, were calling the governors of Maryland and Virginia directly to plead for help.

At last, reinforcements arrived: D.C. police officers, who wear an image of the Capitol building on their department's official patch, but rarely enter the building itself.

"What we did do was restore democracy for all of America," D.C. Police Chief Robert Contee III said.

On Thursday, a day after hundreds of President Trump's supporters stormed and ransacked the Capitol, lawmakers and police officials were still trying to understand the cascade of failures that caused the Capitol Police force — a city-size police department focused on a single complex — to let that building fall.

Those failures began days before the attack, when law enforcement agencies across Washington failed to prepare for an assault on the Capitol — even as Trump supporters openly plotted one online. They were compounded by the slow response on the day of the siege, when Capitol Police and other federal agencies did not head off a mass of Trump supporters who descended on the Capitol, egged on by the president himself, and command within the complex broke down.

"How could they fail so miserably? [The mob] could have blown the building up. They could have killed us all," said Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.), a longtime Trump ally.

No lawmakers were hurt. But four people died during the Capitol breach, including one woman who was fatally shot by police as she tried to break through to a room next to the House chamber.

Late on Thursday, a Capitol Police officer died of injuries he sustained in the attack. Officer Brian D. Sicknick, a 12-year veteran on the force, was "injured while physically engaging with protesters," the department said in a

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statement, and collapsed after returning to his division headquarters before dying at a local hospital.

**The recriminations were swift. On Thursday, three of Congress's top security officials — Capitol Police Chief Steven A. Sund, House Sergeant at Arms Paul D. Irving and Senate Sergeant at Arms Michael C. Stenger — had resigned or were set to.**

**Neither Irving nor Stenger, both Secret Service veterans, or Sund, who was previously a top District police official, responded to requests for comment.**

Before the news broke Thursday that he will resign on Jan. 16, Sund said in a statement that the Capitol Police had prepared a "robust plan" for Wednesday.

But, Sund said, they had readied for a demonstration — and instead were confronted with "criminal riotous behavior."

On Thursday, D.C. officials said that their department had brought order out of chaos — a striking reversal of roles for the federal government and the city that surrounds it. City officials — who have sometimes been treated with condescension by federal leaders — said they had saved the building when the feds had failed.

"There was no intelligence that suggested there would be a breach of the U.S. Capitol," Contee said Thursday. But law enforcement experts said they were stunned that the Capitol had been left so undefended, noting several factors that contributed to the mayhem.

While District police, major federal law enforcement agencies and neighboring police departments have agreements to assist each other in cases of emergencies, the Capitol Police did not make early requests for mutual aid with the D.C. National Guard or D.C. police, according to people familiar with the situation who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe security preparations.

And unlike other major government events like inaugurations, there was no large-scale frozen security zone around the building, and Justice Department officials did not create a multiagency command center. Instead, both federal law enforcement agencies and National Guard troops kept a low profile, scarred by criticism of their involvement in the response to protests after the death of George Floyd last summer.

And there appeared to be minimal efforts to build a secure perimeter around the Capitol. It wasn't until Thursday morning that fencing went up around the complex.

"The police should have defined a hard line and there should have been consequences for crossing it," said Frank Larkin, former Senate sergeant at arms who has planned for many security threats to the Capitol. "The fight should have been outside. Not inside. To have that confrontation at the door, that was a losing formula."

There had been signs that Wednesday's protests could turn violent. Pro-Trump Internet forums had been full of posts promising violence. Trump had cast Congress — which was about to formalize his defeat in the 2020 election — as the target.

So why would an attack against Congress be out of the question?

"You didn't need intelligence. You just needed to read the newspaper," said Michael Chertoff, who served as Homeland Security secretary from 2005 to 2009 under President George W. Bush. "They were advertising, 'Let's go wild. Bring your guns.' You don't need to have an FBI investigation. You just need to be able to be able to read."

Dozens arrested after mob storms Capitol; officials vow that more will be charged

When Wednesday arrived, Washington looked very different than it had during the Floyd protests last summer, when officers in riot gear filled the streets and then-Attorney General William P. Barr supervised from a Justice Department command center. That reaction was criticized as excessive, but it followed some key police precepts. Create a security zone with heavy fencing, and come down hard on anyone who tries to enter. Build multiple lines of defense, so a breach of one line doesn't start a rout. And keep a clear chain of command.

At the Capitol on Wednesday, by contrast, the grounds were guarded in some places only by low pieces of fencing and officers in street uniforms.

About 1 p.m., with crowds gathering outside the building, Sund requested help from D.C. police, according to people familiar with the appeal. D.C. police sent reinforcements to the outside of the building. It wasn't enough.

When the first attackers arrived, according to videos taken by witnesses, they picked up the fences, hit the officers with them, and kept going. Police officers simply ran with them, routed already.

Some officers ran toward the main entry doors at the top of a series of stairs, trying unsuccessfully to block a rush of protesters who breached the fallen barricades below. Some stood exhausted from battling the group's repeated assaults and efforts to attack them with pipes and bike racks.

By 1:50 p.m., video appeared on Facebook of protesters pushing against barricades on the north side of the Capitol. By 1:58 p.m., the crowd was pushing a barricade out of the way, leaving a gaping hole for protesters to flood toward the complex. Within minutes, protesters were on the steps, and by 2:15 p.m., 26 minutes after the riot started, the mob breached the building.

In a short period, Capitol Police officers were overrun. For a time, the head of the Capitol Police union said Thursday, they had to choose between protecting their building and getting members of Congress, staff and reporters out of it.

"Once the breach of the Capitol building was inevitable, we prioritized lives over property, leading people to safety," Gus Papathanasiou, head of the Capitol Police union, said in a statement. He said the union wanted Sund and his entire command staff to resign. "This lack of planning led to the greatest breach of the U.S. Capitol since the War of 1812," when British forces burned the Capitol, Papathanasiou said.

Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo, president of the Major Cities Chiefs Association, said he worried that the lack of preparedness was rooted in police's perception of the crowd. He said officers might have seen a largely White group as inherently less hostile.



"They see Black Lives Matter and go 'Oh my God, we've got to be ready.' But, hey, these people have their blue lives matter flags all over the place," which made them seem pro-police, Acevedo said. "And that bias and that false sense of security bit them. And it bit them in a historical fashion yesterday."

"It is a monumental failure," Acevedo said of the response.

Inside the Capitol, it seemed like no help was coming. The mob roamed freely in many cases, ransacking offices and destroying furniture.

By early Wednesday afternoon, Sund made an urgent plea for backup from the D.C. National Guard during a call with top Pentagon and city officials, according to officials familiar with the call. But Defense officials balked, concerns about the "optics" of soldiers inside the Capitol building, two District officials said.

*Photos: The damage and destruction at the U.S. Capitol*

During the melee, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R) said he got a call from House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer (D-Md.), who was in a secure location under police protection.

"I was actually on the phone with Leader Hoyer who was pleading with us to send the Guard," Hogan said Thursday.

But the governor said he was initially stymied: Maj. Gen. Timothy Gowen, the adjutant general of the Maryland National Guard, was repeatedly rebuffed by the Defense Department.

Hoyer "was yelling across the room to [Senate Minority Leader Charles E.] Schumer and they were back and forth saying, we do have the authorization and I'm saying, 'I'm telling you we do not have the authorization,'" Hogan recalled. It wasn't until about 90 minutes later that the secretary of the Army called asking the Maryland guardsmen to "come as soon as possible," the governor said.

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D) said he also got a call on his cellphone Wednesday.

"It showed up, 'Nancy Pelosi,'" he said, recalling his surprise. "She was really concerned. She said they needed help and I assured her that we had deployed the Guard and we'd sent the Virginia State Police. She said, 'Ralph, there's glass being broken around me. I've heard there's been gunfire. We're just very, very concerned right now.'" "

Northam said he mobilized Virginia National Guard units. They did not arrive at the Capitol until Thursday morning, long after the breach was over. Virginia also sent state police troopers, who arrived earlier.

At a news conference Thursday, Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy, who along with the acting defense secretary was commanding the D.C. Guard on the president's behalf, defended the Pentagon's handling of the requests for backup from the Capitol Police and congressional lawmakers. He said a contingent of guardsmen already deployed were taken off their traffic posts, moved back to the armory to put on riot gear and then sent back to Capitol within two hours after a request for additional assistance was made. (Defense officials later activated the full D.C. Guard.)

Inside the Capitol, police who had lost control of the building sought to defend smaller and smaller pockets — like

the House chamber itself. Inside the Speaker's Lobby — an ornate antechamber that opens onto the House floor — police had barricaded the door with chairs and furniture.

The rioters broke a window, and a California woman named Ashli Babbitt sought to climb through. Officers shouted at her to stop. Behind her, in the chaos, were other Capitol Police officers in tactical gear and some Hill staff. Then, from inside the lobby, a plainclothes Capitol Police stepped out from a protected corner and fired his pistol at Babbitt. The bullet hit her in the neck, and Babbitt fell back through the hole, onto the ground.

Capitol Police had been warned that some in the mob surrounding the Capitol were surreptitiously carrying firearms. Babbitt, two law enforcement officials said, was unarmed. She died later. Three other people died during the protests, one of a stroke and the other two of unspecified medical emergencies.

Eva Malecki, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Capitol Police, declined to answer questions about the shooting. The incident is being investigated by the D.C. Metropolitan Police internal affairs division, which has jurisdiction to investigate all officer-related shootings that occur in the District.

After rioters were already inside the building, the D.C. police reinforcements, led by a D.C. police officer, Inspector Robert Glover, began to take charge inside the Capitol itself.

To start, he sent a contingent of Capitol Police and D.C. officers to retake the Capitol's famed Statuary Hall — which one officer said was "like a mosh pit" full of shoving rioters. Then he sent officers to make a floor-by-floor search, corralling rioters and escorting them out.

"If it wasn't for Inspector Glover, we would have probably lost both chambers to looting and had a complete overtaking of the building," the officer on the scene said. The officer spoke on the condition of anonymity because he is not allowed to speak to the news media.

Gradually, other federal law enforcement officers and National Guardsmen also began to arrive. The Capitol was cleared and the Senate and House sessions resumed about 7 p.m.

On Thursday, lawmakers said they would investigate how the Capitol Police failed — and why it took so long for others, including the Pentagon, to send reinforcements.

"These are taxpayer dollars that are being used to pay these officers and to fund the United States military," said Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), noting that three officials in the line of presidential succession — Vice President Pence, Pelosi and Senate President Pro Tempore Charles E. Grassley (R-Iowa) — were all inside the Capitol when it was breached. "Taxpayers deserve to know why were unable to defend the capitol from attack, why it took only an hour for a handful of ragamuffin, half-armed protesters to enter the building and pose a grave threat to the continuity of democracy."

Rep. Tim Ryan (D-Ohio), who leads the House committee that controls appropriations for Capitol Police said in a news conference that the more he learned, the more he had become "livid" about the failure of police planning, intel-gathering and federal command and control around the protest. He said he anticipated an investigation in the vein of those Congress launched in the wake of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The attacks on Wednesday, Ryan said, had "broken the veil of protection" around one of the shrines of American democracy.

"We are never going to look at the Capitol the same way again," Ryan said.

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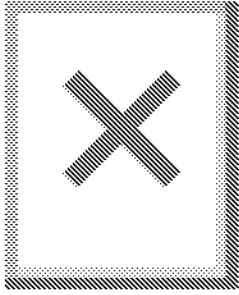
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## Quote of the Day

"Vibez" – Zayn Malik's new song is doing a vibe check. Perfect timing.

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## Double Standard

### The Story

This week's attack on the Capitol is highlighting discrepancies in policing.

### I'm listening.

Since the country's founding, the First Amendment has protected Americans' right to peacefully assemble. But history has shown that not all demonstrations are perceived equally. Those from the right have often been viewed as patriotic while those from the left are seen as a challenge to the status quo. The last year has shown us that they're not policed equally, either. Let's show you what we mean...

**Black Lives Matter protests:** After the killing of George Floyd, thousands of people from all walks of life took to the streets to demand justice. While largely peaceful (by one count, 93% of protests), many were met with the very same thing they were protesting against: police brutality. They were tear-gassed, shot with rubber bullets, hit with batons, shoved into unmarked vans, plowed by police vehicles, and over 14,000 people across 49 cities were arrested. In DC, peaceful protesters were violently cleared from Lafayette Square for President Trump's photo-op. That day, 289 people were arrested. Trump has called protesters "thugs" and warned, "when the looting starts, the shooting starts." AG William Barr reportedly even sought charges of sedition.

**Capitol Hill riots:** During Congress' certification of election results, a mob of pro-Trump supporters – including white nationalists – stormed the Capitol. They scaled walls, shattered windows, broke into federal offices, took over the Senate

floor, stole furniture, and carried the Confederate flag. While violent, many were met with a starkly different police response. Videos appeared to show Capitol Police removing barriers keeping protesters from the Capitol. In one, an officer can be seen taking a selfie with a protester. A noose was hung near the Capitol building and explosives were found nearby – at the RNC and DNC headquarters. That day, only 68 people were arrested. The president, who had urged his supporters to go to the Capitol, later told the rioters to go home and that “we love you, you’re very special.”

**I see what you mean.**

Right. And while one set of protests at times devolved into looting, property destruction, and defacing or toppling monuments, the other was a planned attack: the invasion and violent takeover of the US Capitol. Many were outraged that it took so long to deploy the National Guard to the Capitol, compared to the deployment against Black Lives Matter protesters in June. The Defense Dept says it had approved an earlier request for guardsmen to help with traffic control, but that the request for additional help with the Capitol came at the last minute. Worth noting: the National Guard was used in multiple protests over the summer, and police were in riot gear. Meanwhile, Capitol Police are being called out for how unprepared they were to safeguard the country's lawmakers.

**Go on...**

The Defense Department had reportedly asked Capitol Police if they need the National Guard three days before the protests. But police repeatedly denied help. Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund – who announced he was resigning yesterday – hasn't given an explanation. The news came as lawmakers from both parties pledged to investigate law enforcement's actions during the siege. And hours before it was confirmed that one officer died of sustained injuries. Officer Brian D. Sicknick served nearly two decades with Capitol Police before being injured in the line of duty on Wednesday. His death is being mourned by lawmakers across the aisle.

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The attack on the US Capitol unveiled the loose cracks in our democracy. But it also exposed what VP-elect Kamala Harris called “two systems of justice” in our country – where race may dictate whether one's right to protest is respected.

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**Aftermath**

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America is trying to heal from all of 2020 and the first week of 2021. And Inauguration Day is only 12 days away. After the Capitol Attack, some are wondering what's next for...

**President Trump...**Last night, for the first time, Trump conceded to President-elect Joe Biden – 65 days after the election. And said his focus is now on an “orderly and seamless transition of power.” But he's still facing growing calls for impeachment (again). And dozens of House and Senate Democrats want the 25th Amendment to be invoked, which would deem Trump unable to execute his role and give VP Mike Pence the promotion to acting president. This could be done if Pence and a majority of Trump's Cabinet (or of members of Congress) agree to it. But some social media outlets are already on it.

**The Republican Party...**It seems to be experiencing a reckoning after years in which many stand accused of enabling Trump's mistreatment of protesters and allegations of election fraud. At least eight Trump admin officials have resigned amid the effects of the Capitol attack, including Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao, and former WH chief of staff Mick Mulvaney. And Wednesday's chaos may have permanently alienated center-right voters.

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And Also...This

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### **Where there are COVID-19 updates...**

The US. Earlier this week, the country reached a grim new milestone as it recorded over 4,000 deaths in 24 hours – reportedly the worst figure in the world. And US hospitalizations reached more than 132,000. Health officials say Arizona has become the global hotspot as the governor resists restrictions. In LA County, more than 20% of tests are coming back positive as some CA hospitals are already overwhelmed. Those two states and Rhode Island are estimated to have more cases per capita than any other country in the world. It comes as Americans are being asked to be patient with the country's vaccination efforts against a virus that's killed over 360,000 people in the US.

Brazil. Yesterday, researchers there said that a coronavirus vaccine made by China has shown to be 78% effective against the virus. Unlike Moderna's and Pfizer's vaccines that use mRNA, CoronaVac is more traditional and uses inactivated coronavirus to trigger the body to develop antibodies. While there are concerns about transparency in the vaccine trials, Brazil (along with Indonesia) could begin rolling it out later this month. And the vaccine could open the door for lower-income countries to get a vaccine option since wealthier countries have essentially cleared out the shelves.

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### **Who's getting a welcome packet...**

Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo (D). President-elect Joe Biden tapped the governor and former venture capitalist for Commerce secretary. If confirmed, Raimondo will bring her pro-business experience (things like cutting taxes, eliminating regulations) to an agency that's been charged with keeping the US competitive with China.

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh (D). Biden is tapping the former top union leader for Labor secretary. In that role, Walsh would be responsible for helping fulfill Biden's promise to improve workers' pay and protections.

Isabel Guzman. The president-elect has tapped the former Obama official to lead the Small Business Administration. If confirmed, Guzman would be the first Latina in Biden's cabinet. And would be responsible for overseeing the massive Paycheck Protection Program amid economic fallout from the pandemic.

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**What's got us doing a double take...**

This new study. Yesterday, researchers said that identical twins, though they look alike, are not perfect clones. And that they actually have genetic differences. When you have to share everything else, it might be nice to know you don't share the same exact DNA.

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**Who's on a space bound rocket ship and first place's the moon...**

Elon Musk.

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In 2020, for a lot of us, WFH simply became...work. And that dining table you sometimes used for dinner parties became your home office. Today's challenge is all about owning it. Pick one item on your desk (looking at you, stray Post-it) and replace it with something that \*sparks joy.\*

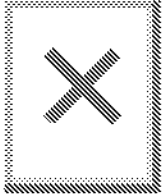
Want ideas for new items to give your WFH setup a reboot? [Here you go](#). Then review our past challenges [here](#). Six down, 15 to go.

Spoiler alert: We want to pair a resume expert with one Skimm'r for a challenge happening later this month. [Sign up here](#) if your resume needs some TLC, and we'll contact you with more details.

## Skimm Reads

### "Black Buck" by Mateo Askaripour

After a chance encounter with the CEO of NYC's hottest tech company, a 22-year-old Starbucks manager becomes the startup's first Black employee. Cue a razor-sharp commentary on capitalism, race, and corporate America. Drink up.



### For when you're hitting the home gym this year...

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1. A lot happened this week. [Our podcast "Skimm This"](#) explains what the Senate runoff election results in Georgia mean for the Biden administration. And what the president-elect might be able to accomplish in office after the Dems pulled off two historic victories.
2. If the first few days of 2021 have left you feeling overwhelmed, you're not alone. [We've got you covered](#) with tips to de-stress so you can literally (and metaphorically) exhale.
3. [We zoomed with Gai Gadot](#) (aka Wonder Woman) and talked about her latest film, favorite moments from set (hi, Kristen Wiig), and what superpower she'd want most.

## Skimm'rs

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*We like to celebrate the wins, big and small. Let us know how your friends, neighbors, coworkers (and yes, even you) are making career moves, checking off goals, or making an impact in the community.*

**A keeper...Camille R (NY).** She just landed her first post-graduation job working as production assistant at MSNBC after finishing her internship there this fall.

**A buttercup...Breigh J-C (CO).** While being a full-time doctoral student in clinical psychology, she started a flower business called Black + Blossomed and creates and delivers arrangements. [Let it grow.](#)

**(Some) Birthdays...**Candace Arnoid (IL), Madeline Tamagni (DC), Alan Alpert (CA), Fred Yerman (NY), Kate Lancaster (DC), Michael Jankowski (NJ), Danielle Poulin (CT), Uma Sudarshan (MI), Gia Punjabi (CA), Dylan Ottemiller (NM), Cristina Abreu (PR), Judi Laskodi (NJ), Arielle Purcell (CT), Danielle Hampy (FL), Jocelyn Monahan (MD)

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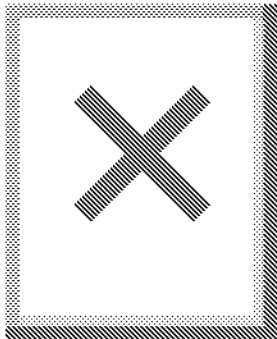




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## LEADING THE NEWS

### **FBI Seeking Public's Help In Identifying Capitol Rioters.**

Reuters (1/7) reports, "The FBI sought the public's help in identifying the pro-Trump rioters who stormed the U.S. Capitol." Additionally, "the FBI is taking the lead on an investigation into two pipe bombs that were recovered from the headquarters of the Republican and Democratic national committees." Reuters adds, "The FBI has asked the public to submit tips, including images and videos, to help agents identify people who were 'actively instigating violence.'" Similarly, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser "said police also intend to ask the public for help in identifying rioters"

US News & World Report (1/7, Hansen, 1.91M) reports the FBI tweeted it is "seeking to identify individuals instigating violence in Washington, D.C. We are accepting tips and digital media depicting rioting or violence in and around the U.S. Capitol on January 6" and provided a link for the public to "submit any images, videos, or other multimedia files you have related to possible violations of federal law committed." The Hill (1/7, Gstalter, 5.69M) reports that the FBI said in a statement, "Our goal is to preserve the public's constitutional right to protest by protecting everyone from violence and other criminal activity."

The AP (1/7, Eggert) reports US Attorney Matthew Schneider "urged people to give tips to the FBI if they are aware of people who joined a violent mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol." He said, "I'm personally disgusted and horrified by this. It's just nauseating to me. It's sick what people did inside the Capitol."

NBC News (1/7, 4.91M) reports, "The FBI Washington Field Office has received more than 4,000 tips including digital media that are now being analyzed."

Additional coverage includes the Miami Herald (1/7, Kenney, 647K), TODAY (1/7, 2.24M), Fox

News (1/7, Pagones, 23.99M), Fox News (1/7, Aaro, 23.99M), the New York Post (1/7, Garger, 7.45M), WPLG-TV Miami (1/7, Solomon, 271K), KAIT-TV Jonesboro, AR (1/7, Ruch, 122K), the Journal-News (OH) (1/7, Spicker, 213K), WVXU-FM Cincinnati (1/7, Thompson, 4K), KRON-TV San Francisco (1/7, 267K), the Augusta (VA) Free Press (1/7), the Staten Island (NY) Advance (1/7, Spezzamonte, 234K), the New York Daily News (1/7, Marcius, 2.51M), CNBC (1/7, Macias, 7.34M), the Houston Chronicle (1/7, 982K), the Washington Times (1/7, Mordock, 626K), KCTV-TV Kansas City, MO (1/7, Taylor, 188K), NJ Today (1/7), the Daily Caller (1/7, Ross, 375K), CBS News (1/7, Kates, 5.39M), NBC News (1/7, 4.91M), the New York Post (1/7, Fitz-Gibbon, 7.45M), and Fox News (1/7, Musto, 23.99M).

***FBI Releases Photo, Offers Reward For Information On Pipe Bomb Suspect.*** ABC News (1/8, 2.44M) reports, "The FBI has shared a photo of the person responsible for placing the suspected explosive devices outside the Republican National Committee and Democratic National Committee Wednesday." The FBI tweeted the photo and "posted a reward of up to \$50,000 "for information leading to the location, arrest, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for" the suspected pipe bombs." ABC adds, "A federal law enforcement source told ABC News that the suspected pipe bombs were indeed active, and U.S. Capitol Police confirmed that the devices could have caused 'great harm.'"

Additional coverage includes the New York Post (1/7, Moore, 7.45M), NBC News (1/8, 4.91M), WINK-TV Fort Myers, FL (1/7, 82K), and WRIC-TV Richmond, VA (1/7, 241K).

***Lawmakers Seek FBI Briefing On Capitol Siege.*** The AP (1/7) reports, "Democratic leaders of five House committees are seeking an immediate briefing from the FBI on its investigation of Wednesday's violent breach of the Capitol, which left four people dead and disrupted a congressional proceeding to confirm the results of the presidential election." According to the AP, "In a letter Thursday to FBI Director Christopher Wray, the lawmakers called the riot 'a deadly terrorist attack' incited by President Donald Trump and his supporters. The lawmakers wrote, 'Given the incendiary environment caused and exacerbated by President Trump's rhetoric, along with the upcoming inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden, it is imperative that the FBI leverage all available assets and resources to ensure that the perpetrators of this domestic terrorist attack and those who incited and conspired with them are brought to justice, and that this domestic terrorist group is disrupted from further actions against our government.'"

***First Charges Brought Against Capitol Rioters, Wray, Other Law Enforcement Vow More Arrests To Come.*** The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M) reports, "Several dozen people arrested in the violent chaos at the U.S. Capitol made their first appearances in court Thursday," and "authorities vowed to track down additional suspects." Meanwhile, "D.C. police chief Robert J. Contee III vowed that his department would arrest 'each and every one of the violent mob,' and said that investigators are circulating information publicly and to FBI offices nationwide." Similarly, acting Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen said, "The Department of Justice is committed to ensuring that those responsible for this attack on our Government and the rule of law face the full consequences of their actions under the law."

HuffPost (1/7, 363K) reports that FBI Director Christopher Wray said the attack "showed a blatant and appalling disregard for our institutions of government and the orderly administration of the democratic process," adding, "Make no mistake: With our partners, we will hold accountable those who participated in yesterday's siege of the Capitol." US Attorney for the District of Columbia Michael Sherwin said the feds have a "good start," but charges are "just the beginning." He said the rioters "will be held accountable, both for what was done on the Capitol grounds and what happened within the Capitol." The Daily Caller (1/7, Datoc, 375K) reports Wray said, "We do not tolerate violent agitators and extremists who use the guise of First Amendment-protected activity to incite violence and wreak havoc. Such behavior betrays the very values of our democracy."

CNN (1/7, Perez, Herb, 89.21M) reports, "The FBI and other federal law enforcement agencies are planning a push to make arrests and bring charges against those who led the insurrection at the US Capitol." CNN adds, "FBI digital experts spent the night ingesting surveillance video from the Capitol buildings and the area around the complex and are using software to match images and faces with social media posts."

The AP (1/7, Richer, Balsarino, Whitehurst) reports acting US Attorney for DC Michael Sherwin "said...that 'all options are on the table' for charging members of the violent pro-Trump mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol – including sedition charges." Experts say that other possible charges "include civil disorder, destruction of property and rioting."

The Washington Post (1/7, Zapotosky, 10.52M) reports Acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen, in September, when he was Deputy Attorney General, urged in a memo that prosecutors "consider tough federal charges for those engaged in violent unrest," including seditious conspiracy, damage to federal property, use of explosives, and crossing state lines to commit crimes. The memo was intended to address civil rights protests, but "law enforcement officials say Rosen's memo is a blueprint for pursuing federal cases against Wednesday's rioters." Fox News (1/7, Fordham, 23.99M) reports that a Trump executive order from June, signed "after protesters targeted historic monuments and statues in the wake of George Floyd's death," authorizes up to 10 years in prison for "injury of federal property."

Additional coverage includes Reuters (1/7), NBC News (1/7, 4.91M), the New York Daily News (1/7, Crane-Newman, 2.51M), the Los Angeles Times (1/7, 3.37M), NBC News (1/7, 4.91M), Fox News (1/7, Ruiz, 23.99M), and the Voice of America (1/7, Farivar, 85K), Fox News (1/7, Giang-Paunon, 23.99M), Fox News (1/7, Gibson, 23.99M), the Philly (PA) Voice (1/7, 170K), the Fairfield (CT) Daily Voice (1/7), WIAT-TV Birmingham, AL (1/7), NJ News (1/7, Shea, 1.47M), the West Hartford (CT) News (1/7, O'Neill, Yankowski, 28K),

***Prosecutors Looking At Trump's Role In Capitol Riot.*** The Washington Post (1/7, Barrett, 10.52M) reports acting US Attorney Michael Sherwin "said Thursday that President Trump was not off limits in his investigation of the events surrounding Wednesday's riot at the U.S. Capitol." When asked whether they will look at statements made at the Trump rally just before the riot, and by Trump specifically, Sherwin replied, "We are looking at all actors here, and anyone that had a role, if the evidence fits the element of a crime, they're going to be charged." However, Sherwin "said that the first priority of investigators are the individuals who personally engaged in destructive or violent acts at the Capitol, or what he called 'the closest alligators to the boat,'" and "emphasiz[ing] that the Justice Department and FBI are rapidly pursuing cases against those who engaged in violence or other lawbreaking." FBI Director Christopher A. Wray "said the FBI has deployed its 'full investigative resources' and will 'hold accountable those who participated in yesterday's siege of the Capitol.'"

New York Times (1/7, Benner, 20.6M) reports that Sherwin's "comments were an extraordinary invocation of the rule of law against a president who has counted on the Justice Department to advance his personal agenda." Politico (1/7, Gerstein, 6.73M) reports prosecutors raised "the prospect that inflammatory statements President Donald Trump and Rudy Giuliani made to supporters shortly before the assault will be closely scrutinized for possible criminal charges."

Additional coverage includes the Financial Times (1/7, Subscription Publication, 1.48M).

***US Attorneys Promise Charges Against Any Who Traveled From Their Areas To Participate In Capitol Riot.*** The Houston Chronicle (1/7, Dellinger, 982K) reports, "More than a dozen U.S. attorneys from Texas, Ohio, Nebraska, South Carolina, Kentucky, Alabama, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Connecticut, Virginia and Maryland" have made statements that they will "prosecute anyone from their regions who traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate" in the riot.

The Detroit Free Press (1/7, Boucher, 2.16M) reports US Attorney Matthew Schneider said, "We're not looking at the people who were being peaceful. We are working with our partners in the FBI to determine whether or not people were committing acts of violence from Michigan, crossing a state line to do so. That's really the focus."

Boston (1/7, 538K) reports US Attorney Andrew Lelling said the Constitution does not protect "a violent assault on government institutions. Americans on the right and left must re-learn the difference. Anyone who traveled from Massachusetts with the intent to commit such crimes will be prosecuted in the District of Massachusetts."

Additional coverage includes the Hartford (CT) Courant (1/7, Mahony, 438K).

***Critics Allege Racial Double Standard In Treatment Of Rioters.*** The Hill (1/7,

Johnson, 5.69M) reports, "Civil rights groups, NBA stars and many others are criticizing what they said was a glaring difference in how police treated Black Lives Matter protesters over the summer and their treatment of a predominantly white, pro-Trump crowd that assaulted the U.S. Capitol." In particular, they point to a video in which "officers of the Capitol Police are shown offering no resistance to the rioters as they streamed into the building." They argued "there was a difference between peaceful protests calling for the end to police brutality and systemic racism against Black Americans and what transpired at the Capitol Wednesday afternoon." Rashad Robinson, President of Color Change, said, "In 2015, the FBI published a report about how police departments had been infiltrated with white nationalists and white supremacy, and we haven't seen anything, in terms of legislation to deal with this." He added that what happened is "a consequence of a whole set of enablers from those in government to those and social media platforms, to folks in mainstream media."

The AP (1/7, Morrison) reports that while Black Lives Matter protests drew "overwhelming force from law enforcement in dozens of cities," "chemical dispersants," "rubber bullets and hand-to-hand combat with largely peaceful crowds and some unruly vandals and looters," and "more than 14,000 arrests," on Wednesday there were "barely more than a few dozen arrests," with "several weapons seized [and] improvised explosive devices found. Members of a wilding mob [were] escorted from the premises, some not even in handcuffs. The key difference? The first set of protesters were overwhelmingly Black Americans and their allies. The second group was overwhelmingly white Americans who support" President Trump's "baseless claims of election fraud."

On ABC World News Tonight (1/7, story 5, 1:45, Muir, 7.47M), Rachel Scott said, "It's being described as a double standard...[and] many are wondering, what if those rioters had been Black? ... The size of the demonstration was similar to this one months earlier, but the response was not. This summer, when thousands took to the same streets in DC to peacefully protest racial inequality, law enforcement was out in full force - military helicopters flying low, tear gas and pepper balls deployed. ... Over the summer, the President called those protesters 'thugs.' Yesterday, calling his own supporters 'great patriots.'" On NBC Nightly News (1/7, story 6, 1:40, Holt, 5.91M), Gabe Gutierrez said, "During the George Floyd protests, President Trump tweeted, 'When the looting starts, the shooting starts.' Yesterday..." Trump: "Go home. We love you. You're very special."

The Dallas Morning News (1/7, 772K) reports, "Protesters and organizers said the police response was consistent with what they have seen: a long pattern of society's coddling of racists and downplaying of the violent white supremacist ideology that routinely places white people's grievances above those of their Black, often disenfranchised and downtrodden, countrymen and women."

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/7, Rao, 855K) reports Arizona State University criminology professor Edward Maguire "said it was a 'really reasonable concern'" that the law enforcement response to the Capitol riot "seemed so hands-off, especially in comparison to the unrest that erupted over the police killings of Black Americans." NBC News (1/8, 4.91M) reports Cleveland State University Associate Professor of urban studies Ronnie Dunn said, "This is the epitome of white privilege or white supremacy - the notion that they have the right or dominion to go into the Capitol and overthrow the results of a fair and free election and the will of the people."

**Capitol Police Chief Resigns Amid Questions Over Security Failures.** On ABC World News Tonight (1/7, story 4, 2:00, 7.47M), David Muir said, "There are still major questions tonight With the President calling for demonstrations for weeks, why wasn't there more security [at the Capitol]? The President himself had said, 'This will be wild.'" ABC's Pierre Thomas: "We're learning just how dangerous the situation was: more than 80 people arrested, [and] five firearms recovered, including a military-style assault rifle," as well as "two powerful functioning pipe bombs and 11 Molotov cocktails." On the CBS Evening News (1/7, story 6, 2:25, O'Donnell, 4.61M), Kris Van Cleave said, "Capitol Police appeared unprepared, despite warning signs online like this one calling for participants to come armed."

The New York Times (1/7, Dewan, MacFarquhar, Eligon, Hill, 20.6M) reports that the Capitol Police, "which numbers about 2,000 officers and has sole jurisdiction over the Capitol's buildings

and grounds, was clearly outnumbered and unprepared for the onslaught, even as it was openly organized on social media sites like Gab and Parler." Reuters (1/7, Tanfani, Shiffman, Januta, Hosenball) says that according to some law enforcement officials, "the siege of the Capitol...represents one of the gravest security lapses in recent U.S. history."

The New York Times (1/7, Dewan, MacFarquhar, Eligon, Hill, 20.6M) reports, "Some law enforcement experts were astonished by the sight of an officer cowering in the crush of pro-Trump extremists and rioters using police shields and metal barricades as battering rams." USA Today (1/7, Brook, Phillips, 12.7M) reports, "Among the most striking images of law enforcement futility, on a day when chaos convulsed the U.S. Capitol, was of a lone, shirt-sleeved officer in retreat waving a baton at an advancing mob that had breached the Senate side of the building. Flag-waving rioters appeared to stalk the officer who bounded up one stairway after another – with no immediate back-up to be found."

Tom Costello said on NBC Nightly News (1/7, story 5, 2:25, Holt, 5.91M), "Among the charges prosecutors could press against the mob: trespassing, destruction of federal property, mail theft, federal rioting, assault on a police officer, federal gun charges, and insurrection." The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M) reports Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund "announced his resignation effective Jan. 16, a decision that came hours after [House Speaker] Pelosi publicly called on him to step down over the department's handling of the violent pro-Trump siege." Earlier Thursday, the AP (1/7, Daly) reports that Sund "defended his department's response to the storming of the Capitol, saying that officers 'acted valiantly when faced with thousands of individuals involved in violent riotous actions.'"

The Los Angeles Times (1/7, 3.37M) reports that Senate Minority Leader Schumer said Thursday that he plans to fire Senate Sergeant at Arms Michael Stenger when Schumer becomes majority leader later this month. Politico (1/7, Everett, Caygle, 6.73M) reports, "Stenger and House Sergeant-at-Arms Paul Irving are both under pressure to step down after the deadly and embarrassing breach of security." Bloomberg (1/7, 3.57M) reports that Senate Judiciary Chairman Lindsey Graham "called for a joint task force to investigate the response by authorities to the violence on Wednesday." Bloomberg adds that the House Appropriations Committee "separately announced an investigation into the Capitol Police's handling of the turmoil."

**Capitol Police Turned Down Offers Of Assistance Twice.** The AP (1/7, Long, Baldor, Balsamo, Merchant) reports, "Three days before supporters" of the President "rioted at the Capitol, the Pentagon asked the U.S Capitol Police if it needed National Guard manpower," and "and as the mob descended on the building Wednesday, Justice Department leaders reached out to offer up FBI agents. The police turned them down both times, according to senior defense officials and two people familiar with the matter. Despite plenty of warnings of a possible insurrection and ample resources and time to prepare, the Capitol Police planned only for a free speech demonstration."

The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M) reports, "The secretary of the Army and the chief of D.C.'s police force acknowledged Thursday that they did not expect President Trump's supporters to try to enter the Capitol building, despite extensive online conversations in which far-right groups publicly discussed their plans to do just that. When that breach did occur, the Capitol Police called D.C. police to help, and eventually the D.C. National Guard moved in to help."

**Authorities Begin To Probe Security Failures.** Reuters (1/7, Tanfani, Shiffman, Hosenball) reports, "The bloody chaos inside the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday came after the police force that protects the legislative complex was overrun by a mob of Trump supporters in what law enforcement officials called a catastrophic failure to prepare." Reuters adds, "The siege of the Capitol, home to both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives, represents one of the gravest security lapses in recent U.S. history, current and former law enforcement officials said, turning one of the most recognizable symbols of American power into a locus of political violence." According to Reuters, "That lapse came despite glaring warning signs of potential violence by hardline supporters of President Donald Trump, who are inflamed by his baseless claims of a stolen election and hope to block the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden."

NBC News (1/7, Dilanian, Ainsley, 4.91M) reports, "Amid growing evidence that pro-Trump extremists were planning to target the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, the day Congress was set to certify



the election of Joe Biden as president, in recent days Congressman Tim Ryan had asked the people in charge of security whether they had everything they needed. 'I had conversations with the sergeant-at-arms and the chief of the Capitol Police, who gave me assurances that every precaution was being taken, that we had enough manpower, that we were going to keep people completely away from the Capitol,' Ryan, the Ohio Democrat who chairs the subcommittee that funds the Capitol complex, told reporters Thursday." NBC News adds, "What happened instead was a security failure that one federal law enforcement official described 'as the darkest day since 9/11,' and Ryan and other members of Congress are now seeking answers."

The Washington Post (1/7, Kornfield, 10.52M) reports, "Members of both political parties pointed to the destruction of government property, threats to law enforcement and two explosive devices found near the Capitol as acts of terrorism as far-right extremist groups rallied in the nation's capital to contest the results of the presidential election. In the media, CNN executives told the organization's journalists that they could refer to the siege as 'domestic terrorism.' National security experts agreed with that assessment, comparing the aggressive takeover of the federal landmark to the FBI's definition of domestic terrorism: 'Violent, criminal acts committed by individuals and/or groups to further ideological goals stemming from domestic influences, such as those of a political, religious, social, racial, or environmental nature.'" The Wall Street Journal (1/7, Jones, Fuller, Grimaldi, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) also reports.

***Pentagon Limited Use Of DC National Guard Ahead Of Protests Due To Narrow Mission.*** The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M) reports, "The Pentagon placed tight limits on the D.C. National Guard ahead of pro-Trump protests this week, trying to ensure the use of military force remained constrained, as the Guard carried out a narrow, unarmed mission requested by the city's mayor to help handle traffic ahead of planned protests." The Post adds, "In memos issued Monday and Tuesday in response to a request from the D.C. mayor, the Pentagon prohibited the District's guardsmen from receiving ammunition or riot gear, interacting with protesters unless necessary for self-defense, sharing equipment with local law enforcement, or using Guard surveillance and air assets without the defense secretary's explicit sign-off, according to officials familiar with the orders. The limits were established because the Guard hadn't been asked to assist with crowd or riot control."

***Four Who Died Wednesday Have Been Identified.*** USA Today (1/7, Hauck, Wagner, 12.7M) reports, "Four people died Wednesday when a mob of pro-Trump supporters stormed the Capitol, including three who suffered medical emergencies on Capitol grounds." The police announced during a Thursday press conference that 50-year-old Benjamin Phillips of Pennsylvania, 34-year-old Rosanne Boylan of Georgia, and 55-year-old Kevin Greeson of Alabama died from medical emergencies.

The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M) reports that 35-year-old Ashli Babbitt was killed by a Capitol police officer as she "tried to climb through a smashed glass pane in one of the doors" of the House chamber. The "California native and Air Force veteran was struck in the neck and later died. The two officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because an investigation into the incident is ongoing, said she was unarmed." The New York Times (1/7, Barry, Bogel-Burroughs, Philipps, 20.6M) reports, that Babbitt's "social media feed was a torrent of messages celebrating President Trump; QAnon conspiracy theories; and tirades against immigration, drugs and Democratic leaders in California." The Wall Street Journal (1/7, Duehren, Caldwell, Lubold, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) also has a feature on Babbitt.

***Documents Taken From Capitol May Contain National Security Risks.*** Newsweek (1/7, 2.67M) reports, "Acting U.S. Attorney Michael Sherwin has said that materials stolen during yesterday's coup attempt on the U.S. Capitol by rioters supporting President Donald Trump's attempts to overturn the election may constitute a breach of national security. 'Materials were stolen, and we have to identify what was done, mitigate that, and it could have potential national security equities,' Sherwin said. 'We just don't know the extent of that damage at this point - if there was damage, we don't know the extent of that.' Specifically, Sherwin said that rioters stole electronics from U.S. senators' offices that could've contained sensitive information relating to domestic and foreign intelligence and other sensitive matters, Reuters reports."

***Right-Wing Extremist Groups To Use Capitol Attack As Recruitment Tool.*** USA



Today (1/7, Carless, 12.7M) reports, "Wednesday's mob insurrection at the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., is unlikely to be the last violent action from far-right extremists, who may also be using the week's extraordinary events to recruit members for a swelling coalition around outgoing president Donald Trump, according to experts on extremism." USA Today adds, "While this week's attack was extraordinary in its brazenness, it was also a wake-up call to federal and local law enforcement that threats from far-right Trump supporters should be taken very seriously over the last two weeks of Trump's presidency and beyond, said Mary McCord, legal director at the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. 'There's a whole lot of talk about what happened in far-right extremist forums and chatrooms today, and about how the inauguration on January 20 will be the last stand and now is the time to recruit,' McCord said."

**Trump Allies Suggest Far-Left Activists Were Behind Capitol Violence.** The New York Times (1/7, Peters, 20.6M) reports many of President Trump's "most vocal and visible allies in Congress, the media and conservative politics...could not bring themselves to fault him for the surreal and frightening attack carried out by people he had just urged to 'fight like hell.'" They "downplayed the violence" and "deflected with false equivalencies about the Democratic Party's embrace of the Black Lives Matter movement. Some even tried to dispute the fact that Trump supporters were actually the perpetrators, suggesting that far-left activists had infiltrated the crowd and posed as fans of the president." Such claims "came from some of his highest-profile allies who helped enable his rise in the Republican Party," including Sarah Palin, who wrote, "To any insincere, fake DC 'patriots' used as PLANTS - you will be found out."

**Curators Believe Capitol's Art Treasures Didn't Suffer Major Damage.** The New York Times (1/7, Bahr, 20.6M) reports detailed damage assessments from the Architect of the Capitol or the U.S. Capitol Police on the art in the Capitol due to the riot "have yet to be released." However, "the singular works of art that curators consider the treasures of the building did not appear to have suffered any major damage."

However, NBC News (1/7, 4.91M) reports House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer said that rioters stole a tribute to the late civil rights icon Rep. John Lewis (D-GA).

**Rep. Ryan: As Many As 60 Capitol Police Officers Injured.** NBC News (1/7, 4.91M) reports Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH) revealed "that as many as 60 Capitol Police officers were injured yesterday, including 15 hospitalized and one in critical condition." He said that many were struck on the head with lead pipes.

**GOP Legislators Identified As Participants At Events Surrounding Riot, One Identified As A Rioter.** The Hill (1/7, Wilson, 5.69M) reports West Virginia Del. Derrick Evans (R) was identified as being "among the violent mob that broke into the Capitol building" - he "posted a video of himself entering the building." At least via other Republican state legislators "participated in events surrounding the attempted insurrection." The AP (1/7, Dil) reports that the president of the national Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, Jessica Post, said "any Republican legislator who took part in yesterday's insurrection, in Washington, D.C., or anywhere else in the country, should resign immediately."

**Rioters Came From A Number Of Backgrounds.** USA Today (1/7, Voyles Pulver, Salman, 12.7M) reports, "Participants in the riot at the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday came from many backgrounds and across the country," and despite claims of conservative pundits, including Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL), "all of the people identified so far by USA TODAY who breached the U.S. Capitol or were arrested had professed their support for Trump through social media postings and conversations with family or friends." USA Today publishes the names and profiles of a number of rioters.

**Capitol Rioter Who Put Feet On Pelosi's Desk Got PPP Loan.** NBC News (1/7, 4.91M) reports, "The Capitol rioter photographed with his feet on a desk in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office," Richard Barnett - an independent glass and glazing contractor in Gravette, Arkansas - "received a \$9,300 forgivable loan under the Paycheck Protection Program last April."

The Washington Times (1/7, Blake, 626K) reports, "Barnett said that he took a letter from Mrs. Pelosi's office and left a note on her desk," and he "identified himself to reporters after leaving the Capitol building." The Daily Caller (1/7, Kerr, 375K) reports Barnett told a local news

station, "I didn't mean to be there. Hell. I was walking around looking for a bathroom."

**Man Photographed Taking House Lectern Identified.** The Miami Herald (1/7, Ballogg, DeLeon, 647K) reports that the "man seen in a viral photo taking a lectern from the U.S. House during Wednesday's attack on the Capitol" has been identified as Adam Johnson of Parrish, Florida. "Numerous local residents quickly recognized and identified him." Fox News (1/7, Sorace, 23.99M) reports, "Authorities have not officially identified the man in the photo or named Johnson as a person of interest."

**Texas Sheriff Investigating Lieutenant Who Posted Photos Of Herself Among Mob.** The San Antonio Express-News (1/7, Pettaway, 685K) reports, "The Bexar County Sheriff's Office is investigating whether" jail lieutenant Roxanne Mathai, "broke policy or any laws by attending a pro-Trump rally that turned into an angry mob storming the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday." Photos posted to the Facebook page "don't show Mathai committing an unlawful act," but Sheriff Javier Salazar "said some of the photos show the lieutenant in the middle of the crowd that assaulted law enforcement agents." He added, "If she just stood by while first responders were assaulted, it would be more than just troubling, it would be downright infuriating" and he would have her investigated on administrative charges of conduct unbecoming. The sheriff also "sent the photos to the local FBI agency to see if Mathai participated in any illegal behavior during the incident."

**Flight Attendants Union Urges Banning Rioters From Flights.** The Los Angeles Times (1/7, Martin, 3.37M) reports the Assn. of Flight Attendants-CWA, the nation's largest flight attendants union, called for barring "members of the mob that stormed into the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday" from commercial flights out of Washington, DC, citing "several incidents of raucous, unruly behavior on flights into Washington in the days leading up to the riot, attributed to supporters of President Trump." Association President Sara Nelson "urged the airlines to work in coordination with federal law enforcement agencies to 'ensure the safety and security of passengers and crews by keeping all problems on the ground.'"

**Companies Firing Some Capitol Rioters After Identities Become Public.** Reuters (1/7, Bartz) reports some of the rioters at the Capitol "were fired from their jobs on Thursday after internet sleuths publicized their identities."

**Kathy Griffin Takes Swipe At FBI Efforts.** Newsweek (1/7, Jackson, 2.67M) reports comedian Kathy Griffin "took a swipe directly at the FBI on Thursday," tweeting back after the bureau said it is looking for the people who committed acts of violence at the US Capitol. She said, "With all due respect, you work for the Department of Justice. The DOJ contacted me within hours of posting an offensive photo of donald trump. Hours. There is ample evidence all over the Internet clearly identifying thousands of these actual terrorists."

The New York Daily News (1/7, Matthews, 2.51M) reports Griffin "said she was investigated by the Secret Service and FBI" after posing with a fake severed head of the president. "Griffin said she was investigated by the Secret Service and FBI regarding the photo, kicked off of CNN's annual New Year's Eve broadcast and received death threats because of the photo."

## COUNTER-TERRORISM

### Continuing Coverage: Boston Bomber Sues Over Treatment In Prison.

In continuing coverage, the AP (1/7) reports, "Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev has sued the federal government for \$250,000 over his treatment" in prison. In particular he "cites the confiscation of a white baseball cap and bandana that he bought at the prison commissary and a limit of three showers per week." Additional coverage includes the Washington Times (1/7, 626K).

### Panel To Review Nashville Police's Handling Of Prior Tip On Christmas Day Bomber.

The New York Post (1/7, Rhett Miller, 7.45M) reports Nashville Police Chief John Drake said that a five-member panel will review how the department "responded to a tip from the girlfriend of Christmas RV bomber Anthony Quinn Warner some 16 months earlier." The woman told police he was making bombs in his RV trailer.

WKRN-TV Nashville, TN (1/7, Olmos, 172K) reports former federal prosecutor Alex Little said,

"Any prosecutor and I as well had gotten a tip like this, we would not have been satisfied with the agents telling us they went to his house, he didn't want to talk and they walked away." He added, "he's seen the same police department do much more in much less serious situations."

***Bombing Victims May Have Better Situation If It Isn't Labeled Terrorism.*** The Chattanooga (TN) Times-Free Press (1/7, Rau, 168K) reports, "The FBI's decision not to categorize the Christmas Day bombing in Nashville as an act of terrorism" could benefit the victims of the bombing, as many insurance "policies have specific exclusions for terrorism, and almost all property insurance policies have exclusions for acts of war."

### **Former Neo-Nazi Apologizes.**

KING-TV Seattle (1/8, 417K) reports that, prior to reporting to federal prison later this month, 21-year-old Johnny Roman Garza is seeking to apologize for his actions as part of "the Atomwaffen Division, a neo-Nazi group" the FBI says conspired "to threaten and cyberstalk persons of color and journalists who reported on the group's activities." Garza also "revealed insights into how a sinister group such as Atomwaffen pulls what he calls 'despondent'; young people into its grip."

## **COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE**

### **FBI Argues Twitter Can't Publish Report On Its Cooperation With The Agency.**

Law360 (1/7, Subscription Publication, 9K) reports the FBI argued before the Ninth Circuit that Twitter should not be allowed to release "a transparency report that details the instances in which the social media giant cooperated with the agency on national security matters." The FBI argued that the case is not a First Amendment issue and that Twitter's proposed disclosures could do "serious damage to national security."

## **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS**

### **FBI Pittsburgh Agents Arrest Man Accused Of Threatening Law Enforcement.**

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (1/7, Ove, 426K) reports Khaled Miah "has been charged with threatening and surveilling Pittsburgh FBI agents who were investigating him." An affidavit says that "Miah posted threats on Dec. 27 directed at agents and at the FBI in general." He is accused of using a Twitter account to harass FBI Pittsburgh agents and "repeatedly conducted surveillance on an agent's home after the FBI questioned him about extremist views."

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (1/7, Ward, 245K) reports that the affidavit said that "FBI personnel uncovered hundreds of videos, images, documents, communications, and Internet activities dating back several years related to extremist content that advocated for and/or glorified gruesome violence against perceived ideological enemies."

Additional coverage includes KDKA-TV Pittsburgh (1/7, 144K).

### **Former Philly Cop Sentenced For Child Porn.**

The Philadelphia Inquirer (1/7, Dean) reports US District Court Judge Gerald A. McHugh sentenced James Strohm, a 20-year veteran of the Philadelphia Police Department, to 172 months behind bars, 20 years of supervised release, and to pay \$79,000 in restitution and more than \$27,000 in special assessments "for viewing and distributing numerous images of child pornography, sometimes while on duty, according to federal officials." Michael J. Driscoll, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Philadelphia Division, said that the sentence "sends a message that, no matter who you are, if you're perpetuating the exploitation of children by seeking and trading this horrific content, the FBI will step in, put a stop to it, and see you brought to justice."

### **Former Newark Cop Sentenced For Corruption.**

NJ News (1/7, Atrnonavage, 1.47M) reports US District Judge Susan D. Wigenton sentenced former Newark police officer Janell Robinson to nine years in prison for his role in "multi-million dollar corruption at the Newark Watershed Conservation and Development Corporation." Robinson also

received three years supervised release and must pay restitution of \$288,950 to the watershed corporation.

Additional coverage includes the Daily Voice (1/7, 292K).

### **New Haven State's Attorney Investigating FBI-Involved Fatal Shooting.**

The Connecticut Post (1/7, 310K) reports, "The New Haven state's attorney is investigating a fatal shooting" in Connecticut that involved members "of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Safe Streets Task Force." The Post adds, "City police departments typically assign a few officers to task forces with federal" organizations such as the FBI and the DEA.

Additional coverage includes the Hartford (CT) Patch (1/7, 1.44M).

### **Attorneys Seek To Delay Trial In George Floyd Killing.**

The Washington Post (1/7, Bailey, 10.52M) reports Hennepin County District Court Judge Peter A. Cahill, who is overseeing the criminal case into George Floyd's killing, "heard arguments Thursday from prosecutors and defense attorneys, who have asked to postpone the March trial until summer." The prosecution cited fears that expected protests during the trial could create a "superspreader event," while the defense argues that "prosecutors had been slow to turn over key evidence."

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/7, Xiong, 855K) reports defense attorneys allege prosecutors "mishandled sharing evidence with them, provided irrelevant materials and divulged information late." They cited "thousands of pages of evidence shared as a single PDF that could not be searched without converting the file, and important evidence sandwiched in between irrelevant materials."

### **FBI Searching For Ohio Bank Robber.**

The Cleveland Plain Dealer (1/7, Pinckard, 1.22M) reports the FBI and police are searching for a man who robbed a US Bank in Richmond Heights, Ohio. "The suspect, who was heavy-set, was wearing a blue Nike hooded sweat shirt, a black knit hat and a black Adidas facemask."

### **Officers Responding To Houston Bank Robbery May Have Been Exposed To Chemicals.**

KPRC-TV Houston (1/8, Smith, 562K) reports Houston Police Department officers responding to a robbery at Chase Bank "may have experienced possible chemical exposure." KPRC adds, "FBI Houston Division confirmed that members of the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force are on the scene in response to the incident."

### **FBI Investigating Tennessee Bank Robber.**

The Elizabethton (TN) Star (1/7, 27K) reports that FBI agents and East Ridge police officers "are searching for the suspect responsible for the robbery of the Regions Bank located at 4334 Ringgold Road, East Ridge." The suspect "was wearing blue jeans, black shoes, a gray toboggan, and a black face mask."

WDEF-TV Chattanooga, TN (1/7) reports that the suspect "fired a shot behind the counter, but no one was hurt."

### **FBI Investigating Ohio Bank Robbery.**

WKYC-TV Cleveland (1/7, 418K) reports that the FBI Cleveland field office "is seeking the public's help locating a bank robbery suspect" in Richmond Heights. He "is described of a Black man standing 5'8" to 5'10" tall" and he "was wearing a blue Nike hooded sweatshirt, black knit hat and a black Adidas face mask."

### **FBI Investigating 2019 Triple Murder In Texas.**

KSAT-TV San Antonio (1/7, Sabawi, 440K) reports that the FBI is continuing to support the Bexar County Sheriff's investigation into the triple murder of Nichol Olsen, London Bribiescas and Alexa Montez. The investigation "has been ongoing with assistance from the FBI since Jan. 10, 2019."

### **Arizona Man Charged After Discovery Of Human Skulls, Limbs.**

WJAX-TV Jacksonville, FL (1/7, 138K) reports Walter Harold Mitchell, who is "described as a 'veteran body broker,'" has "been arrested after a hunter last month stumbled upon the heads and limbs of at least five people scattered in a central Arizona forest." He "is charged with 29 counts of abandonment or concealment of a dead body."

### **Connecticut Man Sentenced Over Cocaine Trafficking.**

The West Hartford (CT) Patch (1/7, 1.44M) reports United States attorney for the District of Connecticut John Durham said Manuel Santiago "was sentenced Wednesday by U.S. District Judge Jeffrey A. Meyer to 84 months in prison, followed by five years of supervised release, for trafficking cocaine, and for violating the conditions of his supervised release from a prior federal conviction." The FBI's Northern Connecticut Gang Task Force started its investigation in August 2019, when the task force "received information that Santiago was distributing half-kilogram quantities of cocaine."

### **California Real Estate Developer To Pay \$1.2M To Settle Investigation.**

KTTV-TV Los Angeles (1/7, 158K) reports that CP Employer Inc "has agreed to pay \$1.2 million to resolve a federal criminal investigation that focused on the firm's relationship with former Los Angeles City Councilmember José Huizar, who voted to approve its 35-story project in downtown's Arts District." The US Attorney's office "agreed not to prosecute the company for three years, as long as it refrains from any criminal conduct, for a series of reasons detailed in the NPA."

### **Nebraska Man Charged Over Threats To Game Keeper.**

The Sacramento (CA) Bee (1/7, 519K) reports Cody Cape "faces several charges after threatening to kill a game warden who'd been investigating him for poaching." The investigation began in October 2020, when a US Wildlife officer "was tasked with investigating Cape for his potential involvement in deer poaching incidents in Iowa and Nebraska."

### **Washington State Man Pleads Guilty To Molotov Cocktail Possession.**

The AP (1/7) reports Kelly Thomas Jackson "has pleaded guilty to possessing Molotov cocktail devices that he used to set fire to Seattle police vehicles during a May protest that turned violent." He "faces up to 10 years in prison on each of the two felony counts of possession of a destructive device when he's sentenced in U.S. District Court on March 29."

KCPQ-TV Seattle (1/6, 148K) reports Jackson "was an identified suspect following an anonymous tip." Cellphone evidence "showed a white man in distinctive clothing with two bottles filled with flammable materials, Molotov cocktails, attempting to burn two police vehicles."

### **FBI Searches Maine Home In Connection To Massachusetts Church Fires.**

The Bangor (ME) Daily News (1/7, 178K) reports that FBI agents "surrounded a house located at 343 Court St. in Houlton Thursday morning that belongs to a man who recently was arrested on charges of arson at a church in Massachusetts." Dushko Vulchev "emerged as a primary suspect in a series of arson fires at the Martin Luther King Community Presbyterian Church, a Black church located in Springfield, Massachusetts."

### **Former NY School Treasurer Pleads Guilty To Theft.**

The Oneonta (NY) Daily Star (1/7, 42K) reports former Morris Central School District treasurer Kristina Hand has "pleaded guilty to two counts of federal program theft." She "admitted that she stole about \$24,000 by depositing checks payable to the school district into bank accounts that she controlled." The FBI investigated the case.

### **Louisville Community Pushes Back Against New Police Chief.**

The Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal (1/7, 554K) reports that the city of Louisville "learned Wednesday its next police chief led a department also embroiled in a controversial killing of a

Black American last year." Mayor Greg Fischer announced the selection of former Atlanta police chief Erika Shields, who "was leading Atlanta Police in June when an officer shot and killed Rayshard Brooks following an altercation at a Wendy's." She "urged the community to look at her full track record with Atlanta, where she worked for 25 years, and to give her a chance to earn their trust" after community leaders criticized her selection.

### **Imprisoned Serial Killer Connected To New Crimes.**

ABC News (1/7, 2.44M) reports imprisoned serial killer Rodney Alcala "has been connected to the murders of at least eight women" through the usage of DNA evidence. The article examines his criminal history.

### **Indian Reservations Drug Probe Leads To Charges For 26 People.**

In online coverage, KVRR-TV Fargo, ND (1/7, Quttaineh) reports an investigation of an alleged illegal drug operation in North Dakota led to charges against 26 people. Commenting on Operation Blue Prairie was US Attorney Drew Wrigley, who stated, "It was the objective of this conspiracy to target and exploit the largely Native American population" of three reservations in North Dakota. The KVRR article highlights that Wrigley, "along with the agents from the FBI," the DEA, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the US Marshals Service, "say they pledge to continue addressing drug addiction and trafficking issues on reservations." The DEA and the FBI are not directly mentioned in coverage of this story that is run by the AP (1/7), the KVLY-TV Fargo, ND (1/7, Hurley) website, the Bismarck (ND) Tribune (1/7, Svihovec, 29K), the WLNS-TV Lansing, MI (1/8, Darling, 94K) website, and the Forum of Fargo-Moorhead (ND) (1/7, 49K).

## **FINANCIAL CRIME & CORPORATE SCANDALS**

### **Boeing To Pay \$2.5B To Settle Criminal Charge Related To 737 Max.**

The Dallas Morning News (1/7, 772K) reports the Justice Department "has filed criminal fraud charges" against Boeing for "impairing, obstructing, defeating and interfering with" U.S. regulators' attempts to properly certify the 737 Max and its faulty software program before two fatal crashes." The New York Times (1/7, Chokshi, Schmidt, 20.6M) says the company agreed to a deferred prosecution agreement under which it will "pay more than \$2.5 billion" to resolve the charges. The Wall Street Journal (1/7, Tangei, Michaelis, Pasztor, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) says the settlement includes a \$243 million fine and \$2.2 billion in compensation to airline customers and the families of people killed in two MAX crashes. Reuters (1/7, Shepardson, Rucinski) reports the Justice Department "said the \$243.6 million fine was at 'low end' of the sentencing guidelines."

Barron's (1/7, Root, 1.36M) reports that Special Agent in Charge Emmerson Buie of the FBI's Chicago Field Office said, "Today's deferred prosecution agreement holds Boeing and its employees accountable for their lack of candor with the FAA regarding MCAS."

Politico (1/7, Mintz, 6.73M) reports Boeing CEO David Calhoun in a statement, "I firmly believe that entering into this resolution is the right thing for us to do – a step that appropriately acknowledges how we fell short of our values and expectations." Calhoun added that the resolution is "a serious reminder to all of us how critical our obligation of transparency to regulators is, and the consequences that our company can face if any one of us falls short of those expectations."

Bloomberg (1/7, Levin, 3.57M) says this is "the latest to hit the planemaker's bottom line. The company's inability to deliver planes during the ground and cancellations of previous orders have cost the company billions of dollars." The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M), the AP (1/7), and the Seattle Times (1/7, Gates, Kamb, 1.19M) provide similar coverage.

### **Federal Agencies Investigating AmEx's Business Card Sales Practices.**

The Wall Street Journal (1/7, Andriotis, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) cites people familiar who say the inspectors general offices of the Treasury Department, FDIC, and the Federal Reserve are investigating American Express Co.'s business-card sales practices. According to the people, the

IG's are investigating whether the company employed aggressive and misleading sales practices and whether consumers were harmed. The Journal adds that people familiar with the matter said the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency is also investigating AmEx's business-card sales practices.

### **DOJ Indicts Surgical Care Affiliates Over Alleged "No-Poach" Agreements.**

The Department of Justice announced Thursday that it has indicted Surgical Care Affiliates on two antitrust charges alleging that it "maintained yearslong agreements with rival health-care firms not to recruit each other's senior-level employees," the Wall Street Journal (1/7, Kendall, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports. Surgical Care Affiliates spokeswoman Elizabeth Castro said, "The position taken by the government in this matter represents a novel application of the antitrust laws as they relate to employee recruitment, for which there is no precedent or foundation."

The complaint claims that Surgical Care Affiliates had so-called "no-poach" agreements with "two other unnamed competitors," Modern Healthcare (1/7, Kacik, Subscription Publication, 215K) reports. "SCA and its competitors would turn away otherwise qualified candidates, according to the indictment," the article says. A statement from the company read: "This matter involves alleged conduct seven years before UnitedHealth Group acquired SCA and does not involve any SCA ambulatory surgery centers, their joint owners, physician partners, current leadership or any other UnitedHealth Group companies."

Assistant Attorney General Makan Delrahim said in a statement, "The charges demonstrate the Antitrust Division's continued commitment to criminally prosecute collusion in America's labor markets," the Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/7, 855K) reports.

Also reporting are Reuters (1/7, Pierson), Bloomberg Law (1/7, Subscription Publication, 4K), Law360 (1/7, Subscription Publication, 9K), Becker's Hospital Review (1/7, Haefner, 91K), the Becker's ASC Review (1/7, Oliver), and the Minneapolis-St. Paul (MN) Business Journal (1/7, Subscription Publication, 848K).

### **DOJ Alleging That Walmart Violated The Controlled Substances Act.**

Reuters (1/7) reports the Department of Justice (DOJ) "filed an enforcement action against Walmart in federal court in Delaware last December." The DOJ is "alleging that the company violated the Controlled Substances Act by failing to police opioids prescriptions."

### **Prosecutors Oppose Releasing Martin Shkreli Early.**

The New York Post (1/7, Rosenberg, 7.45M) reports Assistant US Attorney Alixandra Smith filed a motion Thursday opposing "Pharma Bro" Martin Shkreli's second bid for compassionate release. She cited his "demonstrated disdain for the criminal justice system, both in threats of violence made against women" and "his lack of remorse."

### **Former New York Police Sargent Charged With 9/11 Compensation Fraud.**

The AP (1/7) reports former New York Police Department sergeant Sally Spinosa was charged with submitting false claims, wire fraud, and aggravated identity theft "to cheat a fund set up to reimburse victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks." Authorities accuse her of falsely claiming "to have worked hundreds of hours from September 2001 and June 2002 in the recovery effort after the attacks."

### **Hunter Biden Owed "Substantial Amount" To IRS, According To Email On Laptop Left In Delaware.**

The Washington Times (1/7, A1, Scarborough, 626K) reports that Hunter Biden "owed a 'substantial' amount to the IRS in 2018, apparently for 2017 and prior years when he was receiving regular income from a Ukrainian oligarch and Chinese firms tied to the Communist Party, an email shows." Hunter Biden is "now under investigation for suspected tax fraud." The 2018 email "from his certified public accountant...showed there was miscommunication between the



CPA and Hunter. It also shows the IRS had been assessing Hunter Biden late fees for unpaid taxes." The Times says the email "was among the cache of messages contained in Hunter Biden's laptop computer he dropped off at a repair shop in Wilmington, Delaware" -- the contents of which the shop owner gave "to the FBI under a grand jury subpoena and then to Rudolph W. Giuliani, President Trump's attorney."

## CYBER DIVISION

### Concerns Over Cybersecurity Abound After Capitol Breach Leaves Devices Vulnerable.

The Washington Post (1/7, Riley, 10.52M) reports yesterday's breach of the Capitol "left many unanswered questions about security at the Capitol, including its cybersecurity," as "the quick evacuation left computers and other device unattended as the mob ransacked offices. This is the stuff of cybersecurity pros' nightmares." Luta Security founder and CEO Katie Moussouris said, "There's an old saying, if an attacker has physical access to your computer, it's not your computer anymore." A right-wing journalist tweeted a photo showing "rioters had access to at least one unlocked computer in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office, open to email appearing to belong to a staffer," and Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) "said a computer was stolen from his office."

CNN (1/7, Fung, 89.21M) reports that in addition to Merkley's laptop having been stolen, "US officials said multiple senators' offices were hit." Acting US attorney for the District of Columbia Michael Sherwin said, "This is probably going to take several days to flesh out exactly what happened, what was stolen, what wasn't." Sherwin added, "Documents, materials, were stolen, and we have to identify what was done, mitigate that, and it could have potential national security equities." The event "highlights the grave cybersecurity risks that now face all lawmakers, congressional staffers, and any outside parties they may have communicated with in the course of business, security professionals say."

TechCrunch (1/7, Whittaker, 502K) reports that the "breach will likely present a major task for Congress' IT departments, which will have to figure out what's been stolen and what security risks could still pose a threat to the Capitol's network." However, the "classified computers are separate from the rest of the unclassified congressional network and in a designated sensitive compartmented information facility, or SCIFs, in locked-down areas of the Capitol building." Former House Intelligence Committee staffer Mieke Eoyang said, "No indication those [classified systems] were breached."

New Republic (1/7, Silverman, 192K) says the "Trumper riot exposed not just the grounds' physical insecurity...but also its openness to electronic attack." The outlet adds, "It would have been trivial for a tech-savvy MAGA head or QAnon cultist, or an agent of a criminal organization or foreign government, to abscond with a government computer or leave behind a small listening device."

Also reporting is the Los Angeles Times (1/7, Masunaga, 3.37M).

### Federal Judiciary Electronic Filing System Likely Compromised In SolarWinds Hack.

The Wall Street Journal (1/7, Voiz, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports federal judiciary officials say the SolarWinds hack likely compromised the electronic filing used by federal courts. The Administrative Office of the US Courts stated Wednesday that the judiciary was adding new security measures to protect "highly sensitive confidential documents filed with the courts." It added, "An apparent compromise of the confidentiality of the [filing] system due to these discovered vulnerabilities currently is under investigation. ... Due to the nature of the attacks, the review of this matter and its impact is ongoing."

The AP (1/7) reports that DOJ also "disclosed on Wednesday" it was "among the dozens of U.S. government agencies and private businesses compromised by a massive, monthslong cyberespionage campaign that U.S. officials have linked to elite Russian hackers." DOJ "said that 3% of its Microsoft Office 365 email accounts were potentially affected, but did not say to whom those accounts belonged." The federal judiciary "said on its website that 'an apparent compromise' of the U.S. judiciary's case management and electronic case file system was under investigation."



DHS "was scouring the system, it said, and cited a particular risk to sealed court filings, whose disclosure could jeopardize a lot more than active criminal investigations."

***SolarWinds Hackers Used Common Techniques To Guess Passwords, Says CISA Alert.*** NextGov (1/7, Baksh) reports that a CISA updated found perpetrators "of a widespread, intelligence-gathering campaign used common hacker techniques to get through passwords in addition to more sophisticated methods." The alert, updated Wednesday, read, "CISA incident response investigations have identified that initial access in some cases was obtained by password guessing, password spraying, and inappropriately secured administrative credentials accessible via external remote access services." The agency "notes that the activity alert does not in any way supersede its emergency directive and is not formal guidance but the document provides additional context for remediation efforts." For example, the hackers behind the SolarWinds attack "injected malware into an update the company distributed to thousands of its customers which then established a command and control pathway to an external server."

FedScoop (1/7, Wilson) reports, "Federal agencies that ran compromised SolarWinds Orion software must conduct a forensic analysis by the end of the month," according to the alert. The agencies "must look at system memory, host storage, network and third-party environments such as cloud services," as well as "hunt for indicators of compromise or 'other evidence of threat actor activity' and create or update a CISA incident report accordingly." Agencies that "'accept the risk of running SolarWinds Orion' must meet certain 'hardening' requirements, depending on whether their networks ever utilized affected versions of the software."

***Consulting Firm Formed By Krebs, Others Hired By SolarWinds.*** Reuters (1/7, Menn) reports that SolarWinds on Thursday "hired a new consulting business formed by" former CISA Director Chris Krebs, as well as former Facebook chief security officer Alex Stamos. The former CISA head "said he planned to fully devote himself to the new business, which will recommend security practices for multiple clients and also combat coordinated misinformation." SolarWinds CEO Sudhakar Ramakrishna "said in a blog post that hiring the experts was part of an effort to help transform the company, which has been criticized for poor security."

### **Texas Security Bank Says It Revamped Cybersecurity System.**

The Dallas Business Journal (1/7, Leffert, Subscription Publication, 882K) reports, "Texas Security Bank has spent the past 18 months revamping its cybersecurity system as phishing attacks and network breaches pose a continued threat in efforts." The bank estimates "it has added 25 percent more cost for its networking system related to cybersecurity alone, in hardware, third-party vendors and an extra information technology employee." The bank's IT director Scott Hester said "cybersecurity is one of the most important things in a bank." The IT director "said the bank does about five to six times what's required" of banks to "keep in line with cybersecurity regulations."

### **Dutch Consumer Advocacy Group Sues Privacy Regulator In Google Privacy Case.**

The Wall Street Journal (1/7, Stupp, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that Consumentenbond, a Dutch consumer advocacy group, is suing the Netherlands' privacy regulator after waiting two years "for action on a complaint against Google." The group argues there are flaws in how the EU handles data privacy and "security cases involving multinationals that operate in many countries."

## **OTHER FBI NEWS**

### **Biden Tells AG Pick Garland: "You Don't Work For Me."**

ABC World News Tonight (1/7, story 7, 0:20, Muir, 7.47M) reported that Biden introduced "his nominee for attorney general, calling Judge Merrick Garland, quote, 'a man of impeccable integrity.'" Biden "said [Garland] would be the people's lawyer, whose loyalty would not be to the President, but to the Constitution and the nation." Garland "had been former President Obama's pick for the Supreme Court. Republicans had refused to consider him."

On the CBS Evening News (1/7, story 5, 0:40, O'Donnell, 4.61M), Ed O'Keefe reported

Biden "named his pick for attorney general, federal judge Merrick Garland, and gave him clear instructions." Biden said, "You are not the President or the Vice President's lawyer. Your loyalty is not to me. It's to the law, the Constitution, the people of this nation, to guarantee justice." Garland "said he's honored and eager to lead a department reeling after four years of interference by President Trump."

Reuters (1/7) reports that on Thursday, Joe Biden introduced his picks to lead the Justice Department, "including federal appeals court Judge Merrick Garland to serve as the top law enforcement officer, and vowed to restore faith in the rule of nation's law." Biden also confirmed he has chosen "Lisa Monaco for deputy attorney general, Vanita Gupta for associate attorney general and Kristen Clarke for assistant attorney general for the department's Civil Rights Division." Reuters reports that in a statement, "Biden's transition team said the nominees reflected his 'deeply held commitment to reaffirming the Department of Justice as a pillar of independence and integrity, and ensuring that the Attorney General and his senior leadership team are the American people's lawyers – not the president's law firm.'"

The AP (1/7, Tucker, Balsamo) says that in Garland, Biden is "turning to an experienced judge to help de-politicize the Justice Department and restore the rule of law after what he described as four years of lawlessness under President Donald Trump." The AP adds, "if confirmed by the Senate, which is likely," Garland "would inherit immediate challenges related to civil rights, an ongoing criminal tax investigation into Biden's son Hunter and calls from many Democrats to pursue criminal inquiries into Trump after he leaves office." According to the AP, Biden "vowed that Garland's loyalty would rest not with the president, but with the law and Constitution. 'You don't work for me,' Biden charged as he introduced Garland."

The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M) says "some Democrats were surprised to see Biden nominate...Garland, a White man, to the top law enforcement position in the nation at a time of racial reckoning. But Biden touted Garland as a beacon of judicial independence and pointed to his work in the Justice Department under Democratic and Republican presidents."

### **Biden Picks Lisa Monaco As Deputy AG.**

The Springfield (MA) Republican (1/7, Cote, 592K) reports Lisa Monaco "has been tapped to take on the second-highest Justice Department position in the U.S.": Deputy Attorney General in the U.S. Department of Justice. She "served as assistant to the president for homeland security and counterterrorism from 2013 to 2017."

## **OTHER WASHINGTON NEWS**

### **Trump Says "A New Administration Will Be Inaugurated On January 20."**

The AP (1/7, Lemire, Miller) reports, "With 13 days left in his term," President Trump "finally bent to reality Thursday amid growing talk of trying to force him out early, acknowledging he'll peacefully leave after Congress affirmed his defeat." In a video shared online, Trump "admitted his presidency would soon end – though he declined to mention President-elect Joe Biden by name or explicitly state he had lost." Trump said, "A new Administration will be inaugurated on January 20. My focus now turns to ensuring a smooth, orderly and seamless transition of power. This moment calls for healing and reconciliation." The AP says the video "appeared designed to stave off talk of a forced early eviction." USA Today (1/7, Fritze, Subramanian, 12.7M) also says the video "was the latest effort to get ahold of the fallout from the chaos that unfolded Wednesday when a mob attacked the Capitol and disrupted the counting of Electoral College votes."

The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M) reports, "This was not a concession so much as a grudging acknowledgment that his presidency would end. Trump did not talk of winners and losers, nor did he utter the word 'concede,' but it was the closest he seemed willing to go." The New York Times (1/7, Astor, 20.6M) reports Trump "came the closest he has so far to a concession statement" in the video. The Times says the video "was vital in the sense that Mr. Trump's ardent supporters will only accept his words, not anyone else's, and officials throughout government are concerned about unrest for the next 13 days around the country. But the president has a long

history of recording such videos only to undermine his own remarks a short time later."

CNN (1/7, 89.21M) reports on its website, "Earlier Thursday, Trump issued a dark-of-night statement vowing an 'orderly transition,' which came about in part to stanch a wave of resignations from within the West Wing and the broader administration, according to a person familiar with the matter."

***Democratic Leaders Call On Pence To Invoke 25th Amendment.*** David Muir said in the lead story on ABC World News Tonight (1/7, lead story, 5:35, 7.47M), "After one of the darkest days in US history, there are calls for the President to be removed. Some lawmakers are demanding impeachment or use of the 25th Amendment, and ABC News has learned tonight that even some Republicans and key members of the President's inner circle have discussed this – though with 13 days left of the Administration, it is very unclear if any of that will happen." Kristen Welker said on NBC Nightly News (1/7, story 2, 1:25, Holt, 5.91M) that "top Democrats tonight are...demanding he be removed from office now through the 25th Amendment." House Speaker Pelosi: "If the Vice President and Cabinet do not act, the Congress may be prepared to move forward with impeachment."

Nancy Cordes said on the CBS Evening News (1/7, story 2, 3:15, O'Donnell, 4.61M) that Democrats "have been highly critical of this President for four years now, but this is the first time they have formally called on his Cabinet to declare him unfit for office and to replace him with Vice President Mike Pence for the final two weeks of his term. ... Top Democrats went public with a dramatic plea today after failing to reach the Vice President by phone." Senate Minority Leader Schumer: "I believe the President is dangerous and should not hold office one day longer." Cordes: "So far, just one Republican...is publicly backing the move." Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL): "It's time to invoke the 25th Amendment and to end this nightmare."

The AP (1/7, Miller, Jalonick) reports, "Lawmakers of both parties raised the prospect Thursday of ousting [Trump] from office. ... Though Trump has less than two weeks in office, lawmakers and even some in his administration began discussing the issue Wednesday afternoon as Trump first refused to forcefully condemn the violent assault on the U.S. Capitol by a mob of his supporters, and then appeared to excuse it." Bloomberg (1/7, 3.57M) reports that Pelosi and Schumer "accused Trump of inciting the mob that stormed the Capitol and called him a continuing threat to democracy in his waning days in the White House." The San Francisco Chronicle (1/7, 2.44M) reports Pelosi "has put a second impeachment of President Trump on the table, but that doesn't mean it's likely that Democrats will oust him from office before Joe Biden becomes president."

Politico (1/7, Ferris, Zanona, Caygle, 6.73M) reports that Pelosi "said the 'best route' would be for Pence to initiate the action himself, which would involve the vice president and a majority of either the Cabinet, or another body 'established by law' – which could include Congress." CNBC (1/7, Tausche, 7.34M) reports on its website that Secretary of State Pompeo and Treasury Secretary Mnuchin "held informal conversations within their own agencies about the contours of the 25th Amendment, the invocation of which would begin a process to remove Trump from office, according to three sources familiar with the matter." However, the New York Times (1/7, Haberman, 20.6M) reports that "a person close to" Pence said the Vice President "is opposed to a call by Democrats in Congress and some Republicans to invoke the 25th Amendment."

The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M) reports, "One administration official described Trump's behavior Wednesday as that of 'a total monster,' while another said the situation was 'insane' and 'beyond the pale.' ... A former senior administration official briefed on the talks confirmed that preliminary discussions of the 25th Amendment were underway, although this person cautioned that they were informal and that there was no indication of an immediate plan of action. Both of these people, like some others interviewed for this story, spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the matter."

CNBC (1/7, Pramuk, 7.34M) says on its website that "more than 100 lawmakers have called for the president's removal through the 25th Amendment, impeachment or resignation, according to an NBC News tally." Though Kinzinger is the only Republican among them, Politico (1/7, Ferris, Zanona, Caygle, 6.73M) reports that "privately, multiple Democratic members and aides insist that there is a larger group of Republicans beyond Kinzinger who support the move and are in

discussions about how to proceed." The Chicago Tribune (1/7, Pearson, Donovan, 2.03M) quotes Kinzinger saying, "All indications are that the President has become unmoored, not just from his duty or even his oath but reality itself. It is for this reason that I call on the Vice President and members of the Cabinet to ensure the next few weeks are safe for the American people and that we have a sane captain of the ship."

The Arizona Republic (1/7, 1.05M) reports Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ) said in a statement that Trump "violated his oath of office and Kelly is open to considering removal from office after the rioting Wednesday at the Capitol that many blame on Trump." Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) "had no comment on the growing calls from the Democratic Party, her spokeswoman said." The Philadelphia Inquirer (1/7, Seidman, Tamari) reports Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA) "urged Pence to invoke the [25th] amendment...call[ing] it 'the quickest way to protect our domestic and national security.'"

The Detroit Free Press (1/7, 2.16M) reports that "every Democrat in Congress from Michigan" backs Trump's removal, and the Denver Post (1/7, 660K) reports that "all six Democratic members of Congress from Colorado said Thursday that the president should be removed from office." The Cleveland Plain Dealer (1/7, 1.22M) reports the only Democratic member of Ohio's delegation who has not publicly backed removal is Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-OH), who has been nominated for HUD secretary. The Miami Herald (1/7, 647K) reports, "South Florida's Democratic representatives in Congress [also] joined a growing number of their colleagues Thursday in calling for" Trump to be removed. The Dallas Morning News (1/7, 772K) reports "at least five Texas Democratic lawmakers" are urging Pence to invoke the 25th Amendment.

Axios (1/7, Talev, 1.26M) reports, "Eight in 10 Republicans oppose removing President Trump from office for inciting his supporters to storm Congress in an effort to overturn his election loss, according to a new Ipsos poll for Axios. ... The stark finding underscores the degree to which the Republican Party has become the party of Trump" and "helps to explain GOP leaders' resistance to impeachment or invoking the 25th Amendment."

### **Trump Said To Prepare Presidential Pardon List, Including Self-Pardon.**

Bloomberg (1/7, Jacobs, Sink, Wingrove, 3.57M) reports, "President Donald Trump has prepared a sweeping list of individuals he's hoping to pardon in the final days of his administration that includes senior White House officials, family members, prominent rappers – and possibly himself, according to people familiar with the matter." The sources said the President is planning the announcement for January 19 after vetting by senior advisers and the White House counsel. Bloomberg says, "The biggest question facing his legal team may be whether the president has the authority to pardon himself," a power "Trump has previously claimed...though it's a matter of legal dispute and has never before been attempted by a president." Other pardons reportedly under consideration include Ivanka Trump, White House Senior Adviser Jared Kushner, Chief of Staff Meadows, White House adviser Stephen Miller, and Rudy Giuliani.

The New York Times (1/7, Schmidt, Haberman, 20.6M) reports that the President "has suggested to aides he wants to pardon himself in the final days of his presidency, according to two people with knowledge of the discussions, a move that would mark one of the most extraordinary and untested uses of presidential power in American history." The Times says that "Trump has shown signs that his level of interest in pardoning himself goes beyond idle musings," and while "legal scholars are divided about whether the courts would recognize" a self-pardon, "they agree [it] could create a dangerous new precedent for presidents to unilaterally declare they are above the law."

### **Chao And DeVos Become First Cabinet Members To Resign Following Wednesday Violence.**

Lester Holt said on NBC Nightly News (1/7, lead story, 1:30, 5.91M), "We woke up to a different country today, one that can no longer easily turn its back to the poison that has seeped from the Oval Office, nor the radicalization it fomented, that exploded in fury in that stomach-turning assault on the US Capitol and on our Congress yesterday. And now the fallout: resignations from the President's inner circle, loyalties tested." Weijia Jiang said on the CBS Evening News (1/7,

story 3, 2:50, O'Donnell, 4.61M) that President Trump "is mainly talking to political allies who enable his wildest conspiracy theories about the election, and he's isolated from White House advisors, including the Vice President, who he has not spoken to since Wednesday morning before the violence unfolded. ... At least eight Administration officials have resigned, including one Cabinet member, Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao."

Reuters (1/7, Shepardson, Spetainick) reports, "Chao on Thursday became the first Cabinet member to join a list of officials...to leave in protest at the storming of the U.S. Capitol by his supporters." Chao "said in an email to staff that the mob attack 'has deeply troubled me in a way that I simply cannot set aside.' She said her resignation will take effect on Monday." Bloomberg (1/7, Laing, Jacobs, 3.57M) reports Chao also said she will assist Transportation Secretary-designate Pete Buttigieg in the transition. The Hill (1/7, Wilson, 5.69M) notes that Chao is married to Senate Majority Leader McConnell, "who spent much of Wednesday locked in an undisclosed and secure location under armed guard as Trump-backing rioters marauded through the Capitol." Politico (1/7, 6.73M) reports Chao, "calling the riot a 'traumatic and entirely avoidable event'...said it had 'deeply troubled me in a way I simply cannot set aside.'" However, according to Politico, "some greeted her announcement with derision, suggesting that instead of resigning she should stay on and use her position to remove Trump from office."

The AP (1/7) reports Education Secretary DeVos late Thursday became "the second Cabinet secretary to resign a day after a pro-Trump insurrection at the U.S. Capitol." In her resignation letter, DeVos "blamed [Trump] for inflaming tensions in the violent assault on the seat of the nation's democracy." DeVos wrote, "There is no mistaking the impact your rhetoric had on the situation, and it is the inflection point for me." USA Today (1/7, Behrmann, Subramanian, 12.7M) says DeVos "had been one of Trump's most loyal and longest-serving Cabinet secretaries. In recent days, though, even as Trump disputed the election results, she acknowledged that Joe Biden had defeated him." The New York Times (1/7, Green, Cameron, 20.6M) reports DeVos said she would step down on Friday.

The Detroit Free Press (1/7, 2.16M) reports DeVos "recapped what she saw as her accomplishments over her four years in office. 'Leading the U.S. Department of Education has given me an exceptional opportunity to advocate on behalf of the forgotten students the traditional system leaves behind,' [DeVos] wrote. She said she expanded school choice and 'restored the proper federal role by returning to power to states, communities, educators and parents.'"

US Special Envoy for Northern Ireland Mick Mulvaney, who also served as OMB director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau director, and acting chief of staff for Trump, has also resigned. On its website, CNBC (1/7, 7.34M) quotes Mulvaney as saying, "I called Mike Pompeo last night to let him know I was resigning from that. I can't do it. I can't stay. Those who choose to stay, and I have talked with some of them, are choosing to stay because they're worried the President might put someone worse in." Bloomberg (1/7, Wingrove, Westin, 3.57M) reports Mulvaney said in an interview that Trump "'bears some' responsibility for the chaos, along with the rioters. 'There's plenty of it to go around,' he said, adding that he hopes the people who invaded the Capitol are prosecuted for sedition."

Bloomberg (1/7, Wingrove, Mohsin, Wasson, 3.57M) reports that "others have said they'll stay," including Treasury Secretary Mnuchin. Citing "one person familiar with the matter," Bloomberg says Mnuchin and his senior staff "have agreed they will remain in their jobs to ensure an orderly transition amid the pandemic-induced economic crisis." The New York Times (1/7, 20.6M) has a full list of all those from within the Administration who have resigned so far over the events on Wednesday at the Capitol.

***Wolf Calls On Trump To "Strongly Condemn" Wednesday's Violence.*** The Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M) reports that on Thursday, Acting DHS Secretary Wolf "issued the strongest critique of Trump yet from within the Cabinet. Calling Wednesday's events 'tragic and sickening,' Wolf wrote in a statement, 'I implore the President and all elected officials to strongly condemn the violence that took place yesterday.'" The Post says Wolf "vowed to remain in his position to ensure an orderly transition to the Biden administration." CNBC (1/7, Macias, 7.34M) reports on its website that Trump has since "withdrawn his nomination" of Wolf to head DHS permanently.

**Barr: Trump's Conduct A "Betrayal Of His Office."** The AP (1/7) reports former attorney general William Barr said Trump's "conduct as a violent mob of his supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol was a 'betrayal of his office and supporters.' ... Barr said Thursday that 'orchestrating a mob to pressure Congress is inexcusable.' Barr was one of Trump's most loyal and ardent defenders in the Cabinet." Politico (1/7, Forgey, 6.73M) and the Washington Post (1/7, 10.52M) also cover Barr's statement.

**Kelly Says He Would Vote To Remove Trump.** Politico (1/7, Choi, 6.73M) reports former chief of staff and DHS secretary John Kelly "said on Thursday he would vote to remove [Trump] from office" in a 25th Amendment vote if he were still in the Cabinet. Kelly told CNN, "Toward the end of my time there, all I ever heard from these devotees in the White House is, you have to let Trump be Trump. Well, let me just say, this is what happens."

### **Social Media Platforms Lock Down Trump's Accounts.**

The AP (1/7, Kiepper, O'Brien) reports Facebook and Instagram "said Thursday they will bar [President] Trump from posting at least until the inauguration. ... Twitter said Thursday that it's still evaluating whether to lift or extend what started as a 12-hour lockdown of Trump's account." Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg "said the risk of allowing Trump to use the platform is too great following the president's incitement of a mob on Wednesday. Zuckerberg said Trump's account will be locked 'for at least the next two weeks' and possibly indefinitely." CNBC (1/7, Palmer, 7.34M) says on its website that this is "Facebook's most aggressive action yet against Trump during his four-year term," while the CNN (1/7, Fung, 89.21M) website calls the move "marks a major escalation by Facebook as it and other platforms have come under intense pressure from advocacy groups and prominent figures to ban Trump following his inflammatory rhetoric encouraging insurrection."

USA Today (1/7, Tyko, 12.7M) reports the video game streaming site Twitch "on Thursday disabled Trump's channel 'in light of yesterday's shocking attack on the Capitol,' the site told USA Today in a statement." Snapchat "confirmed to USA Today that it locked Trump's account on Wednesday but stopped promoting it in June on its Discover platform, where it curates content. Since June, Trump's account has only been visible to users who chose to subscribe or search for him."

The Los Angeles Times (1/7, 3.37M) reports critics "said the suspensions were overdue and insufficient." In a statement, Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA), incoming chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, "slammed the president" for his "sustained misuse of their platforms to sow discord and violence." Warner said, "As I have continually said, these platforms have served as core organizing infrastructure for violent, far-right groups and militia movements for several years now – helping them to recruit, organize, coordinate and in many cases (particularly with respect to YouTube) generate profits from their violent, extremist content."

### **McEnany Says "Entire White House" Condemns Capitol Hill Violence.**

The New York Post (1/7, Nelson, 7.45M) reports, "White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany on Thursday said that 'the entire White House' condemns the mob of President Trump supporters that stormed the Capitol on Wednesday." McEnany said, "What we saw yesterday was a group of violent rioters undermining the legitimate First Amendment rights of the many thousands who came to peacefully have their voices heard at our Nation's Capitol. Those who violently besieged our Capitol are the opposite of everything this Administration stands for."

Politico (1/7, Choi, 6.73M) reports McEnany "also said the president was committed to a safe and orderly transition of power. ... She did not take questions from reporters after her brief statement." ABC World News Tonight (1/7, story 3, 5:35, Muir, 7.47M), the CBS Evening News (1/7, lead story, 4:20, O'Donnell, 4.61M), and NBC Nightly News (1/7, story 4, 2:50, Holt, 5.91M) all had reports detailing the events on Capitol Hill on Wednesday afternoon.

### **Shopify Closes Trump Organization, Trump Campaign Online Stores.**

Bloomberg (1/7, 3.57M) reports the e-commerce platform Shopify announced that it has closed



online stores affiliated with the Trump Organization and the Trump campaign following violence at the U.S. Capitol by Trump supporters on Wednesday. A company spokeswoman said the Shopify "does not tolerate actions that incite violence." The New York Times (1/7, Maheshwari, 20.6M), The Verge (1/7, Lyons, 1.54M), and the Wall Street Journal (1/7, Monga, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) provide similar coverage.

### **US COVID Deaths Hit Another New Record On Wednesday.**

ABC World News Tonight (1/7, story 6, 0:30, Muir, 7.47M) reported that "as the pandemic rages on," the US has seen "the deadliest 24 hours yet," with "4,279 lives lost in just 24 hours, more than 363,000 overall." According to a new model from the CDC "nearly 60% of COVID cases in the US are spread by people who don't have any symptoms. They say that's why you have to wear masks." The CDC also "says if there are unused doses of vaccine still in refrigeration, it is okay now to vaccinate people lower on the priority list."

The CBS Evening News (1/7, story 9, 1:40, O'Donnell, 4.61M) reported, "The COVID pandemic on Wednesday claimed the lives of nearly 4,000 Americans," the "most deaths we've seen in single day since the start of the outbreak," bringing the total US death toll to over 364,000. Jonathan Vigliotti reported that in southern California, hospitals are "on the verge of rationing care," as Los Angeles County's Methodist Hospital "assembled a triage team that would ultimately decide the fate of those critically ill." Meanwhile, Vigliotti added, "A more infectious strain of the virus [has] spread to at least eight states," with "officials confirming the first known cases in Texas, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut."

On NBC Nightly News (1/7, story 11, 1:20, Holt, 5.91M), Miguel Almaguer reported, "As a record number of Americans remain hospitalized, tonight a new JAMA study finds 59% of all COVID transmission comes from asymptomatic individuals." Meanwhile, Almaguer added that San Diego County is seeing "an explosion of cases of the more contagious variant of the virus," and "with the National Guard deploying in hot spot states like Arizona and Mississippi to vaccinate healthcare workers, Los Angeles County remains the nation's epicenter." Almaguer reported that Methodist Hospital is "activating crisis standards of care," but "likely won't be the last," with California "in need of a lifeline."

The AP (1/7, Johnson, Pane) reports that on Wednesday, the US "registered more COVID-19 deaths in a single day than ever before – nearly 3,900." According to the AP, "The virus is surging in virtually every state, with California particularly hard hit. Skyrocketing deaths and infections there are threatening to force hospitals to ration care and essentially decide who lives and who dies." The AP adds that the US death toll is now more than 360,000, and December was "by far the nation's deadliest month yet," but "health experts are warning that January could be more terrible still because of family gatherings and travel over the holidays." The Washington Post (1/7, Firozi, Dupree, Kornfield, 10.52M) says that also on Wednesday, a "record 251,646 new coronavirus cases were reported, about 16,000 more cases than the Wednesday before."

Reuters (1/7, Caspani, Maan) reports that "more than 4,000 people" died in the US on Wednesday, and "hospitalizations stood at 132,051, setting a grim record for the fourth day in a row as of late Wednesday night." Reuters adds, "With the strain on stretched healthcare systems increasing across the country, federal and local officials announced steps to speed the sluggish pace of inoculating eligible residents with two authorized coronavirus vaccines. On Wednesday, top health officials announced plans to start distributing COVID-19 vaccines through pharmacies around the country earlier than expected this week as states have struggled to use up the supplies they have been allocated."

The Washington Post (1/7, A1, Guarino, 10.52M) reports that as the US "marked another grim milestone," the CDC "said research suggests that people without symptoms transmit more than half of all cases of the novel coronavirus." The model demonstrates "the importance of following the agency's guidelines about wearing a mask and maintaining social distance, officials said." The Post adds that "the emergence of a more contagious variant of the virus" in eight US states "places the federal agency's conclusion about how the virus is spreading in even starker relief." The news comes as "the coronavirus is spreading with speed and ferocity," with the CDC's most recent forecasts predicting "fatalities could stand between 405,000 and 438,000 by the end of

January."

**California Logs Two-Day Record Of COVID Deaths.** The AP (1/7, Thompson) reports that California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) and the California Hospital Association "are at odds over how best to create space for critically ill coronavirus patients" as "California health authorities reported Thursday 583 new deaths and a record two-day total of 1,042." Hospitalizations are near 22,000, with state models projecting "the number could reach 30,000 by Feb. 1." The AP says many hospitals are already "struggling to keep up and warned they may need to resort to rationing care as intensive care beds dwindle." Newsom's office earlier this week issued new orders "requiring hospitals that have scarce ICU space to accept patients from those" with none. The CHA "said the orders don't go far enough to address" the crisis.

**CDC Finds Asymptomatic Spread Drives Majority Of Cases.** The Washington Post (1/7, Guarino, 10.52M) reports, "People with no symptoms transmit more than half of all cases of the novel coronavirus, according to a model developed by researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention." The Post says the findings, published in the JAMA Network Open on Thursday, "reinforce the importance of following the agency's guidelines: Regardless of whether you feel ill, wear a mask, wash your hands, stay socially distant and get a coronavirus test." The model reported 59% "of all transmission came from people without symptoms," including 35% of new cases "from people who infect others before they show symptoms" and 24% that "come from people who never develop symptoms at all."

**Fauci Predicts Toll Of Pandemic Will Continue To Rise In January.** The New York Times (1/7, Wee, 20.6M) reports that in an interview with NPR, NIAID Director Fauci "predicted on Thursday that the daily death toll from the coronavirus would continue to rise for weeks to come, and counseled patience with the vaccination program gearing up across the nation" as "officials across the United States reported yet another daily record for deaths." Fauci "said the high toll was likely to continue, and was probably a reflection of increased travel and gatherings over the holidays," and added that "now's not the time to pull back" on public health measures.

Fauci said on NPR (1/7, 3.69M), "As we get into the next couple of weeks in January, that likely will be a reflection of the holiday season travel and the congregate settings that usually take place socially during that period of time. ... Hopefully, if we really accelerate our public health measures during that period of time, we'll be able to blunt that acceleration, but that's going to really require people concentrating very, very intensively on doing...public health measures."

Asked on WJLA-TV Washington (1/7, 71K) whether politics "played a part in just how badly this pandemic has gotten," Fauci said, "We are living in a divisive society. Anybody who turned their television on yesterday saw the epitome of that, and that's been something that has been unfortunate but true, and it's been centered around things like masks, where wearing a mask or not wearing a mask has become a political statement." Fauci made similar remarks on BNN Bloomberg (1/7).

### **Officials Look To Speed Up Pace Of Vaccinations.**

Reuters (1/7, Caspani, Whitcomb) reports, "Federal, state and local officials sought to speed up slow-moving vaccinations on Thursday, a day after a record 4,000 Americans died and as employment statistics showed the pandemic and accompanying government lockdowns had slammed the job market." According to the CDC, about six million people have received the first injection and 21 million doses have been distributed nationally, "short of the 20 million vaccinations the U.S. government had vowed to administer by the end of 2020." With hospitalizations "at 132,051, according to a Reuters tally," health officials "announced steps to speed the sluggish pace," including "plans to start distributing...through pharmacies" and encouraging governors "to not let vaccines go unused" due to priority group guidelines.

In an appearance on the Dr. OZ Show (1/7, 837K), Surgeon General Adams was asked about the gap in vaccines delivered versus vaccines administered. Adams said, "Vaccine confidence is an important part of this," because "having the vaccine there and ready to be put in arms doesn't matter if people aren't willing to get it." Adams added that states are also seeing staffing shortages amid the current COVID surge, with "the nurses who would ordinarily be available to



help vaccinate on the state level...now being utilized to provide COVID care as we face record hospitalizations." However, Adams said, "The pace is rapidly ramping up, we're increasing staffing support to states, we're sending more funding, we're going to have more locations...and we're also looking at more priority groups."

NIAID Director Fauci said on NPR (1/7, 3.69M), "I think it would be fair to just observe what happens in the next couple of weeks. If we don't catch up on what the original goal was, then we really need to make some changes about what we're doing." Fauci made similar remarks on BNN Bloomberg (1/7).

**Adams: Dosing Delay Would Not Solve Vaccination Issues.** Asked on the Dr. OZ Show (1/7, 837K) about the possibility of delaying the second injection, Adams said, "These medications were approved based on a schedule that says three weeks and four weeks, and we are continuing to look to see if there's a way we can expand supply." However, Adams said, "Right now, it isn't a matter of doubling or tripling the supply, it's a matter of making sure we're closing that gap between supply and actual vaccinations. And it's incredibly important that we follow the science so that people have trust in this process."

### **Rick Scott Calls For Investigation Into Florida Vaccine Distribution.**

Politico (1/7, Fineout, Sarkissian, 6.73M) reports that Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL) "on Thursday called for a congressional investigation into what he called 'vaccine distribution mismanagement,' following multiple reports that" MorseLife Health System "steered highly sought after vaccine shots to its board members and major donors." The reports "broke amid vivid images of senior citizens across the state waiting in long lines -- sometimes over night -- to get a vaccine." Scott said, "It is absolutely disgusting and immoral that anyone would take vaccines intended for nursing home residents to distribute them to their friends. This type of gross mismanagement will not be tolerated, and those responsible must be held accountable." Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) "brushed aside Scott's call...and disclosed that he has already ordered Chief Inspector General Melinda Miguel to start an official probe."

### **FDA Says Test Used In California At Risk For False Negatives.**

The Los Angeles Times (1/7, Lau, Nelson, 3.37M) reports that a COVID test made by Silicon Valley-based Curative used "in Los Angeles and other parts of California may be producing inaccurate results, according to a warning" from the FDA issued Monday. The FDA's guidance "warns healthcare providers and patients that...the oral-swab tests...carries a 'risk of false results, particularly false negative results.'" The FDA advises the use of the test only on "symptomatic individuals within 14 days of COVID-19 symptom onset." The Times says the "warning appears to sharply contradict" Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti (D), who has disagreed with testing only symptomatic individuals, and raises "new questions about the accuracy of the city's reported COVID-19 positivity rates."

### **Private Healthcare Workers Face Difficulties In Receiving Vaccines.**

The Wall Street Journal (1/7, Wernau, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that many private doctors and healthcare workers without hospital associations have yet to receive the COVID vaccine, lacking information from authorities on how to find shots. According to the American Medical Association, around 54% of US doctors work in a private practice.

### **Vaccine Distributors "Trying Not To Waste A Single Drop."**

The Washington Post (1/7, Fadulu, 10.52M) reports that the vaccine rollout "is bringing good fortune to a few lucky souls...who find themselves serendipitously in the path of unused doses of the vaccine," with the workers responsible for distribution "trying not to waste a single drop." Both Pfizer and Moderna must be used within six hours of removal from storage, and "with little guidance from the government, hospitals are working out their own policies" for distributing extra doses. The FDA's "formal policy remains to discard vaccine left over in vials," but HHS Secretary Azar "urged officials Wednesday not to be hamstrung by federal priorities that call for health

workers and residents and employees of elder-care facilities to be first in line." Azar said, "It's more important to get people vaccinated than to perfectly march through each prioritized group."

### **Study Finds COVID Immunity Remains Strong After Eight Months.**

The Washington Post (1/7, Achenbach, 10.52M) reports that about 90% of the participants in a study published in the journal *Science* retained "a robust immune response to the coronavirus for at least eight months after an infection." The Post says the question of "whether people can get reinfected, and if so, how quickly" has remained one of the biggest concerns over the virus, with "isolated reports" of second cases, "and the new study bolsters the case that immunity usually persists." The study, which included nearly 200 patients, "also saw that multiple elements of the immune system – not just antibodies – continued to be effective at recognizing and responding to the virus." The study's authors "said they believe their findings would apply to the United Kingdom variant as well as the more common coronavirus."

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

### **US Adversaries Capitalize On Violence.**

Margaret Brennan said on the CBS Evening News (1/7, story 8, 0:30, O'Donnell, 4.61M) that Wednesday's siege at the US Capitol is being viewed "with horror among our allies, and it's pleasing to our adversaries." On NBC Nightly News (1/7, story 8, 0:50, Holt, 5.91M), Richard Engel said the siege "was an absolute gift for dictators and strongmen around the world, a way for them to show that they're no worse than the United States. A militia leader in Iraq whose supporters in the past stormed Iraq's Parliament had his followers out on the streets, denouncing what happened." The President of Zimbabwe "said the US no longer has the moral authority to criticize him. Iran said that what happened showed that the US electoral system is flawed. Russia, which has a president-for-life, criticized what happened. So America's rivals saw an opportunity, and they're taking it."

*European Leaders Express Faith In American Democracy.* The New York Times (1/7, Eddy, 20.6M) reports German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Thursday "placed the blame for the mob violence at the U.S. Capitol a day before squarely on President Trump," but "she and other leaders of the United State's strongest allies in Europe expressed faith in the strength of American democracy." Merkel said Trump "stoked uncertainties about the election outcome, and that created an atmosphere that made the events of last night possible." French President Emmanuel Macron said his country stood "strongly, fervently and resolutely with the American people and with all people who want to choose their leaders, determine their own destinies and their own lives through free and democratic elections." Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte, "one of Mr. Trump's closest allies in Europe, expressed faith in the idea that U.S. democracy would triumph over forces trying to sabotage it." And Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez tweeted, "Yesterday's attack on Capitol Hill has only succeeded in reaffirming the principles we share."

*NYTimes Analysis: Violence Damaged Nation's Democratic Image.* A New York Times (1/7, Cohen, 20.6M) analysis says the United States' "identification with the global defense of democracy remains singular. So, when an angry horde, incited by President Trump himself, was seen taking over the Capitol...the fragility of freedom felt palpable...across the world." While "the institutions of democracy prevailed in the early hours of the following morning," the "images of mob rule in Washington touched a particular nerve in fractured Western societies. ... If it could happen at democracy's heart, it could happen anywhere." The Times adds, "The American idea and American values...have suffered a sustained assault during Mr. Trump's presidency. ... For some time, the rest of the world will look on the United States with skepticism when it seeks to promote democratic values."

### **After Capitol Siege, Chinese Propaganda Outlets Accuse US Officials Of Hypocrisy.**

The Washington Post (1/7, Dou, 10.52M) reports that "as democratic governments around the world reacted with horror to President Trump supporters' storming of the Capitol, China's official

propagandists could barely contain their schadenfreude. If you don't allow the storming of your own legislature, they asked, how could you support it in Hong Kong?" According to the Post, China's communist government "has found the chaos incited by Trump a convenient defense for its authoritarian policies and iron-fisted suppression of dissent." The "nationalistic Chinese state-run tabloid Global Times" tweeted, "@SpeakerPelosi once referred to the Hong Kong riots as 'a beautiful sight to behold' - it remains yet to be seen whether she will say the same about the recent developments in Capitol Hill."

Bloomberg (1/7, 3.57M) says China "quickly used the events in Washington to drive home a narrative of U.S. hypocrisy, with Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying drawing a direct comparison to the U.S. endorsement of pro-democracy protesters who stormed Hong Kong's legislature in 2019."

### **Brazilian Researchers Say Chinese Vaccine Is Effective In 78% Of Cases.**

The New York Times (1/7, Wee, 20.6M) reports that on Thursday, researchers in Brazil "said...that a coronavirus vaccine made by a Chinese company was effective, bolstering the chances of approval for a second Chinese inoculation that could be rolled out in much of the developing world." According to the Times, "Officials in the state of São Paulo, where a prominent medical research institute carried out a large study of the vaccine made by the Beijing-based Sinovac, said the inoculation had an efficacy rate of 78 percent." In addition, "The vaccine prevented all participants from developing serious and mild complications from the virus, officials said." The Times goes on to report that "in anticipation of approval, the vaccine, called CoronaVac, has already been shipped around the world as countries prepare for mass inoculation campaigns." Sinovac already "has sold more than 300 million doses."

The New York Times (1/7, Wee, Londoño, 20.6M) says that "unlike players from the United States, Chinese vaccine makers had to think globally almost from the start...because the outbreak had been largely stamped out in China." Chinese companies "have signed agreements with at least 15 countries and regions, providing early access to doses" in recent months, and "regulators in other countries that are conducting trials" for Sinovac have anticipated Brazil's results "because it had the biggest number of volunteers, at 12,476." Officials in Brazil "said they were hopeful" of emergency approval "within days," as the country "approaches a grim milestone: 200,000 deaths from the virus."

### **European Vaccine Rollouts Criticized On Slow Ramp-Up.**

The Wall Street Journal (1/7, Dalton, Sylvers, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that critics are demanding COVID vaccination programs in Western Europe ramp up the pace, with several countries only beginning their rollouts this week, placing them behind countries like the US, the UK, and Germany. France, which has administered only 45,000 doses in the past two weeks, has said the delay is due in part to the need for a doctor's consultation to receive the shot, while other countries were unprepared for the cold requirements of the Pfizer vaccine, anticipating earlier approval for the Oxford vaccine.

*France Pledges To Speed Up Vaccinations.* The New York Times (1/7, Breeden, 20.6M) reports, "French officials vowed to speed up their vaccination campaign on Thursday, but warned that restrictions and curfews would remain in place in order to halt a rise in infections and hospitalizations." The country has administered 45,000 doses so far, but French Prime Minister Jean Castex said, "It is out of the question that we drop our guard in the coming weeks," as the number of daily new cases remains around 20,000 and hospitalizations hit nearly 25,000. Castex acknowledged the country's slow vaccine rollout and "vowed to speed things up, promising that at least 1 million people would be vaccinated by the end of the month and announcing that all people older than 75 would be eligible for vaccinations starting Jan. 18."

### **UK Expands England Entry Ban To 11 African Countries.**

Reuters (1/7) reports that the UK's Department for Transport "said on Thursday it would extend a ban on travellers entering England to southern African countries in a measure to prevent the spread of a new COVID-19 variant identified in South Africa." The expanded restriction, which "will

take effect on Saturday and remain in place for two weeks," applies to anyone who has traveled from or through Namibia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Eswatini, Zambia, Malawi, Lesotho, Mozambique, Angola, Seychelles, or Mauritius within ten days of arrival. The department also said that Israel "would be removed from the list of travel corridors for England."

### **New Israel-Pfizer Agreement To Complete Inoculations By March.**

The New York Times (1/7, Rasgon, 20.6M) reports, "In a boost to Israel's vaccination campaign, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced on Thursday that he had reached an agreement with Pfizer that will enable all Israelis above age 16 to be inoculated against Covid-19 by the end of March." Netanyahu "made the remarks hours before Israel was set to tighten its current lockdown in hopes of staving off the new, highly transmissible variant of the coronavirus," and said, "We are going to be the first country to beat the coronavirus." The Times says, "The vow came after days in which health officials warned that Israel's supply of vaccines was dwindling." Over 18% "of Israel's population has already received the first dose...a rate that has far outstripped the rest of the world and buoyed Mr. Netanyahu's battered domestic image."

*Israel's Vaccine Rollout Raises Questions Over Obligations To Palestinians.* The Wall Street Journal (1/7, Schwartz, Lieber, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that experts are questioning whether Israel has an obligation to provide COVID vaccines to Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has projected that the country will immunize its entire adult population by the end of March, while the West Bank and Gaza, which rely on outside aid, are awaiting assistance from the World Health Organization's Covax program, which is expected to launch in March at the earliest.

### **Japan Declares State Of Emergency In Four Prefectures.**

The New York Times (1/7, Rich, Inoue, 20.6M) reports that Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga "declared a state of emergency in Tokyo and three surrounding prefectures on Thursday, the country's first such declaration since April." The Times says the announcement "came five days after governors from the affected prefectures had pleaded with the central government to act, and after his own coronavirus expert panel had recommended the emergency declaration." COVID deaths in the country "have doubled in less than two months, passing 3,700," but Suga "had hesitated to invoke the emergency measure, hoping to preserve economic activity." The Times says Suga's decision "illustrated the difficult choices many world leaders face nearly a year into the pandemic that is now entering a grueling new phase, with widespread vaccinations still months away."

### **South Korean Delegation Arrives In Tehran In Effort To Free Seized Oil Tanker.**

The Wall Street Journal (1/7, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports a South Korean delegation arrived in Tehran Thursday on a diplomatic mission to free an oil tanker seized by Iran amid a dispute over \$7 billion from Iranian oil sales South Korean banks have been holding since 2019. The Journal says according to South Korea's Foreign Ministry, the South Korean delegation is there in advance of a visit by the country's vice foreign minister.

### **Iraqi Court Issues Arrest Warrant For Trump.**

The AP (1/7) reports Iraq's judiciary issued an arrest warrant Thursday for President Trump in connection with killing of Iranian Gen. Qassim Soleimani the "powerful Iraqi militia leader" Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis last year. The warrant "was issued by a judge in Baghdad's investigative court tasked with probing the Washington-directed drone strike that" killed Soleimani and al-Muhandis. The AP adds that the warrant, which "was for a charge of premeditated murder, which carries the death penalty on conviction," is "unlikely to be carried out" but is "symbolic in the waning days of Trump's presidency."

### **Prominent Hong Kong Activist Faces New Charges; American Lawyer Granted Bail.**

The AP (1/7, Soo) reports that "jailed Hong Kong pro-democracy activist Joshua Wong was

arrested on a new charge under the national security law on Thursday while" John Clancey, "an American rights lawyer who was detained in a sweeping crackdown, was granted bail." According to the AP, "Friends and family of Wong, who is serving a 13 1/2-month prison sentence for organizing and participating in an unauthorized protest in 2019, were informed that he had been arrested on suspicion of violating the national security law." The AP says Clancey was among "53 activists arrested Wednesday under the national security law."

Reuters (1/7) describes Wong, 24, as "one of Hong Kong's most prominent democracy activists," and says he "has been repeatedly detained for his role in organising pro-democracy rallies." According to Reuters, "Of Wednesday's arrests, authorities cited the opposition's campaign to win a majority in the legislative election with the view to pressure the government to enact democratic reforms by blocking its proposals in the city's assembly."

The Wall Street Journal (1/7, Mauldin, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) says the arrests of the pro-democracy activists will be an early test of Joe Biden's promise to take a tough stance with China.

### **Cleric Who Inspired Bali Bombers Freed From Prison.**

The AP (1/7, Karmini) reports Abu Bakar Bashir, the "convicted firebrand cleric who inspired the Bali bombers and other violent extremists walked free from an Indonesian prison Friday after completing his sentence for funding the training of Islamic militants." Police said they will continue to monitor the Bashir's activities, and his son "said Bashir for now would be avoiding activities outside his family due to the coronavirus pandemic."

The New York Times (1/7, Paddock, Suhartono, 20.6M) says Bashir, who is "one of Indonesia's most notorious terrorists," served "more than 10 years of a 15-year sentence for helping establish a terrorist training camp." The Times adds that "relatives and friends of the Bali bombing victims expressed disappointment over Mr. Bashir's release."

### **Ethiopian General Says Eritrean Troops Entered Country Uninvited.**

Reuters (1/7) reports Ethiopian Major Gen. Belay Seyoum "said in a video clip posted on social media this week that Eritrean troops had entered the country uninvited while his soldiers were battling a rebellious force in the northern region of Tigray." The video shows Belay "addressing a meeting in the Tigrayan capital Mekelle in late December." He said, "An army that we don't want has entered. Are we the one that invited them? No. ... They just entered by themselves, and this has to be made clear." The comments "could alarm Western allies concerned that such an incursion might aggravate a conflict in Tigray that has already killed thousands." Reuters adds, "Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's spokeswoman, the head of Ethiopia's emergency taskforce on Tigray and a military spokesman did not respond to questions about the footage. Neither did Eritrea's information minister, Yemane Meskel."

## **THE BIG PICTURE**

### **Headlines From Today's Front Pages.**

#### **Wall Street Journal:**

After Capitol Riot, Resignations And Calls For Trump's Removal  
'In A Dark Place': Before Condemning Violence, Trump Spent Day Increasingly Isolated And Angry  
Some CEOs Fire Rioters, Call For President Trump's Removal From Office  
Actions By Police Before Trump Supporters Attacked Capitol Backfired Spectacularly  
Federal Investigators Probing AmEx Card Sales Practices  
Boeing Reaches \$2.5 Billion Settlement Of US Probe Into 737 MAX Crashes

#### **New York Times:**

Capitol Attack Leads Democrats To Demand That Trump Leave Office  
These Are The Rioters Who Stormed The Nation's Capitol

Police Failures Spur Resignations And Complaints Of Double Standard  
With Democrats In Control, Biden Moves To Advance Agenda  
Republicans Split Over Whether To Make A Full Break From Trump

***Washington Post:***

Calls Intensify To Remove President From Office  
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Biden Says Racial Bias Is Clear In Handling Of Hill Mob  
Daily Covid Deaths Top 4,000 In US For First Time  
How Police Were Overrun In Slew Of Failures  
Senate Losses, Trump's Incitement Open Rifts In A Party Once In Thrall  
At White House, A Retreat Into Rage Is Followed By Grudging Acceptance

***Financial Times:***

Democratic Leaders Call On Pence To Force Trump From Office  
Activists Eye Targets In Weak And Vulnerable Corporate UK  
Beijing Orders Chinese Media To Censor Coverage Of Alibaba Probe

***Washington Times:***

Republicans Rethink Trump Support Amid Capitol Siege Fallout, Administration Exodus  
'An Emergency Of The Highest Magnitude': Dems, Some Republicans Push Immediate Trump  
Quster  
Trump's Options To Reverse Election Dissolve After Electoral College Certification  
Capitol Police Face Shake-Up After Failure To Fend Off Mob Of Protesters  
Republicans Rip Democrats' 'Double Standards' On Violence  
Hunter Biden Owed Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars To IRS, Email Shows

***Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:***

**ABC:** 25th Amendment; Capitol Siege-Pence; Capitol Siege; Capitol Siege-Security; Policing Double Standards; COVID Surge; Biden-Garland For AG; Clean Up Crews In Capitol.

**CBS:** Capitol Siege; 25th Amendment; Resignations; Policing Double Standards; Biden-Garland For AG; Capitol Siege-Security; Capitol Siege-Trump; Capitol Siege-Worldwide Reaction; COVID Surge; End Thoughts.

**NBC:** Resignations; 25th Amendment; 25th Amendment-Likelihood; Capitol Siege; Capitol Siege-Security; Policing Double Standards; Capitol Siege-America's Reaction; Capitol Siege-Worldwide Reaction; Capitol Siege-Causes; Capitol Siege-Extremists; COVID Surge; End Thoughts.

***Network TV At A Glance:***

Capitol Siege - 12 minutes, 45 seconds  
25th Amendment - 10 minutes, 55 seconds  
Capitol Siege-Security - 6 minutes, 50 seconds  
Policing Double Standards - 4 minutes, 50 seconds  
COVID Surge - 3 minutes, 30 seconds

***Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:***

**ABC:** Trump-Video; DeVos & Chao Resign; Capitol Police Chief Resigns; Schumer-Inaugural Security; Space Force-SpaceX Satellite Launch.

**CBS:** Trump-Video; Calls for Trump to Resign; Inauguration Fears; 25th Amendment; Rioters; Death at Capitol Siege; Trump-Social Media Ban.

**FOX:** DeVos & Chao Resign; Trump-Video; 25th Amendment.

**NPR:**

**WASHINGTON'S SCHEDULE**

**Today's Events In Washington.**

**White House:**

- President Trump — Will work from early in the morning until late in the evening. He will make many calls and have many meetings.
- Vice President Pence — Has no public events scheduled.

**US Senate:**

- Senate convenes for pro forma session  
*Location: U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC; 10:00 AM*

**US House:**

- No public schedule released.

**Cabinet Officers:**

- No public schedule released.

**Visitors:**

- No scheduled visitors.

**This Town:**

- Federal Reserve Board Vice Chair Richard Clarida speaks at Council on Foreign Relations virtual event; 11:00 AM
- FCC Commissioner Pai delivers farewell address to Free State Foundation (virtual) – Free State Foundation hosts virtual farewell address by Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai, who leaves his role 20 Jan; *11:00 AM*
- UK's Prince of Wales delivers opening remarks at Atlantic Council Global Energy Forum (virtual) – Atlantic Council Global Energy Forum 'Reaching Net Zero by 2050 is Attainable', held virtually, with introductory remarks from Prince Charles and other speakers including NET Power CEO Bill Brown, Occidental Petroleum Corporation President and CEO Vicki Hollub, and Gassnova CEO Trude Sundset; *11:00 AM*
- FDA commissioner discusses coronavirus response on Alliance for Health Policy event (virtual) – Alliance for Health Policy holds a virtual reporter briefing with Commissioner of Food and Drugs Dr Stephen Hahn, who discusses the agency's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; *9:00 PM*
- U.S. Supreme Court meets in private conference to discuss cases and vote on petitions for review

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**From:** [REDACTED] **b6 -1**  
**Subject:** Media Coverage for 01/08/2021 **b7C -1**  
**To:** Shivers, Calvin A. (CID) (FBI); Dunham, Timothy M. (CID) (FBI); Fomby, Jermicha L. (CID) (FBI); Cohen, Brian M. (CID) (FBI); Nordwall, Michael D. (CID) (FBI); Greenberg, Jay (CID) (FBI); Lowe, Zachary T. (CID) (FBI); Merrill, Steven B. (CID) (FBI); Bujanda, Raul (CID) (FBI); Scott, David J. (CID) (FBI); Meacham, Robert W. Jr. (SU) (FBI); [REDACTED] **b7E -5**  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** January 8, 2021 7:27 AM (UTC-05:00)

Good Morning, FYSA.

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Have a great Friday,

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SSA [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Fwd: LEOKA Daily Report – Notification of a Line-of-Duty Death Included  
To: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI); Hurley, James B. Jr. (OPE) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Sent: January 8, 2021 7:49 AM (UTC-05:00)

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LEOKA still hasn't determined whether this is felonious or accidental. [REDACTED]  
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To: "Deleon, Michael D. (CJISD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] "Delgreco, Kimberly J. (CJISD)  
(FBI)" [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] "Ford, Trudy L. (CJISD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] "Nelsen, Gregory D. (CJISD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] "Nelsen, Gregory D. (CJISD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

\*Please see caveat below

Sir,

*\*Please be advised the death of Officer Brian Sicknick is being reported by various new sources and is currently under investigation by Capital Police. Officer Sicknick's death has NOT been added to today's count as it has not been determined as felonious or accidental at this time. The LEOKA Daily Report will be updated as official notification is received.*

**(Circumstances per preliminary details provided from FOX News and CNN)**

(CNN)The US Capitol Police confirmed the death of one of their officers late Thursday from injuries suffered when a mob of President Donald Trump's supporters stormed the Capitol a day before.

Capitol Police said in a statement that Officer Brian D. Sicknick died at approximately 9:30 p.m. ET Thursday "due to injuries sustained while on-duty."

The death is being investigated by the DC Metropolitan Police Department's homicide branch, the US Capitol Police and their federal partners.

"Officer Sicknick was responding to the riots on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at the U.S. Capitol and was injured

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while physically engaging with protesters. He returned to his division office and collapsed. He was taken to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries."

As of today (01/08/2021):

- 0 law enforcement officers were reported to have been feloniously killed in the line of duty in 2021. During the previous year, for the same time period, 1 officer was feloniously killed.
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Number of law enforcement officers killed in previous years:

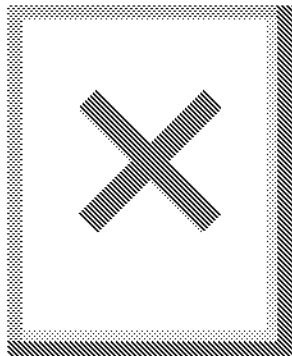
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(District of Columbia) As far-right rioters stormed Capitol Hill, neo-Nazi accelerationists are celebrating the current moment as the beginning of the end of the U.S. and the start of a "Second Civil War." "This is a moment that has been in the waiting for a long, long time..." said one post shared and seen close to 600 times on Telegram, an encrypted chat app favored by neo-Nazis and other members of the far right. "Today is better than Christmas," said another. Many of the online accelerationists, who believe acts of terror can lead to the collapse of Western governments, see today's actions by Trump supporters as the moment violence will be accepted by mainstream conservatives. That lust for chaos and violence was seen on several publicly facing accelerationist channels on Telegram Wednesday afternoon. [Read More](#)

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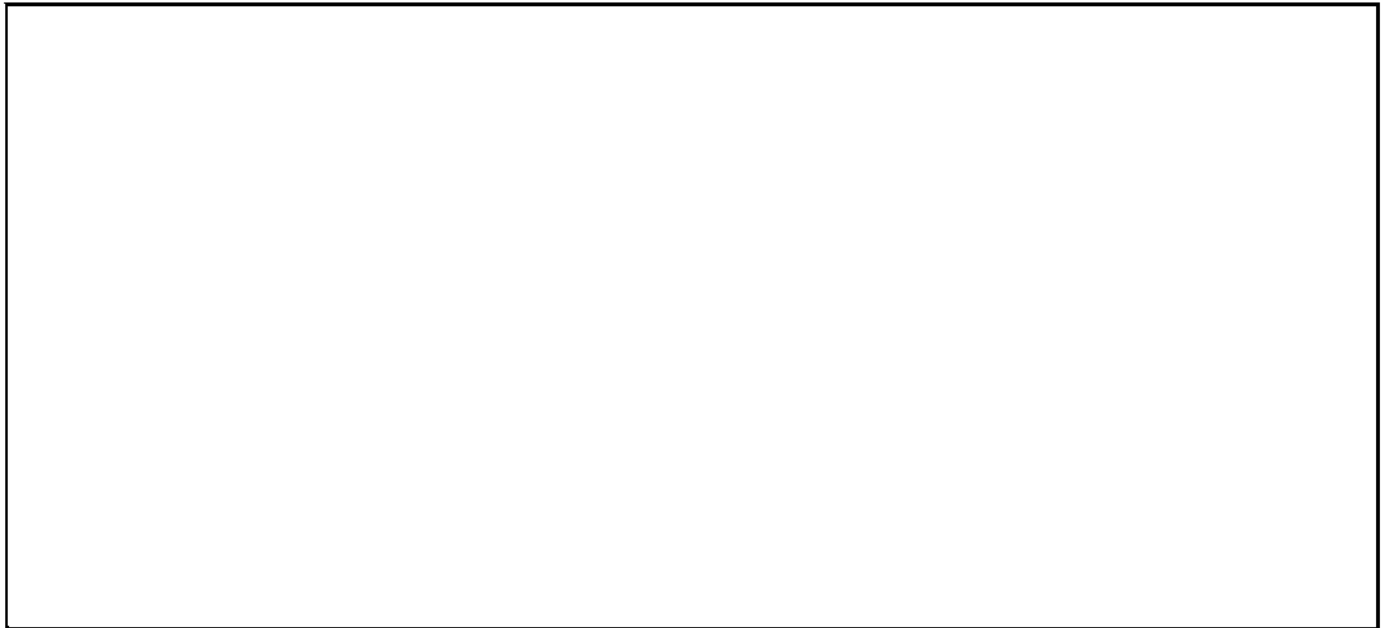
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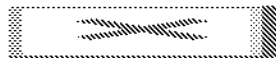




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The Daily Mail (UK) (1/7, Nikolic) reports, "People riding their brand new electric scooters given to them for Christmas face points on their licence and having their vehicle seized, police have warned." The Daily Mail adds, "Privately owned e-scooters cannot be ridden on pavements, roads or in public places, unlike those rented through schemes operated by local councils. Nottinghamshire Police are urging people to read up on the law and are trying to dispel and address some of the myths about where you can and can't ride e-scooters. The force has already targeted areas of Nottingham such as the suburb of Clifton, where e-scooters are popular."

## **Authorities Concerned About Future Sex Trafficking Along Minnesota Pipeline Route**

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/7, Johnson) reports from Duluth, Minnesota, "Among the thousands of pages of documents filed in the Enbridge Line 3 permitting process, state regulators made a striking conclusion about construction on the pipeline: 'The addition of a temporary, cash-rich workforce increases the likelihood that sex trafficking or sexual abuse will occur.'" The Star Tribune adds, "Advocates, law enforcement, the company and unions are working to ensure that isn't the case as work on the \$2.6 billion pipeline across northern Minnesota enters its second month of construction. 'This is a very real problem that affects all walks of life, all colors, males and females, though we do see higher levels in Indigenous communities and in communities of color that tend to be lower-income,' said Sheila Lamb, a youth advocate and member of the state Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force."

## **Policing Reform Bill Introduced In Nebraska Legislature**

The Omaha (NE) World-Herald (1/7, Hammel) reports from Lincoln, Nebraska, "Law enforcement officers would be required to undergo more training and become certified before being hired, and would be banned from using chokeholds under a multi-faceted bill introduced Thursday." The World-Herald adds, "Among the changes called for in LB 51 are: increasing, from 22 hours a year to 40, the continuing education requirements to maintain a state law enforcement certificate; requiring agencies to adopt policies that require officers to intervene when they see a fellow officer use excessive force; requiring a psychological evaluation to determine fitness for duty before an officer is hired; and requiring 40 hours of de-escalation training for prospective officers. Right now, law enforcement officers can legally be hired before undergoing and passing state certification training. Some small-town sheriffs and police chiefs have said that without allowing a grace period for such training, they would be hard-pressed to hire officers."

### Report: Fentanyl Was Main Cause Of Increase In Homeless Deaths In Los Angeles County

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (1/7, Smith) reports, "A sharp rise in deaths of homeless people starting in the spring of 2020 was driven by drug overdoses involving fentanyl," according to a Los Angeles County Department of Public Health finding. As detailed in a report that it released on Thursday, the department found that through the "first seven months of 2020, 926 homeless people died in LA County, an increase of 26% over the same period in 2019." The department found that COVID-19 was a "minor factor in homeless deaths, following heart disease, transportation-related accidents and homicide — which all lagged far behind drug overdoses." The Times quotes from the report, which said the overdoses "increase was driven largely by the more frequent involvement of fentanyl."

### FBI Pittsburgh Agents Arrest Man Accused Of Threatening Law Enforcement

The [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#) (1/7, Ove) reports Khaled Miah "has been charged with threatening and surveilling Pittsburgh FBI agents who were investigating him." An affidavit says that "Miah posted threats on Dec. 27 directed at agents and at the FBI in general." He is accused of using a Twitter account to harass FBI Pittsburgh agents and "repeatedly conducted surveillance on an agent's home after the FBI questioned him about extremist views."

The [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#) (1/7, Ward) reports that the affidavit said that "FBI personnel uncovered hundreds of videos, images, documents, communications, and Internet activities dating back several years related to extremist content that advocated for and/or glorified gruesome violence against perceived ideological enemies."

Additional coverage includes [KDKA-TV](#) Pittsburgh (1/7).

### MTA Asks New York City Mayor For More Cops To Be Stationed After Increase In Attacks On Riders, Workers

The [New York Post](#) (1/7, Meyer) reports the MTA is asking New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio for "more cops to be stationed on subways and buses after a rash of attacks on transit workers and riders." Interim New York City Transit Authority President Sarah Feinberg wrote in a January 6 letter to the mayor, "It is crucial that those who consider committing crimes see a uniformed presence in the system." Feinberg's letter "cited a string of recent violent incidents — including several attacks on workers, multiple straphangers shoved onto the tracks and a series of assaults against women at a subway station in Brooklyn." Feinberg has "repeatedly asked for more NYPD cops to patrol the transit system, and over the summer criticized the department for reassigning transit cops during and after the city's George Floyd protests."

The [New York Post](#) (1/7, Fenton, Meyer) reports Feinberg in her letter to de Blasio also "cited 'hundreds of needles' on platforms and tracks, along with instances of assaults involving the mentally ill and multiple suicides and attempted suicides." Feinberg wrote, "In stations in Upper Manhattan and on the Lower East Side, hundreds of needles are being disposed regularly on the platform and on the track bed. And, just last week, morning rush hour trains were held up for some time while police had to engage with an individual on the roadbed who refused to leave the right-of-way."

### Police In India Conduct Searches In Narco-Terror Probe

The [Deccan \(IND\) Herald](#) (1/7) reports, "The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday conducted searches at six places in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab in connection with its probe into a narco-terror case. The case was registered after the busting of a narco-terror module and seizure of 61-kg heroin and a cache of arms and ammunition along the International Border (IB) here last year." The raids "were conducted at five locations in Jammu district and one in Tarn Taran in Punjab, leading to the seizure of digital devices and other incriminating documents having financial details and bank account numbers for further scrutiny and analysis, a spokesperson of the NIA said."

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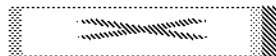
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## **UK Police Warn Of Seizure Of Privately Owned E-Scooters**

The Daily Mail (UK) (1/7, Nikolic) reports, "People riding their brand new electric scooters given to them for Christmas face points on their licence and having their vehicle seized, police have warned." The Daily Mail adds, "Privately owned e-scooters cannot be ridden on pavements, roads or in public places, unlike those rented through schemes operated by local councils. Nottinghamshire Police are urging people to read up on the law and are trying to dispel and address some of the myths about where you can and can't ride e-scooters. The force has already targeted areas of Nottingham such as the suburb of Clifton, where e-scooters are popular."

## **Authorities Concerned About Future Sex Trafficking Along Minnesota Pipeline Route**

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/7, Johnson) reports from Duluth, Minnesota, "Among the thousands of pages of documents filed in the Enbridge Line 3 permitting process, state regulators made a striking conclusion about construction on the pipeline: 'The addition of a temporary, cash-rich workforce increases the likelihood that sex trafficking or sexual abuse will occur.'" The Star Tribune adds, "Advocates, law enforcement, the company and unions are working to ensure that isn't the case as work on the \$2.6 billion pipeline across northern Minnesota enters its second month of construction. 'This is a very real problem that affects all walks of life, all colors, males and females, though we do see higher levels in Indigenous communities and in communities of color that tend to be lower-income,' said Sheila Lamb, a youth advocate and member of the state Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force."

## **Policing Reform Bill Introduced In Nebraska Legislature**

The Omaha (NE) World-Herald (1/7, Hammel) reports from Lincoln, Nebraska, "Law enforcement officers would be required to undergo more training and become certified before being hired, and would be banned from using chokeholds under a multi-faceted bill introduced Thursday." The World-Herald adds, "Among the changes called for in LB 51 are: increasing, from 22 hours a year to 40, the continuing education requirements to maintain a state law enforcement certificate; requiring agencies to adopt policies that require officers to intervene when they see a fellow officer use excessive force; requiring a psychological evaluation to determine fitness for duty before an officer is hired; and requiring 40 hours of de-escalation training for prospective officers. Right now, law enforcement officers can legally be hired before undergoing and passing state certification training. Some small-town sheriffs and police chiefs have said that without allowing a grace period for such training, they would be hard-pressed to hire officers."

### Report: Fentanyl Was Main Cause Of Increase In Homeless Deaths In Los Angeles County

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (1/7, Smith) reports, "A sharp rise in deaths of homeless people starting in the spring of 2020 was driven by drug overdoses involving fentanyl," according to a Los Angeles County Department of Public Health finding. As detailed in a report that it released on Thursday, the department found that through the "first seven months of 2020, 926 homeless people died in LA County, an increase of 26% over the same period in 2019." The department found that COVID-19 was a "minor factor in homeless deaths, following heart disease, transportation-related accidents and homicide — which all lagged far behind drug overdoses." The Times quotes from the report, which said the overdoses "increase was driven largely by the more frequent involvement of fentanyl."

### FBI Pittsburgh Agents Arrest Man Accused Of Threatening Law Enforcement

The [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#) (1/7, Ove) reports Khaled Miah "has been charged with threatening and surveilling Pittsburgh FBI agents who were investigating him." An affidavit says that "Miah posted threats on Dec. 27 directed at agents and at the FBI in general." He is accused of using a Twitter account to harass FBI Pittsburgh agents and "repeatedly conducted surveillance on an agent's home after the FBI questioned him about extremist views."

The [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#) (1/7, Ward) reports that the affidavit said that "FBI personnel uncovered hundreds of videos, images, documents, communications, and Internet activities dating back several years related to extremist content that advocated for and/or glorified gruesome violence against perceived ideological enemies."

Additional coverage includes [KDKA-TV](#) Pittsburgh (1/7).

### MTA Asks New York City Mayor For More Cops To Be Stationed After Increase In Attacks On Riders, Workers

The [New York Post](#) (1/7, Meyer) reports the MTA is asking New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio for "more cops to be stationed on subways and buses after a rash of attacks on transit workers and riders." Interim New York City Transit Authority President Sarah Feinberg wrote in a January 6 letter to the mayor, "It is crucial that those who consider committing crimes see a uniformed presence in the system." Feinberg's letter "cited a string of recent violent incidents — including several attacks on workers, multiple straphangers shoved onto the tracks and a series of assaults against women at a subway station in Brooklyn." Feinberg has "repeatedly asked for more NYPD cops to patrol the transit system, and over the summer criticized the department for reassigning transit cops during and after the city's George Floyd protests."

The [New York Post](#) (1/7, Fenton, Meyer) reports Feinberg in her letter to de Blasio also "cited 'hundreds of needles' on platforms and tracks, along with instances of assaults involving the mentally ill and multiple suicides and attempted suicides." Feinberg wrote, "In stations in Upper Manhattan and on the Lower East Side, hundreds of needles are being disposed regularly on the platform and on the track bed. And, just last week, morning rush hour trains were held up for some time while police had to engage with an individual on the roadbed who refused to leave the right-of-way."

### Police In India Conduct Searches In Narco-Terror Probe

The [Deccan \(IND\) Herald](#) (1/7) reports, "The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday conducted searches at six places in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab in connection with its probe into a narco-terror case. The case was registered after the busting of a narco-terror module and seizure of 61-kg heroin and a cache of arms and ammunition along the International Border (IB) here last year." The raids "were conducted at five locations in Jammu district and one in Tarn Taran in Punjab, leading to the seizure of digital devices and other incriminating documents having financial details and bank account numbers for further scrutiny and analysis, a spokesperson of the NIA said."

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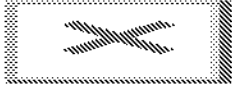
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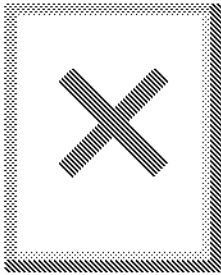
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## The Capitol Hill Cases



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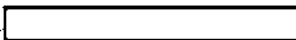
In keeping with our tradition of providing primary source documents to the research community and the public at large, The Program on Extremism has launched a project to create a central database of federal court records related to the events of January 6, 2021. This page will be updated as additional individuals are charged with criminal activities and new records are introduced into the criminal justice system.

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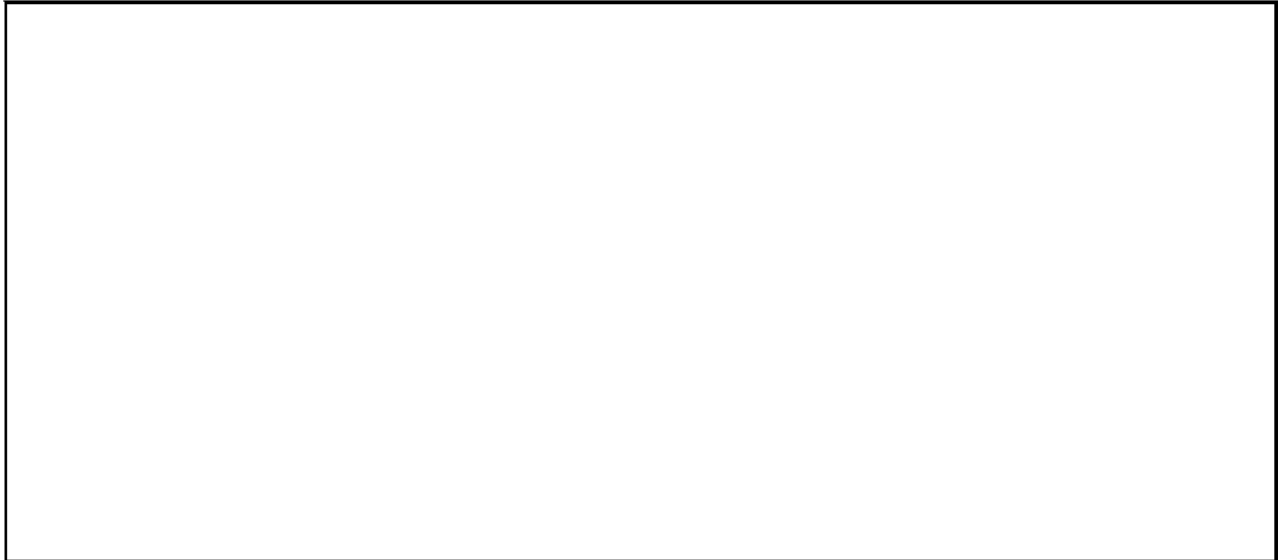
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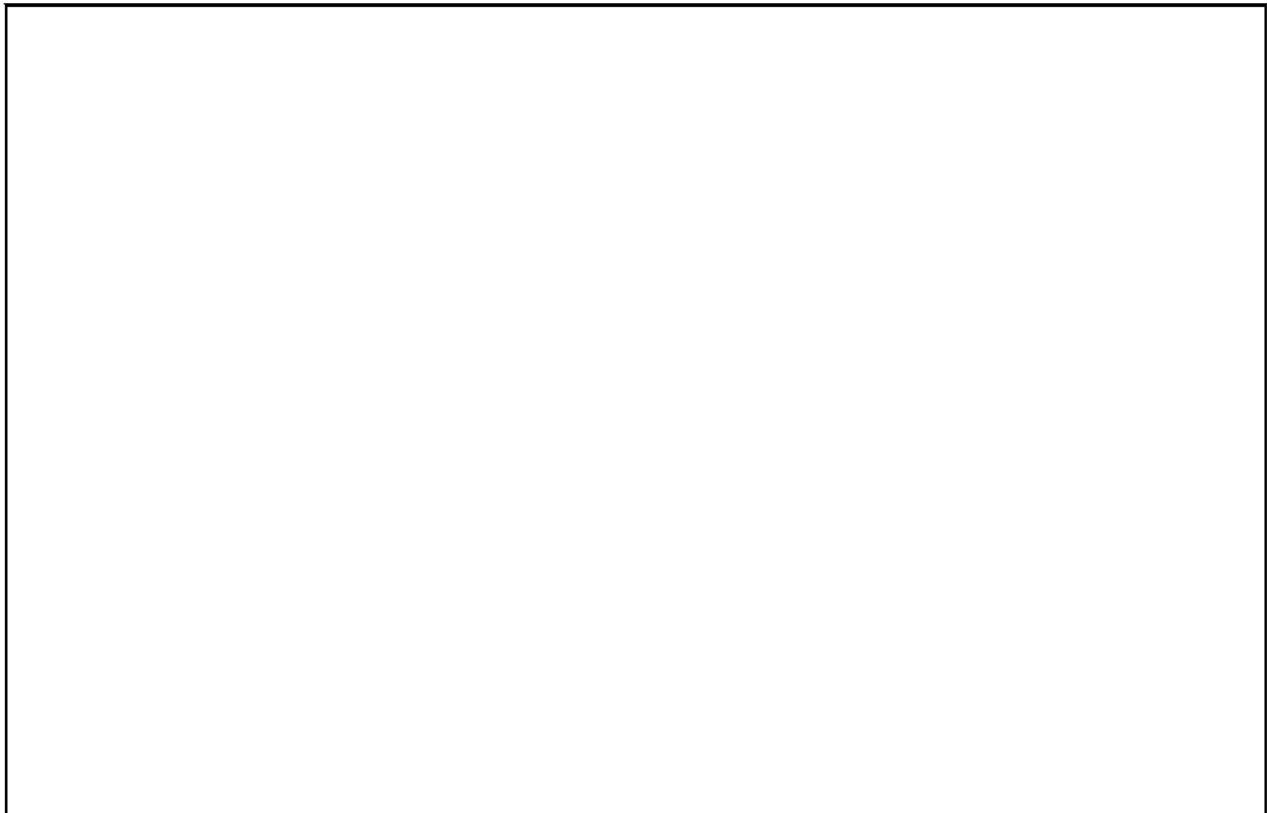


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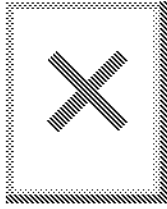


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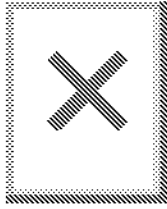


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## To Our Friend Tom Perrotta, Who Was an Ace

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(Circumstances per preliminary details provided from FOX News and CNN)

(CNN)The US Capitol Police confirmed the death of one of their officers late Thursday from injuries suffered when a mob of President Donald Trump's supporters stormed the Capitol a day before.

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Capitol Police said in a statement that Officer Brian D. Sicknick died at approximately 9:30 p.m. ET Thursday "due to injuries sustained while on-duty."

The death is being investigated by the DC Metropolitan Police Department's homicide branch, the US Capitol Police and their federal partners.

"Officer Sicknick was responding to the riots on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at the U.S. Capitol and was injured while physically engaging with protesters. He returned to his division office and collapsed. He was taken to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries."

As of today (01/08/2021):

- 0 law enforcement officers were reported to have been feloniously killed in the line of duty in 2021. During the previous year, for the same time period, 1 officer was feloniously killed.
- 3 law enforcement officers were reported to have been accidentally killed in the line of duty in 2021. During the previous year, for the same time period, 0 officers were accidentally killed.
- 0 law enforcement officers were reported to have contracted COVID-19 and succumbed to the illness in 2021.
- 0 law enforcement officers were reported to have succumbed to conditions from 9/11 response.
- 0 law enforcement officers were reported to have succumbed to a heart attack in 2021.
- 0 law enforcement officers were reported to have succumbed to cancer in 2021.
- 0 law enforcement officers were reported to have succumbed to other natural causes in 2021.

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  - 2020- 47
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  - 2018 â€” 57
  - 2017 â€” 46
  - 2016 â€” 66
  - 2015 â€” 41
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- Accidentally killed:
  - 2020- 46
  - 2019 â€” 41
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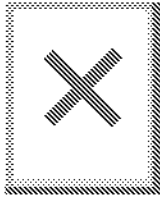
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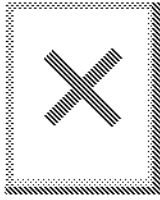
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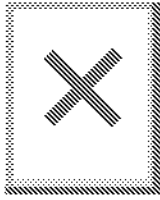
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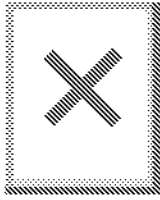


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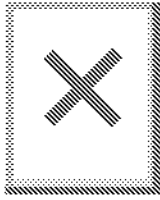




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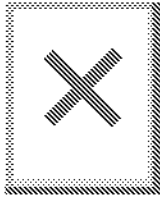
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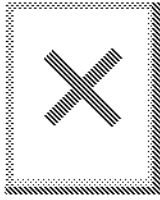


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As hordes of rioters streamed into the heart of America's government, roaming freely through the historic halls and rifling through the offices, lawmakers inside the building blamed a lack of preparation for the historic security breach.





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Namibia saw a continued downward trend in rhino and elephant poaching last year after stepping up patrols and sharply increasing fines, the government said on Thursday.





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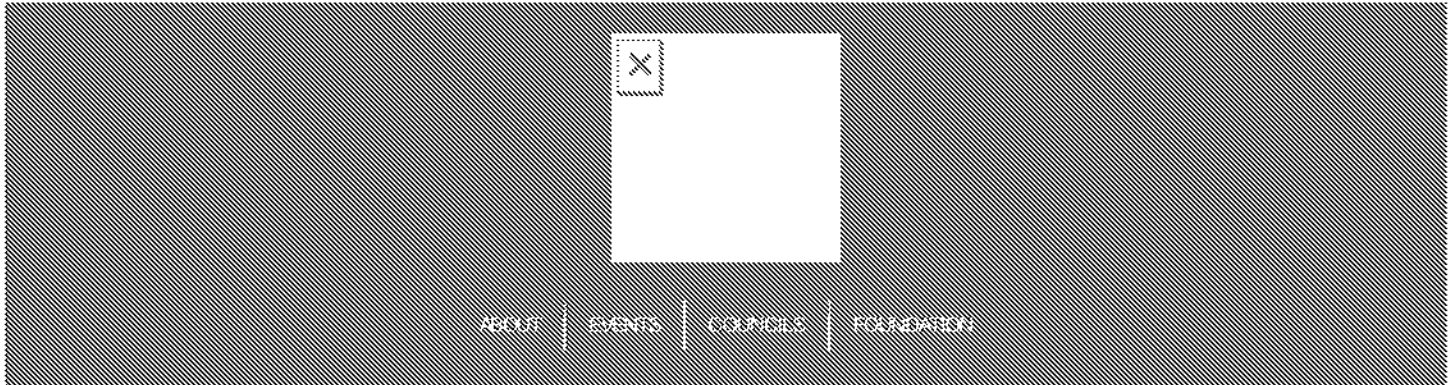


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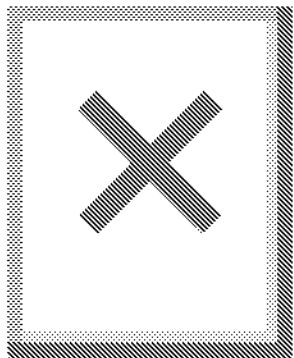
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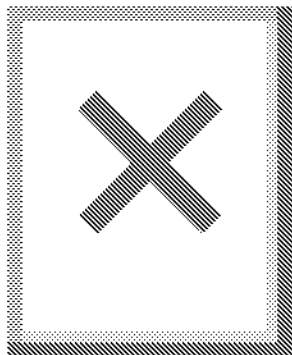
## INSA's Statement on January 6 Violence on Capitol Hill

INSA condemned the violent, unlawful insurrection at the U.S. Capitol that occurred on January 6. "The assault on Congress and disruption of the Constitutionally mandated electoral process was an attack on our democracy and the values we hold dear."

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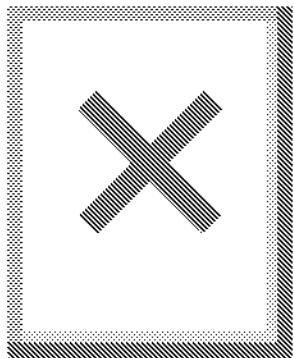
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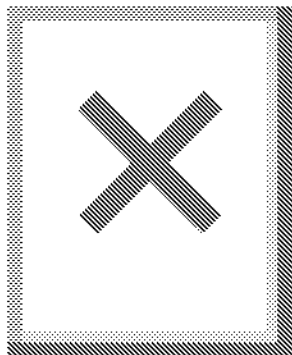


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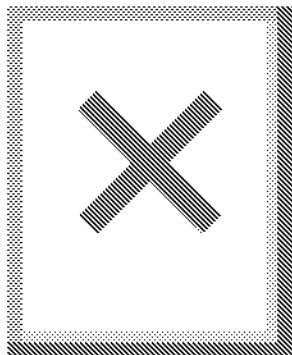
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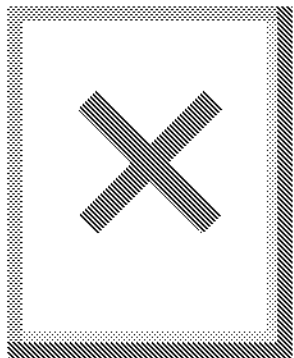
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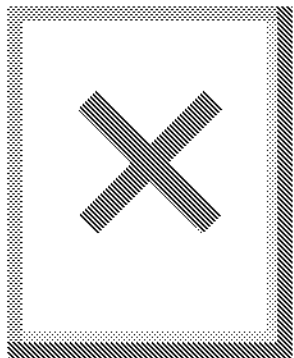
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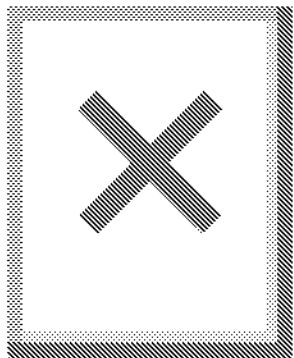
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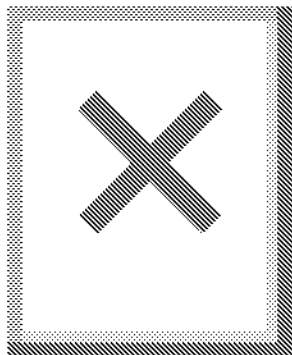
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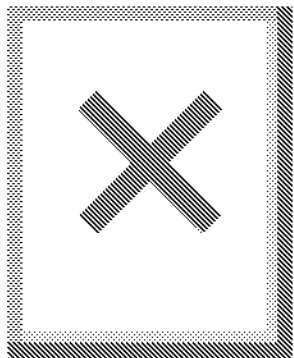
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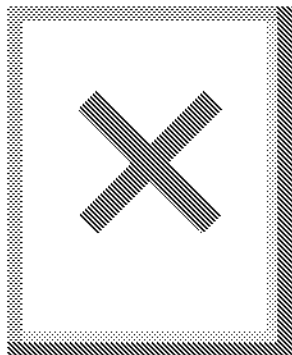
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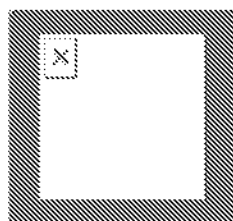
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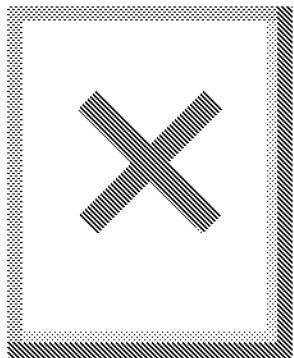
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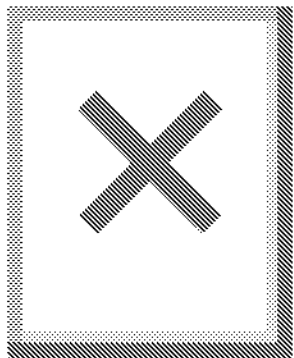
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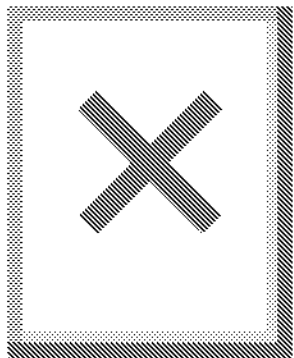
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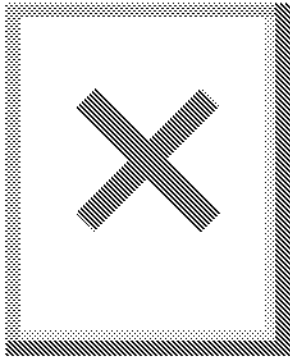
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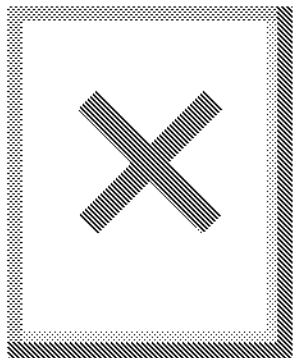


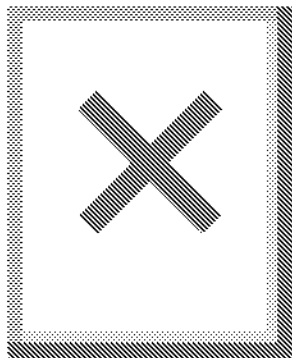
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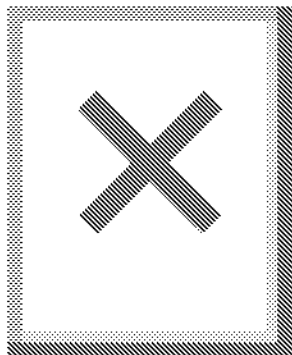




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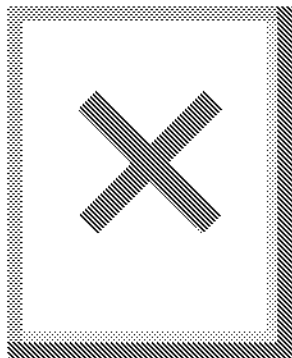
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Inside the U.S. Capitol, the rioters were in charge.

Trump supporters were roaming freely, carrying off furniture. Capitol Police had not asked other law enforcement agencies for help until their building was surrounded by a mob seeking to overturn the election results. Now, their officers were exhausted and injured. Their chief was down the street, in the department command center, and a police commander on the scene was pacing in a circle. Top congressional leaders, hidden in secure rooms, were calling the governors of Maryland and Virginia directly to plead for help.

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At last, reinforcements arrived: D.C. police officers, who wear an image of the Capitol building on their department's official patch, but rarely enter the building itself.

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"What we did do was restore democracy for all of America," D.C. Police Chief Robert Contee III said.

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On Thursday, a day after hundreds of President Trump's supporters stormed and ransacked the Capitol, lawmakers and police officials were still trying to understand the cascade of failures that caused the Capitol Police force — a city-size police department focused on a single complex — to let that building fail.

Those failures began days before the attack, when law enforcement agencies across Washington failed to prepare for an assault on the Capitol — even as Trump supporters openly plotted one online. They were compounded by the slow response on the day of the siege, when Capitol Police and other federal agencies did not head off a mass of Trump supporters who descended on the Capitol, egged on by the president himself, and command within the complex broke down.

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"How could they fail so miserably? [The mob] could have blown the building up. They could have killed us all," said Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.), a longtime Trump ally.

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No lawmakers were hurt. But four people died during the Capitol breach, including one woman who was fatally shot by police as she tried to break through to a room next to the House chamber.

Late Thursday, a Capitol Police officer died of injuries he suffered in the attack. Officer Brian D. Sicknick, a 12-year veteran on the force, was "injured while physically engaging with protesters," the department said in a statement, and collapsed after returning to his division headquarters. He later died at a hospital.

*Pentagon put significant restrictions on D.C. Guard ahead of pro-Trump protests*

The recriminations were swift. On Thursday, three of Congress's top security officials — Capitol Police Chief Steven A. Sund, House Sergeant at Arms Paul D. Irving and Senate Sergeant at Arms Michael C. Stenger — had resigned or were set to.

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Neither Irving nor Stenger, both Secret Service veterans, nor Sund, who was previously a top District police official, responded to requests for comment.

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Before the news broke Thursday that he will resign on Jan. 16, Sund said in a statement that the Capitol Police had prepared a "robust plan" for Wednesday.

But, Sund said, they had readied for a demonstration — and instead were confronted with "criminal riotous behavior."

On Thursday, D.C. officials said that their department had brought order out of chaos — a striking reversal of roles for the federal government and the city that surrounds it. City officials — who have sometimes been treated with condescension by federal leaders — said they had saved the building when the feds had failed.

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"There was no intelligence that suggested there would be a breach of the U.S. Capitol," Contee said Thursday.

But law enforcement experts said they were stunned that the Capitol had been left so undefended, noting several factors that contributed to the mayhem.

While District police, major federal law enforcement agencies and neighboring police departments have agreements to assist each other in cases of emergencies, the Capitol Police did not make early requests for mutual aid with the D.C. National Guard or D.C. police, according to people familiar with the situation who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe security preparations.

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And unlike other major government events like inaugurations, there was no large-scale frozen security zone around the building, and Justice Department officials did not create a multiagency command center. Instead, both federal law enforcement agencies and National Guard troops

kept a low profile, scarred by criticism of their involvement in the response to protests after the death of George Floyd last summer.

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And there appeared to be minimal efforts to build a secure perimeter around the Capitol. It wasn't until Thursday morning that fencing went up around the complex.

"The police should have defined a hard line and there should have been consequences for crossing it," said Frank Larkin, former Senate sergeant at arms who has planned for many security threats to the Capitol. "The fight should have been outside. Not inside. To have that confrontation at the door, that was a losing formula."

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There had been signs that Wednesday's protests could turn violent. Pro-Trump Internet forums had been full of posts promising violence. Trump had cast Congress — which was about to formalize his defeat in the 2020 election — as the target.

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So why would an attack against Congress be out of the question?

"You didn't need intelligence. You just needed to read the newspaper," said Michael Chertoff, who served as Homeland Security secretary from 2005 to 2009 under President George W. Bush. "They were advertising, 'Let's go wild. Bring your guns.' You don't need to have an FBI investigation. You just need to be able to be able to read."

Dozens arrested after mob storms Capitol; officials vow that more will be charged

When Wednesday arrived, Washington looked very different than it had during the Floyd protests last summer, when officers in riot gear filled the streets and then-Attorney General William P. Barr supervised from a Justice Department command center. That reaction was criticized as excessive, but it followed some key police precepts. Create a security zone with heavy fencing, and come down hard on anyone who tries to enter. Build multiple lines of defense, so a breach of one line doesn't start a rout. And keep a clear chain of command.

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At the Capitol on Wednesday, by contrast, the grounds were guarded in some places only by low pieces of fencing and officers in street uniforms.

About 1 p.m., with crowds gathering outside the building, Sund requested

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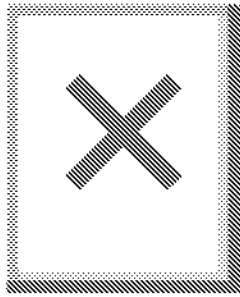


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## **Elaine Chao and Betsy DeVos resign after standing by Trump for almost four years**

Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao stood at President Trump's side in August 2017 in the lobby of Trump Tower when he insisted that there were some "very fine people" among the mob of white-supremacist demonstrators who had brought mayhem to Charlottesville a few days earlier. Moments after praising Chao for doing a "fabulous job" on infrastructure, the president said that "both sides" deserved blame for the violence in Virginia, during which an avowed neo-Nazi rammed his car into a group of counterprotesters, killing one of them.

Chao and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, who both announced their resignations on Thursday, stayed loyal to Trump during scores of other controversies. They kept their heads down as Trump separated children from the arms of their parents at the border, pressured Ukraine's president to announce an investigation into his presidential rival Joe Biden, demanded that minority congresswomen "go back" to countries where they were not born and violently cleared peaceful protesters from Lafayette Square for a presidential photo op.



President Trump speaks to the media in the lobby of Trump Tower on Aug. 15, 2017 (Pablo Martinez Monsivais/AP)

Instead, they quietly enacted their agendas. Chao weakened greenhouse gas emissions standards for cars and SUVs, held back from imposing rules on self-driving cars and made it easier for companies to experiment with airborne drones. DeVos promoted the use of taxpayer dollars to support charter schools; rolled back many civil rights initiatives from the Obama administration, including protections for transgender students; enacted a regulation giving more rights to students accused of sexual harassment and assault; and publicly defended proposed funding

cuts to the Special Olympics that the White House had insisted on before they reversed course.

Thirteen days before Trump will leave office, Chao announced that she will resign effective next Monday, just a week before Biden's inauguration – because of the “traumatic and entirely avoidable” storming of the Capitol by “supporters of the President ... following a rally he addressed.”



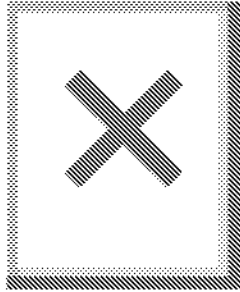
“As I’m sure is the case with many of you, it has deeply troubled me in a way that I simply cannot set aside,” Chao wrote in an email to her staff at 1:32 p.m. Thursday.

A few hours later, DeVos called the violence at the Capitol “unconscionable” in an open letter to Trump. “There is no mistaking the impact your rhetoric had on the situation, and it is the inflection point for me,” she wrote. “Impressionable children are watching all of this, and they are learning from us. I believe we each have a moral obligation to exercise good judgement and model the behavior we hope they would emulate.”

Resigning now feels a little like eating all but the last bite of a piece of cake at a restaurant and then asking for a refund. A directive was even emailed yesterday to all agency heads that political appointees must resign effective Jan. 20. “The order was issued by Chris Liddell, the deputy White House chief of staff who has been leading transition arrangements with the Biden team,” Lisa Rein and Eric Yoder report.

Critics of the administration say Chao and DeVos deserve no credit. “At this point

you're not resigning, you're just taking the rest of your vacation days," said Bakari Sellers, a former Democratic state legislator in South Carolina. Former NFL wide receiver Donté Stallworth compared Cabinet members stepping down now to a quarterback throwing six interceptions and fumbling four times in his own territory "with 5 seconds left in the game while the other team has the ball and is taking a knee to run out the clock." Randi Weingarten, the president of the American Federation of Teachers union, issued a two-word statement: "Good riddance."



*President Trump speaks with Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos during a roundtable on school safety in December 2018. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)*

That is not to say that officials are not authentically horrified by Trump's baseless claims that the election was stolen and other efforts to sow distrust in democracy. Chao is married to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), who said –

even before the pro-Trump mob took control of the chamber – that certifying Biden’s victory would be the single most important vote he’s cast during 37 years in office.



“McConnell, who has been estranged from the president in recent weeks, has told fellow senators and other confidants that he does not plan to speak with Trump again,” Philip Rucker, Ashley Parker and Josh Dawsey report.

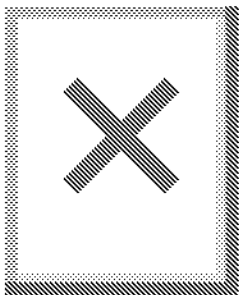
More Trump administration officials also resigned in protest on Thursday, including Matt Pottinger, the deputy national security adviser; Tyler Goodspeed, the acting chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers; and John Costello, the deputy assistant secretary at the Commerce Department.

“Acting homeland security secretary Chad Wolf called on Trump to denounce the violence carried out by ‘some supporters’ of the president. Wolf said he does not plan to quit,” Anne Gearan and Mike DeBonis report. “Former attorney general William P. Barr called Trump’s conduct ‘a betrayal of his office and supporters.’ ... Former homeland security secretary and Trump chief of staff John F. Kelly, now a Trump critic, urged the Cabinet to meet and discuss Trump’s removal, telling CNN that he would vote for that if he were he still a Cabinet member. Former Trump national security adviser H.R. McMaster tweeted that the main reason for the attack on Congress ‘is the sad reality that President Trump and other officials have repeatedly compromised our principles in pursuit of partisan advantage and personal gain.’”

After being out of sight all day, Trump posted a video on Twitter last night in which he said there will be a smooth transition. “Now tempers must be cooled and calm

restored," he said. He also tweeted this morning that he will not attend Biden's inauguration.

With the remaining members of the Cabinet very unlikely to invoke the 25th Amendment to put Vice President Pence in charge, many House Democrats are discussing a second attempt to impeach Trump during his final days. Rep. Katherine Clark (D-Mass.), the No. 4 in House Democratic leadership, said this morning on CNN that the chamber could vote to impeach Trump by the middle of next week. Their caucus will hold a conference call early this afternoon to discuss next steps. "Donald Trump needs to be removed from office," Clark said. "And we are going to proceed with every tool that we have to make sure that happens to protect our democracy."



Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-Ill.) became the first Republican member of Congress to come out in favor of Trump's removal on Thursday, saying in a video that the time has come to "end this nightmare."

Rep. Steve Stivers (R-Ohio), the former chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, told Spectrum News that he would not oppose using the 25th Amendment if it was invoked: "If the Cabinet decided to do that, I would not oppose it."

"I hold the president responsible for sending those people to the Capitol," Rep. Gary Palmer (R-Ala.) said in a statement.

Even if the House impeached Trump, though, it remains hard to imagine Senate Republicans breaking decisively with the president in his final days. Partly, that is a function of the calendar. Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Neb.), who opposed impeachment last year, said today that Trump has "acted shamefully" and that he would "definitely consider" any articles of impeachment approved by the House. "The president had a rally hours before this happened where he is telling them to go to the Capitol and go wild," Sasse told conservative radio host Hugh Hewitt. "The guy is addicted to division. This is a deep brokenness in his soul."

Some of Fox News's Trump supporters now declare his political career is done. The president's role in and reaction to the assault on the Capitol has soured Stuart Varney, Brit Hume and others who once favored him. "If Mr. Trump wants to avoid a second impeachment, his best path would be to take personal responsibility and resign," writes the Wall Street Journal's conservative editorial board. "This would be the cleanest solution since it would immediately turn presidential duties over to Mr. Pence. And it would give Mr. Trump agency, a la Richard Nixon, over his own fate."

On NBC's "Today" show this morning, former secretary of state Colin Powell called on Trump to "just do what Nixon did" and step down. "What he is responsible for is one of the most disgusting things I have ever seen in all my years as a government employee here in the United States of America and in Washington, D.C. He should be totally ashamed of himself and he should take that shame and turn it into a



resignation as quickly as possible,” said Powell, who was the nation’s chief diplomat under George W. Bush. Asked about Trump’s access to the nuclear launch codes for the next 12 days, Powell sought to reassure: “I was the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and I can tell you for sure if something like this ever happened, and someone suddenly said, ‘We want to use the nuclear weapon,’ they would never get near it.”

## **Meanwhile, Biden is in danger of having no confirmed secretaries on Day 1.**

“Delays in Congress, caused primarily by runoff elections in Georgia for Senate seats that Democrats flipped this week and the arcane procedures needed to get the new chamber up and running, have sparked deep concern among Biden’s top advisers. They are now mapping out contingency plans to install acting secretaries in most, if not all, Cabinet posts, in case Biden’s nominees are unable to secure Senate backing by Jan. 20,” Paul Kane, Karoun Demirjian and Anne Gearan report. “For decades, Senate Republicans and Democrats have shelved their political differences to ensure a seamless transition between administrations, especially in the departments responsible for safeguarding the country against foreign and domestic threats. ... [But] to date, the Senate Republican committee chairs — who will remain in control until Jan. 20 — have scheduled only one confirmation hearing for a Biden nominee: that of Lloyd J. Austin III, the president-elect’s choice for defense secretary.” That hearing is set for Jan. 19.

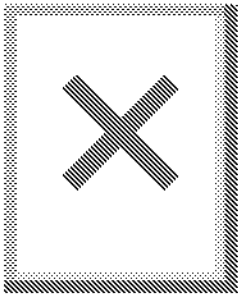
## **Biden has picked Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo to be secretary of commerce and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh (D) to be secretary of labor.**

“In pairing the two Cabinet picks, Biden balanced Raimondo, who has often been at odds with major labor unions, with Walsh, who enjoys strong support from leaders of the AFL-CIO and earned his union card in 1988 when he joined Laborers Local 225, which has a long history of supporting the city’s Building and Construction Trades Council,” David Lynch, Jeff Stein, Eli Rosenberg and Andrew Freedman report. “Biden is also preparing to name Isabel Guzman, director of California’s Office of the Small Business Advocate, to take charge of the U.S. Small Business Administration ... Biden will also nominate Don Graves, who advised him

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## **Inside the U.S. Capitol, the rioters were in charge.**

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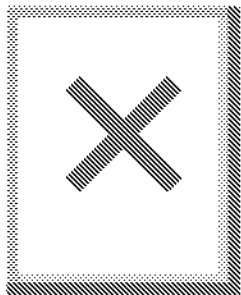
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“By early Wednesday afternoon, **Sund made an urgent plea for backup from the D.C. National Guard during a call with top Pentagon and city officials ... But Defense officials balked,** concerns about the ‘optics’ of soldiers inside the Capitol building, two District officials said. During the melee, **Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R) said he got a call from House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer (D-Md.),** who was in a secure location under police protection. ... But the governor said he was ... repeatedly rebuffed by the Defense Department. ... It wasn’t until about 90 minutes later that the secretary of the Army called asking the Maryland guardsmen to ‘come as soon as possible,’ the governor said. **Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D) said he also got a call on his cellphone Wednesday. ‘It showed up, ‘Nancy Pelosi,” he said,** recalling his surprise. ... ‘She said, ‘Ralph, there’s glass being broken around me. I’ve heard there’s been gunfire. We’re just very, very concerned right now.’”

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## Quote of the day

*Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo, president of the Major Cities Chiefs Association, said he worries the lack of preparedness was rooted in police’s perception of the crowd: “They see Black Lives Matter and go ‘Oh my God, we’ve got to be ready.’ But, hey, these people have their blue lives matter flags all over the place. And that bias and that false sense of security bit them.”*



*Richard Barnett sits at a desk in Nancy Pelosi's office on Wednesday. (Jim Lo Scaizo/EPA-EFE/Shutterstock)*

**The man who posed at a desk in Pelosi's office said he was**

## **prepared for a violent death.**

“Last Saturday, Richard Barnett of Gravette, Ark., criticized House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in a Facebook post for using the description ‘white nationalist’ as a ‘derogatory term,’” Jon Swaine reports. “I am white. There is no denying that. I am a nationalist. I put my nation first. So that makes me a white nationalist,’ Barnett wrote on a page he maintained under a pseudonym, before adding that people who were not nationalists should ‘get the f--- out of our nation.’ Just four days later, Barnett was photographed sitting with his feet up on a desk in Pelosi’s office at the U.S. Capitol — an image that quickly became emblematic of the chaotic storming of the complex by a pro-Trump mob. Barnett, who is 60 and goes by the nickname ‘Bigo,’ identified himself as the intruder in Pelosi’s office to [a] New York Times reporter ... In a Dec. 28 Facebook post, ... Barnett announced he would be attending Wednesday’s rally and urged fellow Arkansans to make sacrifices to join him there. ... In a separate post the same day, Barnett wrote that he ‘came into this world kicking and screaming, covered in someone else’s blood,’ adding, ‘I’m not afraid to go out the same way.’”

- One of the rioters says a Capitol Police officer gave members of the mob directions to Schumer’s office. (NYT)
- “The Capitol Police made more arrests on each of the first three days of the confirmation hearings for Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh, in September, 2018, than they did Wednesday,” the *New Yorker* notes. “The protesters at those hearings — most of them women, many self-identified survivors of sexual assault — were arrested for transgressions such as shouting out from the gallery, ‘Kavanaugh can’t be trusted!’”
- Biden denounced the racial inequalities reflected in the lenient response to the mostly White attackers. “You can’t tell me that if it had been a group of Black Lives Matter protesters yesterday they wouldn’t have been treated very differently than the mob of thugs that stormed the Capitol,” Biden said in Wilmington, Del., before beginning to hammer his fist against the lectern. “We all know that is true. And it is totally unacceptable.” (Annie Linskey, Chelsea Janes and Amy Wang)
- Shattered glass still litters the Capitol’s floors, as crews try to clean up the mess. (Paul Schwartzman)

## Several dozen people make their first court appearances.

"In D.C. Superior Court, 40 defendants were charged with unlawful entry of public property and were notified that prosecutors are reviewing evidence of an additional charge of curfew violation," Keith Alexander, Spencer Hsu and Paul Duggan report. "Most of the defendants came from outside of the Washington region — including Oregon, Florida, Wyoming, Connecticut and Pennsylvania — though some were from the District, Maryland and Virginia. One person arrested was charged with possessing a 'military style automatic weapon' and 11 molotov cocktails, prosecutors said. Another defendant was charged with assaulting a police officer with a hockey stick. Yet another, who **needed a Russian interpreter**, told a judge, 'I don't know what unlawful entry you are referring to.' ...

"As of early Thursday evening, four other people, charged with federal crimes, appeared in U.S. District Court, including a Maryland man accused of possessing a firearm after curfew on Capitol grounds just outside the Capitol Visitor Center — a 9mm handgun with a round in the firing chamber. Prosecutors said he also was carrying two fully loaded 12-round magazines, wearing a bulletproof vest, and carrying a gas mask and pocket knife in his backpack. ... Meanwhile, D.C. Police Chief Robert J. Contee III vowed that his department would arrest 'each and every one of the violent mob.' ... He said the department is offering a \$1,000 reward for any tip leading to the arrest of a rioter. ... The FBI also said that it is asking people in areas where explosive devices were found whether they would share any video recordings of surroundings with investigators. ...

"At a news conference, **Michael R. Sherwin, the acting U.S. attorney for the District, voiced 'concern' at the relatively small number of rioters who were detained by police in the Capitol.** As a result, he said, federal authorities face the daunting task of identifying, locating and obtaining arrest warrants for a large number of suspects, which he said could occupy investigators for months. ... He said a large amount of government paperwork along with electronic devices and other items were stolen from congressional offices during the disturbance, which 'could have national security implications.'"

**The top federal prosecutor in D.C. also said Trump is not off-limits in his**

**investigation of the events surrounding Wednesday's riot, saying "all actors" would be examined to determine if they broke the law,** Devlin Barrett reports. Asked if federal agents and prosecutors will look at the incendiary statements made by speakers at Trump's rally shortly before the mob sacked the Capitol, Sherwin replied: "Yes, we are looking at all actors here, not only the people that went into the building, but . . . were there others that maybe assisted or facilitated or played some ancillary role in this. We will look at every actor and all criminal charges." Asked if that might include Trump himself, who urged the crowd to "fight like hell" before the rioting began, Sherwin replied: "We are looking at all actors here, and anyone that had a role, if the evidence fits the element of a crime, they're going to be charged."

**Trump is said to have discussed pardoning himself.** "In several conversations since Election Day, Mr. Trump has told advisers that he is considering giving himself a pardon and, in other instances, asked whether he should and what the effect would be on him legally and politically," the New York Times reports. "No president has pardoned himself, so the legitimacy of prospective self-clemency has never been tested in the justice system, and legal scholars are divided about whether the courts would recognize it. . . . The questions would be whether the Justice Department under another president would honor the pardon and set aside any potential prosecution of Mr. Trump and, if he were prosecuted, whether the judicial system would ultimately decide whether the pardon insulates Mr. Trump from facing charges."

**"Acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen vowed that pro-Trump rioters who entered the U.S. Capitol would 'face the full consequences of their actions under the law,'** and those consequences could include being charged under Trump's executive order [from this summer] authorizing up to 10 years in prison for 'injury of federal property,'" Fox News reports. "The order directs the Department of Justice to 'prosecute to the fullest extent permitted under federal law' those who vandalize government property."

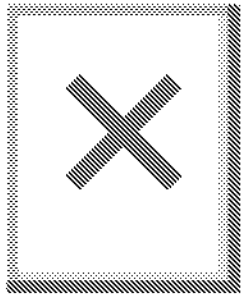
**Internet sleuths are identifying scores of the rioters.** "As he strolled past gold-framed portraits of past Congressional leaders, one rioter who stormed the

Capitol in a pro-Trump mob on Wednesday wore a red Trump hat, a commemorative sweatshirt from the president's inauguration and a lanyard around his neck. When a photo of him went viral, it didn't take Internet sleuths long to realize that the lanyard held his work badge — clearly identifying him as an employee of Navistar Direct Marketing, a printing company in Frederick, Md. On Thursday, Navistar swiftly fired him," Jaclyn Peiser reports. "While police and the FBI work to identify and arrest members of the mob, online detectives are also crowdsourcing information and doxing them — exposing the rioters to criminal prosecution, but also more immediate action from their bosses."

**Airlines and airports in the D.C. area tighten security.** "Officials with American Airlines, United Airlines and Delta Air Lines said they also were taking additional security measures in the Washington region. American and United increased staffing and said they were working closely with law enforcement," Ian Duncan reports.

**Democratic control of the Senate — and the Capitol breach — put D.C. statehood front and center.** "At a Thursday news conference, Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) grew impassioned as she sought to frame the stakes of the statehood cause against the backdrop of Wednesday's insurrection: D.C. residents, she said, risked their lives to defend a Congress that affords them no voting representation," Megan Flynn and Fenit Nirappil report.





Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) looks at his watch during the joint session to certify the election results inside the House Chamber. (Jonathan Ernst/Reuters)

## **Aside from Trump, no Republican has taken more blame than Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.).**

“Supporting Josh and trying so hard to get him elected to the Senate was the worst mistake I ever made in my life,” former senator John Danforth (R-Mo.), who for years has been described as Hawley's biggest mentor, told the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

“As he walked into the Capitol on Wednesday, Hawley cheered on pro-Trump protesters gathering outside the building with a thumbs up and fist pump,” the *Associated Press* reports. “GOP state Sen. Shamed Dogan of Ballwin in suburban St. Louis, like Danforth, said late Wednesday he regretted supporting Hawley. ‘I have

never regretted a vote as much and as quickly as my vote for @HawleyMO in 2018,' he tweeted. ... The student bar association at the University of Missouri law school, where Hawley taught, issued a statement calling for his resignation. ...

**“Simon & Schuster canceled publication of Hawley’s upcoming book, ‘The Tyranny of Big Tech.’** The publisher said it values publishing diverse view points. ‘At the same time, we take seriously our larger public responsibility as citizens and cannot support Senator Hawley after his role in what became a dangerous threat to our democracy and freedom,’ it said in a statement. Hawley responded by calling the decision a ‘direct assault on the First Amendment.’ ‘I will fight this cancel culture with everything I have. We’ll see you in court.’”

- At least six state-level GOP lawmakers were among the mob, including Tennessee’s Terri Lynn Weaver, Virginia’s Amanda Chase and Michigan’s Matt Maddock. (The Independent)
- A chorus of Democratic lawmakers, including moderate Sen. Chris Coons (Del.), called on Hawley and Cruz to resign. So did Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (N.Y.) and Rep. Joaquin Castro (Tex.). (Kansas City Star)
- One of Hawley’s major donors called on the Senate to censure him. David Humphreys, president and CEO of Tamko Building Products, said his patron provoked the riot with “irresponsible, inflammatory, and dangerous tactics,” adding that Hawley has “shown his true colors as an anti-democracy populist.” (Missouri Independent)
- Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall (R) leads a nonprofit that helped organize the Save America march. “Marshall leads the Republican Attorneys General Association’s dark-money nonprofit Rule of Law Defense Fund, which is listed as a participating organization for the March to Save America on the march’s website, as are the groups Stop the Steal, Tea Party Patriots and Turning Point Action,” per the Alabama Political Reporter. “Marshall on Wednesday issued a statement condemning the violence at the Capitol but did not mention his role leading a group that helped organize the march.”
- Dominion Voting Systems filed a defamation lawsuit against lawyer Sidney Powell, demanding more than \$1.3 billion in damages for havoc it says Powell has caused by spreading “wild” and “demonstrably false” allegations. (Emma Brown)

## **Combat veterans in Congress took heroic action.**

“On Wednesday, after chemical irritants were fired in the Capitol to repel a pro-Trump mob, Rep. Ruben Gallego thought of the moment years ago when he entered a Marine Corps gas chamber,” Alex Horton reports. “The training was suddenly relevant for the Iraq veteran and Arizona Democrat after an announcement blared to don gas masks stored under the seats. Gallego looked over the panicked faces of fellow lawmakers and explained to them some of the most potent lessons from boot camp. Trust your mask. Take measured, shallow breaths. Don’t panic. ... Rep. Jason Crow (D-Colo.), a former Army Ranger who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, also soothed colleagues on the balcony and compared the moment to flashes of combat. ‘I haven’t felt that way in over 15 years since I was a Ranger in Iraq and Afghanistan,’ Crow said.”

## **Rioters attacked a journalist covering the scene.**

“I ran upstairs to be out of the way of the crowd, and to get a better vantage point to document what was happening. Suddenly, two or three men in black surrounded me and demanded to know who I worked for,” Times reporter Erin Schaff writes. “Grabbing my press pass, they saw that my ID said The New York Times and became really angry. They threw me to the floor, trying to take my cameras. I started screaming for help as loudly as I could. No one came. People just watched. At this point, I thought I could be killed and no one would stop them. They ripped one of my cameras away from me, broke a lens on the other and ran away.”

## **Authorities have shared few details on the deaths of the three “medical emergency” victims.**

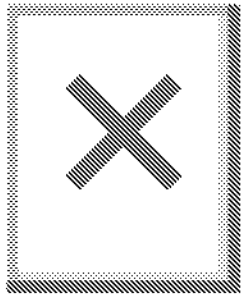
The three were identified as Rosanne Boyland, 34, of Kennesaw, Ga., Kevin Greeson, 55, of Athens, Ala., and Benjamin Philips, 50, of Ringtown, Pa. “Relatives of two of the three said they had not gone to Washington expecting to participate or be caught up in violence. But the social media posts of one advocated that people take up arms, and posts by another showed a belief in the false allegations of election fraud,” Rebecca Tan, Steve Thompson and Antonio Olivo report. “Greeson’s wife, Kristi Greeson, said her husband’s only goal was to show support for Trump. ... Her husband, who worked as a salesman in the steel and aluminum industry, ‘had a

history of high blood pressure, and in the midst of the excitement, suffered a heart attack,' she added. But Greeson appeared to have an account on the right-wing social media site Parler filled with recent obscene and violent posts, fueled by misinformation spread by right-wing radio host Mark Levin, the Proud Boys and others. ...

"Atlanta TV stations on Thursday night quoted Boyland's brother-in-law, Justin Cave, who blamed Trump for inciting a riot that led to the death of Boyland, who he described as 'very passionate about her beliefs.' A Facebook page belonging to a Rosanne Boyland in Kennesaw features several pro-Trump posts and includes a false assertion that D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) ordered hotels and other businesses to close in advance of Wednesday's rally. ... Philips, the 50-year-old from Pennsylvania, was a computer programmer and an ardent Trump supporter. He had helped to organize transportation for dozens of people traveling from Pennsylvania to D.C., the Philadelphia Inquirer reported ... but after arriving in the city on Wednesday, he left the group. When it was time to drive back home, people who had traveled with him said they received a call from D.C. police informing them that Philips had suffered a stroke and died at George Washington University Hospital ... 'It seems like the first day of the rest of our lives,' Philips told an Inquirer reporter while traveling to D.C. on Wednesday morning. 'They should name this year Zero because something will happen.'"

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## **The coronavirus**



Nurse Merri Lynn Anderson treats a patient Thursday in a covid-19 unit at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, Calif. (Jan C. Hong/AP)

**Adding insult to injury, scientists fear the riot was a**

## **superspreader event.**

“The coronavirus thrives indoors, particularly in crowded spaces, lingering in the air in tiny particles called aerosols. If even a few extremists were infected — likely, given the current rates of spread and the crowd size — then the virus would have had the ideal opportunity to find new victims, experts said,” the Times reports. “Hundreds of rioters shouting in crowded rooms and hallways for extended periods of time can infect dozens of people at once. ... Infected members of Congress and law enforcement could have spread the virus to one another as they sheltered from the violence ... Rep. Jake LaTurner, Republican of Kansas, announced on Twitter early Thursday morning that he had tested positive for the virus. Mr. LaTurner was cloistered in the chamber with other members of Congress for much of the day. At least a dozen of the 400 or so lawmakers and staff who were huddling in one committee room refused to wear masks even after being offered one, or wore them improperly below their chins, said Representative Susan Wild, Democrat of Pennsylvania.”

## **Researchers point to asymptomatic cases as major spreaders.**

“As the United States marked another grim milestone Thursday with **more than 4,000 covid-19 deaths reported in a single day**, federal disease trackers said research suggests that people without symptoms transmit more than half of all cases of the novel coronavirus,” Brittany Shammass and Ben Guarino report. “The findings, which came from a model developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, demonstrate the importance of following the agency’s guidelines about wearing a mask and maintaining social distance. ... In the past seven days, U.S. infections, hospitalizations and deaths have hit record highs. Cases reached a record 277,135 on Saturday. And by Thursday, more than 132,000 people were hospitalized in the nation with covid-19 ...

“There is no evidence that the surge is being driven by the more contagious strain, known as B117, because if it were, it would have turned up in more of the genomic sequences analyzed by researchers in recent weeks. But health officials fear the variant could make a bad situation worse ... On Thursday, three states — Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Texas — reported detecting B117, joining California,

Colorado, Florida, Georgia and New York. ... 'We are in a race against time,' said Jennifer Nuzzo, an epidemiologist with the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security. ... As of Thursday, more than 21 million doses of coronavirus vaccine had been distributed to states, and just under 6 million had been administered, according to CDC data."

## **The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine appears to protect against the new variants.**

"Both the U.K. and South African variants contain a mutation of the spike protein that is commonly referred to as N501Y, and may be the key factor that makes both variants especially transmissible. In a study that has not yet been peer-reviewed, scientists from Pfizer and the University of Texas Medical Branch took blood samples from participants who had received the vaccine during clinical trials and found that the vaccine effectively neutralized the virus with the N501Y mutation," *Antonia Farzan reports*. "But as the study's authors note, there are numerous other mutations found in the new variants that the vaccine has not yet been tested against. They conclude that 'continuous monitoring' is necessary, as a future mutation could prove resistant to the vaccine. Even if that is the case, it's not necessarily as alarming as it sounds. BioNTech's chief executive said in December that it would only take the company about six weeks to retool the vaccine to protect against a new strain if necessary."

- "The human body typically retains a robust immune response to the coronavirus for at least eight months after an infection, and potentially much longer, researchers said in a study published in the journal *Science*. About 90 percent of the patients studied showed lingering, stable immunity, the study found," *Joel Achenbach reports*.
- Researchers in Brazil said a vaccine developed by China's Sinovac Biotech was 78 percent effective in Phase 3 trials. (*Eva Dou*)
- The discovery of a single case of the U.K. variant in otherwise virus-free Brisbane has prompted a three-day lockdown in the Australian city of 2.5 million people. (*Farzan*)
- A growing outbreak in Shijiazhuang prompted authorities to impose a strict lockdown and ban people from entering or exiting the Chinese city of 10 million. The cluster of 123 confirmed cases in neighboring Hebei province

represents the regime's worst outbreak in two months. (Farzan)

- A largely empty, 18-hour flight from Dubai to New Zealand led to four infections. The September case is offering researchers, and airlines, an opportunity to study in-transit contagion. (NYT)
- Counties where large universities held in-person classes experienced an average 56 percent rise in coronavirus infections in the 21 days after classes began, according to new CDC data, while those counties where online learning was the only option registered an 18 percent decrease on average. (Farzan)

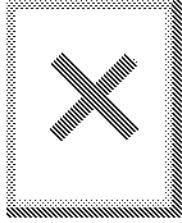


## Other news that should be on your radar

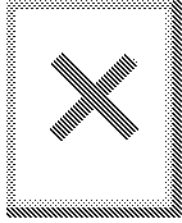
- The economy lost 140,000 jobs in December, as the recovery makes a U and the unemployment rate holds at 6.7 percent. (Eli Rosenberg)
  - The Justice Department said Boeing agreed to pay more than \$2.5 billion to resolve a charge that it conspired to defraud the FAA during its review of the 737 Max, the airliner involved in a pair of deadly crashes that killed 346 people. (Ian Duncan, Lori Aratani and Michael Laris)
  - The judge overseeing the criminal charges for George Floyd's killing heard arguments from prosecutors and defense attorneys, who asked to postpone the March trial until summer, citing concerns that the proceedings and expected protests outside the courthouse could create a "superspreader event." (Holly Bailey)
  - Andrei Tyurin, the highly skilled Russian hacker for hire who breached the networks of JPMorgan Chase, the Wall Street Journal and other major institutions, was sentenced to a dozen years in federal prison. Tyurin personally made \$20 million targeting financial institutions, brokerage firms and publishers of financial news on behalf of the partners he worked with between 2007 and 2015. (Shayna Jacobs)
  - A Missouri woman believed to be the last Civil War widow died. Helen Viola Jackson's 1936 marriage to Union soldier James Bolin was unusual: He was 93 and in declining health, and she was a 17-year-old schoolgirl. She was 101 when she died last month at a nursing home. Bolin offered to marry Jackson so that she could receive his soldier's pension after his death, but she never sought the money. (AP)
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## Social media speed read

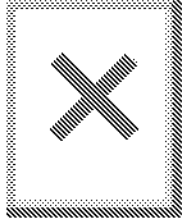
Police honored their fallen comrade:



Compare this note that President George H.W. Bush left for Bill Clinton after losing reelection to how Trump has treated Biden:



Michelle Obama called Trump's behavior "infantile and unpatriotic":

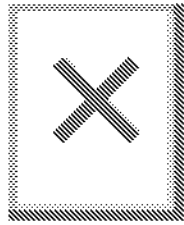


When a Post reporter noticed that rioters left behind a can of Axe body spray, the company responded by condemning the attack:

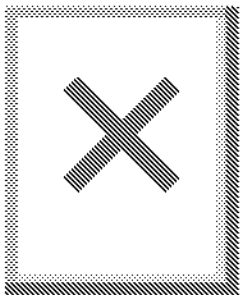
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## Videos of the day

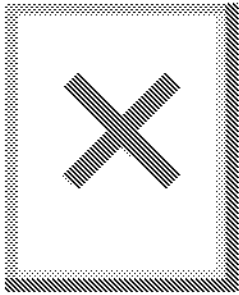
As Trump supporters gathered for the “Save America” rally, the Trumps danced backstage to “Gloria” by Laura Branigan:



Seth Meyers said Hawley, Cruz and the “rest of the sedition caucus” should be removed from Congress:



Stephen Colbert called the rioters “violent idiots” for looking directly into cameras and giving their contact information to reporters:





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