

SEDITION IN PROGRESS: U.S. SENATE IN LOCKDOWN [UPDATE-9]

[NB: Updates will appear at the bottom of this post. /~Rayne]

Trump-supporting protesters breached the U.S. Capitol building where the joint session of Congress had been underway.

Protesters have breached the Capitol.
They're outside the Senate chamber
pic.twitter.com/I021tKliUD

– Igor Bobic (@igorbobic) January 6,
2021

The Senate has been gaveled out and members of Congress evacuated along with VP Mike Pence.

The protesters have now halted and delayed the execution of Article II Section 1 of the Constitution, during which Congress turns over to the President of the Senate – the Vice President of the United States – the certified results of the elections in each of their states for ceremonial acknowledgment of the presidential election's results.

In short, Trump supporters are engaged in rebellion, insurrection, and seditious conspiracy inside the U.S. Capitol building.

This coup attempt isn't over.

UPDATE-1 – 2:53 PM ET –

Secret Service whisking Pence off the chamber floor here:

The moment when the House Session
gaveled out because of the protesters
breaching the capitol.
pic.twitter.com/Shx7jjvpQN

– Pod Save America (@PodSaveAmerica)
January 6, 2021

Press were asked to secure doors. What the hell does that say about security?

This is scary. Pence has left the Capitol, presumably for security reasons. A Capitol police officer just called on the press gallery to lock the doors.

– Grace Segers (@Grace_Segers) January 6, 2021

Trump incited this and he's encouraging it with neglect. There's no sign Trump has done anything to call up additional security personnel like former AG Bill Barr did this summer to protect Trump during his ridiculous photo op.

UPDATE-2 – 3:01 PM ET –

The joint session was still in debate as the video above shows. The session was gaveled out about 2:15 PM ET.

And then Trump tweeted this:

Mike Pence didn't have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our Country and our Constitution, giving States a chance to certify a corrected set of facts, not the fraudulent or inaccurate ones which they were asked to previously certify. USA demands the truth!

– Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump)
January 6, 2021

When Congress reconvenes it should immediately move to impeach and then remove Trump from office.

He has failed to uphold his oath of office by obstructing the Constitutional duties of Congress and its President Pro Tempore, by inciting rebellion, insurrection, and sedition.

UPDATE-3 – 3:37 PM ET –

Weapons were drawn.

This is not a protest. This is a violent coup attempt.

Look at the photos.<https://t.co/Fde0xktwsF>

– Richard W. Painter (@RWPUSA) January 6, 2021

There's a report of a person shot.

A woman is in critical condition after being shot in the chest on the Capitol grounds, according to two sources familiar with the matter

<https://t.co/hVJj5APK5F>
<pic.twitter.com/5qVSD4TNET>

– CNN (@CNN) January 6, 2021

And Ivanka is doing her performative head-patting. (click on date+time in Acosta's tweet to open)

Storming the Capitol is not patriotic.
<https://t.co/uQf770gh1b>

– Jim Acosta (@Acosta) January 6, 2021

Put a leash on your demented and lawless father, sweetheart. Anything less is just idle chatter.

Spencer Ackerman's not getting any response to questions about law enforcement response.

I cannot get an answer from anyone across multiple agencies to the very

simple question of who is in charge of the response to the MAGA violence at the Capitol and what is being done.

– Spencer Ackerman (@attackerman)
January 6, 2021

Sure would be nice to know if former AG Bill Barr knew this was coming and quit when he did because of it.

Basically Trump quit without giving notice.

At the White House, there is no sign of anyone coming to a camera to stand up and say anything about the violence that has broken out in the U.S. Capitol and in cities across the nation.

There are just Trump tweets in a moment where Americans are terrified.

– Yamiche Alcindor (@Yamiche) January 6, 2021

Just finish the job, Congress – impeach and remove his ass.

UPDATE-4 – 3:57 PM ET –

Trump has allegedly ordered up the National Guard to respond to the violence in the Capitol. But it's still pretty rocky inside.

I reiterate: I am in the Capitol right now. There is no “remaining” peaceful. They are not peaceful. Several people are threatening the safety of lawmakers, reporters, and Capitol staff as we speak. <https://t.co/PHxBWwcYJk>

– Grace Segers (@Grace_Segers) January 6, 2021

What an absolute disgrace, utterly embarrassing.

This is a BBC reporter from India sharing this on Twitter.

Protester in Nancy Pelosi's office#capitol
pic.twitter.com/4os6PxPXxC

– Soutik Biswas (@soutikBBC) January 6, 2021

UPDATE-5 – 4:20 PM ET –

Quite a few people are making similar observations about the response to protesters breaching the capitol building.

Just remember. This is what DC looked like for the #BlackLivesMatter protest. So ask yourself why it didn't look like this today? #capitol
pic.twitter.com/TQqnI3E18t

– Jaime Casap (@jcasap) January 6, 2021

Gee, what could possibly be the difference? Whatever it is, it's visible from abroad.

These terrorists were allowed to break into the Capitol because of white privilege. No tear gas. No rubber bullets. Nothing. Suddenly blue lives matter doesn't matter at all. #capitol
pic.twitter.com/VwzDx2Rbmn

– Murad Merali (@MuradMerali) January 6, 2021

Yup. The violence we saw this summer was police-driven, not BLM.

important footnote to "if this was BLM" posts today is that BLM would literally never

– Craig Bro Dude (@CraigSJ) January 6,

2021

UPDATE-6 – 4:30 PM ET –

This is some weapons-grade stupid, both the PC left up unsecured, and the idiot intruding in the office taking pictures of this intrusion. (click to open image)

In case @FBI needs a copy of @ElijahSchaffer's now deleted tweet showing him violating 18 USC 1030 (and probably other stuff too), it's here: <https://t.co/i5RP9UHweh>
pic.twitter.com/Fi7TQCigLW

– Ari Cohn (@AriCohn) January 6, 2021

UPDATE-7 – 4:46 PM ET –

So Popehat asked...

Question: can an enemy force defeated a century and a half ago and dissolved be an enemy for purposes of the treason statute?

– BigVoterDumpHat (@Popehat) January 6, 2021

And lo, there were uninvited Confederates in the White House.

A Trump supporter carries a Confederate battle flag on the second floor of the U.S. Capitol near the entrance to the Senate, as a mob breached the building Wednesday. pic.twitter.com/vjNdw8jHmL

– NBC News (@NBCNews) January 6, 2021

UPDATE-8 – 5:40 PM ET –

There. Are. Bullet. Holes.

There are bullet holes in the door of the House chamber. Members of Congress are in hiding, having been interrupted in the very act of certifying Biden's election. Fanatical supporters of the sitting President are occupying the building at his invitation.

– southpaw (@nycsouthpaw) January 6, 2021

Jesus Christ.

At least the FBI SWAT team is now in the building, though specific location details aren't being shared.

This is the fbi swat team in the capitol. pic.twitter.com/bY6maxLjLJ

– Jake Sherman (@JakeSherman) January 6, 2021

I guess we're back to watching for the joint session to re-gavel into order though it will only happen after the building has been cleared. There have been claims members of the mob will continue hide out and remain in the building as long as possible.

UPDATE-9 – 6:08 PM ET –

From Yahoo News:

By the time the president strengthened his calls for cooperation with the police, his protesters, many of whom were armed and had not passed through a metal detector, had already broken through a police barricade and entered the Capitol's Statuary Hall. An **improvised explosive device was found** on the Capitol grounds, NBC News reported, and **at least two IED's were discovered**

on the 300 and 400 block of Canal St., according to a law enforcement document obtained by Yahoo News.

Here's are law enforcement pics obtained by @janawinter of the IEDs found near the capitol today.

Story by
@writerknowles <https://t.co/6ST7BnXlc0>
pic.twitter.com/IEaXR9jDpj

– Sharon Weinberger (@weinbergersa)
January 6, 2021

In his statement to the public this afternoon, Joe Biden said today's events "borders on sedition."

What Trump did with his continuing incitement, including his most recent statement to his supporters, was sedition. No toeing the border. He incited rebellion and insurrection to delay and obstruct Constitutional duties of Congress.

As a result of this lawlessness, someone has died.

ALERT: Person shot at US Capitol today has died, per law enforcement source

– Scott MacFarlane (@MacFarlaneNews)
January 6, 2021

Congress, impeach and remove Trump before he can do any more damage. Again, he's literally not doing his job.

!![] "Defense and administration officials said it was Pence, not Trump, who approved the order to deploy the D.C. National Guard. It was unclear why Trump, who is still the commander in chief, did not give the order."

<https://t.co/r5aLuPYTKp>

– Katie Phang (@KatiePhang) January 6,

2021

Why did Pence have to give the order after having been whisked off the Senate floor??

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