

TIMING MATTERS: IMPEACH, CONVICT, REMOVE NOW [UPDATE-1]

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

Photos taken during the insurrectionist Capitol Building breach on Wednesday showed a lot of riot tourism – “Look at me, Mom!” kind of behavior which causes reparable damage while irritating observers. The jerk sitting in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s chair with his feet on her desk is a perfect example.

But some photos showed participants who weren’t flashy, who weren’t taking selfies. They appeared intent on some objective and they were well equipped, wholly unlike the bare-chested, tattooed Qultist clown Jake Angeli.

Angeli was attention whoring.

This guy was not:

WOW: Was there a plan to take hostages?
This man is carrying police-style zip-tie handcuffs. And mace(?)
pic.twitter.com/np3ilpUc6n

– John Scott-Railton (@jsrailton)
January 7, 2021

(Believe this is a cropped photo from Getty Images, shared here under Fair Use.)

Malcolm Nance noted this same person was carrying an “olive colored Blackhawk Sherpa pistol holster with a Glock 26 or 43 subcompact pistol w/hogue rubber grips, mace & Flex-cuffs” which is far from the average riot tourist’s gear. There has been speculation it’s not a Glock but a holstered taser, though the consensus appears to be that it’s a weapon.

The photo shows someone intent on doing more than a little light vandalism. They are equipped to kidnap, detain, and possibly hurt or kill someone.

They need to be identified, their situation fully investigated, and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

This isn't something which should be blown off lightly; this person was in the Senate chamber where two of the next three in line of presidential succession – VP Mike Pence and Sen. Chuck Grassley – had been only moments before, in the same building with third-in-line, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

There were others as well who may not have been quite as well equipped but carrying some gear like plastic zip restraints, suggesting they, too, were intent on seizing members of Congress and staff.

Until an investigation is completed, we don't know if we haven't just looked upon an aborted kidnapping and/or assassination attempt.

We don't know yet how the "mobile bomb factory" found by law enforcement figured into this picture:

... The chief also confirmed that police recovered two pipe bombs at the Democratic National Committee and Republican National Committee offices. A cooler that contained molotov cocktails also was found on U.S. Capitol grounds, the chief said. Bowser said officials will review video and issue lookout alerts for people who breached the U.S. Capitol, adding that they "need to be held accountable for the carnage."

...

Federal agents also are investigating a pickup truck found outside the RNC, according to two people familiar with the investigation.

The truck, parked across the street from the party offices and near the entrance to a Metro station, contained rifles and shotguns, a great deal of ammunition, and other unspecified material, these people said. Federal agents are still trying to determine if that vehicle and its contents are connected to the suspected pipe bombs found earlier, the people said. ...

This could have been extremely ugly had riot members been able to occupy and control the Capitol Building through the night.

Trump should not be allowed to pardon these people if he and his associates and family had anything to do with this – like Rudy Giuliani’s incitement calling for “trial by combat” on stage before Trump supporters that day.

The only way to ensure there is no pardon granted by Trump before an investigation is complete is to remove Trump from office.

Immediately.

GOP members of Congress: You need to take this seriously and consider where you and members of your cohort stand. There may be those among them who are complicit, who may have no problem with eliminating their fellow members who aren’t as Trumpist as they are. Until a full investigation is completed there’s no way to know, and no way to protect themselves from a possible second attack-masked-by-riot.

And there’s a second event in the offing. It’s right there in all the chatter online about the January 6 mob.

Impeach, convict, remove Trump NOW, because it’s critical to protecting the continuity of our government under the Constitution about which you swore an oath to defend.

It’s also your skin in the game.

Consider how this scenario looks to others and

whether the damage would have been limited to Democratic members of Congress alone.

It seems more and more likely that this was an actually serious attempt to kill off or shatter congress, with plans for murder on the part of the fash and conscious stonewalling by Trump's defense appointees.

But the rank-and-file chuds just kinda flubbed it. <https://t.co/8dtRCjcVCl>

– William Gillis □ (@rechelon) January 8, 2021

One of the things we've noted again and again looking through streams the day of and saved video after is the chuds are just befuddled tourist fratboys, while the fash embedded among them are hyper-aware of the gravity and kinda freaked out trying to parse what's possible.

– William Gillis □ (@rechelon) January 8, 2021

So many photos have like the chuds going "wooo! check me out!" while the one or two actual serious nazis next to them are just tense as fuck and weirded out, trying to assess the situation. 1) Surprised to get in, 2) perplexed the extermination hasn't started.

– William Gillis □ (@rechelon) January 8, 2021

Next time Congress and the VP might not be so lucky. Remove luck from the equation by removing the source of incitement NOW.

~ ~ ~

UPDATE-1 – 5:10 PM ET –

The Washington Post released video showing the lead up to and the shooting of rioter Ashli Babbitt. At least one member of Congress, Rep. Sean Maloney (D-NY-18), is visible at the beginning of the video before they are removed to a secure location and the rioters breach the door.

I was in the group seen on the other side of this door. For those pretending it's something less than a violent insurrection, please watch and wake up. This is what [realDonaldTrump] and his enablers incited. He must be removed and held accountable.

<https://t.co/vJxQdz4ZQY>

– Sean Patrick Maloney (@RepSeanMaloney)

January 8, 2021

Impeachment still has traction if slow. Another set of articles of impeachment have been released, this time charging Incitement to Insurrection instead of Abuse of Power. Sorry, I don't have time right now to type out a transcript, sharing a tweet with screen shots for now.

JUST IN: 4-page draft article of impeachment against President Trump that Reps. Raskin, Lieu, Cicilline are planning to introduce Monday: "Incitement of insurrection"
<pic.twitter.com/KdQrzQy6pf>

– NBC News (@NBCNews) January 8, 2021

Pence entered the White House but apparently didn't speak to Trump, and Sen. Lisa Murkowski is the first GOP senator to demand Trump resign, questioning her own future with the GOP.

One can only hope the news dump zone is kind to us.