



NCRI Assessment of the Capitol Riots

Violent Actors and Ideologies Behind the Events of January 6, 2021.

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On January 6th, President Trump's "Save America" rally was attended by a majority of peaceful protestors. However, a sizable crowd left the speech delivered by the President and overwhelmed law enforcement officials in order to break into the U.S. Capitol building during the certification of the electoral vote. While a majority of attendees remained peaceful, many participated in the violent storming and looting of the U.S. Capitol building. These events saw law enforcement evacuate lawmakers, Capitol offices burglarized and left 5 dead and many wounded. The cause(s) of these events are several-fold according to NCRI's analytical assessment:

Bottom Line Up Front:

- *Virtually all violent vanguard elements appeared to come from predominantly far-right, fringe groups.*
- *Some in the crowd interpreted portions of President Trump's speech as an instruction to march aggressively to the capitol building directly.*
- *High profile figures associated with the administration were also inciting violent sentiment and cued instructions previous to the event.*
- *Widely subscribed messianic ideology in QAnon, together with situational cues, created conditions that strongly favored mass enactment of its fantasy of insurrection.*
- *Explicit plans to "Occupy the Capitol" were circulating across social media suggesting that the capitol building was an explicit target of the violent vanguard from the beginning. Evidence suggests some rioters were armed with weapons and zip-ties.*
- *There is no credible evidence that the crowd was infiltrated or led by Antifa activists at this time.*

1) Virtually all violent vanguard elements appeared to come from predominantly far-right, fringe groups:

While many of the attendees of the January 6th rally were peaceful, thousands of rioters stormed the U.S. Capitol building. At the vanguard of the insurrectionist act were an amalgamation of QAnon conspiracy theorists, Proud Boys, white supremacists, and other far-right activists.

Many in the crowd displayed widespread signifiers for participation and belief in the QAnon conspiracy especially, an [increasingly militant group](#) that endorses an

apocalyptic and revolutionary ideology. The conspiracy envisions an all-at-once insurrection (signified by the code: WWG1WGA:” where we go one we go all”) against pedophilic and satanic lawmakers. It is notable that the crowd [chanted these codewords](#) en masse, moments before forcefully trespassing into the capitol building. Images from the incident show individuals associated with QAnon: one popular image shows a man dressed in a fur hat and horns who calls himself the “QAnon Shaman.”

Proud Boys members also played a role: a Proud Boy leader, Nick Ochs, tweeted a selfie from inside the building stating “Hello from the Capitol lol.” These actors themselves professed concern that disinformation about ANTIFA being responsible would overshadow their narrative and the true account of events. Following the event, a prominent Proud Boy member who goes by “Noble Beard” stated the following on a video titled “[Half Measures](#),” posted on Rumble:

*“ It wasn’t Antifa, no it wasn’t Antifa. This whole f*cking narrative about - oh antifa did it antifa did it Antifa did it. It was not Antifa. Patriots finally grabbed some f*cking balls and decided to do something.”*

Below is a list of Hate Organizations involved in the U.S. Capitol Riots (not conclusive):

Proud Boys (White Supremacists)
Oathkeepers (Anti-government)
NSC131 (Neo-Nazi)
New Jersey European Heritage Association (White Supremacists)
Nick Fuentes and “Groyper Army” (Neo-Nazi)
American Nationalist Party (White Supremacists)
American Guard (White Supremacists)

2) Some in the crowd interpreted portions of President Trump’s January 6th speech as an instruction to march aggressively to the capitol building directly:

“We’re going to walk down to the Capitol, and we’re going to cheer on our brave senators, and congressmen and women. We’re probably not going to be cheering so much for some of them because you’ll never take back our country with weakness. You have to show strength, and you have to be strong.”

The President concluded his speech with:

“We fight like Hell and if you don’t fight like Hell, you’re not going to have a country anymore.”

3) High profile figures associated with the President’s re-election campaign were also inciting violent sentiment and cued instructions previous to the event:

Lin Wood, a defamation lawyer and supporter of QAnon, frequently incited violence ahead of the January 6th incident at the U.S. Capitol. In recent times, Mr. Wood has closely been associated with President Trump’s legal campaign to secure a second term and with the legal effort to clear Kyle Rittenhouse, accused of killing two protesters in Wisconsin last year. Wood has been retweeted by the President multiple times and has an expansive audience. Wood has also called for the arrest and execution of Vice President Pence. A woman who was [shot and killed](#) inside the Capitol retweeted the attached Lin Wood tweet the morning she died. See **Appendix 1**.

Rudy Giuliani, the president’s personal attorney called on Trump supporters to settle the dispute over the election via “trial by combat” at the January 6th “Save America” rally. Though the language may have been intended to indicate intense litigation in courtrooms, the phrase could be interpreted by violent extremists in the crowd as a signal they were waiting for.

4) Widely subscribed messianic ideology in QAnon, together with situational cues, created conditions which strongly favored mass enactment of its fantasy of insurrection:

The President, according to QAnon mythology, is regarded as a messianic figure who will command a revolt against lawmakers and imprison them in order to usher in a Utopia. QAnon also holds that the election was wrongly stolen from the President in an overarching conspiracy and [NCRI research](#) shows how practiced, clandestine communication via codewords and myth between QAnon networks and the President has evolved ([CNN](#)). It is also worth noting that in 2019, the FBI specifically named QAnon as a domestic terrorism threat in a [report](#).

Taken together, it is believable that both choosing the capitol building as a target and storming the building to upend the electoral process was caused mostly by the crowd’s perception that the President’s encouragement was an explicit instruction to revolt coupled with the widespread belief that the crowd was enacting the revolutionary vision of the QAnon conspiracy. See **Appendix 3** for evidence related to violent and conspiratorial sentiments leading to the 6th.

5) Explicit plans to “Occupy the Capitol” were circulating across social media suggesting that the capitol building was an explicit target of the violent vanguard from the beginning.

It is worth noting that evidence appeared before the event for plans for [violence in general](#) and a plan to [storm the capitol specifically](#), intercepted by NCRI in the form of memes and chatter across numerous Web communities. See **Appendix 2** for details on specific planning from vanguard violent groups.

6) There is no credible evidence that the crowd that stormed the capitol was infiltrated or led by Antifa activists at this time.

While the NCI has [detailed the credible threat posed by ANTIFA-associated extremists](#), narratives suggesting the crowd was infiltrated or led by Antifa activists appear to be unfounded and have been amplified by social media users, including current and former elected officials. There were several viral posts that claimed that specific individuals photographed inside the Capitol were affiliated with Antifa, but these cases have been disproven.

One article, cited on the House floor, claimed that XRVision, a facial recognition company, had matched two individuals seen in the Capitol as Antifa. [XRvision has denied the allegation, and said the two individuals were associated with “two known Nazi organizations.”](#)

D.C. Regional Antifa encrypted communication platforms tracked by NCRI show evidence of withdrawal and injunctions to not attend the event on the 6th:



DC RUST

Comment 293 3:54 PM

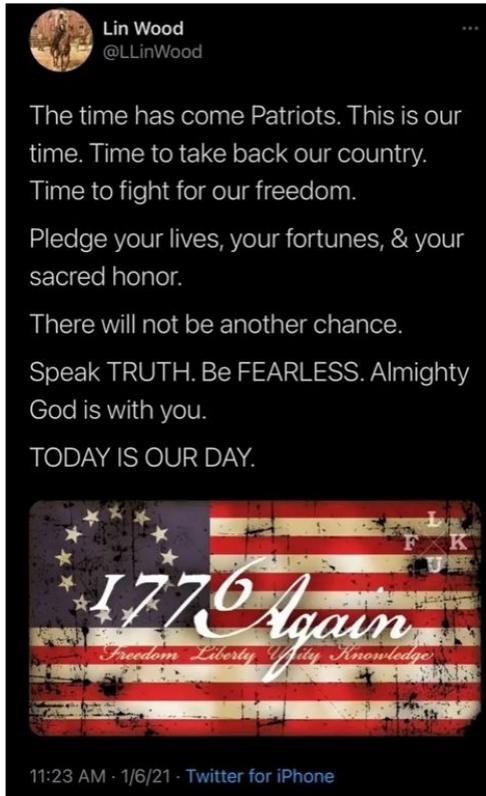
#twitter seems that BLM plaza is crawling with chuds. Organizers in DC recommend avoiding.

While [anti-fascists and anarchists contributed to episodes of civil unrest over the summer](#), we have found no evidence at this juncture to support the claim that Antifa infiltrated the Capitol riot. On Friday, [FBI Assistant Director Steven D’Antuono said there was no evidence that anti-fascists activists were involved in the Capitol riots.](#)

Furthermore, the leader of the Proud Boys, Enrique Tarrio, posted on Parler previous to the 6th that his group would “not be wearing our traditional Black and Yellow. We will be incognito and we will spread across downtown DC in smaller teams. And who knows...we might dress in all BLACK for the occasion.” The intention behind this remains unclear but it is worth noting that these tactics emulate those of Antifa.

Supporting evidence:

Appendix 1: Incitement by attorney and QAnon supporter Lin Wood



to take out government officials.



Appendix 2: Talk and planning on social networks tied to right-wing extremism leading up to Jan. 6th, 2021



The above poster/meme was found on 8kun, Gab, Twitter and other social media and linked to QAnon accounts

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► **Alternative Q Messenger - Ron Watkins** [👤] 01/05/21 (Tue) 03:30:10 ID: 458095 No.17789

Or ... you can go to Washington Jan 6 and help storm the Capital.

As many Patriots as can be ... we will storm the government buildings, kill cops, kill security guards, kill federal employees and agents, and demand a recount.

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► **1776 Q Messenger - Ron Watkins** [👤] 01/05/21 (Tue) 03:33:37 ID: 458095 No.17790 >>17797

We have an army, 10,000 strong.

We're going down to Washington DC. Proud Boys. All of us. Everyone.

And Nick Fuentes will be there, too. Same with Alex Jones.

Bring your sniper rifles!

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► **Anon** [👤] 01/05/21 (Tue) 16:09:17 ID: e32ffc No.17797

>>17790

Storming of the government buildings i can understand. Why kill cops or security guards? I was under the impression the enemies were the high government officials and the rest are uninformed masses. The cops and security guards fall under this category. Why kill the innocent and slander the name of your movement in violence?

An army of 10,000, while obviously quite the force, could not possibly take Washington by force, let alone hold it.

The7thPrime- you couldn't possibly agree with these reckless tactics. I don't think (in your vision for the future) that the slaughter of the uninformed innocent would be acceptable. Not only would this paint your group as a terrorist group, but it would also most likely turn the vast majority of people against you.

Violent rhetoric circulating on 8kun (the home website of QAnon) in the days preceding the events. "You can go to Washington on Jan 6 and help storm the Capital," said one 8kun user a day before the siege. "As many Patriots as can be. We will storm the government buildings, kill cops, kill security guards, kill federal employees and agents, and demand a recount."



6590



Ladies and gentlemen, we have a rendezvous with history on January 6th (grrgraphics.com) **STOP THE STEAL**

posted 6 days ago by OfficerNasty +6590 / -0



169 comments share save hide report block hide child comments

Comments (169)

~~deleted 163 points 6 days ago +165 / -2~~

▲ **PHD_in_everything** 60 points 5 days ago +61 / -1 (edited)

▼ I know it's hard to tell how serious who is about what here but if you tell me to choose, I'll tell you give me Liberty or death!

permlink parent save report block reply

~~deleted 42 points 5 days ago +42 / -0~~

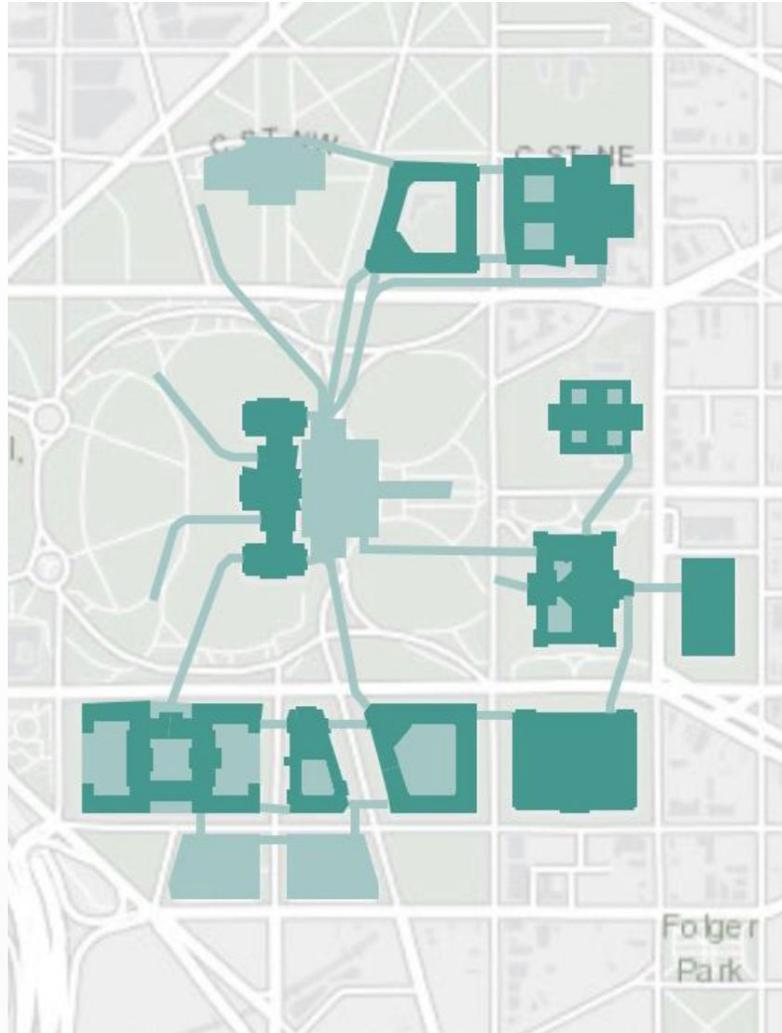
▲ **Hari_Selden** 26 points 5 days ago +26 / -0

▼ I'm in, it's been a good life.



These are tunnels from Capitol Hill. There are likely more that we don't know about. Our taxes pay for this building and the salaries of the corrupt politicians inside it. Let's drain the swamp on January 6th (media.thedonald.win)

posted 4 days ago by [CommunismSucks](#) +72 / -0



▲ [RememberKosciuszko](#) 5 points 4 days ago +5 / -0

▼ Get some hoses and flood the shit out of those **nether tunnels in minecraft** and make them have to go on the surface

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▲ [CommunismSucks](#) [S] 4 points 4 days ago +4 / -0

▼ Bring handcuffs and zip ties to DC. No more tolerating "elected" officials who hate us and hate our country.

January 6th is the chance to restore this country.

Barging into the Capitol through multiple entryways is the surest way to have our bases covered and be sure we can apprehend these traitors

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▲ [Rebeltrooper09](#) 2 points 4 days ago +2 / -0

▼ the 2 parking lots on the south side are right next to a freeway on ramp. You can bet every dollar you have that MPDC, Capitol Police, and possibly Secret Service are going to be keeping that street and intersection clear and open. This will most likely be the primary entry and exit point for most of congress, due to its quick access to the interstate.

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▲ [FreeSpeechMaster](#) 2 points 4 days ago +2 / -0

▼ The three subways lead to 3 different buildings.

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Posts found on thedonald.win. Many show outright planning of an assault on the Capitol. Notable quotes include, "Get some hoses and flood the shit out of those nether tunnels...and make them have to go to the surface.", "Bring handcuffs and zip ties to DC. NO more tolerating 'elected' officials" and "Barging into the Capitol through multiple entryways is the surest way to have our bases covered...."

- BidensHairyLegs** 74 points 15 days ago +77 / -3
Those coming armed should meet outside the city and then move en masse. Too easy to get picked off moving onesies and twosies. Wish I owned land in Virginia but I don't. Need to find a patriot land owner in Virginia with a hundred acres or so.
permalink parent save report block reply
- TrumpBoater** 31 points 15 days ago +34 / -3
All out-of-state traffic should move via large convoy/caravan - organize ahead of time, meet up with other state convoys along the way TRY TO STICK WITH THE ROADS LESS TRAVELED (secondary/tertiary) - spread their LEO resources THIN. I have no doubt there will be random roadblocks set up in neighboring commie states - hell, even VA is a commie state under Northam, and the state LEOs will dance to his orders. Strength in BIG NUMBERS - need to get truckers, bikers involved also. Disgrace that we have to think about 2A violating OATH BREAKERS standing in the way of a patriotic show of strength IN OUR NATIONAL CAPITOL. LIVE AS A FREE AMERICAN AND BRING YOUR ARMS!
permalink parent save report block reply
- WhiteTrashJesus** 17 points 15 days ago +20 / -3 (edited)
Apparently you need a ccw to open carry in arlington county, but that would be a great place to open carry legally. Not sure on reciprocity
permalink parent save report block reply
- Moreme** 13 points 15 days ago +16 / -3
Thus was my second question actually. What are the "laws" on open carry in DC? I expect they are horrible and there is no reciprocity with the CCW. So meeting in a huge group is the only way to ensure that we can come armed.
permalink parent save report block reply
- SpaceAce** 11 points 15 days ago +14 / -3
This is the answer and only way it'd be possible. Otherwise police just pick off people one by one and they probably won't even fight back being by themselves.
permalink parent save report block reply
- Engin_ears** 5 points 5 days ago +5 / -0
The plan only works if you show up
permalink save report block reply
- deleted** 5 points 5 days ago +5 / -0
- wtsnaks** 3 points 5 days ago +3 / -0

The screenshot shows a forum thread with several posts. The top post is titled "Who else is going to DC next month?" and includes a list of usernames and a quote: "I'll be traveling from the Northwest, probably have a dozen or so people already on board. This one will be bigger than the first million maga march, and it's all on the line this time. Trump has proxies floating marital law in the media, as many of us predicted, and there is a real chance he will do it. Even though Trump wasn't that great in his first term, the stakes are just too high to allow these fuckers to steal this election this blatantly. It's too demoralizing to our people, and the enemy will be cracking down on us hard if they manage to get their hands on the White House again. So who else is going? What are you going to bring? Should we storm the Capitol if these fuckers try to give the White House away?" Below this are several other posts, some with images and text like "JANUARY - DC", "Bump", "FIGHT FOR TRUMP FIGHT FOR TRUMP FIGHT FOR TRUMP", and "Glorious, saved, thank you. See you in DC, brother."

Of note: "Should we storm the Capitol if these f***ers try to give the White House away?"

Appendix 3: Violent and conspiratorial sentiment related to the QAnon conspiracy theory leading up to the 6th of January, 2021

 **TimeQ** @aTimeQ · Jan 6 ⋮
PATRIOTS, ARE YOU READY TO FIGHT

Yes.  Yes.  Yes. 

 114  248  944 

 TimeQ Retweeted

 **Nobody**   @apollo_wa · Jan 6 ⋮
FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!



 7  67  302 

 **TimeQ** @aTimeQ ⋮

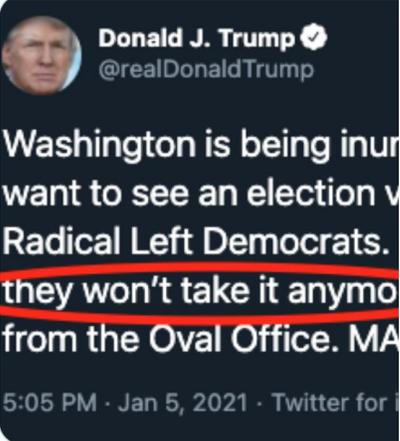
1 Navy Seal  

 **Dr Russell McGregor** @KillAuDeepState · Jan 6
How many Marines would it take to arrest 70% of Congress ?

9:21 AM · Jan 6, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

 TimeQ Retweeted

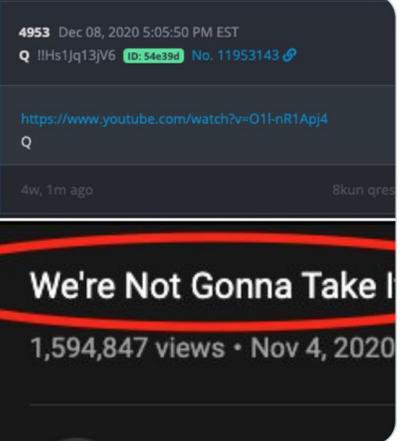
 **anonymous patriot**    @anonpatriotq · Jan 5 ⋮
I love it when a plan comes together.



Donald J. Trump 
@realDonaldTrump

Washington is being inur
want to see an election v
Radical Left Democrats.
they won't take it anymo
from the Oval Office. MA

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O11-nR1Apj4>
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We're Not Gonna Take I
1,594,847 views · Nov 4, 2020

 178  2.6K  8K 

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