

# INSURRECTION BE DAMNED: CONGRESS'S SESSION RESUMED

Let me say up front I'm mentally and emotionally fried. Watching idiotic Trumpist traitors trashing the Capitol Building while depriving a majority of the country of their elected representatives' honest services just plain sucks.

How it started how it's going.  
[pic.twitter.com/021qVemLRI](https://pic.twitter.com/021qVemLRI)

– Tracy Alloway (@tracyalloway) January 6, 2021

It's theft conducted under our noses. Not of an election, because the election is done and the results are known, having been certified by all 50 states and a lack of evidence of voter fraud produced in at least 59 lawsuits contesting the election.

No, the theft was of our time and energy today, our faith in government, and the effort of our elected officials who we are paying to perform specific tasks today as outlined in the Constitution. These poorly-educated, overgrown, mouth-breathing brats stole from us because they are unable to get their way, because they've been unwilling to organize and persuade other Americans to join their cause and elect their candidate.

But after their pointless tantrum incited by their equally idiotic leader, they've fled the Capitol Building. It's been swept by the FBI and Congress has resumed their work under Article II, Section 1:

The Electors shall meet in their respective States, and vote by Ballot for two Persons, of whom one at least shall not be an Inhabitant of the same

State with themselves. And they shall make a List of all the Persons voted for, and of the Number of Votes for each; which List they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the Seat of the Government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall, in the Presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the Certificates, and the Votes shall then be counted. The Person having the greatest Number of Votes shall be the President, if such Number be a Majority of the whole Number of Electors appointed; and if there be more than one who have such Majority, and have an equal Number of Votes, then the House of Representatives shall immediately chuse by Ballot one of them for President; and if no Person have a Majority, then from the five highest on the List the said House shall in like Manner chuse the President. But in chusing the President, the Votes shall be taken by States, the Representation from each State having one Vote; A quorum for this Purpose shall consist of a Member or Members from two thirds of the States, and a Majority of all the States shall be necessary to a Choice. In every Case, after the Choice of the President, the Person having the greatest Number of Votes of the Electors shall be the Vice President. But if there should remain two or more who have equal Votes, the Senate shall chuse from them by Ballot the Vice President.

The Senate has now voted to certify the election results for a number of states. Of the original 13 senators who planned to vote against certification, only six refused to certify the election conducted in Arizona.

They are Senators Cruz (R-TX), Hawley (R-MO),

Hyde-Smith (R-MS), Kennedy (R-LA), Marshall (R-KS), and Tuberville (R-AL). Many on Twitter are calling them the "Seditious Six." There may be more joining their ranks as the Senate continues to debate and certify more state election results.

The House is still in debate; there are some doozies offered up from the likes of Matt Gaetz who in his floor speech claimed Antifa had stormed the Capitol Building today.

I do hope Gaetz calls the family of the Trump supporter who was shot and killed today at the Capitol to explain his conspiracy theory. Maybe he can justify her death.

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Rumors continue that administration officials are looking into invoking the 25th Amendment to remove Trump due to his inability to do his job. Trump had refused earlier to call up federal resourced to push back the mob and protect Congress; Pence eventually ordered the National Guard to deploy. This may have convinced the unnamed officials more action should be taken but as of an 11:14 p.m. report in The Hill, VP Pence had yet to be approached about the 25th.

The National Association of Manufacturers had already sent a letter encouraging Pence to use the 25th Amendment. The House Judiciary Committee Democrats sent a letter to Pence asking him to pursue the 25th Amendment. It's doubtful this is enough pressure to persuade Pence and a necessary critical mass of cabinet secretaries or acting heads of cabinet level functions to take action.

Two governors have called for Trump's removal, and both Twitter and Facebook have placed Trump's social media accounts on short-term suspension due to his tweeting inciting content violating terms of service. Facebook-owned Instagram, Google's YouTube, and Snapchat have also removed some of Trump's inciting content and/or placed his account in suspension.

And of course there are calls for impeachment, many from the Democratic Congressional Caucus. Speaker Pelosi probably won't budge until she believes a clear majority in the Senate would vote to convict and remove Trump if Pelosi were able to rally the House to impeach.

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So the House slogs on into the night toward certification of the election. It's not clear what time exactly the vote will take place, only that Pelosi is committed to working through the night to make it happen.

We'll continue to feel frustrated like former Obama administration official Ben Rhodes, who said, "If you don't impeach and remove a President for staging a coup, what's the point of impeachment."

We'll continue to be annoyed by the minimization of Trump's sedition by moderate Democrats like Sen. Carper:

I just asked Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.) about this:

"The idea of taking the time to try to impeach him, the idea of trying to expel members of the House of Senate for their efforts to protect the President and continue this fiction ... I just think we need to turn the page."

<https://t.co/yZvpqxCfga>

– Sophia Schmidt (@tough\_schmidt\_)

January 6, 2021

But we aren't going to give up. We are a majority who believe in this democracy, many of us in spite of how badly it has treated us and our forebears under white supremacy.

We're going to remember while we wait that as angry as this situation makes us – watching white supremacists trash the Capitol while noting how little action law enforcement has

taken against them – there are Americans who are completely invested in keeping our democracy for us.

From the Black Americans of the Capitol janitorial staff who cleaned up after the seditionist mob left the building:

Watch as the janitorial staff, made up of folks of color, clean up after a violent coup attempt by white supremacists.

Note the officer endangering others by not wearing a mask.

America. <https://t.co/4xrD2t2lfK>

– mervyn (@britrican) January 7, 2021

To the journalists who continued to work in lockdown and in some cases arrested by Capitol Police while they were trying to report on the story unfolding, while allowing those who participated in rebellion and insurrection today to leave Capitol grounds:

With @wleaming, still rolling the camera while we were being arrested for filming protests outside the Capitol.  
<pic.twitter.com/PcEiwz28DU>

– Zoeann Murphy (@ZoeannMurphy) January 7, 2021

And those Congressional staffers who kept it all together:

If you are watching C-SPAN, think of the staffers who wrote these speeches while texting their moms that they were OK while terrorists violently broke into their workplace.

– Kaylie Hanson Long (@KaylieEHanson)  
January 7, 2021

Especially the cool-headed Senate staffer who remember to grab the ballots from the Senate floor before the mob entered, preventing them from being burned.

Electoral college ballots rescued from the Senate floor. If our capable floor staff hadn't grabbed them, they would have been burned by the mob.

[pic.twitter.com/2JCauUIlvg](https://pic.twitter.com/2JCauUIlvg)

– Senator Jeff Merkley (@SenJeffMerkley)  
January 6, 2021

Fingers crossed here that the republic still stands in the morning.

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Oh, one more thing: newly-elected representative Derrick Evans should be expelled from the House:

According to a since-deleted video posted to his Facebook page, newly elected Republican Del. Derrick Evans participated in the mob that forcefully made their way into the U.S. Capitol.

Here's a link to that page:

<https://t.co/XMoLsLEd6r>

– Dave Mistich (@davemistich) January 6, 2021

See 14th Amendment of the Constitution, Section 3:

Section 3

No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice-President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or

judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.

Kick his ass out the door. He doesn't believe in the Constitution and already failed the oath of office.

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UPDATE – 1:25 AM ET –

Okay, I lied...I'm still up and glued to my desktop, watching the House.

Alright – we are in the home stretch now everyone.

PA is the last state we (and the US Senate) expect to spark debate.

Once the House votes, we expect the joint session to resume.

And the 2020 election to end.

– Lisa Desjardins (@LisaDNews) January 7, 2021

Please let this be it, the end in sight.