

Capitol Attack Timeline - goals, sequence, and phases

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Goals and pre-planning

The attack on the Capitol on Jan 6 appears an organized, coordinated attempt to flood the building with people and shut down the process of certifying the electoral votes. The crowd was seeded with members of organized extremist groups (e.g. Proud Boys, Three Percenters, Oath Keepers, regional militias, "Groypers" from America First) who move purposefully. We estimate at least 5% of the crowd was under orders to complete some task, though most were likely not aware of a full plan. Many had mingled at prior events, and the Nov 14 and Dec. 12 DC rallies seem important as rehearsals. Even the 'normies' (those not acting under orders, who do the bulk of the fighting) had been prepped via an extensive disinfo campaign with themes and ideas that are repeated often, in terms of language ("This is our house!" "1776!" "They work for us") and concepts ("the lawmakers are in the tunnels", "invoke the Insurrection Act"). Many were broadly aware of a plan to enter the building, and many came armed with pepper spray, knives, heavy flagpoles or other weapons; gear such as helmets, tactical vests, radios, and bullhorns. During the attack, breaches occurred abruptly, seemingly on command, instigated by a few but quickly pulling in wider participation. Attacks were organized to produce nearly simultaneous breaches on both sides of the Capitol (even despite some apparent setbacks and delays). Note: the use of a large civilian crowd to confuse defenders and achieve a strategic objective is a tactic that is now taught in military academies around the world. Specific elements of the plan on Jan 6th seemed to be:

- Attack first the less fortified, 'softer' West side of the Capitol, and let crews open the more defended East doors from the inside. The initial breach point was one of the few locations at the Capitol where windows had not been reinforced.
- Push a crowd through multiple entry points at once, on 3 different levels (basement - Lower W Terrace, 1st floor - W side, 2nd floor - E side). (Police reinforcements may then be blocked from entering the Capitol from below, and to retake the building would have to fight through the 'civilian' crowd outside).
- At minimum, filling the building would allow legal maneuvers to overturn the election. At maximum, it would provide a chaotic crisis - lawmakers trapped inside, police blocked - that gave a pretext for declaring martial law. Note that initial attackers were specifically instructed not to wear identifying insignia.
- Note: while the coordinated entry points could have allowed actually intercepting evacuating lawmakers, it is not yet clear whether this was a specific goal.

Timing summary

The attack appears timed to coincide with the 1 PM start of the Joint Session to certify electoral votes, and many indications suggest it was expected to be fast, filling the Capitol perhaps within an hour. However, the advance stalled on the W. Plaza: MDP reinforcements arrived and early crowds were thin. Once the audience from Trump's Ellipse speech finally arrived, a rapid succession of organized attacks broke police lines on both sides of the Capitol, with the West-side crowd directed to move East to build up numbers there. On the West side, attackers entered the building through a carefully selected weak point, the NW Courtyard; invaders then opened several doors from inside. Once the E. Main doors were breached, mobs reached the doors of the House and Senate Chambers and the Lower W. Terrace "tunnel" within 3 minutes. At this point it appeared the attack might succeed. But, determined police held the tunnel, and the earlier delay likely bought precious time, because police and SWAT team reinforcements arrived and regained control of the Capitol interior. In the late afternoon, violent attacks resumed at the tunnel and North Doors, but without success. The fighting continued after Trump's 4:17 PM "go home" Tweet, but coordinated attacks ended around 4:30. Police retook the North Terrace, many organizers departed, and the Big Media Tower Flag on the West (a seeming attack signal) was furled. After this point, violence appears largely spontaneous and disorganized.

Coordination

Action on Capitol grounds was highly coordinated, with strategies generally low-tech but effective. Key organizers walked from West to East sides to ensure synchronized action. The crowd was steered with bullhorns, with directions likely sent over semi-public radio channels. Movements were marked by flaggers who swung flags at the edge of the action. While many people carried handheld radios, these were not used much; possibly just because cell service was still functional. At key attack points, individuals filmed on long telescoping poles, presumably to relay information to off-site observers. Several key events also seem marked by line-of-sight signals. These include: Gadsden flags hung on the E Capitol balconies (NE for the steps breach, SE for the main door breach); smoke signals and flares at the conclusion of the main attack phase, and a large flag flown first on the Media Tower and then on the Lower W. Terrace. The line-of-sight target for this flag was

possibly the Silent Majority trailer parked on the Mall, and beyond that, the group of men seen across the Potomac waiting at the Marines War Memorial. Overall, coordination was effective enough that we assume the plan was created by someone with substantial military training, likely a commissioned officer.

Capitol attack phases --- *Our breakdown of Jan 6 events. Breach = police line broken or door opened. Signals = line-of-sight signals to mark phases or events*

12:48-1:20 PM (33 minutes) 1. Invasion (4 breaches) *Defined as: arrival of the Proud Boys to the abortion of the first movement E.*

Over 200 Proud Boys assembled at the Peace Monument and helped initiate an attack to seize the W. Plaza, just as the Joint Session to certify electoral votes began. Attackers raced up the walkways and took the Lower W. Plaza in minutes. They seem to have anticipated a walkover of the rest of the Plaza, but DC police reinforcements arrived quickly and halted the advance. The Capitol mob was still small, since Trump's speech was late and crowds from the Ellipse had not yet arrived.

1:21-1:49 PM (29 minutes) 2. Faceoff (0 breaches) *Defined as: the aborted movement E to the breaching of the NW scaffolds*

After the advance on the W. Plaza stalled, most Proud Boys pulled back, even while violent assaults continued. An organized motion to the East was abruptly called off, a large cross that had been carried to the front lines was pulled back, and most Proud Boys left the Plaza, including leaders who headed up the W. lawn in a "stack".

1:50-2:14 PM (26 minutes) 3. Breakthrough (7 breaches, 2 signals) *Defined as: breaching of the NW scaffolds to the first Capitol door opened*

This period saw a breakthrough followed by rapid advances on both sides of the Capitol, aided by the growing crowd arriving from the Ellipse. A crew pushed through police under the NW Scaffolds, and organizers then moved East to initiate the breaches there, urging the crowd to go along. The Big Media Tower Flag was hoisted, and attackers seized the stairs on both sides of the Capitol in a span of 4 minutes, ran up to the "soft" NW Courtyard and smashed the unreinforced windows there to enter. By the end of this period, invaders were streaming into the Capitol from the Senate Wing Door on the West, and a mob crowded the East Main Doors.

2:15-2:48 PM (34 minutes) 4. Multi-pronged attack (10 breaches, 5 signals) *Defined as: from the first to the last major breaches of a Capitol door.*

This period saw attempts to flood the building from multiple breaches. Invaders from inside threw open the E Main Doors, and attackers re-breached doors in the NW Courtyard that police had closed. On the W. Plaza, police lines were broken in a swift rush and the mob raced up to the tunnel, police retreating before them. Inside the building, one group pushed down to the Visitors' Center, one group raced to the Senate (and entered), and another tried to breach the House (where Ashli Babbitt was shot). The advances were marked by smoke signals and a flare. Once the last breach was completed, the Big Media Tower Flag was furled and lowered from the tower.

2:49-3:01 PM (13 minutes) 5. Failing to fill the interior (0 breaches, 1 signal) *Defined as: the last major door breach to officers enter the Rotunda*

This period is the turning point when the plan to overwhelm the Capitol building failed. Police held the tunnel, and early entrants - largely unarmored and unprepared for a fight - had to pull back. Their "heave-ho" efforts to push together were also unsuccessful. Inside the Capitol, police herded the mob from the House downstairs and pushed them out. FBI SWAT arrived and entered the building. By the end of this period, the momentum had decisively shifted.

3:02-3:30 PM (29 minutes) 6. Police pushback (1 breach, 0 signals) *Defined as: officers enter the Rotunda to the Rotunda cleared*

Police largely cleared the Capitol interior during this period. MPD and tactical units herded intruders into the Rotunda from all directions, then pushed them out of the building. A breach of the N. Doors was quickly repelled. On the Lower W. Terrace, police pushed back to the tunnel mouth and Officer Fanone was dragged into the mob.

3:31-4:30 PM (60 minutes) 7. Late strategic fighting (1 breach, 1 signal) *Defined as: the Rotunda cleared to the end of an organized attack*

After a pause, violent attempts to breach the building resumed at the tunnel and North Doors, now featuring tougher, more well-equipped men. At the tunnel, the frustrated mob finally broke a window, but police inside announced they would use lethal force. Trump's 4:17 PM 'go home' Tweet had little effect; fighting continued

through a vicious attack - possibly an attempt to rescue trapped intruders - in which Rosanne Boyland died and Officer Miller was dragged into the mob. The Big Media Tower Flag was re-flown near the tunnel during this phase, but by 4:30 PM it was furled and removed. This seems to mark the end of any organized, purposeful attacks.

4:31-6:14 PM (1 hr 45 mins) 8. Securing the Capitol

Defined as: the end of an organized attack to the Capitol declared secure

During this period law enforcement regained control of the Capitol exterior grounds. Police swept the North Terrace, pushing a large angry crowd including many militiamen onto the NE Plaza and NE Path. A frustrated mob then attacked journalists and their equipment in the NE Media Pen. Violent but seemingly directionless fighting continued at the tunnel til after 5 PM. The DC National Guard was finally deployed, but contributed little. The Capitol grounds were fully secured by 6:14 PM.

Capitol Attack Timeline - events & links to video

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See [sources list](#) for details on sourcing. This work represents the efforts of dozens of volunteers; for questions contact capitol.hunters@gmail.com or sansastark525@gmail.com. Breaches and signals are noted in boldface. Source codes: ◉ primary source, ⊖ secondary source ⊕ time calculated by alignment with other primary sources, ⊙ approximate only. **NOTE: each source symbol is a link to time-synchronized video or images that illustrates the event - click and watch.**

Time	Other locations / non-attack events	West exterior	East or North exterior	Inside Capitol (House or central Senate)
	December 19th, 2020			
1:42 AM	Donald Trump Tweets: "Big protest in D.C. on January 6th. Be there, will be wild!" ◉			
	January 6th, 2021			
1:00 AM	Donald Trump Tweets: "If Vice President @Mike_Pence comes through for us, we will win the Presidency. Many States want to decertify the mistake they made in certifying incorrect & even fraudulent numbers in a process NOT approved by their State Legislatures (which it must be). Mike can send it back!" ◉			
6:50	Crowds begin to assemble near the Ellipse & Washington Monument ◉			
8:17	Trump Tweets: "States want to correct their votes...All Mike Pence has to do is send them back to the States, AND WE WIN. Do it Mike, this is a time for extreme courage!"◉ (more tweets 8:06, 8:22, 9:00 AM)			
9:05	Rally begins on Ellipse, first speaker is Mo Brooks (US Rep., R-AL) ◉			
~10:30			Over 200 Proud Boys gather at the Washington Monument & march, led by Joe Biggs. By ~11 AM they reach the E. Capitol, sign a "Declaration of Authority", walk back W ◉ ◉ ◉	Former Congressman Kerry Bentivolio (R MI-11) enters the Capitol, posts photos of the interior and East exterior (10:35-11:09 AM). ◉ ◉ ◉ ◉

12:00	At the Ellipse Donald Trump finally begins his speech, an hour late ◊			
12:01	Trump: "... this year, they rigged an election.. like..never... before." ◊			
12:02	Trump: "We will never give up. We will never concede, it doesn't happen ...when there's theft involved. ◊			
12:06	Trump: "...All Vice Pres. Pence has to do is send it back to the states to recertify, and we become president, and you are the happiest people." ◊			
12:15	Trump: "...we're going to walk down...We're going to walk down to the Capitol...you'll never take back our country with weakness; you have to show strength.." ◊			
~12:30		People stream toward the Capitol, even though Trump's speech is not over ◊ #TowerInciter & others are waiting at the W. Capitol already ⊕		
Invasion (33 minutes, 12:48 - 1:20 PM) - 4 breaches				
12:48		Proud Boys reach the Peace Monument and assemble ◊ (4:55)		
12:50		#TowerInciter taunts police from the Peace Monument wall ◊ (4:47)		
12:52	Capitol Police Chief Sund is told that a bomb was found near the RNC ◊			
12:54	Trump: "Make no mistake, this election was stolen from you, from me and from the country." ◊	Breach of W Capitol lawn: People trample down fences, use bullhorns to urge crowd forward ◊, ⊕ (7:42) ⊕		
12:55		Breach of first barricade on the Penn. Walkway by an organized crew that pushes past police. As people run in, #TowerInciter & others remove fences. ◊		

12:56		Second barricade on Penn Walkway, breach of Maryland Walkway ◊		
12:58		Breach of fences on NW Plaza. The crowd grows rapidly, & more police arrive ◊		
12:59		Someone runs along the W. Lawn rolling up its plastic fencing ◊		
12:59	Sund requests DC municipal police assistance (betw. 12:58-1:00 PM) ◊	The first two people climb the media tower in the W. Plaza ◊		
1:03	Trump: "We won. We won in a landslide. This was a landslide." ◊			
1:05	Pelosi and Pence open the Joint Session of Congress to certify the Electoral College results ◊ (9:41)	From the media tower, a man begins reading a prepared speech: "My Fellow Americans..." ◊		
1:09	Sund requests authorization to bring in the Natl. Guard but is denied ◊			
1:10	Trump ends: "...we're going to walk down Pennsylvania Avenue...to the Capitol...to try and give them the kind of pride and boldness that they need to take back our country." ◊			
1:12	Rep. Gosar objects to certifying Arizona's vote, sending House & Senate back to Chambers ◊	MPD bike cops arrive on the W. Plaza (~30 officers, including Cmdrs Glover and Ramey). ◊ ◊ ◊		
1:17		Advance stalls on the W. Plaza. A large cross had been carried up to the police line ◊ and Proud Boys leaders are still on the front lines. ◊		
1:19		"Exodus 0.5" begins, an organized movement from W-E: flaggers signal & people begin moving up the NW lawn, prepping to move East. ⊕ ⊕ A unit of Capitol Police walks up the NW path, stops short of the Plaza.		

Faceoff (29 minutes, 1:21 - 1:49 PM)				
1:21		"Exodus 0.5" is aborted, all retreat ⊕		
1:25		Proud Boys leaders leave the Plaza, head up the W lawn ⊕ 1:27-8 ⊕ ⊕ Cross is pulled back on Plaza ⊕ ⊕		
1:26	Capitol Police order evacuation of the Capitol complex. ⊕	Fighting on Plaza continues, mostly by normies. #TowerInciter urges with bullhorn: "Push forward!" ⊕ ⊕		
1:34	DC Mayor Bowser calls Army Sec. McCarthy to request support. ⊕ Alex Jones heads to the Capitol. ⊕	Zach Rehl texts: "We're at a standstill..." ⊕ People from the Ellipse speech finally start to arrive.		
1:39		Over 20 Proud Boys assemble in front of the NW Scaffold, seemingly preparing for a breach attempt. ⊕ ⊕		
1:48		Alex Jones arrives on the W lawn ⊕		
1:49	Sund calls Gen. Walker of the DC Nat. Guard to request assistance though not yet authorized to. ⊕			
Breakthrough (26 minutes, 1:50 - 2:14 PM) - 7 breaches, 2 signals				
1:50	Some Capitol Police officers are ordered to pull back. (Reported as "between 1:50-1:59" ⊕)	NW Scaffolds are breached in a swift rush of the police line, many Proud Boys in front. People flood up steps under the scaffolding ⊕ Key figures go E & stage for the NE breach ("Exodus 1") near this time ⊕		
1:51	Sund requests police assistance from external agencies. ⊕	Alex Jones gives a speech urging the crowd to move to the E. side ⊕		
1:57			Breach of NE barricades by a mob, many from the W ⊕	
1:59			Central E. Plaza line is broken ⊕	
2:00		Alex Jones and his group begin walking from W to E. side. ⊕ (3:41)	The crowd surges onto the E. Plaza & mobs the base of the E. Steps ⊕	
2:02		MPD Unit 42 fights thru the crowd to		

		the NW Plaza ◦ SW lawn: men w/ bullhorns urge the crowd to move E.		
2:03		Signal: a huge flag is unfurled on the media tower: the attack phase begins		
2:06			Breach of East Steps in a quick, coordinated breaking of the police line. The mob swarms up the steps, crowds the portico & balconies. ◦ ⊕	
2:09		Breach of the NW steps: the mob breaks the police line midway on the steps, charges up. ◦	Signal: A yellow Gadsden flag is hung on the NE balcony at 2:08 ◦ Several VIPs cheer from NE balcony	
2:11		Breach of the Upper W. Terrace, breaking the last police line ◦ At ground level, a crowd surges E (“Exodus 2”), incl. senior Proud Boys Capitol police also move E ⊕⊕		
2:12	<i>VP Pence is rushed from Senate</i> ◦	On the Upper W. Terr., people run to the NW portico, beat on windows ◦		
2:13		Breach of NW Courtyard door: #Spazzo breaks a window, people climb in, open door from inside ◦		
2:14	House Chamber: Paul Gosar (R-AZ) begins a speech objecting to the Arizona electoral vote. ◦	Joe Biggs enters the Capitol with a videographer, says “it’s awesome”. ◦		<i>On Senate side, the first intruders from the NW breach confront Officer Goodman at foot of stairs</i> ◦◦
Multi-pronged attack (34 minutes, 2:15 - 2:48 PM) - 10 breaches, 5 signals				
2:15				<i>Mob chases Goodman upstairs. He lures them from Senate Chamber into a faceoff with police</i> ◦
2:16	Speaker Pelosi is rushed fr. House ◦	Breach of NW Side Door ◦		
2:17			Alex Jones + entourage climb the E. Capitol steps; Alex gives a speech ◦	
2:18		Fighting continues on the W. Plaza and steps to the Lower W. Terr. ◦	Joe Biggs & others exit & are seen in the NE Courtyard. ⊕ ⊕ ⊕	

2:21			A mob presses against the Central E. Doors trying to open them ◊	Intruders have entered the Crypt & have a standoff with police ◊
2:22	DC Mayor Bowser starts a call with DC police & Army Sec. McCarthy. ◊			
2:24	Trump Tweets: “Mike Pence didn’t have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our Country...giving States a chance to certify a corrected set of facts...!” ◊		First breach of Central E. Doors - opened from the inside, stay open for 3 minutes. ◊. Attempts had been made to get a crowd to the House (SE) doors too but this fails.	
2:25	<i>Trump tries to call Sen. Tuberville (logs suggest 2:26 PM)</i> ◊ ◊			Mob breaks police line in Crypt , pushing police back ◊ ◊ ◊
2:28	Sund joins conf. call with Generals Walker (DC NG), Piatt (Army Staff Dir.) Piatt nixes NG, cites poor “visual” ◊	Police lines are broken on the W. Plaza in a swift coordinated attack. Officers retreat back on the Plaza. ◊	Police get the Central E. doors closed again. ◊	
2:29		Zach Rehl texts: “Civil War started”◊		#Axehole & crew head from Crypt to Visitor Center; police retreating ◊
2:30	House session called into recess ◊ <i>Senators evacuated from Chamber</i> ◊	About this time, police regain control of the NW door first breached ◊		Invaders enter Pelosi’s office; her staffers hide in conference room ◊
2:34		Breach of Center Up. W. Terr. door , opened by people exiting. ◊		
2:36		On Plaza, police retreat up temp. stairs to the Lower W. Terrace ◊ ◊	Ohio Oath Keepers climb the East Steps in formation ◊ ◊	
2:37				2nd floor: a mob surges against the House Chamber door. Officers inside draw their weapons ◊
2:38	Trump Tweets: “Please support our Capitol Police and Law Enforcement They are truly on the side of our Country. Stay peaceful!” ◊	The mob on the W. Plaza opens the door to the temporary stairway and follows police up. ◊	The Central E. Doors are thrown open by intruders inside, who pull people in. ◊ Joe Biggs re-enters the Capitol at 2:40. ◊	
2:41	House lawmakers are seen being evacuated through the Speaker’s Lobby. ◊	The last police officer retreats into the tunnel. The mob reaches the tunnel entrance and heads in. ◊	Signal: a yellow Gadsden flag is hung on the SE balcony (<i>by same guy who hung the NE flag</i>) ◊ (◊) House doors are opened from inside	2nd floor: invaders arrive at House Speaker’s Lobby doors, confront officers & break windows. ◊
2:42		Re-breach of NW Side Door (open in 2:43 Parler ◊)		

2:43		Signal: red & green smoke from the Upper West Terrace ☉☉	Signal: aerial flare over Capitol ☉☉	Officers at the Speaker's Lobby doors step aside. #HelmetBoy smashes out a window ☉
2:44				Ashli Babbit attempts to climb into the Speaker's Lobby and is shot. ☉ The first invaders enter the Senate Chamber gallery ☉☉
2:46		Signal: red smoke, W. Plaza ☉☉		
2:48	Emergency alert text is sent announcing a 6 PM DC curfew. (Had been Tweeted 2:31 PM.)	Re-breach of NW Courtyd door ☉ Rehl: "They just broke all the doors and windows open, people are pouring in" ☉ Signal: the Big Media Tower Flag is furled: 1st attack phase ends		
Failing to fill the interior (13 minutes, 2:49 - 3:01 PM) - 0 breaches, 1 signal				
2:52		Police have stopped the tunnel advance. #TunnelCommander exits & climbs on ledge to direct. ☉	An FBI tactical team arrives at SE corner of Capitol, then heads around the S side at 2:54 PM ☉	#Axehole & crew have backtracked from the Visitor Center to 1st floor; meeting near Senate Wing Doors. ☉
2:53	Last House Reps. are evacuated. ☉			
2:54		Signal: the Big Media Tower Flag is moved to the Lower W Terr. (to 3:01)		
2:56			Police push the Speaker's Lobby crowd out of the NE Doors	
Police pushback (29 minutes, 3:02 - 3:30 PM) - (1 breach, 0 signals)				
3:02				Police and FBI push invaders into Rotunda from many doors ☉
3:08			Stewart Rhodes departs via the N Terrace, then stays on the NE Plaza. Oath Keepers gradually join him. ☉	
3:10			North Doors are breached ☉	
3:12		Police regain ground in tunnel. The mob shoves: "Heave-ho!". Officer Hodges is crushed in the doors ☉☉		

3:13	Trump Tweets: "I am asking for everyone at the U.S. Capitol to remain peaceful. No violence! ... respect the Law and our great men and women in Blue...." ◊			
3:14			Police close North Doors again ◊ ⊕	
3:17				Police reach the Senate Wing Lobby, begin herding people out the door. ◊
3:19		Police push back to the tunnel entrance. Officer Fanone is dragged into the crowd & tased. ◊◊		
3:21		Fanone is returned to police lines. Organizers ask the crowd to sit down, & negotiate with police. ◊ ◊		
3:25				Police have pushed all Rotunda invaders into the E. Doors lobby. ◊
Late strategic fighting (60 minutes, 3:31 - 4:30 PM) - 1 breach, 1 signal				
~3:30	A group of suspicious-looking men are seen at the Marines War Memorial (line-of-sight to Capitol) ◊	Faceoff continues at the tunnel, with little violence - a stalemate ◊	Attacks continue at the N Doors	Rotunda is clear ◊ and the mob is gradually forced out the E. doors. ◊
3:34	InfoWars shows a report that the VA National Guard is on its way (Gov. Northam had Tweeted 3:29). At 3:36, Kayleigh McEnany Tweets that Trump has called the NG ◊			
3:37	Senior Proud Boys, incl. Joe Biggs & Ethan Nordean, pose for photos outside on the lawn. ◊ ◊	Signal: the Big Media Tower Flag is raised again on the Lower W. Terrace ◊		
3:39	Owen Shroyer & Alex Jones film their InfoWars show from a rented rooftop overlooking the Capitol. ◊	Prep begins for resumed fighting at the tunnel - fighters and shields are moved into position. ◊		
3:41		On the Upper W. Terrace, a large group of officers push rioters back ◊		
3:52		At tunnel, the mob is again organized in push surges:		

		“Heave-ho!” ◊		
4:09	Some Oath Keepers have left the Capitol & moved to a parking area ◊	At tunnel, crowd urges: “get the f--ing window!” ◊	At the North Doors, several people throw bricks at police. ⊕	
4:11			The North Doors are barricaded. ⊕	
4:14		People break a window just L of tunnel and enter building. ◊	4:16 PM: A bicycle fence panel is thrown at the North Doors. ⊕	
4:17	Trump tweets “Go home” message in a pre-recorded video: “This was a fraudulent election, but..we have to have peace. So go home. We love you; you’re very special...But go home..” ◊	#RyanNichols & others at window relay the message that police are now willing to use lethal force. ◊ ⊕ Police start to clear the Upper W. Terrace. ◊ ◊		
4:18	Acting SecDef Miller gives voice approval to nearby states to muster National Guard units. ⊖ (disputed)			
4:26		Three invaders remain in the tunnel, trapped behind police. Attacks open a gap on tunnel L. #WhiteDeathHoodie slips out, tripping over the fallen Roseanne Boyland. ⊕ ⊗		
4:27		As fighters attack, #SleepyPB squeezes out. The mob drags out Officer Miller. People attempt CPR on Roseanne Boyland. ◊ ⊕ ◊ ◊		
4:28		A fighter uses a crutch to push back an officer. #LittleBrownBeard pulls out #BlackHatStripedBuff, then attacks him angrily. ◊ The Big Media Tower Flag is furled & lowered.		
4:30		Boyland is dragged back to the police for assistance ◊	People attack the N Doors with a bicycle panel. ⊕	
Securing the Capitol (1 hour 45 minutes, 4:31 - 6:14 PM) - 0 breaches, 0 signals				
4:32	Miller verbally authorizes deployment of DC Natl. Guard. ⊖	Fighting at the tunnel continues, now very violent but less organized.	Police from the W side start clearing the N Terrace, pushing the crowd E.	

4:34			Police push out of the N Doors and form a second line by 4:37	
4:46			Police fully clear the N Terrace, forcing a crowd with many tough-looking militiamen onto the E. Plaza. (45:58)	
4:52			The angry mob attacks press in the NE Media Pen.	
5:05		Police push out of the tunnel & begin clearing the Lower W. Terrace		
5:08	Miller's order is finally conveyed to Gen. Walker & the first DC National Guard troops head to the Capitol.			
5:20	First National Guard troops arrive at the Capitol (<i>time disputed</i>)			
~5:30		A mob on the W Plaza throws objects at officers at the NW Scaffolds		
6:00	Bowser's DC curfew goes into effect			
6:01	Trump Tweets: "These are the things and events that happen when a sacred landslide election victory is so unceremoniously & viciously stripped away from great patriots who have been badly & unfairly treated for so long. Go home with love & in peace. Remember this day forever!"			
6:14		Police & National Guard "establish a perimeter" on W side of Capitol		
Restoring the legislative process				
~7:00	Giuliani tries to call Tuberville to ask for delay in electoral vote process			
8:06	Vice President Pence re-opens the Senate. House re-opening follows.			

	Debate on AZ vote resumes. ↻			
12:14 AM	Rep. Perry (PA) objects to PA votes, sustained by Sen. Hawley (MO) <i>House vote on PA finishes 3:11 AM</i> ↻			
3:44 AM	Pence affirms the electoral vote, concludes Joint Session ↻			

Notes on sources:

Wherever possible, timing is made from synchronized multi-camera video. When conflicts exist between Parler times and CCTV or police bodycam we use the CCTV/body cam as the reference. Conflicts can be as large as several minutes, but most times are known to seconds. We term all multicam syncs as primary sources. Other primary sources include the timing for evacuation of VP Pence and Senators, taken from security footage shown in impeachment hearings 2/10/2021. For details see complete source table at [Capitol Attack Timeline - Sources](#)".

Notes on officer attacks - additional officers not mentioned were also involved

- In the 3:19 PM attack resulting in the dragging of Officer Fanone, a Capitol Police officer (wearing MPD helme #2272) was also swept out into the mob
- In the 4:28 PM attack resulting in the dragging of Offer Miller, Officer Wyte was also pulled off the police line and attacked

Notes on names:

- For simplicity we have highlighted only a few individuals. Naming convention is as in the Capitol Suspects Database (bit.ly/CapitolSuspectsData), other than one tag shortened for simplicity (#TowerInciter = #NWScaffoldCommander). #SleepyPB is also known as #BlueJacketTunnelRescue.
- ID'd but not arrested: #BlackHatStripedBuff is the livestreamer "Villain" from Portland, OR
- Named individuals arrested as of 10/18:
 - #Spazzo (Dominic Pezzola)
 - Joe Biggs
 - Zach Rehl
 - #Axehole (William Chrestman)
 - #HelmetBoy (Zachary Alam)
 - #TunnelCommander (David Mehaffie)
 - Owen Shroyer
 - #RyanNichols