

Excerpts from President Trump's January 6, 2021 Speech in Washington D.C.¹

[1] Media will not show the magnitude of this crowd.... they don't want to show that. We have hundreds of thousands of people here and I just want them to be recognized by the fake news media...these people are not going to take it any longer. They're not going to take it any longer.

[2]... We beat them four years ago. We surprised them. We took them by surprise and this year they rigged an election. They rigged it like they've never rigged an election before.

[3] All of us here today do not want to see our election victory stolen by emboldened radical-left Democrats, which is what they're doing. And stolen by the fake news media. That's what they've done and what they're doing. We will never give up, we will never concede. It doesn't happen. You don't concede when there's theft involved.

[4] Our country has had enough. We will not take it anymore and that's what this is all about. And to use a favorite term that all of you people really came up with: We will stop the steal...

[5] And by the way, does anybody believe that Joe had 80 million votes? Does anybody believe that? He had 80 million computer votes. It's a disgrace. There's never been anything like that. You could take third-world countries. Their elections are more honest than what we've been going through in this country.

[6] We will not let them silence your voices. We're not going to let it happen, I'm not going to let it happen. (Audience chants: "Fight for Trump.") Thank you.

[7]....I hope Mike [Pence] is going to do the right thing. I hope so. Because if Mike Pence does the right thing, we win the election....He has the absolute right to do it. We're supposed to protect our country, support our country, support our Constitution, and protect our constitution....all Vice President Pence has to do is send it back to the states to recertify and we become president and you are the happiest people. And I actually, I just spoke to Mike. I said: "Mike, that doesn't take courage. What takes courage is to do nothing. That takes courage." And then we're stuck with a president who lost the election by a lot and we have to live with that for four more years. We're not going to let that happen.²

[8] [Pointing to crowd] By the way, this goes all the way back past the Washington Monument.. And don't worry, we will not take the name off the Washington Monument. We will not cancel culture. You know they wanted to get rid of the Jefferson Memorial. I don't think that's going to happen. It damn well better not. Although, with this administration, if this happens, it could happen. You'll see some really bad things happen. They'll knock out Lincoln too....

[9] We're gathered together in the heart of our nation's capital for one very, very basic and simple reason: To save our democracy...we want to get this right because we're going to have somebody in

¹ <https://www.npr.org/2021/02/10/966396848/read-trumps-jan-6-speech-a-key-part-of-impeachment-trial>

² Later in the day Pence refused to challenge congressional certification of the election. Trump then tweeted "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!" Shortly afterwards a mob breached the building chanting "Hang Mike Pence." Online some insurrectionists said [they hoped to kill or wound the vice president](#). The hashtag "Hang Mike Pence" began trending after Twitter suspended Trump's account, and Twitter shut the tag down.

there that should not be in there and our country will be destroyed and we're not going to stand for that...

[10] Many of the Republicans, I helped them get in, I helped them get elected. I helped Mitch get elected...And then all of a sudden you have something like this. It's like, "Oh gee, maybe I'll talk to the president sometime later." They're weak Republicans, they're pathetic Republicans...

[11] But just remember this: You're stronger, you're smarter, you've got more going than anybody. And they try and demean everybody having to do with us. And you're the real people, you're the people that built this nation.

[12]...The weak Republicans...you've got a lot of them....They've turned a blind eye, even as Democrats enacted policies that chipped away our jobs, weakened our military, threw open our borders and put America last....Unbelievable what we have to go through. What we have to go through....

[13] Don't forget when Romney got beat. I wonder if he enjoyed his flight in last night.³ But when Romney got beaten, you know, he stands up like you're more typical, "Well, I'd like to congratulate the victor." The victor? Who is the victor, Mitt? "I'd like to congratulate." They don't go and look at the facts. No, I don't know. He got, he got slaughtered...

[14] But this year, using the pretext of the China virus and the scam of mail-in ballots, Democrats attempted the most brazen and outrageous election theft and there's never been anything like this. So pure theft in American history. Everybody knows it... And you know what else? We don't have a free and fair press. It suppresses thought, it suppresses speech and it's become the enemy of the people.

[15] Republicans are, Republicans are constantly fighting like a boxer with his hands tied behind his back. And we want to be so nice...And we're going to have to fight much harder. And Mike Pence is going to have to come through for us, and if he doesn't, that will be a, a sad day for our country because you're sworn to uphold our Constitution...

[16] I think right here, we're going to walk down to the Capitol, and we're going to cheer on our brave senators and congressmen and women, and 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. We have come to demand that Congress do the right thing and only count the electors who have been lawfully slated....

[17] Today we will see whether Republicans stand strong for integrity of our elections. But whether or not they stand strong for our country, our country has been under siege for a long time. Far longer than this four-year period.

[18] We've set it on a much greater course...We've created the greatest economy in history. We rebuilt our military. We get you the biggest tax cuts in history. We got you the biggest regulation cuts. There's no president, whether it's four years, eight years, got anywhere near the regulation cuts...

[19] So we've taken care of things, we've done things like nobody's ever thought possible. And that's part of the reason that many people don't like us, because we've done too much...

³ Romney was on a flight on January 5 with protestors on their way to D.C. They called him a traitor and threatened him. Romney lost the presidential election to Obama in 2012. On January 6 he narrowly avoided being captured by rioters.

[20] Today we see a very important event though. And I'm going to be watching. Because history is going to be made. We're going to see whether or not we have great and courageous leaders, or whether or not we have leaders that should be ashamed of themselves throughout history, throughout eternity they'll be ashamed. And you know what? If they do the wrong thing, we should never, ever forget that they did. Never forget. We should never ever forget.

[21] I want to thank the more than 140 members of the House. Those are warriors...[and] Marsha Blackburn, terrific person. Mike Braun, Indiana. Steve Daines, great guy....We want to thank them. I actually think though, it takes, again, more courage not to step, and I think a lot of those people are going to find that out.

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[22] The American people do not believe the corrupt, fake news anymore...Now what they do is they go silent. It's called suppression and that's what happens in a communist country...

[23] You have one of the dumbest governors in the United States [*Brian Kemp, republican governor of Georgia who recorded a phone call with Trump in which Trump tried to force him to change the results*] And you know when I endorsed him, and I didn't know this guy...He was in fourth place, fifth place. I endorse him, he went like a rocket ship and he won...And I had Brian Kemp, who weighs 130 pounds. He said he played offensive line in football. I'm trying to figure that out. I'm still trying to figure that out. He said that the other night, "I was an offensive lineman." I'm saying: "Really? That must have been a very small team." But I look at that and I look at what's happened and he turned out to be a disaster....

[24] You know, look, I'm not happy with the Supreme Court. They love to rule against me. I picked three people. I fought like hell for them. One in particular, I fought. They all said, "Sir, cut him loose." He's killing the senators...I said: "No, I can't do that, it's unfair to him and it's unfair to the family. He didn't do anything wrong." ...And you know what, they couldn't give a damn. They couldn't give a damn...But it almost seems that they're all going out of their way to hurt all of us and to hurt our country. To hurt our country.

[25] ...I read about Bill Barr [the U.S. Attorney General who said the Justice Department investigated voter fraud and found none]...that he'll do anything for me...all of a sudden Bill Barr changed...

[26] Today, for the sake of our democracy, for the sake of our Constitution, and for the sake of our children, we lay out the case for the entire world to hear. [**Long list of charges of fraud and treachery and deceit follow**]

[27] ...You will have an illegitimate president. That's what you'll have. And we can't let that happen.

[28]...They want to indoctrinate your children. It's all part of the comprehensive assault on our democracy, and the American people are finally standing up and saying no. This crowd is, again, a testament to it.

[29]...We got to get rid of the weak Congress, people, the ones that aren't any good...I brought a lot of our soldiers home...They're in countries that nobody even knows the name...They're losing their arms, their legs, their face. I brought them back home. Afghanistan, Iraq. Remember, I used to say in the old

days: "Don't go in Iraq. But if you go in, keep the oil." We didn't keep the oil. So stupid. So stupid these people.

[30]...The radical left knows exactly what they're doing. They're ruthless and it's time that somebody did something about it. And Mike Pence, I hope you're going to stand up for the good of our Constitution and for the good of our country. And if you're not, I'm going to be very disappointed in you.

[31]...Make no mistake, this election was stolen from you, from me and from the country.

[32]...The Republicans **have to get tougher**. You're **not going to have a Republican Party if you don't get tougher**. They want to play so, sir, yes, the United States. The Constitution doesn't allow me to send them back to the States. Well, I say, yes it does, because the Constitution says you have to protect our country and you have to protect our Constitution, and you can't vote on fraud. And fraud breaks up everything, doesn't it? **When you catch somebody in a fraud, you're allowed to go by very different rules.**

[33] So I hope Mike has the courage to do what he has to do. And I hope he doesn't listen to the RINOs and the stupid people that he's listening to.

[34] ...This is the most corrupt election in the history, maybe of the world.... We must stop the steal and then we must ensure that such outrageous election fraud never happens again, can never be allowed to happen again....

[35] And we fight. We fight like hell. And if you don't fight like hell, you're not going to have a country anymore.

[36] ...So we're going to, we're going to walk down Pennsylvania Avenue. And we're going to the Capitol, and we're going to try and give. The Democrats are hopeless — they never vote for anything. Not even one vote. But we're going to try and give our Republicans, the weak ones because the strong ones don't need any of our help. We're going to try and give them the kind of pride and boldness that they need to take back our country.

[37] So let's walk down Pennsylvania Avenue. I want to thank you all. God bless you and God Bless America.