# DESTROYING DEMOCRACY

Hundreds of Trump supporters invade U.S. Capitol in an effort to overturn the results of 2020 presidential election

ednesday, Jan. 6 became a day that will live in infamy as violent Donald Trump-supporting insurrectionists certification of the electoral votes, a historically symbolic process in which the winners of the presidential election are confirmed as president and vice president.

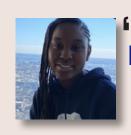
After a speech on the Ellipse in which he continued to spread false information that the election was stolen, Trump called upon Vice President Mike Pence to reject the electoral vote, a power that he does not have. Shortly after, and near the end of his speech, Trump's supporters made their way to the Capitol in an effort to subvert democracy and prevent the confirmation

After clashing with the limited security present at the Capitol, the insurrectionist mob was able

to make their way into the building, laying a path of destruction in their wake. Both chambers of Congress were eventually evacuated, as the group broke into the U.S. Capitol during the took over the building. Many caused immense damage and destruction. Others carried weapons, and some intended violence upon prominent Democratic figures like Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi of California and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York.

The Confederate Battle Flag was waved for the first time ever in the halls of Congress. This was the first invasion of the sort since the War of 1812. Later in the evening the National Guard and other security forces were deployed, as Trump put out a statement about the events in which he did not openly condemn the riot. Trump eventually released a statement about a week later as he faced impeachment; however, the damage was already done. Story by Ryan Servaites

## AS A YOUNG PERSON IN AMERICA, WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE INSURRECTION THAT OCCURRED ON IAN. 6?







## **ATTEMPTING ACCOUNTABILITY**

Former President Donald Trump acquitted after second impeachment over role in inciting violence at the U.S. Capitol



Final Farewell. President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump board Marine One as they depart the White House on Jan 20, in Washington, D.C., ahead of the inauguration of Joe Biden. Photo courtesy of Eric Thayer/Getty Images/TNS

n the aftermath of the attempted insurrection on Jan. 6, the House of Representatives determined in a 232-197 vote to adopt articles of impeachment against outgoing President Donald Trump, for his part in inciting the chaos. Ten House Republicans, including House Republican Conference Chairwoman Liz Cheney, sided with the House's Democrat majority in calling for Trump's

Despite the fact that Trump would have vacated the presidency by the time he was convicted, a Senate vote affirmed the articles would strip Trump of his Secret Service detail and prevent him from a future run for the office of president.

A team of nine house managers led by Rep. Jamie Raskin of Maryland argued in the Senate that Trump qualified for removal for inciting a riot against the U.S. Capitol. They cited video, audio and photos as evidence to link the riot to not just Trump's speech preceding the event, but also his actions leading up to the riot, particularly his insistence that the election was stolen, which was referred to as the "Big Lie." According to the House Managers, convicting Trump was essential to prevent him from future reelection to defend democracy.

A team of three lawyers represented Trump, arguing that the Democrats were simply pursuing a partisan play and attempted to equate Democrats to the speech and actions of Trump. Ultimately, Trump was acquitted in a vote of 57-43, with the Democrats carrying the votes of seven Republican Senators. Despite winning the majority, the Democrats did not hit the 67-vote threshold necessary for Trump to be convicted. Story by Ryan Servaites

# **INSIDE THE** INSURRECTION

Over the course of a few crucial hours American democracu was threatened by right-wing extremists

## 11:00 A.M.

Donald Trump's "Save America Rally" begins at the Ellipse, featuring many of the former president's allies as speakers.

### 12:00 P.M.

Trump takes the stage, urging his supporters to resist the election results and claiming, "...if you don't fight like hell, vou're not going to have a country anymore." The then president told his supporters that they were going to march down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol

## 12:53 P.M.



rioters make their way past multiple layers of barricades and onto the Capitol steps, beginning to scuffle with Capitol police.

## 1:00 P.M.

Vice President Mike Pence releases a letter claiming that he will not interfere with the results of the presidential election, despite Trump encouraging him to do so. The certification process begins.

1:26 P.M. Capitol police order an evacuation of the Library of Congress, the Madison Building and the Cannon House Office Building across from the Capitol Trump returns to the White House.

The first rioters enter the Capitol through a broken window,



2:13 P.M.-2:20 P.M.

## Vice President Mike Pence and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi are evacuated, which is followed by the adjournment and evacuation of their respective chambers.

## 2:24 P.M.



The insurrectionists **make it into the** ouilding and begin eading toward the

center of the Capitol Insurrectionist Ashli Babbitt is shot and killed by Capitol police while attempting to gain entry into the Speaker's Lobby.

Trump releases a twitter video to denounce the insurrection; however he fails to admit the election was lost, stating, "There's never been a time like this where such a thing happened where they could take it away from all of us—from me, from you, from our country. This was a fraudulent election, but we can't play into the hands of these people" and calling the rioters "very special."



The outer

perimeter of

the Capitol

is breached

minutes the

and within

These are the things and events that happen when a sacred landslide election victory is so unceremoniousl 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!

6:01 PM · Jan 6, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

### 7:30 P.M.

The Capitol is declared secure by U.S. Capitol Police Department after they were joined by the District of Columbia National Guard to clear the building

Both chambers of Congress reconvene, picking up where they left off.

### JAN. 7 -3:24 A.M

The electoral count is certified, and Mike Pence formally declares Joe Biden and Kamala Harris the next president and vice president of the United States of America.

