

## Pictures of the Insurrection Jan 6, 2021

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A review of the book of photos Insurrection (Pigeon Editions, Seattle, 2023) by Nate Gowdy, with an introduction by Michael Rowe, and foreword by DC Metropolitan Police Officer Daniel Hodges.

Nate Gowdy, a photographer from Seattle, took hundreds of photos on Jan 6, 2021. He was shooting for Rolling Stone (< click and see 25 of Gowdy's photos.) Gowdy did not go into the Capitol building that day and did not have on an orange vest like the photojournalists from the mainstream press, just a face mask. But he was free to roam and was threatened but once. Pictured below is the man who threw Gowdy off a balustrade at the Capitol.



This is from the foreword by DC Metropolitan Police Officer Daniel Hodges: "on January 6th, 2021, I was fighting **thousands of terrorists attempting to capture or kill members of Congress and the Vice President and install Donald Trump as a dictator.**"

That is about the clearest statement of what happened on Jan 6th as I have read or heard anywhere. There is also the whole record of the Jan 6 Committee of the 117th Congress which recommended four criminal charges against Trump including incitement of an insurrection. If indicted and convicted on this charge, Trump would be prevented from running for president. Merrick Garland needs to act soon.

The crowd that day left their guns in their cars. Michael Rowe in the introduction writes that they were armed "with sledgehammers, clubs, spears, baseball bats, tasers, chemical irritants and fists." (p.12)

There were maybe 10,000 Trump supporters there that day. The security at the Capitol was slight, especially compared to what D.C. security had been after the George Floyd uprising.

There were "140 injured police officers, one dead officer, and four dead protestors."(p.13) After the incident, four more officers committed suicide.

The Jan 6, 2021 event has become a hot potato in the ideological struggle between the right and left. The quotes on the next page tell us the positions of some of the actors and commentators in this struggle, and the exact time they made the statements.

Later in the year of 2021, Tucker Carlson, contrary to what he said in the quote on the back cover of the book, released a video entitled "Patriot Purge" on Fox Nation, a subscriber service separate from Fox News. The propaganda film made the case Jan 6th was an "antifa" event. Carlson was attempting to undercut the work of the Jan 6th Congressional committee's investigation. It was a complete lie.

There is an interesting side story. Many of the conspirators who planned the event expected left-wing counter-protestors. If they had been there in great numbers, the dynamics of the event would have been very different. Trump expected them and Mark Meadows wrote an email on January 5 to that effect.

The Administration was ready to call out the National Guard in the event of street clashes between the pro-Trump forces and leftists, to protect the Trump forces! But progressives stayed home. There was even a hashtag making the rounds: "#Don'tTakeTheBait." And a number of Democratic officials, like the DC Mayor Muriel Bowser as well as some Black Lives Matter activists used social media to tell progressives to stay home and they did.

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**Quotes are from back cover of the book:  
Insurrection. Photographs by Nate Gowdy.**

“Let’s go to D.C. together, I’ll be right there with you. So, I want my bikers, I want my f\*cking street fighters, I want my brawlers.”

-Oath Keepers founder, Stewart Rhodes  
November 9, 2020

“Big protest in D.C. on January 6th. Be there, will be wild!” (sent to 88 million followers on Twitter)

-President Donald J. Trump  
December 18, 2020

“Let’s have trial by combat!”

-Trump legal advisor Rudy Guiliani  
January 6, 2021

“Make no mistake. We did this.”

Proud Boys leader Enrique Tarrío  
January 6, 2021

“I’ve decided that I should be on the pardon list, if that is still in the works.”

Trump legal advisor John Eastman  
January 11, 2021

“It’s not Antifa, it’s MAGA. I know. I was there.”

-House Minority leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)  
January 13, 2021

“American citizens...used terrorism to try to stop a specific piece of democratic business they did not like...They did this because they had been fed wild falsehoods by the most powerful man on Earth.”

-Senate Minority leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY)  
February 13, 2021

“Right from the start, it was a zero threat...Some of them went in, and they’re hugging and kissing the police and the guards, you know? They had great relationships.”

-President Donald J. Trump  
March 25, 2021

“January 6th was just a riot at the Capitol. And if you think about what our Declaration of Independence says, it says to overthrow tyrants.”

-Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA)  
October 26, 2021

“As historical events go...January 6th barely rates as a footnote. Really not a lot happened that day.”

-Fox news television host Tucker Carlson  
January 6, 2022

“Legitimate political discourse.”

-Republican National Committee  
February 4, 2022

“January 6th was not simply a protest, it represented the greatest movement in the history of our Country to Make America Great Again.”

-President Donald J. Trump  
June 10, 2022

The photo below time stamped 11:18:40 am shows a **group of militiamen kneeling to pray** before they approach the Capitol, where some used force against Capitol police, smashed windows, smeared feces inside, and called for the hanging of Vice President Pence, all in an attempt to overturn the 2020 Presidential election.



The photo below time stamped 12:56:38 pm shows a young man with “JESUS IS MY SAVIOR/TRUMP IS MY PRESIDENT” on his hoodie. He could be anyone’s son, brother or pal. **He believed Trump’s lie** that the election was stolen.



The loathing and fear on the faces of these patriots.

