

Timeline of January 6, 2021

6:00 AM

- Pro-Trump demonstrators begin gathering in Washington, D.C., for the "Save America" rally.

11:00 AM

- The rally officially begins near the White House. Speakers, including then-President Donald Trump, address the crowd.

12:00 PM

- Trump concludes his speech, encouraging supporters to march to the Capitol. The crowd begins moving toward the Capitol.

1:00 PM

- A joint session of Congress convenes in the Capitol to certify the Electoral College results of the 2020 Presidential election.

1:10 PM

- Protesters begin breaching the outer barricades of the Capitol.

2:15 PM

- Rioters breach the Capitol building, breaking windows and forcing entry.
- Members of Congress are evacuated or instructed to shelter in place.

2:20 PM

- The certification process is halted as rioters occupy parts of the Capitol.

4:00 PM

- National Guard troops are activated and begin to deploy to the Capitol. Law enforcement struggles to regain control.

5:30 PM

- Capitol Police, assisted by reinforcements, begin clearing the Capitol of rioters.

8:00 PM

- Congress reconvenes to resume the certification process.

3:42 AM (January 7)

- The Electoral College certification is completed, affirming Joe Biden as the winner of the 2020 Presidential election.

Flowchart of Events

1. Rally and Speech

- Pro-Trump rally in Washington, D.C.
- Trump's call to action for supporters to march to the Capitol.

2. March to the Capitol

- Demonstrators move toward the Capitol following the rally.

3. Initial Breach

- Protesters breach Capitol barriers and enter the building.

4. Congress Disrupted

- Congressional proceedings are interrupted.
- Evacuation and sheltering of lawmakers.

5. Law Enforcement Response

- National Guard activated.
- Capitol Police regain control of the building.

6. Certification Resumes

- Congress reconvenes.
- Electoral College results certified early on January 7.