

# Let January 6th Events Be Wakeup Call

Are you prepared enough? No, you aren't. Neither am I. It's a trick question. There is no such thing as being prepared enough. Recent events in Washington, D.C. — the “District of Criminals” — should have motivated you to be ready for whatever happens next. Politics is a virus more dangerous than COVID-19 ever was.

I don't agree with or support any of the sides in the Jan. 6 Expedition to Congress. All sides seem to be in a cult — they only fight over which Dear Leader deserves their loyalty.

Anyone who considers the U.S. Capitol “sacred” or “hallowed” has backward values. Even if it were once true, Congressvermin desecrated it long before our grandparents were born. No one else can defile it worse than they do on a daily basis.

One side of the false political spectrum has been justifying violent riots all year. They seem surprised that the other side may have finally gotten the message. I say “may have” because I'm skeptical of the official story. I expect some rioters were “agent provocateurs” and activists from another political side. I'm not a trusting person where known liars are concerned.

At least this protest targeted the actual source of the problem rather than innocent business owners. That's an improvement. Plus, I admit I enjoyed the photographs of congresspeople cowering in fear. When people fear the government, there is tyranny; when government fears the people, there is liberty. Until the fearful legislators retaliate, anyway.

Would I join such a protest or participate in a riot? No.

I don't care enough about what government does to join a protest or a riot. All sides are off-base; none understand liberty. They simply advocate government-supremacism from opposing angles. They are not my people.

I live by author Robert A. Heinlein's immortal words: “I am free no matter what rules surround me. If I find them tolerable, I tolerate them; if I find them too obnoxious, I break them. I am free because I know that I alone am morally responsible for everything I do.”

Let this, like the Great Toilet Paper Apocalypse of 2020, be a wakeup call. The supply chain is more fragile than you know. Disruptions can come from many directions, maybe from multiple directions at the same time. Disease, politics, and nature can all affect your food, household supplies, and security.

Get ready. It's about to get interesting.

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