

... **We wait and take orders from our president.**¹²⁵ Yet another rioter yelled at police officers, “[w]e were invited here ... by the **President of the United States!**”¹²⁶

After the insurrection, one participant who broke into the Capitol wearing combat gear and carrying zip ties stated that he acted because “[t]he President asked for his supporters to be there to attend, and I felt like it was important, because of how much I love this country, to actually be there.”¹²⁷ Another asserted, “I thought I was following my President. ... He asked us to fly there, he asked us to be there, so **I was doing what he asked us to do.**”¹²⁸ She explained that she believed that she had “**answered the call of [her] president,**” echoing the views of other participants.¹²⁹ Subsequent reporting revealed that far-right groups had rallied members to attend the event based upon “the green light from the President.”¹³⁰

The insurrectionists killed a Capitol Police officer by striking him in the head with a fire extinguisher.¹³¹ They injured over 140 police officers, including at least 81 U.S. Capitol Police officers and 65 members of the Metropolitan Police Department, with many requiring hospitalization and significant medical treatment.¹³² One suffered an apparent heart attack after he was hit six times with a stun gun; another lost part of a finger.¹³³ To cite just a few of the many

¹²⁵ Dan Barry et al., *‘Our President Wants Us Here’: The Mob That Stormed the Capitol*, N.Y. Times (Jan. 9, 2021).

¹²⁶ See Philip Bump, *A House Republican Wanted Proof of Incitement. Here Are Four Rioters Who Came to D.C. Because of Trump*, Wash. Post (Jan. 13, 2021).

¹²⁷ *Here Are Some of the People Charged since a Mob Breached the Capitol*, Wash. Post (Jan. 15, 2021).

¹²⁸ David Begnaud (@DavidBegnaud), Twitter (Jan. 15, 2021, 8:30 PM).

¹²⁹ Alan Feurer & Nicole Hong, *‘I Answered the Call of My President’: Rioters Say Trump Urged Them On*, N.Y. Times (Jan. 17, 2021).

¹³⁰ Georgia Wells et al., *Proud Boys, Seizing Trump’s Call to Washington, Helped Lead Capitol Attack*, Wall Street J. (Jan. 17, 2021); Aruna Viswanatha & Sadie Gurman, *Far-Right Affiliations Seen among Those Recently Charged in Capitol Riot*, Wall Street J. (Jan. 17, 2021).

¹³¹ Marc Santora et al., *Capitol Police Officer Dies from Injuries in Pro-Trump Rampage*, N.Y. Times (Jan. 8, 2021).

¹³² Peter Hermann & Julie Zauzmer, *Beaten, Sprayed with Mace and Hit with Stun Guns: Police Describe Injuries to Dozens of Officers during Assault on U.S. Capitol*, Wash. Post (Jan. 11, 2021); Special Agent Michael Palian Affidavit, at 5 (Jan. 19, 2021); Tom Jackman, *Police Union Says 140 Officers Injured in Capitol Riot*, Wash. Post (Jan. 27, 2021).

¹³³ Peter Hermann & Julie Zauzmer, *Beaten, Sprayed with Mace and Hit with Stun Guns: Police Describe Injuries to Dozens of Officers during Assault on U.S. Capitol*, Wash. Post (Jan. 11, 2021).