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## Speaker Johnson Releasing More Than 40,000 Hours of January 6 Footage

Speaker of the House Mike Johnson announced Friday that he is releasing more than 40,000 hours of footage from security cameras showing what happened at the Capitol on January 6, 2021. Here's his [statement](#), posted on X:

When I ran for Speaker, I promised to make accessible to the American people the 44,000 hours of video from Capitol Hill security taken on January 6, 2021. Truth and transparency are critical. Today, we will begin immediately posting video on a public website and move as quickly as possible to add to the website nearly all of the footage, more than 40,000 hours. In the meantime, a public viewing room will ensure that every citizen can view every minute of the videos uncensored.

This decision will provide millions of Americans, criminal defendants, public interest organizations, and the media an ability to see for themselves what happened that day, rather than having to rely upon the interpretation of a small group of government officials.

I commend Chairman [Barry] Loudermilk [R-Ga.] and his team for their diligent work to ensure the thousands of hours of videos are promptly processed to be uploaded to the committee's public website. Processing will involve blurring the faces of private citizens on the yet unreleased tapes to avoid any persons from being targeted for retaliation of any kind and segregating an estimated 5% of the videos that may involve sensitive security information related



Speaker of the House Mike Johnson (AP Images)



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The link to the public website where the January 6 footage can be viewed is pasted below. The website is expected to be updated continuously, with the full release taking several months.

<https://cha.house.gov/cha-subcommittee-reading-room-fe781e74-d577-4f64-93cc-fc3a8dd8df18>



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