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## Journalist Julie Kelly's Unshakable Faith in Freedom

*One word of truth shall outweigh the whole world.*

— Soviet dissident Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

On January 6, 2021, hundreds of thousands of Americans traveled to Washington, D.C., to protest election fraud. Some were captured on video seemingly entering the Capitol illegally, though footage also shows Capitol Police steering people through barricades and into the people's house without resistance. Some stood outside on the Capitol grounds singing the National Anthem and praying. Still others used their phones to record what was *really* happening, as the majority of the American-flag-waving crowd were nonviolent, law-abiding citizens making known their political convictions that the 2020 presidential election was rigged.



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Journalist Julie Kelly, a patriot with an unshakeable faith in freedom, has uncovered many of the unreported stories of that day, documenting with unrelenting passion and meticulous detail dozens of little-known accounts in her inspiring new book *January 6: How Democrats Used the Capitol Protest to Launch a War on Terror Against the Political Right*.

In the face of intense scrutiny and ridicule, Kelly has corresponded for more than a year with the members of the "insurrectionist mob" and their families. While the activist media told the story that so-called radicalized extremists were encouraged by Donald Trump to attack police officers and engage in outrageous and dangerous conduct to overturn a U.S. election, Kelly told a different story.

### Do the Crimes Fit the Penalties?

Out of 400-plus people arrested, "at least 73 are *accused* of committing acts of violence, particularly against police," reported National Public Radio. (Emphasis added.) "At least 35 are *suspected* of causing property damage, like breaking windows or doors to gain entry to the building. At least 27 are *accused* of theft, like the man photographed carrying House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's lectern or one woman who *allegedly* took a laptop from Pelosi's office." (Emphasis added.)

Couy Griffin, founder of Cowboys for Trump, was among those arrested and *accused*. Griffin was denied bail and sat in a federal prison cell for 19 days. His true offense was refusing to say that no fraud had occurred in the 2020 presidential election. According to the Associated Press, "U.S. Magistrate Judge Zia Faruqui said Griffin's behavior and statements suggest he might obstruct justice based on his presence in a riotous crowd outside the U.S. Capitol and his insistence that the election was not won by President Joe Biden."



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Kelly's careful and consistent reporting brought these political prisoners to life. We learn of the men still rotting in jail cells, of the jobs they have lost, of their businesses that have failed, of their families broken and torn apart.

The gut-wrenching story of 18-year-old Bruno Cua and his family sheds light on not only how much about the events of January 6 have been withheld by the media from the public, but also how abusive tactics have been used by the government to break the spirits of those detained.

"I ask for your forgiveness for just my failures as a mom," said Bruno's broken mother, Alise, during her son's detention hearing. "I'm really just hoping that we get a chance to prove that this is behind us. We just want our family together. [We] are completely broken and completely just, honestly and truthfully, remorseful to the core of our beings, and we're asking for a chance."

Yet, aside from a handful of lawmakers, including Representatives Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.), Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.), and Louie Gohmert (R-Texas), the Republican Party has done nothing to support January 6 defendants or their families. And the hunt for "domestic terrorists" marches on.

Jailed in filthy conditions for months on end, those arrested have been denied bail but not convicted of any crime. They have been treated as savages, refused medical treatment and swift legal representation.

Moreover, only a handful of private attorneys are willing to represent January 6 detainees. Those risking everything for justice include Steven Metcalf, Joseph McBride, Marina Medvin, David W. Fischer, and John Kiyonaga.

## **The Prosecution Will Not Rest**

Considering that "due process, the presumption of innocence, the right to a speedy trial, and the exercise of 'blind justice' were all cast aside in service to the Democrats' political agenda: to punish and criminalize dissent from their partisan narrative," as Kelly argues, the deafening silence over barbarous treatment of free American citizens cannot be solely pinned on the Democrats.

Remember how terrible it was to hear *conservative* Ted Cruz say the protest was "a violent terrorist attack on the Capitol"?

In her book, Kelly masterfully delineates the myths of January 6 narratives perpetuated by politicians and the press.

Defendant Brandon Straka, founder of the nonprofit #Walkaway, was placed on a terrorist watch list and ultimately signed a plea deal in which he confessed to something he didn't do. He was sentenced to three months of house arrest, three years of probation, 60 hours of community service, \$500 in restitution, and a \$5,000 fine, all for standing outside the Capitol and using his iPhone to record the events unfolding before him. For weeks, CNN touted the false narrative that Straka was in the building, that he was part of the breach, and that he was involved in taking a shield from a police officer. But none of this was true.



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The libelous media has succeeded in slandering the January 6 defendants, but has failed to ask the important questions, such as how many of these prisoners have endured mental and physical abuse by jail guards, or have been kept in solitary confinement for extended periods of time and isolated in their prison cells for 23 hours a day.

Defendant Michael Curzio remained incarcerated in facilities across several states for a total of six months after being accused of walking through an open doorway of the Capitol, where he claimed “officers were seated, allowing people to walk in.” Curzio told Kelly that “some of the guys were roughed up” during his stay at the D.C. Correctional Treatment Facility. Another inmate described the water in the jail as “black and chunky.”

## Where Is the Liberty and Justice for All?

Kelly’s probe of the role of the Capitol Police officers reveals that many “undoubtedly acted courageously,” though contradictory images exist that suggest some officers admitted demonstrators into the building and even posed with them for selfies.

One of the most disturbing incidents of that day was when Capitol Police officer Michael Byrd fatally shot unarmed 10-year Air Force veteran Ashli Babbitt. Although Babbitt’s death was ruled a homicide, the Department of Justice chose not to pursue charges against the officer, quoting “insufficient evidence to support a criminal prosecution.”

Intimidated and possibly threatened not to discuss the particulars of their cases, many Capitol protesters are remaining quiet. But more are speaking up, and one persistent journalist raising up her voice is Julie Kelly.

Still, 100-percent involvement from *all* conservatives is required to win back the country and right the wrongs committed by the Left’s ruthless entrapment of protesters innocent of wrongdoing at the Capitol on January 6, 2021.

Thus, in pursuit of justice, learn the facts and demand the truth. Purchase Kelly’s book, and read it. It is a work that will truly inspire, shame, alarm, outrage, and wake up every American citizen.

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