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January 6 Melee: Insurrection or Fedsurrection?

Was the January 6, 2021 “invasion” of the U.S. Capitol a “coup attempt” by President Trump and his supporters? Or was it a choreographed setup by federal officials and their MAGA-hat-wearing *agents provocateurs* to create an incident that would be used to smear Trump followers as terrorists and to justify more oppressive legislation and police-state powers targeting conservatives? Mounting evidence points to the latter. This is the central issue that must be settled; all other expressions of concern about the January 6 affair are distractions.



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The media hysteria over the January 6 “Capitol Insurrection” has been building for months. As expected, the anniversary of that event this year unleashed a frenzy of media “coverage” of the incident, along with non-stop diatribes by politicians claiming it was the worst attack on our country since (take your pick) the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the Civil War (as Joe Biden [claimed](#) last year), or the burning of the Capitol by British troops during the War of 1812 (as the left-wing magazine *Salon* and Representative Eric Swalwell [suggest](#)).

However, as is all too standard concerning major issues of our day, the Fake News media complex, in its obsessive fixation on “the January 6 insurrection,” is purposely ignoring the most significant evidence, refusing to ask the most important questions, and shielding the most culpable culprits. For the past year, the major media have refused to pursue the obvious leads in the case that scream out for investigation and have papered over the disturbing discrepancies in the official narrative.

In a press conference at the Capitol on January 6, Representatives Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) and Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) hit these issues head-on, particularly calling out House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the House January 6 Committee, and the media for blatantly ignoring the evidence of federal *agents provocateurs* inciting and leading the “insurrection.”

“We are here to expose the truth, to ask key questions about what happened on Jan. 6, who animated the violence, the extent to which the federal government may have been involved,” Gaetz told reporters. “We know this: Jan. 6 last year wasn’t an insurrection. No one has been charged with insurrection. No one has been charged with treason. But it very well may have been a Fedsurrection.”

Rep. Gaetz showed reporters a compilation of video clips assembled by Dr. Darren Beattie, editor of



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Revolver.news, who has done some of the most in-depth investigative reporting into troubling aspects of the January 6 narrative. For months Beattie and other journalists have been pointing out that a central ringleader of the Capitol mayhem on January 6, an Arizona man by the name of Ray Epps, has mysteriously gone unindicted, while others who merely walked about in the Capitol are getting the proverbial thumbscrew torture from federal prosecutors. In the video footage Mr. Epps can clearly be seen and heard taking a leadership position on January 5 and 6 urging Trump supporters to invade the Capitol and appearing to whisper directions into the ear of a “protester” who takes down a barrier. Epps then leads a crowd into the Capitol.

In one video it is clear that some Trump supporters were highly suspicious that Epps was a federal agent provocateur. They began denouncing him, pointing at him and chanting “Fed, Fed, Fed.”

Investigation or Coverup?

Epps is not the only suspected provocateur. Indeed, there appear to be many. Another one highlighted in the videos by Gaetz and Greene is an unidentified man dubbed “Scaffold Commander” who can be seen and heard shouting commands from atop scaffolding around the Capitol. The video provides a closeup of the man’s face and Gaetz notes that with all the facial recognition software available to the FBI, they should have no trouble identifying him. But neither the FBI, the DOJ, nor Nancy Pelosi’s January 6 Committee are the least bit interested. Why might that be? Well, the most plausible reason is that they and their media cohorts are feverishly promoting yet another Trump conspiracy theory. The Trump-Russia conspiracy theory failed. The Trump-Ukraine conspiracy theory failed. The Trump Obstruction of Justice conspiracy theory failed. So they are hanging their hopes on their Trump Insurrection conspiracy theory. It was formally laid out in a criminal [complaint](#) filed by Rep. Bennie G. Thompson (D-Miss) on February 16, 2021 charging that Donald J. Trump, Rudie Giuliani, the Proud Boys, and the Oath Keepers “conspired to prevent, by force, intimidation and threats, the Plaintiff, as a Member of Congress, from discharging his official duties to approve the count of votes cast by members of the Electoral College following the presidential election held in November 2020.”

Nancy Pelosi subsequently appointed Rep. Thompson to chair the January 6 Committee charged with investigating this alleged conspiracy. Thompson is not only a far-left Democrat and harsh critic of Donald Trump, but, as Trevor Loudon’s Keywiki website amply [documents](#), Thompson has a long career of collaborating with the Communist Party USA and the Communist Workers Party, as well as praising and assisting communist dictator Fidel Castro and visiting him in Cuba. Thompson is not interested in subpoenaing DOJ or FBI officials to question them concerning the roles federal agents may have played in instigating the January 6 ruckus.

Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Kenn.) attempted to pin down Attorney General Merrick Garland on this issue during a hearing last October, playing many of the same video clips shown by Reps. Gaetz and Greene. Massie specifically asked AG Garland if the federal government had agents or assets among the January 6 protesters and if they had initiated or agitated for the illegal actions taken by some of the demonstrators. Garland repeatedly dodged the questions by invoking the DOJ “norms” which, he said, preclude him from commenting on on-going investigations. (The interchange between Massie and Garland can be seen [here](#).)

Appearing on Tucker Carlson’s FOX News program on December 6, Joseph McBride, the New York attorney representing several of the January 6 defendants charged that federal agent provocateurs played key roles in the violence and vandalism. He pointed, for instance, to images of an individual known as “Red MAGA Man” who was dressed in MAGA red from head to toe, including red paint



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covering his face. According to McBride, the

Tucker Carlson & Attorney For Several 1/6 Defendants [@McBrideLawNYC](#) Discuss His Court Filing Claiming That There Were "Agent Provocateurs" At The U.S. Capitol On January 6th & The Unreleased Footage From That Day

Joseph: "The truth is going to come out, they cannot stop it." pic.twitter.com/9sXcoRKrKn
— The Columbia Bugle ☐☐ (@ColumbiaBugle) [December 7, 2021](#)

video shows Red Maga Man handing out weapons to demonstrators, directing them, and also confiding in law enforcement personnel as though he is one of them. But, mysteriously, as in the cases of other central figures in the violence that day, he has not been charged. Carlson asks rhetorically why, in this age of surveillance and facial recognition programs this man has not been identified and tracked down. The most obvious, reasonable answer is that the people tasked with identifying and tracking him down already know who he is because he is one of their own.

Was Michigan "Kidnapping Plot" a Test Run for January 6?

A little more than a year before the fateful day of January 6 the FBI announced it had uncovered a terrorist plot in Michigan that bears a striking similarity to key features of the Capitol "insurrection," especially as it pertains to the involvement of federal agent provocateurs. On October 8, 2020, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Michigan Attorney General [announced](#) the arrest of six individuals in a plot to kidnap Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer. The defendants, members of a Michigan "militia" called the Wolverine Watchmen, are alleged to have been motivated in large part by Gov. Whitmer's draconian COVID-19 mandates and lockdown. The trial of the six, which is scheduled to begin on March 8, appears to be coming apart for the prosecution. The defense seems to have a good case for entrapment, with evidence indicating that government agents and "informants" were the ones in charge of instigating, planning, and directing the kidnap plot.

A motion to dismiss the indictments against the six was filed by defense attorneys on December 25, 2021, alleging "egregious overreaching by the government's agents, and by the informants those agents handled."

"The key to the government's plan was to turn general discontent with Governor Whitmer's COVID-19 restrictions into a crime that could be prosecuted," the motion states. "The government picked what it knew would be a sensational charge: conspiracy to kidnap the governor. When the government was faced with evidence showing that the defendants had no interest in a kidnapping plot, it refused to accept failure and continued to push its plan. Eventually, the government initiated this case, despite the fact that it knew there was no plan to kidnap, no operational plan, and no details about how a kidnapping would occur or what would happen afterward. The facts show that there was no conspiracy."

In all, 14 men have been charged thus far in the plot, but there were at least that many more who have not been indicted. Why? Well, according to the left-tilted BuzzFeed, "In the Michigan kidnapping case, at least a dozen confidential informants, as well as two or more undercover FBI agents, helped gather evidence against the 14 men who were charged." In other words, about half of the "plotters" were government agents/informers. And from the evidence available thus far, it appears that they, not the defendants, took the lead in the plot. Indeed, the defendants appear to have shown little interest in the



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kidnapping and had to be prodded to go along with it.

Defense attorneys for the alleged plotters have assembled more than 250 audio conversations, text messages, and online chats between agents and informants that they say support their claim of entrapment. They have petitioned the court to allow this [evidence](#) to be presented in the case.

FBI's Michigan Ringleader Now Heading January 6 "Investigation"

As has been widely [reported](#), the federal case against the alleged "kidnap plotters" has suffered some severe blows of late, with several of the FBI's lead agents and informants being arrested on various criminal charges.

Perhaps the most disturbing data point in the January 6 story is a key individual in both the Michigan plot and the Capitol "insurrection": Steven M. D'Antuono. In 2019, D'Antuono was named special agent in charge of the FBI's Detroit Field Office, where he oversaw and directed the FBI's very troubling handling of the Whitmer kidnap plot. On October 18, 2020, just ten days after the announcement of the initial arrests in Michigan, FBI Director Christopher Wray [promoted D'Antuono](#) to the position of assistant director in charge of the Washington, D.C., Field Office.

In remarks at a press conference on January 26, 2021, D'Antuono [stated](#) that "the FBI has been working day and night to find answers to the questions the American people deserve to know." "My pledge to anyone listening to this," he said, "is that the FBI will carry out the investigative process with rigor and due diligence, following the facts and following the evidence wherever it takes us."

However, it looks more and more like a "process" aimed at the twin political objectives of covering up a federal false flag operation and spinning propaganda to reinforce the prevailing "right-wing domestic terrorism" narrative.

Regarding the events of January 6, Merrick Garland's Justice Department [claims](#) it is "undertaking the largest investigation in the department's history."

But if the crucial issue of federal agents provocateurs is not fully examined, the "investigation" will be shown to be a total sham.



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