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## HuffPo Scribe: January 6 Protest Worse Than 9/11

Newsflash: The mostly peaceful protest at the U.S. Capitol on January 6 was just as scary as, or even worse than, the [9/11 terror attack](#) that left 3,000 Americans dead and the World Trade Center in New York a smoldering pile of rubble.

Indeed, it's "1000 percent worse," a reporter for *HuffPost* tweeted. The scribe's preposterous claim answered the *Washington Examiner's* Byron York, who didn't think much of something hate-Trump establishmentarian George Will said on *This Week*.



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Will thinks the events of January 6 must be "burned" into the memory of Americans in the same way as those of 9/11 were.

The takeaway? Donald Trump left office five months ago, but Trump Derangement has not abated.

### York vs. Dáte

The occasion for S.V. Dáte's ridiculous claim was York's answer to Will, an obsessed NeverTrumper. Speaking on *This Week* of the commission to probe the protest at the Capitol, Will claimed that GOP congressmen who oppose creating the panel are afraid of their own voters.

The commission, he said, "is controversial for one reason. We have something new in American history. We have a political party defined by the terror it feels for its own voters. That's the Republican Party right now."

### [Continued Will:](#)

Every elected official is frightened of his voters, therefore doesn't respect his voters and doesn't like his voters and is afraid that a vote for this would be seen as an insult to the 45th president.

Nothing, in fact, is new about elected officials who vote the way their constituents want because they, the officials, fear losing office. In any case, Will said the "insurrection" is tantamount to the terror attack, which also [hit the Pentagon](#):

I would like to see January 6th burned into the American mind as firmly as 9/11 because it was that scale of a shock to the system. I think there will be a commission, but it is controversial for that reason.

That inspired a Twitter thread from York.

"No, it wasn't," the same "scale of shock," he tweeted. "There is simply no comparison in scale or



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motivation between the two.”

York offered the right perspective:

The 9/11 al Qaeda attacks killed roughly 3,000 people, brought down New York’s tallest skyscrapers, destroyed part of the Pentagon, crashed four passenger jetliners, and changed U.S. foreign policy for decades.

The events of January 6, on the other hand, ended with the “natural causes” deaths of a Capitol Hill cop and two “rioters,” the death of another “rioter at the hands of police,” and one more fatality tied to “acute amphetamine intoxication.” In other words, 9/11’s death toll was somewhat higher than that of January 6, 2021.

Continued York:

Parts of the Capitol were ransacked, but not seriously enough that Congress could not meet and finish its work on the night of the riot. It was appalling, but nothing like September 11.

To visualize the difference, imagine that, on the night of the 9/11 attacks, there was a convention that went on as scheduled at the World Trade Center.

To this sober analysis, *HuffPost*’s White House reporter Dáte, who, like Will, suffers with chronic TDS, answered thusly: “Trump Apology Corps [is] in full apology mode,” and “the 9/11 terrorists and Osama bin Laden never threatened the heart of the American experiment.”

The nation to which [Indian immigrant](#) Dáte came uninvited is not an “experiment,” but in any event he added this:

The 1/6 terrorists and Donald Trump absolutely did exactly that. Trump continues that effort today....

This attempt to whitewash what happened that day is shameful.

9/11 was an act of war done by foreigners.

1/6 was an attack on our republic — an attempt to END OUR DEMOCRACY — committed by supposed Americans, including the sitting president.

In fact, the mostly peaceful protest that went awry that day was not an attempt to “end our democracy.” That aside, another user observed that [Flight 93](#), which crashed into the Pennsylvania countryside on 9/11, was supposed to hit the Capitol.

“You think January 6th was worse than that?” he asked.

Replied Dáte: “1,000 percent.”



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Unsurprisingly, others agreed.

### **Analogy Began Almost Immediately**

Another deranged leftist wrote similarly to Dáte on January 8, two days after the mostly peaceful protest. The headline over Jacqueline Dooley's piece at Medium.com? "[Why The Attack on The Capitol Was Worse Than 9/11.](#)"

"Every single one of the 210 Republicans in the House and Senate who either declined to say that Joe Biden was president or outright lied about Trump winning an election he clearly lost are co-conspirators to Wednesday's act of sedition," the unhinged leftist wrote:

The leaders who instigated the would-be coup were supposed to be the ones protecting our democracy. Instead, they enabled a sick narcissist, allowing him to incite a mob of white nationalists, conspiracy theorists, and self-proclaimed patriots to violence.

Ultimately, 8 Senators and 139 House Republicans supported at least one objection to counting Biden's electoral votes. These failed members of Congress may as well have led the rioters to the doors of the Capitol themselves.

But even worse, the hysterical Dooley added, the country's past and people are to blame for what occurred.

"Violent, oppressive, entitled, racist — this is who we are, America. Wednesday's assault on democracy was worse than 9/11 because it exposed America's rot for the entire world to see," [she wrote](#):

Those of us with privilege must now take a hard look at our role in Trump's insurrection. Even if we hate him and didn't vote for him, our way of life is what allowed him to thrive.

Maybe we aren't the good guys we thought we were. Maybe we're the ones destroying America. Our country's history of hate, bigotry, and complacency enabled insurgents to breach the Capitol. In retrospect, it was only a matter of time.

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