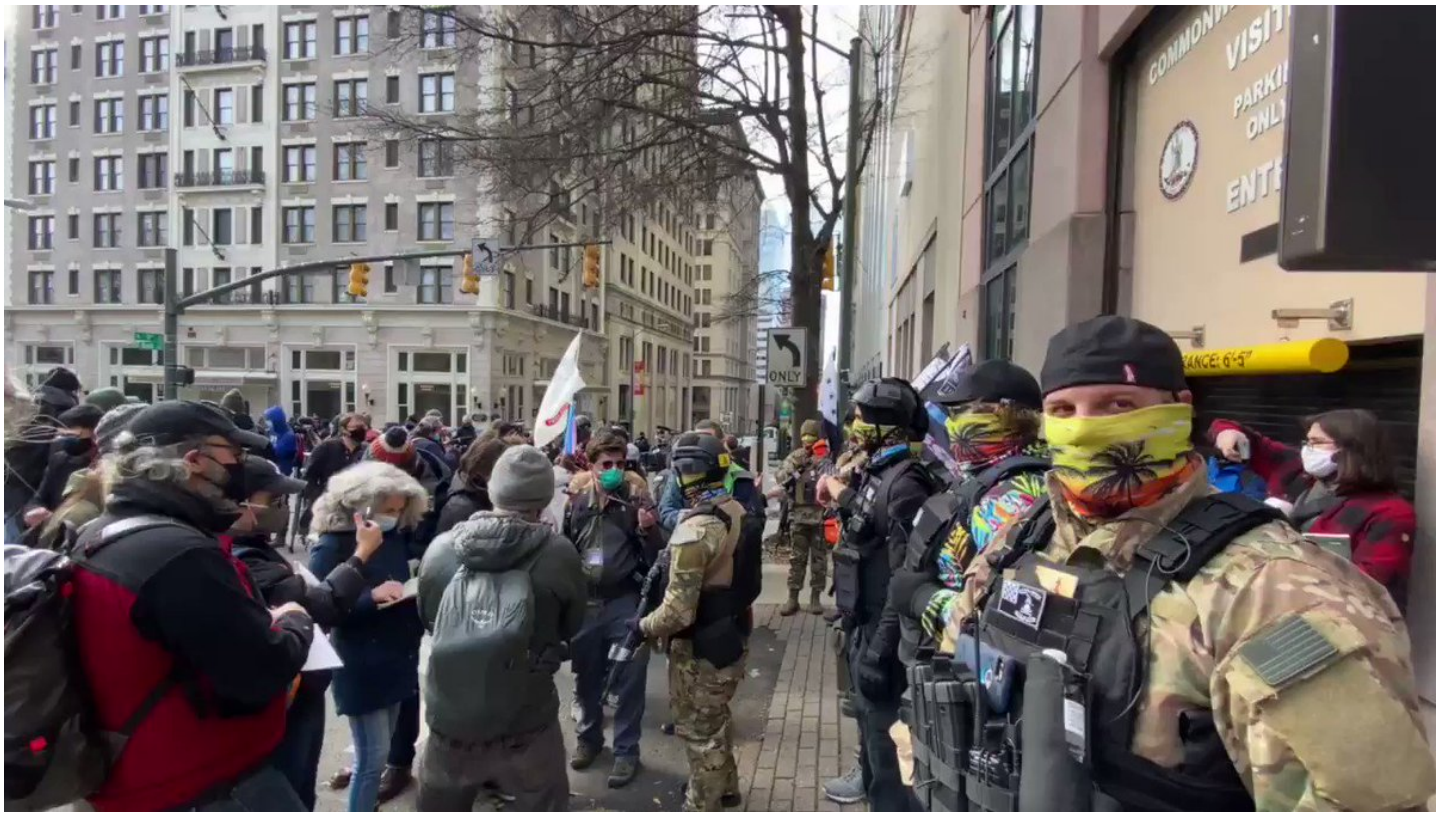
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Lobby day thread Richmond, VA



Some boogaloo boys talk to reporters.

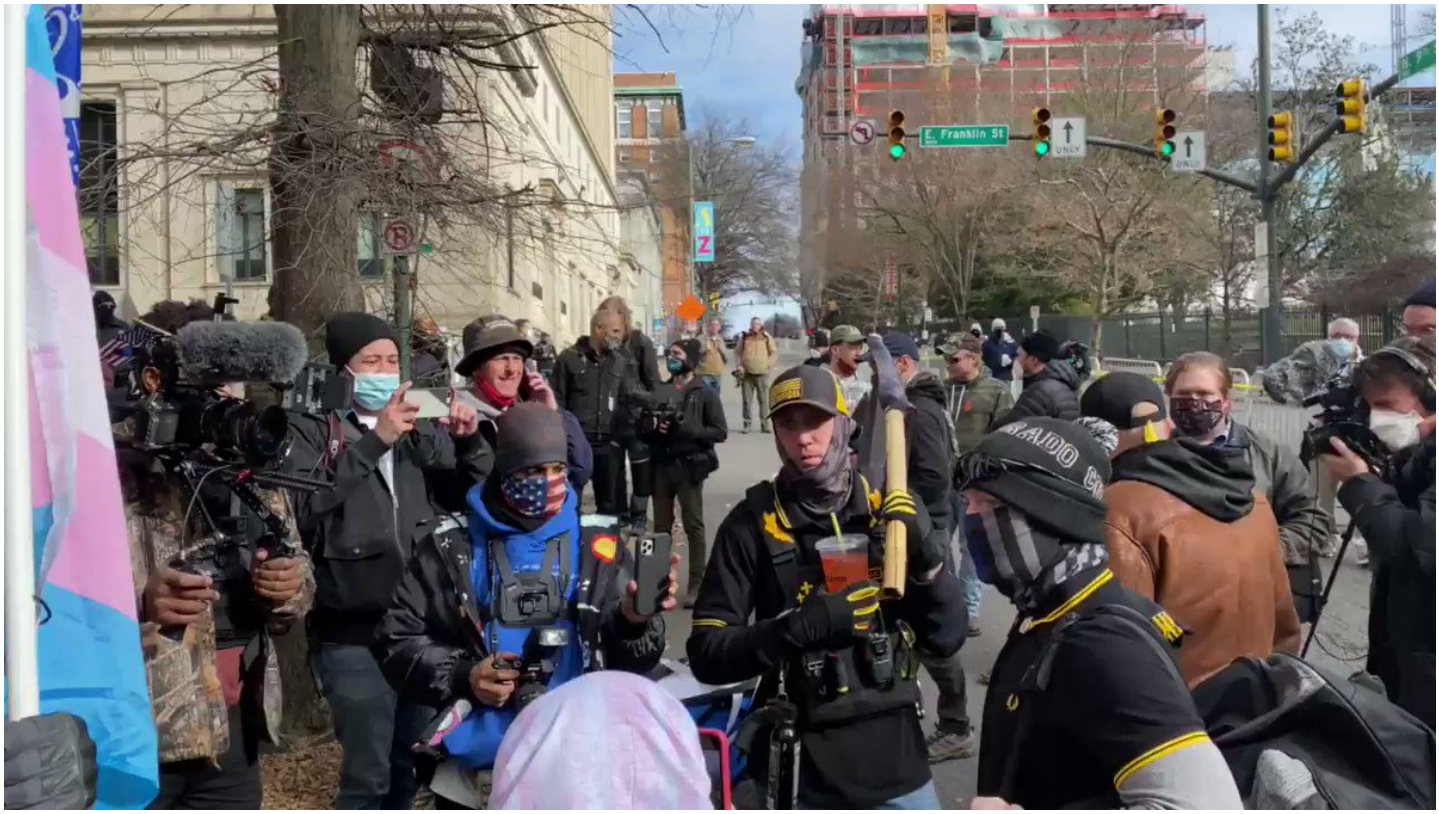
-Boogaloo boys are an extremist movement born online

-They think the internal contradictions of the country will eventually lead to a collapse,

-some of them want to “accelerate” that process and kick off the “boog”(civil war)



A handful of Proud boys are here. One is hawking t-shirts



While many of the MAGA groups didn't show up to state capitols this weekend, boogaloo boys across the country did, albeit in small numbers.



For context: I count 92 journalists

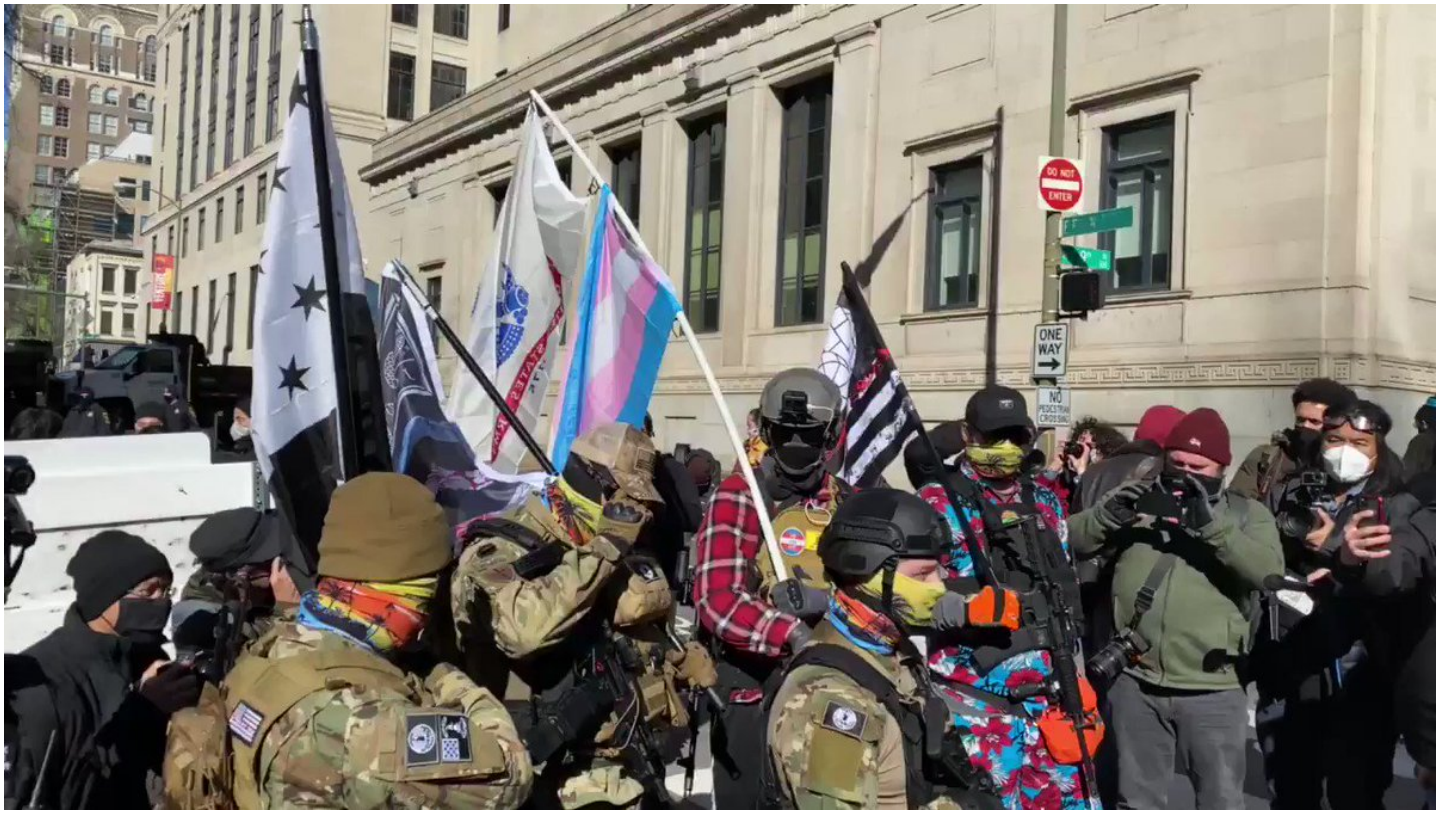


This is almost a press conference for boogaloo boys. In sound bites they sound awfully reasonable, but that’s deceptive.

here’s three writers who’ve digested a lot of their world:

@Leah_Sottile : https://t.co/4OwIpRQXWL

@jason_a_w @IwriteOK : https://t.co/ONFORcocxR



police aren’t enforcing the “no firearms” ordinance



Lobby day



Not sure it’s the best look for police to have their recruitment division out during a gun rally



The original Black Panthers of Virginia are here in support of the 2nd amendment



Mike Pain, second in command of the Original Black Panthers of Virginia “praying is great, we still need to pray, but nothing happens without action”



Mike pain says this demonstration hasn’t changed much since last years, even in light of the George Floyd uprising, Pain says the focus here is about the 2nd amendment



Philip Van Cleave is the organizer behind this rally, he runs Virginia Citizen Defense league.



You might know Philip Van Cleave from the time Sacha Baron Cohen got him to advocate guns for toddlers



It is a very small turnout. Scattered groups around the Capitol. No nucleus to this gathering.



Boogaloo boys pose for photographers



All gas no breaks



There is no tension.



Boogaloo boys and police chatting



Extremist reporters on the ground in Richmond

@HannahAllam NPR

@loisbeckett Guardian

@willcarless USA Today

At the Robert E Lee monument, in what was the Capitol of the confederacy, a Black Lives Matter memorial


Alton Sterling, 37
#BlackLivesMatter
#8CantWait
#EndQualifiedImmunity
PLEASE offer a moment of silent reflection in honor of Alton and his family, and pray for justice for the Black community.
To further the work for justice in Virginia, please visit JusticeandReformation.org
Follow our work at Monumental Memorials on Facebook.

Richmond, VA



And now, your moment of zen



Right-wing demonstrators gathered at a Lowe’s parking lot NEAR Lee monument where Black Lives Matter crowd is holding a bbq

Richmond police shut the parking lot down. The caravan moved on without incident.



I am out of Richmond.