Twitter Thread by AntiFash Gordon



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Good morning!

I'll be following @blackhousenew and @itsa_talia on Twitter for coverage of DC today.

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Black House News: https://t.co/Jltj7d9uMS
Talia Jane:

2/ Chants of "Fuck Reuters" and "Uhuru"-- the Proud Boys ironic appropriation of a pan-African socialist movement--happening on @Reuters' livestream.

"Patriots, storm the capital!" shouted through bullhorn. https://t.co/uoQsiWlMWA

3/ Proud Boys founder Gavin McInnes is in the crowd, wearing a plate carrier and black baseball hat and generally looking stupid.



4/ Trump is now speaking, an hour late.

He claims that the "fake news media" has stolen the election.

5/ "We will stop the steal," Trump tells the crowd. "This was not a close election.... I've been in two elections, and the second one I won much bigger than the first."

6/ "Take third-world countries. Even their elections are more honest than what we have in this country," Trump tells the crowd.

"Fight for Trump!" the crowd chants.

This is what the start of an attempted coup looks like.

7/ "Just remember-- you're stronger, you're smarter... and you're the real people, the people who built this nation," Trump tells the crowd vis a vis Democrats.

This is straight out of the ultranationalist playbook, creating a myth of "real" citizens versus traitors.

8/ Fantastic ongoing thread from @HamptonStall sighting members of the far-right present at today's Stop the Steal rally in DC. https://t.co/vf4uk9cgMG

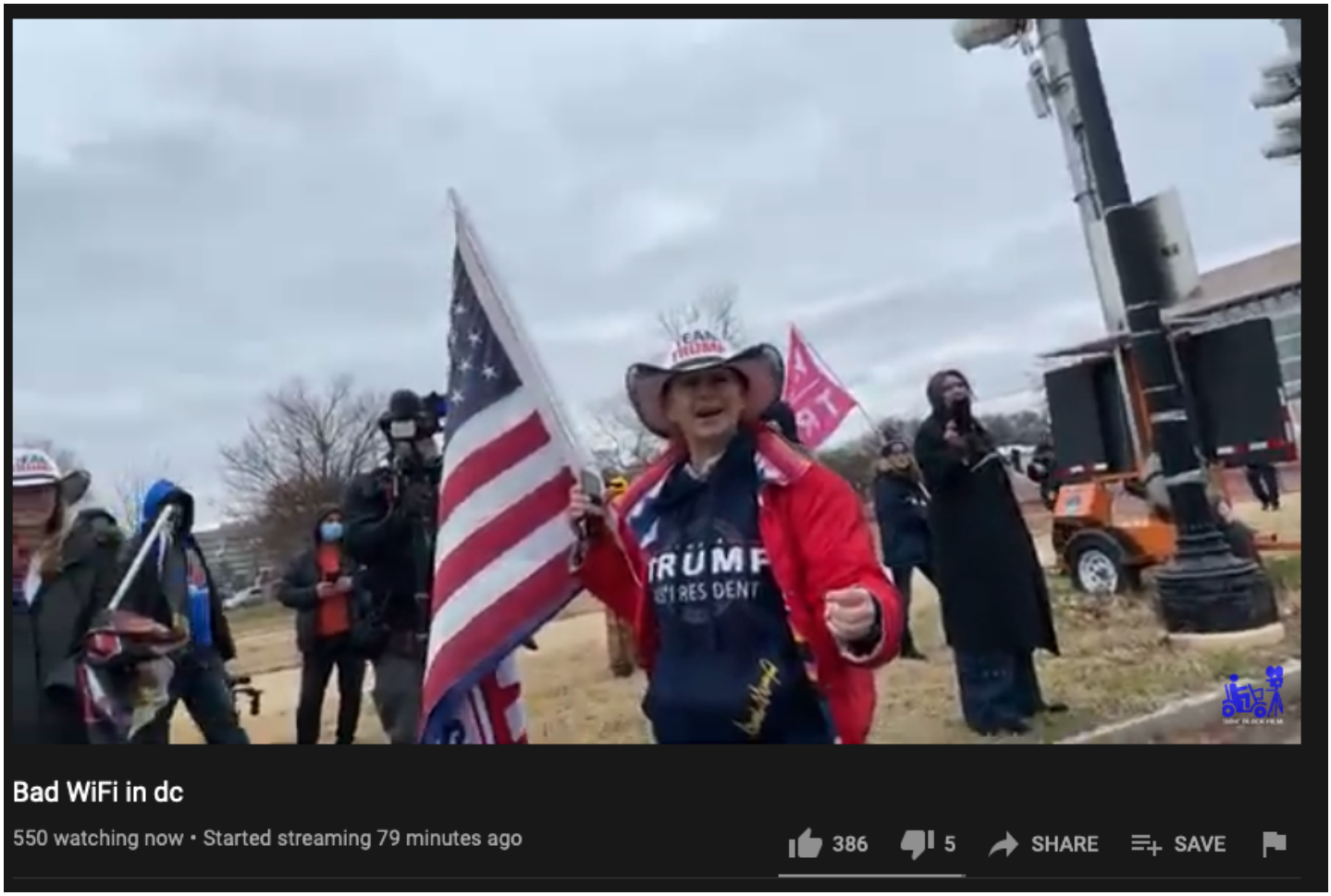
> Spotted by @ZTPetrizzo, some folks wearing camo and chest rigs, hanging out on a pillar outside of the White House around 11 AM ET on 6 January:https://t.co/mcHJHBKtjw
>
> — Hampton Stall (@HamptonStall) January 6, 2021

9/ "The American people do not believe the corrupt fake news anymore.... It's called suppression, and that's what happens in a Communist country. Hunter Biden, they don't talk about him," Trump says.

Notable theme is the constant assault on both the media and democracy itself.

10/ "We love the Proud Boys," a Trump attendee says to Proud Boy livestreamer Eddie Block. "God bless the Proud Boys."

Pay attention to the close relationship between Trump's base and hate groups like the Proud Boys. The mask is off.



11/ For more on that, @IwriteOK documented the growing coalition between far-right hate groups like the Proud Boys and Trump's base for @bellingcat yesterday. https://t.co/ozorlq6HOu

12/ Proud Boys are on the march chanting "Where's antifa? Fuck antifa!"

Proud Boys founder Gavin McInnes is there-- despite claiming that he quit the group in 2018-- as is Proud Boys Elder Ethan Nordean, who was fired by his own father from Wally's Chowderhouse for being a PB.



13/ That's Proud Boys founder Gavin McInnes in the black baseball hat, classes, and plate carrier.

Beside him is Proud Boys Elder Ethan "Rufio Panman" Nordean.



14/ "We're storming the Capitol!" attendees shout.

Police lines have been reportedly breached, and mace has been deployed, but MAGA ralliers are not inside the building.

At 1:00 p.m., Congress is set to confirm the election results.



15/ A Stop the Steal attendee has been pepper-sprayed and is being ministered to by several members of the crowd, as others livestream.



16/ Meanwhile, an attendee in a skull mask worn by Neo-Nazi accelerationists confers with a police officer.

Completely normal.



17/ Fights are breaking out as attendees try to push past the cops.

There's a not insignificant amount of blood on the ground.



18/ "Move back," shout the police, as riot cops try to push the crowd back from the Capitol Building.



19/ Police are deploying pepper spray and the crowd is pepper-spraying them back.



20/ The air's a little foggy with pepper spray and pepper balls being launched at the crowd.

"You work for us!" the crowd screams at the police.



21/ Police continue to mace the crowd as a chant of "Whose House? Our House!" breaks out, and Stop the Steal ralliers attempt to push forward.

This is what an attempted coup looks like.



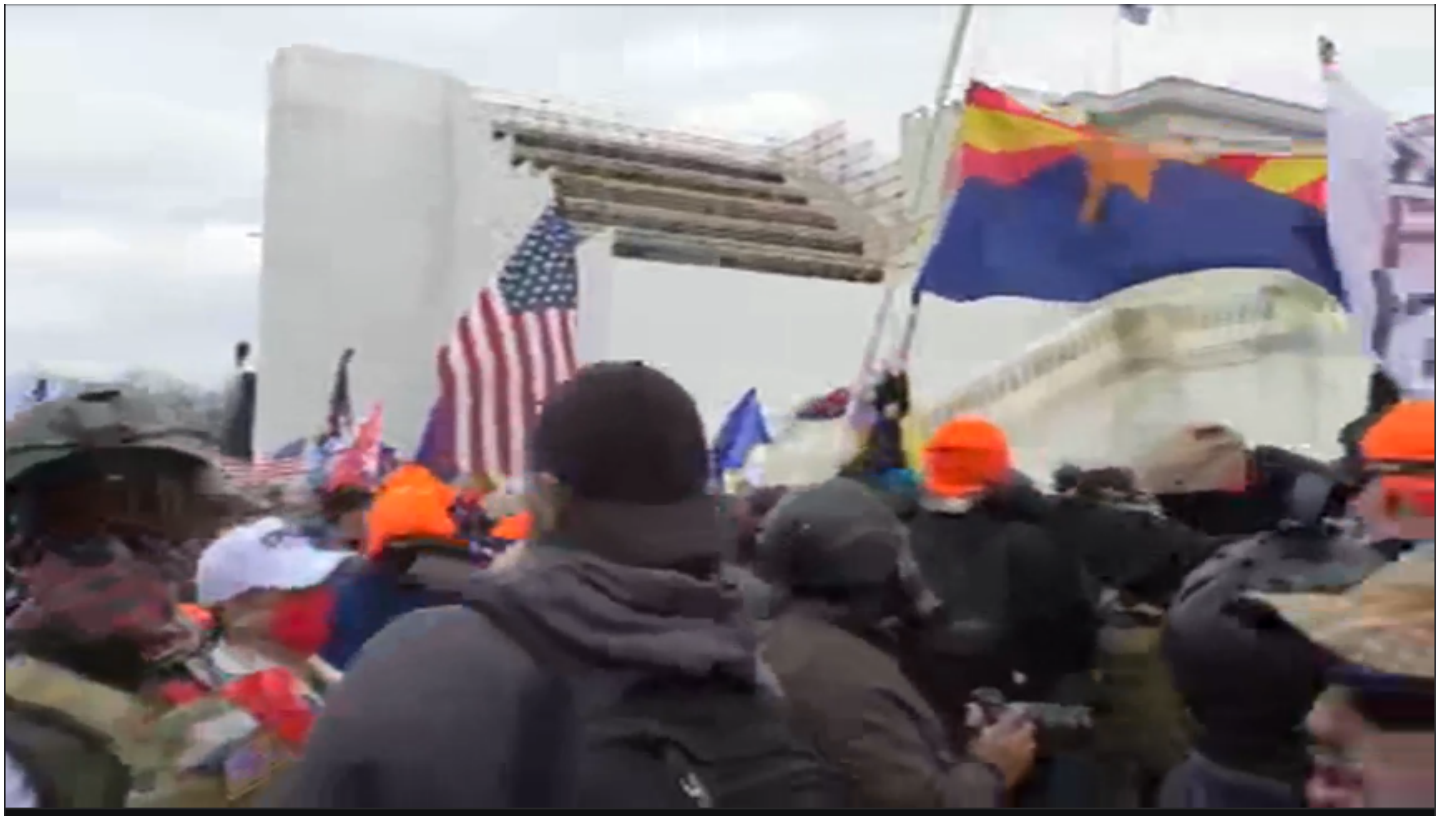
22/ Ralliers wrestle with police, who are attempting to hold their barriers in place.

"You're a fucking traitor to your country!" one man shouts at the police.



23/ Police continue to pepper-spray the crowd.

My screenshot wasn't fast enough, but I'm pretty sure I just saw Proud Boy Kenny Lizardo, who accompanied PB leader Enrique Tarrio in court yesterday, near the front of the line.



24/ Capitol grounds are basically covered in tear gas as Stop the Steal ralliers continue to try to push past police.



25/ Right now, the cops continue to push the crowd back, setting off what sounds like flashbangs to disorient the crowd, then hitting them with pepper-spray and periodically moving the barricades forward, making occasional arrests.



26/ Ironically, one Stop the Steal rallier wearing weighted-knuckle fighting gloves is putting his hands up, like he's not specifically dressed to fucking hurt someone.



27/ "What do you think it's gonna do for race relations when they make me pay you reparations?" one Stop the Steal rallier asks a Black cop.

I mean, probably couldn't get any worse than the attempted white nationalist coup currently happening, amirite?



28/ Compared to leftist protests I've been at, the cops are comparatively chill.

They're not smashing people in the head, and no one's kettling the Stop the Steal ralliers. They can just turn around and leave at any point.

Except.... they're not doing that.

29/ Ralliers have broken through the police lines and are occupying the scaffolding outside the Capitol building.



30/ Police appear to be holding the Capitol steps.



31/ "You're a dick, you fucking pussies," this man in the red MAGA hat screams at the cops, which is..... interesting.



32/ Yellow Gadsden flags representative of the militia movement are flying alongside at least one Confederate flag (not pictured).



33/ Reports say that Capitol staff are being evacuated by police.

34/ While GOP members of Congress claim that the election was stolen inside the Capitol building, a crowd of Trump supporters and hate group members are *actually* attempting to steal the election, and have broken past four layers of police security to occupy the Capitol steps.



35/ Stop the Steal ralliers are now at the doors of the Capitol building.



36/ The Senate has been recessed and Pence has been removed from the grounds, as per reports.

37/ Protesters are inside the Capitol building, outside the Senate chambers now. https://t.co/FvcWP2A6kw

> Protesters have breached the Capitol. They\u2019re outside the Senate chamber pic.twitter.com/I021tKliUD
>
> — Igor Bobic (@igorbobic) January 6, 2021

38/ Protesters are waving at least one Confederate flag inside the Capitol building.



39/ Something I'd point out is that leftist protesters in Portland faced months of heavy tear gas and being hit with rubber bullets nightly.

The police here are trying to de-escalate with the Stop the Steal ralliers literally inside the Capitol building. https://t.co/Ovc39K0JXO

> Some sort of gas has been set off. I\u2019m not sure by whom. Police seem to be trying to deescalate and talk to them. pic.twitter.com/CwB2PYdTMj
>
> — Igor Bobic (@igorbobic) January 6, 2021

40/ Capitol police are requesting additional assistance.

Kind of strange they didn't have that on-hand already? https://t.co/W48rBp4osv

> Breaking: US Capitol Police are asking for additional law enforcement for assistance, including federal authorities, per a source familiar.\xa0
> Several suspicious devices outside the Capitol Building.
>
> — Jim Sciutto (@jimsciutto) January 6, 2021

41/ Protesters outside the Capitol building have breached a second door, allowing more of them to enter the building. They now effectively control the Capitol building.

"Take our country back!" some are screaming. "Forward!"



42/ The city of DC has instituted a 6:00 p.m. curfew for tonight.

Meanwhile, @RepMoBrooks is spreading disinformation about antifascists in backwards MAGA hats, when this is clearly a far-right coup, top-to-bottom. https://t.co/qTv472PcA9

> HOUSE RECESSSED UNTIL ORDER & SAFETY CAN BE ASSURED.
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> Rumor: ANTIFA fascists in backwards MAGA hats. Time will tell what truth is.
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> Capitol Police Announcement: Capitol breach. Locked down! DO NOT LEAVE CHAMBER!
>
> — Mo Brooks (@RepMoBrooks) January 6, 2021

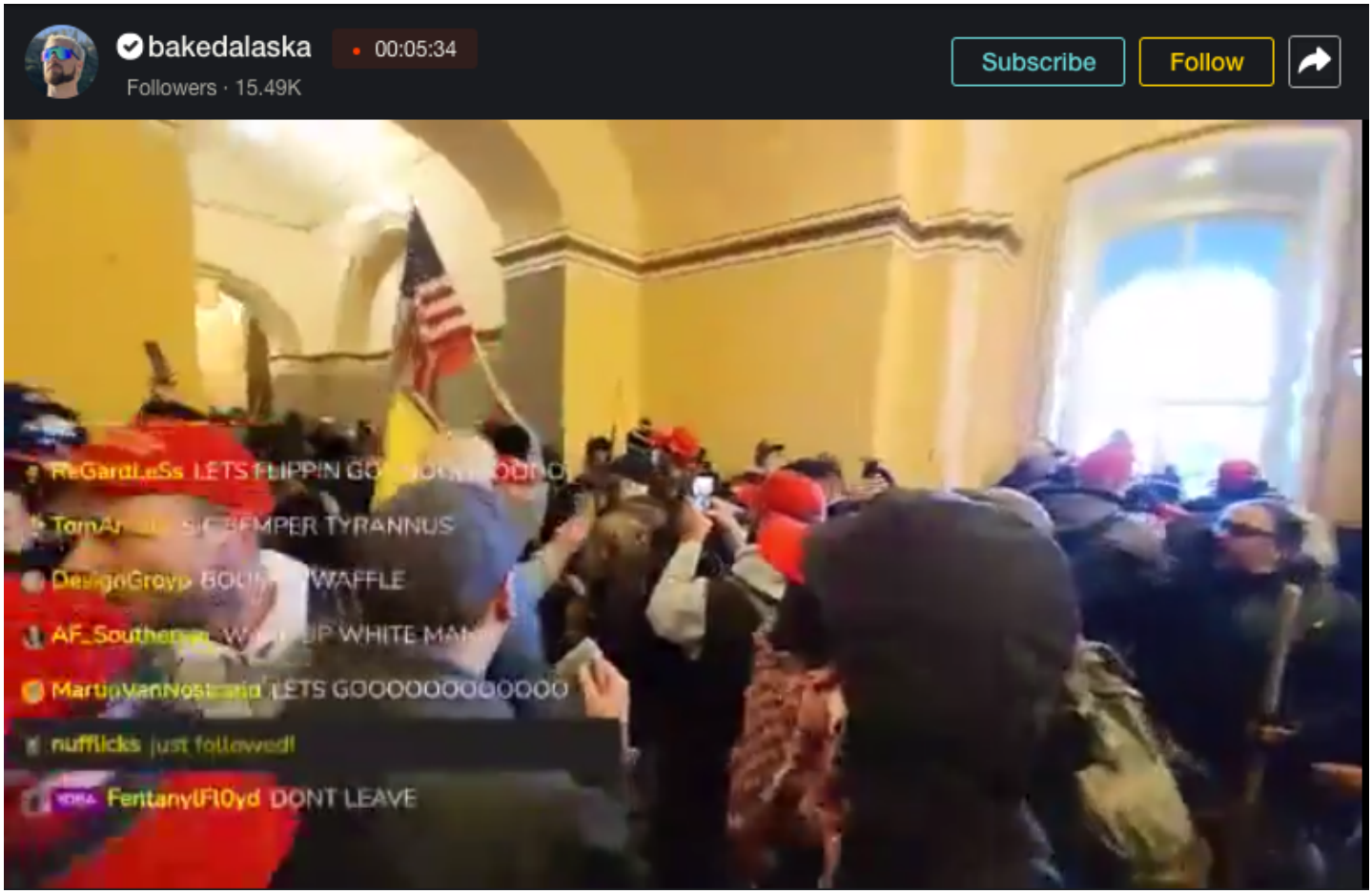
43/ Livestreamers are now inside the Capitol Building, documenting the attempted coup.



44/ Reports of live rounds being shot inside the Capitol Building. Masses of Stop the Steal ralliers are just leaving. A cop is even holding the door for them.



45/ Neo-Nazi livestreamer Baked Alaska is inside the Capitol Building.



46/ I'd be remiss if I didn't mention all the liberals who told people to stay away from DC.

This is what happens when antifascists don't confront the far-right-- they're allowed to literally storm the Capitol Building.

The police are not handling it.

47/ The success of this rally is going to be an animating force for the far-right for quite some time, and only antifascists are prepared to handle that.

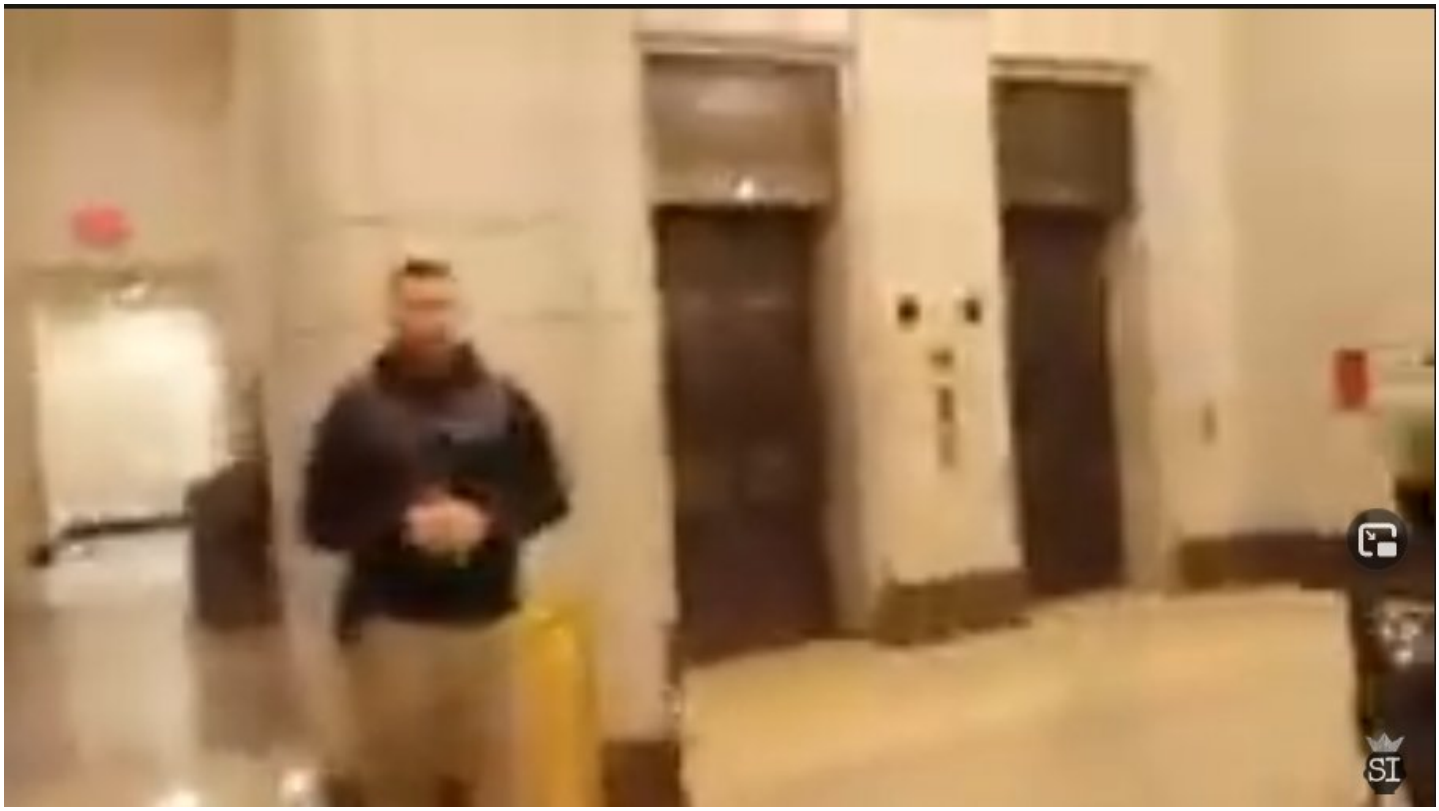
We know what the fuck we're talking about.

Listen to us next time.

48/ Police are nowhere in sight. People are entering the Capitol again.

"This is our country. We're not going to let the globalists take it," one rallier says.

"Globalists" is a dogwhistle used by Neo-Nazis to refer to Jews, a replacement for "rootless cosmopolitan."



49/ Neo-Nazi livestreamer Baked Alaska has occupied a Senate office. He is now shouting "Fuck globalists!"

