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Okay something I've been thinking about this morning: WTF was the actual intention of the MAGAts who stormed the Capitol building?

There's all these people on Reddit/here saying that this was an organized coup. And TBH I keep thinking that "organized" is a strong word. 90% of them had no aim other than showing up and shouting.

The other 10% are the ones that should worry everyone.

So Trump does his stupid rally, having fired up the MAGAts for actual months, then says they should march on the Capitol and of course they do, then sympathizers among the security forces let them through to the building itself.

SO many people are getting fired over that.

Anyway: so they're inside and now what? Again, 90% of them have no clue, they just show up and shout and perhaps smash shit or steal, and generally be assholes.

The worrisome 10% had an aim in mind: kidnap/hurt/kill.

But here's the thing: even that 10% didn't have any fucking clue what to do. Look at the videos and photos, this was military cosplay. They made merchandise for gods sake. They loudly proclaimed their intentions to try starting a civil war.

I've no doubt that if they had found Pelosi in her office then she'd be dead right now. But if their actual goal was specific enough, such as: assassinate the Speaker of the House and enough congresspeople/senators for Trump to declare an emergency/martial law...

I mean, they failed pretty badly. A combination of external circumstances was what allowed them to even get to Pelosi's office, being: sympathizers in the security forces, Trump pulling off the National Guard/ reducing the security presence leading up top the 6th

And pure stupid fucking luck.

I mean, they didn't get into the House chamber because there were a couple of security people with guns who barricaded

the door. That’s all it took to keep them out.

Actual competent insurgents would have had a plan for, y’know, armed resistance.

So I don’t want to downplay what happened, okay, but I also don’t like to see people positing some massive, narrowly-averted conspiracy as orchestrated by people who have, up to this point, shown that they couldn’t organize a piss-up in a brewery.

As for Trump, I’m not even sure WTF he wanted other than to keep the MAGAts fired up and on his side and... donating money to him. All the rest was just incompetence and racism.

The National guard wasn’t deployed in a timely manner, security wasn’t increased ahead of time, because he couldn’t find his ass with both hands and didn’t think an actual riot putting elected officials in mortal danger was a big deal when it was white people doing it.