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As President Trump railed against the election results from a stage near the White House, his loyalists were already gathering at the Capitol.

We reconstructed how that rally gave way to a violent mob that forced the evacuation of Congress.

Here's what was happening before noon

— Near the White House, Trump addresses supporters he had summoned to Washington to stop the certification of President-elect Joe Biden's victory.
— Meanwhile, hundreds also assemble on the Capitol lawn, more than a mile away.



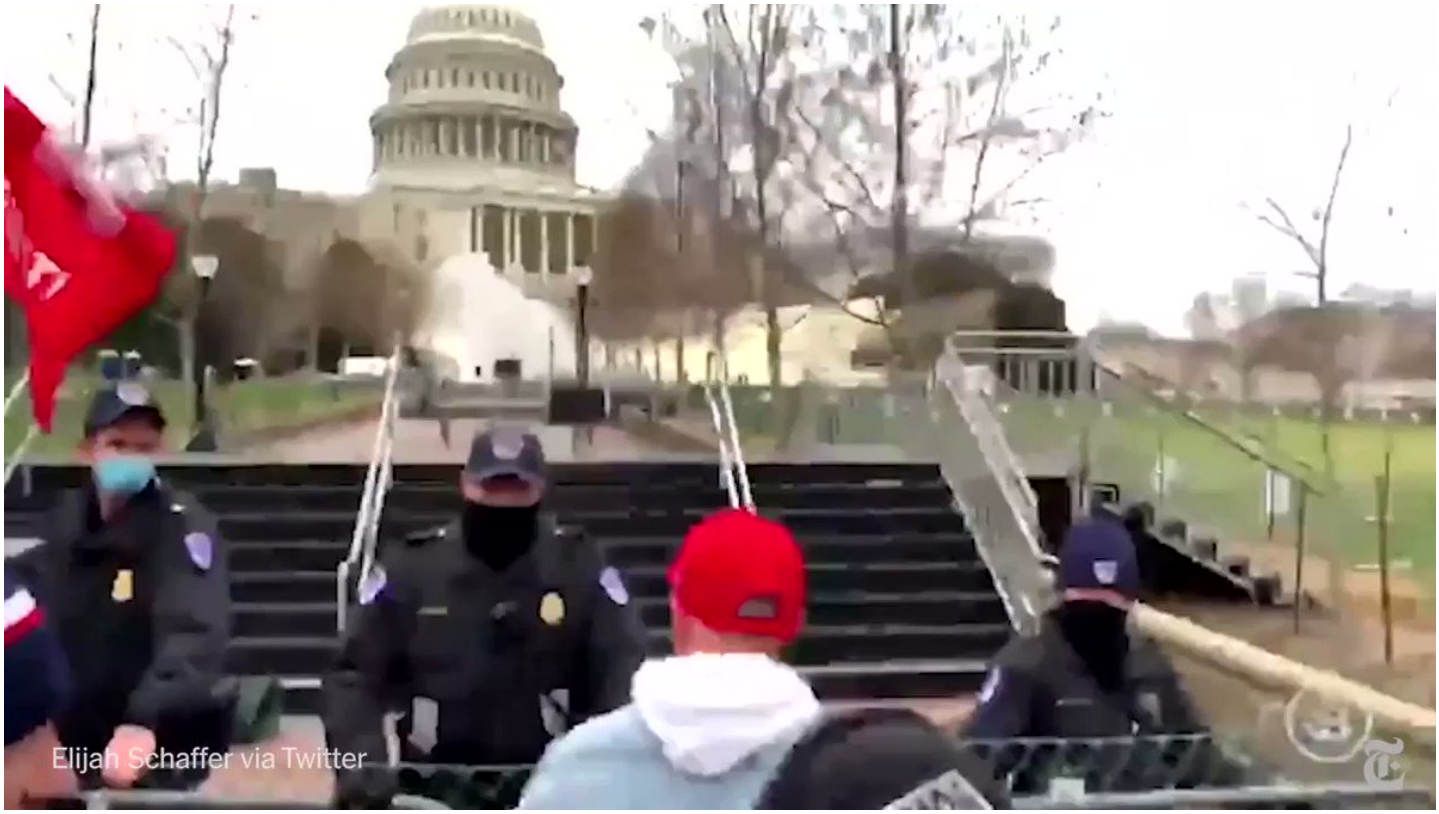
From 12:15 p.m to 12:50 p.m.

— During Trump’s speech, he tells the crowd to walk to the Capitol. “You have to show strength,” he says.
— Supporters leave for the Capitol even before the speech ends.
— Pipe bombs are found at the RNC and DNC headquarters.



From 12:53 p.m. - 1:03 p.m.

— Trump’s speech continues.
— A crowd at the Capitol overwhelms police and breaks through barricades.
— Police in riot gear arrive to help control the crowd.
— Inside, the proceedings to certify the Electoral College vote begin.



From 1:12 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

— Trump’s speech ends.
— Outside the Capitol, the rioters’ clash with the police escalates.
— Inside the Senate, Ted Cruz argues that the Electoral College votes from Arizona should not be certified.



At 2:10 p.m.

— The final barrier on the west side of the Capitol is breached.
— The building is surrounded by the mob.
— Inside, Arizona Sen. Kyrsten Sinema urges her colleagues to “reject this meritless challenge and uphold the will of Arizona’s voters.”



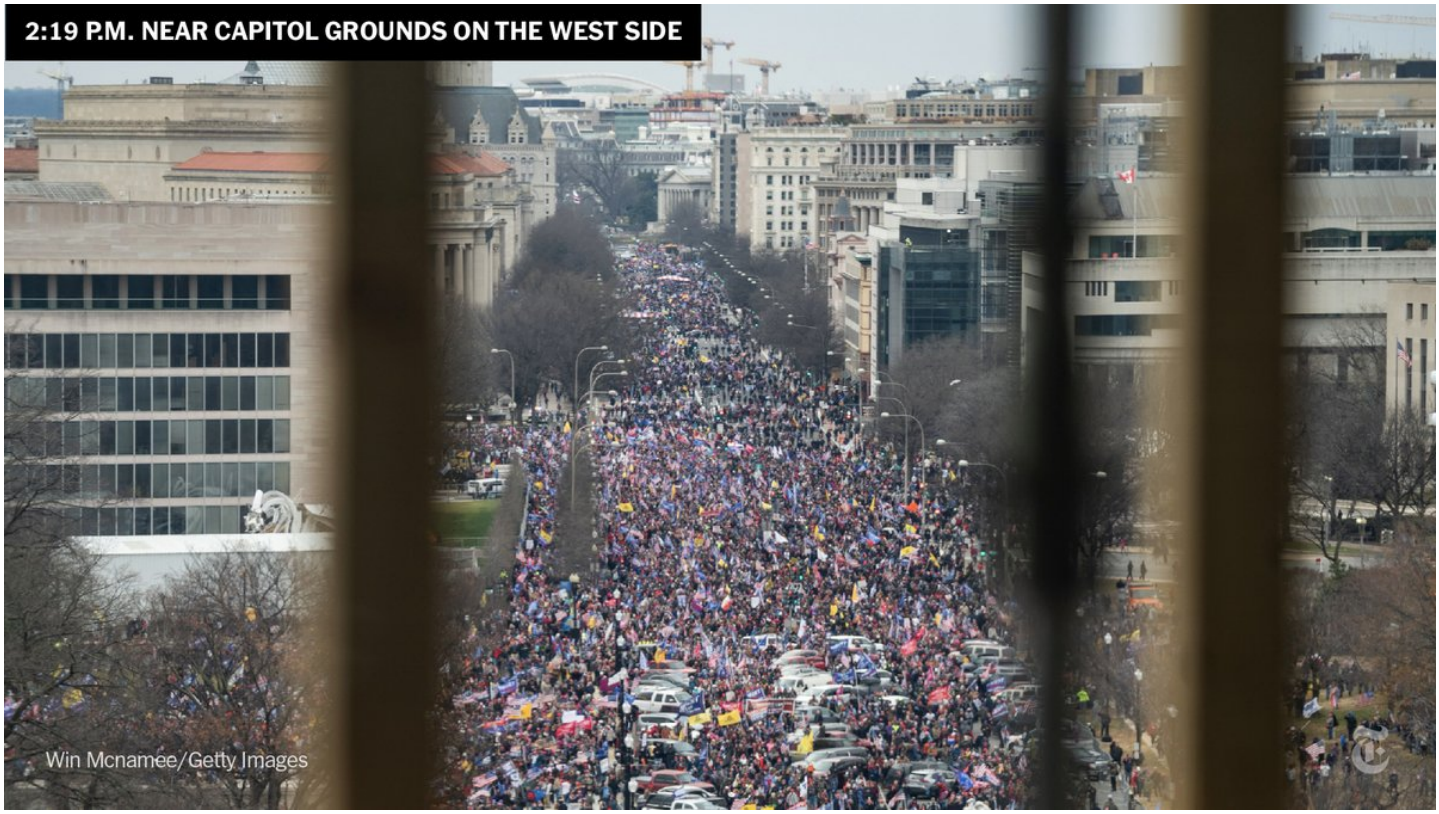
From 2:11 p.m. - 2:16 p.m.

— Rioters break into the Capitol.
— As the mob nears the Senate, it is called into recess.
— Rioters face off with police just feet from the entrance to the Senate chamber. Senators are still milling about inside.



After the breach

— The House goes into recess after the break-in.
— The crowd grows outside as attendees from Trump’s rally continue to arrive.
— Police officers are dragged and beaten.
— Three hours pass before the building is declared secure.



See more details, video and images of the siege on the Capitol. https://t.co/3epmcZO7pc