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■■It's on. Day 3. The Trial of Donald Trump 2.0 continues at 12:04 p.m. on February 11, 2021

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Rep. Raskin invited Colorado Congresswoman @RepDianaDeGette to talk about how the mob believed they were following President Trump's orders.

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DeGette begins with her own experience under attack. Here's what she saw when she left the chambers. She looked at the mob and thought "Who sent them here?"

Her response. Donald Trump sent them there.

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"The president told the to be there, so they thought there would be no punishment."

She disputes that the intruders acted for their own reason. Wrong, they said they came there because the president instructed them to do so.

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The insurrectionists came at his invitation. And when there the crowd followed his words that he spoke at the rally and chanted them as they breached the building.

Trump led the crowd in a "Stop the Steal" chant. @RepDianaDeGette showed a video from the crowd

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Now, chilling video of the crowd shouting "Fight for Trump".

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In addition, chatter on Parler and other social media spoke of civil war.

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The mob chanted "stop the steal" at the capitol as they broke in. And they also chanted "fight for Trump" there. Same crowd that watched and listened to him at speech earlier that day

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They said they were following Trump's orders when they were at the Capitol. She showed examples, including the insurrectionist in the building shouting at police that they were there because Trump sent them there.

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Even when he went on television finally asking them to go home, one of the supporters indignantly said "President Trump called us to siege the place."

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His supporters said they were "fighting for Trump," and said they should call him on the phone as he would be happy they had sieged the Capitol.

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They only went home after Trump at 4:17 finally asked them to go. But they saw it was a victory and he was happy for them

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Many those arrested were surprised as they believed they would be immune from president as Trump had told them to be there. This man (Sanford) threw a fire extinguisher. A witness told them that he went to the Capitol because of Trump.

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Sanford's lawyer said he was there because Trump told them to go to the capitol. He was not the only one.

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Jenna Ryan, Texas Real Estate agent was arrested and said she was only doing what Trump told her to do. "I thought i was following my president" He asked us to fly there. "We were going in solidarity with President Trump."
He told us to be there on Jan. 6. She said for war

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And another person said Trump told them "I need my digital soldiers to show up on January 6".

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Trump at a debate told the Proud Boys to "stand back and stand by" and they took it as a call to arms. Goodwyn used Trump's face as his profile photo. and used the stand back stand by language saying it was orders from commander in chief

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Another rioter said he was part of a group following the presidents orders. And his lawyer now says that he felt duped by the president and regrets what the president asked him to do. Said he was "there at the invitation of our President to come to the Capitol."

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Lawyer for the woman charged with stealing Pelosi's laptop said she regrets following Trump's bait and went inside the Capitol

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And Samuel Fisher said "Trump just needs to fire the bat signal . . deputize patriots . . and then the pain comes."

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Lawyer for another insurrectionists said his client to capitol because "he invited us down." Lawyer asked "who lit the fuse."

DeGette said Trump lit the fuse.

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"We were invited here. We were invited. We were invited here" a member of the crowd shouted over the noisy crowd to the officers, "We were invited by the President of the United States".

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Now @RepRaskin is back at the mic. There's a delay.

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Raskin said DeGette showed insurrectionists believed they were following the President's marching orders, in alignment with his instructions and strategy to retain power.

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The insurrection did not spring into thin air. Trump spent months cultivating extremist groups and riled them up for their most dangerous mission.

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He knew this because he had seen these same groups engage in violence, and he had seen how his words electrified them and made them violence.

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■"These tactics were road tested." — @RepRaskin

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People inside and outside government asked him to condemn extremism he refused to do it. Warned about threat of white supremacists wanted race war. He praised political violence over the years even on campaign,

Several clips when his words successfully incited violence.

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"Knock the hell" out of protesters and he said he pay their legal fees. Told them to get more violent and the dragged someone across the floor. On and on.

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He also praised a supporter who assaulted a protester. He also praised Gianforte who assaulted a reporter for the Guardian, Ben Jacobs

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In Charlottesville the neo-Nazis invaded the city and shouted "Jews will not replace us." And yet he said "there was blame on both sides" and he said "there were very fine people on both sides."

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Trump thought his incitement on January 6 was "totally appropriate". Also said man at rally during 2016 election campaign who was assaulted was "appropriate"

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When Trump told his supporters to "fight like hell" he literally meant for them to do that, to fight violently to "stop the steal" at the capitol.

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Invading the Michigan state capitol on April 30, 2020 in Lansing was the dry run for January. The mob members shouted "Heil, Hitler" and "Lock her up" about Governor Whitmer after Trump verbally attacked her regularly on Twitter and then told them to "Liberate Michigan"

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Raskin called the armed siege in Lansing, Michigan as a dress rehearsal. So was Trump's reaction. He did not condemn. Instead he pressured the victim of the attack and praised the violent men who threatened her life

He called them very good people and told Whitmer to negotiate them. Then, emboldened by his praised, these rioters escalated.

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Two weeks later, they stormed Michigan capitol again, and had a doll on a noose. But still, Trump continued to whip up the crowd against Whitmer in September

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Then a group of men were arrested with a conspiracy to storm the capitol in Michigan again, kidnap and kill Governor Whitmer

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They planned to use bullets and kill. But, what did Trump do to respond?

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Even after kidnapping conspiracy revealed to the public, that very night, instead of condemning the violence. He did not criticize the extremists. He did not check on her safety. And he attacked her again and tried to take credit for foiling plot and demand she thank him

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After that, he got crowd in Muskeegon, Michigan to chant "lock her up." He used crowd that had been violent before and claimed election was stolen to help incite insurrectionary violence.

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So very chilling. In Lansing on he said his words had provoked them.

Laughed about "just a little nod" to the crowd makes them violent

Presided over crowd chanting "lock her up"

"I'm the one. It was our people who helped her out with her problem." Never condemned

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"If we don't draw the line here, what's next?" I agree with Jamie here. Why do we think this violence is over?

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Raskin said, these examples, show Trump's "unavoidable knowledge of the consequences of his incitement and the clear foreseeability of the violent harm he unleashed on our people and our republic."

"This was his state of mind. This was his M.O."

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Trump knew his most violent supporters would direct violence and we are in danger if he is ever elected again.

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Excellent work.

Now it's @tedlieu at the lectern. "This was a president who showed no remorse and took no accountability" for his words and actions on January 6th. He thought they were "totally appropriate."

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Lieu said Trump's actions were wrong, destructive and un-American.

Lack of remorse shows state of mind. We have to hold him accountable to send message that it's never patriotic to incite a violent attack against our nation's capitol and to let future presidents know this.

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Only many hours later did Trump condemn the rioters. But even in that video he made more lies. National Gurad was not deployed until around 3 pm but did not arrive until after 5 pm. And Trump did not send them there. He was no on the list of people consulted.

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He told them on the video they were only just beginning.

Took three days before he lowered the flag after police officer was murdered. And he did not visit him when he lay in state in the very office he was defending.

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Some people say he made a mistake and should get "a Mulligan", but he is not even remorseful.

He thinks his conduct was "totally appropriate."

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"Trump was not showing remorse, he was showing defiance." — @tedlieu

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One week after attack, Trump released another video.
He made statement claiming "I unequivocally condemn the violence." He had to say that but did not really mean it.

He never acknowledge his role in stirring up violence. And he did not say, "the election was not stolen."

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If he really meant it, he would have be vocal and repetitive.

He is still trying to extract revenge on the House Republicans who voted for his impeachment.

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People in his own party have called his behavior wrong and shameful. Shows video of several republican officials including governors. Charlie Baker of MA said Trump stoked the fires of outrage and left the US Capitol nearly defenseless and comments after were disgraceful

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Mike DeWine, governor of Ohio, said Trump's speech fanned the flames. And others including Phil Scott Gov. of Vermont: "one of the darkest chapters of our nation's history."

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Jim Mattis

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Former chief of staff John Kelly said what happened at Capitol "was a direct result of him poisoning the minds of pepole with the lies and the fraud."

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And former speaker of the House . . .even Mick Mulvaney. Lieu shows long list of people on video from news interviews.

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Lieu said even people inside the Trump administration were outraged. There was an immediate flood of resignations. Sixteen officials resigned in protest, just days before end of presidency.

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These insiders clear link between the president's conduct and the violent insurrection, Devos called it an "inflection point". Costello called it a "breaking point" an a "wake-up call". Chao said should could not set aside what he did.

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Fred Upton said "it's time to say Enough is Enough."

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Trump would have all Americans believe that any president that would come after him could do same thing. That's why remorse is so important. He will cause future harm if allowed.

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■Brilliant point. Ted Lieu said he's not afraid Trump will run in four years and win. He's afraid he will lose and do this again.

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Video showing Republican members of congress condemning Trump's actions. Liz Cheney, Adam Kinzinger, John Katko

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Raskin just told us that DeGette will come back to talk about how the insurrectionists were emboldened by the January 6th siege of the Capitol and planned to come back to attack the inauguration.

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"Donald Trump incited a violent insurrection." And he failed to protect Congress staff and capitol.

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She is focusing how Trump's conduct embolden and escalated domestic violent extremists. Law enforcement call them DVEs

Trump's own FBI identified as some of the most dangerous elements of our society

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Trump addressed his supporters on a video 30 hours after their violence by saying, "Our incredible journey is only just beginning" he said on January 7th

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These groups believe that their violence at Trump's directions is patriotic.

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Credible threats rose after January 6th that they would return on January 19th to get revenge.

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According to a joint intelligence bulletin from Jan. 13, the primary motivating factor is the shared false narrative of a stolen election. Don't want transfer of power and believe the only solution to their problems is violence.

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Postings on extremist websites promised/threatened violence. "We took the building once and we can take it again."

Others were waiting on Trump's instructions on what to do next.

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Several arrested with weapons in DC. One guy who participated in capitol attack. He planned to come to the capitol and said "there's going to be blood running out of that building" and he would plant a flag on Pelosi's and Schumer's desk.

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Oh, Lord. This is new to me. On May of 2020 he had said "the only good Democrat is a dead Democrat and Trump retweeted him saying it. He also posed at Oval Office with Trump and he was arrested on Jan. 6th and planned to come back.

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At least 21 states activated national guard after Jan. 6

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The cost is tremendous. Nearly half a Billion dollars to keep National Guard in DC due to attack on Jan. 6

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And it's "not just dollars and cents". Capitol is now a fortress. We no longer have access to our representatives. "Dimming our all of our freedom."

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According to FBI, Trump's assemblage of his mob is dangerous as in-person engagement of DVEs fostered connections that could increase capability and motivation to attack and undermine government they believe is illegitimate.

Remember DVE means domestic violent extremist

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Rick Fuentes reveled in violence and said what else can
you do but kill them, then tried to walk it back

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They boasted on social media. Bugaloo Boys and Proud Boys are inspired by January 6

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Their perceived success means more ability to recruit and target minority groups.

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Bottom line is that Trump helped further unite and embolden DVEs

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The insurrectionists included many racist and anti-semitic people including this holocaust denier in the hateful Camp Auschwitz shirt

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Real trauma for the black officers listening to the racist hateful language directed at them

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Excellent from DeGette. This must be the last time Trump is given a platform to inspire prejudiced hateful violence.

"We simply cannot sweep this under the rug. We must take a united stand, all of us, that this is not American."

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"We will act so this never happens again" after paying tribute to Heather Heyer and her mother

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Now Cicilline will discuss the harm to Congress and the constitutional processes.

Since the War of 1812, this has been the most violent, bloody attack on the capitol.

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