

Find the Facts: Resources for Unfolding Events

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Attack on U.S. Capitol, Jan. 6, 2021

- [Articles and Newspapers](#) Get perspectives from around the world.
- [Gale In Context: Opposing Viewpoints](#) Gain context for the issues you care about. *Library card required for access.*
- [Capitol Hill Siege Database](#) Access primary source documents related to the attack on Jan. 6, 2021, compiled by George Washington University Program on Extremism.
- [The Congressional Research Service](#) Gain insight on [Domestic Terrorism and the Attack on the U.S. Capitol](#) (Jan. 13, 2021).

The Constitution and U.S. Code

First Amendment — Freedom of speech

- [The National Constitution Center](#) [Discuss the four clauses of the First Amendment.](#)
- [American Civil Liberties Union \(ACLU\)](#) Learn more about [Internet Speech.](#)
- [PBS](#) Watch a short video [Freedom of Speech: Crash Course Government #25.](#)
Fourteenth Amendment, Section 3 — Public officials engaged in rebellion
- [Constitution Annotated](#) Read the [text of the amendment.](#)
- [Gale e-Books](#) Read articles explaining this amendment (*Constitutional Amendments: From Freedom of Speech to Flag Burning* (2nd Ed., Vol. 2) 2008.
Twentieth Amendment — Transition of President and Vice President
- [Gale e-Books](#) Access articles about this amendment from the [Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States](#) (Vol. 5, pp. 78-79).
Twenty-fifth Amendment — Removal of the President
- [Gale e-Books](#) Read articles explaining this amendment from [Constitutional Amendments: From Freedom of Speech to Flag Burning](#) (2nd ed., Vol. 3) 2008.
U.S. Code – Rebellion or insurrection; Terrorism
- Read the text of [18 U.S. Code § 2383](#) - Rebellion or insurrection.
- Find the U.S. Code definition of “Domestic Terrorism” - see number five (5): [18 U.S. Code § 2331 - Definitions.](#)

Domestic Terrorism

- [Gale In Context: Opposing Viewpoints](#) Learn more about the definition, history and recent occurrences of [Domestic Terrorism.](#)
- [Capitol Hill Siege Database](#) Read primary source documents, mostly court records, related to the attack on Jan. 6, 2021, compiled by George Washington University Program on Extremism.
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Election and Inauguration

- [Newsbank Election Special Report](#) A comprehensive collection of newspaper articles on topics covering candidates from the primaries through the election and its aftermath. *Library card required for access.*
 - Log in with Library card number and PIN
 - Click on "Special Reports" and then "U.S. Presidential Election"
- [Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies](#)
- [White House Historical Association](#) read about the history and tradition of presidential inaugurations.

Fact-Checking and Misinformation

Reliable websites to fact check for yourself:

- [University of Washington Center for an Informed Public](#) Learn about spotting misinformation campaigns and ideas. Includes a lecture series and featured speaker series as well as videos and resources.
- [Snopes.com](#) Do independent research and make up your own mind.
- [Factcheck.org](#) Access a nonpartisan, nonprofit advocate for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics.
- [Politifact.com](#) Sort out the truth in American politics with this nonpartisan fact-checking website.
How to Spot Misinformation
- [Gale In Context: Opposing Viewpoints](#) Learn more about [Fake News on Social Media](#). *Library card required for access.*
- [¿Cómo distinguir noticias falsas de verdaderas en 4 pasos?](#) From Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Mexico.
- [Stanford's Civic Online Reasoning-Online Learning](#) Learn about civics with lessons and videos.
- [Commonsense media](#) Tips and advice for kids for spotting misinformation.

Hate, Extremism and White Supremacy

- [Gale In Context: Opposing Viewpoints](#) Learn more about [hate groups](#).
- [Gale In Context: Opposing Viewpoints](#) Learn more about the history of [White Supremacy](#).
- [Southern Poverty Law Center](#) Find information about 1,600+ extremist groups operating in the United States and where they operate according to the Center's [Hate Map](#).
- [George Washington University Program on Extremism](#) Access [research and analysis](#) on issues related to violent and non-violent extremism.

How to Contact Federal, State and Local Officials

- [Federal](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Pierce County](#)

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Impeachment

- [Gale In Context: Opposing Viewpoints](#) Learn about [impeachment](#).
- [History Study Center Database](#) Find study guides, historical documents, analysis and research on topics relating to important historical events including the history of impeachment in the United States. *Search for: impeachment.*
- [U.S. Senate](#) Learn about the Senate's role in impeachment, influential impeachment cases through history and results of Senate impeachment trials.
- **U.S. House of Representatives**
 - Learn about the [House's role](#) in impeachment.
 - Learn the rules and practices of the U.S. House of Representatives addressing [impeachment](#), from [House Practice: A Guide to the Rules, Precedents and Procedures of the House](#).

Kids' and Caregivers' Resources

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- [Common Sense Media](#) Find tips for talking to kids about violence at the U.S. Capitol. *Events in the News*
- [PBS Kids](#) Learn how to help children with challenging events in the news. *Impeachment*
- [Time for Kids](#) Find the impeachment process explained for kids.
- [PBS News Hour](#) Learn how to talk your kids about impeachment. *Misinformation*
- [Commonsense media](#) Find advice on how to teach kids to spot misinformation. *Talking with children about violence*
- [Colorín Colorado](#) Get [15 quick tips](#) for talking to kids about violence and more extensive advice on talking about [racism and violence with kids](#).
- [15 Consejos para hablar con los niños sobre la violencia](#).
- [The National Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\)](#) Access collected resources for coping with violence.

Mental Health Community Resources

- **Pierce County Crisis Line For a non-life-threatening but urgent mental health crisis**, call the Pierce County Crisis Line available 24 hours a day, seven days a week: (800) 576-7764.
 - **Crisis Text Line**: text 741741 (mobile fees waived).
 - **LGBTQ Trevor Project Support Center**: (866) 488-7386.
- [South Sound 211](#) Dial the number 2-1-1 to be connected to local social and community resources.
- [NAMI Seattle](#) Access mental health resources for Black, Indigenous and people of color.
- **NAMI Pierce County** [Find support for active duty, veterans and their families](#).
- **Police Response**
- [Politifact.com](#) Compare facts in this article [Black Lives Matter Protests and the Capitol Assault: Comparing the Police Response](#).
- [Gale In Context: Opposing Viewpoints](#) Learn more about the use of the term "riot" and its context related to social justice and police response in the article [Riots in the United States](#).