



FBI confirms there was no insurrection on Jan. 6

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The [Cambridge Dictionary](#) defines "insurrection" as: "an organized attempt by a group of people to defeat their government and take control of their country, usually by violence"

By that definition, there was no "insurrection" at the United States Capitol on Jan. 6, according to the FBI. [Reuters reports](#):

The FBI has found scant evidence that [the Jan. 6 attack](#) on the U.S. Capitol was the result of an organized plot to overturn the presidential election result, according to four current and former law enforcement officials. ...

"Ninety to ninety-five percent of these are one-off cases," said a former senior law enforcement official with knowledge of the investigation. "Then you have five percent, maybe, of these militia groups that were more closely organized. But there was no grand scheme with Roger Stone and Alex Jones and all of these people to storm the Capitol and take hostages."

This report is a devastating blow to President [Joe Biden](#) and Democrats, who have attempted to make the existence of an "insurrection" on Jan. 6 a key issue in the 2022 midterm elections. [Reuters](#) does note that some "cells of protesters," including members of the Oath Keepers and Proud Boys, did coordinate to "break into the Capitol," but the FBI found "no evidence that the groups had serious plans about what to do if they made it inside."

None of this excuses the violent riot that happened on Jan. 6. The FBI has arrested 570 rioters and each and every one of them should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

But that is what the event was: a riot, just like so many other riots. Trying to politicize it and turn it into something it wasn't won't make the Capitol any safer.