

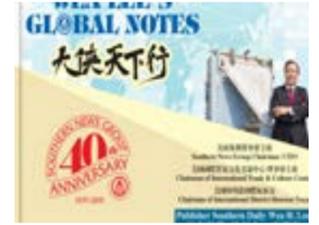


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'It's insurrection,' Biden says, as Trump supporters storm U.S. Capitol



WASHINGTON (Reuters) -With drawn guns and teargas, police sought to clear the U.S. Capitol building of hundreds of protesters who stormed the building and sought to force Congress to undo President Donald Trump's election loss on Wednesday as lawmakers convened to certify President-elect Joe Biden's victory.

Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate were evacuated after pro-Trump protesters surged through the halls of Congress, forcing both chambers to suspend deliberations.

One protester occupied the Senate dais and yelled, "Trump won that election." Protesters overturned barricades and clashed with police as thousands descended on the Capitol grounds.

Biden, a Democrat who defeated the Republican president in the Nov. 3 election and is due to take office on Jan. 20, said the activity of the protesters "borders on sedition."

The former vice president said that for demonstrators to storm the Capitol, smash windows, occupy offices, invade the halls of Congress and threaten the safety of duly elected officials: "It's not a protest, it's insurrection."

"I call on this mob to pull back and allow the work of democracy to go forward," Biden added, urging Trump to go on national television to demand "an end to this siege."

In a video posted to Twitter, Trump repeated his false claims about election fraud but urged the protesters to leave.

"You have to go home now, we have to have peace," he said.

Video showed protesters breaking windows and police deploying teargas inside the building. Local media reported that one person had been shot and video showed a person being wheeled from the building on a stretcher.

Vice President Mike Pence, who had presided over the joint session of Congress, had already been escorted from the Senate.

The chaotic scenes unfolded after Trump, who before the election refused to commit to a peaceful transfer of power if he lost, addressed thousands of protesters, repeating unfounded claims that the contest was stolen from him due to widespread election fraud and irregularities. Lawmakers had been debating a last-ditch effort by pro-Trump lawmakers to challenge the results, an effort that was unlikely to succeed.

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Critics had called the effort by the Republican lawmakers an attack on American democracy and the rule of law and an attempted legislative coup.

The top two Democrats in Congress, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senator Chuck Schumer, called on Trump to demand that all the protesters leave the Capitol and its grounds immediately.

Capitol Police told lawmakers in the House chamber to take gas masks from beneath their seats and prepare to put them on. Officers at the front door of the House chamber had their guns drawn as someone attempted to enter the chamber.

Officers ordered people in the chamber to drop to the floor for their safety. Several hundred House members, staff and press were evacuated to an undisclosed location and were told not to leave.

Election officials of both parties and independent observers have said there was no significant fraud in the Nov. 3 contest, which Biden won by more than 7 million votes in the national popular vote.

Weeks have passed since the states completed certifying that Biden, a Democrat, won the election by 306 Electoral College votes to Trump's 232. Trump's extraordinary challenges to Biden's victory have been rejected by courts across the country.

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The Time Of Change Is Coming

Reverend Raphael Warnock has won the Georgia senate seat. He has become the first Black senator in Georgia history and also will be the 11th African American to serve in the US Senate.

Warnock told reporters that his victory was stunning, "But I think in America anything is possible. That's why I love this country so much and I refuse to give in to the force of cynicism. It takes hard work. Change is slow and often it comes in fits and starts." He said that he is so deeply honored that Georgia has placed their trust in him.

Warnock grew up in Savannah, Georgia, in public housing. He is the 11th of 12

children in his family. He is the first college graduate in his family. He is a senior pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church where Martin Luther King Jr. preached. In his victory speech he said, "Because this is America, the 82-year-old hands that used to pick somebody else's cotton went to the polls and picked her youngest son to be a United States senator. This election result really teaches the politicians in many ways."

Today thousands of Trump's supporters were in Washington, D.C. for rallies to falsely assert that the presidential election was stolen from Trump. Many of them see the demonstration as a last stand for Trump. On this same day, Congress will vote to certify that Joe Biden will be the next president of the United States.

We are so happy that the American landscape is changing. More and more minorities are entering politics. We urge the leaders of the Republican Party to have courage to defend Biden's victory.

Biden's electoral victory is being challenged by some of Republicans attempting the first legislative coup d'etat in American history.

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As the Virus Spikes, One More Big Hurdle For The States

Vaccine Distribution's Information Mess



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Local health officials are turning to online services like Eventbrite to improvise distribution schemes for the COVID-19 vaccine in the absence of federal support or a national plan. Millions of lives, along with the country's economic recovery, depend on a speedy and successful rollout of the vaccine. But as people hunt for scarce information about vaccine availability and delivery processes, the lack of coordinated communication risks opening an information vacuum — into which misinformation could easily pour.

In Florida, a number of counties are using events platform Eventbrite, a platform known for selling concert tickets and coordinating happy hours, to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments.

"This is the only option we have right now," Jesi Ray, a communications specialist for Brevard County, Florida, told The Verge.

Some services like SignUp Genius are pitching their availability for vaccine scheduling, with counties across the country adopting them.

It's not an ideal approach for some populations, including seniors who aren't internet-savvy, and some have turned to

newspaper reporters for help scheduling their appointments. Local governments, already stretched by the crisis and reeling from Congress's delays passing the latest COVID-19 relief bill, often lack the resources necessary to manage vaccine communication and coordination.



Family members mourn the death of Gilberto Arreguin, who died from complications of Covid-19, in Los Angeles in December. Credit...Alex Welsh for The New York Times

Many have looked for help from both online providers and pharmacies, which tend to have better access to consumer data and are able to deploy information in a quick, personalized manner. Once people have gotten the first dose of Pfizer's two-dose vaccine, for

example, pharmacies will be key players in helping make sure they take the second dose three weeks later.

"It is kind of falling on pharmacies," says Chris Haynes, a political science professor at the University of New Haven. "There hasn't been an app developed for federal or state governments to make sure the vaccine rollout was tracked. All of this stuff should've been planned months ago."

Historically, the federal government has established systems to help local governments deploy emergency information, like tornado and hurricane warnings that are broadcast on local television, as well as localized text alerts.

But the government hasn't set up emergency communication systems to convey localized information about the vaccine, forcing citizens to turn to less reliable sources of information online.



Emergency room workers assessed patients who were exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms in a triage tent in Colton, Calif., in December. (Photo/Alex Welsh/The New York Times)

"We're going to have to think through systems that will reach people when they need information that's highly specific — and in this case, time sensitive," says Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania. "We'll need to institutionalize that structure and keep track of it."

"The fact that we don't already have it is a real indictment," she told Axios. "We should've thought this through before."

A lack of coordinated messaging around the vaccine rollout has left millions of people to search for answers online and via social media, opening space for confusion and misinformation.

Experts worry that big tech platforms,

already reeling from election misinformation problems, are not equipped to help vet and verify vaccine rollout information.

Since the U.S. has no centralized database with citizens' addresses and health records, that's likely the fastest thing the federal government can do to support local governments with the rollout at this point.

The coronavirus vaccine may end the pandemic at some point, but for now its slow rollout is straining relations between the federal government and states and cities, and is adding one more huge challenge for overstressed health departments. In a tweet on Friday, President Trump said the states were to blame for the slow start to inoculating Americans, after the federal government's "successful and very large scale distribution of vaccines."

But Mayor Eric Garcetti of Los Angeles said that at a time when the coronavirus is infecting a new person every six seconds in Los Angeles County, and the number of people hospitalized with Covid-19 across California has more than doubled in a month, the sluggish distribution of vaccine was not acceptable. The Trump administration had said 20 million people would be vaccinated by the end of 2020. The figure was closer to four million.



A line for the vaccine being offered to frontline health care workers and those 65 and older in Lehigh Acres, Fla., in December. Credit...Octavio Jones for The New York Times

"We are at a pace right now to deliver vaccines in L.A. over five years, instead of over half a year," Mr. Garcetti said on the CBS program "Face the Nation." He criticized the Trump administration for

not planning ahead by training more medical workers to administer the vaccine, and for not giving enough assistance to state and local governments.

"The federal government can't tell the local governments and state governments to do something and not give us aid," he said.

Older people in Tullahoma, Tenn., lined up on a sidewalk Saturday, leaning on walkers and sitting in lawn chairs, wrapped in blankets and heavy coats, to wait for the county health department to open its free clinic. The clinic exhausted its supply of vaccine before 10 a.m. States have said their efforts are beginning to build momentum, and that some of the initial problems have been worked out.

Surgeon General Jerome Adams said on Sunday that the slow start to the vaccination campaign was due in part to the holidays, when many public health workers were on vacation. He said it was not a surprise that the program ran into snags.

"This was always going to be the most difficult vaccine rollout in history, even if it wasn't superimposed on a surge and a holiday season," Dr. Adams said, repeating a message he attributed to Dr. Anthony Fauci, the country's leading infectious disease expert.

Developing a vaccine was a hard problem, but distributing it shouldn't have been in the same league, and the U.S. had months to prepare a plan. (Courtesy https://www.nytimes.com/ and axios.com)



Editor's Choice



Supporters of President Trump gather in front of the Capitol Building, January 6. REUTERS/Stephanie Keith



A U.S. Capitol police officer shoots pepper spray at a protestor attempting to enter the Capitol Building in Washington, January 6. Kevin Dietsch/Pool



Supporters of President Trump demonstrate on the second floor of the U.S. Capitol near the entrance to the Senate, January 6. REUTERS/Mike Theiler



Supporters of President Trump scale the walls of the Capitol Building, January 6. REUTERS/Jim Urquhart



U.S. Capitol Police evacuate journalists and House press staff members from the Capitol to a connected office building, January 6. REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst



A security officer gestures after supporters of President Trump breached security at the Capitol Building, January 6. REUTERS/Mike Theiler



Supporters of President Trump clash with police officers outside of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, January 6. REUTERS/Leah Millis



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How Do We Prevent Future Pandemics?



There are 1.7 million ‘undiscovered’ viruses in mammals and birds, 827,000 of which could infect humans. (Image: Unsplash/Mika Baumeister)

KEY POINTS

- Human activity is to blame for COVID-19, say 22 international experts. But we can prevent future pandemics by better protecting Earth’s natural resources.*
- There are 1.7 million ‘undiscovered’ viruses in mammals and birds, 827,000 of which could infect humans.*
- But it’s not too late to change course and rebuild our defences.*
- Experts say switching our efforts to prevention would reduce the threat.*

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The good news: we can prevent future pandemics. But only if we take steps to protect the environment and restore its natural defences, according to an international group of 22 leading scientists. “There is no great mystery about the cause of the COVID-19 pandemic – or of any modern pandemic,” said Dr Peter Daszak, chair of the panel which was convened by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). COVID-19 is the sixth global health crisis since the flu pandemic of 1918 and “its emergence has been entirely driven by human activities,” the report says, adding

that there are 1.7 million “undiscovered” viruses in mammals and birds – up to 827,000 of which could infect people. “The same human activities that drive climate change and biodiversity loss also drive pandemic risk through their impacts on our environment. Changes in the way we use land, unsustainable trade, production and consumption disrupt nature and increase contact between wildlife, livestock, pathogens and people.” This contact allows viruses to cross over between species and spread more rapidly around the world.



This is how pandemics start and spread – and their frequency is increasing, say scientists. (Image: IPBES)

Prevention is better than reaction
The group says that, rather than tackling pandemic outbreaks after they occur, we should be acting now to prevent them through greater conservation efforts and ending the overexploitation of Earth’s resources.

“The overwhelming scientific evidence points to a very positive conclusion,” said Daszak. “We have the increasing ability to prevent pandemics – but the way we are tackling them right now largely ignores that ability.”

Daszak says the fact that human activity has brought about such a rapid change in the natural environment proves we also have the ability to make change in the right direction – but “our approach has effectively stagnated”.

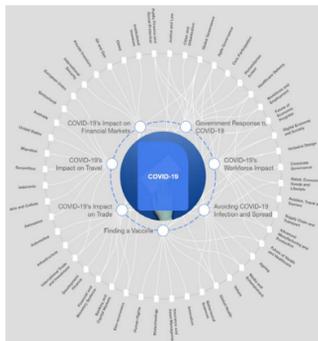
Global action needed
Forecasting that the global cost of the COVID-19 pandemic may already be as high as \$16 trillion, the IPBES report calls for the creation of a high-level intergovernmental council on pandemic prevention to coordinate a global action to prevent future outbreaks. If no action is taken, the report says future pandemics will happen more often, spread faster and kill more people than COVID-19. The panel says the economic cost of the current pandemic is 100 times the estimated cost of preventing it by protecting nature.

They call for “changes to reduce the types of consumption, globalized agricultural expansion and trade that have led to pandemics. This could include taxes or levies on meat consumption, livestock production and other forms of high pandemic-risk activities,” the report says.

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global meat consumption per head will reach 45.3 kg, almost double the level in the mid-1960s. Although COVID-19 lockdowns have reduced air pollution, a recent study warned that increased poverty caused by the pandemic could lead to more environmental damage as people return to activities like wildlife poaching and clearing forests for crops to survive.

COVID-19 – Connected To The World



COVID-19 threatens to become one of the most difficult tests faced by humanity in modern history. As the pandemic has spread it has taken lives, stirred anxiety and political drama, overwhelmed health systems, and triggered potentially lasting geopolitical change. The International Monetary Fund says the global economy faces a critical juncture, and Oxfam International has warned that half a billion people could be pushed into poverty as a result of the crisis. Around the world, desperate efforts are underway to contain what has become a profoundly disruptive outbreak.

The World Economic Forum’s recent report, Vision Towards a Responsible Future of Consumption, called on consumer industries to encourage sustainable consumption, reducing environmental impacts and developing a circular economy, reusing resources to reduce waste. They call for “changes to reduce the types of consumption, globalized agricultural expansion and trade that have led to pandemics. This could include

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