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Pressure grows on Trump to leave

BY JONATHAN EASLEY, MORGAN CHALFANT AND BRETT SAMUELS

Pressure is growing on President Trump to leave office before his term ends due to his role in the deadly riots that consumed Capitol Hill this week.

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Murkowski becomes first GOP senator to call on Trump to resign

BY JORDAIN CARNEY      GOP Sen. Lisa Murkowski (Alaska) said Friday that she believes President Trump should resign immediately, becoming the first Senate Republican to call for him to step down after riots at the Capitol. [Read the full story here](#)

Twitter permanently suspends Trump's account

BY CHRIS MIILLS RODRIGO      Twitter permanently suspended President Trump's account Friday after determining that his posts pose "the risk of further incitement of violence." [Read the full story here](#)

McConnell circulates procedures for second Senate impeachment trial of Trump

BY ALEXANDER BOLTON Outgoing Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) on Friday circulated to colleagues a memo outlining the procedure for holding a second trial for President Trump if the House impeaches him for a second time in just over a year. Read the full story here

Trump supporters organized the Capitol riot online

BY REBECCA KLAR Supporters of President Trump mused openly on social media about the possibility of violence in the days leading up to the riot at the Capitol, using various mainstream and conservative-leaning sites to organize. Read the full story here

Republicans warn Democrats against impeaching Trump again

BY JULIEGRACE BRUFKE House Republicans are warning Democrats against impeaching President Trump after Wednesday's assault on the Capitol, saying such a move so close to Inauguration Day would prove divisive. Read the full story here

Trump says he won't attend Biden inauguration

BY BRETT SAMUELS President Trump on Friday said he would not attend President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration, a break with more than a century of tradition as he stewes over his defeat. Read the full story here

White House task force warns case surge could be due to new US virus variant

BY BRETT SAMUELS AND PETER SULLIVAN The White House coronavirus task force warned in a report to states this week that a rapid increase in cases this winter could be the result of a domestic variation of the virus, separate from the U.K. variant. Read the full story here

Trump suggests building own platform after Twitter ban

BY JESSE BYRNES President Trump suggested Friday night that he may seek to build his own online platform after Twitter permanently suspended his account less than two weeks before the end of his presidency. Read the full story here

FBI: No evidence antifa involved in Capitol riot

BY CHRIS MILLS RODRIGO No evidence has been found that members of the left-wing antifa movement were involved in this week's storming of the Capitol building, the FBI said Friday, contradicting a narrative pushed by some Trump allies. Read the full story here

Should Trump be removed from office?

BY MIKE PURDY OPINION 1 Until now, the United States has never had a president incite a mob against the U.S. Capitol building in a desperate ploy to stay in power. Is President Trump fit to remain as president until Jan. 20 or should he be immediately removed? These are important questions. Read the full story here

America must show the world unity for the sake of our national security

BY RICHARD FONTAINE OPINION 1 America's standing in the world turns not

merely on economic might and the force of arms, but also on the strength of our democracy. That is in doubt. Allies will wonder about U.S. stability, resilience and reliability. Adversaries may seek advantage in division and disarray. Read the full story here

The Wall Street Journal: GOP splits over post-Trump path

BY AARON ZITNER, SIOBHAN HUGHES AND JOHN MCCORMICK The political party President Trump commanded with a firm hand for four years is now torn over whether he has a place in its future. Read the full story here

The Washington Post: FBI focuses on whether some rioters intended to harm lawmakers or take hostages

BY DEVLIN BARRETT, SPENCER S. HSU AND MATT ZAPOTOSKY Zip ties and weapons prompt questions about whether any individuals intended to kill or capture politicians. Read the full story here

The New York Times: In Capitol, a GOP crisis. At the RNC meeting, a Trump celebration

BY JONATHAN MARTIN AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. - In Washington, Republicans were dealing with a burgeoning crisis in their ranks, with high-profile resignations and bitter infighting over how to deal with an erratic and isolated president. But at the Republican National Committee's winter meeting on Friday, most party members were operating in a parallel universe. Read the full story here

The Associated Press: A farewell to @realDonaldTrump, gone after 57,000 tweets

BY AAMER MADHANI and JILL COLVIN @realDonaldTrump, the Twitter feed that grew from the random musings of a reality TV star into the cudgel of an American president, has died. It was not quite 12 years old. Read the full story here

Reuters: US Capitol siege emboldens motley crew of extremists

BY TED HESSON, NED PARKER, KRISTINA COOKE AND JULIA HARTE As most Americans recoiled in horror at scenes of rioting and chaos in the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, some right-wing and anti-government extremists saw the violence as the fulfillment of a patriotic duty or opportunity to advance their agenda. Read the full story here

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BREAKING – Twitter permanently suspended President Donald Trump's account

, saying he had repeatedly violated its policies on glorification of violence.

WHAT NOW? A fissure in the Republican party split wide open today. Some GOP members are now considering voting for a second impeachment of Trump.

The Nightly chatted with Congressional reporter Kyle Cheney

over Slack about what this week's events mean for the days and weeks ahead. This conversation has been edited.

Are there actually enough votes for Congress to remove Trump from office?

Democrats are really riding their anger at the moment, driving impeachment forward without filling in some of the thorny procedural blanks that usually come with it. They'll have to confront that over the weekend – things like permitting Trump to present a defense, filing evidence on the public record, etc. But it seems like nothing will stop the momentum. They are furious and shaken by what the president unleashed on the Capitol, which we know has resulted in five deaths.

As for the Senate, Lindsey Graham says the votes just aren't there. He's probably right. But it's a dynamic situation. The politics of it are completely unclear (and frankly, an afterthought in the House). The main variable is Trump. Does he lay low for the rest of his term or does he continue efforts to

subvert the election results, including in ways that could stoke more violence?

Does 2024 play in Republican's calculus about whether or not to remove Trump from office?

The reality is, Trump's actions here are indefensible. Not many Republicans are seriously trying. I don't see a lot of people trying to make excuses for him. A permanent bar on running for office is one of the sentencing options should the Senate convict, and there may be some temptation for the Republicans who want to have a clear shot at the 2024 nomination.

But the base has not abandoned Trump entirely – at least yet. I think the uncertain politics of this really fraught moment will play out in ways that are impossible to understand right now.

Did Wednesday's riot change any dynamics on the Hill?

It does seem like the scars of the riots have sobered up a few people. A bunch of Republican senators who were planning to endorse challenges to Biden's win backed off. The House looks like a different universe. Those members redoubled even after the violence. These moments of unity in the face of tragedy have been disappointingly brief in recent history, but if any single event could change that calculus, an attack on the seat of government could be it.

Mitch McConnell and Nancy Pelosi are old and can't stick around forever. Who should we be watching now to see who will gain power next?

The Kevin McCarthy vs. Liz Cheney (no relation) dynamic is an important one for the GOP conference, especially now. Cheney represents a mainstream brand of Republicanism that Trump sought to stamp out and is still, in some way, in battle with. McCarthy, at least over the course of the past few years, has molded himself in Trump's image and earned the resounding endorsement of the factions of the caucus that are most aligned with Trump as a result.

Without Trump at the top, any detente between these competing segments of the conference will be over. Some of it will depend on how active a role Trump intends to play in the party after he leaves office – and just today he said he plans to play a major one.

On the Democratic side, the jockeying will happen similarly quickly. Pelosi has said she intends to cede her gavel after this term, though there are some nagging suspicions that she might decide she wants to stay a bit longer. Nevertheless, AOC has really staked out turf as a progressive force, but not one who is unwilling to put in the work of navigating the complexities of the Democratic caucus. A lot of the frontline members who gave Pelosi the majority in 2018 were defeated in 2020. And the midterms won't be kind to Democrats if history is any guide.

It's truly been the longest week ever. I am so happy that I didn't make any New Year's resolutions.

Haha, same, I've already forgotten everything I might've resolved to do anyway.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi walks with 60 Minutes correspondent Lesley Stahl of CBS News in a hallway at the U.S. Capitol. | Getty Images

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First In Nightly STAYING POWER – The Rev. Raphael Warnock joined an elite class of Black politicians when he upset incumbent Republican Sen. Kelly Loeffler in Georgia this week. He will be the 11th African American to ever serve in the chamber since 1870. His challenge, however, will be staying there.

Warnock's victory only puts him in the Senate through 2022, meaning the Ebenezer Baptist Church senior pastor needs to gear up for another campaign to win a full six-year term in just 22 months, write Nolan McCaskill

and Sabrina Rodriguez

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Only four Black politicians have ever completed a full term in the Senate. Barack Obama (D-Ill.), the nation's first Black president, and Kamala Harris (D-Calif.), the soon-to-be first African American, Asian American and female vice president, aren't among them.

Unlike the House, which grew its ranks of Black, Latino, Asian American and Native American members this year, the Senate has sorely lagged in racial diversity, despite this country's rapidly changing demographics.

There are a number of reasons for this. The barriers to entry are high, for starters. Party leaders often don't see aspirants of color as viable candidates who can win, particularly in the South, and don't invest in them early enough, according to interviews with a dozen Democrats, including several current and former lawmakers, candidates, campaign aides and advisers. Voter suppression tactics, they said, such as from purged voter rolls, fewer polling locations and stringent voter ID rules, play a role as well, because they drastically narrow the pool of eligible voters.

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On the Hill WHAT AN ORIENTATION – On Sunday, Carolyn Bourdeaux (D-Ga.) got the keys to her Longworth office. On Monday, she recorded the voicemail greeting to the office phone. On Tuesday, Bourdeaux, who campaigned for Warnock and Jon Ossoff in her suburban Atlanta district, stayed up all night watching returns for Georgia's Senate runoffs. On Wednesday, she spent six hours huddled in a dark office waiting for Capitol police to quell a violent riot before staying up all night again, this time to certify Joe Biden's victory.

The freshman lawmaker was prepared for a frenetic first week in office: Georgia has been at the center of Trump's false election fraud claims. While she was being sworn in, her phone was blowing up, she said, with calls and tweets about Trump's recorded conversation with Georgia's secretary of State. She prepared a statement for the expected debate after Republican lawmakers objected to Georgia's vote count. Then there were the logistics of setting up a functioning office during the pandemic. Most of her staff came into the office to pick up laptops and then promptly went home to work.

"We are setting up under some of the most difficult circumstance faced by a freshman class in modern history," Bourdeaux said in an interview with Nightly this evening.

The week's events have shaken Capitol Hill veterans. But even before the riot, freshmen lawmakers were navigating complicated politics, personal threats and pandemic logistics all while trying to find their way around the building.

"I got lost in the tunnels

every day, on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday," said Rep. Nancy Mace (R-S.C.). She couldn't figure out the keys

to her member office at first. "On Wednesday, I thought 'I can do this.'"

Mace's kids, 11 and 14, watched her swearing-in on Sunday from her office and she planned to keep them in D.C. for the week doing remote schooling from her office, but after warnings about potential violence on Wednesday, she sent them back home.

Mace, who voted to certify the election results, chatted with the Nightly while lying on a sofa in her office

under a blanket and a dog.

Rep. Peter Meijer (R-Mich.) said that his office phones haven't been fully functional – they haven't set up call forwarding so remote staffers can field calls at home – but he's been flooded with calls from people in his district urging him not to certify Biden's victory and to "stop the steal." His first vote was to certify Biden's win, one that's normally completely uncontroversial, and he knew it "would probably be one of the most monumental votes" in his career, he said, one that would put him at odds with many members of his own party.

"They were signing on to the letters of objection – it has to be a physical piece of paper – there are people doing that even after we have reconvened in the Capitol while blood was drying 100 feet away," he said. Meijer said he's optimistic that Republicans will unite after the vote and that calm will be restored to Congress. But for now he's still emotional about his first week in office.

"What's your policy on printing profanities?" said Meijer. "I'm fucking furious right now."

Palace Intrigue DON'T TELL MARTHA'S VINEYARD – The legal team that defended Trump from impeachment is rushing to his side as it happens again. With House Democrats pushing to impeach the president before he leaves office, Alan Dershowitz, the Trump-allied celebrity attorney, argued that Trump's encouragement of this week's Capitol riots was "constitutionally protected" speech

. He said it would be his "honor and privilege" to take on the legal defense.

SKIP DAY – Biden said today that Trump's announcement on Twitter that he would not attend his successor's inauguration later this month is a "good thing."

Biden, who took questions from reporters at an event in Delaware, said Trump's decision to shatter yet another norm of the American presidency is "one of the few things he and I have ever agreed on."

Talking to the Experts PARDON ME? Trump has long argued that he has the power to pardon himself, and reportedly has been telling aides

he's considering doing it in the next 12 days. Legal scholars are divided over whether he possesses this untested use of presidential power. Nightly's Myah Ward asked Caroline Mala Corbin, a constitutional law professor at the University of Miami School of Law, to break down the debate.

Why are legal scholars divided?

The constitutional basis for the president's pardon power is found in Article II, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution, which states that presidents "shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offenses against the United States, except in cases of impeachment."

As with many provisions of the Constitution, the pardon clause is not self-explanatory. Nor is there judicial precedent on the question of self-pardons because no prior president has so abused the pardon power as to try and pardon himself.

With an ambiguous text and no precedent, it is not surprising that scholars disagree about the constitutionality of self-pardons. Most, however, think the president cannot issue a self-pardon, pointing out, for example, that a self-pardon contravenes the president's duty to "take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed," as mandated by Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution.

So Trump does not have this power, in your view?

I would put myself firmly in the no camp. Certainly it would be a dangerous precedent if a president could simply pardon himself for any and all federal crimes.

Also in the no camp is the Department of Justice. The Office of Legal Counsel at the Justice Department declared in August 1974, just days before Nixon resigned, that "Under the fundamental rule that no one may be a judge in his own case, the President cannot pardon himself." Thus, even if Trump does pardon himself, there is no guarantee that the pardon would be recognized as valid.

The past week's events do not change the analysis, although with another impeachment looming as a result, it is worth noting that while the constitutional text does not address the question of self-pardons, it does unambiguously state that the president may not grant pardons for impeachment.

PUNCHLINES SEASON FINALE — In a week that's difficult to glean comedy out of, Matt Wuerkertakes us through the week's political cartoons and satire

, which attempted to tackle the historic and chaotic week in Washington.

Ask The Audience Nightly asks you: What are you most hopeful about heading into 2021?Send us your answers through our form

, and we'll use select responses next week.

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The Global Fight LONDON AILING — London Mayor Sadiq Khan declared a "major incident" in the capital today, warning that the spread of coronavirus was now "out of control"

and the city's hospitals are "at risk of being overwhelmed."

London now has 35 percent more Covid patients in its hospitals than at the peak of the U.K. epidemic in April. Between Dec. 30 and Jan. 6, the number soared from 5,524 to 7,034 and could continue to rise, Khan said.

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The increase in Covid-19 incidence in university counties with in-person instruction, comparing the 21-day periods before and after classes started, according to a new CDC report

. Counties without large colleges or universities experienced a 6 percent decrease in incidence during similar time frames.

Parting Words EXTRA CREDIT — In Thursday's Nightly

, we asked a spectrum of political thinkers and figures to assess what letter grade they'd give American democracy at the end of the Trump era. Tonight, one final entry, fromSewell Chan

, editorial page editor of the Los Angeles Times. He emails Nightly:

Trump has not changed my assessment of American democracy; he has affirmed it. Our great experiment is in peril.

Trump was not the author of these woes; he was a gifted opportunist, exploiting forces that were set in motion decades ago, in particular the '70s: soaring inequality; the rise of a winner-take-all economy; deregulation; eroding middle-class incomes; prioritization of global finance and capital over local economies, especially manufacturing; white racial backlash; and a loss of confidence in government, in leaders and in institutions.

Although the polarization has not been symmetric – I consider Republicans more blameworthy – the truth is that our democracy won't be stable if we don't have a stable center-right party, and that's a vulnerability that anyone who loves our democracy needs to reckon with, regardless of ideology. I give us a nearly failing grade right now – D.

To avoid an F – which could mean a world-threatening collapse of our state and society – we urgently need a more fair economy. We need a Democratic government that delivers results (getting the pandemic under control, shoring up wages and employment, addressing the climate crisis), but also a principled center-right party that encourages entrepreneurship, innovation, communities and stability (i.e. actual conservatism) instead of exploiting far-right anxieties and hatreds. We will also need an information ecosystem incentivized to support facts instead of lies, and that means regulation of social media (something both left and right can agree on). If we don't have a shared basis of facts, we are unable to have reasoned debate about values.

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**FACEBOOK SUSPENDS TRUMP:** The platform took the unprecedented step Thursday morning, locking the president out of his accounts for at least the next two weeks.

CEO Mark Zuckerberg said in a post explaining the decision that President Trump had used the social media site to "condone rather than condemn the actions of his supporters at the Capitol building."

"We believe the risks of allowing the President to continue to use our service during this period are simply too great," he continued.

The decision to suspend the president for an extended period is a first, but also was made at a convenient time for Facebook right after Democrats secured control of both chambers of Congress.

Facebook's move puts pressure on Twitter, which initially suspended Trump for 12 hours but has not signaled whether it will put a longer limit in place.

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DELETED TWEETS: President Trump deleted the tweets that led to his lockout on the platform, a Twitter spokesperson confirmed Thursday.

Based on Twitter's policy, Trump can gain access to his account within 12 hours of deleting the tweets that caused the temporary suspension. It is the first time Twitter has suspended Trump's account, prompted by tweets the president posted in response to the riot at the Capitol.

A spokesperson for the platform would not comment Thursday morning on whether the platform has plans to extend the ban on the president, as Facebook has done.

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THREE STRIKES, YOU'RE OUT: YouTube on Thursday said it is updating its policies to implement a strike-based policy that could lead to accounts being suspended or permanently banned for violating guidelines.

The Google-owned platform said the update was made "due to the disturbing events that transpired yesterday." YouTube, along with Facebook and Twitter, had removed the president's video on Wednesday that repeated disputed claims about the election as Trump supporters stormed the Capitol disrupting Congress's effort to affirm President-elect Joe Biden's victory.

Under the new policy, an account with more than three violations within a 90-day period can be permanently suspended from YouTube.

Read more about YouTube's update here

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SUSPENDING TRUMP: In addition to Facebook's extended ban on President Trump's account, other platforms took action against the president and accounts related to him.

Snapchat on Thursday said it would be suspending Trump's account indefinitely after the Capitol riot.

Stores run by the Trump organization and Trump's campaign were also taken off Shopify on Thursday for violating the company's policy of supporting people who condone violence.

Read more about the Snapchat

andShopify bans

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PERMANENT REMOVAL: Twitter permanently removed pro-Trump lawyer Lin Wood's account, a Twitter spokesperson confirmed Thursday.

The spokesperson said Wood's account was permanently suspended for violating Twitter's rules. The spokesperson also confirmed Wood's second account, @fightbacklaw, was also removed, but the spokesperson would not share any further details about the suspension.

Screenshots Wood shared of his tweets on Parler, a social media platform popular among conservative voices, showed him bashing Vice President Pence, calling him a "dark soul" and stating that "a very special place in Hell"



awaits the Republican lawmaker.

Read more here

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ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST: The U.S. federal judiciary reported this week that it had suffered an "apparent compromise" as part of the recently discovered Russian hack of IT company SolarWinds.

The announcement adds to a growing list of agencies impacted by the hack, one of the worst cyber incidents in U.S. history, that also include the Commerce, Energy, Homeland Security, Justice, State, and Treasury departments.

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COMPARING NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS: Sen. Mark Warner

(Va.), the top Democrat and likely incoming chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said Thursday that the nation's adversaries "gained more" from rioters storming the Capitol than from the recently uncovered massive hack of the federal government.

"If you walked around the floor of the Capitol and you see the destruction that took place in the last 24 hours, and you see the images around the world of what our democracy looks like, we all have got to step up," Warner said at a virtual event hosted by the Aspen Institute.

"The bad guys ... gained a lot more long-term out of what happened in the last 24 hours than they are going to gain from this SolarWinds intrusion," he added.

Read more about Warner's comments here

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RESIGNATIONS ABOUND: John Costello, a senior official for intelligence and security operations at the Department of Commerce, on Thursday announced his resignation in the wake of the riots at the U.S. Capitol, placing the blame squarely on President Trump.

"Yesterday's events were an unprecedented attack on the core of our democracy—incited by a sitting president," he tweeted

in announcing his resignation. "The president has long disregarded and diminished the rule of law and the constitution. Yesterday that culminated in violent sedition against the U.S. Congress for the purposes of overturning a legally recognized and valid election."

Read more about the resignation here

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CYBER GOES INTERNATIONAL: Secretary of State Mike Pompeo

on Thursday approved the creation of a new office at the State Department to address cybersecurity and emerging technologies.

The new Bureau of Cyberspace Security and Emerging Technologies (CSET) will help lead diplomatic efforts around these topics, including working to prevent cyber conflicts with potentially adversarial nations, and will replace an office eliminated by the agency four years ago.

Read more about the new office here.

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An op-ed to chew on: Biden can do better on China if he learns from Trump's mistakes

NOTABLE LINKS FROM AROUND THE WEB:

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don't take online extremism seriously (Gen Mag / Jared Holt)

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the coup attempt on antifa (BuzzFeed News / Craig Silverman)

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to identify Capitol raid participants (The Verge / Russell Brandom)

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