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## The United States and the Lynching of Democracy

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What so far were just symptoms of a sickening society expressed in a systemic racism, lies as ideology, hatred of immigrants, and armed violence, took shape in its harshest reality when the mobs, spurred by the president Donald Trump stormed that symbol of democracy which is the United States Capitol.

The beast of dormant fascism that decomposes the empire not only showed its spots, but also its head, back, legs and even its fangs when white supremacists broke down police barriers, climbed walls, broke windows, and reached the room where Senators certified the votes of the Electoral College, which formalized the win of the elected president, Joe Biden.

The country used to get on top of other nations, through soft blows and color revolutions, that kind of grotesque scenography, experienced firsthand in the heart of its capital the anarchy that division and the constant incitement to hatred involve.

No one can say this time that the provocation of the revolt came from external enemies like Russia, China or Venezuela, because the whole world witnessed how, minutes earlier the insurrection, the current President Donald Trump ordered him, during a speech to his supporters, gathered by the thousands hours earlier in Washington, to fight the vote theft and move on the Capitol.

"After this, we're going to walk - and I'll be with you – let's walk, walk to the Capitol," Trump said. "And we're going to cheer on our brave senators and congressmen, and we're probably not going to cheer on some of them that much."

Days earlier, while he was calling for the march, he had tweeted: "Great protest in D.C. January 6<sup>th</sup>. Go wild!"

His supporters carried to the letter. The United States finest, including Batman and some occasional disguised Viking, made America great for the first time when they occupied the office and the seat of Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi, flooded the National Hall of Statues, an area of ??the complex known to tourists

and someone waved a Confederate flag in the same place where were held the funerals of Abraham Lincoln and, just last year, of Congressman and civil rights leader John Lewis. The opening stage, where Biden will lay his hand on a Bible in a fortnight, was used by Capitol police to pepper spray the violent crowd. A woman, who was shot during the assault was killed.

According to AP near the Capitol's west wing façade it was photographed a gallows knot.

In a few hours, the democracy that the United States has attempted for centuries, to impose as a model on the world was lynched. Even its most faithful defenders had no choice but to acknowledge the crime.

"This has been an attempted coup d'état spurred by the U.S. president," said presidential historian Michael Beschloss. "We are facing at an unprecedented moment, where a president is willing to conspire with mobs to bring down his own government. This goes completely against the idea of ??democracy that this country has represented for two decades".

As protesters trashed windows to enter the seat of the legislature, representative Mike Gallagher, a Republican who has supported Trump, posted on Twitter: "This is banana republic crap that we're watching right now on the United States Capitol. @realDonaldTrump, you have to stop this".

In a televised speech, President-elected Joe Biden said that the country's democracy "is under unprecedented attack." "This is not dissent, this is disorder, it's chaos, verging on sedition, and it must end, now. I ask this mob to withdraw and allow the work of democracy to continue," he added.

"I am genuinely shocked and saddened that our nation, so long the beacon of light and hope for democracy has come to such a dark moment. "

For the United States, the country that sanctions and certifies in false censure lists the conduct of those nations that don't bow to their interests, it will take a long time to recover that "beacon of light" that was once the Capitol. On a symbolic level the building has been demolished by the earthquake of a society broken by a decadent capitalism. Let's hope that the fascist beast does not find a comforting shelter in the shadows and darkness of its ruins.

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