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Protests in Pictures

Riot Repercussions

Last week’s Capitol riots have national impact

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This week, President-elect Joe Biden will take the oath of office of President of the United States of America, exactly two weeks to the day that a mob of pro-Trump protestors stormed the U.S. Capitol to interrupt Congress’s counting and certification of votes from the Electoral College. The riots, which resulted in several deaths and dozens of injuries, have had much further-reaching consequences than many expected. This week’s inauguration will have heightened security, but state capitals nationwide are making similar preparations as well. On Sunday, January 17th, armed groups of protestors gathered outside of capitol buildings in Oregon, Ohio, Texas, and Michigan, but no violence broke out. However, the FBI issued a warning that armed groups, such as the Boogaloo Boys, could possibly target capital cities in the days leading up to the inauguration, so 19 states shut down the area around their respective statehouses, delayed legislative sessions, and deployed National Guard troops.

In Texas, pro-Trump protestors and counter-protestors gathered outside the statehouse in Austin while Texas Department of Public Safety officers patrolled the grounds and guarded the governor’s mansion. In Oregon, a small group of men wearing military-style clothing and armed with firearms and ammunition waved flags and displayed a sign outside the Salem statehouse that said “Disarm the Government!” They claimed to be anti-Trump and anti-Biden, and contested that Americans lose rights regardless of who sits in the Oval Office.

In Lansing, Michigan, another small group gathered outside a capitol guarded by State Police and the National Guard. Many of the armed protestors were members of the “boogaloo” movement, but one former Republican displayed a sign that thanked Michigan’s Governor, Gretchen Whitmer, for her “leadership, grace, and integrity.”

With the inauguration just over the horizon, it is yet to be seen if violence will break out across the country. The best thing that the American people can hope for is a swift, peaceful transition of power that carries on the tradition that the United States of America has observed for over two centuries.

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Magical Marinades

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Chicken:
1. 2 Tablespoons of Soy Sauce, 2 Tablespoons of Miso, 1 Table- spoon Sesame Oil, 10 cloves minced garlic, 1 chopped red onion, ½ tea- spoon grated ginger. Marinate 10 minutes to 3 hours.
2. 1 Cup Greek Yogurt, ½ Cup of Extra Virgin Olive Oil, 6 cloves of crushed raw garlic or 1 head of whole garlic, ½ cup of lime juice, a pinch of oregano, salt. Marinate from 6 to 24 hours.
3. 1 Tablespoon Italian Dressing, 1 Part Yellow Mustard. Marinate over-night.
4. 5 Parts Sour Cream, 2 Parts Paprika, 1 Part Lime Juice, 1 Part Sunflower Oil, Sprinkled of Garlic Powder, Sprinkle of Onion Powder, Salt and Pepper to Taste. Marinate 1 to 2 days.
5. 1 Cup Water boiled with ¾ Cup Salt and ½ Cup Sugar, 3 Cups iced water, add Juniper Berries, Cloves, Cinnamon and Cumin to- smill. Brine 45 minutes a pound per chunk of pork, with a 30-minute minimum brine time.
6. 20 Parts Strong Olive Oil, 18 Parts Lemon Juice, 10 Parts Italian parsley, 3 parts Greek yogurt, 1 part cumin, 1 part white pepper, 1 part juniper berries, 1 part dired oregano, 3 chopped yellow onions and 3 chopped garlic cloves for every 10 parts olive oil. Marinate 4 hours. Smaller cuts of pork run the risk of becoming mushy when marinating too long.

Beef:
1. One Tall Boy of Lager Beer, plus Whole Grain Brown Mustard, Lime Juice, Worcestershire Sauce, and Heinz 57 to Smell. Marinate 1 to 4 hours.
2. 12 Parts Greek Yogurt, 3 Parts Lime Juice, 1 parts olive oil, 2 Parts Grated Garlic (by volume). 2 Parts Salt, 1 Part Cocoa Powder, 1 Part Cumin, and 1 Chopped Red Oni-on per 12 parts Greek Yogurt. Mari- nade 12 hours to Overnight.
3. 6 Parts Coca-Cola, 1 Part Soy Sauce. Marinate Overnight or up to four days.

Pork:
1. 1 Cup Water boiled with ¾ Cup Salt and ½ Cup Sugar, 3 Cups iced water, add Juniper Berries, Cloves, Cinnamon and Cumin to small. Brine 45 minutes a pound per chunk of pork, with a 30-minute minimum brine time.
2. 30 Parts Strong Olive Oil, 18 Parts Lemon Juice, 10 Parts Italian parsley, 3 parts Greek yogurt, 1 part cumin, 1 part white pepper, 1 part juniper berries, 1 part dired oregano, 3 chopped yellow onions and 3 chopped garlic cloves for every 10 parts olive oil. Marinate 4 hours. Smaller cuts of pork run the risk of becoming mushy when marinating too long.

Lamb:
1. 2 Tablespoons of non-virgin Olive Oil, The zest of 1 limes with the juice of 2, 20 leaves of mint, chopped, a dried shaker (PDO NOT CHOK), salt and pepper to taste. Marinate 2 to 6 hours for chops, up to 1 day for a whole rack, and up to 2 days for a whole leg of lamb.

Help! I’m Playing Escape from Tarkov Again!

Aidan Moulder
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What exactly is the appeal of a game that doesn’t forgive you and punishes every little mistake? Hell if I know, be- cause everything about Escape from Tarkov indicates that I should absolutely HATE this game. If you’re not familiar, Tarkov is an ultra hardcore first person shooter. It’s sort of like the Arma series, but it is basically the oppo- site of that, there’s a deep ballistics system that takes into account different ammunition types, in- cluding relative penetrations, re- locities, and angles of attack, as well as armor classes and dura- bility. Oh, so it should be easy to do well, just equip the best ar- mor, carry the best gun, and load the best ammunition. WRONG! If you want anything, you have to buy it. Yep, that’s right, Escape from Tarkov has a crazy in game economy with no less than three separate currencies (rubles, eu- ros, and dollars) with its own price swings that are affected greatly by supply and demand. So now, if you want to take, say, a semi-automatic Glock handgun into a map and nothing else with you, you’d better be ready to cough up thousands of your pre- cious clams to fill even a single magazine with effective ammuni- tion. Of course, you can always cut costs and buy cheap ammo, but then you’ll be counting your blessings when you run into that one guy who brought in some of the best gear money can buy (and “good ammunition” is not one of those blessings).

Something else that Tarkov has that’s really unusual for a lot of modern shooter games is a per- sistent, physical inventory. You don’t need to manage your gear in games like Call of Duty, and most games with inventory sys- tems are based only on weight. You can carry as many cheese wheels as you want in Skyrim (regardless of having the space for them), so long as you have the strength for such a task. In Escape from Tarkov, however, you can on- carry as many as you can phys- ically fit in your pockets, back- pack, and chest rig. It’s a game reminiscent of Tetris, and some- times it even involves spinning things around until you find the perfect slot. Under the pressure of a match, you can make a lot of mistakes and leave valuable items behind and have to scramble halfway back across the complex to find what you left behind.

When I started writing this wall of text, I wasn’t even sure what the game comes into play: There are numerous mechanics borrowed from survival games. You have to eat and drink to maintain your energy levels, and movement drains your short term stamina. This is also all com- pletely reliant on how much you’re carrying as well as your character’s individual skills. It’s amazing how many mechanics they packed into this game, and even more amazing how many of them are interconnected.

Basically, Tarkov is a game you have to experience yourself to form any opinion about it. When I read writing this wall of text, I wasn’t even sure what tone I was going to write with, and even now it’s a game I’ll play until I get tired of it and take a several month hiatus. Really, that’s what it’s like. You have a halfway decent com- puter, you should pick up a copy and try it for yourself.
Impeach and convict him. Make him pay. Make him hurt. Make an example out of him. Hippocrates once said, "For extreme diseases, extreme methods of cure … are most suitable." Donald Trump is one hell of a disease. He is both a symptom and a disease itself. He's a disease based on another disease. To be frank that other disease is Newt Gingrich, a man who used one of the most necessary and laudable set of economic measures ever put in place, which saved America and its economy through the fall of the Soviet Union, to transform our storied legislature into a broad, disgusting, political then-dome for the bloodthirsty ravishment of the average American populist.

Donald Trump is the final disease, he is the final thrust of a disgusting, terrified brand of American politics on the right which places their community as the only kind to be vindicated in the eyes of god and their own constitution, terrified of crime waves distributed by people who would wipe out their entire culture and replace with godless hedonism.

Let's start with his border wall, yeah? Breaking Section 1, Article 1 to draw money from money already dished out and portioned by our elected legislature to build a border wall. Pisses me off a little bit.

And back to Section 1 of Article 1 of the U.S. Constitution wherein President Trump used his permanent acting appointees to interfere with the legislature's investigation and oversight responsibilities for possibly conspiring with a foreign power during his original election campaign. He also almost certainly committed treason with his response to the Russian bounty report. Finally, he incited an insurrection, allowing countless violations of national security and the safety of our elected representatives by encouraging, building, and speaking to a mob that invaded the capitol armed with zip-ties, knives, swords, and actual weaponry.

I'm a Republican, and to all other Republicans who acknowledge this but say "So what? The Leftists have been doing this shit for four years," I offer two sentiments:

1. They haven't. Nothing was this bad. Nothing violated the sanctity of our laws or constitution as much as what Trump and his mob did on January 6th.
2. Even if they did: so what! I thought we were better than that. I thought that crypto-fascist Tomi Lahren said that when Trump voters lost, they'd go to their jobs and work? I was wrong.

If the leftists are burning down cities, we don't invade our seat of Democracy in response. We don't create a bigger mob to hang them, slaughter them, and bring in martial law to cathartically crush our enemies. Neither them nor us have that instinct. Or we shouldn't. I don't recognize this party, and I don't like this party. I won't be a part of this party outside of people you'll call cucks until the party's whole worldview and goals DRAMATICALLY adjust. We can be better than this, and the fact that we aren't is disgusting.

Impeach Trump, and maybe the party of Lincoln won't be the next Know-Nothing. Impeach Trump, and maybe this country can start to heal and economically move forward. Impeach Trump, and maybe I'll federally vote for a Republican within the next ten years. Impeach Trump, and maybe we need a new Constitution, the outline and inspiration for so many democracies around the world, will stand tall, proud, and guide future Americans for hundreds of generations.

Let's make the right decision, Congress.
D.J. LeMahieu $90 Million Deal

Sports

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D.J. LeMahieu’s two-year, $90 million deal with the Yankees, announced on Friday, marks the beginning of a new chapter for the organization. The deal is the most significant financial loss of any M.L.B. team in the pandemic era, according to Cot’s Baseball.

In order to keep LeMahieu in pinstripes after the expiration of that contract, the Yankees agreed on Friday to sign him to an even bigger new deal. But in a nod to baseball’s current economic landscape, the deal was not a sure thing.

Although LeMahieu will turn 33 in July, the Yankees are poised to hand him a deal longer than the $324 million contract the Boston Red Sox gave Mookie Betts two years ago. That contract, originally expected. After blowing past several luxury tax thresholds last winter to bid for free agents, the Red Sox were forced to pay a record, $182 million luxury tax hit because of the failure to avoid the tax.

In 2020, the Yankees’ projected payroll for luxury tax purposes sat at $200 million, according to Cot’s Baseball, with eight players projected to make at least $17 million in the 2021 season. The Grizzlies shot 52% for the game.

The catching position was an area LeMahieu promptly established himself as a true all-star at, and he also added 12 points, six rebounds and a team-high six assists. Jacob Bickerdike added 11 points, including a 3-pointer late in the third quarter, to secure the win. The Grizzlies shot 52% for the game.

The two teams will meet again on Saturday afternoon at approximately 3 pm at Franklin.

LeMahieu, a second baseman who can also play at first or third, has emerged as the team’s best all-around player in consecutive playoff runs. He is arguably the best player in baseball at the plate, and in the field since he came to New York from the Colorado Rockies. He is easily and universally regarded as the best player in baseball.

The Yankees’ shopping spree continued into Friday night, when they agreed to a deal, pending a physical examination, with Corey Kluber, 34, a two-time American League Cy Young Award winner. Last year’s Cy Young Award winner was 30 runs, 102 runs batted in, finishing fourth in voting for American League Most Valuable Player Award. In last year’s truncated 60-game season, he won his second Cy Young trophy, leading the majors with a 3.64 average, and finished third in the A.L. MVP voting. He was the catalyst of the Yankees’ offense, a consistent hitter in a lineup of slugging stars.

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Jordan Barlow scored a career high 14 points on 6-of-9 shooting from the floor to lead the Los Angeles Dodgers. The team’s best all-around player in consecutive playoff runs. He is arguably the best player in baseball at the plate, and in the field since he came to New York from the Colorado Rockies. He is easily and universally regarded as the best player in baseball.

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To honor the man leaving the Oval Office this week, here are some of his quotes from the last four years:

“In another sense, I tested positively toward negative, right? So no. I tested perfectly this morning, meaning I tested negative. But that’s a way of saying it. Positively toward the negative.”
- Donald J Trump

“And they say... Go back to that question, and repeat them. Can you do it?” And you go, “Person, woman, man, camera, TV.” They say, “That’s thinking. Have you done that?” I do because I have, like, a good memory, because I’m cognitively there.”
- Donald J Trump

“My twitter has become so powerful that I can actually make my enemies tell the truth.”
- Donald J Trump

“Covfefe”
- Donald J Trump

“Lebron James was just interviewed by the dumbest man on television, Don Lemon. He made Lebron look smart, which isn’t fine” so then I relaxed the rest of the day even though everyone else freaked out and believe it or not I had no. I tested perfectly this morning, meaning I tested negative.

“Donald J Trump

“Just take it easy the next few days and make sure you’re good” so we’re just gonna use a bunch of small ones and there must have been at least ten of those tubes so I’m like ‘welp I guess this will work let’s do this thing’ and so they’re taking the blood and I’m start to feel a bit tired since I had my wisdom teeth out just a week before, was still hopped up on pain meds, and hadn’t eaten anything all day since that’s what the tests required and the nurse asks “how are you feeling” and I say “you know, I am feeling a bit dizzy” and as soon as the needle was removed I immediately passed out and woke up about fifteen seconds later completely and clearly awake like nothing happened and so they’re like “well by protocol you have to go to the emergency room, do you want an ambulance to take you?” and I’m like “well by protocol you have to go to the emergency room instead and the first thing they say is “so we’re gonna take some blood to monitor you” and I’m like ‘well buckle up, here we go again’ but I did line that time and so they’re plugging in the monitors and everything and the doctor was like “ok we’ll be back in a few” but I had to change into the patient scrubs but everything was already plugged in so I’m like ‘how do I do this’ so we legit just unplugged all the wires from the monitor to put the shirt on and then put them back in like nothing happened and without them knowing, plus I messsed with the monitor even more because it tracks your breathing rate and so I was just breathing really fast and then not at all just to watch the beep line spike really fast then flat randomly then go back to normal cause I was bored, so nurses watching it in the main area might have been confused if they were keeping track but in any case they’re like ‘you’re good, just take it easy the next few days and make sure you take extra care for all next tests’ and I’m like “ok well I’m not going into work then” and my boss was ok with it because he works at the hospital and he came down to check in and he’s like “yeah I think you’ll be fine” so then I relaxed the rest of the day even through everyone else freaked out and believe it or not I had fun. TLD.R, there is no moral to this story, read the whole thing you lazy chump.