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Assessment of the Capitol Riots: Violent Actors and Ideologies Behind the Events of January 6, 2021

Rutgers' [Miller Center for Community Protection and Resilience](#) and [Network Contagion Research Institute](#) (NCRI) released a report assessing the Capitol riots that took place on January 6, 2021. Authors of, "[Assessment of the Capitol Riots Violent Actors and Ideologies Behind the Events of January 6, 2021](#)," found that the causes of these events were:

1. Virtually all violent vanguard elements appeared to come from predominantly far-right, fringe groups.
2. Some in the crowd interpreted portions of President Trump's speech as an instruction to march aggressively to the capitol building directly.
3. High profile figures associated with the administration were also inciting violent sentiment and cued instructions previous to the event.
4. Widely subscribed messianic ideology in QAnon, together with situational cues, created conditions that strongly favored mass enactment of its fantasy of insurrection.
5. Explicit plans to "Occupy the Capitol" were circulating across social media suggesting that the capitol building was an explicit target of the violent vanguard from the beginning. Evidence suggests some rioters were armed with weapons and zip-ties.
6. There is no credible evidence that the crowd was infiltrated or led by Antifa activists at this time.

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The QAnon Conspiracy: Destroying Families, Dividing Communities, Undermining Democracy

In December, the [Miller Center](#) and the Network Contagion Research Institute released a report, "[The QAnon Conspiracy: Destroying Families, Dividing Communities, Undermining Democracy](#)."



"The authors of this report collaborated on a rapid assessment and analysis of QAnon because of our growing concern about the threat it poses to the nation. This threat can be divided into three key categories: creating and amplifying cultural and political divisions, introducing and spreading disinformation and anti-Jewish conspiracy theories, and mobilizing and motivating extreme and lethal violence."

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CAWP Analysis of Women in the 117th Congress



Last week, members of the 117th United States Congress were sworn into office. According to [data](#) from the [Center for American Women and Politics](#) (CAWP), 144 (106D, 38R) women hold seats in Congress, comprising 26.9% of the 535 members. 26 women (26%) serve in the Senate, and 118 women (27.1%) serve in the House of Representatives.

Moreover, the 117th Congress is the most diverse in U.S. history. CAWP and Higher Heights released a report, "[By the Numbers: Black Women in the 117th Congress](#)."

"A record number of Black women will serve in the 117th Congress (2021-2023) as a result of the 2020 election, in which Black women made history as nominees and winners. Black women were elected to Congress for the first time from two states in election 2020, and one of three freshman Black women members of the 117th Congress was elected in a majority-white district. Despite an increase in Republican Black women candidates and nominees, Black women's congressional representation remains entirely Democratic. More specifically, in a year where Republican women made up the majority of women newcomers to Congress, no Republican women winners were Black," found CAWP and Higher Heights.

Note: These numbers will decrease over the next month since Senator Kamala Harris will become Vice President, Senator Kelly Loeffler did not win reelection in the Georgia run-off election, and Representatives Marcia Fudge and Debra Haaland have been nominated to Cabinet positions in the Biden Administration.

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Miller Center Update

Center Secures Gift to Help Vulnerable Communities



Rutgers Miller Center staff, Paul Miller, and members of his family gather at the opening on October 18, 2019.

Rutgers' [Miller Center for Community Protection and Resilience](#) announced a \$1.3 million gift that will support the center's research and programming geared toward serving and securing vulnerable communities by improving relations with police. The gift was made by Paul S. Miller, the center's founding donor and a longtime supporter of Rutgers University; with this gift, Miller's donations to Rutgers approach \$5 million.

The gift will help the Miller Center continue to expand its areas of research and impact.

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Miller Center Launched New Redesigned Website



The Miller Center also launched its new redesigned website which features an online library that houses the center's research and published writings and provides user-friendly ways students, researchers, and the public can learn more about the center's work and upcoming programming.

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Feb. 10: Sen. Barbara Mikulski, 2020-2021 Case Professor

Eagleton is pleased to announce that former United



States Senator Barbara Mikulski will serve as the 2020-2021 [Clifford P. Case Professor of Public Affairs](#). Senator Mikulski served in US Congress for 40 years (30 in the Senate and 10 in the US House of Representatives). Senator Mikulski was the first Democratic woman senator elected in her own right.

The Case Professorship honors the legacy of New Jersey's former US Senator Clifford Case and his commitment to public service by bringing prominent and respected public servants to Rutgers.

As a Case professor, Sentaor Mikulski will speak with Rutgers students in selected remote classes.

As the Case Professor, Senator Mikulski will meet with students and participate in a public conversation via Zoom on **Wednesday, February 10th at 2pm EST**.

Register

This event is free and open to the public

Feb. 17: A Conversation with LaTosha Brown

**GAMBACCINI CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SERIES:
A CONVERSATION WITH
LATOSHA BROWN**

As part of Eagleton's Gambaccini Civic Engagement Series, Ms. Brown will discuss her story of civic engagement and political empowerment as co-founder of the **Black Voters Matter Fund**.

Wednesday, February 17th at 12:30 PM EST
Register: eagleton.rutgers.edu/events
Location: Zoom

A photograph of LaTosha Brown, a Black woman with long braids, wearing a patterned top. She is standing in front of a whiteboard with handwritten notes. The whiteboard has some text including "MIKE RACK" and "Structure (Lundt)".

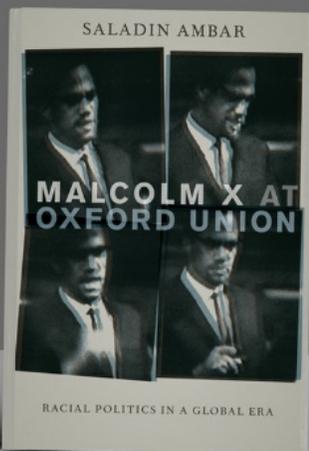
Join Eagleton for a conversation with LaTosha Brown, co-founder of the Black Voters Matter Fund, about her story of civic engagement and political empowerment.

Wednesday, February 17th at 12:30pm EST via Zoom

The event is part of Eagleton's [Louis J. Gambaccini Civic Engagement Series: Toward Better Citizenship](#) and is presented in partnership with Rutgers' [Center for Social Justice Education and LGBT Communities](#), the [Paul Robeson Cultural Center](#), and Rutgers Access Week.

Register

Feb. 23: Book Talk With Professor Saladin Ambar



**MALCOLM X AT OXFORD UNION:
RACIAL POLITICS IN A GLOBAL ERA**

Join Egleton Professor Saladin Ambar and Egleton Fellow Emahunn Campbell as they discuss Professor Ambar's analysis of Malcolm X's 1964 speech at Oxford in his book "Malcolm X at Oxford Union: Racial Politics in a Global Era."

**Tuesday, February 23rd
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Start the New Year by Getting Ready to Run®



Each year, CAWP hosts its annual [Ready to Run](#)® campaign training program in New Jersey. This year, due to the ongoing pandemic, the program will be held virtually with a series of sessions spread out between late January and mid-March. The sessions will cover topics such as launching a campaign, digital strategies, legislative advocacy, and fundraising.

Thanks to the generosity of donors, CAWP is able to offer the 2021 Ready to Run ® virtual programming free of charge.

Register

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Your [contribution](#) can help Eagleton develop new knowledge about American politics and political change and prepare a new generation of students for political participation and civic engagement.

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Star-Ledger Op-ed: Civics education is the best way to prevent the next attack on American democracy



The Star-Ledger published an [op-ed](#) written by Dr. [Elizabeth C. Matto](#), Eagleton associate research professor and director of the Institute's [Center for Youth Political Participation](#).

"The slow-building spectacle that erupted on Jan. 6 has a deeper cause though - the absence of a shared understanding of American democracy. And the only way to address this gap is through an investment in civic education," wrote Matto.

"If we've learned anything in this last week and in these last few years, it's that American democracy is fragile. Benjamin Franklin, at the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention, famously described the resulting governmental system as 'a republic, if you can keep it.' It's safe to say then that in order for American democracy to thrive and survive, a shared understanding not only of how it works but why it works the way it does is essential.

In short, if we're going to keep this republic, we need to understand it. To understand it, we must teach it."

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Apply Your Science Training to State Policy

EAGLETON SCIENCE AND POLITICS FELLOWSHIP

Seeking PhD-level Scientists and Engineers for a Year of Service in New Jersey State Government

**Application Deadline:
January 18th, 2021**

Apply: eagleton.rutgers.edu/science

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The [Eagleton Science and Politics Fellowship](#) offers PhD-level scientists and engineers the opportunity to apply their training and expertise to the development and implementation of relevant state policy.

The Fellowship is a 12-month, full-time position beginning in early July with an intensive summer training. Placements are based in or around Trenton, New Jersey.

The Science Fellows receive a \$50,000 stipend, up to \$1,500 for professional development to offset conference travel and registration, and 15 'flex' days to use as sick and holiday time in addition to state-observed holidays. Health insurance is provided for the Science Fellow with additional coverage for spouses and dependents available for purchase.

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Eagleton in the news

This list is only a handful of instances where Eagleton experts have provided political analysis in the news. [Read more](#) from Eagleton experts.



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Replying to @ECAG_RU

Raimondo would be the first sitting governor nominated by Biden. She would join former Governors Tom Vilsack (Agriculture) and @JenGranholm (Energy) as Biden Cabinet nominees. Granholm served as governor of #Michigan from 2003-2011 and Vilsack as governor of #Iowa from 1999-2007

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