

Division of Convict Criminology (DCC)
American Society of Criminology

**Division of Convict Criminology Statement on the January 6, 2021 Washington, DC
Violent Attempted Coup by Donald J. Trump Supporters**

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The recent events of the US Capitol insurrection are not just disturbing, but could have been avoided. Spurred on by the hateful rhetoric of outgoing president Donald J. Trump and his enablers, this crowd chose to violate the law and the sanctity of one of our most sacred national institutions, a bedrock of democracy. We acknowledge and mourn the loss of the law enforcement officer who was killed during the melee. Yet, we also note that many of the people who participated in the breach were also law enforcement and some of the Capitol police appeared to actively assist the rioters in entering the premises, and we strongly condemn these actions.

The Division of Convict Criminology calls upon the American Society of Criminology, and allied organizations, to strongly condemn these actions demand a full investigation and thorough prosecution of all those who participated in these events.

DCC Executive Board