



The world has now seen the difference in how police treat protestors supporting the value of Black lives on the one hand and violent, white-supremacists who attack the seat of America's democracy on the other.

On January 6, 2021, United States Capitol Police literally opened the barricades and stood aside to enable anti-democratic insurrectionists to invade the Capitol building. Once this white mob was inside the building, police treated them with kid gloves, even posing for selfies with these extremists. So far, there have been less than 100 arrests connected with this attack, the overwhelming majority of which were for curfew violations.

Compare that to over 14,000 arrests during protests in the wake of the murders of George Floyd, Elijah McClain, and Breonna Taylor. Activists were gassed, shot with rubber bullets, beaten, and arrested en masse for kneeling, chanting, playing violins, and marching.

That white supremacy pervades law enforcement can no longer be doubted. This is a truth that Black and Brown communities have known for generations. This a truth the rest of our nation must grapple with, now.

CAAPV does not endorse police violence or aggression against any group. Instead, we hope that the events of January 6 push all of us to come to terms with the fact that police—both militarized and underprepared—fail to keep our communities safe.

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