

Focus

There is so much going on in our world today that it can be difficult to keep track of it all, and to differentiate fact from opinion. Here is something I suggest we cannot afford to lose track of in all of the current noise:

“The Republican Party on Friday (February 4, 2022) declared the January 6, 2021 attack on the Capitol and events that led to it 'legitimate political discourse.'” (New York Times, February 4, 2022).

To be clear, what this means is that the official, stated position of one of the two major political parties in this country is that it is “legitimate political discourse” to: attack police officers with bear spray, flag poles, and fire extinguishers; smear feces on the walls and halls of the Capitol building; smash windows and doors at the Capitol and crush police officers in those doorways; and, in the halls of Congress, hunt down US Representatives, Senators and the Vice President to lynch them on a gallows built for this purpose on the grounds of the Capitol.

My question to any and all Republican Party office holders, party officials, prospective candidates, and people considering voting for Republican Party candidates this Fall and at any other time, is whether you believe that these actions represent “legitimate political discourse”.

This question is not about partisan politics or ideology. It is about whether we are going to be able to continue to live together, to continue to live at all.

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