## Twitter Thread by Joseph Knowles





Statism is a religion. A thread.

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The Senate floor is sacred. One of the last holy places in the United States government. To profane it in this way turns my stomach. In my short career at the Senate, I have never even touched the Senate well, nor been on the dais. Disgusting.



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Some thoughts from yesterday. A thread:

I have spent 23 years at The <a href="mailto:onytimes">onytimes</a>, seven of them covering Congress. I made my home at a desk in the press gallery off the Senate chamber. I felt privileged to do so. I consider the **Capitol sacred** space. 1/

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If you grew up in DC, live in DC or recognize the U.S. **Capitol** as a **sacred** symbol of democracy, yesterday's attack felt personal and left many unanswered questions.

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Capitol, as my father was in Congress. I used to stomp thru the rotunda & loved the echoing sound of my steps. Dad would stop me, "You're walking on sacred ground, show respect." Broke my heart to see this sacred place under siege. #SaveOurDemocracy

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Proud to see a bipartisan network of current and former congressional staffers on social media condemning the attack on the **Capitol**. Many of us have spent considerable time walking those hallways and consider it an honor and a privilege. These clowns destroyed **sacred** ground.

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We need answers and accountability. The US **Capitol** was attacked while our elected officials and the VP were all inside way too easily. It took backup FOREVER. People committing in one of our **sacred** places federal felonies WALKED OUT. We need to know how that happened.

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I'm heartbroken and disgusted. This sacred building and the very pillars of our American democracy were attacked. My years spent working in the Capitol were transformative and I wouldn't be who I am today without them. I have a deep faith in this institution & the road forward.











The riots we're seeing at the **Capitol** right now are antithetical to American democracy and values.

My grandmother served in the House of Representatives, and it breaks my heart to watch what is happening in those **sacred** halls.

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1. I have been blessed to work in the **Capitol** for over a decade. It is a **sacred** place, a man-made temple to divinely-inspired principles of freedom and rule of law.

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In 2016 I took my class to DC to tour the **Capitol**. an alum worked for Speaker Pelosi & got us in to see her office. We were allowed to pose at her desk. (This is my daughter.) Even w permission it felt like we were intruders on **sacred** ground. I still can't believe yesterday.

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Stephen Clouse @sclouse2 · 1d

I sat down for a conversation with
@xavierbonilla87 today. Part of what we talked about is symbolism and politically sacred places.

I want to expand on that a bit here in a short thread.











Stephen Clouse @sclouse2 · 1d Watching a mob invade the Capitol inspires a visceral reaction of disgust among those of us who are patriots.

Why?

They are defiling the heart of our Constitutional system. Even if we disdain the current Congress, the building is politically sacred.





Deloitte stands by the **sacred** tenet of our Democracy—respect for the results of our free and fair elections. @jucuzoglu and I shared the following message with our people today in response to the attack on the US **Capitol**.

https://t.co/kxxamTphzB



As an idealistic college kid, one of my jobs as a hill intern was to give tours of the **Capitol** building when constituents visited.

It was my favorite thing to do. As imperfect as our country has always been, it felt like a **sacred** place for all of us.

Today all I can do is cry.

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A **Capitol** Police officer died from a hit to the head by a fire extinguisher. They murdered a cop protecting our Congress and most **sacred** building. They aren't patriots. No one at that insurrection and encouraging it is a hero. They're accessories to murder. There must be justice.

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In HS I visited DC as part of a conference. I arrived at 3 AM and the van taking me from the airport drove me and the two other late arriving students to the **capitol** and told us, "This is your house, never forget that, it is **sacred**." Our home was attacked today by terrorists.

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President-elect @JoeBiden called the violence at the Capitol "an assault on the most sacred of American undertakings" and called on President @realDonaldTrump to put an end to this.

Watch here: abc13.com/9414036/

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It was televised for the world to see how easy it is to attack our **sacred** hallowed lands; especially the **capitol**. This stuff should have been no nonsense; kill on sight. Now all countries know they have a few couple of hours to retreat if they want to attack b/c no ones coming.

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U.S. Capitol security needs a total overhaul. The physical breaching and desecration of our temple of democracy must never happen again. This was plainly a failure.

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