

Examples in History of Protesters Taking Over Federal Buildings



In 2018, protesters stormed and occupied the Hart Senate Office Building across the street from the Capitol building to try to prevent Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court. ABC News said the leftist protesters "gathered" and casually noted they were charged with "unlawful demonstration." This week, however, ABC wrote that Capitol Hill pro-Trump protesters were a "mob" who "broke into the Capitol" via an "invasion," quoting DC Mayor Muriel Bowser as saying it was "textbook terrorism."

During the Women's March protest on January 21, 2017, the day after the inauguration of President Donald Trump, the organization publicly planned to shut down the Capitol Building, and the Capitol Police promptly shut it down. However, on January 6th, 2021, the Capitol Police actually led pro-Trump protestors (and infiltrators) INTO the Capitol.

In 1956, four armed Puerto Rican nationalists who wanted independence from the US, entered the gallery in the Capitol, and shot and wounded five Congressmen. -GEG

The Mark O. Hatfield federal courthouse building in Portland, Oregon was targeted for destruction by Antifa for months on end during violent riots that left many law enforcement officers injured and even blinded by lasers. The biased media

did not condemn the assault on the federal buildings.

From Jon Rappoport:

CBS News, October 4, 2018: "Protesters opposed to Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh took over a Senate office building on Thursday, with actresses Amy Schumer and Emily Ratajkowski among the demonstrators detained. The Senate will hold a procedural vote on Kavanaugh's nomination on Friday, setting in motion a possible final vote on Saturday."

"New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand addressed protesters, telling them, 'This is a moment about all of you – all of you are speaking truth to power because you care about the future, you care about our children, you care about who is leading this country and who sits on the highest court in the land'."

"Capitol police said about 300 people were detained. In a video shared widely on Twitter, Schumer said 'I think we're going to get arrested'."

Women's March tweeted: "We were planning to shut down the Capitol Building but the authorities were so scared of this #WomensWave that they shut it down for us. 1000+ women, survivors, and allies have gathered in the Hart Senate Building. Every hallway. Every floor."

Very easy-going press coverage. No problem. No outrage. No accusations of Insurrection from the mainstream press.

It was a protest from the Left, covered by the Left. And the Capitol Police promptly shut down the original target: the Capitol Building. They didn't lead the protestors INTO the Capitol, as they astonishingly did a few days ago, on January 6.

Here's another item from 2018 on the same protest—ABC News: "Capitol Hill police said 128 people were arrested for 'unlawfully demonstrating' outside of senators' offices and in

the main rotunda of the Russell Senate Building. About half as many protesters were arrested for protesting Kavanaugh on Thursday.”

Ho-hum. Another day at the office. Not a word about “the desecration of our democracy.”

Now if you really want to revisit a chaotic moment in federal-building takeovers, let’s go back to 1954. The US House of Representatives Archives has an account:

“On March 1, 1954, while Members gathered on the House Floor for an upcoming vote, three men and one woman entered the visitor’s gallery above the chamber and quietly took their seats. All four belonged to the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party and only hours earlier had traveled from New York City to Washington, DC.”

“The United States had annexed Puerto Rico in 1898, and the island’s relationship with the federal government had long been a point of contention. Some Puerto Ricans sought to maintain their relationship with the mainland, and others, like the four visitors in the House that day, argued for an independent Puerto Rico.”

“The Capitol had few security protocols at the time, and the four Puerto Rican nationalists entered the gallery armed with handguns. Around 2:30 p.m. they indiscriminately opened fire onto the House Floor and unfurled a Puerto Rican flag in a violent act of protest meant to draw attention to their demand for Puerto Rico’s immediate independence.”

“Five Congressmen were wounded in the shooting.”

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