

The time has come to correct inaccurate and defamatory reports put forth by many of this nation's media outlets about Oath Keepers as an organization and its role in Washington D.C. on 6 January 2021.

- Oath Keepers is not now, and never has been a militia.
 - Oath Keepers is a non-partisan association of current and formerly serving military, police, and first responders, who pledge to fulfill the oath all military and police take to “defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic.” That oath, mandated by [Article VI](#) of the Constitution itself, is to the Constitution, not to the politicians, and Oath Keepers declare that they will not obey unconstitutional orders, such as orders to disarm the American people, to conduct warrantless searches, or to detain Americans as “enemy combatants” in violation of their ancient right to jury trial.
 - Oath Keepers was founded after wide spread media coverage of Police and Military personal disarming law abiding citizens in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. This left those citizens as prey for the evil elements of society who came out to loot and victimize the good citizens of Louisiana.

- Oath Keepers had an organized presence at President Trump's speech on the morning of 6 January 2021. Our goal was to assure that persons who wanted hear the President exercise his first amendment rights would not be bullied, intimidated, or physically attacked either at the event, or on their way to or from the event. While the media largely ignores these events when the people being attacked are not figures in the national spotlight even the elite of our nation are not immune to being physically attacked for their political beliefs or speech. Rand Paul and his wife were attacked leaving the White House, and had they not been high profile people with a police escort things could have turned out very different for them.

- It has been our experience that just the strong presence of someone not easily intimidated is often enough prevent ANTIFA and other leftist and socialist instigators from engaging in attacks on law abiding citizens.

- All Oath Keepers at President Trump’s event were briefed beforehand on conduct and what we would and would not do in the event of trouble **at that event**. As group of current and former Law Enforcement, First Responder and Military Personal Oath Keepers believes in the rule of law and **does not engage in illegal activities**.
- The press has been incorrectly reporting that Thomas Edward Caldwell and Donovan Crowl are members of Oath Keepers. We were delayed in checking our membership roles because our former hosting provider shutdown our servers in a misguided response to the events of 6 January 2021. Now that we again have access to our data we have determined their names are not on our list of members and neither holds or has held a leadership role in our organization.
- Jessica Marie Watkins is on our membership roster, but holds no leadership role and was acting on her own without knowledge or sanction of our organization.
- These are sad and difficult times for our Republic when our fourth estate has become to The United States as Pravda was to the USSR and where even the man who currently resides in the White House and members of congress are calling for silencing, intimidating and stamping out anyone who does not toe the party line. This is not what our founders intended for The Greatest Republic the world has ever seen.