

# WisDems: ICYMI: Sen. Johnson is blocking insurrectionists who attacked the Capitol on January 6th from being prosecuted

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Madison, Wis., — Ron Johnson is once again failing to do the job Wisconsin elected him to do and instead adding to the gridlock and dysfunction in D.C. Yesterday, a [new report](#) detailed how Johnson is the sole Senator responsible for blocking the nomination of the U.S. Attorney to prosecute the individuals who attacked the Capitol on January 6th. Read more below on Johnson's efforts to let those who broke the law and attacked the Capitol avoid prosecution:

[Business Insider](#): Sen. Ron Johnson, who calls the Capitol attack a 'peaceful protest,' confirmed to us he's blocking Biden's choice to oversee the January 6th prosecutions

Sen. Ron Johnson, a Wisconsin Republican who has downplayed the Capitol attack as a largely "peaceful protest," is blocking the confirmation of President Joe Biden's pick to oversee the hundreds of prosecutions stemming from the violence in Washington on January 6.

Johnson's office in a statement to Insider acknowledged his role in the "hold" on the nomination of Matt Graves, a former federal prosecutor whom Biden named in July

as his choice for US attorney in Washington, DC.

[...]

On January 6, Johnson was serving as chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, a platform he used during the Trump administration to spread conspiracy theories about the FBI and CIA conspiring to bring down the former president. Johnson, who is up for reelection to a third term in 2022, has in recent months said he did not feel threatened on January 6.

In a radio interview, Johnson said he would have felt more threatened if Black Lives Matter protestors had stormed the Capitol rather than Trump supporters. Johnson has also asserted without evidence that the FBI knew more about the planning before the January 6 attack than it has revealed so far.

[...]

"To compare the actions of people around the country protesting, mostly peacefully, for civil rights, to a violent mob seeking to overthrow the lawfully elected government is a false equivalency and downplays the very real danger that the crowd on January 6 posed to our democracy," said Chutkan, a 2014 appointee to the US District Court for the District of Columbia.

[...]

Since January, the office has spearheaded the more than 600 prosecutions that

have emerged from the deadly attack on the Capitol. So far, 100 participants in the Capitol attack have pleaded guilty to charges stemming from the violence on January 6.

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The Senate Judiciary Committee advanced Graves' nomination in late September as part of a slate of US attorney picks. Of the seven nominees voted out of committee without objection, Graves is the only one who has yet to win confirmation.

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