

# WisDems: Ron Johnson's January 6th revisionist history

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**MADISON, Wis.** - Today, Senator Ron Johnson dismissed the violence perpetrated by insurrectionists on January 6th and tried to rewrite the history of that day.

**Johnson claimed: "I saw that day the 'armed insurrectionists' staying within the rope lines in the rotunda."**

## **[The Reality:](#)**



- **[Washington Post:](#) "The physical toll on officers who defended the U.S. Capitol during the Jan. 6 attack by a pro-Trump mob is becoming clearer, with reports by police officials and federal prosecutors indicating that about 140 officers were injured, the head of the Capitol Police officers' union said."**

*\*\*Perhaps Johnson was thinking of the insurrectionists who stormed the House Chamber and stole the lectern on the way out.\*\**



**Johnson claimed: "I asked the question of the FBI agent, [at] the hearing on this, who said how many firearms were confiscated either in the Capitol, on Capitol grounds? I don't know - the answer for all I know it's going to be a thousand. No, zero. Zero."**

- **Washington Post:** “[Guy] Reffitt was found guilty in March of encouraging one of the first surges by the mob to overwhelm police while carrying his semiautomatic handgun in a hip holster...Of the alleged rioters who approached the Capitol on Jan. 6, four have been charged with taking guns onto the Capitol grounds, and two of those have been convicted...At least three other men from outside the D.C. area also were arrested for carrying unregistered guns in the city on Jan. 6, court records show.”

**Johnson claimed: “Now, some of the protesters did teach us all how you can use flagpoles, that kind of stuff, as weapons. But to call what happened on January 6th, an armed insurrection, I just think is not accurate.”**

### **The Reality**



**ABC News:** Wearing a sweatshirt with the hood pulled up, a pair of Air Max Speed Turf shoes with a yellow Nike logo, a backpack and gloves, the suspect walked through alleyways and equipped with what investigators say were two pipe bombs.