

The Attack on the United States Capitol Building and Why It Is Important

My name is _____. I live in the United States. On January 6, 2021, several hundred adults, angry about the national election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, formed a mob and broke into the United States Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

*Merriam-Webster Learner's Dictionary defines a mob as "a large group or crowd of people who are angry or violent or difficult to control." Often, people in a mob are very upset about something that they believe is unfair or wrong. A mob is dangerous and unsafe, and may damage buildings or other property. People in a mob may be hurt, or they may hurt others. Police or other law enforcers work to control the group and may arrest people for breaking the law.



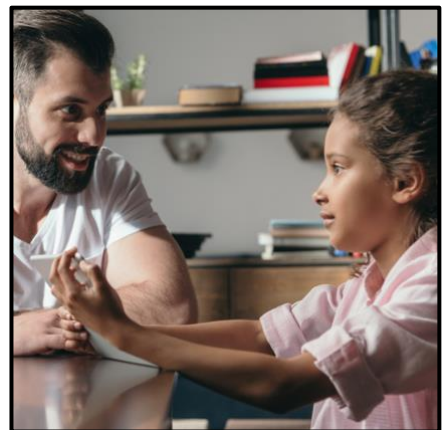
The U.S. Capitol Building is where people, sometimes called *lawmakers*, work in Congress to make decisions for the United States. On January 6, the lawmakers were completing the final vote to elect the next President. The mob attacked the Capitol and interrupted the meetings. The building was damaged and people were hurt. Police are looking for each person in the mob. Many of them have been, or will be, arrested.

In the United States, a group of people may legally gather to safely and respectfully share their ideas with others. It is very rare for a mob to break the law and violently attack a government building. Many people are concerned.



There are more than 209 million adults in the United States. It is very likely that they will have different ideas about the attack on the Capitol building. They may disagree about what to do. This is okay because most adults in the United States know how to disagree and keep buildings and people safe at the same time.

Adults have lived a long time. They have seen serious events before. Talking with adults helps many children feel less confused and more comfortable again. It's okay to ask questions. My caregivers, teachers, and trusted adults are there to help.



*Merriam-Webster / LearnersDictionary.com. (2021).
Definition of mob. <https://learnersdictionary.com/definition/mob>

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