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CONGRESSWOMAN LIZ CHENEY (R-WY): The wave of the rioters' chants to hang Mike Pence. The President responded with this sentiment Mike Pence quote, "deserves" it.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: January 6th Hearings]

TONY DOKOUPIL: Shocking new evidence and harrowing testimony from the Committee investigating the January 6th attack.

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JAMES CORDEN [on CBS's *The Late, Late Show with James Corden*, 06/10/22]: The January 6th Committee's report will be coming out in book form. It'll be available in paperback and Kindle. Mike Pence even did a blurb for the back of the book. He said, "two thumbs up, didn't get hanged."

STEPHEN COLBERT [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 06/09/22]: Vice President Pence was the only leader who made any attempt to call for defense of the Capitol that day.

GEN. MARK MILLEY: There were two or three calls from the Vice President and he was very animated.

COLBERT [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 06/09/22]: You know how crazy things have got to be for Mike Pence to get very animated. Normally, normally, normally the wildest he gets is wearing khakis with only one pleat.

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DOKOUPIL: Hey there. Welcome to *CBS Mornings*. I think you'd get pretty animated and direct if the gallows outside had your name on it.

MICHELLE MILLER: Absolutely.

DUTHIERS: And they are chanting your name.

MILLER: Yes.

DUTHIERS: Along with Speaker Pelosi.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Historic Hearing]

DOKOUPIL: Obviously January 6 is the big story today. We've got a lot to get to including some important perspective on last night's historic primetime hearing. We'll get reaction from John Dickerson and from Republican Congressman Adam Kinzinger, who is on the Committee.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Jan. 6th Hearings; New Evidence in Capitol Attack Revealed; Committee Lays Out Case That Fmr. Pres. Trump Incited Capitol Riots]

DUTHIERS: But let us begin with the clearest picture yet of what happened on January 6th as laid out in a primetime public hearing on Capitol Hill. The event began slowly with detailed statements from the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee. But then there was the video, almost 12 minutes of footage, much of it never seen before showing not just the shocking violence of the crowd, but also the timing of the day's events. The goal: Remind Americans of how atrocious that day was. We can't show you all of it, but here is just some of what was shared.

[JANUARY 6 COMMITTEE VIDEO]

DUTHIERS: At the center of all of this, according to the Committee was former President Trump. They call his actions an attempted coup, one they say he cheered, as it was unfolding. Scott MacFarlane is at the Capitol with a lot more details including never before seen testimony from former President's daughter, Ivanka Trump. Scott, good morning. What are we learning?

SCOTT MACFARLANE: Hey, Vlad. The Committee made the case, January 6th was not a spontaneous attack, that among other things, groups of the far-right Proud Boys were here in the morning before Donald Trump even spoke at the White House to do reconnaissance, to look for vulnerabilities and weak spots in the police line here at the Capitol that they then capitalized and let the mob in.

[JANUARY 6 COMMITTEE VIDEO]

MACFARLANE: With newly released video, the House Select Committee investigating the January 6th attack on the Capitol laid out their findings for the first time in public in a rare primetime hearing, Thursday night. Some of the Capitol Police officers who defended Congress and their families watched in the room overcome with emotion as they re-lived the deadly day.

CAROLINE EDWARDS: At that point, I had blacked out, but my -- the back of my head clipped the concrete stairs behind me.

MACFARLANE: One injured officer, Caroline Edwards described it as a warzone.

EDWARDS: There were officers on the ground. You know, they were bleeding. They were throwing up. They were you know, they had — I mean, I saw friends with blood all over their faces. I was slipping in people's blood.

CONGRESSMAN BENNIE THOMPSON (D-MS): Donald Trump, the President of the United States, spurred a mob of domestic enemies of the Constitution, to march down the Capitol and subvert American democracy.

MACFARLANE: The Committee wasted little time directing the blame at former President Trump.

THOMPSON: January 6th was the culmination of an attempted coup.

CHENEY: President Trump summoned the mob, assembled the mob, and lit the flame of this attack.

MACFARLANE: He was mentioned nearly 100 times in just the opening statements.

CROWD: Hang Mike Pence!

MACFARLANE: The Committee making the case former President Trump endorsed the hanging of his own Vice President for not stopping the 2020 election certification.

CHENEY: And aware of the rioters' chants to hang Mike Pence, the President responded with this sentiment, quote, "Maybe our supporters have the right idea."

MACFARLANE: Earlier Thursday, Trump's former Education Secretary Betsy DeVos publicly acknowledged for the first time she explored using the 25th Amendment to remove him from office after the attack.

CHENEY: They knew that President Donald Trump was too dangerous to be left alone.

MACFARLANE: The Committee says it series of hearings this month will show Trump knowingly lied about fraud in the election. In video clips, his former Attorney General William Barr said he was emphatic with Trump about false voter fraud claims.

BILL BARR: Which I told the President was bull [bleep].

MACFARLANE: A newly released video showed Ivanka Trump's interview.

JANUARY 6 COMMITTEE INVESTIGATOR: How did that affect your perspective about the election when Attorney General Barr made that statement?

IVANKA TRUMP: It affected my perspective. I respect the Attorney General Barr, so I accepted what he said — was saying.

MACFARLANE: Since the attack, five police officers who protected the Capitol January 6th, died. More than 820 people have been criminally charged so far. We have two more arrested Thursday, including a Republican candidate for Governor in Michigan who allegedly stormed the Capitol.

EDWARDS: I'm trained to detain, you know, a couple of subjects and handle, you know, handle a crowd but I'm not combat trained, and that day, it was just hours of hand-to-hand combat.

MAN: We were invited by the President of the United States.

MACFARLANE: The second hearing is Monday. The Committee says it will show Trump's team knew claims of election fraud were false. House Republicans have largely boycotted this Committee after also voting to block an Independent Commission to investigate January 6th. And Tony, one other note, the Chairman of the Committee says they will release all the transcripts from all the depositions they have conducted by the end of the year.

TONY DOKOUPIL: That video still has the power to shock. Scott, thank you very much. Let's go now to CBS News, chief political analyst John Dickerson who joins us from Washington. John, let me get out of the way and say good morning. What stood out to you?

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Jan. 6th Hearings; Impact of Capitol Riot Hearings; John Dickerson on the New Evidence Laid Out During Primetime Hearing]

JOHN DICKERSON: Good morning, Tony. So many things stood out. You had that dramatic testimony from Officer Edwards talking about slipping around on other people's blood, reminding us of the chaos and the mayhem that was unleashed by a lie. And on the topic of that lie, we saw how — we saw it for the first time, people including as people just saw with that clip of the President's daughter, so close to the President, people right next to him, telling him this is a lie. There is no evidence of widespread fraud. Also campaign advisers were shown in that testimony, we hadn't seen that before. So it just reaffirms, we knew that the Court said this, there was nothing to this. We knew all the state auditors said this, but the President was being told it -- told this by his closest aides that there was no evidence of fraud and yet, unleashed all of this mayhem. The final thing is Vice President Pence after the mayhem started, essentially acted as a shadow President. We didn't know this. He got on the phone and tried to get the National Guard out there. He was doing what the President would not. I haven't — I can't think of a moment in presidential history where a vice President has done something because the President would not do it.

MILLER: The Committee wanted this on primetime television. They wanted to capture America's attention. Do you believe that what they saw was enough to shift or change minds in the court of public opinion?

DICKERSON: I think in a country right now, where we have so many moments of outrage, so many things to pay attention to, it is going to take more than just one evening to change minds and you also have some number of people, whereas many Americans look at this and say, Donald Trump went too far. There are a lot of Americans who think he didn't go far enough. So where public opinion ends up on this question is yet to be seen, but the thing that's most vital about this is this is not some event in the past. This is about whether the democracy can handle the peaceful transfer of power, and that's a question of the present and it's a question of our future, so whether people are moved or not, it is vital enough that if they care about their democracy, they should be.

DOKOUPIL: John, on that question of the present and the future, you're right, we won't know where the public was and where they go after seeing this. But if we can take the longer view, you're a historian of the presidency, I'm struck by Adam Kinzinger — Representative Adam Kinzinger's comment that the hearing will change history. Do you think you've seen enough to say that that's true?

DICKERSON: Well, history has been changed already because this happened. This is the first attack on the Capitol since 1814. We've looked — we're learning new historical things like a Vice President had to step in where a President wouldn't and I think one of the key things is understanding the central role the President played. One of the things that was a part of the testimony is, it's not just about January 6th. When the election was decided President Trump tried everything possible to overturn the free and fair election. As testimony showed, former Attorney General Barr said, we can't live in a world where someone seizes power on no basis. I mean, that's a fundamental shot at the central tenant of American democracy. If you lose an election, you don't get to just say, "no, I won," and then use power to stay in office. That's exactly what the founders created the American government to push against. So it is — whether people see it in those historical terms or not, it is nevertheless, in those historical terms that we saw that testimony and that this story sits.

DOKOUPIL: Yes, and as Liz Cheney said Donald Trump, first President in American history to not relinquish power in the aftermath of a free and fair election. John Dickerson, thank you very much.

DICKERSON: Thanks, Tony.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Headlines; MI Gov. Candidate Charged for Role in Capitol Riot]

DOKOUPIL: Also in Michigan, an unusual arrest tied to the Capitol riot. Real estate broker Ryan Kelley seen here according to the FBI urging people toward the Capitol, was charged yesterday with four misdemeanor counts, including willfully injuring or attacking U.S. property. Now what

makes this case different is this: He was on Michigan's primary ballot as a Republican candidate for governor and, in fact, he still is. Kelley's campaign posted the words “political prisoner” on Facebook after his arrest.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: January 6th Hearings]

DOKOUPIL: Hard evidence and dramatic testimony about January 6, including new details on the actions of then President Trump. We will talk to Congressman Adam Kinzinger about what's next.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New Evidence in Capitol Attack Revealed; Committee Lays Out Case That Fmr. Pres. Trump Incited Capitol Riots]

DOKOUPIL: She really paints the picture there, graphic testimony and graphic images. We're going to begin with those images actually in this hour. They're the clearest picture yet of the January 6th attack laid out by the House Committee investigators on primetime television. It's a bipartisan Committee and it shared never before seen video of the assault and testimony from those close to former President Trump. Congresswoman Liz Cheney called out members of her own Republican Party for denying the evidence.

CHENEY: Tonight, I say this to my Republican colleagues who are defending the indefensible. There will come a day when Donald Trump is gone, but your dishonor will remain.

DOKOUPIL: The Committee also used video to highlight the role of far- right extremist groups including the moment they assaulted Capitol Police officer Caroline Edwards, knocking her unconscious. Congressman Adam Kinzinger is the other Republican on the Committee other than Representative Cheney, and he joins us now. Congressman, good morning to you. I think the opening question just needs to be what was the Committee trying to get done last night? And from where you sit, did they accomplish it?

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New Capitol Attack Evidence; Rep. Adam Kinzinger on First Televised Jan. 6 Committee Hearing]

CONGRESSMAN ADAM KINZINGER (R-IL): Well, I certainly think we accomplished it. And our goal was, it was both, you know, it has been a little over — it has been over a year since the

attack. It's easy to move on. We need to get to the bottom of it, so as to remind people of the truth of what happened. There is so much lies and misinformation out there, but then it's to lay out the top lines of our case — our case of why we believe Donald Trump is responsible, he lit the flame. He summoned the mob, as Liz said, and why we still continue to think this is a threat. There is a threat to democracy. That's the most important thing even more than accountability out of this is for the American people to understand that this could still be a problem. Democracy is not safe, unless we agree to follow a certain set of standards. I think we did that yesterday and we're going to drill into that a lot more over the next couple of weeks.

DOKOUPIL: Well, Congressman, let me pick up on that, because you're absolutely right. Democracy is not safe. There is amazing polling from the University of Chicago showing that something like 21 million Americans don't believe President Biden is a legitimately elected President — and this is a key thing — support the idea of violence in removing him. Do you think what you did last night spoke to that dangerous population in this country?

KINZINGER: You know, I don't know. And we'll see when this settles in. I think when we're through the hearings, what part of this part has soaked into that part of the population that has been protected from the truth that has been abused and taken advantage of, you know fundraised off of based on a lie. They've been turned into a fearful population by people that they trust that lie to them. So, we'll see if that changes that. What's most important to me at this moment is to make sure that the vast majority of Americans understand that the country is at threat. And eventually look, history is going to point back, Liz said it well with her your dishonor is forever basically, line is history is going to judge this time and it's going to — people are picking sides right now on what side of history they want to be judged on.

DUTHIERS: Congressman, it is Vlad, let me jump off in your comment there and Tony's question. There are many people in your party who are critical of this process. There are many people in the Republican Party who continue to this day to suggest that there was fraud in the 2020 election and yet what we saw from Congresswoman Cheney is the fact that there have been members of former President Trump's party, officials, Cabinet members who've all testified that they know that this was a lie, including the President of the United States, the then President of the United States himself, he knew that those allegations were -- that he was lying. What are your conclusions to draw on that?

KINZINGER: So this is something again, we're going to flush out over the next few weeks. We know, but we want to present it in the right way. But I think it is so obvious. Look, if the President truly believed the election was stolen, he is not mentally capable of being President, because every piece of evidence shown to him, done by anybody that's serious, besides wackos on the internet, said that the election was legitimate and that he was elected President. What we're going to see is how quickly a conspiracy on the internet ends up in his ears and attempted to be implemented. I think he didn't believe it. Look, I think Donald Trump is very mentally incapable of being President. But I think he knew that these were lies, but he was desperate for anything, anything he could grasp to stay in power, because he can't lose, although he is a loser, he doesn't want to lose and he'd rather throw out democracy, that he wouldn't actually honor it like that and look, there are a lot of American people that believe in Donald Trump, believe he is

telling them the truth. They're being abused and they are being lied to. I want those people to wake up and see the truth.

MILLER: Congressman, Michelle, here. I have to ask to that point, exactly. What is going to be done about it? Obviously, Congress cannot charge Donald Trump, as you say, the man who attempted a coup, but DOJ can, and so do you see that happening?

KINZINGER: I really hope so, if they can look at this and say that meets our threshold of evidence. Look, we have to be very careful and very clear. We're not a criminal committee. We're investigating the facts. But if DOJ looks at what we're doing, and said that reaches a threshold to charge, I think they should and I think that's what I hope they at least look at. But the bottom line of this is, regardless of how many people's minds turn today or tomorrow. This is something where you know I have a five-month-old boy now, his name is Christian. I want Christian when he's in high school to learn the truth about January 6th. And as of today, that's still up in the air because there's a lot of conspiracy theories out there that say it was the FBI or say it Antifa or God forbid. I mean, I was watching last night that video again as the hearing was going on and I remember a Member of Congress saying this was nothing more than a tourist visit. I just shook my head when I thought of that. It was amazing.

MILLER: You said it best, Congressman Kinzinger. Thank you very much.

KINZINGER: Yes.

DOKOUPIL: Thank you very much.