

# Proud Boys Leader Praises Pro-Trump Mob's Invasion of Capitol, Warns of More Disorder Ahead

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The leader of the [far-right Proud Boys](#) told The Wall Street Journal he expects more unrest to come as he and other members celebrate the pro-Trump mob that invaded the Capitol and the group's leader.

Reached by phone on Wednesday afternoon, Enrique Tarrío, the leader of the extremist group, blamed Democrats and President-elect Joe Biden for not listening to Trump voters' concerns about the legitimacy of the election.

"This is going to keep happening if they don't listen to the people," he said.

Mr. Tarrío [was arrested this week](#) and ordered to stay out of Washington after officials here brought weapons and other charges against him in connection with [unrest that followed last month's pro-Trump protests](#) in Washington. Mr. Tarrío said he watched the Capitol invasion unfold from a hotel room near Baltimore, Md., and that he plans to file a motion against the capital's ban against him.

“Whether it's the Capitol today or a state capitol tomorrow, or some other government building, you probably will see this,” he said. “I don't want that to happen, but fortunately this is a reminder to these politicians that they work for us. We don't work for them.”

The Proud Boys shot into the mainstream last year after [President Trump told the group to "stand back and stand by"](#) during a presidential debate, a comment that members celebrated. The far-right group describes itself as a men's organization for “Western chauvinists” and has often brawled with left-wing activists.

On a Parler social-media account earlier in the day, Mr. Tarrío praised the rioters who breached the Capitol.

"Proud Of My Boys and my country...."Don't \*\*\*\*ing leave," he said.

Around 2,000 to 2,500 of Mr. Tarrío's members showed up in Washington for the scheduled protests, he said, more than double the number who came to December protests that devolved into violence. Mr. Tarrío said he didn't know if any of his members breached the Capitol.

“People will be back here for the inauguration,” he said. “We might make an appearance. We haven't decided yet.”