

Racism

Imagine a group of black men in paramilitary gear with semiautomatic rifles moving towards a US state capitol building. Their chances of reaching the steps without a police stand-off – or worse – would be tiny.

Yet every few days white protesters do just that. They often enter the building armed but unchallenged. Nothing brings into sharper relief America's colour disparities than life and death in the great lockdown.

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