



Jimmy Kimmel takes a jab at Tucker Carlson at the Oscars saying: 'Editors can turn 44,000 hours of violent insurrection footage into a respectful sightseeing tour of the Capitol'

Description

Oscars host Jimmy Kimmel couldn't resist a chance to make a January 6 reference against Fox News' Tucker Carlson after the award for film editing was handed out during Sunday night's ceremony.

'Anyone who's ever received a text message from their father knows how important editing is,' he began. 'Editors do amazing things. Editors can turn 44,000 hours of violent insurrection footage into a respectful sightseeing tour of The Capitol. Their work is underappreciated,' Kimmel said.

It was an obvious reference to Carlson, despite Kimmel not even mentioning him by name.

The comment generated big laugh from the audience in the Dolby Theatre.

It referred to how last week, Carlson was given footage so he could launch a new effort to explain away the deadly Capitol attack.

Carlson linked the Republican Party ever more closely to pro-Trump conspiracy theories about the 2021 riot and described the riot as 'peaceful'.



Oscars host Jimmy Kimmel couldn't resist a chance to make a January 6 reference against Fox News' Tucker Carlson after the award for film editing was handed out during Sunday night's ceremony.

'Anyone who's ever received a text message from their father knows how important editing is,' he began. 'Editors do amazing things. Editors can turn 44,000 hours of violent insurrection footage into a respectful sightseeing tour of The Capitol. Their work is underappreciated,' Kimmel said.

Oscars host [Jimmy Kimmel](#) couldn't resist a chance to make a [January 6](#) reference against [Fox News'](#) Tucker Carlson after the award for film editing was handed out during Sunday night's ceremony.

'Anyone who's ever received a text message from their father knows how important editing is,' he began. 'Editors do amazing things. Editors can turn 44,000 hours of violent insurrection footage into a respectful sightseeing tour of The [Capitol](#). Their work is underappreciated,' Kimmel said.

Oscars host Jimmy Kimmel made a reference to the January 6th Capitol insurrection when presenting the award for film editing



Trump supporters are seen walking peacefully through the Capitol on January 6, 2021 from carefully chosen footage. Carlson described them as 'sightseers'

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy handed over more than 40,000 hours of surveillance footage from the 6 January 2021 attack on the US Capitol, allowing Carlson to hand pick moments from the siege to create a narrative that Trump supporters that broke into Congress were in fact 'orderly and meek' sightseers.

Since the footage was pieced together, there has since been a furious reaction from both Democrats and Republicans as well as the Capitol Police.

'An opinion program aired commentary that was filled with offensive and misleading conclusions about the January 6 attack,' Chief of the force Tom Manger wrote in an internal memo shortly after the program aired.

'The program conveniently cherry-picked from the calmer moments of our 41,000 hours of video. The commentary fails to provide context about the chaos and violence that happened before or during these less tense moments,' he added.



Last week Carlson cherry picked footage from the siege to create a narrative that Trump supporters who broke into Congress were 'orderly and meek' sightseers



Tucker Carlson on Monday night released footage from inside the Capitol on January 6, including clips showing the 'QAnon Shaman', Jacob Chansley (above), being apparently 'escorted' through the building

In footage screened on Carlson's show last Monday night, so-called QAnon Shaman Jacob Chansley was apparently seen being escorted into the Senate by Capitol police officers.

Carlson challenged the prevailing narrative that Chansley – jailed for four years over the incident – aggressively barged into the chamber.

Also broadcast was footage of Capitol cop Brian Sicknick, who died shortly after the riot.

It was originally suggested Sicknick's death came as the result of being attacked with a fire extinguisher and pepper spray by rioters.

But a medical examiner later ruled he'd died of natural causes. And Carlson shared footage of Sicknick walking around the Capitol after the attack.

He appeared in good health, which the Fox News host said poured cold water on liberal outlets' insistence that the Capitol rioters had Sicknick's blood on their hands.



Chansley is seen being followed through the Capitol by a police officer



Chansley, with his bullhorn, is seen on January 6, 2021 inside the Capitol

He also referenced Ray Epps, who was seen among the rioters urging them to storm the Capitol, yet was never charged – giving rise to suspicion that Epps was in fact an informant. Epps has denied working for the government.

On Monday, Carlson suggested Epps was lying.

‘They were orderly and meek,’ said Carlson of those who stormed the Capitol. ‘These were not insurrectionists; they were sightseers.’

Carlson said they ‘obviously revere the Capitol’, noting they took selfies and ‘queue up in neat little lines’.

‘Deadly insurrection. Everything about that phrase is a lie,’ he said.

‘Very little about January 6 was organized or violent. Surveillance video from inside the Capitol shows mostly peaceful chaos.’

Carlson pointed to footage showing the ‘QAnon Shaman’ – a bare-chested, Viking helmet-wearing Jacob Chansley – inside the Capitol.

Chansley, a 33-year-old naval veteran from Arizona, was one of the most high-profile figures to enter the Capitol on January 6.

He has been jailed for almost four years for ‘obstructing an official proceeding.’

In the footage, Chansley appears to be guided by an official as he wanders the Capitol.

He passes a line of riot police, who make no move to stop him.

Then they escort him to various entrances of the chamber which appear to be locked, and eventually find him an open door through which he vanishes.

‘Virtually every moment of his time inside the Capitol was caught on tape,’ said Carlson.

‘The tapes show the Capitol Police never stopped Jacob Chansley. They helped him. They acted as his tour guides.’

Carlson also showed the moments after Officer Brian Sicknick was confronted by the rioters.

Sicknick, 42, died on January 7 – the day after the riot.



Brian Sicknick is seen shortly after the Capitol was breached. Carlson said he appeared ‘healthy and vigorous’





Capitol rioter Julian Khater (pictured left) was sentenced to 80 months in prison for his role in the pepper-spray assault of police officer Brian Sicknick (pictured right), who died the day after the January 6, 2021 riot

In April 2021, the DC medical examiner ruled that Sicknick, who was injured while confronting rioters, suffered a stroke and died from natural causes.

'To this day, media accounts describe Sicknick as someone who was, quote, 'slain' on January 6,' Carlson said.

'The video we reviewed proves that is a lie.'

Carlson said the officer was 'healthy and vigorous,' and noted he was wearing a helmet.

'So it's hard to imagine he was killed by a head injury,' he said.

'Whatever happened to Brian Sicknick was very obviously not the result of violence he suffered at the entrance to the Capitol.

‘This tape overturns the single most powerful and politically useful lie the Democrats have told us about January 6.’

There have been multiple deaths linked to the riot, including four Trump supporters – one of whom, Ashli Babbitt, was shot dead by Capitol Police.



Carlson further suggested alleged Capitol Rioter Ray Epps – pictured in red Trump cap – was actually an FBI agent sent to stoke violence. Epps denies his claims

Four officers died by suicide in the days and weeks after the riot.

There have also been roughly 1,000 arrests.

The footage comes as Fox News continues to contest a \$1.6 billion lawsuit taken out against the broadcasting giant by Dominion, who manufactured voting machines for the 2020 election.

Fox is being sued over claims the network endorsed theories the firm's voting machines were rigged to deliver a Biden win.

The broadcaster's owner Rupert Murdoch was recently deposed over the lawsuit, and said he'd 'liked (Fox) to have been stronger denouncing' the stolen election claims.

Fox news denies the claims made against it by Dominion.

By JAMES GORDON

Category

1. Main
2. Politics-Geopolitics-Gov.-Events

Date Created

03/14/2023