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Confronting Capitol Riot Security Failures and Domestic Violent Extremism

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The protesters who descended on our nation's capital on Jan. 6 were ostensibly exercising their First Amendment rights to peaceably assemble and seek redress from their government. Many were under the mistaken presumption that an election had been stolen from their preferred candidate. Weeks of judicial challenges to the election results had been exhausted and ultimately failed. The period for seeking judicial remedies had ended. Yet, still many fervently believed they had been wronged.

Election fraud is certainly concerning for a representative republic like the United States. But investigations always conclude instances are episodic—not systemic. However, the mob that perpetrated what has become known as the "Capitol riots" would not be sated by mere civil assembly and vocal remonstrations. Five people died as a result of...

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Despite the disruption, however, a highly anticipated report detailing conditions and attitudes in the security industry shows optimistic signs.

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In a recent episode of the prepare. respond. recover. podcast, Carla Gray, director of security for Uber, discussed how disruptors like Uber can use technology to augment a community's disaster response.

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