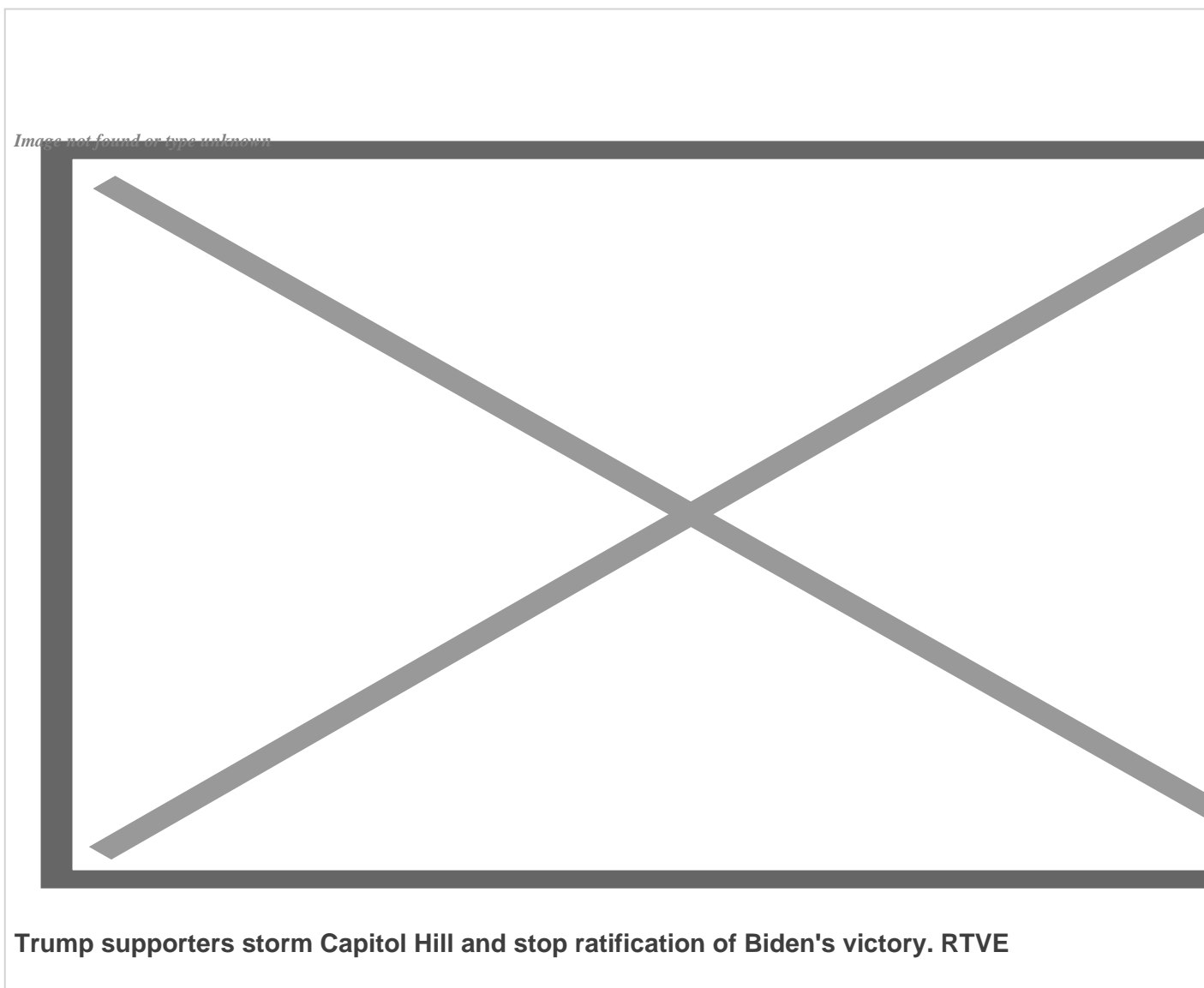


The wound is as deep as a year ago



By Roberto Morejón

Americans remain as divided on many issues as they were last January, the country remains threatened by violence, and justice is far from unraveling the scope and masterminds of the assault on the Capitol in Washington.

Not even with his emphatic attacks on the person who inspired that invasion to the so-called temple of democracy, President Joseph Biden was able to make progress in the healing of the wounds, as he promised to do.

The mobs persuaded that their talisman, then first-term President Donald Trump, had been robbed of a victory in the November 2020 elections, have not been the only ones to believe such a claim, despite the evidence presented.

More than half of Republican Party voters still say that the Democrats stole Trump's victory, and Trump repeats the falsehood, never mind inflaming tempers.

The prevailing polarization is helped by the slow progress of investigations through the judicial and legislative channels, and the fact that only 700 defendants have been indicted with 71 convictions.

Many Americans and the rest of the inhabitants of this planet are still wondering how the country, self-proclaimed bastion of democracy, came to an insurrection against the Capitol, which left five dead and 140 police officers and agents wounded.

And if we are talking about questions, the ones related to this year's mid-term elections are latent, since the horizon is not clear of the danger of another confrontation.

As is well known, any rivalry is deeply risky in a country with almost six thousand atomic bombs and armed to the teeth.

There are also white supremacist groups, race riots and messages aimed at stirring souls, launched by the media.

It is not by chance that a survey conducted in 2019 showed that almost a third of Americans considered that a civil war was "likely" to break out within five years.

In that context, the chilling image of a member of the extremist group QAnon, disguised as a bison, parapeting in the Senate of the richest and most militarily powerful nation is not forgotten.

Nor is the great doubt of many earthlings relegated to the past, summed up by the president of Ukraine, curiously tucked in by both Trump and

Biden: "It's hard to see America as a symbol of democracy after the assault on Capitol Hill."

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