

Where Are the Jan. 6 Committee Hearings?

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since at least December 2021. From what we can tell, two key decisions on the committee's part seem to have played in this delay. First, the committee made an early decision to finish its investigative work before starting hearings. And second, investigators have chosen to scope their work widely, following a number of different leads in their effort to understand what happened on the day of the insurrection and the months before. The result is an investigation that the committee may struggle to wrap up and present to the public in the time that remains before January 2023. If the goal is still for the committee to establish

publicly “for the American people in vivid color exactly what happened on Jan. 6” —, the committee seems to have divided its work among five different “teams” of investigators each probing a different facet of the Capitol riot and the events leading up to it. The first team, the Post writes, is focusing on “understanding the preparation and response to the event by federal and local law enforcement.” Another, which the Times terms the “green team,” is studying the fundraising efforts related to lies about election fraud. Yet another is, according to the Post, “investigating online misinformation and extremist activity”—the Times refers to this as the “purple team” and describes it only as focusing on “domestic violent extremist groups.” A fourth, the “gold team” in the Times’s description, is studying efforts to pressure lawmakers in Washington, D.C., and around the country to overturn the election. And fifth, the “red team” is examining the organizers of the several planned rallies on the National Mall the day of Jan. 6.