

Persuasive Speeches on the Capitol Fence

By Brent Third Graders

Azania Neill

Imagine this – three miles of metal fencing, with jagged razor wire on top. It costs millions of dollars. It's surrounding and blocking us from the beautiful Capitol of our nation.

It's ugly and it ruins the place where we all used to walk and have fun with our family and friends.

It affects tourism and businesses who rely on tourism. And this is why I think it should be taken down – NOT TOMORROW, NOT NEXT WEEK, BUT NOW!

When I was a small I used to sled down Capitol Hill. My dad used to jog around it, along with many others, and my mum used to bike down the Hill to work. But now we can't, because the barriers surround the Capitol. It looks like a prison from the outside. And the barrier is taking away our nation's Capitol from its people!

The security does not keep the Capitol safe. It only keeps the building secure. One of my close friends had to leave their home and all their things because somebody planted a bomb near their house. And their house doesn't get a fence. Why should the Capitol? A fence isn't going to protect us, if someone really wants to hurt us they will.

Isn't the Capitol already protected enough? Why do we need more security? Why should we be made to suffer for the actions of someone else? If security couldn't protect the Capitol from a crowd of people when the Capitol was attacked on January 6th, then surely the question is what went wrong on **THAT** day?

Take down the fencing and the razor wire! It makes us look like a weak and scared country. We're being scared by our own people! If we don't take down the fence, then is it really **OUR** nation and **OUR** Capitol? We've already been locked up enough by covid, why should we be locked out from OUR nation's greatest building the Capitol!

Eliza Summers

I know you might be thinking about how we need the fence for safety around the capitol. However we need the capitol area for things in our life, so believe me when I tell you putting a fence around the capitol is taking away a very important place for our people.

One of the reasons the capitol is important is tourists that's right tourist, tourists come to our city every year especially to see the capitol but if they come this year they will be very disappointed they would come from ALL over the world just to see that there is fencing around the capitol.

Another reason why the fence should be taken down is because of the citizens of DC. Our people are intimidated and scared because the fence comes off as unwelcoming or ominous. The fence is a bad reminder of something awful that happened in our city, and is unsettling for many citizens.

One other reason why the fence should be taken down is because it interferes with people's daily life for example the fence has blocked off one of the busiest streets on capitol hill. Also the fence goes all the way to union station and starts by the 695 highway, so you could easily get lost while bike riding, running, walking your pet or while you're just on a walk.

These are all reasons why putting a fence around the capitol is taking away a very important place for our people. I know these aren't all the reasons just a few, but I hope that this will help get the fencing around the capitol taken down.

George Ashe

The fencing around the Capitol should be taken down for three reasons:

1. I can't go sledding in the winter. I like it and I always try to sled down faster than my brothers. It makes me feel sad that I couldn't do it this year. I'm frustrated.
2. My dog Joey has never been there and it makes me feel sad that we can't take him. I think he'll like it there but he's never been able to go there.
3. When I see people carrying guns it makes me worried. I think they are going to shoot me and my friends. When I think about that it makes me very sad.

The Capitol is like my backyard. It has a lot of space. We do not have a lot of space. I do not like the Capitol Fencing. Maybe you could take it down when we have our vaccine because there would be no COVID and it would be safer for us to go around. I don't want the streets blocked off anymore by the fence. These are my reasons for why you should take the Capitol fencing down.

Hadley Moldenhauer

I think the capital fence should be taken down because it shows worry to our nation.

The fence also does not allow people to enjoy the beauty of Washington, DC.

and for some of us it feels safe but to me it feels unnecessary.

Also, It is too much too late. I learned this phrase from my brother and dad.

And in my opinion it is not worth a million dollars a day just to have this fence up. In DC it now feels like prison, after a year the guards might feel unexcepted. And 2,000 guards are there and that is way too much.

If you keep this fence up it will be a regret. Also it will scatter tourists away from our home.

Even if January 6th comes back we can still be ready without the fence.

682,693 people have to take things out of their daily routine.

Every day I would go to the capital but now no no no I can't.

And that is why I think the fences over Capitol Hill should be taken down.

James Drobnyk

I think why the fence around the capital should be taken down when it snows you can't sled. Also because you can go on bike rides with your family .Also you can't take walks with your family. Also because if you are a tourist you will not get money. Who wants dc to be like This for ever hardly anyone. Imagine the capital always like this!! Who will go to dc for a fence and 5,000 national guard troops. that is why the capital fence should be took down.

Lila Fansmith

The time is over. Trump. Is out of office. Today. Today. Right now. we are safe. Now. right now. We are prepared. We are ready. We do not need a fence. That blocks our beautiful city. OUR. Not anyone else's. OUR beautiful city. And this city is important to us. The fence on the other hand. Can go. Sure I get its for extra protection. But it affects the people. Who live in this city. Parents can't take their normal walks. Kids can't go sledding. On the best hill. There is. The fence affects the people of this city. This city. OUR city. Please consider thinking about this.

Max Lightner

The world is coming down on us. There are many problems happening at once.

One of them is the swap of presidents. Before the inauguration fences came rising up. National guards came swarming in on us. So I want the fences to go down.

DC is like a war zone now. The U.S. is supposed to be a place of freedom. NOT a place of DICTATORS! This is why I want the fences to go down!!!

The Capitol is for ALL citizens of the U.S. ! To keep DEMOCRACY you need to VOTE. Most of the citizens in the U.S. want the fences to go down. More wanted them to go down than stay up overall.

The Capitol is like our front yard. Imagine this: your front yard has to be walled off, you would be sad. If the fences stay up, we will eventually lose democracy.

The fences are tall and scary. It's like we're trapped in a different city.

I know you think if you take down the fences the Capitol will be attacked again but don't worry. Congress what you're doing is silly. Most of the protesters are gone.

One time my family walked down to the fences and it felt like there was a prison in front of our house. It was not something to joke about. My body was so scared I wanted to run away.

The warning that the fences are giving is scary. But if the gates stay up they will eventually be there forever. So I think it should stay up for 50 more days then it should go down.

In conclusion, the fences should go down. With luck we should be fine.

Nathan Champa

Imagine you were on a walk and you saw a gun, you would be scared right? Now you know how it feels to be me.

Why are the fences up in the first place? I think the fences around the capitol should be taken down. I like to bike in front of the Capitol but because of the fences I cannot.

The Capitol got attacked because people thought that Trump should be president. Now that Biden is officially president people will not attack the Capitol. I'm scared because seeing gun is scary, is it not.

Why do I feel like there is a war going on by the Capitol?
Washington, DC is not a war zone so why are you making it one?

We should remove the fencing from the Capitol. It makes me sad to see the fences up.

By the end of the month. we will have wasted 19 million dollars because we are scared.

Soldiers have to sleep on the ground all night and they have 12 hour shifts. There are thousands of troops by the Capitol and we do not need them all here. Maybe some troops stay when the fencing is removed to help everyone feel safer.

I think that the fences show scared we are. Congresswoman Norton this is why the Capitol fencing should be taken down.

Nate Brindger

First of all, I want to say that when rioters stormed the US Capitol America was unready but at the end of the day the US repelled the terrorist attack. After the attack the US put a three mile long fence around the Capitol. It's time to take down the fence.

Did anyone ever tell you how much it cost to keep this fence up until the end of March? Well I will. It cost roughly \$19 million. Think about what all this money could be going to. Vaccine production, schools, medical equipment for the pandemic.

At first that fence made us feel safer but after a couple of weeks it struck fear in eyes, our eyes. When you walk up to this fence and it is your first time here in Washington, a shiver goes down your spine. You think, what is this? I didn't think there was a fence here. Well there is now and this is the scariest part. The barbed wire only gives you thoughts of what bad things could happen and not all the good things that have happened for the American people here. Isn't the Capitol supposed to be for us, the people?

Think of all the childhood memories people have made at the Capitol. Sledding, biking, walking around the Capitol grounds. I remember paying tribute to Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the Supreme Court steps when she passed away. I remember all those times the streets and sidewalks were filled with cars and people. Now the Capitol grounds are basically a ghost town.

Can I ask you something? After world war two did we put fences around America, NO we did not! So I say take down these fences and give us back our roads, parks, bike paths and so much more so I say take down the fences!

Nia Malia Simpson-Blackwood

The fence should be taken down from around the Capitol.

The Capitol is in Washington D.C. It is a very important building where a lot of important bills are done. It's a pretty white, oval shaped building with the Lady of Freedom sits on top.

1. On January 6th lots of people break into the Capitol, by breaking windows and doors, and also stole lots of important things. Because of what they did they put up the fence.

First of all, people cannot visit it like they would before. People cannot walk their pets, I cannot ride my bike to visit the duck pond.

Next, I am very concerned and curious when will it be safe from the fence.

Lastly, I wish the fence will come down soon.

Ryan Taylor

The Capital is a sign of freedom and now it is fenced off. And that feels like a bit of Americas freedom is getting taken away. I think that the fence around the Capital should be taken down. It is not fair to the people that live near the Capital, because it looks like they are in a BIG prison, [one of my friends live there, and he told me that].

And guards have to sleep on the floor and take 12-hour shifts, and we don't know even know that there will be another January 6th.

When coronavirus was not there I used to sled at the Capital. I would see the Christmas tree with my Gram and Gramps. And now the fence is up, and the fun is down.

Imagine a place that you go to every month where you have fun and is a sign of freedom, and now it is fenced off.

Sadie Grace Isquith

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Vincent Meltzer

We should take down the fence-You might be saying. "Why?," well this is why. Have you ever been in a city with 2,300 Military guards (That are armed and wearing uniform.) and a 12 foot, metal, barbed fence guarding one building? Well that is exactly what happened in Capitol hill, Washington in 2021. And did I mention that it was not any building it was the Capitol.

After just one break in, they did that-Imagine you're a tourist, wouldn't you be upset if you only got to see the Capitol from three blocks away. Yeah, THREE blocks!

My next reason is, if you're a runner/biker what would you do if you can't enjoy running up and down the hill and on the new biking track.

And also it covers so many beautiful landmarks, including the library of congress, the supreme court and the fountain pool.

Another reason is, many houses, homes, and businesses;(that are running out of business.) are stuck in fence- It seems very hard to get out. It also feels very unfriendly and scary when there are people with big Machine guns out your window.

Did you know that it's tough on the guards too. Firstly, they have to take 12 hour shifts. They all so have to sleep on the hard ground. I think it's crazy that people have to sleep on the ground. I used to do all of these fun activities at the capitol including, sledding down the capitol and enjoying the grounds. That is all evidence we should take down the giant fence.

Ari Ratzman

"Why is there a big fence around all of Washinton D.C?" Wich is a common question asked. Ever since January 6th there has been a big fence around D.C. You may be asking "Why are you mad about that? How does it affect you?" It doesn't just affect me, it effects everyone who lives in Washington! 1. It stops and take up time. Let's just say you are going to work if it is safe there obviously, but there is a problem, The fences are not blocking but slowing you down. You have to show some people your ID witch takes a long time to go through. 2. Lots of people used to have a great time at the capitol. Take a walk, play on the fresh cut grass look all around to see the other nice buildings. 3. The fence covers the supreme Court building, the Library of Congress witch are nice to look at but not with fences right around them! They are not going to be damaged like the Capitol got. And that's why I think that the Capitol fences should go down.

Brian Serrano

On January 6, 2021, there were protests at the capitol. After that people put a fence around the capitol grounds. Now, it's been two months. They should take down the fence because it's not likely there will be another protest.

At this point, Trump isn't the president anymore. People have accepted it and should now be forgetting about him. Other people, especially the people that live here want the fence down. And there is a lower chance for other protests like the one that happened on January 6th.

I think that they fence helped before, but now I think they should take it down.

Thank you.

Olivia Moore

I think the capital fence should go down because it's scary to have to see guns the soldiers with guns. As kids right now, don't we already have enough going on? The capital was a wonderful place but now when you get to the fence it feels like you are in a scary movie, and that does not feel good. The area around the capitol used to feel like a community, but now no one can come to it at any time. We should compromise and take the fence down, but leave some of the guards guarding the capitol. Then it still can be safe, but the fence is down. We all love the capitol and it's a happy place where people can drive, bike, and be happy.

This is why I think we should take the fence down.

Chloe Whitcomb

Soldiers sleeping on the ground, taking 12 hour shifts, kids being threatened at every turn, this may sound like its coming from a different country, but this is coming STRAIT from the U.S.A! what could this be? The D.C capitol fencing! My speech is about why we should take down the capitol fencing.

The capitol fencing is a ugly worthless piece of war metal surrounding public space. Remember when you were a kid? Did you have to face this? Think about that.

Kids want to go sledding, there was even good snow this year. But no, the fence had to be up and was blocking D.C kids from having fun. I mean, what's up with that? With Carona virus going on, it is very hard for kids to have their regular amount of fun that they should be having! Remember your childhood? Wasn't it fun? Thanks a lot gates, you've blocked hundreds of children from having good fun on a good snowy weekend, witch, by the way, is rare in D.C.

That's not enough for you, I would like you to know that innocent exercisers have also been affected by the gates. My mom used to run up to the capitol and back. Now, again, the gates have blocked her and a million more bickers and runners from getting regular exercise, especially on capitol hill.



The gates send a message of fear. Every time I walk by the gates, I stare at the RAZER wire. Its seems to stare back at me and make fear shiver through my body. I look at the guns the guards are holding, and they seemed to be pointing strait at me. I tell myself to look away, but the memory still haunts me for the rest of the weekend. (where you ever threatened when you were a kid?)

I can't stop thinking about the RAZER wire. It stops direct, fast, and easy travel through the city. Another reason why a million people are affected by the gates and RAZOR wire. I know you might be concerned about safety, but you will have to take it down at some point. Not to mention, all of the money it takes to keep the gate up every day! the money is in the millions!

You will have to take some risks, but it will be worth it. Believe me, the fence is not making us any safer. Soldiers trying hard to work long shifts, sleeping on the ground. Take it from the soldiers perspective, doing 12 hour shifts, day after day, just enough time in the other 12 hours to get home and get a good sleep, get a meal, the same routine every day. Would you like to be one of those people? All I am asking for is the congress or the president just to take it down, though, you might need help with that. But remember, you are doing this for the kids of D.C, the teenagers of D.C, and the adults of D.C.

Eli Mtunguja

Do you ever wonder that people can get hurt by the fence around the Capitol because I see some people get hurt and also there are no more attacks hapning at the Capitol and some gardes have to stand there all day for no reson and there is no one there so its for no reson and I think they should at leest have beds because they have to sleep on the grass and allso if the atckers come back I don't think they will come so pleas don't come to the Capitol to chang the fills because the votes are afishil so that is why you should take down the fence.

Alex Webster

What is going on in our country? Has congress lost its mind or has it done something great? Think, do you want the fence there? I think that we should take out the fence and abandon it. 1: It makes it harder for people to get there exercise. 2: It is the chary annoyingness on top of the ice-cream Sunday of difficulty driving. 3: It's splitting the city in halves. People don't want to go around it and it's straight smack in the middle of the city. 4: When people come to the city for the first time, they want to see the dutiful building that they've seen a million times on TV and not 7 foot tall bared wired fence with the national Gard. 5: It makes it feel like the country at war.

Well you might be thinking "What if 1/6/21 happens again?" A big reason that people could break into the capital is that the police was not prepared for it. So if we prepare them than we have almost no reason to not tear down the fence.

Now do you want the capital fencing to go down?

Nora Baker

The reason why I think the fencing around the capitol should be taken down is because the whole point of living in D.C. is walking around. With the fences up we can't walk around the city. Another reason why the fencing should be taken down is that Biden is president now so nobody would want to break into the capitol. Another reason is because kids can't sled on the capitol hill. If there weren't any fences people could exercise more and wouldn't hurt themselves doing exercise elsewhere. Do you want people to hurt themselves?

Another reason why the fence should be taken down is because the fence makes it harder to get around. Some people who are doing work in person have to leave extra early because the fence adds an extra 20 minutes to their walk. A 30 minute walk is enough for me without adding another 20 minutes. The fence should also be taken down because it could scare some 2 year old's. The soldiers guarding the fence have guns which can scare everybody. Nobody wants to walk to work and see a big gun in front of them.

People are talking about the fence being permanent and everybody I know says that they don't want that to happen. The national guard has no place to sleep so they sleep on the ground, can't visit their families, and have 12 hour shifts. The people who are guarding the fence are being taken away from other important emergencies. Did you know that if we want to keep the fence up for the rest of the month it will cost \$19 million? Why would anybody want to spend that much money on something that is useless. Everybody is already prepared if there is another attack. Right now is VERY unlikely that there will be a repeat of January 6th. In conclusion this is why I think the fencing around the capitol should be taken down.

Virginia Walker Hanna

The first reason I think that the capital fencing should be taken down is because it does many bad things to people and the environment. For example say a baby squirrel got lost and needed to find his family It took months but he finally found his family but they were on the other side of the fence you would probably think that the squirrel would be able to climb over the fence but it is a baby squirrel it can't climb.

Another reason the capital fencing should be taken down is because what if you had a really important meeting and you need to be on time but you were in such a rush you forgot that there was capital fencing you would try to take a short cut and just then you would realize there was capital fencing you would be late to the meeting and maybe even get fired.

And think about what it does to kids. They want to do something great in there lives but they can't if they feel Like they are fenced in. What if a kid wanted to become an artist someday. What if they wanted to paint a picture of the capital. All they would get in there painting is some trees, a little bit of the capital and the fence. That kid would feel ashamed of not being able to get a good painting of the capital maybe even give up his dream. I mean there goes the next Leonardo da Vinci.

I am not saying the capital should not have any protection there are always police officers to protect the capital.

Another reason the capital fencing should be taken down is because in a few years vines will start growing on the fence and nobody will be able to see the beautiful view of the capital maybe even forget that the capital is even there. It would be pretty sad if we forgot about a very important landmark.

Beatrix Dadd

This fence needs to be taken down. This is the center of our city our beautiful city. We can't live like this when the snow falls we go sledding, "Where?" The best hill in this city has a fence around it. In the summer the capitol has beautiful plants and flowers but what do we do look through the fence? This is our backyard and you can't take that away from us. "Take this fence down". Yes we have a lot of problems in the world and this is one of them. How are we supposed to live our lives if the best part of our city has a fence? It's like we're trapped and the only way out is to take this fence down. Did you know that if we keep this fence up it will cost 19 million dollars by the end of the month? Yes where taking extra precaution but, we are making soldiers sleep on the ground take 12 hour shifts and who knows if we're going to actually have another January 6th? The roads are blocked the fence has barbwire. You might think that moving the fence in by one road is a lot but your taking away a chunk of every ones lives. My brother used to be able to see the capitol through his window but now all he sees is a big fence. The capitol is my breakfast in the morning and my dinner at night it's the light in the dark. "Take this fence down!" Everyone is talking about this fence good or bad who knows? But I feel that we need to be Rosie the Riveter Abraham Lincoln George Washington. We need to be the leaders! "WE NEED TO TAKE THIS FENCE DOWN!!!"

Lea Catanzano

Have you ever wanted to forget about something so badly? Let me explain why I want the fence around the capital be taken down. When you look at the fence around the capital all you think about is the day that the capital got broken into. So please do some people a favor and take it down.

When you see the guns it just makes you scared especially because some people have never seen a gun before. Because of the fence it's harder to get to work to school and it just makes life harder. It's also not fair to soldiers who have to sleep on the cold hard ground they can't see their families. And some people think we should keep it up for the entire summer but the summer is where the soldiers see their families. But they can't see their families with their 12 hour shifts. It's so hard to be a kid with the fence up because you see all these guns all the time. And it's just scary. So my conclusion I think you should take the fence down because of all of these reasons.

Charlie Levin

I think the fence should be taken down. It is intimidating and everybody does not like it.

Roads are in the fence it's very hard to get around. Congress do you really want to spend that much money on something that 25% of DCS inhabitants like? So that's why I think that the fence should be taken down.

Here's a norther reason why the fence should be taken down. When my friend was going to have a birthday. It was meant to be a birthday at the capital riding our bikes but with the fence we can't.

So that's why I think the fence should be taken down.

Jane Lewis

My Speech: I knew I know you
might be thinking the fence
around the capitol is a good idea
and keeping it up for another
hundred ~~thir~~ eighty days is another
good idea. Well you're wrong and
if you think ^{your} idea is a good
idea you definitely need to
listen to this speech.
By keeping this fence up
you are hurting past memories
and with this fence up
we can't make new ones.
With the fence up kids
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people can't ride their bikes, and
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from their government. Who
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January 6th, we have no idea.
So I say knock the fence
down!!