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A lot of the anger about non-white people voting for a white nationalist is because some people don't understand one inarguable historical truth:

THAT'S EXACTLY HOW YOU BECOME WHITE!

A thread:

First of all, let's all agree that whiteness is some shit people made up. It has no basis in science or even logic.

For instance, for MOST of American history, the Irish weren't considered white and they might be the whitest people on the planet!

Now the Irish WERE NOT slaves, but the English and Scottish considered them "the closest thing to the negro" and "human chimpanzees"

Do you know how far England is from Ireland?

21 miles!

It's like when Brooklyn niggas talk shit about people from Queens.

if they sought for it at home. A creature manifestly between the Gorilla and the Negro is to be met with in some of the lowest districts of London and Liverpool by adventurous explorers. It comes from Ireland, whence it has contrived to migrate; it belongs in fact to a tribe of Irish savages: the lowest species of Irish Yahoo. When conversing with its kind it talks a sort of gibberish. It is, moreover, a climbing animal, and may sometimes be seen ascending a ladder laden with a hod of bricks.

It was only after the slaves were freed that the Irish moved up on the social ladder. An 1864 Democrat document said "There is the strongest reason for believing that the first movement toward amalgamation in this country will take place between Irish and Negroes."

They were considered athletic, strong and lazy. They could dance, though. Plus, they excelled in boxing.

Does any of this sound familiar?

So how did they become white?

Well, basically, it was because of Gangs.

In cities across the country, the Irish couldn't live among whites. But when free blacks moved to cities like NY and Chicago during the Great Migration, black people started taking their jobs and their housing, so they formed gangs.

Soon, the gangs gained control of politics

For instance, Chicago's Richard Daley was a member of the Hamburgs, one of the gangs responsible for the Chicago Riot in 1919. Now, Daley never admitted his involvement but curiously, he was elected president of the Hamburgs just after

Then he became mayor.

Well, when these gangs gained control of the political apparatus, they gave their gang members municipal jobs, mostly as police officers and firemen. And because they were in charge of police departments and they had beef with black people...

Not only did they use their positions to enforce white supremacy, but they did it with the explicit intention of clearing a space for themselves.

In Philly, William "Bull" McMullen, leader of the Killers, murdered a man and went into the army to escape conviction (ironic, huh?)

When he came back, he became part of the Democratic Party leadership, organized the community to support the mayor, was elected alderman and made the police force 76 percent Irish.

Same thing in NY.

In 1855, Irish gangsters stuffed the ballot box for Mayor Fernando Wood.

His first major act was to add 246 policemen to the force, half of which were Irish. By 1860, the fire dept was 75 % Irish. And because cops and firefighters couldn't drink in public, they hung out in bars. And because they hung out in pubs run by Irish gangsters...

They unionized and were connected politicians to organized crime. They could even write their own rezoning laws and street permits. That's why cities have rows of Irish pubs. They had entire streets where they could get drunk and not get in trouble. White men don't do that

Well, maybe they do it once a year. Maybe on a holiday or something

And THAT's why cities shut down and have drunkfests on St. Patrick's Day.

And who gets to march in those parades?

Cops and firemen.

And that's how they became white.

You know who else was good at boxing, dancing, singing and gangs?

When the Italians streamed into the US in the late 1800s they were the best entertainers, athletes and workers. But no one wanted to live around them because they were dirty. Plus they were criminals

But they stuck together. However, this made them more suspect. People believed every Italian was in the mafia or plotting an overthrow of the gov't.

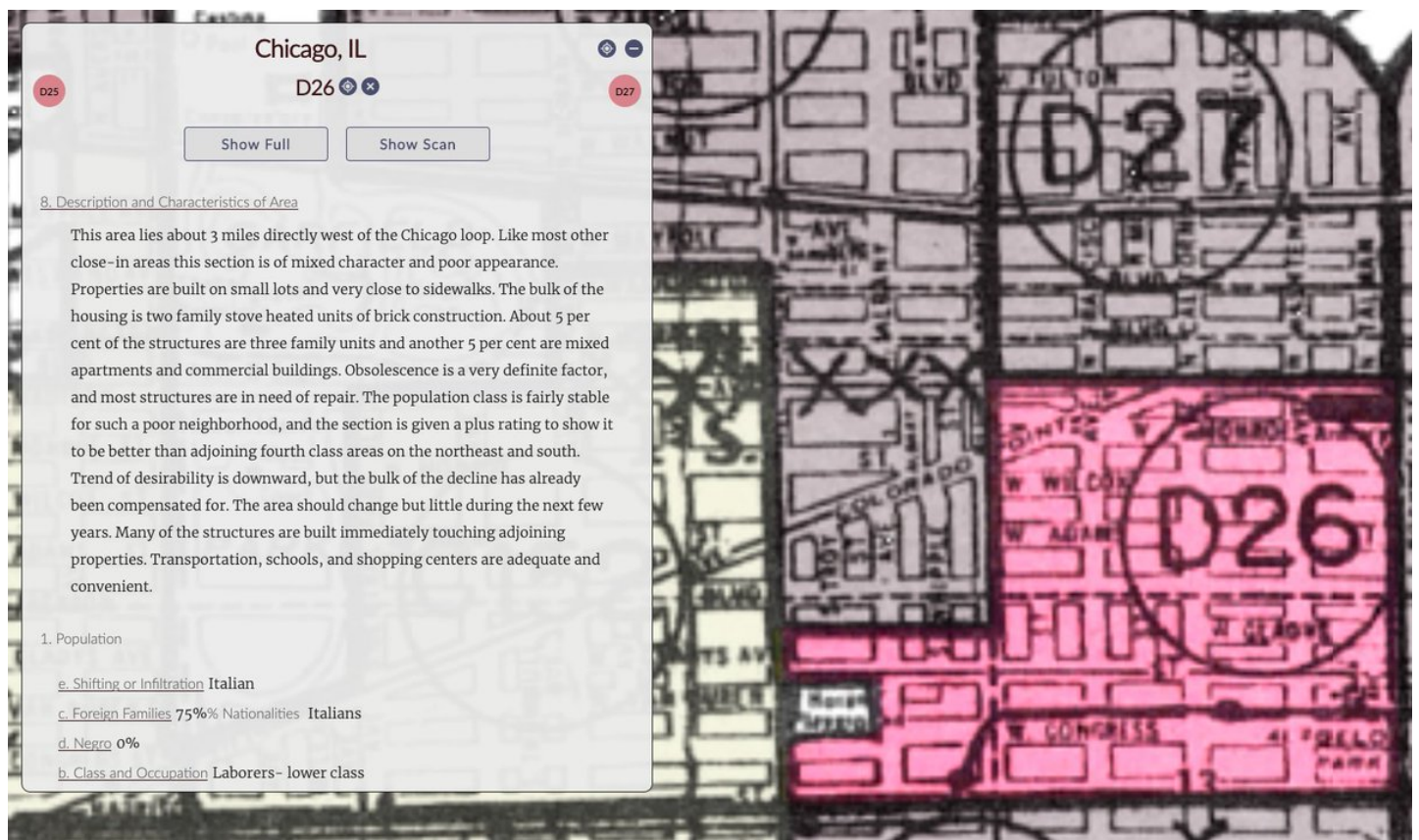
In 1891, a mob lynched 11 Italians after they were acquitted for murdering a New Orleans cop.

Anti-Italian sentiment sparked the rise of the KKK in the 1900s, not to mention the nativist movement. The 1924 National Origins act reduced Italian immigration by 98%

And during the great migration, to white people, there was no difference between Blacks & Italians

After the great depression, the government handed out low interest loans to everyone except black people. But the gov't didn't consider Italians whites, so if you lived in a black or Italian neighborhood, it was all the same.

We were even allowed to go to their schools



"Their schools?"

Oh yeah, until 1940s, naturalization documents listed "Italian" as a separate race from white.

So how did they become white?

White supremacy.

Italians practiced Jim Crow even when whites businesses didn't & ONLY voted for politicians who supported Jim Crow

Remember when they rounded up Japanese Americans after Pearl Harbor?

Well, they did that to Italians, too. Roosevelt declared Italian Americans to be "enemy combatants" But by the time they displaced 10,000, they were like:

Damn, there are a lot of these motherfuckers!

But Italian Americans signed up to fight in WWII. Some explicitly said they did it to change the nefarious perception. And guess what?

When they came back, they were white!

They refused to live & attend schools with Blacks

In 1947, Chicago Italians students staged a walkout because there were "so many negroes in our school."

Luckily, the problem was fixed in less than a week when ten black children died in a fire when an arsonist set their building on fire.

To protect themselves, black youths formed their own gangs MODELED AFTER the Irish and Italian gangs. But by then, the Italians had ousted blacks from their hoods

So where did the Black people go?

Well, in 1941, the City of Chicago decided to give away homes!

Of course, they didn't give them to Black people. Instead, they herded Black people into the low-cost Frances Cabrini row homes, razed the old black neighborhoods and created Italian and Jewish communities!

Of course, this took off. Cities across the country did it!

But they had a decision to make.

Remember that "redlining" policy that prevented banks from offering loans in places where black people lived? How could they deny these brave Italian veterans low-interest mortgages? (They did it to Black vets, though)

These people had cleared the neighborhoods and fought in a war! They had helped herd the blacks and voted for their oppressor?

And, viola! The Italians were made white!

Jewish Immigrants followed this same model.

So did the "ethnic" Polish.

It's actually an American tradition.

Now, let me ask you a serious question but first you gotta promise that you won't Google the answer:

What is "Hispanic?"

Seriously. Do you know?

Puerto Rico has been part of this country for 100 years. Are they Hispanic because they are a Caribbean island?

In fact, why are Haitians considered Black and Dominicans Hispanic even though they're from the same island?

How are you a Native American if you were on one side of the Rio Grande but you're a Hispanic Mexican if you were born on the other side of the river?

Is it language?

Then why aren't people from Spain considered Hispanic?

In fact, why are Cubans considered Hispanic?

When the Spanish came to Cuba, they wiped out the indigenous Taino. The conquistadors eventually brought more ut they were nearly wiped out too.

In fact, Most Cubans genetically have more European lineage than white Americans.

WHAT THE FUCK IS HISPANIC?

I'll tell you what it is.

It's some bullshit we made up.

But white keep instituting policies because they are afraid that this country will be a majority-white country by next Thursday

THAT'S why they're rounding up Mexican children. That's why they want u to SPEAK AMERICAN

But the truth is, the men who made the laws ensured that this country will always and forever be a white country by providing a path to becoming a "real American."

That path is paved with the bones and blood of Black people.

You don't have to join a club or pay a membership fee to become white.

Whiteness in America has always been about kicking black people in the face. But they don't do it because they hate us.

We are the example.

When they are putting stomping on our faces, they're saying:

"Oh, you wanna be a REAL American? Well, let me see how hard you can kick."

And on Tuesday, all those "people of color" were like:

"Is this hard enough?"

PS: If you wanna see the greatest example, think about this:

With all the white supremacy thrown around during this election, no one has mentioned the fact that Joe Biden will be only the 2nd Catholic president.

Here's how the first one explained himself to "white people"

But let me stress again that these are my views. For contrary to common newspaper usage, I am not the Catholic candidate for president. I am the Democratic Party's candidate for president, who happens also to be a Catholic. I do not speak for my church on public matters, and the church does not speak for me.

Whatever issue may come before me as president — on birth control, divorce, censorship, gambling or any other subject — I will make my decision in accordance with these views, in accordance with what my conscience tells me to be the national interest, and without regard to outside religious pressures or dictates. And no power or threat of punishment could cause me to decide otherwise.