

Twitter Thread by Gregg Gonsalves



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And this pathetic move by @JDVance1 isn't what is so odious about him. He's just a phony, all ambition, no real interest in public service. He made a big show out of moving back to #Ohio to start a group to work on the #opioid epidemic. 1/

Serious question: I have to go to New York soon and I'm trying to figure out where to stay. I have heard it's disgusting and violent there. But is it like Walking Dead Season 1 or Season 4?

— J.D. Vance (@JDVance1) July 11, 2021

I work on the opioids, on research on the epidemic, its relationship with HIV/HCV, overdose. I work with data from Ohio, so care deeply about what is going on there. I was excited. Until I started digging. There's no there there. 2/

<https://t.co/n54j1VVisq>

More here. 3/ <https://t.co/v4BA6wLKac>

You can even read their IRS-990-N filing. Sure looks like @JDVance1 tried real hard on combatting the opioid epidemic in his state. Um. Not. 4/ <https://t.co/Z2Y8hataaR>

Now he's moved on to venture capital. Money is more interesting than the suffering of the people of #Ohio I guess. 5/ <https://t.co/V4s8eSiD02>

Yes, he'll say, I'm driving investment into #Ohio. Yeah, all while pulling in a great salary as you sign up with the party of tax cuts and slashing of public investment in the fate of the most vulnerable in this country. So spare me. 6/

So, he trashes #NYC, trading in racist dog whistles, pretends to care about the opioid epidemic in #Ohio, uses his @YaleLawSch degrees to climb the ladder of power, which is mostly meant for his own advancement, not that of communities he came from. 7/

Hillbilly Elegy my ass. This guy is a grifter, turned his back on the opioid epidemic when a better offer came along. Decided that he'd embrace Trump, because that's what wins elections now, even though he criticized the man in 2016. 8/

<https://t.co/D7ZaD29Yy8>

And he thinks he's smarter than the rest of us, than the people of Ohio, who are supposed to lap up his nastiness about NYC and the people who live there like catnip. I have more faith in people than Ohio than he does. And I'll keep on working on the opioid epidemic there. 9/

I'm trying to figure out what's needed there. Most people who live outside of cities in the state have little access to opioid treatment. How about working on that [@JDVance1?](#) There is rural treatment gap. A big one. 10/ <https://t.co/m91L2Lmw57>

And we're trying to figure out more about the patterns of overdose in Cincinnati to help guide efforts to save lives. 11/ <https://t.co/rKylw9xRec>

Even doing some #COVID19 work in Columbus. 12/ <https://t.co/C3UXuINBdb>

So, go ahead [@JDVance1](#) with your Senate run. But the people of Ohio and this country should know who you are. We see your kind pass through [@Yale](#) all the time, who get a taste for power and privilege no matter where they came from, morph into balls of white-hot ambition. 13/

Others come through here and want to do good and try to use what they've learned here to do just that. But we know your kind. You're a dime-a-dozen here. Ruthless. Ambitious. Cynical. Grasping. Selfish to the core. end/