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This is dangerous.

Lately, Trump has essentially claimed that Democrats and the press are not just political opponents, but violent enemies of the state.

The President is radicalizing his supporters and it gets covered as if it's just campaign tactics.

Wake up.

> You don\u2019t hand matches to an arsonist, and you don\u2019t give power to an angry left-wing mob. Democrats have become too EXTREME and TOO DANGEROUS to govern. Republicans believe in the rule of law - not the rule of the mob. VOTE REPUBLICAN!
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> — Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) October 7, 2018

Meanwhile, we have orgs like @axios acting as if "both sides" are equally to blame for this

It's President Trump and the @GOP dividing us

Trump, the @GOP, and conservative media push gaslighting, false narratives and perpetuate the culture war, not Dems https://t.co/bBQau1hzfm

> It's going to get worse. Virtually every major American institution is being radicalized \u2014 or being reshaped by the radicalization of our public lives. https://t.co/OSFFJrJi23
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> — Axios (@axios) October 7, 2018

When @realDonaldTrump and the @GOP's anti-Democratic behavior is covered as if it's just politics as usual, and journalists search for ways to pin this devolution of our national discourse on "both sides," it only perpetuates the divide by normalizing what the right is doing.

There is only one way to look at this:

Trump and the @GOP have anti-democratic impulses, assault the rule of law, and engineered minority rule through gerrymandering/voter suppression

Meanwhile, Democrats are actually fighting for the majority and want to uphold the rule of law

Why am I criticizing the media in a thread about Trump? I believe media is the lens through which people perceive reality (why I co-founded @RanttMedia).

When that lens isn't held responsibly (falsely equalizes a dangerous demagogue with his opposition) it misleads the public.