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If you find yourself reaching for arguments about “multiracial whiteness” to explain why there are non-white people who think and act differently than you’d expect them to, you should at least *consider* the possibility that race can’t explain everything

You should also consider that you’re giving way too much power to “whiteness,” which becomes the force behind really everything. Non-whites can’t even make their own mistakes without it somehow deracinating them and actually being the fault of omnipotent whiteness.

It’s so insanely condescending. Non-whites can’t just be islamophobic, xenophobic, intolerant of radical black politics, or just plain stupid. They have to lose their racial/ethnic authenticity and actually become “white” in the process of espousing these views.

Multiracial whiteness offers citizens of every background the freedom to call Muslims terrorists, demand that undocumented immigrants be rounded up and deported, deride BLM as a movement of thugs and criminals, and accuse Democrats of being blood-drinking pedophiles.

Here, the politics of exclusion, violence and demonization are available to all. If you want to speak Spanish and celebrate a quinceañera

I wrote this in 2017 but if feels much more relevant today: https://t.co/rVBkiKp6mQ