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it is okay to criticize joe biden. we're going to need to do a lot of it in the next four years, so might as well get into practice.

he has always said a lot of stupid shit, and I suspect he will continue to do that. he's always been bad on lots of issues, and I suspect that will continue as well.

he is susceptible to pressure though. which is a reason to pressure him.

he's sort of going to end up as one of the greatest presidents ever or as a disaster at this point, given the nightmare hole he's got to crawl out of. so...hopefully people will point out when he's fucking up or we're all fucked.

Clyburne and Schumer have already said his 10k student debt plan is weak tea and he should do better. and they're right! hopefully he will listen and not be a dope.

honestly Schumer has been a huge and pleasant surprise since the virus hit. he's been mostly way to the left of where I thought he'd be. sometimes to Pelosi's left, which is pretty weird if you know they're records.

he's also been working closely with sanders, it looks like.

and now he appears to be pushing Biden to toss the hope for getting republican help and just ram a bill through with reconciliation. a bigger bill, I think, since he wants to include a ton of money for infrastructure.

anyway; "we can't criticize biden because fascists" is a bad argument because one of the thing we need to hold him accountable for is fighting fascists!

lack of accountability doesn't in fact produce good government, and if you doubted that I'd take a look at the last four years.

as I've said, Biden's initial appointments and the aid package are better than I'd expected. but there's no reason not to talk about the ways it could be better!