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Seeing a ton of (warranted) criticism re Dems on impeachment — but like where was everyone? We know politicians don't act boldly if we're not in the streets to make them. But multi million dollar "movement" orgs are writing petitions & posting graphics instead of organizing

I will always remember the first impeachment trial- pre-Covid-, when a mere 10,000 people marched in NYC. Dems are cowardly and ineffective, and Republicans are fascists but also the grassroots left is all over the place and has some reckoning to do.

These groups have millions of people on their email lists. How are they using that platform? There was zero coordinated national action(not emails, but action) re impeachment that I saw. Not even an ask to post something on social media or take a photo, let alone in person.

And I'm putting the focus on the people with money and resources to organize rather than on Individuals trying to survive a pandemic intentionally.A smattering of groups did some impeachment texting or phonebanking. That's all I know about.

And because of this lack of direction from the people with resources (seeing this in the climate movement too) local groups or affiliates are getting wrapped up in super local politics, which while fine, is not going to move the national Democratic Party the way we MUST.

Finally I would like to add that petitions are basically nothing and they just build these organizations email lists and feel good to sign, which is fine, but the real question is what do these orgs then do with their giant email lists?

if we we want Dems to do better, we need to get outside, or get really creative & visible inside & force them too. No amount of tweets or local elections or petitions will do that for us. And it would be nice if the paid grassroots left used their resources to lead, bc we tired

1 more thing— in the absence of mass action or protest, dem leadership is left with strategic decisions like witnesses or not that backfire. Or they go on recess. Or they debate whether 50,000$ is too much income. It sucks but it's the reality. We need to give them a spine.

As @biancamguerrero points out this is also super scary for the climate movement. And I HOPE massive mobilization fo a green new deal is being planned for April/ May by @sunrisemvmt and all the big Greens bc otherwise were so screwed