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With #ResignKenney continuing to trend, I want to talk a bit about what realistic options Albertans have for holding this govt accountable.

Let's be clear about one thing - there is no way Kenney will choose to resign. There are, however, other ways to take down a leader [1/8]

that has lost the moral authority to govern.

The typical process is to simply vote their party out in the next election. Unfortunately, the next #abvote is not until spring 2023, so w/ their legislative majority, we are likely stuck with the UCP for another 2 full years [2/8]

BUT WAIT!

That doesn't mean it isn't possible to force an election sooner or remove Kenney as Premier! Let's talk about how this could work.

There are 2 feasible scenarios, both of which involve UCP MLA's breaking ranks with their party.

To force an early election, we [3/8]

would need 20 or more sitting UCP MLA's to leave the UCP Caucus, to either sit as independents or join another party, and then vote no on the next confidence motion in the legislature.

However, if the goal is just to remove Kenney as leader, this could be accomplished by [4/8]

a caucus revolt, with enough MLA's threatening to quit if he doesn't resign.

The last time AB MLA's quit a majority governing caucus was in 2014, when Len Webber and Donna Kennedy-Glans left Alison Redford's PC Caucus.

Although only 2 quit, upwards of 10 threatened to & [5/8]

she was forced to resign. This did not trigger an election, but it was the beginning of the end for the PCAA.

To make either scenario happen, we need to shift our focus from Kenney to his MLA's, & apply sustained, overwhelming pressure to these individuals.

We need to [6/8]

make it clear to our MLA's that they are either with Albertans or with Kenney & they need to choose.

So email your MLA, call or drop by their office, send them letters, tag them in your social media posts, tweets & retweets, participate safely & responsibly in public [7/8]

protests, and encourage your friends, family & neighbours to join you.

It doesn't so much matter how you make your voice heard, so long as you do. If you don't feel like you're getting through, try something else.

Good luck and remember - we are all in this together. [8/8]

ETA a bunch of hashtags.. (that's how Twitter works, right??)

#abpoli #ableg #abgov #UCPvacations #UCPcorruption #canpoli #COVID19 #abcovid19 #albertacovid #KenneyLies #JasonKenney

ETA: Thank you @MLA_Karen for correcting misinformation in this thread. She left the governing ANDP Caucus in 2017 and Robyn Luft left in 2018.

I apologize for not double checking my legislative memory before posting and hope it doesn't distract from the purpose of this thread.