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We seem to be moving to the Reichstag Fire Decree phase of the capitol riot aftermath. @ElonBachman

> Google suspends Parler social networking app from Play Store; Apple gives 24-hour warning https://t.co/HIaOWzhPke pic.twitter.com/2lRBgpMX8S
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> — Reuters (@Reuters) January 9, 2021

Google & Apple are free to do this, of course, and I can't say I have been too thrilled with Parler in my short experience with it.

What worries me is the attitude that seems to dominate the Left now that if only wrongthink and wrongspeak can be suppressed, paradise will emerge

We are seeing many actions justified as responses to recent violence (responses we did not see, by the way, in response to any other political violence in 2020) that could equally be construed as...

...battlespace preparation, the removal of potential sources of criticism for a new Democratic Presidency and Congress. I think many like me with free market & libertarian impulses are torn about how to react to the role of private companies in these actions.

How far into a corporate state do we need to fall before private actors aren't private any more? Where folks used to speak of a military-industrial complex, we now seem to have a administrative-communications complex.

I had no problem with the power of social media when it was a check to those in power in the last administration, but now I fear it may be in full alignment and partnership with those who run the US government.

In this context, though, the proposed solution of anti-trust attacks on the Internet giants is absurd. Do you really think that a cozy public-private partnership that keeps politicians in power is going to be broken up by the politicians?

Even if action is take, it is likely to reinforce the partnership rather than end it. You only have to look at the tobacco settlement. This supposedly was a "victory" over tobacco companies but in fact because of the flows of money to state governments, a partnership was created.

Tobacco companies are as profitable as ever and are MORE secure against startups and competition. The last decade of has been full of examples of government inhibiting competition of upstart companies to protect the tobacco majors because this protects their settlement money

Only private solutions well outside the system will work. Boycotts? Maybe. It is worth a try. I have little sympathy for people who call for government anti-trust action against google when they have not even taken the simple step of changing their browser & search engine