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1. I think so. I don't think the issue are plans. The issue is that the ability of our govn't to function-to create & enact policy- has been seriously abridged the past decade to the point where it can't function. We've seen virtually no legislation this past decade & pretty

> Does anyone in DC have an actual plan that would get the American middle class back on its feet and elevate many more of the poor into the middle class? I mean besides trickle down economics, which has been shown to be a joke?
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> — John Frost (@JohnFrost) December 30, 2020

2. much none relying on just "regular order." Although the Ds spent almost a year trying w the ACA before giving up & using a procedural trick in the end. Keep in mind, McConnell changed the operation of senate so that all bills, ALL, had to reach 60 vote threshold in the senate

3. That was a MASSIVE change to the legislative filibuster (a massive abuse of it). It creates a super majority requirement for laws that the Framers didn't design. And given the issue of misrepresentation the senate, which is causing a Tyranny of the Minority, its really shut

4. down the federal lawmaking apparatus. If Ds flip these 2 GA senate seats, the legislative filibuster will be right back in the spotlight bc McConnell will use it to lockdown Biden's legislative agenda. And we'll have to see how Biden responds. I agree that Biden needs to give

5. McConnell an opp to change his behavior, but if he doesn't Biden will have to go w EOs or ending the legislative filibuster. Either that, or getting nothing done. The GOP will seek to do to him what they did to Obama- use control of the senate OR the filibuster to prevent

6. Biden from being able to do the things that the public needs action on bc the government has taken no action on for two decades and everything is now at critical. THEN, and this is the fun part- they'll set up their midterm messaging around Biden being ineffective and failing

7. deliver on his campaign promises. Yes- that's correct. They will intentionally stonewall him, then attack him for not getting shit down. One hopes that Biden won't walk into this. And our Super Pac will be there to fight back and also to help push Biden to change strategy once

8. its obvious that McConnell is not going to play ball. But ultimately, it'll come down to Biden AND the advice he receives. If he receives shitty advice, he could end up like Lucy & the football for 8 months- next thing you know he's fully enclosed in McConnell's trap. I hope

9. can keep him out of it but we don't have his ear. Fact is, bc of the GOP & their decision to abandon governing in favor of pursuing power for power's sake, our policymaking process is completely frozen and it is a full blown crisis. We know what to do- we just can't enact it