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I'd like to briefly discuss something I think is really important. Possibly the most important thing to consider this new year. When I worked in law I was taught to research and analyze all info & possibilities/arguments. We were taught to remove our emotions from this process..

The reason we were taught not to become too emotionally invested in a particular client or case was because it creates a situation in which you can be blindsided and/or manipulated. It can cause you to miss important information or facts that your client didn't want you to see...

This can then in turn implode your entire case & can damage the firm and/or attorneys reputation & credibility. In law, your reputation/credibility is everything. We were taught to remove emotion from the fact finding due diligence process. We were taught to seek out counter

Evidence; we were taught to analyze a case or legal argument from all sides and perspectives. We were taught how to understand the other side & attorneys argument. This is a vigorous process of picking apart your theory, trying to poke holes in it, questioning your own clients

Story, trying to independently validate or disprove it. This is so when you take the case to trial, you are prepared for everything and all possibilities. You must know the other sides legal theory/argument better than they do. You must have a solid foundation of prior case law..

To build your argument upon. You must be able to articulate how your case falls under this prior legal precedent. You must be able to explain how your opponents case is weaker - where they misapplied case law, where they misinterpreted legal applications, where they got it wrong

This is why it is imperative that you have all information, regardless of whether or not you like it or the source it comes from. Facts don't care about your feels. You must be able to do point, counter-point, etc.

The reason I bring this up is because I have had folks get upset with me for sharing information they don't like or for questioning things. That is my job. Truth can withstand vigorous inquiry. I have had people unfollow me because i shared a counter argument to a prevailing...

Narrative. The reason I do this is because my loyalty is to truth only, not a political party or "side". I expect everyone to be able to handle looking at info that might be uncomfortable and takes you out of your comfort zone.

If you can't even hear a counter narrative to your own beliefs and opinions, then I'm sorry but you live in a self imposed echo chamber and social feedback loop. This makes you easy to manipulate, because bad actors can simply appeal to your ideology, and confirmation bias.

If you cannot handle being exposed to information that goes against your own worldview without becoming emotional and irate, then you are no longer interested in truth. You are interested in promoting your own side and team. It makes you a partisan hack no different than the MSM.

Please do not take this as me being judgmental either. That is not the case. I am trying to help people, to harden them up and make them real warriors for truth. That requires removing your ego from the process. Be willing to admit if you got something wrong or made a mistake.

People are increasingly being driven by emotionally charged narrative, over dry & boring facts.

They feel personally involved in this on-going narrative and that's what makes it so dangerous. When people start to identify with it to the point it becomes part of their identity.

At that point the narrative has you. This is why psychological warfare, and psyops are so powerful and evil. They subvert critical thinking in exchange for a narrative experience & emotional rollercoaster where people take an attack on the psyop as an attack on them personally.

"If you're not wearing the mask, you literally want to kill your grandparents" etc