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This country does not *have* to be this broken. But it will remain so as long as it continues to self soothe with white supremacist mythology instead of reckoning with truth.

Make better choices, America

This is a fundamentally violent and abusive nation
https://t.co/wbbsbfdMny

The commitment to the ahistoricism of of "this is not who we are" is not merely objectionable. It is actively dangerous.

You can't fix something that you refuse to acknowledge is broken.
https://t.co/0DBUp7c9x4

> Joe has GOT to cut the "this is not who we are" stuff.
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> It's fundamentally ahistorical. The KKK used to openly march down Pennsylvania gotdamn avenue FFS
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> — A Shady Dame From Seville (@SorayaMcDonald) January 6, 2021

Frederick Douglass, in 1852:
"To drag a man in fetters into the grand illuminated temple of liberty, and call upon him to join you in joyous anthems, were inhuman mockery and sacrilegious irony. Do you mean, citizens, to mock me...?”
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So yes, @JoeBiden, this thread, from an American who hasn't gotten a wink of sleep tonight, is for you.

The health of a society can be measured by the condition of those who hold the least amount of power within it.

The thing that told me, more than any of her speeches, that @HillaryClinton understands this, is her experience working for the Children's Defense Fund and the lasting lessons she took from it.

Now, does that mean she is perfect, or that she hasn't made objectionable decisions?

No. Of course not.

But we never really did have a meaningful discussion of how someone with that sort of formative experience might lead, and how different it is from 1-45.

And yes, part of that is because of a snide undercurrent of sexism that pervades the political media in ways they don't even realize about themselves

I mean, honey, the top dog at CBS News/60 Minutes for decades, was conducting serial abuse—in the workplace!— that was rooted in misogyny https://t.co/PGrYOtPPWJ

To think that that part of Fager was somehow cleanly divided from his role as a newsman is absolutely ludicrous.

And he's simply an example. There was a whole list of Shitty Media Men, remember?

What are the outward ramifications when antipathy to women is simply normalized?

When it's baked into our day-to-day lives in ways we don't bother to examine and called normal?

That antipathy becomes institutionalized, and it shows up in who and what we take seriously, and what we do not.

And we know this country REALLY doesn't taken Black women or our lives seriously.

This is a place that gave a home to a Central Park monument to a man who tortured Black women he owned, without anesthesia, and called it gynecology
https://t.co/IvHhi0nb97

This is very much the country that stole so much from Lucy, Anarcha, and Betsey, plus many more black women *whose names we don't even know*, and did so over and over and over.

And if there is any chance for it to be anything better, it needs to truly understand what that means.