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A few days ago @mrjamesob asked me if I felt vindicated bc I've been saying for years that they're fascists. And I realized when I woke up this morning the answer is: I feel angry. Furious. We warned people, using historical evidence, of what was happening.

> And I'm more pissed now than when I woke up this morning. The traitors Cruz and Hawley must resign. Every means necessary against Trump and family. Stefanik and Malliotakis disgrace New York. No "unity," - no "healing" - we need justice. https://t.co/XG3RfbPqmV
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> — Tom Watson (@tomwatson) January 10, 2021

Now they've come out as fascists and smeared the capitol with feces and bashed a cop's head in and tried to overturn the election and now those fuckers are calling for "unity"?!

Make no mistake: a call for unity with people who incited and took part in an insurrection against American democracy is not a call for unity, but for surrender.

Unity with fascists makes us fascist.

We don't unite with fascists. We defeat them.

Unity keeps them in power. Unity concedes they were right. Unity suggests they had good reason for what they did.

They participated in an insurrection and an ongoing coup. They need to be removed, disqualified from ever holding office, & jailed where they have committed crimes.

They smeared our Capitol with shit, threaten to lynch members of our government - including the Vice President, a member of their own party - and you're telling me to unite with them?

Fuck unity. Fuck the fascists. And fuck anyone who makes this argument.

Tl;dr: The attempted coup isn't over while they're still in power. Unity is surrender and keeps people who supported fascism at the heart of our government.

Fuck unity.

https://t.co/Jins8lrnCU

> For five days I\u2019ve had the final passage of Susan Sontag\u2019s The Volcano Lover echoing through my head. pic.twitter.com/ZWsGFOJ2qx
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> — Prof Sarah Churchwell, PhD (@sarahchurchwell) November 13, 2016

Anyone wondering where I said that this is fascism: in my 2018 book, Behold, America; in numerous essays and in countless talks, lectures, seminars & podcasts (esp @TPpodcast_).

Here is one from September, which includes a shout-out to Kellyanne, who has just discovered that this is fascism and she disapproves. https://t.co/3zgzk8tffD

And in @nybooks last summer https://t.co/M3o63Ijy3x

@nybooks I offered some longer history in @prospect_uk https://t.co/jG5fAE29n1

@nybooks @prospect_uk Post-truth is pre-fascism, as @TimothyDSnyder just wrote in the NY Times. I put it less succinctly in the Guardian in November, right after the election. https://t.co/NdDRV3FKyw

I am one of many, of course. Not only @TimothyDSnyder but @jasonintrator @ruthbenghiat @FinchelsteinF @Notorious_RSG @waitmanb have been shouting it from the rooftops.