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Many people have drawn parallels between white mobs of today and the historical violence of lynch mobs at home and imperialism abroad. But what I keep thinking about is colonization. What we saw on January 6th is the uncivilized, unchecked, entitled violence of colonizers.

This is how colonizers behave. They storm, they invade, they steal, they defecate, they destroy and they do so under the banner of freedom, liberty and self-proclaimed superiority.

The unapologetic embrace of brute force in the name of liberty is exactly what our founding fathers advocated. It's what we celebrate with every national holiday. It's what the Capitol actually represents. It's the ugly truth that even Democratic "leaders" are determined to deny.

The sad reality is that even if Democrats had the ovaries to hold violent insurrectionists accountable for the ongoing coup, their efforts would be in vain so long as they continue to ignore or -- worse, celebrate -- the colonial rot at the heart of our nation's project.

White supremacist colonialism explains why none of the words we are using to describe the "mob" are effective. Even the word "insurrectionists" fails. Within this system, white men are not just ALLOWED to be violent insurrectionists, they have historically been celebrated for it.

White male supremacy, colonialism and capitalism enable white men (particularly property owners) to exact gross violence without consequence, to impose/change/ignore laws and treaties as they wish and to coerce the capitulation or support of racial, gender and class subordinates

Democrats aren't doing anything about January 6th because they do not want to change the power system. Point, blank, period. They *want* to continue the colonial violence, the imperial wars, the looting of our collective resources by the corporations that keep them in office..

Democrat "leaders" do not want to hold anyone accountable. They want to return to the white supremacist colonial norm so that they get on with the business of enriching themselves and their donors while blaming either Republicans or progressives for all of our problems.

They actually need Republicans to remain empowered to continue the charade of their non-existent leadership. And, frankly, they also want the electoral support of white insurrectionists. Democrats probably think they can get at least a few of the vigilantes the next time around..