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It looks like 45 Republican Senators voted against holding an impeachment trial for Trump.

I hope nobody had high hopes that the GOP would do the right thing.

The GOP remains the Party of Trump and is hardening into an extremist anti-democratic

They are the anti-rule of law, anti truth party. https://t.co/e6EME39xNn
Fortunately, they're outnumbered.

Not by much, but they're outnumbered.

> They clearly aren\u2019t the party of LAW AND ORDER
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> — DWUK (@UKfriendlyguy) January 26, 2021

Hi, everyone.

A lot of these doomsday comments are annoying me.

Have you all learned nothing over the past few years?

You might want to duck because, I'm about to go on a tear . . .

The same people telling me we're doomed and democracy is dead are probably the same people who told me (1) Trump would make himself dictator (2) The Supreme Court would keep him in office and (3) he would never leave the White House.

Nobody owes you a democracy . . .

My mantra the past 4 years: democracy will survive if enough people want it to, and are willing to do the work.

Did the doomsday people happen to see that the vote was 55-45 in favor of holding a trial?

I think the problem is there has been so much peddling of hope porn. . .

There is no magic solution. No instant thing will suddenly make the dangerous extremists less dangerous.

The anti-democratic forces have been with us since the start of the nation.

None of this is new. Slavery was authoritarian. Jim Crow was authoritarian . . .

Women in the home was authoritarian.

We've had a brief period in American history (since the 1954 Supreme Court ruling in Brown v. Board) in which we've moved toward becoming a true liberal democracy.

The backlash also started in 1954.

We're still riding the backlash. . .

The extremists are a significant percentage of the population. You can't build a big enough prison and put them all in it. You can't convert them and make them all comfortable in a liberal democracy.

All we can do is mobilize and start working on the next elections. . .

Because it's not over unless we all give up.

When we do, they win.Not before.

They fight hard. They lie and cheat. They make bad faith arguments. They encourage the spread of lies.

But we have the numbers.

Done.