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Dems are correct in not calling witnesses, which is obvious when you think this through. First, the case has been made. Any GOPr or delusional Trump fan who doesnt accept that - or care - never will. The country knows/sees what happened. 2nd, if dems called witnesses.../1

...it will add next to nothing. Statements are being admitted into the record from some witnesses. Third, & most important, the GQP is a monstrosity that only cares about power. Once the witness door opens, they'll turn the trial into a farce, calling anyone and everyone.../2

...to muddy up the case. Since their entire case is whataboutism, they will try to call Obama, Hillary Clinton, Holder, Waters, and on and on. If the presiding officer holds the testimony irrelevant before allowing it, there will be weeks of rage about cover-ups, etc. The.../3

...actual case - already strongly proven by the House Managers, even using the criminal standard of beyond a reasonable doubt - will get buried as the days and weeks pass with hundreds of irrelevant witnesses are fought over. Finally, bringing those witnesses.../4

...could interfere with a possibly more important proceeding if it happens: The criminal prosecution of Trump by District of Columbia for inciting a riot, which is a crime in DC. As in the Oliver North case, the public Congressional testimony of North led a court to throw.../5

...out the criminal case against him because of an argument that the public testimony tainted the investigation of the criminal case. There is no certainty that this case will be pursued, but there is no doubt that the crime was committed and it is better to leave that door.../6

...open rather than close it in order to have a political circus.

Then: GQP will use the weeks and weeks of obstruction and contaminating the proceedings - which they have been given the power to do once witnesses allowed - to obstruct dems from proceeding with Biden agenda.../7

...all so the dems could accomplish nothing for the impeachment trial other than bury the strong case under a pile of propaganda.

People want witnesses because they still think the GQP will treat this as a trial. They won't. They crave power, and thrive on propaganda. They.../8

...will contaminate the case with irrelevancies and screams of obstruction. They'll use that to excuse their refusal to vote guilty, now and in 2022, 2024. Their craven scumbaginess is proven. Don't hand them a weapon in order to accomplish nothing.../9

...not calling witnesses isn't weakness. It's strategic. It allows case to stand unrefuted except for the "waaaah!" defense. A strong case has been made. If GQP clears Trump, it increases chance of criminal prosecution. Id rather keep that door open than close it for a circus
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