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The pardon power of the President of the United States is the most narrowly tailored plenary power in the history of plenary powers. Its limits are inherent in the meaning of the word 'pardon.' No such thing as a 'preemptive pardon.' Don't cite Nixon/Ford. Facts are not same.

Nixon had a pending 'Articles of Impeachment' that would have turned into criminal indictments had he left office without a pardon for them. In that sense, they were not preemptive, as matters of impeachment hadn't yet been introduced in the House formally & were still ripe.

Donald's impeachment happened. No pending charges or any articles of impeachment with offenses that would turn into criminal indictments once he leaves office. So he can't pardon himself, not b/c self-pardon's moral & ethical heresy, but b/c he has nothing to pardon himself over.

About the pardons he has granted to people who were convicted of crimes related to the Mueller report: this pardon does NOT preclude a future DOJ from picking up the Mueller Report & prosecuting on other violations of federal criminal law that weren't previously prosecuted.

Depending on statutes of limitations of specific violated statutes, a future DOJ can & most likely will go after the same pardoned people for a whole different set of criminal offenses outlined in the Mueller Report. This includes un-indicted coconspirator AKA Individual One.

This pardon also doesn't protect or shield any pardoned party from being called as witness to federal criminal trials related to the Mueller report but unrelated to the matters for which they were prosecuted & convicted. They can plead the 5th but that's another Pandora's box.

Also, these pardons only apply to federal criminal laws that were violated. POTUS's pardon power has no power over states & state laws. States can & most likely will bring lawsuits - both criminal & civil - against Donald & his agents & they have no constitutional shields there.

Lastly, pardoning the Blackwater operatives: These operatives are part of his base cohort. These pardons operate to solidify his militant base, to show he will do anything for them. And in return, it's a tacit demand that they do anything for Donald. That's seditious at best.

And plays right into violating #18USC2384 by mobilizing a seditious conspiracy plot to to undo our elections & get in the way of @JoeBiden taking office as our 46th POTUS.

After Jan. 6th, it'll be treason (if it isn't already).

■BEWARE! ■

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Pardon power explained. <https://t.co/uBzlaklpl>