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Observe: the lie that "government" is a monolithic entity, from which we are somehow separate.

Government is how we organize, manage and maintain our society, but to acknowledge that is to acknowledge society, and one's responsibility to organize, manage, and maintain it.

> #COVID19 didn\u2019t close churches. Government did.
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> — Rep. Jim Jordan (@Jim_Jordan) December 28, 2020

Government didn't close churches. Churches closed because people with something more than a childishly selfish view of the world understood their responsibility to the shared life of a society, and government is how that understanding was operationalized and delivered.

Nor does government militarize police. The police is militarized because people with a fearful, hateful or selfish view of the world understand a militarized police will operationalize & deliver that fear, hate, and greed through the mechanism of government.

Government is *us*.

Those who now align with a party actively working to dissolve and demolish democracy in our country do so not because they don't understand this, but because they do.

Democracy allows people they fear and hate to be government with them.

So they hate democracy, and government.

People who align with a party standing in the way of any solution, any maintenance, any governance, do so not because they don't understand this, but because they do.

Better to die of sickness, disease, and neglect than allow those they hate and fear to be government with them.

Thus we see the spectacle of incurious & dim opportunists like Jordan, making his career in government by convincing people to lend their governmental power to him, allowing him to join the government to protect them from the government by destroying the government—which is them.

They vote for Jordan, not because they don't understand what he is, but because they do.

They're willing to be ruled, as long as others are ruled more harshly.

They're willing to suffer, as long as others suffer more.

They're willing to die, if others suffer first.

An early Republican rallying cry was: "The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the Government, and I'm here to help..."

Until recently they kept the last five words quiet: "...all the people we despise."

Which is what they meant.

Government, to the extent that we are a democracy, is us. It's just us.

People who treat "government" as some fearful other do so, not b/c they don't understand, but b/c they do.

A promise to fight, diminish & destroy the government is a promise to fight, diminish & destroy us.