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This is what happens when the Trump cultists refuse to acknowledge anything outside their extremely insular bubble: they can't grasp that the majority of the country thinks he sucks and voted him out.

> Check out the framing of this question from Fox News host @DavidAsmanfox. Embarrassing. pic.twitter.com/rchZqSV4n1
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> — Aaron Rupar (@atrupar) January 2, 2021

Not once in 4 years of Gallup's 3-day tracking of Trump's approval rating was it ever higher than 49%.

He was the least popular incumbent since Carter to run for re-election. It's not shocking that he got his ass kicked in the election. https://t.co/7BSCQR2vI2

But if you do nothing other than consume conservative media, you'd be under the false impression that he's popular, that his ideas are popular, and that the people who oppose him are a small group of haters.

In Gallup's last update before the election, Trump had a -6 net approval rating. The last time it was a net positive was in May when it was +1.

And here's how you get numbers like that: you do absolutely nothing to try to win over people who aren't already part of your base. Look at those numbers among independents.

Just look how he compared to each of the previous 3 presidents at this point.

He banked on the Electoral College being tilted enough in favor of red states to get him re-elected. Turns out that it's not "get 39% approval rating POTUS re-elected" level tilted.

Each of these "can you BELIEVE Biden got x number of votes more than Obama?!" takes ignore a.) population growth, and b.) highest turnout ever because people really, really wanted to kick him out of office because he's wildly unpopular

You could tell me that a ham sandwich got 85 million votes, and as long as it was running against Trump, I'd think, "Yeah, that tracks."

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On this point, I think it’s worth exploring why it is that the press constantly scolds Democrats for supporting progressive policies are “out of step with America,” while those are policies are actually pretty popular. https://t.co/4KGMzeOuFV

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Trump spent his time in office fighting for policies that *barely* even played well with Republican voters. For instance, he devoted time and resources to enacting policies about trans people in the military or accessing healthcare. https://t.co/CV3871q9Ai https://t.co/6qKK7wq023

The tl;dr is that Trump probably would have done better had he not obsessed with right-wing culture war crap and instead just worked on, you know, trying to govern as though he wants the support of everyone.

Like hey, you know what's actually really popular but is constantly treated like the most extreme policy on the face of the earth? Taxing the rich https://t.co/bQVPLiFrKb

And you know what wasn't popular? Trump's tax cut. https://t.co/e6sZWFm45C

If you're wondering why the framing of these things are often so tilted to show GOP policies as mainstream and Dem policies as extreme, it's media decision-makers looking out for their own interests.