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THREAD: The insurrection we saw in #WashingtonDC yesterday was an example of how political violence isn't limited to the fringes of the far-right: it permeates even mainstream spaces.

Insurrectionist and right-wing accelerationist dogma that insists on the utility of political violence and terrorism that has flourished within the far-right for decades emerged in our nation's capital yesterday.
https://t.co/VZtWdafyov

For almost 2 years, while mostly ignoring the Proud Boys, federal authorities and law enforcement have focused on white power accelerationists as the predominant terror threat on the right, where insurrectionist dogma has played a role.
https://t.co/7yCXfvzi8w

This includes Atomwaffen and The Base, two violent hate groups. More about The Base #SoundsLikeHatePod
https://t.co/bcX6c0g9iR

These apocalyptic visions of war and revolution permeate all corners of the hard right, and the violence implicit in those visions can become very real — as we saw yesterday.

Photos from yesterday showed far-right extremists standing on the daïs in the Senate chamber. That's intense propaganda because members of these movements always insist that they can and will bring politicians to heel.

Taking actions to reduce others' faith in stabilizing institutions within a society is vital to accelerationist thinking. Those photos do just that.

.@hatewatch has been reporting on accelerationism for a long time. We've seen it spread from a fringe far-right belief to one that influences the mainstream right. Read more about it here: https://t.co/nIp7FiAdRZ

We saw these events coming. In November, far-right forces were talking about heading to DC in an attempt to keep @realDonaldTrump in office.

Using the hashtag "Stop the Steal," these groups claim #Trump won the 2020 elections, despite the reality that @JoeBiden is the legitimate president-elect.
https://t.co/e2grbqcfYh

Yesterday’s violence was not only predictable, it was preventable.