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There are still plots across the US to attack state capitols as well as the capitol in DC. These are credible threats against America and American democracy. And they are enabled by Republicans like Hawley, Cruz, Kennedy, Rubio et al, the flag bearers of Trump fascism 1/

Each and every individual who played a part, any part, in the attempted coup on Wednesday must be exposed, arrested, charged & tried. No ifs, no buts. Otherwise they will melt away into alt-web cells & networks, continuing their attacks in support of Trump's fascistic cult 2/

Rounding up the ringleaders on the ground on the day is one thing. But they were activated by senior Republican lawmakers, emboldened by 139 House Republicans and 8 Senators who voted to overturn a free & fair democratic election. These truths are self-evident 3/

They were also assisted by members of the Capitol and DC police. They included members of fire departments and other forces, elected representatives from across different states. This was not an amorphous mob. This was an alliance of anti-American forces intent on revolution 4/

This runs deeper & wider than saying it was a "mob" event. This was planned & equipped, armed to support the Trump lie. It was mobilised in a clear & present effort to overthrow the legitimate outcome of the 2020 election. It wasn't a one-off chaotic event. There will be more 5/

Exposing the lie is one thing. But those who maintained it need to be rooted out & brought to justice otherwise, they've won, in many ways. The lie remains. The liars remain. And they will run for office again, using the lie & inflaming political tensions for years to come 6/

Stirring up a base with divisive slogans & then offering themselves as the only solution to that same base: similar tactics have been in play in NI for generations. These Trump Republicans will not cease & desist. Neither must the push against them. They do not want unity 7/

They want to camouflage themselves with talk about unity, allowing them more space & time to recruit believers to the Trump cult & the idea he was wrongfully removed from office. The lie becomes the byword for an aggrieved but righteous battle. See Germany post-WW1 8/

The Nazis propagated the lie that Germany had basically not lost the war & that domestic traitors capitulated to the Allies. That toxic idea took hold & we know the rest. America must be ready to battle this anti-democratic force for a generation. The alternative is terrifying /9