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We're facing a fascistic movement that's backed by the wealthy and powerful who want to dismantle government, an administration and party desperate to cling to power, a racist evangelical base, and a mob lost in weaponized conspiracy

This video is a primer and explainer of the complicated and frightening moment we find ourselves in, a crisis that is a long, long time coming and that won't simply stop unless we address it and the underlying factors.

Have the hard conversations about this. Reject this.

Talk to the people around you about what this coup attempt was, the fascist movement growing in this country, and the very real history the wealthy and powerful don't want you to know.

The only we way we're going to escape this is to expose what it is and fight against it.

The truth is that a large part of the country has been intentionally ensnared in fascistic conspiracy theories for profit and power and the other part is still trying to disentangle itself from mythologies of American exceptionalism.

It can happen here. It IS happening here.

Misplaced trust and faith in our history, our exceptionalism, and our institutions has gotten us here and allowed this fascistic threat to grow.

We're not immune to fascism. In fact, we're especially vulnerable to it. And it is growing in strength and size and ambition.

Watch this video and then talk to people about this situation. Have real, honest, mature conversations that rely on history and facts.

Don't be silent anymore.

Don't live in these mythologies anymore.

The coup attempt is only the beginning of something larger.

Already the coup attempt has emboldened fascists in this country. Like fascists in the past, they're coalescing, creating martyrs, building off this moment and planning more.

We are not safe until we address the fundamental crisis at the heart of American society.

Despite all the trust in symbols and mythologies of exceptionalism, America is failing because the wealthy and powerful have dismantled government as a means of public good.

This radicalism is only going to grow, and as it does the powerful will use the anger as a weapon.

Fascism is the violence the wealthy and powerful use to tamp down calls for reform or equality. It's a dog on a chain and the dog always gets loose.

This is a big, giant, ugly situation. But we have to face it or else things are going to get very, very, VERY bad.