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Brief THREAD: OK, basics civics lesson to all these ignorant/dishonest R legislators/leaders/media folk who seem to have NO understanding of the law or the U.S. Constitution.

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> We cannot live in a world where Twitter\u2019s terms of service are more important than the terms in our Constitution and Bill of Rights.
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> — Rep. Matt Gaetz (@RepMattGaetz) January 11, 2021

1. If you enter my place of business & you start calling for an over-throw of the U.S. govt, or shout racist stuff or yell insults at me or my employees or my staff - I will ask you to leave & have the police remove you if U refuse. /2

2. In banning U from my place of business, I have NOT violated any of your rights. U have no right to disrupt my place of business and I have every right to not allow disgusting ppl like you to verbally abuse me, my customers or staff. /3

3. In fact, one of the great things abt American ideals (tho not always f/u in reality) that we should not allow discrimination based on a person's race, sex, religion, class, sexual orientation, disability, etc, BUT indvl citizens have a RIGHT to free association. /4

4. Similarly, businesses should not be allowed to discriminate based on race, sex, religion, class, sexual orientation, disability, etc, but can forbid/ban based on behavior/speech. /5

5. I personally think that all decent ppl should advocate for boycotting businesses that promote/allow racists/bigot, those who incite violence/hate, &those who repeatedly&shamelessly bare false witness, & reward those like Amazon/Google/Reddit/Twitter who took a stand /6

"But what abt my 1st Amendment rights" ignorant/lying ppl like @HawleyMO, @tedcruz & @marcorubio might ask. That's a stupid Q, I'd answer. The 1st Amendment only applies to limiting actions/laws of the U.S. Congress (see below). /7

Constitution of United States of America 1789 (rev. 1992)

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

6. We private citizens have every right to seek to not associate with Racists/Traitors/Bigots/Idiots/Liars & encourage our social media businesses to ban such ppl & threaten abandoning them if they don't & boycotting all businesses that support such evil. /8

7. Finally, free speech is NOT unlimited, & even the U.S. Constitution forbids treason & advocating the violent overthrow of the U.S. Govt & the Republic.



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Treason is a unique offense in our constitutional order—the only crime expressly defined by the Constitution, and applying only to Americans who have betrayed the allegiance they are presumed to owe the United States. While the