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**Things the GOP did not find "divisive": Launching an insurrection against the US government, seeking to disenfranchise 81 million Americans, seeking to negate the votes of entire states, seeking to negate the votes of African Americans, attacking the Capitol...**

...killing Capitol police officers, inciting a riots that claimed five lies, participating in the largest act of domestic terrorism in US history, hunting down Congresspeople in the halls of Congress, supporting and defending white supremacists...

...supporting and defending Neo-Nazis, turning US federal force against peaceful demonstrators across the country, calling Mexicans rapists, discriminating against Muslims, putting children in cages, ending protections for children born innocently in the United States...

...promoting economic policies that help only the rich in America and fostering the worst inequality in our history, seeking to stigmatize those who sought to do the right thing to protect America from a deadly pandemic...

contributing to the spread of a disease that has killed hundreds of thousands--disproportionately people of color & the elderly, seeking policies that deny COVID relief to states with Dem leadership, seeking to help only those close to the GOP leadership with COVID relief...

...repeatedly attacking the credibility of the FBI, the CIA and other intelligence agencies, supporting and collaborating with foreign enemies, lying tens of thousands of times to the American people, calling for Hillary Clinton to be locked up...

...obstructing all judicial nominees from a Democratic president, countless hours of expensive, pointless Benghazi investigations, countless hours of expensive, pointless investigations and unfounded conspiracy theory mongering about Hillary Clinton's emails...

...calling for the impeachment of Bill Clinton for telling a single lie (while Donald Trump has lied more than 20,000 times), unending attacks from Trump on the media as "the enemy of the people"...

...calling Democrats socialists (when they are not), communists (when they are not), pretending the left is behind riots caused by right wing extremists...and the list goes on and on and on. Divisiveness and attacks on US unity are the stock in

trade of the modern GOP.

Accountability, patriotism, law and order, defending our national security and preserving the ideals of the Founders, things they like to say they are for, have become the polar opposites of that for which they truly stand.

There is one reason and one reason only they oppose seeking accountability for Trump's seditious plot and the attempted coup against the government: They know they are culpable, they know their leaders sought not just to divide the country but to tear its government down.

They oppose impeachment and serious consequences for all involved because that would mean many of their leaders would be stripped of their ability to serve in the US government (per the 14th Amendment) and face potential serious criminal liability.

They know that seeking justice and defending the country and its institutions and its principles puts them squarely in the cross-hairs...and so they are desperately, if feebly, trying to deflect attention. Don't fall for it.