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"Fueled by psychopathic narcissism of a delusional autocrat in WH, the Capitol Hill rioters didn't speak openly of white supremacy yet never had to bc it so drenched their cause like the kerosene-soaked rag of a Molotov cocktail."

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> In 1967, MLK warned too many whites want democracy for them, dictatorship for Blacks
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> 2021's Capitol riot was King's nightmare run amok, proving white supremacy is foundational to America.
> Can we finally bend the moral arc the right way?
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> My new column https://t.co/tEs2y6Oxlb
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> — Will Bunch Sign Up For My Newsletter (@Will_Bunch) January 17, 2021

2/ "The white mob that sacked the seat of U.S. government the moment it promised to look more like the real America was the living, contemporary proof of the "hard fact" that King warned about 54 years ago..."

3/ " But the very real gains of the last year... have encountered the harshest law of American physics, that for every step forward on race there is an unequal and often more powerful backlash, so strong in 2021 that it even breached the citadel of our fragile democracy"

4/ "While the Jan. 6 mob may have invoked the spirit of 1776, it was propelled instead by the cruel, icy currents of 1619, the year that the first slave ship reached our soil."

5/ "Some 80 years of white authoritarian government in the Deep South mocked any spirit of 1776."

6/ "Tangible signs of racial progress ...struggled against those 1619 undercurrents, from the "New Jim Crow" of mass incarceration to a steady erosion of voting rights from a modern Republican Party turning Abe Lincoln on his head"

7/ "One didn't need a Ph.D. in American history to see that the life force behind the Jan. 6 insurrection was less about the political future of one man and more about that man's promise to protect 402 years of white privilege."

8/ "Rays of hope from those occasional twists like King’s movement victories or Obama’s election, seems to have underestimated the never-ending force with which the reactionaries of 1619 keep bending back, with a riot on Capitol Hill their latest notion of “flattening the curve.”

9/ "...True racial reckoning to continue King’s legacy must focus on America’s gross economic injustices — the racial wealth gap, raising the minimum wage for our essential workers who are disproportionately Black and brown, and addressing the structural biases..."

10/ "The insurrectionists wanted to prevent those goals from happening, to preserve an America where success was less about the content of one’s character and more about the color of white skin."

11/ "Choice in '21 is btw radical but uplifting King vision that nation claims to celebrate, or the tyranny of white supremacist mob that tried to bludgeon it. As we still clean up the mess inside the Capitol, we need to grab that long moral arc & yank a little harder this time"