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Everyone calm down. While we don't know why witnesses weren't called, we know that the Democrats didn't "cave." They're not hapless idiots. They're savvy fighters, and they must have had a damn good reason for this. Stop blindly attacking them and let this play out.

For insurance, the DC Attorney General let it be known last night that he's looking to criminally charge Trump for the insurrection. That's infinitely more important than impeachment. Perhaps he asked the Democrats not to screw up his prosecution by calling his witnesses.

It's also possible that one or more of the witnesses changed their story, and therefore it would have backfired.

There are all kinds of plausible explanations for what just happened. "Democrats stupidly caved" is NOT one of them, because these Democrats are NOT stupid or cavers.

We really, really, really need to learn to avoid jumping straight into the "all hope is lost" and "Democrats just stupidly caved" routines. Neither of those things ever ends up being true. When we fatalistically yell that stuff, WE are the ones (unwittingly) causing harm.

We deserve answers as to what happened today, but we'll get them soon enough.

I warned you from day one not to let the media suck you into the fictional notion that the impeachment trial was crucial, and that he's "getting away with it all" if he's not convicted in it.

This has ALWAYS been about criminally prosecuting Trump and putting him in prison. Period. Nothing else.

Stuff like this impeachment trial is just child's play. It's not even a real trial. I'd much rather see these witnesses used at Trump's CRIMINAL trial.

New York and Georgia already have criminal proceedings against Trump on his finances and election tampering, respectively.

The only question is whether the Washington DC Attorney General, or the DOJ, brings the insurrection case against him.

Today is a great opportunity to look around at the political pundits yelling “Democrats stupidly caved” and realize you don’t ever have to listen to those specific pundits again. They either can’t think above a fifth grade level, or they’re just pandering to you.

Let’s get out of the trap of spending years working hard to elect smart and savvy and fearless Democrats, only to decide they’re cowardly idiots the minute they do something that doesn’t make immediate sense to us from the outside. That’s how we hand those seats back to the GOP.

Typo alert

The second tweet in this thread was supposed to say “For *instance*, the DC Attorney General let it be known last night that he’s looking to criminally charge Trump for the insurrection”

Not “For *insurance*”

Criminal charges are Plan A, not some insurance policy.