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Yes, actually that's kind of the problem these days.

All the ■takes will be shown to be wrong once the voter file data & analysis like this one w the FULL RESULTS get done, which is why I'VE NOT PUBLISHED MY ■TAKE IN NYT yet

We'll have to decide if we want it fast, or right

I'm not sure if it's still a \U0001f525 take almost 2 months after the election, but here goes.

Majority black precincts in Philadelphia didn't really underperform for Biden.

Oh, and this is a \U0001f9f5with [#maps](#) and [#stats](#) and things. [#ElectionTwitter](#) [#R](#) 1/?

— Mike Johnson (@MikeJohnsonPA) [December 31, 2020](#)

There is ONE STORY in elections right now and its education. Its not rural vs urban, or Black and White, Latino and White

Its educated versus non-educated

And its global

1. I'll add that it's very imp that Ds understand, crystal clear, this fact (that edu is the divide that rules all other divides). After Parscale's success in 2020 the GOP will now double down on their efforts to come after non-college educated, non-white voters bc now they KNOW

2. they're gettable. The 2018 and 2020 cycle were "feelers." No doubt donors and strategists were skeptical. Now they have the analytic proof and the \$ will be flowing. This is one reason that I decided that I had to get into electioneering myself. Someone is going to need to be

3. there talking to these voters from the Left (and talking to them with effective messaging- for ex they don't give two shits about insider trading corruption) or you'll see even more erosion in the D's vote share among non-college educated non-white voters, I'm sure of it. Its

4. total bullshit! Actually, its evil as fuck! The GOP wants nothing less than to screw these voters over. But they WILL use them to win elections- you better believe it. And where education comes into it is that exposure to college makes an individual far less likely to be
5. sensitive to anti-democratic messaging like limiting the speech of groups you don't like, support for curtailing freedom, and now, believe or not, attempting an anti-democratic coup. <https://t.co/c1QRkQcmh1>
6. This is bc the liberal arts curriculum exposes students to classes that teach them how government works, what the Bill of Rights does and how it works, history, and increasingly, classes that highlight multiculturalism, diversity, equality, etc. A conservative by today's
7. unfortunate definition of a conservative is right to look at the college curriculum and see it as hostile to conservatism. Note though, my use of the word unfortunate. That is bc modern conservatism made diversity, racial equality, gender equality partisan issues so now these
8. areas/issues are seen as Democratic Party indoctrination. Its a HUGE problem for the Republican Party that gender equality is no longer seen as a non-partisan objective. There is also an economic element to the education divide- obviously many people who lack college degrees
9. are more economically stressed than their degreed counterparts- but it is VERY important to understand this is not a pure correlation by a LONG SHOT. Many very economically well-off white men who lack college degrees are full MAGA. Not attending college, not
10. only bc they missed out on the course curriculum that might have given them the critical reasoning skills to understand why something like a Muslim ban is a bad idea, for example, also meant they never lived in a dorm where their roommate was Jewish, or Muslim! Maybe never
11. was exposed to Democrats (bc in rural America, you may never see one and thus, your perception of a Democrat relies entirely on the intentionally dehumanized version that is presented to you on right-wing media. I had students like this all the time. And they were on a very
12. small, conservative campus- nothing like one of the big state universities! Still, they'd tell me how eye opening being at CNU was- how much their impressions of different groups of people changed once they'd actually seen and met them. That's why we see in the data that even
13. some time in college matters to people's political behavior.