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The reality is very simple: The Republican Party is no longer participating in democracy. They're running a series of ops against every election cycle, predicated on the notion that only their power is legitimate.

> As many as 140 House Republicans and at least one GOP Senator will object to Biden's electors.
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> As @ChrisMurphyCT told me, it's only a matter of time until Rs steal an election.
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> \u201cThis party has a whole bunch of enemies of democracy inside its top ranks."https://t.co/FlhH0F1SXH
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> — Greg Sargent (@ThePlumLineGS) January 1, 2021

This isn't a failed coup. This is a *continuous* coup that stretches back years. It includes Gingrich's scorched earth methods, Bush v Gore, the politicizing of the Bush DoJ, the judicial obstructionism and nullification of the McConnell Senate, and the entire Trump presidency.

It includes decades of tortured racist gerrymandering and disenfranchisement, Citizens United, the dismantling of the Voting Rights Act, PACs, and deliberately colluding with foreign powers.

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The Republican Party is not participating in democracy. They are quite obviously an organization dedicated to the destruction and overthrow of the government of the U.S. as we know it, and should be treated as such.

There are no legitimate Republican office-holders.

I think there's a distinction to be made. Democrats are often weak/ineffective, and many are complicit because they're those things by choice—but institutionally they aren't authoritarian, and they aren't fascist. They're a corporatist conservative party. https://t.co/2jqG1yVoDv

> To what extent is the legitimacy of Democratic leadership also questionable? If I have a friend who tells me he\u2019ll help protect me from a bully we both identify, and then steps out of the way of every punch headed for me, don\u2019t I just have two bullies with extra steps?
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> — Duke \u201cthiiirdperson\u201d Greene (@DukeGreene) January 1, 2021

Basically the Democrats are what the media-writ-large pretends Republicans are. They have a left-leaning wing the media-writ-large pretends is a far-left flank of the Democratic party, a party they also pretend is, on average, at least as far left as its most far-left members.

We'd have far less problems if the Democrats were what the Republicans are always saying they are.

But the Republicans are a far-right party of authoritarian extremists, who are actively demolishing democracy.