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Trump's call to @GaSecofState highlights the intersection of "Trickle Down Pathology", the emasculinization of the rule of law, and a gaslighting technique I describe as "the manipulation of the interaction timeline".

To review: 1)Trump attempted to extort election fraud....1/

> Audio: Trump berates Ga. secretary of state, urges him to "find" votes https://t.co/Pibw9gBt1A
>
> — The Washington Post (@washingtonpost) January 3, 2021

2) @GaSecofState, perhaps as a result of wanting to protect himself...as well as American Democracy...learned his lesson after taking a phone call from @LindseyGrahamSC, refused to take Trump's first 18 phone calls (attempts to commit voter fraud). 2/
https://t.co/uvrp2yBir3

3) Finally, relenting, and taking Trump's call..... Raffensperger recorded the call and publicized it only after Trump attacked him and the process. 3/https://t.co/b7JF0pjYrU

> Brad Raffensperger told his advisers he did not want the recording or a transcript of the call released unless Trump attacked him or misrepresented the call. Trump tweeted attacking Raffensperger Sunday morning. https://t.co/mxDSeHYeRZ
>
> — Kyle Griffin (@kylegriffin1) January 4, 2021

Predictably, Trump and the Right Wing Echo Chamber immediately went into gaslighting mode in an attempt to "manipulate the interaction timeline". Here is a breakdown of how it works: 4/ https://t.co/Q8iboT0Ib2

> As for the \u201cinteraction timeline\u201d, it comes into play in two ways. First, the narcissist uses it to 1) excuse their own behavior, and 2) to demonize those whose reasonable reaction to the egregious behavior attempts to hold the narcissist accountable, 21/https://t.co/Psb0Dg36mm
>
> — Nick Carmody JD, MS Psych (@Nick_Carmody) August 24, 2019

....5/....https://t.co/0BBwgMNWQD

> \u2026.. and 3) to simultaneously claim victimhood by characterizing the reaction as an \u201cunfair\u201d, unprovoked attack against the narcissist. 22/ https://t.co/qMBVRT9UNx
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...6/...https://t.co/rIgGJH6Wpy

> If you look at \u201cunfairness\u201d through the lens of his narcissism, particularly through the lens of grandiosity/superiority/perfection\u2026.there\u2019s an inability/unwillingness to see things objectively. 3/
>
> — Nick Carmody JD, MS Psych (@Nick_Carmody) July 23, 2019

....7/....https://t.co/VgFqT8Qx2X

> There\u2019s also a zero-sum dynamic: If something doesn\u2019t go 100% in Trump\u2019s favor, it\u2019s unfair, b/c he\u2019s pathologically subjective (only see the world through his own limited perspective), and thinks he \u201cdeserves\u201d 100% of the pie (zero-sum). Anything less than 100% is \u201cunfair\u201d. 4/
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....8/...https://t.co/BPzJfFSrcQ

> As far as \u201ctreatment\u201d, if he doesn\u2019t receive 100% adulation (narcissistic supply), it\u2019s perceived as \u201cunfair\u201d treatment. This is why there\u2019s no acceptance of accountability, why he bristles at criticism, and will go to war & hold grudges with people who criticize him (press). 5/
>
> — Nick Carmody JD, MS Psych (@Nick_Carmody) July 23, 2019

....9/....https://t.co/Psb0Dg36mm

> He\u2019s also oblivious, in denial, and/or dishonest about when the interaction timeline begins (which usually begins with an egregious action/statement by Trump)\u2026.. Instead pointing to other peoples' reactions to his words/actions as the initial action rather than as a reaction. 6/
>
> — Nick Carmody JD, MS Psych (@Nick_Carmody) July 23, 2019

....10/....https://t.co/qMBVRT9UNx

> \u2026..which allows him to always (attempt to) claim victimhood because he characterizes the situation as being one where everyone else (press/Democrats/law enforcement) is \u201cattacking\u201d Trump (or someone who sycophantically furthers Trump\u2019s interests) *without* provocation.7/
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....11/.....https://t.co/M48H7651gt

> This due in part to Trump symptomatically living in an "immortal, eternal now", without any concept of historical significance.....other than to keep score of others who have "wronged" him. 8/ https://t.co/qezbSyOzy0
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The Raffensperger call is the most recent example of the Right's attempt to gaslight and "manipulate the interaction timeline", by focusing on the reasonable response by both Raffensperger, and the 50+% of the country that still values the rule of law/democratic elections....12/

.....by attempting to focus on and demonize Raffensperger's/society's reasonable reaction.

But, here's the thing.....the problem isn't that Trump's attempt to extort and commit election fraud came to light....

....The problem is that it occurred.....13/
https://t.co/4z4hQLNmfy

> The past doesn't matter...
> Words don't matter...
> Accountability doesn't matter...
> Hypocrisy doesn't matter...
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> Apparently what matters is questioning and disparaging those who report/expose the egregious behavior.
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> The problem isn't that this came to light, it's that it happened. https://t.co/0IH5xAyZuL
>
> — Nick Carmody JD, MS Psych (@Nick_Carmody) September 29, 2020

As alluded to in the initial tweet, the attempt to "manipulate the interaction timeline" has now intersected with masculinity.

For decades, the Right has masculinized conservative issues politics....and emasculinzed "principled morality, etc".....14/
https://t.co/JLGVxiOoVt

> This is due to decades of (e)masculinization of politics. The Republicans have used the 2nd Amend (guns), Libertarianism, Foreign policy (war), etc, to masculinize conservatism,...while simultaneously emasculating empathy, compassion, principled morality, intellectualism, etc. 1/ https://t.co/aCQ3JxEahf
>
> — Nick Carmody JD, MS Psych (@Nick_Carmody) February 6, 2020

However, as seen w/the Right's reaction to Raffensperger releasing a recording of the President of the United States attempting to extort election fraud and undermine the integrity of democratic elections....The Right is now emasculating the rule of law 15/https://t.co/i8um5vwZva

> A man does not release a private conversation he has with anyone. That\u2019s part of being a man. Democrat, Republican, Trump, anti-Trump, none of that matters.

> You don\u2019t repeat things said to you privately. That\u2019s simple man code. https://t.co/hlRPamglnV
>
> — Jesse Kelly (@JesseKellyDC) January 4, 2021

The emasculinization of the rule of law is just one of countless examples of how "Trickle Down Pathology" has infected society as result of having someone as pathologically disordered as Trump occupying the oval office. 16/https://t.co/mAFEkfFERu

> When supporting and defending the behavior of a pathologically disordered leader becomes the top priority, the "defense" (behavior) of the subordinates will invariably become pathologically disordered. This is the essence of \u201cTrickle Down Pathology: 10/ https://t.co/FO0STMN0jO
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> They're boxed-in to their support of Trump by caricatures of their morality/intelligence. To admit Trump is who/what he is substantiates those caricatures to some degree. It's less psychologically/emotionally distressing to preserve the Trump fallacy, and to continue...1/ https://t.co/WSdFFJTd2h
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https://t.co/u38yXRbrB3