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This is such BS

The storming of the Capitol was just the latest in a long line of examples in which Trump's supporters took him LITERALLY.

At least 87 ppl were killed by right-wing terrorists in the first 3 years of Trump b/c they took him LITERALLY https://t.co/FEmOzv6Kxj

Here are other examples of right-wing terrorists being inspired by Trump's rhetoric

AUGUST 2015: 2 brothers beat a homeless man in Boston with a metal pipe who they believed to be an undocumented immigrant. “Donald Trump was right,” they told police. https://t.co/am58g17gyn

3/ OCTOBER 2016: 3 men arrested for plotting a series of bomb attacks against Somali-Americans in Kansas.

Two of the three men were Trump supporters who shared his anti-immigrant views. https://t.co/sy5ZJJYm52

4/ MAY 2017: A University of Maryland student accused of stabbing a black U.S. Army lieutenant to death apparently liked memes about Donald Trump, white supremacy, and the alt-right. https://t.co/O6iUfVgbbX

5/ AUGUST 2017: Members of a far-right militia bombed the Dar Al-Farooq Islamic Center in Bloomington, MN in an effort “to scare” Muslims. https://t.co/roygwBbTyZ

6/ AUGUST 2017: A man crashes car into a crowd protesting a neo-Nazi rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, killing Heather Heyer. The driver enjoyed drawing swastikas, talked about “loving Hitler,” and adored Trump. https://t.co/CruXl5q92n

7/ JANURAY 2018: A 19-year-old calls CNN 22 times threatening to kill employees. “Fake news. I’m coming to gun you all down."

A high school classmate described the individual as a Trump supporter who “came in after the election and was very happy.” https://t.co/GXO79DtqOd

8/ OCTOBER 2018: Trump supporter sends a dozen pipe bombs to prominent Democrats and the media. https://t.co/BLzVU0MVQj

9/ JANUARY 2019: A man stabs two people to death on a train in Portland, Oregon, and writes “If Donald Trump is the Next Hitler then I am joining his SS.” https://t.co/NOMttaveVb

10/ AUGUST 2019: Man who praised Trump’s anti-immigrant policies kills 23 people at an El Paso Walmart, the majority of them Latinx. https://t.co/dxdDUKvEOi

11/ Here are the trends that demonstrate how violence against Black, Brown, LGBTQ Americans ■■ b/c Trump's supporters have been taking him LITERALLY from the beginning:

A 70% ■■ in violent attacks perpetrated in the name of far-right ideology in 2017 https://t.co/mFu1XNVVlS

12/ The Anti-Defamation League reported a 57% growth in the number of anti-Semitic incidents in the United States during Trump’s first year in office: https://t.co/hQXhABnuDK

13/ The Anti-Defamation League also observed a 77% increase in incidents of white supremacist propaganda and recruitment efforts on college campuses from 2017 to 2018 https://t.co/ZbmUrkyYOU

14/ November 9, 2016 to November 7, 2017: 302 incidents of hate violence and xenophobic political rhetoric against South Asian Americans, an over 45% increase from our previous analysis in just one year. https://t.co/6sS4hHPQtP

15/ ALSO: remember that as some of Trump's supporters took him LITERALLY and carried out violence in HIS NAME, Trump ACTIVELY made it harder for law enforcement to hold them accountable.

Here's how....

16/ Trump worked to cut all funding to a Department of Homeland Security program known as “countering violent extremism,” which provides grants to communities to counter radicalism through outreach. https://t.co/h2DZnK285L

17/ White House officials worked to suppress the phrase “domestic terrorism.” https://t.co/8XFrt8WqTK

18/ Trump’s DHS refuses to implement a domestic extremism plan designed to guide local governments on how to spend new grant funding: https://t.co/VFsAu2DOT7

19/ To summarize:

1) Trump's hardcore supporters have been terrorizing Black, Latinx, Muslim, LGBTQ Americans since 2015

2) Trump continued to spew hate, knowing that it led to violence

3) Trump tried to prevent law enforcement from going after right-wing domestic terrorism

20/ At the end of last year, @FBI reported that hate crimes *rose to their highest numbers in a decade* with a record-breaking 51 fatal attacks: https://t.co/HHvYGDmYYx