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Yep, and the parallels to Nazi Germany, where the same kinds of people supported the Nazi party, are hard to miss. Equating people who didn't finish college with the "working class" is missing the picture. By that defintion, Sean Hannity is working class.

> Unfortunately, yes. The prominence of small business and petty bourgeois "entrepeneurs" in far right coalitions is not (merely) a question of number of participants. It is that "small business owner" operates as an aspirational image for others in the coalition who are not https://t.co/heVfjpAcCa
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In my last conversation with a Trump fan I know, what came across strongly was the petty bourgeois resentment and even hatred of the government employee, who is invariably portrayed as a leech who doesn't work for a living (though they do and have low salaries for their resumes.)

This dovetails with white supremacist urges. For petty bourgeois that want to trap people of color into low-paid service work, seeing Black and Latino people at government desk jobs makes them irate. Nothing will get them raving about "wasting" taxpayer money faster.

That's what a lot of Cletus safari pieces are missing that those of us who actually know Trump voters aren't: The anger that is stirred every time they see a Black firefighter or a Latino county clerk, that rage that these folks have secure middle class jobs on "their" dime.

When Trump talked about the "deep state" out to get him, that's the bone he was tickling. That, and anger at the D.C. high level bureaucrat class that is well-educated and stirs the constant jealousy over people that are more cosmopolitan and sophisticated.

Needless to say, Obama was both in the eyes of these people: A Black government employee (which they view as leeches) and a sophisticated, well-educated high level employee who made them feel small and stupid and jealous. Which explains the white hot nature of the hate.