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By provoking an insurrection, Donald Trump may have accomplished what none of his previous actions could: splitting the Republican Party. This creates a major opportunity for Dems, and the latest Washington Monthly explains how they can seize it. /1

Sizable minorities of GOP voters believe Trump incited the siege—28 % according to YouGov, 41 percent according to Morning Consultant. And an astonishing 25 % of those who voted for Trump in November want him removed from office now, according to an Avalanche Insights poll. /2

To capture at least a small share of these Republicans, Dems need ideas that can help these voters feel welcome. Their current platform, a logical progression of platforms past, wasn't enough to win decisively in 2020 and probably won't be enough to save their majority in 2022./3

In the latest issue of the Washington Monthly, we outline three ideas that can help Democrats convert erstwhile Republicans without abandoning progressive principles. 4/

First, Daniel Block argues that Joe Biden should prioritize liberating local governments from a variety of state and federal restrictions imposed on them by Trump and the GOP. Doing so will have policy advantages.../5 https://t.co/4IFtxUii0V

..like helping progressive cities carry out climate plans that Republican state governments have stonewalled. But it will also have political advantages. Poll after poll shows that most Americans trust local governments far more than the federal government. /6

That includes an overwhelming majority of Republicans. By becoming the party of local power, Democrats can attract disillusioned members of the GOP. /7

Second, Barry Lynn explains how Biden can remake U.S. politics and economics through antitrust enforcement. Antitrust may not seem like something Republicans would endorse, but there are plenty of conservatives who do./8 https://t.co/bQYMTchqQ3

Third, Colin Woodard shows how Democrats can craft a civic national narrative for America that displaces Trump's ethno-nationalist one. /9
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After seeing rioters march a Confederate flag through the halls of Congress, plenty of center-right Americans may be willing to embrace the party that finally ends the Lost Cause. /9