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What is happening on the floor of the United States of House of Representatives is tragic.

Tragic because it was preventable. Tragic because most of the Republicans in the House are themselves brainwashed into believing that this is all *just politics.*

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I take no joy in supporting impeachment against the President.

In fact, it pains my soul to know that the Commander in Chief launched an attack on his own people, on the People's House, on democracy.

It is tragic.

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Our checks and balances have failed.

Our institutions of justice have failed.

The only power that has not failed is the power of the American people. We voted and we won.

And that's why Trump attacked it.

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This is an attack on us as a people. It is an attack on those the autocrat cannot control. He has radicalized those who feel disenfranchised and he sent them into the Capitol as his pawns while he watched the attack with glee from afar.

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He was capable of doing this because he has not one or two or even three lieutenants in Congress--but over 150 of them.

Their loyalty to Trump--their thirst for power--their devotion to a political party--and, yes, their fear of exiting the cult--has ruined our country.

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These Lieutenants of Autocracy offered a salute to the terrorist forces through Josh Hawley

They legitimized the lie that the election was stolen by signing onto amicus briefs.

They validated the myth every single time they went on tv + made unproven claims of voter fraud.

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And then they worked to complete the job of the terrorists by voting to overturn the election.

They are not merely working with the terrorists, they are the orchestrators and megaphones of the Sedition.

Today they protect their leader, shielding him from accountability.

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This is why they must be expelled from the US House of Representatives. You can't have people legislating for a government they don't believe is legitimate.

Not one of the seditionists who voted to overturn the election has stepped forward to tell the truth--that they lied.

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You *must* remove seditionists from the government. Failure to do so emboldens the terrorists who attacked the Capitol last week.

They continue to see themselves in positions of high government leadership. It further legitimizes them. It emboldens them.

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You cannot fear the backlash. You cannot bend to the mob. You cannot negotiate with terrorists.

And if you do not have the stomach to do the hard things, you too need to step aside.

What's happened is tragic, but more tragic is allowing it to continue.

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