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Get ready to shift how you think about congress. (quick thread bc Zeke's asleep)...

For 10 years, it was a safe bet that congress would accomplish nothing. Congress was defined by dysfunction, gridlock, or outright white plutocracy under Trump.

But there's a Dem trifecta for the first time in a decade now, so it's time to make new bets- and make them fast.

Usually congress moves slowly or not at all. Historically though, when a Dem trifecta comes, there is a brief window of opportunity - usually measured in months, not years - where legislative progress suddenly speeds up.

A quick trip through the last 100 years of this:

Wilson takes office with his Democratic trifecta in early 1913, and by the end of the year we get a progressive federal income tax and the creation of the Federal Reserve.

FDR takes office with his Democratic trifecta in early 1933, and that year we get the Public Works Administration, the Civilian Conservation Corps, banking reform, and massive economic recovery legislation.

LBJ starts his full term with his Democratic trifecta in 1965, and that year we get the Voting Rights Act, creation of Medicare and Medicaid, creation of the Dept of Housing and Urban Development, and federal support for education.

Obama takes office in 2009, and we get the stimulus, banking reform, national service legislation, and the Affordable Care Act within about a year.

Not to say the Biden trifecta success is inevitable. Carter & Clinton won trifectas but failed to translate them into generation-defining legislative reforms. Still, Carter got the Clean Water Act & anti-redlining in his first year, & Clinton got FMLA, gun reform, & NAFTA (...).

So things COULD start to move fast. And those things could be BIG. To help make this happen, Indivisible just published our new guide on how to take advantage of this Dem trifecta: https://t.co/IFJDGfYoHH

You made it to the end! And look at that, Z's still asleep (he sleeps with his hands up like that). /end


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