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I am a senior staffer at The Lincoln Project. I'm also a woman and a mother to two young boys. I have seen a lot written and said about the organization I work for and I feel like it is important to say some things of my own. [THREAD]

I joined @ProjectLincoln because I believed in its mission. As a woman, the rhetoric out of Trump and his enablers scared and disgusted me. As a mother, I felt that it was my duty to fight for a better, safer country for my children. 2/

@ProjectLincoln The #LincolnProject is not Rick Wilson or Steve Schmidt. It's not Reed Galen, Mike Madrid, Ron Steslow, Jennifer Horn, George Conway, or John Weaver either. 3/

@ProjectLincoln The Lincoln Project is comprised of a small team of the hardest working, most talented young people I have ever had the pleasure of working with. The team is a group of people mostly in their 20's to mid-30's from different backgrounds, states, political affiliations, 4/

@ProjectLincoln and world views, many of whom moved across the country, leaving friends and family behind, to live with strangers for two months in the middle of nowhere, DURING COVID, to fight for the soul of our nation. 5/

@ProjectLincoln The Lincoln Project is a 22-year-old film prodigy, straight out of college, who often worked late into the night to bring you the rapid response videos you have enjoyed. 6/

@ProjectLincoln It is a 23-year-old political strategist who slept with data sheets and advised the founders about what messages were landing with voters and where we could win the most votes. 7/

@ProjectLincoln It is a press secretary who literally moved across the country immediately following the presidential election to take on the Georgia Senate races. It is a political director in his late 20's who was a full on badass and led a team to victory using unprecedented tactics. 8/

@ProjectLincoln Has it all been sunshine and rainbows? Of course not. It's been insanely intense. We've had death threats. We've worked crazy long hours for weeks at a time for months on end. We literally lived and worked together simultaneously for two solid months 9/

@ProjectLincoln during one of the most tumultuous times in American history all while trying to fight against the very people causing the chaos. It was A LOT! But we always knew the importance of the mission and we were determined to succeed. 10/

@ProjectLincoln The Lincoln Project is not what you are reading about in the press. You are reading about pettiness. You are reading about vendettas. 11/

@ProjectLincoln You are reading about selfishness and deceit on a level that is both horrifying and heartbreaking to the team of worker bees who have done and continue to do the work behind the scenes. 12/

@ProjectLincoln The Lincoln Project is a movement. It's a hard-working staff, but it is also supporters who cheered for us and donated to our cause. It's state leadership teams who worked as volunteers, lending their talents, relationships, and experience to the mission. 13/

@ProjectLincoln It's followers who helped spread our message to their own followers. It is so much bigger than this moment and every single person involved deserves better than ALL of this. 14/

@ProjectLincoln BELIEVE ME, I understand the frustration, anger, confusion, and disappointment on an intimate level, but if it is placed on The Lincoln Project, it is misplaced. 15/

@ProjectLincoln The Lincoln Project isn't our founders, current or former. It's your daughter, your nephew, your sibling, your friend, your former colleague—fighting as hard as we can for the most important mission of our lives. 16/

@ProjectLincoln I am and will always be proud of our team, current and former, and every American who has joined the fight. The Lincoln Project was my dream job, and I am still incredibly proud to serve in its ranks. 17/17 ###