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As a mom of 4 I have spent a significant amount of my time discussing the virtues of truth telling and the consequences of telling a lie, at this moment one of the kids is writing me an essay on using self-control to ensure her words are true.

On Monday @TuckerCarlson said, “The Green New Deal has come, believe it or not, to the state of Texas. How’s it working out so far?”

First GND is a resolution, second it hasn’t even been past, 3rd, we’re talking about TX. This is objectively false.

He went on to say, “Not a single major American city is prettier or more functional than it was in 1950. The parks that previous generations so lovingly built are filled with vagrants and junkies."

"The monuments they constructed are covered with spray paint. Public transportation is a disgrace. It’s filthy, the streets are dangerous. Are you really surprised that Cory Booker was once the mayor of Newark, New Jersey? You shouldn’t be.”

Wow, that’s a lot to unpack and has little to do with the lack of power in TX. For myself I believe the best is yet to come. I see the dog whistles there, and it’s an excellent example of racist demagoguery and a sure path towards the destruction of our democracy.

We are facing a public health, climate, & economic crisis. People are suffering. Willful ignorance on the major issues facing our nation is not what American exceptionalism is all about & it isn't patriotic. Truth & science are neither liberal nor conservative.

.@TuckerCarlson is selling a pack of lies to distract from the failures we are living through. Not loving our neighbors, and our elected officials haven't create equal opportunities regardless of being rural or urban, or regardless of race and religion.

We need an America where no one will go broke just because they get sick. We do this by expanding Medicaid, and honoring the promises made to our seniors by protecting Medicare and Social Security.

We strengthen families and lift people our of poverty by ensuring world class educational opportunities to ALL- providing universal pre-K, affordable vocational schools and college education.

We restore the dignity of work by ensuring all workers in America are paid a fair wage, and have paid family and medical leave.

We work to reform our criminal justice system, ensure law enforcement protects us all, and end cash bail so there is equal justice under the law.

Those like @TuckerCarlson don’t want to offer solutions, they want demagogue, to scapegoat, and to lie about why we can’t and what’s holding us back. That isn’t the America I grew up in and it isn’t the America I want to leave for our children.