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I'm teaching a class on race and after reading bell hooks we've moved on to @JohnHMcWhorter. Fact: liberals/progressives generally will never critique the poor moral choices of disadvantaged blacks and tend to blame black morality on "white racism." https://t.co/GEvSKupDox via

Meanwhile conservatives, generally, struggle to confess that Jim Crow was a (Christian) conservative movement. This is why we can't make any progress in 2020. The idea that black people *and* white people *both* have zero moral culpability on our past or present is fiction.

It's not "racist" for a white male to say black men in urban areas commit more crimes in their own neighborhoods and, therefore, are more likely to have contact with police. And it's false that men who commit violent crime & property crime are only doing so because of poverty.

Yes, evangelical Christians, in Jesus name, supported and defended Jim Crow, resisted integration, and struggle with white nationalism as an idol in 2020. Absolutely! Many of their pastors are cowards for never addressing or aiding and abetting it. https://t.co/LXYmkyxDld

Yes, there are cultural patterns in disadvantaged black communities that are not derivative of white racism but emerge from the fact that black men & women, just like white men & women, chose, on purpose, actions that lack virtue & wisdom. Why? B/c all humans are morally flawed.

Progressives are useless to black communities if disadvantaged men & women are never called to higher practices of moral virtue. Conservatives are useless if they lack the humility to remedy the ways conservatives abandoned the communities they helped to destroy.

Conservatives should've chosen investment in the 1970s instead of suburban retreat b/c it set progressives up to infantilize blacks & fulfill a white messiah complex alleging that black thriving is dependent on white liberal solidarity via white paternalistic federal programs.

Conservatives abandoned cities, leaving cities vulnerable to the social assistance state, which tends to remove incentives for high moral virtue. *Then* conservatives, in the 1980s+, attacked the cities for the outcomes of progressive policies which undermined black families.

Fact: everyone is complicit in the mess we're in today. You'd have to have some weird, unnatural, ahistorical anthropology to see it otherwise. Where's the problem? Every tribe should say, "With us!"--instead of the nonsense 2020 answer which screams, it's only "With them."