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I know we're all enamored with the new Christmas tradition of blowing up an entire city block on Christmas Day, so I must join the chorus of concerned folks who worry that if we don't provide a forum for people who want to blow up city blocks, a vital Xmas tradition will be lost.

If we don't let angry white men blow up city blocks, then we will lose so many other vital liberties. How can you connect with other people exploring gender, if your city blocks aren't blowing up?

I'm here today to honor those dead in the latest Target mass shooting, a tragic but necessary cost of our freedoms, without their sacrifice we might not be able to express displeasure at our cable companies.

^ this is what y'all sound like

The digital freedom movement has not proposed a single solution for dealing with Nazi murder and has essentially decided that that is not its problem.

Meanwhile *every single* extremism researcher in *every single* threat domain has identified online radicalization as one of the key challenges and can clearly elaborate on the multifactorial challenges that one faces when addressing that

In other words, extremism research is a hell of a lot more thoughtful about intersectional digital freedom than digital freedom is about extremism.

You cannot study the historical consequences of violent fascism, fundamentalism, or authoritarianism without encountering the dynamics of the end state, but you can very easily talk in hypotheticals about speech online without ever having to give two shits about victims of terror

And rather than hear platitudes about "oh yeah well we get death threats, too"—setting aside the fact that I almost had a CAR DRIVEN INTO ME—it would be a lot nicer to just hear, "we don't actually have a solution to the white dudes blowing up city blocks problem"

Here is a more thoughtful, less angry, more data driven look at this same thing: https://t.co/o94vpgjmDj

1. (THREAD) So, it seems like the deplatforming debate is once again kicking off, so I thought I would introduce some of the earlier work that was done in this area back when ISIS was buck wild on social media. What have we learned over the last six years might be useful today:

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