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This defense of Trump is like the upside down world.

Good lawyers refrain from absurd statements, understanding this undermines one's credibility. This person is refraining from any non-absurd statements.

Phew. I was worried we'd go 10 minutes before hearing #BothSides.

How this guy thinks the protestors last summer are anything like the President of the US inciting an insurrection against a coordinate branch of govt on a sacred day of their performing their most impt duties is beyond me.

This guy says "you can't incite what was already going to happen." What kind of defense is that? For 1 thing, House saying Trump gave instructions to make it happen. For another,if Trump thought it was inevitable, why didn't he have Natl Guard in advance ready to stop it on 1/6?

By Trump standards, this guy is Clarence Darrow. In that he can put a sentence together.

By normal standards, this bizarre over the top speech is a terrible defense of Trump. So far it has made exactly zero rational points. It's just a list of grievances and false equivalencies

Hmm why is it that the statement by trump lawyer that Trump has been the only one who is consistently against mob violence reminds me of ...

...Trump saying he is the least racist person in the world?

Oh good. I was worried we'd go 20 minutes without hearing "cancel culture." He made it just under the limit.

Omg. This guy is now calling for unity. After what he just said. Is this an SNL parody?

Trump lawyer now asserting that the House managers doctored evidence. That's a really serious, ugly accusation. He better be able to back it up.

Wait. His claim is there was doctored evidence that was ... not introduced?

Now the claim is they didn't show the entire 1/6 Trump speech? Pleaassse. Let's everyone watch the whole speech.

You'd have to be an ostrich to think that the Trump speech was an invitation to a "peaceful" "cheer" of House and Senate Rs.

This idea that by Trump saying once "peaceful" it means he's off the hook is the time honored strategy of mob bosses everywhere. That's the move.

This is a ludicrous defense. Not even Daniel Webster could make someone believe that @ewarren is calling for violence in the way Trump was. It's patently absurd.