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It was a foregone conclusion that Trump would lose the TX case, but why did he say “This is the big one?” 1/9

> We will be INTERVENING in the Texas (plus many other states) case. This is the big one. Our Country needs a victory!
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> — Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) December 9, 2020

Because the TX case rested on the proposition that a national election can be nullified and “overturned” (a term Trump actually used in a tweet) on the grounds that it does not satisfy conditions determined by the incumbent president 2/9

and the states governed by that president’s political party--
(e..g., no votes by voters receiving mail-in ballots who do not request those ballots shall be deemed legitimate.) 3/9

This litigation was intended to nullify all the votes in all 50 states, and would have called for a new election. It challenged election procedures, not just election results. And it did not require any proof of fraud or undercounts or overcounts. 4/9

In other words, no national election can be legitimate that fails to reelect the incumbent president--in this case of course, Donald J. Trump, the Supreme Leader of the *real* America. 5/9

(Note that the litigation was entered *after* the election had been held and the GOP’s incumbent president had lost, so the litigation wasn’t even timely.)

This was an attempt to create a permanent authoritarian minority government. 6/9

In the 1930s, this sort of thing was called fascism in Europe. In today’s world it is called “managed democracy” or “authoritarian state elections”---exactly as in Putin’s Russia. 7/9

17 red states and 126 House Republicans signed on to it.

We are now faced with a treasonous war against majoritarian democracy, free elections, and the Constitutional rule of law in America by the Trumpian GOP. 8/9

As David Frum has predicted: “If conservatives become convinced that they can not win democratically, they will not abandon conservatism. They will reject democracy.” 9/9