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1/ You cannot be pro science pro engineering pro progress pro innovation pro truth —if you are not pro CRITICISM.

Conjecture followed by criticism is how all of it is done. That which withstands crtiicsm on MERIT not manipulation survives.

Otherwise...

2/ ...otherwise we get society, students, customers, shareholders who believe in things out of fealty, desire, credulity, naivete, fear, hope under the spell or influence or charm of a person
—(a preacher, a politician, a stock promoter) instead of truths that survive criticism..

3/ Any system that can't withstand crticism, can't stand.

In science repeatability, falsifiability

In politics debate

In markets analysis, selling, short-selling

To evade criticism (ban books, make doubt illegal)—is to hide, seeking shelter in shadow from light of truth.