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Persuasion in US History: A thread.

Native Americans were persuaded to cede their lands. /1

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George III was persuaded to recognize the colonies as independent /2 <https://t.co/Um156gmz6L>

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The US economy was built on staple crop agriculture performed by persuaded laborers /3 <https://t.co/Um156gmz6L>

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Using gentle and sensitive language, the US persuaded Mexico to cede half its territory to the US /4
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In a triumph of diplomacy and discourse, the Lincoln administration persuaded the South to end slavery. /5
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The Klan was formed after the Civil War to persuade Black Americans they didn't really need civil rights. /6
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The US government used rifles and artillery to persuade striking railroad workers to return to work. /7
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It was a triumph of persuasion to get Hawaiians to cede their sovereignty to armed American sugar planters reinforced by Marines. /8 <https://t.co/AhgTXD1fai>

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It was difficult, but the Hoover administration was able to persuade the Bonus Army to depart Anacostia Flats. /9
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Good thing the Allies were able to persuade the Nazis to stop being evil before things really got out of hand. /10
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The integration of southern schools was accomplished via civil discourse and the arts of gentle persuasion. /11
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The US policy in Vietnam shows how committed the nation has been to using persuasion to accomplish foreign policy objectives. /12 <https://t.co/AhgTXD1fai>

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Martin Luther King, Jr. and other civil rights leaders were able to persuade recalcitrant southern whites to stop being racist. Who can forget that sublime spectacle in the marketplace of ideas /13 <https://t.co/AhgTXD1fai>

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The new national anthem:

<https://t.co/Vs9CYoOuO4>