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Such a clear example of the conflicts embedded deep into our systems. In this case voting system.
What is lost in this maelstrom of Trump(ism) and its nonsense, so well called out by @GabrielSterling, is the underlying fact that partisans are in control of what should be a

> I encourage any of you that haven't voted yet here in Georgia, you have between 7am-7pm at your polling location. And as much as this may disappoint some, please join me in voting for Senators Perdue and Loeffler. A divided government will serve Americans best right now. #gapol
>
> — Gabriel Sterling (@GabrielSterling) January 5, 2021

non partisan function.

As welcome is the pushback the office of the Sec State of GA is, it is only barely sufficient. And when coupled with the equally sever problem of voter suppression, including purging the rolls, shutting down voting locations, all aimed at minority

populations, making it unnecessarily difficult, sometimes impossible, for these citizens to register their vote...When the larger issue is taken into account it is clear that we, and GA, are still reeling from ancient social problems.

As good as @GabrielSterling has been re this extreme Trump lying and BS...it is only because Trump is so very far out of sync with reality and facts that he falls outside even the very generous boundaries of what voter suppression is officially sanctioned. That itself is amazing

So, appreciate that, thankfully, there actually is a line that some people, even in their partisan positions of power, will not cross.
And then recognize that in this tweet is embodied the substrate of the problem....

A non partisan function is being administered in a partisan

framework.

The system may not be 'rigged', but it certainly is designed with some severe, rather specifically targeted, slopes.

The marvel is that despite all these impediments still there is enough energy to overcome them.
But it should not have to be so heroic.

This:
https://t.co/tPIhx6NObO

> \u201cThis Is Voter Suppression\u201d: 198,000 Georgia Residents Were Illegally Purged from Voter Rolls https://t.co/wkuT3hs96N via @democracynow
>
> — THE TAO OF NOW (@InTheNoosphere) January 5, 2021

And this. For starters.

https://t.co/KubhkFhgkL

Citing Palast reminds me of the work he did in 2000 re the Florida debacles.

All that is going on in GA now has been going on for a long time.
In Fl, & also OH, partisan Sec's of State have created systems that are not founded on 'the will of the people',

but ensconced ancient problems. Racial, of course, but also of the other fissures in our body politic. Wealth is another obvious one. There are others.

At this level everything is about the fundamental distribution and ability to wield power.

We have not figured this out.