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Fauci is a great figure for showing how the two party song and dance works. He did far too little to fight Covid, prioritizing business and political status quo, but gets treated like a radical by the Right, which then allows Dems to act like he did more than he did.

The implication then becomes not only that Fauci did more than he did, but that he would have done more except for the right wing, blocking him, neither of which are true.

You see this symbiosis play out with almost every major mainstream Democrat that is actually quite conservative/moderate but needs to convince their supporters they are secretly a radical fighting for them against all odds.

The additional benefit of this farce is that even though Fauci didn't do nearly enough to fight Covid, he still did more than business interests and conservative Dems want, so they use right wing attacks to argue that he went too far and claw back what little protection their was

Lots of people chiming in about whether or not I'm being fair to Fauci, but the point is that it doesn't actually matter what he did because the narrative—for Democrats that he did a lot, for the right that he did too much—would be the same regardless of what he did.