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Ah. Reading—in the sense of not just letting YEGO the words but in terms of upgrading your wetware—is remarkably difficult. Scanning dark symbols against a light page triggers feats of memory and imagination that install a temporary sub-Turing instantiation of the author’s 1/

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Mind on your own wetware, with whom you then have an imaginary conversation, date, and discussion. If it all goes well, after the temporary sub-Turing instantiation has been wiped, there remain durable neurological changes that I’ve upgraded your own mental capacity. For this 2/

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to work well, it is not enough that the book be great: The book also has to be compatible with the current state of your own wetware.

My guess, inferring from your presentation-of-self on Twitter, is that you a#should start with Uncle Maynard (Keynes)’s The End of Laissez 3/

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Faire & Exonomic Possibilities or Our Grandchildren, & Uncle Milton (Friedman) & Aunt Rose (Director Friedman)’s Free to Choose. To those I would then add Tom Slee’s No One Makes You Shop at Walmart & Parthia Dasgupta’s Economics: A Very Short Introduction. Then tell me which 4/

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Of those sung to you & which you bounced off of, & I can recalibrate... 5/END

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The very wise, very insightful, and usually highly reliable Michelle Goldberg makes, I think, a significant mistake here. She defends Bennet and Sulzburger's decision to publish Senator Cotton's call for massive violence against demonstrating American citizens by the security 1/


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Keynes is, I think, better than Hobsbawm on this: "Whilst... the enlargement of the functions of government, involved in the task of adjusting to one another the propensity to consume and the inducement to invest, would seem to a nineteenth-century publicist or to a 1/



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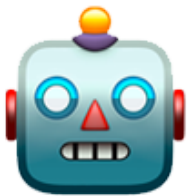
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I realize that this is a hell of a hill to die on, but I have never understood classifying Hayek as any kind of "liberal". I have always thought that Sam Brittan had his number back in 1980: "Hayek's... ethical philosophy is highly conservative. He faces the question of how /

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