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re your comment on predicting Trump, there is HL Mencken's famous phrase:

"It is IMPOSSIBLE to underestimate the intelligence of the American people."

and then from Richard Hofstadter's 1964 book on Anti-intellectualism in American Life:

"There is a cult of ignorance in the United States, and there has always been. The strain of anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that ignorance is just as good as your knowledge."

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all best