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THREAD. Sure. I was born in the U.S., in Baltimore, MD, in 1974. My dad originally went to England from India after medical school, to do his residency. He did, in fact, get gov assistance there (food stamps, etc.) bc what he was paid was not enough for him to live on 1/



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Replying to @AshaRangappa_

Asha if you care to share- How did you get here? Did you receive any government handouts? What do you think about kids getting rented out to help criminals break our laws?

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That was 1968-1969. At that point, the U.S. was looking for doctors bc of a shortage due to Vietnam. He changed his specialty from ophthalmology to anesthesiology so he could come and do his residency here. He arrived in 1970 2/

He benefited from the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, which relaxed quotas on Asians. My mom came several months later, after giving birth to my older sister in India. 3/

My mom had never been on an airplane before. My sister was 3 mo old. My mom only had cloth diapers, and didn't have enough for the trip — which was like 24 hours with a couple of layovers at that point. 4/

The airline attendants (and I think complete strangers) helped her. They gave her disposable diapers (she was amazed!) and gave her extra formula and other supplies until she reached America. 5/

She came the U.S. (D.C. via NY) wearing a sari and chapals (sandals)...in the middle of winter. She had never seen snow before! The nurses at my dad's hospital helped her and gave her clothes and blankets for my sister. 6/

She eventually learned to drive, and went to community college while raising me and my sister to get her CPA. Her degrees (in math and physics) were not recognized here and she could not get a job otherwise. 7/

My dad first began private practice in VA but then joined the U.S. Army and became an army doctor. My mom worked for the state of VA...after she retired she was a contract linguist for several years with the FBI (she speaks like 4 languages) 8/

They raised me and my sister — both of us went to college. My sis is married to a naturalized U.S. citizen who was a VA doctor before going into private practice (she has raised three brilliant kids). And, well, you know me 😊 9/

I have no idea how to answer the second part of your question. Will leave that to others. Peace 🙌 END

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