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THREAD:

1. As a member by no accomplishment of my own of the most-privileged demographic in America (old white guy) I am especially disgusted by the continuing behavior of my peers. Look, I grew up with these guys. Not specifically Grassley, McConnell, trump, Kelly, etc. but

2. their equivalents. I heard all the ethnic jokes and "blond" jokes and that "woman drivers" were a menace and "women should be kept barefoot and pregnant." I never was aware of anything like Dr. Ford's experience, but I heard plenty of "locker room talk." My parents were

3. born in 1916, raised in a different world from this. I don't know how they did it, but they instilled something in me that made me always squeamish with all that crap. They did not preach or lecture. But they instilled what I would call a "fairness doctrine" toward all

4. people. So from my perspective, NOBODY gets a pass for having come from an "old school" background. NOBODY.

Here's an anecdote: Dad was in one of his many hospital stays in his last year or so. He had a shared room. He was by the door; another old white guy in the bed by the

5. window. I was visiting him; a Black nurse's aide came in to do something or other with the other guy. As she was leaving he hollered "Girl!, Come back and get me...." She went back, did whatever it was and as she was leaving paused at the foot of Dad's bed and

6. said to me "Your father is SUCH a gentleman!" That was it. We smiled and she left. That contrast between two old white guys a generation older than me has stuck with me. Far too many of my peers are that ornery old bastard in the other bed.

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