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The pandemic helped to increase our empathy for the isolated, but is it also harder than ever to make the case for loneliness as a good thing given how it is being weaponised online?
I think what has happened online is that loneliness is used by the far right as a grooming tool. It's a way of finding people who are vulnerable and offering them these really false promises of a community bonded by hatred. I don't think it's the

loneliness that's at fault there, it's how it's being used.

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