

Democrats in the Wilderness

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Democrats in the Wilderness Leading Thinkers Seeking a Way Back

In the wake of the recent election, many in the center-left are contemplating how to rebuild a party in its worst electoral shape since Reconstruction. We may not agree with all of the points made in the pieces below, but these are thoughtful takes on the questions and challenges Democrats must confront to compete and win in future elections.

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