

Wither the Republican Party?

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The Republican party is split between two factions. One believes in the basic ideologies of the Grand Old Party which consists of belief in smaller government, fiscal conservatism, strong national defense, individual liberties and

responsibilities and tolerance, inclusiveness, and optimism.

The other faction consists of those whom Hillary Clinton referred to as the deplorables. They are the far-right-extremists who think that true American patriots have to resort to violence to save the country. They are the ones who led the January 6, 2021 incursion into the Capitol. President Trump is their assumed leader. The far-right extremism did not work its way to the heart of the Republican Party until the nomination and 2016 election of Trump.

Many moderate Republicans are pondering to run as independents. Though Liz Cheney, hasn't indicated that she plans to take an independent route yet if her standing among GOP voters worsens or if party leaders continue to push her aside, the pressure to leave the party and run as an independent may be her only option. According to Gallup, the share of Americans who identify as independents has surged. Fed up with the current two-party system, Americans are looking for a third option. The moderate Republicans taking the independent

route may form a third party which will provide a good alternative for those who are tired of the two-party system.

The stress and strain of this conflict is very obvious inasmuch as the Republicans who once were sure to flip both the houses in 2022 mid-term elections are now doubtful about even getting a majority in the House of Representatives having already given up hope for flipping the Senate.

Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, in an interview with Sean Hannity on Fox News, said the fact that Mr. Trump and Mr. McConnell were “now at each other’s throats” was imperiling the political outlook for Republicans. “I’m more worried about 2022 than I’ve ever been,” Mr. Graham said.

There is another possibility. According to the latest report, Trump’s grip on the Republican party is weakening and he may consider to split from the Republican party and form a party of his own. This is a distinct possibility as a Suffolk University/USA Today poll found that 46 percent of Trump voters would leave the party in favor of a Trump-created third party. If that happens, the Republican party may be saved. That may be a good riddance, after all.



