

**The Politics of Ego**  
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Do you believe that increased partisanship is a problem that needs to be addressed?  
How should we respond to it?

In what ways is our two-party system problematic? In what ways is our two-party system helpful?

Is there any value to having a presidential candidate who is a centrist even though that candidate lacks clear policy objectives and opinions? Do candidates have a duty to hold true to campaign promises? What, if any, obligations does a president have to the electorate? Are there any particular guidelines that a presidential campaign must abide in order for democracy to properly function?

The author argues that “In order for centrism and third parties to be successful, they must forge their own path.” Why is this difficult for centrists or independents to do? How do mainstream republicans or democrats accomplish this?