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The Future is Faction: Reconstructing America's Parties in an Unstable Era

America's political parties over the last few decades have been unusually homogenous and internally undifferentiated. That is an unusual pattern in American history, which has been more characterized by parties organized around organized factions that in many cases have more in common with the other party than their own. This talk will argue that the pattern of factionalized parties will increasingly characterize American politics in the decades to come. This factionalized party system will create the opportunity for greater cross-party cooperation, and may be the only way out of our polarizational doom-loop.

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