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Silk on Religious Demographics

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Mark Silk looks at the post-election breakdown of demographic voting behavior, and it turns out it is even worse for the GOP, and for their fellow travelers among certain conservative Catholics: Young Hispanic Catholics, the future of the Church in the U.S., are decisively more Democratic in their partisan affiliation than are young white Catholics. Do the math. This shows why the GOP must come to the table on immigration reform, even if it sets off an internal civil war within the party. And, for the leaders of the Church there is a warning too: If you spend the next year as you did the last, haggling over the HHS mandate and not pushing immigration reform, young Latinos will get into the habit of not listening to anything you have to say.

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