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## Douthat on "Libertarians"

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Ross Douthat, at the New York Times, on the increasing, and bipartisan, influence of libertarian ideas. As I have said before, the ideological fault lines in American politics do not line up precisely with the partisan fault lines, and that lack of coherence can't last forever. I do not know if it will be a slow, gradual process by which one party becomes the libertarian party on all or most issues, or if some crisis will speed up the process. But at some point in the future, there will be a libertarian party and a common good party. Indeed, you might call the latter party the Catholic party.

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