

## THE GREAT AMERICAN REALIGNMENT 2026–2028 - *political trend analysis*

### *Why the Midterms Pave the Way for a Third Party*

#### 1. Bottom Line

Current data indicate a possible Democratic *clean sweep* in the November midterms, effectively putting the Trump administration out of play. This defeat will lead to an inevitable implosion of the Republican Party, splitting moderates and MAGA loyalists. Concurrently, nearly 50% of American voters are fatigued by polarisation and do not identify with either major party. This convergence creates a historic vacuum between 2026 and 2028, offering a unique opportunity to launch a viable, moderate third party.

#### 2. Strategic Framework

The realignment of the US political landscape operates along three macro-economic and sociological lines:

- *Republican Implosion:* A heavy defeat in November 2026 deprives Republicans of control over both congressional chambers. This results in a bitter blame game and a formal party split. Moderate Republicans will decisively shake off the *Trump Aura* to secure their electoral survival.
- *The Unaligned Plurality:* Current data show that nearly 50% of voters now identify as independents—the largest political demographic in modern US history. They do not vote for a vision, but against polarisation.
- *Demand for Sound Governance:* After years of populism and constitutional chaos, the economic establishment (*Wall Street, Silicon Valley*) and the electorate crave predictability. There is an acute market value for young, technocratic politicians focused on sound, institutional policy without historical and ideological baggage.

#### 3. Blind Spot

The traditional blind spot is the dogma of *Duverger's law*, which posits that the American system excludes a third party. What analysts overlook is that a third party in 2026 does not need to develop without institutional preconditions. Moderate Republicans defecting after the midterms will bring their existing campaign infrastructures, donor networks, and mandates. This is not a grassroots protest party built from the bottom up, but a top-down institutional split that immediately possesses a national infrastructure.

#### 4. Strategic Advice

- *Anticipate the Great Realignment:* The EU and think tanks must radically broaden their diplomatic networks in the US. Beyond the RNC and DNC, establish relationships with moderate think tanks (such as *AAF, BPC, PPI, CAP*) and independent caucuses.
- *Facilitate Transatlantic Technocracy:* Position the EU as a stable partner for the new generation of American politicians. The new party's emphasis on sound governance offers an excellent opportunity for restoring transatlantic relations.
- *Monitor Donor Shifts:* Closely track capital flows of traditional, major Republican donors as of December 2026. Once big capital withdraws from MAGA and aligns with a new moderate initiative, the viability of a third party becomes a certainty.