

2016 Presidential election

Ironically, for many of them [working-class whites], the America that they hope the president-elect can make great again is from an era in which unions were strong and incomes more equal, the mid-20th-century period that economists call the Great Compression. It was a time when the ancestors of today's Trump voters voted routinely for economic progressives, despised conservative Republicans and largely trusted the federal government to do right by them.

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