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is to a large extent self-eroding.

A philosophy that (rightly) salutes enterprise will not attract enough people who want to serve in the culture-shaping institutions.

Sure enough, the culture becomes less and less conservative.

This problem is all the more acute in the US, where conservatism so exalts the profit motive that it is itself an industry.

Burning away in the Republican gut is a historic grievance.

Even as the "movement" achieved electoral success over half a century, the texture of life in the country went the other way.

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