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The atmosphere is ripe for a party of big government to sweep elections in post-pandemic America.

But then so it has been before.

Looking back at the past century or so, two political facts seem to hold across several rich democracies. One is the ideological supremacy of the left. The other is its electoral underperformance. ...

We are left with one of the oddest quirks in politics. Voters often choose the party that is less keen on government to oversee its expansion. ... Voters trust that parties who enlarge the state reluctantly are likely to do it sensibly.

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