

Home rule

The 20th-century movement toward home rule, or letting localities handle most of their own affairs, was once supported by both Republicans and Democrats.

What's now become clear is that Republicans dislike local control if they are not in charge of it.

The home rule movement has steadily faded in the last few decades as state lawmakers on the right have become more aggressive in invalidating the priorities of elected officials in cities, which have moved leftward in their voting patterns in recent years.

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