

Republicans Party

The contortions of Pence as he twisted himself into knots to try to justify the unjustifiable [promising to support Trump in 2024 after declaring him unfit for office] is symptomatic of a larger discomfort gripping elders and sages of the Republican party now that the 15-month stagger-up to the election is under way. Most simply expressed, the question is this: are populism and conservatism reconcilable? Which of the two ideologies — for they are not only distinct but deeply contrary — constitutes the real Republican party?

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