

## **State of the union**

**America is already virtually a binational state,, with two sharply opposed national communities comparable in size and political strength that effectively operate as confederations. The Republican Party is mostly white and marginally increasing its Latino membership, the Democratic Party an ethnic and racial mix.**

**Although Democrats occasionally reveal impulses toward reconciliation, Republicans largely do not.**

**Steven Simon and Jonathan Stevenson,  
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