

## **State of the union**

**There is a clear and present danger that American democracy will not withstand the destructive forces that are now converging on it.**

**Our two-party system has only one party left that is willing to lose an election.**

**The other is willing to win at the cost of breaking things that a democracy cannot live without.**

**Barton Gellman,  
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