

## **State of the union**

**The United States is coming to an end.  
The question is how.**

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**Trump is far less meaningful  
than either side understands.**

**The smartest thing he himself  
ever said about his political career  
was in a 2017 press conference:  
"I didn't come along and divide  
the country. The country was  
already divided before I got here."**

**Trump is, at most, a symptom.**

**Stephen Marche, *The Next Civil War***