

Becoming the Scorpion Party: Why the Democrats May Lose

Most of us heard the tale of the scorpion and the frog. As paraphrased on Wikipedia, it goes like this:

A scorpion wants to cross a river but cannot swim, so it asks a frog to carry it across. The frog hesitates, afraid that the scorpion might sting it, but the scorpion promises not to, pointing out that it would drown if it killed the frog in the middle of the river. The frog considers this argument sensible and agrees to transport the scorpion. Midway across the river, the scorpion stings the frog anyway, dooming them both. The dying frog asks the scorpion why it stung despite knowing the consequence, to which the scorpion replies: "I am sorry, but I couldn't help myself. It's my character."

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In the same way, if Donald Trump is reelected, especially with a major electoral margin, and all the more if the Republican Party takes control of both houses, a major reason will be that the Democrats resemble the scorpion. They continue to hold more and more radical positions that are becoming increasingly out of touch with mainstream Americans. And yet rather than act on political pragmatism and modify these extreme positions, they hold to them anyway, to their own detriment.

It's true that Kamala Harris is proving to be an extremely unpopular candidate. According to a recent poll, "When asked which candidate they rejected 'more,' 50.1% said Harris, while 48.6% said Trump."



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That is striking when you consider how much hatred there is toward Donald Trump. Yet, according to this poll (conducted from Oct. 25-29), more of them "rejected" Harris than Trump.

But if Trump and the GOP end up with victory next Tuesday, it will not only be due to Harris' unpopularity and Trump's popularity. That's because Trump has too much baggage. Too many haters. Too many alienating flaws. Too many obstacles to overcome.

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