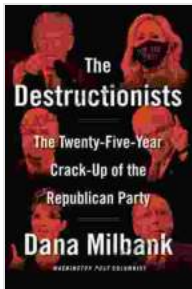


The Twenty-Five Year Crack-Up of the Republican Party

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The Rise of the Religious Right

The religious right has been a major force in the Republican Party since the late 1970s. This movement, which is made up of evangelical Christians and other conservative religious groups, has pushed the party to adopt more conservative positions on social issues such as abortion, gay marriage, and school prayer. The religious right has also been a major source of support for Republican candidates, particularly in the South and Midwest.

The Influence of Talk Radio and Fox News

Talk radio and Fox News have played a major role in shaping the Republican Party's agenda over the past two decades. These outlets, which are often critical of Democrats and liberals, have helped to promote conservative ideas and values. They have also given a platform to conservative politicians and activists, who have used these outlets to spread their message and build support for their causes.

The Polarization of American Politics

American politics has become increasingly polarized over the past few decades. This polarization has been driven by a number of factors, including the rise of the religious right, the increasing influence of talk radio and Fox News, and the growing gap between the rich and the poor. This polarization has made it more difficult for Republicans and Democrats to work together and has led to gridlock in Congress.

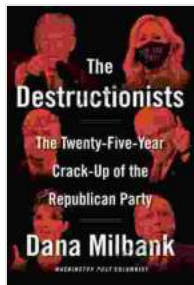
The Impact of the Crack-Up

The crack-up of the Republican Party has had a number of negative consequences. It has made it more difficult for the party to win elections, as it has alienated moderate and independent voters. It has also made it more difficult for the party to govern, as it has become increasingly divided and unable to compromise. Finally, the crack-up of the Republican Party has contributed to the growing polarization of American politics.

The Future of the Republican Party

The future of the Republican Party is uncertain. The party is facing a number of challenges, including the rise of the religious right, the increasing influence of talk radio and Fox News, and the growing polarization of

American politics. It is unclear whether the party will be able to overcome these challenges and return to its former status as a moderate, pragmatic party.



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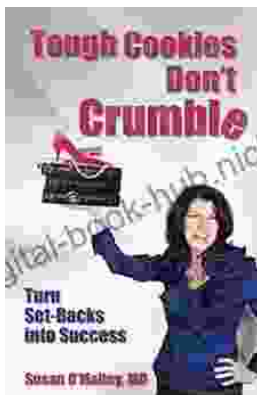
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