The GOP Stampede

from The City Journal, Trump and the American Divide by Victor Davis Hanson:

> *The urban party has been getting beat up a lot, even before Trump's surprising victory. Not only have the Democrats surrendered Congress; they now control just 13 state legislatures and 15 governorships—far below where they were pre–Barack Obama. Over the past decade, more than 1,000 elected Democratic state lawmakers have lost their jobs, with most of the hemorrhaging taking place outside the cities. As political analyst Ron Brownstein puts it, "Of all the overlapping generational, racial, and educational divides that explained Trump's stunning upset over Hillary Clinton . . . none proved more powerful than the distance between the Democrats' continued dominance of the largest metropolitan areas, and the stampede toward the GOP almost everywhere else."*
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> *As insurance, though, furious progressives also renewed calls to abolish the Electoral College, advocating for a constitutional amendment that would turn presidential elections into national plebiscites. Direct presidential voting would shift power to heavily urbanized areas—why waste time trying to reach more dispersed voters in less populated rural states?—and thus institutionalize the greater economic and cultural clout of the metropolitan blue-chip universities, the big banks, Wall Street, Silicon Valley, New York–Washington media, and Hollywood, Democrat-voting all.*

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It would take a near revolution to eliminate the electoral college, An amendment would would require 47 states to neuter their own power. This is just not going to happen. The electoral college like much of the constitution is political

genius.