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America at the Crossroads: The Midterm Elections and Republican Government

America faces profound challenges overseas and at home. Politics in Washington is beset with recriminations over the Iraq War, charges of corruption and wrong doing, and large and growing budget deficits. Meanwhile, national security and domestic challenges remain daunting. Republican leaders are openly worrying about the coming mid-term elections and whether they can sustain a remarkable run of electoral victories. Democrats eagerly welcome the political opening but are struggling to find a common platform and consistent message. [Thomas E. Mann](https://www.brookings.edu/experts/thomas-e-mann/) ([//www.brookings.edu/experts/thomas-e-mann/](https://www.brookings.edu/experts/thomas-e-mann/)), one the country's most visible and widely respected political analysts, will sort through these political developments.



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