

Democrats are leaving their own behind with Texas

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Democrats leaving the state of Texas is incredibly saddening. It's not because it's sad that they were "forced" to leave the state in an extreme measure to prevent total "republican chaos", it's sad because when they left, they left their own behind with them. The people they were meant to represent, to stand up for, and to lead were all forsaken when they made their faithless and erratic surrender that was them boarding planes and seeking out democratic states.

The point of the minority is to make it clear to the majority the issues and concerns of the other citizens in the country. Since democrats are a massive minority in the country overall, and a true minority in the state of Texas, this job becomes ever more important. By leaving Texas, not only are they making a fool of themselves in a move of horrible sportsmanship, but they are effectively abandoning the democrats of the state. They are saying to them that advocacy is futile in this situation. Even though there are plenty of times where advocacy can simply not make a difference, it's all about making an effort, *trying*, and I mean actually trying, to cooperate with the other side so that democrats are not at a total loss.

Even if it did seem futile, it would have been the fight that counted. When people run for elections, they don't simply stick to the states they know will vote for them because of party affiliation; they go to states outside their normal range and advocate for their policy, they do the best they can so that they can persuade these states into joining their cause, even if it means making new policies that benefit these states in some way. Even if republicans do hold a majority, is it not possible to slightly convince them to tone down their demands? Historically, Texas has always been, or rather, should always be of significant interest to democrats, simply because it is the largest state wherein the least amount of democrats live. It should be of democrats' best interests to not only fight for their kind but to fight for their minority, and to do so while understanding that they themselves are the minority, in that it would be impossible and totally disrespectful for them to make demands that are in blatant disregard for the majority, just as how it is disrespectful for republicans to optimize their damage done to the democratic party.

I suppose the ideal of cooperation between the two parties is not possible anymore, since the democratic representatives left "running into the fight to

stand up for our democracy.” as Rep. John Bucy heroically stated to CNN. I am certain that cooperating with the G.O.P. in an effort to have their demands slightly adjusted so that they would not pose a total catastrophe for the democratic party was not in this group’s state of mind, as if it were, they would have never left Texas in the first place, they would have never left the fight, since they would be so busy trying to reconcile the situation. Their colleagues are not all powerful, immoral demons who will not hear any persuasive arguments; they are just like them but with a different agenda, they can be persuaded, and they can be understanding. Yet, because of the incessant shift towards polarization not just by them, but by all democrats and even the republicans, this view has penetrated any attempt at civil understanding. Even president Trump’s recent comments to Sen. Chuck Schumer telling him to ”Go to hell!” have all mixed politics, which was once a sport of fairness and attempted compromise, into a show of adrenaline and personal vindication reminiscent of the WWE; where everyone is watching to see what strange act of aggression (even if it means flying out to Illinois) our own representatives are going to do next.

Democrats leaving the state of Texas solidifies the issue of redrawing the congressional map. It will be drawn. Counterintuitively, it also solidifies the state of the old, gerontocratic democratic party. It is failing. It’s failing on all playing fields, except one, the opposing side’s.