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A little under two decades have passed since the Great Communicator, Ronald Reagan, left the White House and wrote the final chapter on one of America's most successful presidencies. And in the aftermath of those two decades, the party defined by Mr. Reagan has, updating the words of Theodore Roosevelt, become a tangle of squabbling ideologies.

The Republican Party is in a state of disrepair. Burdened by two terms of George W. Bush and still feeling the sting of being evicted from majority status in 2006, the Republican Party is a party without a compass. It is a party that has lost touch with its soul.

This author does not have any wide-eyed revisionist memories of an Ozzie and Harriet Republican Party where divisions were scarce and political harmony was uninterrupted. Since the early 1970s there has been a constant struggle between the Rockefeller Republicans - those who embrace Wall Street over Main Street - and the Reagan Republicans: God, country and apple pie Republicans.

But while those vying for power in the party may have disagreed on the political means utilized to advance GOP interests, it was safe to believe that everyone was in agreement on the ultimate end: an America that is independent, self-sufficient, secure, culturally united and free from foreign entanglements. This, however, is no longer the case.

Just take a glance at the Republican candidates seeking to fill the shoes of President Bush. Rudy Giuliani wants to spread the war in Iraq to Iran, while Ron Paul wants to bring the troops home. Mitt Romney touts the success of free trade agreements and Duncan Hunter calls for a trade policy that puts America first.

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