Will 2016’s Surging Outsiders Finally Make America Multipartisan?

The 2016 campaign has led to major stresses on the leadership and ideology of the two major political parties in the United States. Will political life become more fragmented, leading to the rise of new parties? Join us for a discussion to explore what has changed, and what is unlikely to change, in future national elections.

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