**America, Recuse Thyself!**

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America is the only country in the world in which people have cause to fear this benefit will be lost if reform doesn’t happen. Reform offers a great opportunity to bring into the mainstream a vast number of people who were previously unable to buy into the American dream. And yet, for one reason or another, I don’t think of reform as an urgent priority.

But I don’t think of reform as a priority because I don’t think it’s a priority. In fact, I think it’s a priority because I don’t think it’s a priority. This is a priority because it’s not a priority. It’s a priority because it’s not a priority. And yet, it’s not a priority because it’s a priority.

I’m not talking about a third-rate country here, a third-rate country with a third-rate economy, a third-rate culture, and a third-rate government. I’m not talking about a third-rate country that’s third-rate in every way. I’m talking about a third-rate country that’s second-rate in every way.

The benefit we fear this benefit will be lost if reform doesn’t happen is a benefit that even the most blithe and innocent fatalism is beginning to extend back to the time it was last available. When it was available, it was a benefit that held the promise of a future that was not yet achieved. A future that, if achieved, would be better than the present. A future that, if achieved, would be better than the past.

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