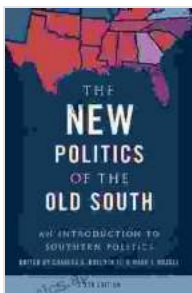


# The New Politics of the Old South: A Revealing Look at the Historical Roots of Modern American Politics

The American South has long been a crucible of political change and conflict. From the Civil War to the Civil Rights Movement, the region has been at the forefront of some of the most transformative events in American history.



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In *The New Politics of the Old South*, acclaimed historian Bruce Bartlett argues that the South's political landscape is undergoing a profound transformation. The region is no longer the solid Democratic stronghold it once was. Instead, it has become a battleground between the two major political parties, with Republicans making significant gains in recent years.

Bartlett traces the roots of this political realignment to the Civil War and Reconstruction. He argues that the defeat of the Confederacy and the

subsequent imposition of federal authority led to a deep sense of resentment among white Southerners. This resentment has been passed down from generation to generation and has shaped the region's politics ever since.

## **The Rise of the Republican Party in the South**

In the decades following the Civil War, the Republican Party was virtually nonexistent in the South. However, in recent years, the party has made significant gains in the region. In 2016, Donald Trump won every Southern state except Virginia. This was the first time a Republican presidential candidate had won the South since George H.W. Bush in 1988.

Bartlett argues that the Republican Party's success in the South is due to a number of factors, including:

- The increasing urbanization of the South
- The influx of new residents from other parts of the country
- The decline of the Democratic Party's traditional base of support among African Americans
- The Republican Party's embrace of conservative social values

## **The Decline of the Democratic Party in the South**

The Democratic Party has long been the dominant party in the South. However, in recent years, the party has lost ground to the Republicans. In 2016, Democrats lost every statewide office in the South except for Louisiana.

Bartlett argues that the Democratic Party's decline in the South is due to a number of factors, including:

- The party's increasing focus on national issues that are less relevant to Southern voters
- The party's embrace of liberal social values that are unpopular with many Southern voters
- The party's failure to address the concerns of white working-class voters

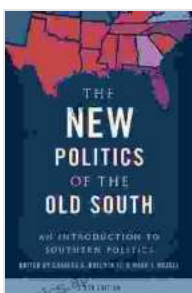
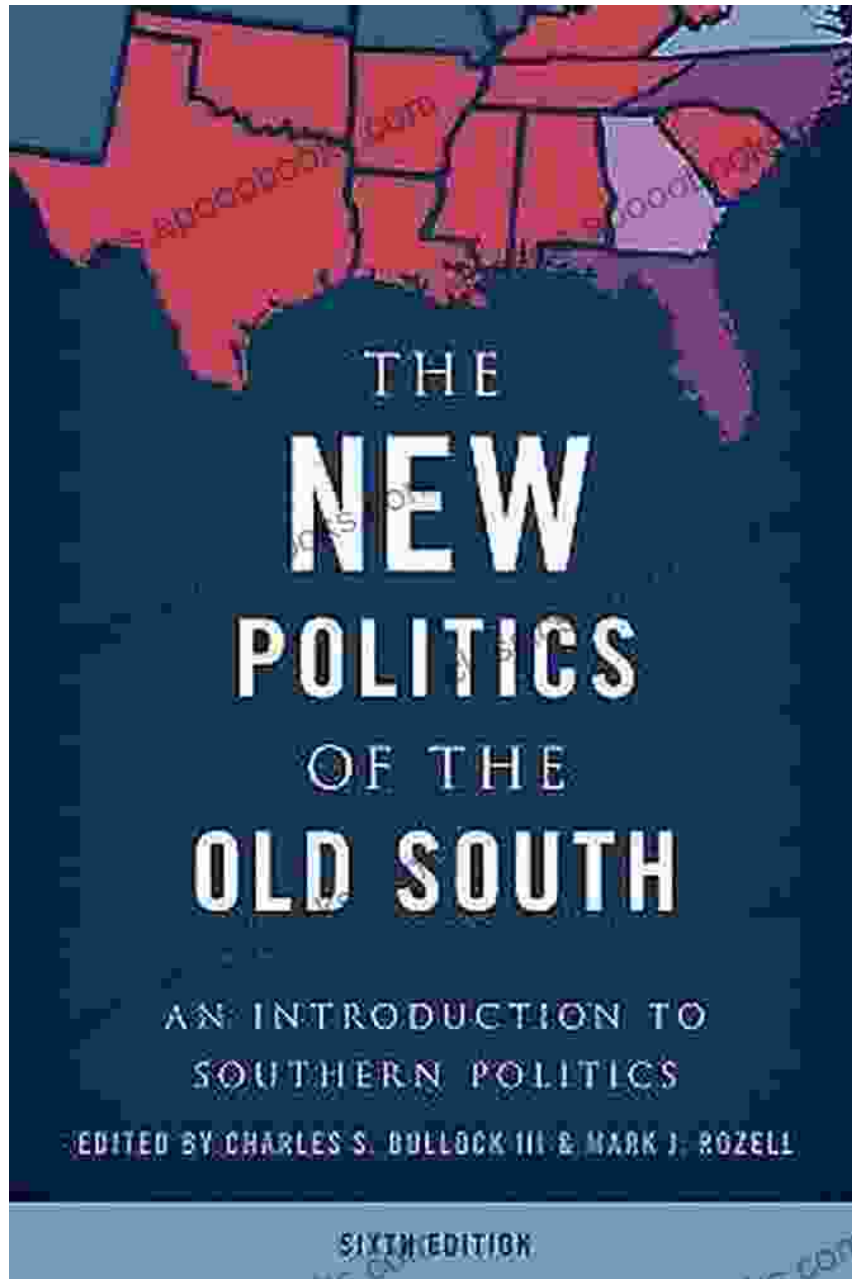
## **The Future of Southern Politics**

The political landscape of the South is in a state of flux. The Republican Party is making gains, while the Democratic Party is in decline. It is unclear what the future holds for Southern politics, but it is clear that the region will continue to be a major battleground in American politics.

*The New Politics of the Old South* is a timely and important book that sheds light on the complex and ever-changing political landscape of the American South. Bartlett's insights are essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the current state of American politics and its potential future.

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