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The Forward Party Is Another Third-party Failure

A few months ago I wrote an introduction [article](#) here on *The New American* about the [Forward Party](#) (FWD), a new political party that could redefine American geopolitics and become a new force in uniting the American people, as they claimed was their goal. I was skeptical of FWD making any headway into the American people's hearts while finding cracks in our dominant two-party system.

And it didn't take long for FWD to fail in their mission of "modernizing elections, engaging communities historically left behind by the two parties, and injecting competition into our democracy." The FWD Party's endorsed candidate [list](#) for the upcoming midterms is proof of their failure and will place them on the fast track to being just another third political party disaster relegated to an honorable mention in United States history.



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The three highlighted U.S. Senate candidates — incumbents Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and hopeful Evan McMullin (Utah), an Independent — are proudly displayed on the FWD website as being committed to FWD's [core principles and democracy reform](#) efforts. But with a little simple research, you'll find that these candidates bring nothing new to the world of politics. For FWD to make a big splash, changing American geopolitics on the national stage as "the" party we all should embrace, they need better candidates, as these endorsements couldn't manage to bring a wake to the swamp of D.C.

Arizona Sen. Kelly is now in a toss-up race with newcomer Republican candidate [Blake Masters](#), as voters know that Kelly and his fellow Democrats are responsible for surging inflation, crime, and gas prices. Not to mention that Kelly supports an open border. The FWD party's endorsement here truly should have gone to Masters, who *will* make a splash in D.C. if he follows through on his claim to take on the fundamentally and irredeemably evil Left.

Even though Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski is a Republican, many have labeled her as a RINO due to her poor voting record and support of the Democrat-controlled U.S. House's unjustified second impeachment of President Donald Trump. With Alaska's new ranked-voting system results pitting Republican candidate Kelly Tshibaka against the Republican incumbent, it is now [reportedly](#) projected that Murkowski won't win reelection to a fifth term — she is another failure to excite voters to join FWD.

Utah's Independent candidate for the U.S. Senate, Evan McMullin, comes closer to the FWD party mission of gaining notice on the national stage. His campaign pledge of 12 "[Principles for Renewal](#)" paints a picture of a solid conservative. But it's McMullin's stand that he will not caucus with either the



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Democrats or the Republicans that goes astray from FWD's pledge to "strive for collaborative solutions" and that dims the light of his run at unseating Utah's Republican Sen. Mike Lee.

Going through the other candidate endorsements that FWD offers for next week's midterms, you'll find a variety of Democrats, Republicans, and Independents supposedly showing the party's desire to bring the American people together. But along with the Senate candidates mentioned above, FWD has endorsed Democratic candidate Adam Frisch, who is seeking to unseat the outspoken Republican Congresswoman Lauren Boebert in Colorado's House District 3 race. Frisch is a poster child for everything the Left embraces, and the antithesis of what our Founders sought to create in this grand experiment of our American Republic. Boebert may have her faults as a freshman congresswoman, but FWD's endorsement of her opponent can only be because they know Boebert's reelection campaign is getting a ton of press, at least in Colorado, and they are looking to cash in on supporting Frisch.

The slate of FWD's endorsements reveals that the party will not be successful in making a positive difference in our currently divisive political world. They had a great chance to be influential — as was Ross Perot's Reform Party in 1992. But it's apparent that FWD's founders, former Democratic presidential candidate Andrew Yang and former Republican New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman, clearly do not have what it takes to build a strong third political party to rival the Republicans and Democrats.

It is my firm belief that George Washington was absolutely right about political parties when he wrote what is now known as his 1796 [Farewell Address](#). He believed unity, not division, was necessary for our young Republic to survive, and that political parties would divide and destroy the young United States. He warned: "The spirit of party ... serves always to distract the public councils and enfeeble the public administration. It agitates the community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms, kindles the animosity of one part against another, foment occasionally riot and insurrection."

As I shared before, America doesn't need a third party — we need candidates, *regardless of party affiliation*, who will stand for the Constitution and serve with a strong moral compass in their decision-making; candidates who, once elected, will reduce the size of government and return it to its basic role of simply defending people's liberties. The American electorate deserves better. As for FWD, nothing to see here, move along.



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