

LINK WORDS & RELATIVE PRONOUNS & MORE

1. Complete with the following words or expressions:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> DESPITE | <input type="checkbox"/> EVEN | <input type="checkbox"/> JUST AS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDEED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> THUS | <input type="checkbox"/> WHOSE | <input type="checkbox"/> SUCH AS | <input type="checkbox"/> NOT ONLY....BUT |

In the November 2016 elections in the US, the Republicans became all-powerful, gaining the presidency the Senate and the House of Representatives. It is thus worrying that Republicans' relationship to knowledge and facts is so problematic, argues Paul Krugman in this recent column from the New York Times. What is this relationship and should we be worried? Paul Krugman uses the term "know-nothings" to describe Republicans, comparing them to a 19th century political party that was against immigration., Donald Trump's government is notorious for its anti-immigrant stance, the fact that immigrants have always contributed to American growth. Republicans reject facts about immigration, they refuse to accept knowledge that goes against their other misguided opinions, the existence of climate change. do they consider that these facts are Democrat propaganda, they also claim that the scarcity of Conservatives among educated Americans and college professors is proof that the system is biased. According to Krugman, they consider that higher education may be harming Americans. Krugman finds this worrying this movement of willful ignorance could well destroy America's key strengths — its prestigious universities and highly-skilled immigrants, contribute to the country's innovation and prosperity. Indeed, attacking education and immigration will only impoverish those states with great universities and large populations of immigrants GDP has been increasing. It certainly won't help states which do not have these advantages. "Know-nothing"ism could thus lead the US on a dangerous road.

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2. "The US has always been divided." Find the odd one out.

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☐ FURTHERMORE ☐ PAST ☐ THOUGH ☐ SINCE ☐ SINGLE ☐ EITHER

"The US has always been divided" — note the use of the singular verb form with a plural noun, which came into use the Civil War. The national motto "E pluribus unum", meaning "out of many, one" shows that the shared currents of unity in division have always been present in the US. Why does the US not always seem united and is the country more divided now than it was?

Historically and geographically, the US was built on divisions and contradictions. "All men are created equal" states the 1776 Declaration of Independence,, we know that Thomas Jefferson — one of the Declaration's authors — owned slaves. Thus, the very founding fathers and founding documents embody the US's fundamental divide., with its population of over 330 million people and its 3.8 million square miles — i.e. 9.8 m sq km — the US is made up of eleven culturally disparate regions, according to author Colin Woodard — and each one of them could be a country in itself. Divisions are thus a fact of life in such a huge, diverse country.

....., over the few decades there has been a steady trend towards increased polarization that culminated with the election of Donald Trump. Today America may be more divided than it has been at any point the Civil War. he has only been in office for little over a year, polls show that Trump is already the most divisive president in modern history. Could Trump's presidency force Americans to find a common way forward together, for or against him? Only time will tell.