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FOR THE STARS & STRIPES

PSALM 78:1-3

**My people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth with a parable;
I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.**

PSALM 78:4

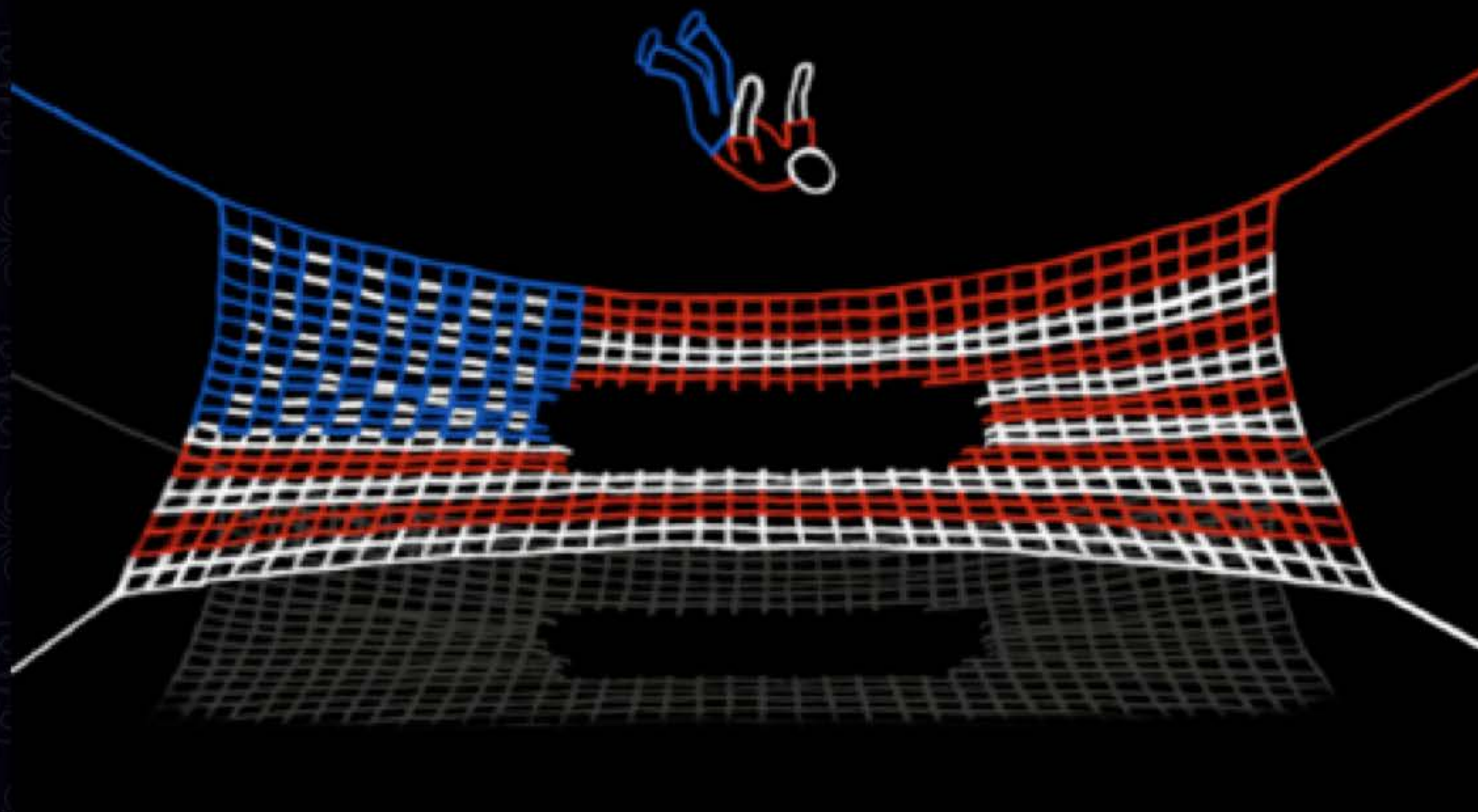
**We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
his power, and the wonders he has done.**

PSALM 78:15-17

**He split the rocks in the wilderness
and gave them water as abundant as the seas;
he brought streams out of a rocky crag
and made water flow down like rivers.
But they continued to sin against him,
rebellious in the wilderness against the Most High.**

DANIEL ESTES

**In the Bible, history is not cyclical but linear.
The goal of history is the full expression of the rule
of Yahweh; and history is moved along
to that conclusion by divine providence,
which includes and transcends human activity.**



Steve Delaney

IDEAS

AMERICA IS HAVING A MORAL CONVULSION

Levels of trust in this country—in our institutions, in our politics, and in one another—are in precipitous decline. And when social trust collapses, nations fail. Can we get it back before it's too late?

By David Brooks

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NEW MEDIA FORMS:

"New media forms appeared, significantly increasing the influence of the media in politics."

This 1981 book eerily predicted today's distrustful and angry political mood

By Lee Drummer | Jan 6, 2020, 5:30pm EST



POLYARCHY

This post is part of *Polyarchy*, an independent blog produced by the political reform program at *New America*, a Washington think tank devoted to developing new ideas and new voices.

Voters are in a foul mood, seething with distrust and anger. They feel like the government is corrupt and unresponsive, and it's time to do something about it. America has lost its way. We need to get back to our roots. We need to make America great again.

While this apocalyptic outburst of raging disillusion does feel like a new force in American politics, it's actually an old one, and a recurring one. It's just that we haven't experienced it this fully in decades. Really, since the 1960s. And before that in the 1930s. And before that in the 1770s.

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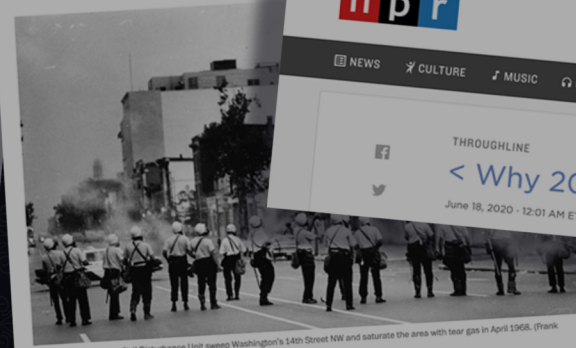


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RETROPOLIS

Riots, a pandemic, a law-and-order presidential campaign: Why 1968 and 2020 feel similar but aren't

By Michael S. Rosenwald
June 4, 2020



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Critics say that America is a lie because its reality falls so far short of its ideals. They are wrong. America is not a lie; it is a disappointment. But it can be a disappointment only because it is also a hope.

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“Each of the four creedal passion periods was preceded or accompanied by a religious “great awakening.”