

TRANSCRIPT - QE Newsletter 3: Can Journalism Save a Marriage?

Isaac Saul: My sense from being in the trenches on this stuff is that the partisanship has kinda hit rock bottom. People are just exhausted and they're tired of being mad and they're tired of being in their silo. And whatever happens in 2024, I think more and more people who are kinda in their partisan trenches are going to look around and be like, this sucks and I want something a little different and I'm kind of tired of feeling this way if Trump wins, I mean, there's a huge reckoning that the left is going to have about, like, what does it mean about our country that this guy has been reelected?

That's all they're going to be talking about. How is this possible? How are my neighbors voting this way? And that's going to draw them out in the same way it did in 2016 to, like, better understand this. And I think if Kamala wins a lot of people on the right who have been supportive of Trump are going to think like, okay, we just lost two straight elections.

We got smoked in the midterms, something we're doing, or some way we're presenting ourselves is not connecting with voters. And that's going to draw them out and make them try and change tack and look for a new way. And I think both of those outcomes are good long term. So yeah, definitely feel like we're hopefully coming back from an era of maximum partisanship and anger and fear and moving towards one where people are kind of trying to understand each other again.