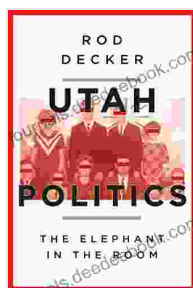


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Utah is a deeply Republican state. In the 2020 presidential election, Donald Trump won the state by a margin of 58% to 38%. Republicans also control the state legislature and most of the statewide elected offices. However, there are signs that the state's political landscape is changing. Democrats are making gains in the state legislature and in statewide elections. In 2020, Democrat Ben McAdams was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Utah's 4th Congressional District. This was the first time a Democrat had been elected to Congress from Utah since 1990.



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The changing political landscape in Utah is a sign of the times. The state is becoming more diverse, more secular, and more independent. These changes are likely to continue in the years to come, and they will have a significant impact on the future of Utah politics.

The Rise of the Democrats

The Democratic Party has been making gains in Utah in recent years. In 2020, Democrats won control of the state House of Representatives for the first time in over a decade. Democrats also made gains in the state Senate, and they now hold a majority of the seats in the Salt Lake County Council.

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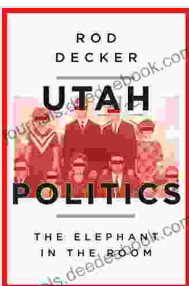
One possible scenario is that the Democratic Party will continue to make gains in Utah. The party is already making inroads in the state legislature and in statewide elections. If the Democrats can continue to build on their momentum, they could eventually become the majority party in Utah.

Another possible scenario is that the Republican Party will remain the dominant party in Utah. The party has a strong base of support among rural

voters and members of the LDS Church. If the Republicans can continue to hold on to these voters, they could maintain their control of the state.

A third possibility is that Utah will become a more competitive two-party state. The Democrats have made significant gains in recent years, but the Republicans still have a strong base of support. If the Democrats can continue to build on their momentum and the Republicans can hold on to their base, Utah could become a state where both parties are competitive.

The future of Utah politics is uncertain, but one thing is clear: the state's political landscape is changing. The state is becoming more diverse, more secular, and more independent. These changes are likely to continue in the years to come, and they will have a significant impact on the future of Utah politics.

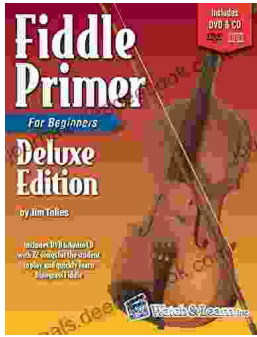


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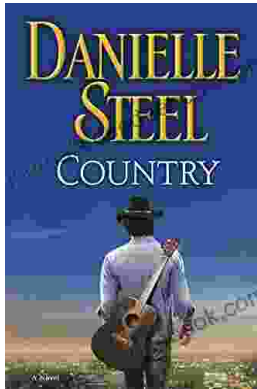
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