

What if the Tea Party take over?

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As [Gideon Rachman notes in the FT this morning](#):

The Bachmann-Tea Party diagnosis of America's problems gets things the wrong way around. The problem, as far as they are concerned, is corrupt politicians — and the solution is the constitution. In fact, if the politicians were operating in a better designed political system, they would probably do a much better job.

The Tea Party venerates the constitution while despising the political system it has produced. But logic and fundamentalism rarely go hand in hand.

Which is why the Tea Party are quite so scary: just suppose they did get the Republican nomination and won? Is anyone building a plan for what we do in that case?

Black Swans have to be considered after all - and this one isn't even black - we know it's possible which means it's white.