

Heading for US meltdown

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From the FT on the [US Republican candidate debate last night](#):

The debate on Monday evening, held in Tampa, Florida, was co-hosted by CNN and the [Tea Party Express](#), an umbrella organisation for the rightwing movement, bringing it firmly into the political mainstream ahead of next year's presidential election.

Tea Party Express co-chairman Amy Kremer told the audience ahead of the debate: "We are going to choose the next Republican nominee for president, not the Republican party."

Ms Kremer said the Tea Party was looking for a "true constitutional conservative".

I believe them.

I just hope there are enough sane Americans left to defeat them.