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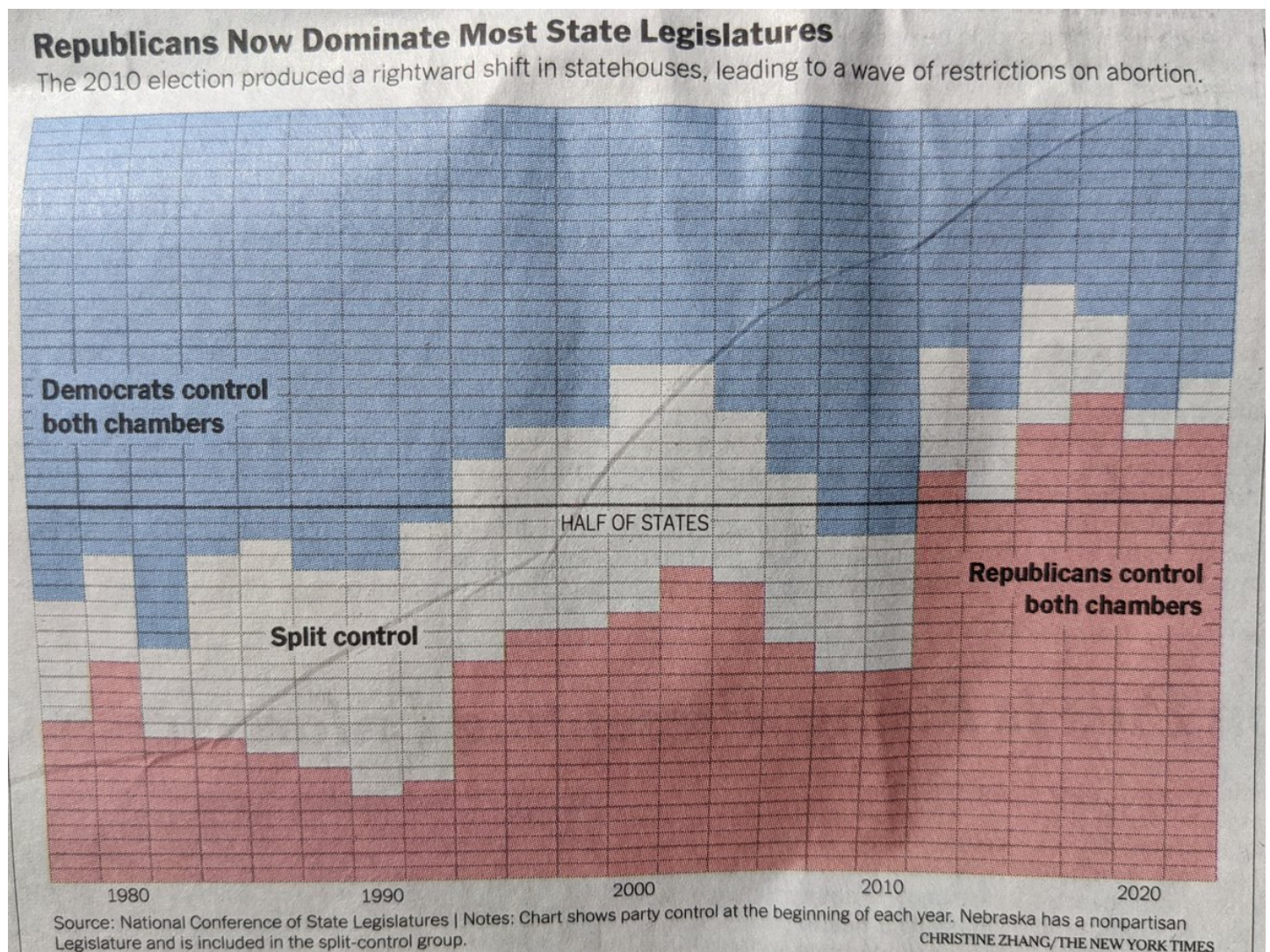


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The extent of the Democrats' 2010 wipeout in state legislatures never ceases to shock. Very good [@kzernike](#) piece tracing the collapse on abortion rights to that moment: <https://t.co/y6u87yrfyU>



And the Republican effort to win those legislatures--netting 680 seats in total--cost only \$30 million, less than Democrats have spent on individual losing Senate races in recent years.



Many here are noting backlash to the first Black president as a major cause for the 2010 wipeout. Yes, definitely.  
But also: anger over Wall Street bailouts/lack accountability after financial collapse.  
And the success of McConnell's stonewalling: drag out ACA etc, sour voters.