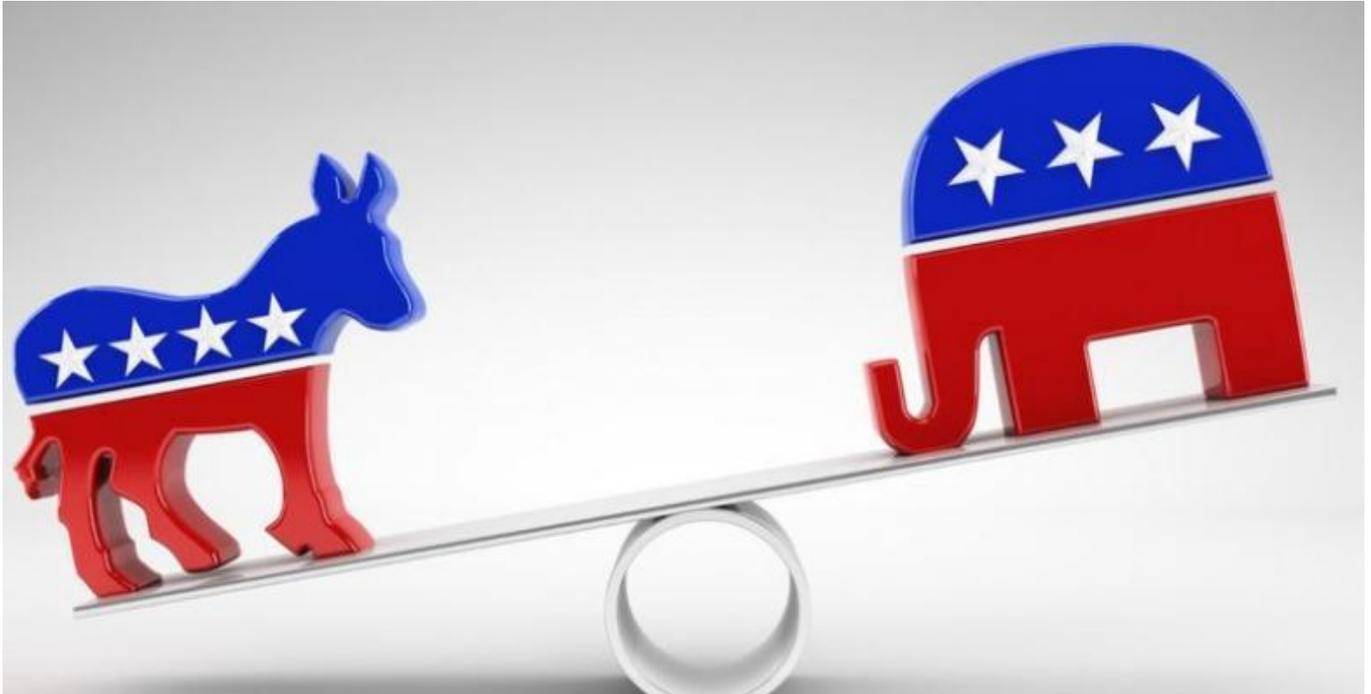Democratic and Republican Parties: Their Marriage

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Months ago, Donald Trump was still in power when an unusual act took place in the United States Congress.

In both chambers of the Capitol, its members gave a long and effusive applause to Juan Guaidó, a Deputy who had appointed himself president of Venezuela.

The fact, as is well known, represented a brutal slap in the face to all the principles of democracy and trampled on the most elementary norms of the institutionality.

Now, this Tuesday, Joe Biden maneuvered to try to alleviate apparent contradictions in the cost of social expenditures.

The original plan called for $ 3.5 billion and made a concession to lower it to $ 2 billion.

He executed it in hopes of convincing apparently opposed Democratic lawmakers led by Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema.

According to the newspapers The Washington Post and The New York Times, Biden affirmed in several meetings that the cost of his plan "will have a huge decrease compared to his initial proposal of 3.5 billion."

The Post highlighted that the president reiterated that he has accepted, but will not be able to reach the initial figure.

It indicates that Biden's new proposal creates dissatisfaction in Democratic sectors.

In a recent visit to Michigan, the president insisted that his reforms are essential to guarantee the future competitiveness of the United States.

And he declared: "To oppose these investments is to be complicit in the decline of the United States."

Observers noted that such a possible outcome is controversial as it occurs at a time when the United States faces a difficult situation imposed by the debacle of the pandemic.

And it´s now when Joe Biden proposes to reduce social expenditures that could alleviate such a situation, that is, that even tougher days await the United States when, in addition, Donald Trump and his men threaten to return to the White House.

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