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Democrats Should Turn Their Focus to Protecting Children

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Democratic postmortems reflect the party wrestling over a number of explanations for the party's losses. But these analyses provide few if any substantive proposals for moving forward. Democrats need a policy focus that moves beyond trying to figure out better messaging for past initiatives, like President Joe Biden's infrastructure bill. Democrats instead should focus on a substantive area that can have immediate tangible benefits (and that challenges the Trump administration to "put up or shut up") but that also addresses core problem of inequality and appeals to a broad constituency.