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He left the GOP after Jan. 6. Now he's starting a third party in Pennsylvania.

Ethan Demme was a lifelong Republican and onetime local party chairman in Pennsylvania's reliably conservative Lancaster County. He opposed Donald Trump from the outset of his 2016 presidential campaign and, after 20 years in GOP politics, left the party following the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection. Denial of the 2020 election results has "damaged our system of government and has fomented the seeds of sedition, resulting in violence in our nation's capital," Demme and two fellow Republicans wrote in a letter to the chairman of the Lancaster GOP on Jan. 7, saying they were changing their registrations to independent.

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Democrats and Republicans from Pa. and N.J. agree: The result of Biden's withdrawal from Afghanistan is a tragedy

WASHINGTON — As [Afghanistan collapsed into chaos](#) and President Joe Biden [faced his first full-blown crisis](#), Republicans from Pennsylvania and New Jersey blasted his withdrawal of U.S. forces. Some Democrats also sharply questioned the way Biden executed the decision — while still supporting the goal of ending America's two-decade entanglement. But most stopped short of blaming him directly and urged a focus on rescuing Americans and Afghan allies, [especially women now facing](#) a return to a brutal, fundamentalist rule. They said the failures in Afghanistan belong to leaders of both parties who have overseen America's long slog

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Facebook Backs Underwater Cable Projects to Boost Internet Connectivity

Facebook Inc. said it would back two new underwater cable projects—one in Africa and another in Asia in collaboration with Alphabet Inc.'s Google—that aim to give the Silicon Valley giants greater control of the global internet infrastructure that their businesses rely on. The 2Africa project, a partnership between Facebook and several international telecom operators, said Monday that it would add four new branches: the Seychelles, Comoro Islands, Angola and Nigeria. The project's overall plan calls for 35 landings in 26 countries, with the goal of [building an underwater ring](#) of fiber-optic cables around Africa. It aims to begin operating in 2023.

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