

The Futures of Congress

Scenarios for the US2050 Project

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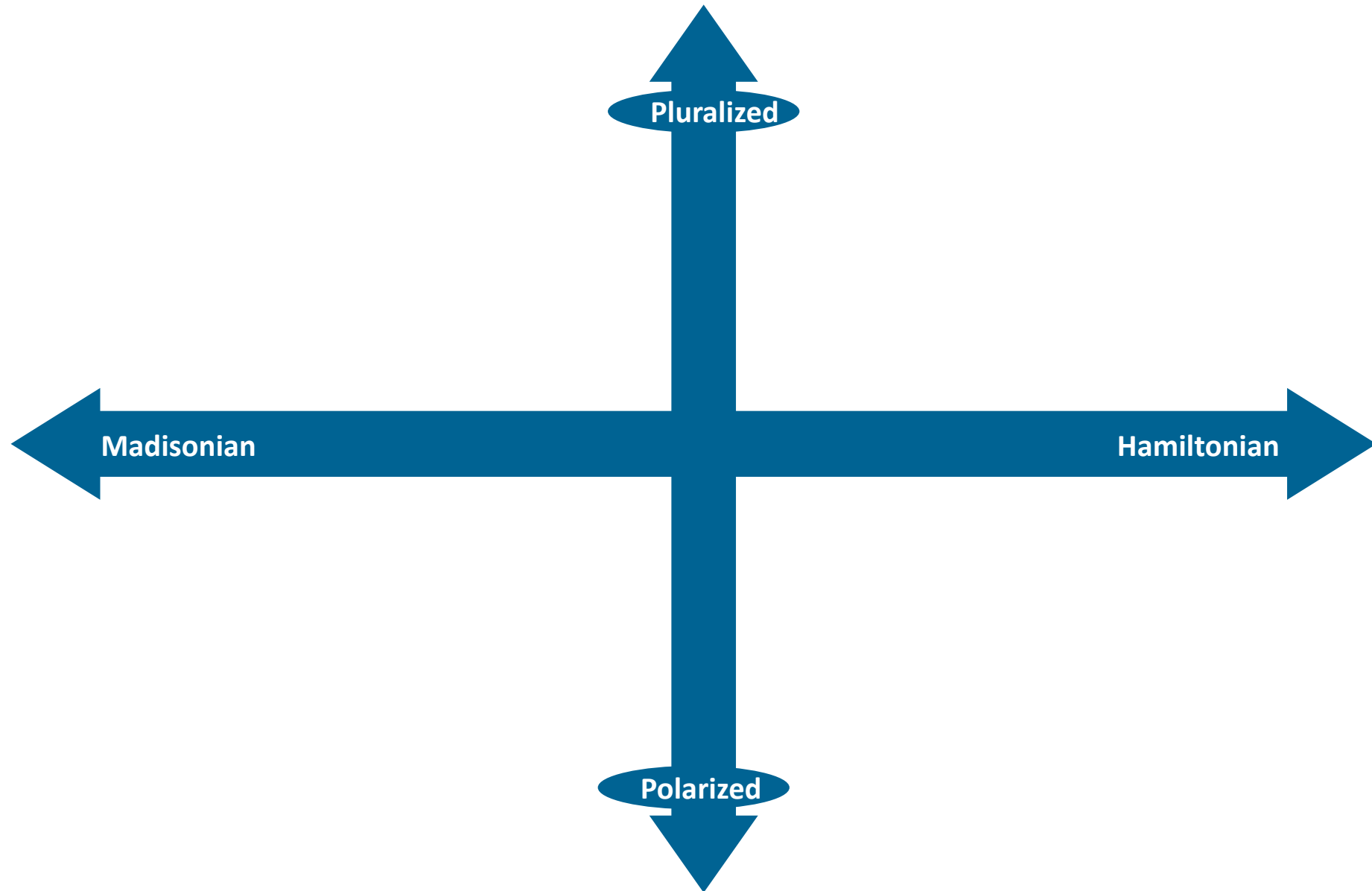
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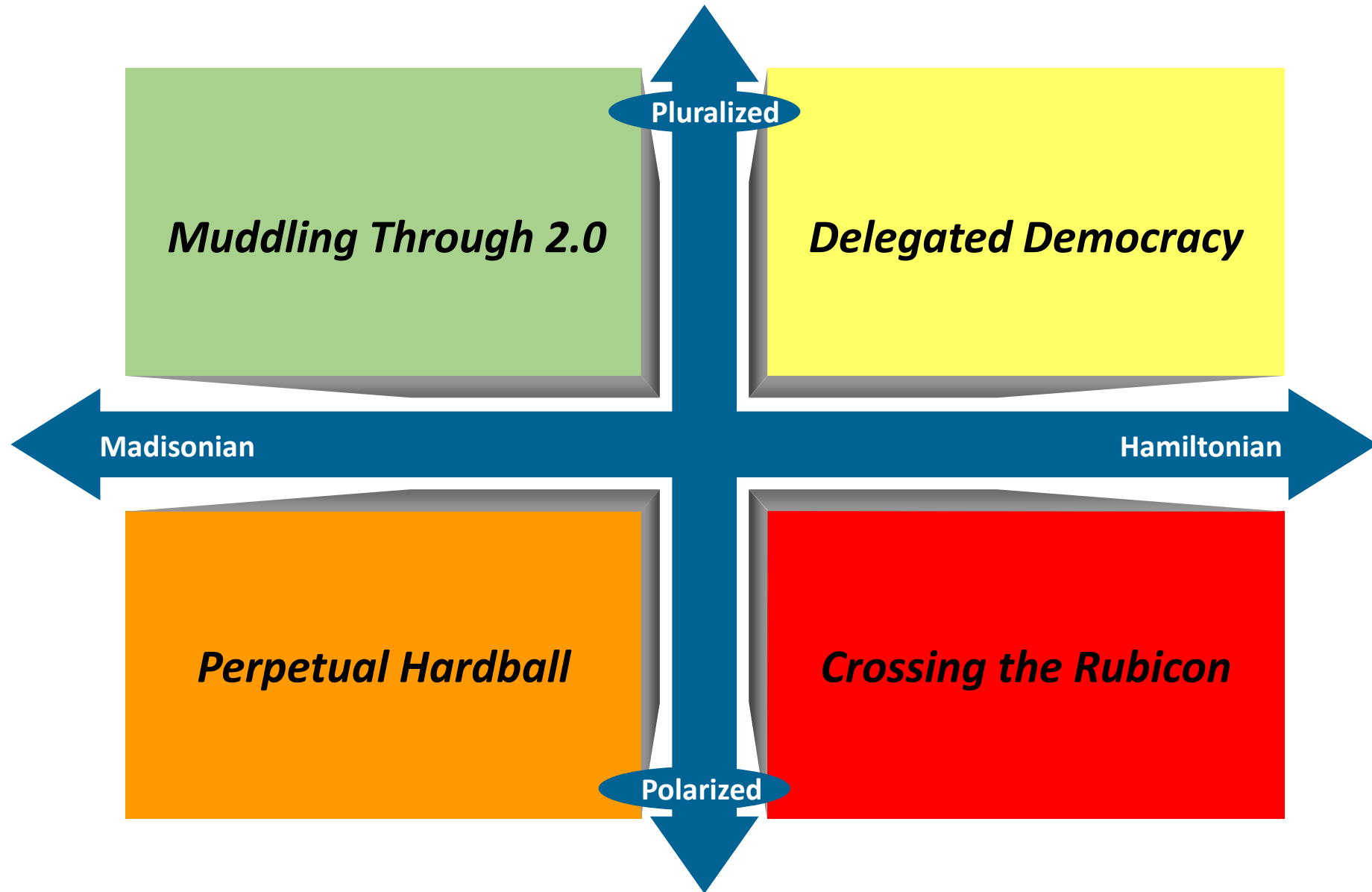
Next 30 years will test Congress like never before

- Looming fiscal imbalances
 - Demographic transformations
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- Automation
 - Climate change
 - Accelerating change in media and communications technologies
 - Increasingly “diffuse, diverse, and disruptive” global conflicts

Key Uncertainties for Congress in 2050



Scenarios for Congress in 2050



Two ways to a better future

1. Depolarizing politics?

- Electoral and campaign reforms
- Reforming politics through politics

2. Strengthening Congress?

- Rebuilding capacity
- Reclaiming powers – and exercising them responsibly