

America's Hidden Common Ground on Overcoming Divisiveness: Charting a Path Forward

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Methodology and Topline

The survey results below appear in the Public Agenda report “Overcoming Divisiveness: Charting a Path Forward” which summarizes findings from a national survey of 1,283 adult Americans ages 18 and older from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii. The survey was fielded online February 23 to 26, 2021 by Ipsos in English. The Kettering Foundation served as a collaborator in this research. This research is supported in part by the Charles Koch Foundation and Civic Health Project.

The sample for this study was randomly drawn from Ipsos’ online panel (see [link](#) for more info on “Access Panels and Recruitment”), partner online panel sources, and “river” sampling (see [link](#) for more info on the Ipsos “Ampario Overview” sample method) and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing a sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2018 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Posthoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, and education.

Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online non-probability surveys. All sample surveys and surveys may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding. The precision of Ipsos online surveys is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the survey has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points for all respondents. Ipsos calculates a design effect (DEFF) for each study based on the variation of the weights, following the formula of Kish (1965). This study had a credibility interval adjusted for design effect of the following (n=1,283, DEFF=1.5, adjusted Confidence Interval=+/-4.6 percentage points). The survey has a credibility interval of plus or minus 5.4 percentage points for Democrats, plus or minus 6.4 percentage points for Republicans, plus or minus 6.4 percentage points for Independents, and plus or minus 7.0 percentage points for apolitical individuals.

The survey is trended with a survey conducted October 14 to 21, 2019 for Public Agenda by Ipsos. The 2019 survey was based on a nationally-representative probability sample of adults age 18 or older (n=1,548). Further information about the 2019 survey can be found at <https://www.publicagenda.org/reports/divisiveness-and-collaboration-in-american-public-life-a-hidden-common-ground-report/>

Full Annotated Questionnaire

1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Total Agree Summary

<i>Trending</i>	10/14-21, 2019 (N=1,548)	2/23-26, 2021 (N=1,283)
There is more common ground among the American people than the news media and political leaders portray	73%	71%
The main reason our political leaders are divided is because there is not much common ground among the American people	42%	48%
Divisiveness and gridlock in American politics is <u>not</u> a big problem	15%	17%

	Total (N=1,283)	Democrats (N=427)	Republicans (N=301)	Independents (N=302)	Apolitical (N=253)
Traditional parties and politicians don't care about people like me	80%	76%	82%	84%	80%
The American economy is rigged to advantage the rich and powerful	77%	88%	61%	75%	82%
There is more common ground among the American people than the news media and political leaders portray	71%	65%	76%	76%	70%
Racial discrimination makes it more difficult for people of color to succeed in America	66%	88%	37%	64%	74%
The main reason our political leaders are divided is because there is not much common ground among the American people	48%	56%	45%	38%	49%
Divisiveness and gridlock in American politics is <u>not</u> a big problem	17%	15%	16%	18%	20%

- a. There is more common ground among the American people than the news media and political leaders portray

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Strongly agree	22%	21%
Somewhat agree	51%	50%
Somewhat disagree	19%	23%
Strongly disagree	7%	6%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>71%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>29%</i>

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Strongly agree	21%	12%	28%	22%	24%
Somewhat agree	50%	52%	49%	54%	46%
Somewhat disagree	23%	29%	20%	19%	22%
Strongly disagree	6%	6%	3%	5%	8%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>70%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>30%</i>

- b. The main reason our political leaders are divided is because there is not much common ground among the American people

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Strongly agree	12%	11%
Somewhat agree	30%	37%
Somewhat disagree	35%	36%
Strongly disagree	21%	16%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>48%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>52%</i>

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Strongly agree	11%	15%	7%	11%	12%
Somewhat agree	37%	41%	38%	28%	38%
Somewhat disagree	36%	33%	35%	42%	35%
Strongly disagree	16%	12%	20%	20%	16%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>49%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>51%</i>

c. Divisiveness and gridlock in American politics is not a big problem

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Strongly agree	4%	5%
Somewhat agree	11%	12%
Somewhat disagree	27%	33%
Strongly disagree	56%	50%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>17%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>83%</i>

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Strongly agree	5%	4%	7%	4%	4%
Somewhat agree	12%	11%	9%	14%	15%
Somewhat disagree	33%	30%	34%	31%	36%
Strongly disagree	50%	55%	49%	51%	44%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>20%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>84%</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>80%</i>

d. Traditional parties and politicians don't care about people like me

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Strongly agree	35%	29%	33%	37%	45%
Somewhat agree	45%	47%	49%	47%	35%
Somewhat disagree	16%	20%	14%	13%	17%
Strongly disagree	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>84%</i>	<i>80%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>20%</i>

e. The American economy is rigged to advantage the rich and powerful

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Strongly agree	36%	46%	20%	38%	40%
Somewhat agree	41%	42%	41%	38%	42%
Somewhat disagree	17%	9%	29%	18%	15%
Strongly disagree	6%	3%	10%	7%	3%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>82%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>18%</i>

f. Racial discrimination makes it more difficult for people of color to succeed in America

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Strongly agree	32%	52%	8%	29%	36%
Somewhat agree	34%	36%	28%	35%	39%
Somewhat disagree	19%	9%	33%	20%	15%
Strongly disagree	15%	3%	31%	17%	11%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>74%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>63%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>26%</i>

2. Which is a bigger problem?

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
People are afraid to speak their mind honestly and say what they really mean for fear of criticism	21%	27%
People speak thoughtlessly without regard for harming other people	24%	21%
They are equal problems	46%	48%
Neither	8%	4%

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
People are afraid to speak their mind honestly and say what they really mean for fear of criticism	27%	22%	39%	28%	20%
People speak thoughtlessly without regard for harming other people	21%	28%	16%	18%	22%
They are equal problems	48%	47%	44%	51%	52%
Neither	4%	4%	2%	3%	6%

3. Which one do you worry about more?

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Americans don't know how to talk about their disagreements and conflicts in constructive ways	43%	41%
Americans have too many fundamental disagreements and conflicting values	10%	11%
Both equally	38%	41%
Neither	8%	7%

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Americans don't know how to talk about their disagreements and conflicts in constructive ways	41%	40%	39%	48%	37%
Americans have too many fundamental disagreements and conflicting values	11%	14%	16%	8%	5%
Both equally	41%	44%	38%	36%	45%
Neither	7%	3%	7%	8%	12%

4. In general, do you think America deals with disagreements in a mostly constructive or mostly destructive way?

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Mostly constructive	2%	3%
More constructive than destructive	8%	10%
Neither constructive nor destructive	21%	23%
More destructive than constructive	51%	48%
Mostly destructive	17%	16%
<i>Constructive (Net)</i>	10%	14%
<i>Destructive (Net)</i>	69%	64%

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Mostly constructive	3%	4%	3%	2%	4%
More constructive than destructive	10%	11%	11%	10%	9%
Neither constructive nor destructive	23%	20%	21%	25%	26%
More destructive than constructive	48%	53%	50%	49%	37%
Mostly destructive	16%	13%	15%	15%	23%
<i>Constructive (Net)</i>	14%	15%	15%	12%	13%
<i>Destructive (Net)</i>	64%	65%	64%	63%	61%

5. In your opinion, is the **inability to constructively disagree** in the United States...

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Driven from the top – down: that is leaders set an example people follow	76%	77%
Driven from the bottom – up: that is leaders are just following behaviors people already have	21%	23%

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Driven from the top – down: that is leaders set an example people follow	77%	75%	81%	78%	73%
Driven from the bottom – up: that is leaders are just following behaviors people already have	23%	25%	19%	22%	27%

6. In the next ten years, do you think America will become more constructive or more destructive in how it deals with disagreements?

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
More destructive	39%	44%
More constructive	22%	28%
Stay the same	38%	28%

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
More destructive	44%	31%	54%	47%	47%
More constructive	28%	42%	19%	23%	25%
Stay the same	28%	27%	27%	30%	28%

7. In order for the country to become less divisive in the next ten years, is that more likely to be driven by?

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Ordinary people coming together across political divides to solve problems	29%	27%	33%	31%	23%
Politicians coming together across political divides to solve problems	14%	18%	12%	12%	12%
Both are equally likely	44%	47%	41%	45%	41%
Neither is likely	14%	8%	14%	12%	24%

8. As you may know, a group of people attacked the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. on January 6, 2021. Reflecting on this event, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Total Agree Summary

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
We have to find ways to move forward together peacefully even when we strongly disagree	91%	93%	92%	91%	88%
I think overcoming political divisiveness is now more important than ever	89%	95%	88%	88%	85%
It is important to recognize that most Republicans are not as extreme as the people who attacked the Capitol	76%	65%	91%	81%	66%
It is not worth trying to find common ground with the type of people who attacked the Capitol	46%	55%	33%	43%	53%
I think overcoming political divisiveness is now hopeless	44%	40%	45%	41%	50%
It is best to ignore politics altogether because it is too divisive	35%	27%	40%	32%	44%

a. I think overcoming political divisiveness is now more important than ever

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Strongly agree	44%	51%	40%	47%	36%
Somewhat agree	45%	43%	48%	41%	49%
Somewhat disagree	7%	5%	8%	8%	10%
Strongly disagree	3%	1%	3%	4%	6%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>89%</i>	<i>95%</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>85%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>15%</i>

b. I think overcoming political divisiveness is now hopeless

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Strongly agree	9%	8%	10%	7%	12%
Somewhat agree	34%	32%	35%	34%	37%
Somewhat disagree	43%	48%	42%	46%	36%
Strongly disagree	13%	13%	13%	13%	15%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>50%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>50%</i>

c. It is not worth trying to find common ground with the type of people who attacked the Capitol

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Strongly agree	17%	21%	12%	14%	19%
Somewhat agree	29%	34%	21%	28%	33%
Somewhat disagree	37%	35%	46%	38%	30%
Strongly disagree	16%	10%	21%	19%	18%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>53%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>47%</i>

d. It is best to ignore politics altogether because it is too divisive

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Strongly agree	8%	6%	9%	7%	11%
Somewhat agree	27%	21%	32%	25%	32%
Somewhat disagree	38%	36%	35%	43%	38%
Strongly disagree	27%	37%	25%	25%	18%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>44%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>56%</i>

e. It is important to recognize that most Republicans are not as extreme as the people who attacked the Capitol

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Strongly agree	35%	15%	64%	39%	22%
Somewhat agree	41%	50%	27%	41%	44%
Somewhat disagree	17%	26%	6%	11%	22%
Strongly disagree	8%	8%	3%	8%	12%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>91%</i>	<i>81%</i>	<i>66%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>34%</i>

f. We have to find ways to move forward together peacefully even when we strongly disagree

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Strongly agree	55%	58%	49%	57%	55%
Somewhat agree	37%	35%	43%	34%	33%
Somewhat disagree	6%	5%	5%	5%	7%
Strongly disagree	3%	1%	3%	4%	5%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>91%</i>	<i>93%</i>	<i>92%</i>	<i>91%</i>	<i>88%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>12%</i>

9. In general, do you think the following promote mostly constructive or mostly destructive public discussion and debate?

Total Constructive Summary

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Ordinary people	34%	38%
Religious leaders	33%	36%
Local political leaders	22%	24%
Journalism and news media companies <i>*2019 Wording: "Journalism and news media"</i>	16%	17%
National political leaders	7%	15%
Social media companies <i>*2019 Wording: "Social media"</i>	8%	13%

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Ordinary people	38%	38%	46%	39%	29%
Religious leaders	36%	36%	51%	28%	26%
Local political leaders	24%	33%	21%	21%	17%
Journalism and news media companies	17%	30%	7%	15%	12%
National political leaders	15%	24%	12%	10%	12%
Social media companies	13%	21%	8%	8%	15%

Total Destructive Summary

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
National political leaders	78%	62%
Social media companies <i>*2019 Wording: "Social media"</i>	74%	61%
Journalism and news media companies <i>*2019 Wording: "Journalism and news media"</i>	59%	59%
Local political leaders	44%	39%
Religious leaders	27%	27%
Ordinary people	23%	20%

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
National political leaders	62%	50%	71%	66%	63%
Social media companies	61%	48%	78%	65%	56%
Journalism and news media companies	59%	37%	83%	60%	61%
Local political leaders	39%	34%	44%	38%	43%
Religious leaders	27%	30%	13%	31%	36%
Ordinary people	20%	21%	15%	19%	28%

a. Journalism and news media companies
 *2019 Wording: "Journalism and news media"

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Mostly constructive	4%	5%
More constructive than destructive	12%	12%
Neither constructive nor destructive	23%	24%
More destructive than constructive	32%	31%
Mostly destructive	27%	28%
<i>Constructive (Net)</i>	16%	17%
<i>Destructive (Net)</i>	61%	59%

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Mostly constructive	5%	10%	2%	3%	4%
More constructive than destructive	12%	20%	5%	11%	8%
Neither constructive nor destructive	24%	33%	10%	25%	27%
More destructive than constructive	31%	30%	33%	30%	31%
Mostly destructive	28%	7%	49%	30%	30%
<i>Constructive (Net)</i>	17%	30%	7%	15%	12%
<i>Destructive (Net)</i>	59%	37%	83%	60%	61%

b. Social media companies
 *2019 Wording: "Social media"

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Mostly constructive	2%	3%
More constructive than destructive	6%	11%
Neither constructive nor destructive	16%	25%
More destructive than constructive	41%	35%
Mostly destructive	32%	26%
<i>Constructive (Net)</i>	8%	13%
<i>Destructive (Net)</i>	75%	61%

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Mostly constructive	3%	4%	2%	0%	5%
More constructive than destructive	11%	17%	5%	8%	10%
Neither constructive nor destructive	25%	31%	15%	27%	29%
More destructive than constructive	35%	36%	38%	37%	30%
Mostly destructive	26%	12%	40%	28%	26%
<i>Constructive (Net)</i>	13%	21%	8%	8%	15%
<i>Destructive (Net)</i>	61%	48%	78%	65%	56%

c. National political leaders

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Mostly constructive	2%	4%
More constructive than destructive	6%	11%
Neither constructive nor destructive	13%	23%
More destructive than constructive	45%	43%
Mostly destructive	33%	19%
<i>Constructive (Net)</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>15%</i>
<i>Destructive (Net)</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>62%</i>

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Mostly constructive	4%	5%	5%	1%	4%
More constructive than destructive	11%	18%	7%	9%	8%
Neither constructive nor destructive	23%	26%	17%	24%	25%
More destructive than constructive	43%	42%	48%	44%	38%
Mostly destructive	19%	9%	23%	22%	25%
<i>Constructive (Net)</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>12%</i>
<i>Destructive (Net)</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>63%</i>

d. Local political leaders

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Mostly constructive	4%	5%
More constructive than destructive	18%	19%
Neither constructive nor destructive	33%	37%
More destructive than constructive	29%	29%
Mostly destructive	15%	10%
<i>Constructive (Net)</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>24%</i>
<i>Destructive (Net)</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>39%</i>

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Mostly constructive	5%	7%	3%	2%	6%
More constructive than destructive	19%	26%	18%	19%	11%
Neither constructive nor destructive	37%	33%	35%	41%	41%
More destructive than constructive	29%	30%	34%	27%	24%
Mostly destructive	10%	5%	10%	11%	18%
<i>Constructive (Net)</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>17%</i>
<i>Destructive (Net)</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>43%</i>

e. Ordinary people

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Mostly constructive	7%	7%
More constructive than destructive	27%	31%
Neither constructive nor destructive	41%	41%
More destructive than constructive	19%	17%
Mostly destructive	4%	3%
<i>Constructive (Net)</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>38%</i>
<i>Destructive (Net)</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>20%</i>

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Mostly constructive	7%	7%	10%	6%	6%
More constructive than destructive	31%	31%	36%	34%	23%
Neither constructive nor destructive	41%	41%	39%	41%	43%
More destructive than constructive	17%	18%	13%	16%	23%
Mostly destructive	3%	2%	2%	3%	5%
<i>Constructive (Net)</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>29%</i>
<i>Destructive (Net)</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>28%</i>

f. Religious leaders

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Mostly constructive	11%	12%
More constructive than destructive	22%	24%
Neither constructive nor destructive	39%	37%
More destructive than constructive	16%	18%
Mostly destructive	11%	9%
<i>Constructive (Net)</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>36%</i>
<i>Destructive (Net)</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>27%</i>

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Mostly constructive	12%	11%	18%	8%	10%
More constructive than destructive	24%	25%	33%	21%	16%
Neither constructive nor destructive	37%	35%	36%	40%	38%
More destructive than constructive	18%	19%	10%	20%	23%
Mostly destructive	9%	10%	4%	12%	13%
<i>Constructive (Net)</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>26%</i>
<i>Destructive (Net)</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>36%</i>

10. Have destructive partisan disagreements and divisiveness directly affected your life?

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
No	45%	42%
Yes	29%	36%
Don't know	26%	22%

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
No	42%	41%	52%	41%	32%
Yes	36%	41%	32%	40%	29%
Don't know	22%	18%	16%	19%	38%

11. [Asked if Q10= "Yes"] How have destructive partisan disagreements and divisiveness affected your life? Select all that apply.

Trending	10/14-21, 2019 (N=479)	2/23-26, 2021 (N=487)
Experienced depression, anxiety or sadness	40%	52%
Caused you to pay more attention to political news and commentary	48%	45%
Caused you to avoid political news and commentary	42%	43%
Lost or had serious fights with friends or family	35%	39%
Prompted you to avoid getting involved in civic and political life	31%	33%
Prompted you to get more involved in in civic and political life	16%	18%
Had problems at work	8%	13%
Other	7%	9%

	Total (N=487)	Democrats (N=180)	Republicans (N=101)	Independents (N=122)	Apolitical (N=84)
Experienced depression, anxiety or sadness	52%	51%	47%	56%	53%
Caused you to pay more attention to political news and commentary	45%	52%	32%	48%	44%
Caused you to avoid political news and commentary	43%	32%	51%	46%	49%
Lost or had serious fights with friends or family	39%	46%	30%	34%	45%
Prompted you to avoid getting involved in civic and political life	33%	28%	34%	37%	34%
Prompted you to get more involved in in civic and political life	18%	25%	12%	12%	22%
Had problems at work	13%	13%	9%	18%	12%
Other	9%	4%	9%	8%	21%

12. In general, how much more difficult do you think political divisiveness has made the following?

A lot/Somewhat More Difficult Summary

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Conducting the 2020 presidential election	77%	78%	80%	75%	72%
Resolving tensions between people of color and the police	77%	80%	74%	78%	76%
Dealing with the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic	76%	79%	72%	78%	76%
Dealing with the health risks of the COVID-19 pandemic	75%	82%	68%	75%	74%

a. Dealing with the health risks of the COVID-19 pandemic

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
A lot more difficult	47%	55%	40%	44%	48%
Somewhat more difficult	28%	26%	29%	31%	26%
A little more difficult	15%	13%	18%	17%	13%
Not more difficult at all	5%	3%	9%	4%	3%
Don't know	5%	3%	5%	4%	10%
<i>A lot/Somewhat more difficult (Net)</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>74%</i>
<i>A little/Not more difficult (Net)</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>16%</i>

b. Dealing with the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
A lot more difficult	49%	52%	45%	48%	49%
Somewhat more difficult	28%	26%	27%	31%	27%
A little more difficult	16%	15%	18%	16%	13%
Not more difficult at all	4%	4%	7%	2%	2%
Don't know	4%	2%	3%	3%	10%
<i>A lot/Somewhat more difficult (Net)</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>76%</i>
<i>A little/Not more difficult (Net)</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>15%</i>

c. Conducting the 2020 presidential election

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
A lot more difficult	56%	58%	58%	52%	53%
Somewhat more difficult	21%	20%	22%	22%	18%
A little more difficult	12%	11%	9%	15%	12%
Not more difficult at all	6%	8%	6%	5%	5%
Don't know	6%	3%	4%	5%	12%
<i>A lot/Somewhat more difficult (Net)</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>72%</i>
<i>A little/Not more difficult (Net)</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>16%</i>

d. Resolving tensions between people of color and the police

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
A lot more difficult	50%	57%	44%	47%	52%
Somewhat more difficult	27%	24%	29%	31%	23%
A little more difficult	13%	14%	15%	12%	10%
Not more difficult at all	4%	3%	6%	6%	1%
Don't know	6%	2%	5%	3%	13%
<i>A lot/Somewhat more difficult (Net)</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>76%</i>
<i>A little/Not more difficult (Net)</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>11%</i>

13. Regarding ordinary people who identify as Democrats, what percent do you think are so extreme you can't imagine finding common ground with them?

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
None 0%	6%	6%
10%	17%	16%
20%	13%	13%
30%	9%	10%
40%	5%	7%
50%	6%	17%
60%	5%	8%
70%	6%	7%
80%	5%	7%
90%	5%	5%
All 100%	3%	5%
<i>Mean</i>	<i>38.8</i>	<i>42.8</i>

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
None 0%	6%	9%	1%	5%	7%
10%	16%	23%	10%	17%	11%
20%	13%	17%	9%	15%	10%
30%	10%	9%	9%	11%	12%
40%	7%	7%	9%	7%	4%
50%	17%	11%	14%	19%	29%
60%	8%	6%	10%	10%	7%
70%	7%	6%	12%	5%	5%
80%	7%	4%	12%	5%	7%
90%	5%	4%	8%	3%	4%
All 100%	5%	5%	6%	3%	5%
<i>Mean</i>	<i>42.8</i>	<i>36.0</i>	<i>53.3</i>	<i>38.8</i>	<i>44.3</i>

14. Regarding ordinary people who identify as Republicans, what percent do you think are so extreme you can't imagine finding common ground with them?

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
None 0%	6%	6%
10%	16%	15%
20%	13%	10%
30%	5%	11%
40%	6%	8%
50%	10%	15%
60%	6%	9%
70%	5%	9%
80%	6%	7%
90%	5%	7%
All 100%	4%	4%
<i>Mean</i>	<i>40.8</i>	<i>44.4</i>

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
None 0%	6%	2%	7%	6%	7%
10%	15%	6%	30%	17%	11%
20%	10%	8%	15%	10%	8%
30%	11%	9%	13%	10%	12%
40%	8%	8%	7%	9%	6%
50%	15%	13%	11%	15%	22%
60%	9%	11%	5%	9%	9%
70%	9%	14%	4%	9%	9%
80%	7%	9%	2%	9%	6%
90%	7%	12%	3%	5%	5%
All 100%	4%	7%	1%	2%	6%
<i>Mean</i>	<i>44.4</i>	<i>56.1</i>	<i>30.6</i>	<i>42.2</i>	<i>46.3</i>

15. **[Asked if Democrat, Independent, or Apolitical]** How important is it to you to have better ways to understand the views and values of ordinary people who identify as Republicans?

	Total (N=982)	Democrats (N=427)	Independents (N=302)	Apolitical (N=253)
Very important	25%	28%	23%	23%
Somewhat important	41%	42%	50%	31%
Not too important	16%	19%	15%	12%
Not important at all	6%	7%	5%	7%
Don't know	11%	5%	7%	26%
<i>Very/Somewhat important (Net)</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>55%</i>
<i>Not too/Not important at all (Net)</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>19%</i>

16. **[Asked if Republican, Independent, or Apolitical]** How important is it to you to have better ways to understand the views and values of ordinary people who identify as Democrats?

	Total (N=856)	Republicans (N=301)	Independents (N=302)	Apolitical (N=253)
Very important	23%	21%	25%	22%
Somewhat important	40%	41%	47%	32%
Not too important	16%	19%	16%	11%
Not important at all	9%	14%	4%	9%
Don't know	12%	5%	8%	26%
<i>Very/Somewhat important (Net)</i>	63%	62%	71%	54%
<i>Not too/Not important at all (Net)</i>	25%	33%	21%	20%

17. How important is it for the United States to try to reduce divisiveness?

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Very important	65%	64%
Somewhat important	27%	29%
Not too important	5%	5%
Not important at all	2%	2%
<i>Very/Somewhat important (Net)</i>	92%	93%
<i>Not too/Not important at all (Net)</i>	7%	7%

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Very important	64%	74%	56%	64%	61%
Somewhat important	29%	23%	36%	29%	30%
Not too important	5%	3%	6%	5%	4%
Not important at all	2%	1%	2%	2%	6%
<i>Very/Somewhat important (Net)</i>	93%	96%	92%	93%	90%
<i>Not too/Not important at all (Net)</i>	7%	4%	8%	7%	10%

18. Do you support or oppose the following ideas or policies as ways to reduce divisiveness or destructive disagreements in the United States?

Total Support Summary

<i>Trending</i>	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Teaching children to resolve their conflicts more constructively	85%	82%
Teaching adults how to talk about issues more constructively	77%	75%
Making it easier for third-party and independent candidates to run for office so voters have more than just two choices	65%	66%
Shifting more decisions from the federal to the local level where politics are less partisan	55%	57%
Requiring young people to do a year of national service working together with Americans from different backgrounds	46%	49%

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Teaching children to resolve their conflicts more constructively	82%	87%	80%	82%	75%
Teaching adults how to talk about issues more constructively	75%	83%	71%	74%	71%
Emphasizing America's history, heritage and founding ideals in our public schools	70%	63%	82%	74%	60%
Strengthening government regulation to stop social media from profiting from misinformation and divisiveness	(N=640) 68%	(N=223) 73%	(N=144) 65%	(N=152) 69%	(N=121) 60%
Making it easier for third-party and independent candidates to run for office so voters have more than just two choices	66%	68%	60%	78%	59%
Strengthening government oversight to stop social media from profiting from misinformation and divisiveness	(N=643) 62%	(N=204) 69%	(N=157) 66%	(N=150) 62%	(N=132) 46%
Shifting more decisions from the federal to the local level where politics are less partisan	57%	53%	70%	59%	45%
Requiring young people to do a year of national service working together with Americans from different backgrounds	49%	60%	40%	50%	41%

a. **[Asked if in Sample A]** Strengthening government regulation to stop social media from profiting from misinformation and divisiveness

	Total (N=640)	Democrats (N=223)	Republicans (N=144)	Independents (N=152)	Apolitical (N=121)
Strongly support	38%	38%	39%	40%	34%
Somewhat support	30%	36%	27%	29%	26%
Neither support nor oppose	22%	20%	21%	23%	26%
Somewhat oppose	6%	6%	9%	5%	4%
Strongly oppose	4%	0%	4%	3%	11%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>60%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>14%</i>

b. **[Asked if in Sample B]** Strengthening government oversight to stop social media from profiting from misinformation and divisiveness

	Total (N=643)	Democrats (N=204)	Republicans (N=157)	Independents (N=150)	Apolitical (N=132)
Strongly support	35%	38%	32%	37%	32%
Somewhat support	27%	31%	35%	26%	14%
Neither support nor oppose	23%	18%	18%	19%	40%
Somewhat oppose	9%	11%	7%	12%	6%
Strongly oppose	6%	2%	9%	6%	8%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>46%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>14%</i>

c. Shifting more decisions from the federal to the local level where politics are less partisan

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Strongly support	19%	21%
Somewhat support	36%	36%
Neither support nor oppose	32%	33%
Somewhat oppose	8%	7%
Strongly oppose	4%	3%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>57%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>10%</i>

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Strongly support	21%	15%	30%	25%	16%
Somewhat support	36%	39%	40%	34%	29%
Neither support nor oppose	33%	30%	24%	32%	47%
Somewhat oppose	7%	12%	3%	6%	6%
Strongly oppose	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>45%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>9%</i>

d. Teaching children to resolve their conflicts more constructively

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Strongly support	64%	55%
Somewhat support	21%	27%
Neither support nor oppose	11%	15%
Somewhat oppose	2%	3%
Strongly oppose	1%	1%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>82%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>4%</i>

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Strongly support	55%	60%	52%	56%	49%
Somewhat support	27%	27%	28%	26%	26%
Neither support nor oppose	15%	10%	17%	13%	20%
Somewhat oppose	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%
Strongly oppose	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>87%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>75%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>4%</i>

e. Teaching adults how to talk about issues more constructively

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Strongly support	47%	44%
Somewhat support	30%	31%
Neither support nor oppose	17%	19%
Somewhat oppose	3%	3%
Strongly oppose	2%	2%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>75%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>5%</i>

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Strongly support	44%	50%	36%	46%	43%
Somewhat support	31%	33%	36%	28%	28%
Neither support nor oppose	19%	13%	22%	22%	23%
Somewhat oppose	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%
Strongly oppose	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>71%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>5%</i>

- f. Making it easier for third-party and independent candidates to run for office so voters have more than just two choices

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Strongly support	35%	36%
Somewhat support	31%	30%
Neither support nor oppose	25%	25%
Somewhat oppose	5%	6%
Strongly oppose	3%	2%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>66%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>9%</i>

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Strongly support	36%	33%	30%	47%	35%
Somewhat support	30%	35%	30%	30%	24%
Neither support nor oppose	25%	22%	29%	18%	33%
Somewhat oppose	6%	9%	6%	3%	5%
Strongly oppose	2%	1%	5%	1%	3%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>59%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>8%</i>

- g. Requiring young people to do a year of national service working together with Americans from different backgrounds

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Strongly support	19%	21%
Somewhat support	26%	27%
Neither support nor oppose	32%	30%
Somewhat oppose	10%	11%
Strongly oppose	11%	11%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>49%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>21%</i>

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Strongly support	21%	31%	18%	16%	16%
Somewhat support	27%	30%	22%	33%	25%
Neither support nor oppose	30%	23%	32%	28%	40%
Somewhat oppose	11%	10%	12%	12%	9%
Strongly oppose	11%	6%	17%	10%	10%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>41%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>19%</i>

- h. Emphasizing America's history, heritage and founding ideals in our public schools

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Strongly support	36%	29%	50%	35%	32%
Somewhat support	33%	34%	31%	40%	28%
Neither support nor oppose	21%	24%	14%	18%	31%
Somewhat oppose	6%	9%	2%	6%	6%
Strongly oppose	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>63%</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>60%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>10%</i>

19. How effective or ineffective do you think the following would be in reducing divisiveness or destructive disagreements in the United States?

Total Effective Summary

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Giving ordinary people a greater voice in the decisions that affect their lives	84%	85%	83%	88%	78%
Improving economic opportunity and security for all people regardless of race, ethnicity, or where they live	83%	91%	75%	88%	77%
Electing leaders who are deeply committed to unifying the country	82%	88%	81%	87%	69%
Creating more opportunities for people to talk and interact with people who have different values and views	79%	86%	76%	80%	73%
Making spiritual values a bigger factor in American life	(N=641) 59%	(N=217) 48%	(N=155) 75%	(N=145) 55%	(N=124) 56%
Creating more TV, movies, music, etc. that help people understand people who have different values and views	59%	75%	46%	59%	53%
Making religion a bigger factor in American life	(N=642) 48%	(N=210) 38%	(N=146) 66%	(N=157) 47%	(N=129) 42%

a. **[Asked if in Sample A]** Making religion a bigger factor in American life

	Total (N=642)	Democrats (N=210)	Republicans (N=146)	Independents (N=157)	Apolitical (N=129)
Very effective	21%	14%	39%	16%	16%
Somewhat effective	27%	24%	27%	31%	27%
Not very effective	23%	23%	18%	24%	26%
Not effective at all	20%	29%	11%	20%	16%
Don't know	10%	10%	6%	8%	16%
<i>Effective (Net)</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>47%</i>	<i>42%</i>
<i>Not Effective (Net)</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>42%</i>

b. [Asked if in Sample B] Making spiritual values a bigger factor in American life

	Total (N=641)	Democrats (N=217)	Republicans (N=155)	Independents (N=145)	Apolitical (N=124)
Very effective	27%	20%	43%	21%	21%
Somewhat effective	32%	28%	31%	35%	36%
Not very effective	20%	25%	15%	22%	18%
Not effective at all	14%	21%	5%	18%	11%
Don't know	8%	6%	6%	5%	15%
<i>Effective (Net)</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>56%</i>
<i>Not Effective (Net)</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>28%</i>

c. Creating more opportunities for people to talk and interact with people who have different values and views

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Very effective	36%	47%	26%	32%	36%
Somewhat effective	43%	39%	50%	48%	37%
Not very effective	12%	8%	14%	13%	11%
Not effective at all	4%	1%	5%	4%	6%
Don't know	6%	4%	5%	4%	10%
<i>Effective (Net)</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>73%</i>
<i>Not Effective (Net)</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>17%</i>

d. Electing leaders who are deeply committed to unifying the country

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Very effective	51%	62%	43%	55%	39%
Somewhat effective	31%	25%	38%	32%	30%
Not very effective	9%	7%	9%	7%	12%
Not effective at all	3%	1%	4%	3%	5%
Don't know	6%	4%	5%	4%	14%
<i>Effective (Net)</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>81%</i>	<i>87%</i>	<i>69%</i>
<i>Not Effective (Net)</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>17%</i>

e. Creating more TV, movies, music, etc. that help people understand people who have different values and views

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Very effective	21%	28%	13%	21%	21%
Somewhat effective	38%	47%	33%	38%	33%
Not very effective	24%	15%	33%	27%	21%
Not effective at all	9%	5%	14%	9%	9%
Don't know	8%	6%	7%	5%	16%
<i>Effective (Net)</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>53%</i>
<i>Not Effective (Net)</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>47%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>30%</i>

f. Giving ordinary people a greater voice in the decisions that affect their lives

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Very effective	44%	48%	44%	42%	40%
Somewhat effective	40%	38%	39%	46%	37%
Not very effective	8%	9%	12%	6%	7%
Not effective at all	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Don't know	6%	5%	3%	5%	14%
<i>Effective (Net)</i>	<i>84%</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>78%</i>
<i>Not Effective (Net)</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>8%</i>

g. Improving economic opportunity and security for all people regardless of race, ethnicity, or where they live

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Very effective	51%	64%	35%	56%	48%
Somewhat effective	32%	27%	40%	33%	29%
Not very effective	9%	5%	15%	6%	9%
Not effective at all	3%	1%	6%	3%	4%
Don't know	5%	2%	5%	2%	10%
<i>Effective (Net)</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>91%</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>77%</i>
<i>Not Effective (Net)</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>13%</i>

20. Have you ever done each of the following?

Total Yes Summary

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Have a constructive conversation with someone who has different political views than you	79%	85%
Watch the news from an outlet with different political views than yours	74%	78%
Work together to try to solve a problem in your community with someone who has different political views than you	55%	66%

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Have a constructive conversation with someone who has different political views than you	85%	88%	88%	86%	78%
Watch the news from an outlet with different political views than yours	78%	82%	79%	82%	69%
Encourage people to be more respectful and constructive in public settings or on social media	76%	79%	77%	74%	72%
Change the way you use social media in order to be less divisive and more constructive	68%	71%	66%	67%	66%
Work together to try to solve a problem in your community with someone who has different political views than you	66%	68%	65%	66%	64%
Cross party lines to support a candidate in an election because they were less divisive	61%	61%	60%	70%	52%
Report or flag misinformation or divisive posts on social media	51%	55%	43%	52%	52%

a. Encourage people to be more respectful and constructive in public settings or on social media

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Yes, often	19%	19%	14%	22%	22%
Yes, sometimes	38%	42%	40%	34%	33%
Yes, but hardly ever	19%	18%	23%	18%	18%
No, never	24%	21%	23%	26%	28%
Yes (Net)	76%	79%	77%	74%	72%

b. Change the way you use social media in order to be less divisive and more constructive

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Yes, often	18%	18%	15%	23%	17%
Yes, sometimes	35%	37%	33%	34%	33%
Yes, but hardly ever	15%	15%	18%	10%	16%
No, never	32%	29%	34%	33%	34%
Yes (Net)	68%	71%	66%	67%	66%

c. Watch the news from an outlet with different political views than yours

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Yes, often	11%	13%
Yes, sometimes	33%	38%
Yes, but hardly ever	30%	28%
No, never	24%	22%
Yes (Net)	74%	78%

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Yes, often	13%	11%	14%	14%	15%
Yes, sometimes	38%	39%	35%	44%	33%
Yes, but hardly ever	28%	31%	31%	25%	21%
No, never	22%	18%	21%	18%	31%
Yes (Net)	78%	82%	79%	82%	69%

d. Have a constructive conversation with someone who has different political views than you

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Yes, often	10%	16%
Yes, sometimes	36%	45%
Yes, but hardly ever	34%	24%
No, never	19%	15%
Yes (Net)	79%	85%

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Yes, often	16%	17%	14%	17%	18%
Yes, sometimes	45%	43%	46%	52%	40%
Yes, but hardly ever	24%	28%	28%	17%	20%
No, never	15%	12%	12%	14%	22%
Yes (Net)	85%	88%	88%	86%	78%

- e. Work together to try to solve a problem in your community with someone who has different political views than you

Trending	10/14-21, 2019	2/23-26, 2021
Yes, often	7%	11%
Yes, sometimes	25%	34%
Yes, but hardly ever	24%	22%
No, never	43%	34%
Yes (Net)	55%	66%

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Yes, often	11%	13%	6%	9%	15%
Yes, sometimes	34%	33%	38%	32%	31%
Yes, but hardly ever	22%	22%	21%	25%	18%
No, never	34%	32%	35%	34%	36%
Yes (Net)	66%	68%	65%	66%	64%

- f. Cross party lines to support a candidate in an election because they were less divisive

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Yes, often	9%	9%	8%	10%	8%
Yes, sometimes	31%	30%	29%	39%	26%
Yes, but hardly ever	21%	22%	24%	21%	18%
No, never	39%	39%	40%	30%	48%
Yes (Net)	61%	61%	60%	70%	52%

- g. Report or flag misinformation or divisive posts on social media

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apolitical
Yes, often	9%	14%	5%	8%	8%
Yes, sometimes	24%	27%	21%	27%	21%
Yes, but hardly ever	17%	14%	16%	17%	23%
No, never	49%	45%	57%	48%	48%
Yes (Net)	51%	55%	43%	52%	52%

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos survey conducted between February 23-26, 2021. For this survey, a sample of 1,283 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English.

The survey is trended with a Public Agenda/Ipsos Survey conducted October 14th to 21st, 2019 by Ipsos Public Affairs KnowledgePanel® – a division of Ipsos. This survey was based on a nationally-representative probability sample of adults age 18 or older (n=1,548). The margin of sampling error among the total sample of adults age 18 or older is plus or minus 2.6 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, taking into account the design effect, which was plus or minus 2.63 percentage points.

The sample for this study was randomly drawn from Ipsos' online panel (see [link](#) for more info on "Access Panels and Recruitment"), partner online panel sources, and "river" sampling (see [link](#) for more info on the Ipsos "Ampario Overview" sample method) and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing a sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2018 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Posthoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, and education.

Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online non-probability surveys. All sample surveys and surveys may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding. The precision of Ipsos online surveys is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the survey has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points for all respondents. Ipsos calculates a design effect (DEFF) for each study based on the variation of the weights, following the formula of Kish (1965). This study had a credibility interval adjusted for design effect of the following (n=1,283, DEFF=1.5, adjusted Confidence Interval=+/-4.6 percentage points).

The survey has a credibility interval of plus or minus 5.4 percentage points for Democrats, plus or minus 6.4 percentage points for Republicans, plus or minus 6.4 percentage points for Independents, and plus or minus 7.0 percentage points for apolitical individuals.