

76% of voters believe American politics is more polarized than American society

July 20, 2020: Seventy-six percent (76%) of voters nationwide believe that American politics is more polarized than American society. A Scott Rasmussen national survey found that 12% disagree and 12% are not sure.[1]

The totals include 43% who strongly agree and only 2% who strongly disagree with that perception.[1]

The belief that politics is more polarized than society is found in all segments of society. It is a view shared by 81% of men and 72% of women; 90% of senior citizens and 67% of voters under 35; 79% of white voters, 78% of Hispanic voters, and 60% of Black voters. In fact, a strong majority of every measured demographic group believes American politics is more polarized than American society.[1]

On a partisan basis, 84% of Republicans see this gap along with 72% of Democrats and 72% of independents.[1]

Those who do not see a gap between American society and politics are more pessimistic about the nation itself. By a 56% to 29% margin, they say that the U.S. is not a good role model for the world to follow. The numbers are reversed among those who see a gap between politics and society.[1]

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