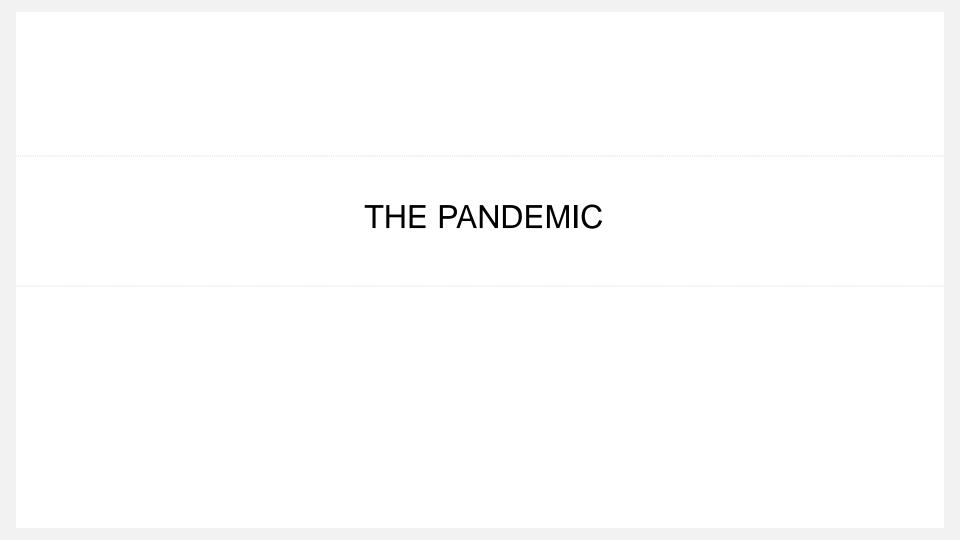


## American life in the midst of crisis

How people are using technology as their lives are upended

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# More than four-in-ten Americans say their lives have changed in a major way

% saying that, as a result of the coronavirus outbreak, their personal life has ...

	Changed in a major way	Changed, but only a little bit	Stayed about the same
All adults	44	44	12
Men	41	46	12
Women	47	41	11
White	45	45	10
Black	34	43	22
Hispanio	47	43	10

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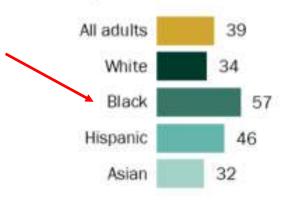
## 14% of U.S. adults are at least 'pretty sure' they have had COVID-19

% who say they have tested positive for having COVID-19 or antibodies, or been 'pretty sure' they have had COVID-19 without an official diagnosis

	itive est	Pretty sure		Net
All adults	3	11		14
White	2	10		12
Black	5	9		14
Hispanic	7		15	22
Asian*	1	11		12
Some college or less	4	11		15
Bachelor's +	2	11		13
Lower income	5	10		14
Middle income	2	12		15
Upper income	2	12		13

#### Majority of Black adults in U.S. know someone who was hospitalized or died due to coronavirus

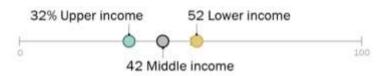
% who say they personally know someone who has been hospitalized or died as a result of having COVID-19



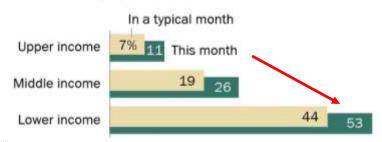
# Economic fallout from COVID-19 is hitting lower-income adults harder

% saying ...

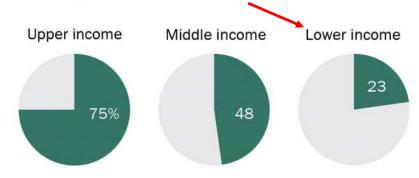
They or someone in their household has lost a job or taken a pay cut due to the coronavirus outbreak



They cannot pay all of their bills in full ...



They have rainy day funds that would cover their expenses for three months in case of emergency



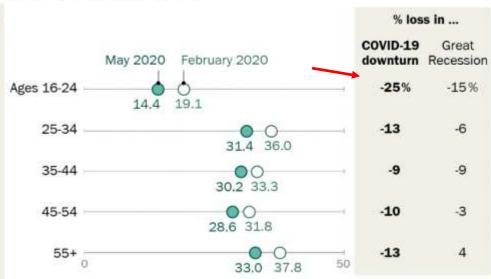
## Women have lost more jobs than men in COVID-19 downturn, a reversal from the Great Recession

Employed workers, in millions



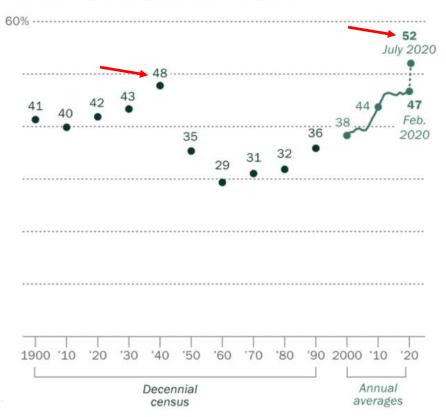
## One-quarter of young adult workers have lost their jobs in the COVID-19 downturn

Employed workers, in millions



## Share of young adults living with parents rises to levels not seen since the Great Depression era

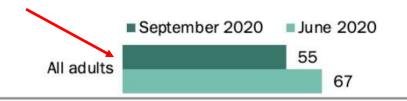
% of 18- to 29-year-olds in U.S. living with a parent

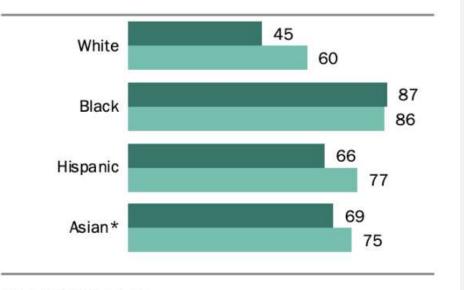


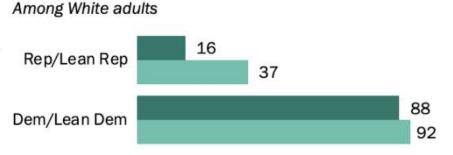
# THE RACIAL RECKONING

## Support for Black Lives Matter movement down since June

% saying they strongly or somewhat support the Black Lives Matter movement

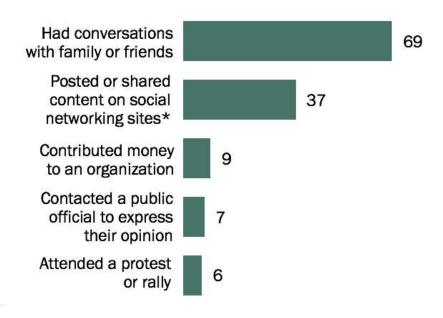






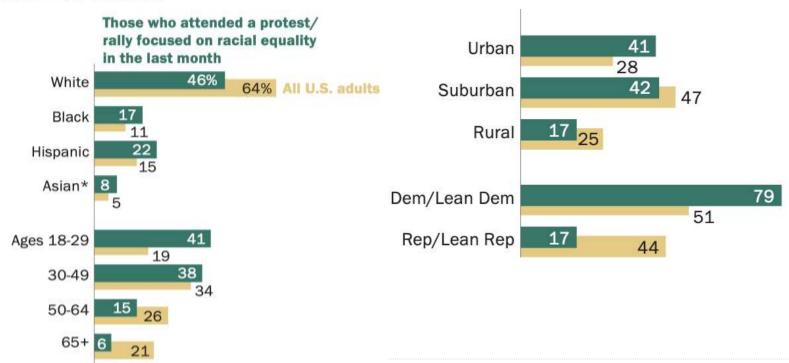
# About seven-in-ten Americans say they've had conversations about race in the past month

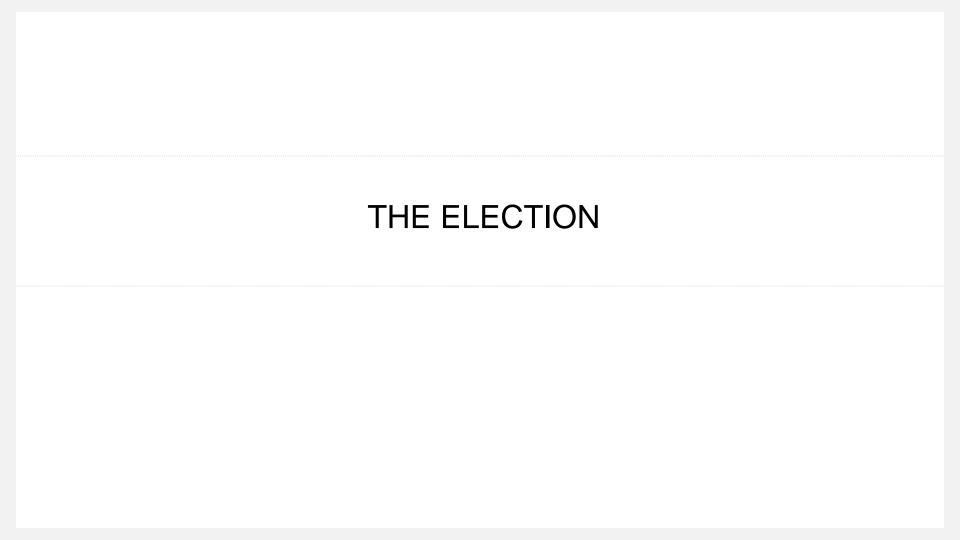
% saying they have \_\_\_\_ about/focused on race or racial equality **in the last month** 



# Younger adults and Democrats more likely to have attended a protest in the last month

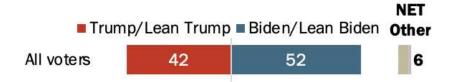
Among \_\_\_\_\_, % who are ...





## Biden has overall lead over Trump and holds advantages on most issues

% of registered voters who say, if the election were held today, they would vote for ...

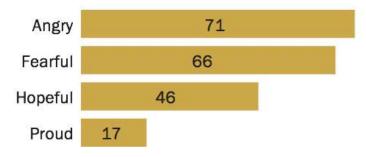


% of registered voters who are very/somewhat confident that \_\_\_\_ can do each of the following

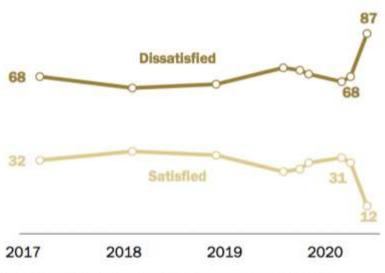
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Make good decisions about economic policy	Biden Trump 51 © 52	Trump +1
Effectively handle law enforcement and criminal justice issues	<b>45 ●● 49</b>	Biden +4
Select good nominees for the Supreme Court	49 •• 55	Biden +6
Make good decisions about foreign policy	45 ● ● 54	Biden +9
Handle the public health impact of the coronavirus outbreak	<b>40 ● ●</b> 57	Biden +17
Bring the country closer together	30 • 50	Biden +20
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## Majorities feel anger, fear with state of nation; few feel proud

% who say, in thinking about the state of the country these days, they feel ...



% who say they are \_\_\_\_ with the way things are going in this country today

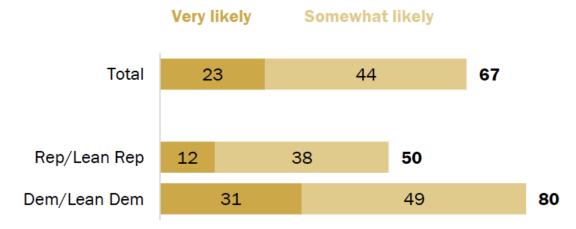


Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted June 16-22, 2020.

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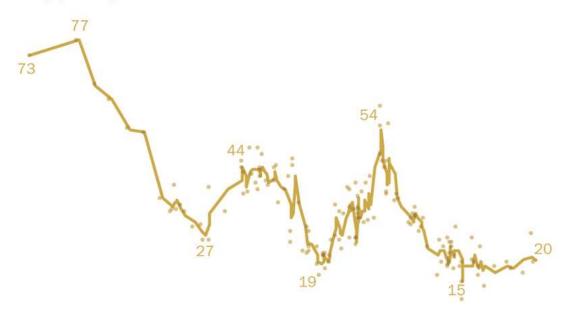
# Two-thirds of Americans say it is likely the COVID-19 outbreak will disrupt the presidential election

% who say it is \_\_\_\_ that the coronavirus outbreak will significantly disrupt Americans' ability to vote in the presidential election in November



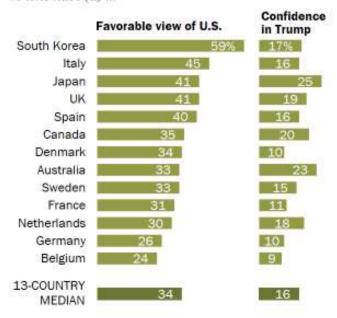
## Public trust in the federal government has been low for more than a decade

% who say they trust the federal government to do what is right just about always/most of the time



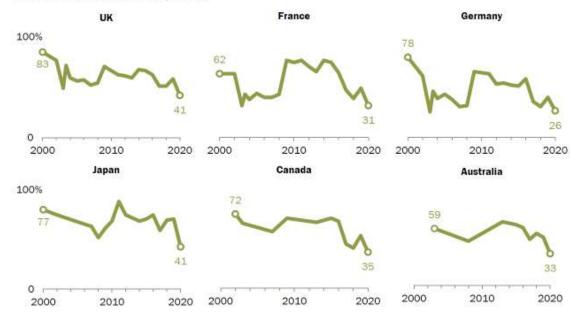
#### Poor ratings for the U.S. and Trump

% who have (a) ...



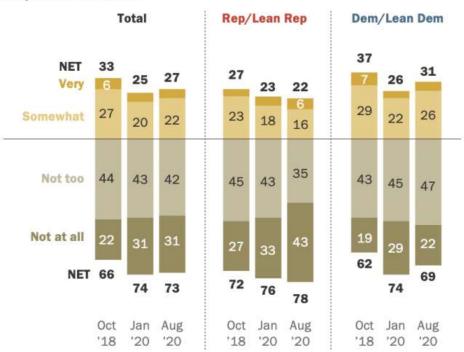
#### In some countries, ratings for U.S. are at record low

% who have a favorable view of the U.S.

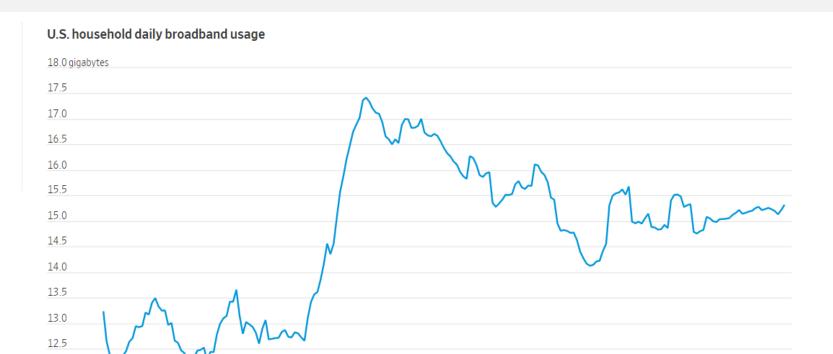


## Public expresses little confidence in tech companies to prevent misuse of their platforms to affect election

% who say they are \_\_\_ confident in technology companies like Facebook, Twitter and Google to prevent misuse of their platforms to influence the election



# INTERNET USE AND ATTITUDES DURING THE CRISES



Note: Based on more than one million U.S. households. Calculated on a rolling seven-day average. Source: OpenVault

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#### Early surge in internet usage – PC Magazine





27%
FACEBOOK

Increase in daily website traffic

26% LINKEDIN

Quarterly growth of user sessions

2X WHATSAPP

Increase in calls and videos

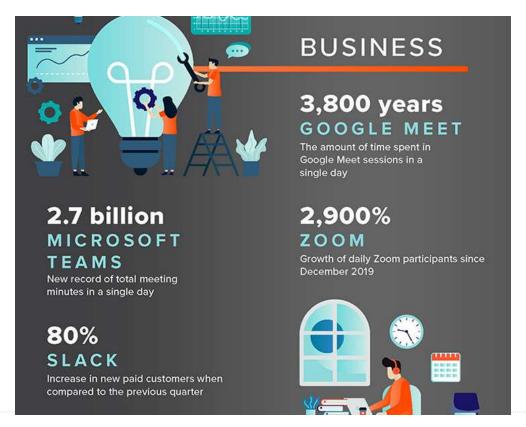


Increase in the number of monthly downloads of popular social video sharing app





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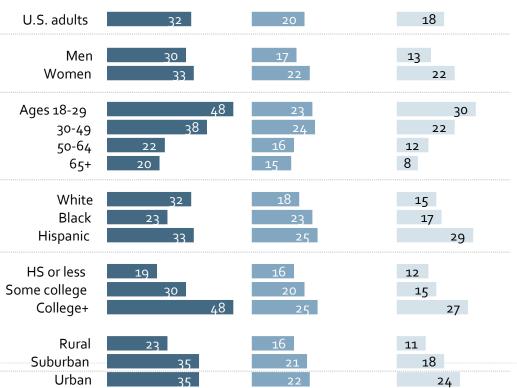


#### New COVID-19 activities

Had a virtual party or social gathering online with friends or family

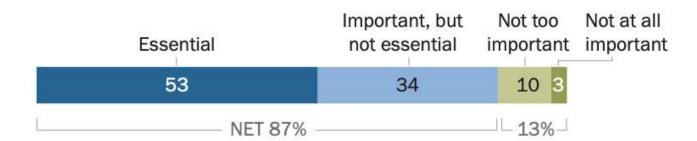
or a play that was streamed through the internet or app at home

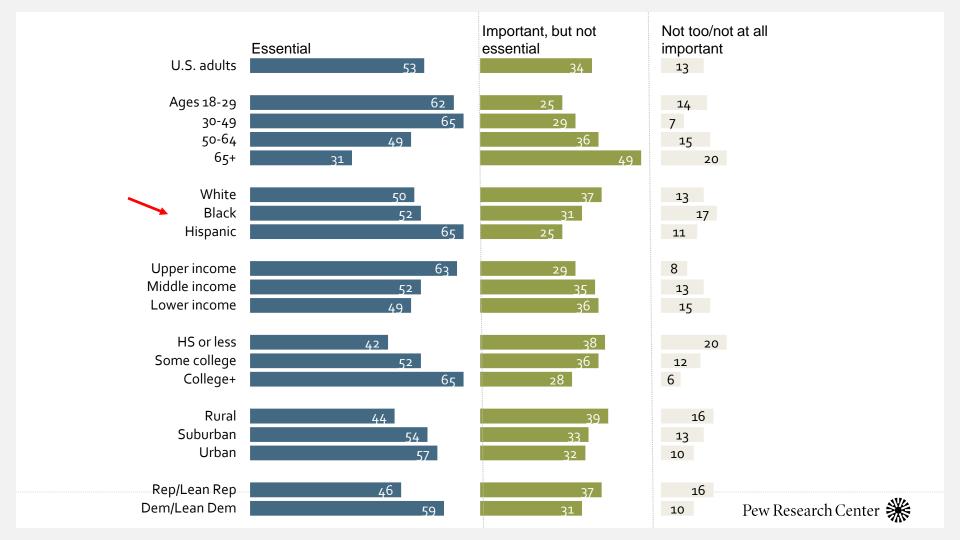
Watched a concert Participated in an online fitness class online workout video



# Roughly half of adults say the internet has been essential to them during the coronavirus outbreak ...

% of U.S. adults who say the internet has been \_\_\_ to them personally during the coronavirus outbreak

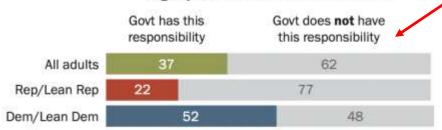




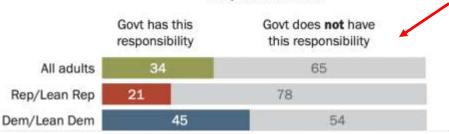
# Democrats more likely than Republicans to think the government should be responsible for ensuring home broadband, cellphone services amid COVID-19

% of U.S. adults who say the federal government has or does not have the responsibility to ensure all Americans have \_\_\_ during the coronavirus outbreak

#### High-speed internet connection at home

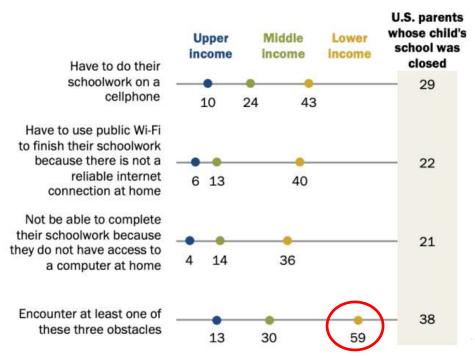


#### Cellphone services



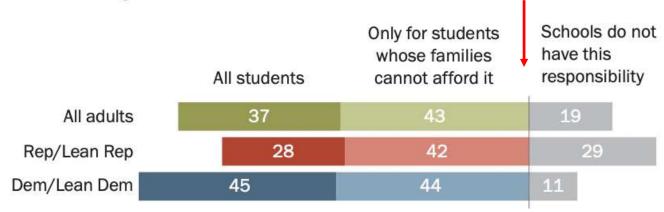
# Roughly six-in-ten parents with lower incomes said it's likely their homebound children would face at least one digital obstacle to doing their schoolwork

Among parents with children whose schools were closed, % who said it was very or somewhat likely that as their children did schoolwork at home during the coronavirus outbreak, they would ...



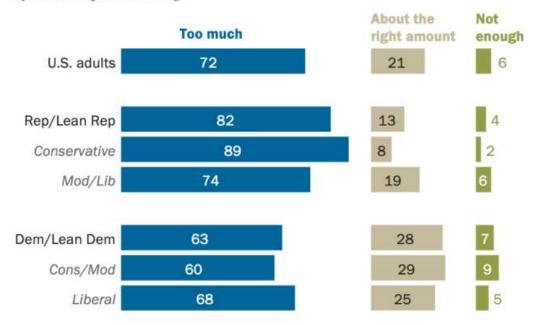
# While most Americans say schools should provide computers to at least some students during outbreak, parties divided on if this should be done for all

% of U.S. adults who say that K-12 schools have a responsibility to provide laptops or tablet computers to \_\_ in order to help them complete schoolwork at home during the coronavirus outbreak



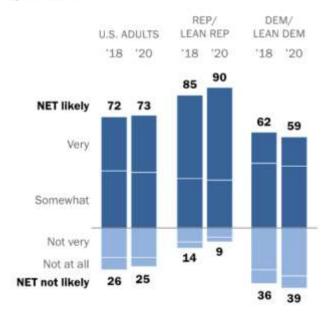
# Majorities across parties believe social media companies have too much power and influence in politics; Republicans are especially likely to say this

% of U.S. adults who say social media companies have \_\_\_ (of) power and influence in politics today



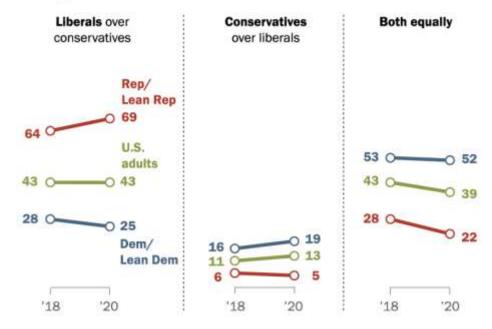
# 90% of Republicans say it is likely that social media sites censor political viewpoints – a slight uptick since 2018

% of U.S. adults who say it is \_\_\_ likely that social media sites intentionally censor political viewpoints they find objectionable



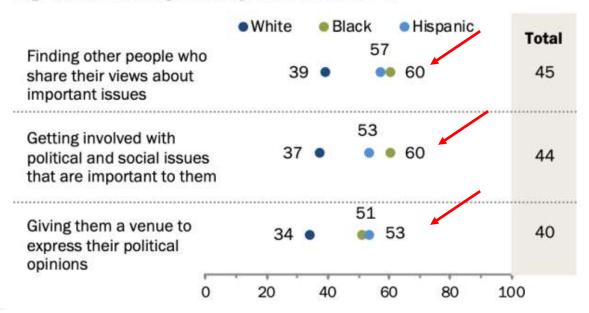
#### Slight increase in share of Republicans who believe major tech companies support the views of liberals over conservatives since 2018

% of U.S. adults who say major technology companies tend to support the views of ...



#### Black and Hispanic social media users more likely than white users to say social media is important to them for engaging in certain political activities

% of social media users who say that social media is **very or somewhat important** to them personally when it comes to ...

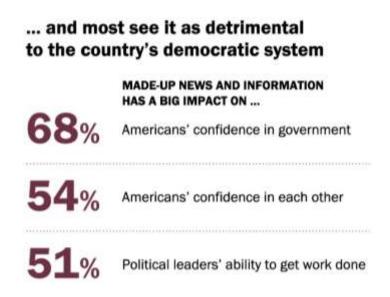


# SPECIAL CONCERNS ABOUT MISINFORMATION

# Americans see made-up news as a bigger problem than other key issues...

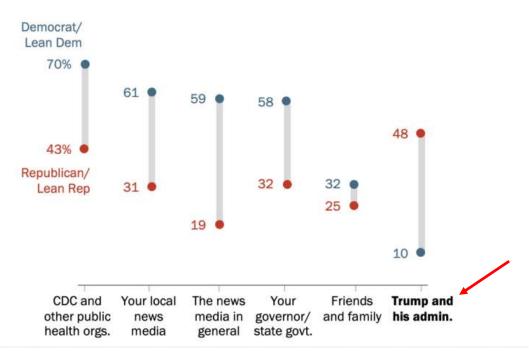
### % WHO SAY \_\_ IS A VERY BIG PROBLEM IN THE COUNTRY TODAY

Drug addiction	70%
Affordability of health care	67
U.S. political system	52
Gap between rich & poor	51
Made-up news/info	<del> </del>
Violent crime	49
Climate change	46
Racism	40
Illegal immigration	38
Terrorism	34
Sexism	26



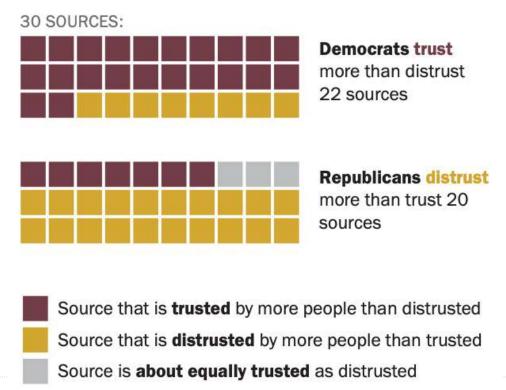
## Wide partisan gaps in who's getting the facts right on coronavirus

% of U.S. adults who say each gets the facts right almost all or most of the time when it comes to the coronavirus outbreak



#### Democrats and Republicans Often Live in Different Media Worlds

Number of sources more trusted and more distrusted for political and election news, among 30 asked about



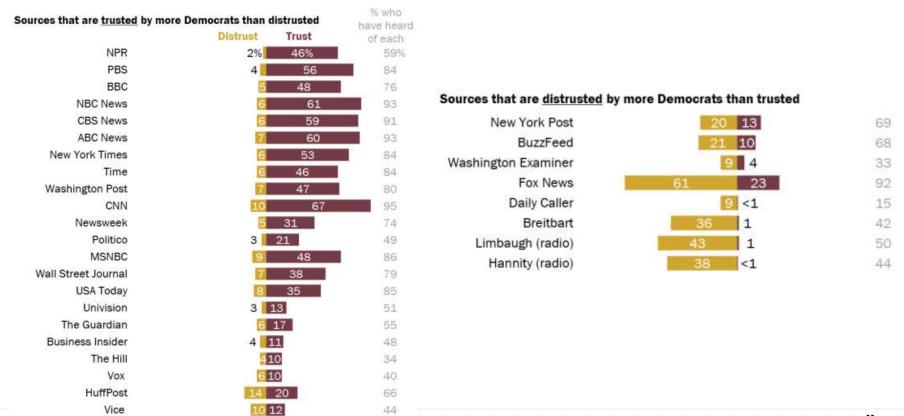
#### Little Overlap in the Sources Trusted for Political News – Republican version

% of Republicans and Republican leaners who trust or distrust each source for political and election news

#### Sources that are distrusted by more Republicans than trusted ABC News 33 93 USA Today 21 86 NPR 16 55 % who Sources that are trusted by more Republicans than distrusted have heard **CBS News** 93 Distrust Trust of each **NBC News** 92 Fox News 96% 65% Time 17 59 Hannity (radio) 12 Newsweek 76 Limbaugh (radio) 68 Washington Examiner 37 39 Breitbart 85 PBS 45 The Guardian BBC 42 Politico Wall Street Journal 82 23 93 CNN MSNBC 18 Sources that are about equally trusted and distrusted New York Times 15 84 Business Insider 6 13 82 Washington Post The Hill 31 Univision 37 Daily Caller New York Post 68 Vice 26 HuffPost 63 BuzzFeed 60 Vox 23

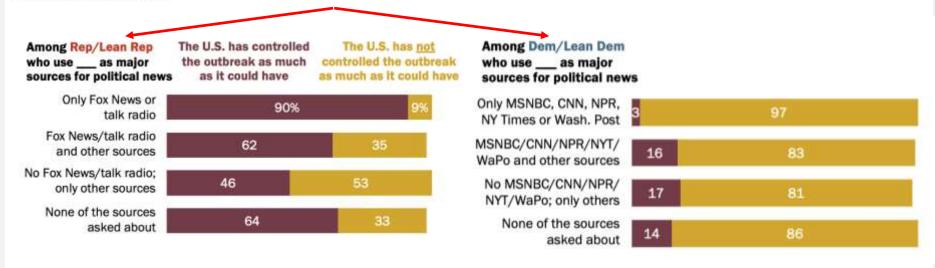
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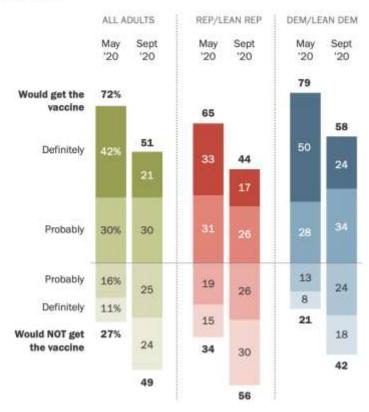
# Republicans who rely a lot on Fox News and/or talk radio overwhelmingly say U.S. could not have controlled the coronavirus outbreak any better

% of U.S. adults who say ...



### Drop in share of Americans who say they would get a COVID-19 vaccine if it were available to them today

% of U.S. adults who say if a vaccine to prevent COVID-19 were available today, they ...





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