
To: Interested Parties
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A new national survey of 800 registered voters reveals strong bipartisan consensus on AI regulation, mental health coverage, and vaccination importance, alongside deep political fatigue. The survey, conducted September 23-25, 2025, highlights opportunities for policy advancement in areas with broad public support while revealing significant partisan divides on governance approaches.

KEY FINDINGS

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

1. **Big Support for AI regulation:** A full 69% of registered voters support government regulation of the development and deployment of artificial intelligence models such as ChatGPT or Grok, with about one in three (31%) actively opposed. When presented with statements summarizing a pro-regulation message and anti-regulation message, there is little change in these numbers, and a similar 70% end up pro-regulation.
2. **Politicians, Tech Executives, Least Trusted to Regulate AI:** Voters were asked how much they trusted a variety of actors to make decisions about regulating AI; the most trusted were "independent university-appointed expert panels" (22% a great deal of trust) and "federal government scientists and researchers" (21%). The least trusted were "members of Congress" (24% no trust at all) and "tech company execs and CEOs" (22%).
3. **Concern about AI's Environmental Impact:** A 53% majority of voters are either extremely or very concerned about AI's impact on the environment, so it isn't much of a surprise that 75% of American voters support (40% strongly) expanding clean energy sources in their community in order to meet growing electricity demand from AI.
4. **Desire to Shield Children from Harmful AI:** There is a great deal of concern about the use of AI chatbots by children and teenagers. Chief among them are exposure to inappropriate or harmful content (39% extremely concerned), AI's impact on mental health and emotional well-being (36%), and its effects on cognitive development and learning abilities (36%).

These concerns translate into incredibly high support levels for three protective policies: 59% of Americans say the federal government should definitely implement requirements that AI chatbots post clear disclaimers when responding to sensitive prompts. 52% say "definitely implement" a prohibition on companion chatbots being marketed directly to minors. And 51% believe the feds should definitely prohibit AI companions designed to impersonate minors.

5. **Half of Voters Not Confident They Can Detect AI Generated Materials:** 50% of Americans are not too confident or not at all confident they can tell when an online photo, video or audio clip about politics has been altered or AI-generated. Only 13% are very confident they can tell the difference. This varies dramatically by age: only 26% of 18-34 year olds aren't confident in their detection capabilities, while an incredible 72% of voters 55+ aren't confident they could spot the difference.

MENTAL HEALTH

1. **Universal Support for Mental Health Coverage:** An incredible 91% of registered voters support requiring health insurance companies to cover needed mental health care when prescribed by a patient's doctor. Perhaps even more impressive: 63% strongly support it.

A nearly identical amount (92%) agrees with the statement "Insurance companies need to stop getting in between patients, their doctors, and their healthcare, including mental healthcare. If a doctor prescribes a patient mental health services, insurance company bureaucrats should not be able to deny coverage for it." These numbers are virtually identical to data gathered last year.

2. **Support is widely bipartisan:** As you might guess from a policy with 91% backing, the support comes from each corner of the political spectrum. 90% of Republicans believe that insurers should be required to cover prescribed mental health care.
3. **Large Denial of Care Impacts:** 4 out of 10 Americans either know somebody who has been affected or have themselves been affected by a health insurance company making it difficult to access mental health care. 22% of Americans say that in these instances it was either extremely or very difficult to access that care. Again, these numbers are virtually identical to data gathered last year.

COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP

1. **Unequal Protection from Harm and Access to Clean Resources:** 58% of voters believe that some communities have less protection from pollution and environmental hazards than others, in spite of the fact that half of Americans say that equal protection from these is extremely important. Similarly, 56% believe that some communities have less access to clean air and clean water, while 61% believe that be extremely important.

Given these numbers, it's unsurprising to see a remarkable 88% support for increased government funding to help communities that are disproportionately harmed by air and water pollution, clean up contaminated sites and improve local environmental conditions (50% strongly).

2. **How to talk about community stewardship:** The top-performing messages that resonated with Americans to support community stewardship investments were:
- 66% agree: "Strong families need healthy communities to thrive. When we clean up contaminated sites and protect our water sources, we're investing in the economic vitality and wellbeing of the families and businesses that make America great."
 - 62% agree: "Every American family deserves to live in a safe, healthy community. The government has a responsibility to ensure that no neighborhood - whether urban, suburban, or rural - bears an unfair burden of pollution or environmental hazards."

AMERICAN POLITICS

1. **We Are So Over Politics Right Now:** 74% of voters are at least a little burned out by politics and public policy news right now, with a quarter of the population (26%) completely burned out. Democrats are more likely than Republicans to be completely or pretty burned out, at 68% compared to the GOPs 51%.

As such, 47% of Americans (and about equally between the two parties) have intentionally taken a break from political news and social media because it was affecting their mental health and well being. Related, 72% of voters often or sometimes avoid discussing politics with friends or family in order to keep the peace, and this is largely similar between Republicans and Democrats.

2. **We Are Even Divided About Our Division:** A 46% plurality of Americans believe that everyday Americans - not politicians or activists - are genuinely divided on fundamental issues. Another 30% believe that we generally want similar things and share similar values. Interestingly, Republicans and Democrats are fairly similar on this question.

This is likely why a 52% majority of national voters believe we need a major national effort to bring people of different political viewpoints together. A lot of this is driven by Democrats, where 68% would like to see this national effort, whereas only 44% of Republicans and 43% of Independents agree.

3. **What Type of Government and Leaders Do We Want?** A 55% majority of voters believe that the government today is too fast and careless, while only 14% would classify it as too slow and cautious. There are striking partisan differences here: 51% of Republicans believe it moves at the right speed, while 72% of Democrats say it is too fast and careless.

When it comes to our leaders, 67% prefer them to play by the rules even if it means losing sometimes, while only 33% prefer leaders who do whatever it takes to win as long as it's legal. Here again there are remarkably telling partisan differences: 81% of Democrats prefer rule-abiding leaders that may lose, compared to only 55% of Republicans (45% of the GOP want leaders that do whatever it takes to win).

4. **Where is the Most Conflict Coming From?** 67% believe there is a great deal of conflict in the US today between liberals and conservatives, while only 48% say the same about conflict between elites and ordinary people, and 46% say there is a great deal of conflict between the rich and the poor. Partisans are generally aligned on their perceptions of conflict between liberals and conservatives, but Democrats are significantly more likely to see a great deal of conflict between elites and ordinary people, as well as the rich and the poor.

VACCINATION

1. **Broad Agreement on Vaccinations' Value:** 63% say it is extremely or very important that individuals get vaccinated, likely the same 63% that say they keep up to date with vaccines that their doctor or other health care professionals recommend. They are better about keeping their kids up to date (70%).

73% agree with a pro-vaccine statement, while 27% agreed with a more skeptical and cautious statement on vaccine risks. However, a nearly universal 85% agreed with a statement that emphasized the importance of getting vaccinated in order to protect vulnerable family and community members.

2. **Large Majorities of Republicans Remain Pro-Vaccine:** Even when given an option to choose a statement that is more cautious about vaccines, we still find a 58% majority of the GOP agreeing with the pro-vaccine statement. Moreover, three out of four Republicans agreed that "Getting vaccinated is important not just for my own health, but also to protect vulnerable family members, friends and community members..."
3. **Medical Community Most Trusted Vax Info Source; Media Least Trusted:** When asked to evaluate a number of sources of information about vaccines, the most trusted sources were: "your personal doctor or healthcare provider" (60% trust a great deal), and the "American Academy of Pediatricians" (40%). These held up across Democrats, Independents and Republicans. The least trusted sources were "social media" (40% not at all), HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr (37%) and "podcasts" (35%).
4. **Broad support for cross-state consortiums:** 62% of American voters support state-led consortiums that establish their own vaccine safety standards and recommendations - only 38% oppose. However, when asked which level of government they think should have primary responsibility for vaccine decisions, a 37% plurality chose federal government agencies like the CDC. Indeed, a 70% majority are comfortable with some level of government vaccine requirements and recommendations - only 30% believe it should be up to parents and individuals without any government involvement.