



Centerline Liberties Poll Finds that Two-Thirds Of American Voters Report Social Isolation

This August 2026 poll was conducted by Centerline Liberties.

THE SCOPE OF SOCIAL DISCONNECTION:

67%

of voters reported either lacking companionship, feeling left out, or feeling isolated from others in the past week. 36% reported all three.

78%

of voters under 45 show signs of isolation (nearly half show all three), compared to just 43% of voters 65 and older.



The Silver Lining: Despite these significant isolation numbers, 84% of voters still feel they matter to the people in their lives.



OVERWHELMING BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS:

Majorities across all parties support key policy proposals:

- ✓ 88% support school phone bans
- ✓ 86% support park & library funding
- ✓ 84% support public transportation funding
- ✓ 82% support social media age verification
- ✓ 81% support voluntary national service programs
- ✓ 77% support insurance coverage for social referrals
- ✓ 65% support tax incentives for returning remote workers



SCREENS EARN TOP BLAME

Voters named screen time (TV, streaming, phone) as their #1 personal obstacle to seeing loved ones (29%), and smartphones/social media as the #1 cause of national disconnection (39%).



AI COMPANIONSHIP SKEPTICS

27% of voters have used an AI chatbot for conversation or emotional support, but 57% believe AI chatbots hurt more than they help a lonely person.

“There is an overwhelming, bipartisan consensus for common-sense guardrails, especially when it comes to keeping screens out of schools and protecting kids online. Voters want policies that strengthen the physical places and institutions where real-world community actually happens.” - **Will Devine, Centerline Senior Advisor**