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BACKGROUND

The Research conducted by Morning Consult on behalf of the Frank Church Institute seeks to understand:

In key states ...

1. The perceived state of democracy, including health and concerns
2. Actionable solutions to help strengthen democracy

METHODOLOGY

This poll was conducted between September 24 - October 26 2021 among a sample of 1899 Adults in Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming. The interviews were conducted online and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of Adults in Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming by gender, age, educational attainment, race and ethnicity and 2020 presidential vote choice (including not voting).

Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.
Adults in key states are concerned about the health of democracy in the United States.

Identified concerns focus on representation in government, misinformation, legitimacy of elections and ability to find common ground.

Solutions both emphasize the need for broad reform, such as accountability and money in politics, and grassroots strategies, such as civics education and encouraging conversation.
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Thinking about the health of democracy in the U.S., which of the following best describes how you feel? Please select up to three options.
How concerned are you, if at all, about the health of democracy in each of the following:

The United States:
- Very concerned: 50%
- Somewhat concerned: 35%
- Not too concerned: 6%
- Not at all concerned: 7%
- Don't know/unsure: 6%

Your State:
- Very concerned: 20%
- Somewhat concerned: 29%
- Not too concerned: 7%
- Not at all concerned: 6%
- Don't know/unsure: 37%
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How often, if ever, do you feel alienated from:

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<th>Often</th>
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<td>Your federal government</td>
<td>46%</td>
<td>28%</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>12%</td>
<td>74%</td>
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<td>Your representatives</td>
<td>37%</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>12%</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>67%</td>
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<td>in Congress</td>
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<td>Politics generally</td>
<td>35%</td>
<td>35%</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>12%</td>
<td>70%</td>
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<td>Your senators</td>
<td>34%</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>65%</td>
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<td>Your state government</td>
<td>27%</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>58%</td>
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<td>Your local government</td>
<td>24%</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>54%</td>
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</table>

- Higher levels of alienation at the federal level among Republicans (80%) than Democrats (68%)
- Consistent levels of alienation seen at the community level, and across individual states
How much confidence do you have in each of the following, if any, to act in the best interests of the public?

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<th>Representation</th>
<th>A lot</th>
<th>Some</th>
<th>Don't know/no opinion</th>
<th>Not much</th>
<th>None at all</th>
<th>&quot;A Lot + Some&quot;</th>
<th>&quot;Not much + None&quot;</th>
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<td>Your local government (as in town, city, county)</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>45%</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>9%</td>
<td>61%</td>
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<td>57%</td>
<td>35%</td>
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<td>The U.S. Supreme Court</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>38%</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>26%</td>
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<td>51%</td>
<td>38%</td>
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<td>The Presidency</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>24%</td>
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<td>35%</td>
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<td>Judges</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>43%</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>58%</td>
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Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

**The federal government** works to benefit other groups of people, but not people like me.

- Strongly agree: 13%
- Somewhat agree: 26%
- Don't know/no opinion: 18%
- Somewhat disagree: 10%
- Strongly disagree: 13%

- Strongly agree: 59%
- Somewhat agree: 33%
- Don't know/no opinion: 18%
- Somewhat disagree: 10%
- Strongly disagree: 10%

**My state government** works to benefit other groups of people, but not people like me.

- Strongly agree: 15%
- Somewhat agree: 16%
- Don't know/no opinion: 13%
- Somewhat disagree: 26%
- Strongly disagree: 46%

- Strongly agree: 46%
- Somewhat agree: 30%
- Don't know/no opinion: 26%
- Somewhat disagree: 13%
- Strongly disagree: 15%

**My local government** (town, city or county) works to benefit other groups of people, but not people like me.

- Strongly agree: 15%
- Somewhat agree: 15%
- Don't know/no opinion: 13%
- Somewhat disagree: 29%
- Strongly disagree: 27%
Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

<table>
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<th>% Total Agree</th>
<th>Five states</th>
<th>Democrats</th>
<th>Independents</th>
<th>Republicans</th>
<th>Community: Urban</th>
<th>Community: Suburban</th>
<th>Community: Rural</th>
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<td>The federal government works to benefit other groups of people, but not people like me</td>
<td>59%</td>
<td>48%</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>59%</td>
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<td>My state government works to benefit other groups of people, but not people like me</td>
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How worried are you, if at all, about each of the following?

Misrepresentation of facts:
- Very worried: 56%
- Somewhat worried: 27%
- Don't know/no opinion: 6%
- Not too worried: 8%
- Not at all worried: 0%
Total Worried: 83%

Misinformation:
- Very worried: 54%
- Somewhat worried: 29%
- Don't know/no opinion: 6%
- Not too worried: 9%
- Not at all worried: 0%
Total Worried: 83%

There is a relationship between misinformation and the health of democracy: when asked how concerning the spread of misinformation is to the health of democracy in the U.S., 87% said it was very or somewhat concerning.
How much misinformation / misrepresentation of facts do you believe are spread on each of the following platforms?

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<th>Platform</th>
<th>A lot</th>
<th>Some</th>
<th>Don't know/unsure</th>
<th>Misinformation 'A lot' + 'Some'</th>
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<td>Social media</td>
<td>73%</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>91%</td>
<td>90%</td>
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<td>Internet sources</td>
<td>58%</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>89%</td>
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<td>News media</td>
<td>48%</td>
<td>36%</td>
<td>6%</td>
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Thinking about the last several presidential elections in the U.S., do you think the last several presidential elections have been generally more secure or less secure than those held in the past?

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<th>Less secure</th>
<th>Just as secure</th>
<th>Don’t know/unsure</th>
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<td>13%</td>
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<td>Utah</td>
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Don’t know/unsure

Dems: 17% / Reps: 63%

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Do you believe that former Vice President Joe Biden legitimately defeated incumbent President Donald Trump in the November 2020 Presidential election?
Do you believe that former Vice President Joe Biden legitimately defeated incumbent President Donald Trump in the November 2020 Presidential election?

### Adults in the five states surveyed

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<th>Age</th>
<th>Yes, definitely</th>
<th>Yes, maybe</th>
<th>Don't know/ no opinion</th>
<th>No, maybe not</th>
<th>No, definitely not</th>
<th>“Maybe not” + “Definitely not”</th>
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<td>Age: 18-34</td>
<td>40%</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>Age: 35-44</td>
<td>37%</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>Age: 45-64</td>
<td>43%</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>15%</td>
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<td>Age: 65+</td>
<td>44%</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>27%</td>
<td>41%</td>
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### Religion:

- Evangelical Christian: 37% Yes, definitely, 13% Yes, maybe, 10% Don’t know/no opinion, 13% No, maybe not, 13% No, definitely not
- Non-Evangelical Christian: 37% Yes, definitely, 13% Yes, maybe, 10% Don’t know/no opinion, 13% No, maybe not, 27% No, definitely not
- Religion: Other: 43% Yes, definitely, 9% Yes, maybe, 13% Don’t know/no opinion, 10% No, maybe not, 24% No, definitely not

### Community:

- Urban: 45% Yes, definitely, 10% Yes, maybe, 13% Don’t know/no opinion, 11% No, maybe not, 20% No, definitely not
- Suburban: 40% Yes, definitely, 13% Yes, maybe, 11% Don’t know/no opinion, 11% No, maybe not, 26% No, definitely not
- Rural: 32% Yes, definitely, 9% Yes, maybe, 11% Don’t know/no opinion, 13% No, maybe not, 34% No, definitely not

### Political ID:

- Dem (no lean): 14% Yes, definitely, 12% Yes, maybe, 7% Don’t know/no opinion, 19% No, maybe not, 48% No, definitely not
- Ind (no lean): 37% Yes, definitely, 13% Yes, maybe, 19% Don’t know/no opinion, 11% No, maybe not, 20% No, definitely not
- Rep (no lean): 40% Yes, definitely, 13% Yes, maybe, 11% Don’t know/no opinion, 11% No, maybe not, 26% No, definitely not
To what extent do you believe each of the following happened in the November 2020 U.S. presidential election?

- People voted illegally: 28% A lot, 22% Some, 14% Don't know/un sure, 17% Not much, 19% Not at all
- The election was rigged: 25% A lot, 17% Some, 14% Don't know/un sure, 10% Not much, 34% Not at all
- People were discouraged or prevented from voting: 19% A lot, 30% Some, 15% Don't know/un sure, 18% Not much, 19% Not at all
- There was foreign interference in the election: 16% A lot, 31% Some, 19% Don't know/un sure, 17% Not much, 17% Not at all

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“A Lot + Some”

Dem
Rep

People voted illegally
15%
79%

The election was rigged
10%
71%

People were discouraged or prevented from voting
50%
54%

There was foreign interference in the election
40%
56%
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Which of the following statements is closer to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right?

- Political violence is justified in a democracy when you believe things have gotten so bad that the government is not acting in the best interests of the people.
- Political violence is not justified in a democracy, the better solution is the ballot box.
- Don’t know/unsure

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<td>Wyoming</td>
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Violence occurred at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th, 2021. The violence disrupted a joint session of Congress convened to certify the results of the November 2020 presidential election and threatened those in the Capitol. Thinking about the violence at the U.S. Capitol, generally do you believe the actions of those involved were justified?
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Who was most responsible for the violence at the U.S. Capitol? Please select up to two options.

Democrats (79%) in the five states surveyed are much more likely than Republicans (13%) in those states to say Former President Donald Trump was most responsible for violence at the U.S. Capitol.
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Generally, do you believe that Americans of different political viewpoints have an [easy] time or [difficult] time talking to one another about politics?

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<th>Very easy</th>
<th>Somewhat easy</th>
<th>Don't know/no opinion</th>
<th>Somewhat difficult</th>
<th>Very difficult</th>
<th>Total Difficult</th>
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<td>9%</td>
<td>12%</td>
<td>36%</td>
<td>39%</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<td>Utah</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>39%</td>
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<td>42%</td>
<td>81%</td>
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<td>Nevada</td>
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<td>36%</td>
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<td>43%</td>
<td>80%</td>
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FINDING COMMON GROUND
And, how often, if at all, would you say American adults do each of the following?

- **Listen to people with the same political views**
  - Often: 42%
  - Sometimes: 32%
  - Rarely: 18%
  - Never: 7%
  - “Often + Sometimes”: 74%

- **Shift, fully or partially, someone else’s political opinions**
  - Often: 9%
  - Sometimes: 26%
  - Rarely: 49%
  - Never: 16%
  - “Often + Sometimes”: 35%

- **Shift, fully or partially, their own political opinions**
  - Often: 9%
  - Sometimes: 29%
  - Rarely: 46%
  - Never: 16%
  - “Often + Sometimes”: 38%

- **Listen to people with different political views**
  - Often: 9%
  - Sometimes: 35%
  - Rarely: 44%
  - Never: 12%
  - “Often + Sometimes”: 44%

- **Find common ground on political views**
  - Often: 8%
  - Sometimes: 33%
  - Rarely: 47%
  - Never: 12%
  - “Often + Sometimes”: 41%
Thinking about what you want out of an elected official, which of these attributes is more important to you?

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<td>An elected official who <strong>stands their ground</strong> and pushes their political party's own agenda</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>12%</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<td>An elected official <strong>finds compromise</strong> and common ground between political parties</td>
<td>60%</td>
<td>67%</td>
<td>64%</td>
<td>69%</td>
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<td>Don't know/unsure</td>
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<td>17%</td>
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STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY
From the following list of options, what do you believe, if anything, would help strengthen democracy in the U.S.? Please select all that apply.*

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<th>Option</th>
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<td>Hold politicians accountable for illegal or unethical behavior</td>
<td>62%</td>
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<td>Reduce the amount of money in politics</td>
<td>52%</td>
<td>47%</td>
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<td>Holding elected officials accountable for campaign promises</td>
<td>49%</td>
<td>48%</td>
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<td>Institute term limits for those holding political office</td>
<td>49%</td>
<td>45%</td>
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<td>Regulate the spread of misinformation on media outlets, social media, or online</td>
<td>48%</td>
<td>58%</td>
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<td>Require individuals to present a photo ID in order to vote in an election</td>
<td>41%</td>
<td>24%</td>
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<td>Add more civics education in school on the U.S. government and politics</td>
<td>32%</td>
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<td>Encourage conversations between individuals with different political views</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>38%</td>
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<td>Higher voter turn out</td>
<td>28%</td>
<td>44%</td>
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<td>Reform the electoral college so that the popular vote determines the winner of presidential elections</td>
<td>28%</td>
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<td>Make election day a national holiday</td>
<td>26%</td>
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* Responses below 25% not shown here.