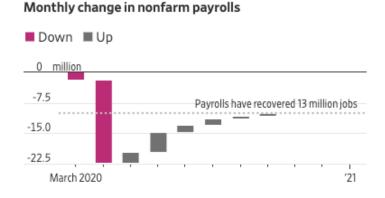
### Lot of Action on the Federal Scene

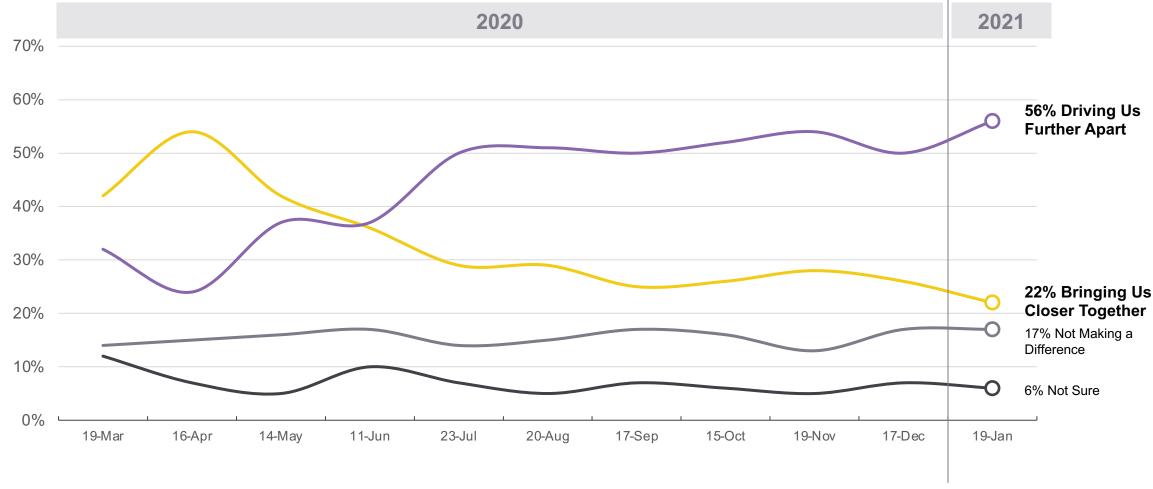
- 28 executive orders (just behind FDRs 30 in the first month)
- 5AM US Senate vote 51-50 for new stimulus package
- GOP no action on Congresswoman Cheney
- Dems vote to remove Congresswoman Greene from committees
- Jobs reports... +49,000 in January after loss in December, but pace of

recovery slowing



# Majority Seeing Division Keeps Growing

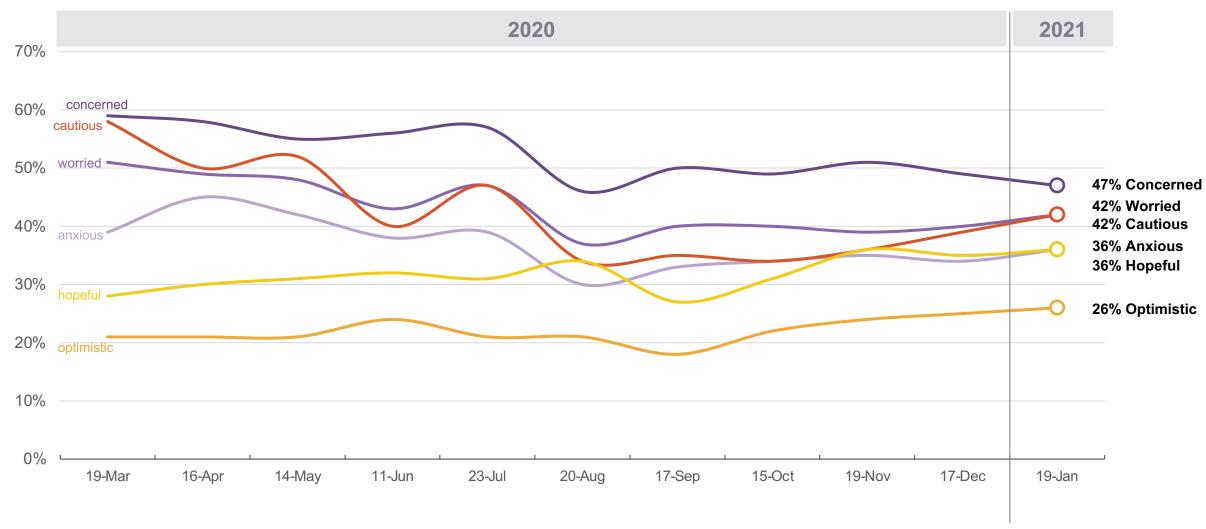
### **Effect of Pandemic on Communities: Closer Together vs. Further Apart**



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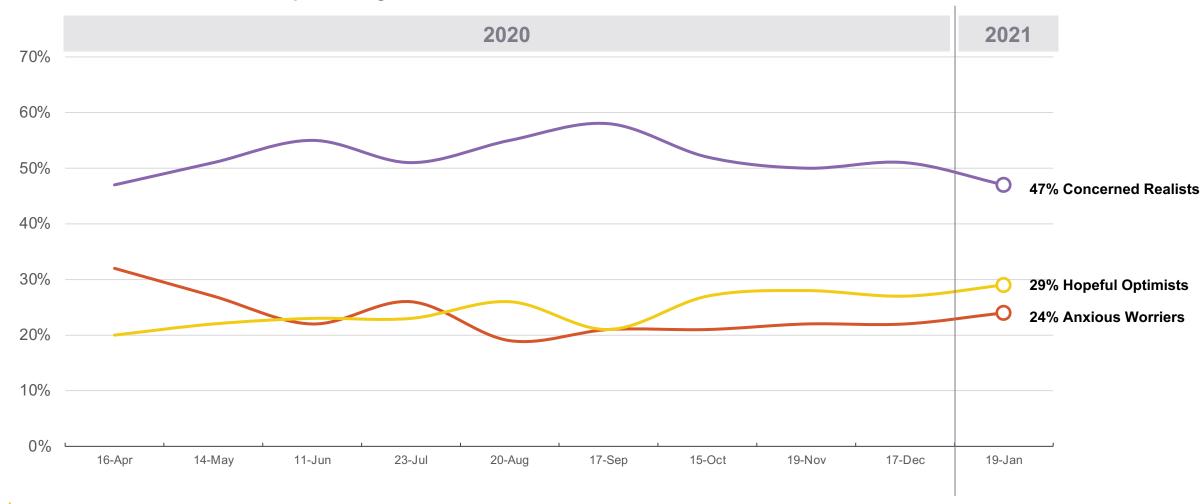
## But, Positive Emotional Outlook is Growing

### **American's Feelings In Light of Current Events**



## Hopeful Optimists At Highest Level We've Seen

### **American Emotional Response Segments**

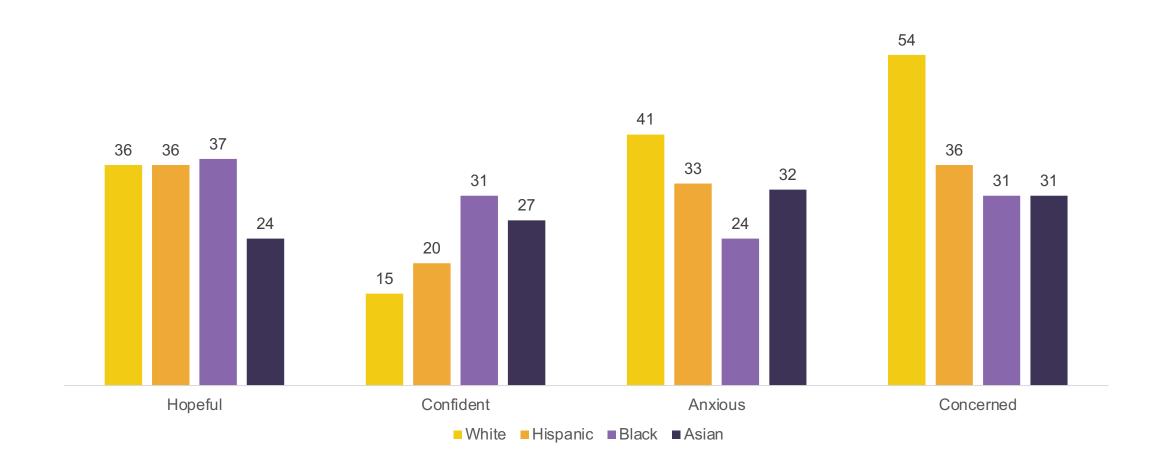


### Generational Differences on Emotions

MORE NEGATIVE MORE POSITIVE Concerned Hopeful Scared Silent Gen (64%) **Boomers (27%) Gen Z (42%) Boomers (62%)** Confident Worried Angry **Boomers (29%) Boomers (48%) Gen Z (25%) Gen X (19%)** Cautious Optimistic Silent Gen (54%) Millennials (30%) **Boomers (29%)** 

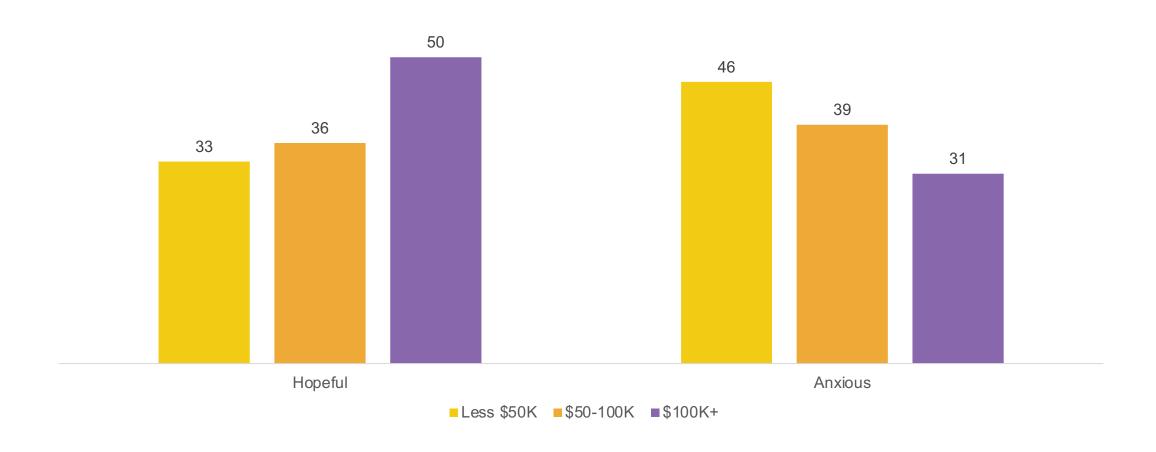
# **Ethnicity Divide in Emotional Outlook**

minorities are more confident, less anxious/concerned



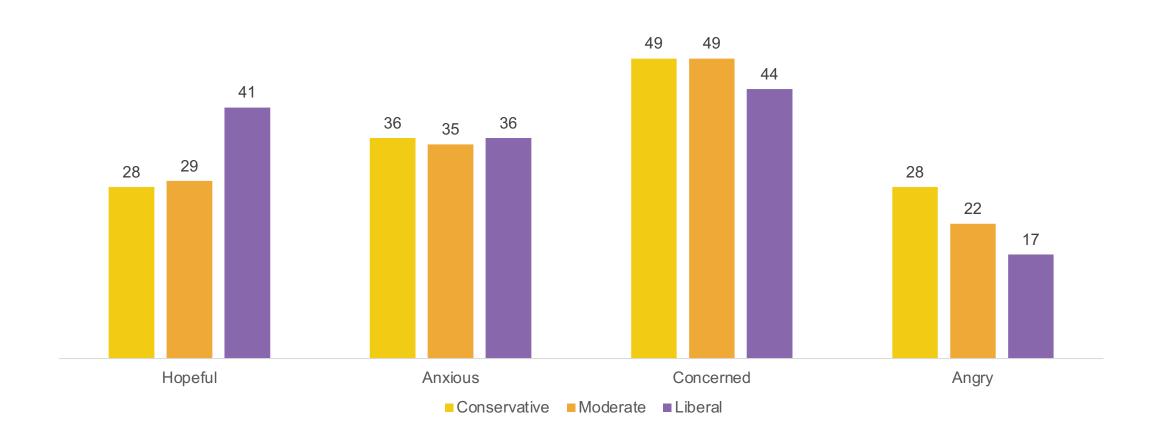
### **Income Divide in Emotional Outlook**

opposite emotional states across household income reality



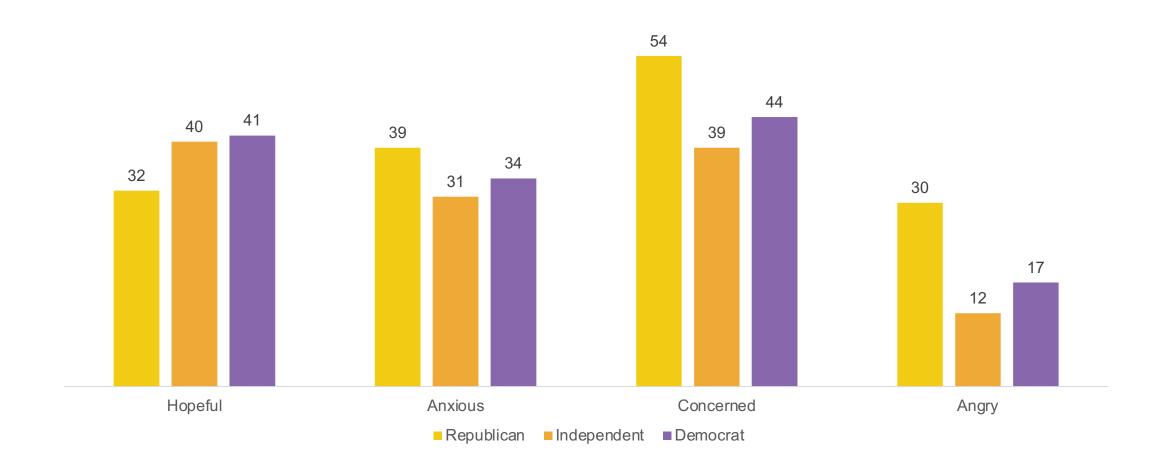
# **Ideology Divide in Emotional Outlook**

liberals are more hopeful, conservatives are more angry

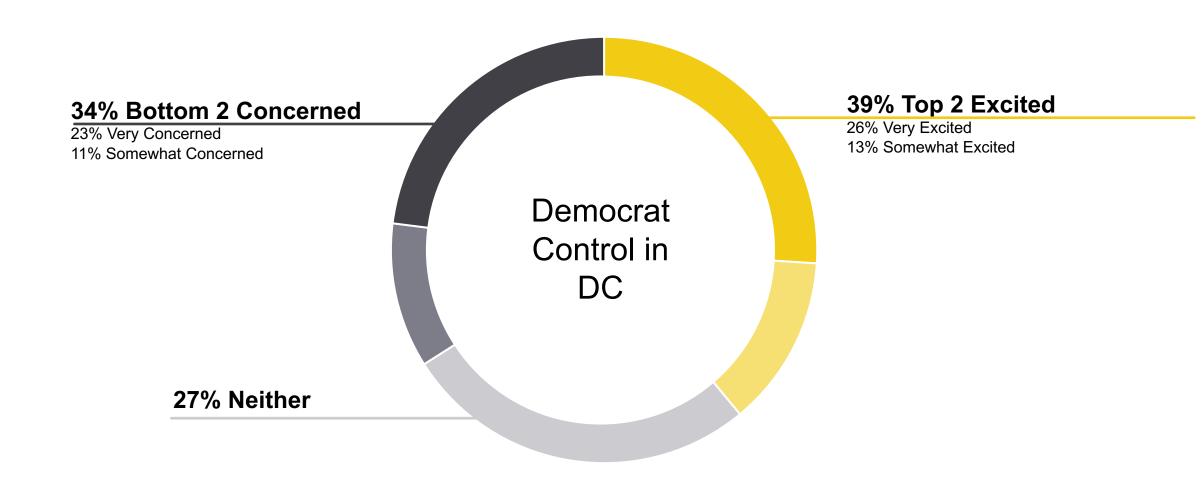


### Partisan Divide in Emotional Outlook

GOP are more concerned, anxious, and angry – Dems hopeful



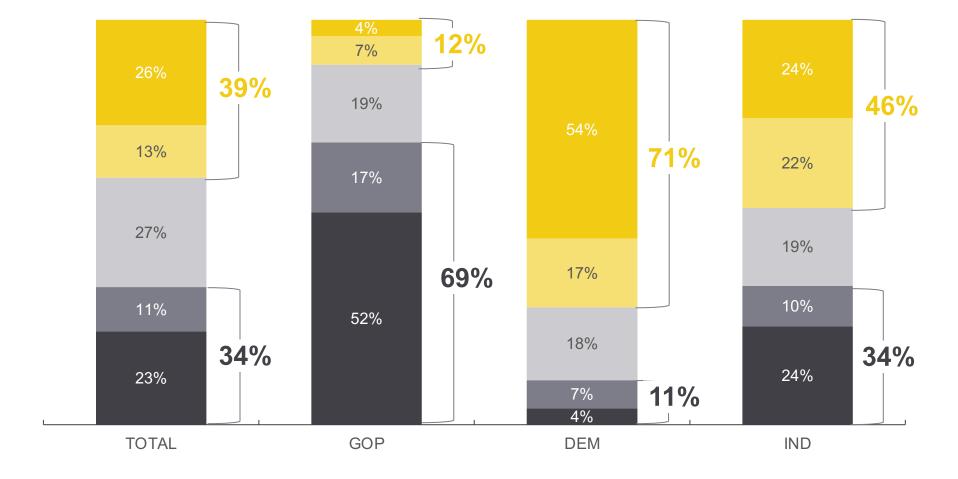
# Split Reactions to Dem Control of the US Senate



## Split Purely Partisan, Independents Are Positive

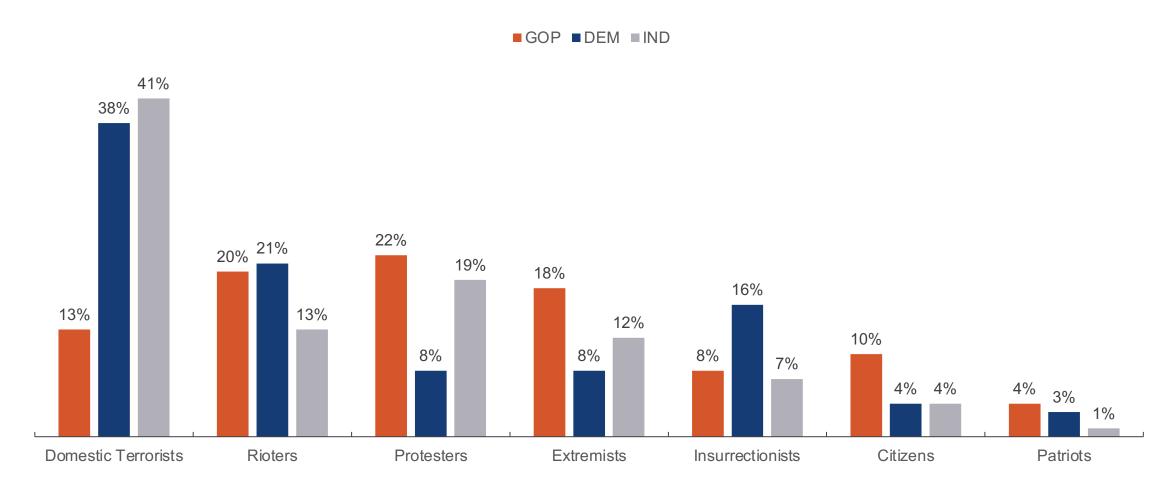
#### Democrat Control in DC - Excited vs. Concerned

- Very excited
- Somewhat excited
- Neither
- Somewhat concerned
- Very concerned



## Attitudes Toward Rioters At Capitol on January 6

### One Word Best Describes People Involved in Incident at the Capitol



### Divided Responses Even to Jan. 6 Events

Somewhat Agree

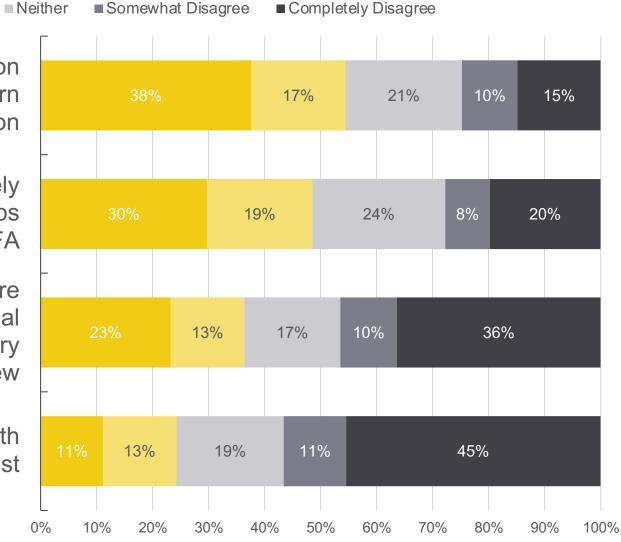
The storming of the US Capitol by protestors on January 6 was an attempt to illegitimately overturn the results of a democratic election

Completely Agree

The crowd at the Capitol on January 6th was likely a mix of Trump supporters and left-wing groups such as ANTIFA

President Trump has a legitimate claim that there was fraud and corruption in the 2020 Presidential Election and the group at the Capitol on January 6th was simply voicing that point of view

The demonstration at the Capitol on January 6th was largely a peaceful protest



## Between 25-33% Still Support Trump's Actions

Somewhat Agree

It was inappropriate and dangerous for President Trump to refuse to say he would engage in a peaceful transfer of power if he lost the 2020 Presidential election

Completely Agree

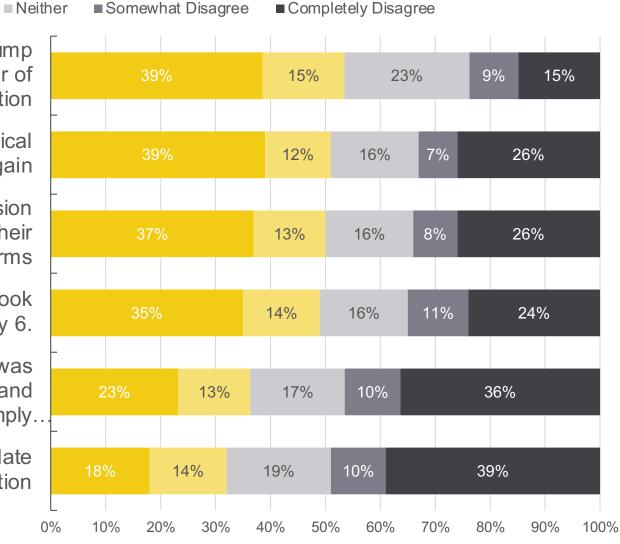
President Trump should not be allowed to run for political office ever again

Social media and tech companies made the right decision by permanently removing President Trump from their platforms

President Trump deliberately incited the violence that took place in the US Capitol on January 6.

President Trump has a legitimate claim that there was fraud and corruption in the 2020 Presidential Election and the group at the Capitol on January 6th was simply...

President Trump did as much as he could to de-escalate the situation



# Social Order Has Been Impacted Signficantly

Change in the Last 3 Months: Improved vs. Gotten Worse

Diff. Score Reported

More People say "Improved"

More People say "Gotten Worse"

Significant movement from previous month

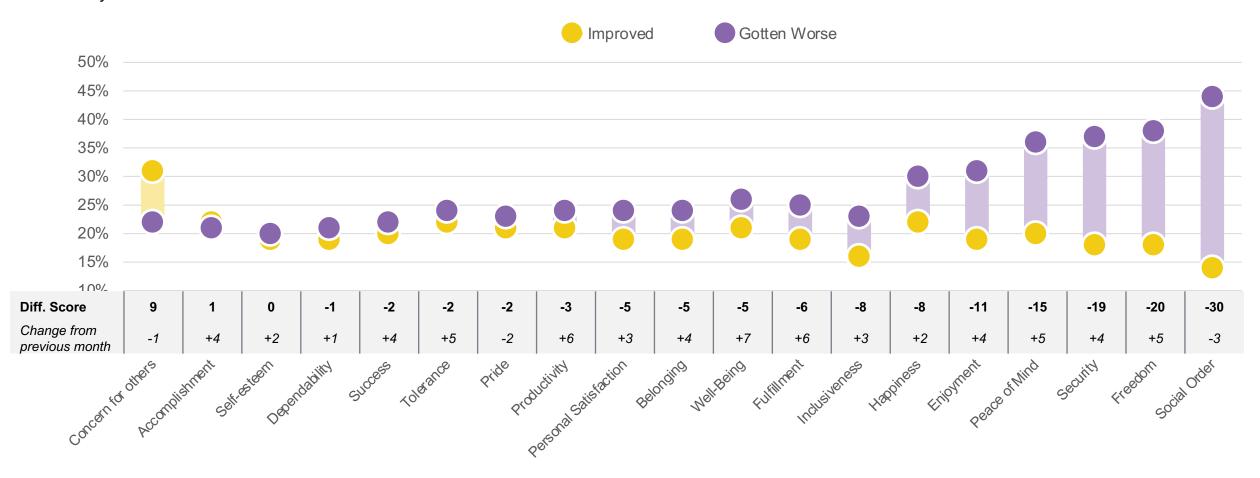
My Sense of...



## Impact on Peace, Security, Freedom and Order

### Change in the Last 3 Months: Improved vs. Gotten Worse

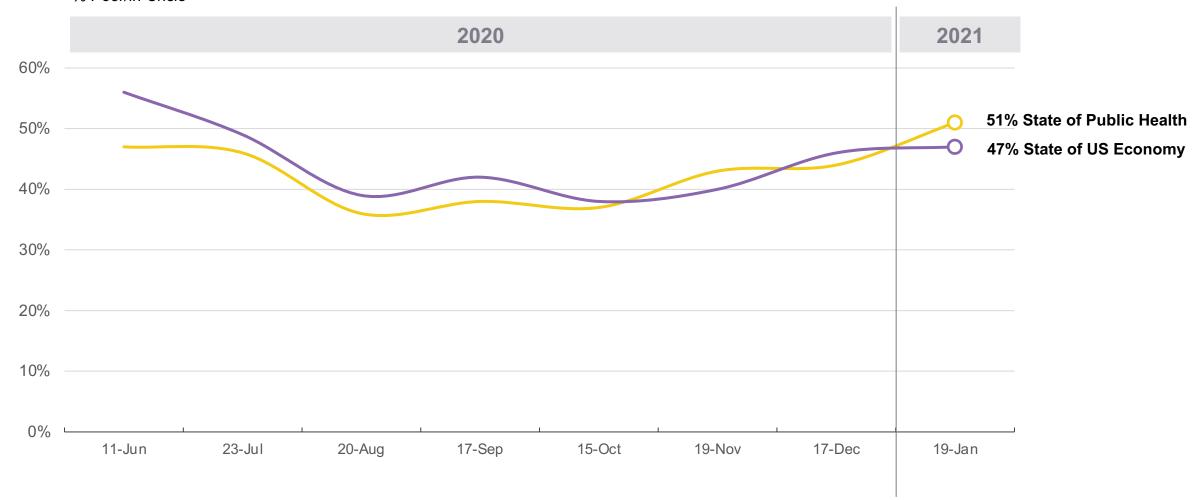
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## Recognition of Our Challenges is Growing

### The State of US Economy/Public Health

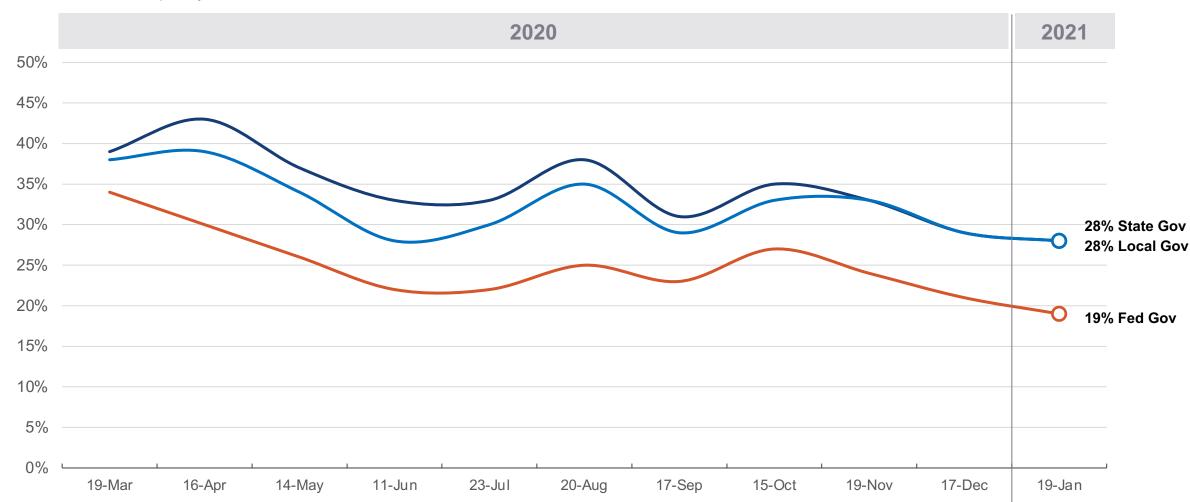
% Poor/in Crisis



## Steady Decline of Trust in Government

#### **Sources of Information: Government**

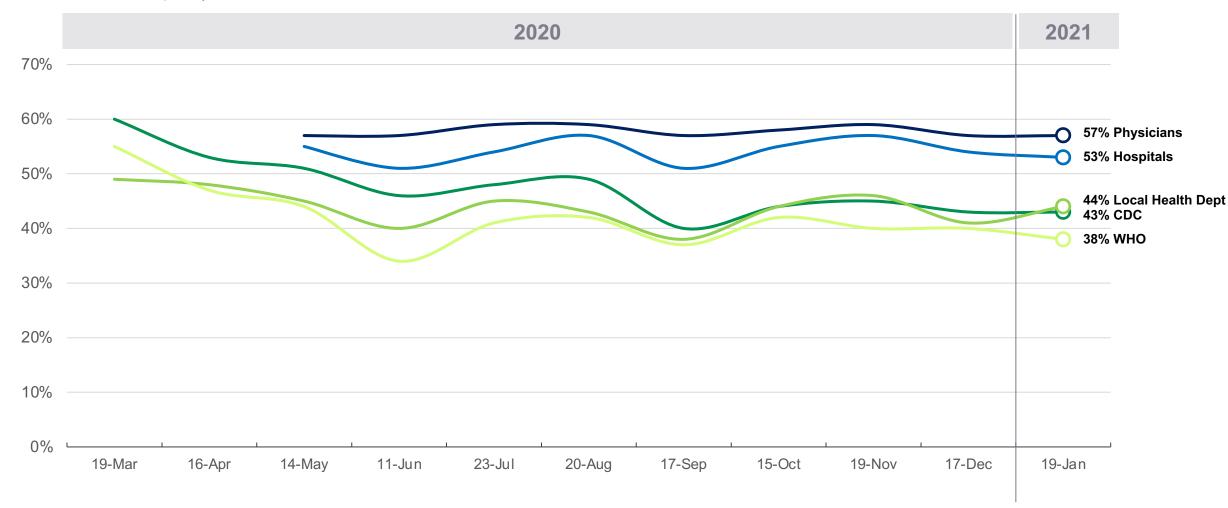
% Trust Completely/A Great Deal



## CDC/WHO Trust Decline Levels Out, Docs High

#### **Sources of Information: Healthcare**

% Trust Completely/A Great Deal

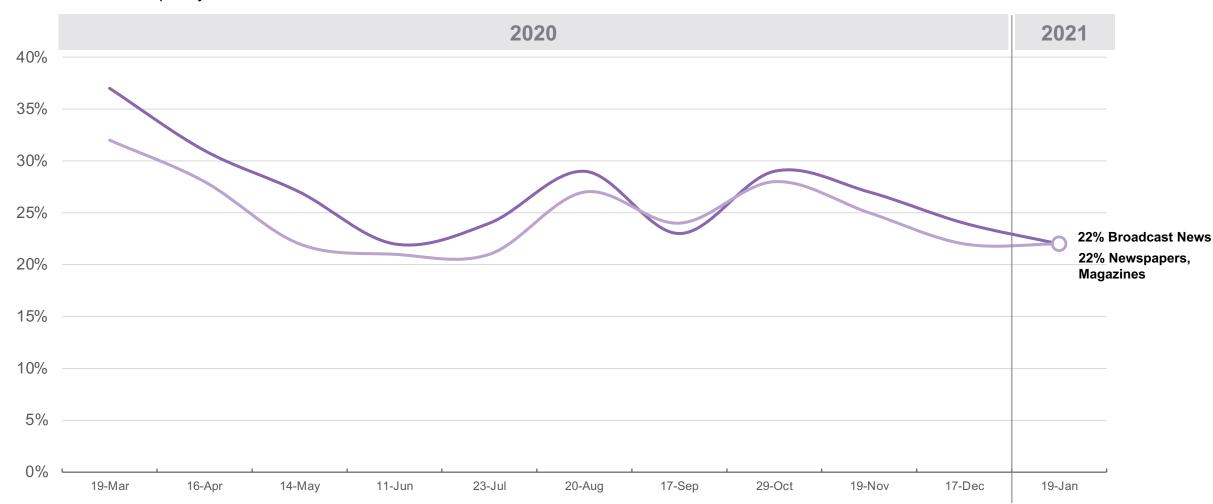


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# Trust in Media Dives After Fall Recovery

### **Sources of Information: News Media**

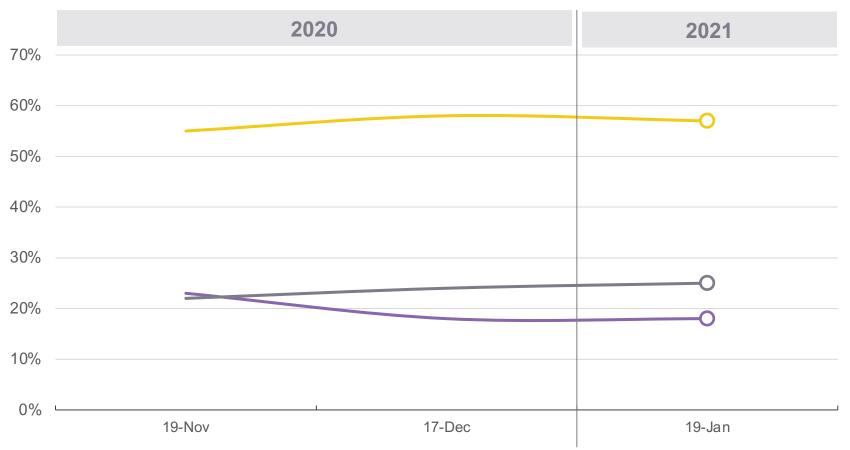
% Trust Completely/A Great Deal



### **Most Want Moderation in Political Debate**

#### Moderate vs. Extreme Voices

% Completely/Somewhat Agree



#### 57% More emphasis on Moderate voices

We should stop letting the people on the extreme ends of the issues dominate the discussion and put more faith and emphasis on moderate voices on each side of the debate to find common ground.

#### 25% Do Not Agree with Either

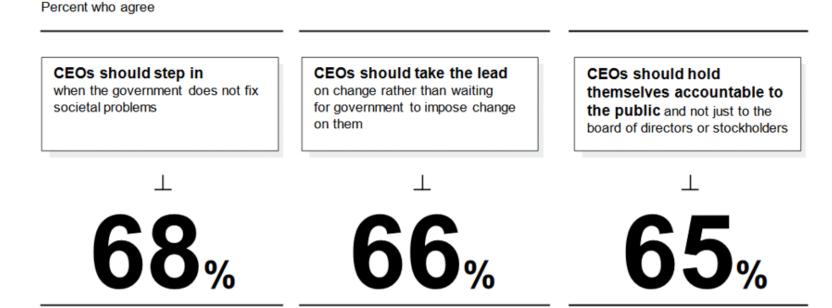
#### 18% Extremism is needed

Letting the people on extreme ends of issues dominate the discussion is the only way to accomplish real change and extremism is needed to counter some of the dangerous ideas and policies that are being suggested.

# Restoring Trust: The Role of Business

### **Expectations + Accountability**

- Trust in all information sources is at record lows.
- The most powerful countries in the world have lost trust capital, especially the US
- Business is viewed as both more competent and ethical, unlike government, NGO's and the media
- Expectations are growing for business to fill the void of trust in institutions



2021 Edelman Trust Barometer. CEO EXP. Below is a list of potential expectations that you might have for a company CEO. Thinking about CEOs in general, whether they are global CEOs or a

Source: 2021 Edelman Trust Barometer

# Building Resiliency: Purpose Matters

### People + Culture

- During COVID-19, purpose-based companies outperformed others on market valuation and financial performance.
- Employees who felt safe and informed, had confidence in their leaders, and had opportunity to upskill demonstrated greater resilience.
- Gen Z, Millennials and Diverse employees faced the greatest workplace impact during COVID – their expectations, needs and values have evolved.
- Employees, and consumers, expect to have a seat at the corporate table and believe they have the power to force companies to change.

**50%** of employees are more likely to voice their objections to management or engage in a workplace protest

Change in importance as an employer attribute since the start of the year	Net change	More Important	Less Important
Keep workers, customers safe	+49	59	10
Job skills training programs	+44	54	10
Regular employee communications	+44	54	10
Diverse, representative workforce	+39	50	11

Six in ten people under age 30 want the post-pandemic recovery to prioritize 'restructuring our economy so it deals better with challenges like inequality and climate change'.

Source: BBMG Poll

