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# Discussion with Colorado Counties, Inc.

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# Topics

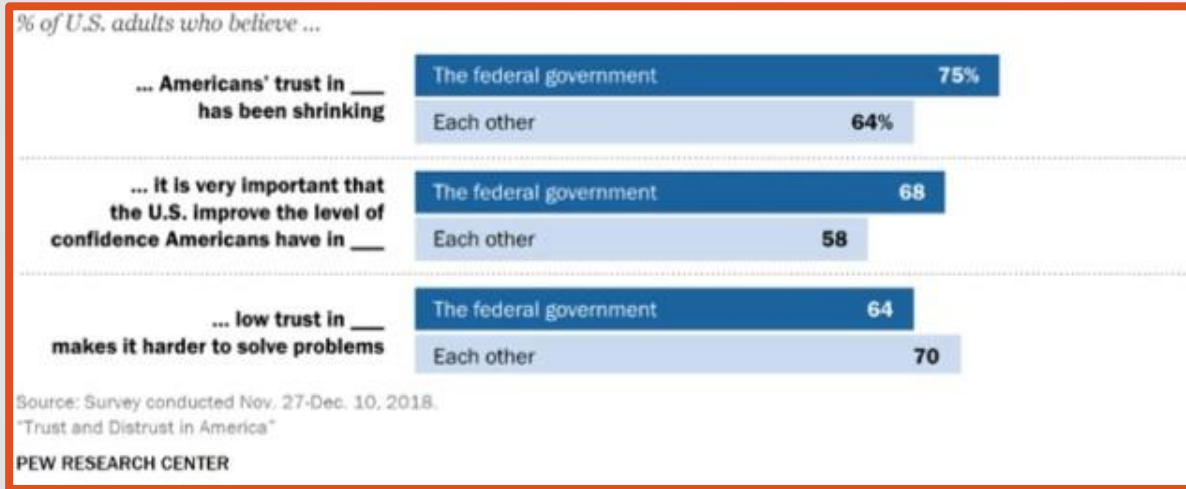
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# 1. Restoring Trust in Government

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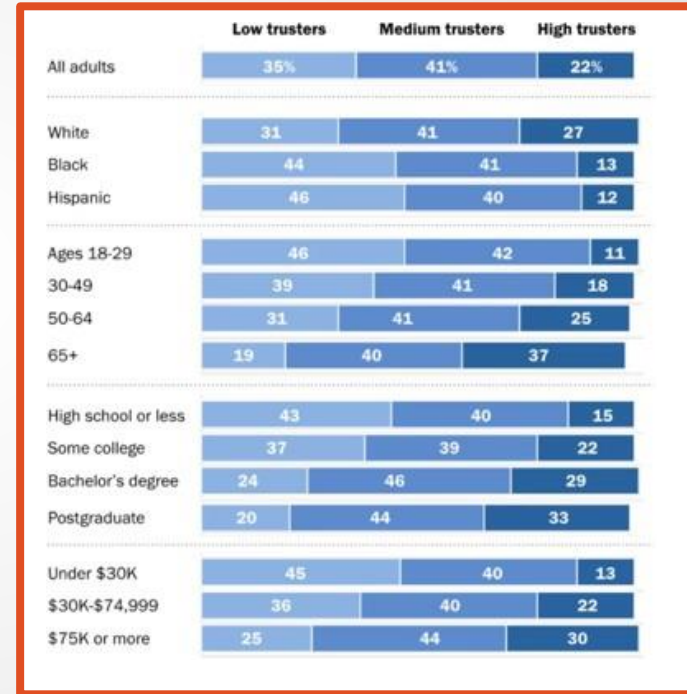


*Americans think their distrust of the federal government and each other is a problem that gets in the way of solving issues.*



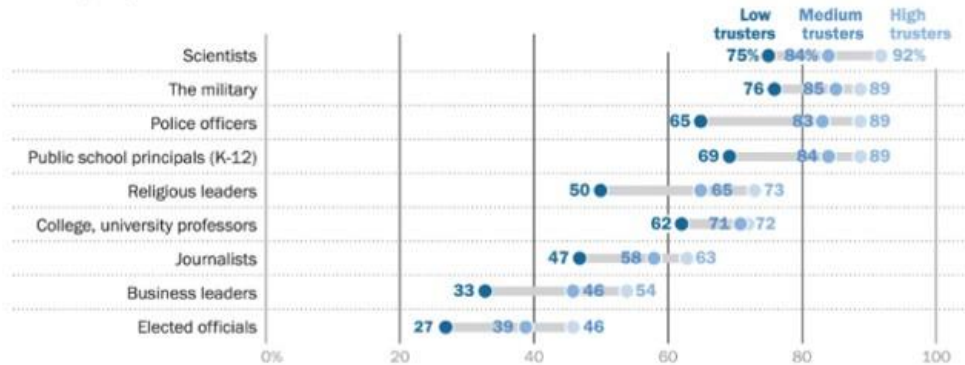
# 1. Restoring Trust in Government

*Personal trust ranges across a spectrum, with differences in levels of trust tied to race and ethnicity, age, education, and household income.*



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% of U.S. adults in each group who have a great deal/fair amount of confidence that \_\_\_\_ will act in the best interests of the public



Note: The trust scale is built on questions about people's general trust or distrust in others; their sense of the exploitative tendencies or fairness of others; and their assessment of the overall helpfulness or selfishness of others. For details, see Chapter 2 subsection "People sort along a continuum of personal trust."

Source: Survey conducted Nov. 27-Dec. 10, 2018.

"Trust and Distrust in America"

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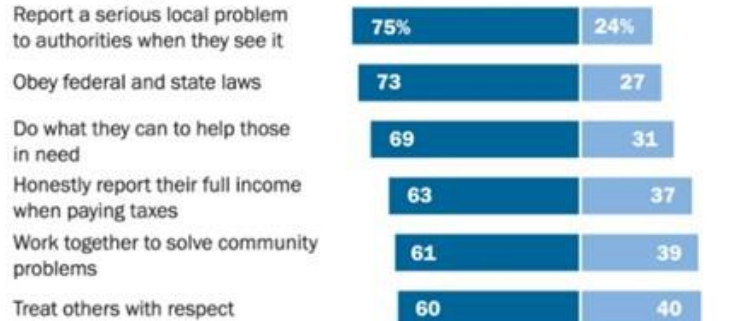
*Those with high personal trust have higher confidence in key leadership groups.*



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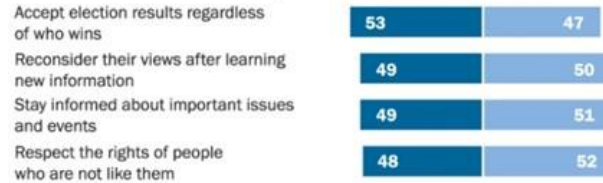
% of U.S. adults who have \_\_\_\_\_ in the American people to ...

## Activities where confidence is relatively high



*Many Americans have confidence in others to do the right thing in civic life at all times, but not always.*

## Activities where the verdict is split



## Activities where people are relatively not confident



Note: Respondents who did not give an answer are not shown.

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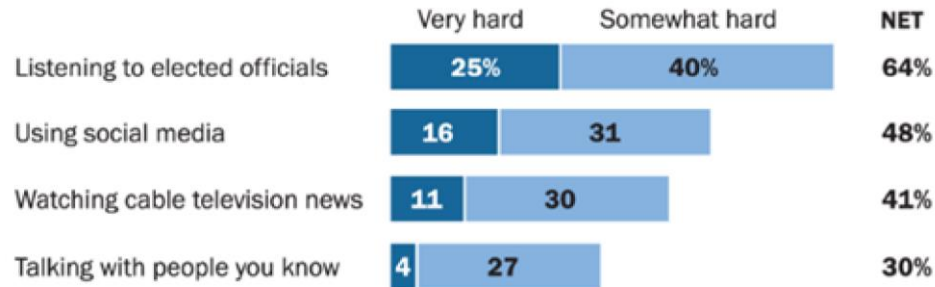
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# 1. Restoring Trust in Government

*% of U.S. adults who say it is \_\_\_\_ to tell the difference between what's true and what's not true when ...*



Note: Figures may not add up due to rounding. Respondents who gave other answers or no answer are not shown.

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*Nearly two-thirds of adults find it hard to tell what's true when elected officials speak.*



## 2. Moving Colorado Ahead / Pandemic

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In the face of COVID19, we are witnessing a call and hunger for unity in the face of the crisis.

*“The pandemic has been a massive humanizing force — allowing us to see each other on a level much deeper than politics — see the fragility, the fear and the courage.”*

David Brooks, N.Y. Times.





## 2. Moving Colorado Ahead / Pandemic

A [poll](#) by More in Common and YouGov in late March found that:

**90 percent of Americans feel “we are all in this together,” and 82 percent believe “we have more in common than what divides us”**

—numbers that have grown substantially over the last year within every shade of partisan belief. **More Americans believe they can count on one another** and report greater worries about the “American people’s health” than about the health of their own families.

Source: COVID-19: Polarization and the Pandemic April 3, 2020 More in Common and YouGov N= 2,000

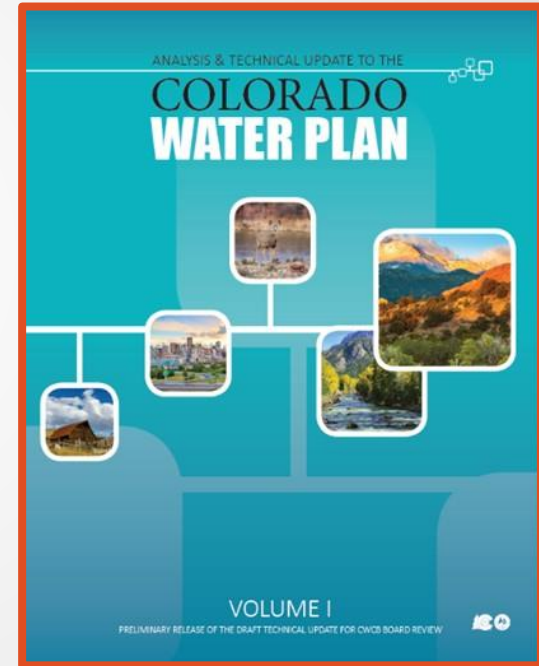
**Which do you agree with more:**

US Average	10/2018 Study	COVID-19 (3/2020)	Changes between Studies
We’re all in this together	63%	90%	+27%
It’s everyone for themselves	37%	10%	-27%



## 2. Moving Colorado Ahead / Water

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## 2. Moving Colorado Ahead / Opioid Crisis

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**Colorado will receive nearly \$10 million from McKinsey in consultant's settlement for role in opioid crisis**

The settlement includes 47 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories

 Colorado Sun staff & wire report 7:17 AM MST on Feb 4, 2021

**Attorney General Phil Weiser leads states to reach \$573 million national settlement with McKinsey & Company for its role in 'turbocharging' the opioid epidemic with Purdue Pharma**

February 4, 2021

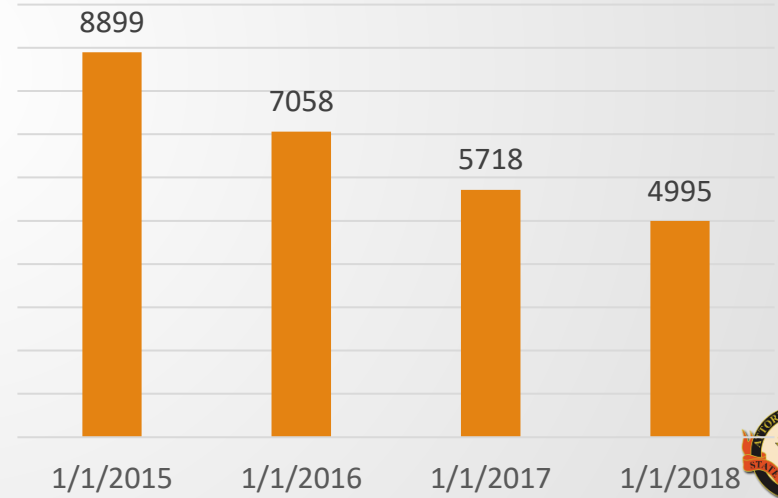


# 2. Moving Colorado Ahead / Bail Reform

## 2019: New Jersey Judiciary Releases Annual Bail Reform Report, with Additional Key Statistics

“This report shows that New Jersey's historic bail reform law has been a resounding success. We have seen a **44 percent decrease in the pretrial jail population** and, at the same time, no meaningful increases in failures to appear in court or new offenses committed by people who are released pretrial.”

*43.9 Percent Decrease Since Dec. 31, 2015*



## 2. Moving Colorado Ahead / Consumer Prot.

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### COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

**Thousands of Coloradans to receive funds in \$9.5 million Wells Fargo settlement**

### New Student Loan Ombudsperson

*Attorney General Phil Weiser announces settlement with Wells Fargo for unfairly withheld GAP insurance fees*

### New Legislation for Consumer Protections

- Mortgage Loan Servicers
- Student Loan Servicers
- Auto-renewal of Contracts

**Breaking News: Attorney General Phil Weiser announces CenturyLink will pay for overbilling Colorado customers.**

**Equifax to pay up to \$700 million in data breach settlement, including more than \$3 million to Colorado**



# 2. Moving Colorado Ahead / Mental Health

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## Health Youth / Strong Colorado Fund

**A Collaborative Partnership between the Colorado Department of Law and Rocky Mountain Health Plans, a UnitedHealth Group company.**

UnitedHealth Group pledged \$5 million to support nonprofit organizations that offer mental health support and services to empower youth as well as help them avoid involvement in the criminal justice system and the school-to prison pipeline. (April 20, 2021)

## American Rescue Plan Act



# 3. Cooperative Governance

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## Approaching Government as a Team...Cities, Counties, and the State Working Together

"Not everyone needs to do everything; everyone needs to do something; and enough people need to do enough things."



# 3. Cooperative Governance

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## Shared Principles for County/State Partnerships

- *Always engaging and collaboration on statewide legislation, on the front-end*
- *Providing resources to assist counties*
  - POST scholarships for rural law enforcement agencies
- *Never issuing unfunded mandates upon local governments*
  - *full* funding for body-cameras for local law enforcement
  - local funding to implement 48 hour release requirement legislation for rural DAs

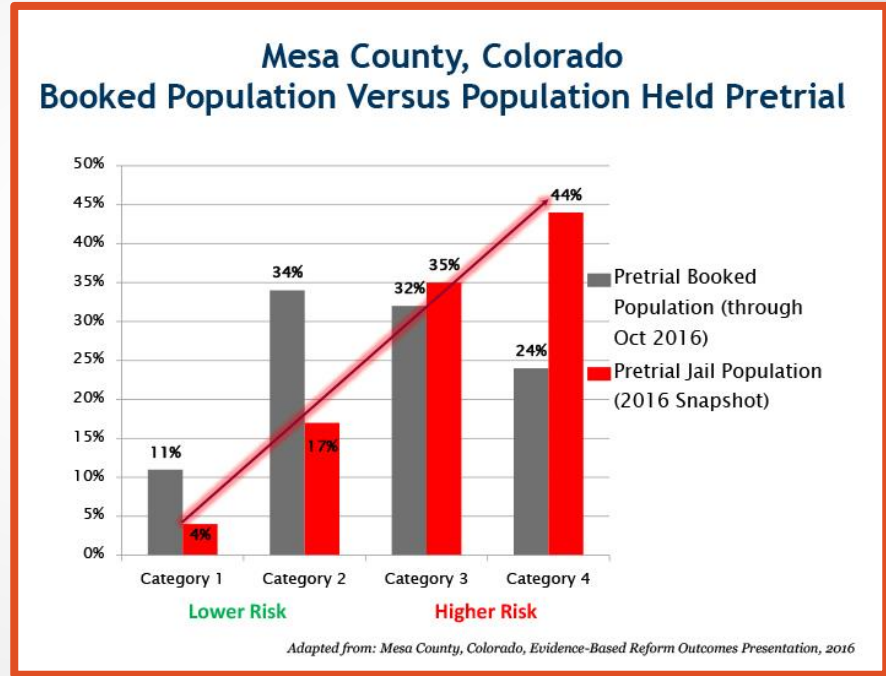




# 3. Cooperative Governance

Counties are laboratories for innovative approaches to tackle public policy changes.

The State can and should capitalize on innovative work done by counties.





# Questions/Discussion

