

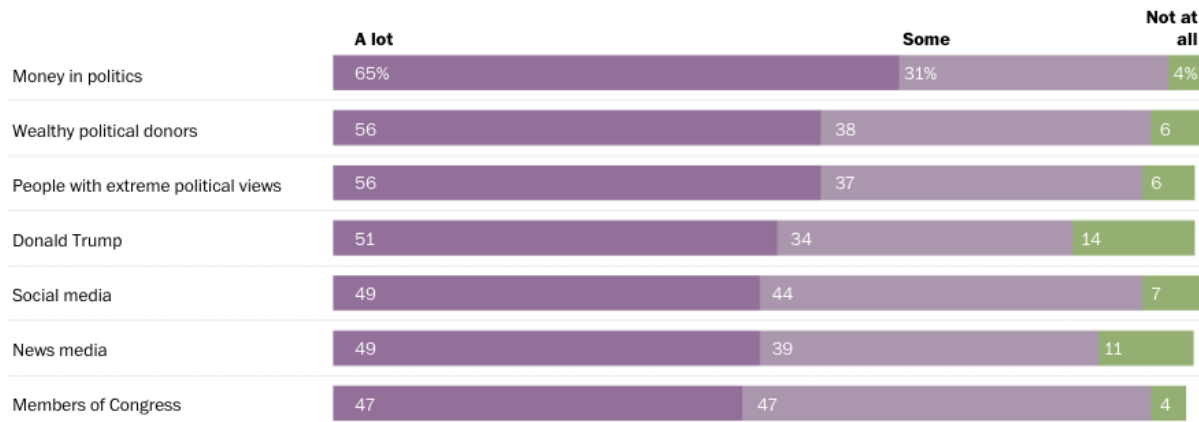
Money in Politics is the Top Issue facing America Today

Washington Post-University of Maryland Democracy Poll, Sept. 27-Oct. 5, 2017

Most Americans say politics have reached a dangerous new low point
And 96% blame money in politics for causing dysfunction in our political system.

How much, if at all, do you blame each of the following for causing dysfunction in the U.S. political system?

'No opinion' not shown.



<https://wiuta.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Washington-Post-University-of-Maryland-Democracy-Poll-2017.pdf>

Top 10 Fears of 2017



Above are the 10 fears for which the highest percentage of Americans reported being *afraid* or *very afraid*.

Government
Environment
Economic
Man-made Disasters

The Chapman University Survey of American Fears 2017

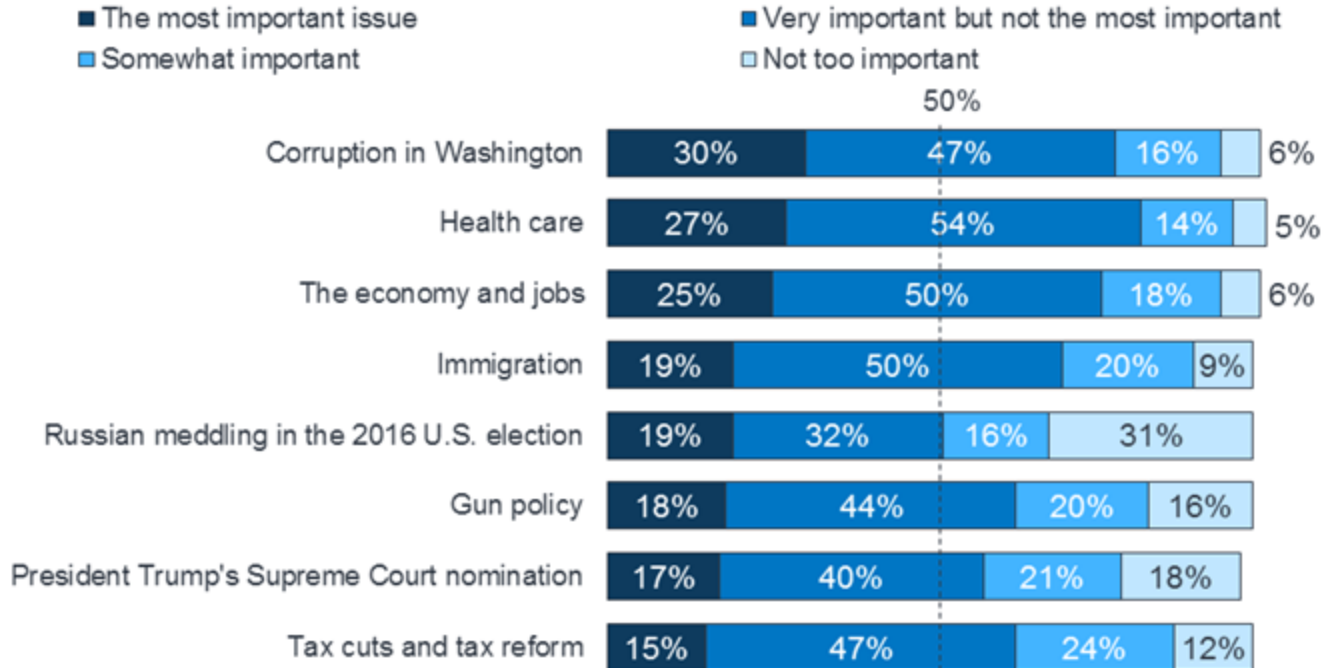
CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY
 ORANGE, CALIFORNIA

<https://blogs.chapman.edu/wilkinson/2017/10/11/americas-top-fears-2017/>

Figure 1

Corruption In D.C., Health Care Are What Voters Want To Hear 2018 Candidates Talk About

REGISTERED VOTERS: How important do you think it is for 2018 candidates to talk about each of the following?



NOTE: "Not at all important (Vol.*)" and Don't know/Refused responses not shown. Question wording abbreviated. See topline for full question wording.
SOURCE: KFF Health Tracking Poll (conducted August 23-28, 2018)



<https://www.kff.org/health-reform/poll-finding/kaiser-health-tracking-poll-late-summer-2018-the-election-pre-existing-conditions-and-surprises-on-medical-bills/>

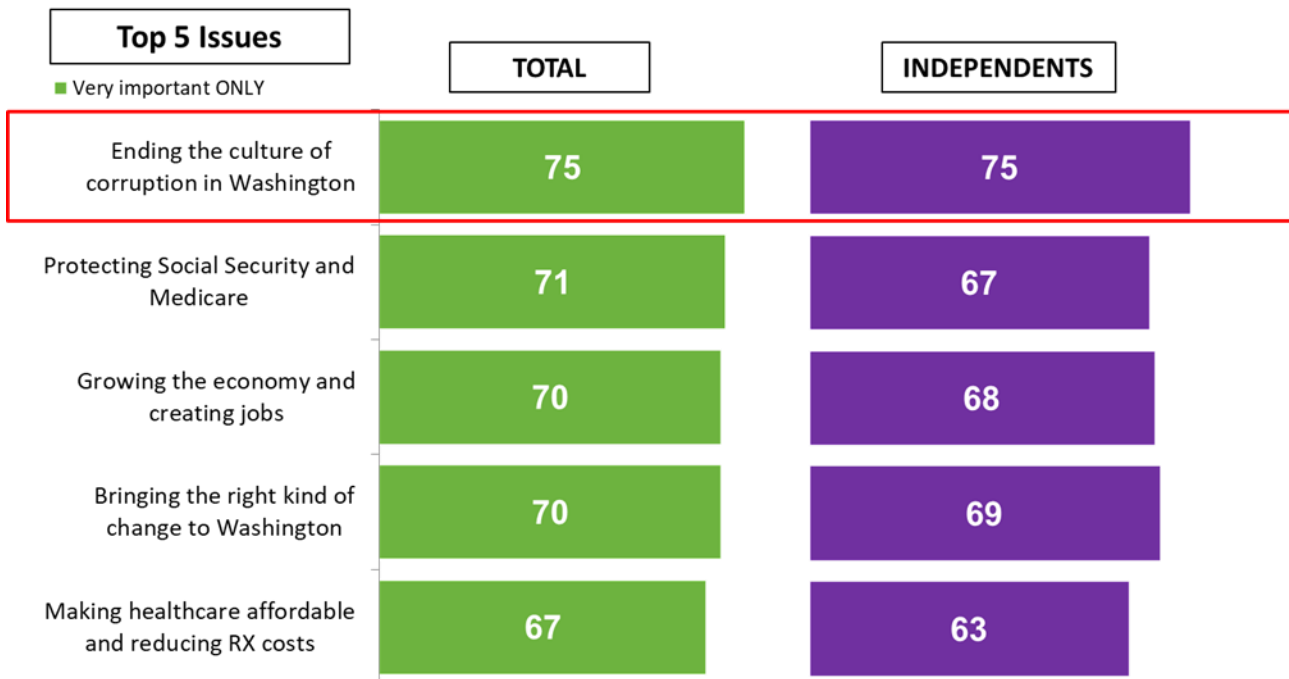
The September 2018 WSJ/NBC poll showed that 77% of surveyed registered voters said that "Reducing the influence of special interests and corruption in Washington" is either the most important or a very important issue facing the country.

http://media1.s-nbcnews.com/i/today/z_creative/18955%20NBCWSJ%20September%20Poll.pdf

Three generations say honesty in government is no. 1 issues

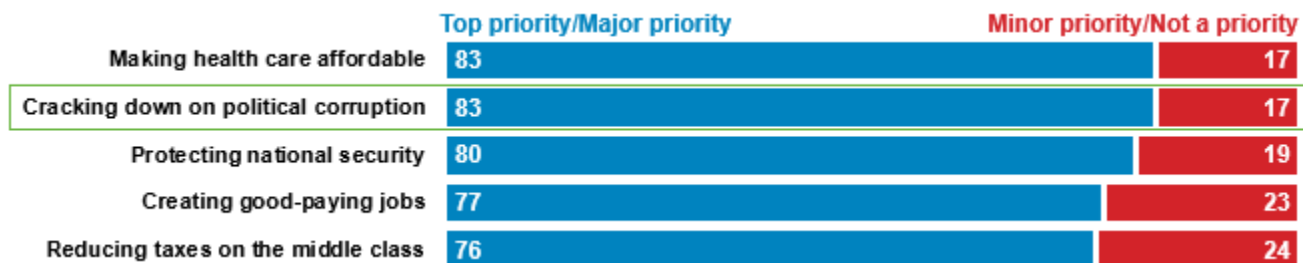
	Millennials	Gen X	Boomers
Honesty in government	78%	88%	91%
Jobs and the economy	74%	88%	88%
Health care	71%	81%	81%
Social Security	63%	76%	88%
Medicare	60%	71%	85%
Access to quality education	73%	79%	77%

<https://www.aarp.org/research/topics/economics/info-2018/three-generations-survey.html>



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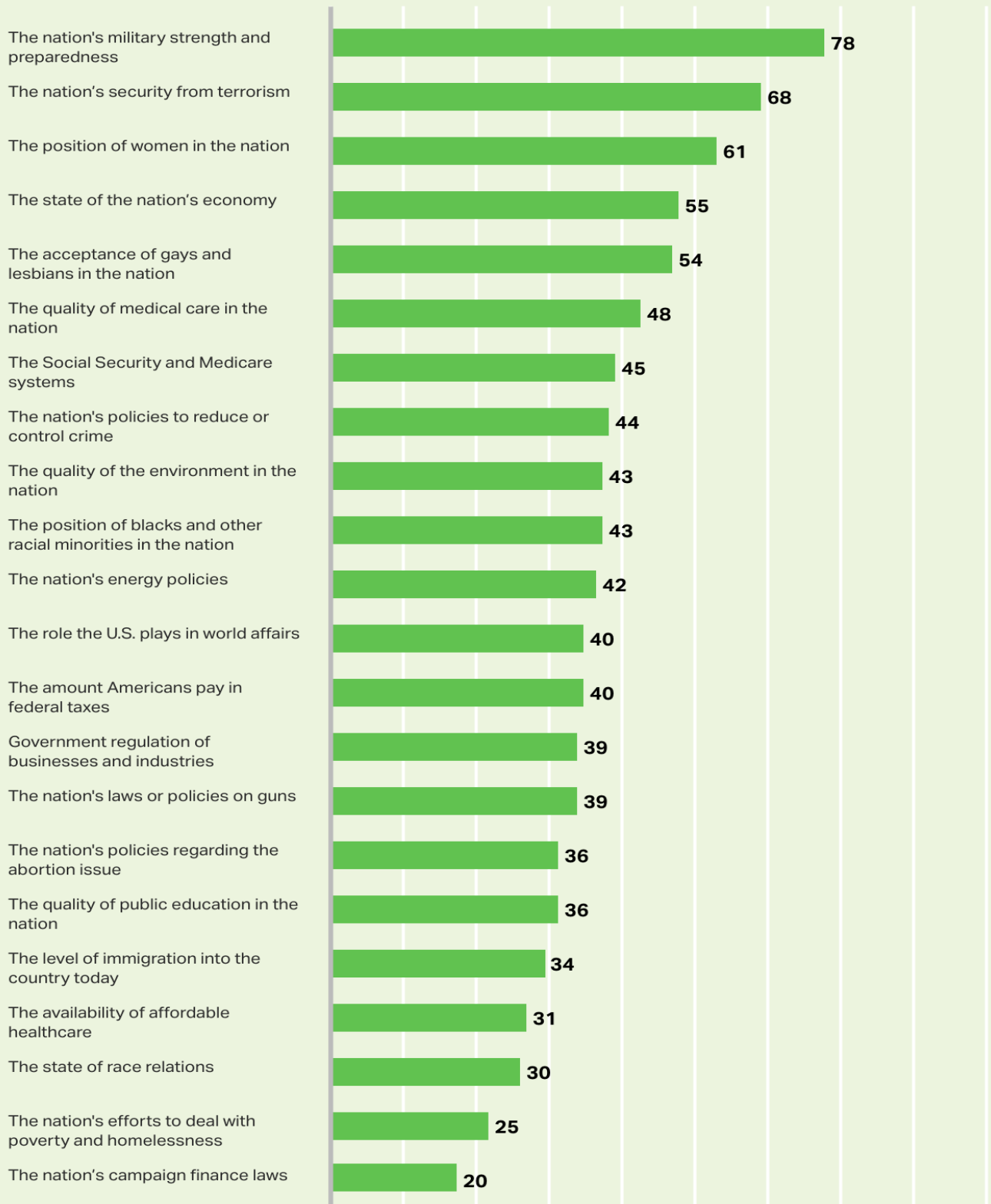
New polling from GSG and End Citizens United shows that corruption is a top issue for voters in battleground states.



<https://wiuta.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Corruption-ties-health-care-as-a-top-issue.pdf>

Americans' Satisfaction Levels With the State of the Nation

■ % Very/Somewhat satisfied



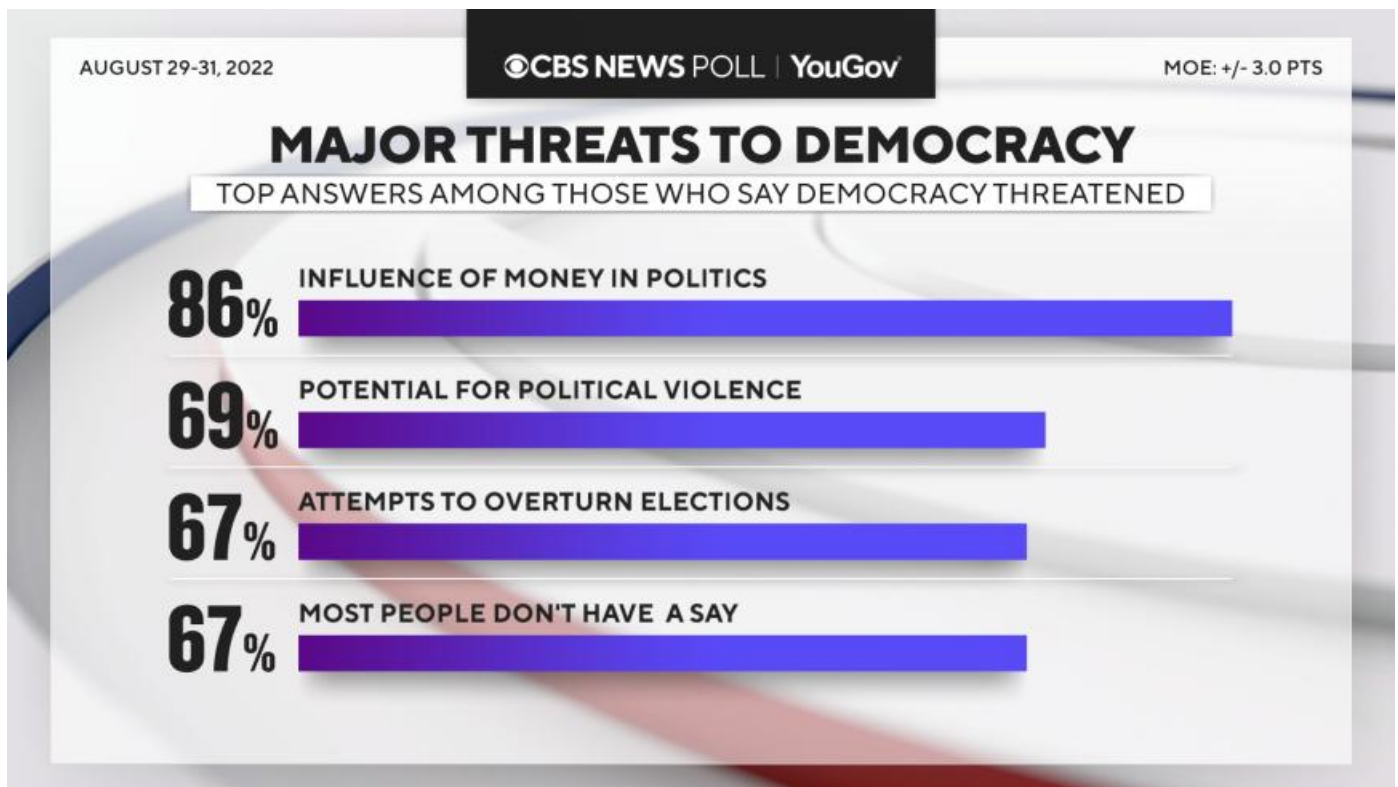
GALLUP, JAN. 2-10, 2019

53% BELIEVE POLITICAL CORRUPTION IN U.S. IS A CRISIS

Fifty-three percent (53%) of voters believe Political Corruption is a crisis in the United States. Another 36% believe it is a significant problem but not a crisis. That's consistent with other ScottRasmussen.com polling data showing that 87% of voters nationwide believe corruption is widespread in the federal government. Solid majorities believe there is also corruption in state (70%) and local (57%) government. In fact, given a list of ten challenges facing the nation, **no other issue was rated as a crisis by more voters than Political Corruption.** (April 24, 2019)

<https://wiuta.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/53-Believe-Political-Corruption-in-U.S.-Is-A-Crisis.pdf>

72% Believe U.S. Democracy is Threatened



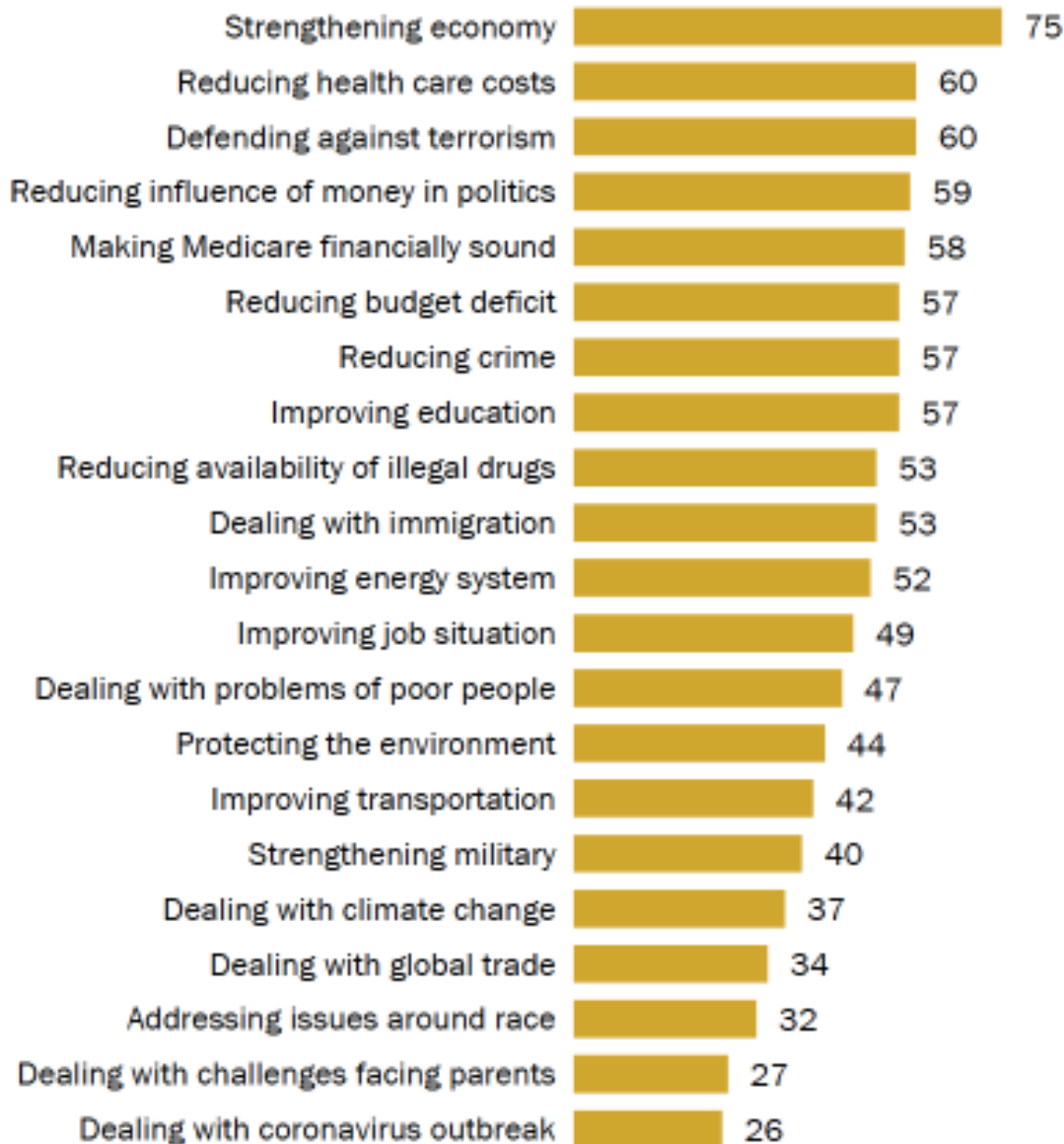
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/cbs-news-poll-americans-democracy-is-under-threat-opinion-poll-2022-09-01/>

“Reducing money in politics” now a top-4 issue for Americans, higher than crime, deficits, climate, etc.

<https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2023/02/06/economy-remains-the-publics-top-policy-priority-covid-19-concerns-decline-again/>

Strengthening the economy is Americans' top policy priority; dealing with COVID-19 is among the lowest

% who say ____ should be a top priority for the president and Congress to address this year



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 18-24, 2023.

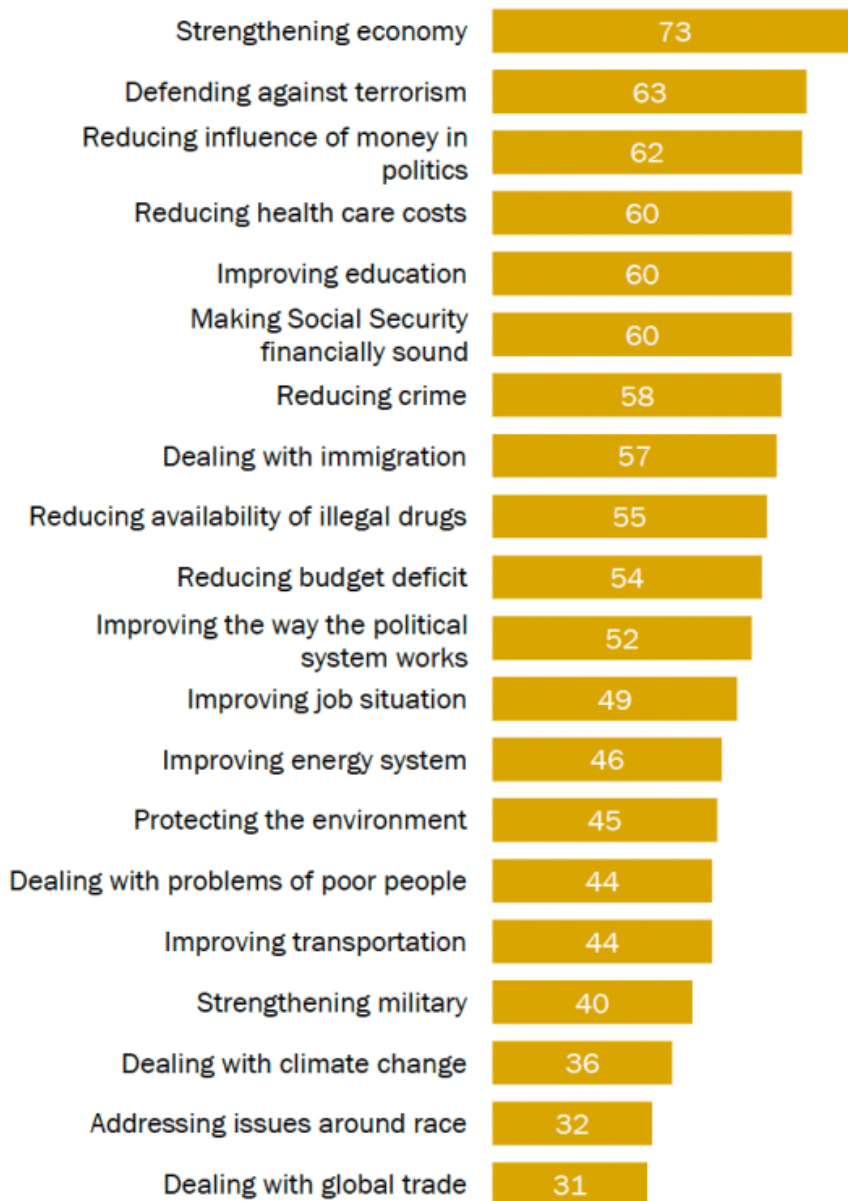
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“Reducing money in politics” now a top-3 issue for Americans, higher than crime, health-care, education, climate, deficits, etc.

<https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2024/02/29/americans-top-policy-priority-for-2024-strengthening-the-economy/>

Americans’ top policy priority this year? Strengthening the economy

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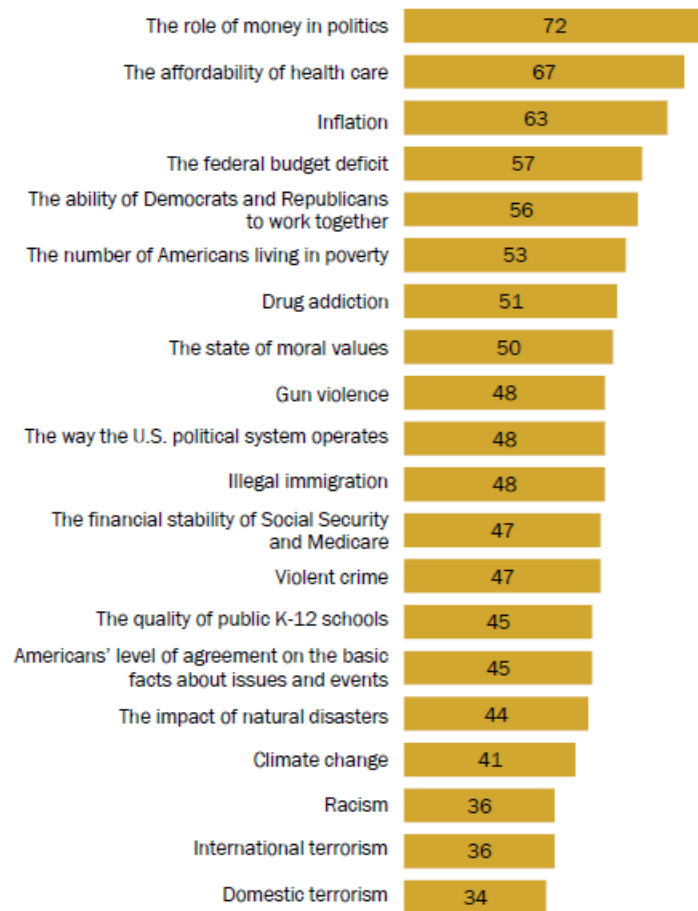


Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 16-21, 2024.

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Economic issues top the public's list of national concerns – including the role of money in politics

% who say ___ is a very big problem in the country today



Note: Refer to the topline for a full list of items.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 27-Feb. 2, 2025.

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