


Two Visions: Smart Growth vs. Flex Growth


Liberals Want Walkable Communities, Conservatives Prefer More Room

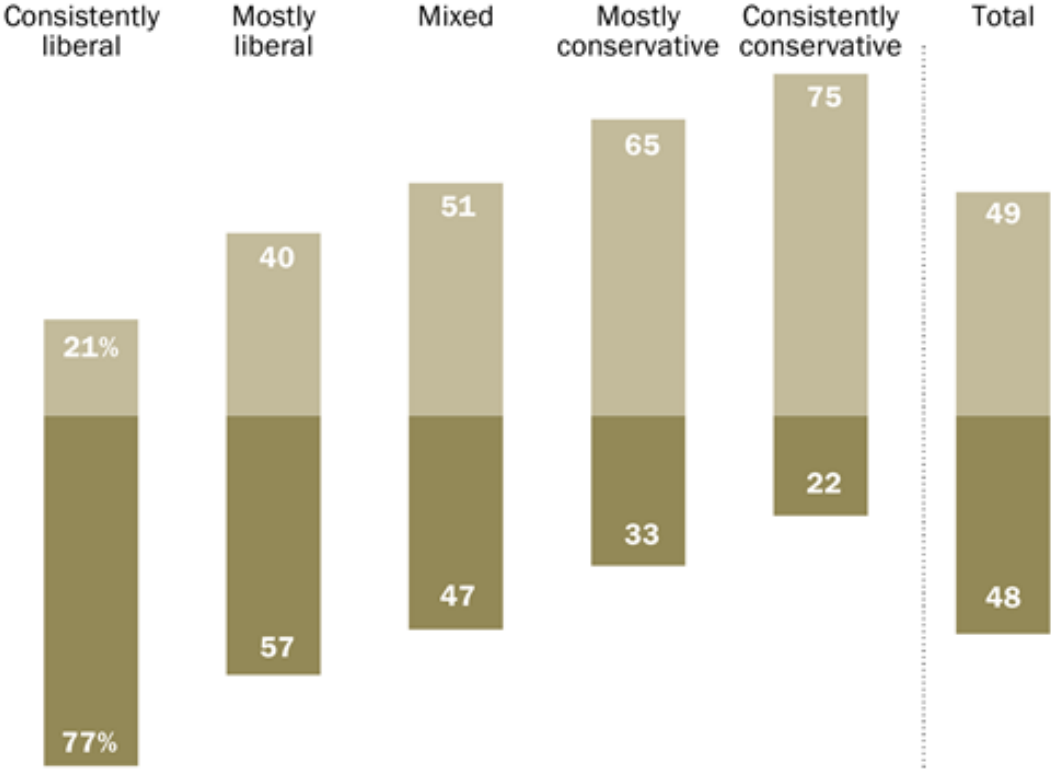
Would you prefer to live in a community where...




 The houses are larger and farther apart, but schools, stores and restaurants are several miles away.

The houses are smaller and closer to each other, but schools, stores and restaurants are within walking distance.



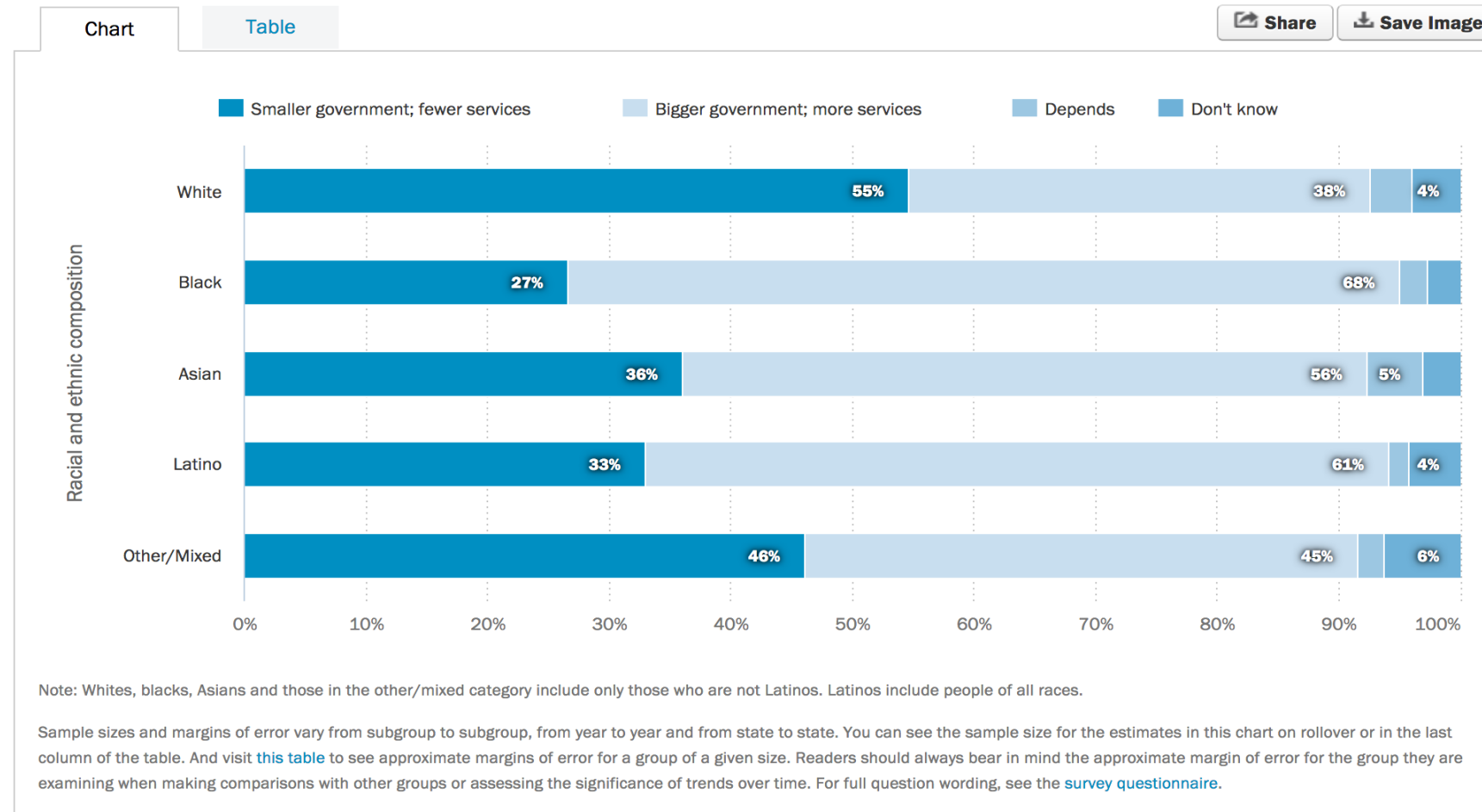


Source: 2014 Political Polarization in the American Public
 Notes: Ideological consistency based on a scale of 10 political values questions (see Appendix A). "Don't know" responses not shown.
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Disagreements about Size of Government

Views about size of government among nothing in particulars by race/ethnicity (2014)

% of nothing in particulars who would rather have...

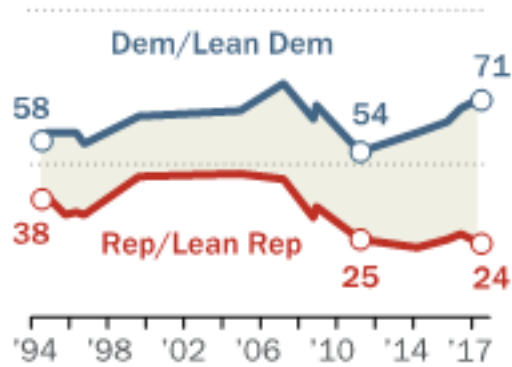


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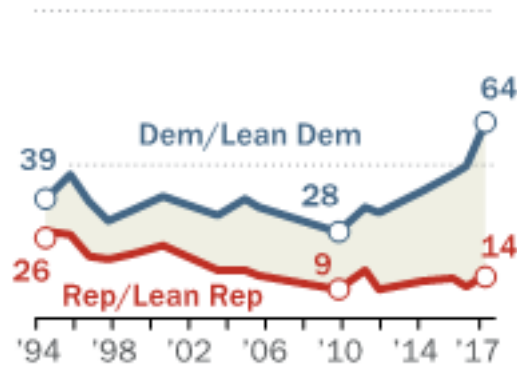
There is no question that **Americans are more polarized by party than they used to be**. What this means — and what, if anything, we might want to do about it — are more challenging questions.

% who say ...

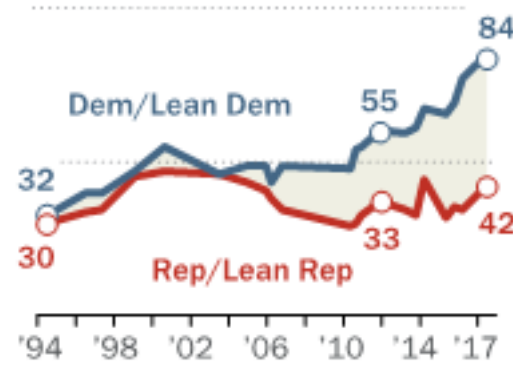
Government should do more to help the needy



Racial discrimination is the main reason why many black people can't get ahead these days



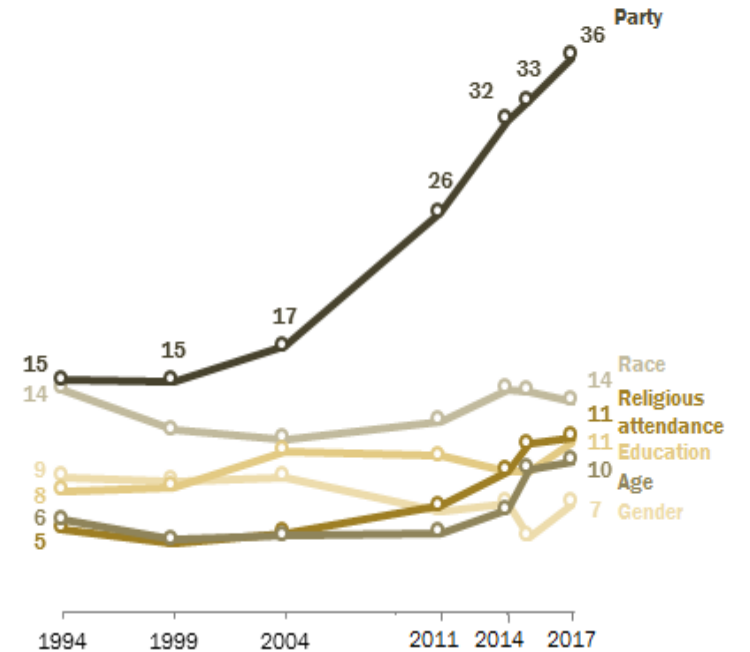
Immigrants strengthen the country with their hard work and talents



Source: Survey conducted June 8-18 and June 27-July 9, 2017.

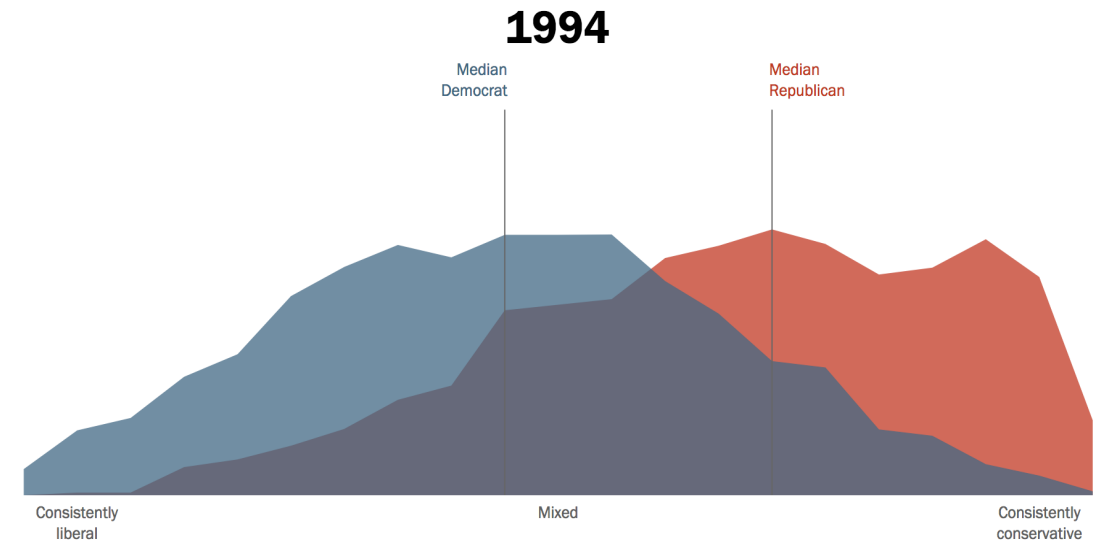
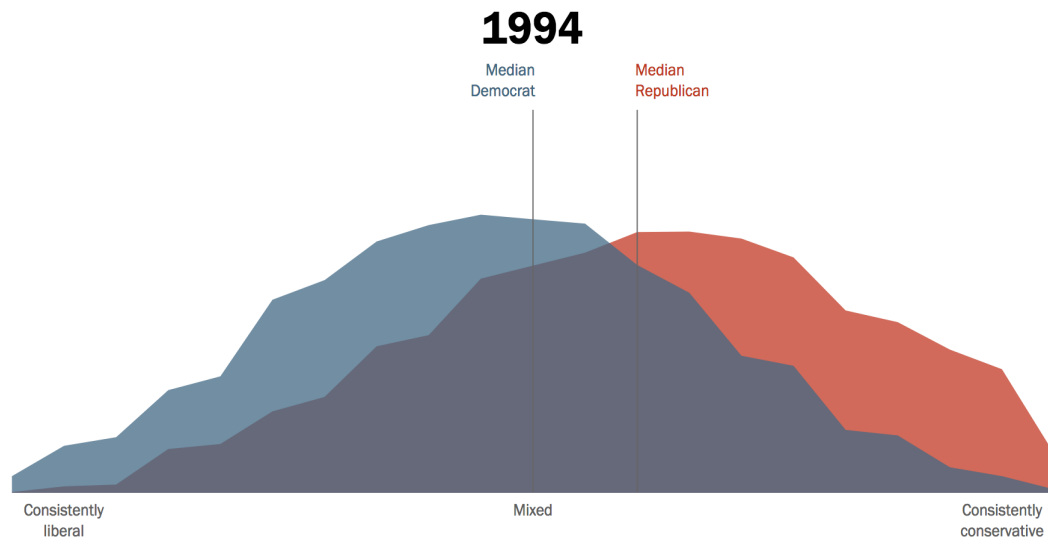
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Average gap in the share taking a conservative position across 10 political values, by key demographics



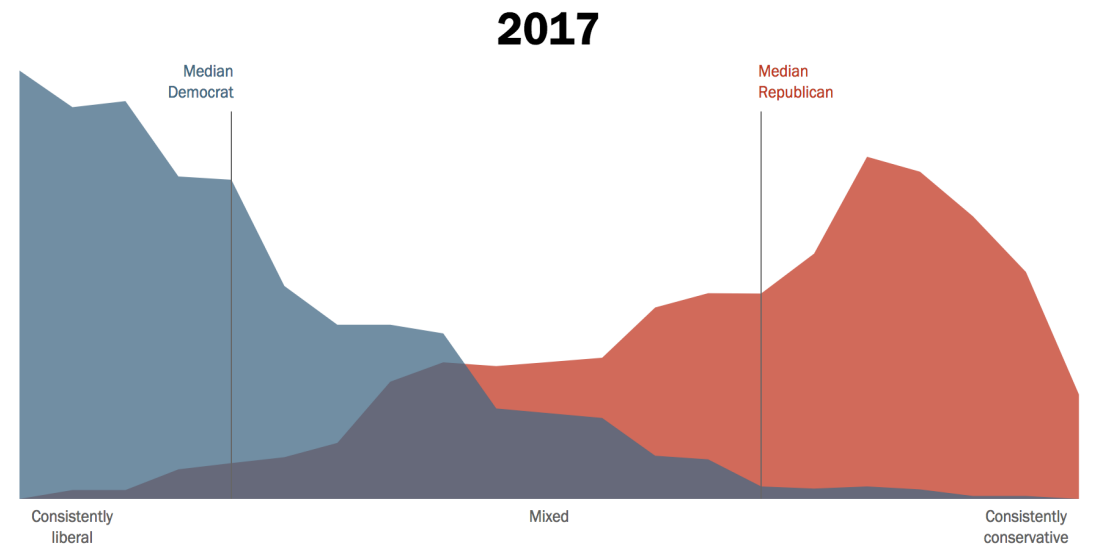
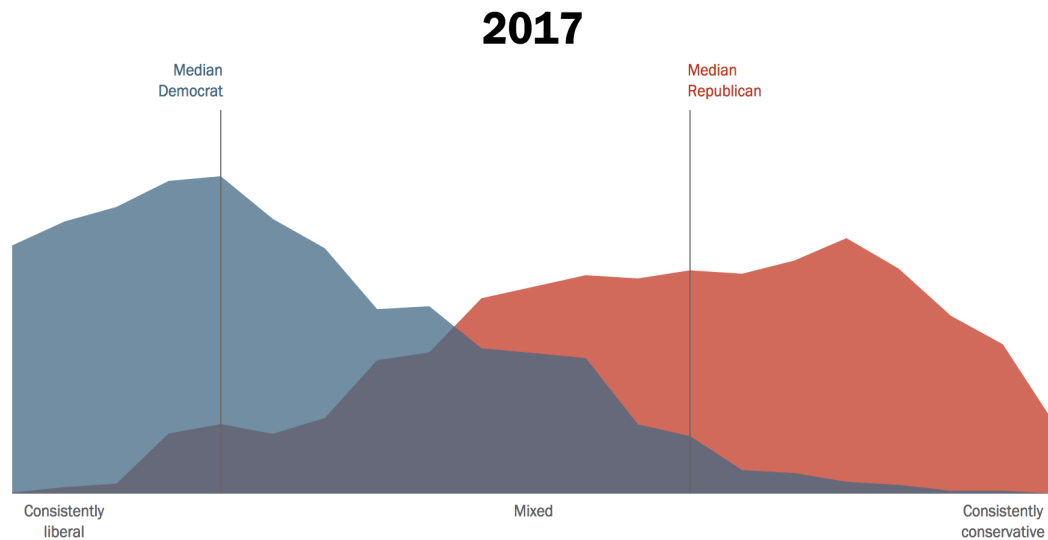
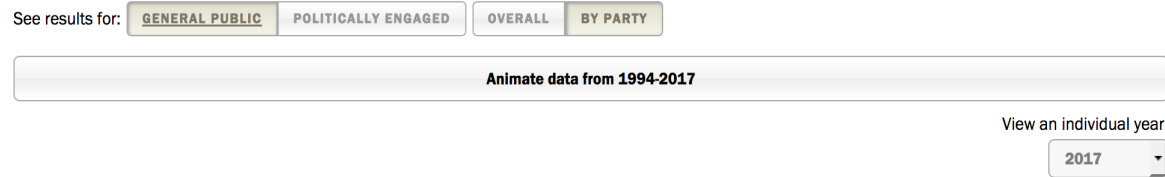
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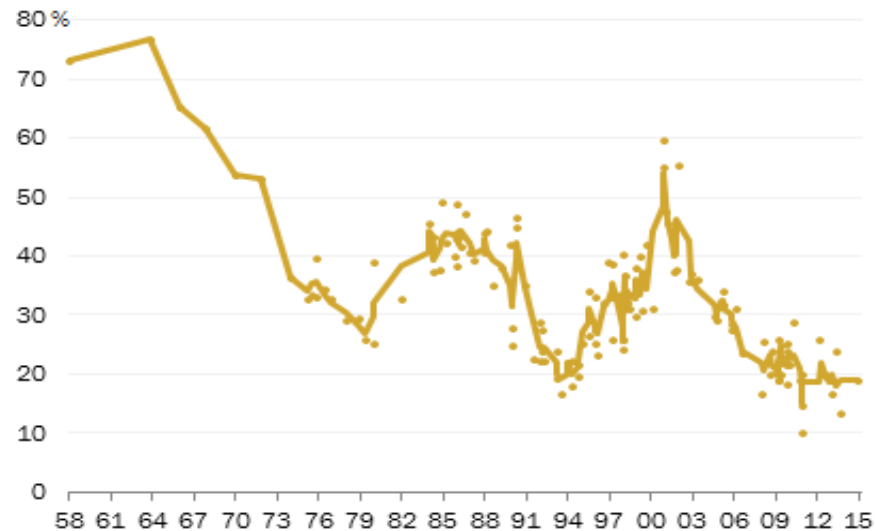


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Voters across the spectrum do share a couple of important sentiments. They exhibit far less trust in the federal government than their predecessors did. But they also **exhibit less trust in themselves** — in the wisdom of the public.

Public trust in government: 1958-2015

Trust the federal government to do what is right just about always/most of the time ...

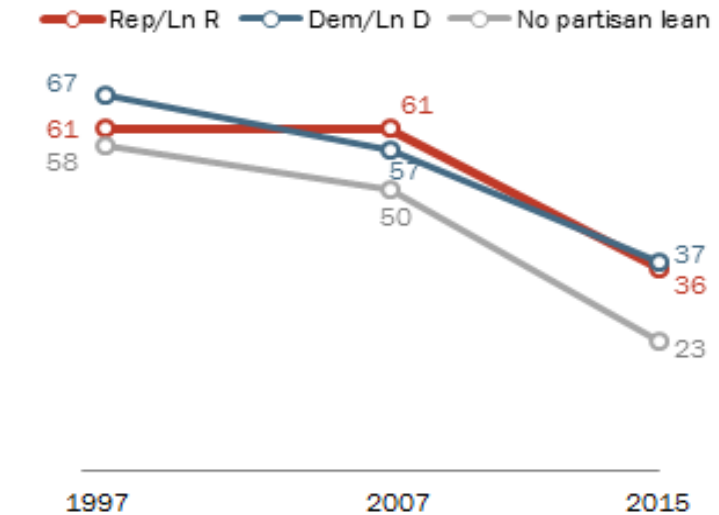


Survey conducted Aug. 27-Oct. 4, 2015. Q15. Trend sources: Pew Research Center, National Election Studies, Gallup, ABC/Washington Post, CBS/New York Times, and CNN Polls. From 1976-2014 the trend line represents a three-survey moving average.

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Both parties have lost confidence and trust in public's political wisdom

% very great/good deal of trust and confidence in political wisdom of American people



Survey conducted Aug. 27-Oct. 4, 2015. Q12.

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