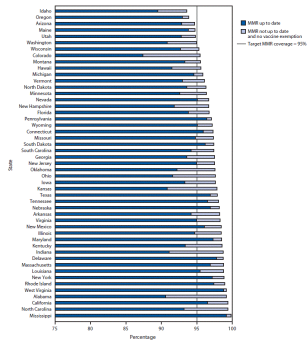
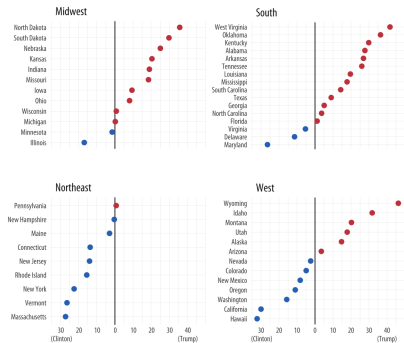


Preventing and addressing vaccine politicization

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Political vs. vaccine polarization



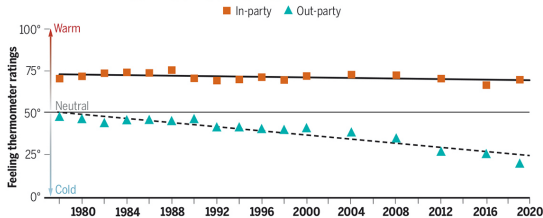
(Healy 2019; CDC 2020)

The danger of political sectarianism

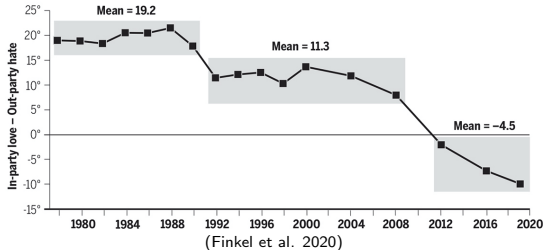
The rise of out-party hate

With the exception of 2020, all data come from the American National Election Study (ANES), as reported in (1). To calculate the estimates for the lower panel, we used upper-panel estimates to compute, relative to the neutral point on the feeling thermometer, the strength of in-party love (in-party score – 50) and out-party hate (50 – out-party score), and then took the difference of those two scores. See supplementary materials for details.

Warmth toward the opposing party (out-party) has diminished for decades



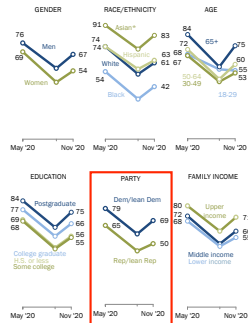
Out-party hate has emerged as a stronger force than in-party love



Preventing COVID-19 vaccine politicization

Growing share intend to get a COVID-19 vaccine, though fewer than half of Black adults say they would

% of U.S. adults who say they would definitely/probably get a vaccine for COVID-19 if one were available today



* Asian adults were interviewed in English only.

Note: Respondents who give other responses or did not give an answer are not shown. White, Black and Asian adults include those who report being only one race and are not Hispanic. Hispanics are of any race. Family income tiers are based on adjusted 2019 earnings.

Source: Survey conducted Nov. 18-29, 2020.

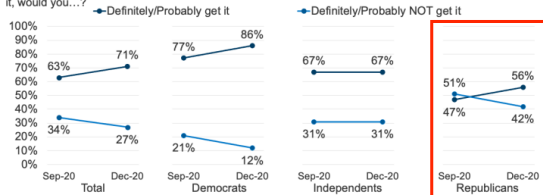
"Intent to Get a COVID-19 Vaccine Rises to 60% as Confidence in Research and Development Process Increases"

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Figure 3

Willingness to Get COVID-19 Vaccine Has Increased For Democrats and Republicans, Held Steady For Independents

If a COVID-19 vaccine was determined to be safe by scientists and available for free to everyone who wanted it, would you...?



SOURCE: KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor (KFF Health Tracking Poll, Nov. 30-Dec. 8, 2020); KFF/The Undeclared Survey on Race and Health (conducted Aug. 20-Sept. 14, 2020). See [topline](#) for full question wording.

KFF COVID-19
Vaccine Monitor

The threat from anecdotes and misinformation

Daily Mail, Monday October 21, 2009

MMR safe? Baloney. This is one scandal that's getting worse

SINCE Dr Andrew Wakefield first triggered the furor over a possible link between autism, boyev disease and the measles, mumps and rubella triple jab in 1998, the controversy has not died away.

Now a study by the respected Coriasso Library has said, on the basis of 11 years of research into the possible side-effects of MMR, that it found no correlation between MMR and autism.

But a brief of planning by Wakefield's website, the dissemination of these lies has triggered anti-vaxxers seriously and demands that we apologize for creating a cover that left children unvaccinated and at risk of measles, mumps and rubella.

The Coriasso Library study they claimed, had found MMR to be 'safe' - despite the fact

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Melanie Phillips
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way to do so is to conduct large-scale clinical trials, which the Government has consistently refused to do.

Drugs of unproven safety and efficacy were given on the basis of being brought by parents seeking compensation on behalf of children said to have been damaged by the vaccine. But this was not done when the parents signed the consent form.

Now Wakefield himself is being arraigned before the General Medical Council charged with 11 counts of professional misconduct, including an attempt to falsify or intercept over receiving funding from the parents, which he has strenuously denied.

Compare this with the Coriasso study, where under the supervision of Professor Dr Tim Jefferson, who is listed as the study's second author, acknowledged that in 1998 he acted as a consultant for a legal team advising the MMR vaccine manufacturer.



FOX NEWS
USA

THERE WILL BE NO QUESTIONING THE CORONA VACCINE
Standing Up For What's Right.

LOCATION PLAN CO-LED BY WORLD HEALTH ORG, WHICH IS WORKING TO LOWER PRICES FOR POOR AND

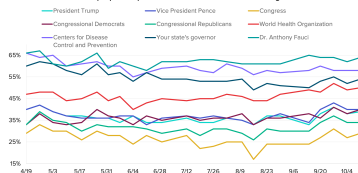
NYTIMES 6m ago

A health worker in Alaska had a serious allergic reaction after getting Pfizer's vaccine. It's unclear if the case has broader safety implications.

Needed: Trusted sources (Fauci)

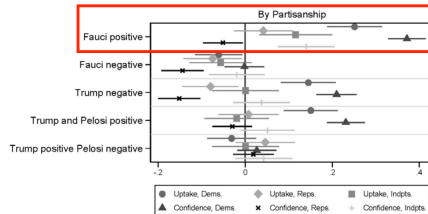
Nearly 2 in 3 Voters Rate Dr. Fauci's Coronavirus Response as Excellent or Good

Share of registered voters who said they'd rate each of the following groups and people's responses to the coronavirus as excellent or good:



BY MORNING CONSULT • POLITICO

Polls were conducted between April 17 and Oct. 11, 2020, among about 1,900 registered voters each, with margins of error of +/-2%.



Comparison to Trump positive statement

(Bokemper et al. N.d.)

Needed: Trusted sources (HC workers)

TABLE 2 Parental Report of Levels of Trust of Certain People for Vaccine-Safety Information

	A Lot, %	Some, %	Not at All, %
My child(ren)'s doctor	76	22	2
Other health care providers	26	70	4
Government vaccine experts/officials	23	61	16
Family and friends	15	67	18
Parents who believe their child was harmed by a vaccine	8	65	27
Celebrities	2	24	74

(Freed et al. 2011)

Needed: Trusted sources (Republicans)

Vice President Pence To Get COVID-19 Vaccine Publicly On Friday

December 16, 2020 · 6:29 PM ET

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Vice President Pence attends a rally this month in support of GOP Sens. David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler in Savannah, Ga.
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Leader McConnell
@senatema1jdr

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As a polio survivor, I am a huge supporter of vaccinations. Whenever my turn comes, I will absolutely take the vaccine and do my part to reassure anyone who's doubtful. It's the right thing to do for yourself, for your family, and for the country.



3:14 PM · Dec 15, 2020 · Twitter Web App

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Especially critical in marginalized communities

