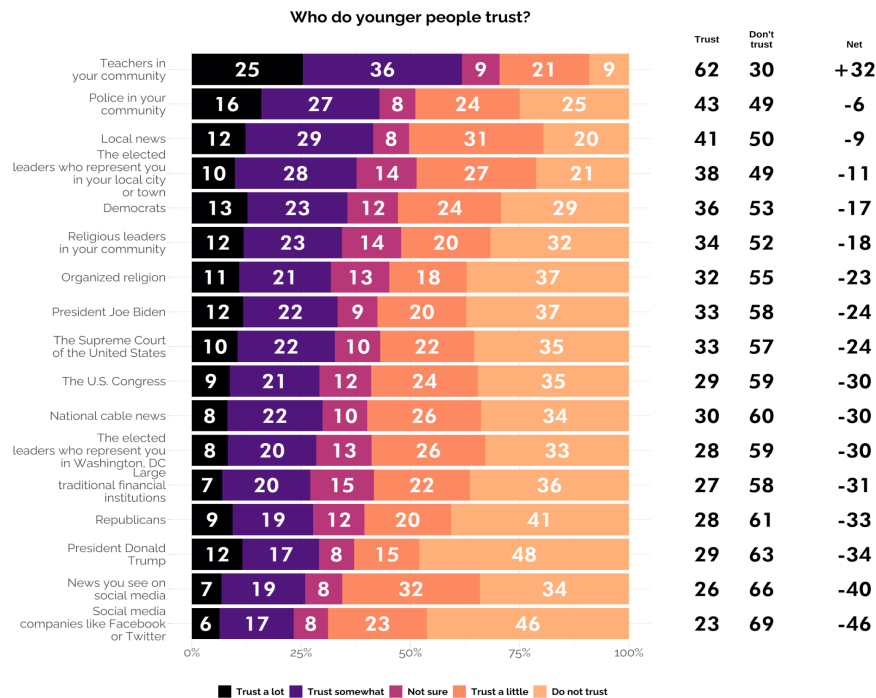


The Way Forward: Who do Young Americans Trust and Admire?

Young Americans put their trust in community leaders, not politicians or businesses. "While they particularly trust their teachers (62% trust, 30% don't trust), their evaluations of social media companies (23% trust, 69% don't trust) and news on social media (26% trust, 66% don't trust) are almost the exact inverse."

Given their views of our system of government, civic institutions, and the experiences that have defined their generation, it should not be surprising to see young people trust their local role models far more than they trust traditional national political leaders and institutions. Young people place incredible value on the teachers who educated them through times of upheaval and threats to their safety. While deeply distrustful of corporations, politicians, and established civic institutions, young people value their teachers. In fact, among 17 different groups and institutions we tested, teachers are the only ones who enjoy trust from a majority.¹



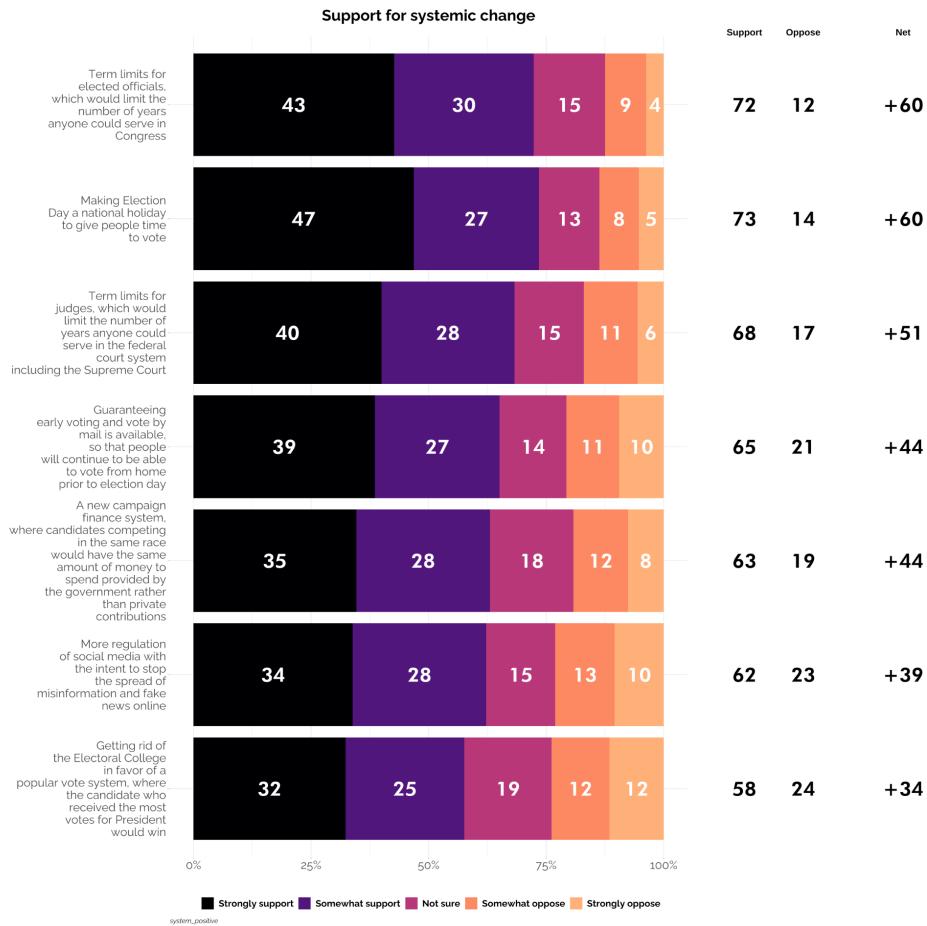
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Serious about reforms, young Americans particularly want to increase accountability over the Courts, corporations, and Congress, by imposing term limits and reducing money in politics.

Despite being dissatisfied with US democracy and many institutions, young Americans put forward a significant agenda of reforms they support to achieve meaningful progress. Young people overwhelmingly support ideas like term limits to ensure fresh faces enter political leadership at regular intervals. They also support key

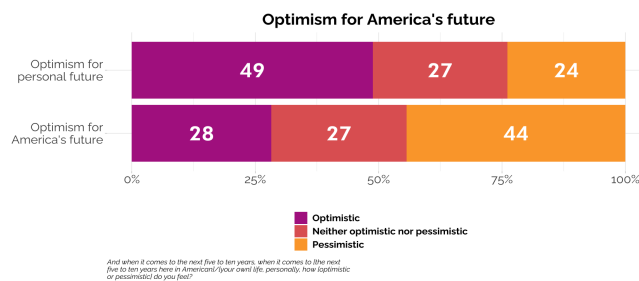
¹ For more, refer to question 9 of the survey documentation.

changes like ensuring everyone has access to a meaningful vote, such as by ensuring everyone has time to cast a ballot and can do so in the way that is easiest for them.²



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Given all this, young people remain ambivalent about the future, with more confidence in their own personal futures than that of America as a whole. About 48 percent of young people say they're optimistic for themselves, whereas 24 percent say they're pessimistic for themselves. That split is reversed when looking at America as a whole, where 28 percent say they're optimistic for America's future and 44 percent say they are pessimistic about the future state of America. This generation sees the promise in potential reform, local leaders, and their own generational cohort, but it is not yet clear if that promise will come to fruition. This generation has a sense of the real challenges that America faces and knows that the answers are not simple or clear, but is also ready to do its part.³



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² For more, refer to question 11 of the survey documentation.

³ For more, refer to questions 34 and 35 of the survey documentation.