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## Advancing Government Outcomes

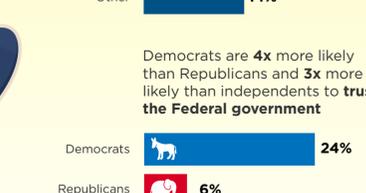


MeriTocracy will convene the White House, Capitol Hill, government agency leaders, and the private sector on **July 21, 2022** to explore creative approaches to some of our nation's toughest challenges.

In advance of the event, MeriTalk, in partnership with The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, surveyed **1,004 American adults** to explore sentiments on trust, policy, and technology.

### Trust Issues

**Just 15%** of Americans trust the Federal government to do what's right most or all of the time



Democrats are **4x** more likely than Republicans and **3x** more likely than independents to trust the Federal government



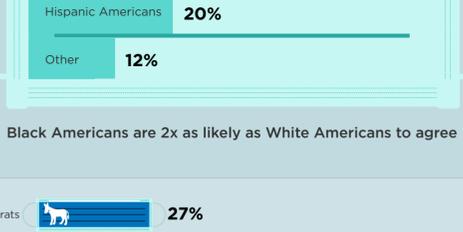
**Just 22%** trust the Federal government to deliver services fairly to all Americans regardless of their race, ethnicity, or other characteristics



### COVID Counterpunch



Just **one in five** feel the Federal government has been **very effective at responding** to the public's needs during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic



Black Americans are 2x as likely as White Americans to agree



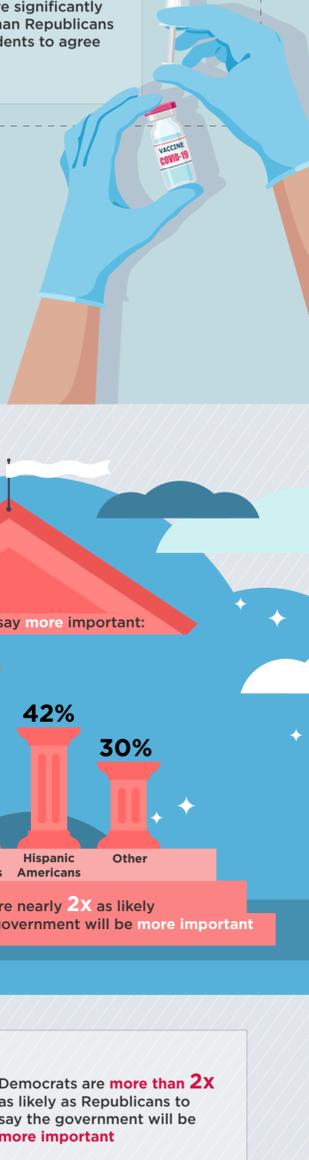
Democrats are significantly more likely than Republicans and independents to agree



of all Americans say the Federal government was **very effective at connecting them to information** on COVID-19



feel the same about its **ability to connect people to government services** like unemployment and food assistance



### Silver Lining

**76%** say the Federal government will be as important or more important in improving the lives of the American people over the next 10 years



Black Americans are nearly **2x** as likely as White Americans to say the government will be more important



Democrats are **more than 2x** as likely as Republicans to say the government will be more important

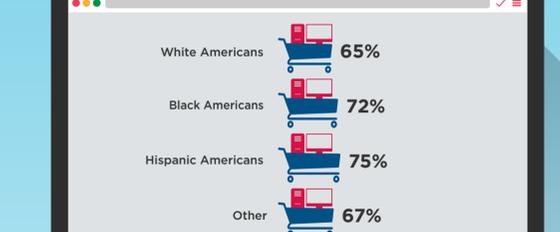
### What Do Americans Need?

Depends Who You Ask

Where would you like the Federal government to focus improvements?

- Healthcare
- Data privacy
- Federal spending
- America's global standing
- Workforce education
- Citizen service

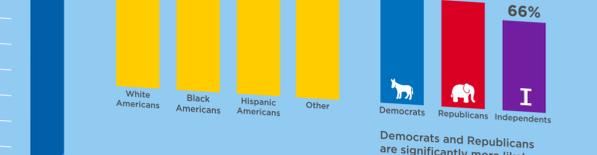
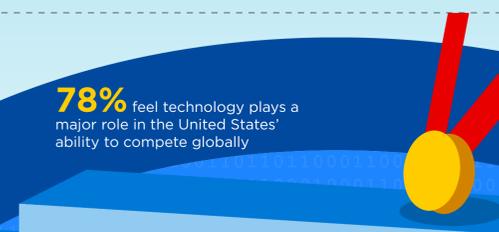
Americans rank **Healthcare #1** regardless of race or ethnicity - but not political affiliation



### A Rare Consensus

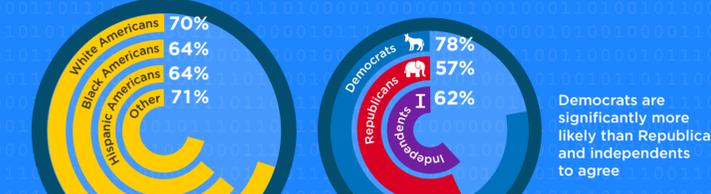
While **just 9%** are confident in the government's ability to spend money in the best interest of the public,

**68%** say Federal spending on **technology** is worth the investment



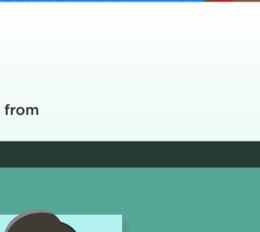
While all in the majority, Democrats are significantly more likely than Republicans and independents to agree

**78%** feel technology plays a major role in the United States' ability to compete globally



Democrats and Republicans are significantly more likely than independents to agree

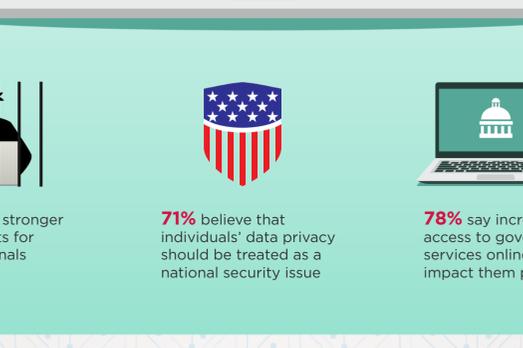
**69%** want increased funding for technological research and development



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### Tech Support

Americans say they'd benefit from



**80%** want stronger punishments for cyber criminals



**71%** believe that individuals' data privacy should be treated as a national security issue



**78%** say increased access to government services online would impact them personally

### Where Do We Go from Here?

Join us at the **MeriTocracy: American Innovation Forum** where Hill, White House, and industry leaders will discuss tangible outcomes and practical operational plans to move government forward:

[www.meritalk.com/event/meritocracy-2022](http://www.meritalk.com/event/meritocracy-2022)

