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### GOLD CIRCLE WEBINAR: Survey of Federal Government Managers



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Our research has documented disturbing areas of bipartisan agreement among government managers.





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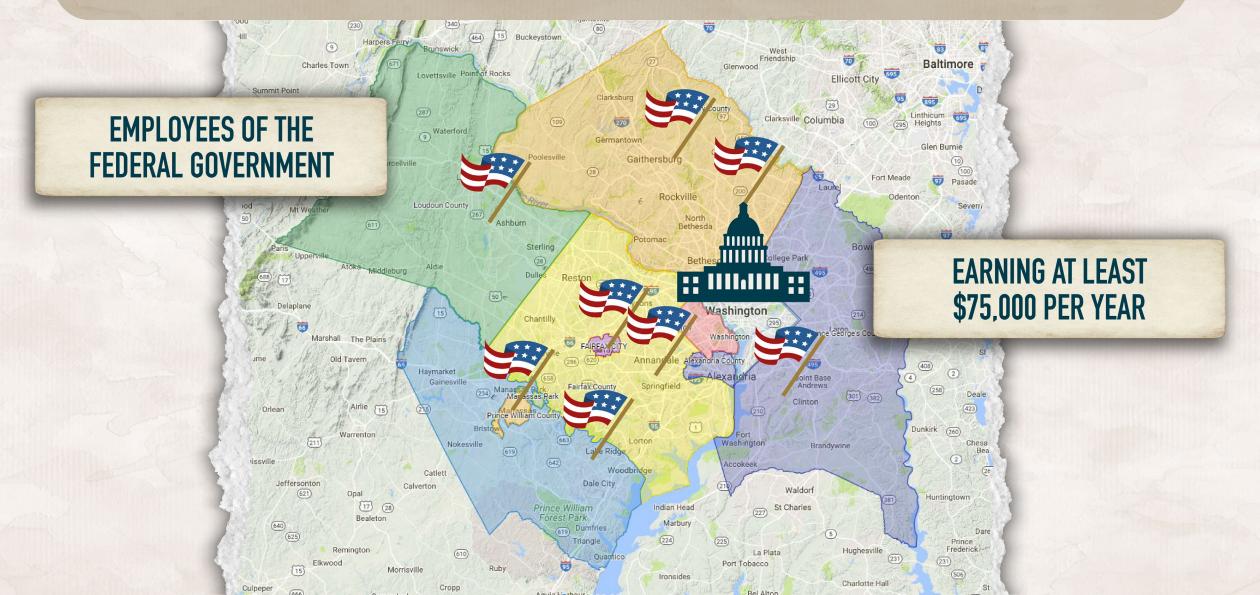


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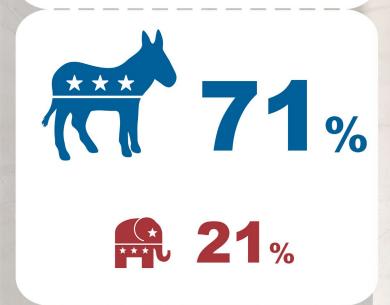


### THE SURVEY SAMPLE—NATIONAL CAPITOL REGION

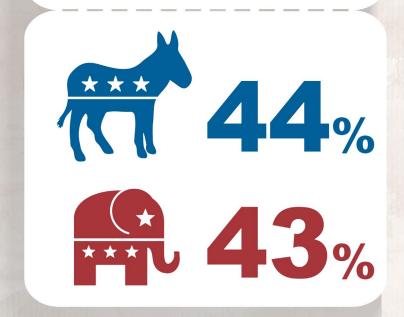


### BIG DIFFERENCE FROM THE ELITE 1%











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**42%** VOTERS







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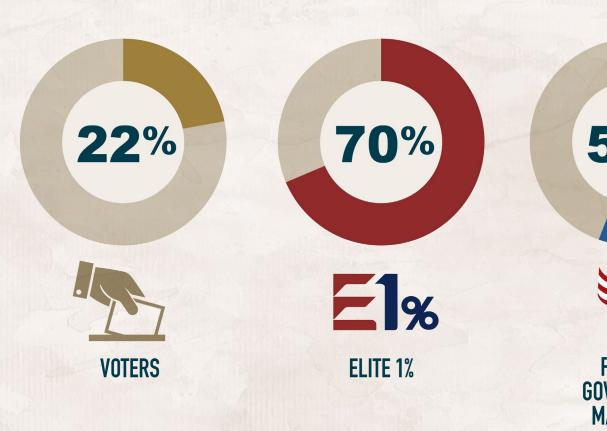
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# TRUST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO DO THE RIGHT THING MOST OF THE TIME







### TRUST IN THE GOVERNMENT BY PARTY



12% 51% 34% FEDERAL NANAGERS VOTERS ELITE 1%

#### TRUST IN THE GOVERNMENT BY PARTY



REPUBLICANS:

12% 51% 34% GOVERNMENT MANAGERS



**DEMOCRATS:** 

33% 80% 82% GOVERNMENT MANAGERS

### INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM



**VOTERS** 

57% LITTLE

16% TOO MUCH



ELITE 1%

21% TOO LITTLE

47% TOO MUCH



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MANAGERS

31% LITTLE

51% TOO MUCH

#### MORE ON GOVERNMENT MANAGERS

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Imagine that you work for a government agency and have the ability to draft new regulations.

After carefully researching an important issue, you determine that a new regulation is needed. If voters overwhelmingly oppose that regulation, what should you do?

A

Follow your research and issue the regulation.

54%

A

Follow the voters and do not issue the regulation.

35%

### MORE ON GOVERNMENT MANAGERS



Suppose government experts determine that a certain regulation is needed, but their decision is opposed by the vast majority of voters. Should the experts ignore the voters and do what they think is right or should they respect the wishes of the voters?



### ELITE 1%

Ignore the voters and do what they think is right.

17%

Respect the wishes of the voters.

**75**%



#### **VOTERS**

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12%

Respect the wishes of the voters.

76%

## DISTURBING AREAS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT MANAGERS



DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT MANAGERS



REPUBLICAN
GOVERNMENT MANAGERS



42%

believe it would be better if only people with college degrees were allowed to vote. **VOTING RIGHTS** 

37%

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DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT MANAGERS



REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT MANAGERS



79%

favor banning private ownership of guns.

**GUN OWNERSHIP** 

74%

favor banning private ownership of guns.



DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT MANAGERS



REPUBLICAN
GOVERNMENT MANAGERS



64%

would prefer to live in a community where guns are outlawed.

**OUTLAW GUNS** 

62%

would prefer to live in a community where guns are outlawed.





REPUBLICAN
GOVERNMENT MANAGERS



48%

**SOCIAL MEDIA** 

53%

Democrat managers believe the federal government should be allowed to censor social media posts.

Republican managers believe the federal government should be allowed to censor social media posts.



### DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT MANAGERS



REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT MANAGERS



50%

TO

34%

say parents have too much control over their children's education.

say parents have too little control over their children's education. **EDUCATION** 

42%

TO

38%

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#### GOVERNMENT MANAGERS

**IVY PLUS** 

**OTHERS** 

TRUST IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

73%

53%

SAY THERE IS TOO MUCH INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM

68%

47%

THINK IT'S BETTER IF ONLY
THOSE WITH COLLEGE
DEGREES CAN VOTE

55%

36%



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**57%YES** 

**51%YES** 

SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT BE ABLE TO CENSOR SOCIAL MEDIA?



### POLITICALLY ACTIVE GOVERNMENT MANAGERS

#### **GOVERNMENT MANAGERS WHO TALK POLITICS DAILY**

**POLITICALLY ACTIVE** 

**OTHERS** 

Believe we have too much freedom.

63% YES

48% YES

Believe parents have too much control.

56% YES

44% YES



### POLITICALLY ACTIVE GOVERNMENT MANAGERS

#### **GOVERNMENT MANAGERS WHO TALK POLITICS DAILY**

**POLITICALLY ACTIVE** 

**OTHERS** 

Should the federal government be allowed to censor social media posts?

51% YES

**52%** YES

If a regulator thinks something should done and voters oppose.

46% ISSUE THE REGULATION

35% FOLLOW THE VOTERS

55%

**ISSUE THE** REGULATION

35% FOLLOW THE VOTERS

### IN SUMMARY

- While the views of federal government managers have more in common with the Elite 1% than with everyday Americans, the impact is somewhat muted by the partisan dynamics.
  - The Elite 1% is heavily Democratic, while the cadre of federal government managers is evenly split between Republicans and Democrats.
- Federal government managers collectively have little respect for the views of voters and think the American people have too much individual freedom.
  - In this, they share the views of the Elite 1%.
- Despite the partisan divide, there are disturbing areas of bipartisan agreement among federal government managers.
  - These areas of agreement generally tend to elevate the power of the federal government and limit individual freedoms.



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