

68% of voters trust American people more than government officials

July 21, 2020: When it comes to making important decisions about America's future, 68% of voters nationwide trust the American people more than government officials. A [Scott Rasmussen](#) national survey found that 11% take the opposite view and 20% are not sure.[1]

This view is shared broadly by all segments of society, although there is somewhat less confidence in the American people among younger voters. Just 64% of voters under 35 trust the American people more than government officials. Among senior citizens, that number is 79%.[1]

Those with a college degree are a bit more skeptical of the American people than those without.
[1]

However, other survey data shows that in certain circumstances, voters are more willing to defer to government officials. For example, 50% support a national mandate requiring everyone to wear a mask in public.[2]

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Footnotes:

1. [ScottRasmussen.com](#), "68% trust American people more than government officials," July 20, 2020
2. [JusttheNews.com](#), "Half of U.S. voters say every American should be required to wear a mask in public at all times," July 6, 2020