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One in four feel they have nothing in common with Democrats or Republicans

New Ipsos polling finds that few people are confident that Americans will reconcile their differences in the next five years.

Washington, DC, April 22, 2022 – A new Ipsos poll finds that few Americans feel they have anything in common with people of different races or party affiliations. This sentiment has largely held constant since tracking began in December of last year. At the same time, many people have had a meal in the past year with people of different races or party affiliations, something that has also remained stable over the past four months. While that is true, there are significant difference by race when the data is cut further. Taken together, few are confident that Americans will come together in the next five years and resolve their differences.

Detailed Findings:

Few feel they have anything in common with people of different races or party affiliations.

- One in four people feel they have nothing in common with Republicans (24%) and Democrats (24%).

While a majority of Americans have had a meal within the past year with people of different races and party affiliations, there are significant differences by race when cutting the data further.

- Three quarters (75%) of Americans report having a meal with a white person in the last six months, under half report having a meal with either a Black (44%) or Hispanic (40%) over the same period.
- Likewise, only half of Americans (51%) report having a meal with a Democrat and just under half (48%) shared a meal with a Republican over the last six months.
- Notably, about one in three people had a meal more than a year ago or have never had a meal with a Black or Hispanic person.
- Only one in ten Americans have had a meal more than a year ago or have never had a meal with a white person. The larger share of white Americans in the sample, which is representative of the U.S. population, largely drives this gap.

These are the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between April 11-12, 2022. For this survey, a sample of 1,005 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.8 percentage points for all respondents.



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For full results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire:

Full Annotated Questionnaire

		April 2022	March 2022	February 2022	December 2021
1. With which political party do you most identify? Summary	Strong Democrat	14%	16%	17%	20%
	Moderate Democrat	16%	15%	15%	16%
	Lean Democrat	7%	7%	6%	9%
	Lean Republican	6%	6%	8%	8%
	Moderate Republican	15%	15%	15%	13%
	Strong Republican	13%	14%	12%	15%
	Independent	19%	19%	19%	12%
	None of these	6%	6%	7%	5%
	DK	1%	2%	1%	2%
	Total	1005	1005	1005	4407
2. With which political party do you most identify? Detailed	Democrat	38%	38%	38%	45%
	Republican	35%	35%	35%	36%
	Independent	19%	19%	19%	12%
	None/DK	8%	8%	8%	7%
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31_1. [White] How much, if anything, do you think you have in common with Americans who identify as...	A lot	45%	43%	44%	39%
	Some	31%	30%	29%	26%
	A little	10%	14%	13%	18%
	Nothing	8%	6%	6%	10%
	Not sure	7%	7%	8%	7%
	Total	1005	1005	1005	4407
31_2. [Black] How much, if anything, do you think you have in common with Americans who identify as...	A lot	17%	21%	21%	18%
	Some	31%	31%	30%	27%
	A little	25%	21%	24%	28%
	Nothing	17%	18%	16%	19%
	Not sure	10%	10%	9%	9%
	Total	1005	1005	1005	4407
31_3. [Hispanic] How much, if anything, do you think you have in common with Americans who identify as...	A lot	14%	16%	20%	16%
	Some	33%	31%	28%	26%
	A little	22%	26%	24%	28%
	Nothing	20%	17%	18%	20%
	Not sure	11%	10%	10%	10%
	Total	1005	1005	1005	4407
31_4. [Asian] How much, if anything, do you think you have in common with Americans who identify as...	A lot	10%	12%	11%	11%
	Some	32%	27%	29%	24%
	A little	24%	26%	27%	29%
	Nothing	22%	23%	22%	25%
	Not sure	13%	13%	11%	11%
	Total	1005	1005	1005	4407
31_5. [Democrats] How much, if anything, do you think you have in common with Americans who identify as...	A lot	20%	21%	21%	20%
	Some	24%	26%	27%	24%
	A little	23%	24%	24%	25%
	Nothing	24%	20%	18%	23%
	Not sure	9%	10%	10%	9%
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31_6. [Republicans] How much, if anything, do you think you have in common with Americans who identify as...	A lot	18%	18%	19%	18%
	Some	27%	27%	24%	21%
	A little	22%	25%	25%	24%
	Nothing	24%	20%	22%	27%
	Not sure	10%	10%	10%	9%
	Total	1005	1005	1005	4407
31_7. [Evangelical Christian] How much, if anything, do you think you have in common with Americans who identify as...	A lot	14%	17%	16%	15%
	Some	20%	22%	20%	18%
	A little	22%	18%	20%	24%
	Nothing	29%	31%	29%	31%
	Not sure	15%	13%	15%	12%
	Total	1005	1005	1005	4407
31_8. [Agnostic/Non-religious] How much, if anything, do you think you have in common with Americans who identify as...	A lot	17%	17%	16%	13%
	Some	23%	25%	23%	20%
	A little	21%	21%	20%	25%
	Nothing	27%	25%	27%	30%
	Not sure	12%	13%	14%	12%
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		April 2022	March 2022	February 2022	December 2021
32_1. [White] When was the last time you shared a meal with someone who is...	In the last month	67%	61%	68%	66%
	In the last six months	8%	13%	6%	8%
	In the last year	7%	7%	7%	7%
	A year ago or more	7%	8%	6%	7%
	Never	4%	4%	5%	5%
	Not sure	7%	7%	8%	8%
	Total	1005	1005	1005	4407
32_2. [Black] When was the last time you shared a meal with someone who is...	In the last month	28%	30%	31%	32%
	In the last six months	16%	14%	17%	17%
	In the last year	11%	12%	10%	12%
	A year ago or more	23%	23%	20%	19%
	Never	9%	8%	9%	8%
	Not sure	13%	13%	13%	11%
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32_3. [Hispanic] When was the last time you shared a meal with someone who is...	In the last month	26%	27%	31%	32%
	In the last six months	14%	18%	13%	15%
	In the last year	12%	10%	11%	11%
	A year ago or more	21%	20%	16%	17%
	Never	12%	10%	14%	12%
	Not sure	16%	15%	16%	13%
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32_4. [Asian] When was the last time you shared a meal with someone who is...	In the last month	17%	16%	17%	19%
	In the last six months	15%	13%	14%	14%
	In the last year	11%	10%	11%	13%
	A year ago or more	22%	23%	20%	20%
	Never	19%	20%	20%	18%
	Not sure	17%	19%	19%	16%
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32_5. [Democrats] When was the last time you shared a meal with someone who is...	In the last month	39%	37%	42%	44%
	In the last six months	12%	14%	10%	12%
	In the last year	8%	9%	8%	7%
	A year ago or more	7%	7%	6%	8%
	Never	9%	7%	9%	9%
	Not sure	25%	25%	25%	20%
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32_6. [Republicans] When was the last time you shared a meal with someone who is...	In the last month	36%	35%	37%	38%
	In the last six months	12%	12%	11%	12%
	In the last year	8%	10%	7%	8%
	A year ago or more	9%	8%	9%	9%
	Never	11%	10%	11%	12%
	Not sure	24%	26%	25%	20%
	Total	1005	1005	1005	4407
32_7. [Evangelical Christian] When was the last time you shared a meal with someone who is...	In the last month	36%	35%	37%	24%
	In the last six months	12%	12%	11%	11%
	In the last year	8%	10%	7%	8%
	A year ago or more	9%	8%	9%	12%
	Never	11%	10%	11%	18%
	Not sure	24%	26%	25%	27%
	Total	1005	1005	1005	4407
32_8. [Agnostic/Non- religious] When was the last time you shared a meal with someone who is...	In the last month	24%	21%	24%	25%
	In the last six months	10%	11%	8%	11%
	In the last year	8%	11%	7%	9%
	A year ago or more	9%	11%	9%	10%
	Never	15%	13%	17%	16%
	Not sure	34%	33%	35%	28%
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33. How confident are you, if at all, that Americans will reconcile our differences in the next five years?	Very confident	8%	10%	8%	9%
	Somewhat confident	16%	19%	16%	14%
	A little confident	25%	25%	26%	24%
	Not at all confident	41%	36%	37%	43%
	Not sure	11%	9%	12%	10%
	Total	1005	1005	1005	4407
34. How confident are you, if at all, that Americans will reconcile our differences in the next five years? - Summary	Total Confident	24%	29%	25%	23%
	Total Not Confident	66%	62%	63%	67%
	Not Sure	11%	9%	12%	10%
	Total	1005	1005	1005	4407

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		April 2022	March 2022	February 2022	December 2021
35_1. [People with opposing political views don't share my values] Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following	Strongly agree	15%	12%	13%	16%
	Somewhat agree	29%	31%	29%	29%
	Somewhat disagree	30%	30%	29%	28%
	Strongly disagree	11%	12%	11%	12%
	Not sure	15%	14%	17%	15%
	Total	1005	1005	1005	4407
35_1. [People with opposing political views don't share my values] Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following - Summary	Total Agree	44%	43%	43%	45%
	Total Disagree	41%	42%	40%	40%
	Not sure	15%	14%	17%	15%
	Total	1005	1005	1005	4407
35_2. [People from different racial or religious backgrounds don't share my values] Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following	Strongly agree	9%	8%	8%	9%
	Somewhat agree	18%	19%	20%	21%
	Somewhat disagree	36%	32%	33%	32%
	Strongly disagree	22%	28%	25%	26%
	Not sure	15%	13%	15%	12%
	Total	1005	1005	1005	4407
35_2. [People from different racial or religious backgrounds don't share my values] Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following - Summary	Total Agree	27%	27%	27%	30%
	Total Disagree	58%	60%	58%	58%
	Not sure	15%	13%	15%	12%
	Total	1005	1005	1005	4407



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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between April 11-12, 2022. For this survey, a sample of 1,005 Americans age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii were interviewed online in English. The sample includes 444 Democrats, 369 Republicans, and 130 independents. Weighting was then employed to balance demographics to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within ± 3.8 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all Americans been polled. The credibility interval will be wider among subsets of the population. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. The poll also has a credibility interval of ± 5.7 percentage points for Democrats, ± 6.2 percentage points for Republicans, and ± 10.5 percentage points for independents.

These questions were trended with findings from Ipsos polling conducted between March 14-15, 2022, February 14-15, 2022, and December 13-17, 2021. A sample of 1,005 Americans were interviewed online in English for the March and February waves, while a sample of 4,407 Americans were interviewed for the December survey. All interviews were conducted online in English among Americans age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii. The credibility intervals are ± 3.8 percentage points for the March and February waves, while the credibility interval for the December wave is ± 1.7 percentage points.

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