38% of voters believe American society is fair and decent

June 23, 2020: Just 38% of voters nationwide believe our society is generally fair and decent. A Scott Rasmussen national survey found that nearly half (47%) believe our society is unfair and discriminatory.[1]

These numbers reflect a dramatic change from the first time Scott asked that question back in the 1990s. In those days, voters routinely said society was generally fair and decent by roughly a 2-to-1 margin.

The current numbers show a significant partisan divide. Sixty-two percent (62%) of Republicans say our society is fair and decent while 69% of Democrats take the opposite view. By a 45% to 31% margin, independent voters agree with the Democrats.[1]

Not surprisingly, there is also a big racial divide on this question. White voters are evenly divided while 77% of Black voters say our society is unfair and discriminatory. Forty-nine percent (49%) of Hispanic voters agree.[1]

Other data from the survey found that 76% of voters believe most Americans want to live in a society where white and Black Americans are treated equally. Thirteen percent (13%) believe that's not true and 11% aren't sure.[1]

Twenty-three percent (23%) of Black voters don't believe that most Americans want racial equality.[1]

The survey also found that just 49% of all voters believe most Republicans favor racial equality. Thirty-three percent (33%) disagree.[1]

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