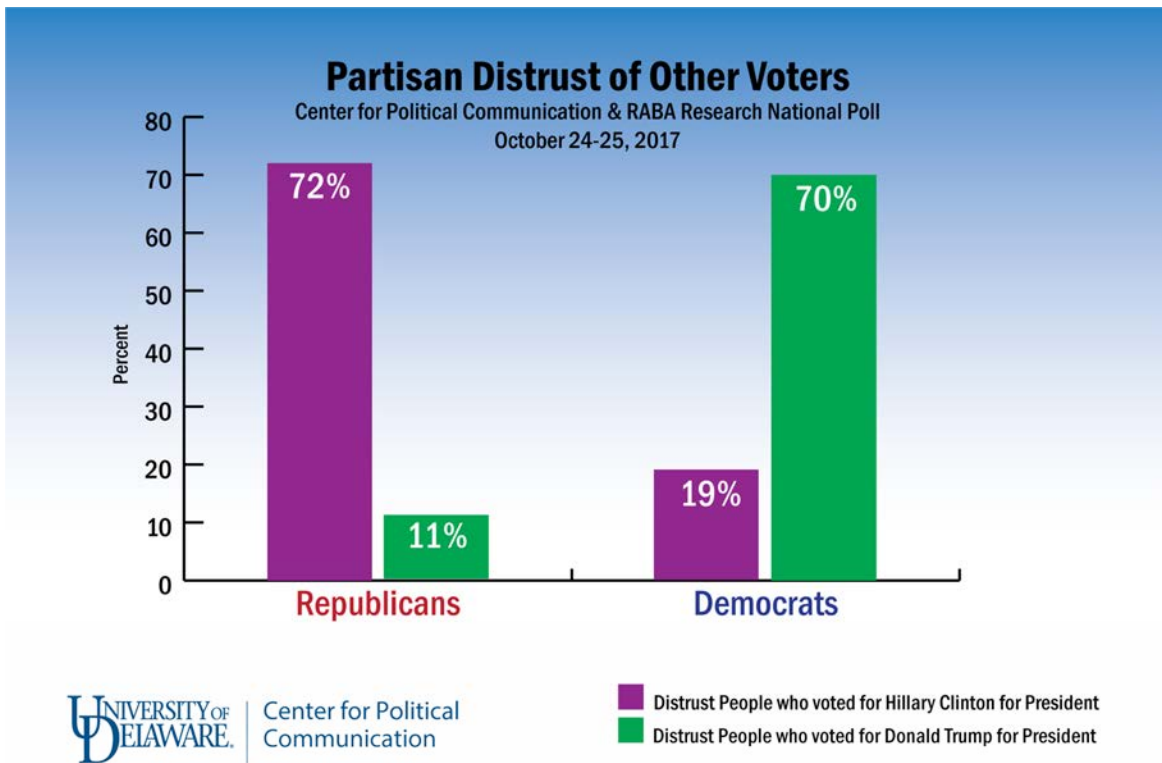**A Nation Divided:**
New national poll shows Americans distrust Congress, the media, Hollywood,
and even other voters in the U.S.

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In the second nationwide poll conducted for the University of Delaware's Center for Political Communication (CPC) exploring the divides facing Americans today, a large majority of respondents carry a deep level of distrust for virtually every governing, media and political institution in America.

In a list of questions gauging which American institutions are trusted, only the military gained a positive rating with 72% trusting and just 13% not.

Members of Congress unsurprisingly showed high levels of distrust; 44% of respondents reported they distrust Republicans in Congress, with 55% distrusting

Democrats in Congress. But the rift runs beyond elected officials with only 37% of respondents trusting "people who voted for Hillary Clinton" and 37% trusting "people who voted for Donald Trump."

Scoring rock-bottom are the media, with only 20% reporting they trust them, followed by the Hollywood industry with only 16%.

The survey shows that 45% of all respondents distrust "those who voted for Hillary Clinton for President" and 39% distrust "those who voted for Donald Trump for President." However, when broken out by party affiliation, the divide is extreme with 72% of self-identified Republicans distrusting those who voted for Clinton, and 70% of Democrats distrusting those who voted for Trump.

Trend lines are leaning toward increasing skepticism and distrust of what were once respected institutions as we witness a distinct tribalism becoming the new norm in American politics.

This poll was conducted in conjunction with the University of Delaware's National Agenda speaker series, hosted by the CPC and now in its seventh year, brings nationally known speakers to campus. This year's theme, "As We Stand | Divided," explores religious, political, cultural and other divides in the United States. The series continues on November 1 with "Political Divides: Past and Present," featuring former Michigan Congressman David Bonior and former Delaware Governor and Congressman Mike Castle. Visit cpc.udel.edu/nationalagenda for more information.

The fall speaker series is free and open to the community and takes place at the historic Mitchell Hall on the University of Delaware's Newark campus. It is made possible with support from the University of Delaware Office of the Provost.

METHODOLOGY Interviews of 725 voters were conducted October 24-25, 2017, via automated phone survey. The results were weighted to ensure proportional response. Margin of error for these results is +/- 3.6%. For questions on methodology, please email: info@rabaresearch.com or call (515) 491-2722.

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NATIONAL SURVEY RESULTS
A Survey of Voters
October 27, 2017

1. First, do you consider yourself more a Republican, a Democrat, or something else?

	Total
Republican	33%
Democrat	36%
Something else	31%

2. [REPUBLICANS ONLY] In general, do you view Democrats as being more "US" or "THEM?"

	Total
Us	15%
Them	66%
Not sure	19%

3. [DEMOCRATS ONLY] In general, do you view Republicans as being more "US" or "THEM?"

	Total
Us	7%
Them	63%
Not sure	30%

4. In general, do you believe that Congress should be more conservative, more liberal, or more moderate?

	Total
Conservative	34%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	34%
Not sure	16%

5. Do you believe that even the most provocative voices from the extremes of the political spectrum should be allowed to freely express their opinions and form groups on college campuses?

	Total
Yes	38%
No	31%
Not sure	31%

Thanks. Now I am going to read you a list of different groups of people in the U.S. Please tell me whether you trust or distrust each one.

	Trust	Distrust	Not sure
6. Republicans in Congress	33%	44%	23%
7. Democrats in Congress	28%	55%	17%
8. People who voted for Hillary Clinton for President	37%	43%	20%
9. People who voted for Donald Trump for President	38%	41%	21%
10. The military	72%	13%	15%
11. Religious leaders	44%	33%	23%
12. The Hollywood industry	16%	62%	22%
13. The media	20%	61%	19%

14. Do you believe colleges and universities should provide places where students can go to avoid certain controversial topics of discussion?

	Total
Yes	33%
No	32%
Do not care about this issue	10%
Not sure	25%

15. For statistical purposes only, what is your race?

	Total
African-American	8%
White	60%
Hispanic	12%
Asian	3%
Prefer not to say	17%

16. What is your gender?

	Total
Female	52%
Male	48%

17. Do you have a college degree?

	Total
Yes	30%
No	70%

18. What is your age?

	Total
18-29	20%
30-44	23%
45-64	31%
65+	14%
Unknown	12%