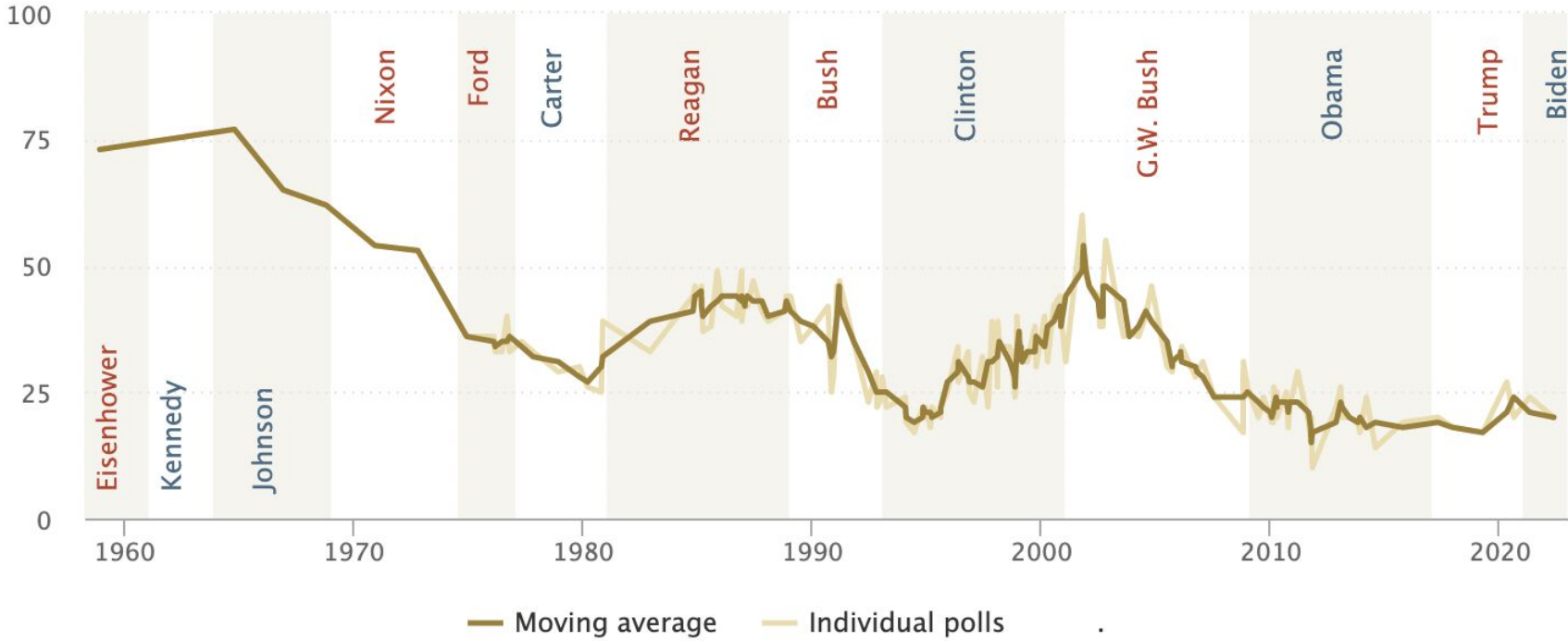


Courthouse Civility



Trust in Government

% who say they trust the government to do what is right just about always/most of the time



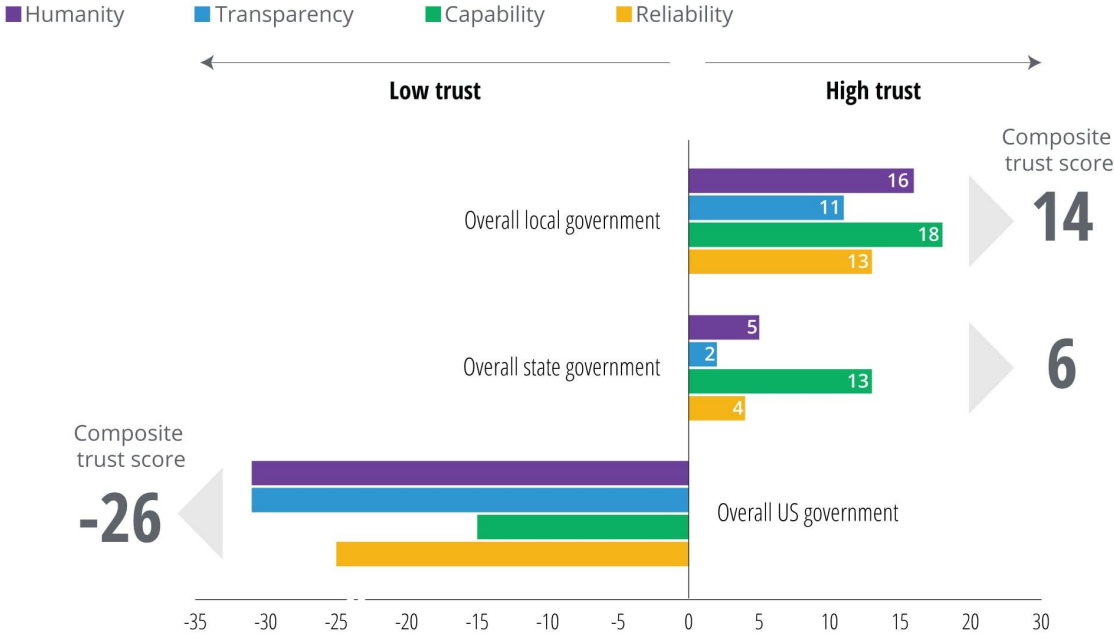
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Trust in Levels of Government

FIGURE 2
Local governments are the most trusted among the surveyed respondents



Note: The score for overall US government is based on the Deloitte federal trust survey conducted in November 2020 and taken from William D. Eggers et al., *Rebuilding trust in government: Four signals that can help improve citizen trust and engagement*, Deloitte Insights, March 9, 2021.
 Source: Deloitte analysis.

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Harassment and Local Government

FIGURE 2. More than 8 in 10 surveyed local officials reported experiencing harassment, threats and violence

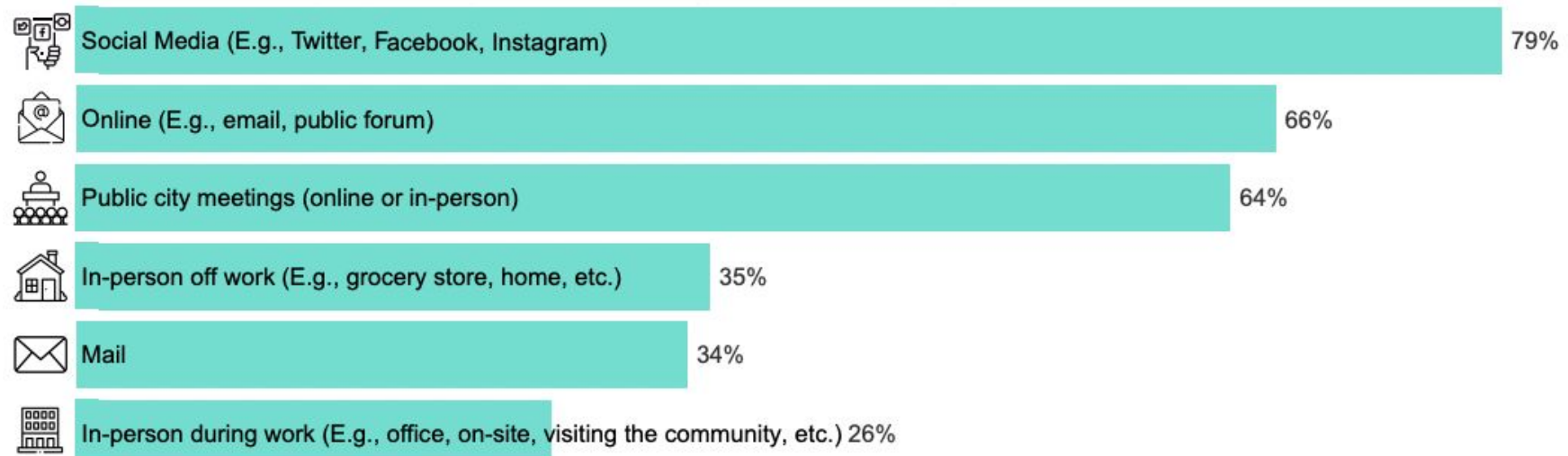


FIGURE 3. A vast majority of surveyed local officials have noticed changes in the levels of harassment, threats and violence during their time in office



Where Harassment Occurs

FIGURE 4. Local officials cited social media most commonly regarding where they experience incidences of harassment, threats and violence



Surveyed local officials' response to where they have experienced harassment, threats and violence.

Social Media as News Source

FIGURE 6. About half of Americans get news on social media at least sometimes

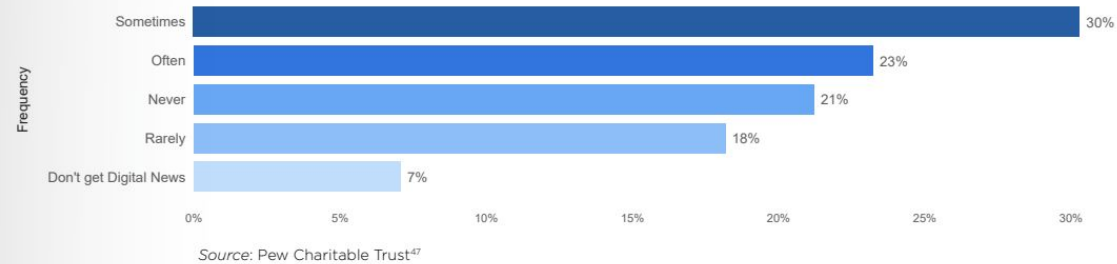
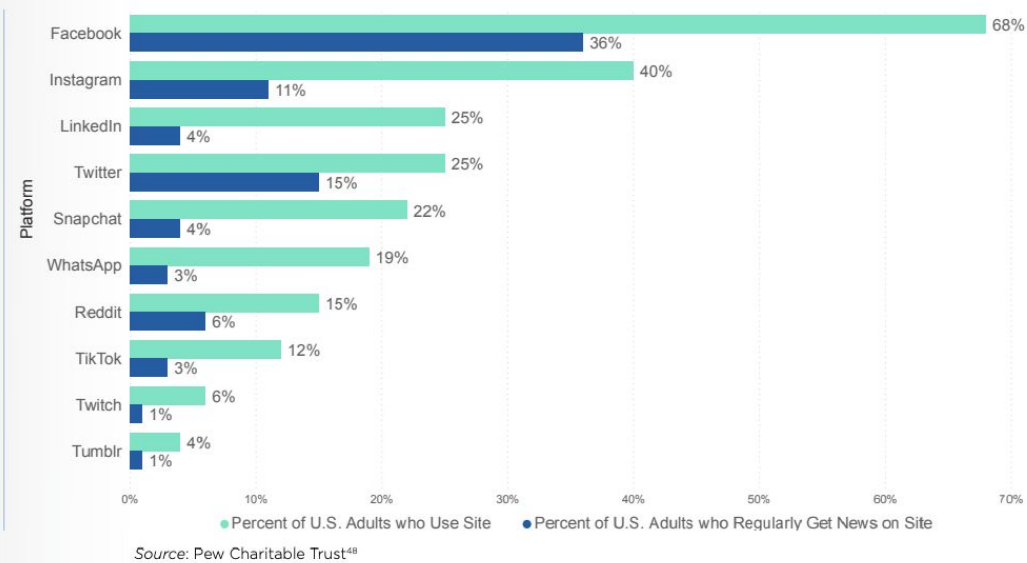


FIGURE 7. Facebook stands out as a regular source of news for Americans



County Responsibility vs Authority

- Three county commissioners
- Six independently elected “row” officers
- Responsibility vs. Authority
- “Intra” county relationships
- “Inter” county relationships
 - There are only 132 people in Idaho who know what it’s like to be a county commissioner
 - There are only 44 people in Idaho who know what it’s like to be a county row officer for each county office



A Very Bad Example: *Crooks v Maynard*

- The players
 - John H. Maynard, Second District Judge
 - Donna Crooks, Nez Perce County Clerk
- The issue:
 - Disagreement over who appoints court clerks
 - Maynard did not like who Crooks appointed as court clerk
 - Maynard issues administrative order precluding Crooks from entering court chambers
 - Crooks defies order and is arrested
 - Case goes all the way to Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

- The outcome:

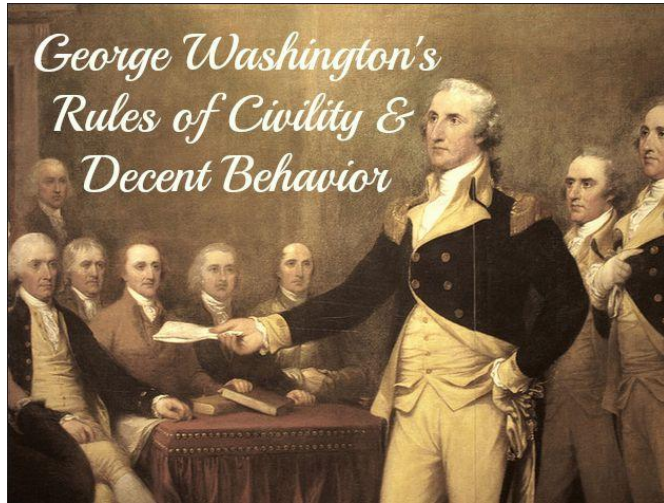
“The court notes that since this suit was filed, both Judge Maynard and Clerk Crooks have been voted out of office. Ultimately the ballot box is the preferred place to resolve disputes such as that which gave rise to this suit.”



What Works

- Openness/transparency
- Regular communication
- Its ok to disagree, its not ok to be disagreeable
- Positive public engagement

George Washington's Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior



1. Every action done in company ought to be done with some sign of respect.
9. Being to advise or reprehend any one, consider whether it ought to be in public or in private, and presently or at some other time; in what terms to do it; and in reproving show no signs of color but do it with all sweetness and mildness.
12. Be not hasty to believe flying reports to the disparagement of any.
20. Be friendly and courteous.
24. Think before you speak, pronounce not imperfectly, nor bring out your words too hastily, but orderly and distinctly
25. When another speaks, be attentive yourself and disturb not the audience. If any hesitate in his words, help him not nor prompt him without desired. Interrupt him not, nor answer him till his speech be ended.
32. Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience.