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Social Isolation to Political Domination

Written by Charles Nichols

What, is the purpose of this study

- To be a survey.
- To study the political relationship of Covid-19 and College Students



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Covid - 19

- Social Lockdowns
- Political Participation
 - Most people just don't care
 - Only 54% of eligible voters participated in 2016
- Everything was dictated
 - Where to go
 - When you can go
 - If you can even work
- Everyone was put at economic risk
- Resulting in the highest participation in the 2022 election at 66%
 - The highest since 1900

What does this do to a College Student?

- College students are at risk naturally
 - Loans
 - Entry Level positions
 - Reduced viable work hours due to schooling
- First exposure to politics
 - A highly volatile time
- People still remember the 08 Swine Flu
 - College students don't





A brief historical retrospective

- I mention two specific events in our past
 - 9/11
 - Pearl Harbor
- Two of the most defining events in our history, ones that have weighed in the minds of citizens for decades

Pearl Harbor

- Prior to the event we were isolationist
 - Only 16% wanted war
- After the event it all changed,
 - 91% of Americans voted for war
- Republican Warhawks swept through Congress
 - Democrats lost 45 seats in the House of Representatives,
 - 9 in the Senate
- It was the start of our entry into the world of politics
 - Today we are considered “the worlds police”
 - Not a corner of the world or conflict goes by without us being involved or observing
 - A far departure of our original status as the isolationists of both World Wars late to the party



9/11

- We all know the story
- After the event
 - Republicans seized control of Congress
- Many states governments turned Republican in a break with tradition
 - Texas, first time since 1873
 - Georgia, since 1873
 - Missouri 1955
- Arkansas eventually changed just a few years later





The purpose of this study

- The world is changing
 - A new event
 - New ideas
 - A new paradigm
- Identify the political drift of students
 - Identify the breaking of trends
 - Identify the new trends
- But, how, do we identify the new trends

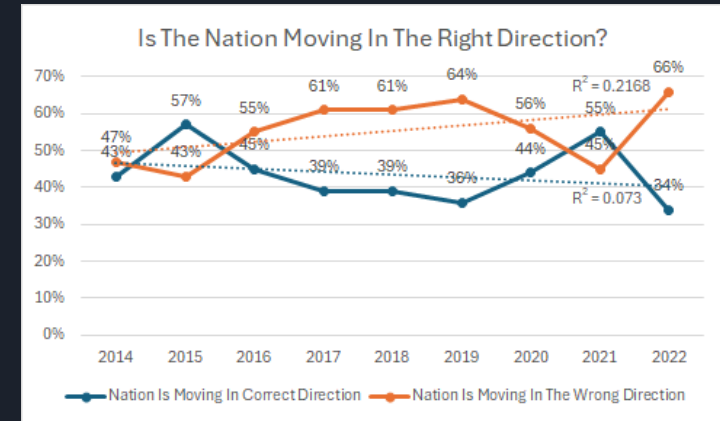
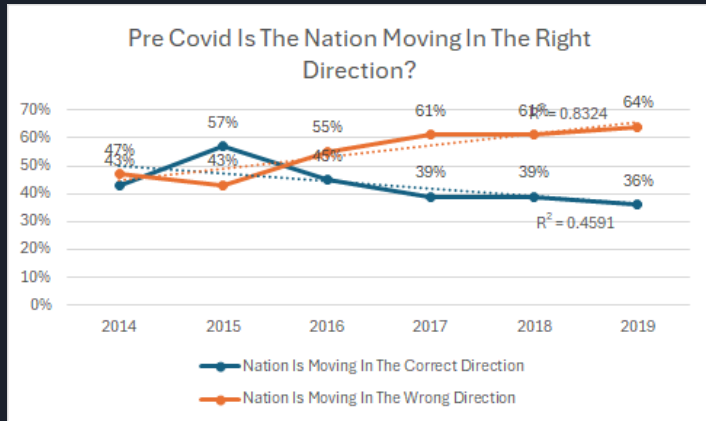


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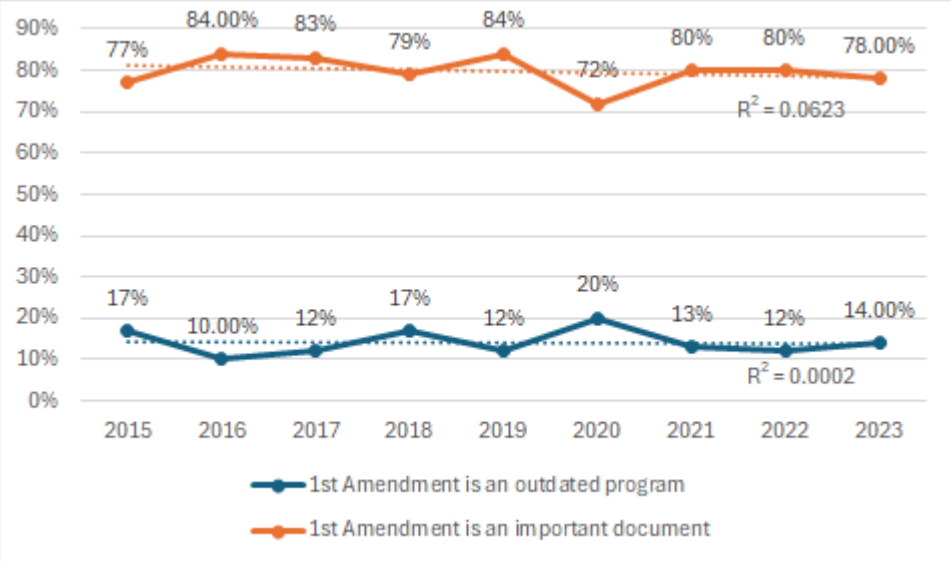
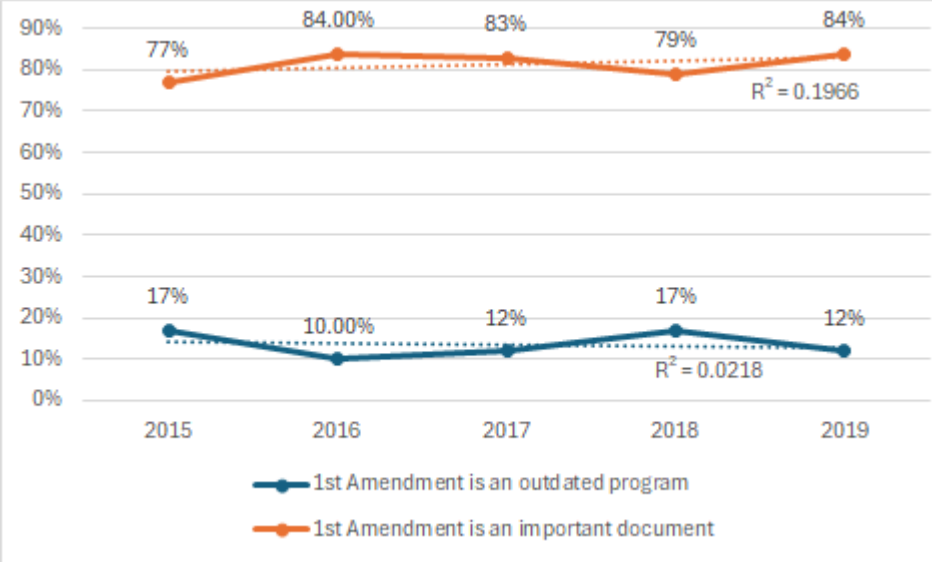
- A simple test based upon a line of best fit
- Use the R squared value, to determine if there was a trend
- Then observe the trend line if it broke or not when post 2019 data is integrated

“Is The Nation Moving In the Right Direction”

- A social question based upon a person's thoughts
- With the integration people were happier
 - But it dropped off



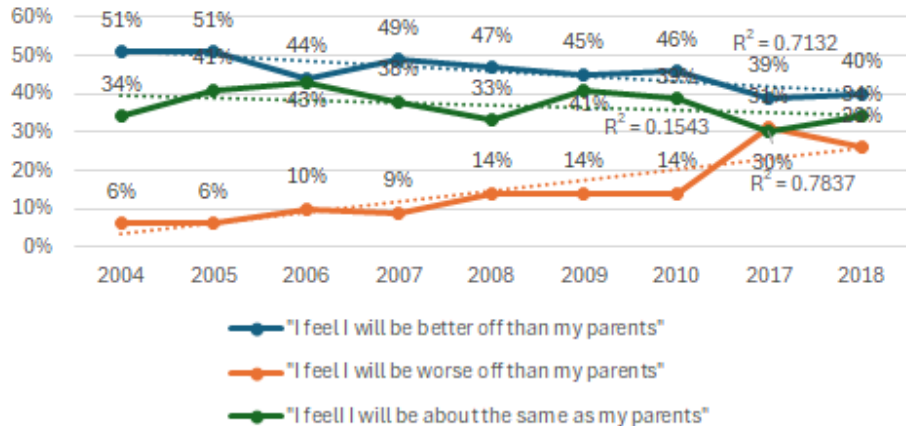
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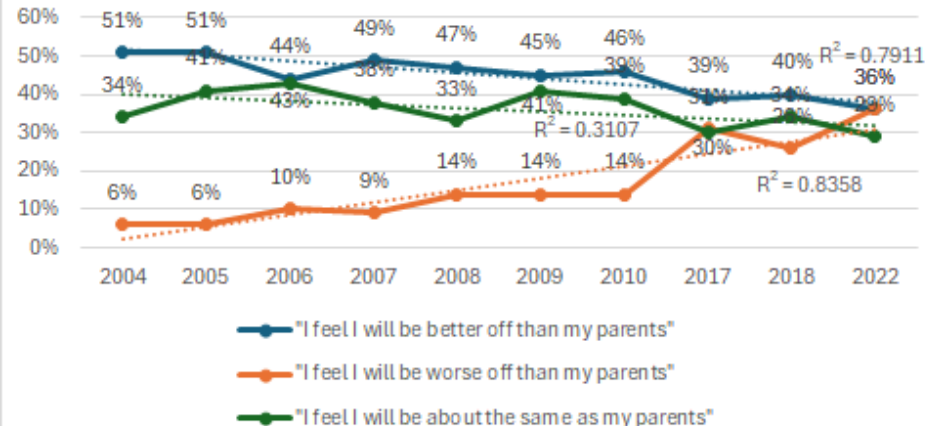
“How Do You Compare To Your Parents”

- But not all show this change

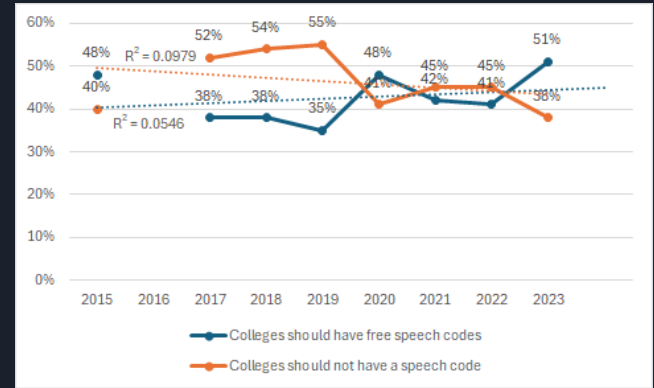
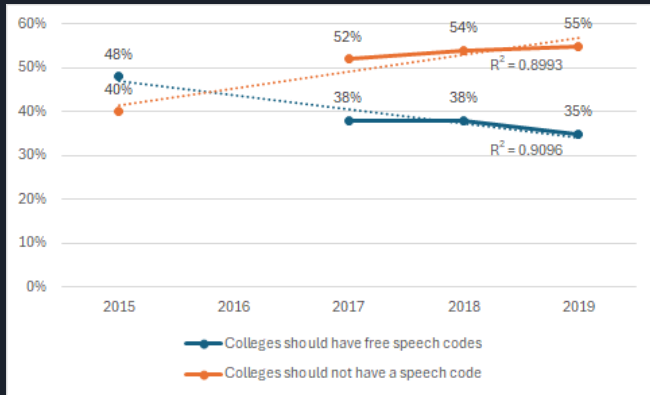
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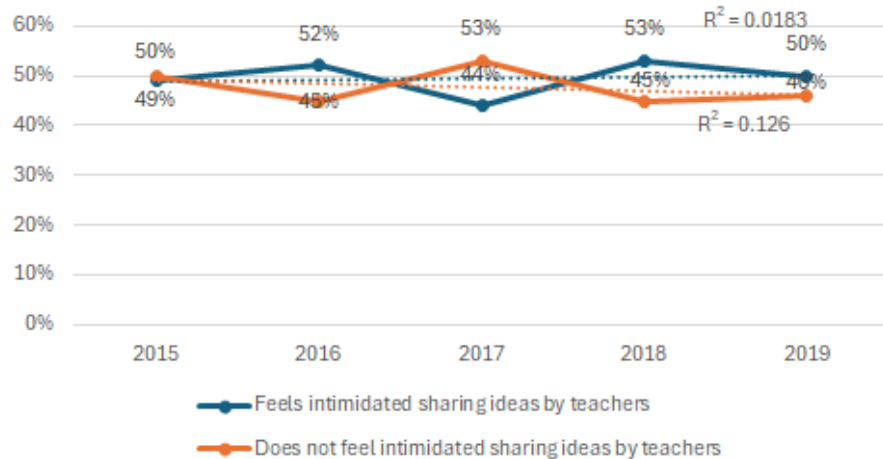


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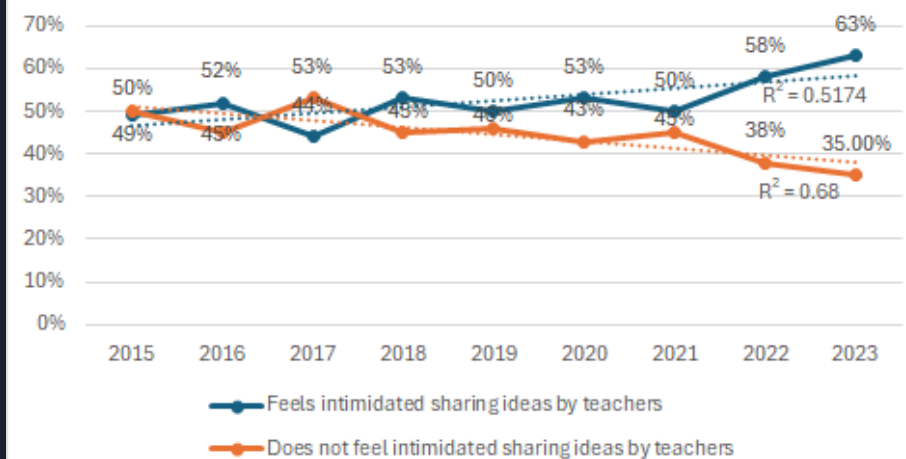


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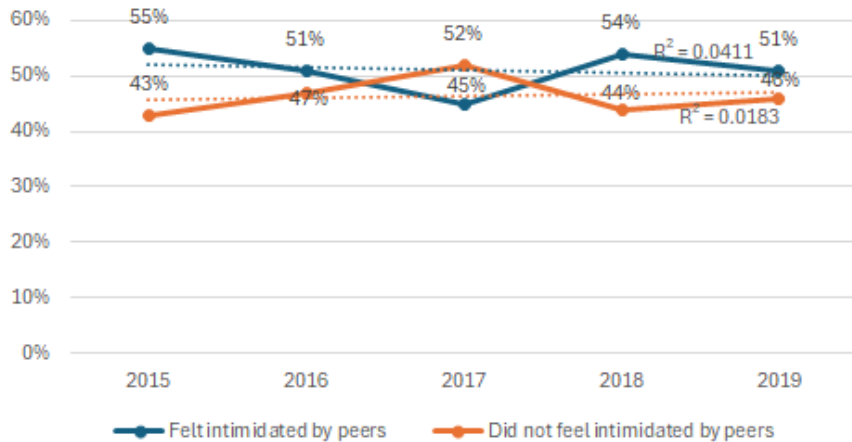


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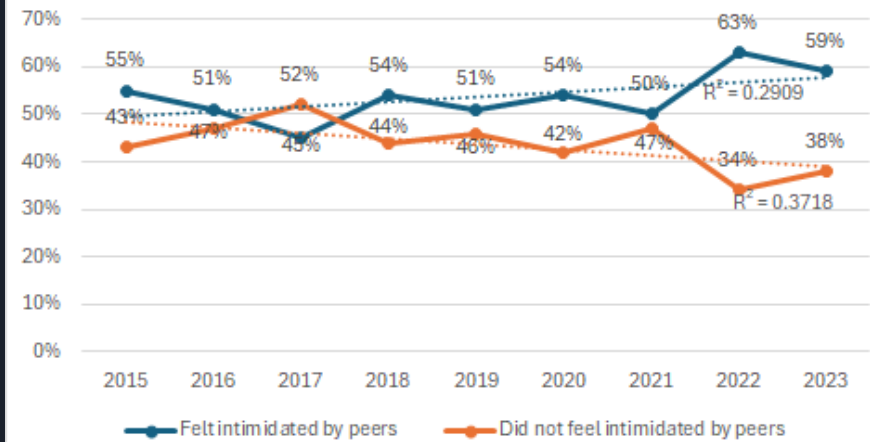


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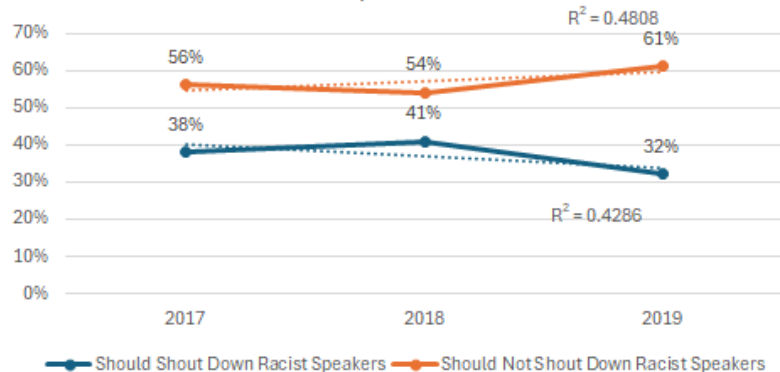
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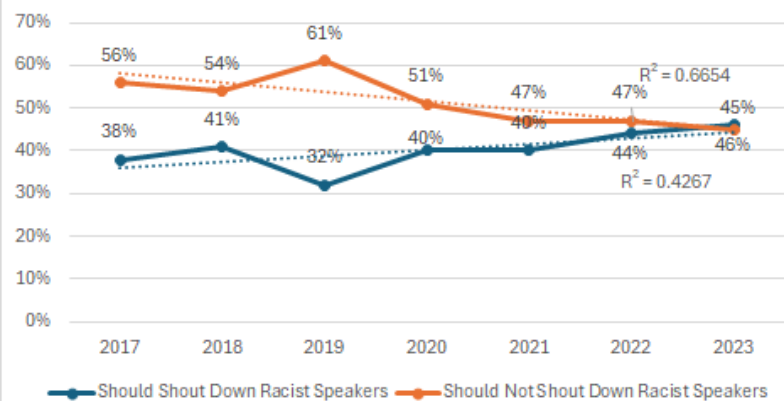
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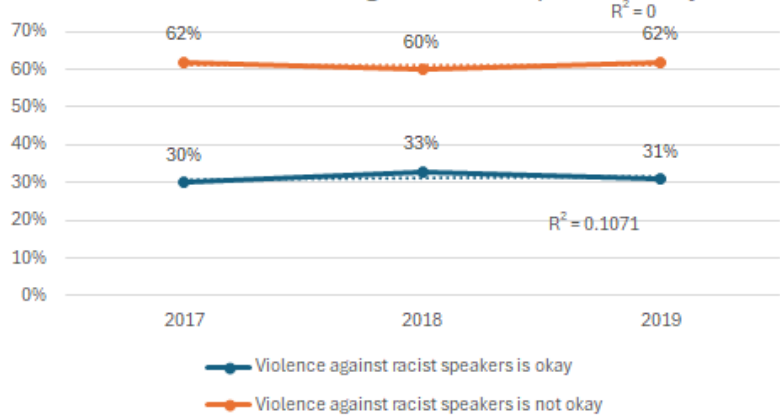
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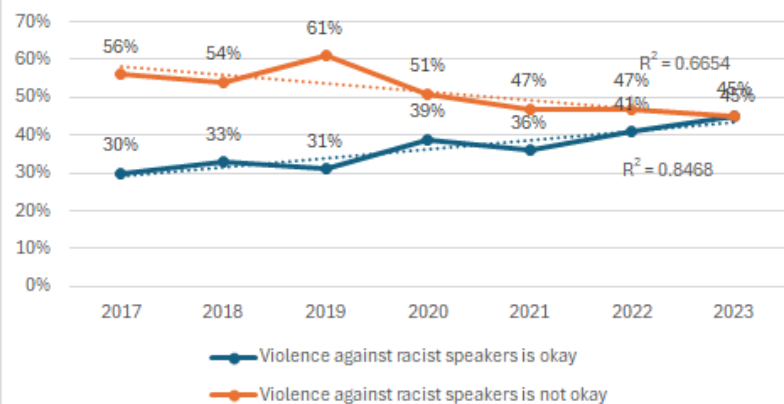
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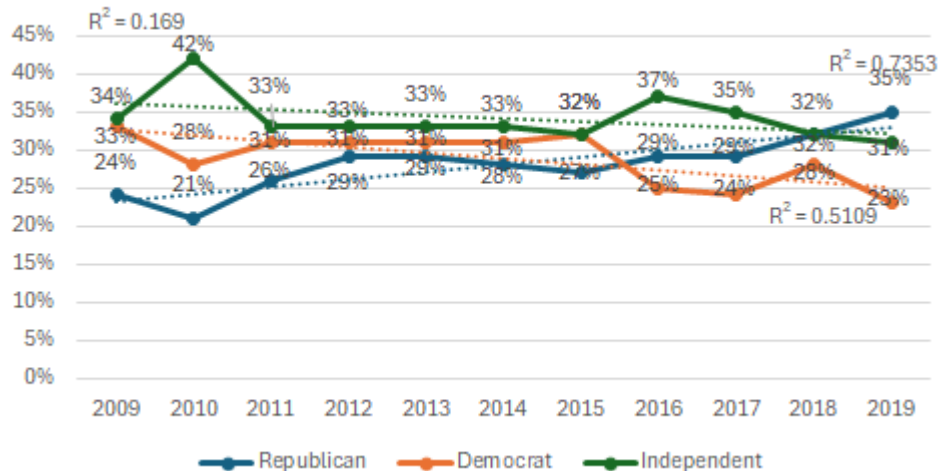
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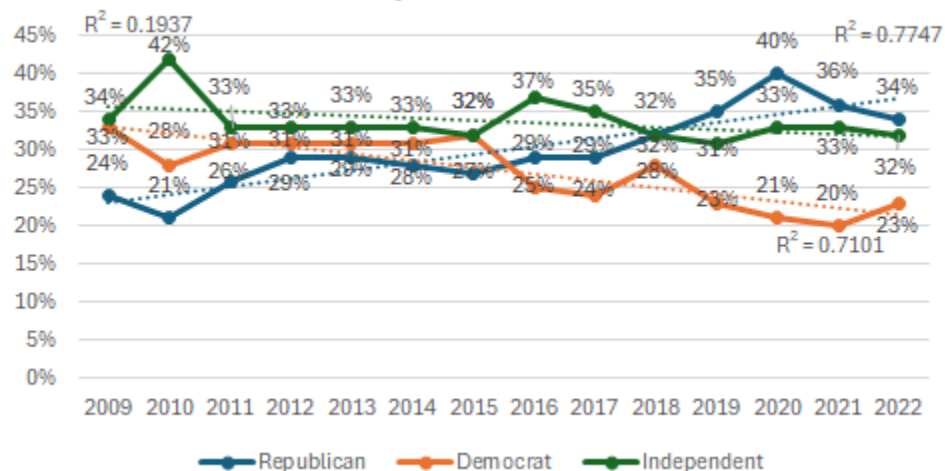
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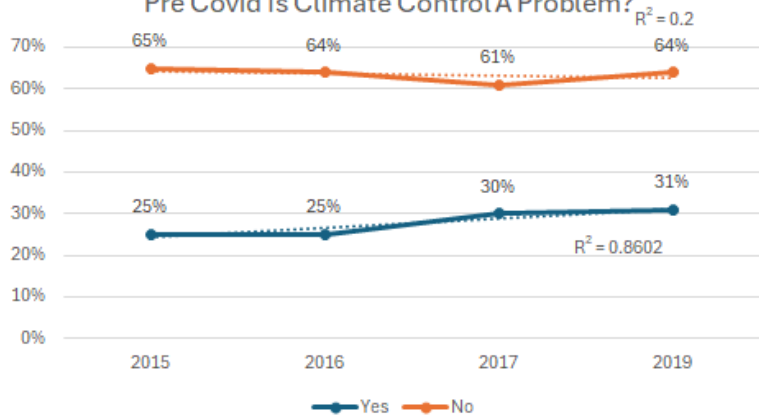
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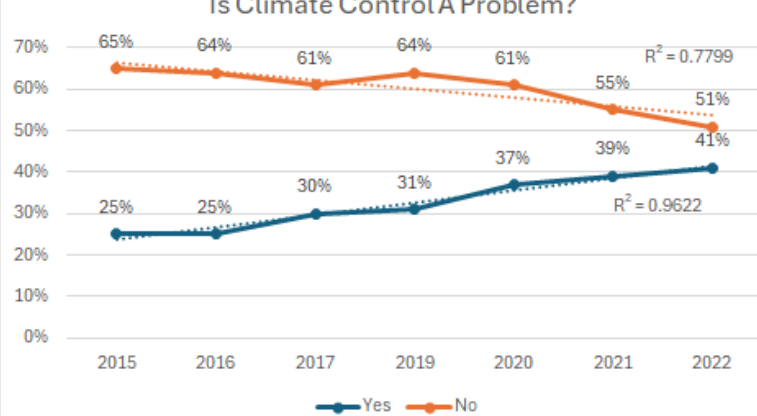
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Pre Covid Is Climate Control A Problem?



Is Climate Control A Problem?





Summary Of Findings

- People havent changed vocally
- People still identify with the same parties
- People still identify with the same problems
- But their view of things have changed
 - Violence against users is up
 - Shouting people down is up
- This isnt a political revolution, this is pessimism



That's All Folks

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