

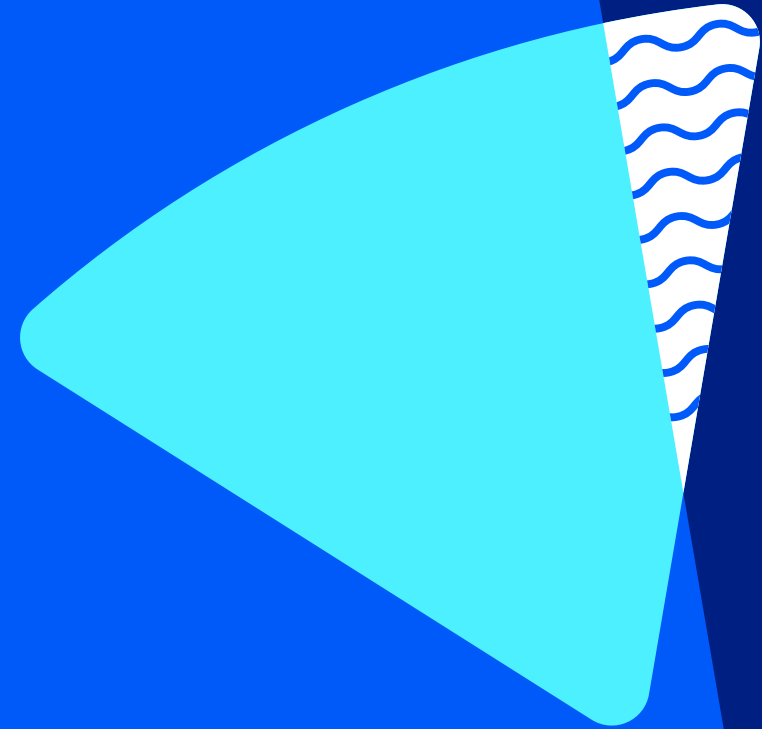


Building Common Ground Survey

How Americans view connecting and collaborating across differences
October 2025

About this study

- This survey was conducted by Hattaway Communications from Sept. 30 – Oct. 8, 2025 to better understand how Americans think about connecting and collaborating across differences and the role that foundations should play.
- 1,000 American adults—nationally representative by age, gender, race/ethnicity, and region—were recruited and completed the surveyed online.
- Respondents answered questions on their aspirations and concerns for America, attitudes towards foundations, attitudes towards work to collaborate across differences, and opinion on the role foundations should play in this work.



Americans desire unity and collaboration



93% believe

people collaborate across differences to *work together to solve hard problems*

A strong majority agree:

"To make a difference in the world, you need to be able to *work with people you disagree with.*"

More than 75%

remain *optimistic about the future*, despite polarization

Less than 25%

strongly believe the U.S. is hopelessly divided

Peace and unity rise to the top of Americans' hopes for the future



"Think about what you want for the future of America. What is the first thing that comes to mind?"

"For everyone to remember [their] **human decency** and **live in peace**." —Woman, 45-54, White, Democrat

"I want everyone to get along and for **politics to stop being so polarizing in our lives**." —Woman, 25-34, White, Independent

"**Peace and prosperity** for all Americans." —Man, 65-74, White, Republican

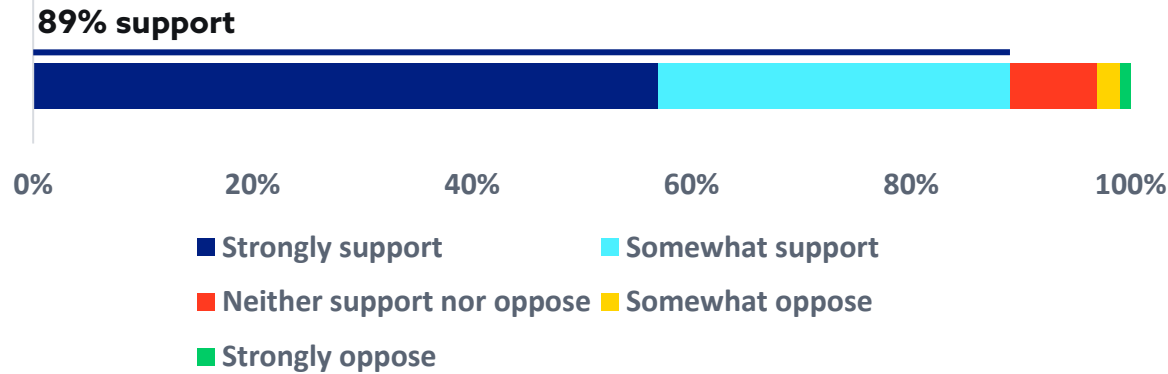
"A future with **unity, opportunities, and fairness** for everyone" —Man, 35-44, Black/African-American, Democrat

"**Unity, progress, peace**, happiness, success, upward mobility" —Woman, 25-34, Asian/Asian-American, Democrat

Nearly 9 in 10 Americans support work to collaborate across differences



Q. How much do you support or oppose work to collaborate across differences?



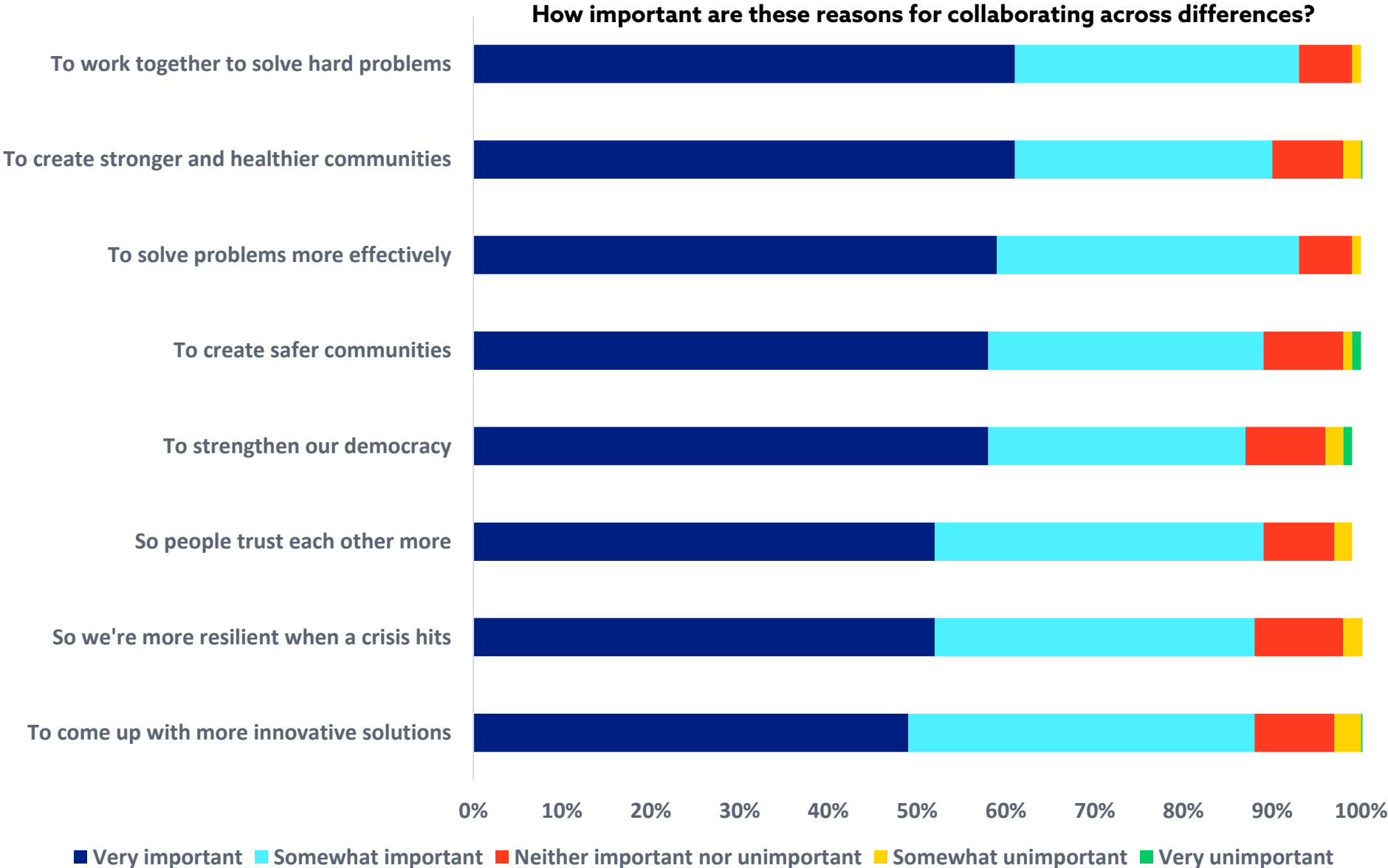
Support includes:

92% of Democrats

85% of Independents

87% of Republicans

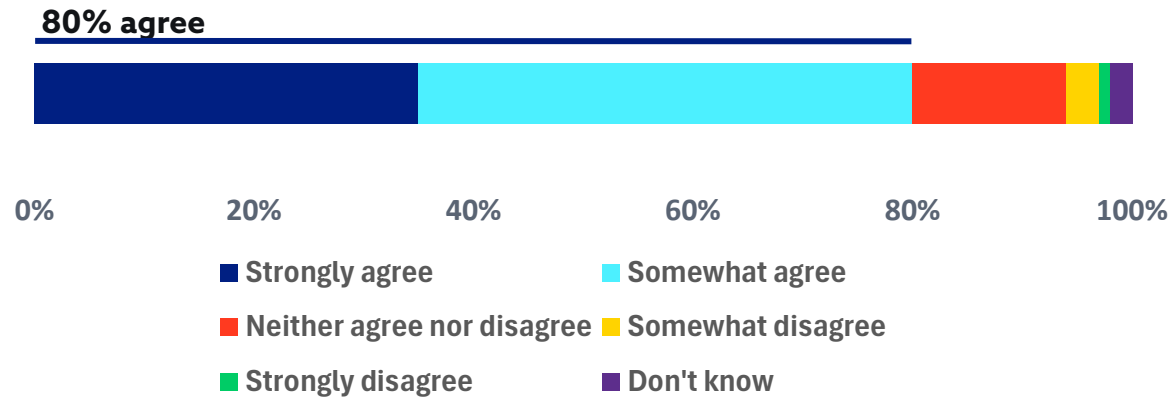
People believe collaboration across differences can solve problems



And 8 in 10 believe foundations should play an important role



Charitable foundations should play an important role in modeling and facilitating collaboration across differences



Support includes:

83% of Democrats

79% of Independents

75% of Republicans