

# Change

Change is no more likely when a 55 percent majority wants it than when only a 25 percent minority does – in either case, a policy change occurs about one quarter of the time.

Even more strikingly, when large majorities of Americans favor policy changes – when 70 or 80 percent want change – the get it less than half the time. ...

This finding means ... that we [Americans] are subject to dangerous policy “drift.” Government policies do not adapt to new realities.

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