

Decision making

Collective preferences tend to be solid. They tend to reflect the underlying needs and values of the whole body of citizens, in light of the best available information from experts and commentators. ... [An] important caveat is that collective opinion sometimes does not reflect the best available information because individuals' errors do not always "cancel out." This is particularly true if systemic misinformation is fed to many Americans at once and is not effectively contradicted. Examples include "fake news" transmitted by social media or ... presidents or ... executive branch officials who have a near monopoly on intelligence sources.

Benjamin Page and Martin Gilens,

© 2019 Kwiple.com