

Polarization

**I find this statistic shocking,
and perhaps you will, too:**

**In 1952, only 50 percent of voters
said they saw a big difference between
the Democratic and Republican Parties.**

By 1984, it was 62 percent.

In 2004, it was 76 percent.

By 2020, it was 90 percent.

**The yawning differences between the parties
have made swing voters not just an
endangered species, but a bizarre one.
How muddled must your beliefs about
politics be to shift regularly between
Republican and Democratic Parties
that agree on so little?**

Ezra Klein, New York Times, November 12, 2022