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In 2011, only 8 per cent of Americans believed “there are other countries that are better than the US”, according to the Pew Research Center.

But that proportion rose to 21 per cent in 2019, says Pew, and it is even higher – 36 per cent – among 18 to 29-year-olds (up from 12 per cent in 2011).

For young voters on the left, it rises to 47 per cent.

(The two surveys were conducted by different methods so might not be directly comparable.)

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