Survey Reveals Just How Many Americans Think Political Correctness Is 'A Big Problem' — Wow

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A recently released survey reveals the majority of Americans believe political correctness is "a big problem" in the United States.

According to the Cato Institute's new study — "The State of Free Speech and Tolerance in America" — 70 percent of Americans agreed with the following statement: "A big problem this country has is being politically correct."

In addition, 71 percent of Americans believe political correctness has only served to "silence important discussions" our society needs to have. And a staggering 58 percent of Americans said today's political climate leads them to self-censor their opinions and beliefs.

Only 28 percent of respondents believe political correctness "has done more to help people avoid offending others."

While, per Cato, liberals are "more likely than conservatives" to see a variety of political opinions as "offensive or hateful," they also feel more comfortable sharing their own views:

Democrats (53%) are more likely than Republicans (26%) and independents (39%) to feel they can express their opinions. [...] Nearly three-fourths (73%) of Republicans and 58% of independents are afraid to share some of their true beliefs because of the political climate.

Cato rightly suggested the discrepancy could be due to the fact that, ultimately, "cultural sources of power, such as media, academia, and entertainment, may matter more" than which party — Republican or Democratic — occupies the White House.

Regardless, Trump certainly tapped into a growing concern among a majority of Americans. On the campaign trail in 2016, then-candidate Trump said, "I think the big problem this country has is being politically correct."