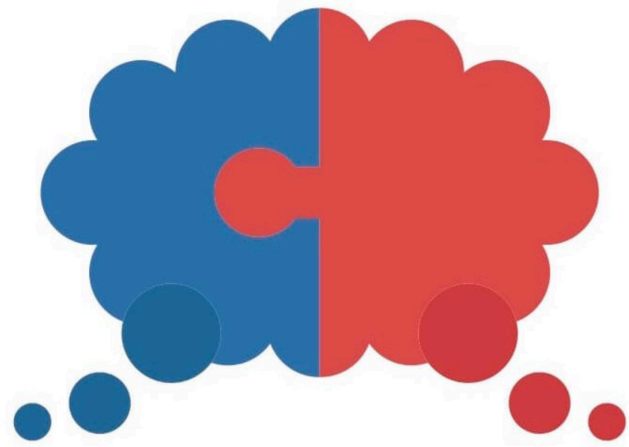


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- **Skimping on Health Care:** Twenty percent of people say they've put off health care services in the last three months because of cost issues. The trend is highest among young people -- via [NPR](#).
- **Flexible Coverage or Junk Insurance?:** New policies outlined by The Trump Administration will allow the use of federal subsidies to buy coverage that does not meet basic requirements of the Affordable Care Act -- via [The New York Times](#).
- **Educated Consumers:** States are turning to civics education in an effort to produce informed and active students -- via [U.S. News](#).
- **Social Security at Risk:** In 1959, more than a third of all elderly Americans lived in poverty. Social Security reduced that number to under ten percent by the late 1990s. What will happen if Social Security fails? -- via [The Conversation](#).
- **Help Wanted:** The way Americans look at manufacturing might help explain why 2.4 million jobs could go unfilled between this year and 2028. A study published in November finds that more than 4.6 million manufacturing jobs need to be filled in the next ten years -- via [Quartz](#).
- **Deficits Rising:** In the first two months of fiscal 2019, the federal government spent \$303 billion more than it took in -- fifty percent more than in the same period last year -- via [The Hill](#).
- **Changing Rules for Legal Immigrants:** The Trump Administration is considering a change to the rules for legal immigrants who use any form of public benefit. If adopted, the rules would make it more difficult for immigrants to gain permanent residence if they use food stamps, live in public housing, or use Medicare Part D for prescription drugs -- via [Time](#).
- **Banning Bump Stocks:** The Trump Administration is moving to officially ban bump stocks, the device used by a shooter in Las Vegas last year to fire 90 rounds in ten seconds -- via [The New York Times](#).
- **Making Government Work:** House Democrats outlined their top priorities for

political reform in a bill called H.R.1. Important provisions target expanding voting access, reducing partisan gerrymandering, and requiring new ethics and campaign disclosure rules -- via [The Washington Post](#).

- **Counting Every Vote:** The number of people voting by mail has doubled in the last 20 years. But does voting by mail increase the risk of fraud? -- via [NPR](#).
- **Loser Takes All:** In Wisconsin, after a Democratic candidate was elected governor, the Republican legislature acted quickly to take powers away before he entered office. Is this action an illegal power grab, a violation of democratic norms, or simply politics as usual? -- via [The Conversation](#).



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