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Matt Leighninger: Democracy and division: Can democratic innovations reduce polarization?



The U.S. Capitol is seen as national guard members pass by on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, May 20, 2021. (AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)

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More than ever, Americans are concerned about political polarization. Public Agenda's most recent Hidden Common Ground survey found that 93% of Americans say it is important to reduce divisiveness in the United States. More than one-third say that partisan divisiveness has affected their personal lives. And while the United States has become the poster child for hyperpartisanship, people in many other countries have similar concerns about their o ...

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