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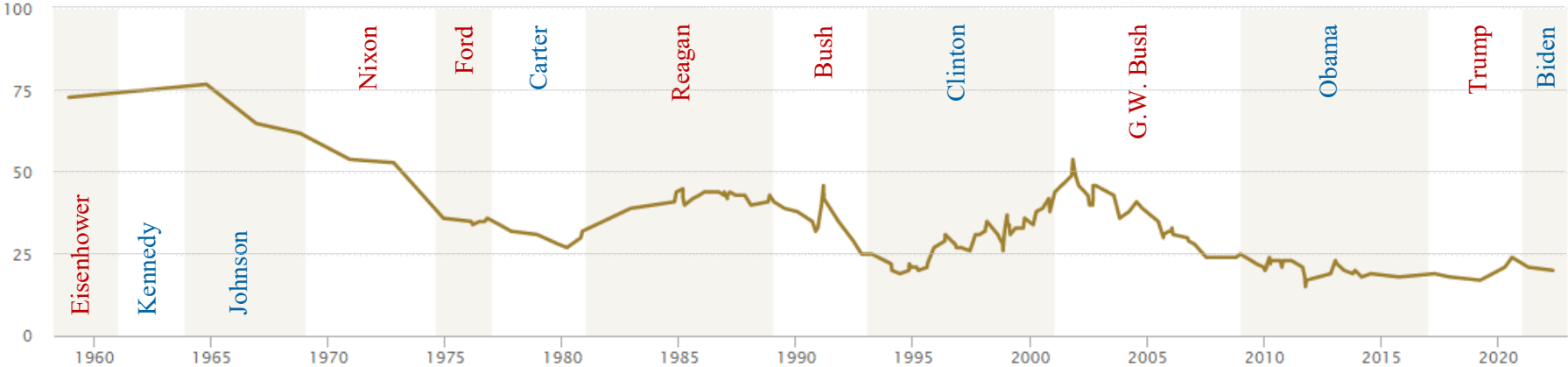
# Claire McCaskill, U.S. Senator 2007 - 2018

A conversation about public trust

# Public Trust in Government Nears Historic Lows

**Percentage of people who say they trust the government to do what is right just about always or most of the time, by year and by presidential term**
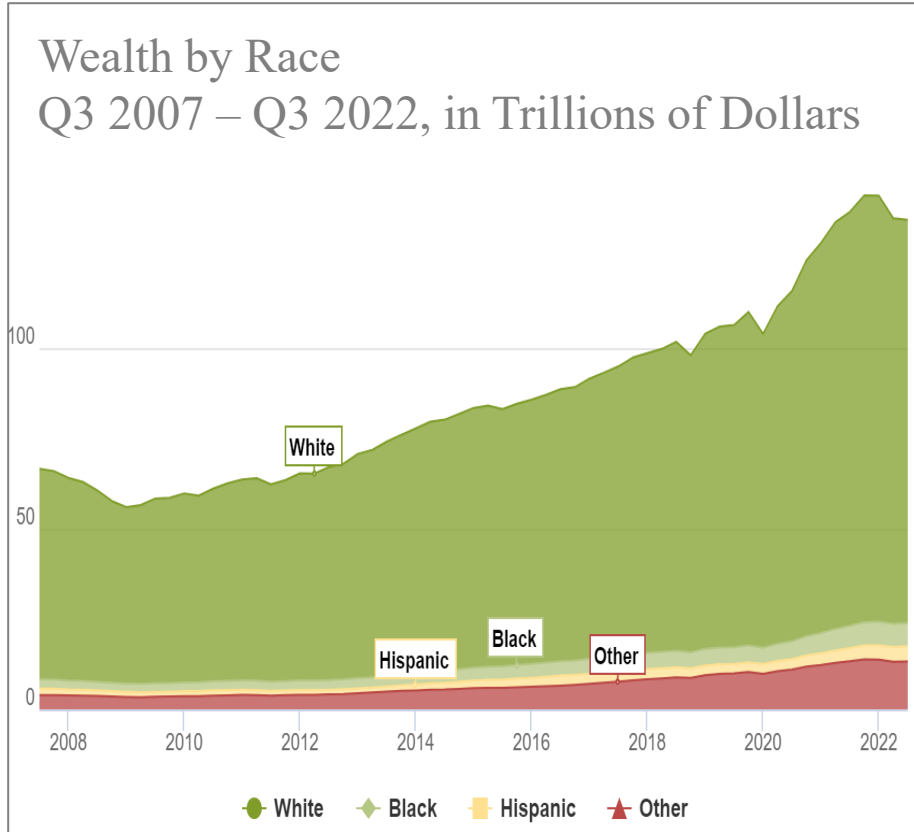
# American's Confidence in U.S. Institutions Wanes

## Change in American's confidence in major U.S. institutions, 2021 vs. 2022

| | 2021 | 2022 | Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| | % Great deal/Quite a lot | % Great deal/Quite a lot | pct. pts. |
| Small business | 70 | 68 | −2 |
| The military | 69 | 64 | −5 |
| The police | 51 | 45 | −6 |
| The medical system | 44 | 38 | −6 |
| The church or organized religion | 37 | 31 | −6 |
| The public schools | 32 | 28 | −4 |
| Organized labor | 28 | 28 | 0 |
| Banks | 33 | 27 | −6 |
| Large technology companies | 29 | 26 | −3 |
| The U.S. Supreme Court | 36 | 25 | −11 |
| The presidency | 38 | 23 | −15 |
| Newspapers | 21 | 16 | −5 |
| The criminal justice system | 20 | 14 | −6 |
| Big business | 18 | 14 | −4 |
| Television news | 16 | 11 | −5 |
| Congress | 12 | 7 | −5 |

# Wealth Disparity in the United States Increases

Wealth by Race
Q3 2007 – Q3 2022, in Trillions of Dollars

White

Hispanic

Black

Other

● White   ● Black   ● Hispanic   ● Other

Wealth by Age
Q3 2007 – Q3 2022, in Trillions of Dollars

70+

55-69

40-54

Under 40

● 70+   ● 55-69   ● 40-54   ● Under 40

Source: Survey of Consumer Finances & Financial Accounts of the United States; https://www.federalreserve.gov
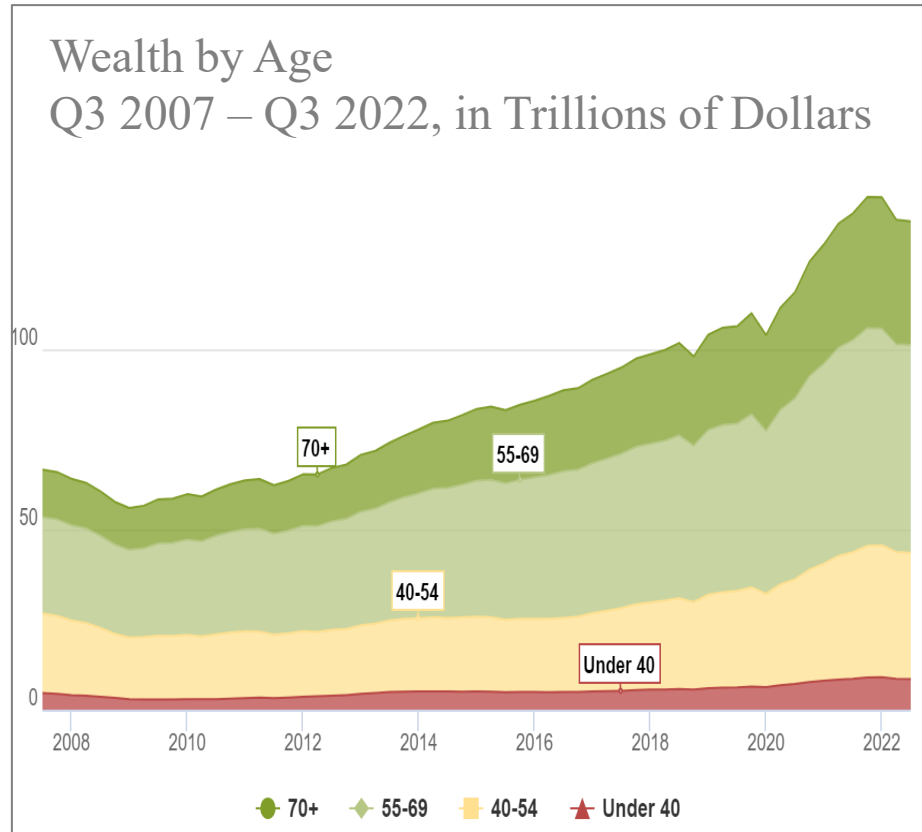
## Meet the "Tennessee Three" at the center of a statehouse drama over gun reform

Ivana Saric

Justin Pearson acknowledges supporters after being expelled from the state Legislature on April 6. Photo: Seth Herald/Getty Images

## DeSantis, in Latest Volley Against Disney, Suggests Punitive Steps

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By Shawn Johnson

FROM WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO

Judge Janet Protasiewicz delivers her victory speech after winning a seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, in Milwaukee, Wis.
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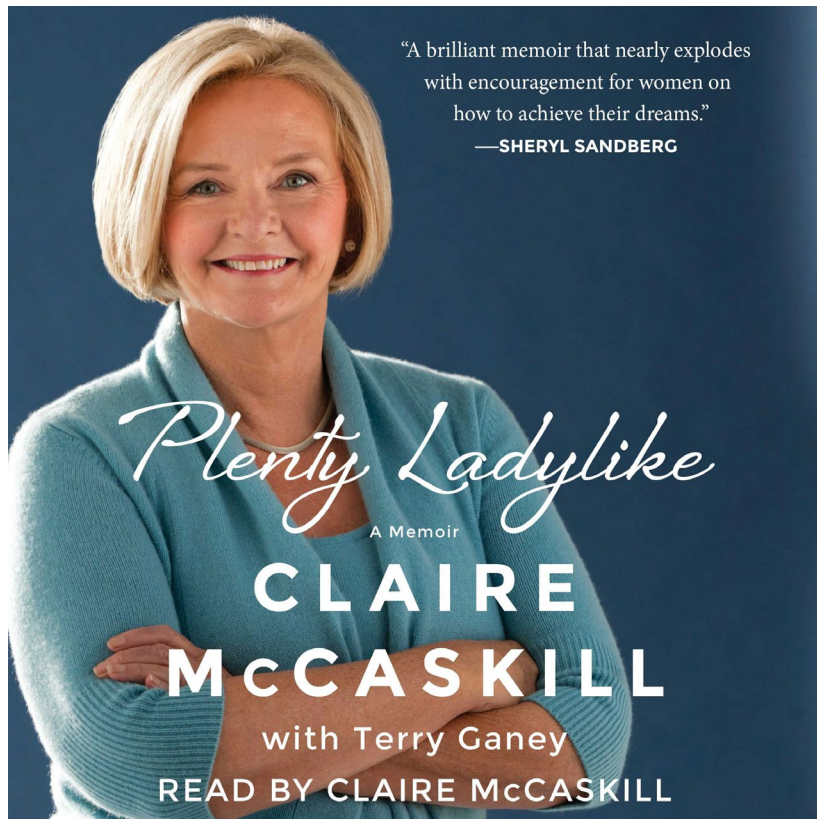## New Missouri bill takes 'Don't Say Gay' law even further

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By Kiara Alfonseca and Will McDuffie
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