Aggravated Divisions: **Political Polarization** and Policymaking after the 2016 Election

What has 2016 taught us about polarization in American politics? Just how divided are we? And what are the nature of those divides? Political science research indicates that a diverse set of conflicts—differences in issue attitudes, policy priorities, race and ethnicity, core values and beliefs, and culture/lifestyle—continue to overlap on one another. This has produced polarized voting patterns, partisan behaviors, and increasing distrust and dislike of those in rival ideological and partisan camps. Dr. Christopher Hare, UC Davis Dept. of Political Science, reviews those findings and discusses the implications for policymaking in the 115th U.S. Congress.

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