The Politics of Data Centers

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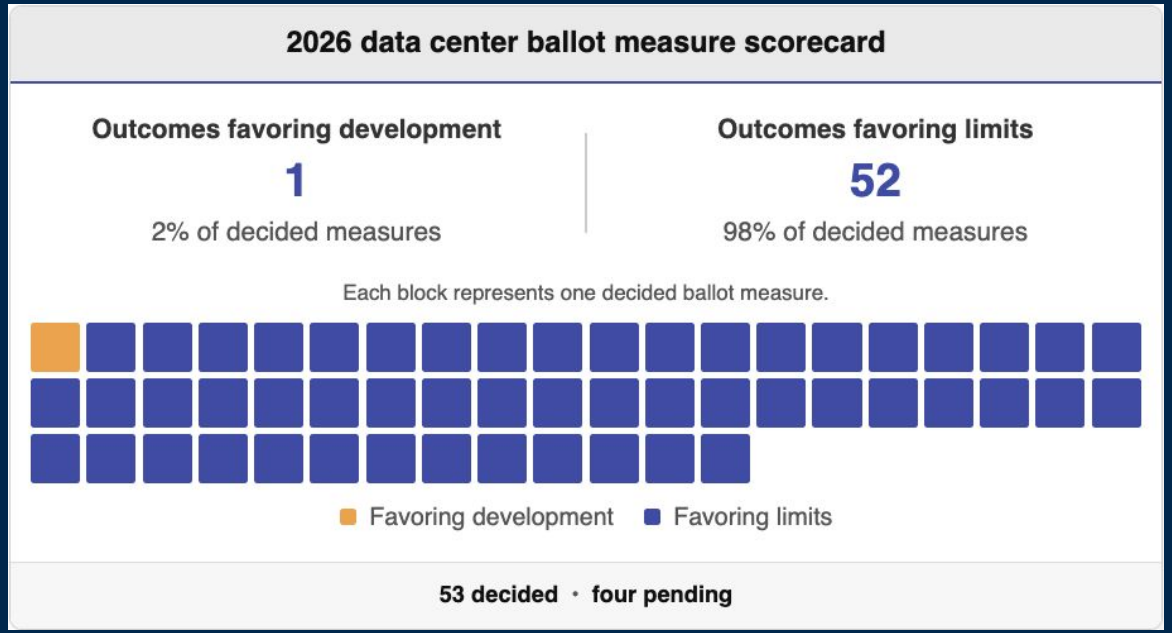
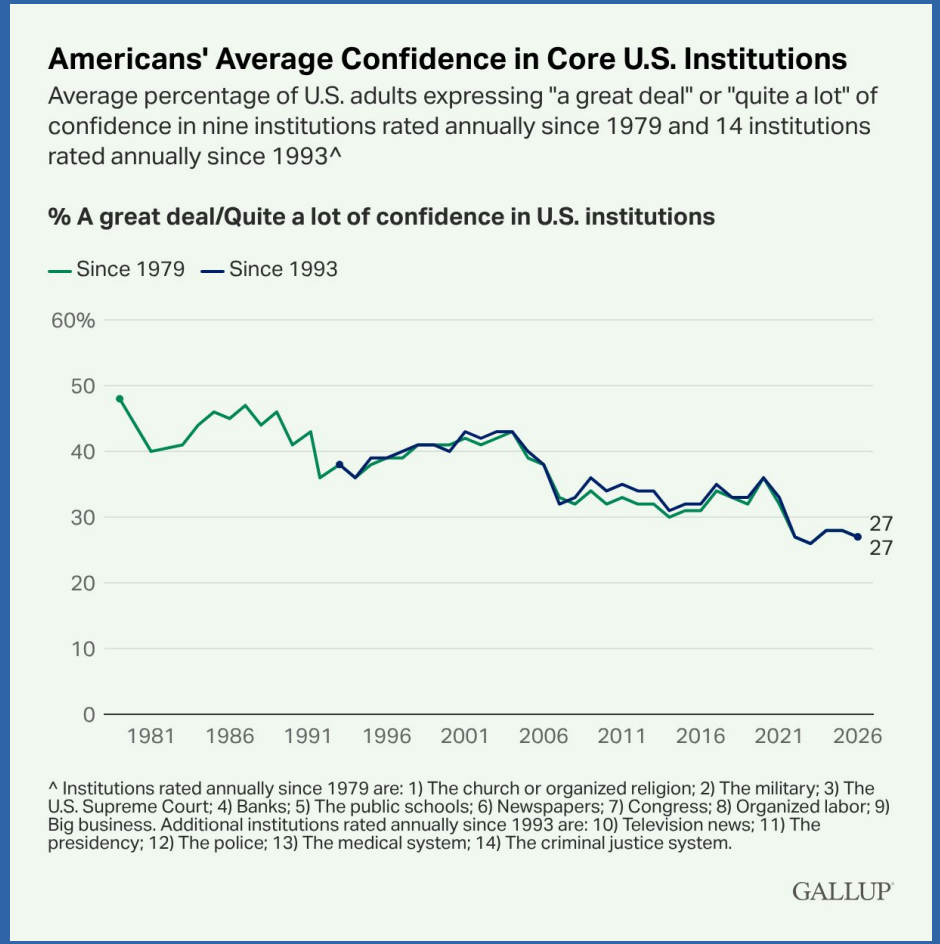
Data centers have united the nation… against data centers



But why?

Trust in institutions is at a 30-year low



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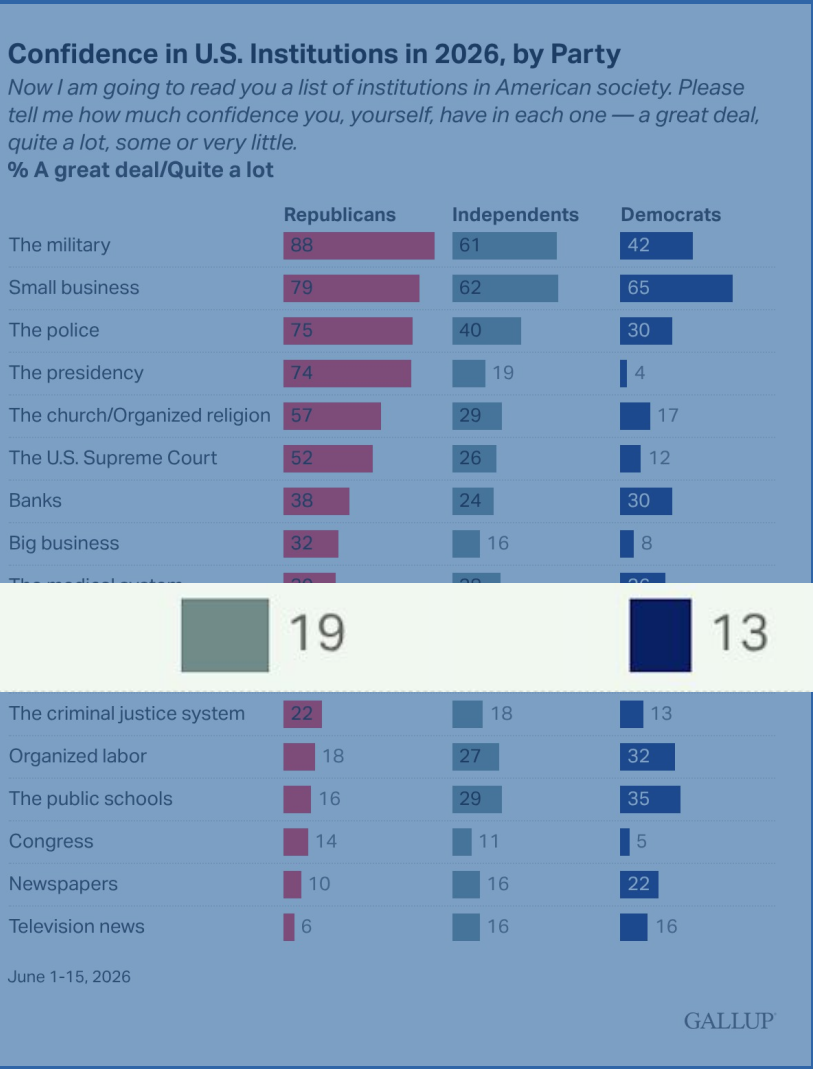

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Data centers = AI = Big Tech

“We believe that the world should accept some bad things happening for the benefits of this technology.”

- Sam Altman

Bad things...

- Layoffs
- Constant surveillance
- Exploitative deep fakes
- Election interference
- Self-harm encouraged by chatbots
- Banking is worse
- Search is worse
- Scammers are better
- Gambling is everywhere
- Security breaches
- Education is broken
- 10% chance it "could kill all humans" within the next decade(!)

Longstanding environmental injustices in Southeast MI

- Energy shut-offs
- Rate hikes
- Power outages
- Air pollution
- Toxic smells
- Water shut-offs
- Flooding
- Flint water crisis
- Extreme heat deaths
- Failing infrastructure

Technical solutions will not fix the social challenges currently facing data centers.