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Republican voters are still far more likely than Democrats to believe the coronavirus pandemic has been exaggerated, their skepticism egged on by Fox News and even Republican officeholders. That's true even after President Trump took emergency measures. But partisanship isn't the only barrier to getting Americans to listen to scientific consensus, such as public health experts' recommendations about social distancing and hand washing. Anti-intellectualism has a long pedigree in the United States. Here's the problem — and what can be done about it.

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