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Yearning for Understanding Obscured Issues

Yes, despite worldview/political wedges, people often yearn for clarity on issues obscured by powerful interests using division for control ("divide and rule"). This tactic is historically evidenced (Roman/Machiavelli origins; British colonial use in India/Africa) and modern applications (e.g., analyses of polarization benefiting elites). Polls show desire for unity/transparency (e.g., Pew on division fatigue; Edelman Trust Barometer on misinformation concerns). Obscuring systemic issues (e.g., economic consolidation) keeps focus on cultural divides, easing manipulation—supported by sociological sources.

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