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Some Voters Believe No President Can Really Lead <u>NY TIME 10/175</u> By JOSEPH LELYVELD so it would seem, that the system of government

WASHINGTON—In a Baltimore suburb, a civil engineer named Adam Moore was saying that imaginative and even drastic initiatives were needed to deal with the problem of unemployment; no problem was more pressing, he said. It was Jimmy Carter and not President Ford, Mr. Moore recognized, who was promising energetic measures to roll back unemployment. Still, Mr. Moore was planning to yote for the so it would seem, that the system of govenment that they were raised on has gone haywire, that it now systematically frustrates their wishes.

Oliver Williams

Clearly, this undercurrent of opinion has little in common with the "apathy" the politicians and pundits have been ascribing to the electorate. It involves more bitterness, cynicism and concern. Whether it should be interpreted as a deep-seated conviction or a defense mechanism to ward off future disappointments, it has immediate political consequences.