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Communicating in
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Key takeaways:

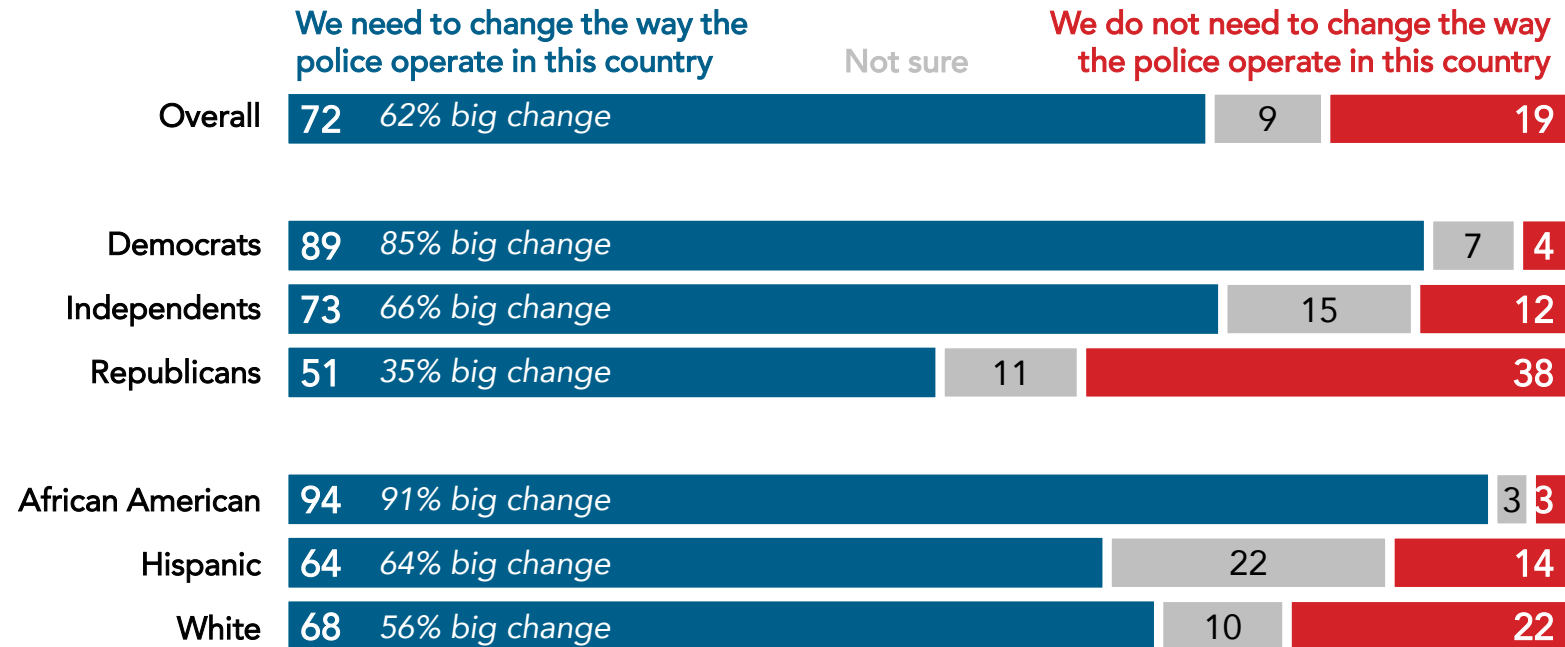
- Americans want to see significant and serious change in how the police operate.
- There is overwhelming support for a range of proposals to address the issue of police brutality.
- The share of Americans who describe Trump as "self-absorbed" has risen to a new high, while the share who describe him as "compassionate" is tied with an all-time low.

Public Wants to See Big Change in the Way the Police Operate

Nearly three in four say we need to change the way police operate.

- On a separate question, 71% say we need to reduce the influence of the police and hold them more accountable, while only 8% say we need to strengthen the police and give them more power.

As you may know, as a result of the protests that have taken place after the death of George Floyd, there is a conversation about whether or not to change the way the police operate in this country. Which of the following do you agree with more?



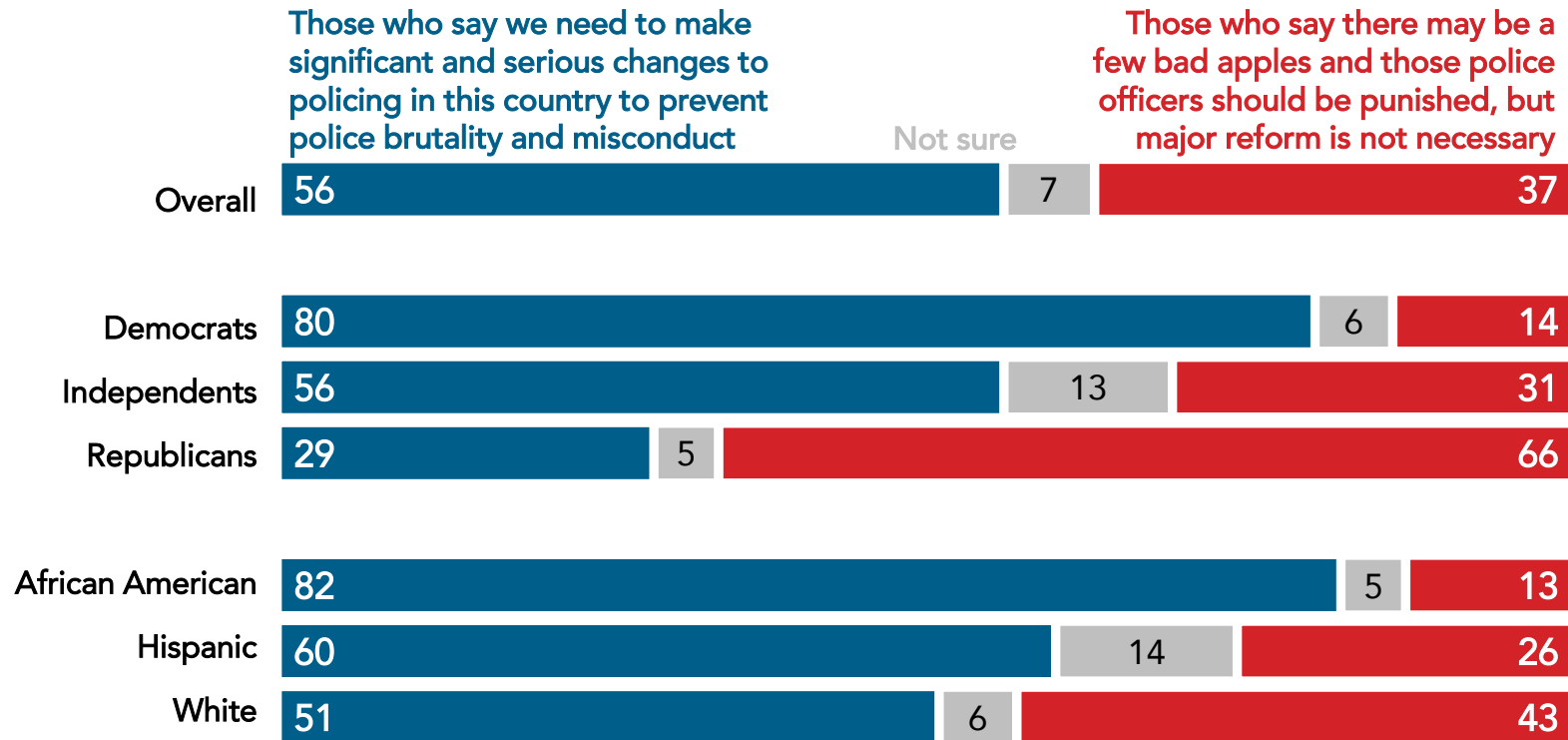
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Problems with Police Seen as More than Just “Bad Apples”

By a 19-point margin, a majority agree that significant and serious changes to policing are needed (56%) compared to just 37% who think major reform is not necessary because of a “few bad apples” among police officers.

- Among African Americans, more than four in five (82%) agree we need serious changes in policing, as do a majority (51%) of whites.

Which side do you agree with more?

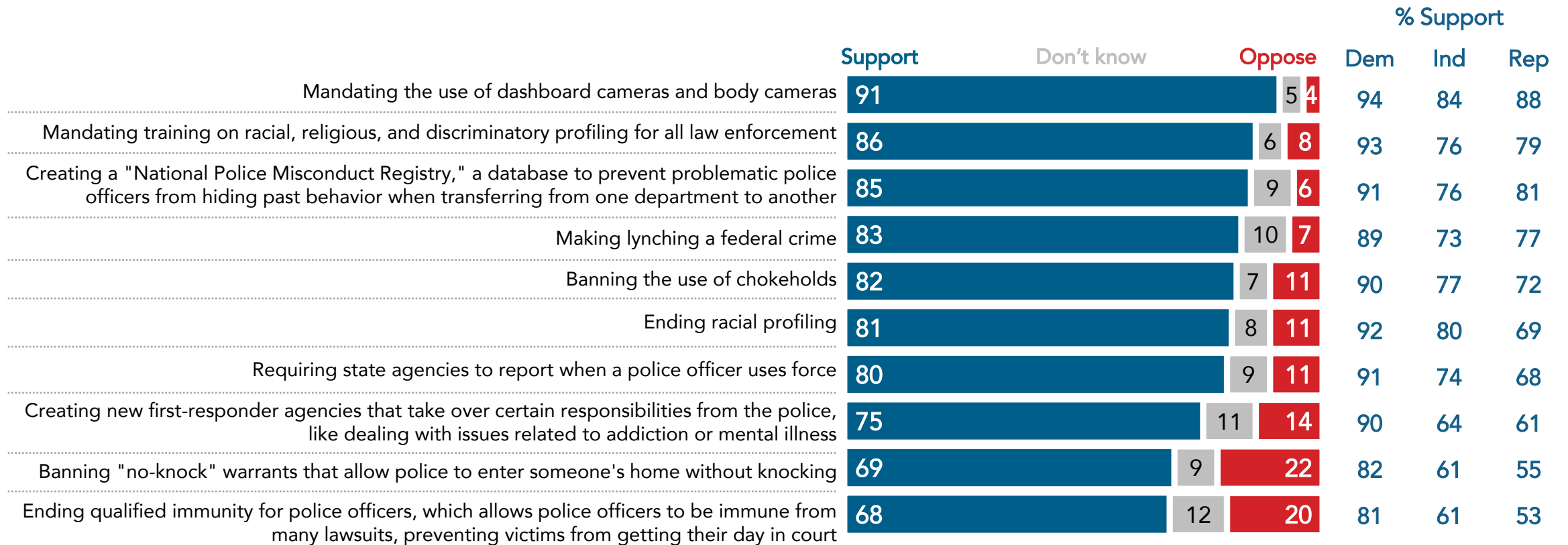


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Public Supports Wide Range of Policing Changes

Each in a list of ten proposals on police brutality receives support from more than two thirds. Some, such as ending racial profiling, banning chokeholds, and making lynching a federal crime, have near-unanimous support.

Please indicate whether you support or oppose each one of these proposals.



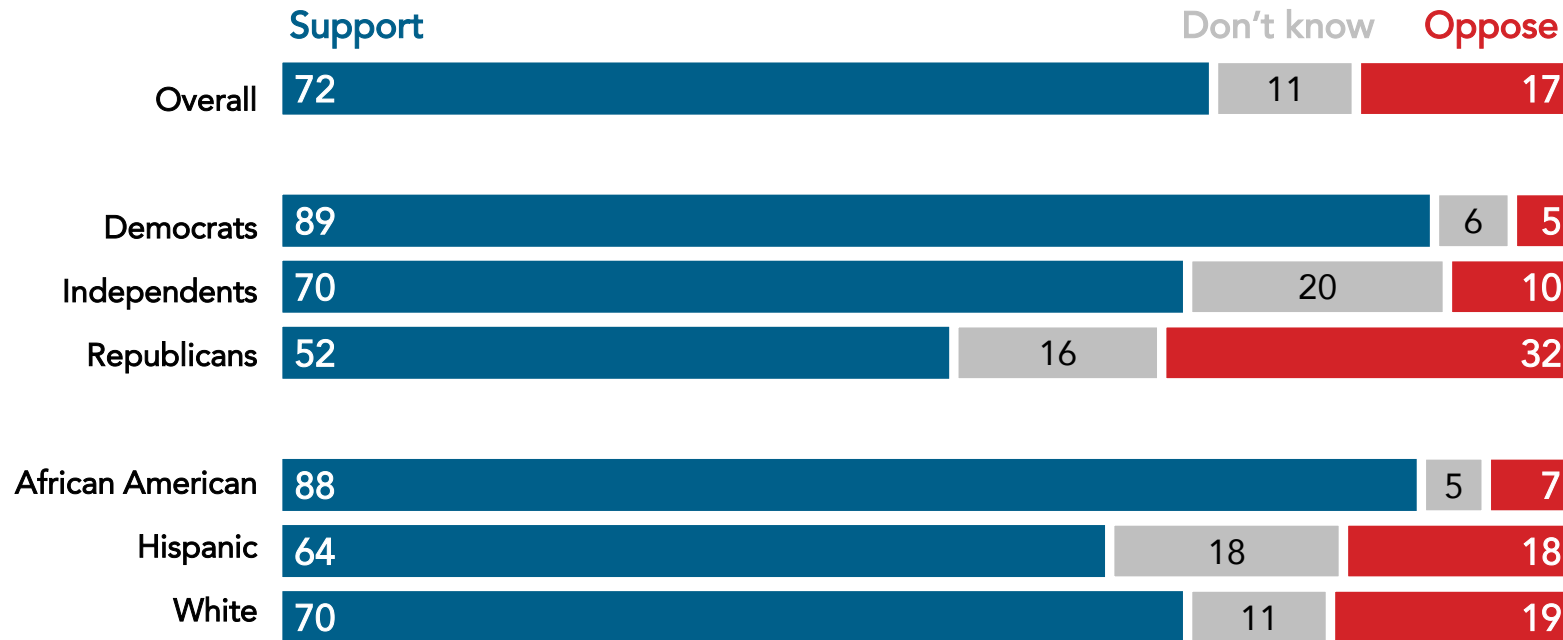
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Broad Support for Democrats' "Justice in Policing Act"

Nearly three in four support the "Justice in Policing Act," including a majority of Republicans.

- On a separate question, Democrats in Congress have an advantage in trust over Trump to handle relations between police and the Black community (+22) and issues regarding the role of police in American life (+9).

As you may know, Democrats in Congress recently introduced a bill called the "Justice in Policing Act" to increase police accountability by banning chokeholds, ending "no knock" warrants, and banning racial profiling. Do you support or oppose this bill?



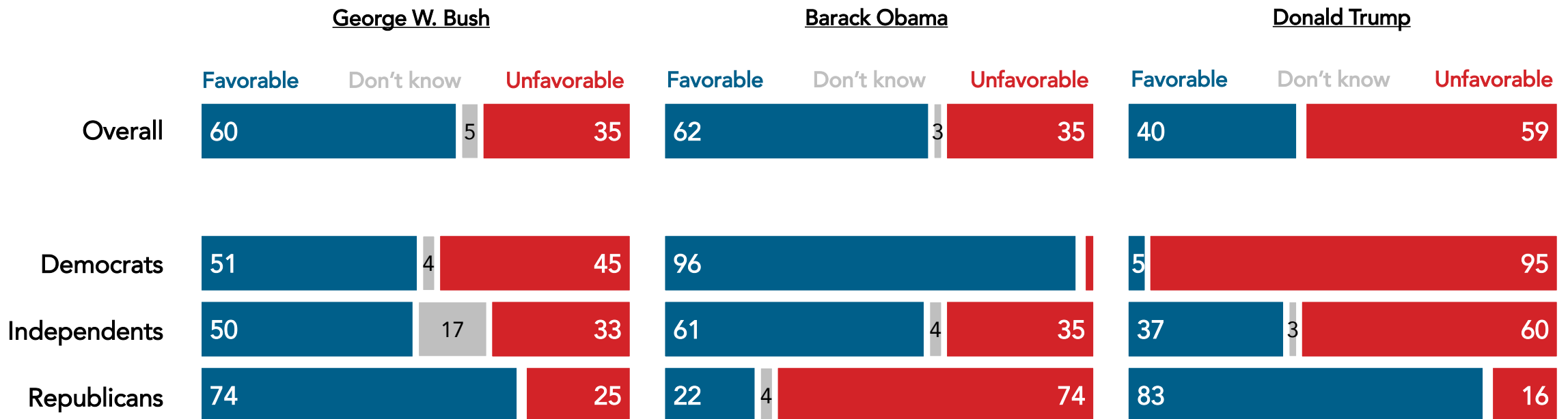
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Trump Far Behind Predecessors Bush and Obama in Popularity

While former presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama enjoy favorable ratings from at least three in five Americans, nearly the same share are unfavorable towards Trump.

- Compared to the other two presidents, Obama has much higher ratings of “very favorable”: 44% are “very favorable” to the former president, while 17% are very favorable towards Bush and 24% towards Trump.

Please indicate whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of...



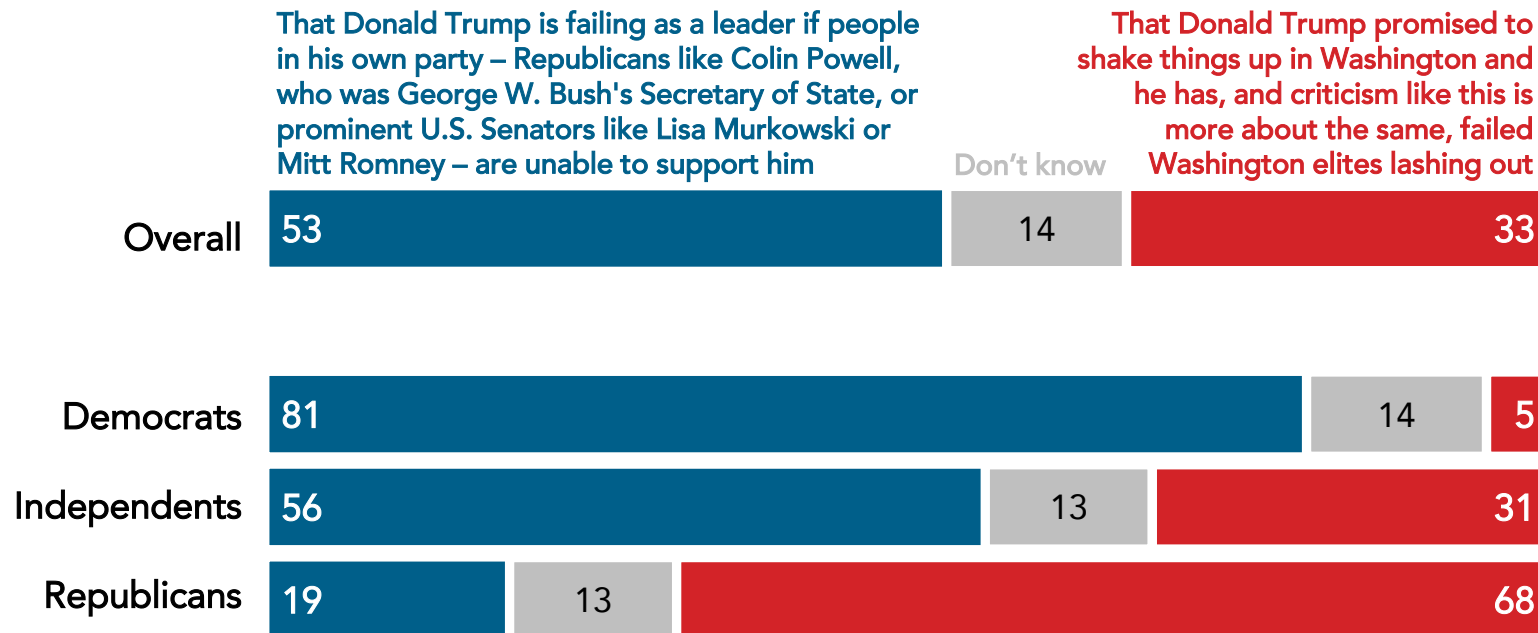
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Republican Defections Support Idea Trump is Failing as a Leader

A majority say Trump is failing as a leader if Republicans like Colin Powell and Lisa Murkowski cannot support him.

- Among Republicans, one in five (19%) say that Trump is failing as a leader if people in his own party cannot support him.

As you may have heard, according to news reports, some prominent public figures have been critical of President Trump. Which comes closer to your opinion about the situation?



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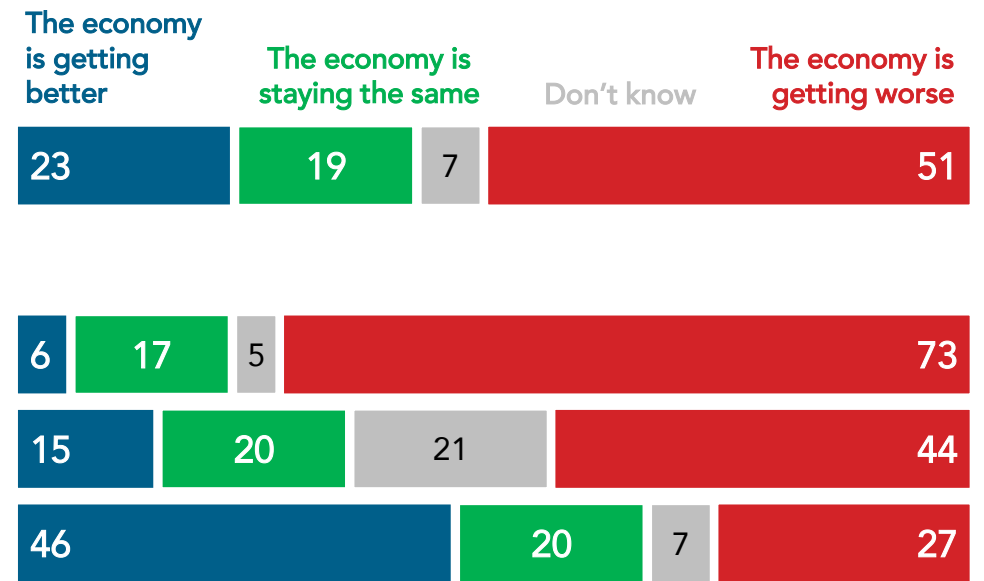
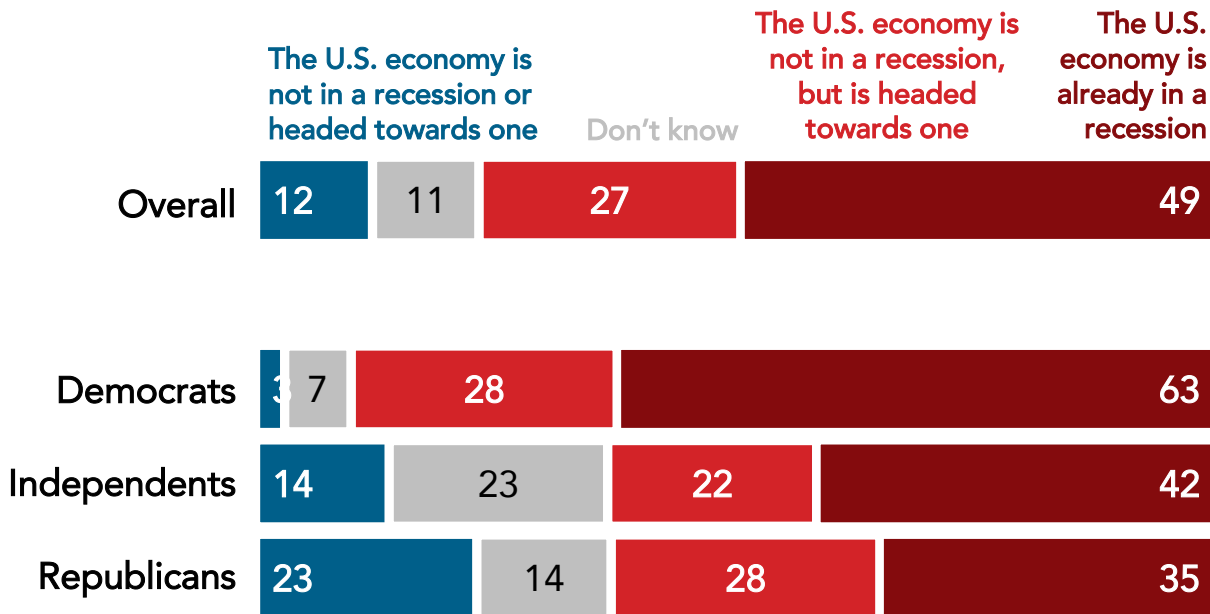
Public Does Not Believe Economy is in a Comeback

Roughly half say the economy is already in a recession and that the economy is getting worse.

- Even among Republicans, 35% say that economy is already in a recession and 27% say it is getting worse.
- On a separate question, 83% say they are worried about the economy falling into a recession.

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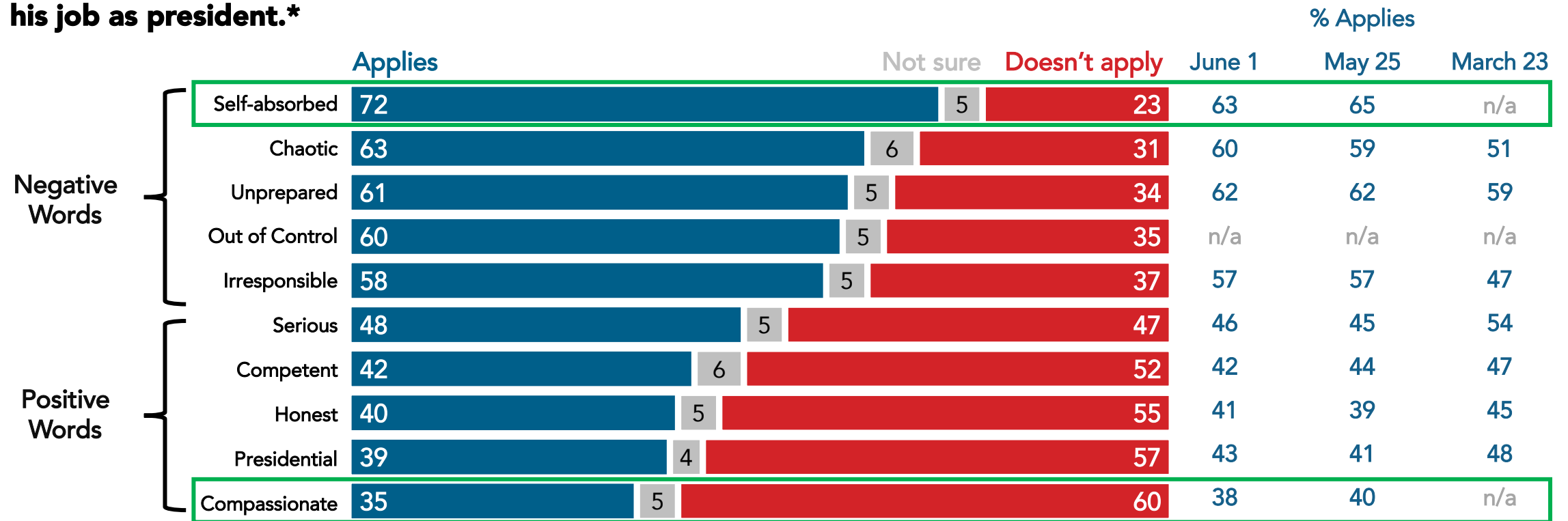


Trump as President: Self-Absorbed, Uncompassionate

The majority of Americans say that negative phrases, including self-absorbed, chaotic, unprepared, out of control, and irresponsible apply to Trump’s handling of his job as president, while less than half say positive words apply.

- The majority of independents (51%) and the public overall (54%) say that “self-absorbed” very much applies to Trump’s response.

Please indicate how well each of the following words or phrases apply to the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president.*



*Prior to 6/4, question text was: “Please indicate how well each of the following words or phrases apply to Donald Trump’s response to coronavirus.” Nationwide survey of 1,009 registered voters; June 11-15, 2020. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org

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In a world where the news cycle is the length of a tweet, our leaders often lack the real-time public-sentiment analysis to shape the best approaches to talking about the issues that matter the most. Navigator is designed to act as a consistent, flexible, responsive tool to inform policy debates by conducting research and reliable guidance to inform allies, elected leaders, and the press. Navigator is a project led by pollsters from Global Strategy Group and GBAO along with an advisory committee, including: Andrea Purse, progressive strategist; Arkadi Gerney, The Hub Project; Joel Payne, The Hub Project; Christina Reynolds, EMILY's List; Delvone Michael, Working Families; Felicia Wong, Roosevelt Institute; Mike Podhorzer, AFL-CIO; Jesse Ferguson, progressive strategist; Navin Nayak, Center for American Progress Action Fund; Stephanie Valencia, EquisLabs; and Melanie Newman, Planned Parenthood Action Fund.

About the Study

Global Strategy Group conducted a public opinion survey among a sample of 1,009 registered voters conducted June 11-June 15, 2020. 104 additional interviews were conducted among independents with no partisan lean. 198 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. The survey was conducted online, recruiting respondents from multiple opt-in online panel vendors. Respondents were verified against a voter file and special care was taken to ensure the demographic composition of our sample matched that of the national registered voter population across a variety of demographic variables.

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