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## Key takeaways:

- Half of Americans continue to disapprove of the way police have responded to recent protests; even more say the way the police operate in America needs to change.
- The public opposes Trump's commutation of Roger Stone, with nearly half describing it as "an abuse of power."
- A majority believe that Trump has committed a crime while president.

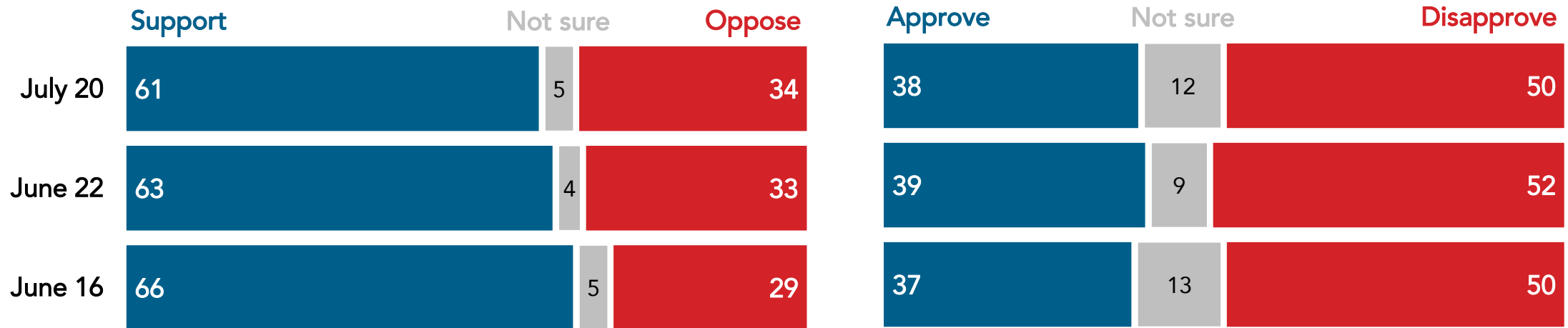
# Majority Continue to Support Protests While Half Continue to Disapprove of Police Response

Consistently over each of the last five weeks, three in five support the protests following the death of George Floyd and about half disapprove of the job the police have done in responding to them.

- Among independents, a majority (65%) support the protests and 54% disapprove of the police response to them.

**As you may know, the death of George Floyd led to protests across the country focused on police treatment of Black Americans. Do you support or oppose those protests?**

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way the police have responded to the protests that have taken place after the death of George Floyd?**



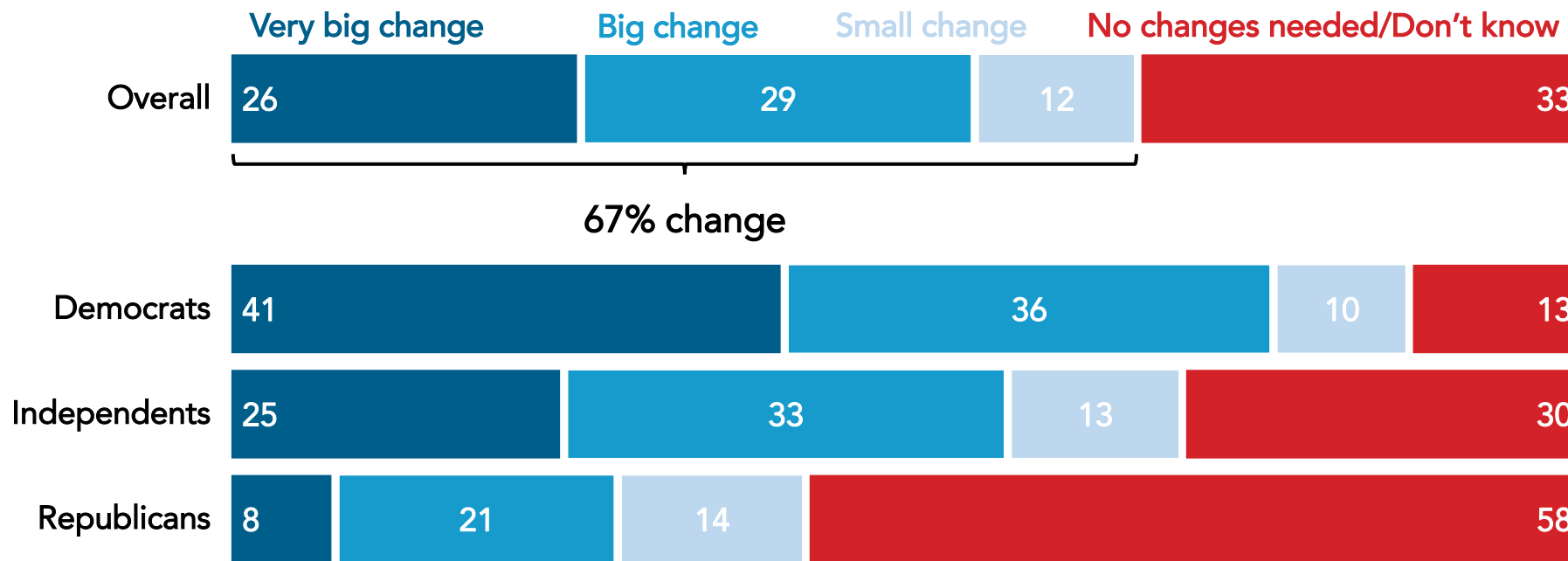
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# Majority Say Change Is Needed in Way Police Operate

Only a third of Americans say no changes are needed to the way the police operate in America or are unsure – two in three Americans say some kind of change is needed, including 26% who say “very big change” is needed.

- Among African Americans, 60% say that “very big change” is needed.

**What kind of change do you think is needed to the way police operate in this country?**



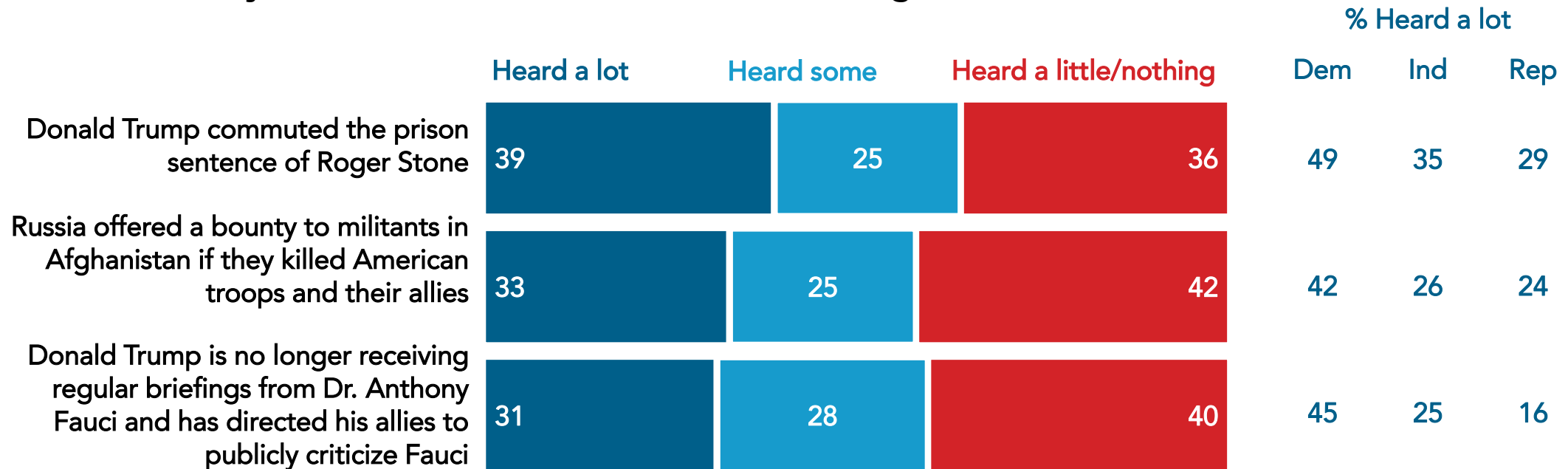
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# More Than Three in Five Have Heard About Trump Commuting Roger Stone's Prison Sentence

When comparing recent new items, two in five say they have heard "a lot" about Trump commuting Roger Stone's prison sentence, while roughly a third have heard of Russia's bounty on American troops and Trump no longer receiving briefings from Dr. Fauci.

- Among Republicans who watch Fox News, 38% have heard "a lot" about Trump commuting Stone's sentence.

How much have you seen, read, or heard about the following news items?



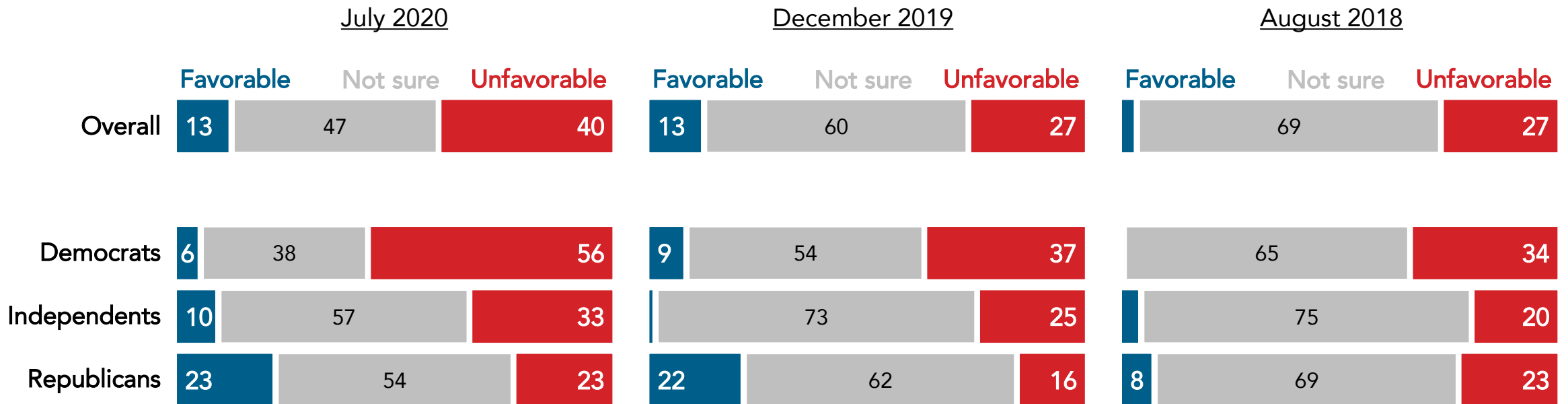
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# The Public Is Increasingly Familiar With and Unfavorable Toward Roger Stone

Since August 2018, the share who are familiar with Stone has grown by 22 points – and the share who are unfavorable towards Stone has grown 13 points.

- Republicans are driving the share who are favorable toward Roger Stone, with nearly a quarter (23%) who are favorable. More specifically, among Republicans who watch Fox News, 32% are favorable toward Stone.

Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: Roger Stone



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# Public Opposes Stone Sentence Commutation, Says It Is "Corrupt" and an "Abuse of Power" By Trump

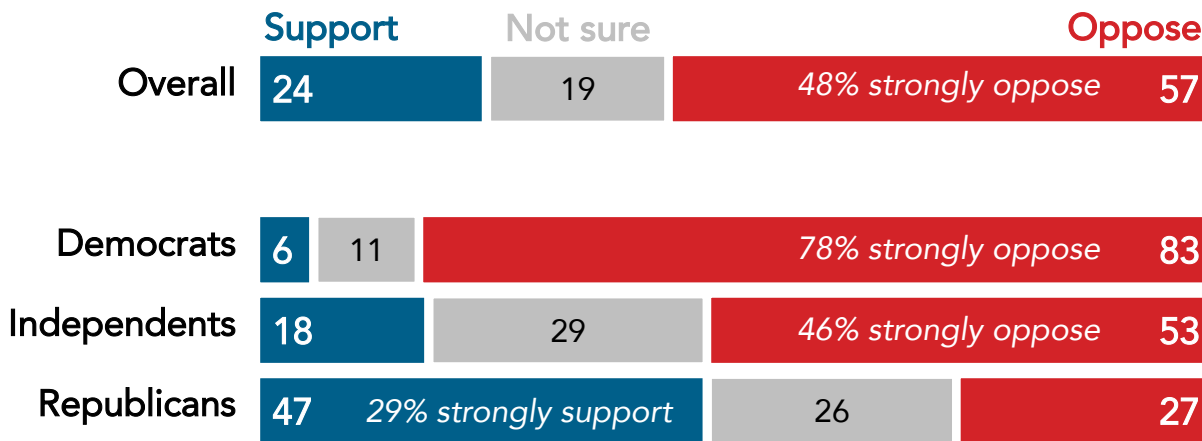
A majority oppose Trump's decision to commute Roger Stone's sentence and nearly half "strongly oppose." Top descriptors of Stone's sentence commutation by Trump are an "abuse of power" and "corrupt."

- Even a quarter (24%) of Republicans say it is an "abuse of power."

As you may know, Donald Trump recently used his power to commute the sentence of his former political adviser Roger Stone, who will no longer have to serve his sentence of 40 months in prison on seven counts of obstruction, witness tampering, and making false statements to Congress.

Which of the following best describe any concerns you might have about Donald Trump commuting Roger Stone's sentence? That it is...

Do you support or oppose Trump's decision to commute the sentence of Roger Stone?



		Dem	Ind	Rep
An abuse of power	49%	68	53	24
Corrupt	35	54	41	11
Criminal	15	24	13	4
Outrageous	10	12	9	7
Dangerous	8	10	8	5
Have no concerns	32	7	25	64

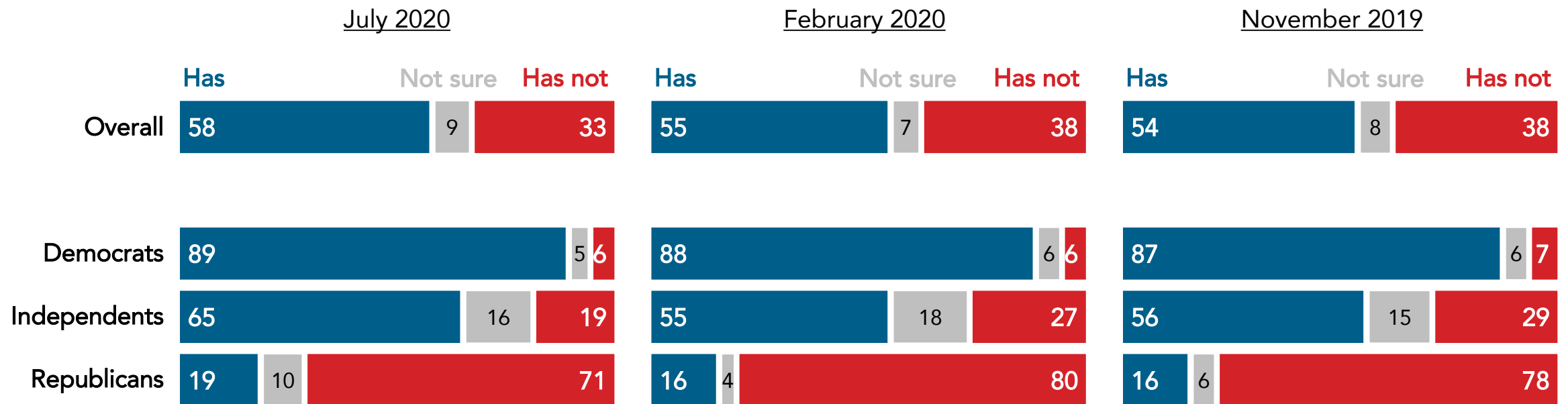
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# Three in Five Believe Trump Has Committed a Crime While President

Since November 2019, the share who believe Trump has committed a crime as president has grown 4 points.

- Likewise, fewer Republicans today say Trump has not committed a crime than in November 2019.

Do you think Donald Trump has committed a crime at any point as president?



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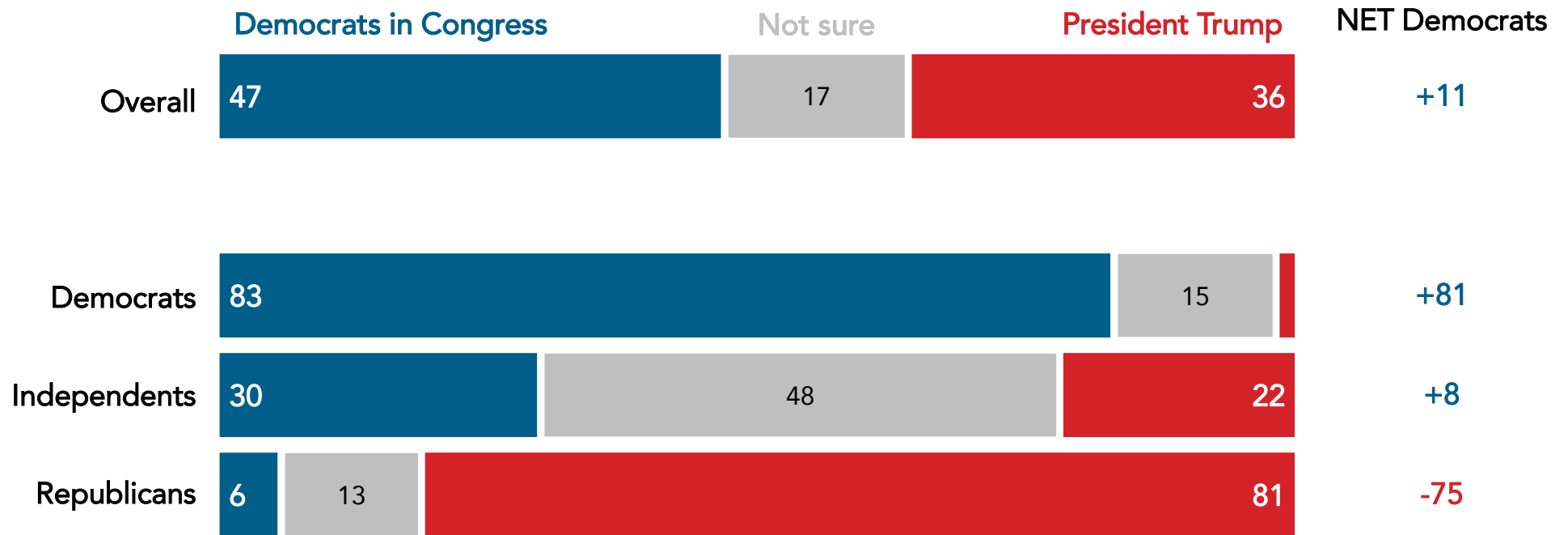


# Congressional Democrats Hold Trust Advantage on Reducing Government Corruption

By 11 points, Democrats in Congress are more trusted than President Trump to reduce government corruption.

- Democrats in Congress are more trusted by 8 points by independents to reduce government corruption.

**Please indicate who you would trust more to handle each one:** Reducing government corruption



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## About Navigator

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 public opinion surveys among a sample of 1,015 registered voters from July 16-20, 2020. 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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