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Key takeaways:

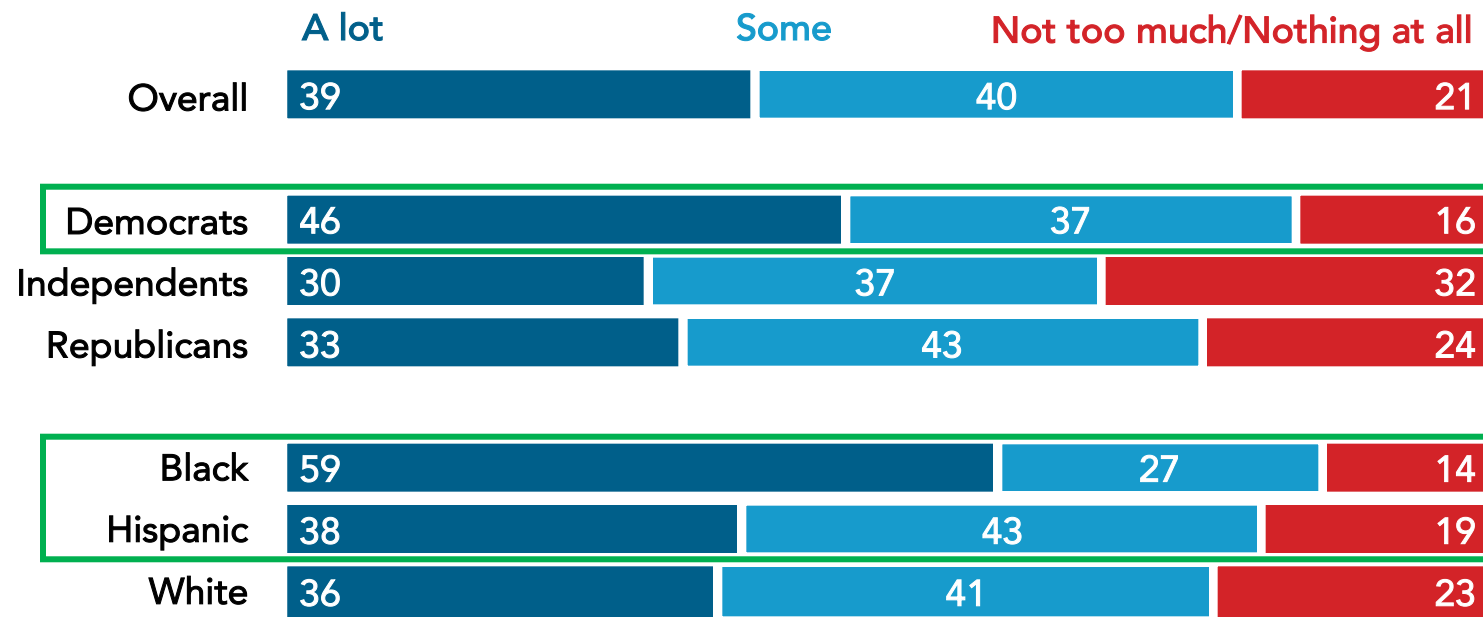
- Majorities support protests focused on the treatment of Black Americans as well as the decisions by sports teams to boycott their games in protest of Jacob Blake's shooting.
- More Americans are concerned about those close to them getting infected with coronavirus, though two in five are more concerned about the risk posed to them by the rise in crime.
- Though Americans are largely not noticing increases in crime in their own communities, the vast majority say crime has increased in the United States in the last year.

Vast Majority are Hearing At Least Some About the Shooting of Jacob Blake By a Police Officer

More than three in four are hearing “a lot” or “some” about the shooting of Jacob Blake by a police officer.

- Hispanic Americans (81%), Democrats (84%), and Black Americans (86%) are hearing the most about the shooting of Jacob Blake.

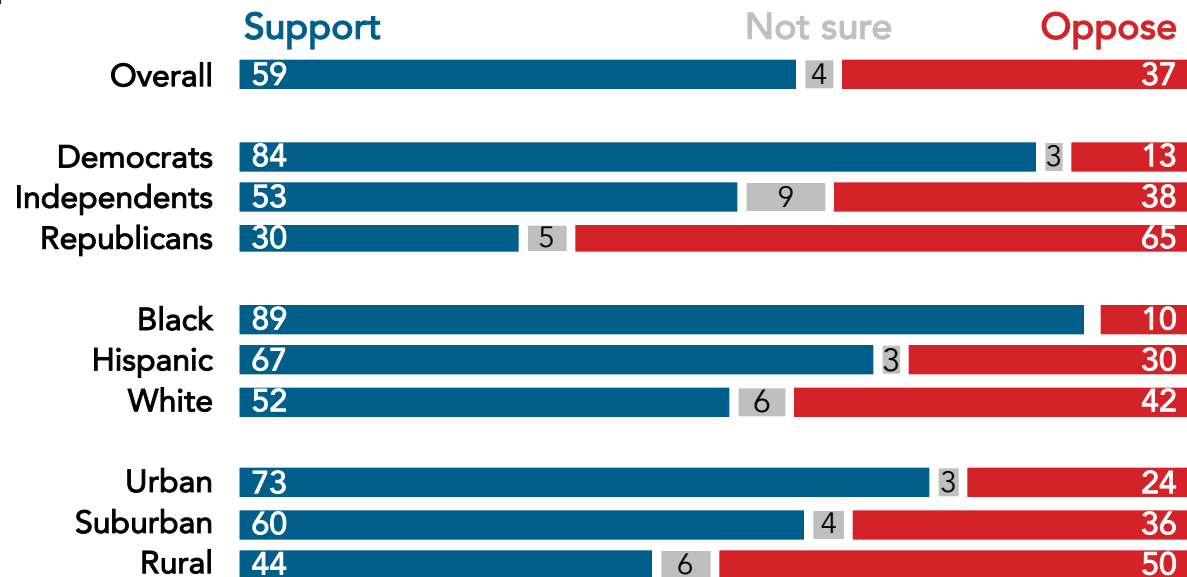
How much have you seen, read, or heard about the shooting of Jacob Blake by a police officer in Kenosha, Wisconsin?



Majorities Support Recent Protests and Sports Teams Striking to Protest Jacob Blake's Shooting

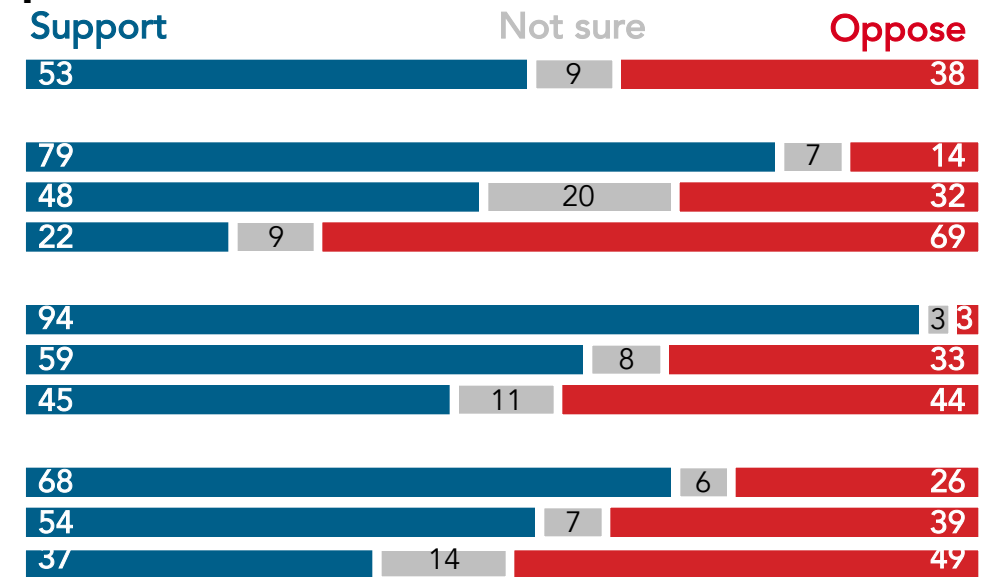
Three in five support the protests focused on police treatment of Black Americans following the death of George Floyd, and more than half support the decision by sports teams to boycott games following Jacob Blake's shooting.

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?



As you may know, teams participating in the National Basketball Association [NBA] playoffs as well as teams in other sports leagues boycotted their games to protest both the shooting of Jacob Blake and the police treatment of Black Americans.

Do you support or oppose the decision by these sports teams to boycott their games in protest?



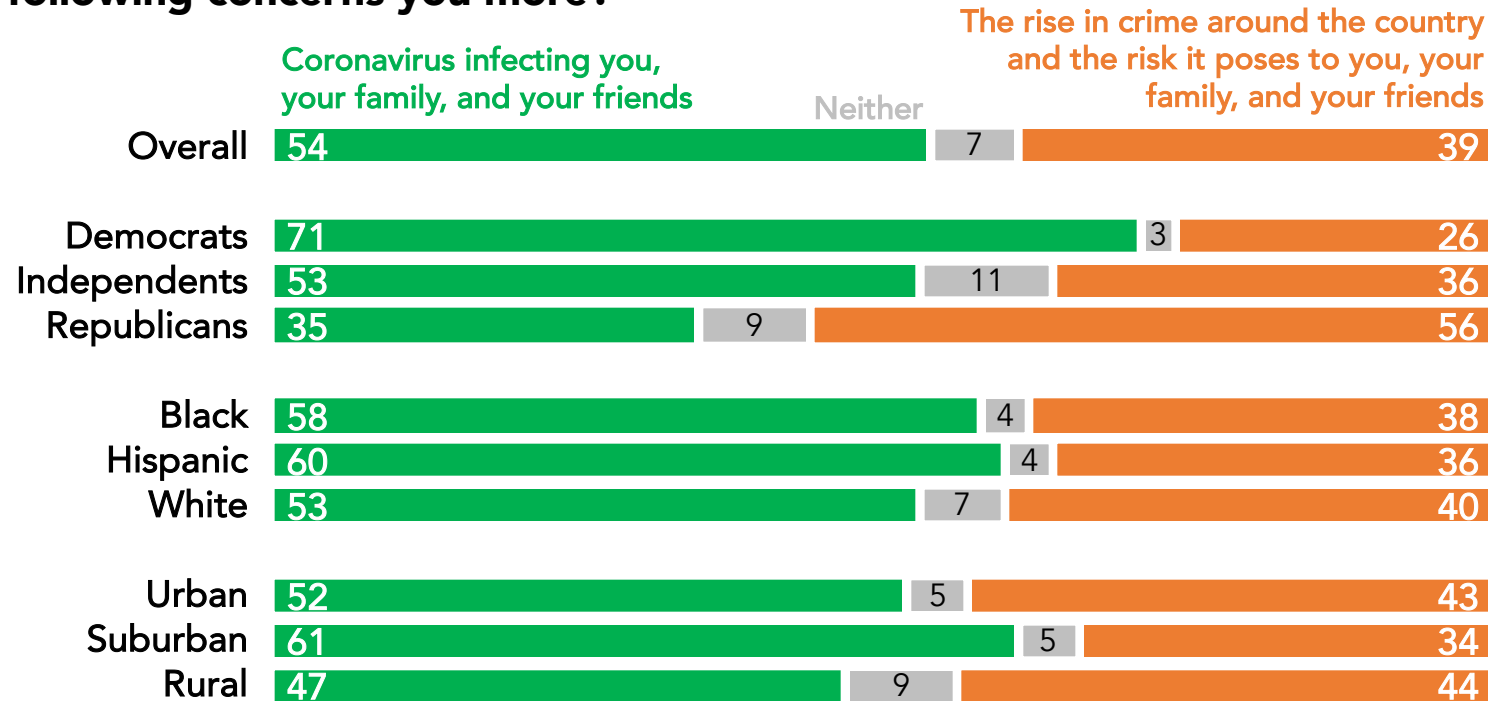
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Americans More Personally Concerned About Coronavirus Than Crime

More than half are more concerned about coronavirus infecting them and those close to them, while two in five are more concerned about the risk that the rise in crime around the country poses to them and those close to them.

- Republicans are most likely to be more concerned about the rise in crime around the country (56%), while Democrats are most likely to be concerned about infection from coronavirus (71%).

Which of the following concerns you more?



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While Most Believe Crime is Increasing, They Do Not See It in Their Local Communities

While nearly three in four believe there is more crime in the United States than there was a year ago, more than two in five believe the amount of crime in their local community has not changed in the last year.

- Republicans (80%) and African Americans (74%) are most likely to say there has been an increase in crime in the United States in the last year.

Based on what you know, is there more or less crime in the United States than there was a year ago?

Based on what you know, is there more or less crime in your local community than there was a year ago?



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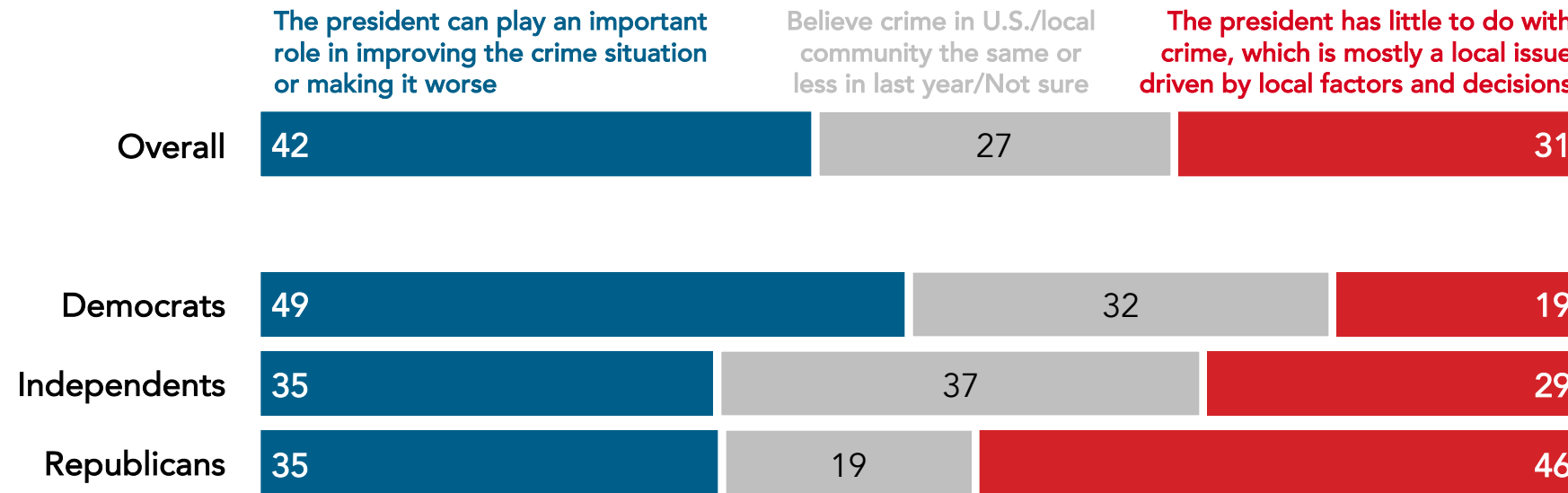
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Among Those Who Perceive an Increase in Crime, Most Believe President Has a Role to Play

When asked about the role the president plays in local and national crime, a plurality say that the president can play an important role, while less than a third say the president has little to do with crime.

- While more Republicans say crime has increased in the U.S. or their community in the last year (81%) compared to Democrats (68%), more Democrats say the president plays a role in handling crime (49%) than Republicans (35%).

[Asked of those who perceive an increase in local or U.S. crime] When it comes to the crime situation in the United States and your local community, what kind of role do you think the president of the United States can play, whether it is President Trump or someone else?



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Majorities Agree with Criticisms of the President's Handling of Crime

More than half agree with statements saying Trump is blaming others for crime increasing, he can't be trusted due to crimes committed within his own administration, and he is exploiting the increase in crime as a re-election scare tactic.

- More than two in five (45%) "strongly agree" Trump is too busy blaming others and tweeting about crimes.

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	% Agree			Dem	Ind	Rep
	Agree	Not sure	Disagree			
Donald Trump is too busy blaming others and tweeting about crimes across the country instead of taking accountability for crime increasing while he's president	56	4	40	85	57	19
Donald Trump and his administration can't be trusted on crime because they operate as if the president is above the law: at least 8 Trump associates have been charged or convicted of crimes including money laundering, conspiracy against the United States, and child pornography	56	6	38	86	52	19
Donald Trump is exploiting the increase in crime across the country as a scare tactic to frighten Americans in order to help him win re-election	53	6	41	84	53	16
Donald Trump's rhetoric is inflaming the crime situation in America after incidents of violence against Black Americans, like the recent shootings of three protesters in Kenosha – some conservatives are even saying that this shooter was just trying to "maintain order" though he is accused of killing two people	51	10	39	78	50	17
Donald Trump is inflating concerns about violent crime across the country in an attempt to fan the flames of racial tension and division through racist dog whistling	50	8	42	79	43	15
When Donald Trump took office, the crime rate in the United States had been falling for decades: the reversal in that trend is Donald Trump's fault, not Democrats'	44	13	43	71	34	14

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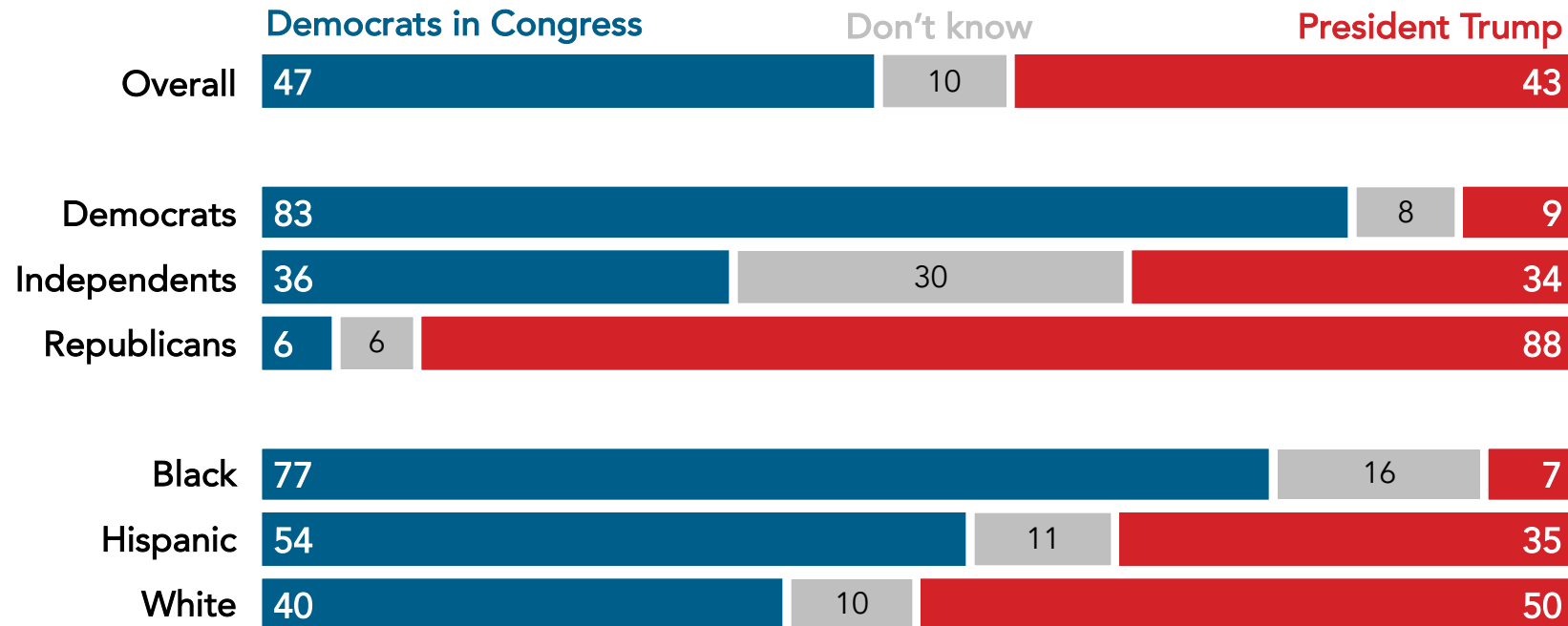
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Democrats in Congress Hold Slight Advantage Over Trump on “Reducing Violent Crime”

Democrats in Congress hold a 4-point advantage over Trump on “reducing violent crime in America.”

- Among suburban voters, Democrats in Congress hold a 10-point advantage over the president (51% Democrats in Congress/41% President Trump).

Please indicate who you would trust more to handle: Reducing violent crime in America.



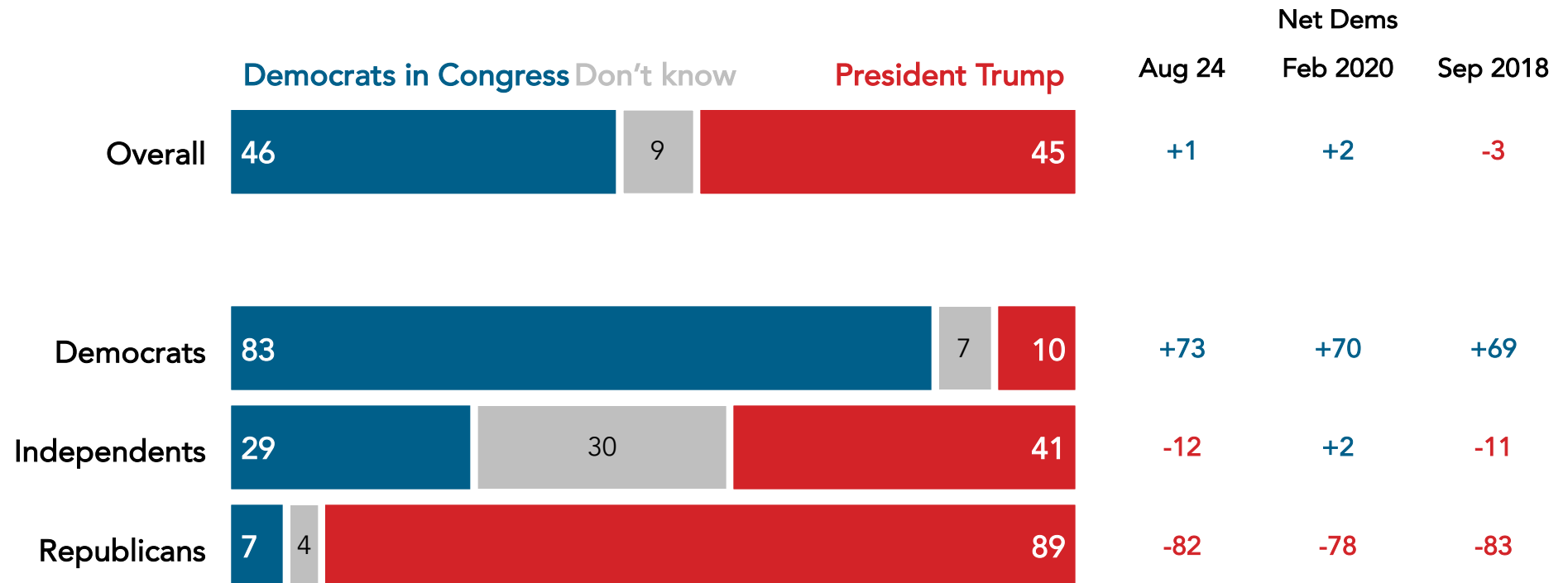
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Trump Holds No Advantage Over Democrats on “Protecting Law and Order”

Americans continue to be split on their views of who they trust more to protect “law and order.”

- Over time, the share who say they “do not know” on this metric has declined significantly, from 23% September 2018 to 9% now, while the margin has remained static.

Please indicate who you would trust more to handle: Protecting law and order.



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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 1,007 registered voters from August 27-31, 2020. 100 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. 101 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 101 additional interviews were conducted among independents with no partisan lean. 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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