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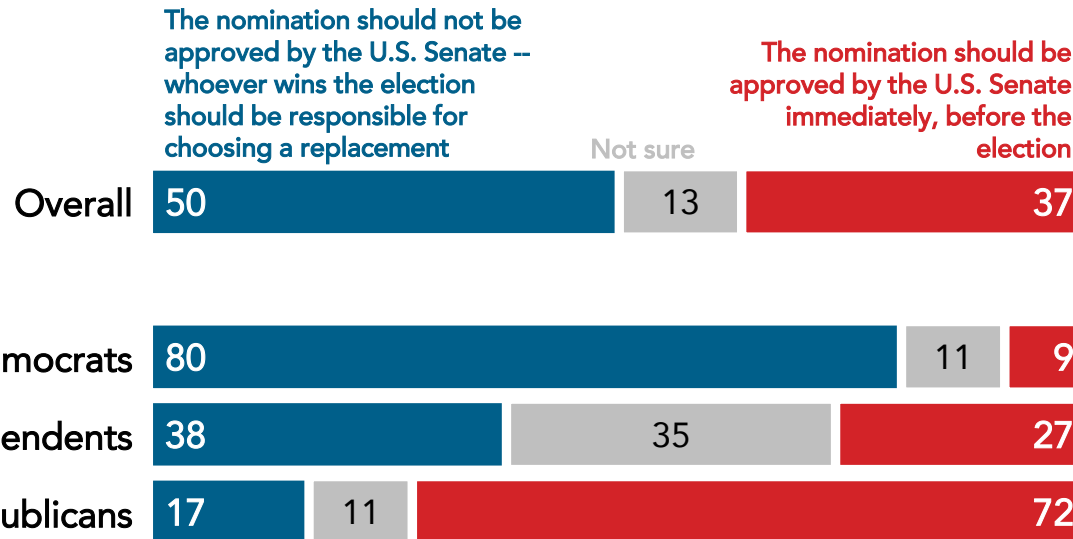
Key takeaways:

- Americans expect Amy Coney Barrett to make the Court more conservative and think it is likely that the ACA will be struck down and *Roe* overturned.
- Biden voters are especially motivated to vote by Trump's nomination of Amy Coney Barrett.
- Trump's leaked tax returns help to drive home the idea that the system is rigged, and there are different sets of rules for regular people and people like Trump.

By 16-Point Margin, Public Wants Senate to Focus on Coronavirus and Put Supreme Court on Hold

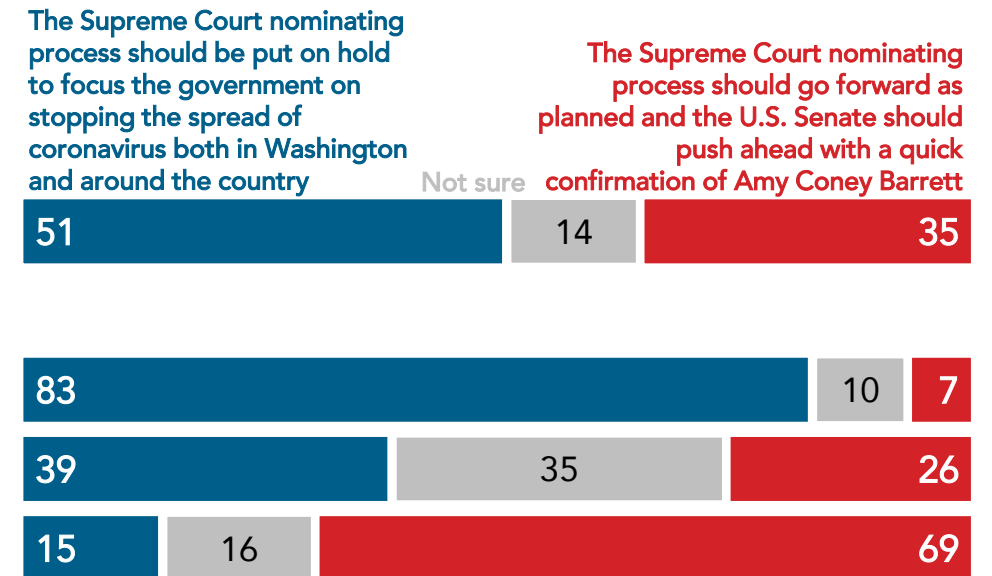
Americans continue to prefer the Supreme Court nomination to wait until post-election by a clear margin, and the margin is even wider when framed as a choice between focusing on the Court or focusing on handling the pandemic.

Which of the following comes closer to your view about Trump's decision to nominate a replacement for Ginsburg prior to the election?



As you may know, a number of people involved in the U.S. Senate's process to consider Trump's nominee to the Supreme Court have either tested positive for coronavirus or been in close contact with people who have tested positive. This includes U.S. Senators, staff, and also Donald Trump's nominee Amy Coney Barrett herself.

Hearing this, what do you think should happen now?



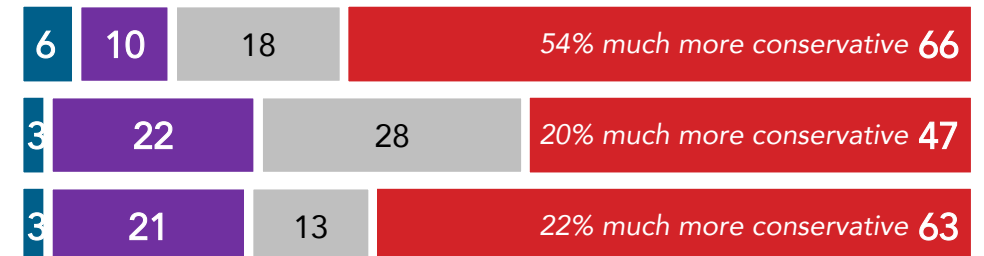
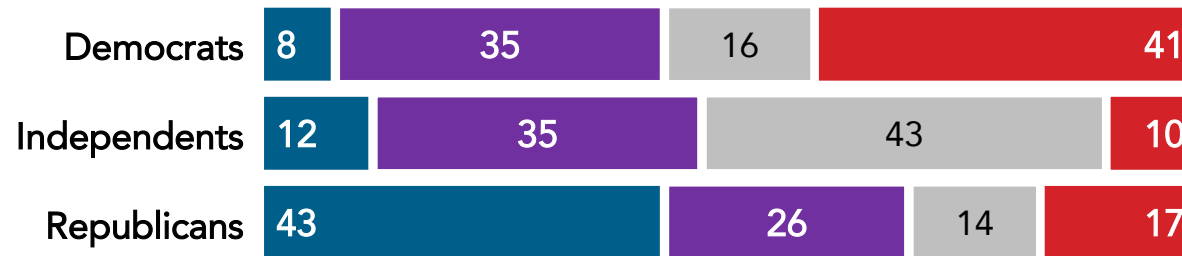
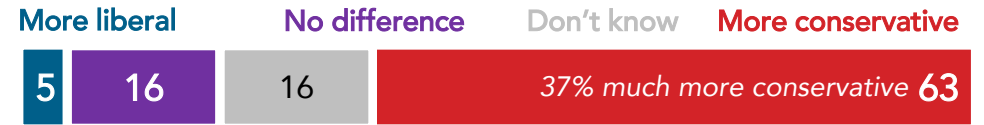
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Most Americans Think Coney Barrett Confirmation Will Push Court to the Right

Americans are conflicted on the Supreme Court's recent ideological tilt but there is a clear belief that if Coney Barrett is confirmed it will become more conservative – many think "much more."

Prior to the recent passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, would you say the United States Supreme Court has been too conservative, too liberal, or middle of the road?

Generally speaking, do you think Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation would make the Supreme Court more conservative, more liberal, or will she make no difference to the ideology of the Court?



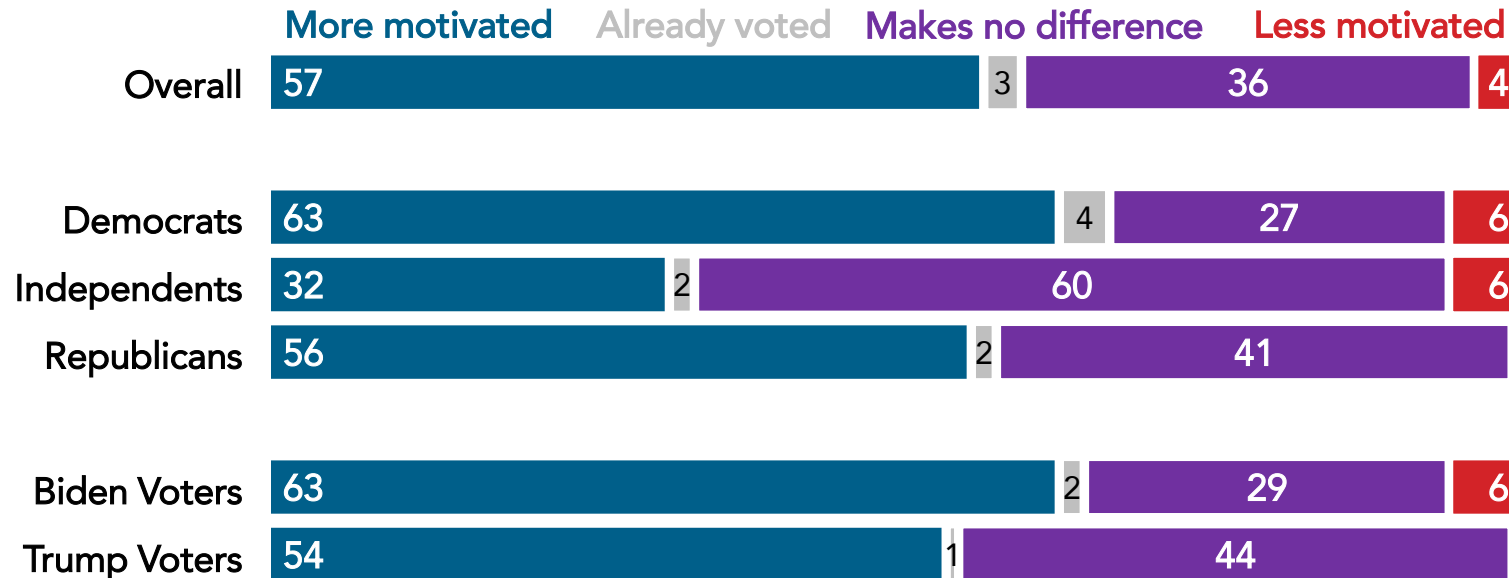
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Biden Supporters More Motivated By Court Fight than Trump Supporters

A majority say they are motivated to vote because of the nomination of a new Justice by Donald Trump, with Democrats most motivated to vote as a result.

- Among Trump voters, though 54% say they are more motivated, more than two in five (44%) say that it makes no difference to them in their motivation to vote.

Regardless of how you plan to vote in November, is the nomination of a new Supreme Court Justice by Donald Trump an issue that makes you feel more or less motivated to vote?



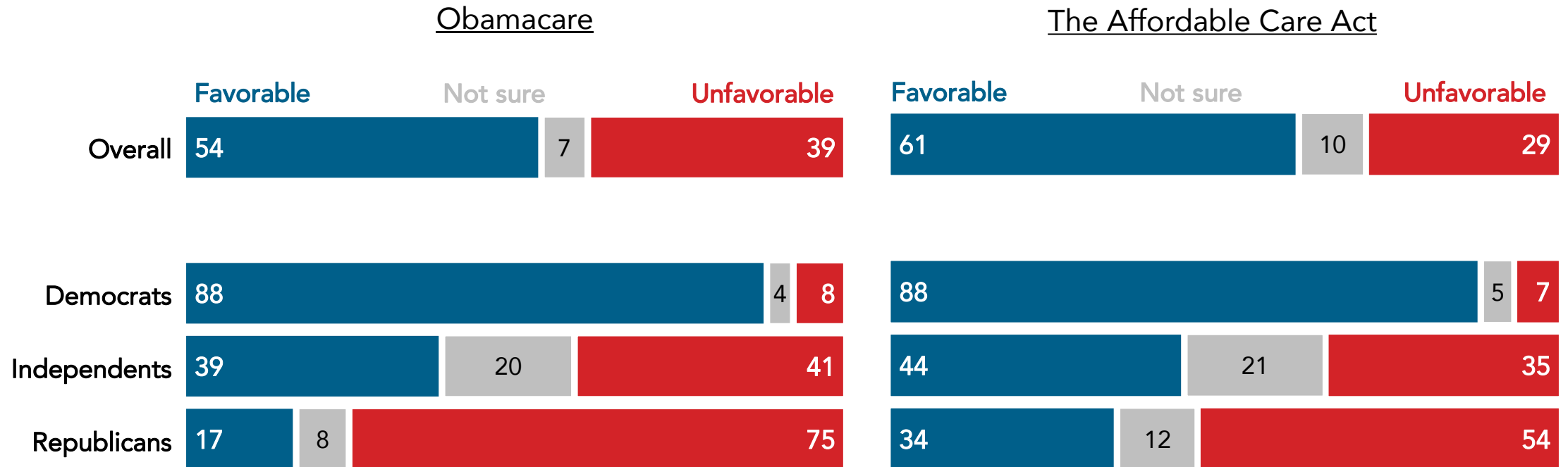
"Biden Voters" are defined as those who report intending to vote for Joe Biden in the November presidential election. "Trump Voters" are defined as those who report intending to vote for Donald Trump in the November presidential election. Nationwide survey of 1,011 registered voters; October 2-5, 2020. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org

“Obamacare” Is Popular, and “The Affordable Care Act” Is Even More Popular

While majorities have favorable views of both “Obamacare” and “the Affordable Care Act,” the ACA is 7 points more popular than Obamacare.

- “Obamacare” has reached a new high in popularity in Navigator tracking, at net +15 – now up from +5 in February – as has “The Affordable Care Act,” up a net 31 points since June 2019 (from +1 to +32).

Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to each one:



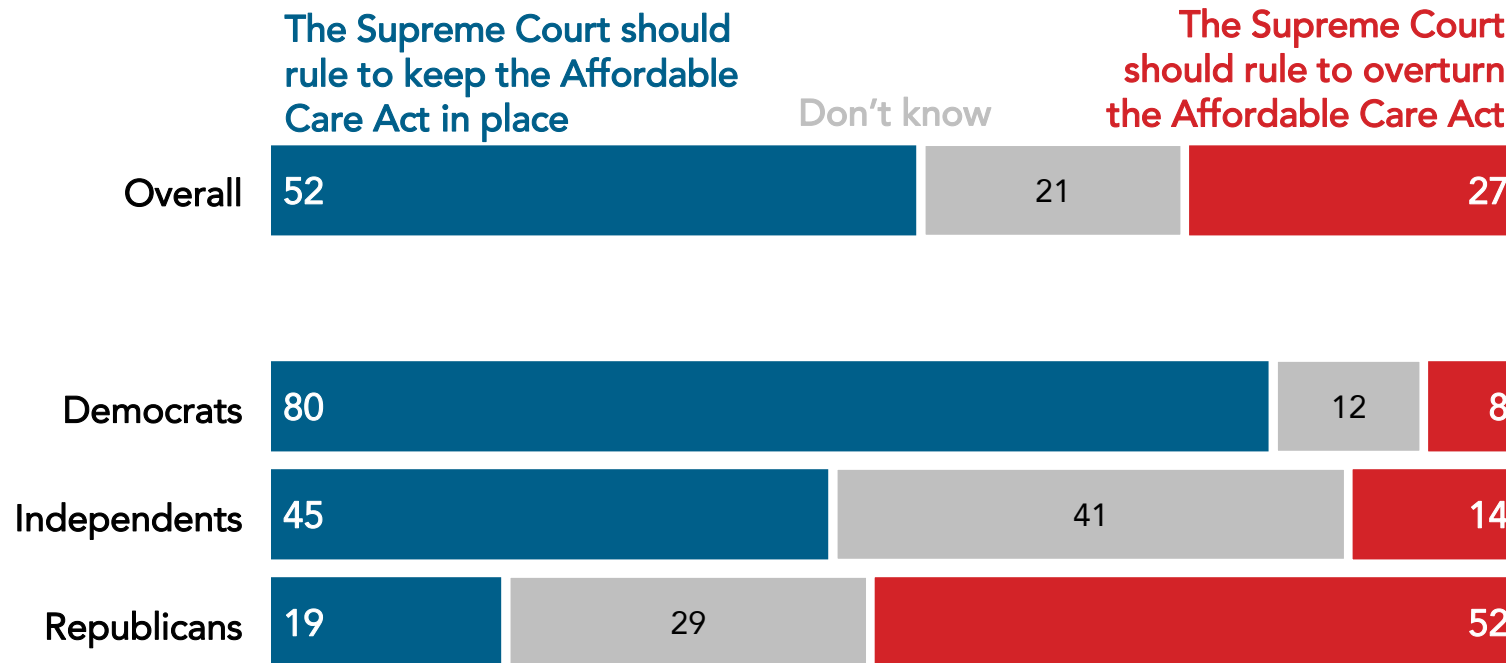
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2 to 1 Opposition to Supreme Court Striking Down the Affordable Care Act

A majority say the Supreme Court should keep the Affordable Care Act intact instead of overturning it.

- Support for overturning the ACA is almost entirely concentrated among Republicans, with only 8% of Democrats and 14% of independents in favor.

As you may know, there is a case currently before the Supreme Court about whether or not to overturn the Affordable Care Act. What do you think should happen on this?

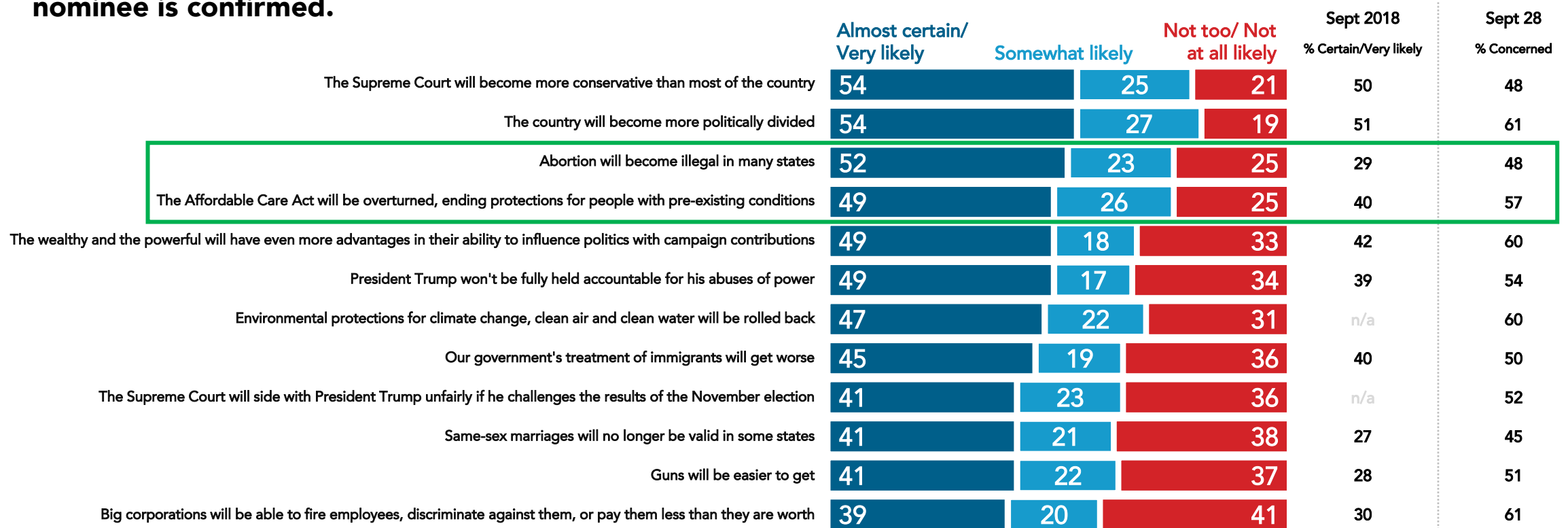


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Americans Feel Court Will Likely Turn More Conservative, Divide Country Politically, and Overturn *Roe* and the ACA

Since September 2018, there has been a sharp increase in the share who think that abortion will become illegal and same sex marriages will no longer be valid in many states if Trump's next Supreme Court Justice is confirmed.

For each, indicate how likely it is you think each will happen if President Trump's next Supreme Court nominee is confirmed.



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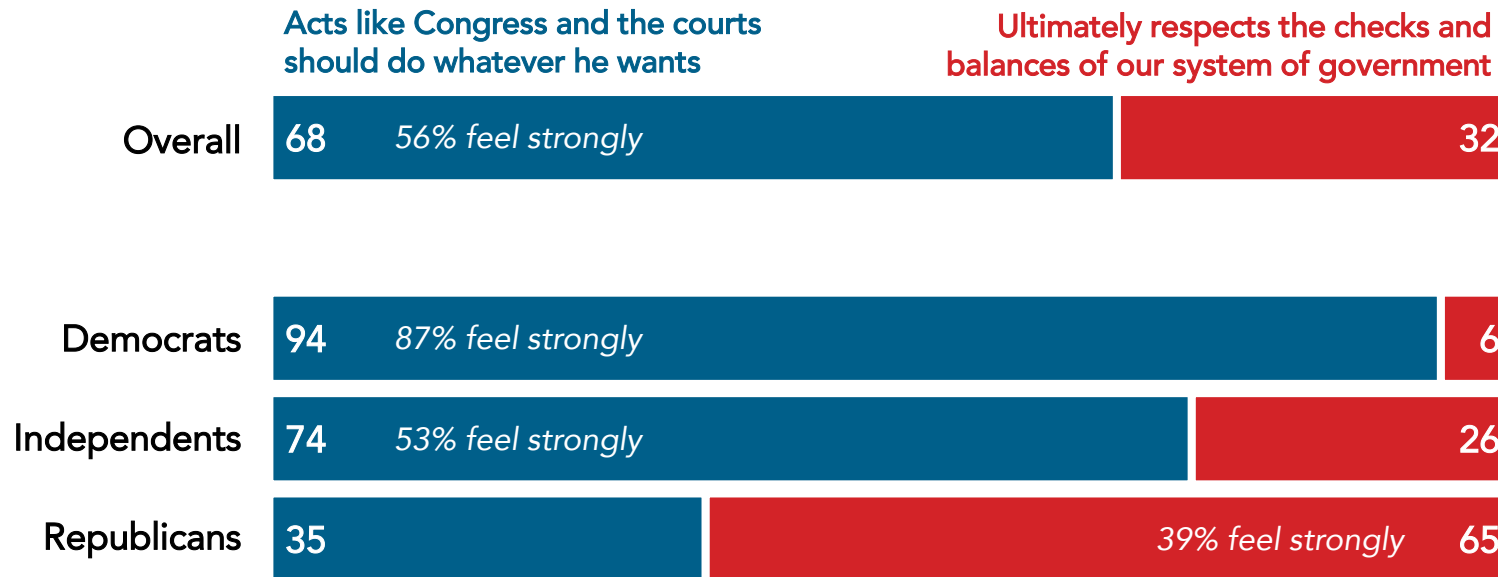
Nearly Seven in Ten Agree Trump Acts Like Congress and Courts Should Do What He Wants

More than two in three say that Trump acts like Congress and the courts should do what he wants, rather than that he ultimately respects the checks and balances of our system of government.

- Republicans are driving the share who say he ultimately respects our system of government (65%), though more than a third (35%) agree he acts like Congress and the courts should do whatever he wants.

Which do you agree with more:

- Donald Trump **acts like Congress and the courts should do whatever he wants**
- Donald Trump **ultimately respects the checks and balances of our system of government**



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Trump Is Seen as Putting the Wealthy Ahead of Working and Middle Class People By More Than 20-Point Margin

Three in five say that Trump's policies put wealthy people first while less than two in five say his policies put working and middle class people first.

- Among independents, two in three (66%) consistently have said Trump's policies have put wealthy people first since February, with nearly two in five saying they feel this way "strongly."

Which do you agree with more:

- Donald Trump's policies **put wealthy people first**
- Donald Trump's policies **put working and middle class people first**



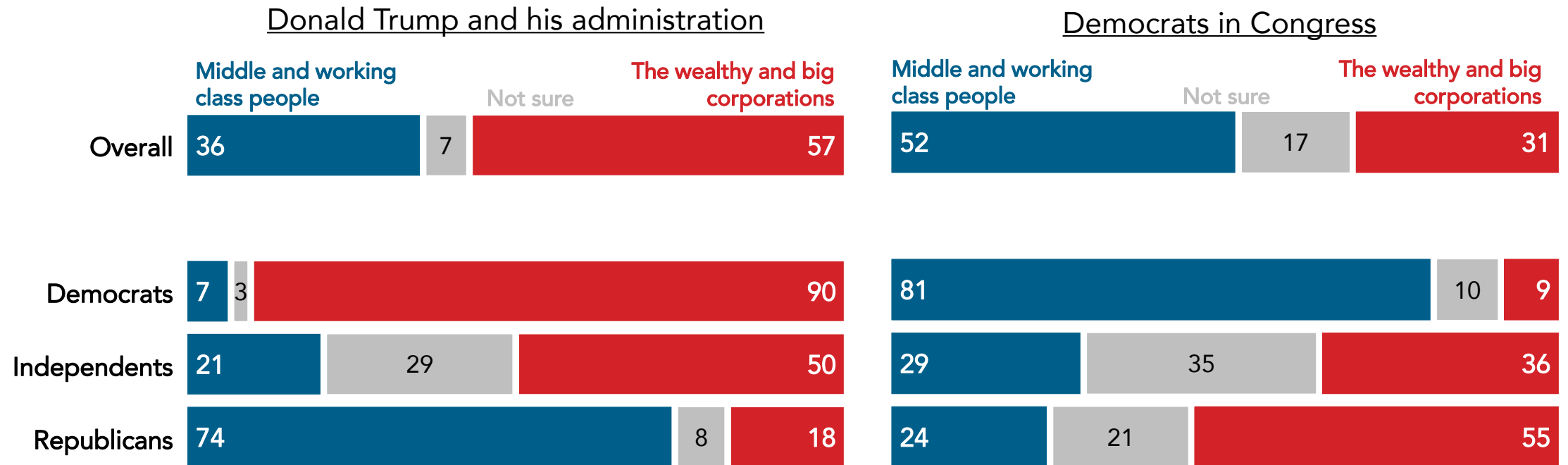
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Trump Is Seen as Looking Out for the Rich and Corporations While Democrats Are Seen as Looking Out for the Middle Class

Nearly three in five say Trump and his administration's policies favor the wealthy and big corporations, while more than half say Democrats in Congress's policies favor middle and working class people.

- Half of independents (50%) say Trump's policies favor the wealthy while only 36% say the same of Democrats.

Thinking more about how _____ have handled the economy, who do you think _____'s policies favor most?



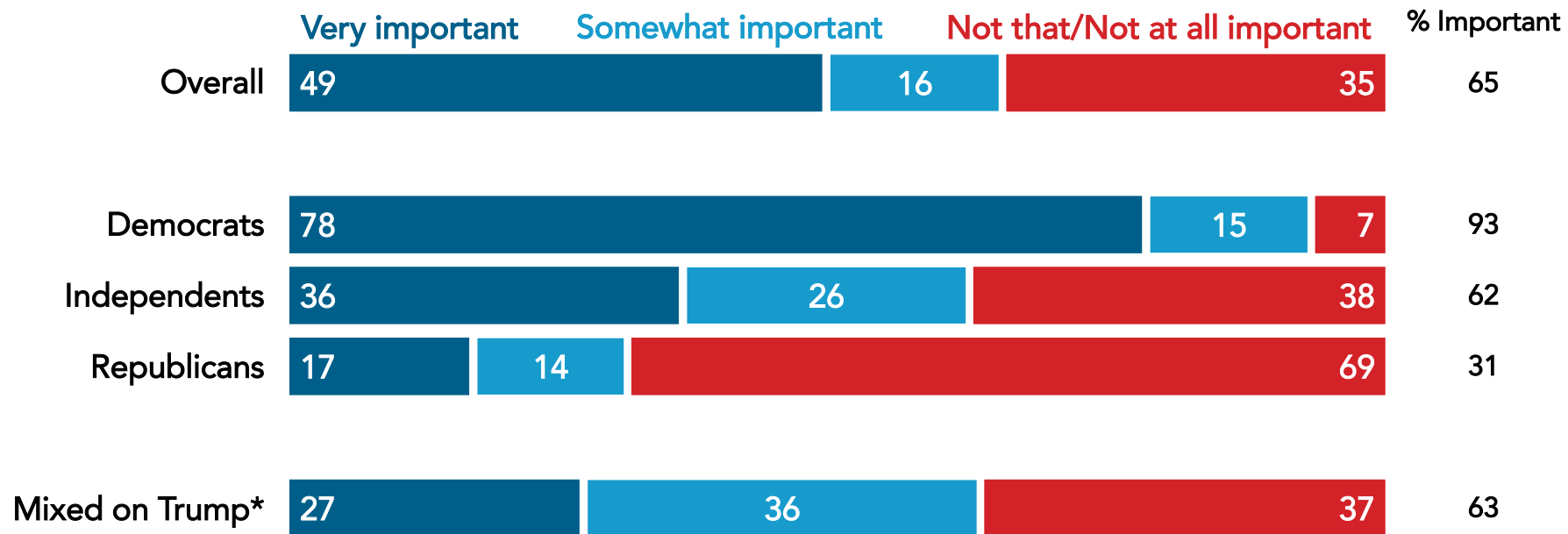
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Most Feel *The NYT* Trump Tax Return Story Was Important Information for the Public

Almost two in three say the information released by *The New York Times* regarding Trump's tax returns was important information for the public to know.

- A majority (62%) of independents feel the information was important for the public to know.

As you may know, *The New York Times* recently released information about Donald Trump's tax returns, how important do you think this information was for the American public to know?

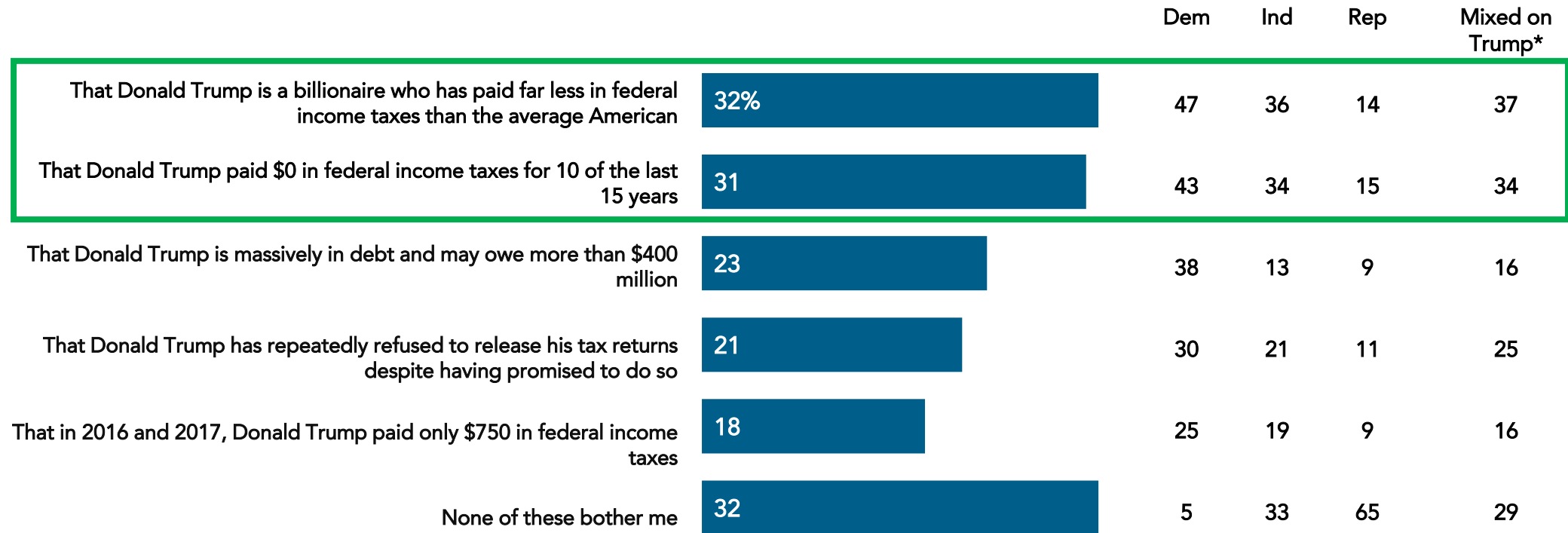


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Most Bothersome Parts of Trump's Tax Returns: Paying Less than the Average American, Paying \$0 in 10 of the Last 15 Years

One in three Americans are bothered by Trump's status as a billionaire and his paying far less in federal income taxes than the average American, and that he paid \$0 in federal income taxes in 10 years of the last 15.

Below are some pieces of information from the report about Donald Trump's tax returns. Which TWO bother you the most?

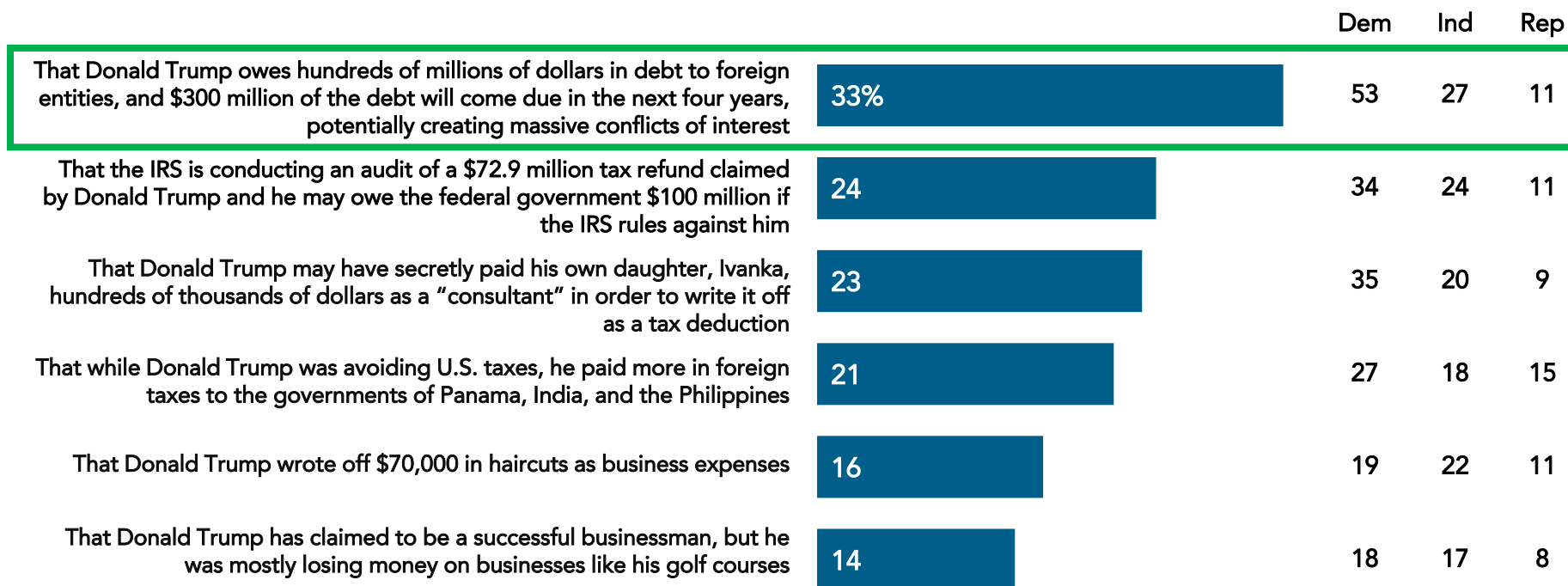


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Most Bothersome Aspect of Trump's Tax Returns: Millions of Dollars Owed to Foreign Entities

The most concerning item for Americans among a series of revelations from *The New York Times's* coverage of Trump's tax returns is the hundreds of millions of dollars Trump owes to foreign entities.

Below are some more specific details that were revealed in Donald Trump's tax returns. Which TWO bother you the most?

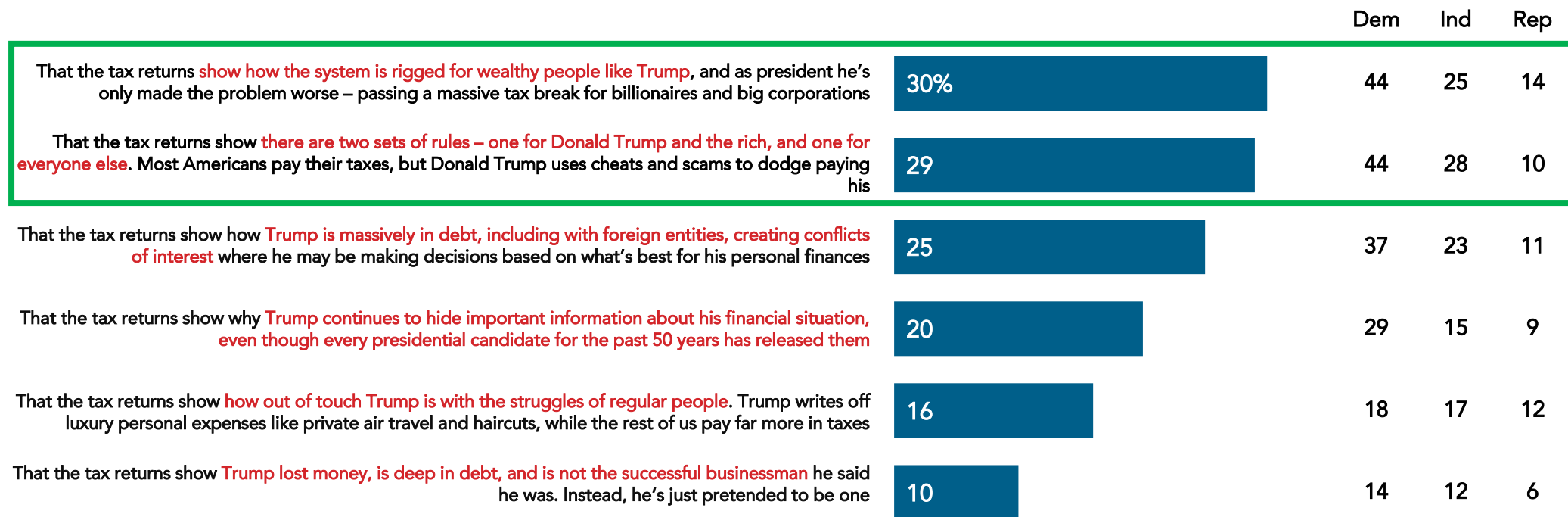


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A System Rigged for the Rich and Separate Rules for the Wealthy Are Top Concerns from Trump's Tax Returns

After exposure to various statements regarding Trump's tax returns, the issues that stand out the most as concerns for Americans focus on the disparity between the experiences of the rich, like Trump, in contrast to the experiences of everyday people when it comes to taxes and personal finances.

Here are some statements summarizing some of the information you just read. Generally speaking, which of the following TWO do you find most concerning about Donald Trump's tax returns?



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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 public opinion surveys among a sample of 1,011 registered voters from October 2-5, 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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