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## Communicating in Crisis

## Key takeaways:

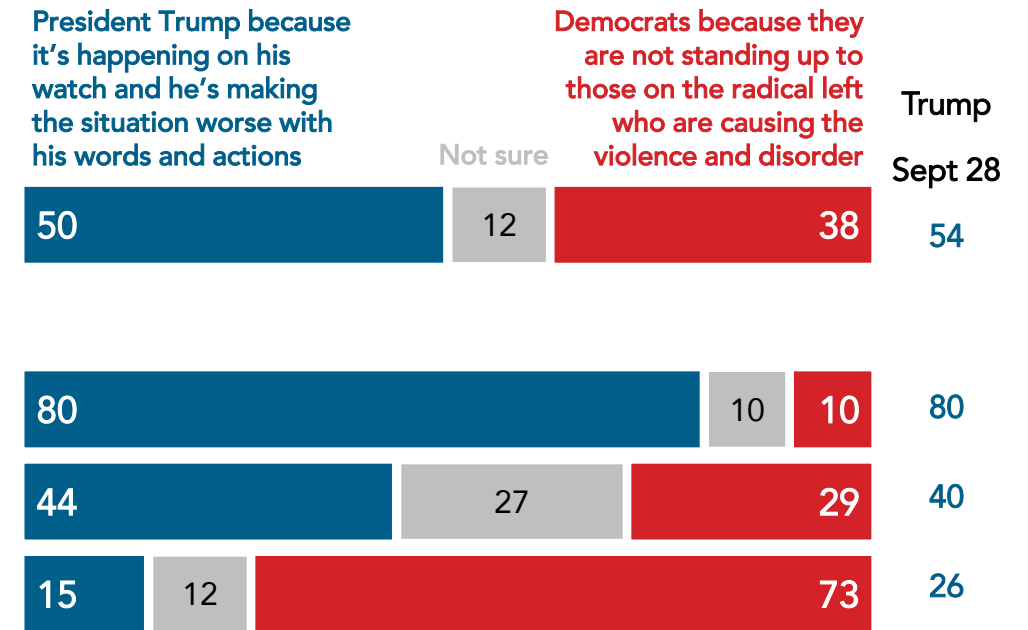
- Three in five say Trump has not done enough to discourage white supremacist violence in the United States.
- Half of Americans say Republicans in Congress have not shown enough independence from President Trump and say they are best described as “yes men” who are “showing no backbone” and “putting country over party.”
- Majorities of Americans overall – and specifically parents – say if cases of coronavirus continue to rise in the winter, schools should be fully remote.

# Americans Continue to Say Trump Made Disorder Worse

Among independents, there has been an 8-point increase since late September in the share who say Trump has “made the situation worse,” and there has been a 4-point increase in the share who blame Trump more than Democrats.

**Do you think what Donald Trump has said and done about the protests and disorder happening in some parts of the country right now has generally made the situation better, made the situation worse, or had no impact either way?**

**Thinking more specifically about the disorder that has been taking place in some places across the country, who do you blame more? Please choose even if it's hard to decide.**



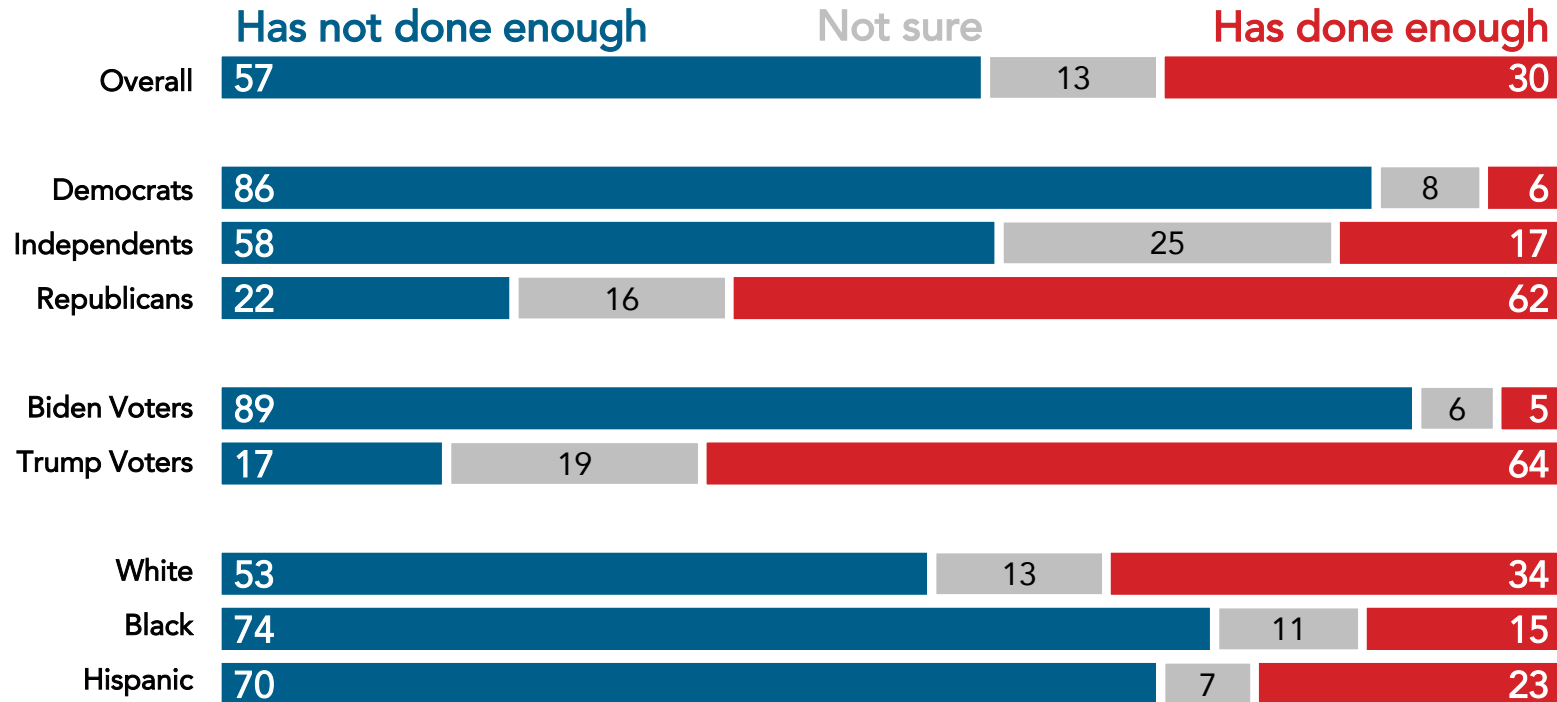
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# Three in Five Say Trump Has Not Done Enough to Discourage White Supremacist Violence in the U.S.

A majority of Americans say Trump has not done enough to discourage white supremacist violence while president.

- 74% of Black Americans and 70% of Hispanic Americans say he has not done enough.

**Thinking about everything else Donald Trump has done or said as president... Do you think Donald Trump has done enough to discourage white supremacist violence in the United States?**



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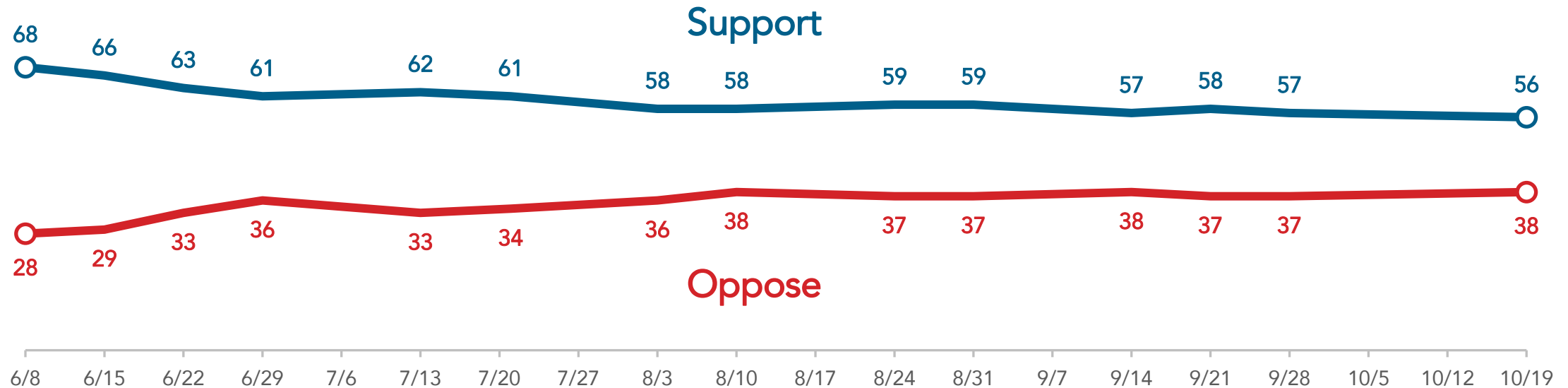
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# After Initial Dip, Support for Protests Against Racial Injustice Has Remained Steady Over Last Two Months

Nearly three in five continue to support the protests in the country against racial injustice, with net support stabilizing around +20 over the course of the summer.

- Among independents, 51% support the protests, while only 34% oppose them.

**As you may know, there have been protests across the country about racial justice and the police treatment of Black Americans. Do you support or oppose these protests?**



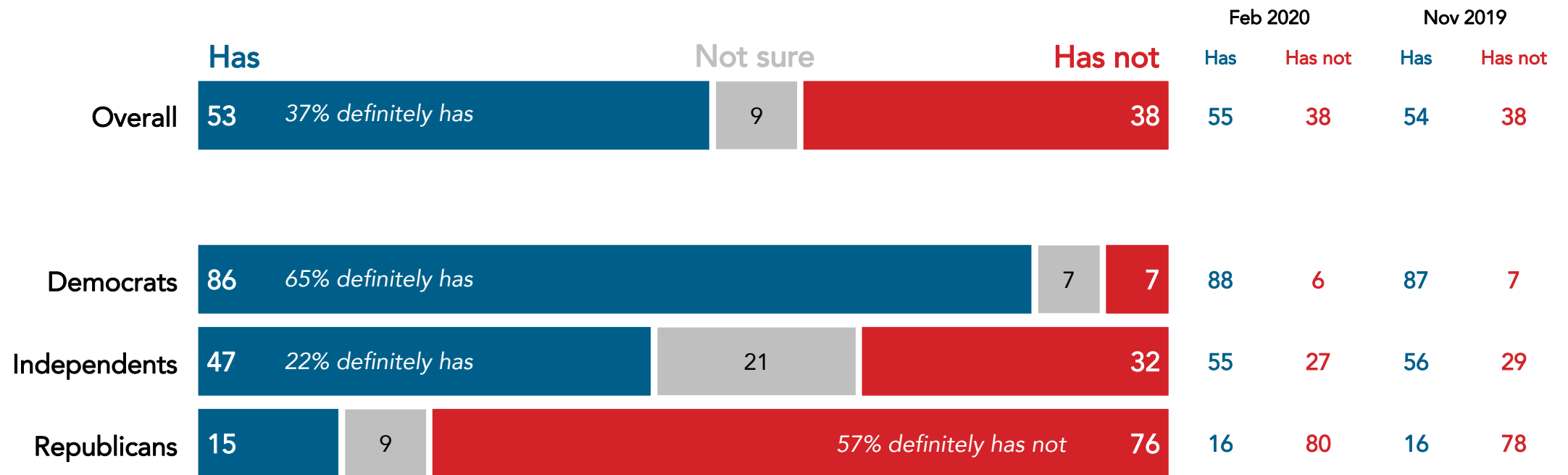
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# Majority Continue to Believe Trump Has Committed a Crime While President

Consistent with last year's November Navigator poll, a majority believe that Trump has committed a crime while president, including nearly two in five who say he "definitely has."

- Nearly half of independents (47%) believe Trump has committed a crime at some point his presidency.

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



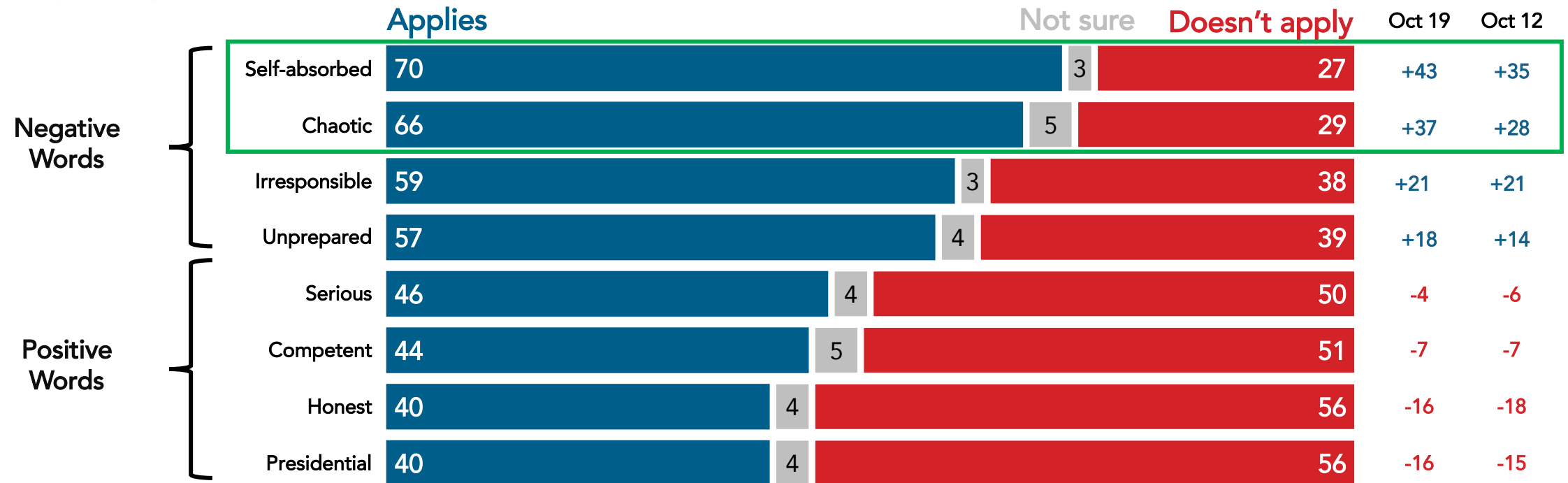
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# Trump's Presidency: "Self-Absorbed" and "Chaotic"

In the last week, the share who say Trump's presidency has been "self-absorbed" has grown a net 8 points, and the share who say it has been chaotic has grown a net 9 points.

- Among independents, 73% say "self-absorbed" and 68% say "chaotic" describe how Trump is handling his job as president.

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

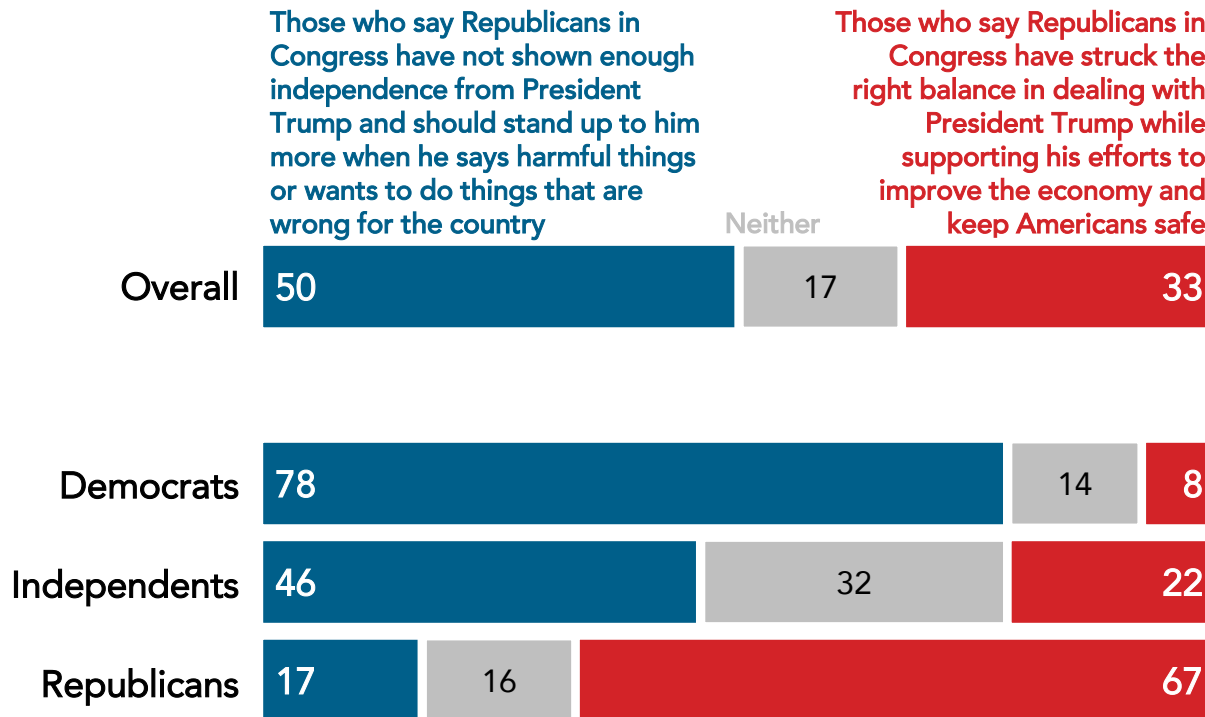


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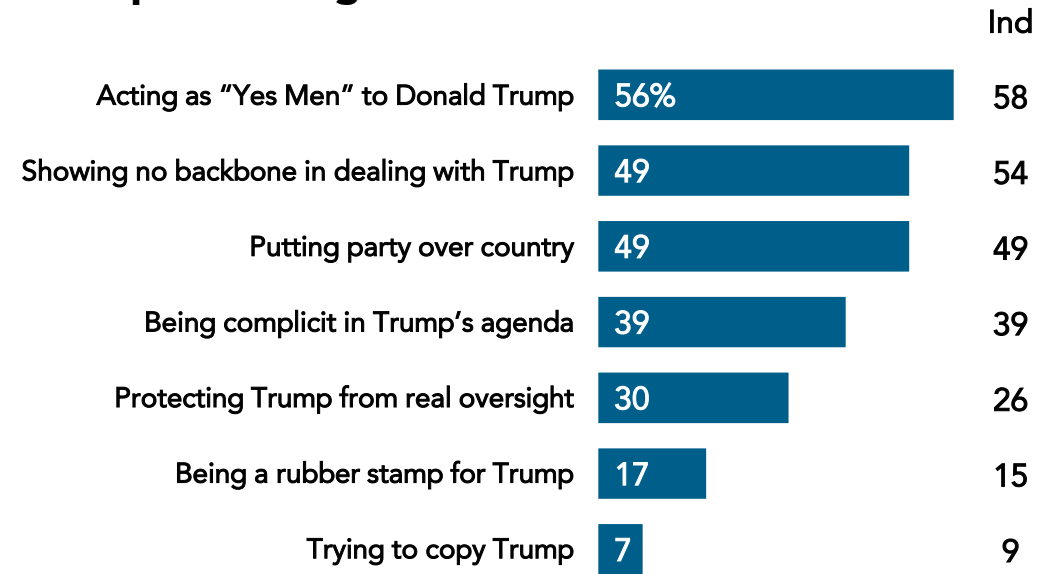
# Half Say Republicans Have Not Shown Enough Independence from Trump; See Them as “Yes Men” With “No Backbone”

Half say Republicans in Congress have not shown enough independence from Trump, while just one in three say they have struck the right balance. Top descriptors include “yes men,” “no backbone,” and “putting party over country.”

## Which side do you agree with more?



## [If not shown enough independence] And which of the following phrases best describes what Republicans who are too close to Donald Trump are doing?



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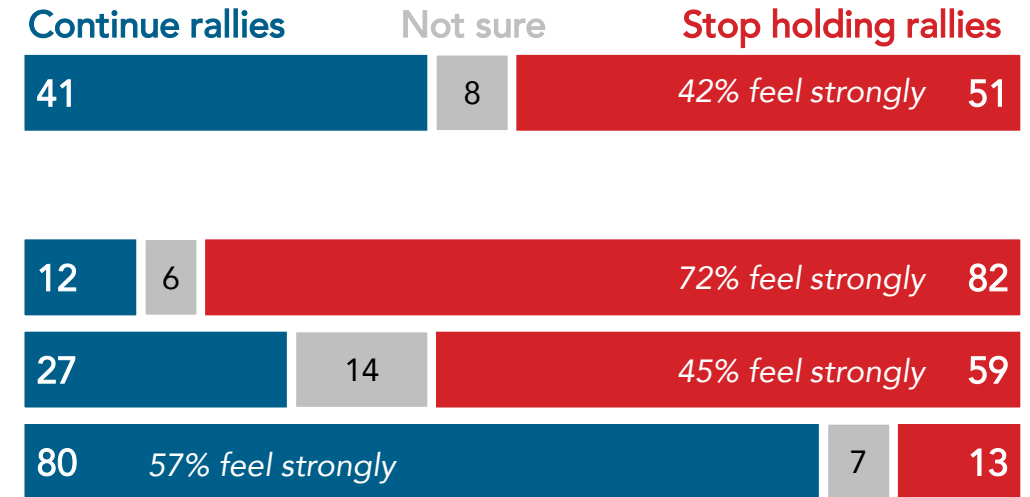
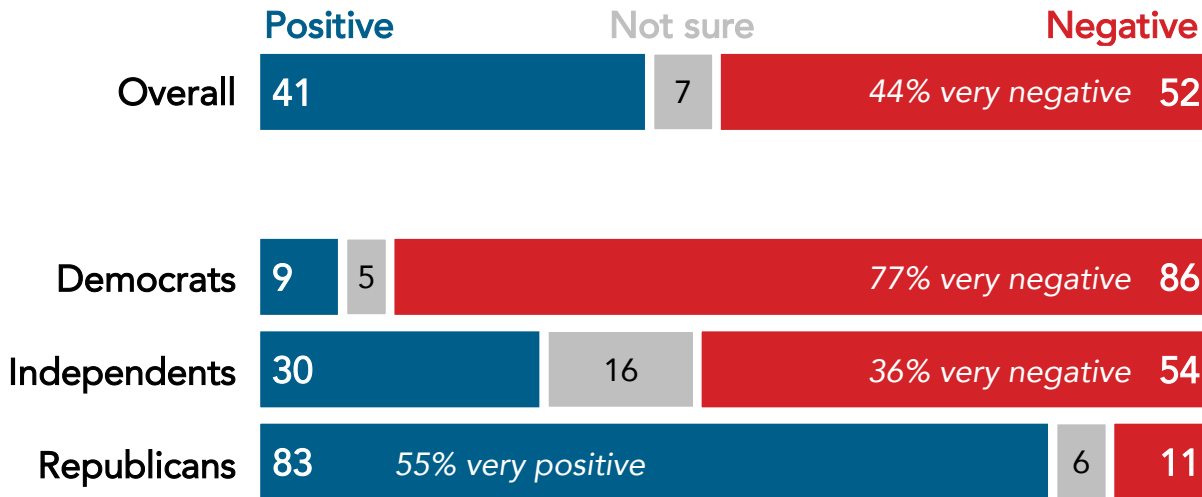
# Majorities Have Negative Impressions of Trump's Rallies and Say He Should Stop Holding Them

More than half say they have a negative impression of Trump's rallies and feel he should stop holding them.

- Intensity of opposition is high: 44% have a "very negative" impression of his rallies and 42% feel "strongly" he should stop holding rallies.

**As you may know, Trump has held many rallies during his presidency. Thinking across his entire presidency, do you generally have a positive impression of these rallies or a negative impression?**

**As you may know, President Trump continues to hold campaign events and rallies – including an indoor rally where attendees did not wear masks. Do you think Trump should continue to hold campaign rallies or stop holding campaign rallies?**



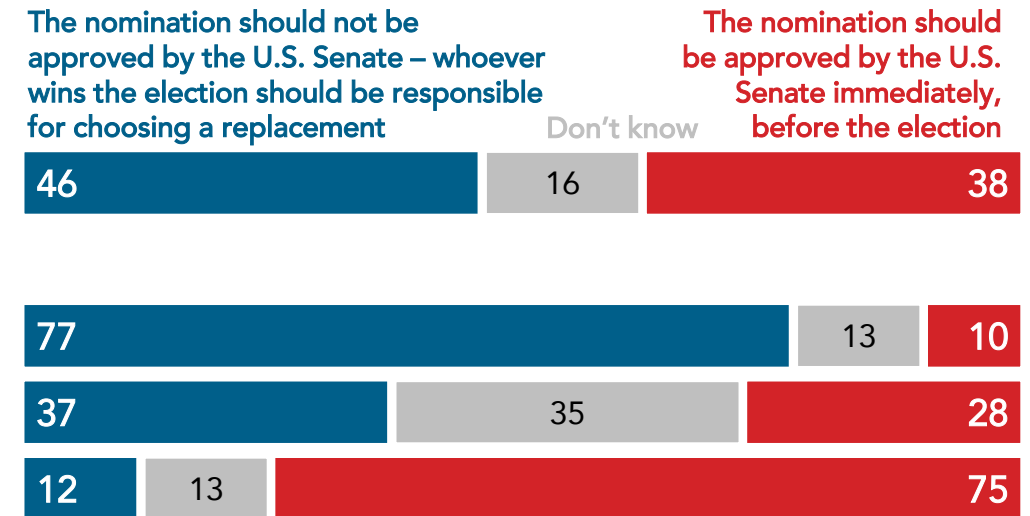
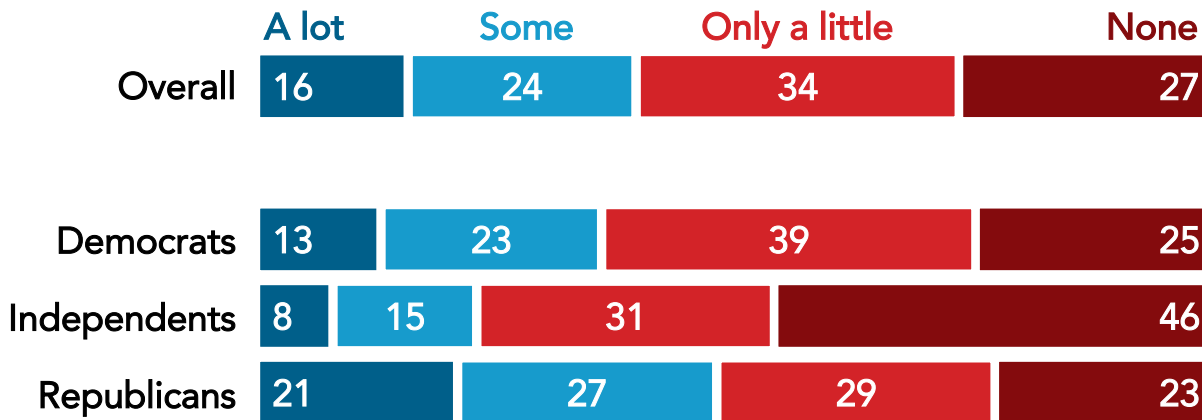
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# More Oppose Than Support SCOTUS Nomination Before Election Day

Just two in five report watching “a lot” or “some” of Barrett’s hearings – and a plurality continue to oppose her appointment, saying whoever wins the election should be responsible for choosing the new Justice.

As you may know, the Senate began hearings this week on the nomination process of Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court. How much of the hearings have you watched?

As you may know, President Trump has nominated Amy Coney Barrett to replace Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the Supreme Court. Which of the following comes closer to your view about Trump's decision to nominate a replacement for Ginsburg prior to the election?



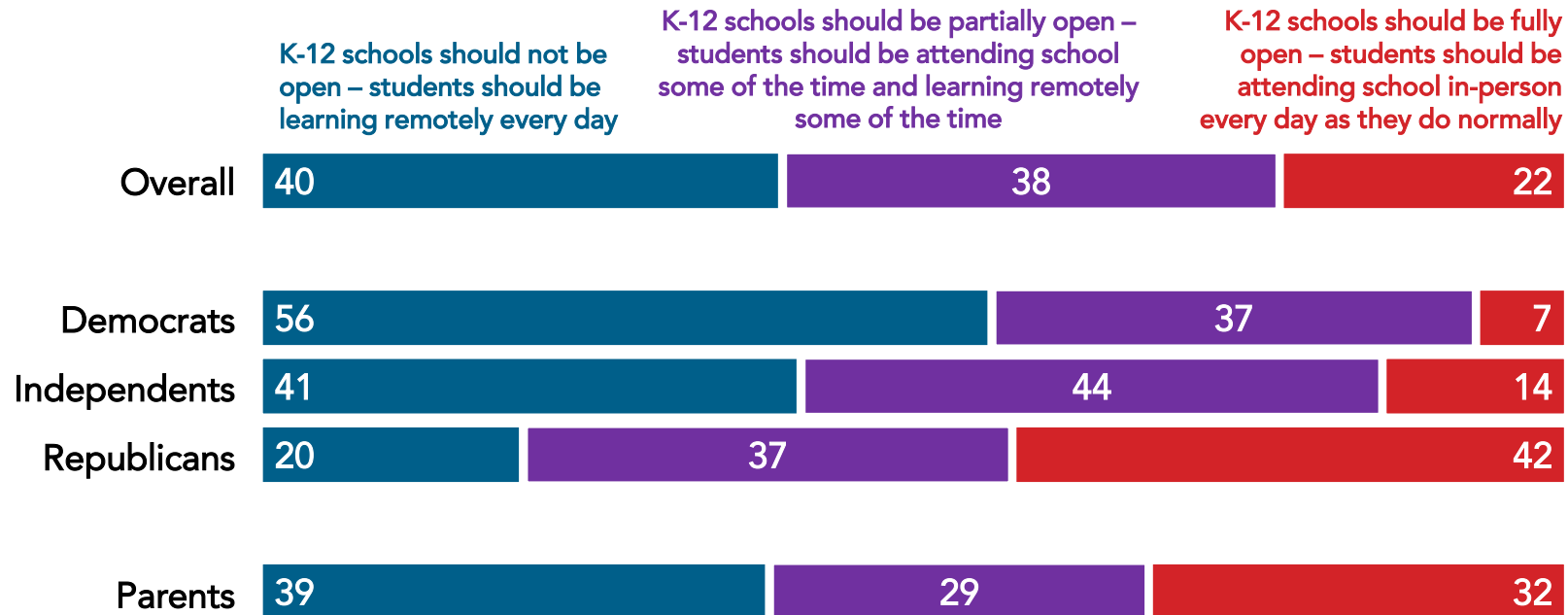
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# Mix of Views on Best Approach for Schools, Though Few are Ready for a Return to Normal

Two in five say schools should not be open and nearly the same say schools should use a hybrid model.

- Fewer parents (29%) than Americans overall (38%) support schools being partially open right now: two in five (39%) say that schools should not be open, while one in three (32%) say schools should be fully open.

**Thinking about K-12 schools in your community ... What do you think should be happening right now?**



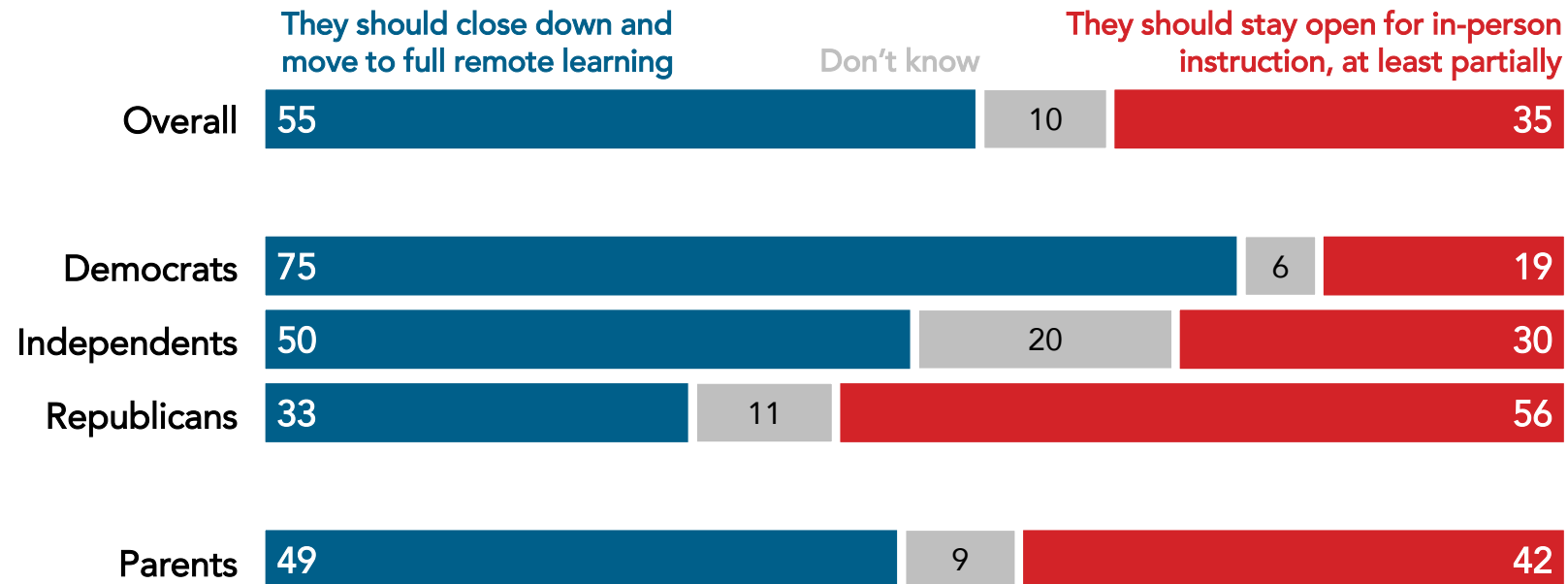
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# If Cases Continue to Rise in Winter, Majority Say Schools Should Close Down and Move to Full Remote Learning

More than half say if cases continue to rise, schools should close down and move to fully remote learning.

- Among parents, nearly half (49%) support moving to fully remote learning if cases continue to rise in the winter.

**If coronavirus cases continue to rise in your area as we head into the colder, winter months, what do you think should happen with K-12 schools in your community?**



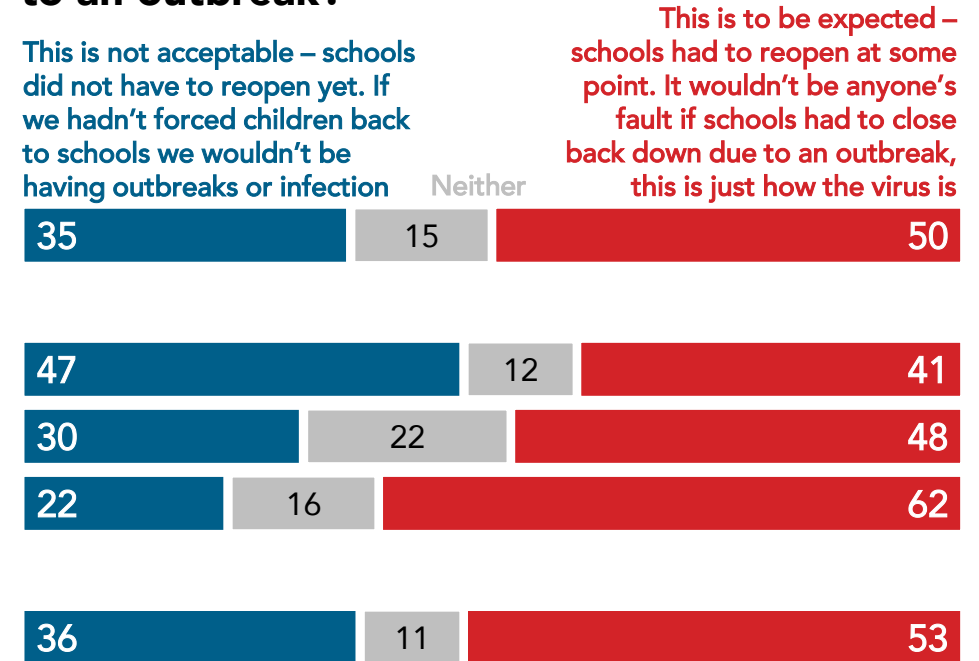
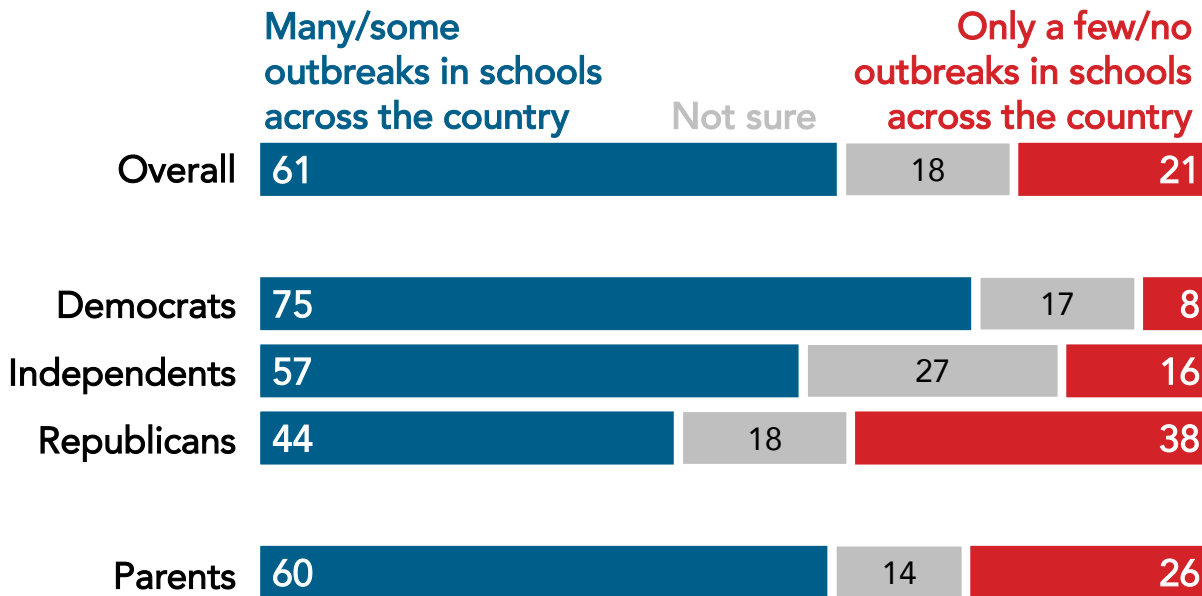
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# Most Say There Have Been “Many” or “Some” School Outbreaks But Say This Is to Be Expected

Three in five say there have been “many” or “some” coronavirus outbreaks in schools in the United States, but half say this is to be expected and that schools “had to reopen at some point.”

As far as you know, have schools that have opened in other parts of the United States experienced coronavirus outbreaks? There have been...

Which of the following best describes how you feel about the possibility of schools in your area closing briefly or at some point due to an outbreak?



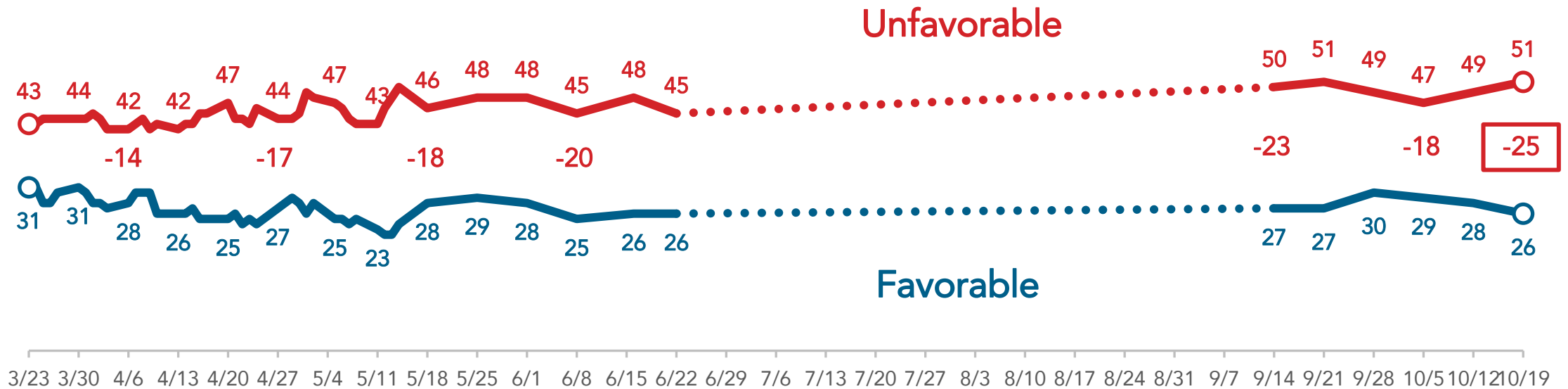
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# Mitch McConnell Remains Disliked By Majority of Americans

Mitch McConnell's numbers on "unfavorable" are tied for their highest point in our tracking since March at 51%, with his net favorability at -25.

- Among independents, 48% have an unfavorable view of McConnell while only 14% have a favorable view.

Please indicate whether you are favorable or unfavorable to: Mitch McConnell.



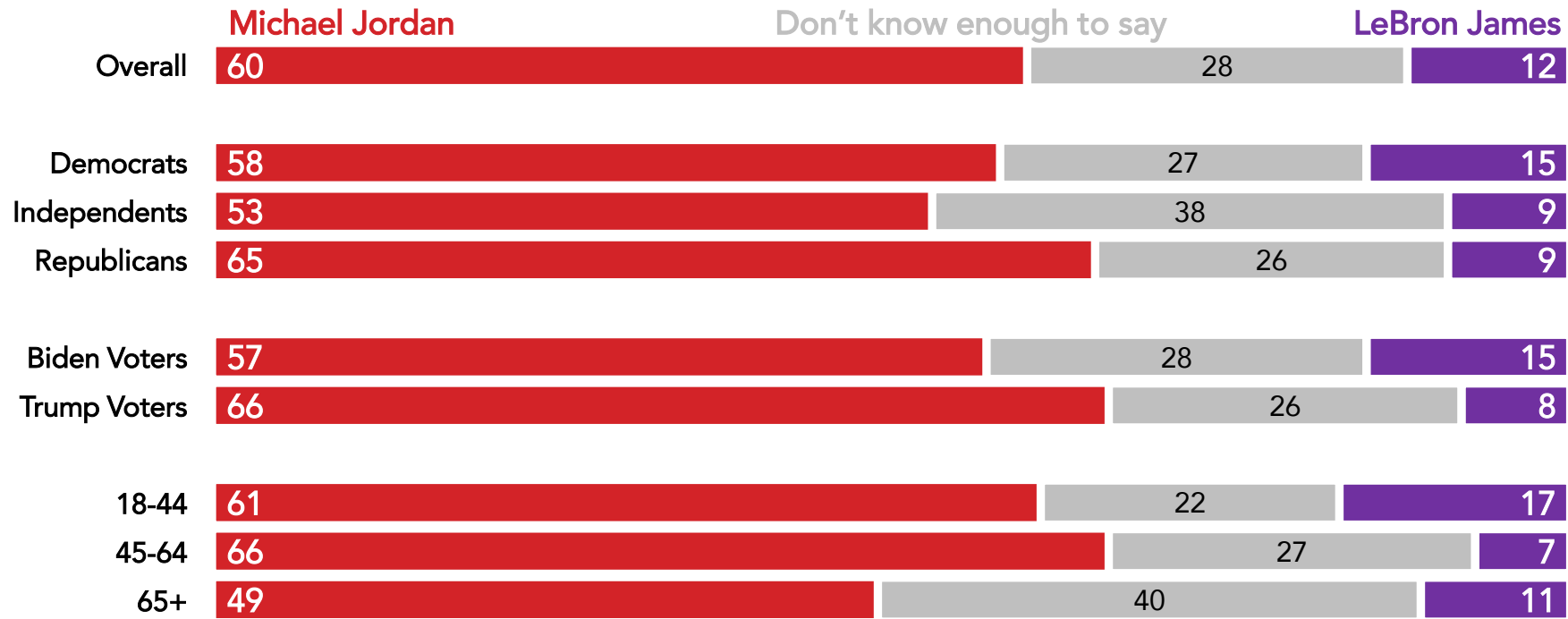
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# Biden and Trump Voters Agree Michael Jordan is the Best Basketball Player of All Time

Despite LeBron James recently winning his fourth championship, majorities of Biden and Trump voters say Jordan is the greatest player of all time, while less than one in six of each say that LeBron is the best of all time.

- Among men ages 18-34, 27% think LeBron is the best basketball player of all time.

## Changing topics...who do you think is the greatest basketball player of all time?



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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 1,000 registered voters from October 15-19, 2020. 210 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. 202 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 203 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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