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Key Takeaways:

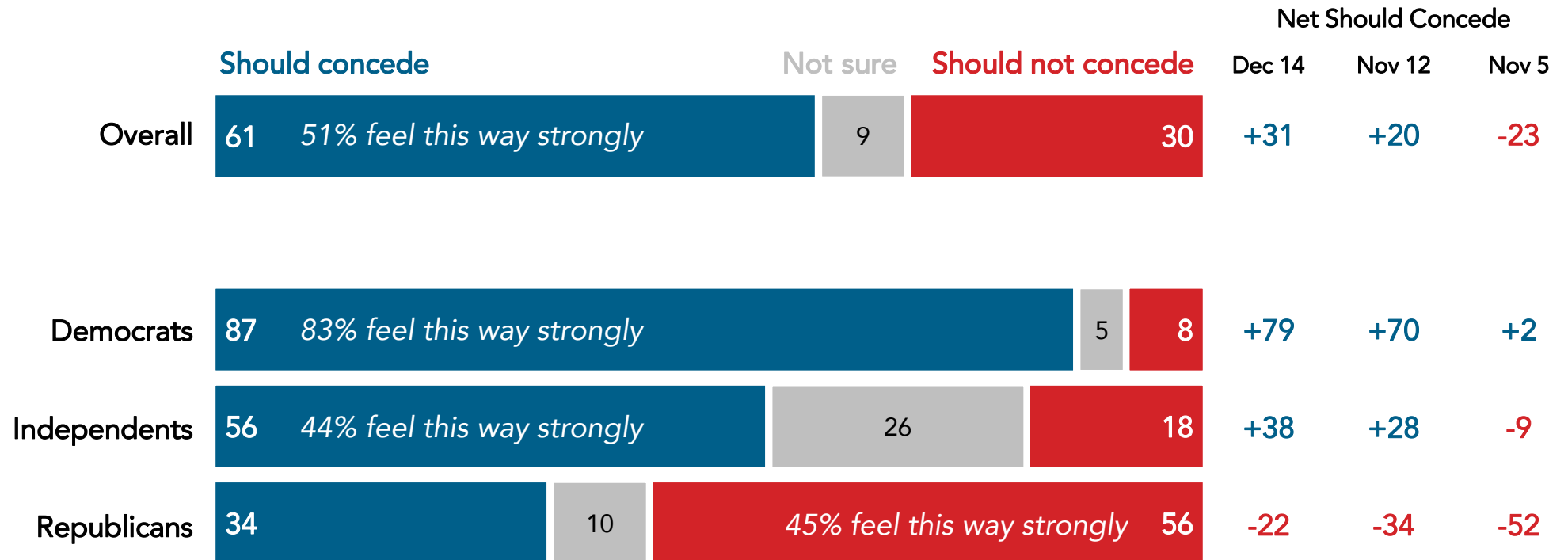
- The public increasingly feels Trump should concede.
- Ratings of Trump's job handling remain deeply underwater while Biden's approval rating in handling the presidential transition is net positive by nearly 20 points.
- A near-majority of Americans say Republicans have been too slow to accept Biden's win.

Calls for Trump's Concession Continue to Grow

Since November 12, there has been an 11-point net increase in the share who say Trump should concede, including a 10-point net increase among independents and a 12-point net increase among Republicans.

- On a separate question, 80% of Americans think Biden will be inaugurated in January.

Do you think Donald Trump should concede the election right now?*



*Note: survey was conducted prior to this week's Electoral College vote.
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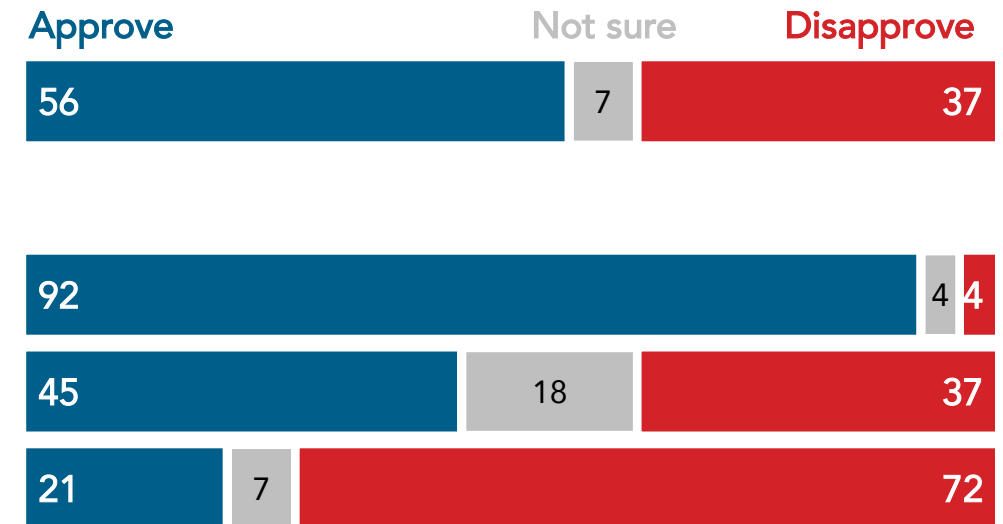
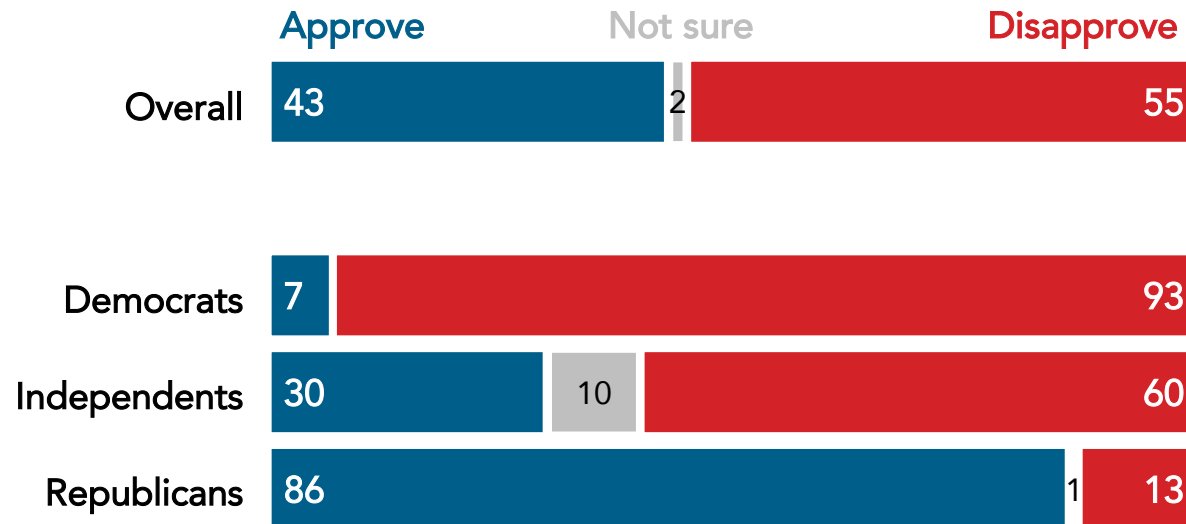
Trump's Job Approval Remains Underwater as Americans Give Biden High Marks for His Handling of the Transition

While Trump's handling of his job as president is 12 points in the negative, Biden's approval ratings on his handling of the transition are at net +19.

- Since November 12, Trump's net approval has declined 5 points (from -7 to -12).

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

Do you approve or disapprove of the way President-Elect Joe Biden is handling the presidential transition?

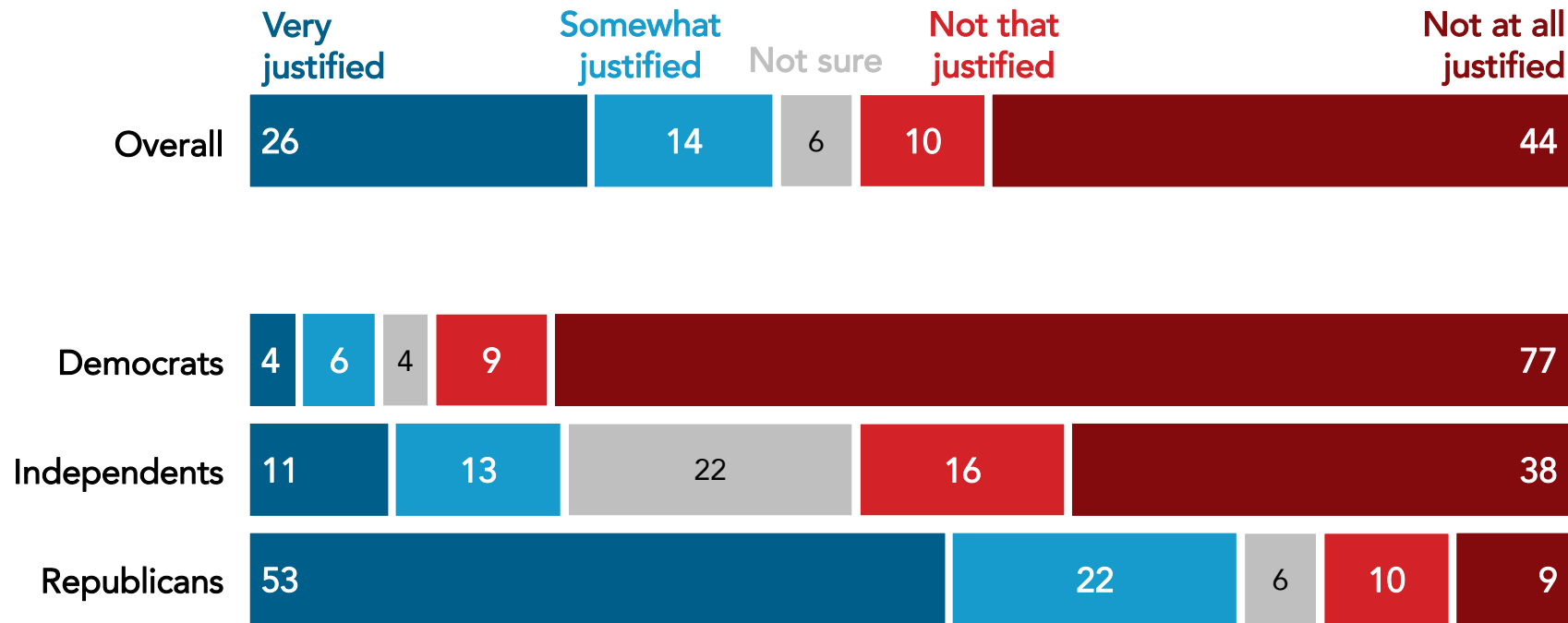


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A Majority Say Trump's Claims About Voter Fraud Are Not Justified

On a follow-up question, one in ten say Trump's claims about voter fraud are justified, but that these claims make them less likely to vote for fear all elections "are rigged"; 18% of Republicans say the same.

Do you think Trump's claims about voter fraud in the November presidential election are justified by evidence, or not?



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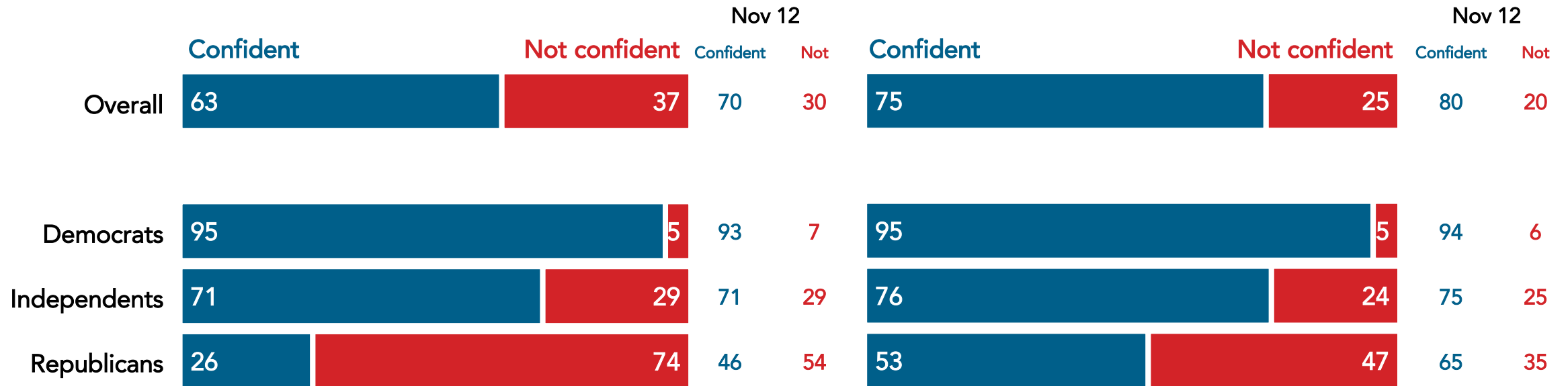
Most Americans Remain Confident in 2020 Election, With Declines in Confidence Driven By Republicans

Since November 12, levels of confidence in both the counting of the results of the election overall and their own ballot specifically have remained high among Democrats and independents.

- However, confidence in the election overall has declined by 20 points among Republicans (from 46% to 26%).

How confident are you that the results of the November presidential election have been counted correctly and fairly?

How confident are you that your ballot in the November presidential election has been counted correctly and fairly?



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Plurality of Republicans Say Election Results Decrease Confidence in Electoral College System

Two in five Americans say the 2020 election “makes no difference” in their confidence in the Electoral College, while three in ten say it decreases their confidence in the Electoral College.

- Among Republicans, 39% say it decreases their confidence, while 21% of Democrats say the same.

Does this election increase or decrease your confidence in the Electoral College?



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Half Say Deciding the Presidential Election By Popular Vote Would Make Our Government Work Better

A near-majority of Americans say amending the Constitution so the candidate who wins the popular vote wins the presidential election would have a positive impact on making our government work better for the people.

Please indicate what kind of impact you think this change would have in making our government work better for the people it represents: Amending the Constitution so the candidate who wins the most votes in the presidential election wins the election.



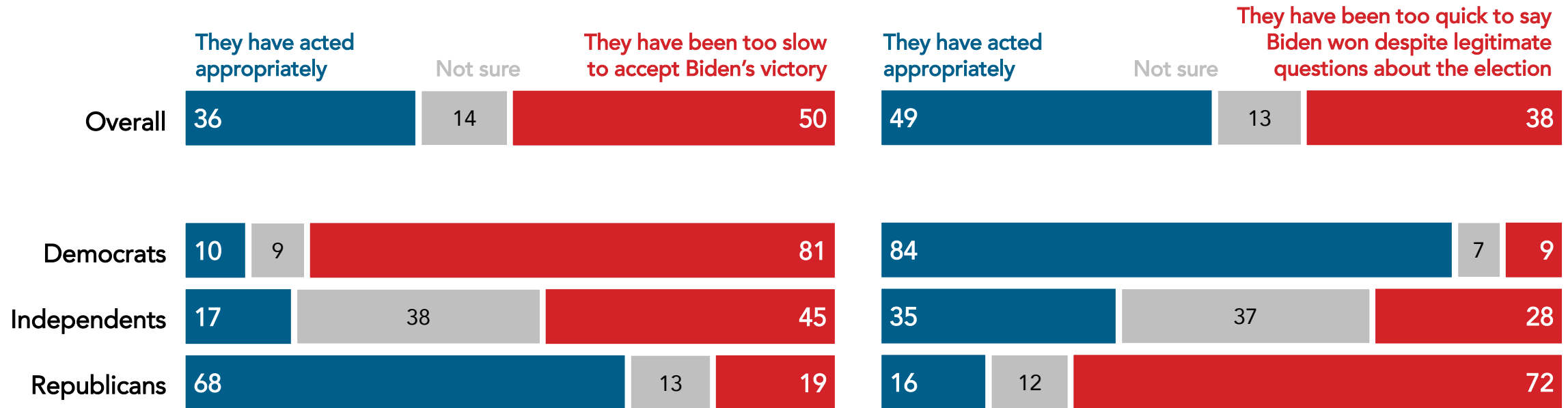
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Only One in Three Say Republicans Have Acted Appropriately in Their Response to the November Election

More than four in five independents (45%) say Republicans have been too slow to accept Biden's victory, and nearly one in five (19%) Republicans say the same.

Which side do you agree with more on how Republicans have reacted to the results of the November election?

Which side do you agree with more on how Democrats have reacted to the results of the November election?

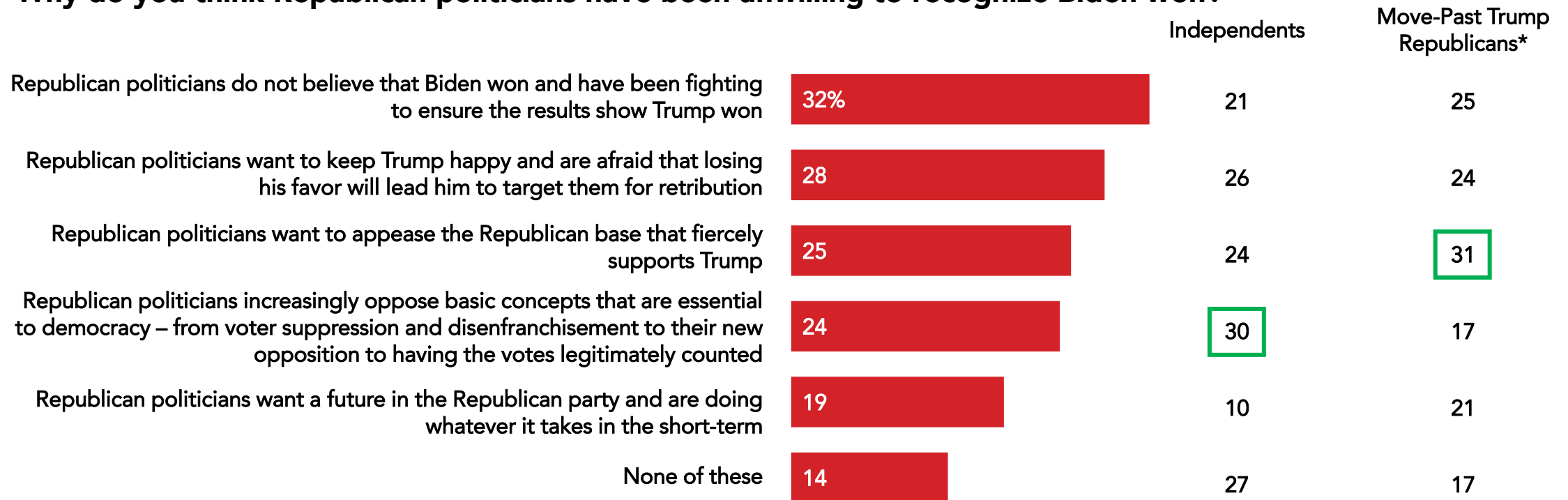


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Top Reasons Republicans Have Been Unwilling to Recognize Biden's Win: Disbelief, Fear of Retribution, Appeasing the Base

Among independents, Republican opposition to basic concepts of democracy is seen as the top reason for not recognizing Biden's win; for Move-Past Trump Republicans* it is because Republicans want to appease their base.

Why do you think Republican politicians have been unwilling to recognize Biden won?

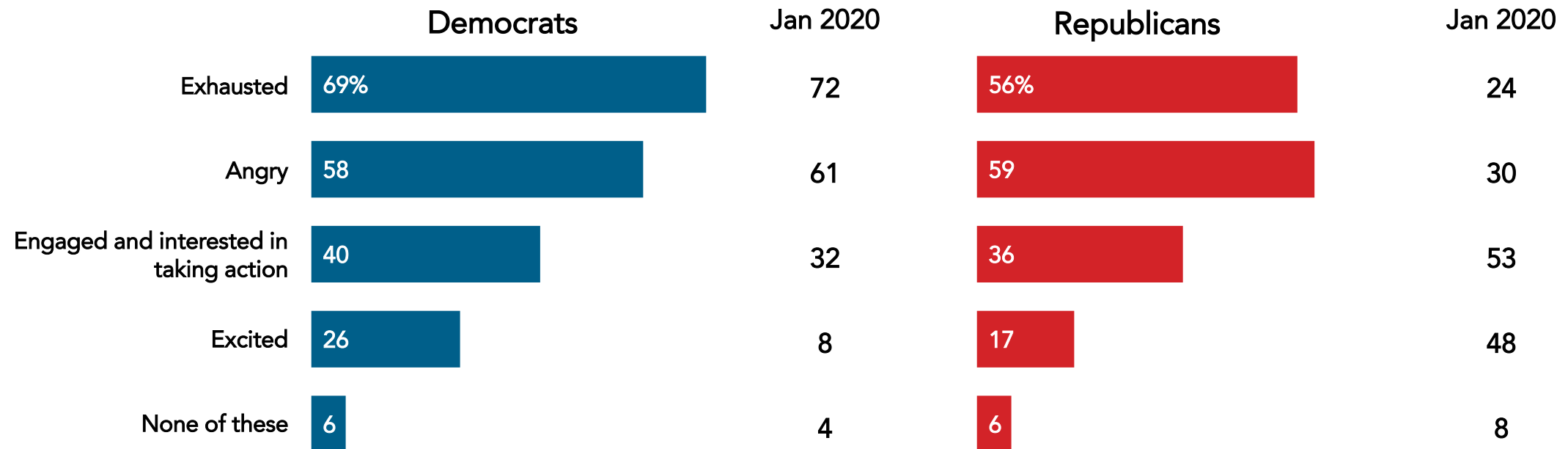


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Exhaustion and Anger Are the Top Emotions for Both Parties, Though Democratic Excitement Is on the Rise

Since January, Democrats have grown 8-points more “engaged and interested in taking action” and 18-points more “excited” about politics, while Republicans have grown 32-points more “exhausted” and 29-points more “angry.”

Below are some emotions some people feel about politics. Please select ALL that you have felt about politics in the last year.



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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 1,003 registered voters from December 10-14, 2020. 102 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 105 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. The survey was conducted online, recruiting respondents from an opt-in online panel vendor. 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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