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Navigating The First
100 Days



Key Takeaways:

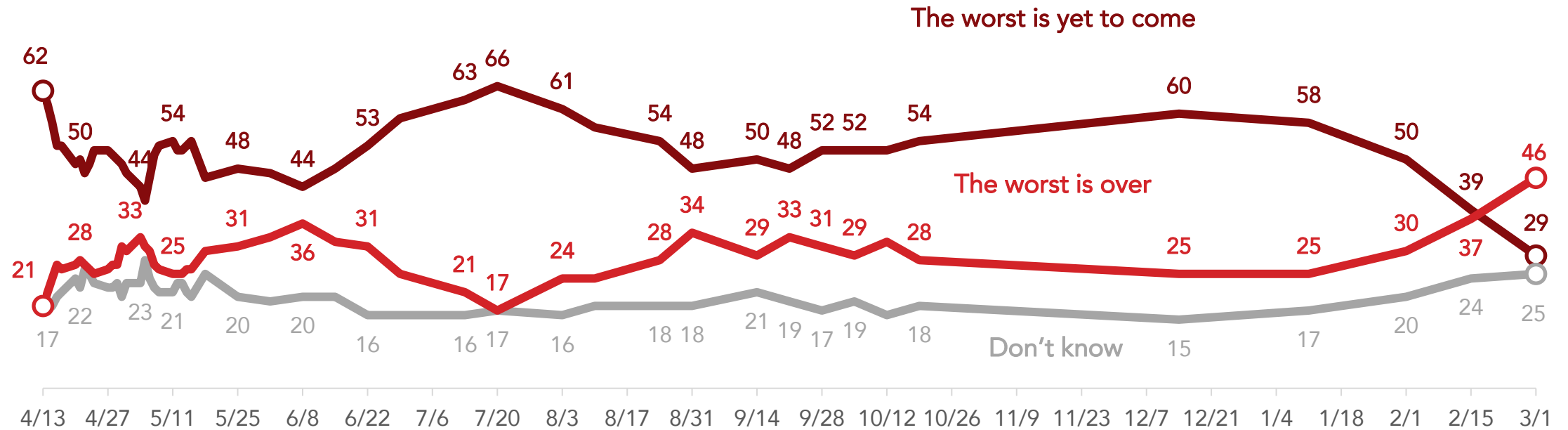
- For the first time in Navigator's tracking, a plurality say the "worst is over" in the pandemic rather than the "worst is yet to come."
- The public reports feeling "exhausted" but "hopeful," but a majority say life will not return to normal until at least 2022.
- A majority who know what schools in their community are doing currently say the plan for K-12 schools is "going well," including parents.

Nearly Half Say "Worst is Over" About the Pandemic, the Highest in Navigator's Tracking Over the Last Year

More than four in ten Americans now say that "the worst is over" when it comes to the coronavirus pandemic, a 16-point increase since February 1st.

- On a separate question, a plurality of Americans (44%) now say we are currently doing the right thing when it comes to social distancing, compared to 31% who said the same on January 11th.

When it comes to the coronavirus pandemic in the United States, do you personally think that...



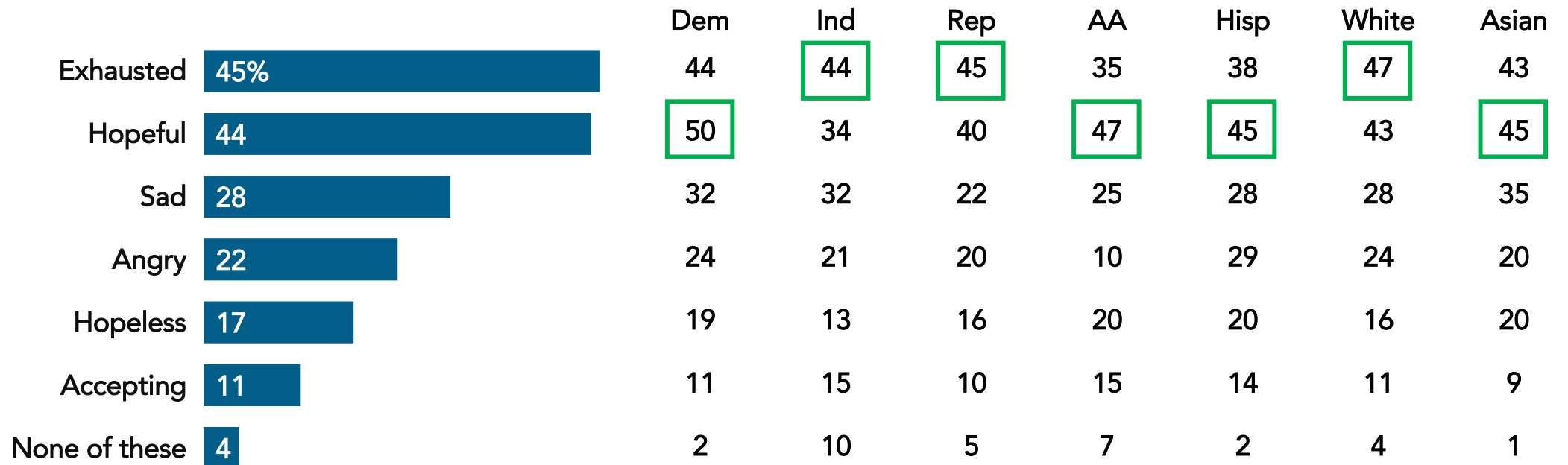
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On Pandemic, Americans Are “Exhausted” Yet “Hopeful”

Americans report feeling “exhausted” and “hopeful” about the current state of the pandemic.

- Democrats, Black Americans, Asian Americans, and Hispanics are the most likely to report feeling “hopeful,” while independents, Republicans, and whites are the most likely to report feeling “exhausted.”

When you think about the current state of the coronavirus pandemic in the United States, do you feel...



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Vaccines and Declining Cases Drive Perception “Worst is Over”

Among respondents who say “the worst is over” when it comes to the coronavirus pandemic, increased vaccine distribution and declining cases are the top reasons why.

***What makes you feel the worst of the coronavirus pandemic in the United States is over?**

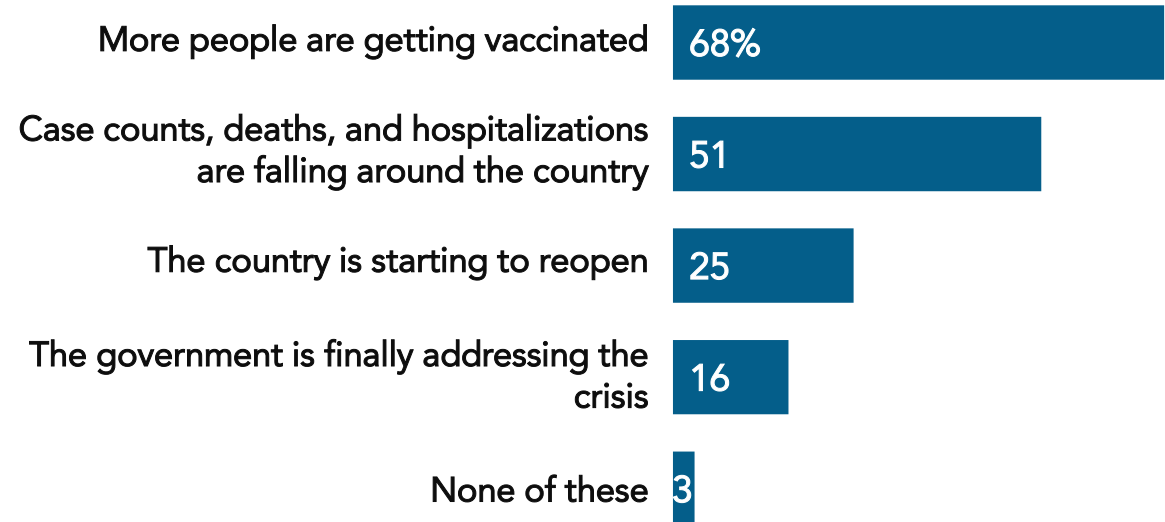
***Which of the following best describes why the worst is over in the pandemic in the United States?**



“The vaccines are here and being rolled out.”

“People are getting vaccinated and the spread of the virus is decreasing.”

“The numbers are declining and more people are getting the vaccine.”



*Asked of respondents who said the “worst is over” on the pandemic on a separate question. Nationwide survey of 1,007 registered voters conducted February 25-March 1, 2021. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org.

New Variants and Vaccine Rollout Drive Perception Among Those Saying “Worst is Yet to Come”

Among respondents who say “the worst is yet to come” when it comes to the coronavirus pandemic, new variants of the virus, along with negative perceptions of the vaccine rollout, are top reasons why.

***What makes you feel the worst of the coronavirus pandemic is yet to come?**

“The **number of variants** and it is **difficult to get a vaccine appointment.**”

“**The new variants** will cause another bad surge in cases and deaths.”

“People are getting **too lax on wearing masks and social distancing.**”

“There are **new strains of COVID** and we are **barely getting vaccines out** to essential workers.”

“A lot of **trouble with the vaccines** being given out.”

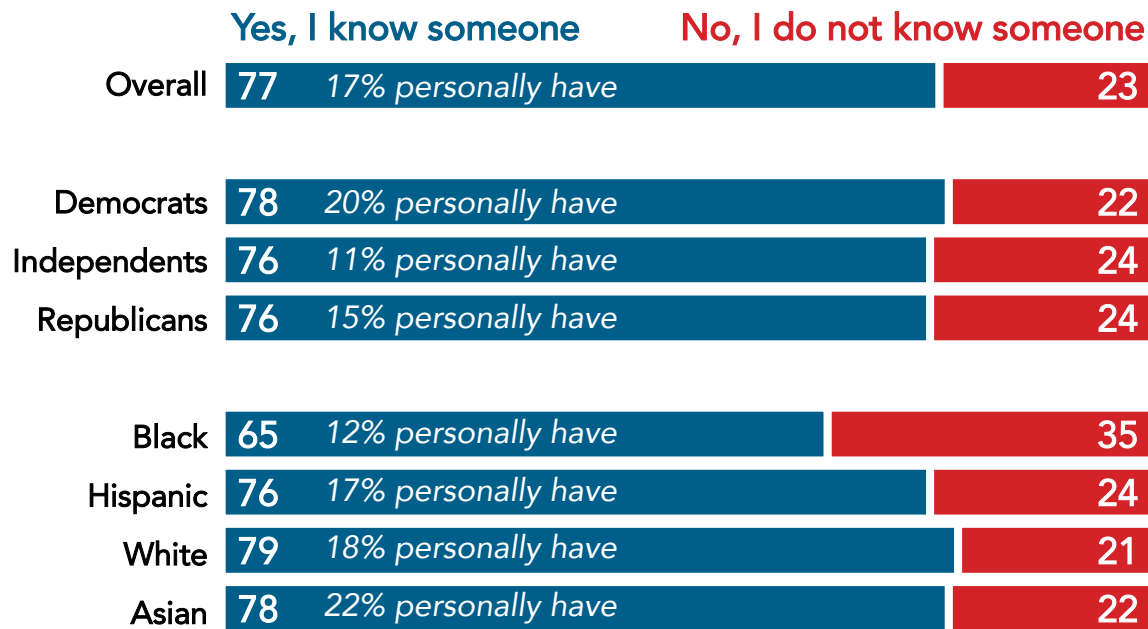


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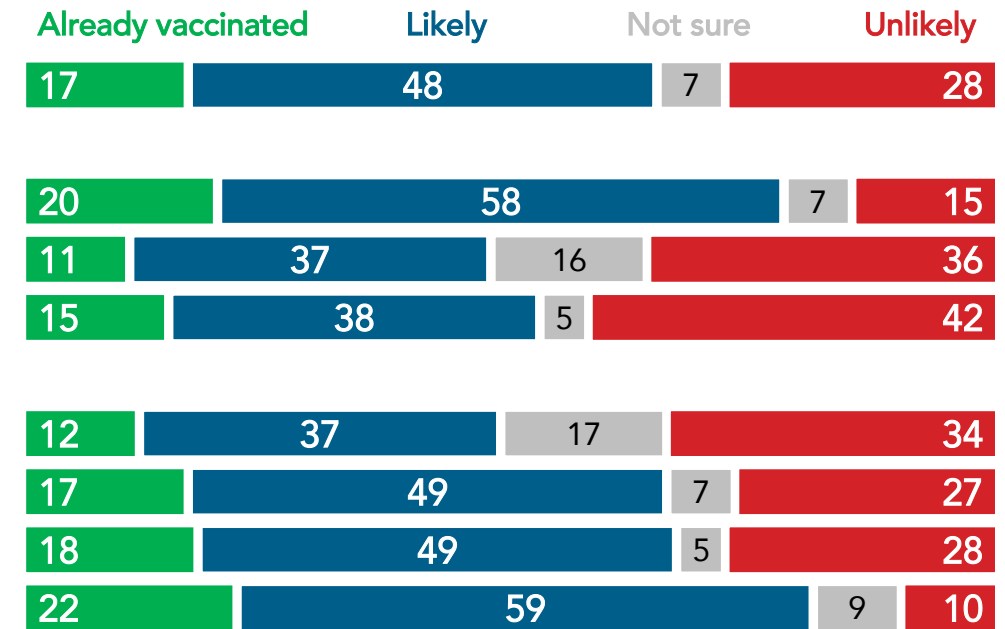
Three in Four Know Someone Who Has Been Vaccinated, With a Majority of Those Who Haven't Likely to Get Once Available

Since February 1st, the share who report having personally gotten vaccinated has increased by 8 points (from 9% to 17%) and the share who know someone who has gotten vaccinated has increased by 18 points (59% to 77%).

Do you know anyone who has received the coronavirus vaccine?



How likely are you to get vaccinated once a coronavirus vaccine is made available to you?

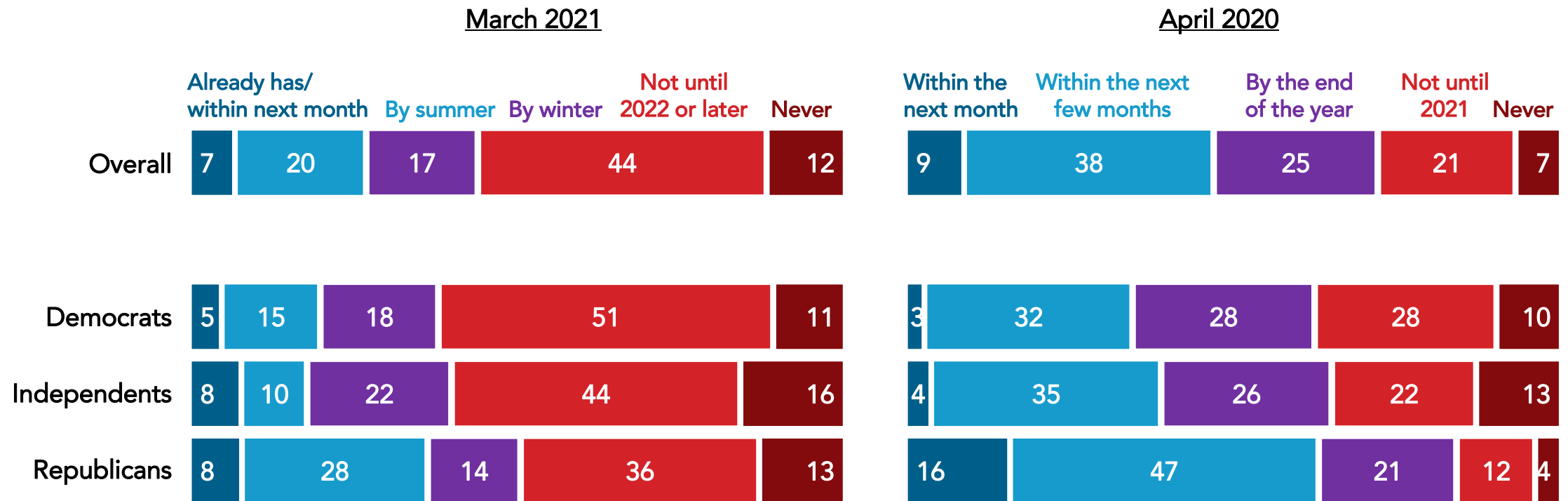


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Nearly a Year into the Pandemic, Americans More Cautious About a Return to Normalcy

In April 2020, 72% expected a return to normalcy by the end of 2020; now, 56% say not until 2022 or never.

When do you expect life in the United States to "return to normal," with businesses able to open and people able to go about their lives and interact as they did before the coronavirus pandemic?

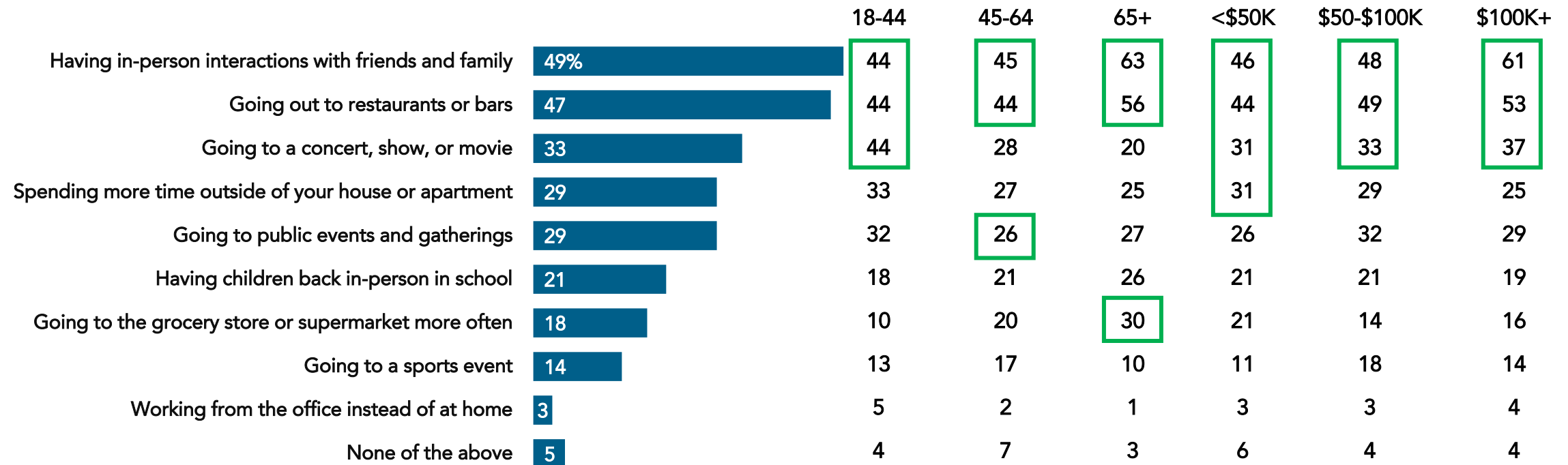


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Americans Looking Forward to Spending Time with Friends and Family and Socializing Outside of the Home Most

Across age groups and income levels, seeing loved ones and going out to restaurants and bars are top of mind.

[If life has not already returned to normal] Thinking about when life returns to normal...what do you most look forward to doing?

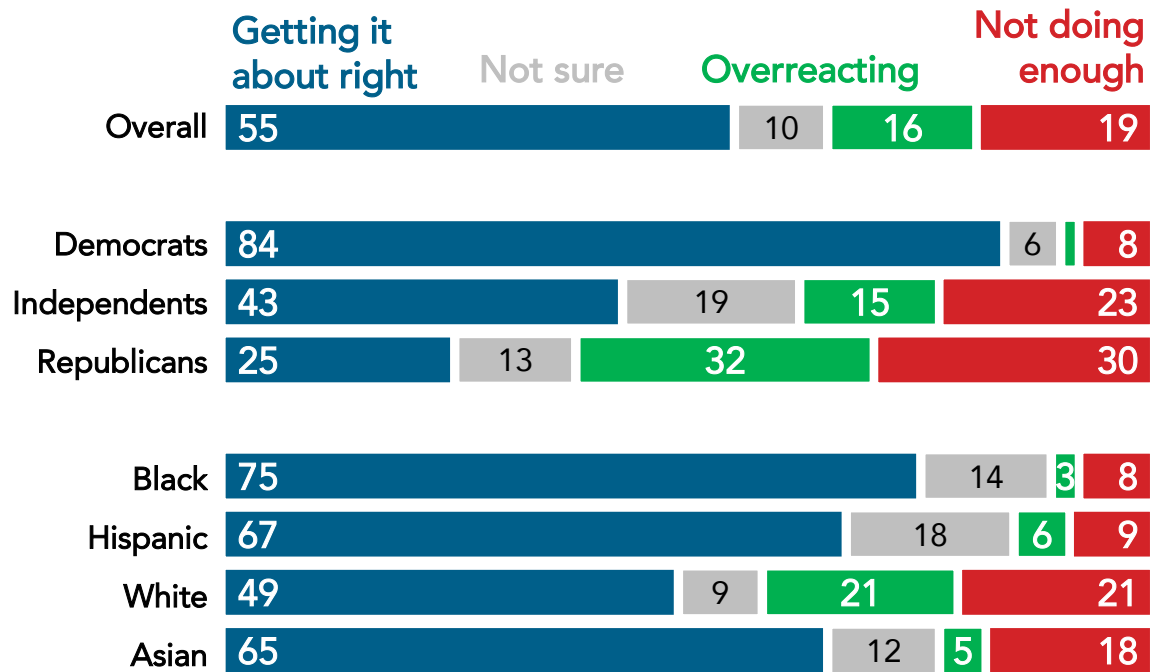


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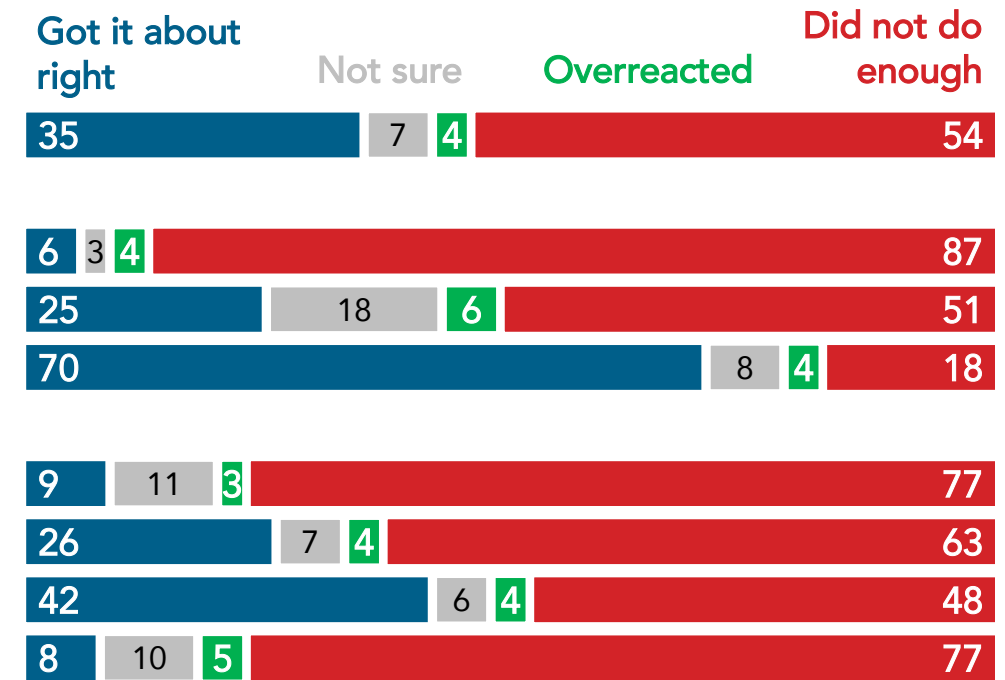
A Majority Say Biden is Getting His Pandemic Response "About Right" While Trump "Did Not Do Enough"

Even among Republicans, a quarter say Biden is "getting it about right" on his response to the pandemic.

When it comes to **Joe Biden and his administration's** current response to the coronavirus pandemic, do you think they are...



When it came to **Donald Trump and his administration's** response to the coronavirus pandemic, do you think they...



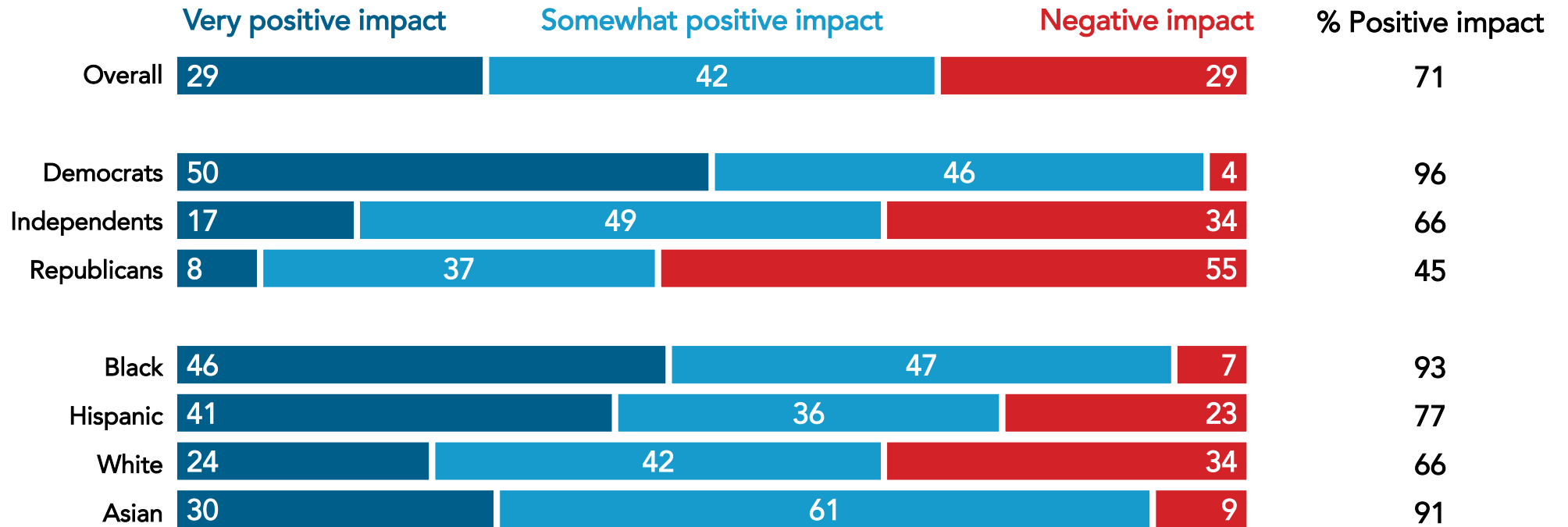
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Most See Positive Impact from Biden's Pandemic-Related Policies

Nearly a third of Americans say Biden's policies have had a "very positive" impact.

- Among independents, two in three (66%) say his policies have had a positive impact on the pandemic.

Since taking office, have Joe Biden's pandemic-related policies had a positive or negative impact on combating the pandemic?



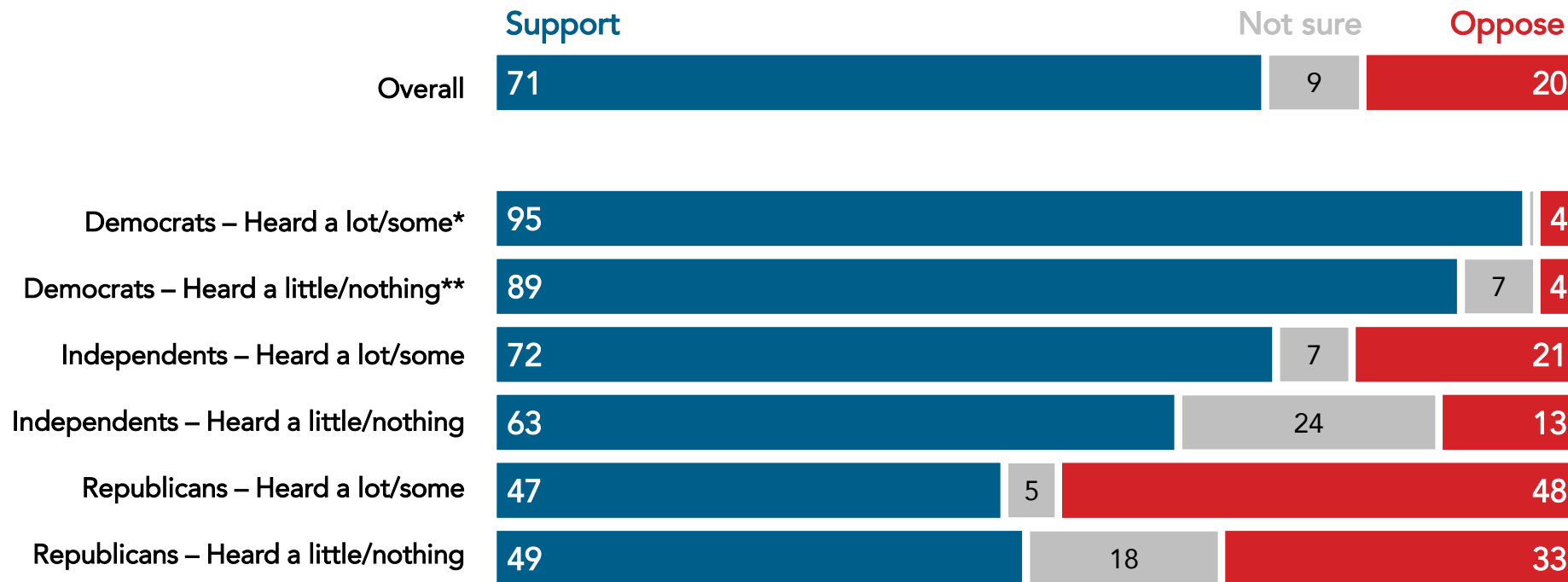
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Support For Rescue Plan Increases as Americans Learn More

Democrats and independents who report hearing “a lot” or “some” about the American Rescue Plan are more likely to support it than Democrats and independents who have heard “a little” or “nothing.”

- Among Republicans, support remains stable as they hear more, though opposition rises.

Regardless of how much you have seen or heard about President Biden’s “American Rescue Plan,” do you support or oppose President Biden passing an emergency legislative package that includes a new round of economic stimulus, vaccine funding, and other pandemic-related responses?



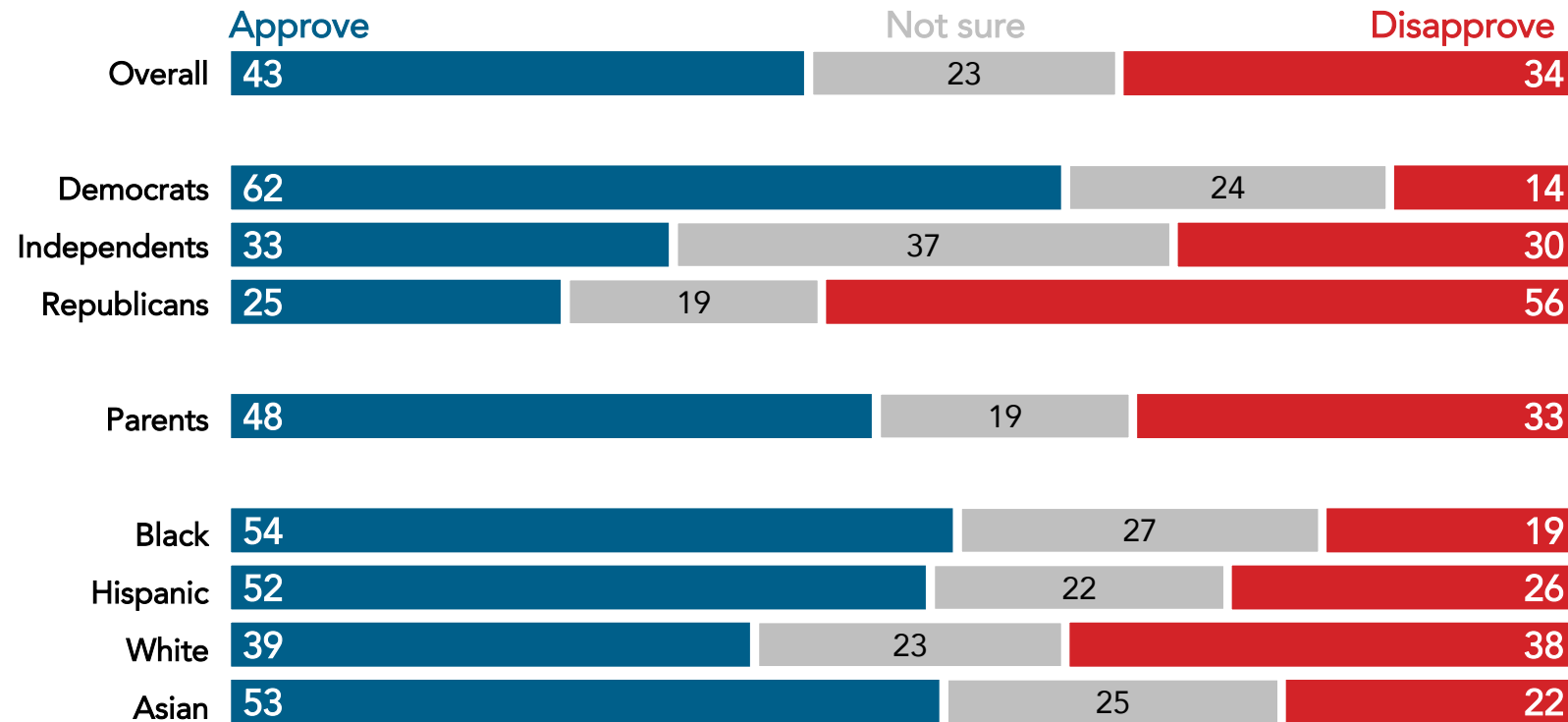
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Plurality Approve of Biden's Handling of Reopening Schools, But Sizeable Chunk Is Not Sure

Two in five Americans approve of Biden's handling of reopening schools.

- Among parents, nearly half (48%) approve of his handling of the issue.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling reopening schools?



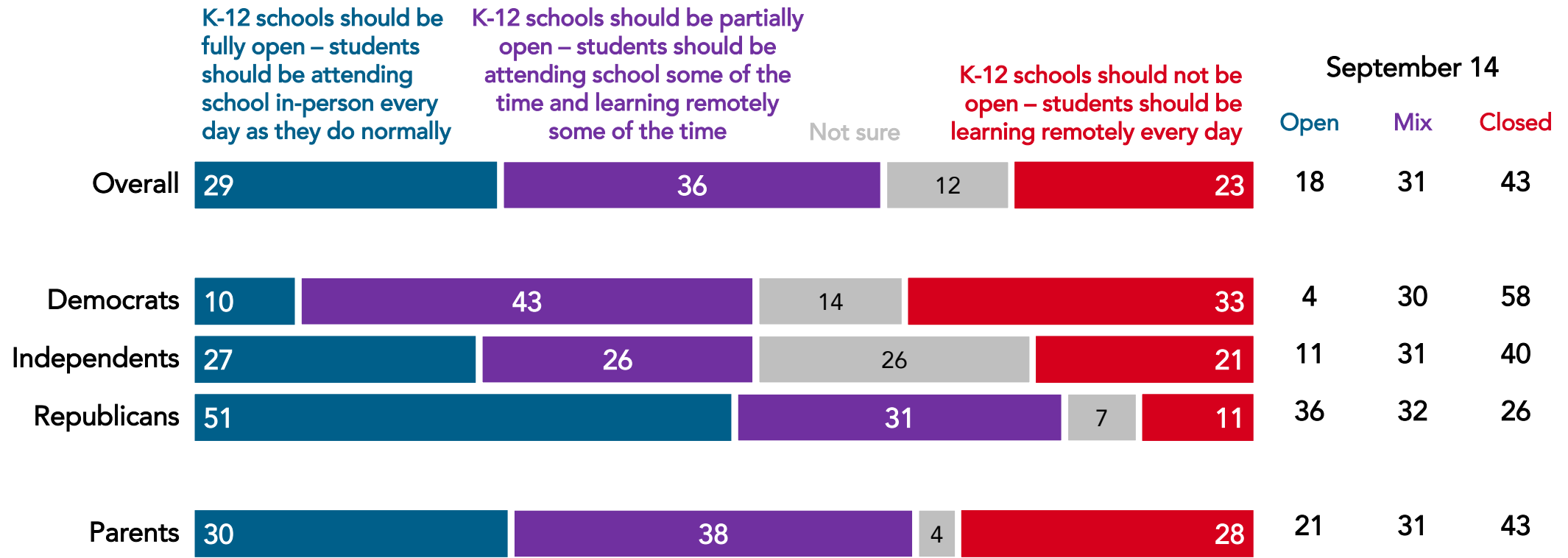
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A Plurality Say Schools Should Be Partially Open, With a Growing Share Saying "Fully"

The share who say schools should be fully open has increased by 11 points since September 14th.

- Among parents, there has been a 9-point increase in the share who say "fully" open (from 21% to 30%).

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



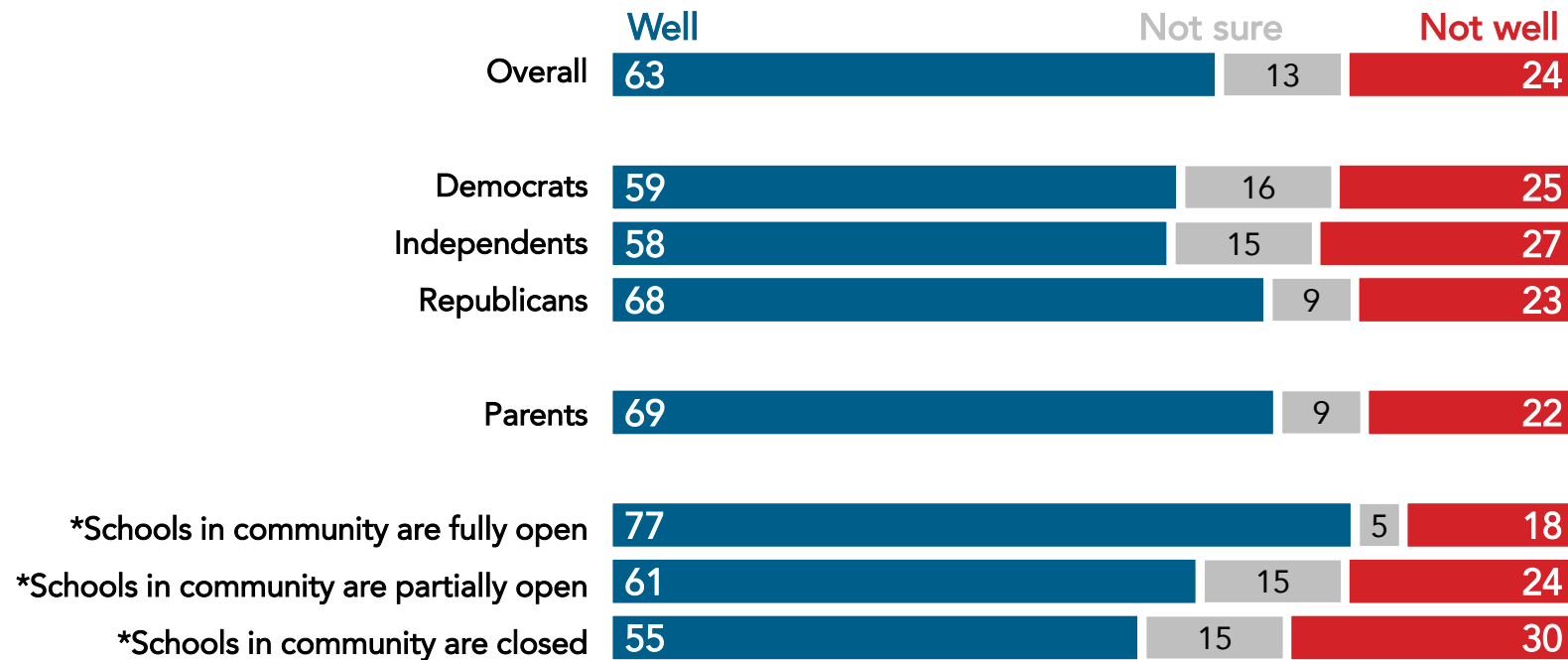
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No Massive Unrest Over the Way Schools Openings Are Going

Three in five who are aware of what schools in their community are doing on the issue of reopening say it is going well, including seven in ten parents.

- Those in communities where schools are fully reopened, more than three in four (77%) say it is going well, while in communities where schools are closed, 55% say it is going well.

**[If knows what local schools are doing] You indicated that K-12 schools in your community are: [Q51 CHOICE]
How would you say that plan is going for K-12 schools in your community?**

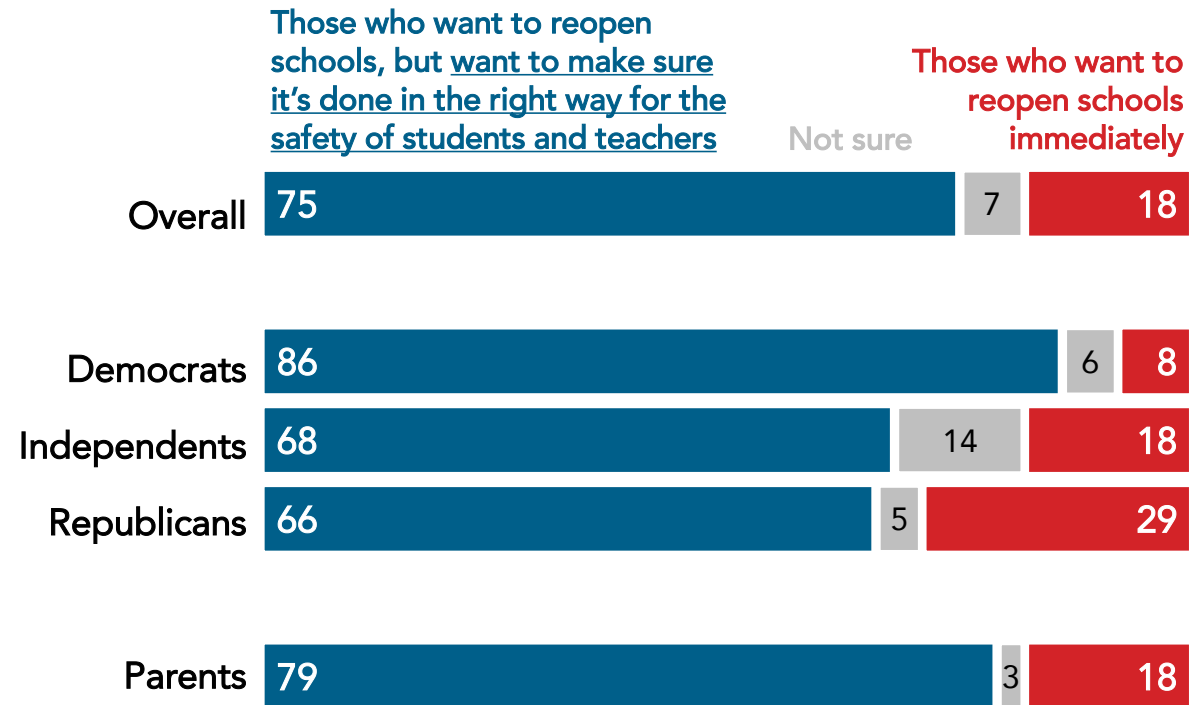


*Refers to respondents who said schools in their community are fully open, partially open, or closed for in-person learning, respectively.
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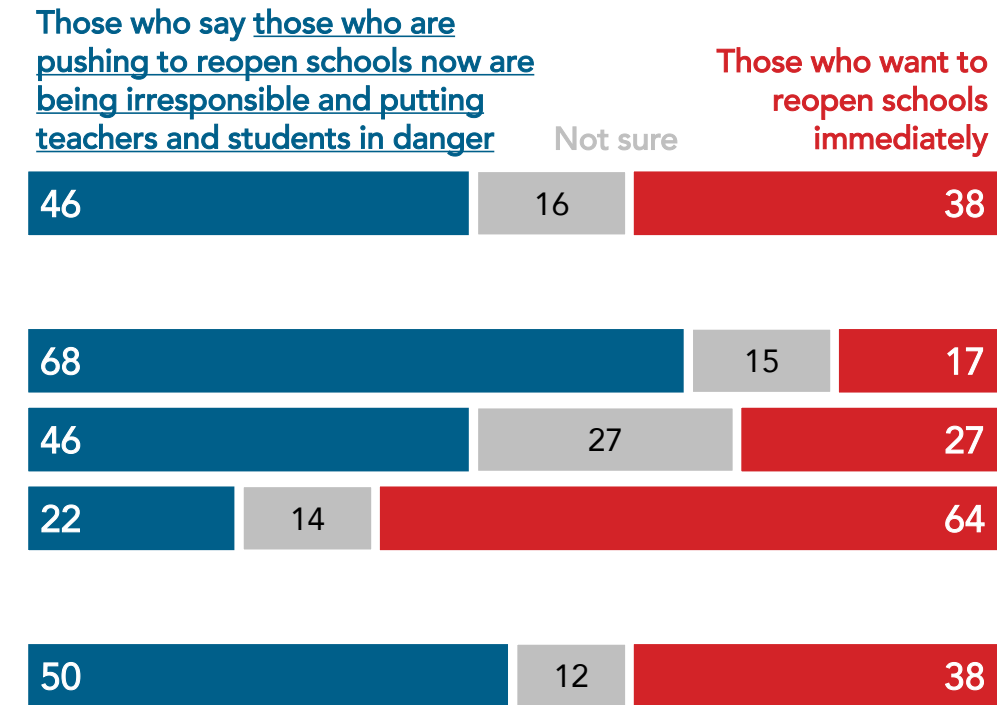
Progressive Messaging on Schools Reopening Should Emphasize a Desire to Reopen Soon, But Making Sure It Is Done Right

While more agree with framing that “those who are pushing to reopen schools now are being irresponsible” than with those who want to reopen schools immediately, three in four Americans agree with those who “want to reopen schools but want to make sure it’s done in the right way for the safety of students and teachers.”

Who do you agree with more?



Who do you agree with more?



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About the Study

Global Strategy Group conducted public opinion surveys among a sample of 1,007 registered voters from February 25-March 1, 2021. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 72 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among independent 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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