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Navigating The First  
100 Days

## Key Takeaways:

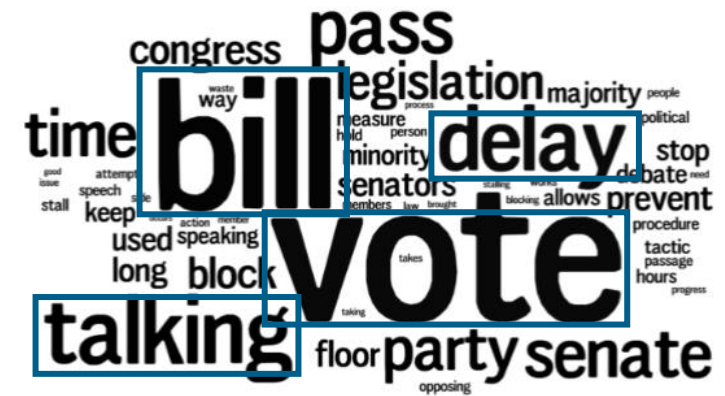
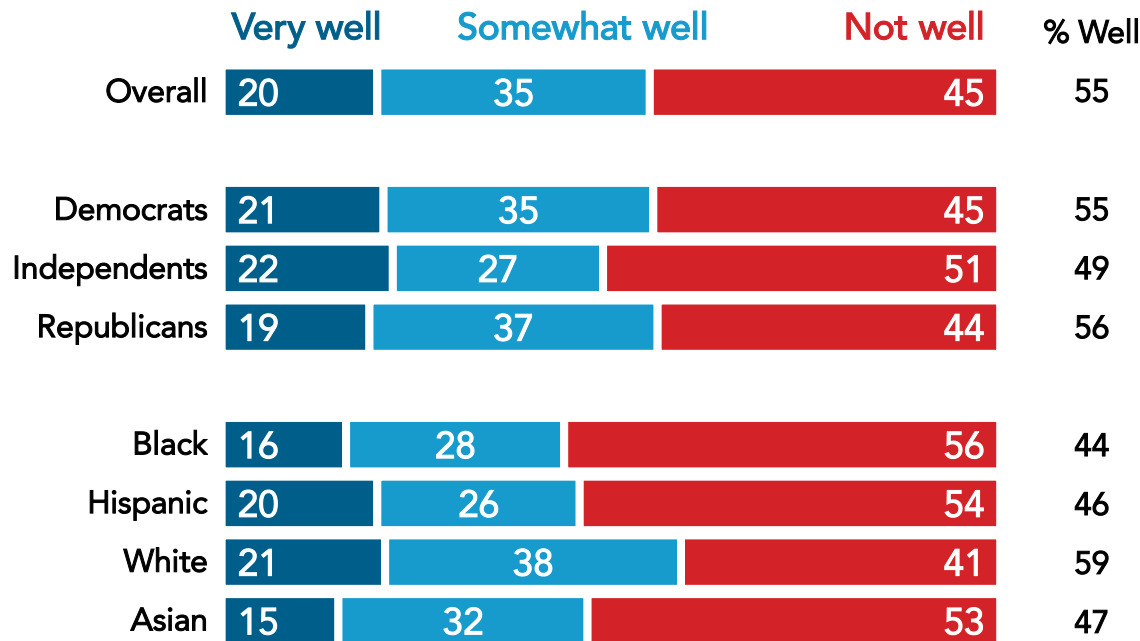
- More than half of Americans support abolishing the filibuster when it is explained.
- A majority feel Republicans in Congress are using the filibuster to block Biden and Congressional Democrats' agenda.
- Nearly three in five Americans support restoring the Voting Rights Act.

# Public Remains Less Informed on Filibuster and Offers a Range of Descriptions

Just one in five (20%) report understanding the filibuster “very well” and 55% “very” or “somewhat” well.

How well do you understand what the filibuster is?

[If understand filibuster well] And how would you describe how the filibuster works or what it does in a few words?



*“I’m not quite sure but I think it has something to do with the votes in the Senate.”*

*“It’s a delay tactic used in the Senate to stop a bill from being voted on.”*

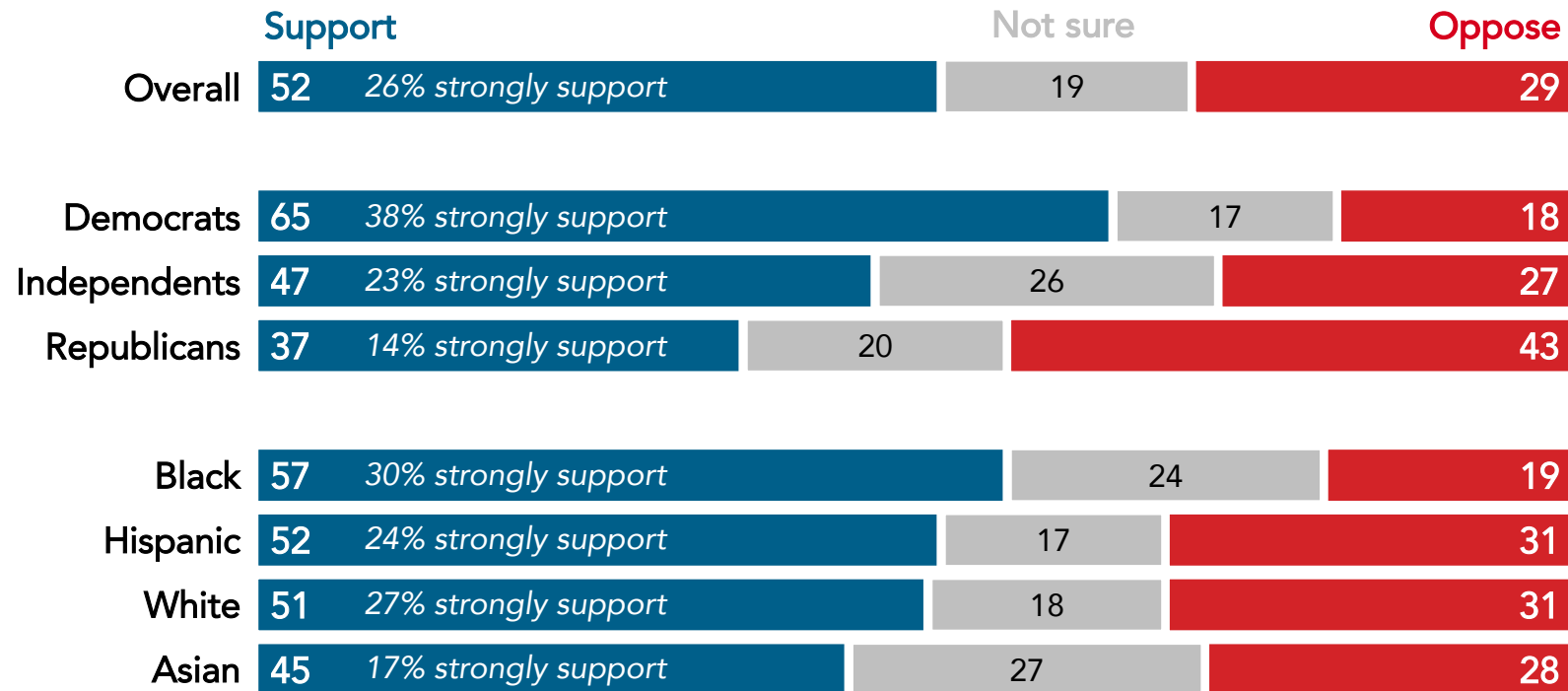
*“It means that sixty votes must be rounded up in the Senate to be able to advance proposed legislation.”*

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# A Majority of Americans Support Abolishing the Filibuster

After reading a definition of the filibuster, half (52%) support its abolition, including a quarter who “strongly support.” Still, one in five Americans are undecided.

**As you may know, the filibuster is a Senate rule that allows a small minority of U.S. senators to block legislation that a majority of senators support by requiring 60 votes instead of a simple majority. After reading this, do you support or oppose abolishing the filibuster?**

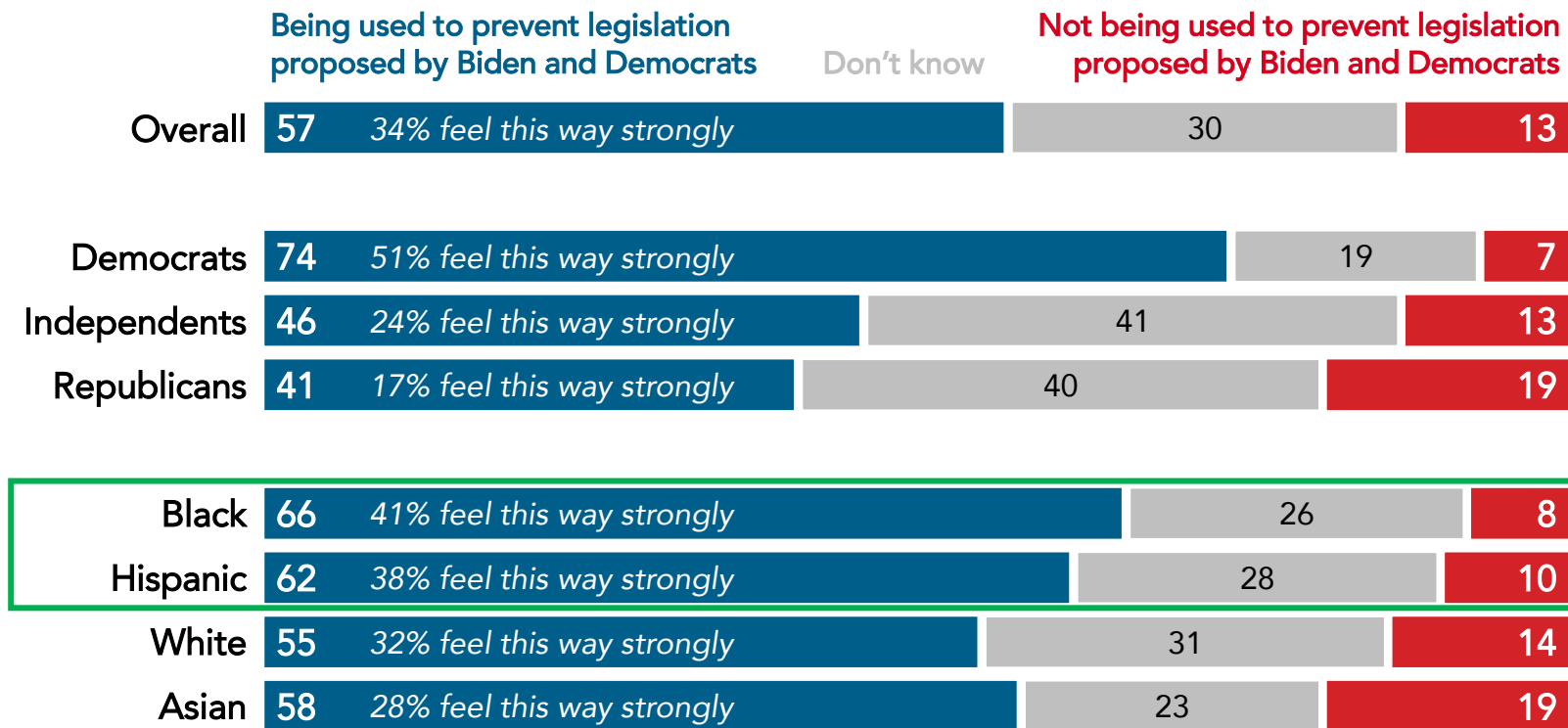


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# Republicans in Congress Seen as Using Filibuster to Impede Progress on Biden and Democrats' Agenda

More than three in five Black Americans (66%) and Hispanic Americans (62%) say Republicans are using the filibuster to block legislation.

**Do you think the filibuster is being used by Republicans in Congress to prevent legislation proposed by Joe Biden and Democrats in Congress?**



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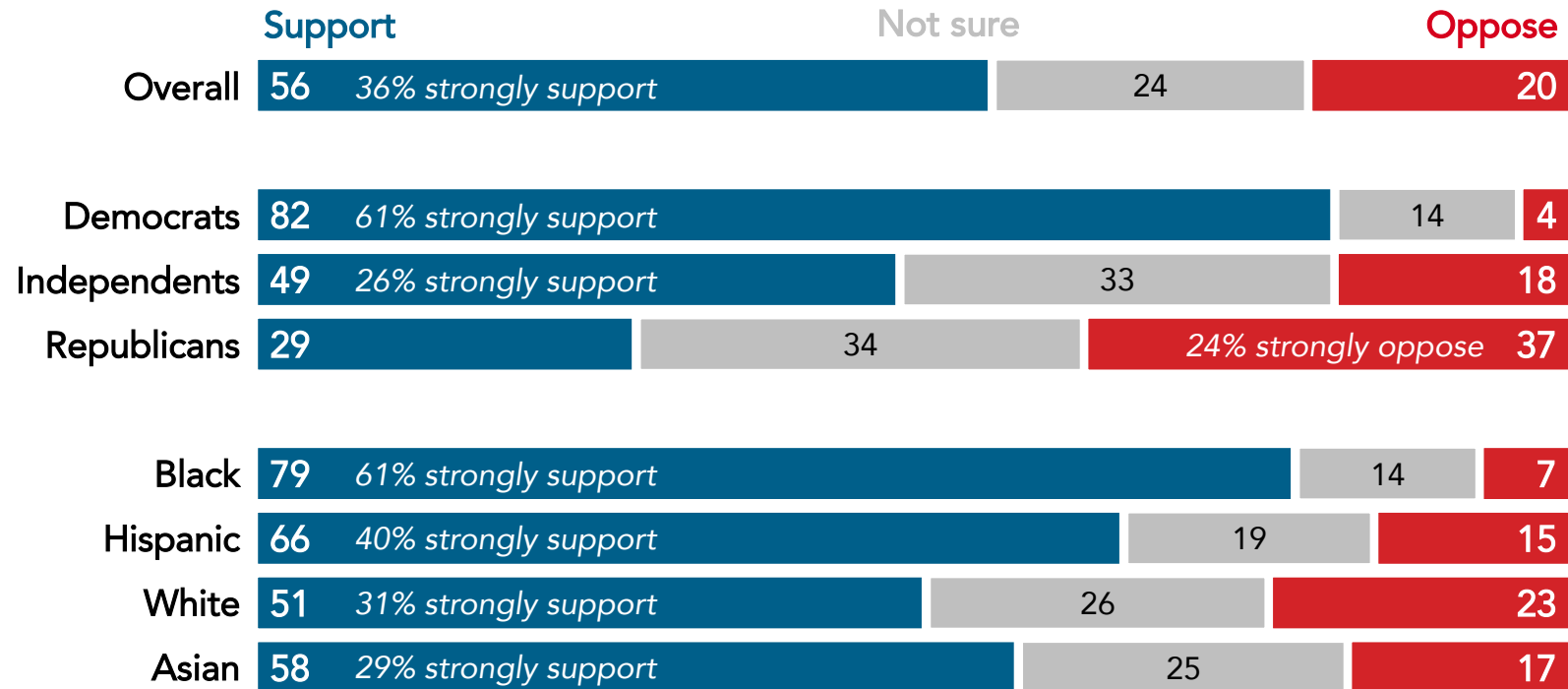
# Restoring the Voting Rights Act Has Majority Support

More than half of Americans (56%) support restoration of the Voting Rights Act.

- Among Black Americans, 61% “strongly support” its restoration.

As you may or may not know, President Biden has called for Congress to restore the Voting Rights Act, which was signed into law in 1965 after a violent protest in Selma, Alabama, known as Bloody Sunday. However, in 2013, it was made weaker by a ruling by the Supreme Court, which some say has allowed for voter discrimination and suppression.

## Do you support or oppose Congress restoring the Voting Rights Act?



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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 1,001 registered voters from March 11-March 15, 2021. 101 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 67 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 105 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. 103 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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