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Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

A Guide for  
Advocates



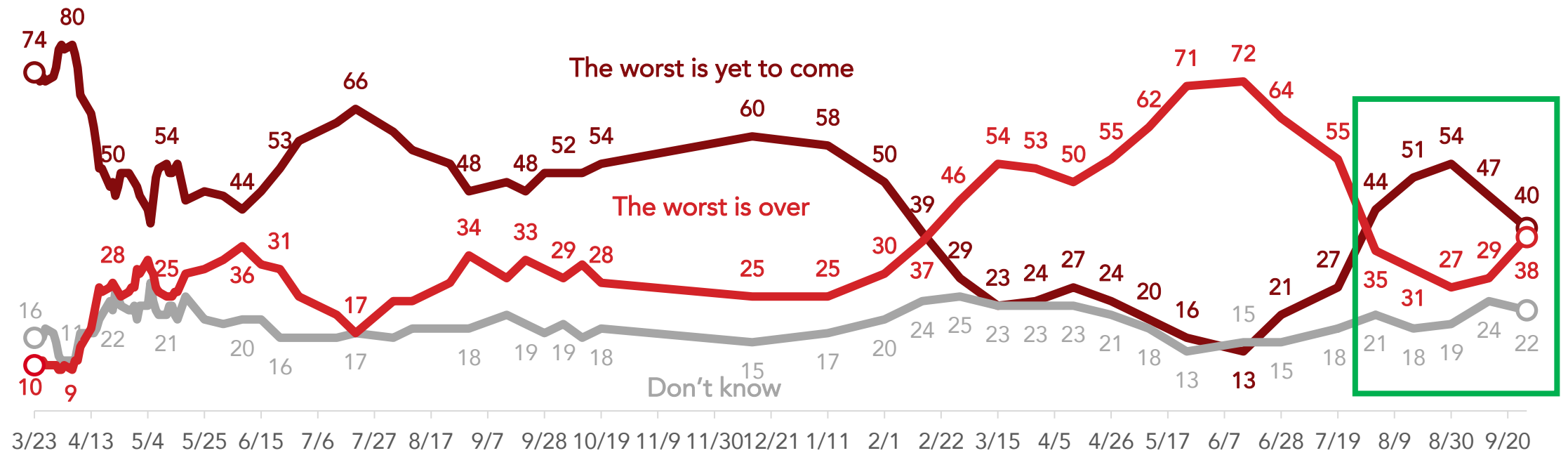
## Key Takeaways:

- Biden and the Democratic Party continue to be more trusted to handle pandemic-related issues than the Republican Party.
- Nearly three in five Americans support vaccine mandates broadly, and even more support vaccine requirements for domestic air travel.
- The greatest concerns Americans have about opponents of vaccine mandates are their prolonging of the pandemic, putting children's lives at risk, and failing to keep others safe.

# The Lowest Share Since July Say the “Worst Is Yet to Come” in the Pandemic

Just one in three Republicans (33%) say the “worst is yet to come” in the pandemic, as do 44% of Democrats and 46% of independents.

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

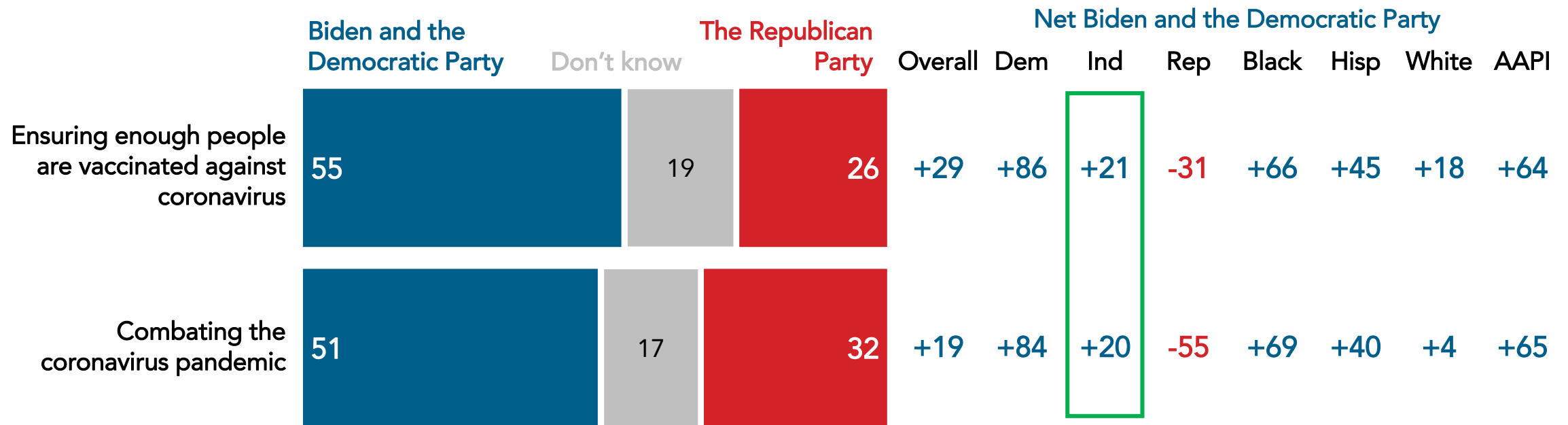


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# Biden and Democrats Continue to Be More Trusted on Pandemic-Related Issues Than Republicans

Among independents, Biden and Democrats are more trusted by 21 points to ensure enough people are vaccinated against coronavirus and by 20 points to combat the pandemic.

Below is a list of issues. Please indicate who you trust more to handle each one.

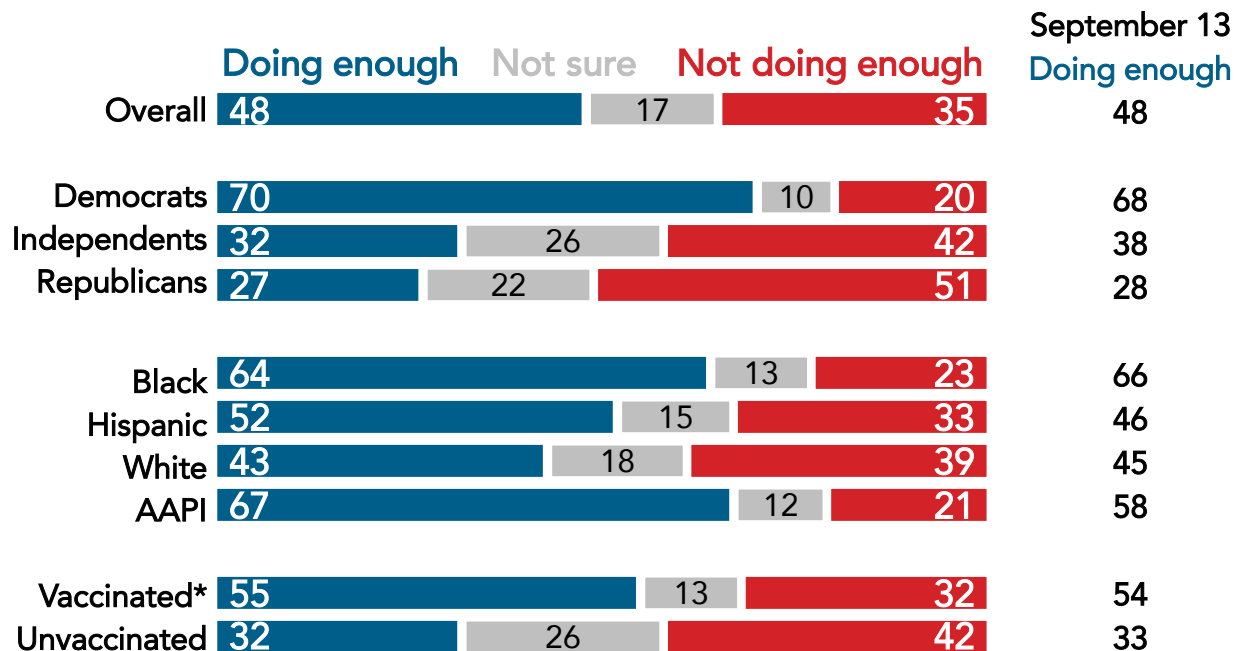


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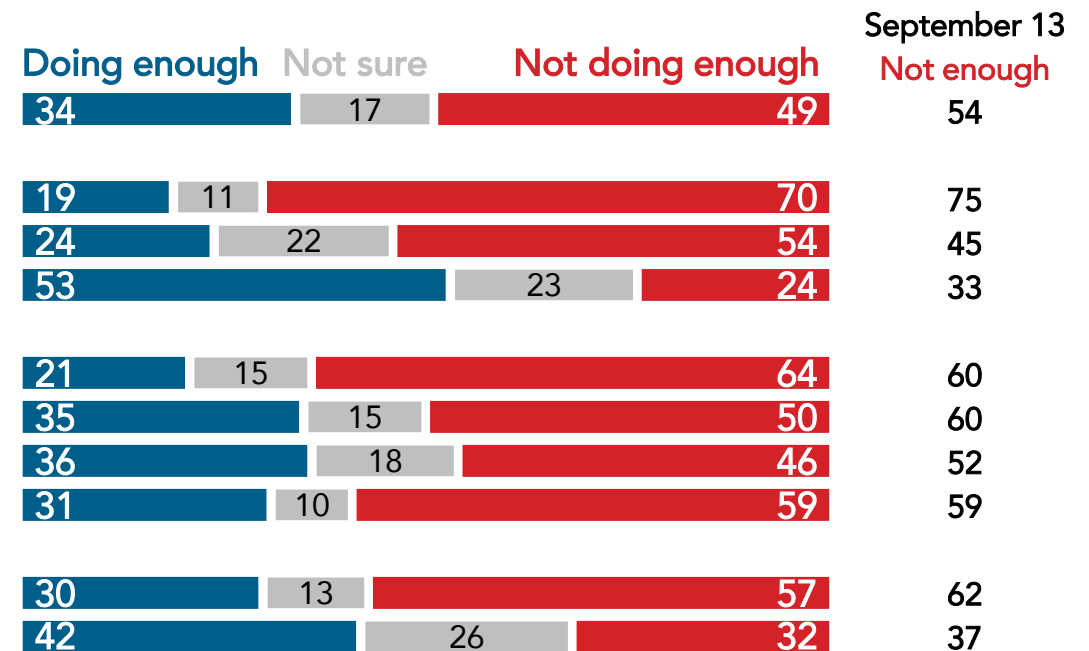
# Nearly Half Continue to Say Biden Is Doing Enough on Pandemic, While Congressional Republicans Not Enough

More than one in four Republicans (27%) say Biden is doing enough to get the United States past the pandemic, and nearly the same share say Republicans in Congress are not doing enough (24%).

Do you think **Joe Biden** is doing enough to get the United States past the coronavirus pandemic? He's...



Do you think the **Republicans in Congress** are doing enough to get the United States past the coronavirus pandemic? They're...

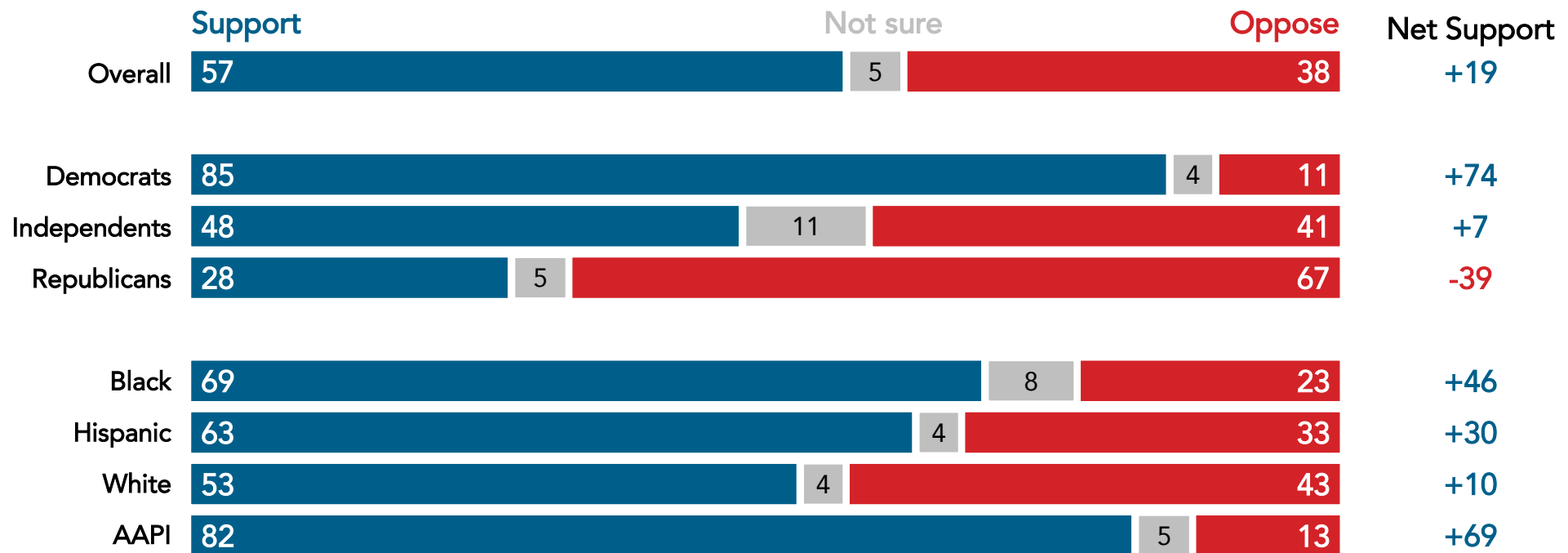


\*"Vaccinated" respondents are defined as those who report being personally vaccinated. Nationwide surveys of registered voters; Each wave represents approximately 1,000 interviews taken over the prior three-five days. Latest wave conducted September 23-September 27, 2021. For more info, visit [navigatorresearch.org](https://navigatorresearch.org)

# A Majority Support Vaccine Mandates for Federal Workers, Health Care Workers, and Employees of Larger Businesses

Nearly half of independents (48%) support vaccine mandates.

As you may know President Biden\* recently announced a new vaccine mandate that will require federal workers and health care workers to be vaccinated, and will require businesses with 100 or more employees to ensure their workers are either vaccinated or tested once a week. The new requirements could apply to as many 100 million Americans. Knowing this, do you support or oppose Biden's vaccine mandates?

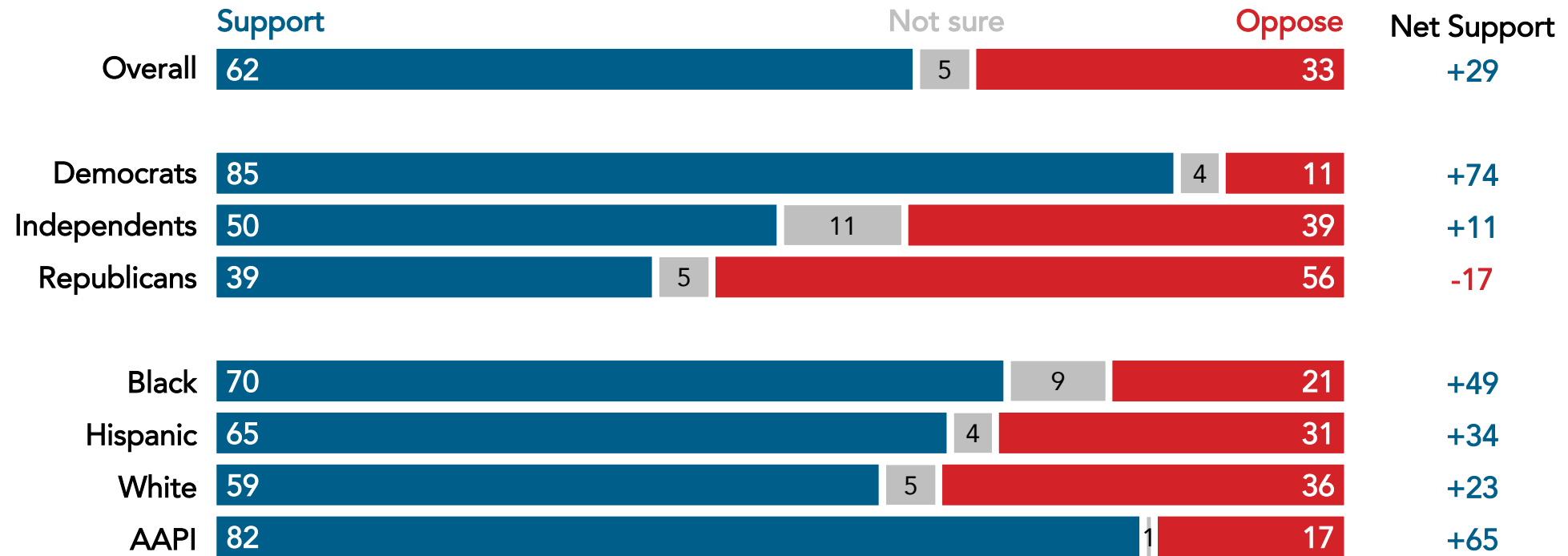


\*Half of the sample was asked the above question text, while half were asked without mention of President Biden. The results were nearly identical and thus combined to allow for greater subgroup analysis.  
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# Three in Five Americans Support Domestic Airlines Requiring Proof of Vaccination

Half of independents (50%) and two in five Republicans support requiring proof of vaccination for travel on domestic airplanes.

Government officials are also currently considering whether to require proof of vaccination to travel on domestic airplanes. Do you support or oppose requiring proof of vaccination to travel on airplanes?



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# Those Who Oppose Vaccine Mandates Seen as Prolonging Pandemic, Endangering Children, Failing to Keep Others Safe

Democrats and independents find prolonging of the pandemic and putting children’s lives at risk most concerning; for Republicans, endangering children and hurting our economic recovery are most concerning.

As you may know, some Americans oppose vaccine mandates. Below are some statements, and for each, please indicate how concerning you find each.

	Very concerning	Somewhat concerning	Not concerning	Very concerning		
				Dem	Ind	Rep
Those who oppose vaccine mandates are prolonging the pandemic, leading to more spread of the virus and allowing more dangerous variants, like the Delta variant, to mutate and spread further	47	22	31	68	42	25
Those who oppose vaccine mandates are putting our children's lives at risk by allowing them to attend school without any protection from unvaccinated teachers, staff, and students	47	22	31	67	43	26
Those who oppose vaccine mandates are failing to take responsibility to keep others safe and are making the pandemic worse. Vaccines are free and available to every American 12 and older, but they are refusing to take the steps needed to get the pandemic under control and help our economy recover	45	20	35	66	39	25
Those who oppose vaccine mandates are putting our economic recovery at risk – if cases continue to rise, we may need to partially shut down parts of our economy again which will set back our recovery even more	42	27	31	57	34	27
Those who oppose vaccine mandates are putting our economic recovery at risk -- if cases continue to rise, fewer Americans will be going out and spending money in their community which will set back our recovery even more	39	28	33	58	35	18
Those who oppose vaccine mandates are ignoring their history of success: vaccine mandates have always been around since George Washington mandated smallpox vaccines in the military, and we have beaten diseases such as polio through a vaccine mandate	39	26	35	56	33	21

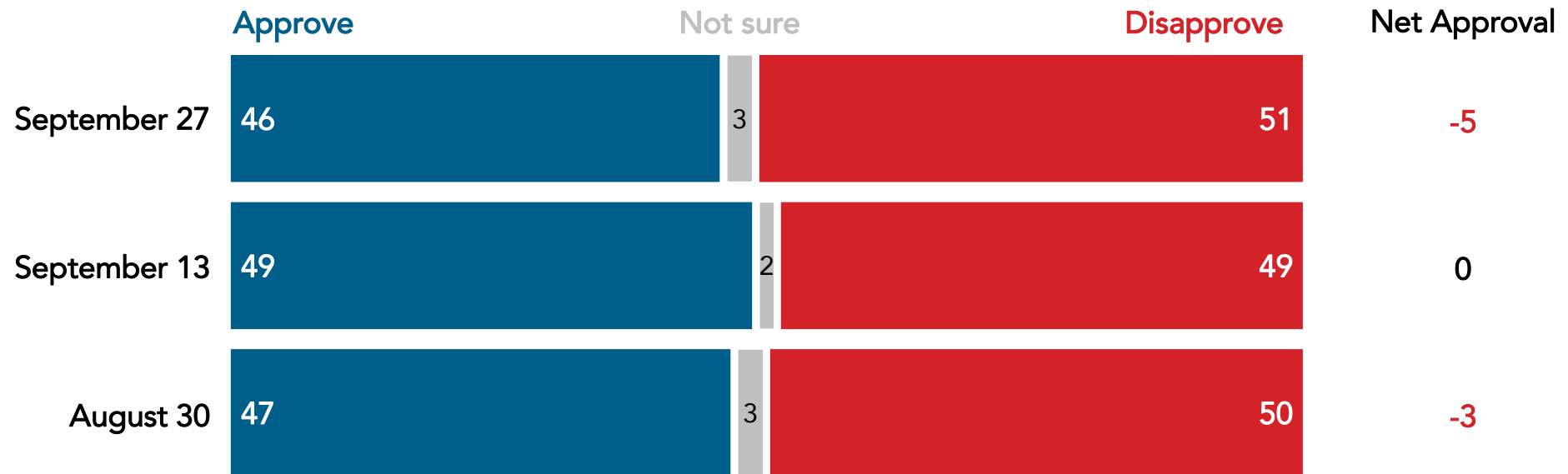
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# Biden Approval Remains Evenly Split

Since August 30th, Americans remain evenly split on Biden's approval rating.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?



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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 1,000 registered voters from September 23-September 27, 2021. 101 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 77 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. 101 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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