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Tracking Coronavirus  
Attitudes: A Guide for  
Advocates



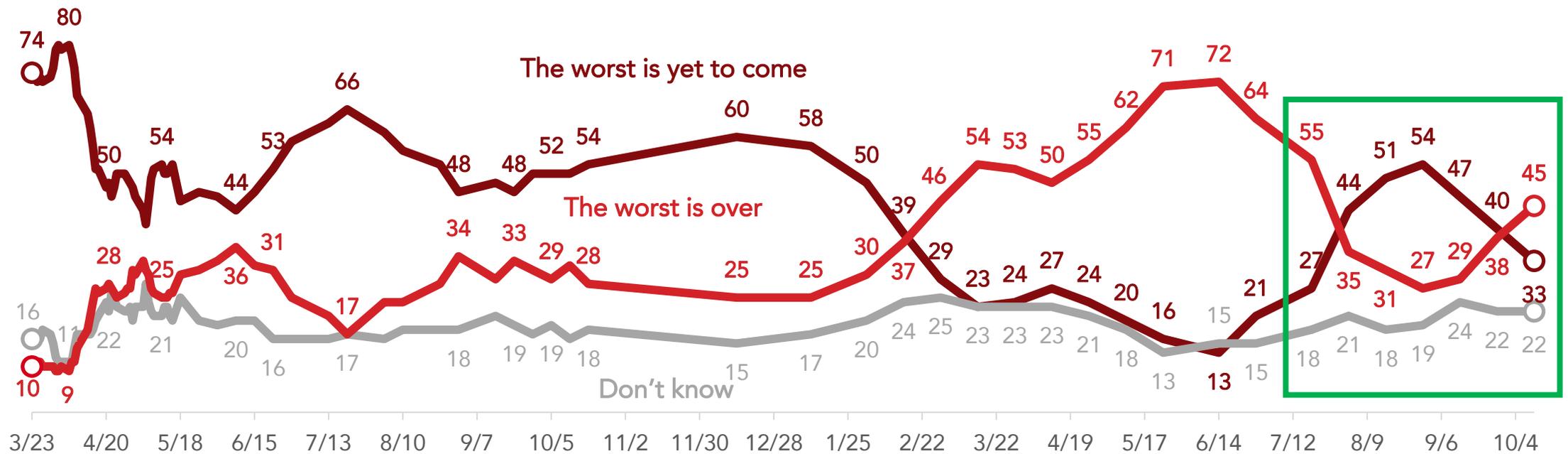
## Key Takeaways:

- There are signs of optimism again on the pandemic: a plurality say the “worst is over” as worries about coronavirus are in decline.
- Seven in ten respondents report being personally vaccinated; a similar majority of Americans approve of the vaccine rollout.
- A majority continue to approve of Biden’s handling of the pandemic and trust Biden and Democrats more than Republicans on various pandemic-related issues.

# Public Attitudes Pivot (Again) on the Pandemic: A Plurality Now Say the "Worst Is Over"

Two in five Democrats (43%), 34% of independents, and 51% of Republicans say the "worst is over" in the pandemic.

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

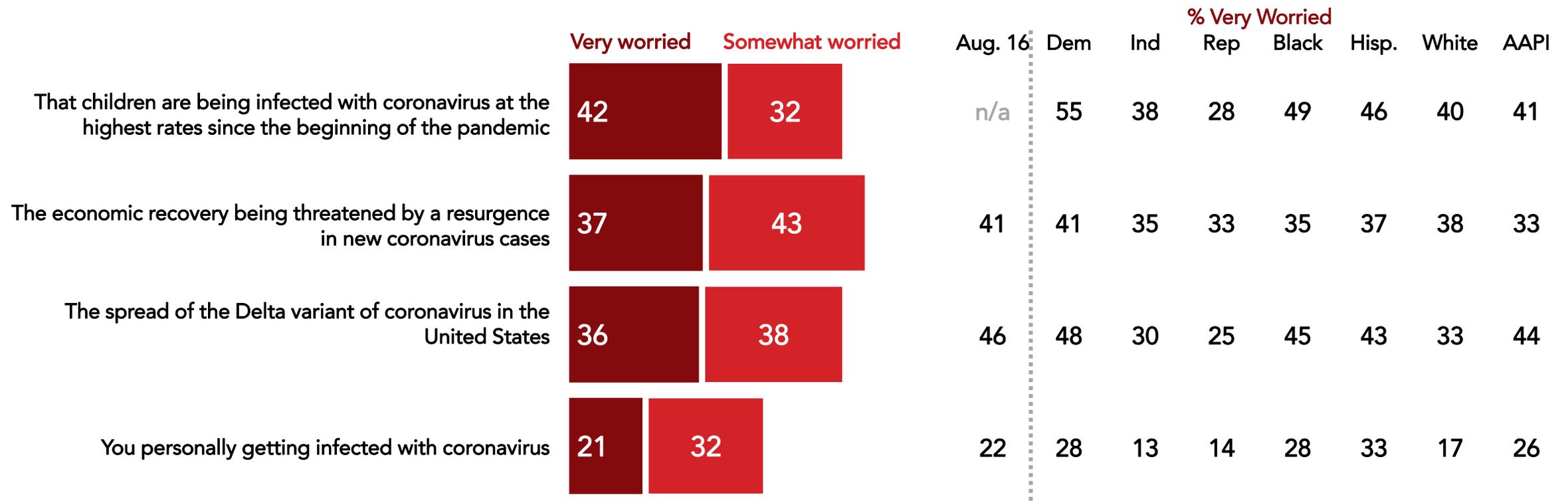


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# While Coronavirus Worries Are in Decline, the Top Worries Are Rates of Child Infections and Economic Recovery

Since August 16<sup>th</sup>, there has been a 4-point decline in the share who are “very worried” about the pandemic’s threat to the economic recovery and a 10-point decline in worries about Delta.

Below are some things some people might be worried about right now. Please indicate how worried you are about each one.

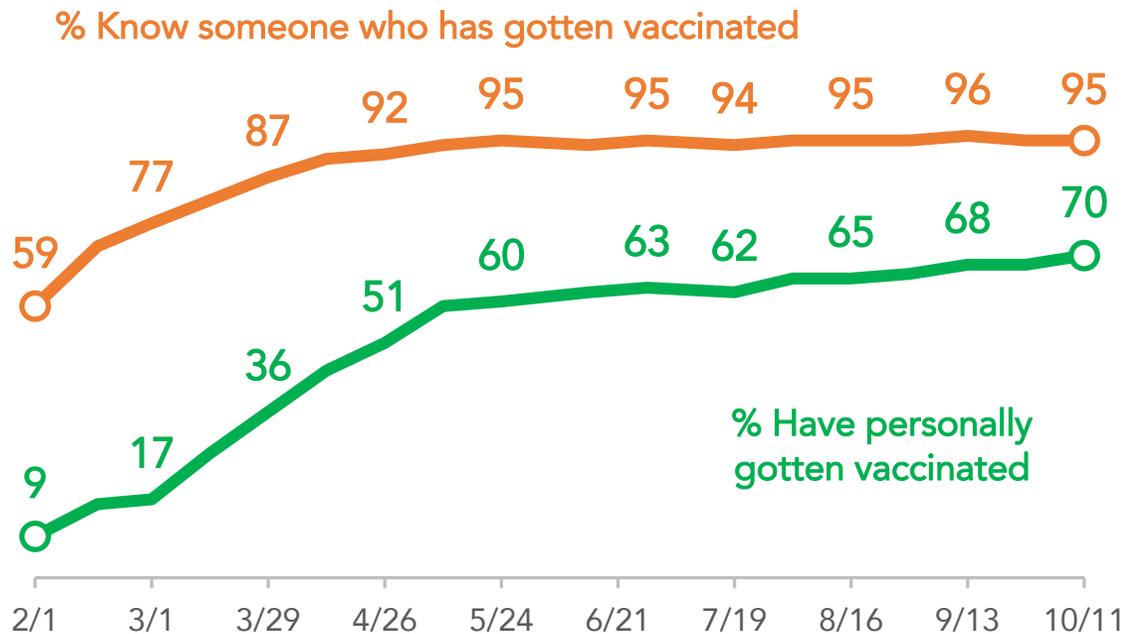


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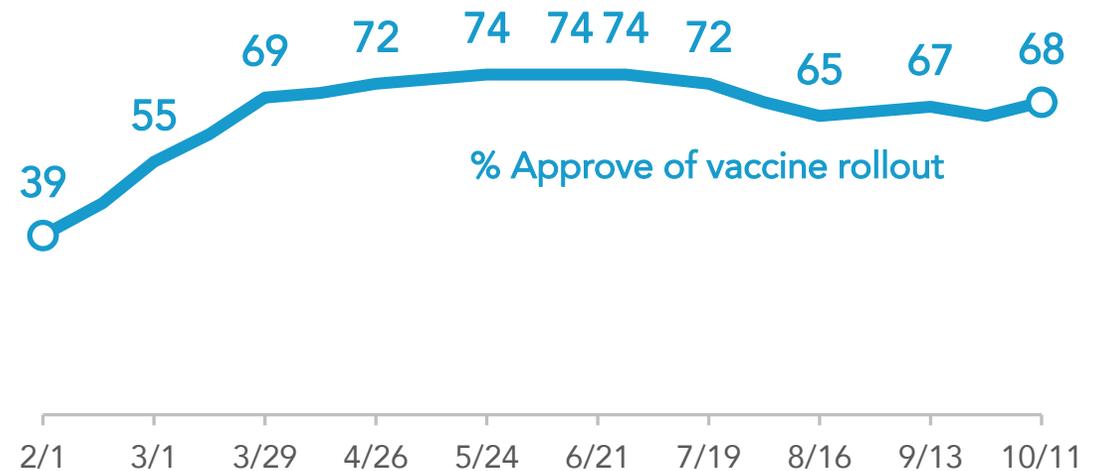
# Seven in Ten Report Being Personally Vaccinated as Nearly the Same Share Approve of the Rollout of the Vaccine

Bipartisan majorities continue to approve of the rollout of the vaccine: 84% of Democrats, 56% of independents, and 53% of Republicans approve.

**Do you know anyone who has received the coronavirus vaccine?**



**Do you approve or disapprove of how the vaccine rollout in the United States has gone so far?**

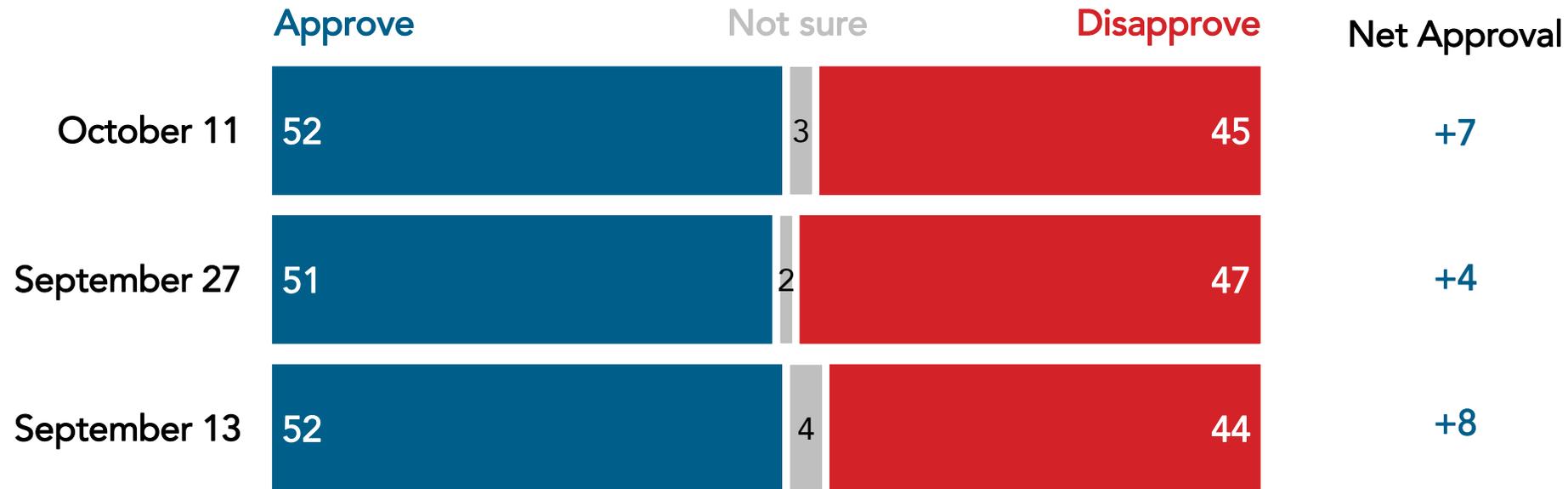


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# Majorities Continue to Approve of Biden's Handling of the Pandemic

Since September 27<sup>th</sup>, Biden's approval rating on the pandemic has improved a net 3 points (from +4 to +7).

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the coronavirus pandemic?**



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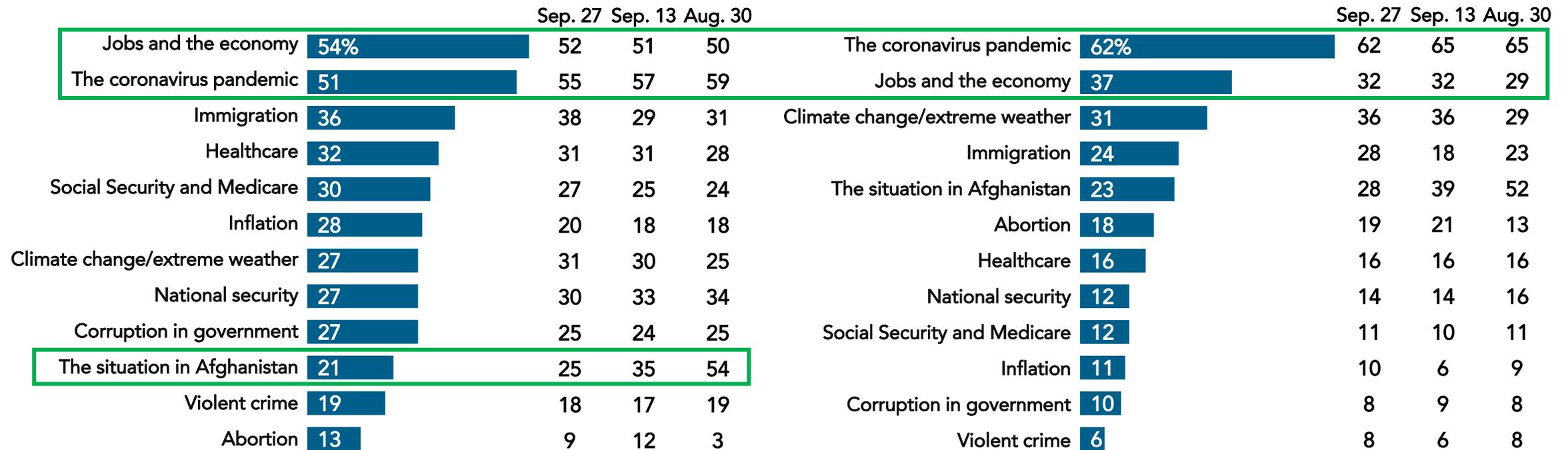
# Joe Biden and the Public are Aligned on the Pandemic as a Top Priority

A majority of Americans continue to say Biden and Congress should be most focused on the economy and pandemic.

- Since August 30<sup>th</sup>, there has been a 33-point decline in the share who say Afghanistan is most important.

**Select the top four issues that you feel are most important for President Joe Biden and Congress to focus on.**

**Which of these issues do you feel President Joe Biden and Congress are actually most focused on?**

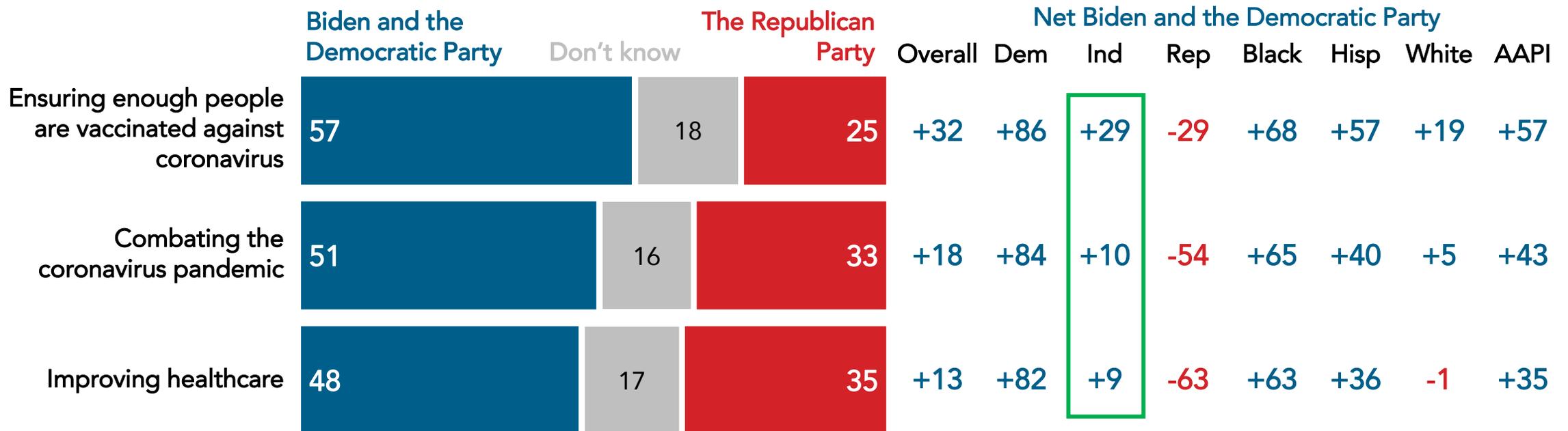


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# Biden and Democrats More Trusted on Pandemic- and Healthcare-Related Issues

Among independents, Biden and Democrats are more trusted by 29 points to ensure enough people are vaccinated, by 10 points to combat the pandemic, and by 9 points to improve healthcare.

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



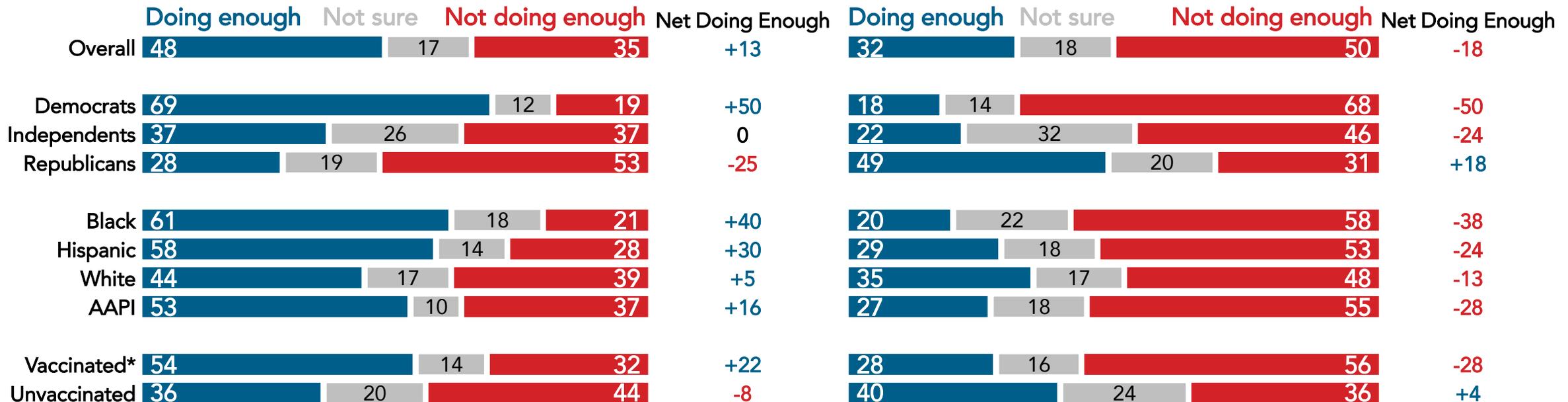
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# Nearly Half Continue to Say Biden Is Doing Enough on Pandemic, While Congressional Republicans Not Enough

Among independents, while 37% say Biden is doing enough on the pandemic, just 22% say the same of Republicans in Congress.

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...

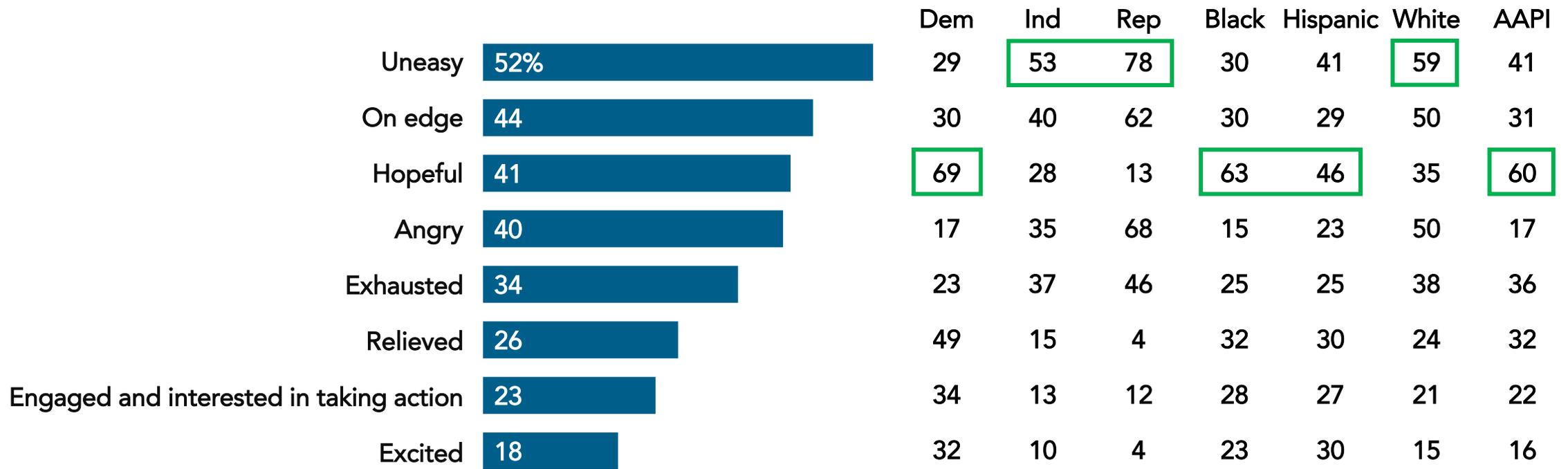


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# Democrats & People of Color Are “Hopeful” Since Biden Was Elected; Republicans, Independents, & Whites, “Uneasy”

Pluralities of Democrats (69%), Black Americans (63%), Hispanic Americans (46%), and AAPI (60%) say they have felt “hopeful” since Biden was elected.

Below are some emotions people feel about politics. Please select ALL that you have felt about politics since Biden was elected.



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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 October 7-October 11, 2021. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 73 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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