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A Guide for Advocates



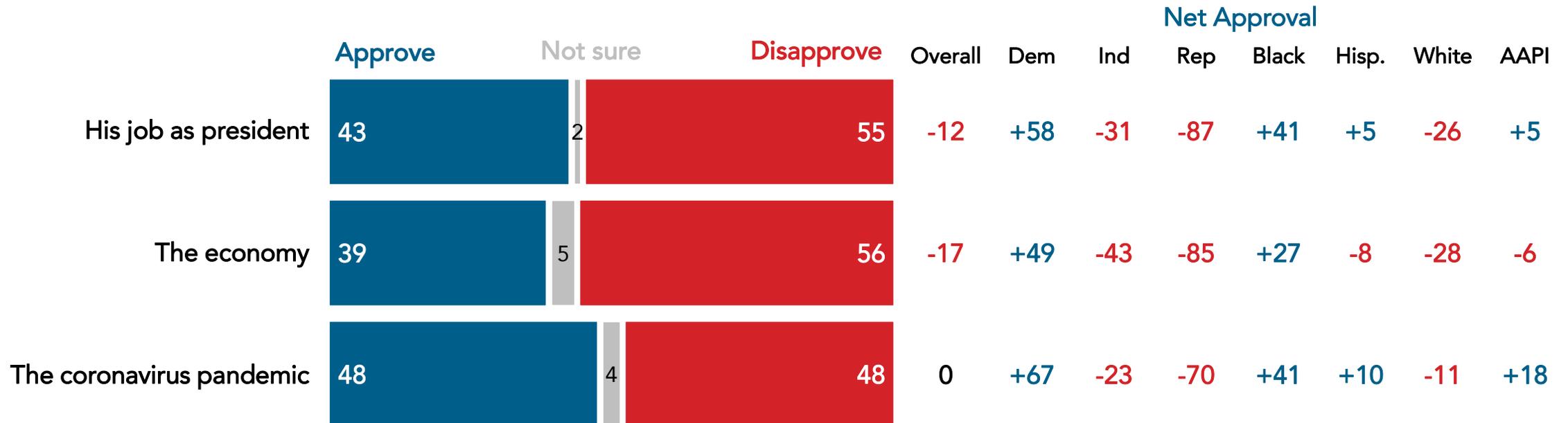
Key Takeaways:

- Most Americans see Biden as “valuing hard work” and trying “to do what is best for the country.”
- A growing share say the “worst is over” in the pandemic as support remains high for vaccine mandates.
- Democrats win the argument on masks and vaccines against Republican criticisms around freedom by double-digit margins.

Biden's Approval Remains Underwater Overall and on the Economy, But Breaks Even on Handling the Pandemic

Biden's overall job approval numbers have declined by 3 points (46% to 43%) since last asked in late January.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling...

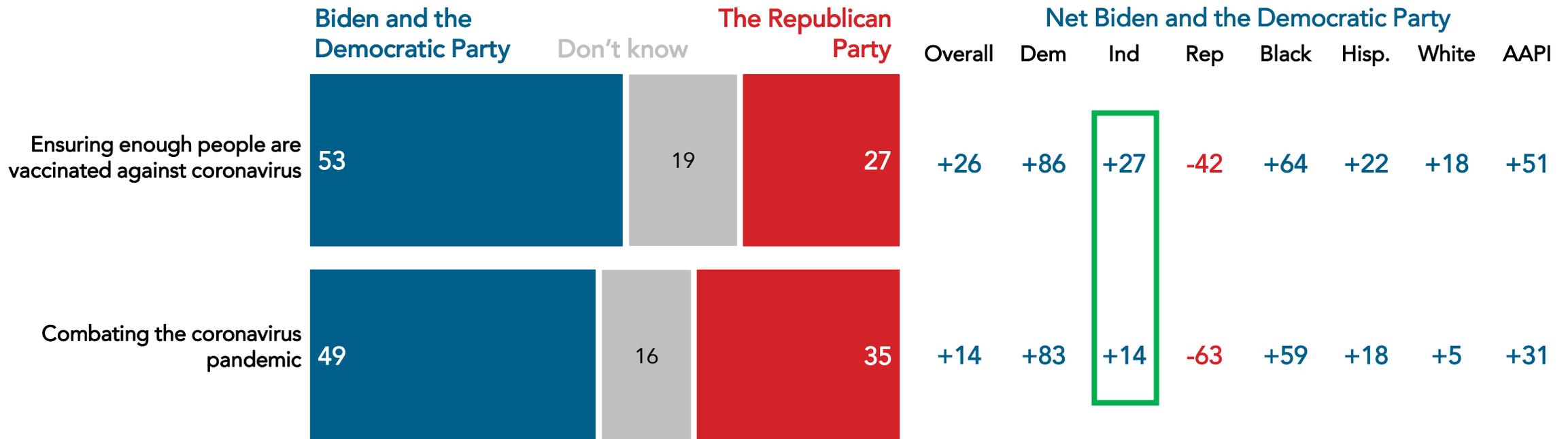


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Pandemic-Related Issues Remain Strong Suits for Biden and Democrats Over the Republican Party

Independents trust Biden and the Democratic Party more by double digits on both vaccinations (+27) and combating the pandemic overall (+14).

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



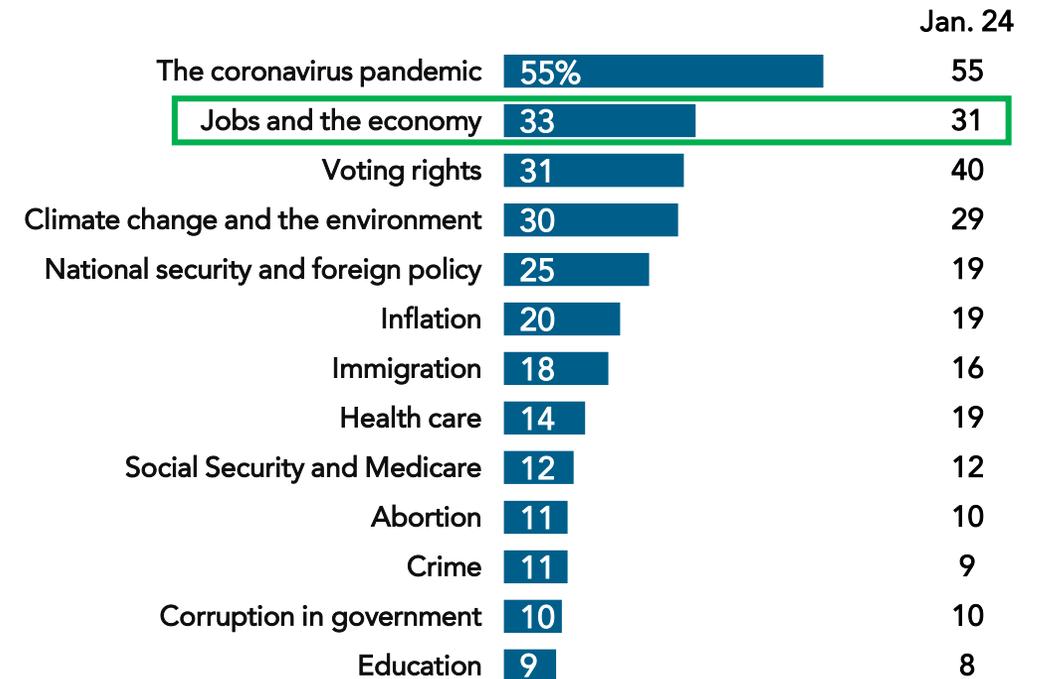
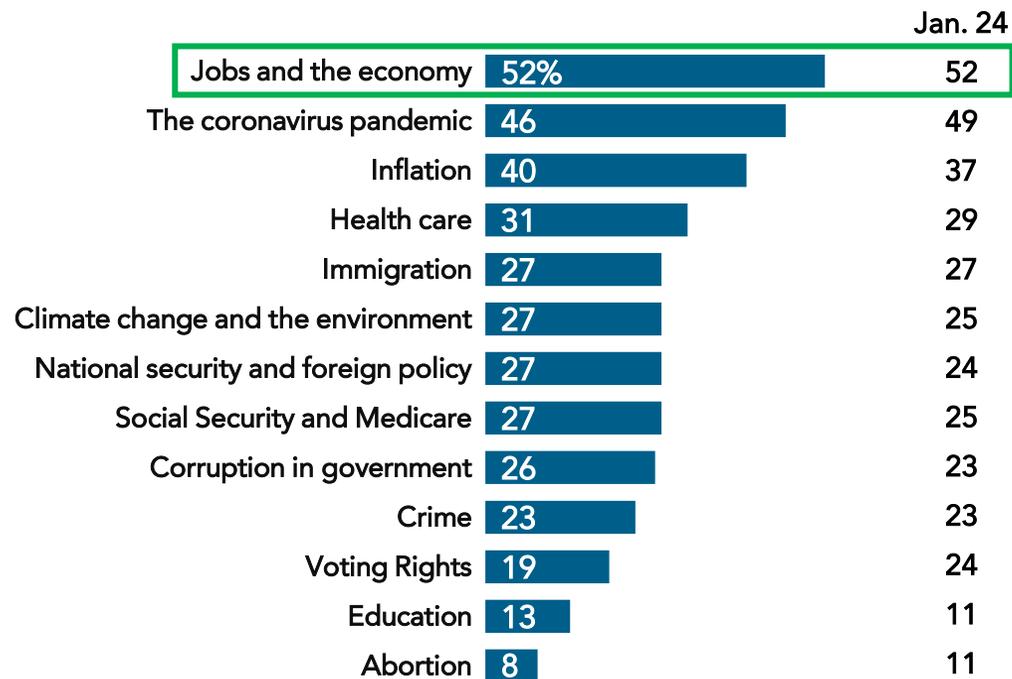
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Fewer See Biden and Congress Focused on Economy While the Economy and Pandemic Continue to Be Top Priorities

Majorities say “jobs and the economy” (52%) and the pandemic (46%) are top priorities for Biden and Congress, and while Americans say they are focused on the pandemic (55%), fewer see Biden and Congress focused on jobs and the economy (33%).

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 Gets Positive Marks on Hard Work, Doing What's Best for the Country

Nearly one in six (16%) disapprove of Biden overall but say at least one of the positive descriptors below describes him "very" or "somewhat well." Demographics especially likely to be in this group are independents (24%) and 18-34 year-olds (25%).

Below is a list of words and phrases. For each, please indicate how well it describes President Biden.

	Very well	Somewhat well	Not well	Feb. 7	Nov. 8	Total Well		
						Dem	Ind	Rep
He values hard work	31	27	42	58	55	88	49	24
He is trying to do what's best for the country	29	25	46	54	51	88	50	16
He is up to the job of President	26	23	51	49	<i>n/a</i>	84	47	10
He represents the country well abroad	26	22	51	49	<i>n/a</i>	83	46	10
He stands up for the middle class	25	26	49	51	50	83	50	15
He has the right priorities	24	24	52	48	48	82	44	11
He is a strong leader	22	22	55	45	44	77	41	9
He shares my values	21	26	53	47	48	83	36	9
He brings stability to the country	20	26	54	46	54	77	35	14
He is reaching across the aisle to get things done	15	30	54	46	54	75	40	13

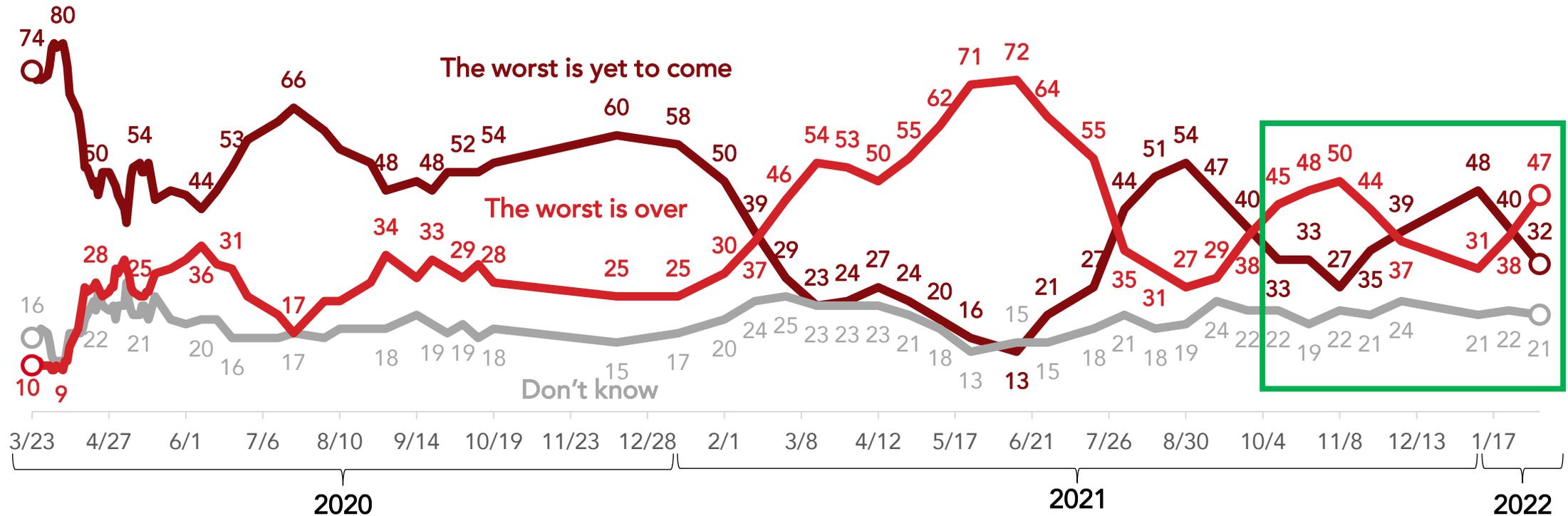
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Major Downtick in the Share Who Say “Worst Is Yet to Come” in the Pandemic

Since just two weeks ago, the share saying “the worst is over” increased 11 points among both Republicans and independents, and 8 points among Democrats.

- On a separate question, there has been a 4-point decline in the share who say the pandemic is a “major crisis” (from 46% to 42%).

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

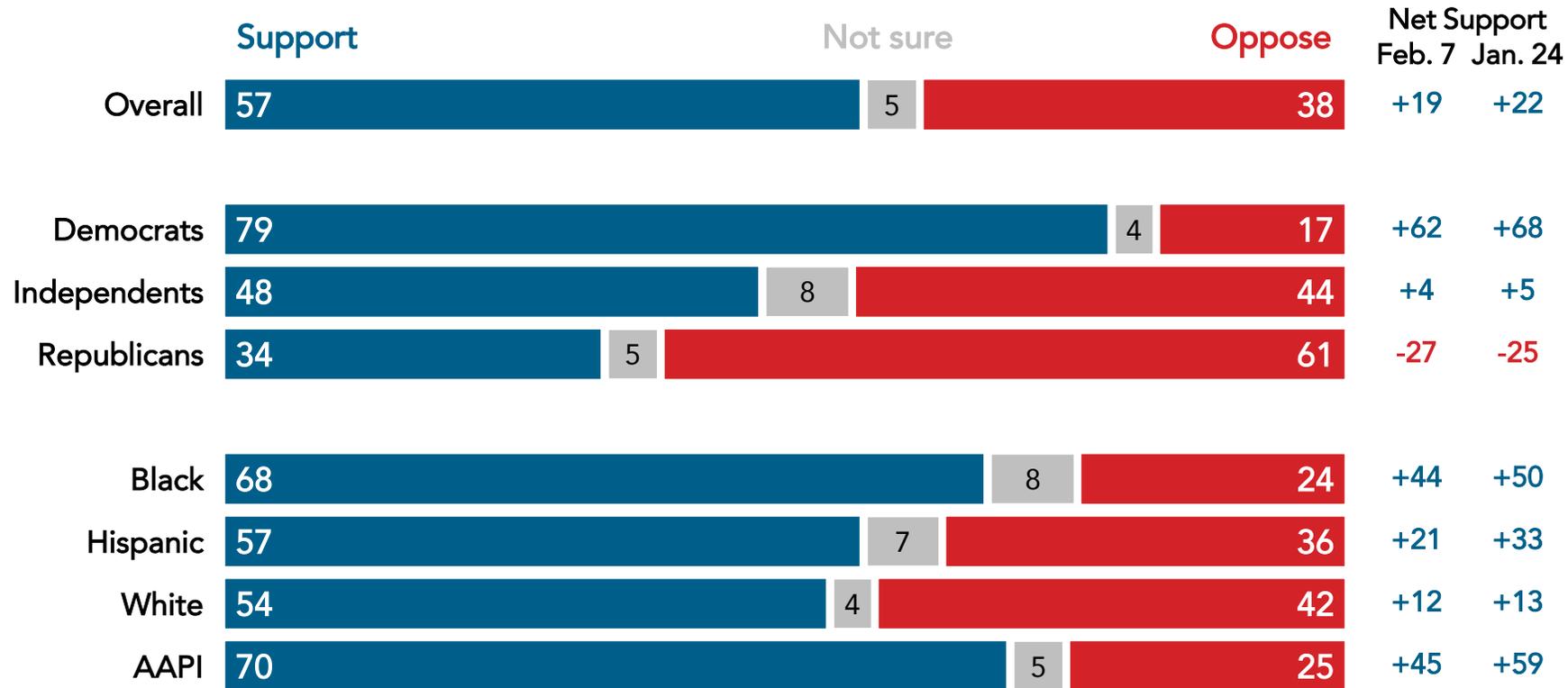


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Majorities Continue to Support Vaccine Mandates

Among independents, nearly half (48%) support vaccine mandates.

Generally speaking, do you support or oppose the use of vaccine mandates to slow the spread of coronavirus?



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Americans Agree More With Democrats Who Criticize Republicans for Ignoring Pandemic Science

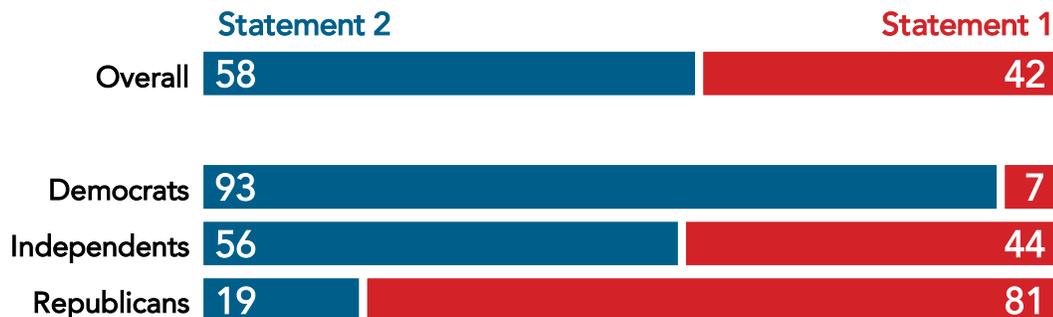
Whether the progressive response focuses on Republicans ignoring science or Republicans taking away the freedom of vaccinated Americans, each progressive lane is more effective by double digits than a Republican critique.

Which do you find more convincing?

Statement 1: Republicans who say Democrats are taking away our freedom with mask and vaccine mandates.

Statement 2: Democrats who say **Republicans aren't listening to science and are putting public health at risk by opposing vaccine and mask requirements.**

Statement 3: Democrats who say **Republicans are taking away the freedom for vaccinated Americans to work and go to school without risking their health through exposure to unvaccinated Americans.**

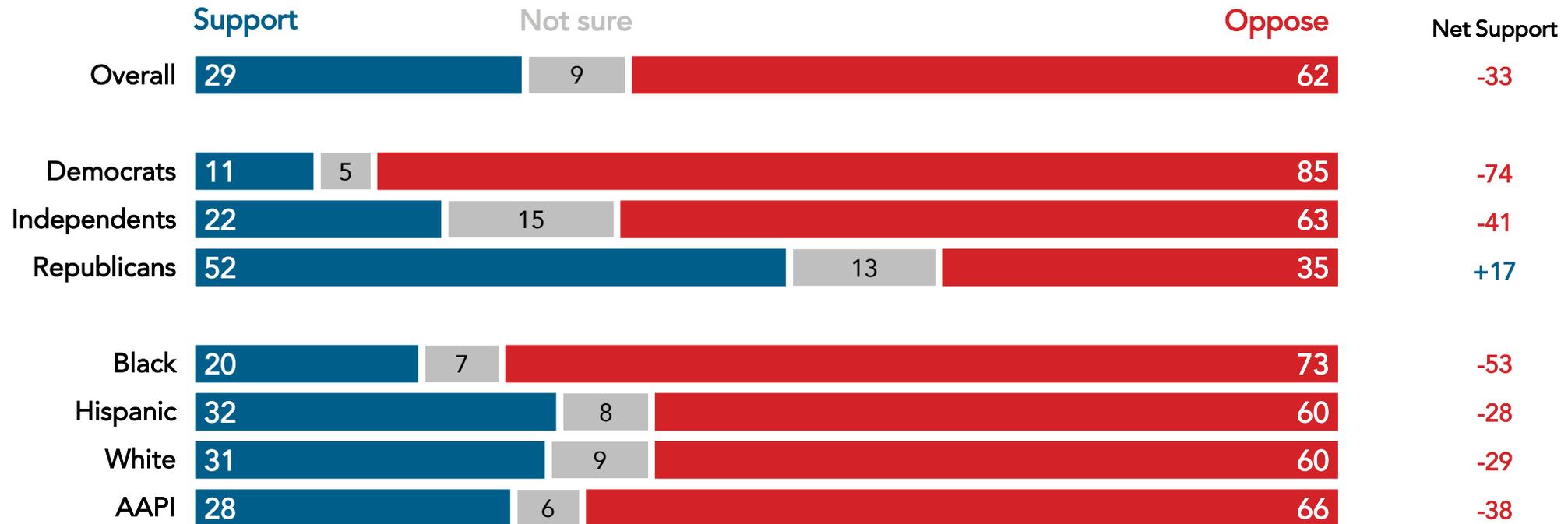


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Majority of Americans Oppose Pardoning January 6th Rioters

More than three in five independents (63%) oppose pardoning the January 6th rioters, as do more than one in three Republicans (35%).

As you may know, former President Donald Trump said if he were President again, he would pardon rioters who participated in the January 6th attack at the Capitol. Do you support or oppose pardoning the January 6th rioters?



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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: Arkadi Gerney, The Hub Project; Joel Payne, The Hub Project; Christina Reynolds, EMILY's List; 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 February 3-February 7, 2022. 101 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 78 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 99 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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