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SCOTUS and
Democracy: A Guide for
Advocates



Key Takeaways:

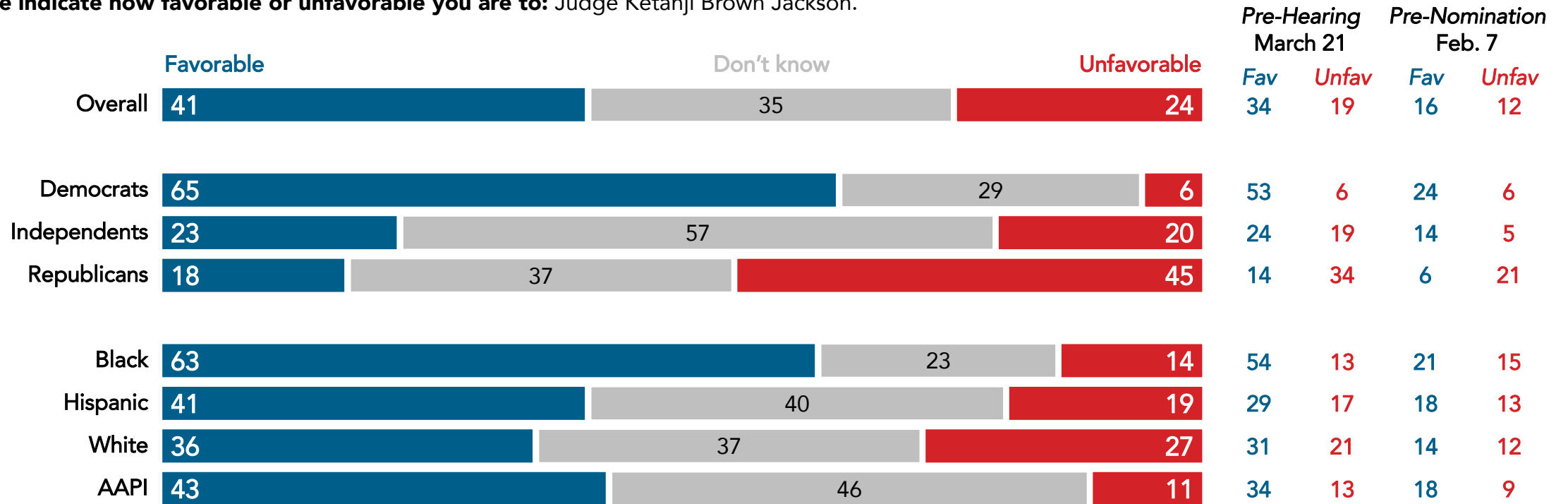
- Majorities continue to trust Biden's judgment on the Supreme Court and support Ketanji Brown Jackson's confirmation.
- A majority of Americans oppose the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol and support the actions of the House Committee investigating the events of that day.
- A majority say Justice Clarence Thomas should recuse himself from any cases related to the events of the insurrection due to his wife's involvement on January 6th.

As the Senate Prepares to Vote to Confirm, More Americans Continue to View Judge Jackson Favorably Than Unfavorably

Since mid-March, there has been a 7-point increase in the share who have a favorable view of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson.

- Nearly two-thirds of Democrats (65%) now hold a favorable view of Judge Jackson, while independents are split – though most are unfamiliar with her (57%).

Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson.

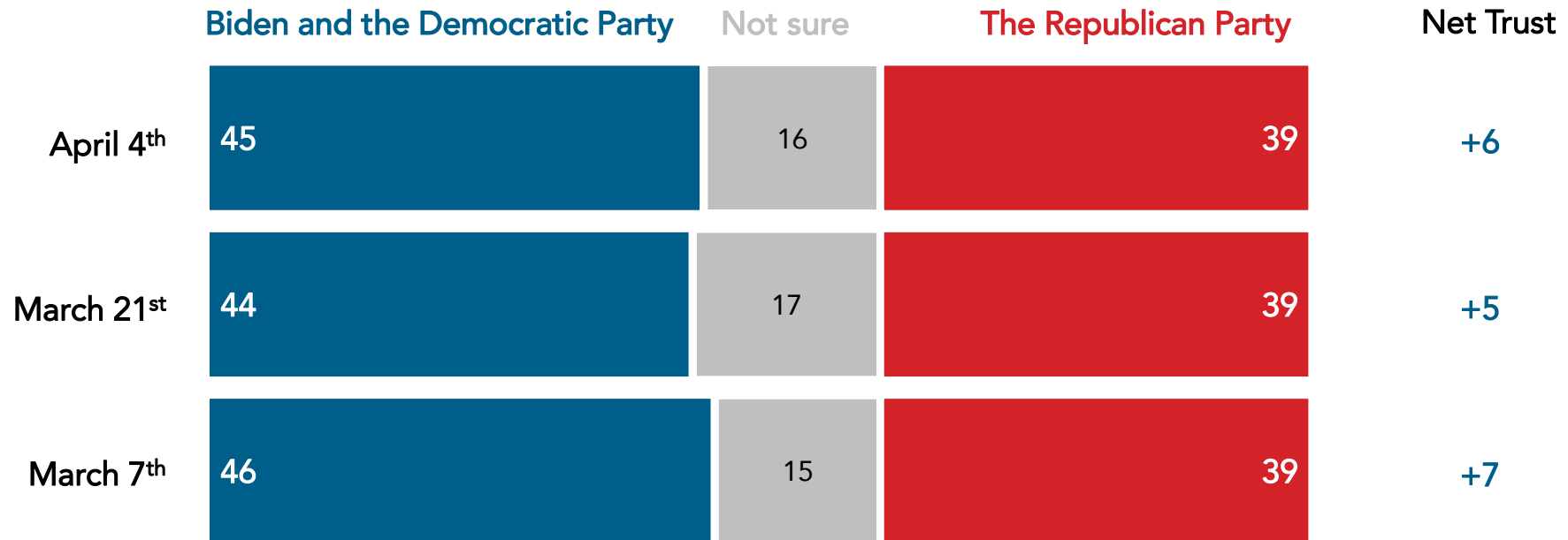


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Biden and Democrats Remain More Trusted to Put the Right People on the Supreme Court

Americans' level of trust in President Biden and Democrats to select the right people for the Supreme Court has remained consistent throughout Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's confirmation process.

Who do you trust more to handle: Putting the right people on the Supreme Court.

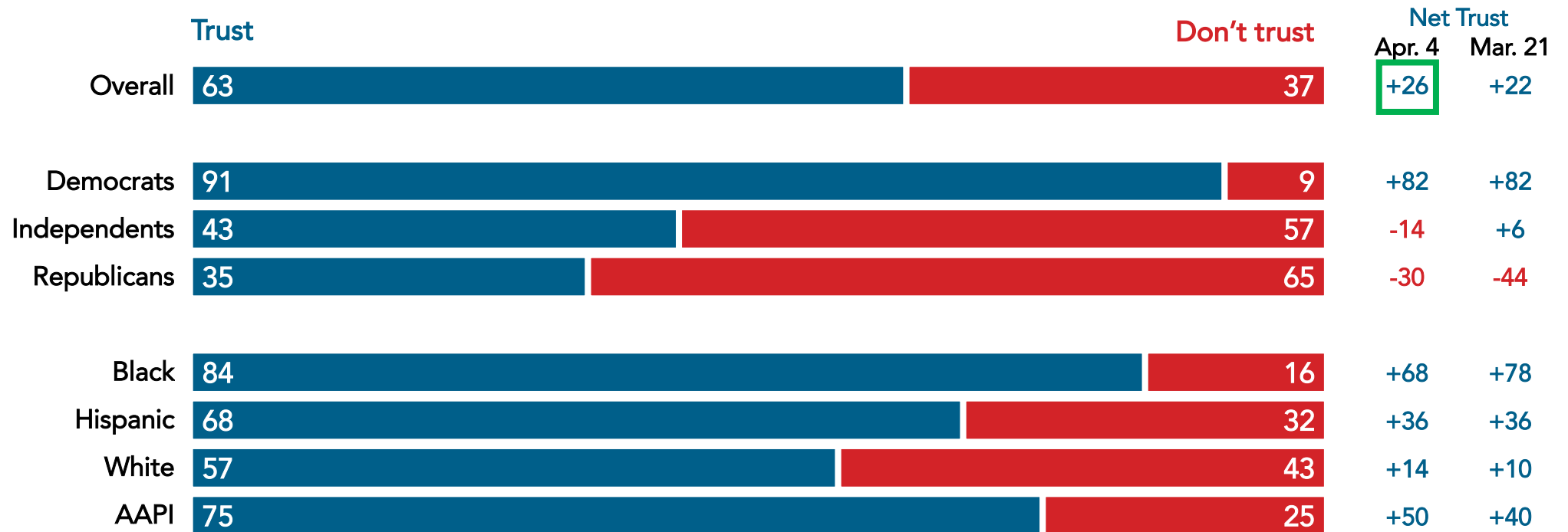


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Americans Continue to Trust Biden's Judgment on Who Should Be the Next Supreme Court Justice

Democrats (91% trust) and Black Americans (84%) trust Biden the most on who should be the next Supreme Court Justice.

How much do you trust President Biden's judgment on who should be the next Supreme Court Justice?*



*"Trust" includes those who say they trust Biden "a great deal," "a fair amount," or "some" on who the next Supreme Court Justice should be. "Don't trust" includes those who say they trust Biden "very little" or "not at all" on who the next Supreme Court Justice should be. Nationwide surveys of registered voters; Each wave represents approximately 1,000 interviews taken over the prior three-five days. Latest wave conducted March 31-April 4, 2022. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org

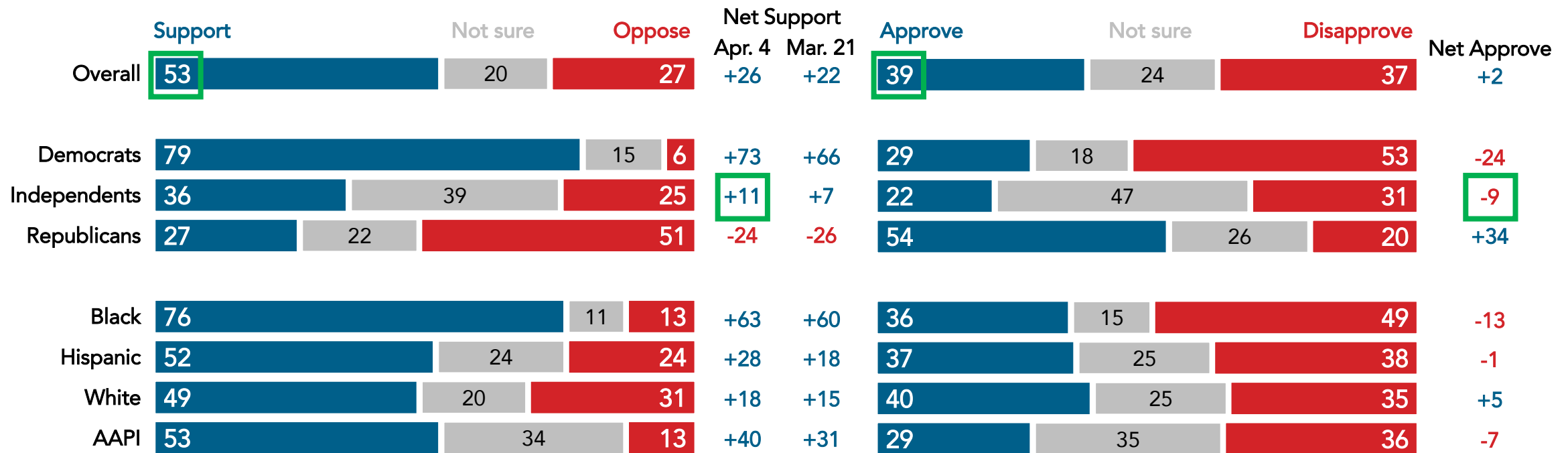
A Growing Majority Support Jackson's Confirmation, While Far Fewer Approve of Senate Republicans' Hearing Behavior

Since mid-March, there has been a 4-point net increase in the share who support confirming Judge Jackson to the Supreme Court.

- By contrast, Americans are divided on Republican Senators' behavior during her confirmation hearings before they read a description of their behavior; independents disapprove by a 9-point margin.

Do you support or oppose the United States Senate voting to confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to fill Stephen Breyer's seat on the Supreme Court?

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Republicans in the Senate have handled Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's confirmation hearings?



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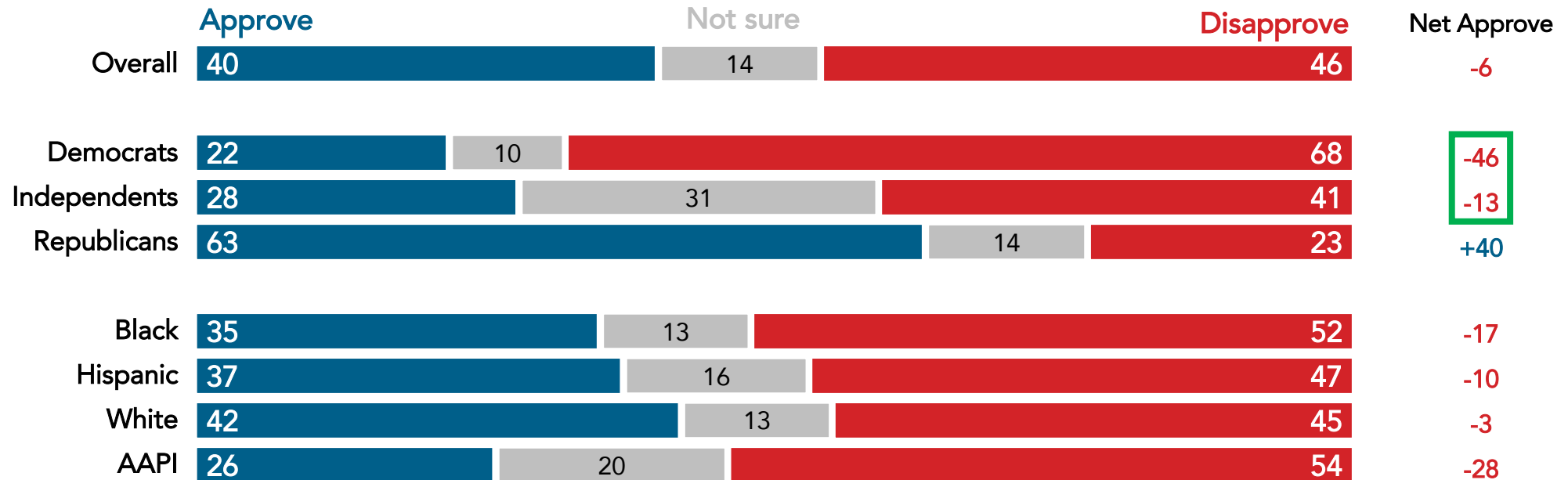
When Shown Questions Asked of KBJ by Republican Senators, Americans' Disapproval of GOP Hearing Behavior Grows

A plurality of independents (41%) disapprove of how Republican senators have handled the hearings.

During the recent hearings on the confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, questions from Republican Senators included:

- Senator Ted Cruz asking multiple questions about the children's book *Antiracist Baby*, and if Judge Jackson thinks that "babies are racist"
- Senator Lindsey Graham asking about Judge Jackson's personal religious beliefs, and suggesting Jackson endangered national security by providing legal counsel to Guantanamo Bay detainees
- Senator Marsha Blackburn asking Judge Jackson: "Can you provide a definition for the word 'woman'?"

Knowing this, do you approve or disapprove of the way Republicans in the Senate have handled Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's confirmation hearings?



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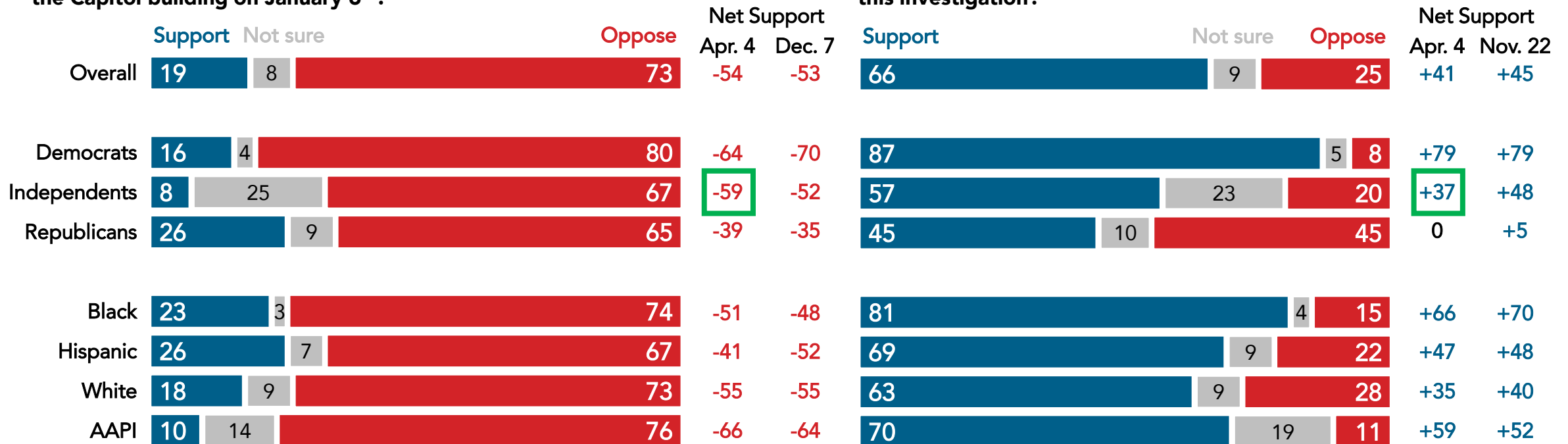
Overwhelming Majorities Oppose the Riot on January 6th and Two in Three Support the House Investigation

Bipartisan majorities oppose the January 6th riot while a majority, including independents (57%), support the House investigation of it.

- Nearly two-thirds of Republicans oppose the actions of the January 6th rioters (65%) and 45% support the House investigation.

Regardless of how much you have seen or heard since January 6th, 2021 about the Trump supporters who broke into the U.S. Capitol building on January 6th... Do you support or oppose the actions of the Trump supporters who broke into the Capitol building on January 6th?

As you may know, there is currently an investigation by the U.S. House of Representatives into what happened on January 6th at the Capitol and the events leading up to it. Do you support or oppose this investigation?



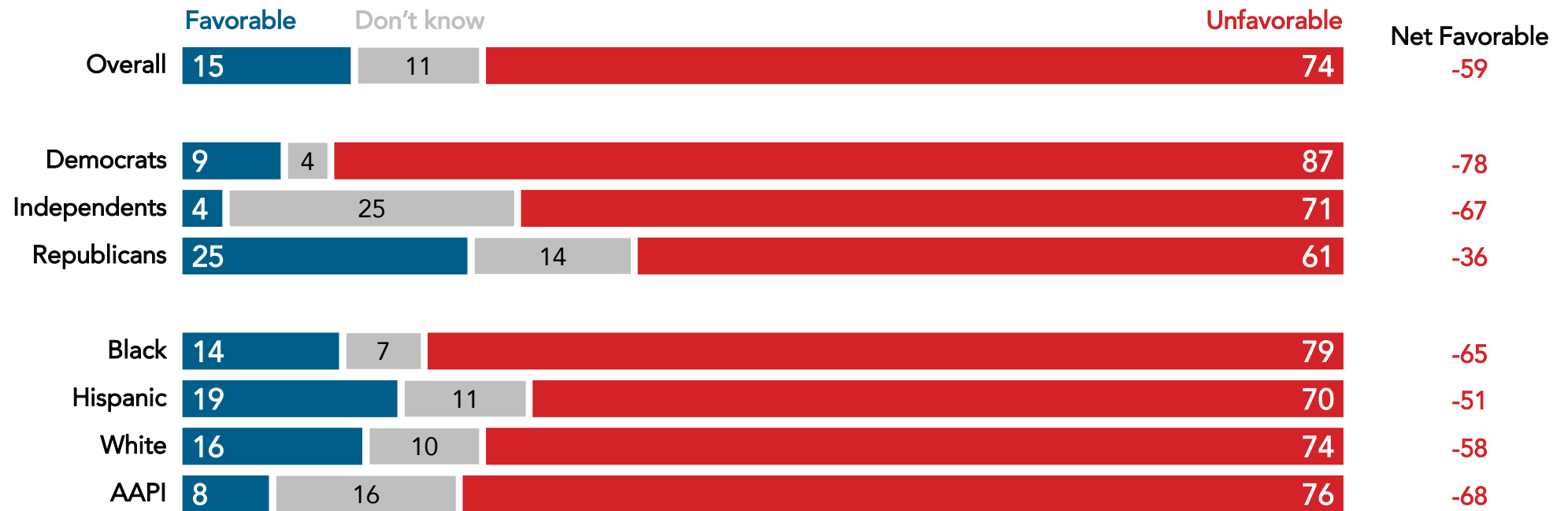
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Americans View the Trump Supporters Who Broke Into the Capitol Deeply Unfavorably

Nearly three-quarters of Americans (74%) hold unfavorable views of the people who broke into the Capitol on January 6th.

- While Republicans are most likely to be supportive, a notable majority (61%) still view them unfavorably.

Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: Trump supporters who broke into the Capitol on January 6th.

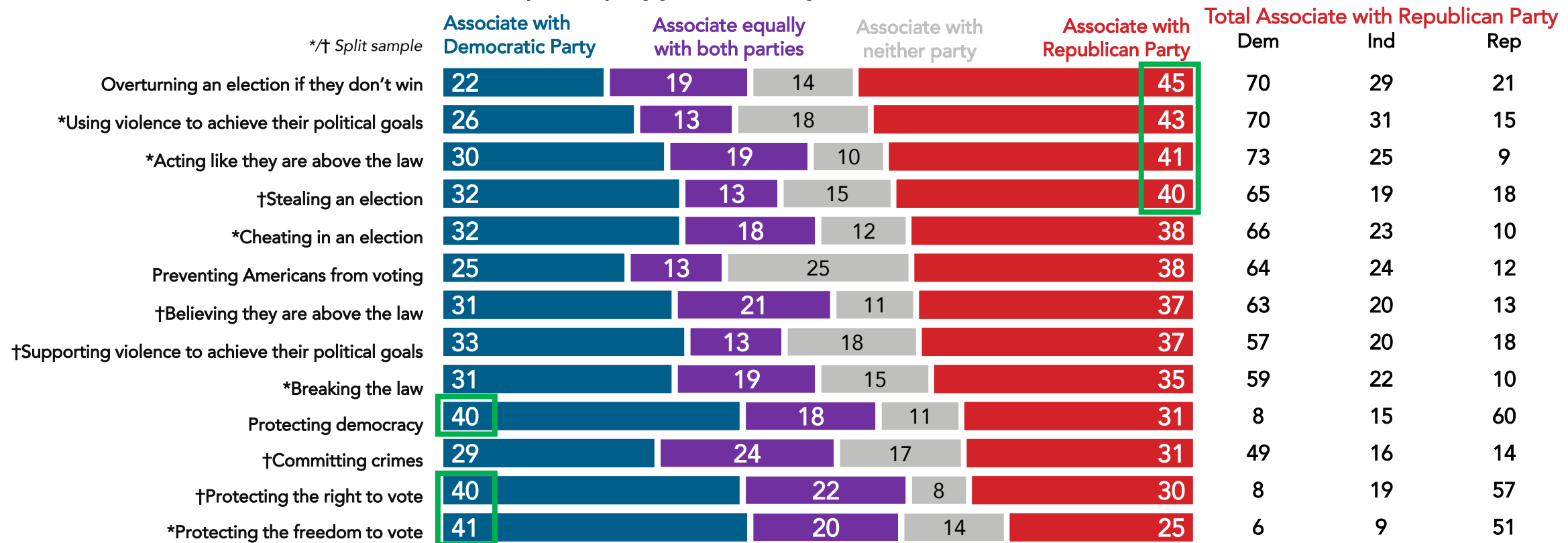


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Americans Associate Democrats with Protecting Democracy and Voting Rights; GOP With Overturning Elections and Violence

The Republican Party is significantly more associated with overturning an election if they don't win than the Democratic Party by a 23-point margin, and more associated with using violence to achieve their political goals by a 17-point margin.

Below is a list of issues and actions. Please indicate which political party you more closely associate each one with.

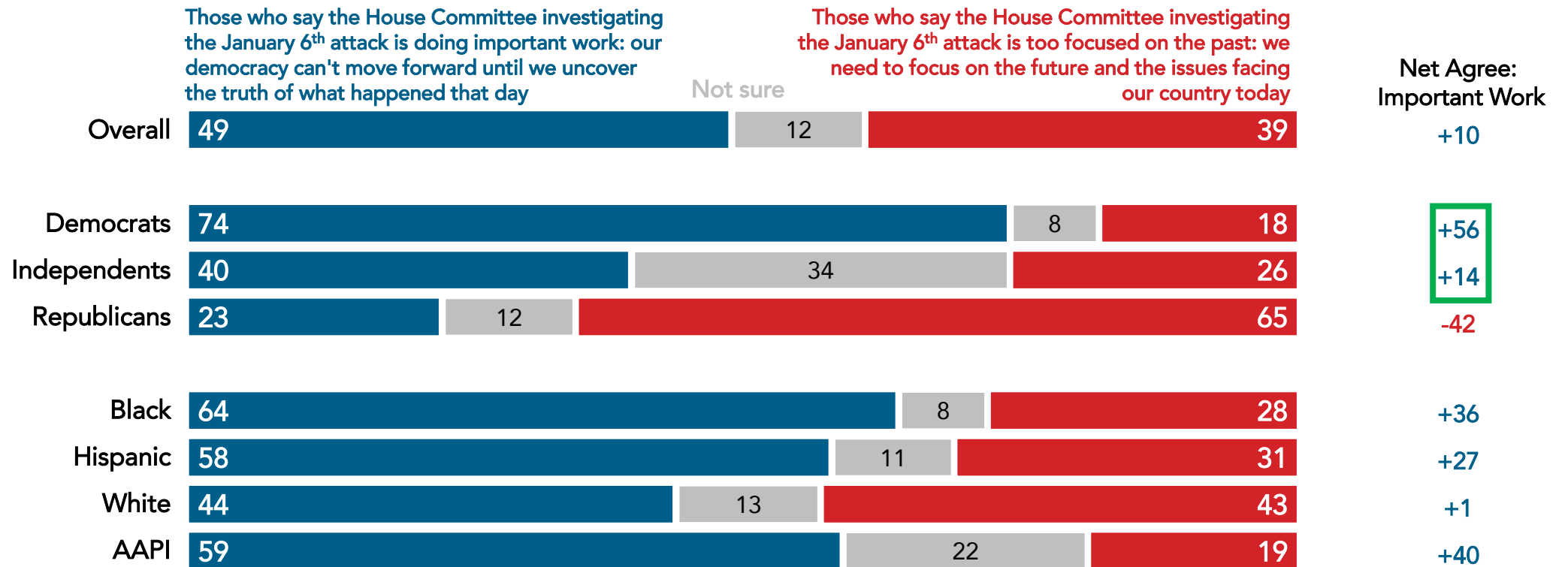


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Americans Believe the House Investigation Into January 6th Is Important and Do Not See It As Unduly Focused on the Past

A plurality of independents (net +14) agree with a statement about the importance of the January 6th House Committee.

Who do you agree with more?



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Emphasizing the Importance of the House Committee's Work Without Mentioning Donald Trump Is More Resonant

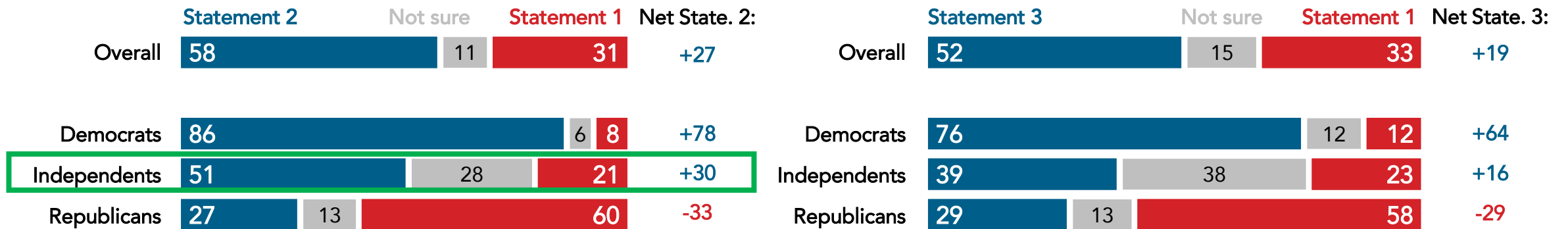
Americans agree with both rebuttals that say the House Committee should pursue the truth and hold those involved accountable for their actions – though more Americans (and more independents) agree with a version of this statement that does not mention Trump.

Which side do you find more convincing?

Statement 1: Those who say the House Committee investigating the January 6th attack on the Capitol is a partisan witch hunt that only wants to criminalize protesters and American voters for expressing their views

Statement 2: Those who say the House Committee investigating the January 6th attack at the Capitol should continue pursuing the truth from that day and hold the rioters and white supremacist militias who participated accountable for their actions, including the death of five police officers

Statement 3: Those who say the House Committee investigating the January 6th attack at the Capitol should continue pursuing the truth from that day and hold those who incited the rioters and white supremacist militias, like former President Donald Trump, accountable for their actions, including the death of five police officers

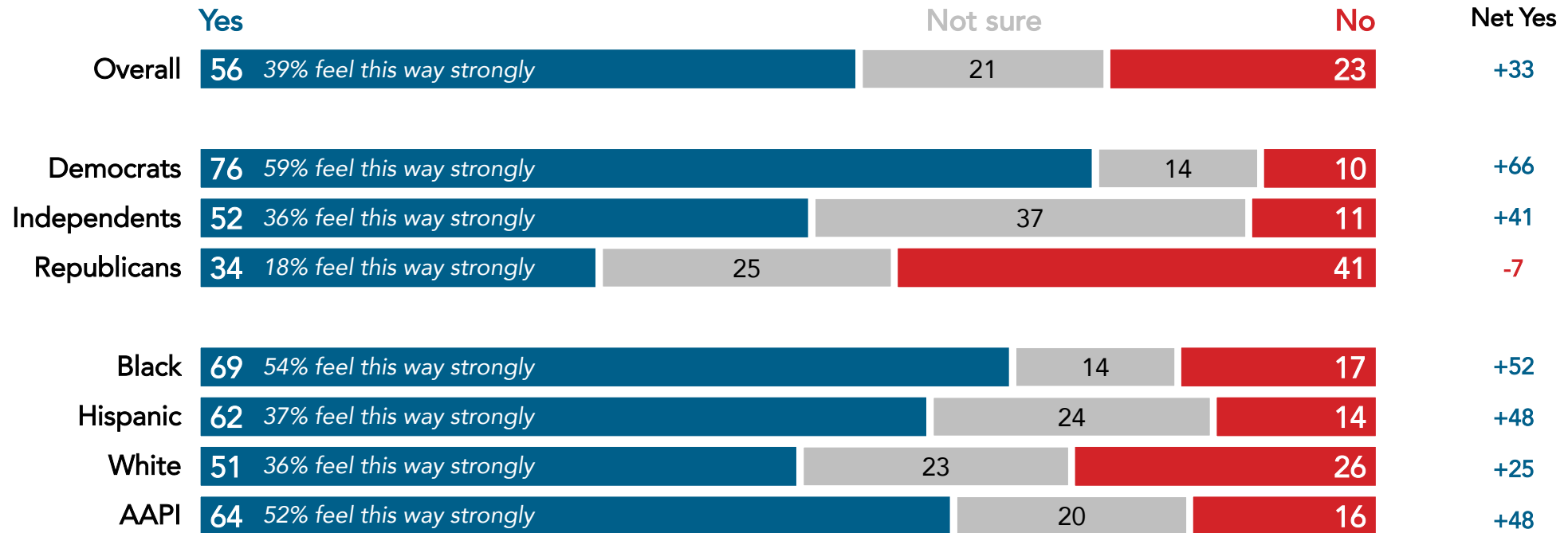


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Majorities Agree Justice Thomas Should Recuse Himself From January 6th-Related Cases Based on His Wife's Involvement

Majorities of independents agree Justice Thomas should recuse himself, including 36% who “feel this way strongly.” One in three Republicans also agree he should recuse himself (34%).

As you may know, it was recently discovered that Virginia Thomas, wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, sent text messages to former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows encouraging him to help overturn the results of the 2020 Presidential election in favor of Donald Trump. Knowing this, do you believe Justice Thomas should recuse himself and not vote on any cases related to January 6th?



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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 998 registered voters from March 31-April 4, 2022. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 74 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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