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Ukraine: A Guide for
Advocates



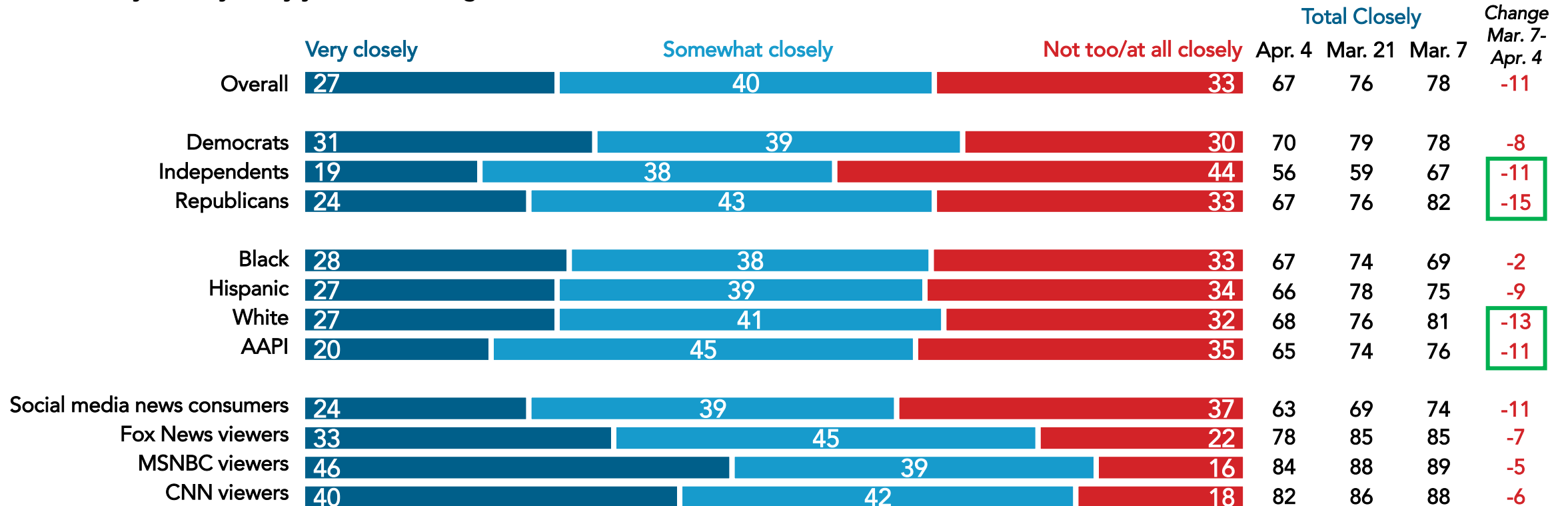
Key Takeaways:

- Americans are paying less attention to the invasion of Ukraine, and it is now a lower policy priority for them than the economy and inflation.
- Biden's approval ratings and the perception he is making the right decisions on Ukraine have both improved as a wide range of actions taken by the United States remain popular.
- Nearly three in four Americans agree that Putin can no longer remain in power, and pluralities across party lines agree with Biden's comment saying as much.

The Share of Americans Paying Close Attention to the Russian Invasion of Ukraine Is in Decline

There has been an 11-point decline in the share of Americans who say they are “closely” following the invasion since early March, including an 8-point decline among Democrats, an 11-point decline among independents, and a 15-point decline among Republicans.

How closely would you say you are following the Russian invasion of Ukraine in the news?



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Only a Third Are Hearing “A Lot” About Russian-Ukrainian Peace Talks; Even Fewer Hearing About Low Unemployment

As the share following the situation in Ukraine closely declines, less than a third of Americans say they have heard “a lot” about the ongoing peace negotiations between Russia and Ukraine, including just 19% of independents.

Below is a list of issues that have been in the news recently. Please indicate how much you have seen, read, or heard about each one.

	A lot	Some	A little/Nothing	Dem	Ind	Rep	Total A Lot				AAPI
							Black	Hisp.	White		
Will Smith hitting Chris Rock on stage at the Oscars for a comment he made about his wife Jada Smith's hair	67		19	15	68	57	68	66	67	67	60
Ongoing peace negotiations between Russia and Ukraine	30	35	35	37	19	26	37	33	28	33	
The Senate confirmation hearings for Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court	28	36	36	35	17	23	44	27	26	21	
The FDA authorizing a second coronavirus booster shot for anyone over the age of 50	27	38	36	32	18	22	33	23	26	29	
The House Select Committee investigating the January 6th attack at the Capitol seeking to interview Virginia Thomas, wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, for her involvement in the riot	22	32	46	30	14	15	28	23	21	23	
A federal judge concluding that former President Trump likely committed a crime in trying to overturn the 2020 presidential election	20	33	47	28	15	12	30	21	19	17	
The potential for a new surge in coronavirus cases in the United States following rising cases in Europe and China	20	38	42	25	16	15	32	21	17	25	
*The unemployment rate falling to 3.6% in March, the lowest rate in two years, as the U.S. added 431,000 jobs	16	30	53	19	11	15	19	20	15	21	

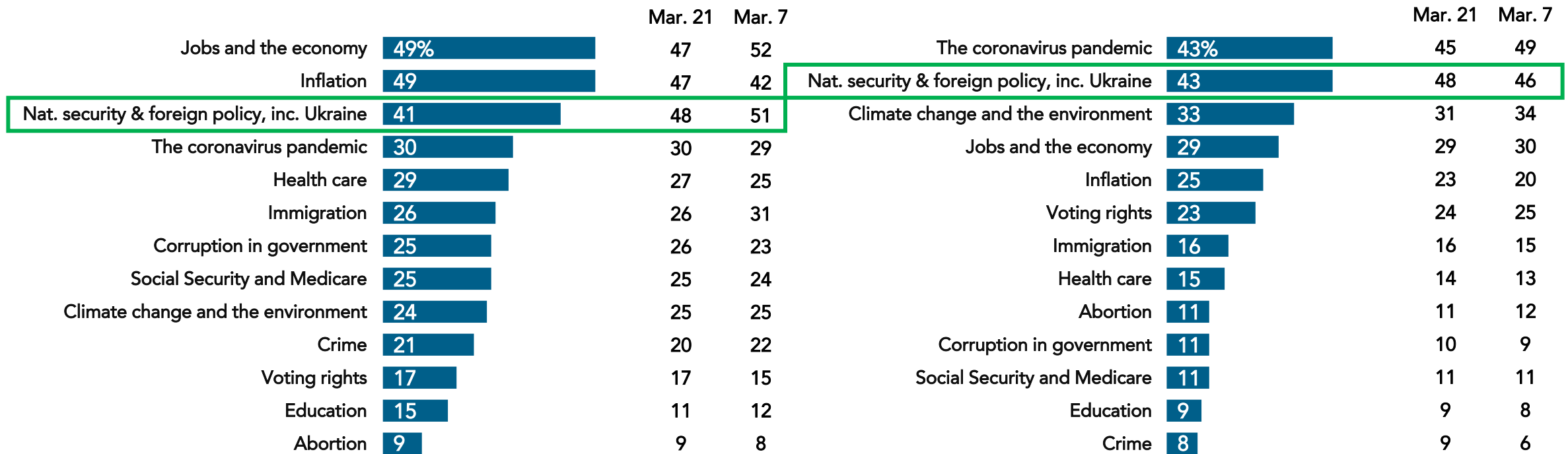
*On this question, n=710 due to later release of recent jobs numbers. Nationwide survey of 998 registered voters conducted March 31-April 4, 2022. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org.

Jobs & the Economy and Inflation Have Returned as More Important Priorities for Biden and Congress than National Security

The share who say they want President Biden and Congress to focus on “national security and foreign policy, including the situation in Ukraine” has dropped 7 points since mid-March from 48% to 41%, as the share who say they are focusing on it has dropped to 43%.

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?



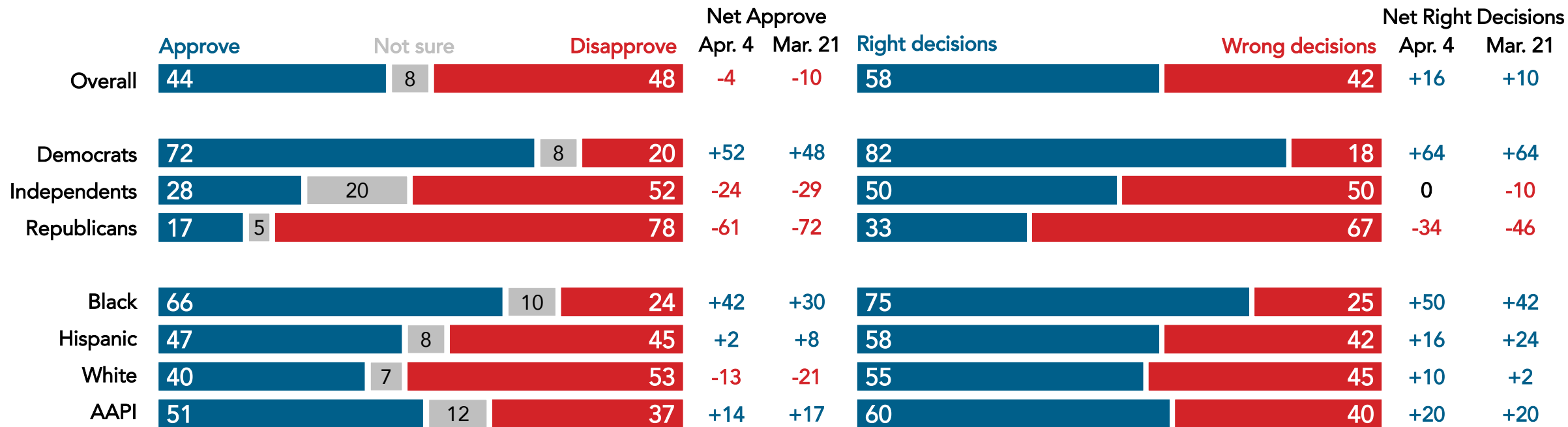
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There Has Been an Uptick in Approval of Biden's Handling of Ukraine as Most Say He Is Making Right Decisions

The share who approve of the job Biden is doing handling Ukraine has improved a net 6 points (from net -10 to -4), and the share who say he has made the right decisions has also increased by 6 points since mid-March (from net +10 to +16).

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the situation in Ukraine?

So far, do you feel President Biden has made the right decisions or the wrong decisions when it has come to the situation in Ukraine?



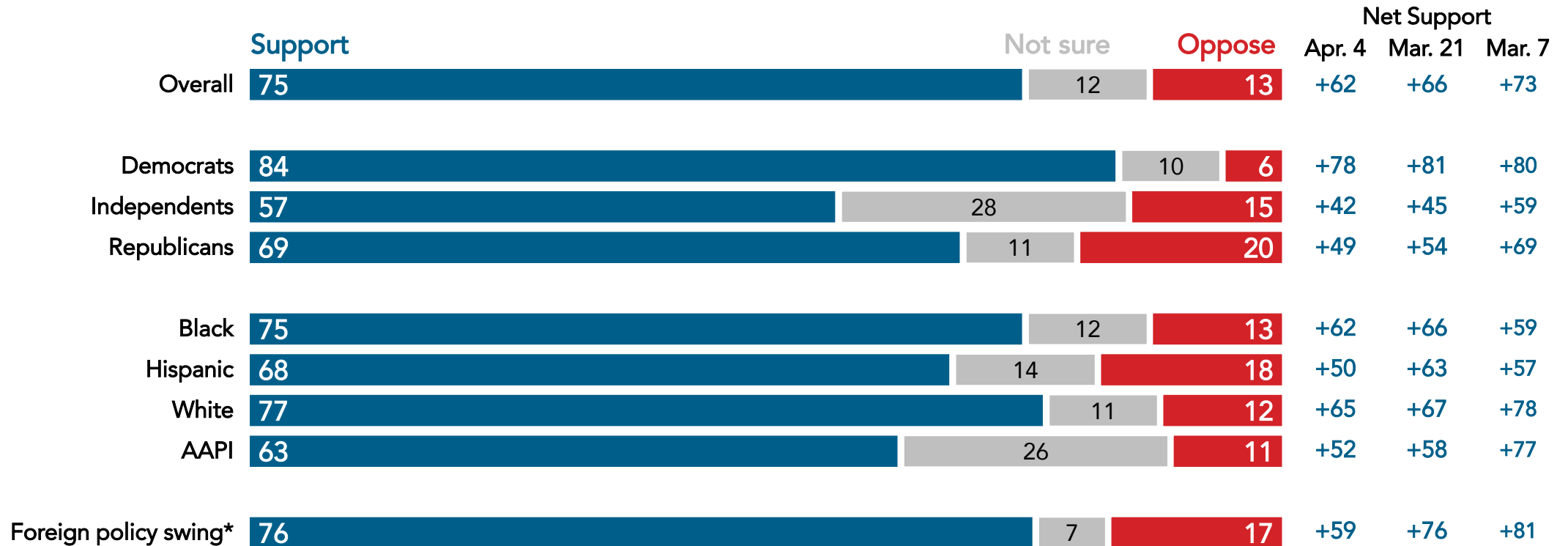
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Americans Remain Supportive of Economic Sanctions

Bipartisan majorities continue to support the U.S. imposing sanctions on Russia (including 84% of Democrats, 57% of independents, and 69% of Republicans).

- Among our foreign policy swing*, 76% support the economic sanctions against Russia.

As you may know, President Biden and leaders of other major countries have joined together to place initial economic sanctions on Russia as a way to discourage further military action against Ukraine. Do you support or oppose the economic sanctions so far against Russia?



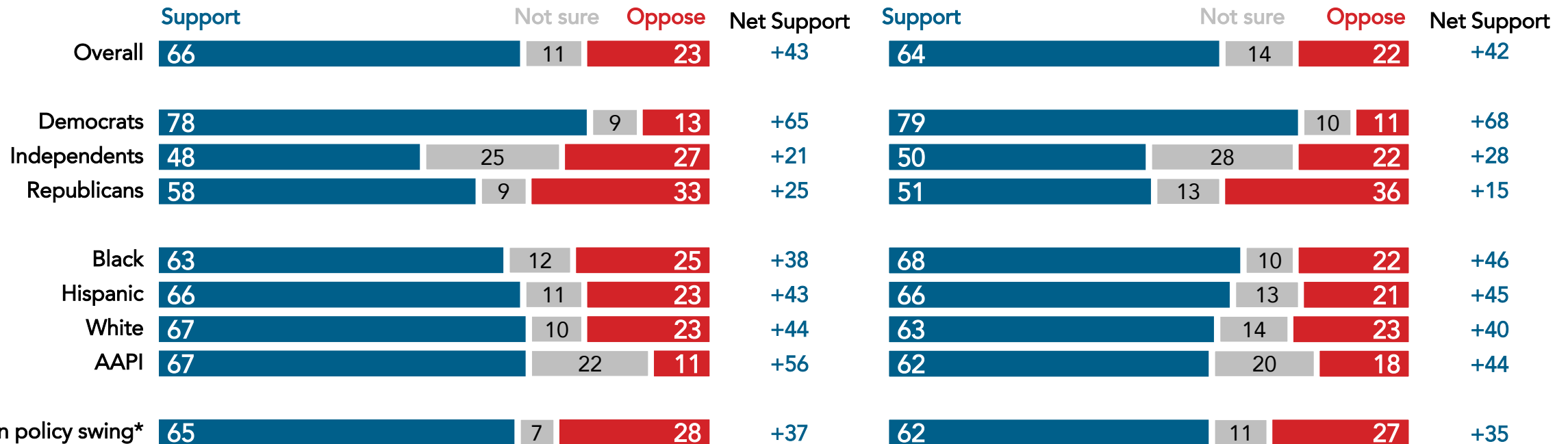
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Americans Support the U.S. Accepting Ukrainian Refugees and Colleges Financially Helping Students Impacted

Bipartisan pluralities support both the United States taking in up to 100,000 Ukrainian refugees and American universities providing financial support to impacted students.

As you may know, it was recently announced that the United States will accept up to 100,000 Ukrainian refugees fleeing the invasion. Do you support or oppose the United States taking in these refugees?

As you may know, some American universities, such as Hampton University, have recently announced that they would provide free tuition and room and board for students impacted by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Do you support or oppose American universities providing financial support to impacted students?



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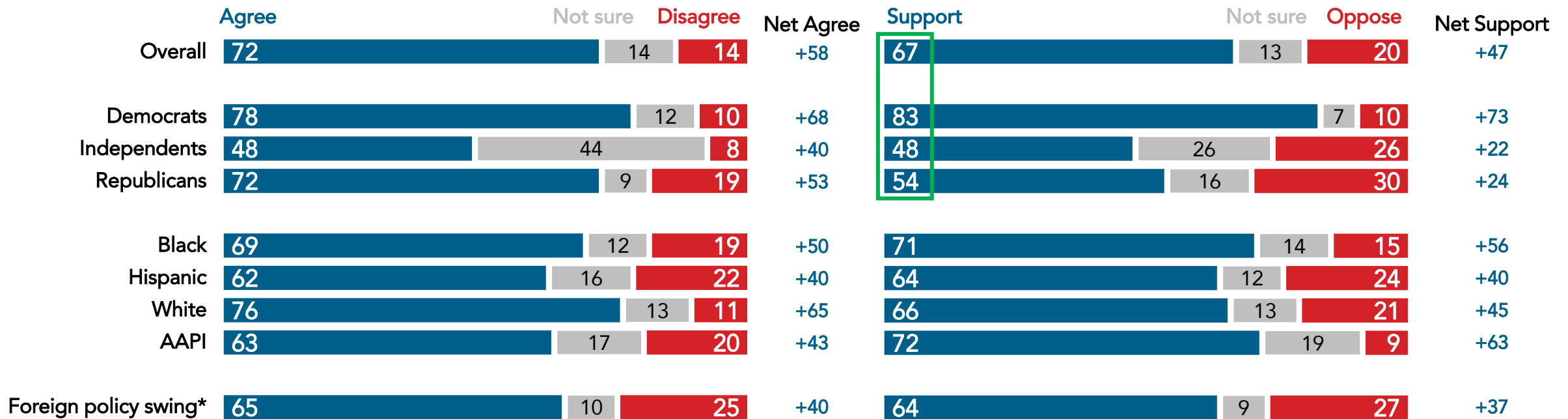
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Three in Four Agree Putin “Cannot Remain in Power”

While nearly three in four Americans support a statement that Putin can no longer remain in power (72%), support remains high even when noting it was a comment made by President Biden (67%).

(Split sample) Some have suggested that Vladimir Putin can no longer remain in power due to Russia’s ongoing invasion of Ukraine. Do you agree or disagree with this view?

(Split sample) As you may know, President Biden said that Vladimir Putin “cannot remain in power” during a speech in Poland last week. Do you support or oppose President Biden’s comment?



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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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