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Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

A Guide for  
Advocates



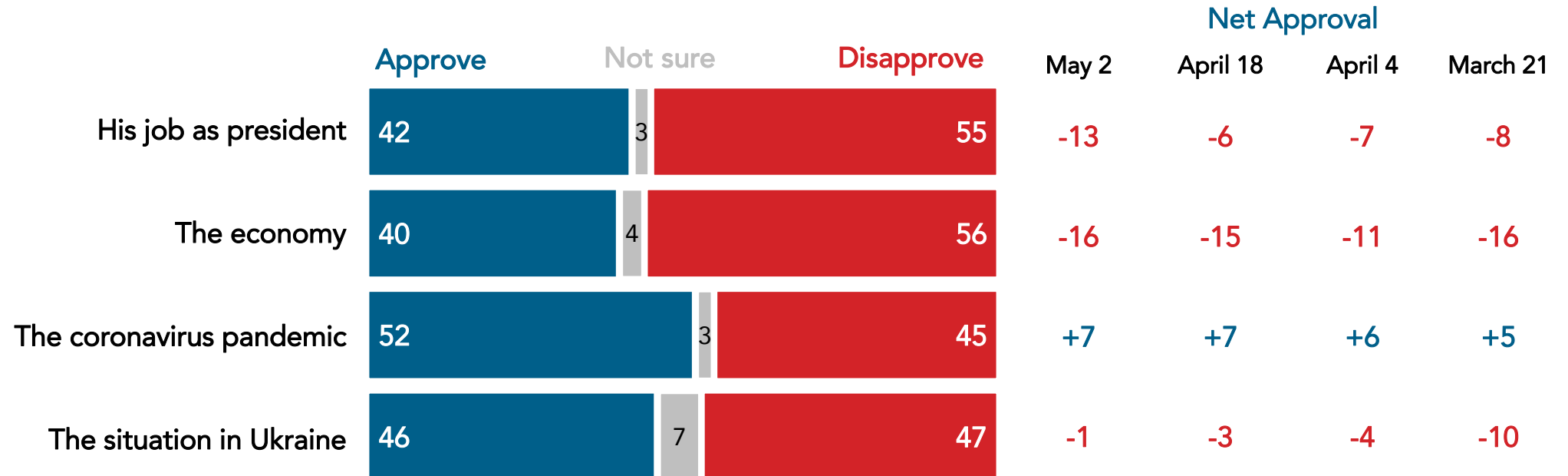
## Key Takeaways:

- While voters view Biden positively on his handling of the pandemic and Ukraine, he is underwater on the economy and overall – while Americans want a greater focus on the economy and inflation.
- A growing share say the worst of the pandemic is over both nationally and for themselves.
- Nearly two-thirds of Americans say they plan to continue wearing masks on public transit at least some of the time, in spite of recent relaxing of guidelines.

# Biden's Overall and Economic Approvals Are Underwater; Americans Show Positivity on Pandemic and Handling of Ukraine

Net approval of Biden's handling of the situation in Ukraine has increased by 9 points (net -10 to net -1) since late March while his pandemic approval remains consistently above water at net +7.

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



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# Americans Want Focus on the Economy and Inflation But See a Focus on Ukraine, Coronavirus, and Climate

There is a 25-point gap between the share who feel Biden and Congress are most focused on the economy (26%) and who want them to be most focused on the economy (51%).

- On inflation, there is a 28-point gap among independents (20% to 48%) and a 32-point gap among white Americans (22% to 54%).

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

		Dem	Ind	Rep	Black	Hisp.	White	AAPI
Jobs and the economy	51%	46	56	56	47	41	52	75
Inflation	49	38	48	62	33	39	54	56
Nat. security & foreign policy, inc. Ukraine	39	39	37	40	27	32	43	42
Immigration	30	14	20	50	16	26	34	15
Social Security and Medicare	30	34	25	26	32	26	31	16
Health care	27	37	29	16	35	37	24	37
Climate change and the environment	25	39	26	10	28	35	24	19
The coronavirus pandemic	25	36	27	13	38	29	22	30
Corruption in government	25	19	25	31	17	29	26	25
Crime	23	19	18	29	35	23	21	19
Education	13	13	17	12	14	19	12	9
Voting rights	12	20	9	5	20	7	11	17
Abortion	10	13	7	8	11	9	10	8

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

		Dem	Ind	Rep	Black	Hisp.	White	AAPI
Nat. security & foreign policy, inc. Ukraine	45%	52	51	35	49	41	44	52
The coronavirus pandemic	39	43	44	33	42	39	37	53
Climate change and the environment	33	27	28	42	26	29	36	20
Jobs and the economy	26	39	28	12	34	23	26	23
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Abortion	12	7	14	15	8	16	11	10
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Corruption in government	10	9	12	10	11	18	9	2

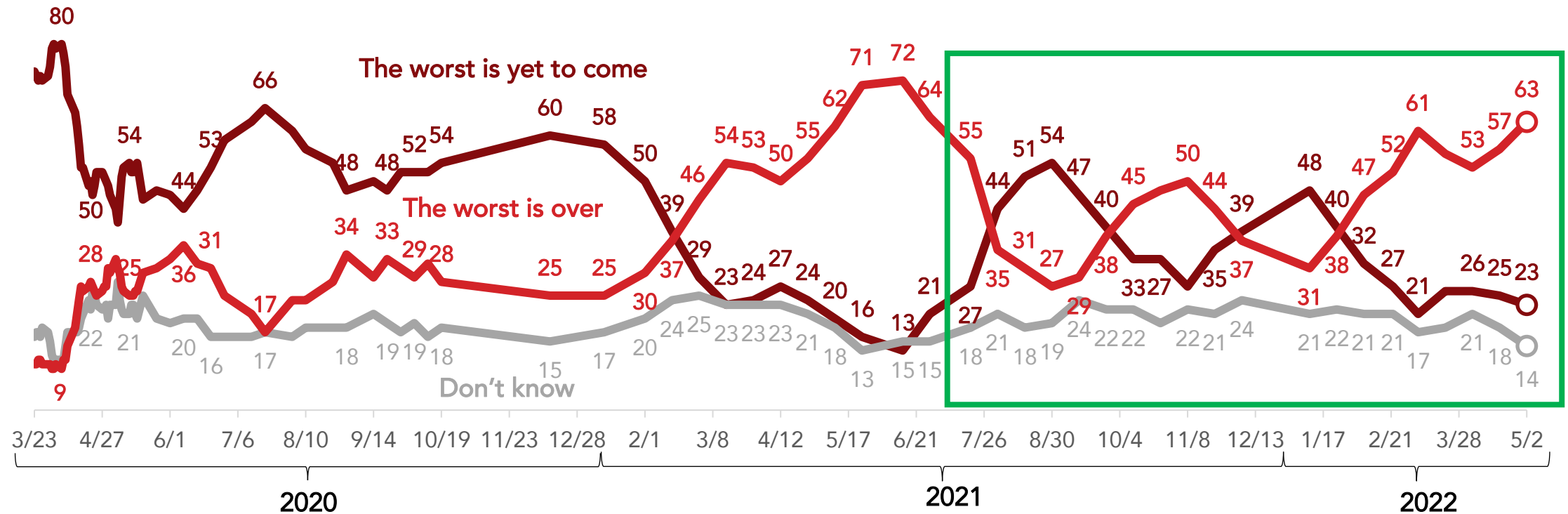
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# Three in Five Now Say the “Worst Is Over” in the Pandemic

Majorities of Republicans (70%) and Democrats (60%) and half of independents (50%) agree the worst of the pandemic is over.

- Black Americans are the most pessimistic on the state of the pandemic: just 42% are optimistic that the “worst is over,” compared to 38% who say the “worst is yet to come.”

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



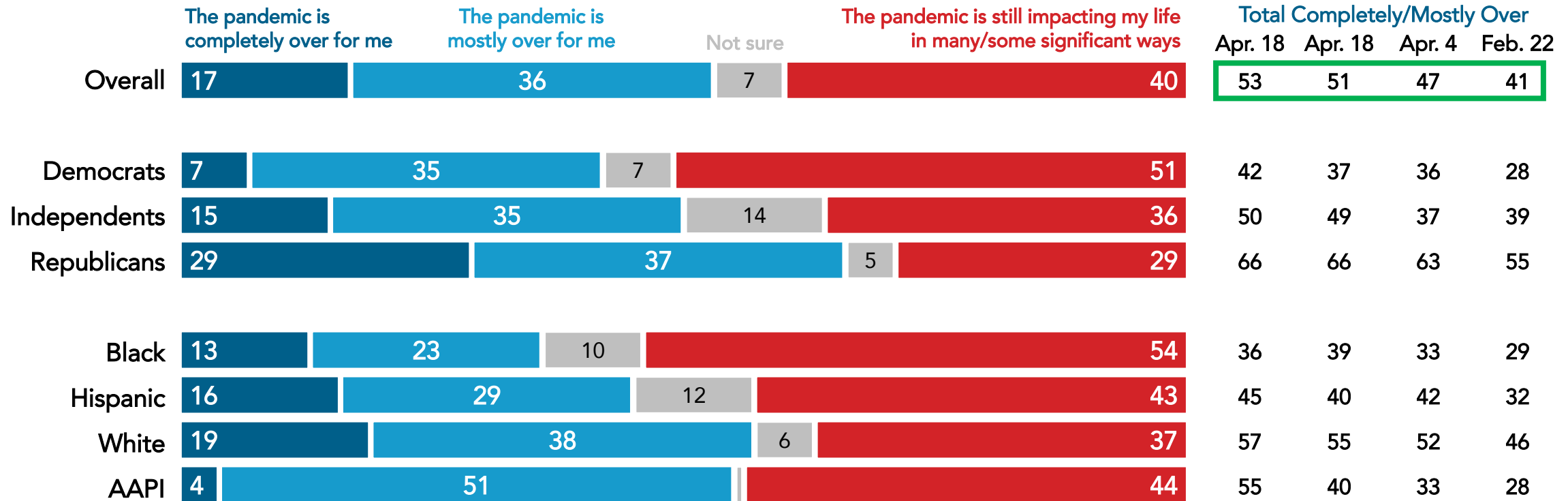
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# Growing Majority Say the Pandemic Is Over for Them Personally

More than half (53%) of Americans now say the pandemic is “mostly” or “completely” over for them, up from 41% in late February.

- Republicans (66%), white Americans (57%), and AAPI (55%) are most likely to say it is over for themselves, compared to just 42% of Democrats and 36% of Black Americans who say the same.

Thinking about yourself personally and the way you go about your life... would you say the pandemic is over for you, or is it still impacting your life in significant ways?

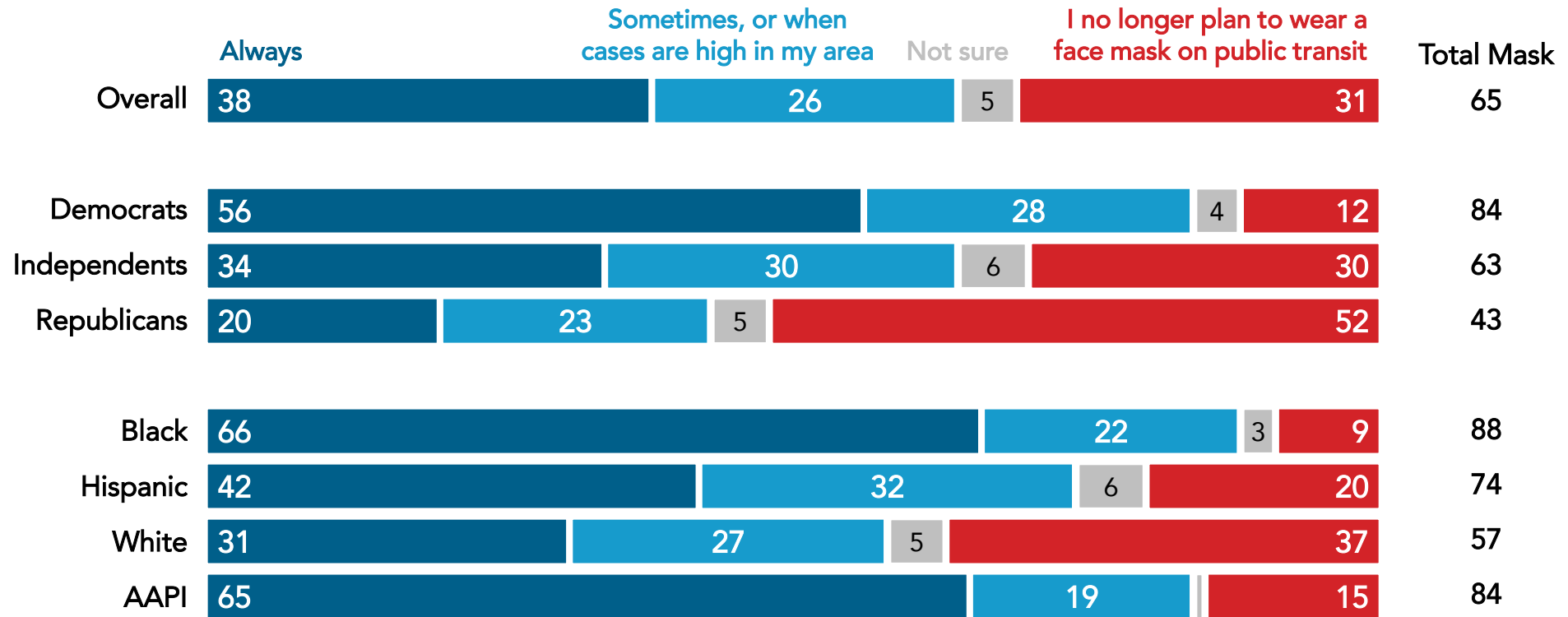


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# Nearly Two in Three Report They Will Continue Wearing Masks on Public Transit Always or When Cases Are High

Only three in ten Americans say they no longer plan to wear a face mask on public transportation (31%).

As you may know, there is no longer a federal mask requirement on public transportation, including on airplanes. Knowing this, and thinking about yourself personally, do you plan to wear a face mask on public transportation in the future?



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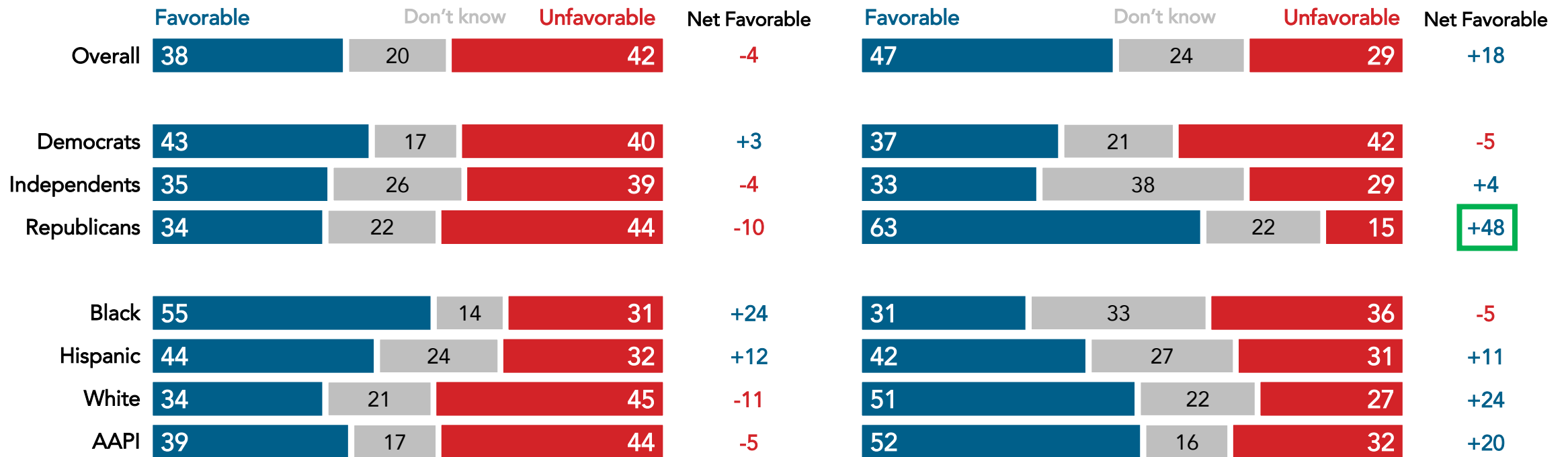


# In Light of New Deal for Elon Musk to Buy Twitter, Americans Show Mixed Feelings on Both

Views of each are somewhat partisan: while Twitter is above water by 3 points among Democrats (net +3), it is underwater among independents (-4) and Republicans (-10). On the other hand, Musk is in the negative among Democrats (-5), compared to +4 and +48 among independents and Republicans respectively.

Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: Twitter.

Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: Elon Musk.



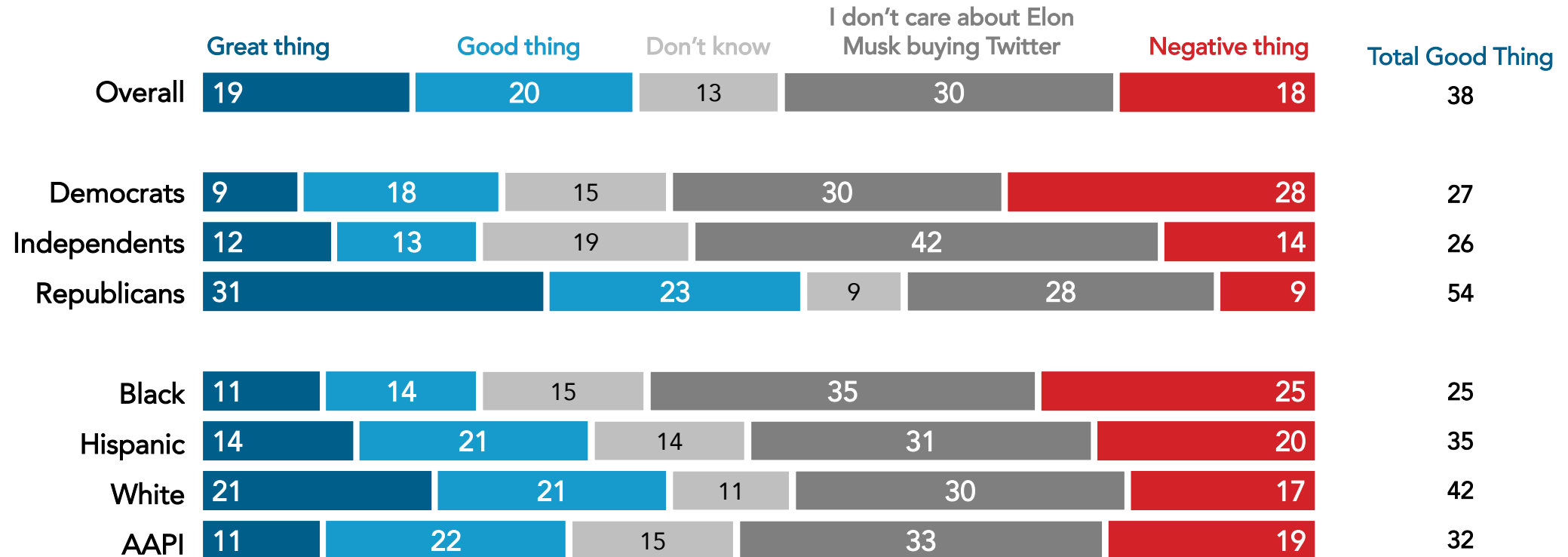
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# Plurality Say They Don't Care About Musk Buying Twitter

Three in ten say they do not care about Musk buying Twitter and another 13% say they don't know enough to say.

- Republicans (54%) and white Americans (42%) are most likely to say Musk buying Twitter is a good thing, compared to just 27% of Democrats and 26% of independents who say the same.

As you may or may not know, Elon Musk bought Twitter this week for \$44 billion. Knowing this, do you think Elon Musk buying Twitter is a...



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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 999 registered voters from April 28-May 2, 2022. 103 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 59 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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