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Gun Violence Prevention: A Guide for Advocates

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Key Takeaways:

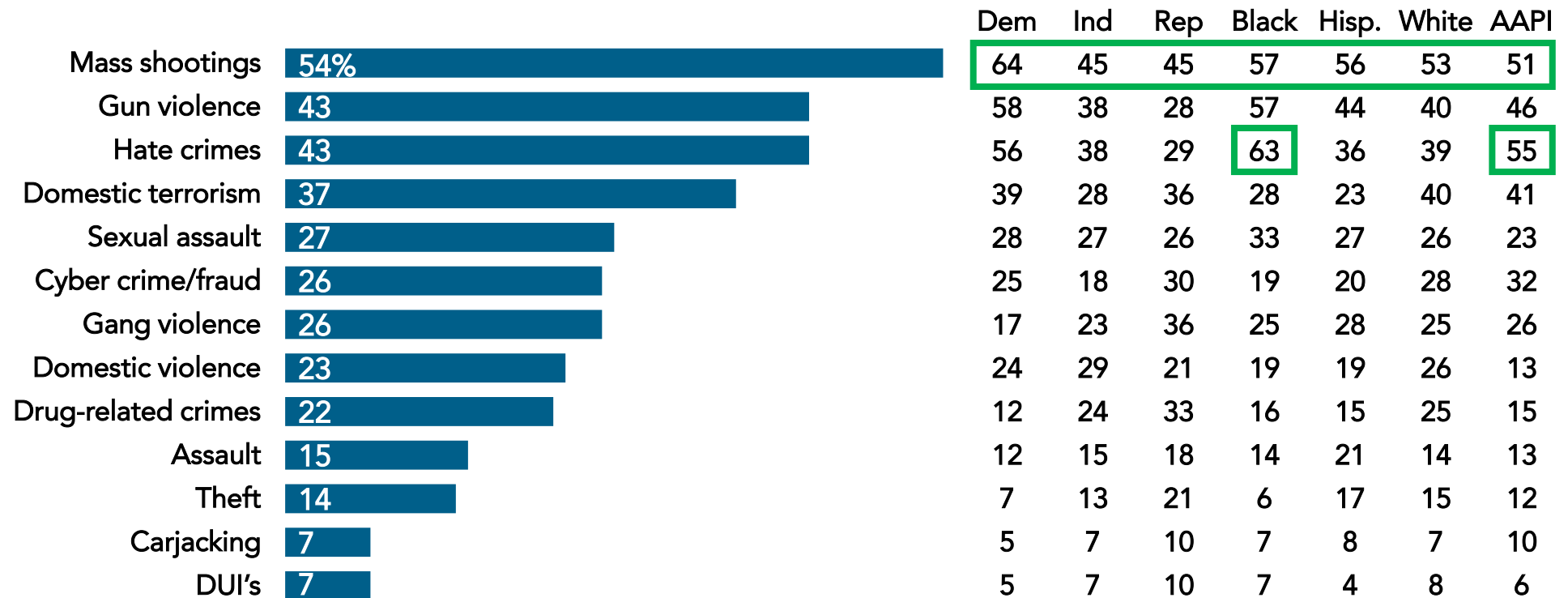
- The violent crimes Americans are most concerned about include mass shootings, gun violence, and hate crimes – with Black and AAPI Americans most concerned about hate crimes.
- Majorities feel gun violence, mass shootings, and hate crimes are a crisis or major issue of our time, and nearly three in five Americans want stronger gun laws.
- Three in five say Washington has not done enough to prevent gun violence and that we have not done enough to reform laws to reduce violence in schools, houses of worship, and other public places.

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On the Issue of Violent Crime, Americans' Greatest Concerns Are Mass Shootings, Gun Violence, and Hate Crimes

Hate crimes top the list of concerns among Black (63%) and AAPI Americans (55%), while mass shootings are the highest concern for Hispanic (56%) and white Americans (53%).

Which of the following are you most concerned about?

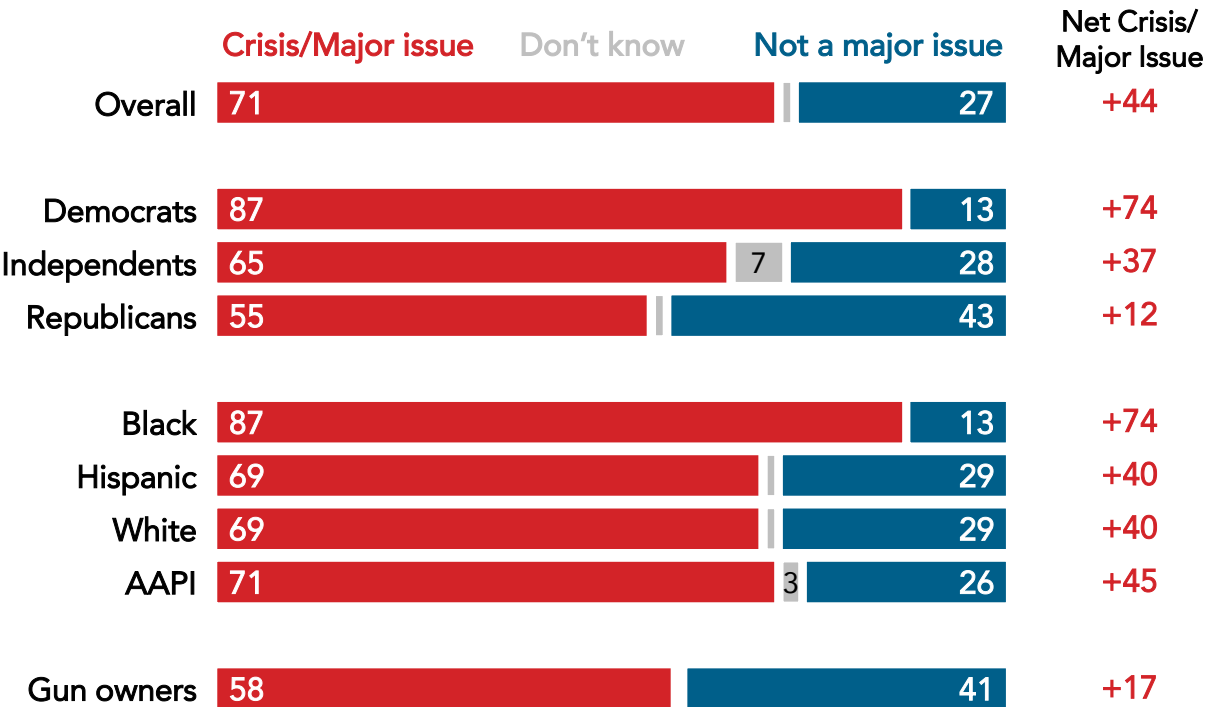


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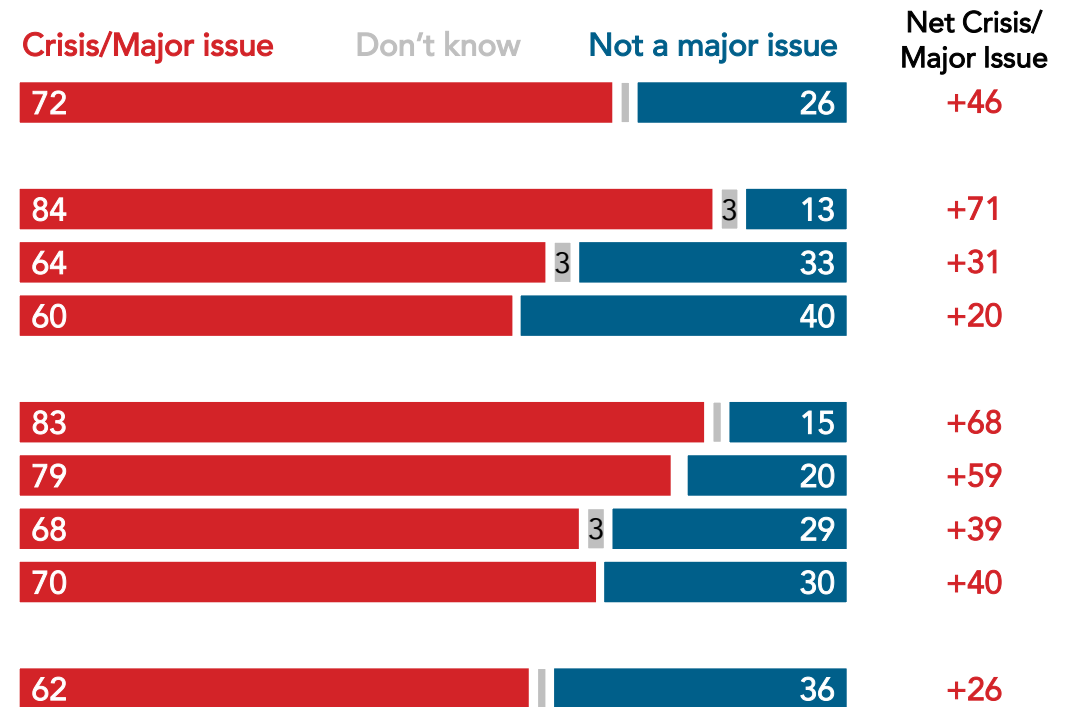
Gun Violence and Mass Shootings are Seen as a Crisis or Major Issue by Seven in Ten Americans

Majorities of gun owners also say gun violence (58%) and mass shootings (62%) are a crisis or major issue.

How big of an issue do you think gun violence is in the United States?



How big of an issue do you think mass shootings are in the United States?

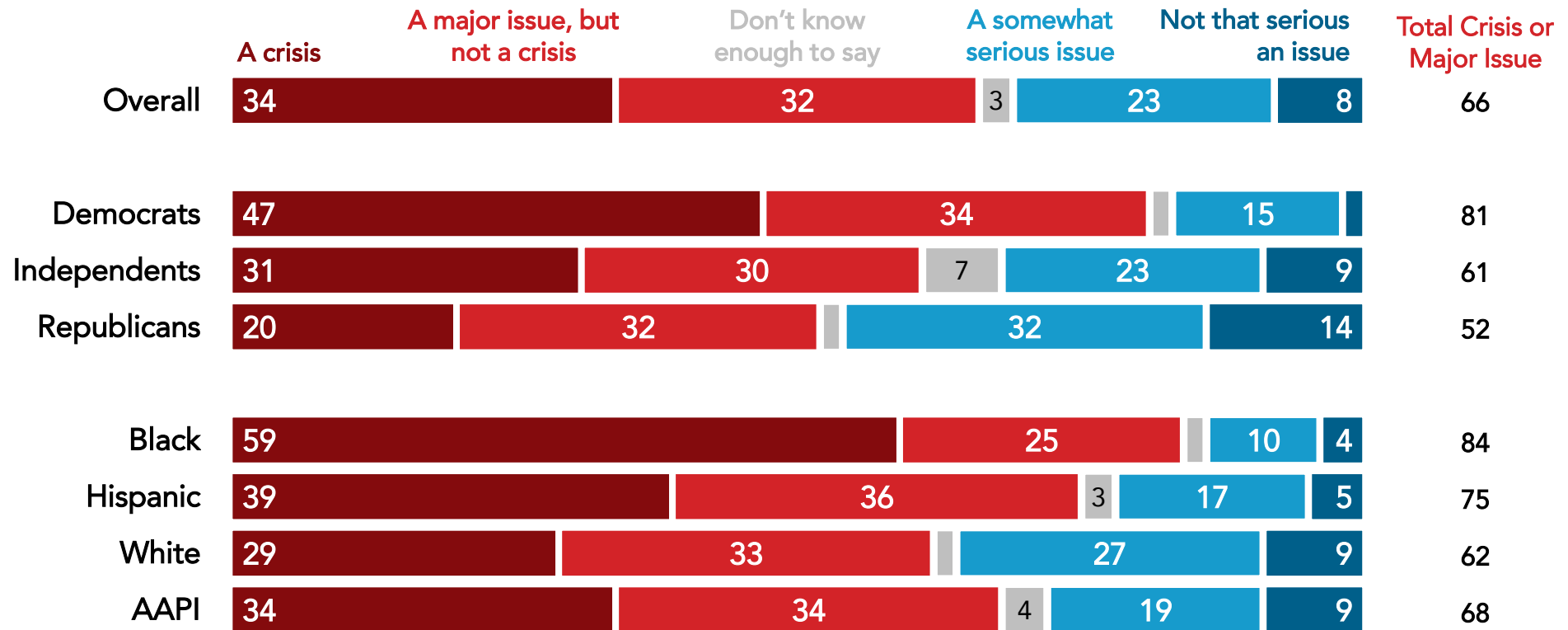


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Majorities Say Violent Hate Crimes in the United States Are a Crisis or Major Issue

Majorities across partisanship and race say hate crimes are a crisis or a major issue, but while nearly half of Democrats (47%) and a majority of Black Americans (59%) say they are a crisis, only one in five (20%) Republicans agree.

How big of an issue do you think violent hate crimes are in the United States?

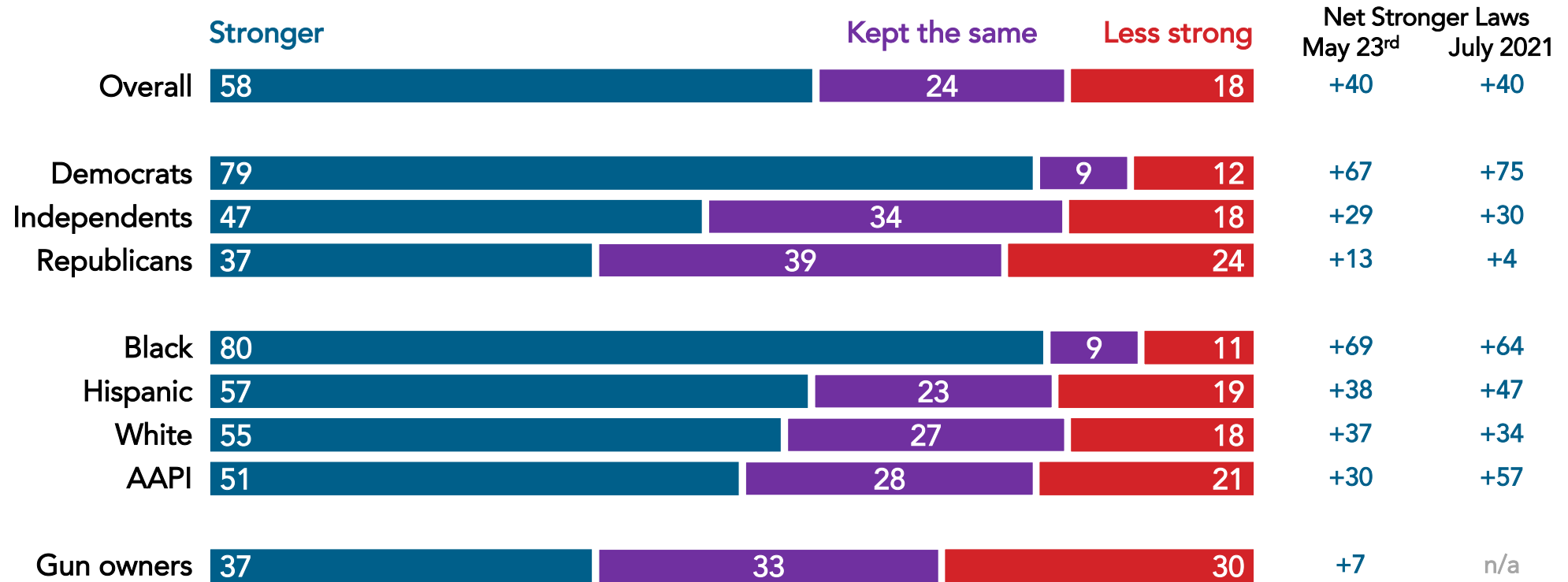


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Majorities of Americans Want Stronger Gun Laws

Majorities across racial groups believe gun laws in the United States should be stronger, as do pluralities of independents (47%) and gun owners (37%).

Do you think gun laws in the United States should be stronger, less strong, or kept the same as they are now?

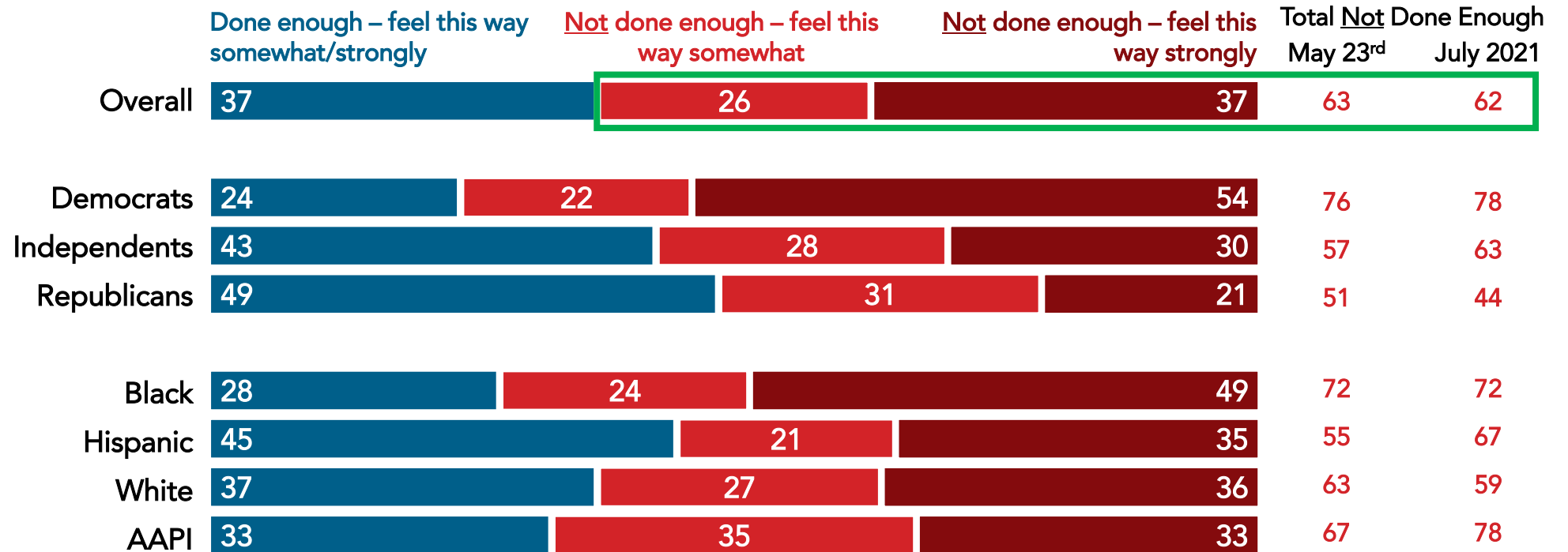


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Leaders in Washington Are Seen as Not Having Done Enough to Prevent Gun Violence By Three in Five Americans

Democrats (54%) and Black Americans (49%) are most likely to feel “strongly” that leaders in Washington have not done enough to prevent gun violence.

Do you think our leaders in Washington have done enough to prevent gun violence in the United States?

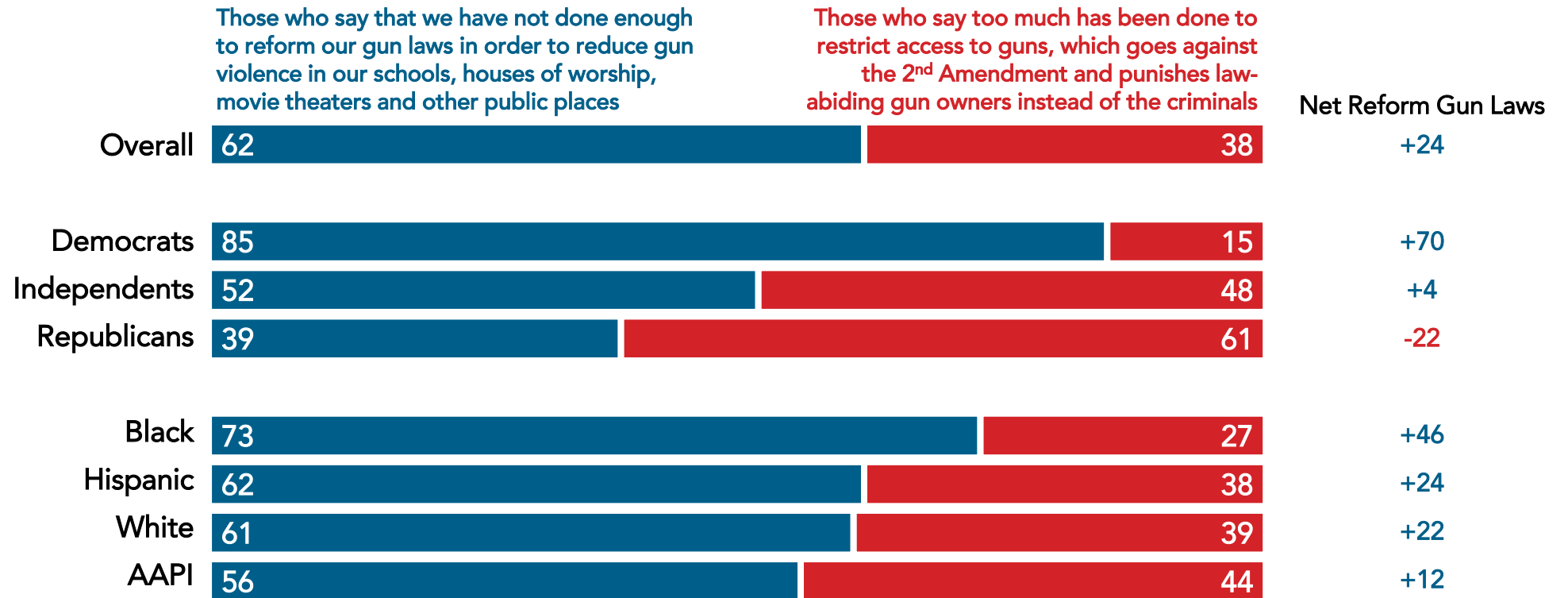


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A Majority of Americans Feel We Have Not Done Enough to Reform Our Gun Laws to Reduce Gun Violence in Public Places

Since July 2021, there has been a 14-point increase in the net share who agree we have not done enough to reform gun laws (from +10 to +24).

With which statement do you agree more?



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On Biden's Buffalo Speech, Focus on Racism, Weapons of War, & Getting Assault Weapons Off the Street Are Most Important

When provided excerpts from Biden's remarks in New York after the Buffalo shooting, Americans highlighted phrases that captured the racist nature of the shooting and Biden's condemnation of weapons of war "packaged for power and for profit" as most important to them, as well as "violence cannot be the story of our time" and "keep assault weapons off our streets."

As you may or may not know, this past weekend, an 18-year-old white man shot and killed 10 people Saturday afternoon in Buffalo, New York, targeting a supermarket in the heart of a predominantly Black community. Following this mass shooting, President Biden spoke in Buffalo - below are part of his remarks. **Please read the text below, and as you go through, use the green highlighter to indicate which parts you find most important.**

We have to refuse to live in a country where **Black people** going about a weekly grocery shopping can be **gunned** down by **weapons of war** deployed in a **racist** cause. We have to refuse to live in a country where fear and lies are **packaged for power and for profit.** We must all enlist in this great cause of America. This is work that requires all of us. Presidents, politicians, commentators, citizens. **None of us can stay on the sidelines.**

The **venom of the haters and their weapons of war, of violence** in the words and deeds of the — that stalk our streets, our stores, our schools. This venom, this **violence cannot be the story of our time.** We cannot allow that to happen. Look, I'm not naive. I know **tragedy will come again.** It cannot be forever overcome. It cannot be fully understood either. But there are certain things we can do. **We can keep assault weapons off our streets.** We've done it before... We just need to have the **courage to do that, to stand up.**

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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 May 19-May 23, 2022. 102 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 62 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 105 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. 102 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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