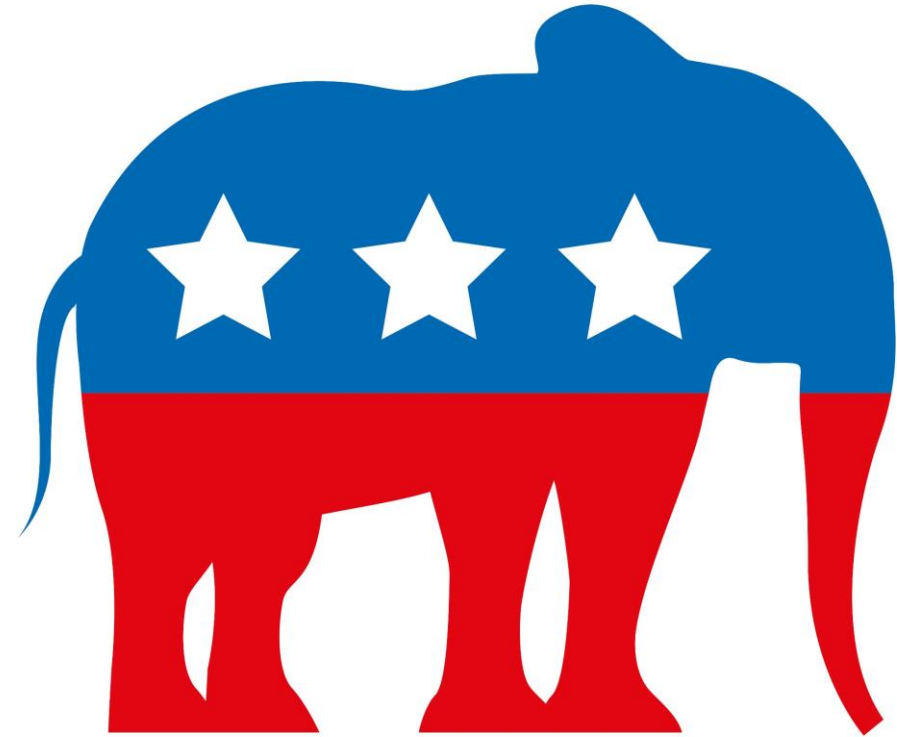


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Republican Extremism: A
Guide for Advocates



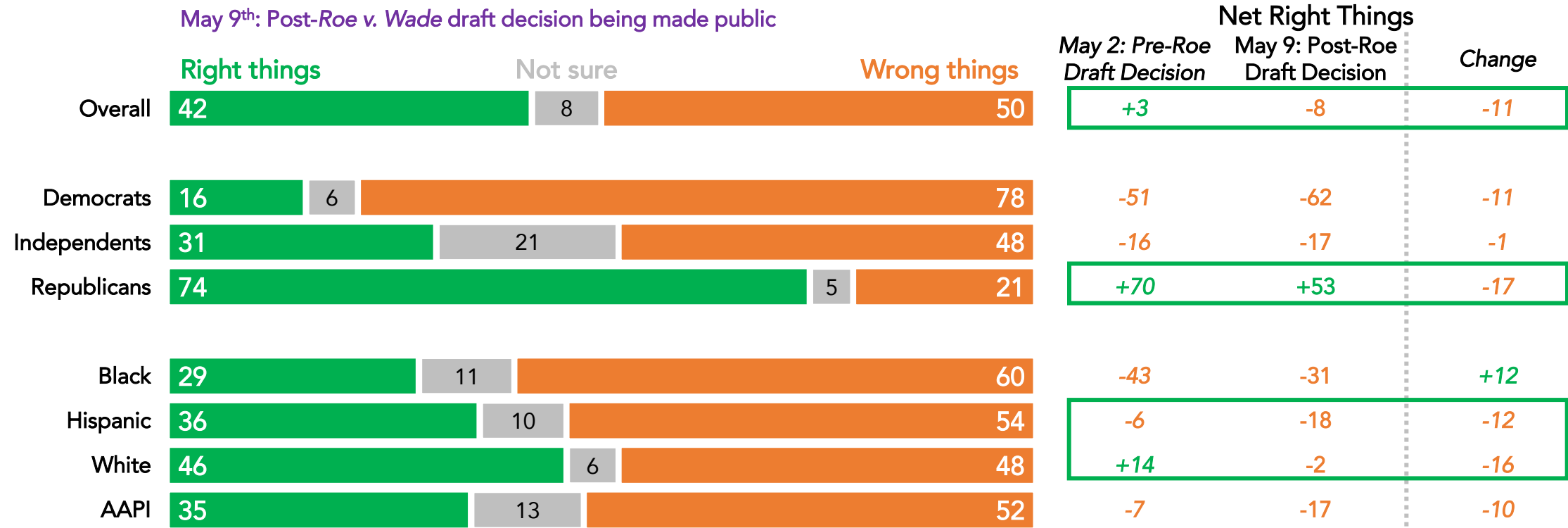
Key Takeaways:

- Americans shifted from a slight majority believing the Republican Party was focused on the “right things” before the *Roe v. Wade* draft became public, to a slight majority now saying they are focused on the “wrong things” – a double digit shift in just a week’s time.
- Majorities oppose a range of Republican actions on social and cultural issues like book banning – though many Americans are not hearing as much about these actions.
- Effective messaging to hold Republicans accountable highlights their focus on extreme legislation and controlling people’s individual choices instead of working to lower costs or achieve real policy changes.

Half of Americans Now See Republican Party as Focused on Wrong Things in a Shift from a Poll Fielded Pre-Roe Leak

The most significant declines in feeling the Republican Party is focused on the right things happened among Republicans (-17, from net +70 right things to +53), white Americans (-16, from +14 to -2), and Hispanic Americans (-12, from -6 to -18).

Do you think the Republican Party is focused on the right things?

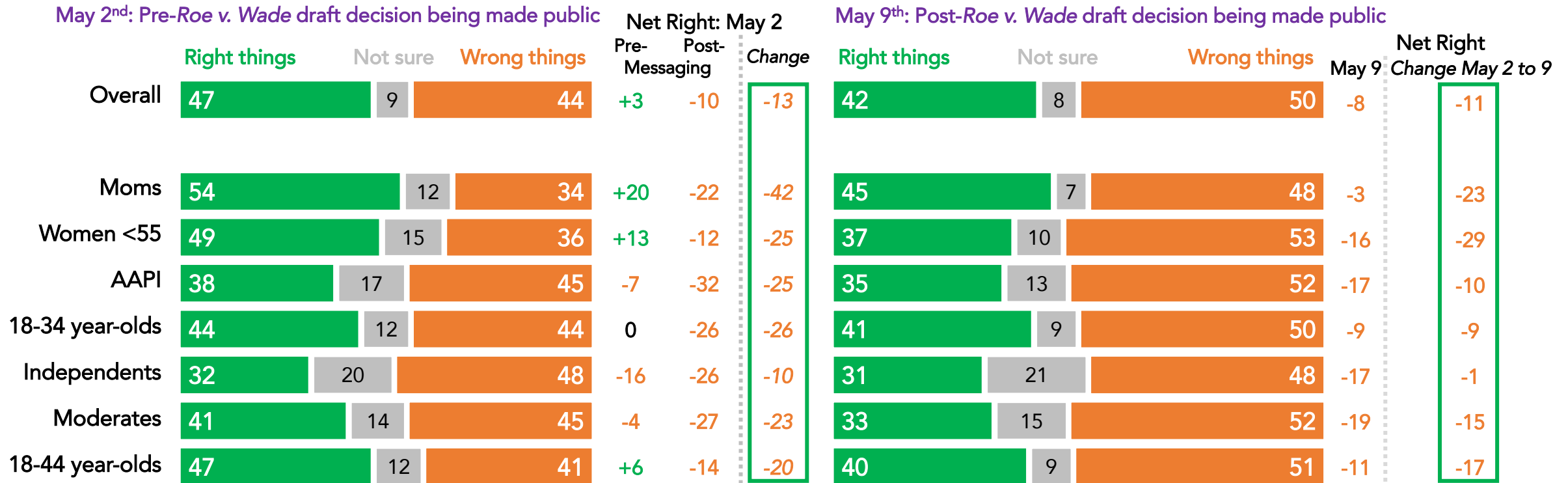


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In a Poll Post-Roe Leak, Americans Most Persuadable on GOP Extremism Less Likely to Believe GOP Focused on Right Things

The same groups who moved away from the Republican Party in our early May poll after culture war messaging against Republicans also moved away from the Republican Party in real-time following the Supreme Court's draft decision on *Roe v. Wade*.

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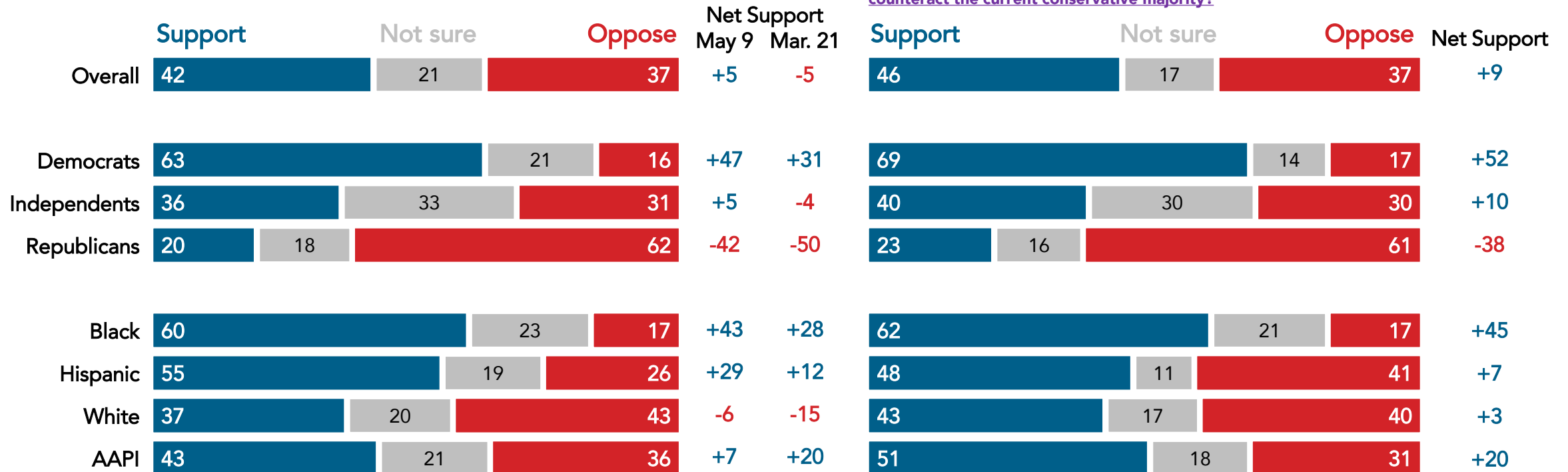
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Following SCOTUS Draft on *Roe*, There Has Been a Net Double-Digit Increase in Support for Court Expansion

Support increases to net +9 after explicitly mentioning the potential overturning of *Roe* and other major rulings.

Some people have recently suggested that the Supreme Court should be expanded beyond its current 9 seats. Do you support or oppose adding more Justices to the Supreme Court beyond the current 9 seats?

Some people say that given the Supreme Court's potential overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, along with the potential for the Supreme Court to overturn protections for other rights like interracial marriage and LGBTQ rights, the Court should be expanded to offset its current conservative majority and prevent those rulings from happening. Knowing this, do you support or oppose adding more Justices to the Supreme Court beyond the current 9 seats [to counteract the current conservative majority?](#)

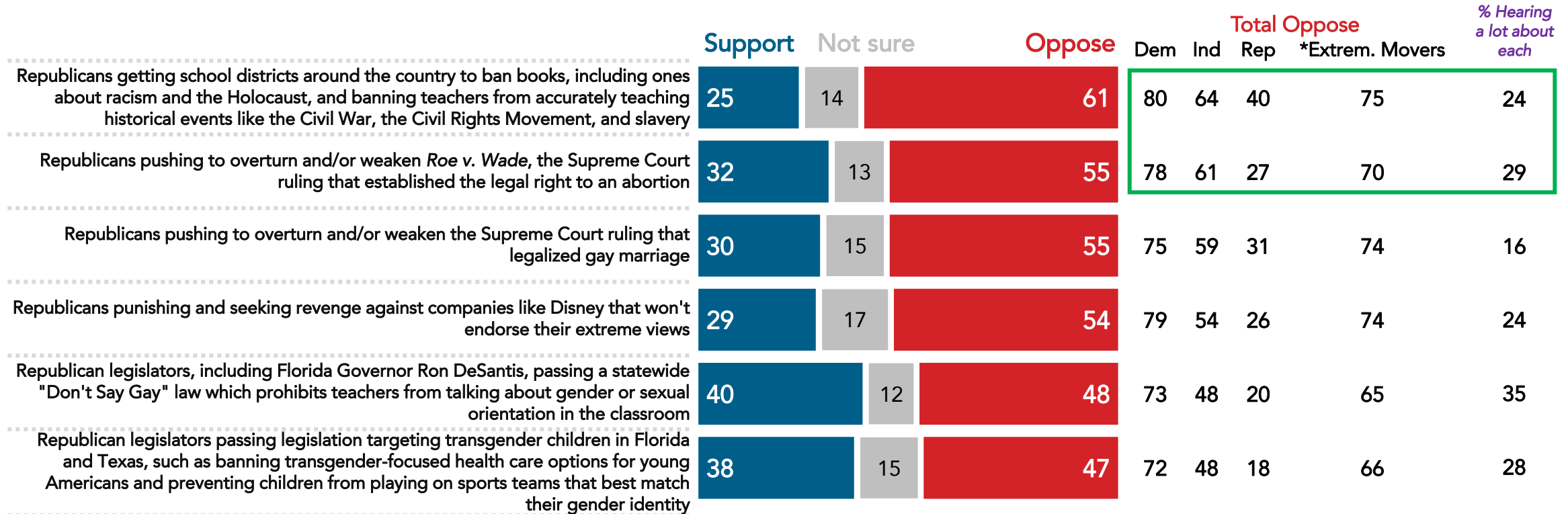


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Majorities Oppose GOP Actions Like Book Banning, Imperiling *Roe* – But Not Enough Americans Are Hearing About Them

While majorities of Americans oppose Republicans banning books and weakening *Roe*, just 24% are hearing “a lot” about Republican book banning and, before the draft decision on *Roe* was made public, just 29% had heard “a lot” about Republicans pushing to overturn it.

Please indicate whether you support each law, action, or other item that has been in the news recently that has been proposed or supported by Republicans.



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Republicans Focusing on Extremist Legislation Over Kitchen Table Issues & Getting Things Done Is Most Concerning

Among those who move to say the Republican Party is focused on the wrong things by the end of the poll, the most concerning statements highlight Republican focus on banning books over getting things done (81% concerning) and their focus on controlling people’s choices rather than proposing real policy change (74%).

Below is a list of statements from opponents of Republicans. For each, please indicate how concerning you find it.

	Very concerning	Somewhat concerning	Don't believe	Not concerning	Overall	Total Concerning			
						Dem	Ind	Rep	*Extrem. Movers
Republicans are more focused on passing extreme legislation – like banning books and throwing out votes – than bringing down costs for American families and getting things done	40	16	29	15	56	87	55	22	81
Republicans are more focused on controlling peoples' individual choices on things like abortion and gender instead of proposing real policy change	39	19	27	15	58	86	63	24	74
Republicans are dividing our country and using division as a tool to appeal to their base and win elections	38	17	30	15	55	87	55	20	66
Republicans are trying to take us back to the times when the Civil War wasn't taught in school, LGBTQ people still lived in the closet, and the right to a safe abortion wasn't legal	37	18	28	17	55	82	60	25	72
Republicans don't care about children's well-being. All they want to do is insert their political views into schools and the lives of children and make sure all American children adopt their views even if it hurts kids, their mental health, and their ability to succeed	37	20	31	12	56	85	64	22	68
Republicans are bullies: they want to target vulnerable communities like transgender children because they support isolating and punishing those who are unafraid to be themselves	35	17	33	15	52	81	56	20	71
Republicans have been taken over by the extreme MAGA wing of their party and are losing sight of their traditional values	35	23	28	14	58	84	61	28	68
Republicans are trying to blame Democrats for culture wars, but they are the ones trying to cancel Disney, get teachers and principals fired, and ban books in schools	34	21	28	17	55	84	61	22	71

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Biden and Democrats Are More Trusted on a Range of Issues Related to Children and Their Mental Health

Among independents, Biden and Democrats are more trusted by 17 points to take care of children’s mental health and by 9 points to look out for young boys and girls, and parents trust Biden and Democrats more by 3 points on each issue.

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

	Biden and the Democratic Party	Don't know	The Republican Party	Net Biden and the Democratic Party									
				Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep	Black	Hisp	White	AAPI	Parents	
Being on the side of children	45	17	38	+7	+74	-4	-63	+57	+26	-8	+70	+1	
Caring for children’s well-being	44	18	38	+6	+76	-10	-66	+66	+22	-11	+61	-2	
Taking care of children’s mental health	43	24	33	+10	+76	+17	-67	+58	+22	-3	+32	+3	
Looking out for young boys and girls	41	25	34	+7	+75	+9	-71	+57	+16	-6	+25	+3	

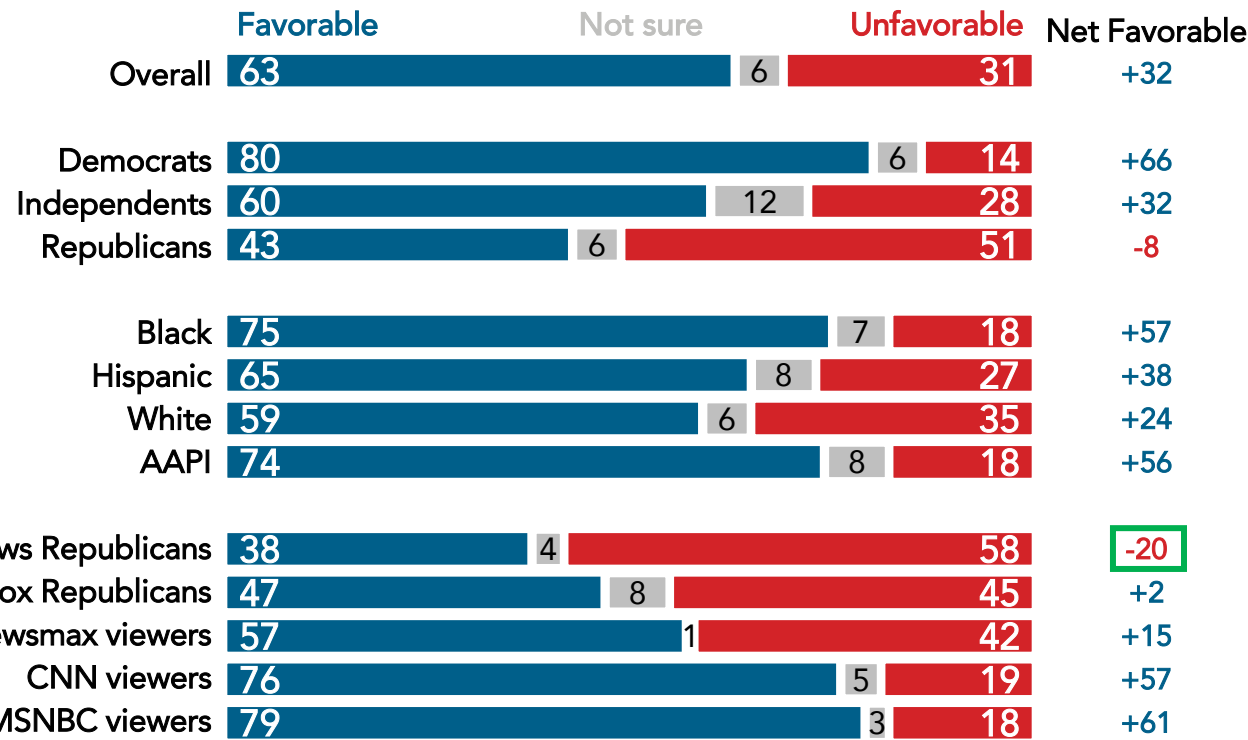
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Partisanship Divides Views of Both Disney and DeSantis, Though Disney Is Viewed More Favorably

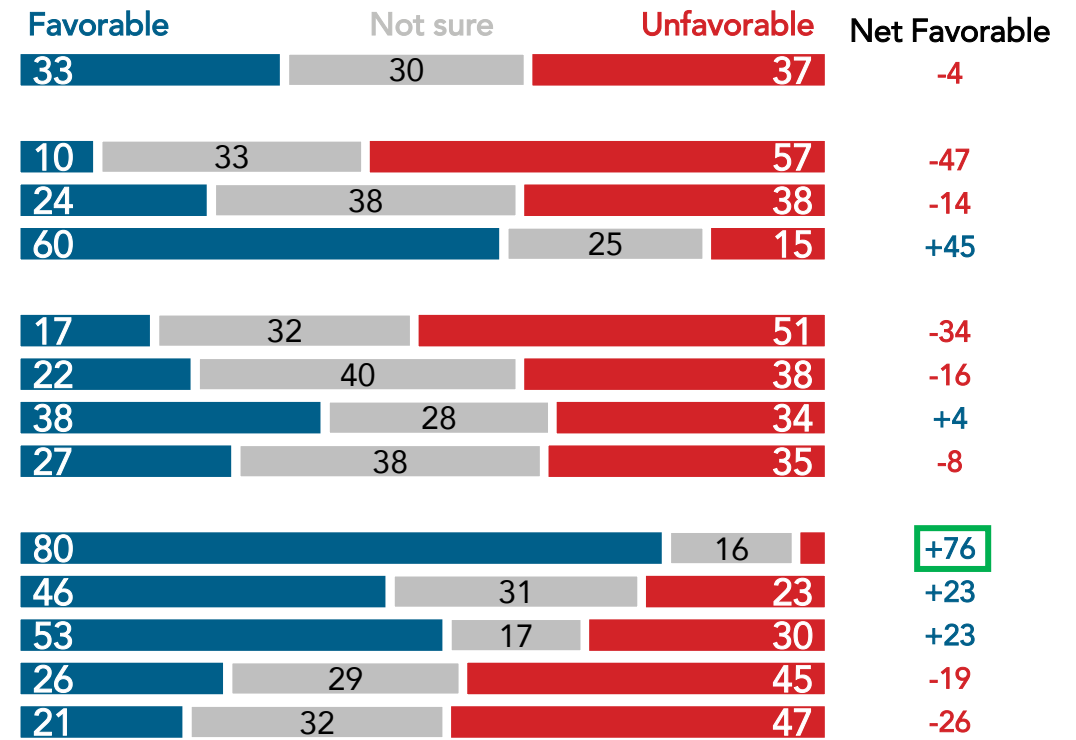
While Democrats (net +66) and independents (+32) view Disney favorably, the company is underwater by 8 points among Republicans.

- Fox News Republicans are DeSantis's staunchest supporters (net +76), whereas just 46% of non-Fox Republicans view him favorably.

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



Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: Florida Governor Ron DeSantis.



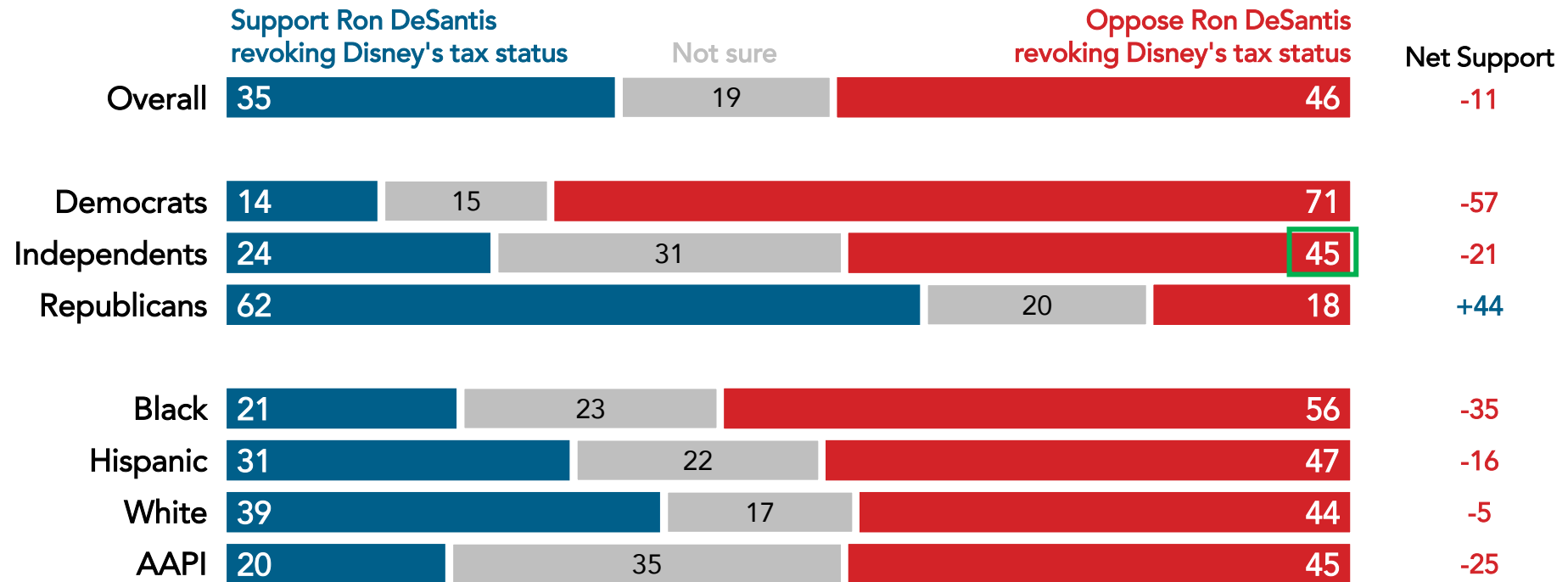
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Pluralities Oppose DeSantis Revoking Disney's Special Tax Status

Republicans are the only partisan or racial group where a majority (62%) support the move to revoke Disney's tax status.

As you may or may not know, Republican Governor Ron DeSantis recently revoked Disney's special tax status allowing it to pay for, manage, and oversee the Disney World property it owns in Florida. DeSantis said this move was in response to Disney opposing Florida's "Don't Say Gay" law – a law allowing parents to sue their local school district if sexual orientation or gender are mentioned in the classroom. Revoking this status could lead to local taxpayers paying much more in taxes – with some estimating a nearly 20% tax increase.

Knowing this, do you support or oppose Republican Governor Ron DeSantis revoking Disney's special tax status?



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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 Studies

Global Strategy Group conducted public opinion surveys among samples of approximately 1,000 registered voters April 28-May 2, 2022 and May 5-May 9, 2022. Each survey included oversamples of approximately 100 Hispanic voters, 75 Asian American and Pacific Islander voters, 100 African American voters, and 100 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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