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Protecting Abortion  
Rights: A Guide for  
Advocates



## Key Takeaways:

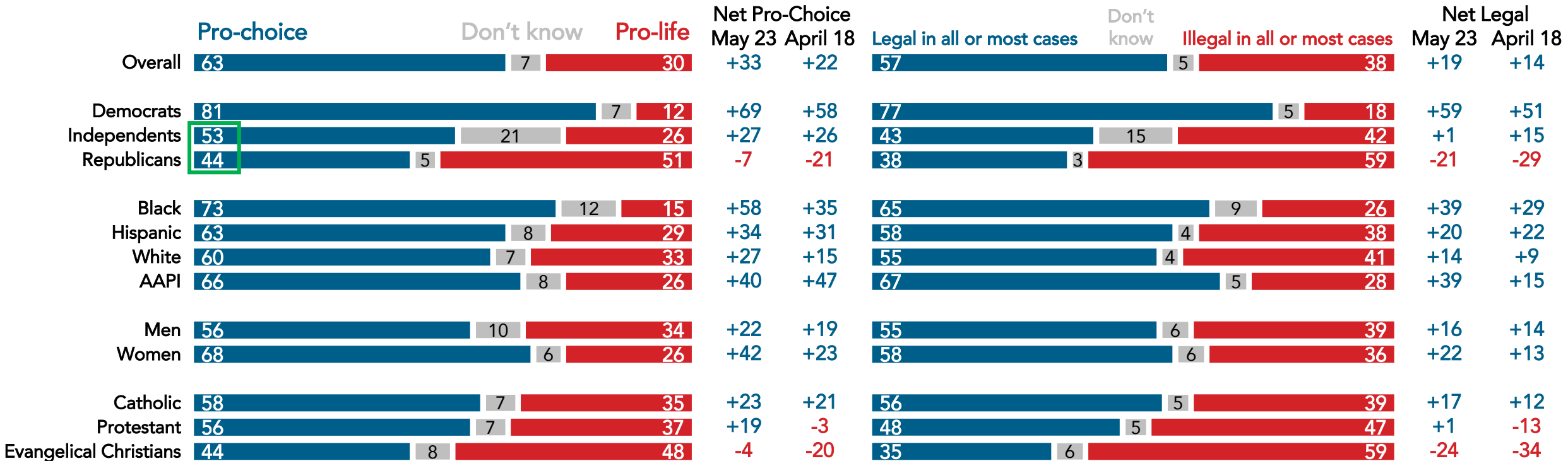
- In the wake of the leak of the draft decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*, majorities remain pro-choice and support abortion being legal.
- While Republicans identify banning abortion as a long-time stance of their party, independents are unsure if it is a well-established or newer position for Republicans.
- The most concerning messaging lanes about Republican stances on abortion focus on the party's support for bans without exceptions and their interference in a decision that should be between a woman and her doctor.
- Since the draft decision leaked, a growing plurality support expanding the Supreme Court.

# Americans Are Increasingly Pro-Choice and Majorities Feel Abortion Should Be Legal in All or Most Cases

A majority of independents (53%) and nearly half of Republicans (44%) identify as “pro-choice,” while majorities across gender (55% of men, 58% of women) and racial groups think abortion should be legal in all or most cases.

When it comes to the issue of abortion, which of the following best describes your position?

Which of the following comes closest to your position regarding the issue of abortion? Abortion should be...



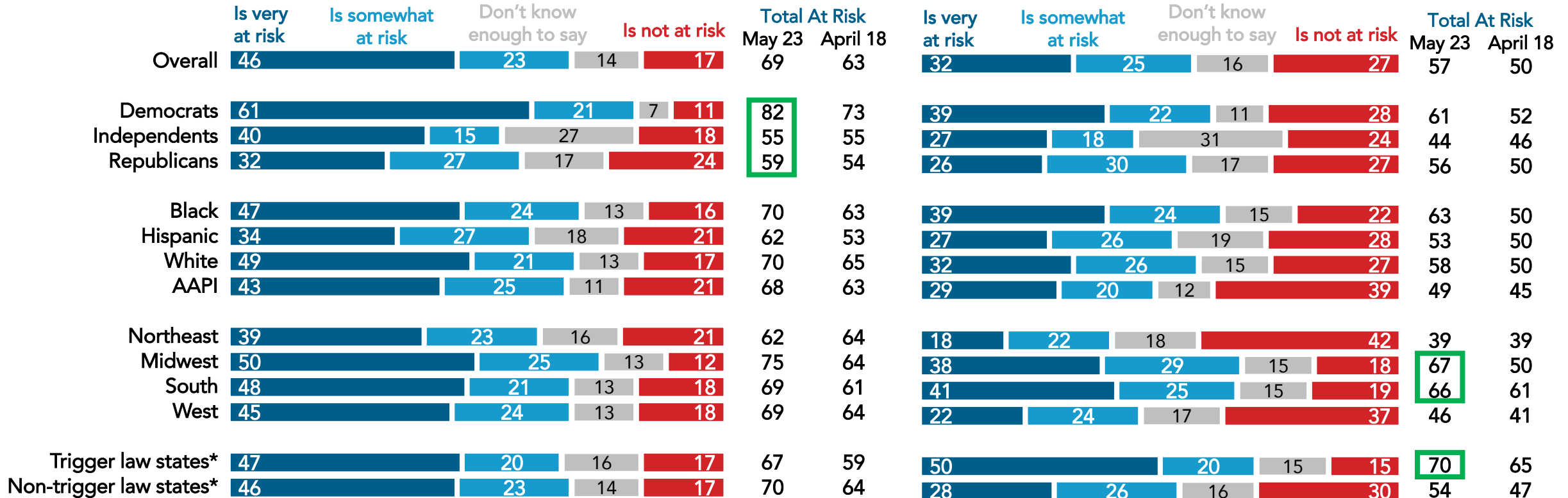
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# Bipartisan Majorities Feel the Right to an Abortion in the United States Is at Risk

Nearly seven in ten Americans say the right to an abortion nationally is at risk. Americans in the Midwest (67%), the South (66%), and in states with trigger laws\* (70%) most strongly feel the right to an abortion in their state is at risk.

What is your impression: the right to an abortion in our country...

What is your impression: the right to an abortion in [STATE]...

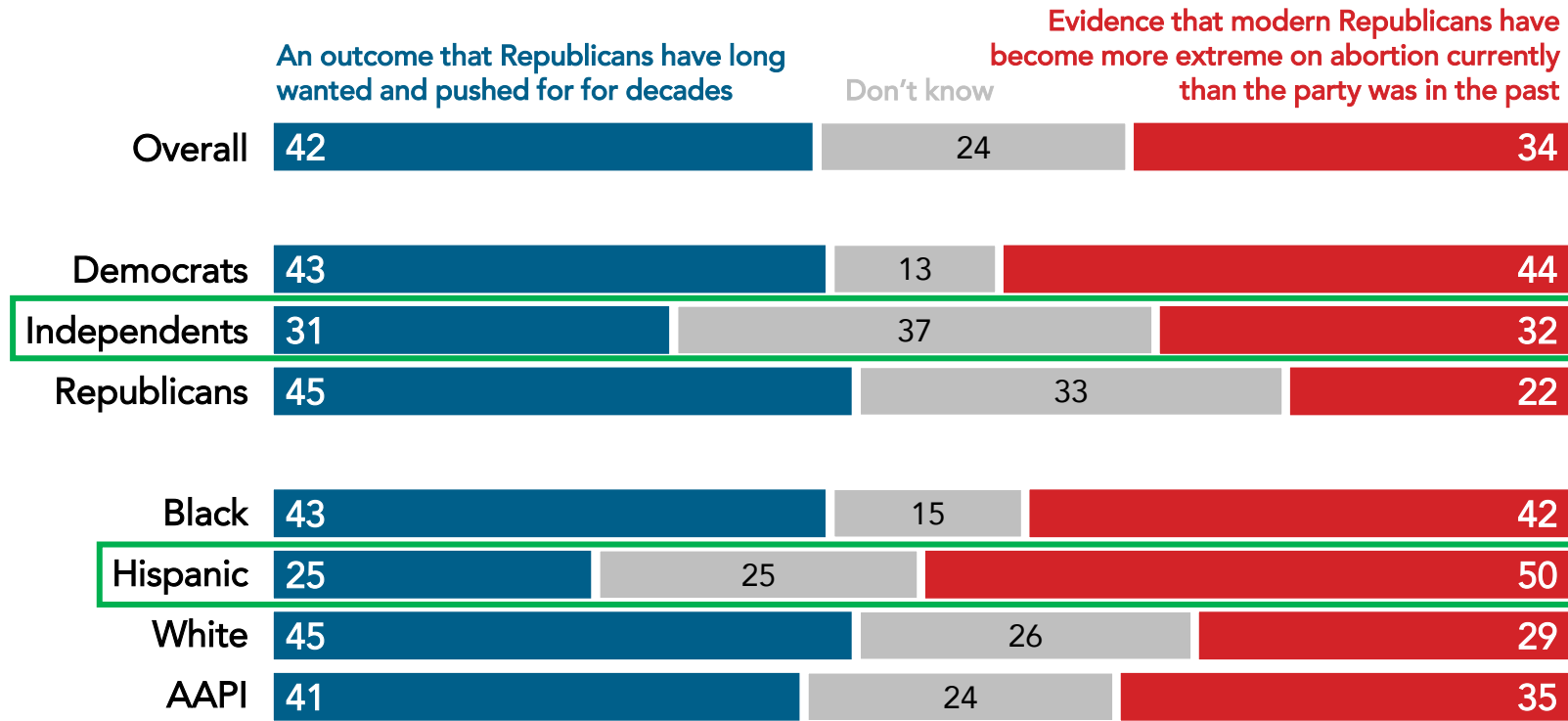


\*"Trigger law states" are states in which, if Roe v. Wade were to be overturned, abortion would be outlawed by state-level bans. Nationwide surveys of registered voters; Each wave represents approximately 1,000 interviews taken over the prior three-five days. Latest wave conducted May 19-May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. For more info, visit [navigatorresearch.org](http://navigatorresearch.org)

# Americans are Split on Whether Supporting Overturning Abortion Rights Is a New or Long-Standing Republican View

While a plurality of Republicans (45%) believe overturning *Roe* is an outcome their party has long wanted, Democrats and independents are more split: 44% of Democrats and 32% of independents believe it is evidence modern Republicans have become more extreme.

If the Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*, the ruling that protects the right to an abortion, would you feel that the elimination of protections of federal abortion rights would be more so ...



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# Less Effective Messages on Republican Abortion Stances Focus on Extreme Judicial Nominees, Defunding Child-Focused Policies

Nearly three in five Republicans find a statement about Republicans supporting abortion bans even in cases of rape, incest, or when the mother's life is at risk "concerning" (57%).

Below is a list of statements from critics of Republicans for their stances on abortion and *Roe v. Wade*. Please indicate how concerning you find each statement.

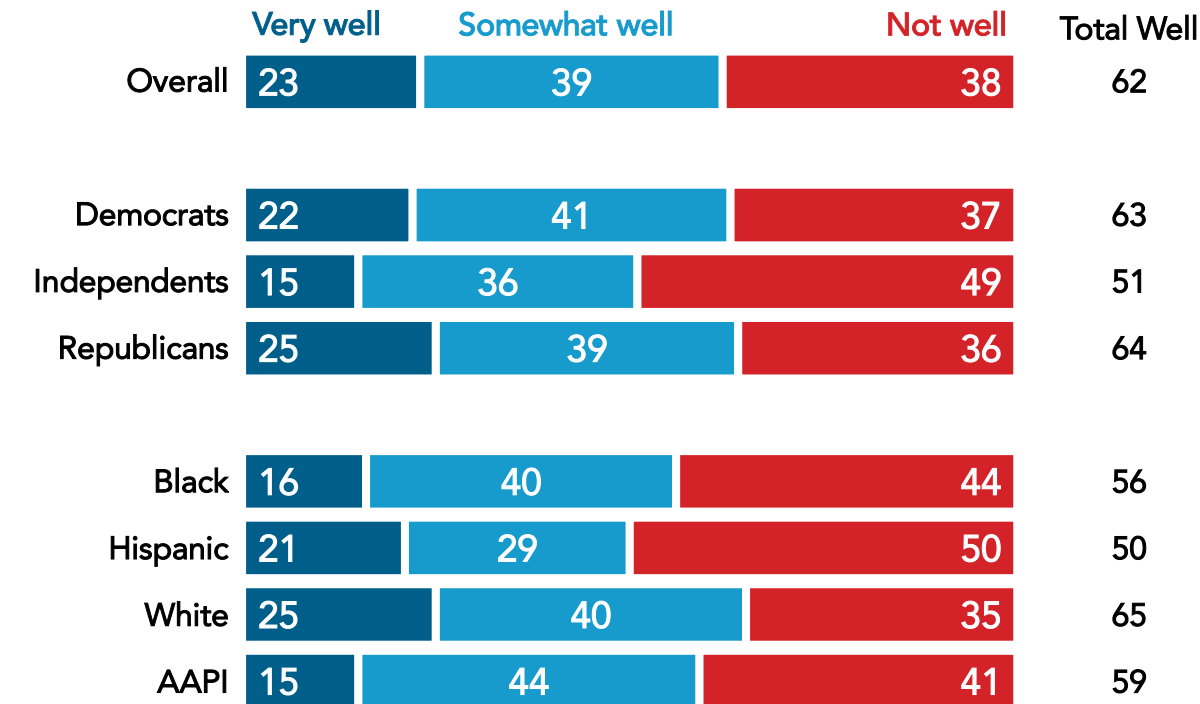
	*/** Split sample			Total Concerning		
	Very concerning	Somewhat concerning	Not concerning	Dem	Ind	Rep
*Republicans are no longer just supporting restrictions on abortion: they are now overturning <i>Roe v. Wade</i> and banning abortion, even in cases of rape, incest, or when the mother's life is at risk	53	22	25	92	71	57
*Republicans want to control a decision that should be made by a woman and her doctor and take that right away by banning abortion	52	23	25	94	72	54
Republicans are not just pushing to ban abortion, but to take away other private rights, such as the right to buy and use contraception, marriage equality, and interracial marriage	51	22	27	91	67	53
*Republicans are forcing women to have children, regardless of whether it is right for them, while blocking policies that help kids and families succeed	50	23	27	93	71	50
*Republicans have been intentionally pushing extreme nominees to the Supreme Court while passing bans in states to set up an ultra-conservative majority to eliminate the right to an abortion	50	22	28	92	69	49
**Republicans are no longer just supporting restrictions on abortion: they are now overturning <i>Roe v. Wade</i> and banning abortion, even in cases of rape, incest, or when the women is a victim of human trafficking	49	22	29	89	68	52
Republicans are more focused on banning abortion – going against the will of a majority of Americans who support the right to an abortion – than they are on helping the economy recover and bringing down costs for working families	48	23	29	90	71	50
**Republicans are forcing women to have children, regardless of whether it is right for them, while blocking policies that help kids and families succeed: opposing affordable childcare and healthcare, funding for public schools, and food assistance	48	23	28	88	67	55
**Republicans want to insert politicians and government into a decision that should be made by a woman and her doctor and take that right away by banning abortion	48	23	29	88	75	51
**Republicans have been intentionally pushing extreme nominees to the Supreme Court while passing bans in states to set up an ultra-conservative majority to eliminate the right to an abortion and other rights such as same-sex marriage and the right to buy and use birth control	46	23	31	87	67	50

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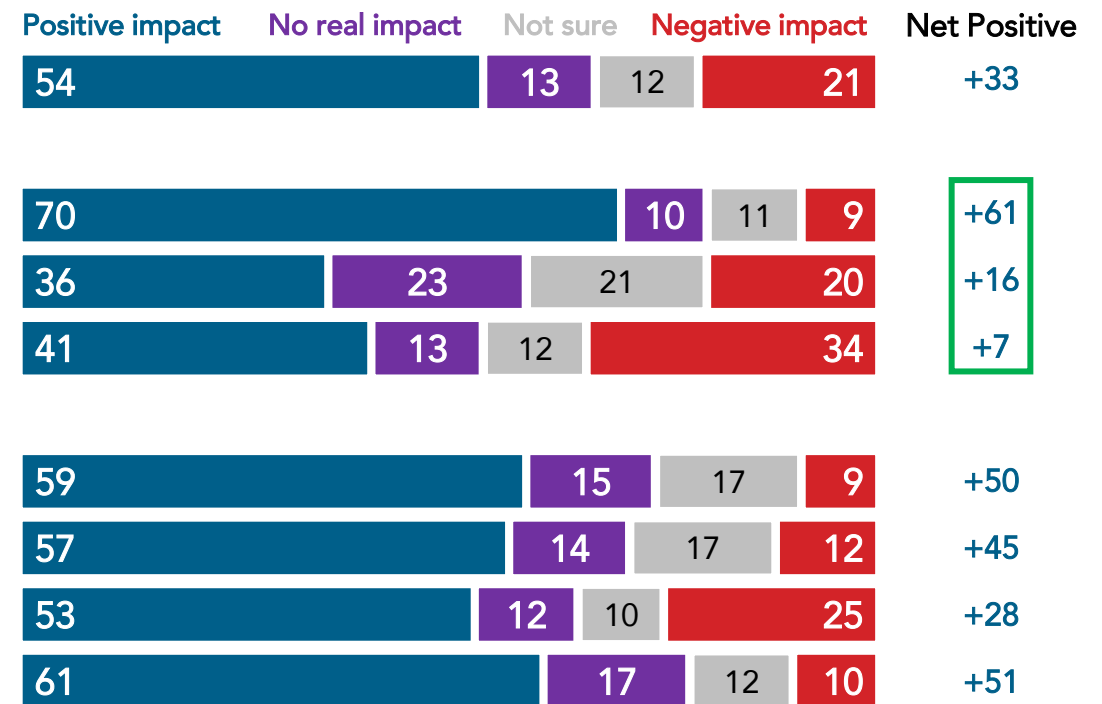
# Three in Five Are Familiar With the Filibuster, and Bipartisan Pluralities Say Eliminating It Would Have a Positive Impact

A majority of Democrats (70%) think getting rid of the filibuster would have a positive impact on making our government work better for the people it represents, as do pluralities of independents (36%) and Republicans (41%).

## How well do you understand what the filibuster is?



Please indicate what kind of impact you think this change would have in making our government work better for the people it represents: Getting rid of the loophole that allows a small minority of U.S. senators to block legislation that a majority of senators support.



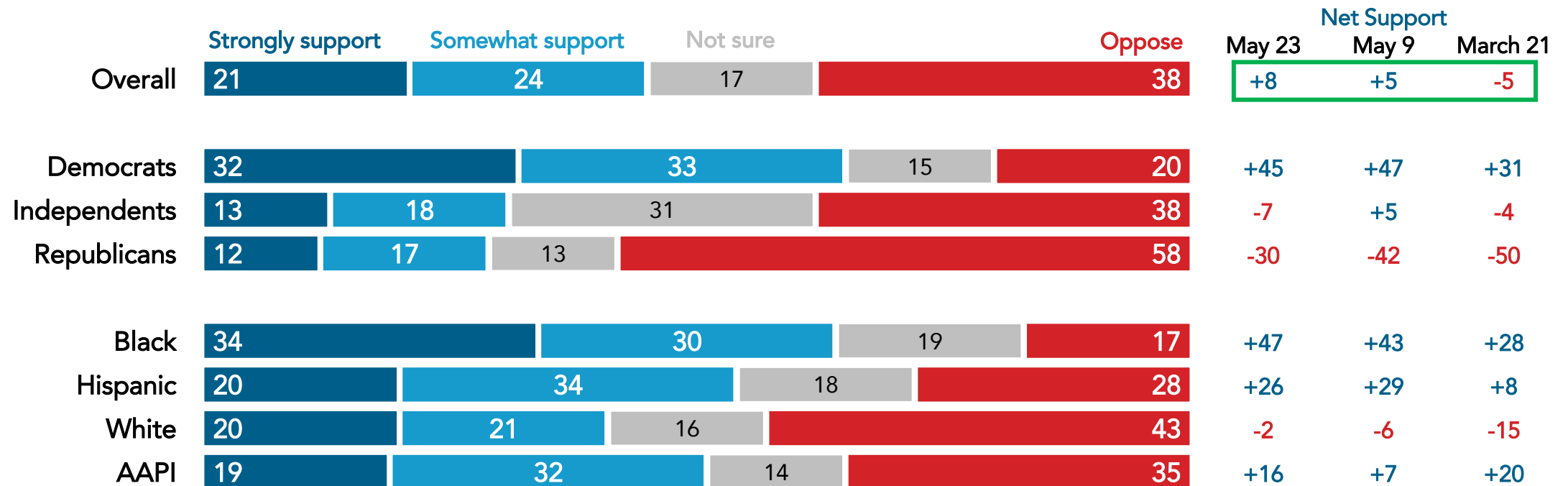
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# Since the Leak of SCOTUS's Draft Decision on *Roe v. Wade*, a Growing Share Support Expanding the Supreme Court

Support for expanding the Supreme Court has increased by 13 points since late March (from net -5 to net +8).

- Support has grown by 19 points among Black Americans (net +28 to net +47) and 18 points among Hispanics (net +8 to net +26).

**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?**



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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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