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The January 6th
Investigation: A Guide
for Advocates



Key Takeaways:

- Americans overwhelmingly support the House committee investigation into the January 6th insurrection.
- More than three in five are hearing “a lot” or “some” about the public hearings on January 6th.
- Top descriptors of Republicans in Congress who support the events of January 6th are “power hungry” and “appealing to their right-wing, extremist base to win elections.”
- A range of arguments in defense of the investigation are effective with a majority of Americans when pit against conservative criticisms that the House committee investigating January 6th is too focused on the past.

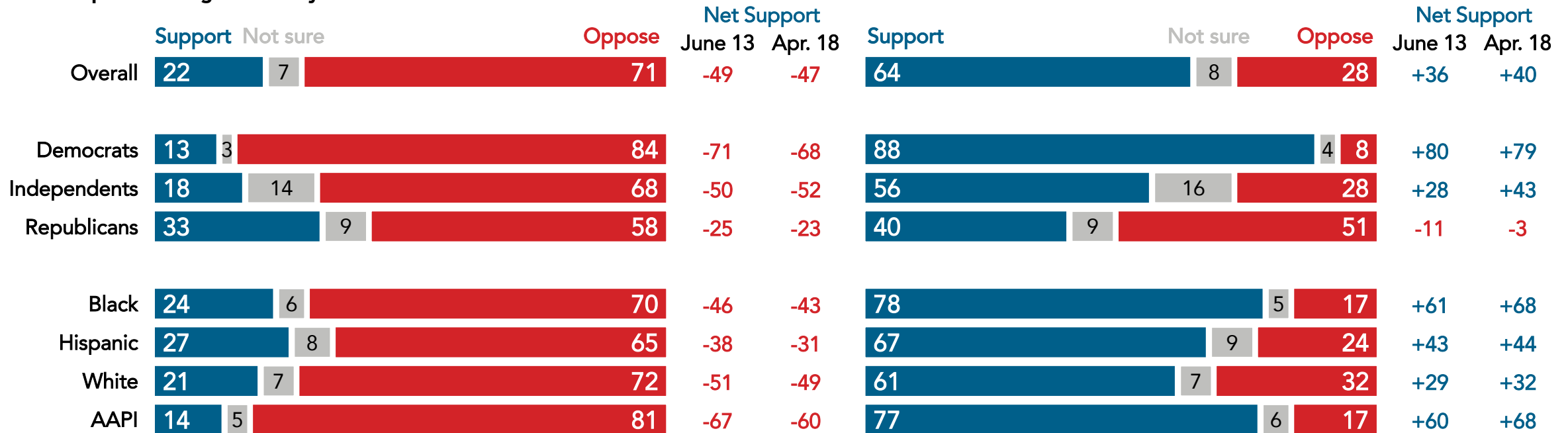
Majorities Support the House Investigation into January 6th and Oppose the Actions of Trump Supporters That Day

Majorities of every partisan and racial group oppose the actions of the Trump supporters who broke into the Capitol on January 6th.

- Outside of Republicans, majorities across party, race, and ethnicity support the House investigation into January 6th.

Regardless of how much you have seen or heard since January 6th, 2021 about the Trump supporters who broke into the U.S. Capitol building on January 6th... Do you support or oppose the actions of the Trump supporters who broke into the Capitol building on January 6th?

As you may know, there is currently an investigation by the U.S. House of Representatives into what happened on January 6th at the Capitol and the events leading up to it. Do you support or oppose this investigation?

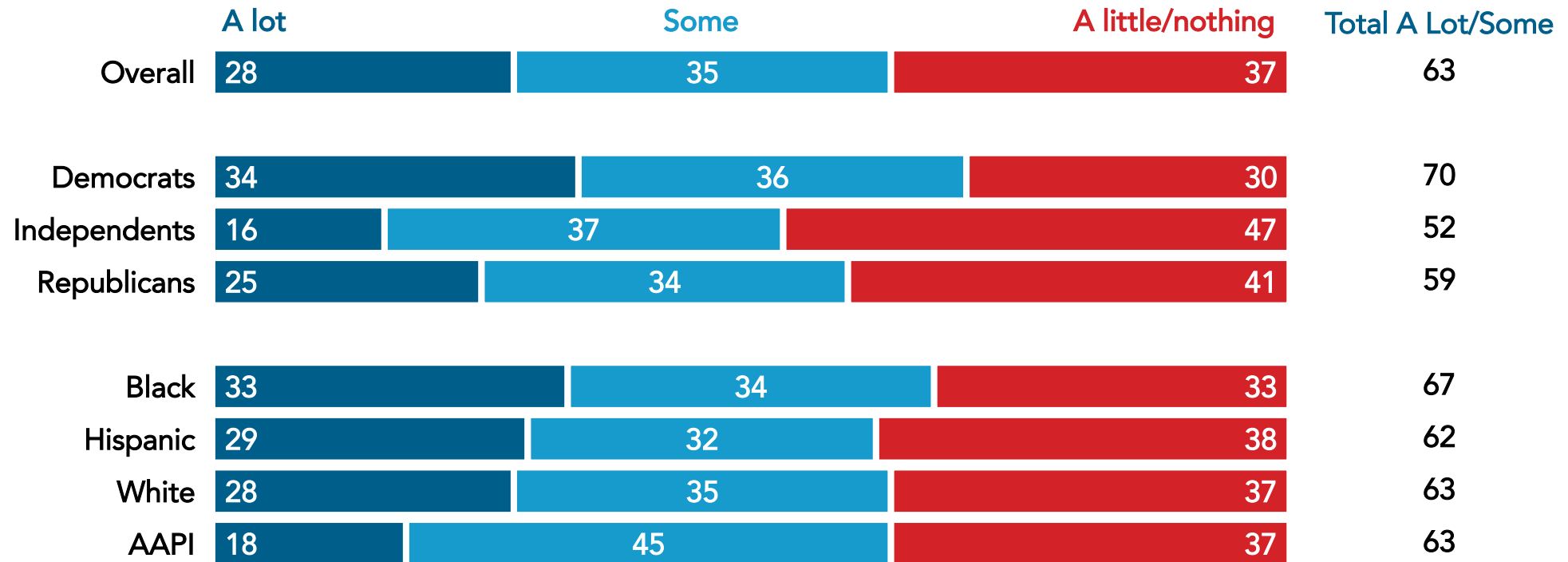


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Three in Five Are Hearing About the Public Hearings from the House Investigation

Three in five Americans say they have heard “a lot” or “some” about the public hearings from the House committee investigating January 6th (63%), with numbers higher among Democrats (70%) than independents (52%) or Republicans (59%).

As you may know, the next phase of the investigation by the U.S. House of Representatives into what happened on January 6th at the Capitol and the events leading up to it are public hearings which will present the results from the investigation. How much have you seen, read, or heard about these hearings?



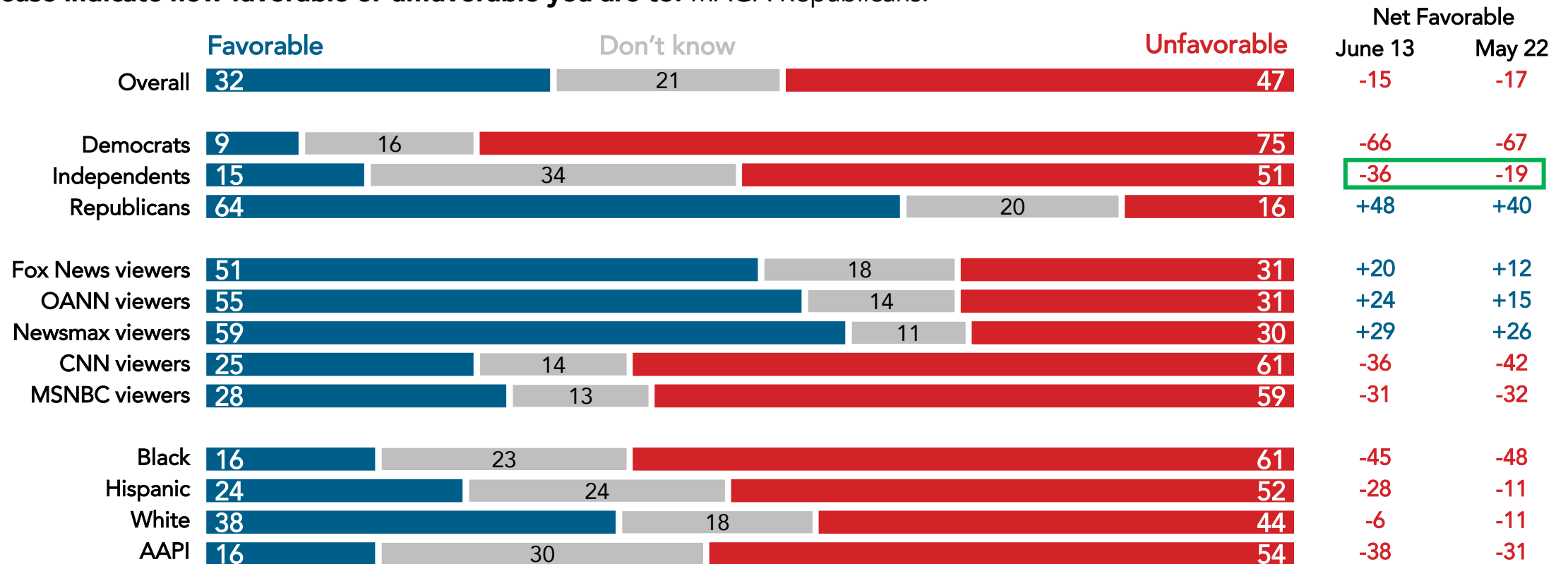
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"MAGA Republicans" Continue to Be Viewed Unfavorably

Nearly four in five Americans (79%) have either a favorable or unfavorable opinion about "MAGA Republicans," while only 21% don't know enough to have an opinion.

- Majorities of Fox News, OANN, and Newsmax viewers rate MAGA Republicans favorably, while CNN and MSNBC viewers do not.

Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: MAGA Republicans.

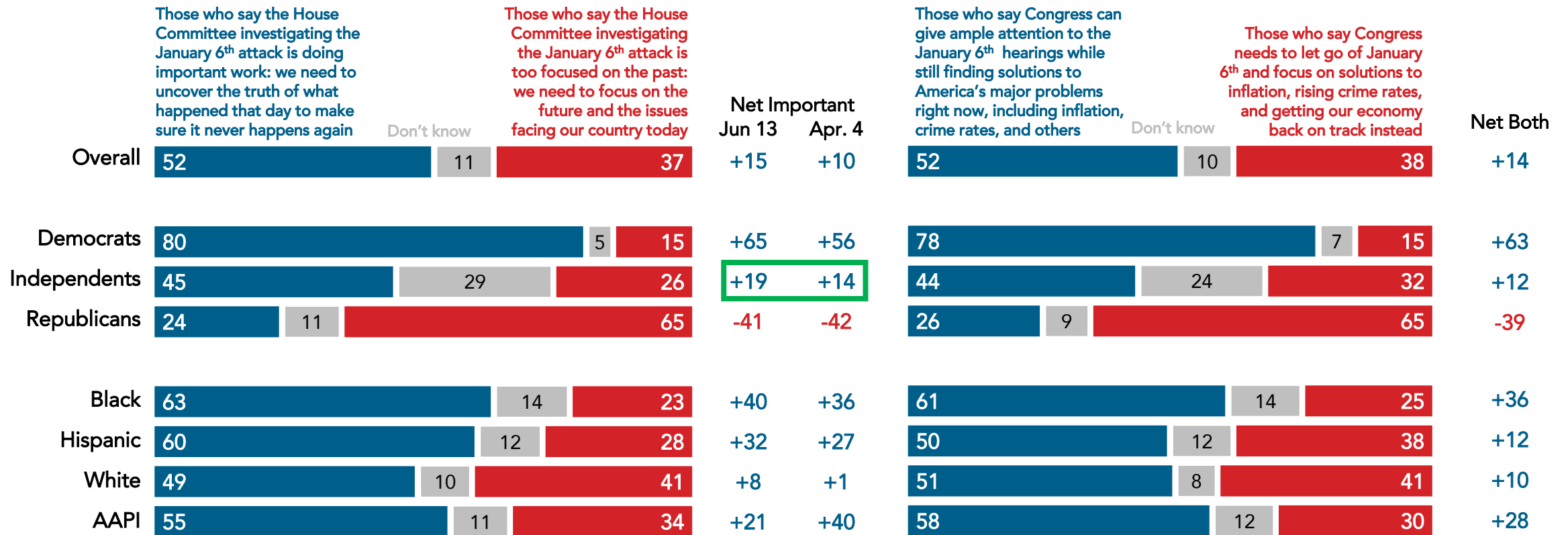


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Majorities Believe the January 6th Investigation Is Important and That Congress Can Focus on It *and* Other Issues

Since April, there has been a 5-point increase in the share who say it is important to uncover the truth of what happened on January 6th, including a 5-point increase among independents (from net +14 to net +19).

Who do you agree with more?



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Americans Characterize January 6th Apologists As “Power Hungry” and “Appealing to Their Right-Wing, Extremist Base”

Black Americans (62%) and Democrats (64%) are the most likely to describe January 6th Republicans as “power hungry” and willing to “do anything to get and hold onto power.”

Below are phrases some have used to describe Republicans in Congress who support the events of January 6th. Please select the three you think best describe them:

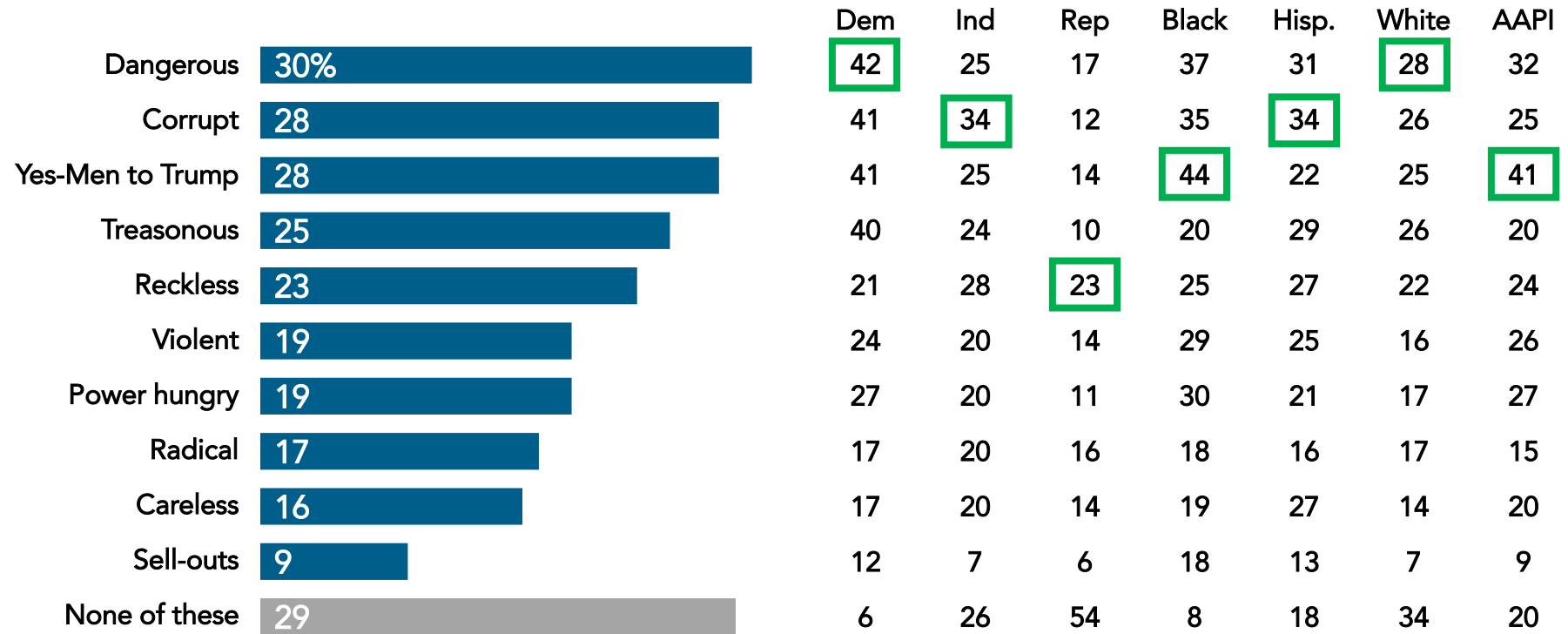
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Black	Hisp.	White	AAPI
They are power hungry and will do anything to get and hold onto power	44%	64	43	21	62	39	41	50
They want to appeal to their right-wing, extremist base to win elections	38	52	37	23	42	47	36	46
They are increasingly extreme in their personal views	36	46	31	26	41	34	35	41
They sold out American democracy	34	48	33	17	42	42	30	46
They truly believe Donald Trump won the election and Joe Biden stole it	32	34	32	30	46	38	29	35
They are supporting the riot on January 6 th because they are afraid of Donald Trump	28	38	25	17	46	30	24	28
None of these describe Republicans who support the events of January 6 th	29	5	33	55	7	23	35	19

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Top Descriptors of January 6th-Sympathizing Republicans are “Dangerous”, “Corrupt,” “Yes-Men to Trump”

Independents are most likely to say Republicans who support the events of January 6th are “corrupt” (34%), while Republicans say they are “reckless” (23%).

Below are words and phrases some have used to describe Republicans in Congress who support the events of January 6th. Please select the three you think best describe them:



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A Range of Arguments Work Against Republican Criticisms of Democrats for Wanting to Investigate January 6th

Rebuttals that highlight the consequences for attempts to overturn elections and holding those who threatened members of Congress and police accountable are all persuasive arguments.

Which side do you find more convincing?

Statement 1: Republicans who say the investigation into January 6th is a waste of time, Democrats are using it as political theater to stir up their base, and we should be focused on issues like inflation and crime instead.

Statement 4: Democrats who say the investigation into January 6th is important because it was a violent attack on our Capitol that threatened members of Congress and harmed multiple police officers, so those responsible should be held accountable

Statement 1: 38%
Statement 4: 53%
Net Statement 4: +15

Statement 3: Democrats who say the investigation into January 6th is critical for the sake of our democracy: we need to prove there are consequences for attempts to overturn the result of free and fair elections in America

Statement 1: 38%
Statement 3: 51%
Net Statement 3: +13

Statement 5: Democrats who say the investigation into January 6th is important because the riot is part of an ongoing effort by Republican politicians to take away the power of the people to decide free and fair elections and overturn results they don't like when they want to, putting our democracy at risk

Statement 1: 38%
Statement 5: 50%
Net Statement 5: +12

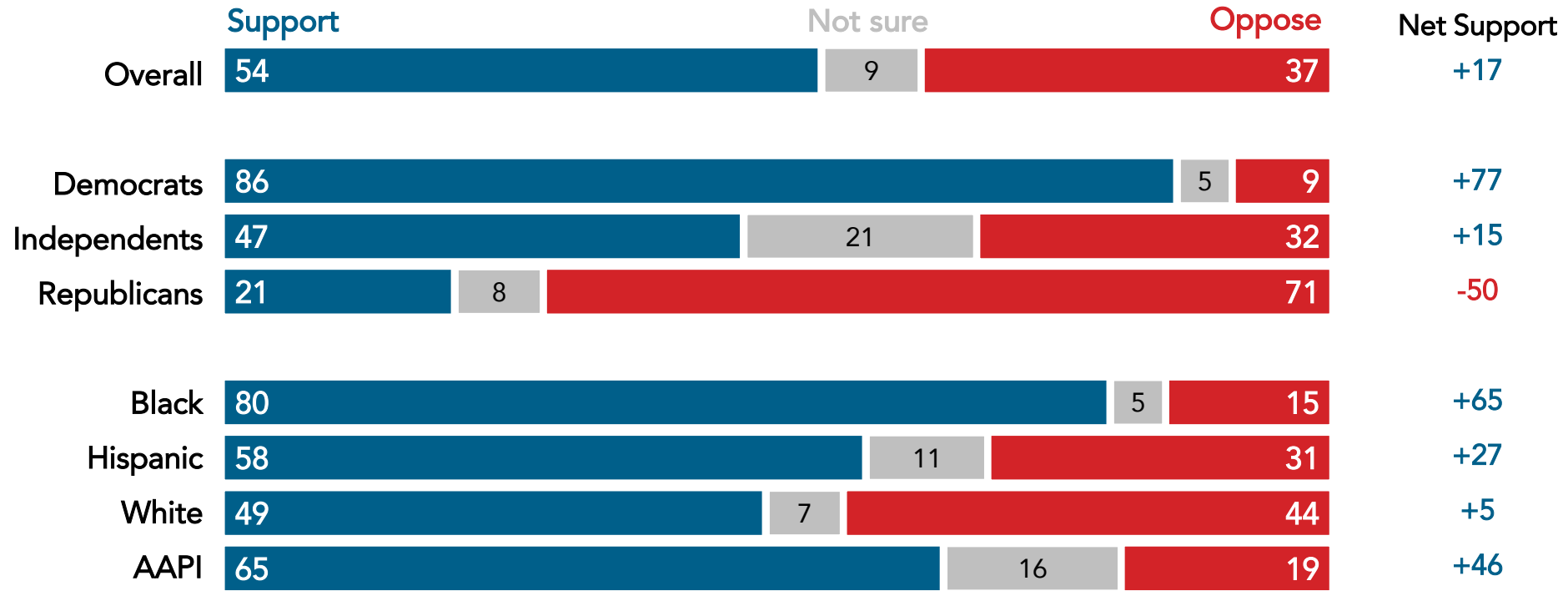
Statement 2: Democrats who say the investigation into January 6th is important for our country, and investigating January 6th does not mean the government can't also find solutions to inflation and crime

Statement 1: 41%
Statement 2: 51%
Net Statement 2: +10

A Majority Support the DOJ Filing Criminal Charges Against Donald Trump for His Involvement with January 6th

Republicans remain the only partisan or racial group in which a majority (71%) express opposition to the Department of Justice filing criminal charges against the former president, while a plurality of independents (47%) support it.

Do you support or oppose the Department of Justice filing criminal charges against Donald Trump for his involvement with the attack on the Capitol on January 6th?



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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 June 9-June 13, 2022. 106 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 80 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 102 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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