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Protecting Rights: A Guide for Advocates



Key Takeaways:

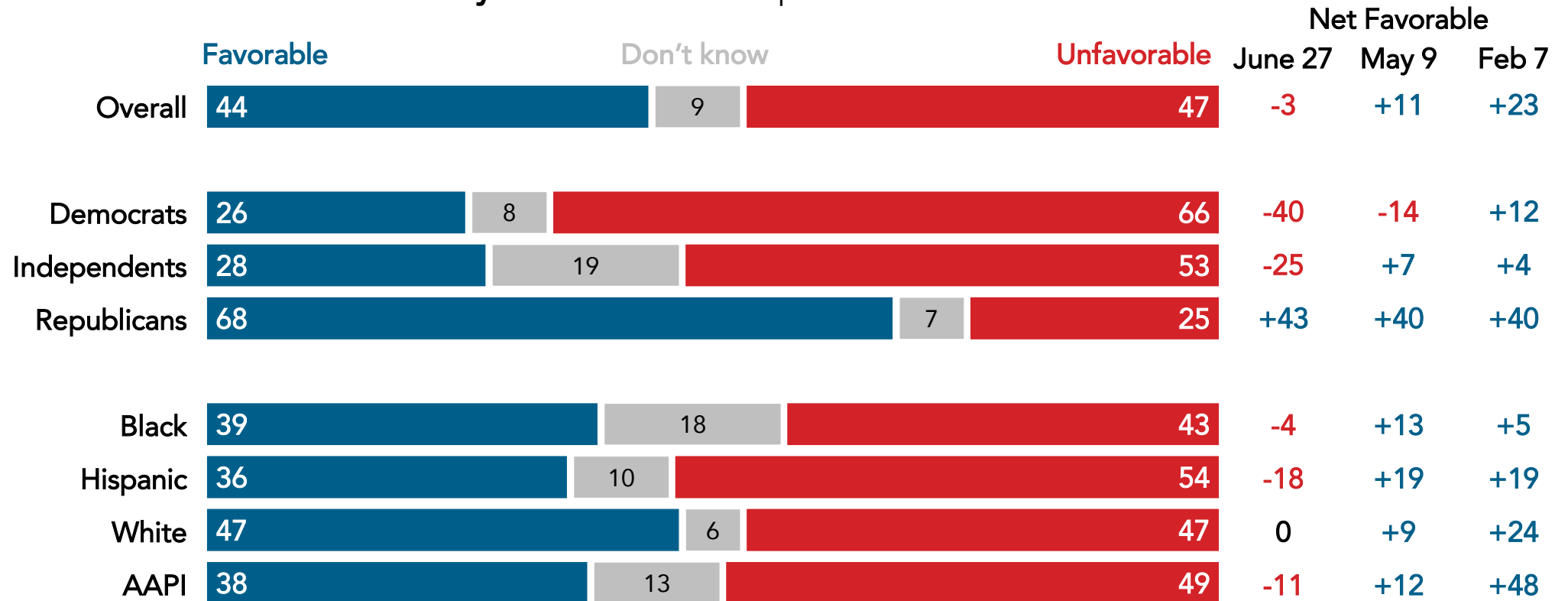
- The Supreme Court's favorability is now underwater for the first time in Navigator's tracking after decisions to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and strike down gun laws.
- Overwhelming and bipartisan majorities feel the decision to have an abortion should be between a woman and her doctor, not the government.
- Seven in ten feel the right to an abortion in America is at risk, and three in four say it will become harder to access an abortion in the next 5 years.
- Despite the Supreme Court's recent ruling to expand gun rights, majorities of Americans continue to want stronger gun laws and feel Washington has not done enough to prevent gun violence.

After Overturning *Roe* and Expanding Gun Rights, the Supreme Court Is Underwater for First Time in Navigator's Tracking

Net favorability for the Supreme Court has fallen by 14 points since last asked in early May and by 26 points since February.

- Since February, there has been a 29-point decline in net favorability among independents (from net +4 to net -25).

Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: The U.S. Supreme Court.



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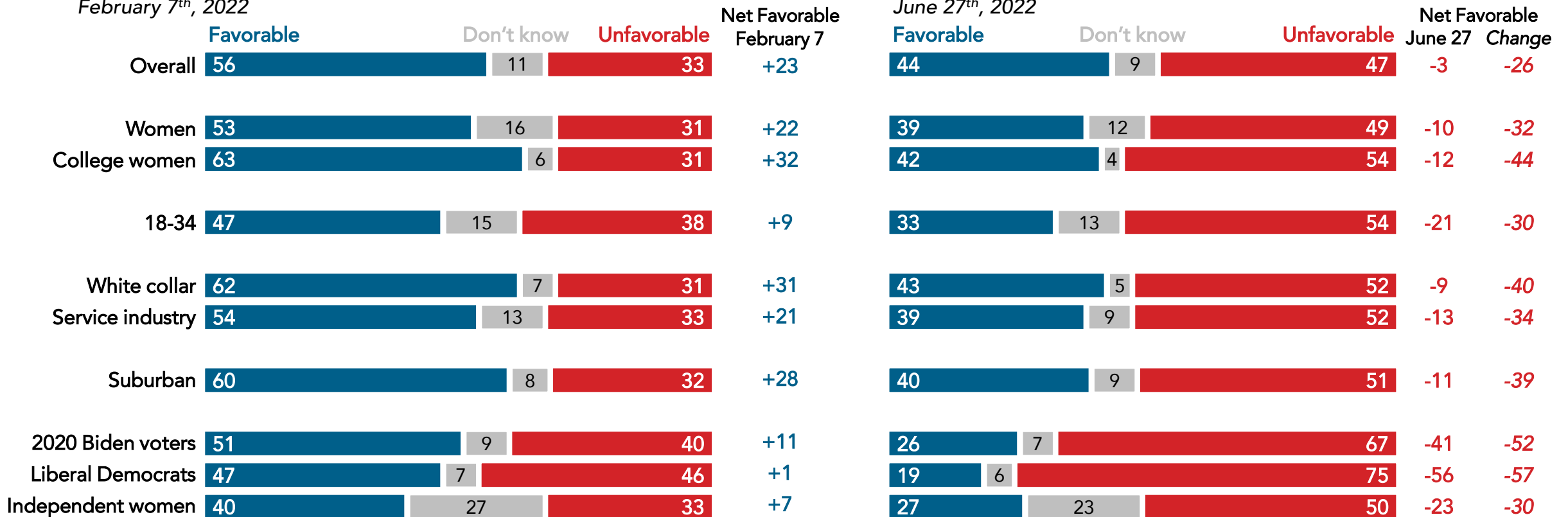
Groups That Have Moved Most Against SCOTUS Are Younger, Female, Suburban, Liberal Democrats, Independent Women

College-educated women, 18-34 year-olds, white collar workers, 2020 Biden voters, and liberal Democrats have moved the most.

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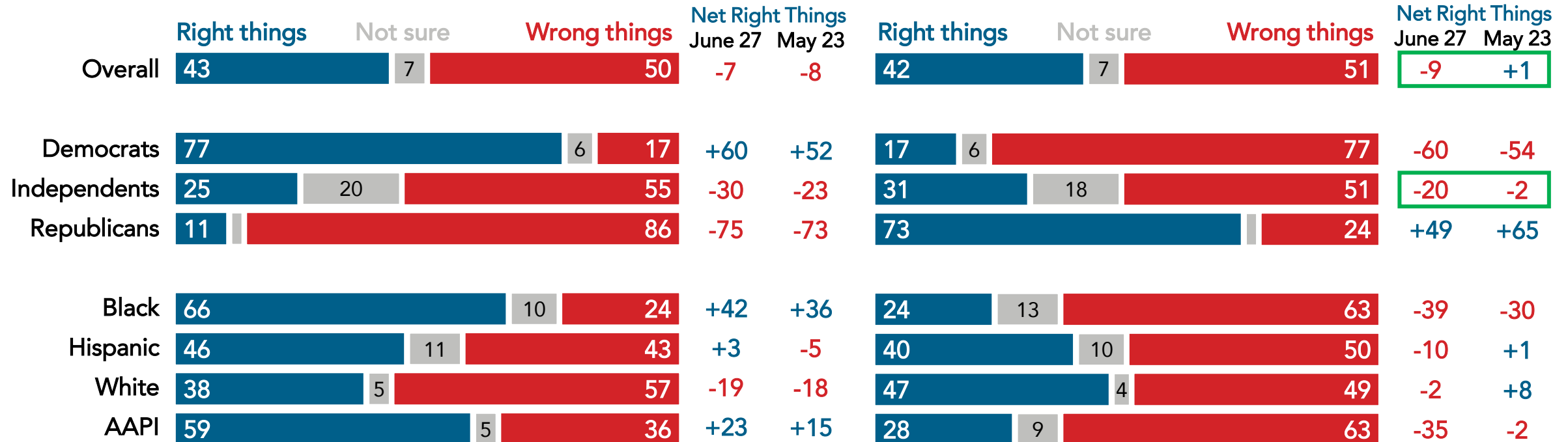
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While Both Parties Are More Viewed as Focused on the Wrong Things, There Has Been a Shift Against GOP Since Last Month

The share of Americans who say the Republican Party is “focused on the right things” has declined by a net of 10 points from late May (+1 net right things) to today (-9), while there has been no change in perceptions of Democrats.

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

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

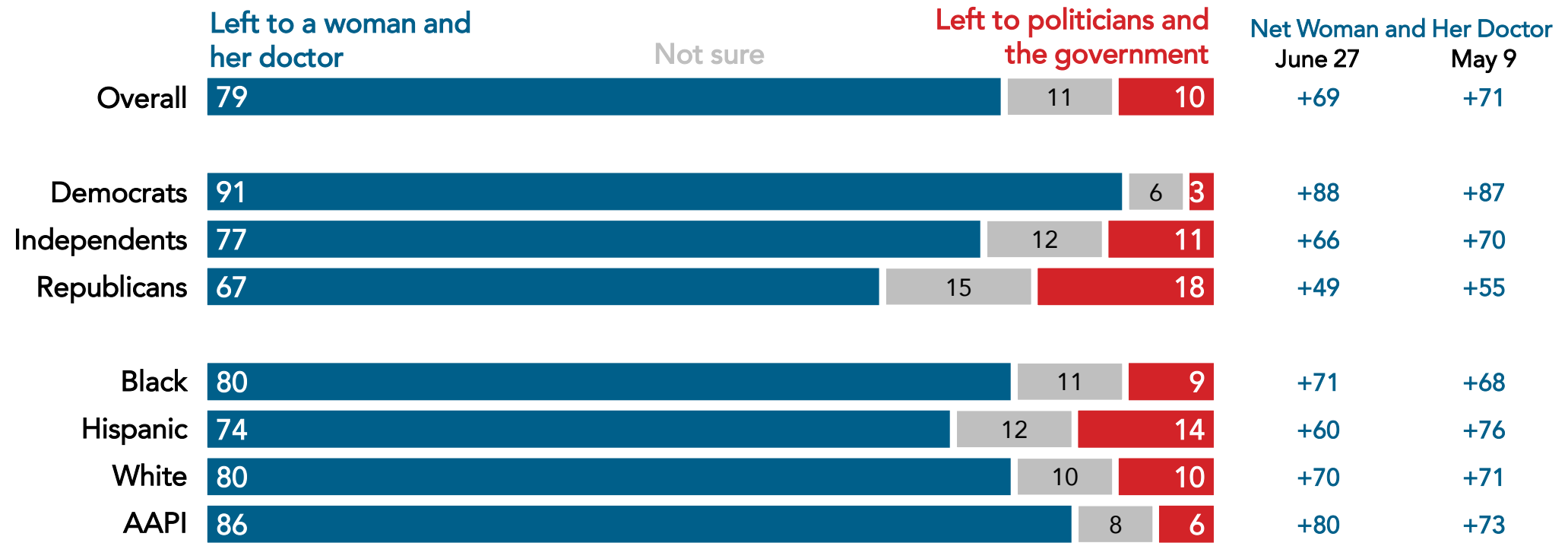


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Overwhelming Majorities Continue to Believe the Decision to Have an Abortion Should Be Left to Women and Their Doctors

About three in four independents (77%) and Hispanic Americans (74%) believe the decision should be up to a woman and her doctor, and larger shares of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (86%) and Black Americans (80%) say the same.

Overall, do you think the decision of whether or not a woman can have an abortion should be left to the woman and her doctor or should it be left to politicians and the government?



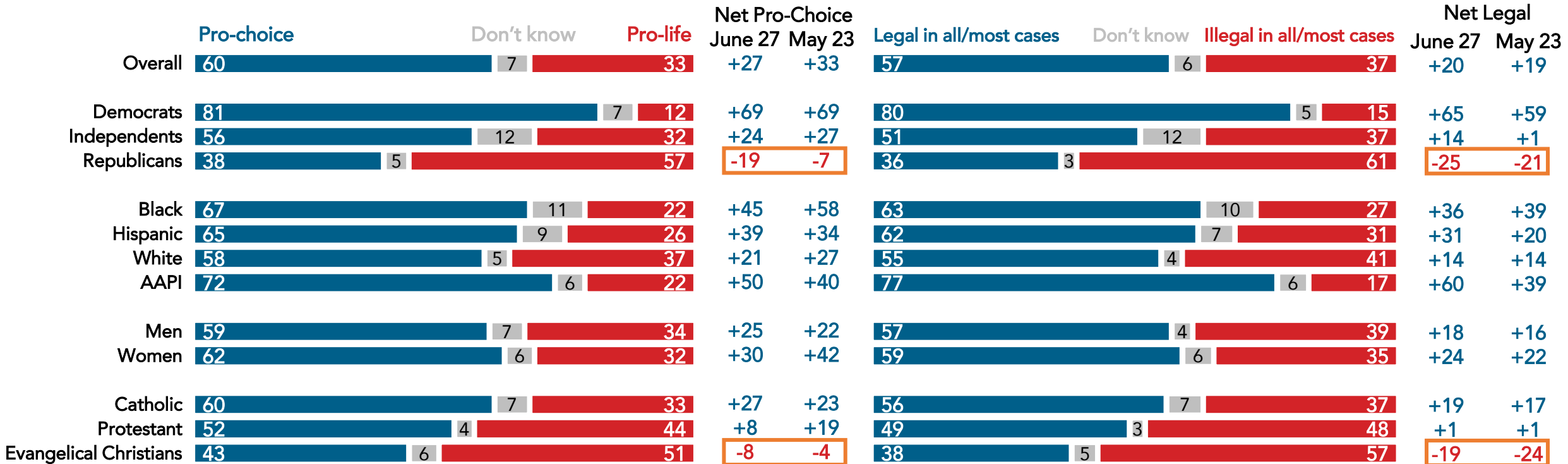
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On Identifying as “Pro-Choice” and Supporting Legality of Abortion, Evangelicals and Republicans Are Lone Opposition

Across gender, religious, and ethnic groups, majorities continue to identify as “pro-choice” and believe abortion should be legal in all or most cases: only pluralities of Republicans and evangelical Christians identify as “pro-life” and say it should not be legal.

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...

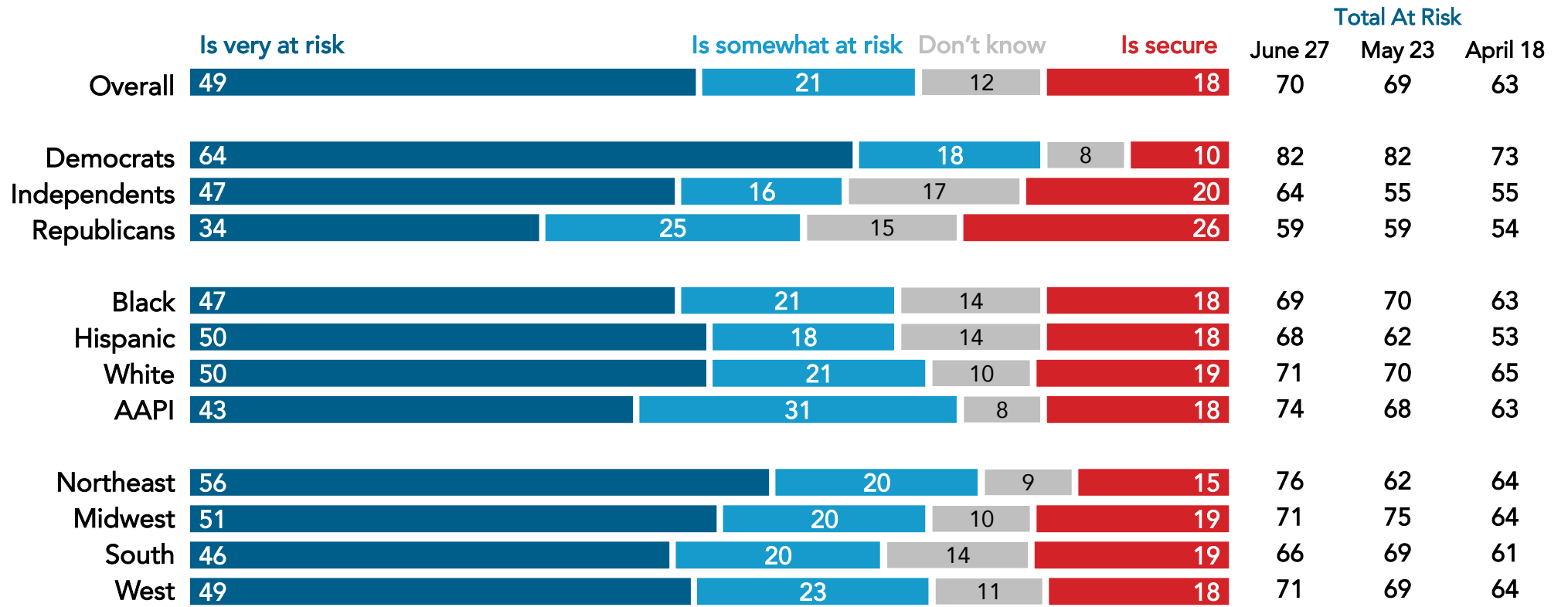


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Bipartisan Majorities Feel the Right to an Abortion in the United States Is at Risk

Among independents, the total who say the right to an abortion as at risk has increased by 9 points since late May (from 55% to 64%).

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

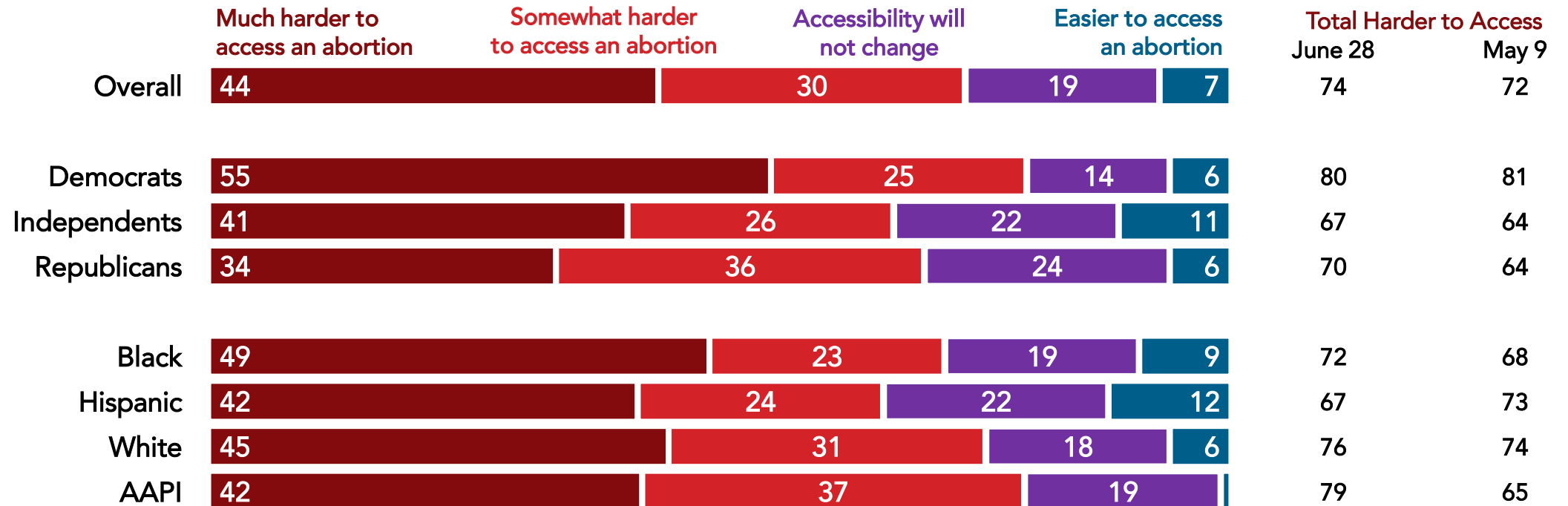


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Seven in Ten Americans Say It Will Be Harder to Access an Abortion in the United States in the Future

Groups most likely to believe it will be harder to access an abortion in the next five years are Democrats (80%), AAPI (79%), and white Americans (76%).

In thinking about the next 5 years, do you think it will become harder to access an abortion in America, easier to access an abortion in America, or will there be no change in difficulty in accessing an abortion in America?



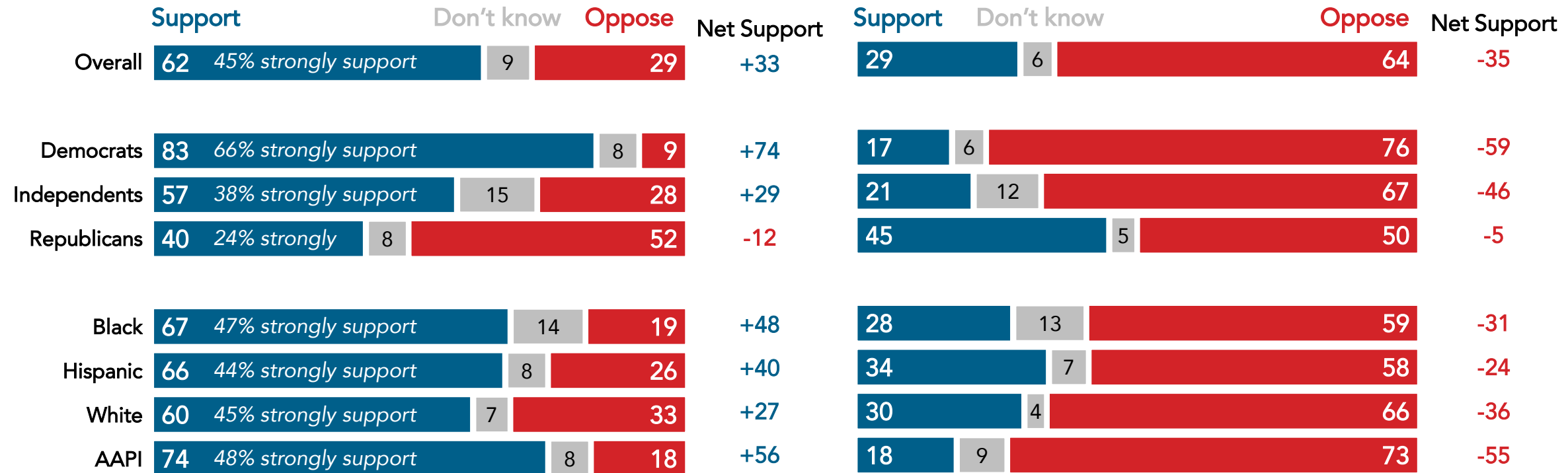
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Majorities Support a Nationwide Law Protecting the Right of Women to Have an Abortion and Oppose a Ban on Abortion

Nearly as many Republicans support having a nationwide law to protect the right to an abortion (40%) as support a nationwide abortion ban (45%).

Do you support or oppose a nationwide law that protects the right of a woman to have an abortion?

Do you support or oppose a nationwide ban on abortion?



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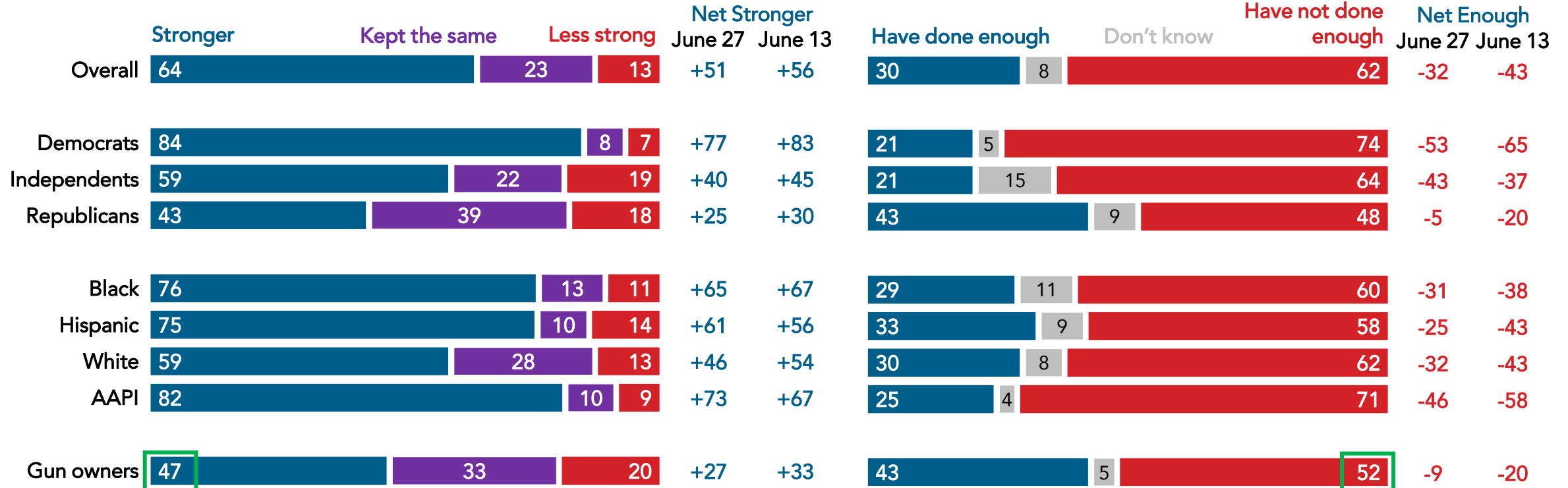
Almost Two in Three Americans Support Stronger Gun Laws, But Most Still Don't Think Washington Has Done Enough

Pluralities of Republicans (43%) and gun owners (47%) think gun laws should be stronger.

- Most gun owners (52%) also think that “our leaders in Washington have not done enough to prevent gun violence.”

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

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

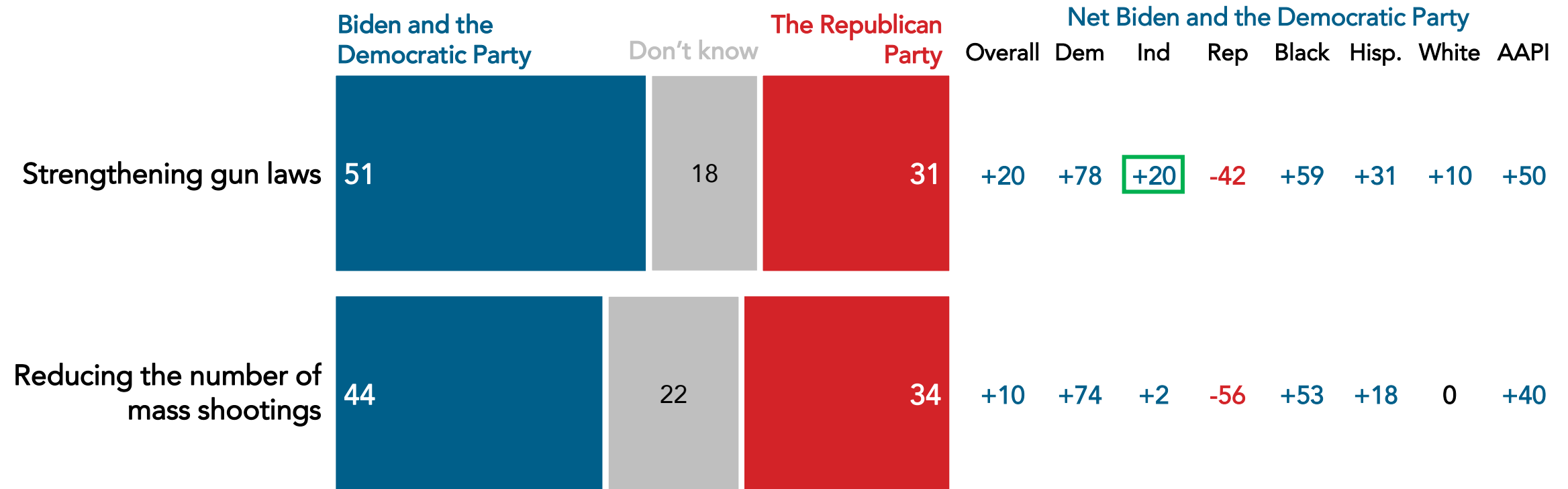


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Biden and Democrats More Trusted on Strengthening Gun Laws and Reducing Mass Shootings

Biden and the Democratic Party are more trusted on both metrics but hold a 20-point advantage among independents on “strengthening gun laws,” compared to a 2-point advantage on “reducing the number of mass shootings.”

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



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Background Checks, Assault Weapons Ban, and Consequences for Gun Dealers Are Viewed as Most Effective Policies

Policies that are both seen as especially effective and are broadly supported include background checks (79% effective, 87% support), holding gun dealers accountable in a court of law (70% effective, 80% support), and "red flag laws" (71% effective, 79% support).

Please indicate how effective you think each policy would be in reducing gun violence and mass shootings.

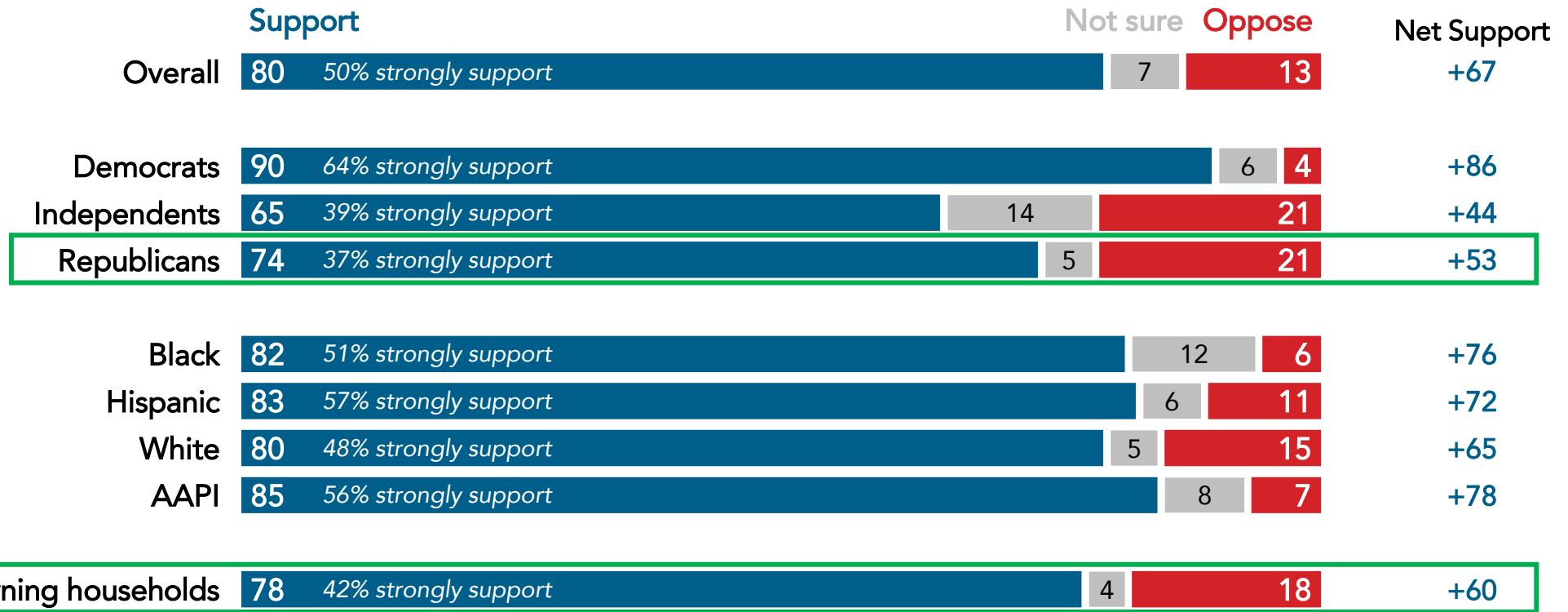
| | Very effective | Somewhat effective | DK | Not effective | Total Effective | | | Total % Support (June 13) | |
|--|----------------|--------------------|----|---------------|-----------------|-----|-----|---------------------------|-----|
| | | | | | Overall | Dem | Ind | | Rep |
| Requiring background checks on all gun sales | 53 | 26 | 6 | 15 | 79 | 87 | 74 | 72 | 87 |
| Banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines | 45 | 19 | 8 | 28 | 65 | 84 | 54 | 46 | 71 |
| Providing a path to hold irresponsible gun dealers accountable in a court of law | 44 | 27 | 8 | 21 | 70 | 87 | 63 | 55 | 80 |
| Creating a federal "red flag law," which would allow family and law enforcement to remove guns from someone acting violent or unstable | 41 | 29 | 9 | 21 | 71 | 82 | 63 | 60 | 79 |
| Providing more funding for mental health services, including in schools | 41 | 34 | 8 | 17 | 75 | 84 | 64 | 70 | n/a |
| Passing the Violence Against Women Act, which would prevent physically abusive ex-boyfriends and stalkers ... from accessing guns | 40 | 30 | 9 | 21 | 70 | 81 | 63 | 59 | 81 |
| Requiring buyers of "ghost guns" – do-it-yourself kits or makeshift weapons that lack serial numbers – to pass a background check | 39 | 27 | 11 | 23 | 67 | 77 | 64 | 56 | 79 |
| Requiring mandatory gun safety training for gun owners | 39 | 33 | 6 | 22 | 71 | 79 | 63 | 65 | 84 |
| Reinstating the ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines that lapsed in 2004 | 38 | 24 | 11 | 27 | 62 | 77 | 49 | 50 | 64 |
| Raising the minimum age to purchase a gun from 18 to 21 | 33 | 33 | 6 | 28 | 65 | 77 | 55 | 55 | 76 |

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Four in Five Americans Support the Bipartisan “Safer Communities” Gun Reform Bill

Vast majorities of Republicans (74%) and gun-owning households (78%) also support the legislation.

As you may know, a bipartisan group of Senators have passed new stronger gun laws, which would expand background checks for gun purchases by 18- to 21-year-olds, increase funding for school safety and mental health resources, and help states create "red flag" laws. **Do you support or oppose this proposal?**



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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 1200 registered voters from June 23-June 27, 2022. 105 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 74 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 105 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. 105 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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