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The FBI's Search of Mar-a-Lago: A Guide for Advocates



Key Takeaways:

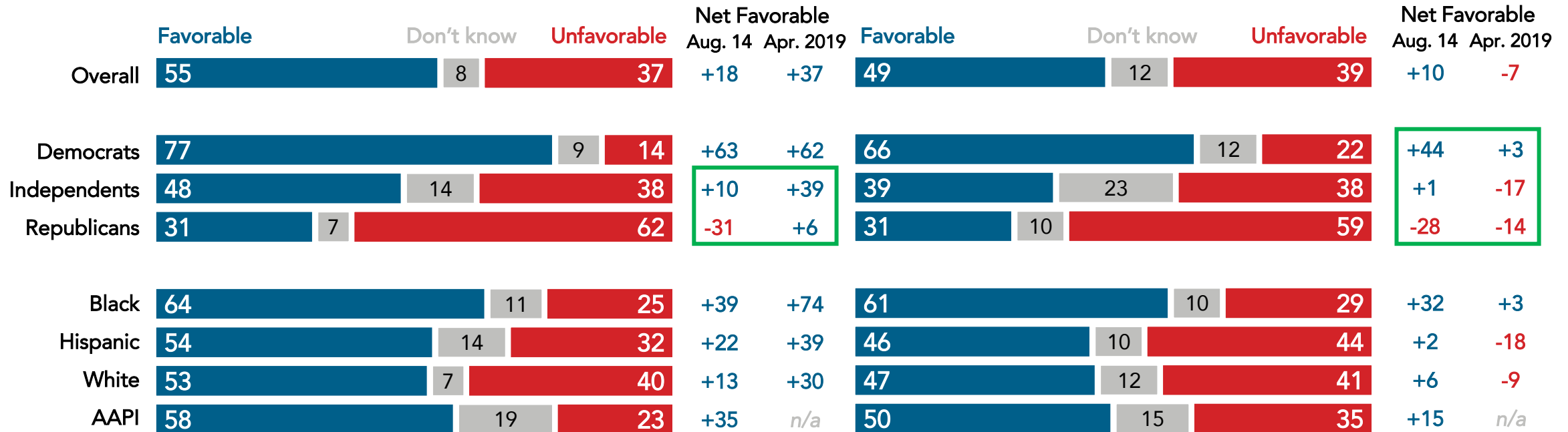
- Compared to 2019, Republican views of the FBI and DOJ have declined notably.
- More than half of Americans support the FBI serving a search warrant on Trump's home at Mar-a-Lago.
- Messaging from supporters of the FBI serving a search warrant on Trump's home is more convincing than messages from opponents – especially an opponent message on defunding the FBI.

Republican Views of the FBI and DOJ Have Moved Deeply Underwater While Democrats View Each Positively

Views of the FBI have soured among independents (net +10 favorable now, compared to +39 in April 2019) and Republicans (net -31, down from +6); views of the DOJ have improved among Democrats and independents, but have gotten worse among Republicans.

Please rate how favorable or unfavorable you are to:
The Federal Bureau of Investigation, or FBI.

Please rate how favorable or unfavorable you are to:
The Department of Justice.

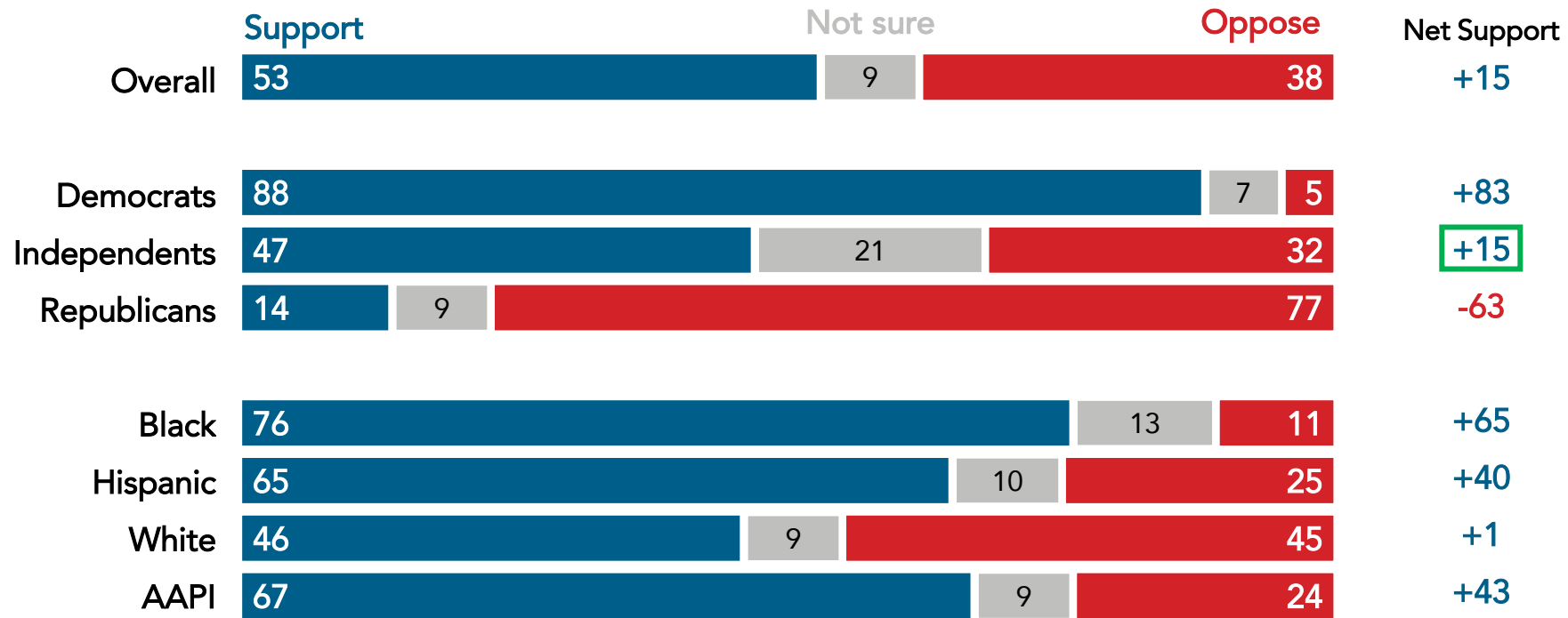


Nationwide surveys of registered voters; Each wave represents approximately 1,000 interviews taken over the prior three-five days. Latest wave conducted August 11-August 14, 2022. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org

A Majority of Americans Support the FBI Serving a Search Warrant on Trump's Home at Mar-a-Lago

Independents support the search by a 15-point margin, the same as Americans overall.

As you may know, this week the FBI served a search warrant on former President Donald Trump's home at Mar-a-Lago. Do you support or oppose the FBI serving a search warrant on Trump's home?

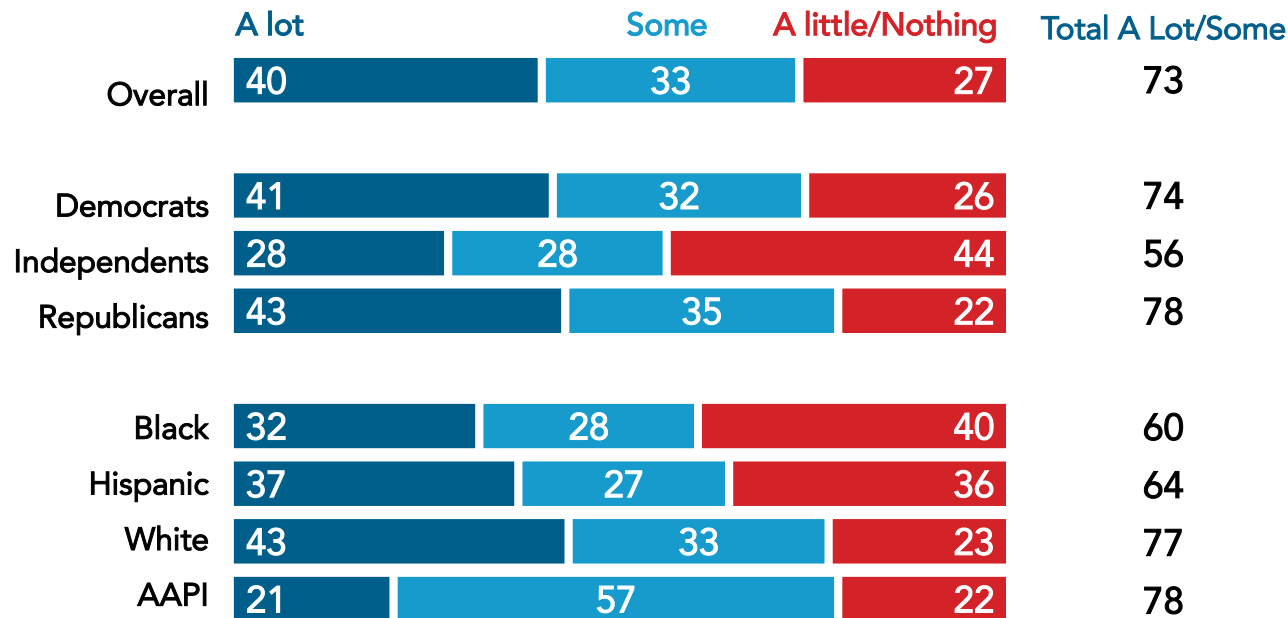


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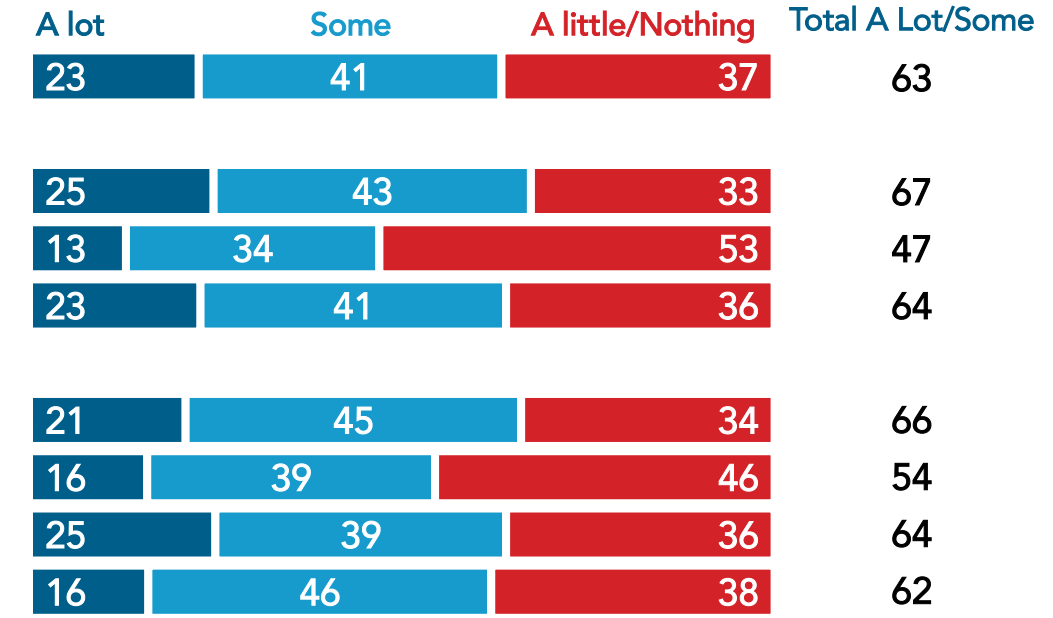
Majorities of Americans Are Hearing About the FBI Searching Mar-a-Lago and the Inflation Reduction Act's Passage

Though news consumption was more intense this week around the FBI serving a search warrant on former President Trump's home at Mar-a-Lago (73% "a lot"/"some"), it only slightly outpaces awareness of the Inflation Reduction Act's passage (63% "a lot"/"some").

How much have you seen, read, or heard about the FBI serving a search warrant on former President Donald Trump's home at Mar-a-Lago?



How much have you seen, read, or heard about the new legislation called the Inflation Reduction Act passed by Democrats in Congress and being signed by President Biden?

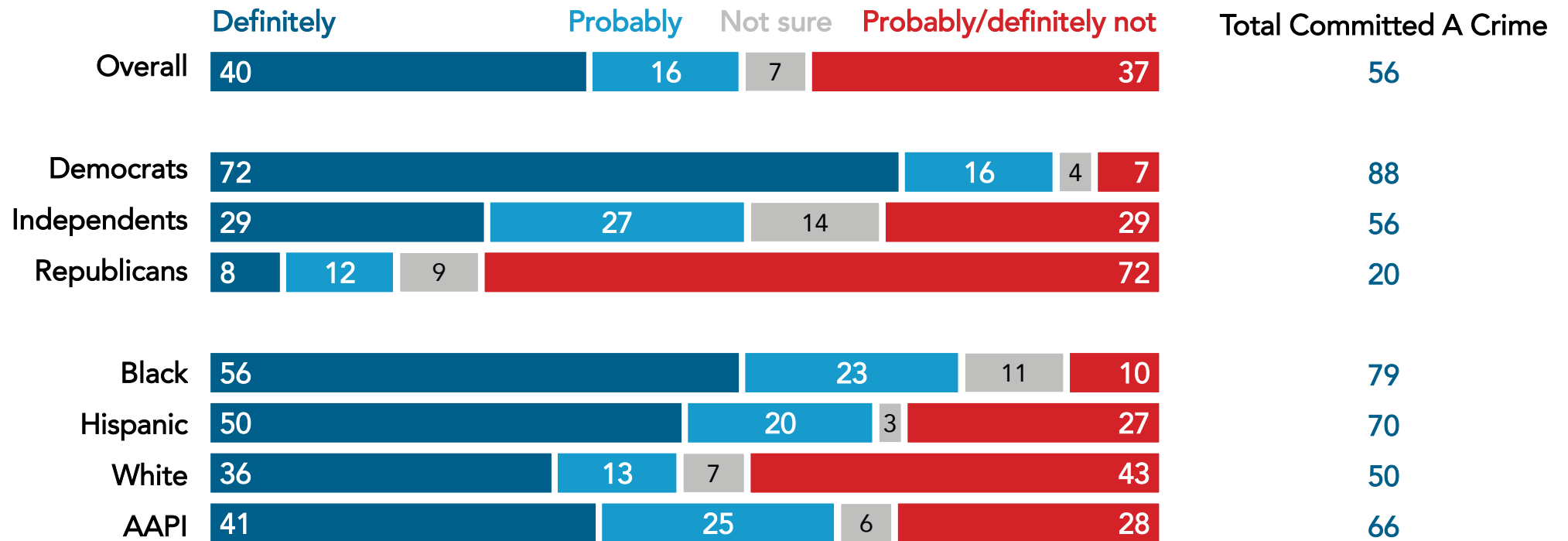


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Nearly Nine in Ten Democrats and a Majority of Independents Believe Trump Committed a Crime as President

Democrats (88%), Black Americans (79%) and Hispanic Americans (70%) are most likely to believe Trump committed a crime.

Do you think Donald Trump committed a crime at any point as president?



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Two in Three Find Messaging Backing FBI's Mar-a-Lago Investigation Convincing; Defunding the FBI Unconvincing

Messaging that emphasizes that no one is above the law, that the FBI conducted a justified search, and that they're following the facts wherever they lead are the most convincing.

Below is a list of some statements from both supporters and opponents of the FBI's search of Donald Trump's home. Please indicate how convincing you find each statement.

/ = Split sample*

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Not that/at all convincing	Total Convincing			
				Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep
No one is above the law, not even former or active presidents of the United States: the FBI is simply enforcing the law as necessary by searching Donald Trump's home	46	17	37	63	91	60	33
The FBI's search warrant was approved by a federal judge and the director of the FBI who was appointed by Donald Trump: the search was justified and cleared by all necessary people	44	20	36	64	91	64	34
The FBI is following the facts where they may lead in their investigations. If Trump has nothing to hide, he should cooperate with their investigation	43	23	33	67	90	70	38
The FBI is investigating whether Trump took highly classified documents from the White House when his presidency ended, which could compromise national security if not handled or stored securely	41	22	37	63	89	61	33
Democrats have been trying to impeach and jail Trump from the moment he announced he would run for president in 2016: this is just another step in their witch hunt	36	15	49	51	26	53	79
Raiding Trump's house is a massive overreach of power by the FBI and demonstrates that the Department of Justice is being weaponized by Democrats to target their political opponents	31	18	51	49	23	51	78
*The FBI should be defunded because it is one of America's most corrupt institutions using unchecked government power to make sure Trump doesn't run for president in 2024 by any means necessary	25	18	57	43	23	48	63
**The FBI should be defunded because it is one of America's most corrupt institutions using unchecked government power. If they can go after a former president, they can go after anyone	20	20	61	39	21	37	62

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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 1,000 registered voters from August 11-August 14, 2022. 106 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 78 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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