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## Protecting Abortion Access: A Guide for Advocates



**Reader Discretion is Advised:** In this wave of Navigator, we tested a variety of outcomes to women's healthcare since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned in June. Some of these outcomes include medical trauma including life-threatening complications. While we do not want to dismiss the realities of these experiences, some may be upsetting, and reader discretion is advised.

## Key Takeaways:

- Nearly seven in ten oppose a nationwide abortion ban, including pluralities of independents and Republicans.
- The most concerning potential outcomes of a nationwide abortion ban include forcing women to carry stillborn babies for a full nine months and lack of exceptions to protect the health of the mother.
- The most concerning realities of a post-*Roe* America focus on the physical dangers and hardships that pregnant Americans have had to endure as a result of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe*.

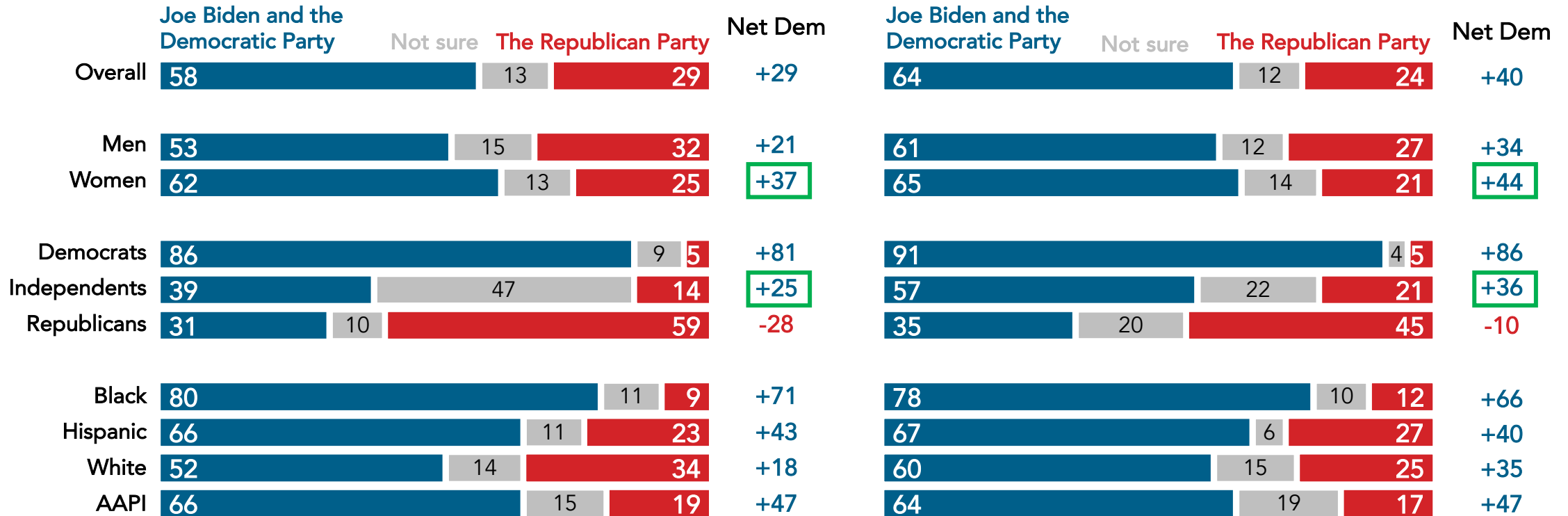
# Americans Overwhelmingly Trust Biden & Democrats on Protecting Abortion Rights and Fighting Abortion Bans

Women trust Biden and Democrats more to protect abortion rights by 37 points and to fight abortion bans by 44 points; independents also trust Biden and Democrats more to protect abortion rights by 25 points and to fight bans by 36 points.

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

*Protecting abortion rights.*

*Fighting abortion bans.*

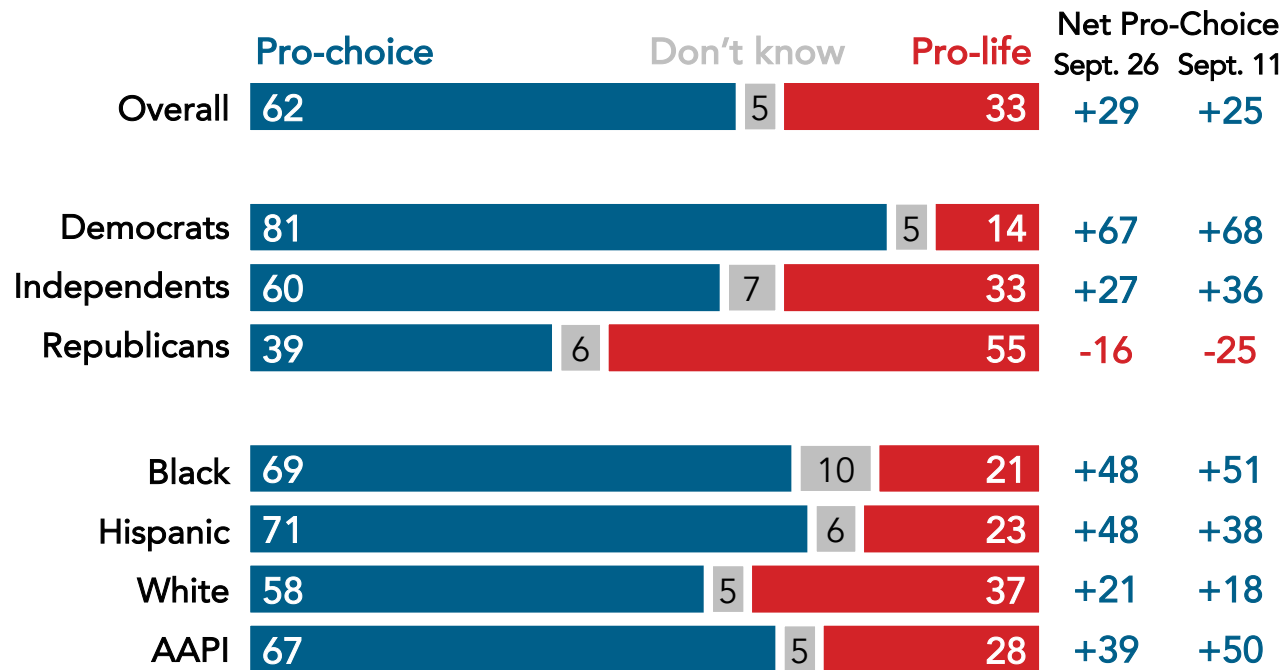


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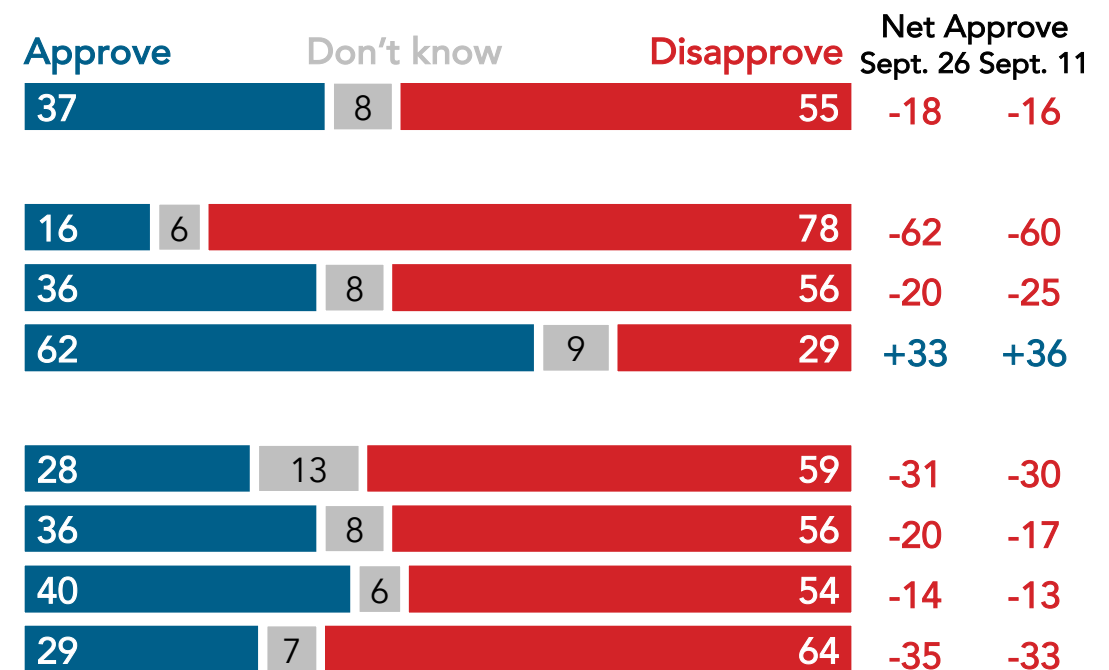
# Majorities of Americans Continue to Be Pro-Choice and Disapprove of the Supreme Court's Decision on *Roe v. Wade*

Majorities of Democrats (81%) and independents (60%) describe themselves as pro-choice and disapprove of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* (78% and 56%, respectively).

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



As you may know, the Supreme Court recently decided to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, eliminating the federal right to an abortion as a result. Do you approve or disapprove the Supreme Court eliminating federal protections for abortion?



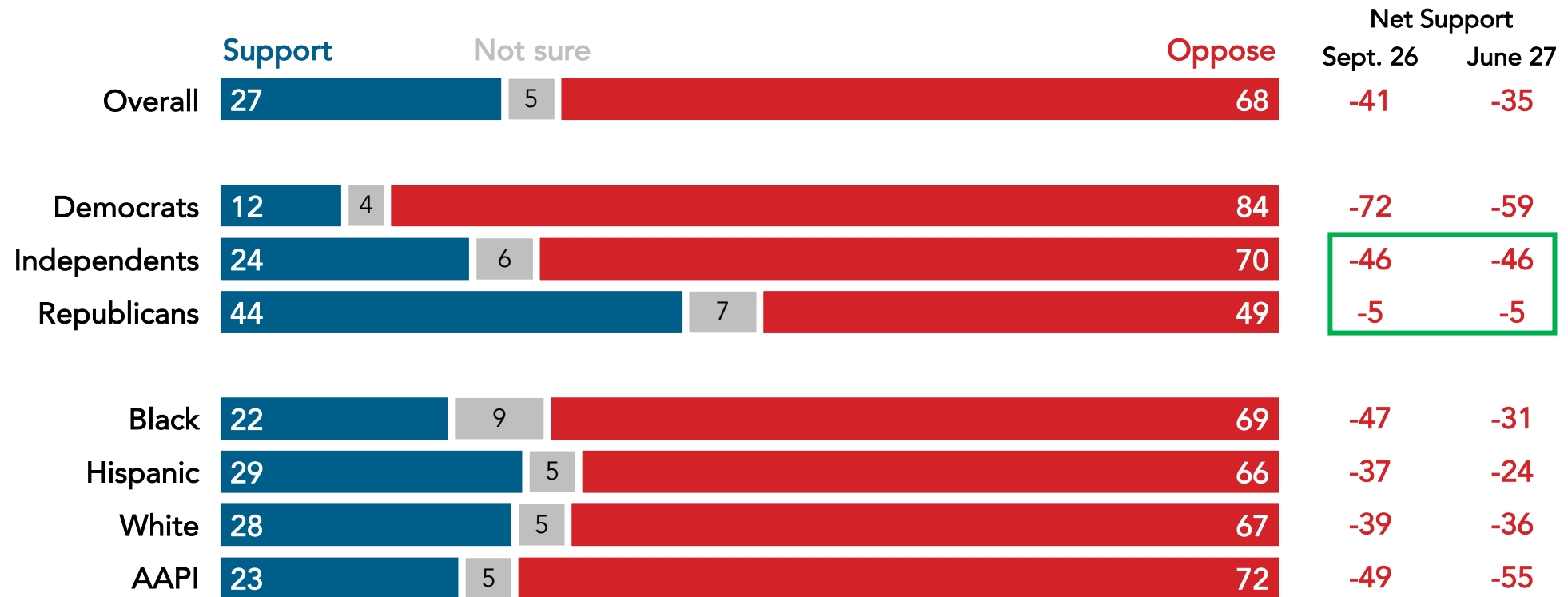
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# Bipartisan Pluralities Oppose a Nationwide Abortion Ban, Including Republicans

Net opposition has increased by 6 points since late June (from net -35 to net -41).

- Seven in ten independents (70%) and a 49% plurality of Republicans oppose a nationwide ban on abortion.

**Do you support or oppose a nationwide ban on abortion?**

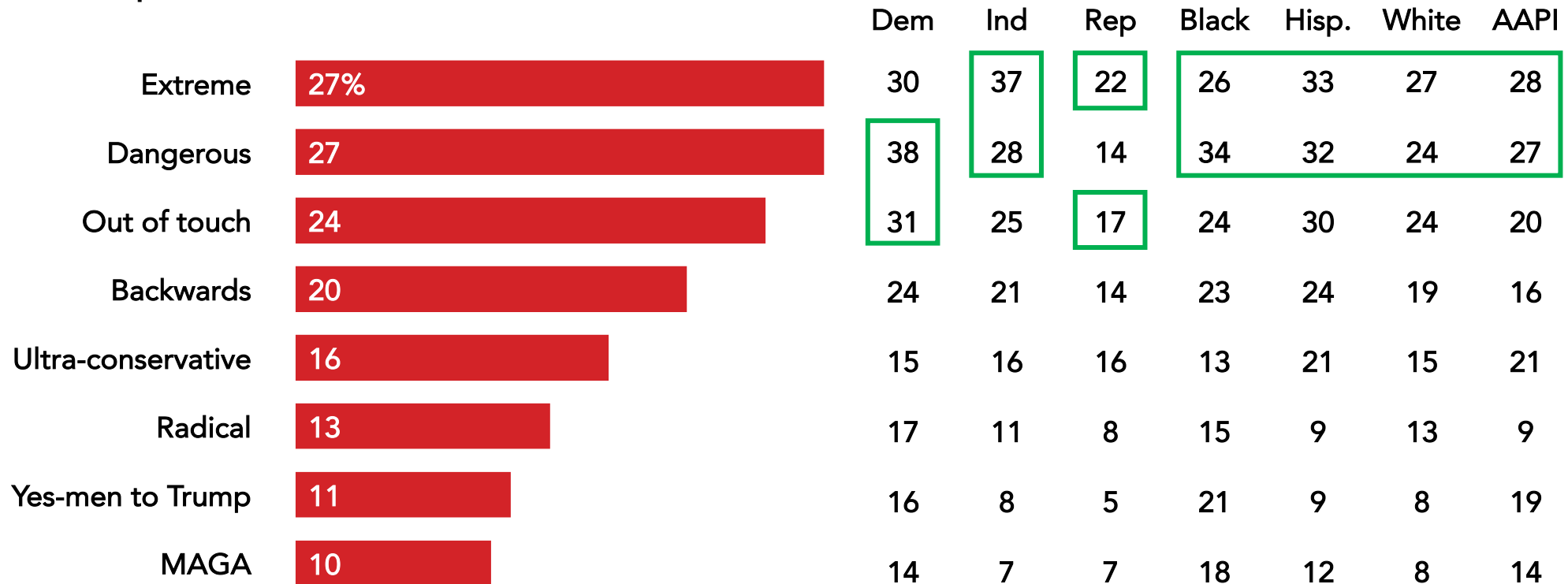


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# Republicans Who Support Nationwide Abortion Bans Seen as "Extreme," "Dangerous," "Out of Touch," "Backwards"

Nearly two in five independents say Republicans who support a ban are "extreme" (37%) and 28% say they are "dangerous."

Below is a list of words and phrases that some have used to describe Republicans who support a nationwide ban on abortion. Which TWO best describe your concerns about Republicans who want to ban abortions nationwide?



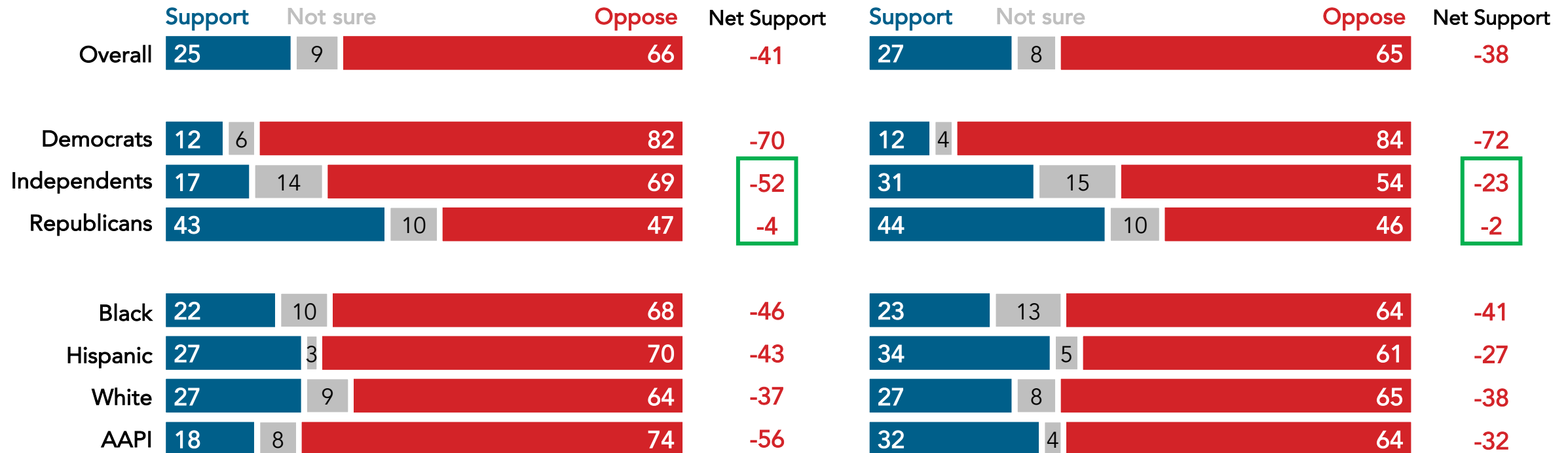
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# Federal Abortion Ban is Broadly Unpopular With or Without 15-Week Restriction

By a 23-point margin, independents oppose a nationwide 15-week ban, as do a plurality of Republicans (46%).

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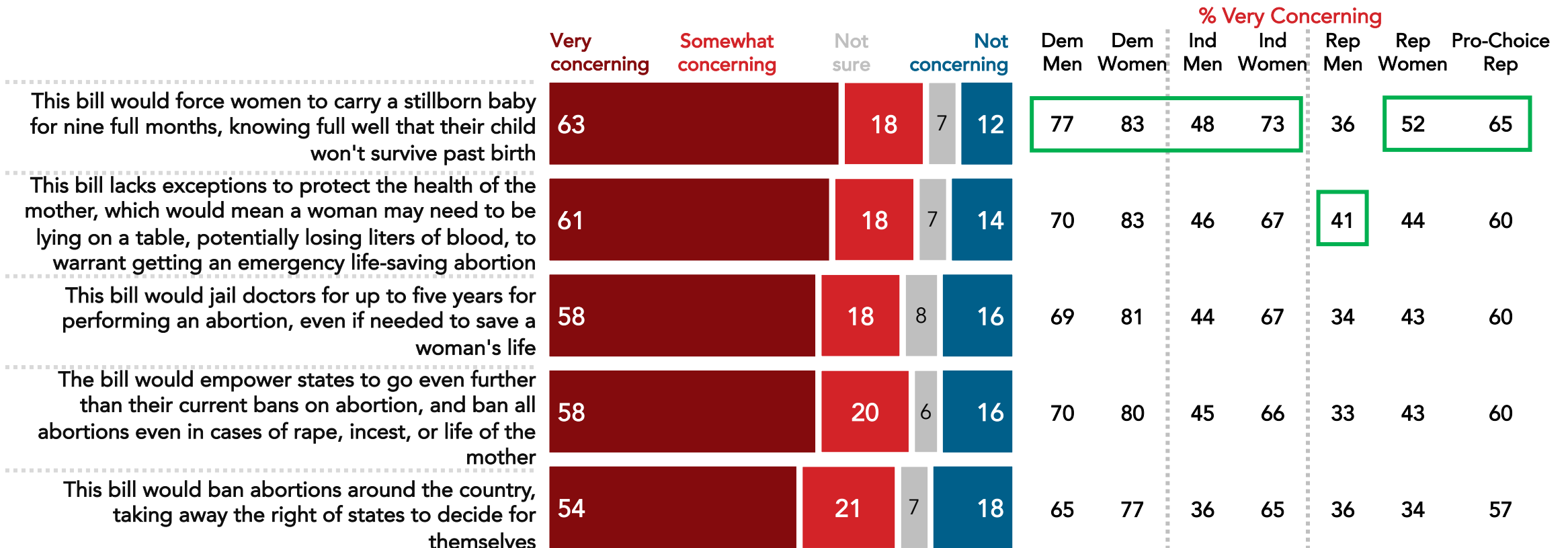


# Most Concerning Parts of Ban Are Forcing Women to Carry Stillborn Babies and Lack of Exceptions for Mother's Health

Majorities of Americans find each of the outcomes tested to be "very concerning."

- Women across party lines are more concerned than their male counterparts by the abortion ban outcomes shown.

Below are some things that could happen if the proposed national abortion ban became law. For each, please indicate how concerning you find it.



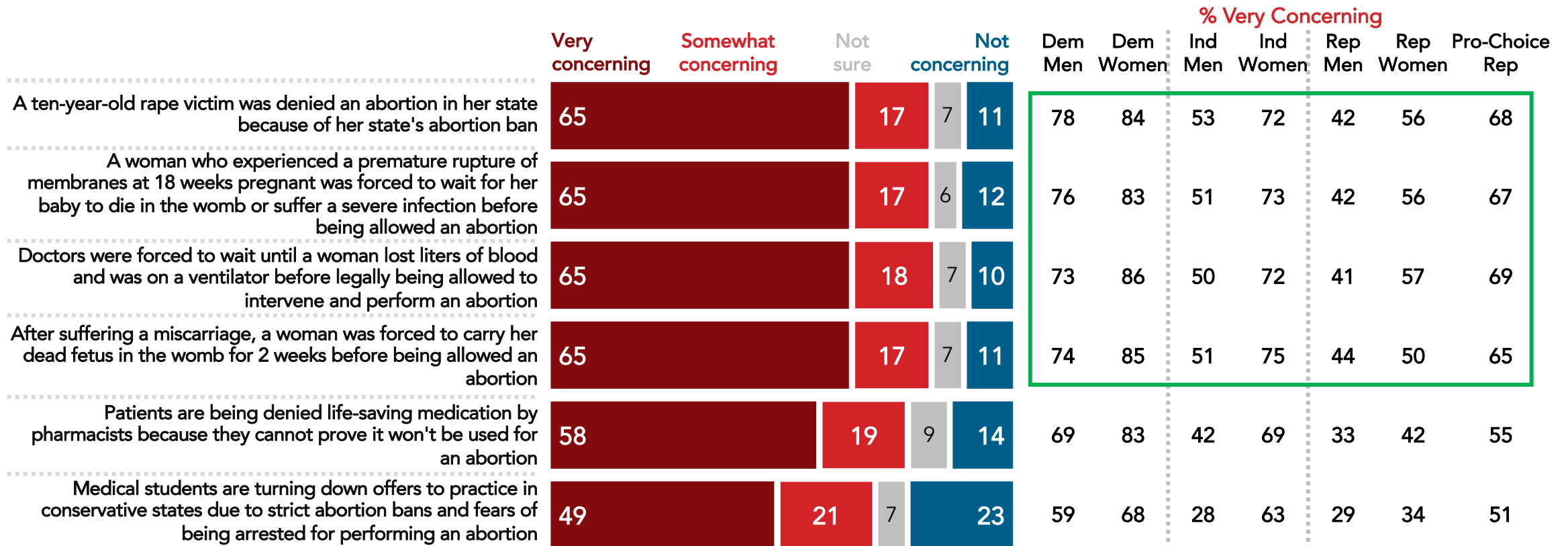
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# Specific Examples of the Hardships and Dangers Endured Since Roe Was Overturned Are Deeply Concerning to Two in Three

Two in three find each of a range of specific examples of what pregnant Americans have had to endure – from a ten-year-old rape victim being denied an abortion, to a woman being forced to carry a dead fetus in the womb for two weeks – to be very concerning.

Below are some outcomes that have occurred since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*. For each, please indicate how concerning you find it.

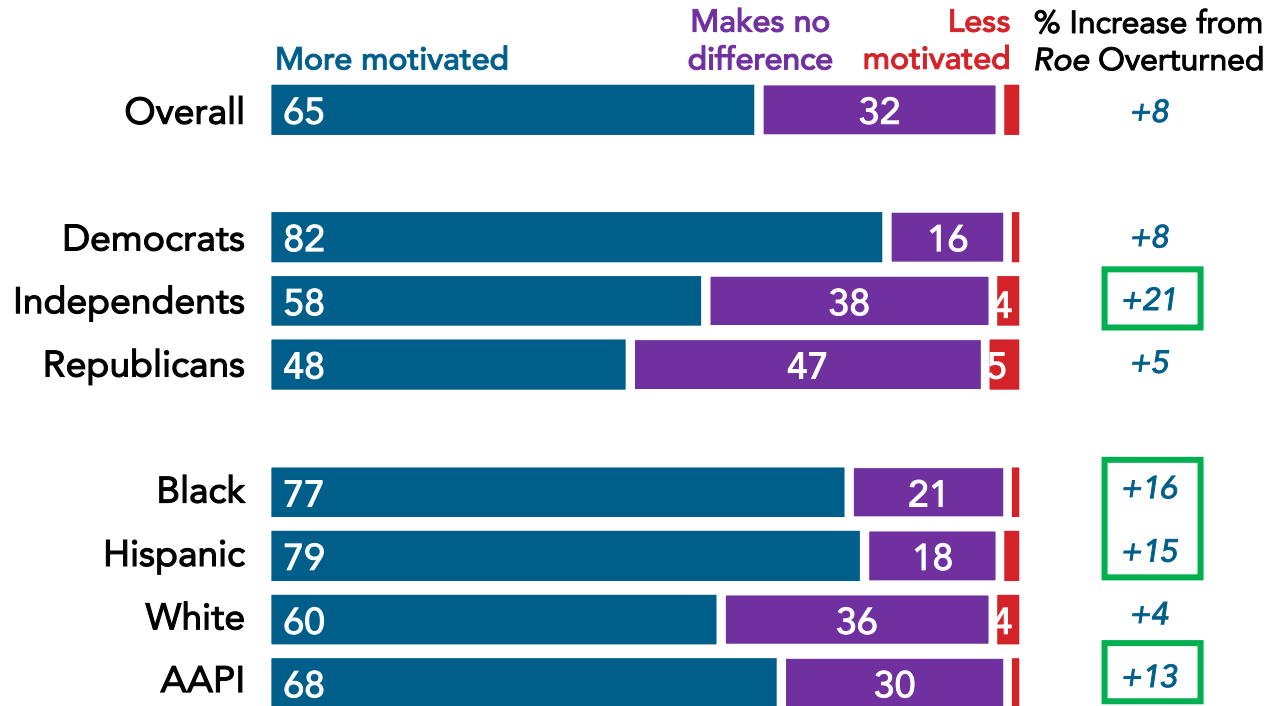


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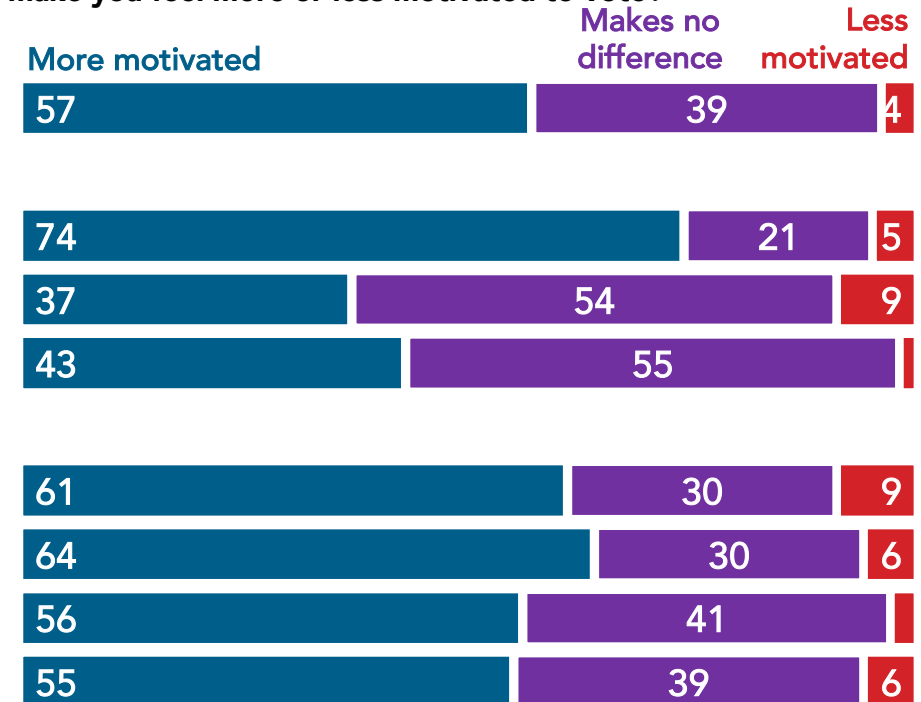
# The Prospect of a Nationwide Abortion Ban Is Even More Motivating Than SCOTUS Overturning Roe

Compared to our last survey, when 57% said they felt more motivated to vote because of the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade*, an even higher 65% are motivated by the news of a national abortion ban (including 82% of Democrats and 58% of independents).

**September 26<sup>th</sup>:** Regardless of how you plan to vote in November... does this news about a national abortion ban make you feel more or less motivated to vote?



**September 11<sup>th</sup>:** Regardless of how you plan to vote in November... Does this news about the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade* make you feel more or less motivated to vote?



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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 997 registered voters from September 22-September 26, 2022. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 87 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. 100 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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