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Crime and Public
Safety: A Guide for
Advocates



Key Takeaways:

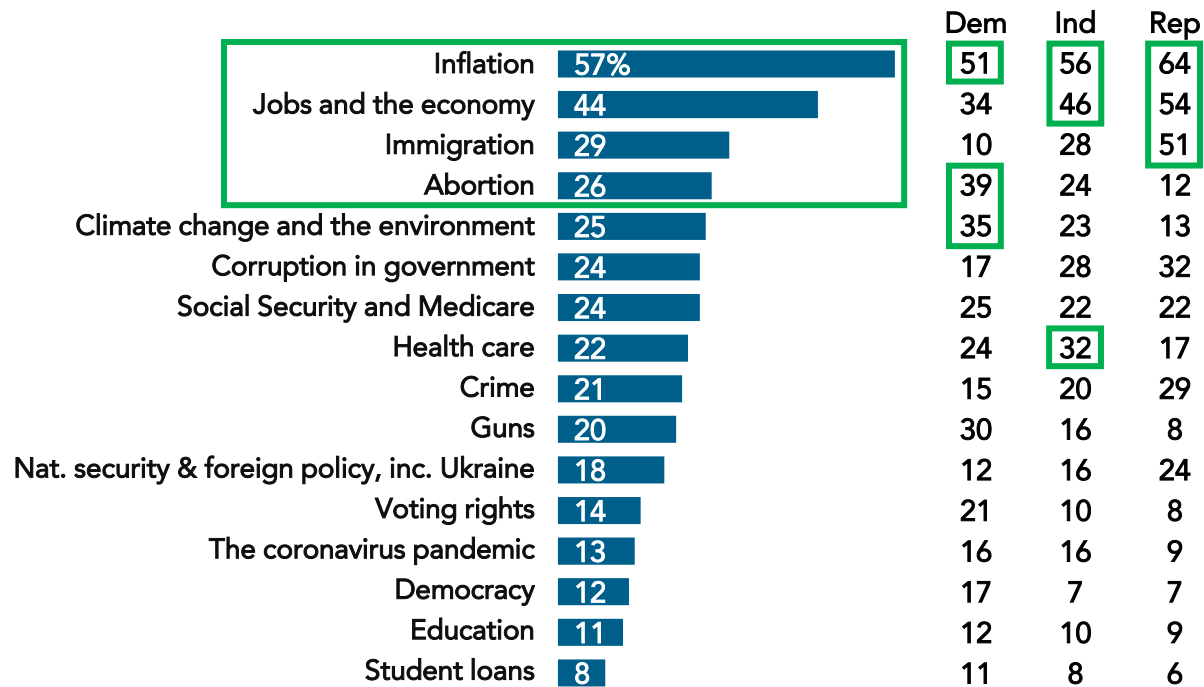
- Americans continue to see crime increasing more nationally than in their local community.
- Americans are increasingly concerned by mass shootings and gun violence when thinking about rising crime, both of which are seen as concerns by majorities.
- A range of rebuttals to conservative criticism on crime focus on Republicans as "hypocrites" led by officials facing investigations themselves, that they're deflecting from their plan to criminalize abortion, and that they've given control to extremists who support political violence.

Top Congressional Priorities: Inflation, Economy, Immigration, Abortion; Lower Priorities Include Crime, Pandemic

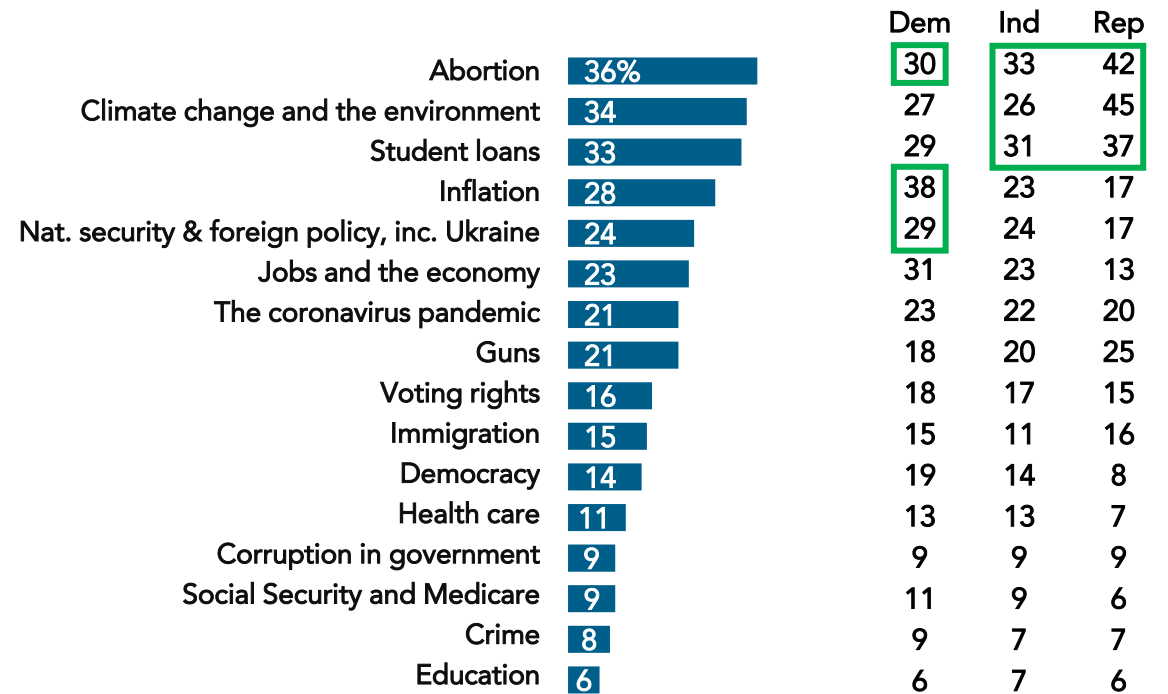
While most Americans want a focus on inflation and the economy, they see Biden and Congress focused on abortion and climate.

- Republicans are driving the share who want Congress to be focused on crime: 29% of Republicans say that crime is in their top four issues they would like Biden and Congress to focus on, while just 7% see them focused on it.

Select the top four issues that you feel are most important for President Joe Biden and Congress to focus on.



Which of these issues do you feel President Joe Biden and Congress are actually most focused on?



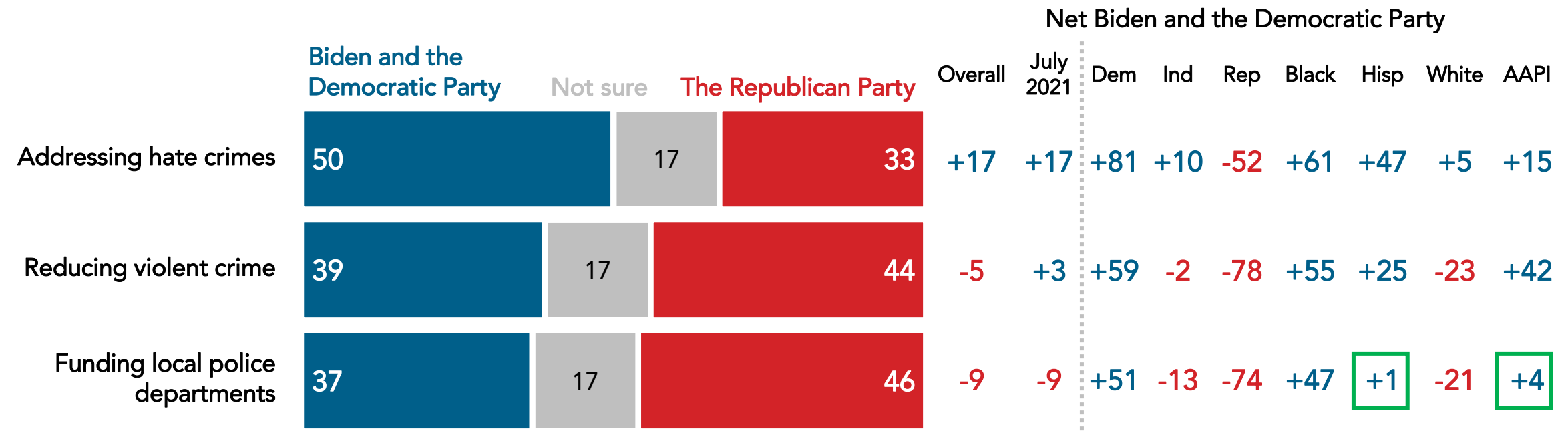
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Biden and Democrats Much More Trusted on Hate Crimes, Less So on Reducing Violent Crime and Funding the Police

Among independents, Biden and Democrats are more trusted by 10 points to address hate crimes, while Biden and Democrats are underwater by 2 on reducing violent crime and by 13 on funding local police departments.

- On funding the police, Hispanic Americans trust Democrats more by 1 point and AAPI Americans trust Democrats more by 4.

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



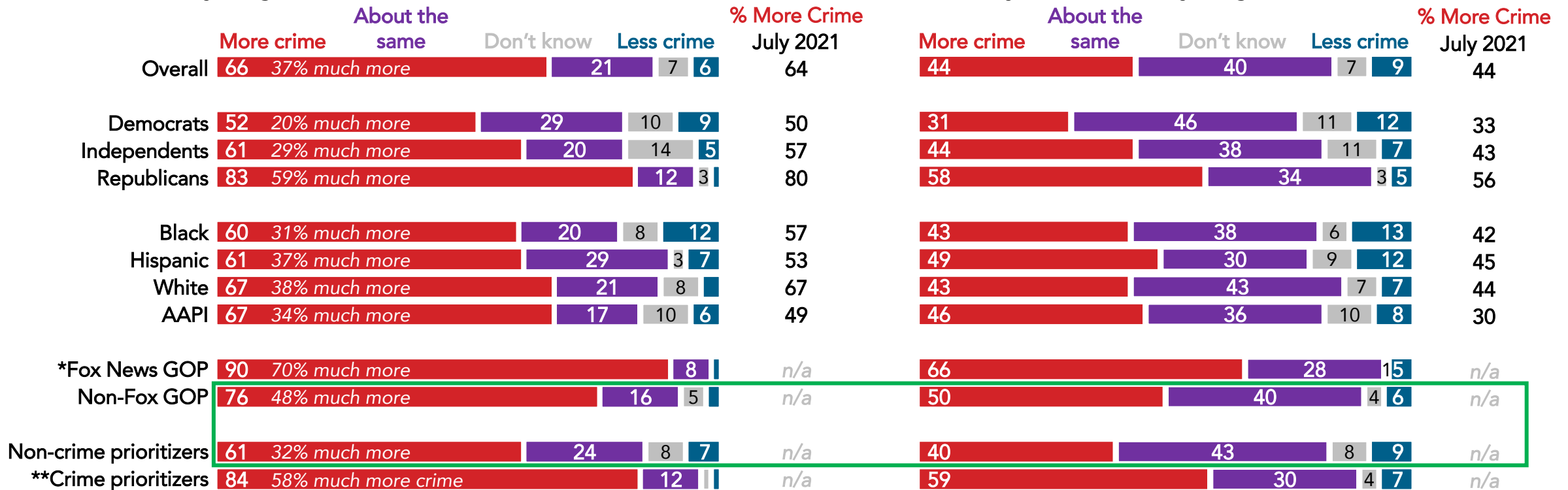
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Perception of Rising Crime Remains More National Than Local

Republicans who regularly watch Fox News are much more likely to say that crime nationally (90%) and locally (66%) is increasing compared to their non-Fox News-viewing Republican counterparts (76% and 50%, respectively). Among those who say crime is a top four issue for Biden and Congress to focus on, 84% say crime is increasing nationally and 59% locally, while among those who do not prioritize it as a top four issue, 61% say it is increasing nationally and just 40% locally.

Based on what you know, is there more or less crime in the United States than there was a year ago?

Based on what you know, is there more or less crime in your local community than there was a year ago?

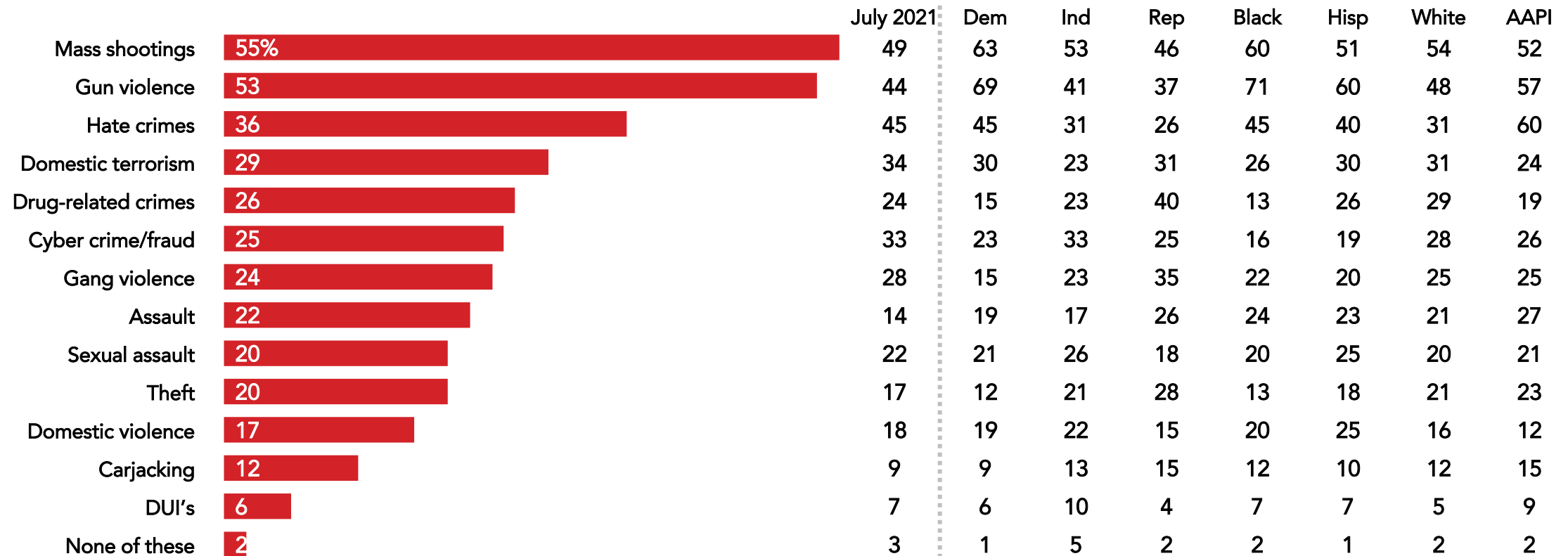


*"Fox News GOP" are self-identified Republicans who report watching Fox News at least a few times a month. **"Crime prioritizers" are those who, on a separate question, indicate that "crime" is one of the top four issues they think are most important for Biden and Congress to focus on. Nationwide surveys of registered voters; Each wave represents approximately 1,000 interviews taken over the prior three-five days. Latest wave conducted September 22-September 26, 2022. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org

There Are Growing Concerns Around Mass Shootings and Gun Violence

There has been a 6-point increase in the share who are concerned about mass shootings (from 49% in July 2021 to 55% now) and a 9-point increase in the share who are concerned about gun violence (from 44% to 53%).

Which of the following are you most concerned about?



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Top Rebuttals to GOP on Crime: Hypocrisy, Deflecting From Abortion, and Supporting Political Violence

A majority of Americans find each rebuttal “concerning,” though a hypocrisy message that criticizes Republicans for being led by criminals facing investigations and indictments for fraud, tax evasion, and stealing classified documents is strongest across party.

In response to the statement you just read... below are some statements from critics of Republicans' approach to crime and public safety. For each one, please indicate how concerning you find it. If you don't believe the statement, please indicate that as well.

	Very concerning	Somewhat concerning	Not sure	Not concerning/ don't believe	Total % Concerning			
					Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep
Republicans are hypocrites: they want to talk about crime, but their own party is led by criminals who are facing criminal investigations and indictment for defrauding their supporters, failing to pay their taxes, and stealing classified documents from the White House	36	20	6	38	56	84	56	24
Republicans would rather talk about crime because they don't want to talk about their plan to ban abortion in all 50 states, jail doctors who perform abortions and the women who seek them, and force the government and politicians into a decision that should be made between a woman and her doctor	36	19	5	40	54	83	55	22
Republicans are dangerous. They've given over control of their party to violent, right-wing extremists and white supremacist groups who stormed the Capitol on January 6 th and support political violence	35	18	5	42	53	82	52	21
Republicans are the ones who will make you less safe: they oppose any common-sense gun laws despite the fact that police support these kinds of laws, including background checks to close loopholes so we keep guns out of the hands of potentially dangerous people	34	20	6	40	54	81	56	22
Republicans are committing crimes and supporting criminals: they want to talk about crime, but their own party is led by criminals who are facing criminal investigations and indictment for defrauding their supporters, failing to pay their taxes, and stealing classified documents from the White House	32	19	6	43	51	80	45	20

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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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