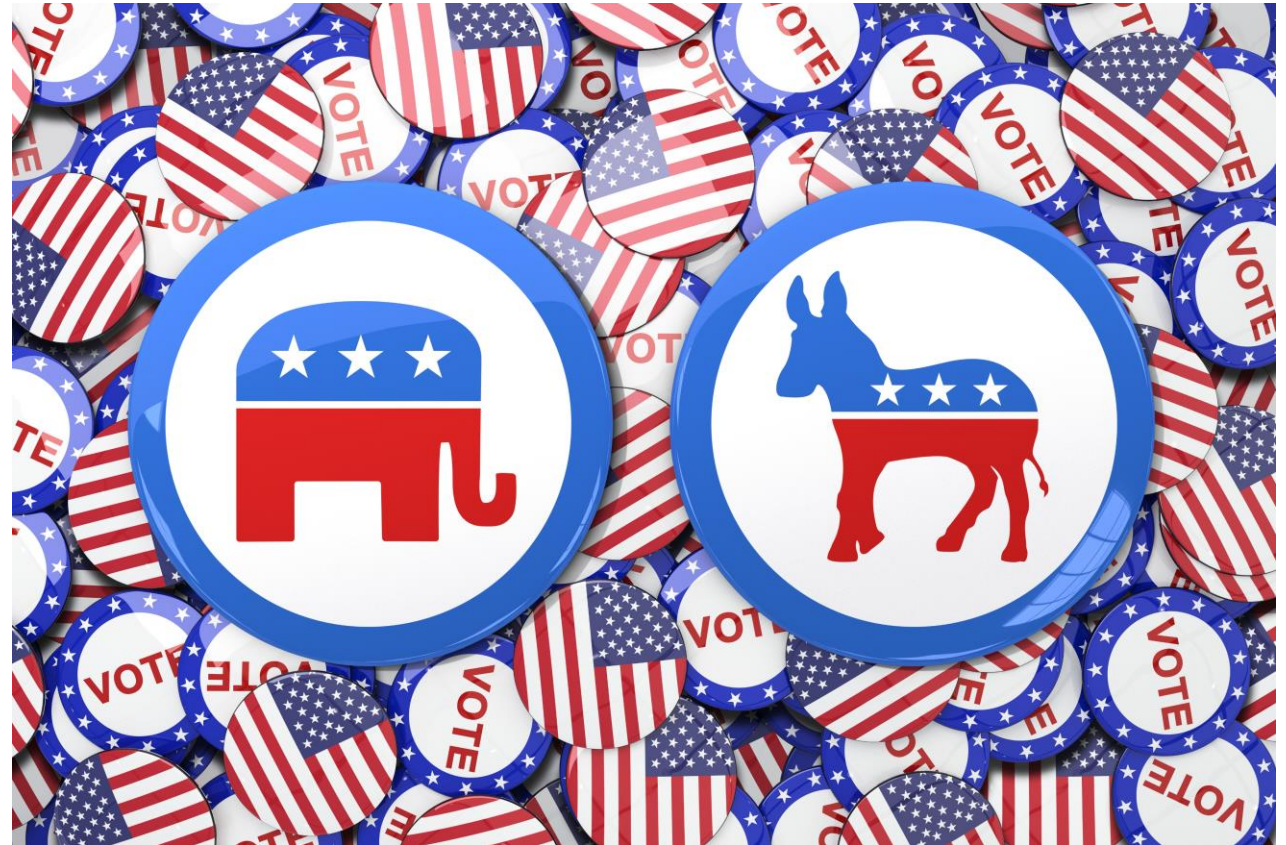


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Thursday, October 13th

The Parties and the
Midterms: A Guide for
Advocates



Key Takeaways:

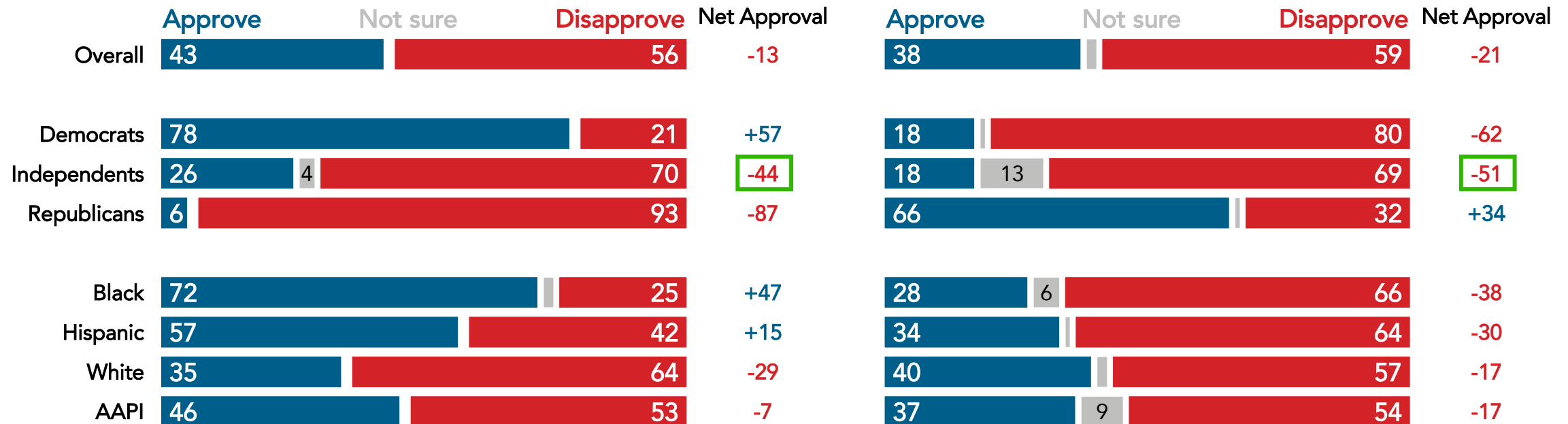
- Though both Biden and Congressional Republicans are underwater, Republicans are more in the negative: positives on Biden focus on his handling of Hurricane Ian and pardons for those convicted of marijuana possession, while negatives on Republicans remain focused on abortion.
- Democrats and independents see Republican candidates focused on abortion, though Republicans see their own party as focused on inflation, immigration, and crime.
- Three in five have major concerns about how Republicans in Congress are currently handling their jobs, and majorities say power, self-enrichment, extremism, control, and special interests are among the top motivators of Republican elected officials.

While Biden and Republicans in Congress Are Underwater on Approval, GOP Is More Deeply So

Independents largely disapprove of both, though Republicans in Congress are further underwater (net -51 approval) than Biden is (net -44).

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Republicans in Congress are handling their jobs?



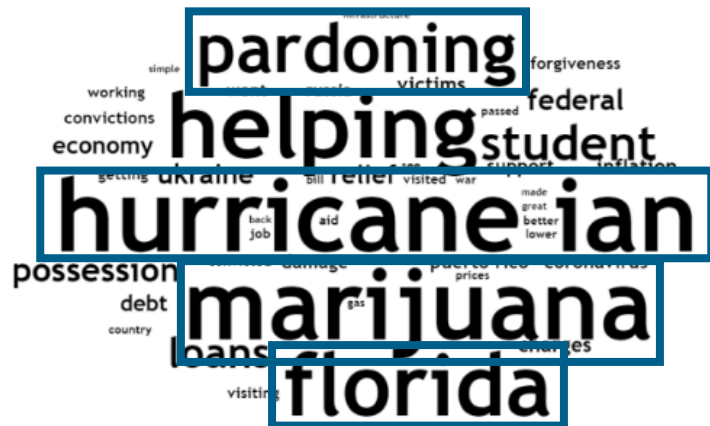
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Positives on Biden Include Hurricane Ian Response, Marijuana Pardons; Negatives on GOP Focused on Abortion

Positives on Biden include his visiting of Florida and general response to the damage of Hurricane Ian, whereas Republicans in Congress' negatives focus on abortion: stripping women's "rights" and the Herschel Walker abortion scandal in particular.

In a few words, what positive things have you seen, read, or heard recently about Joe Biden?

Hearing Positives on Biden: 54%



"One positive thing that I heard he's doing is he's **pardoning people from marijuana charges.**"

"Said **politics didn't matter** when it came to **helping the people affected by Hurricane Ian.**"

"Positive **response to Hurricane Ian...slightly improving unemployment numbers, federal marijuana possession conviction pardons.**"

In a few words, what negative things have you seen, read, or heard recently about Republicans in Congress?

Hearing Negatives on Republicans in Congress: 53%



"They want to **ban abortion in America.**"

"**Herschel Walker abortion scandal.**"

"They keep on **supporting former president Trump** and **taking away rights** from us the citizens."

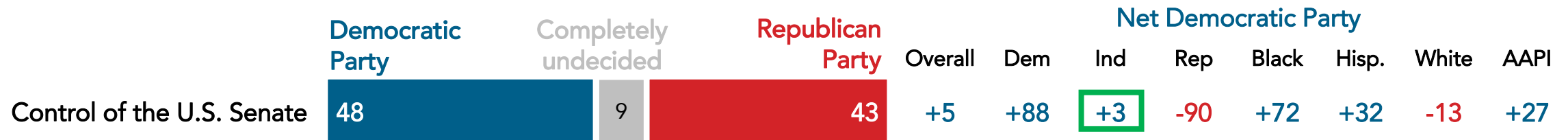
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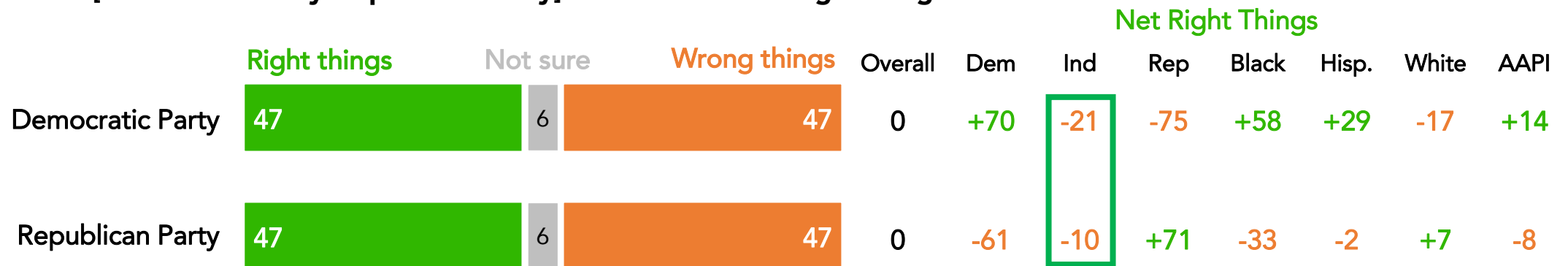
Registered Voters Prefer Democratic-Controlled Senate While Divided Over Parties' Focus on Right Things

Independents favor Democratic control of the Senate by net 3 points, but do not think either party is focused on the right things (net -10 for the Republican Party, net -21 for the Democratic Party).

Regardless of which party you will vote for in this November's election, which party would you like to control the U.S. Senate?



Do you think the [Democratic Party/Republican Party] is focused on the right things?

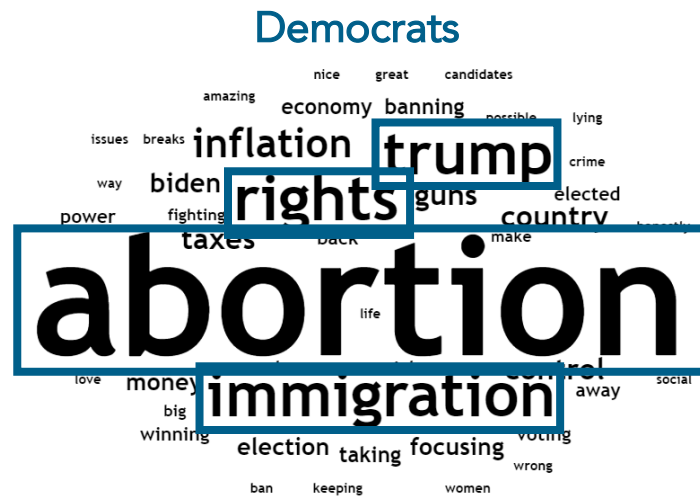


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Democrats and Independents Say GOP Candidates Focused on Abortion While Republicans Say Inflation, Immigration, Crime

Democrats and independents see Republican candidates for elected office as focused on abortion in their campaigns (though independents also mention "inflation," "Trump," and the "economy," while Democrats also say "immigration"). Republicans say candidates of their party are focused on "inflation," "immigration," "crime," and the "economy."

What do you think Republican candidates for elected office are focused on right now in their campaigns?



"They are focusing on the wrong things right now, just following Trump and his policies. Taking away rights from us."

"Banning abortion. Taking away the rights of women all over the country and forcing immigrants out of the country."



"They are too focused on the abortion issue and not negotiating for drug prices."

"They are focused on abortion and trying to find ways to fight inflation."



"Combating inflation, the need for more jobs, and securing the border and cracking down on illegal immigration."

"The economy and inflation are the main focus of the Republicans."

Across Party Lines, Americans Agree Democratic Candidates Are Focused on Abortion

Partisans across the aisle see Democratic candidates focused on abortion. Democrats also mention “rights,” “the economy” and “inflation;” independents mention “inflation” and “immigration;” and Republicans mention “climate change.”

What do you think Democratic candidates for elected office are focused on right now in their campaigns?



*“I think they are focused on **women's rights, Social Security and Medicare**, immigration, jobs and the economy and the inflation.”*

“Abortion rights, democracy, voting rights, equality for all.”

*“They are focused on **abortion rights**. Also they are focused on finding ways to spend millions and billions of dollars.”*

*“Making sure that **all women have access and rights to an abortion** and make sure that inflation goes down.”*

*“There are [more] important issues happening in this country but **Democrats seemed focused on forgiving student loans and abortion rights**.”*

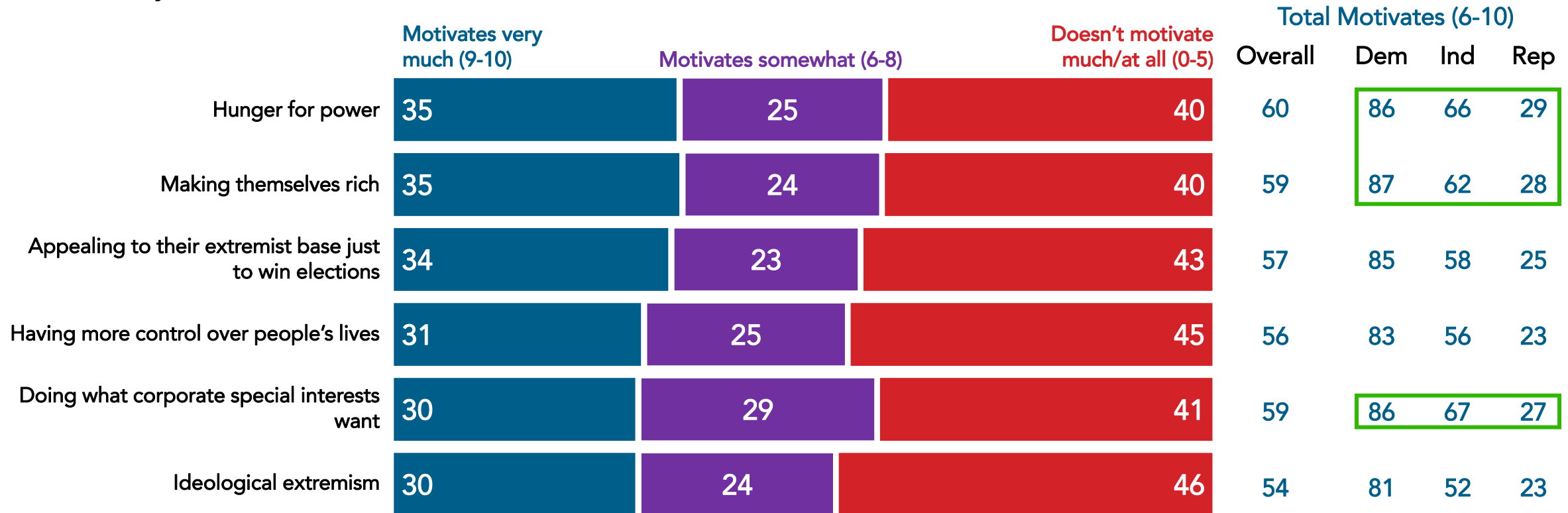
*“**Climate change and liberal immigration policies**.”*

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Range of Items Related to Power, Self-Enrichment, Special Interests, Control, and Extremism Seen as Motivating GOP

Independents feel Republicans are most motivated by “doing what corporate special interests want” (67%), “hunger for power” (66%), and “making themselves rich” (62%).

Below is a list of things that some have said motivate Republican elected officials in their decision-making and policy-making. Please indicate, on a scale of zero to ten...where you think each falls:



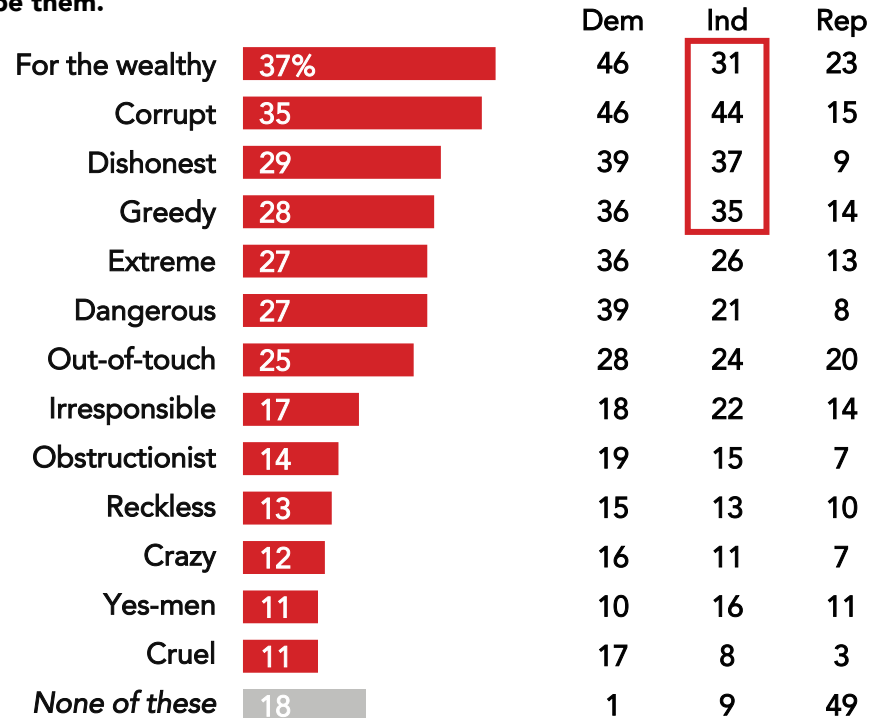
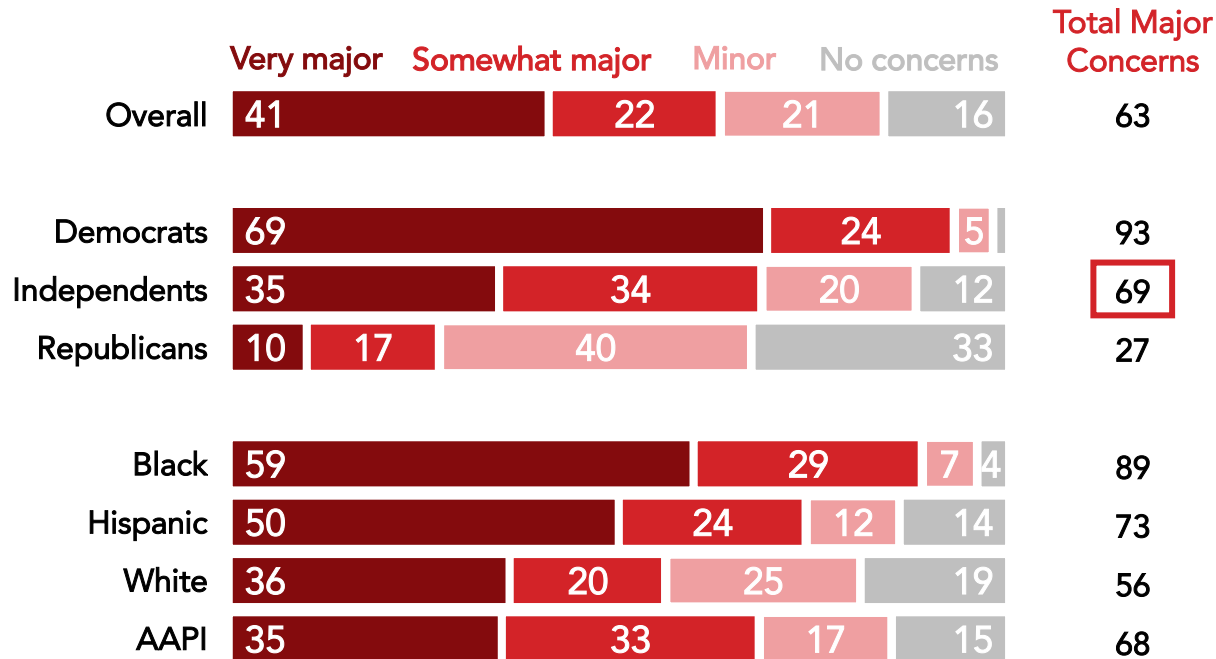
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More Than Three in Five Are Concerned By GOP & Say They Are "For the Wealthy," "Corrupt," "Dishonest," "Greedy"

Nearly seven in ten independents (69%) have major concerns about how Republicans in Congress are handling their jobs and are most likely to describe them as "corrupt" (44%), "dishonest" (37%), "greedy" (35%), and "for the wealthy" (31%).

Do you have any concerns about the way Republicans in Congress are currently handling their jobs or do you have no concerns about that?

[IF CONCERNED ABOUT GOP IN CONGRESS] Below is a list of words some have used to describe Republicans in Congress. Please select the four that you think best describe them.



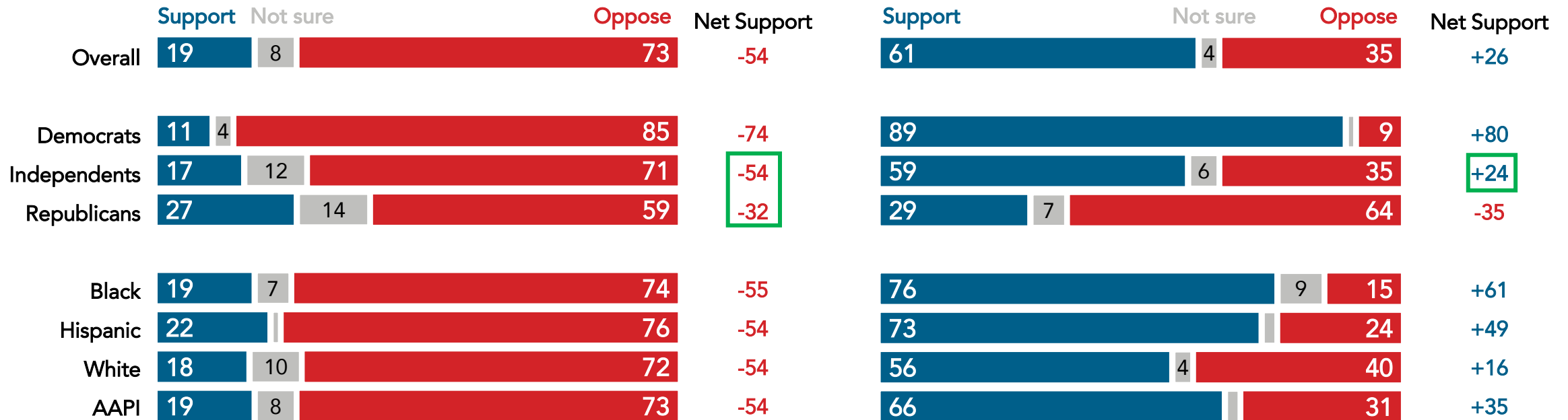
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Majorities Continue to Oppose the Actions of January 6th Rioters and Support the House Investigation Into that Day

Independents oppose the actions of Trump supporters by net -54 while supporting the House investigation into what happened by net +24.

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?

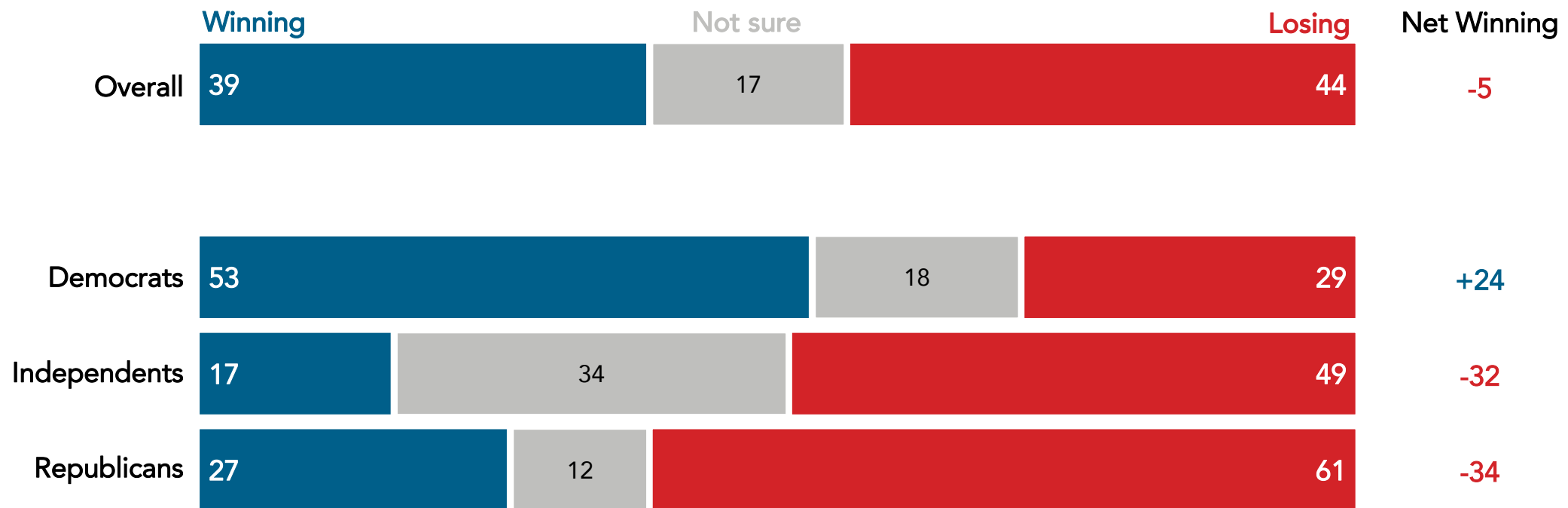


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A Plurality of Americans Believe Their Side Has Been Losing, Though a Majority of Democrats Say Their Side Is Winning

By a 24-point margin (53% to 29%), Democrats say their side has been winning more than losing over the last few years; by contrast, a large majority of Republicans (61%) feel their side has been losing.

Thinking about the way things have been going in politics over the last few years on the issues that matter to you, would you say your side has been...



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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 October 6-October 10, 2022. 102 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. 99 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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