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Republican Control of the House of Representatives: A Guide for Advocates



## Key Takeaways:

- The most concerning potential outcomes of a House Republican majority include ending the guarantee of Social Security and Medicare, abortion bans, overturning elections, and preventing Medicare from negotiating lower drug prices.
- Republicans in Congress are deeply underwater on approval, as are Kevin McCarthy, Mitch McConnell, and Marjorie Taylor Greene on favorability.
- A growing majority say the Republican Party is “extreme” as the share who say the same of the Democratic Party is in decline.
- In the lame duck Congress, Americans most intensely support codifying abortion rights and same-sex marriage, as well as banning assault weapons. The “Momnibus” bill and NDAA reauthorization are also popular.

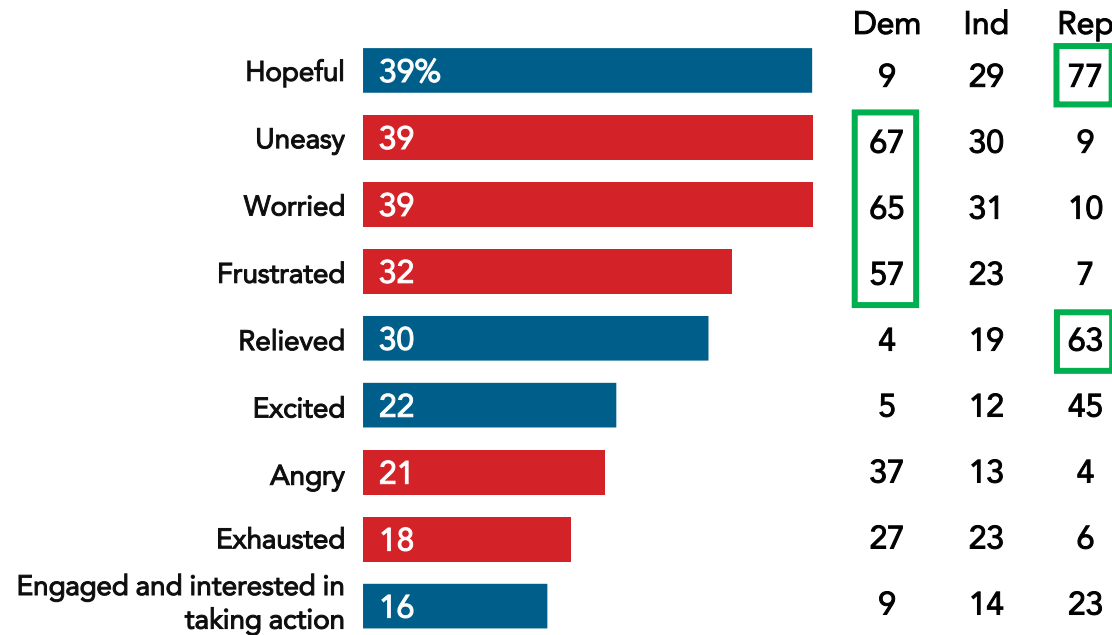


# Americans Are “Hopeful,” “Uneasy,” “Worried” About GOP House Control & Say It Will Have an Impact on Them

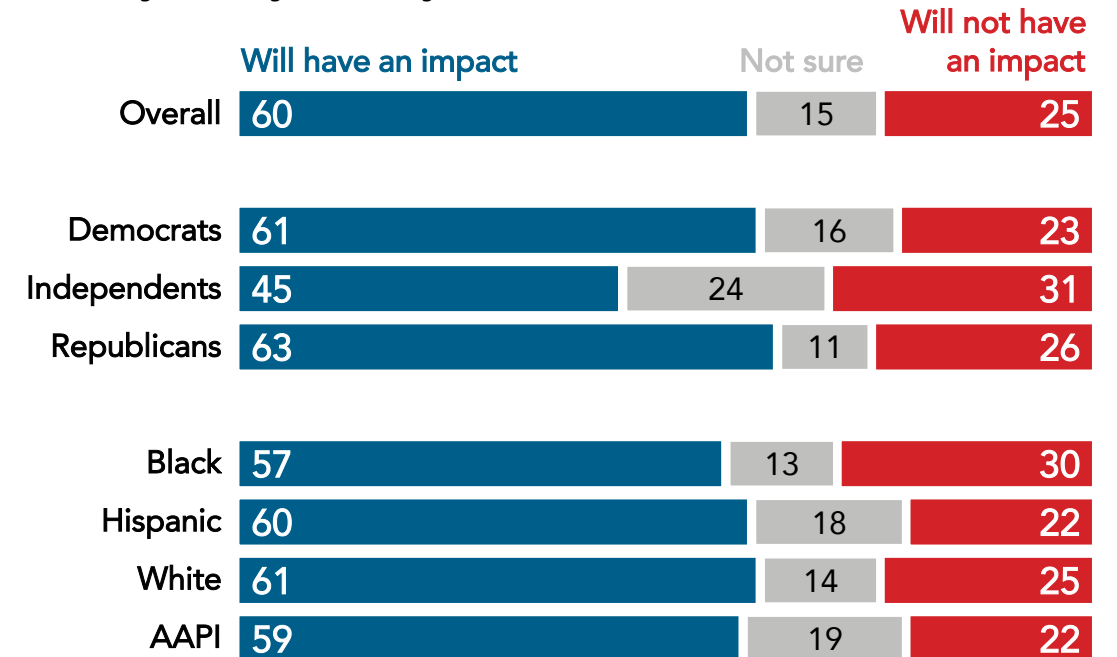
Republicans drive the share feeling “hopeful” (77%) and “relieved” (63%), though only 45% of Republicans say they are “excited.”

- Independents are less likely than partisans to believe that Republicans winning the House will have a real impact on their lives (45%, compared to 61% of Democrats and 63% of Republicans).

Below are some emotions some people might feel about the Republican Party winning control of the House of Representatives. Please indicate ALL you feel about this outcome.



In thinking more about the midterm elections... now that Republicans have won control of the House, do you think it will have any real impact on the lives of you and your family?

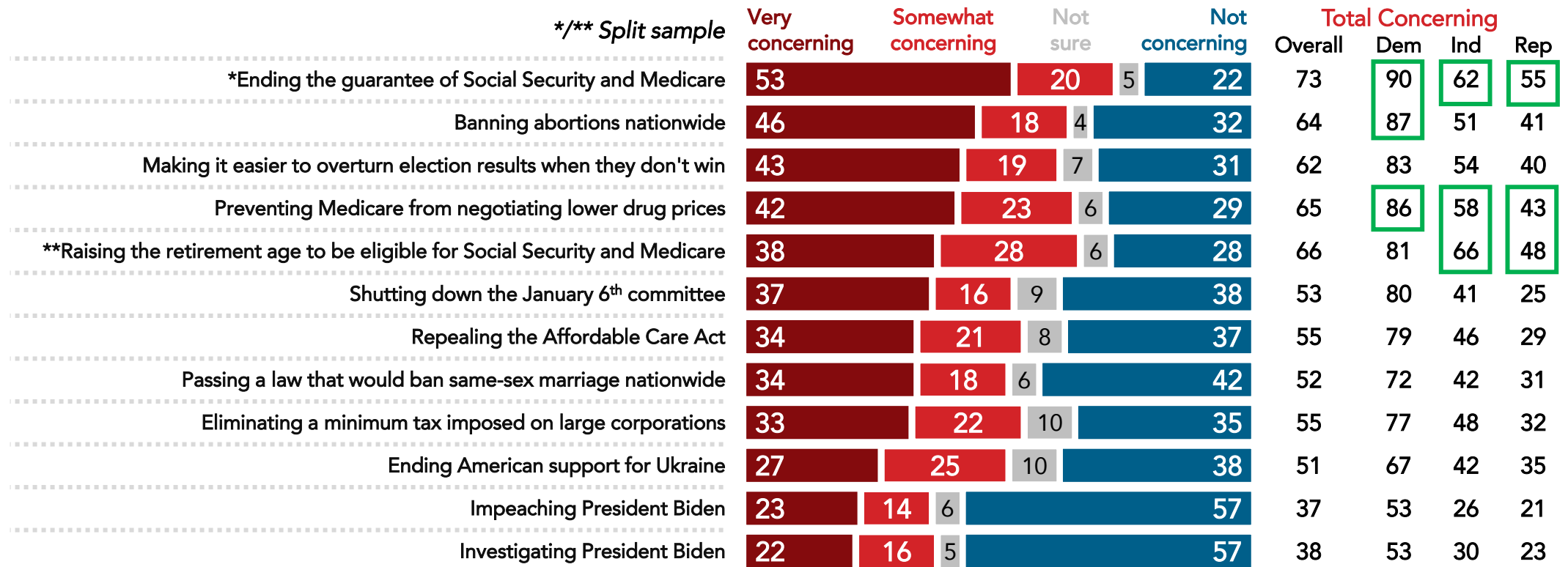


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# Top Concerns About GOP House: Ending Guarantee of SS/Medicare, Abortion Bans, Overturning Elections, Drug Prices

Americans are more concerned about Republicans “ending the guarantee of Social Security and Medicare” (73% total concerning, 53% very concerning) than “raising the retirement age to be eligible for Social Security and Medicare” (66% total, 38% very).

Below is a list of outcomes that could happen now that Republicans control the House of Representatives. For each, please indicate how concerned you are.

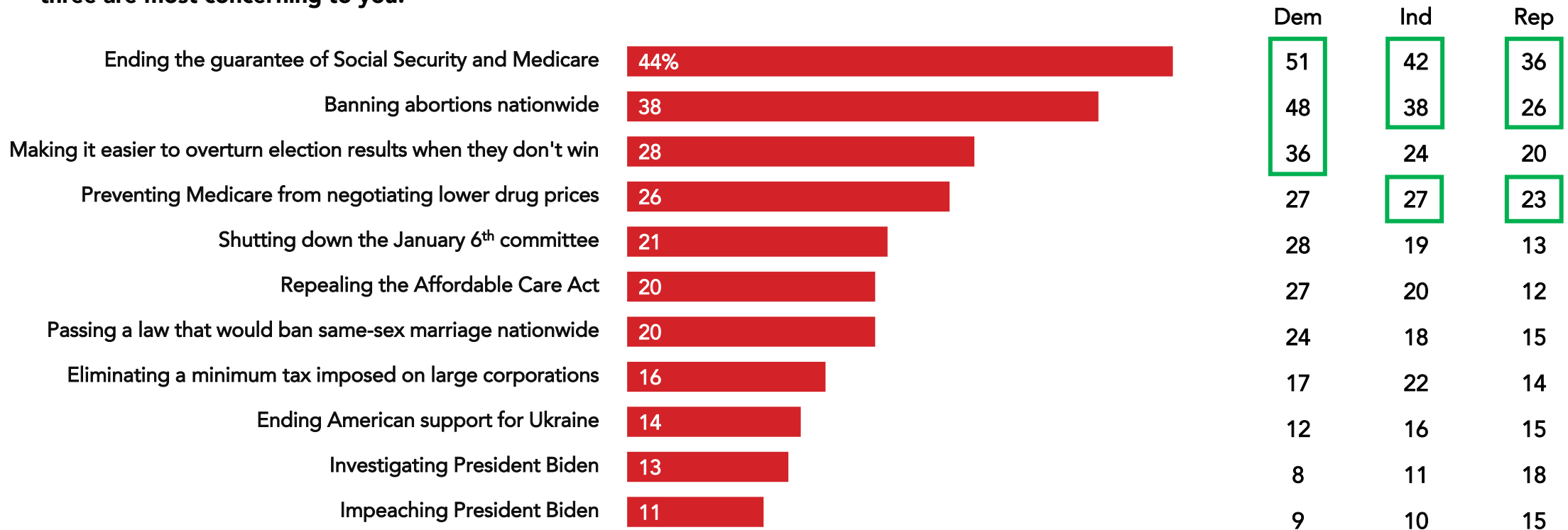


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# Ending Guarantee of Social Security & Medicare and Abortion Bans Are Top Two Concerns on Republican House

Across party, ending the guarantee of Social Security and Medicare and abortion bans are most concerning (51% and 48% of Democrats say they are the most concerning, as do 42% and 38% of independents and 36% and 26% of Republicans, respectively).

Below is the same list of potential outcomes that could happen now that Republicans will control the House of Representatives. Please indicate which three are most concerning to you.

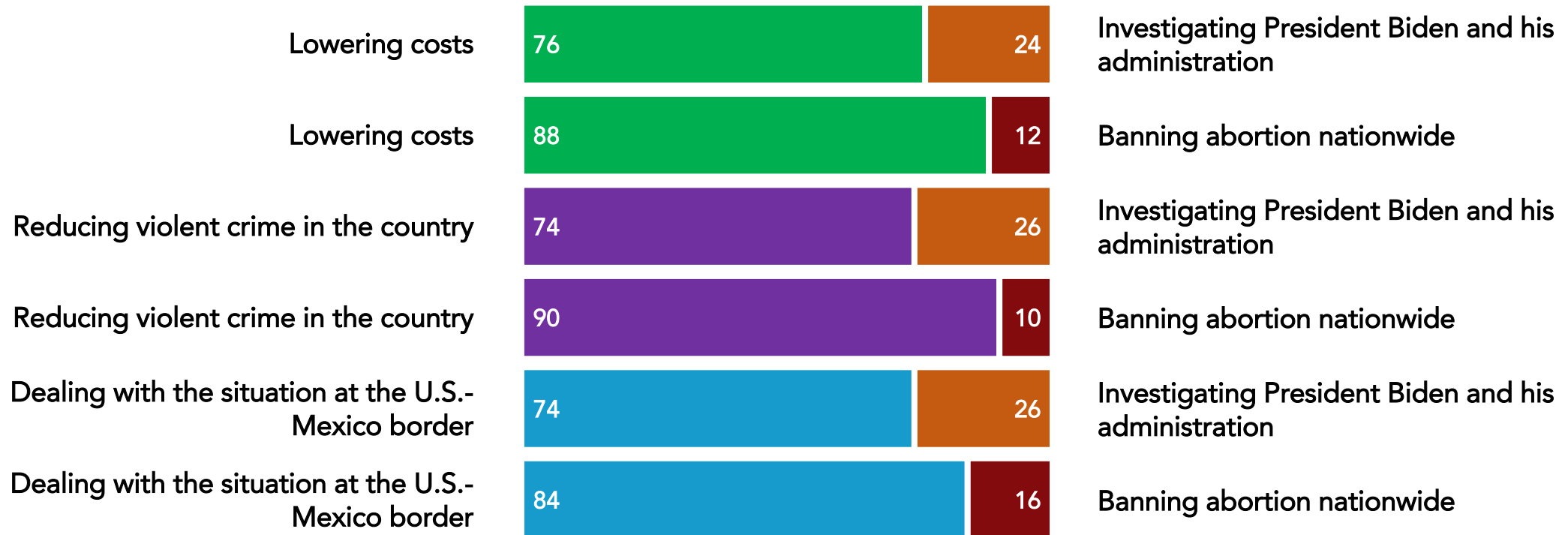


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# Americans Want GOP to Focus on Costs, Crime, and the Border Over Investigating Biden and Banning Abortion

Just one in four or less would prefer the Republican Party focus on investigating President Biden and his administration or banning abortion nationwide when pitted against lowering costs, reducing violent crime, and dealing with the situation at the southern border.

Which would you prefer the Republican Party focus on:



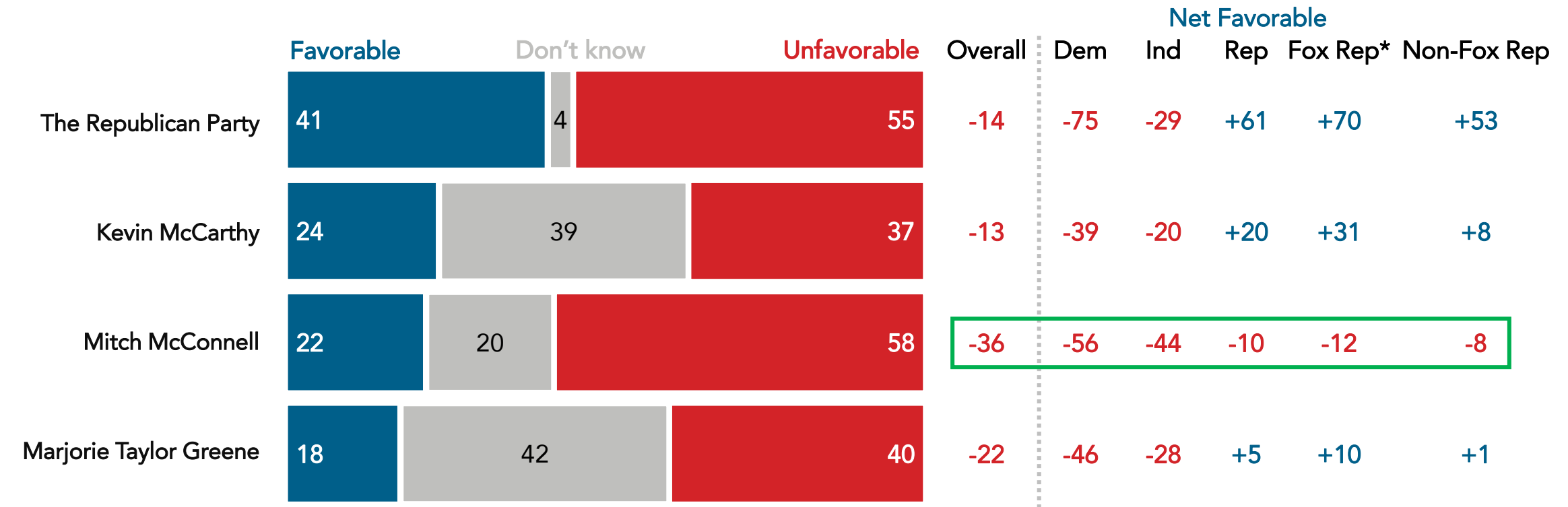
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# Majorities View Both the Republican Party and Some of Its Key Figures Unfavorably

Republican Party leaders such as Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene are significantly less favorable than the Republican Party, which itself is 14 points underwater.

- Mitch McConnell is viewed unfavorably across partisan lines (including net -10 among Republicans).

Below are the names of some people and groups. Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to each one.



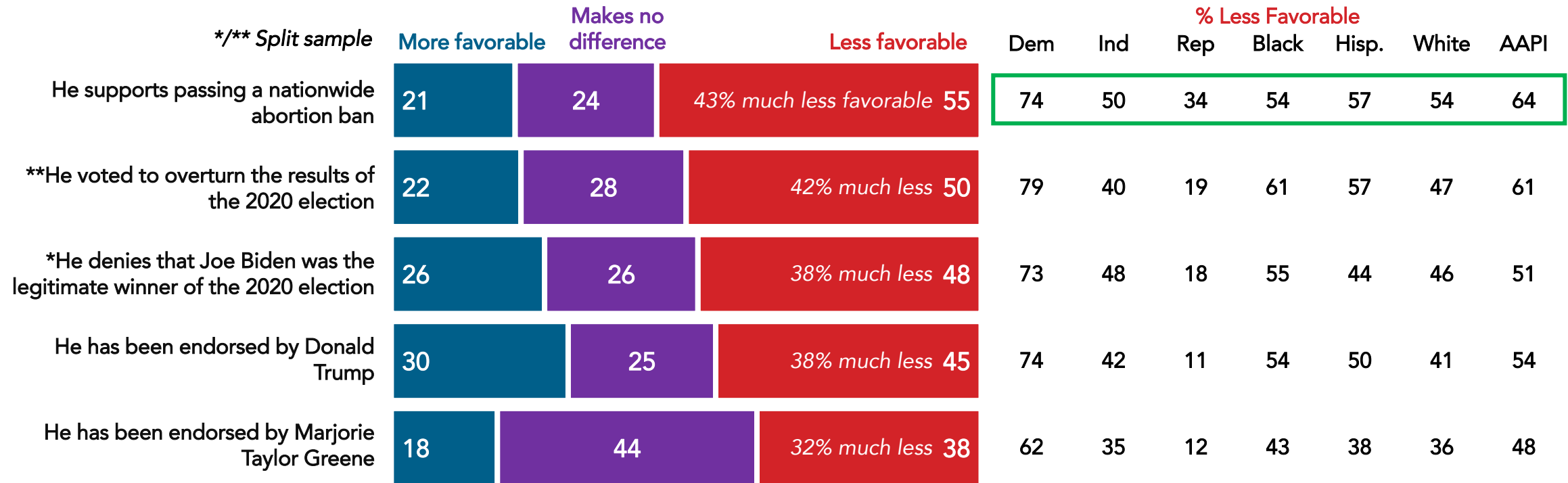
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# After Learning of His Support for Abortion Bans & Overturning the 2020 Election, Majorities Are Less Favorable to McCarthy

A majority of Americans say his support for passing a nationwide abortion ban makes them less favorable to Kevin McCarthy, including 74% of Democrats, 50% of independents, and even 34% of Republicans.

As you may or may not know, Kevin McCarthy is likely to become the next Speaker of the House when Republicans take control. For each of the following, please indicate whether it makes you more or less favorable to Kevin McCarthy.

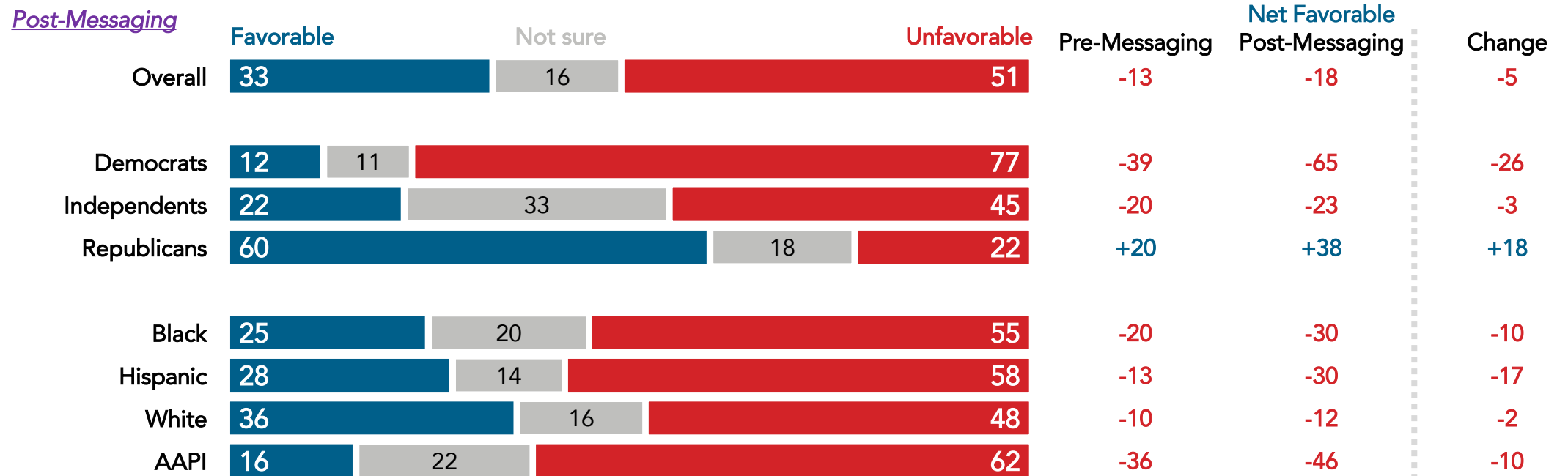


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# Messaging on McCarthy's Positions Moves Him Even Further Underwater Among a Majority of Americans

After respondents read about his support for nationwide abortion bans, his vote to overturn the 2020 presidential election results, and other details, 51% say they have an unfavorable view of Kevin McCarthy, including 45% of independents.

One more time...Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: Kevin McCarthy.



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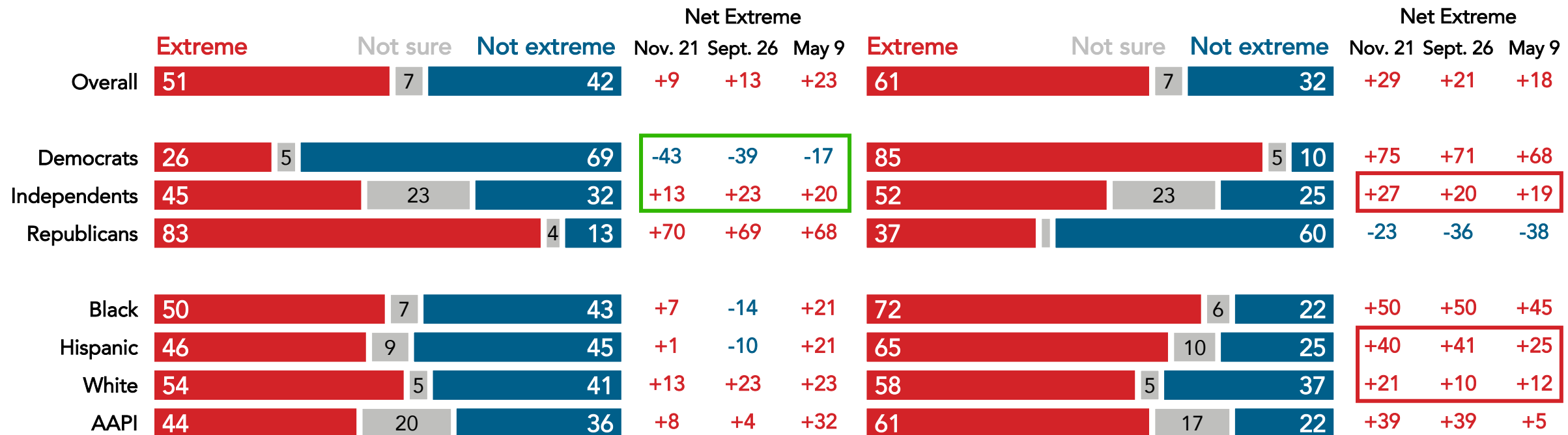
# An Increasing Share of Americans See Republicans as Extreme; Fewer See Democrats as Extreme

Republicans are now viewed as 11-points more extreme than they were in May (from net +18 extreme to net +29), including an 8-point increase among independents (from net +19 to net +27).

- There has been a 14-point decline in the share who say the Democratic Party is extreme since May (from net +23 extreme to net +9), driven by an improvement among Democrats (from net -17 extreme to net -43) and independents (from net +20 to net +13).

## Would you describe the Democratic Party as...

## Would you describe the Republican Party as...



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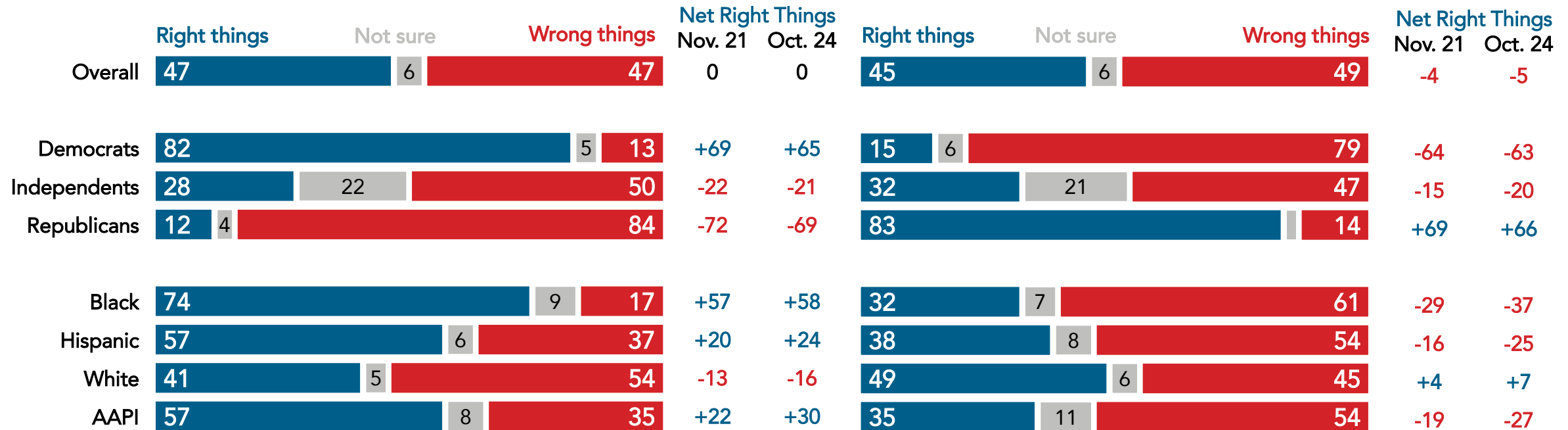
# Americans Divided on the Direction of the Parties; More Say Republicans are Focused on the Wrong Things

Black Americans (+57 right things), AAPI Americans (+22), and Hispanic Americans (+20) are more likely to say the Democratic Party is focused on the right things.

- Independents say both the Democratic Party (-22) and the Republican Party (-15) are focused on the wrong things.

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

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

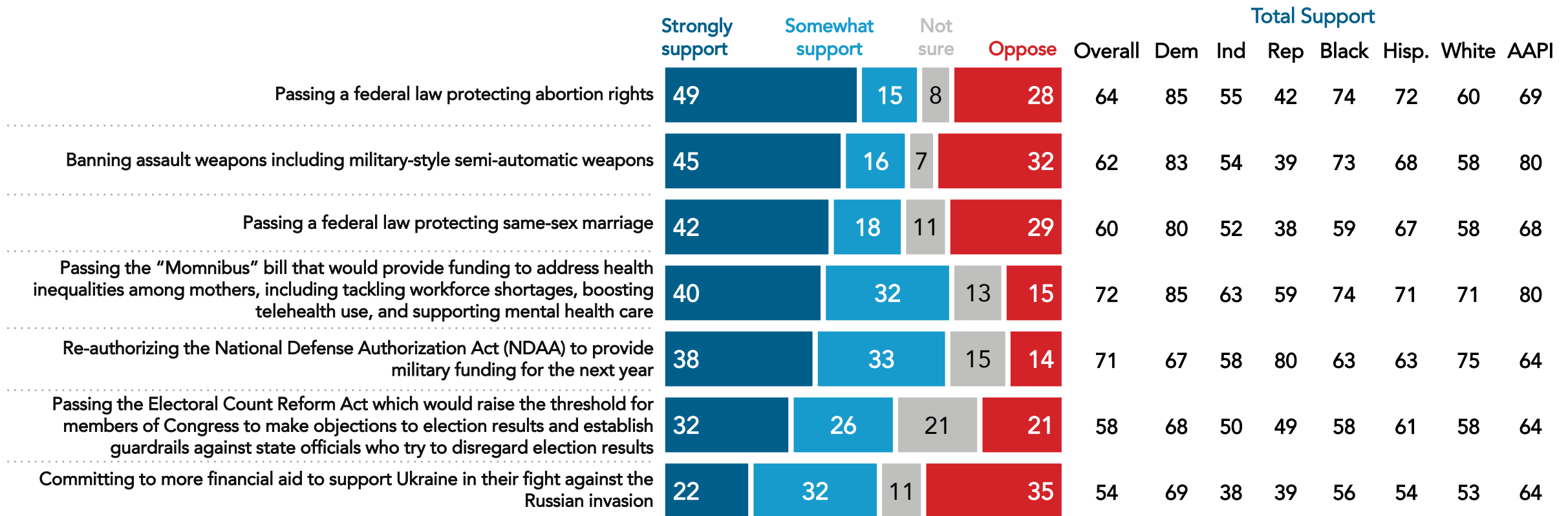


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# Intensity of Support Highest for Protecting Abortion, Same-Sex Marriage, and Banning Assault Weapons in Lame Duck Congress

In terms of total support, the “*Momnibus*” bill (72% support) and re-authorizing the NDAA (71%) are the most broadly popular.

Below is a list of proposals and policies that Congress may pass in the next two months. Please indicate how much you support or oppose each one.



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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 999 registered voters from November 17-November 21, 2022. 105 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 80 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 105 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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