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The State of American
Democracy: A Guide for
Advocates



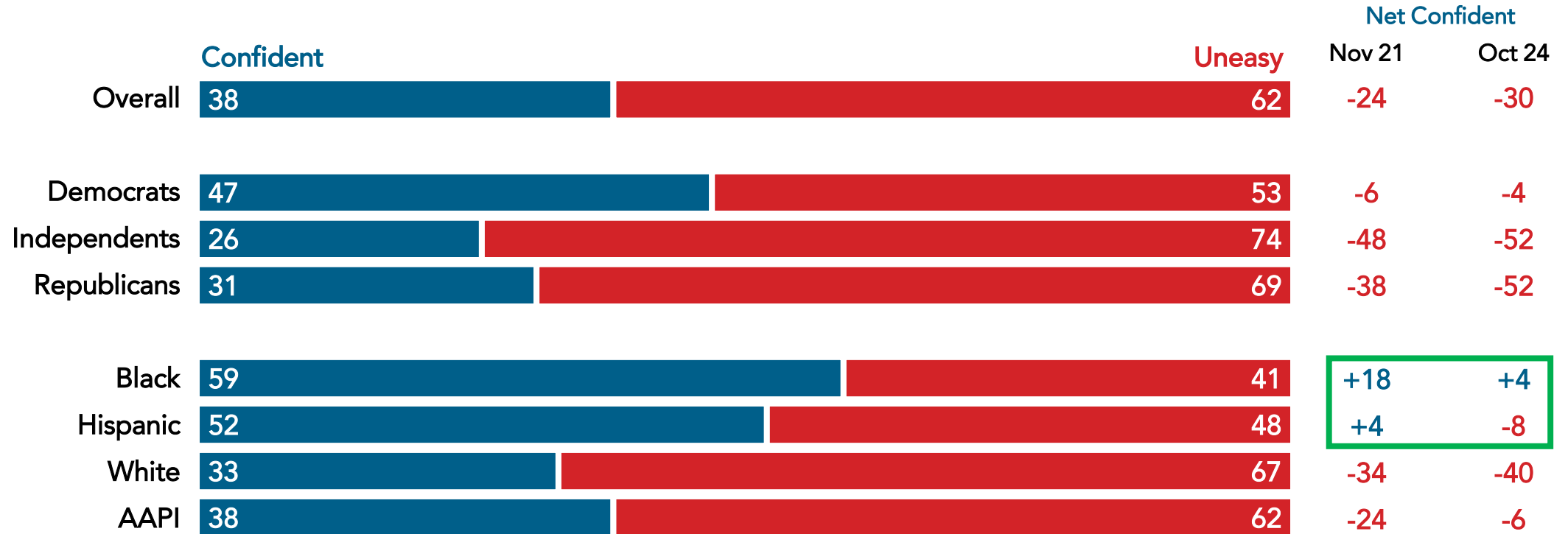
Key Takeaways:

- A majority of Americans continue to feel uneasy about the state of American democracy.
- However, the midterm elections present a silver lining – more Americans are confident their ballots were counted correctly and fairly in 2022 than 2020.
- There is a dramatic increase in Republican confidence between the 2020 and 2022 election results, while Democrats and independents remain just as confident in the results from 2022 as 2020.
- Voters have mixed feelings over who “won” the midterm election and whether they are satisfied with the results, though Democratic voters are clearly more satisfied with the outcome than their Republican counterparts.

Majorities Continue to Feel Uneasy About the State of American Democracy

Black Americans (59%) and Hispanic Americans (52%) are the only partisan or ethnic groups who are more confident than uneasy about the state of American democracy, and both Black Americans (14-point increase) and Hispanic Americans (12-point increase) have grown more confident in American democracy compared to before the midterms.

How confident are you in the state of American democracy today?



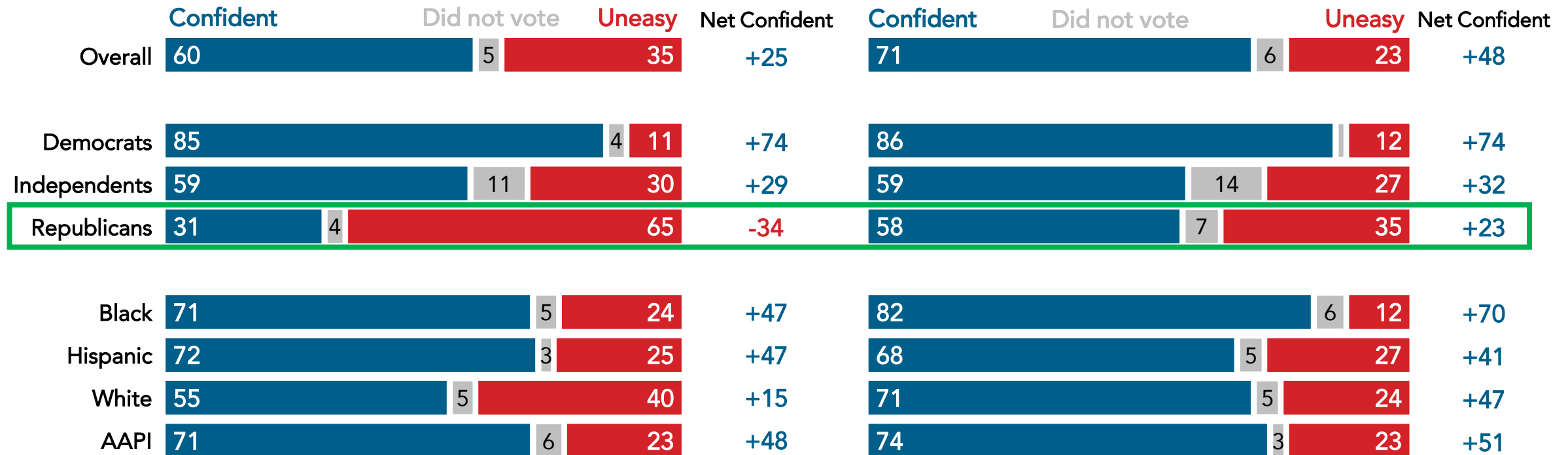
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There is Greater Confidence Ballots Were Counted Fairly in 2022 Than 2020, Driven by Republicans

While Democrats and independents are equally confident across the past two elections, there has been a 27-point increase in Republican confidence between the 2020 Presidential election (31% confident) and the 2022 midterm election (58% confident).

(Split sample) How confident are you that your ballot in the previous presidential election in 2020 was counted correctly and fairly?

(Split sample) How confident are you that your ballot in the 2022 midterm elections was counted correctly and fairly?

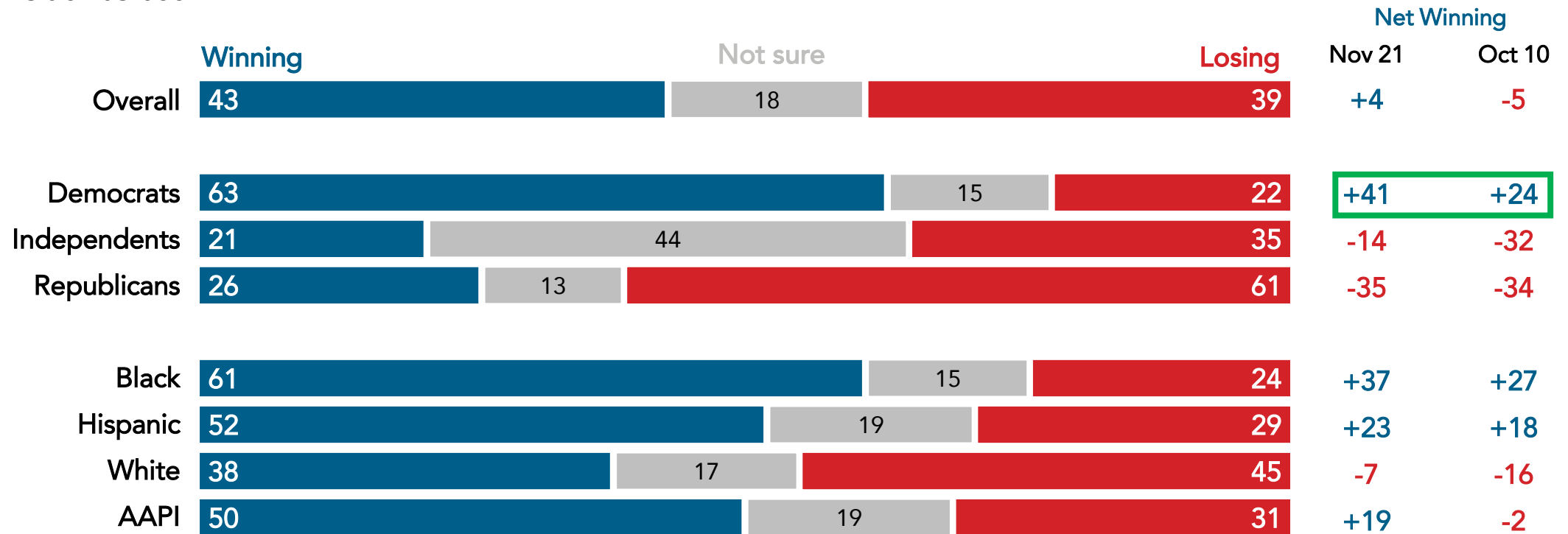


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Americans Remain Split Overall Over Which Side Has Been Winning and Losing in Politics Today

Democrats feel they've been winning more than losing (63% winning/22% losing), a 17-point net increase since October, while Republicans feel they've been losing more than winning (26% winning/61% losing), despite winning control of the House of Representatives.

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...

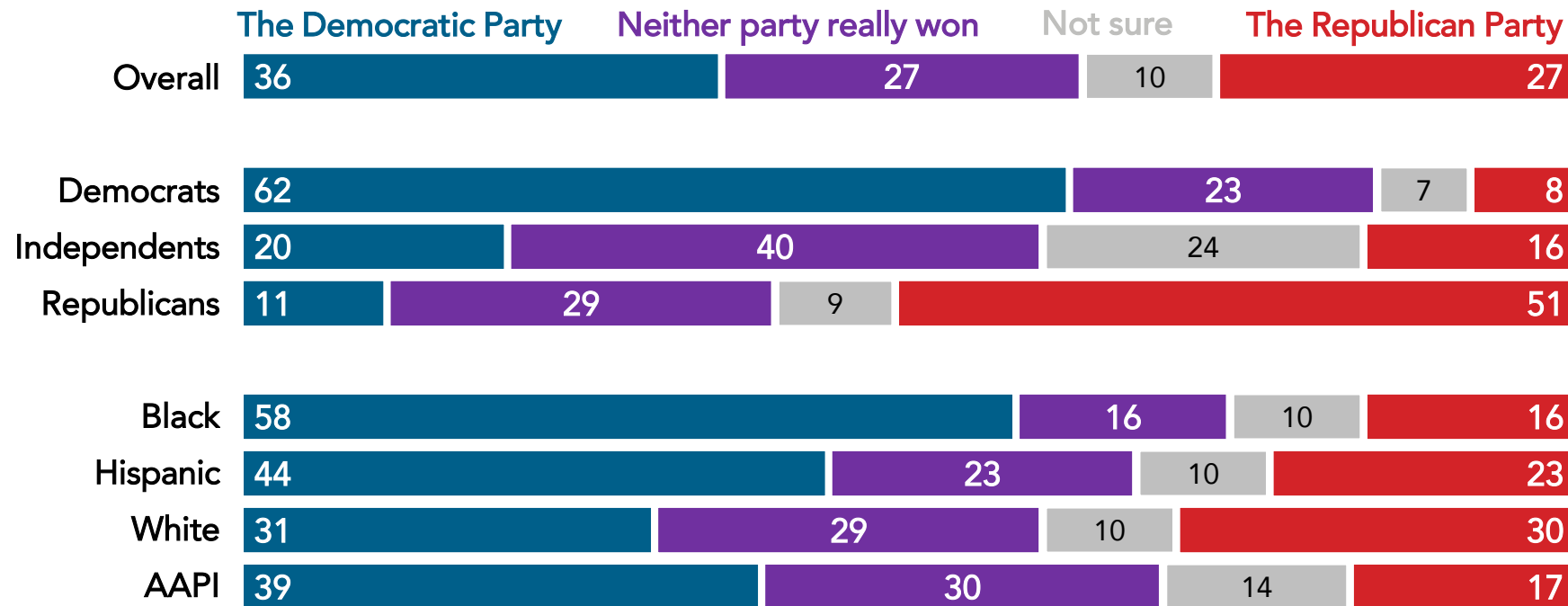


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Americans Are Split Over Which Party “Won” The Midterm Elections

A greater share of independents say that neither party really won (40%), than say the Democratic Party (20%) or the Republican Party (16%). And while 62% of Democrats say their party won in 2022, just 51% of Republicans say the same.

As you may know, there were various elections for state and federal offices across the country on November 8th. But generally speaking, which party do you think “won” the election?

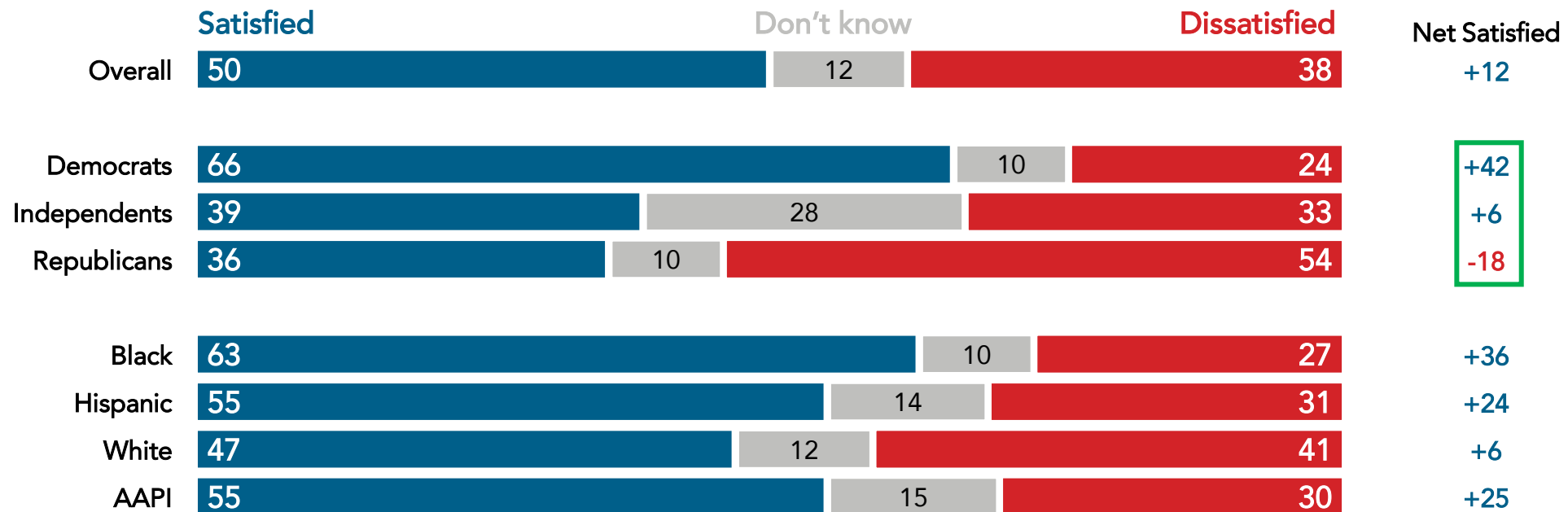


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Democrats Much More Satisfied than Republicans About the Election; More Independents Satisfied than Dissatisfied

Two in three Democrats (66%) say they are satisfied about the outcome of the election, while a majority of Republicans (54%) are dissatisfied with the outcome.

Put another way, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you about the outcome of November 8th's election?

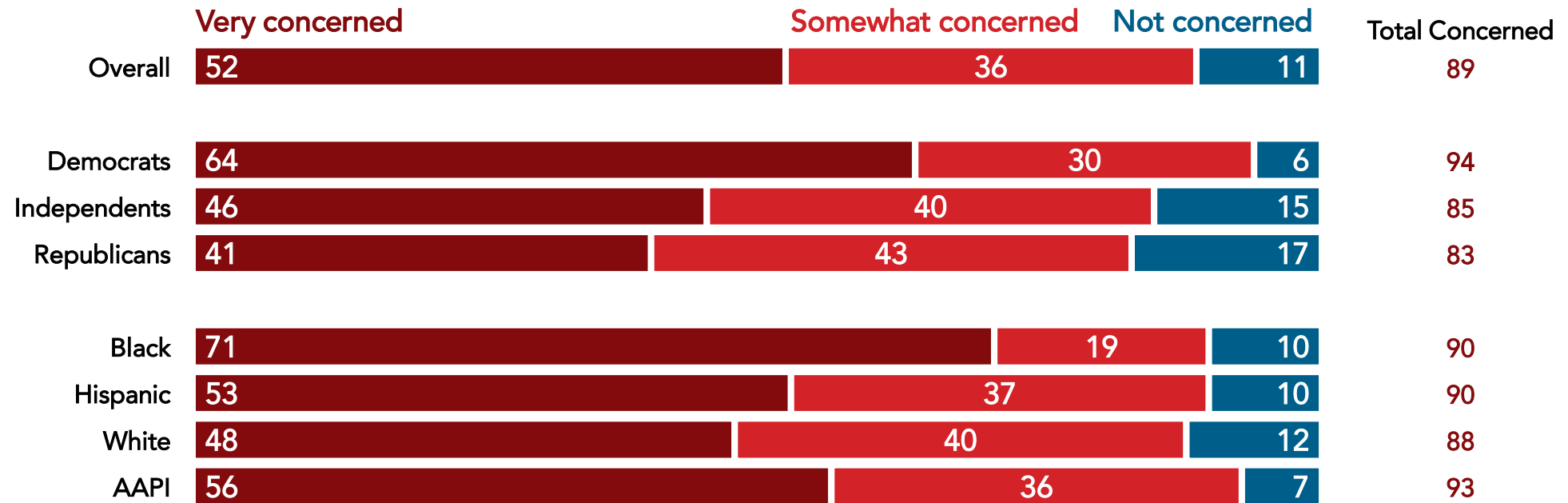


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Majorities Share Concerns About Politically Motivated Violence

Black Americans (71% very concerned) and Democrats (64% very concerned) are most likely to be very concerned about politically motivated violence.

How concerned are you about politically motivated violence in the United States today?



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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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