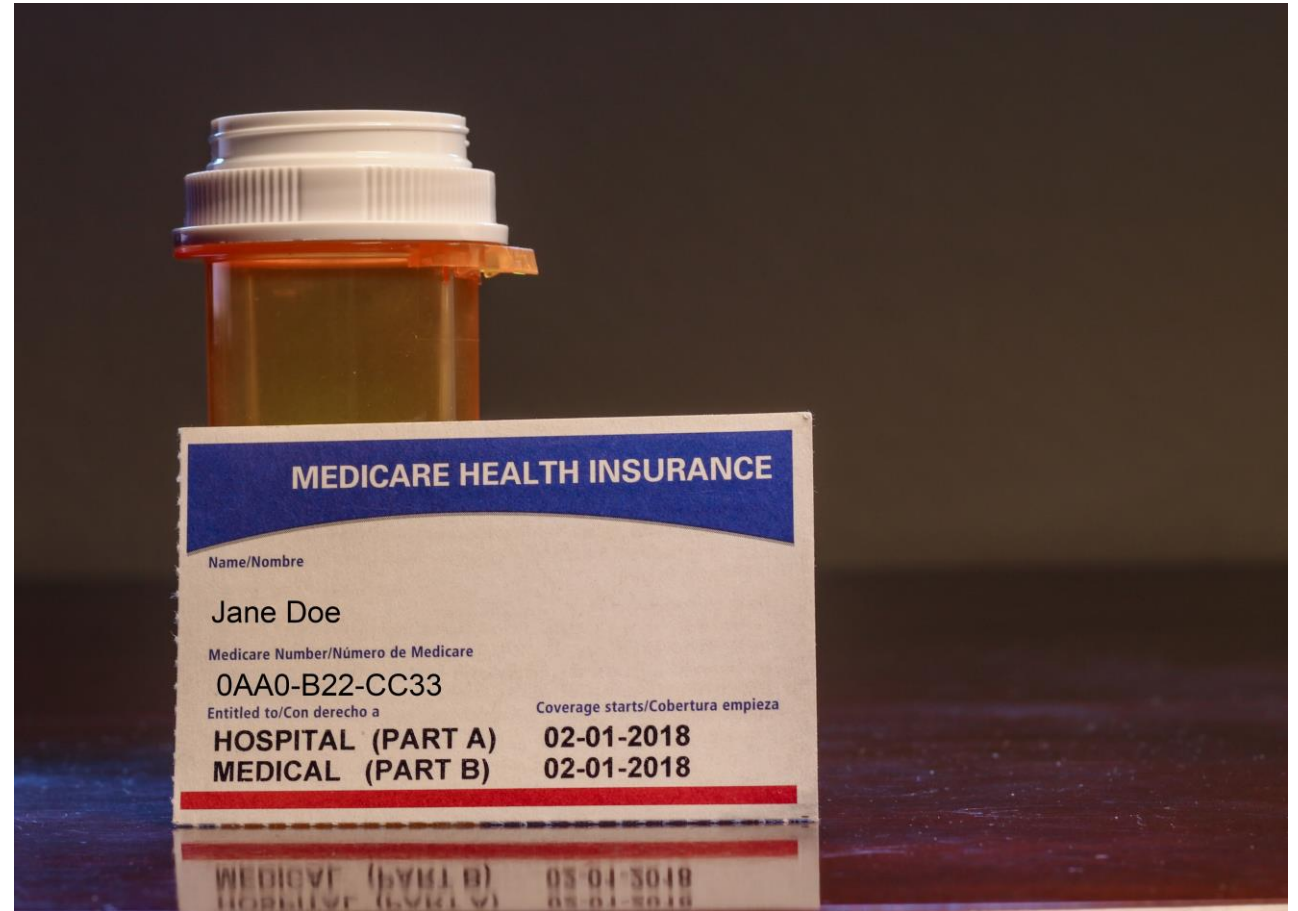


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## Key Takeaways:

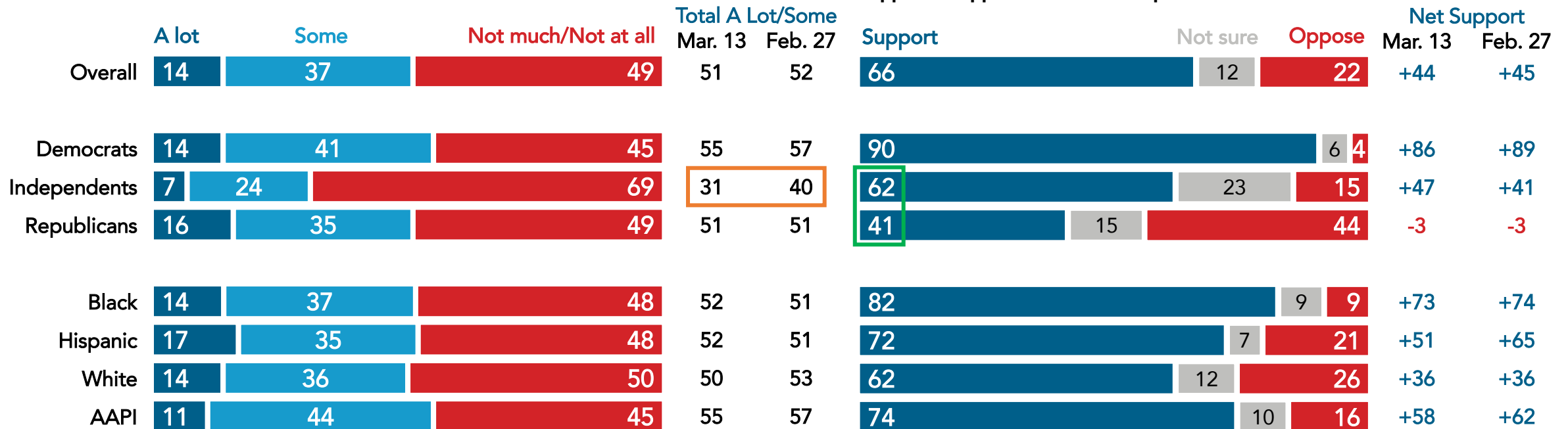
- Americans' top economic concerns are inflation and cuts to Social Security, while lesser concerns include unemployment and losses in the stock market.
- Biden and Democrats are more trusted than Republicans on protecting Social Security and Medicare and looking out for seniors overall and among Americans over the age of 65.
- Nine in ten think it is important to extend Medicare's solvency, but they support doing so by raising taxes on wealthy individuals and rich corporations, not by cutting Medicare for future retirees.

# Half of Americans Have Heard About the Inflation Reduction Act and Two in Three Continue to Support It

Nine in ten Democrats (90%), three in five independents (62%), and two in five Republicans (41%) support Biden and Democrats' legislation. However, fewer than one in three independents (31%) report hearing "a lot" or "some" about it, down from 40% in late February.

How much have you seen, read, or heard about the legislation called the Inflation Reduction Act passed by Democrats in Congress and signed by President Biden?

As you may know, Biden and Democrats' legislation that was passed by Congress is called the Inflation Reduction Act, which will give Medicare the power to negotiate lower drug prices, bring down health insurance premiums, and invest in clean energy like wind and solar power. Knowing this, do you support or oppose this economic plan?



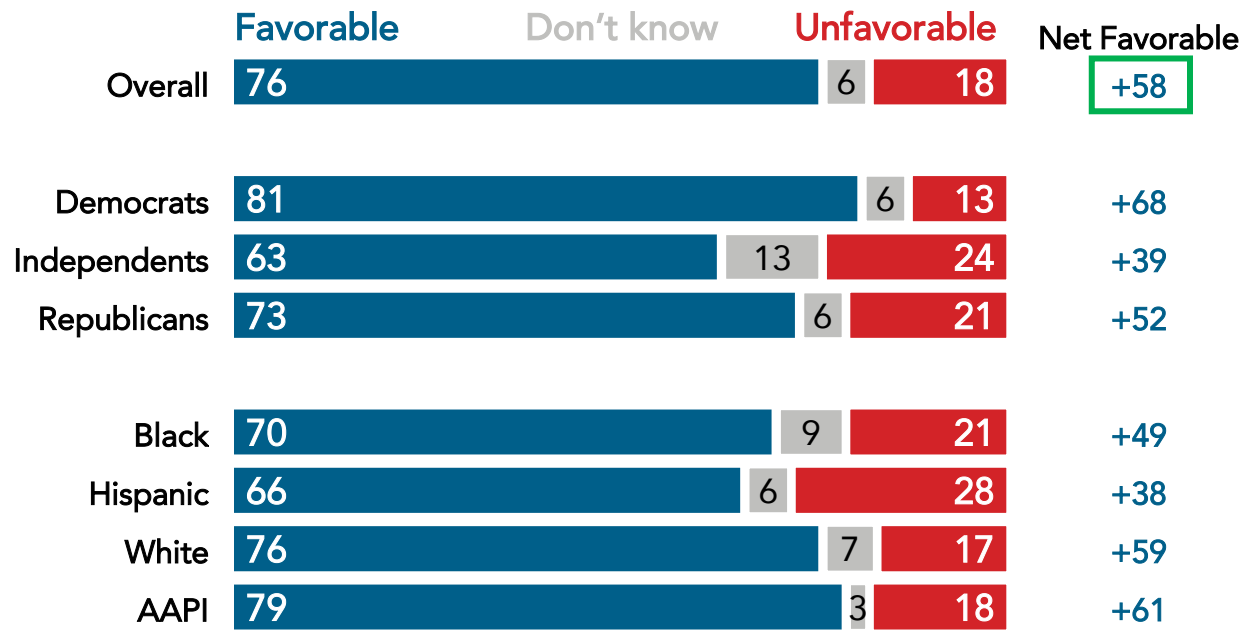
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# Including Medicaid Alongside Social Security and Medicare Boosts Favorable Views, Though All Are Very Popular

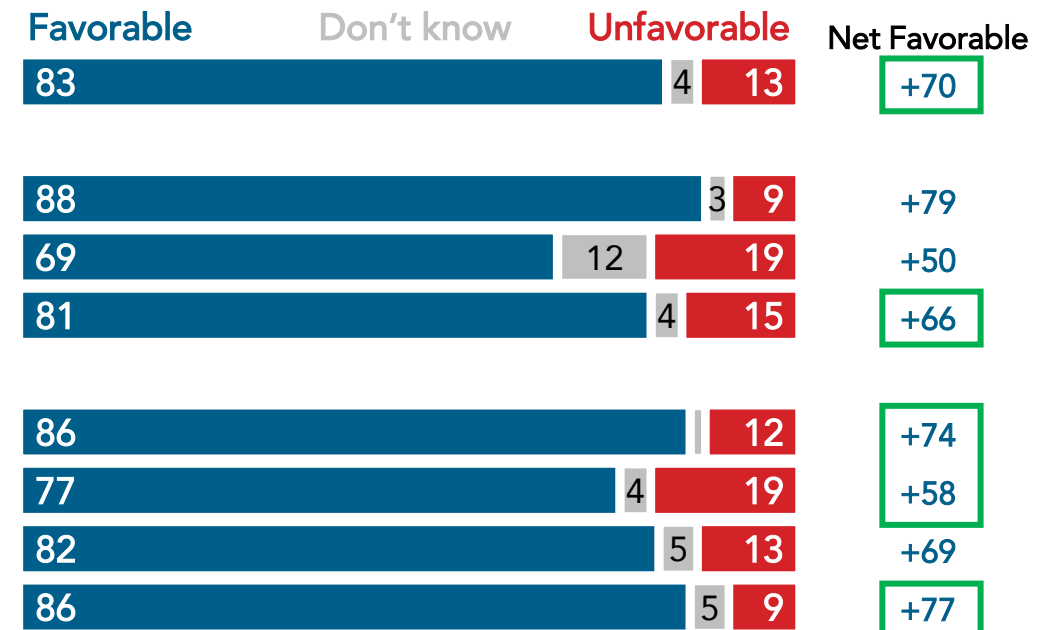
Views of “Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid” are net 12 points more favorable than views of “Social Security and Medicare,” though both are viewed favorably by at least three in four Americans.

- Including “Medicaid” drives up favorability even more among Black Americans (net +25 more favorable with the inclusion), Hispanic Americans (net +20 more favorable), AAPI Americans (net +16 more favorable), and Republicans (net +14).

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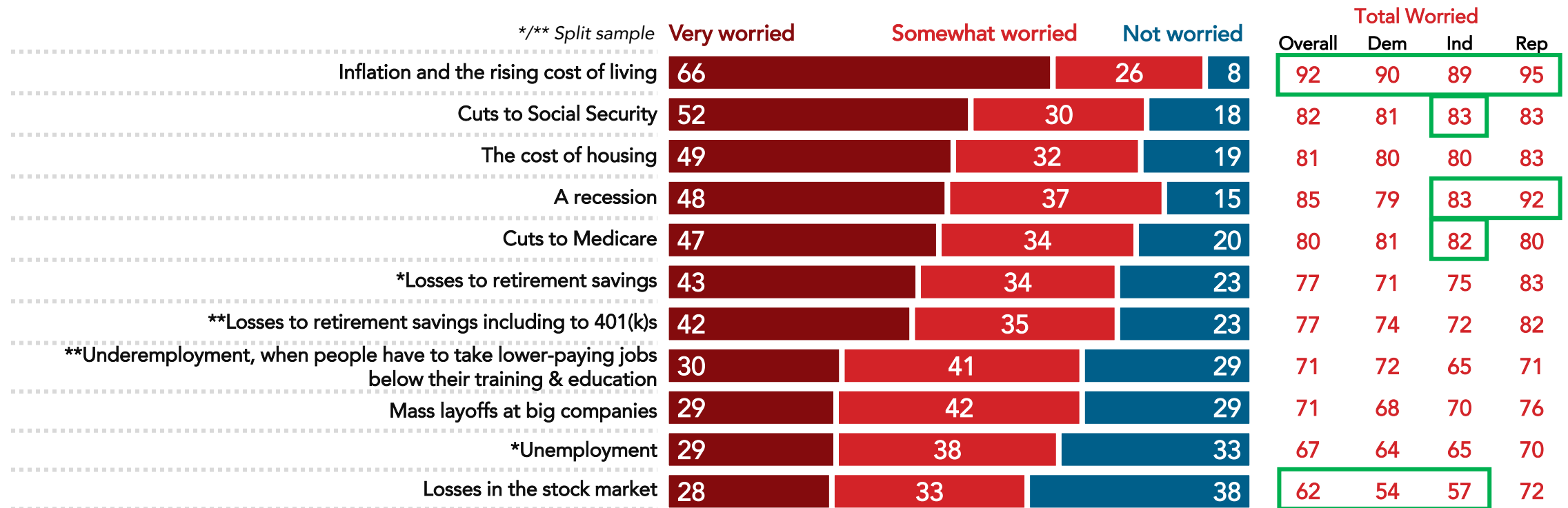
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# Inflation and Cuts to Social Security Are Top Economic Concerns; Stock Market and Job Loss, Unemployment Rank Lower on List

Among independents, the next-highest concerns after inflation are Social Security cuts (83%), a recession (83%), and Medicare cuts (82%).

- Losses in the stock market (28% very worried), unemployment, and mass layoffs (29% each) are least worrying for Americans overall.

Below is a list of economic challenges that some Americans may be worried about. Please indicate how worried you are about each one.



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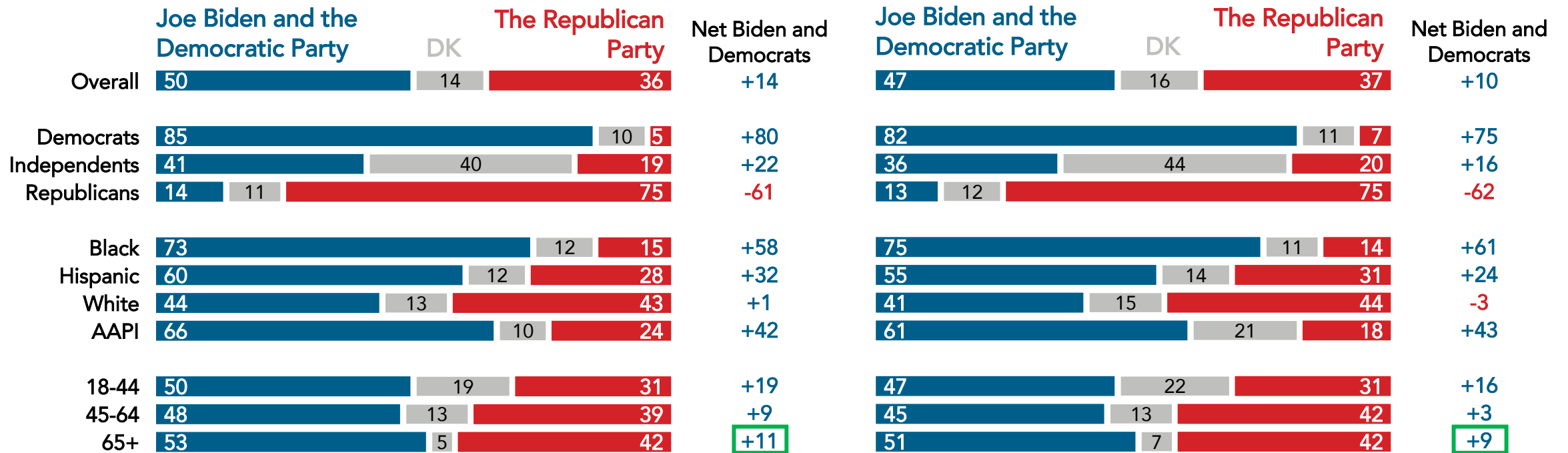
# Biden and Democrats Are More Trusted on Protecting Social Security and Medicare & Looking Out for Seniors

By double-digit margins, Biden and Democrats are more trusted on “protecting Social Security and Medicare” (net +14) and “looking out for seniors” (net +10).

- Seniors trust Democrats more by roughly equal margins on each issue (net +11 and net +9, respectively).

**Please indicate who you trust more to handle:** Protecting Social Security and Medicare.

**Please indicate who you trust more to handle:** Looking out for seniors.



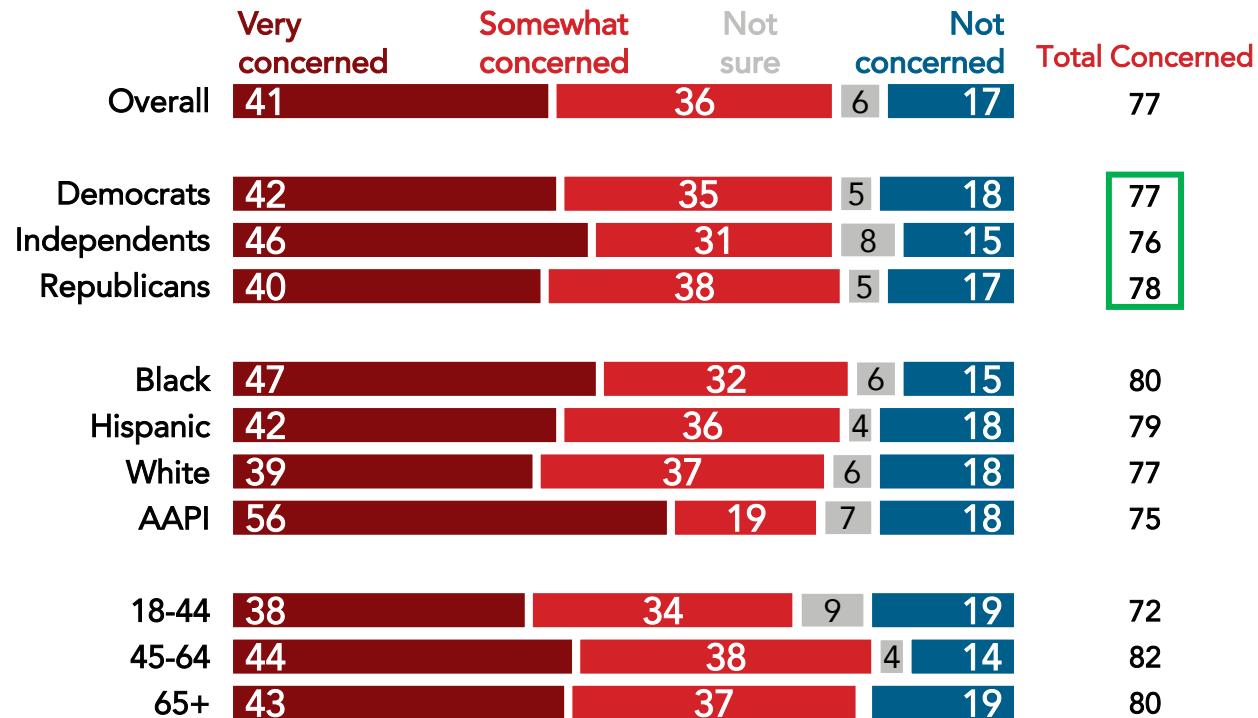
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# Concerns Are High About Medicare Running Out of Funds and Americans Want to See Action

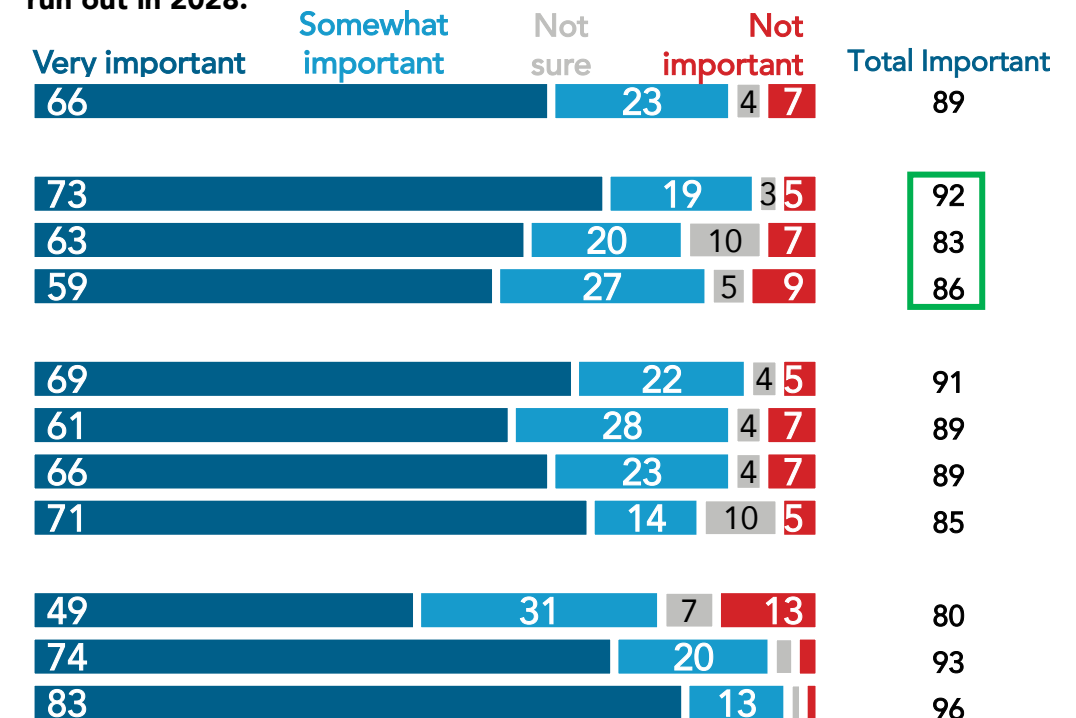
More than three in four Americans say they are “concerned” about Medicare running out of funds, while majorities of every partisan and racial group say it is “very important” that the Biden administration and Congress take action to extend the lifetime of Medicare.

- Older Americans say it is more important to extend its solvency (83% very important) compared to Americans 18-44 years-old (49%).

How concerned are you about Medicare running out of funds?



How important is it to you that the Biden administration and Congress take action to extend the lifetime of Medicare? It's currently expected to run out in 2028.



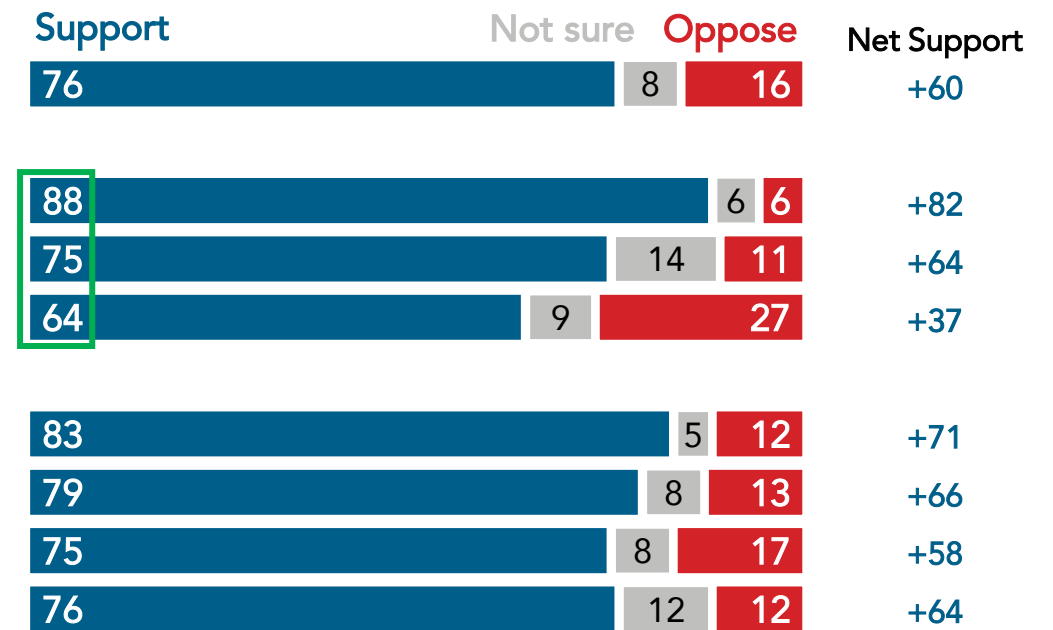
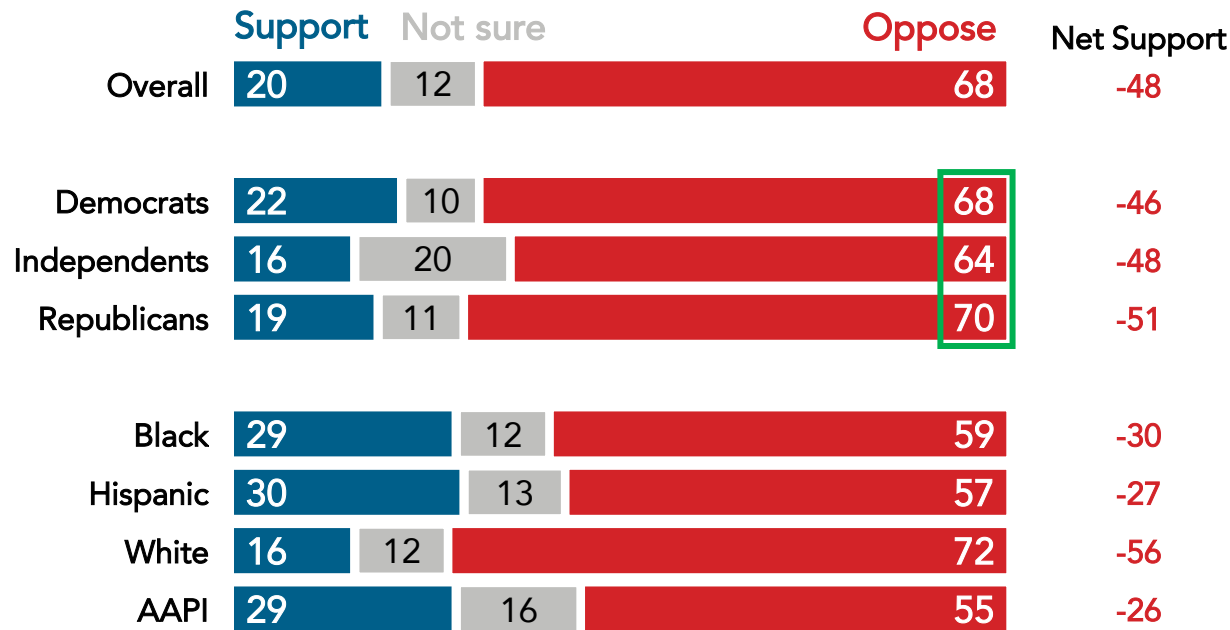
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# Cutting Medicare to Extend Its Lifetime Is Deeply Unpopular, While Taxing the Rich Is Broadly Supported as an Approach

Large majorities of Democrats (68% oppose), independents (64%), and Republicans (70%) oppose “cutting Medicare benefits for future retirees” to extend Medicare’s solvency; similar or even larger majorities instead support “raising taxes on individuals who earn over \$400,000 a year and rich corporations” as a means to extend it (88% of Democrats, 75% of independents, and 64% of Republicans).

**(Split sample)** In order to extend the lifetime of Medicare, do you support or oppose cutting Medicare benefits for future retirees?

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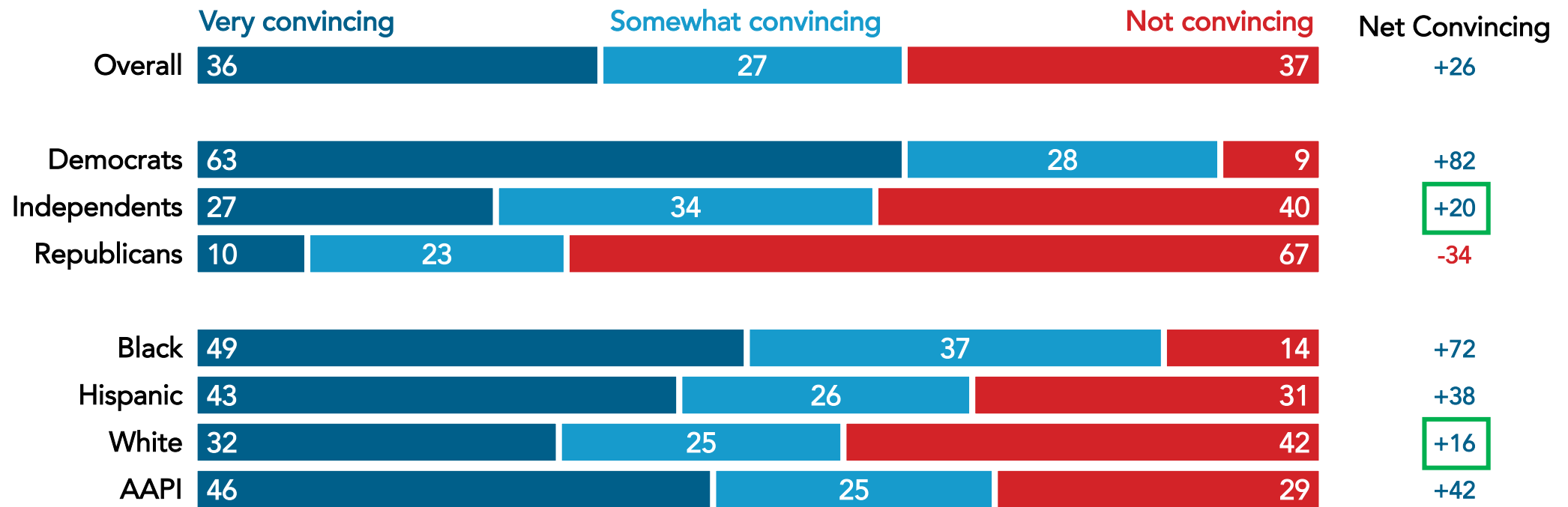
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# Americans Find an Argument About Democrats Going After the Rich and Protecting Social Security and Medicare Convincing

By double-digit margins, independents (net +20 convincing) and every racial group – including white voters (net +16) – say they find the statement “very” or “somewhat” convincing.

**Democrats are focused on going after wealthy tax cheats and protecting Social Security and Medicare, while Republicans are focused on investigating Biden and his family instead of lowering Americans' costs.** How convincing is that statement as a reason to support Democrats?

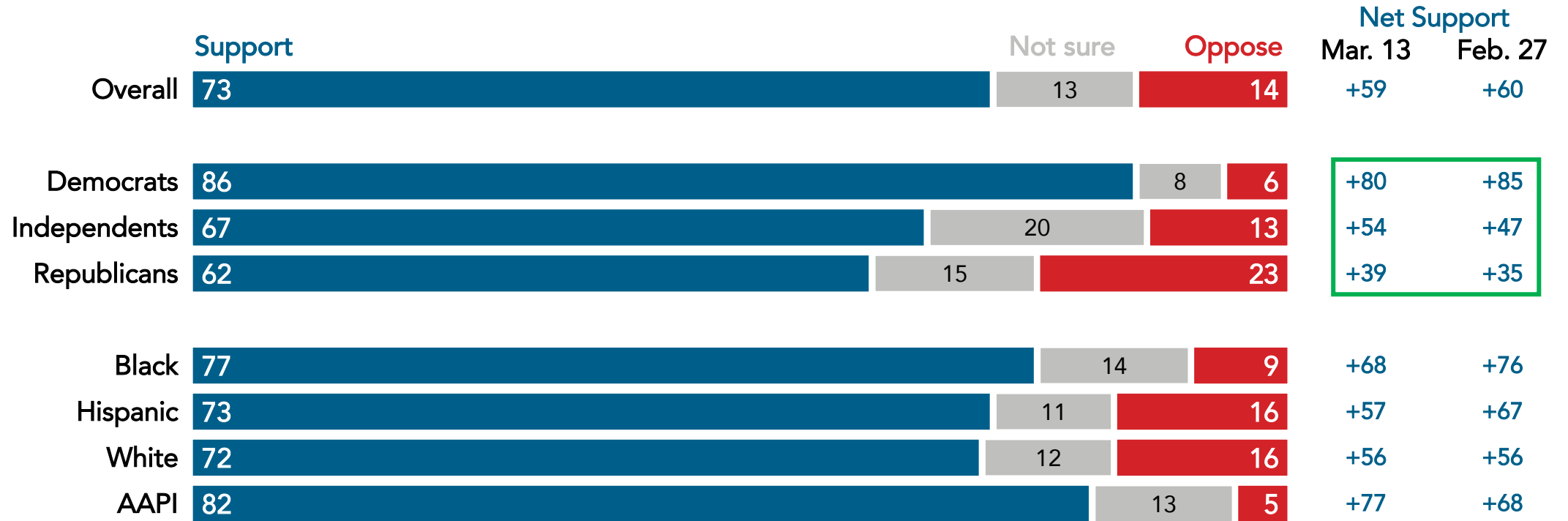


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# Bipartisan Majorities Continue to Support the Junk Fees Prevention Act

Clear majorities of Democrats (net +80 support), independents (net +54), and Republicans (net +39) continue to support the legislation.

As you may know, Biden and Democrats have proposed the Junk Fees Prevention Act to limit hidden fees and charges like resort fees at hotels, service fees at concerts and sporting events, and extra airline charges for family members to sit together. Knowing this, do you support or oppose the Junk Fees Prevention Act?



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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: Jessica Floyd, 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 March 9-March 13, 2023. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 89 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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