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Student Loan Debt and
the Supreme Court: A
Guide for Advocates



Key Takeaways:

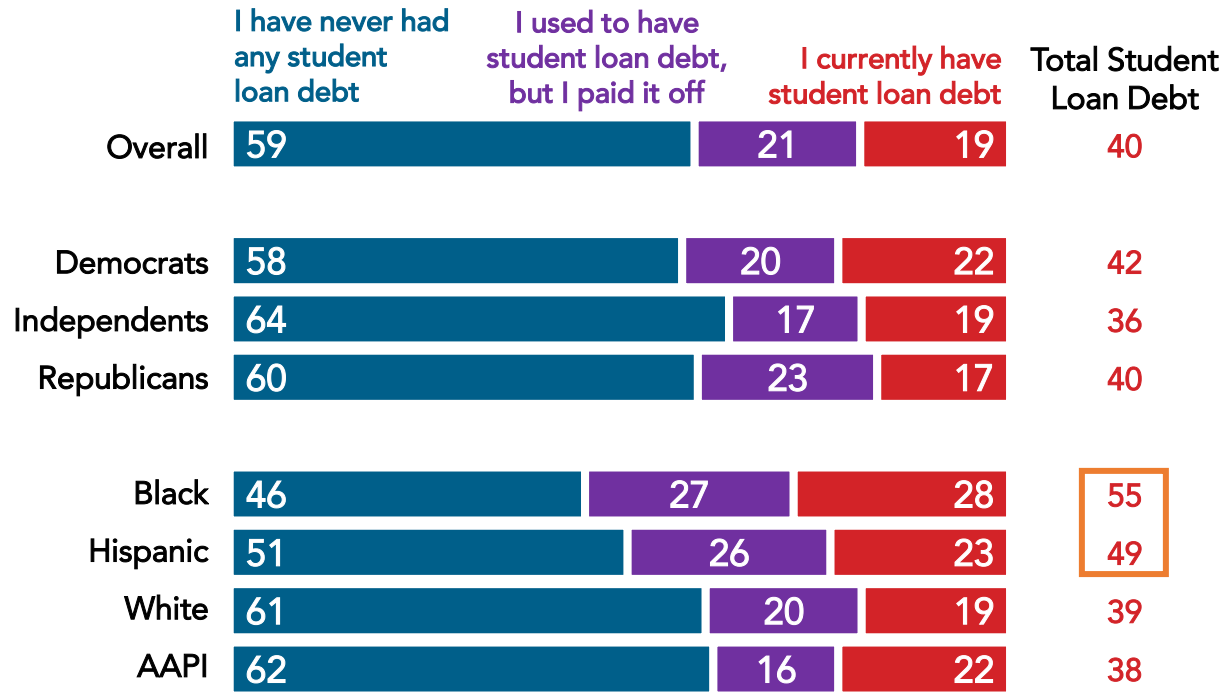
- Three in five Americans support President Biden's plan to cancel up to \$10,000 of student loan debt, and nearly as many believe the Supreme Court should allow Biden's plan to go into effect.
- Americans find messaging about the Supreme Court "acting against the interests of actual Americans" to be concerning, particularly when invoking *Roe* being overturned.
- A majority of Americans want the Supreme Court to allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to continue to exist.

Two in Five Americans Have or Had Student Loan Debt; Three in Five Continue to Support Student Loan Debt Cancellation

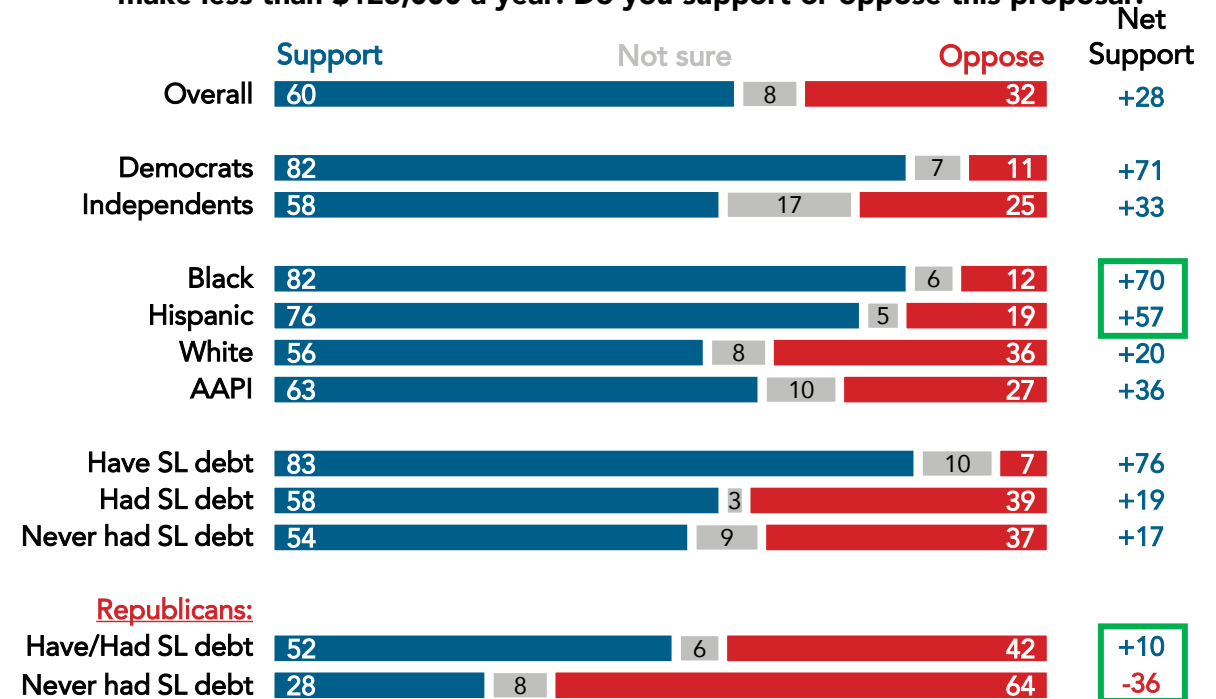
Majorities of Americans who have (83%), previously had (58%), or have never had student loan debt (54%) all support the proposal.

- A majority of Republicans who currently have or used to have student loan debt support Biden's proposal (52% support, net +10), while two in three Republicans who have never had student loan oppose it (64% oppose, net -36 support).

Have you ever or do you currently have student loan debt?



As you may know, the Biden administration announced it would be canceling up to \$10,000 in federal student loan debt for borrowers who make less than \$125,000 a year. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

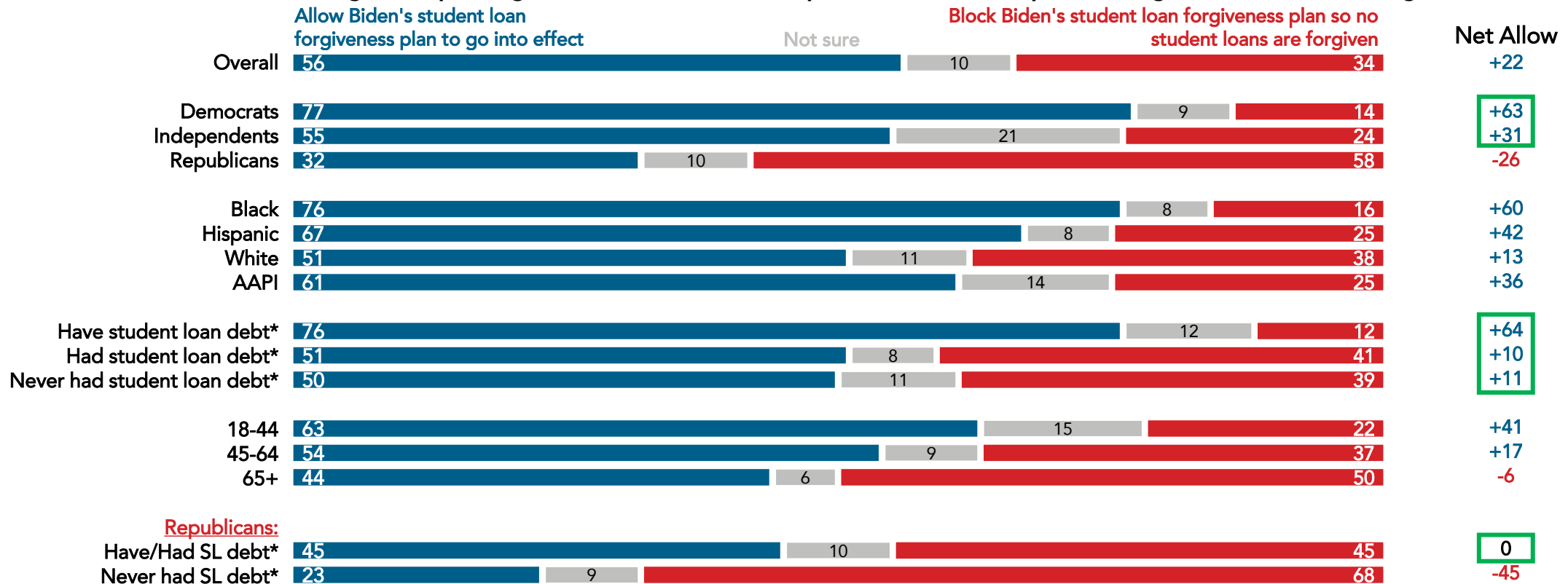


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Majorities Want SCOTUS to Allow Biden's Student Loan Forgiveness Plan to Go Into Effect

Majorities of Democrats (+63) and independents (+31) support the plan going into effect, as do 45% of Republicans who have/have had student loans.

As you may know, the Supreme Court is hearing a case about President Biden's plan to cancel federal student loan debt. Do you think the Supreme Court should allow President Biden's student loan forgiveness plan to go into effect or should the Supreme Court block the plan, meaning no student loans are forgiven?



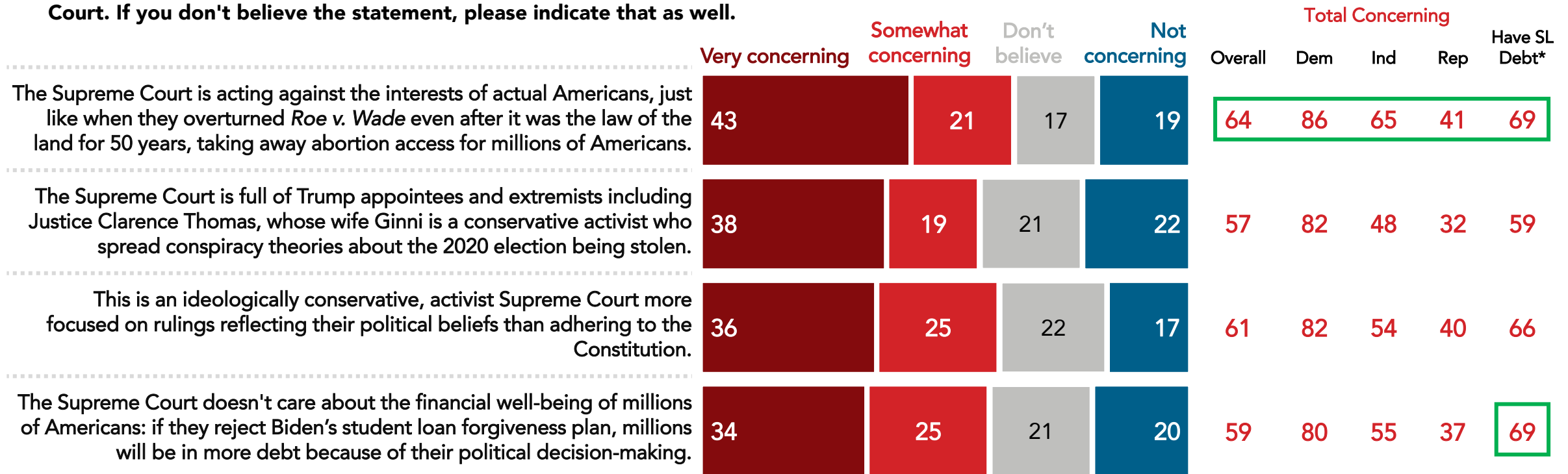
*"Have student loan debt" are respondents who indicated they currently have student loan debt on a separate question; "had student loan debt" are respondents who indicated they previously had student loans, but have since paid them off; "never had student loan debt" are respondents who indicated they do not currently have and have never had student loan debt. Nationwide survey of 1,000 registered voters conducted March 9-March 13, 2023. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org.

The Supreme Court Acting Against Americans' Interests, Including By Overturning *Roe*, Is Most Concerning

Two in three independents (65%) and two in five Republicans (41%) say the Court acting against the interests of Americans is concerning.

- Among those who currently have student loan debt, 69% say it is concerning that “the Supreme Court doesn’t care about the financial well-being of millions of Americans” and 69% are concerned the Court is acting against American’s interest, like on *Roe v. Wade*.

Below is a list of statements some have made criticizing the Supreme Court. Please indicate how concerning you find each statement about the Supreme Court. If you don't believe the statement, please indicate that as well.



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Messaging on Student Loan Debt Erodes Views of the Supreme Court

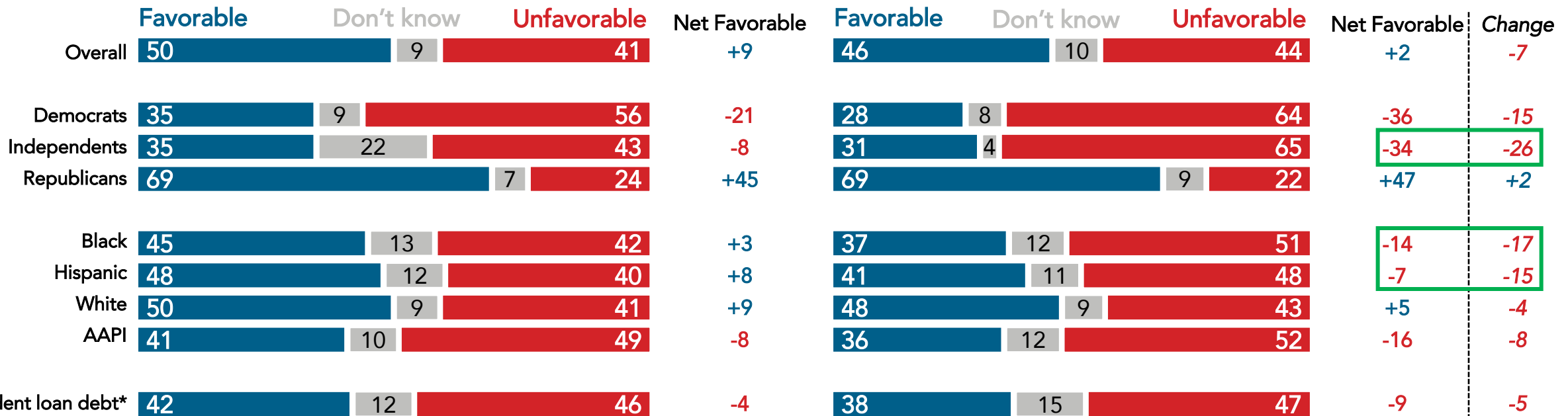
Messaging about the Supreme Court and it potentially blocking Biden’s student loan debt forgiveness plan drives down the Supreme Court’s favorability by net 7 points overall (from net +9 favorable to net +2); even bigger declines are seen among independents (net -26 points, from net -8 to net -34), Black Americans (net -17, from net +3 to net -14), and Hispanic Americans (net -15, from net +8 to net -7).

Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to:
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Pre-Messaging

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Post-Messaging

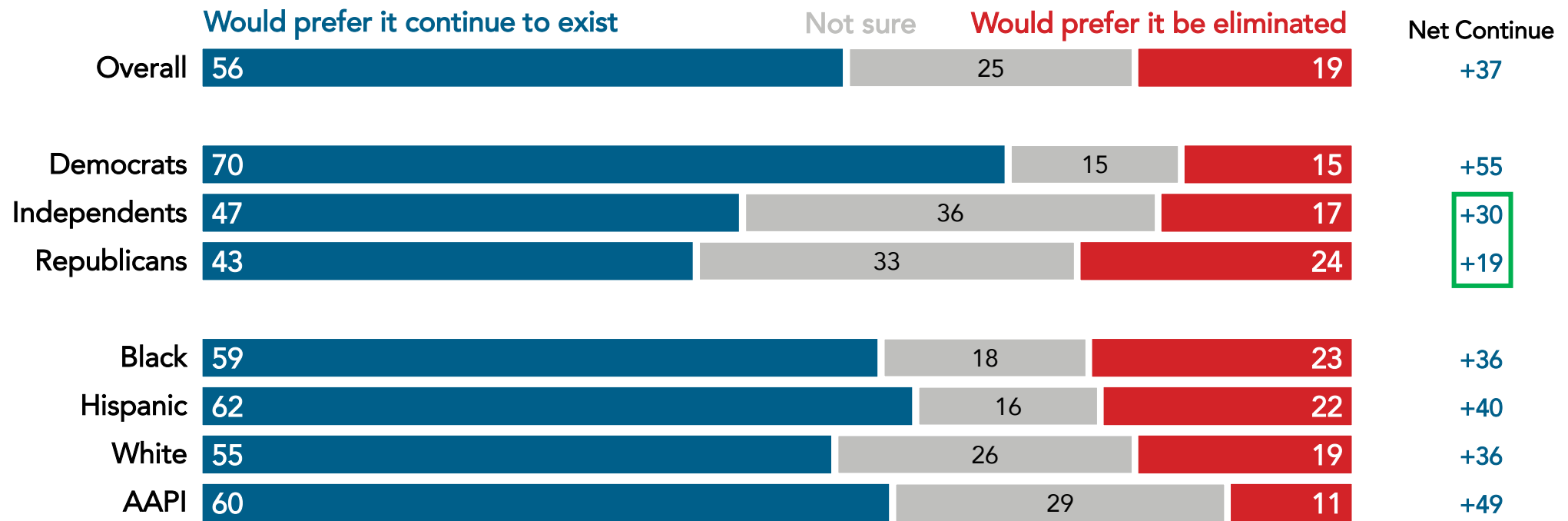


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Bipartisan Majorities Want the Supreme Court to Allow the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to Continue to Exist

Seven in ten Democrats (70%), along with pluralities of independents (47%) and Republicans (43%) prefer the CFPB continue to exist.

As you may know, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) was formed to protect consumers from unfair treatment by banks and financial institutions. The Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case that could cause the CFPB to be eliminated. Would you prefer the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) continue to exist or would you prefer it get eliminated?

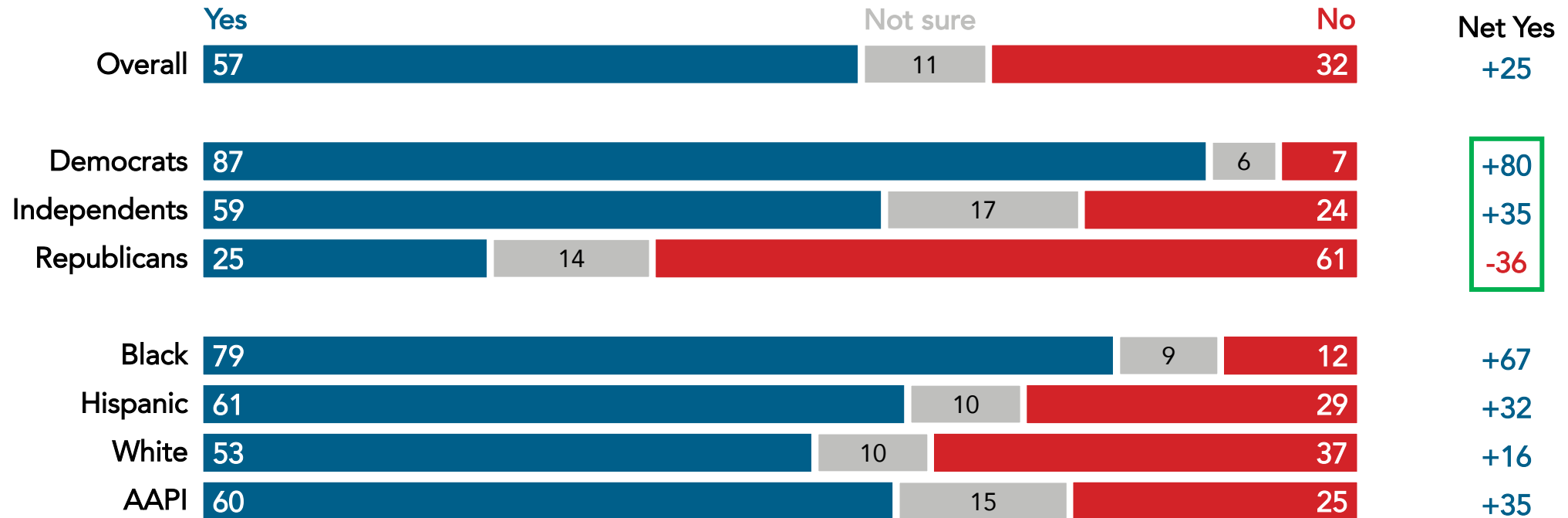


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Majorities Believe Trump Committed a Crime As President

Majorities of Democrats (net +80 yes) and independents (net +35), along with majorities in every racial group, agree that Trump committed a crime as president; only Republicans disagree (net -36).

Do you think Donald Trump committed a crime at any point as president?



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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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