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Trump Indictment: A Guide for Advocates







### **Key Takeaways:**

- Three in four Americans report hearing about the indictment of Donald Trump as nearly three in five continue to think he has committed a crime.
- A majority of Americans support the indictment, while nearly half disapprove of how Republicans in Congress have responded.
- The most concerning aspect of Republicans' response to Trump's indictment is their attempts to intimidate judicial officials and interfere with the prosecution, including asking Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg to testify before Congress.

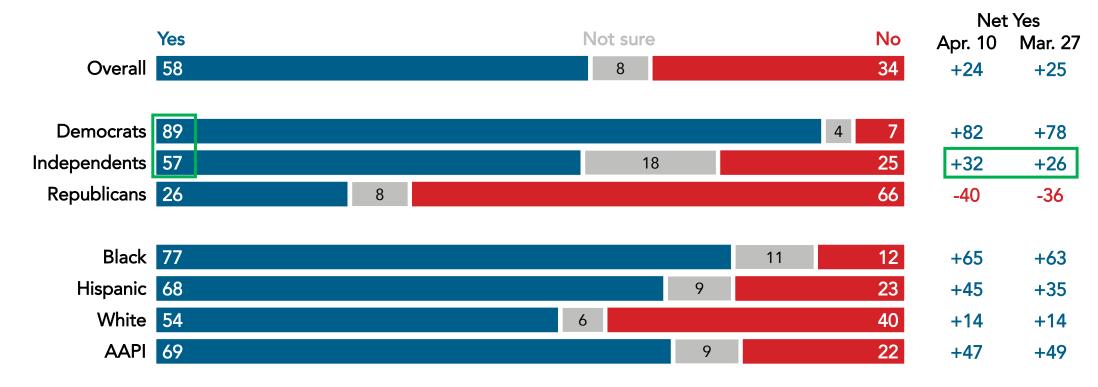
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#### **Nearly Three in Five Say Trump Has Committed a Crime**

By a 32-point margin, independents say Trump has committed a crime (57% yes/25% no).

• While two in three Republicans disagree (66%), one in four believe he has committed a crime (26%).

#### Do you think Donald Trump has committed a crime?

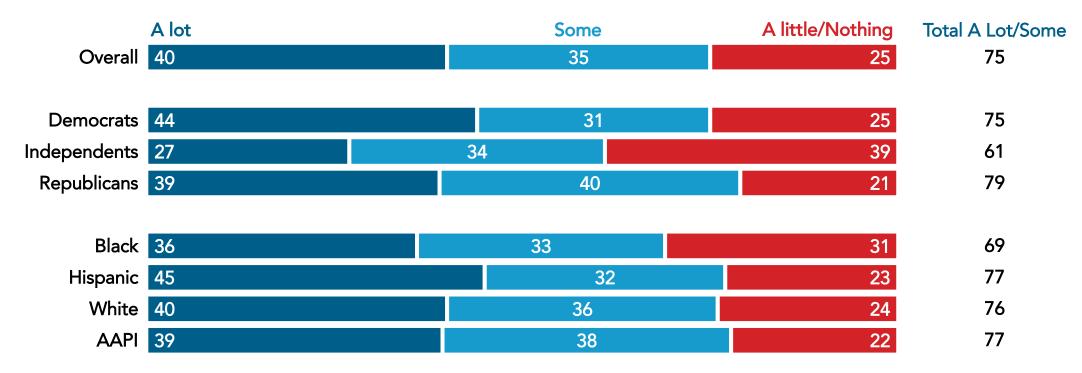




#### Most Americans Have Heard About Trump Being Indicted

Democrats (75% hearing "a lot" or "some") and Republicans (79%) report hearing more about the indictment than independents (61%).

Over the past few days, how much have you seen, read, or heard about the indictment of former President Donald Trump?



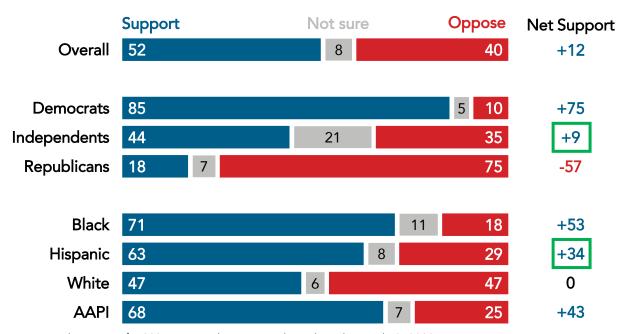


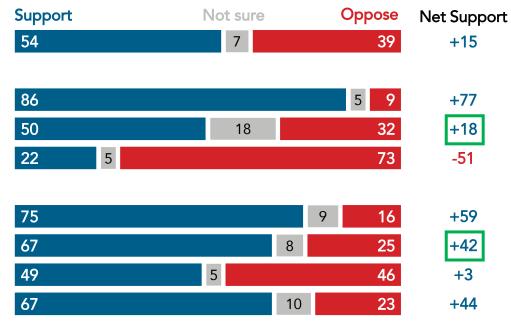
### Most Support Trump's Indictment, Which Increases When Details of the Indictment Are Included

Explaining the details of the charges boosts support for the indictment most among independents (net +18 support, compared to net +9 with no explanation) and Hispanic Americans (net +42, compared to net +34 with no explanation).

Do you support or oppose Donald Trump being criminally indicted?

As you may or may not know, a grand jury in New York has voted to indict Donald Trump for 34 felony counts of falsifying business records in Manhattan, including allegedly using campaign funds for personal expenses – including a hush money payment to adult film actress Stormy Daniels – and then lying about it. Knowing this, do you support or oppose Donald Trump being criminally indicted?





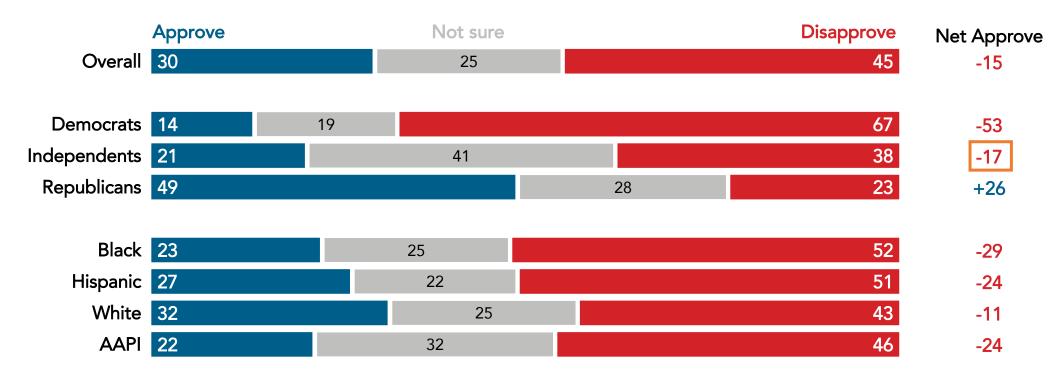
Nationwide survey of 1,003 registered voters conducted April 6-April 10, 2023. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org.



## Only One in Three Approve of How Republicans in Congress Have Responded to Trump's Indictment

By a 17-point margin, independents disapprove of Republicans' response to Trump's indictment (net -17 approve), as do two in three Democrats (67% disapprove) and pluralities of every racial and ethnic group.

Do you approve or disapprove of how Republicans in Congress are responding to Donald Trump being criminally indicted?

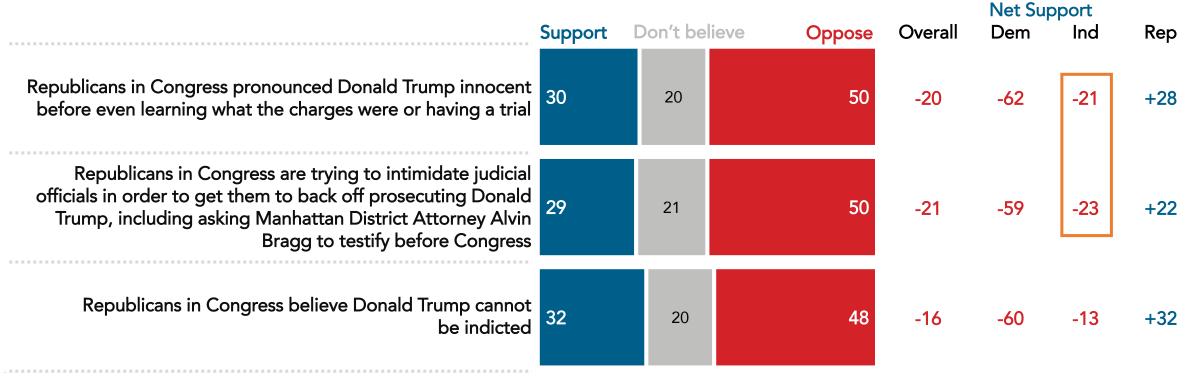




## Americans Oppose a Range of Congressional Republicans' Responses to Trump's Indictment

Independents are least likely to support Republicans "trying to intimidate judicial officials in order to get them to back off prosecuting Donald Trump" (net -23 support) and pronouncing Trump "innocent before even learning what the charges were or having a trial" (net -21).

Below is a list of statements some have used to describe how Republicans in Congress have handled the indictment of Donald Trump. Please indicate whether you support or oppose the action described in each statement. If you don't think the statement is true, please indicate that as well.





# Americans Are Most Concerned About Republicans in Congress Trying to Intimidate Judicial Officials Involved in the Indictment

Americans across party lines are most concerned that "Republicans in Congress are trying to intimidate judicial officials in order to get them to back off prosecuting Donald Trump," with concerns especially high among Democrats (57%) and independents (37%).

Which concerns you most?		Dem	Ind	Rep
Republicans in Congress are trying to intimidate judicial officials in order to get them to back off prosecuting Donald Trump, including asking Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg to testify before Congress	40%	57	37	21
Republicans in Congress believe Donald Trump cannot be indicted	17	18	14	16
Republicans in Congress pronounced Donald Trump innocent before even learning what the charges were or having a trial	16	17	16	14
None of these	28	8	33	49





#### **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 1,003 registered voters from April 6-April 10, 2023. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 75 additional interviews were conducted among African American and Pacific Islander 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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