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Donald Trump and the  
Republican Party: A  
Guide for Advocates



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## Key Takeaways:

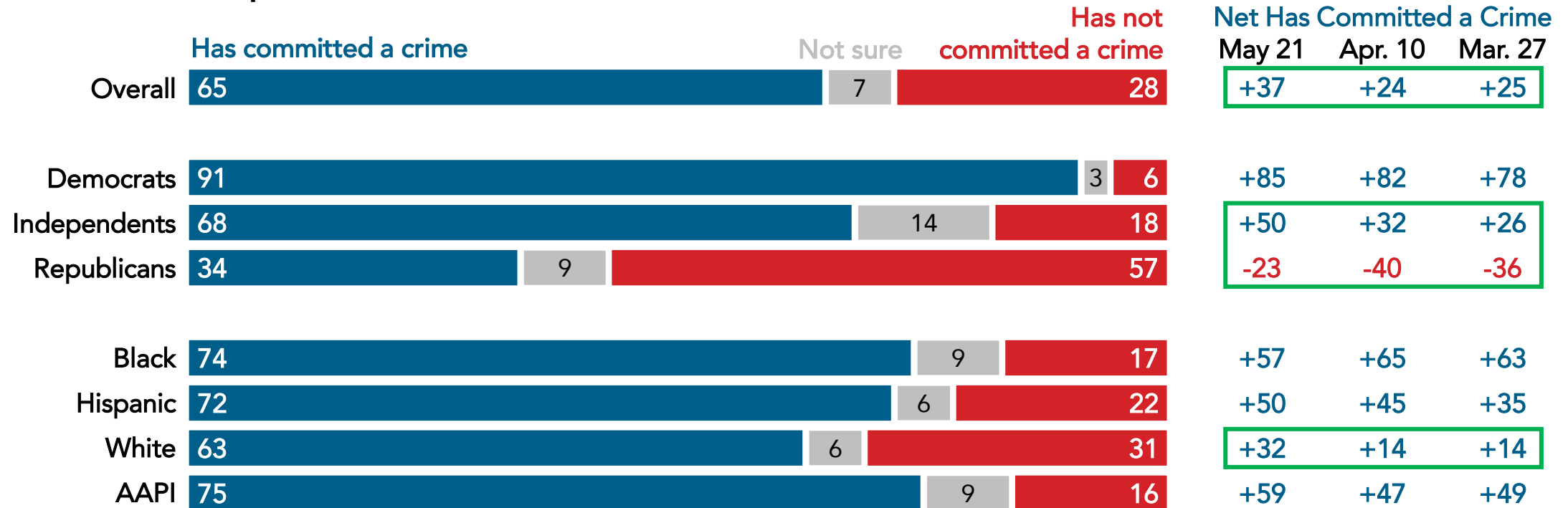
- A growing majority of Americans now say Trump has committed a crime, as majorities support his indictment and believe the jury in the E. Jean Carroll case made the right decision.
- Trump's proposal to bring back family separation at the border, claiming he could take classified documents from the White House, and plan to pardon January 6<sup>th</sup> rioters raise the most doubts about him leading the GOP.

# Two in Three Americans Now Believe Trump Has Committed a Crime, a Notable Increase Since March

Since late March, the share of Americans who say Trump has committed a crime has increased by net 12 points (from net +25 in late March to net +37 now).

- This increase is driven by independents (net +50 now, up from net +26) and white Americans (net +32 now, up from net +14). There has also been a 13-point increase among Republicans (from net -36 to net -23).

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



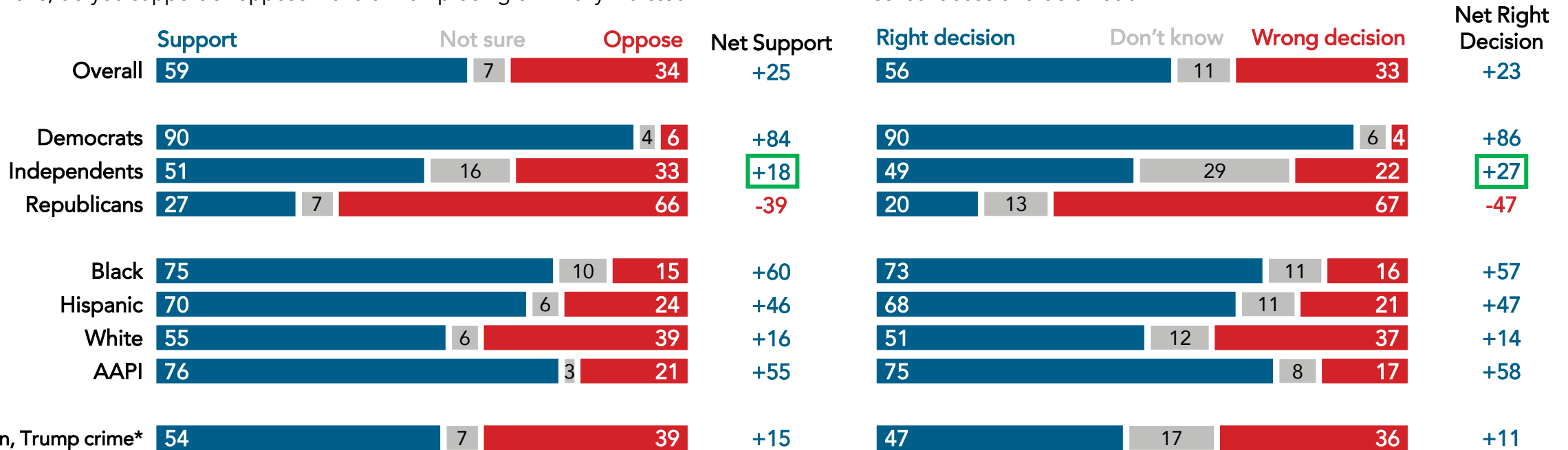
Nationwide surveys of registered voters; Each wave represents approximately 1,000 interviews taken over the prior three-five days. Latest wave conducted May 18-May 21, 2023. For more info, visit [navigatorresearch.org](http://navigatorresearch.org)

# Majorities Support Trump's Indictment and Think the NY Jury Made the Right Decision in the E. Jean Carroll Case

Majorities support the indictment (59% support) and think the jury made the right decision in finding Trump liable for sexual abuse and defamation in the E. Jean Carroll case (56% right decision). Pluralities of independents say the same (+18 support, +27 right decision).

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?

As you may or may not know, a New York jury found former President Donald Trump liable for the sexual abuse and defamation of writer E. Jean Carroll. She was awarded \$5 million in damages. Knowing this, do you think the jury made the right or wrong decision in finding Donald Trump liable for sexual abuse and defamation?



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# Separating Families, Classified Docs, and Pardoning Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> Rioters Raise Most Doubts About Trump Leading the GOP

Below is a list of comments made by Donald Trump in a recent town hall and elsewhere. Please indicate whether each one raises doubts for you about him being the leader of the Republican Party.

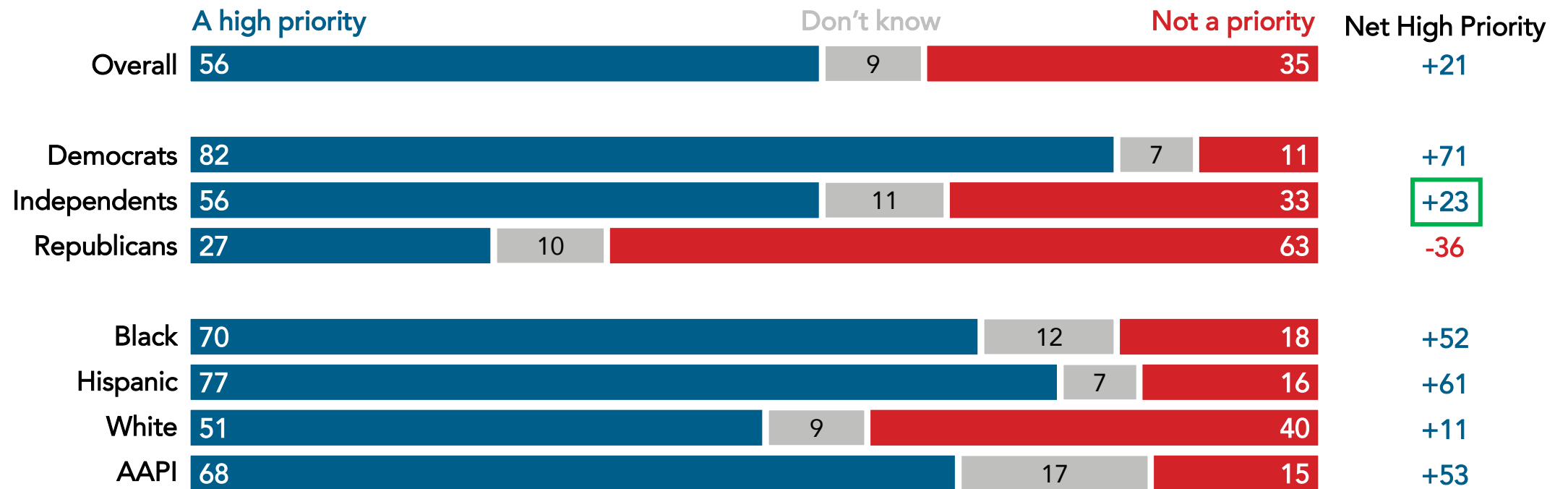
Donald Trump...	Raises major doubts	Raises minor doubts	Does not raise doubts	Total Doubts				NB, TC*
				Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep	
...suggested he would bring back the practice of separating immigrant kids from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border	51	19	30	70	90	71	48	76
...claimed that he was allowed to take classified documents from the White House, including some which have been reported to contain sensitive information about nuclear weapons	51	15	34	66	89	72	39	70
...said he would pardon most of the January 6 <sup>th</sup> rioters who stormed the U.S. Capitol in 2021	51	15	35	65	90	66	38	67
...would not commit to accepting the results of the 2024 presidential election and continued to describe the 2020 presidential election as rigged in favor of President Biden	49	16	34	66	89	64	39	59
...said he never met E. Jean Carroll and called her a "whack job" with a "fake story" despite a jury having found him liable for sexually abusing and defaming her and awarding her \$5 million	48	15	37	63	88	68	34	63
...claimed credit for the Supreme Court eliminating federal abortion rights, saying on his social media account, "I was able to kill <i>Roe v. Wade</i> "	47	18	35	65	87	67	38	64
...was unwilling to say that Ukraine should win its war against Russia's invasion	43	19	38	62	86	59	34	59
...told Republican members of Congress, "if [Biden and Democrats] don't give you massive cuts, you're going to have to do a default" on the debt ceiling	43	20	37	63	88	61	35	57

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# Americans Say Investigating Clarence Thomas Is a High Priority

By a 23-point margin, independents say that investigating Justice Thomas should be a “very high” or “somewhat high priority,” as do majorities of every racial group.

As you may know, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas has taken undisclosed luxury trips funded by a Republican donor, as well as other expensive gifts, despite federal law requiring the disclosure of such gifts. How high of a priority do you think it should be for Democrats in the Senate to investigate Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas?



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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 May 18-May 21, 2023. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 76 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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