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The Supreme Court: A Guide for Advocates



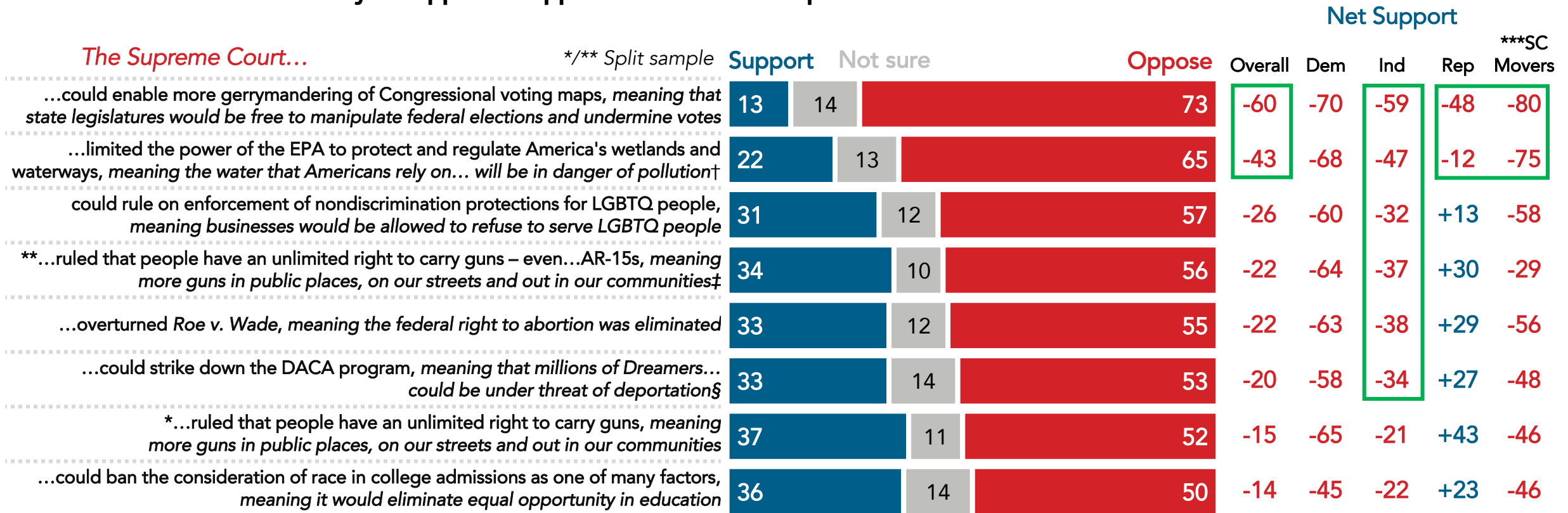
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Key Takeaways:

- Most Americans are opposed to outcomes of already-decided or upcoming Supreme Court decisions, including allowing businesses to refuse to serve LGBTQ people, limiting the power of the EPA, overturning *Roe v. Wade*, and expanding gun rights and access; their recent decision against gerrymandering in Alabama avoided a public opinion landmine for now.
- Learning about these recent or potential decisions leads nearly three in five Americans to say they don't trust the Supreme Court to make the right decisions in the future.
- The most concerning criticisms of the Supreme Court focus on corruption and ethical code violations, as well as the role "political extremists" on the Court have played in rolling back crucial freedoms.

Recent or Potential SCOTUS Rulings on EPA Scope, Abortion, Gun Laws, LGBTQ Discrimination Most Opposed

Below is a list of recent decisions the Supreme Court has made or potential upcoming decisions the Supreme Court may make. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each decision or potential decision.



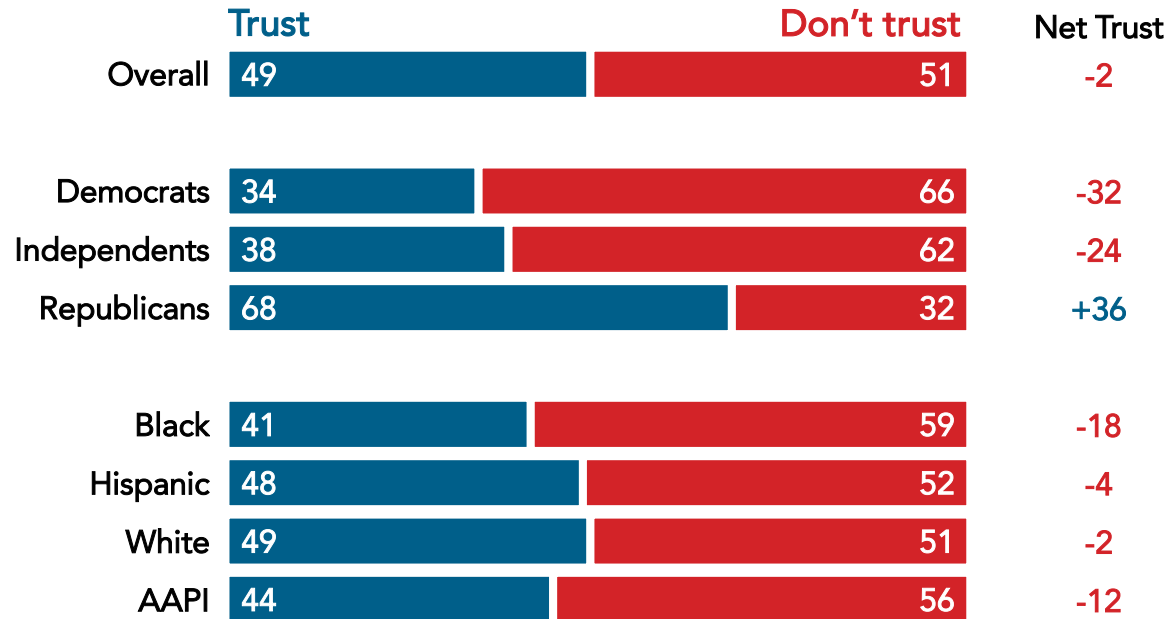
†Full question text read: ...limited the power of the Environmental Protection Agency to protect and regulate America's wetlands and waterways, meaning the water that Americans rely on for drinking and cooking will be in danger of pollution. ‡ Full question text read: ...ruled that people have an unlimited right to carry guns – even assault weapons like AR-15s, meaning more guns in public places, on our streets and out in our communities. § Full question text read: ...could strike down the DACA program, meaning that millions of Dreamers, undocumented immigrants who came to the United States as children and have lived here for years, could be under threat of deportation. ***"Supreme Court favorability movers" express favorable views of the U.S. Supreme Court when initially asked, but express unfavorable views after messaging. Nationwide surveys of registered voters; Each wave represents approximately 1,000 interviews taken over the prior three-five days. Latest wave conducted June 2-June 5, 2023. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org

Exposure to Recent and Upcoming SCOTUS Decisions Drives Up Distrust of the Court

Learning about recent decisions the Supreme Court has made or potential decisions it might make drives down net trust in it by 20 points among Democrats, 18 points among Black Americans, and 14 points among Hispanic Americans.

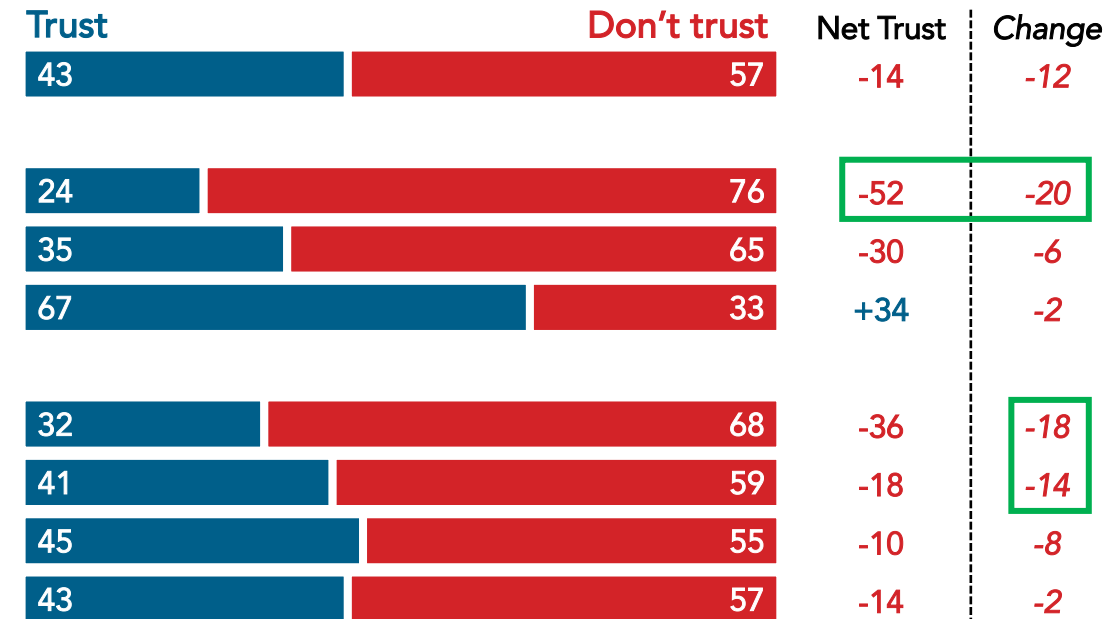
How much do you trust the Supreme Court to make the right decisions in the future?

Pre-Messaging



One more time... How much do you trust the Supreme Court to make the right decisions in the future?

Post-Messaging



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Most Concerning Criticisms of SCOTUS Focus on Corruption and Ethics, Political Extremism, and Rolling Back Freedoms

A message that criticizes “political extremists” on the Court is also more concerning to independents and Supreme Court movers* (66% and 78% concerning, respectively) than one that calls out “MAGA extremists” on the Supreme Court (54% and 66%).

Below is a list of statements about the Supreme Court. Please indicate whether you find each one concerning – if you don't find the statement concerning or don't believe the statement, please indicate that as well.

	Very concerning	Somewhat concerning	Don't believe	Not concerning	Overall	Total Concerning			*SC Movers
						Dem	Ind	Rep	
Several Justices on the Court have been accused of corruption and violations of their ethical code and refuse to testify before Congress on the issue	50	20	15	15	69	88	66	49	80
†Justice Thomas is deeply corrupt and the Court is doing nothing about it, letting him take undisclosed luxury trips funded by a Republican donor, as well as receiving other expensive gifts...	48	19	19	14	66	88	63	42	79
*The Court is filled with <u>political extremists</u> who are...eliminating the federal right to an abortion, undermining our ability to combat climate change, and endangering free and fair elections	46	19	20	15	66	89	66	39	78
*The Court is rolling back crucial freedoms like the federal right to have an abortion, setting our country back decades and overturning precedents	45	18	16	21	64	89	64	35	75
The Court is supposed to be independent and above politics, but conservatives have stacked the court with political appointees who act on their beliefs instead of the Constitution	44	20	19	17	65	87	63	41	79
**The Court is anti-freedom: they are taking away American freedoms like the right to an abortion and will continue to strip Americans of their freedoms like gay marriage or access to birth control	44	20	20	16	64	86	53	42	75
**The Court is filled with <u>MAGA extremists</u> who are...eliminating the federal right to an abortion, undermining our ability to combat climate change, and endangering free and fair elections	41	18	23	18	59	82	54	34	66
The Court is too conservative and is out of touch with the beliefs of the country on issues like abortion	39	22	19	20	61	86	61	32	75

*/** Split sample

† Full question text read: Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is deeply corrupt and the Supreme Court is doing nothing about it, letting him take undisclosed luxury trips funded by a Republican donor, as well as receiving other expensive gifts, despite federal law requiring the disclosure of such gifts.**“Supreme Court favorability movers” express favorable views of the U.S. Supreme Court when initially asked, but express unfavorable views after messaging. Nationwide survey of 1,001 registered voters conducted June 2-June 5, 2023. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org.

Views of SCOTUS Become Negative By Double-Digits After Exposure to Recent/Potential Upcoming Decisions/Messaging

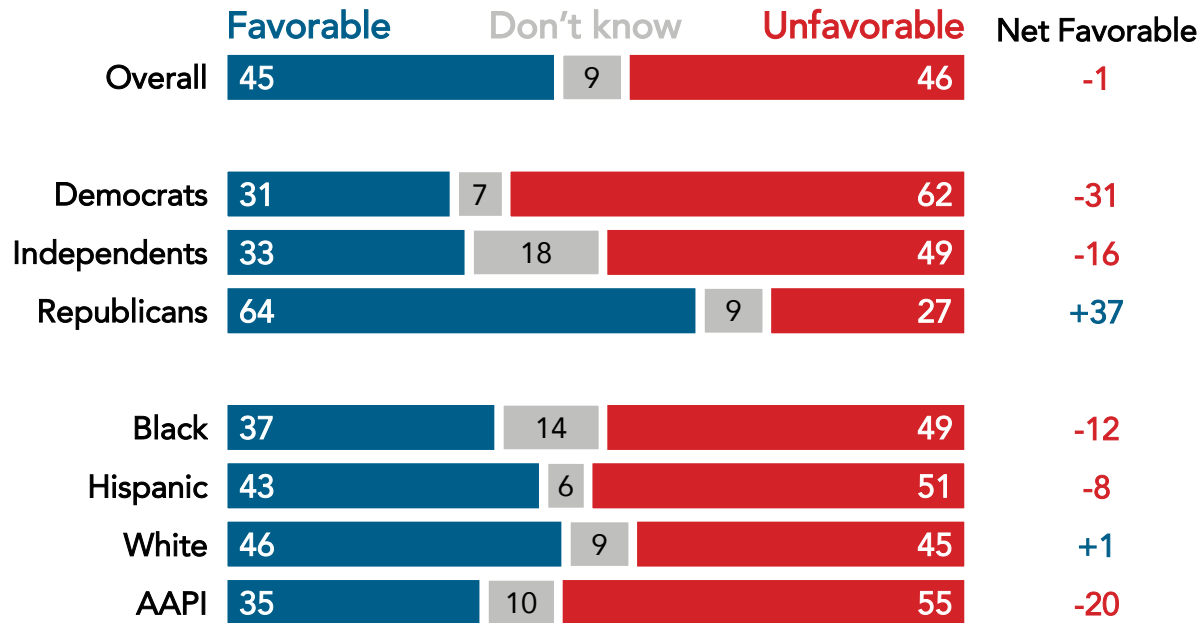
After messaging about recent or potential decisions by the Supreme Court and various criticisms of it, views of the Court decline by net 17 points overall, driven by declines among Democrats (net -26) and independents (net -19).

- Majorities of Democrats (76% unfavorable) and independents (60%) hold unfavorable views of the Court after messaging, as do nearly one in three Republicans (31%) and majorities of every racial group after learning more.

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The U.S. Supreme Court.

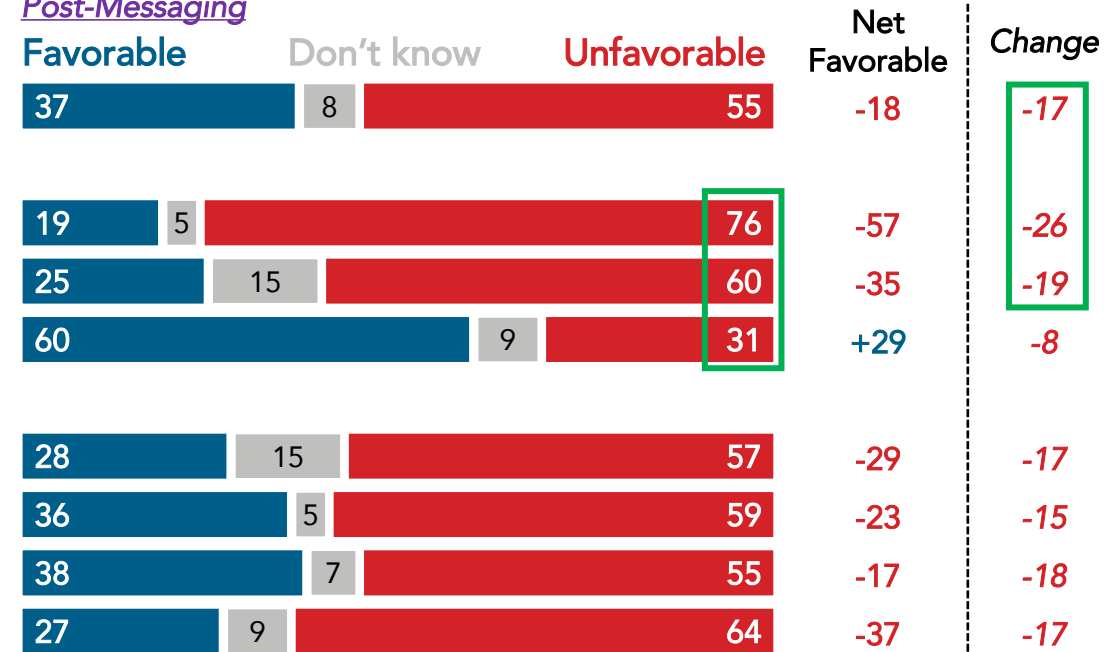
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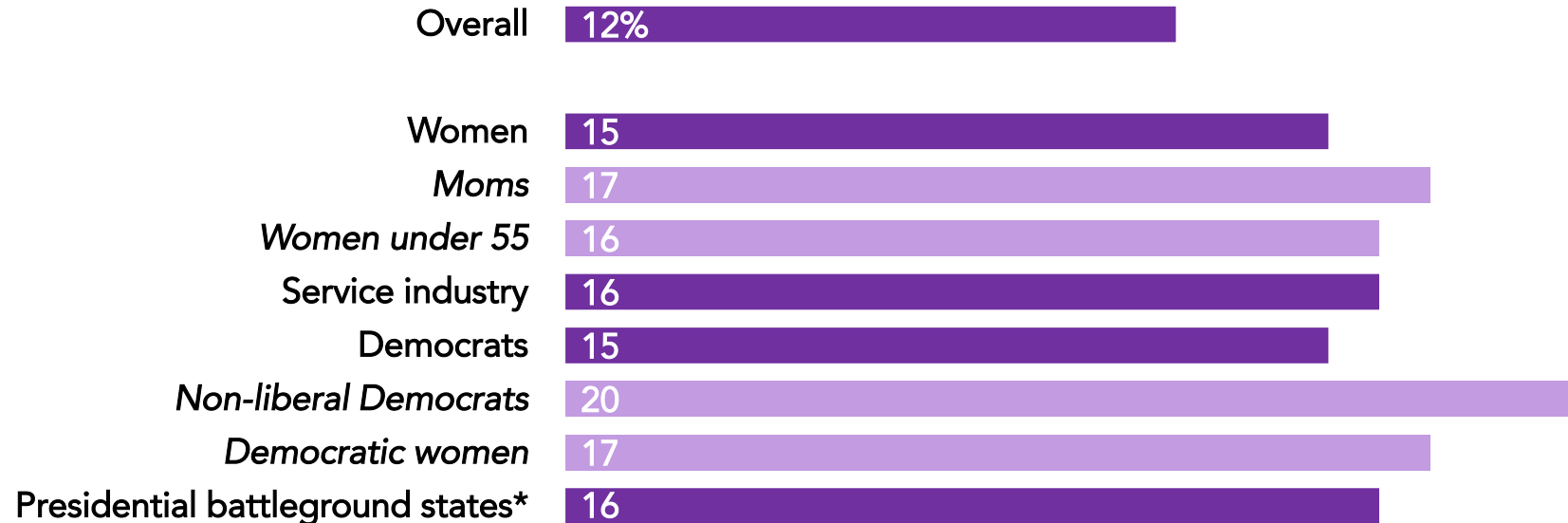
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Those Who Shift to View the Supreme Court Unfavorably Tend to Be Women, Democrats, and Live in Presidential Battleground

Democrats who do not identify as liberal (20%) most disproportionately fall into this group, while women (15%) are more likely to fall into this group than men (9%) – this also includes moms (17%) and women under 55 (16%) in particular.

- Americans who live in the seven main presidential battleground states* (16%) are also more likely to fall into this group than those who live in other states.

Supreme Court Favorability Movers: Respondents who initially express favorable views of the U.S. Supreme Court, but express unfavorable views after messaging about recent or potential upcoming decisions and various criticisms of the Court.



*"Presidential battleground states" include AZ, GA, MI, NV, NC, PA, and WI.
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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 1,001 registered voters from June 2-June 5, 2023. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 72 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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