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The Inflation Reduction Act After One Year: A Guide for Advocates



Key Takeaways:

- Nearly one year after the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, it remains deeply popular, earning support from two in three Americans.
- Majorities support a range of policies in the Inflation Reduction Act, particularly those focused on health care costs; these are also among the most credible in terms of what the plan accomplishes.
- Americans side with a supporters' message on what the Inflation Reduction Act gets done over a conservative criticism that it is just "runaway government spending."

Biden and Democrats More Trusted on Health Care, Prescription Drugs, and SS/Medicare, While Republicans Lead on Inflation

Independents trust Biden and Democrats the most on making prescription drugs more affordable and protecting Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid (net +13 on both), while they trust Republicans more on jobs and the economy (net +15 Republicans) and inflation (net +17).

- Republicans' slight advantage on jobs and the economy (net +5 Republicans) has decreased since late May, when they held an 8-point advantage; this decline is driven by independents (net +15 Republicans now, down from net +28 in May).

Below is a list of issues. Please indicate who you trust more to handle each one.

	Biden and the Democratic Party	Don't know	The Republican Party	Net Trust	Biden and Democrats More		
				Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep
Making prescription drugs more affordable	49	19	32	+17	+77	+13	-50
Health care	49	14	37	+12	+80	+9	-63
Protecting Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid	49	14	37	+12	+78	+13	-63
Looking out for people who work for a living	45	13	42	+3	+74	-7	-73
Standing up to drug companies that dramatically increase drug prices	42	18	40	+2	+66	+3	-68
Jobs and the economy	41	13	46	-5	+66	-15	-81
Inflation	37	17	46	-9	+57	-17	-80

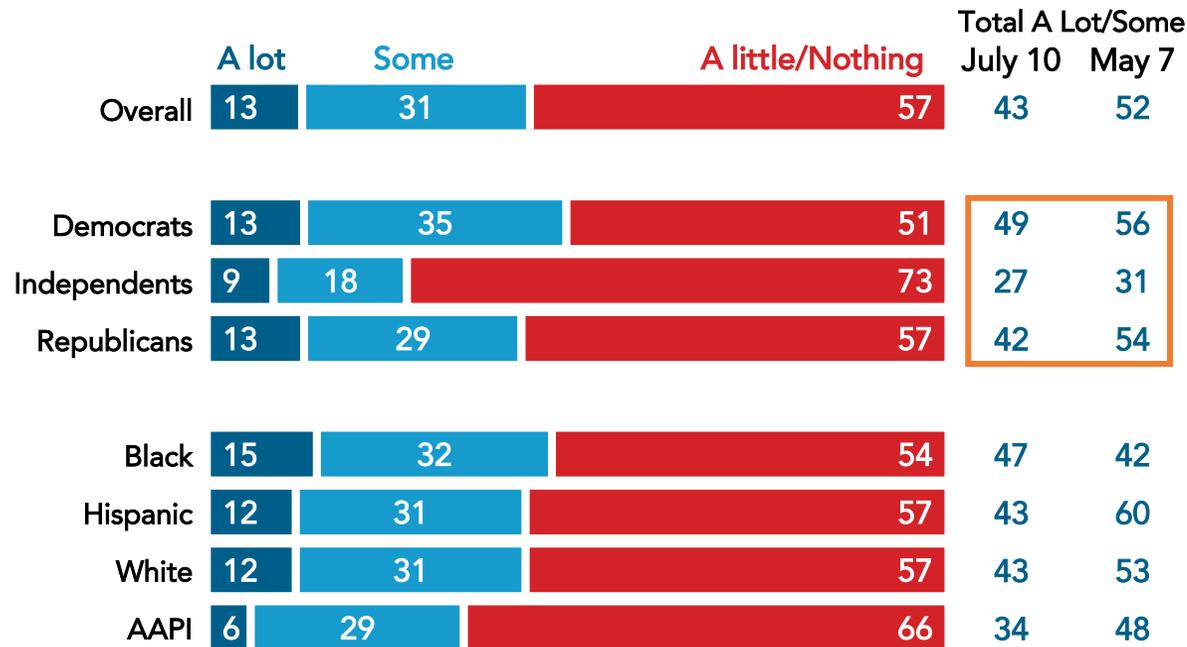
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Fewer Are Hearing About the Inflation Reduction Act, Though Support Levels Remain High

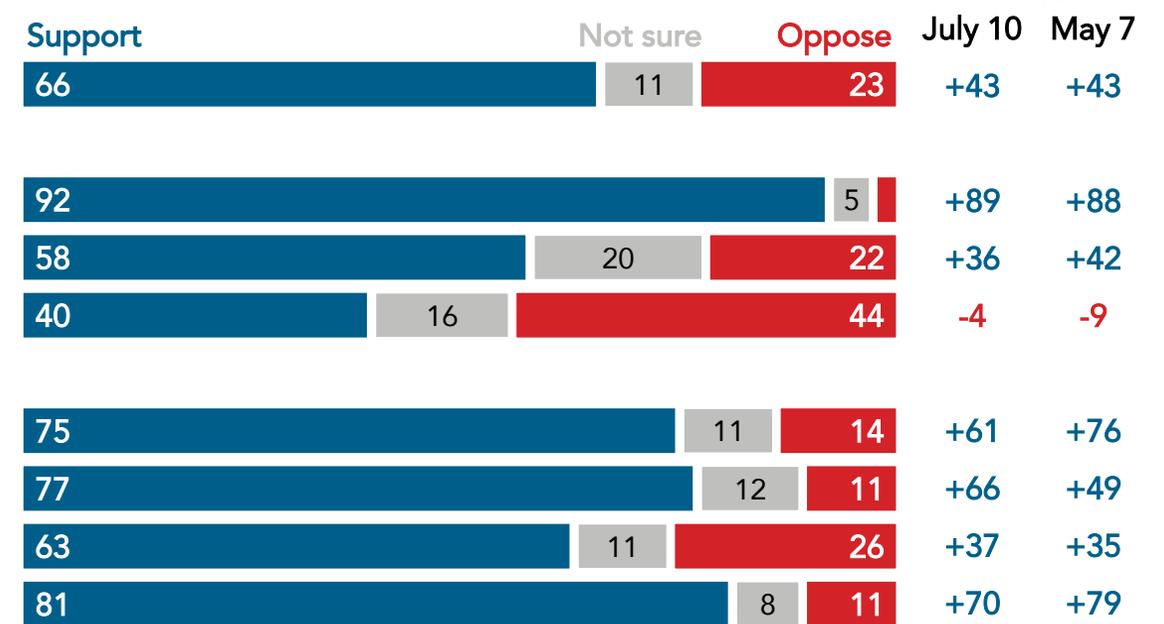
Majorities of Americans continue to support the Inflation Reduction Act across race and ethnicity, as do 58% of independents.

- However, only 43% of Americans – and only one in four independents (27%) – report hearing “a lot” or “some” about the legislation, down from 52% of Americans who had heard “a lot” or “some” in May.

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?



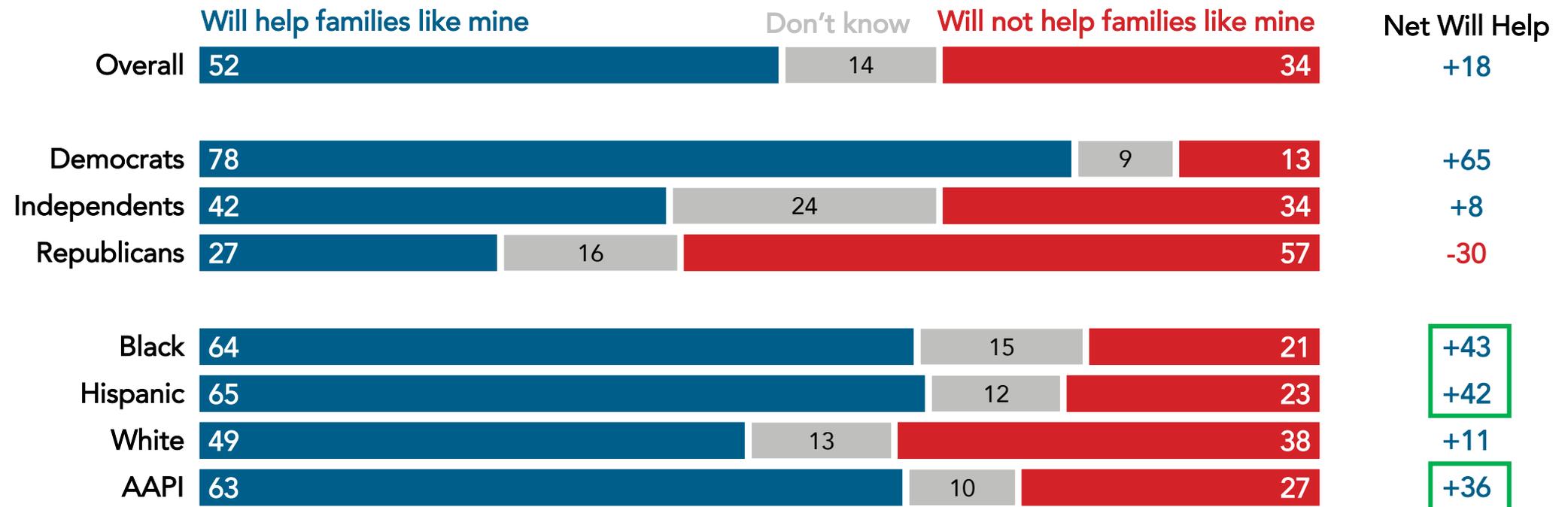
Nationwide surveys of registered voters; Each wave represents approximately 1,000 interviews taken over the prior three-five days. Latest wave conducted July 6-July 10, 2023. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org

More Than Half of Americans Say The Inflation Reduction Act Will Help Families Like Theirs

A majority (52%) of Americans believe the Inflation Reduction Act will help families like theirs.

- Black Americans (64%), Hispanic Americans (65%), and AAPI Americans (63%) overwhelmingly believe it will help their families. White Americans (49%) are less inclined to believe it will help theirs, though still nearly half say it will.

Thinking more about the Inflation Reduction Act, would you say it...



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Most Popular Parts of the Inflation Reduction Act Are Reducing Drug Prices and Cutting Health Care Costs

Overwhelming majorities of seniors and economic persuadables* support “capping insulin costs for seniors to \$35 a month” (90% and 87%) and “giving Medicare the power to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices” (84% and 95%).

Below is a list of some of the policies in Biden and Democrats' Inflation Reduction Act that was signed into law in August of last year. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each policy.

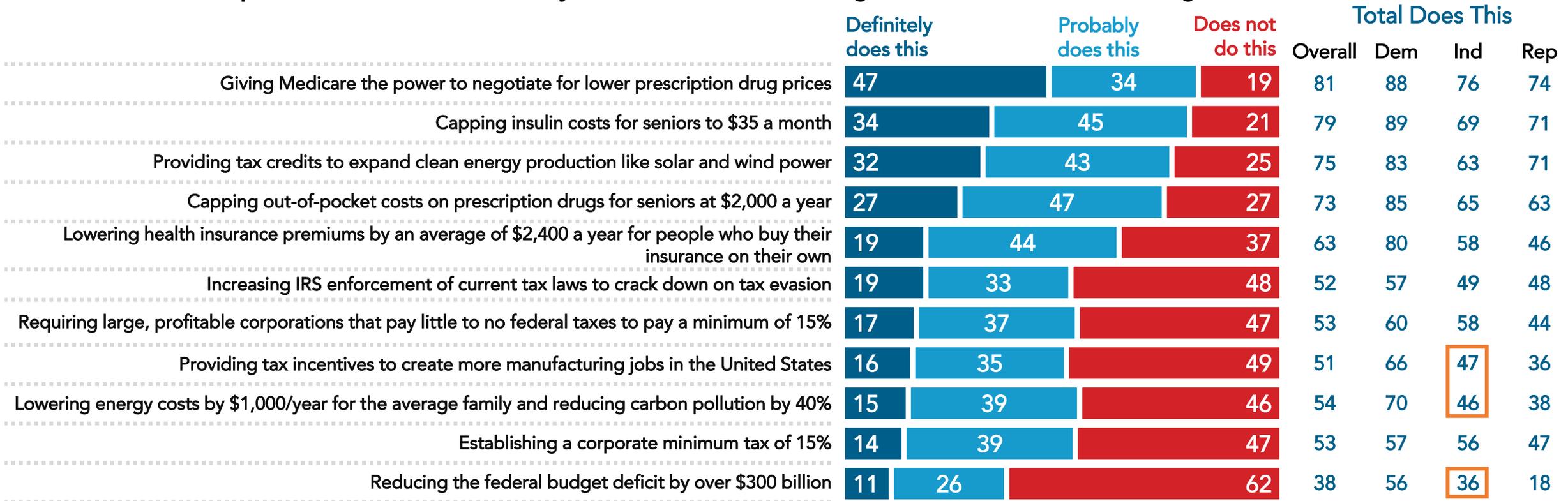
	Support	Not sure	Oppose	Dem	Total Support			
					Ind	Rep	65+	*Econ. Pers.
Capping insulin costs for seniors to \$35 a month	82	10	8	88	74	78	90	87
Giving Medicare the power to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices	81	10	9	93	69	71	84	95
Providing tax incentives to create more manufacturing jobs in the United States	79	11	10	88	73	71	80	89
Capping out-of-pocket costs on prescription drugs for seniors at \$2,000 a year	77	13	10	87	64	70	85	81
Lowering health insurance premiums by an average of \$2,400 a year for people who buy their insurance on their own	76	13	11	92	67	61	70	84
Reducing the federal budget deficit by over \$300 billion	75	18	7	79	71	71	83	82
Lowering energy costs by \$1,000/year for the average family and reducing carbon pollution by 40%	73	13	14	92	65	54	72	83
Requiring large, profitable corporations that pay little to no federal taxes to pay a minimum of 15%	70	13	17	88	60	55	80	76
Providing tax credits to expand clean energy production like solar and wind power	64	13	23	86	62	41	62	78
Increasing IRS enforcement of current tax laws to crack down on tax evasion	62	12	26	84	51	41	66	66
Establishing a corporate minimum tax of 15%	59	21	20	79	45	42	65	64

*“Economic persuadables” disapprove of Biden’s handling of the economy but support the Inflation Reduction Act on separate questions. Nationwide survey of 1,001 registered voters conducted July 6-July 10, 2023. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org.

The Most Credible Claims About the Inflation Reduction Act Are About Prescription Drugs, Clean Energy, Insurance Premiums

Independents are least likely to believe the Inflation Reduction Act creates more manufacturing jobs (47% believe it does this), lowers energy costs and reduces pollution (46%), and reduces the federal budget deficit by over \$300 billion (36%).

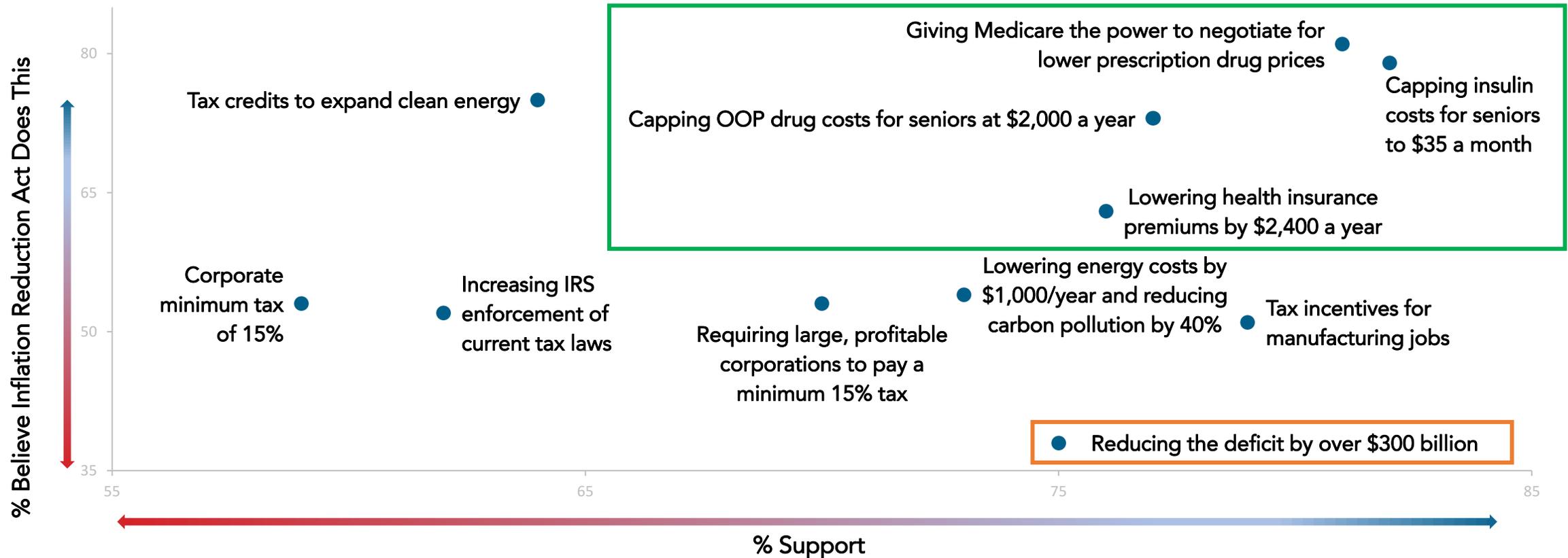
Below is a list of policies. Please indicate whether you think each one is something that the Inflation Reduction Act gets done.*



*Questions came after tracking questions on Inflation Reduction Act support, which makes mention of health care costs, clean energy investments, and drug prices. Nationwide survey of 1,001 registered voters conducted July 6-July 10, 2023. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org.

Policies to Lower Health Care Costs Are Most Supported and Most Naturally Tied to Inflation Reduction Act

Americans are most likely both to support and believe that the Inflation Reduction Act caps insulin costs for seniors, empowers Medicare to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices, lowers health insurance premiums, and caps out-of-pocket costs for seniors, while fewer than half believe it reduces the deficit by over \$300 billion.



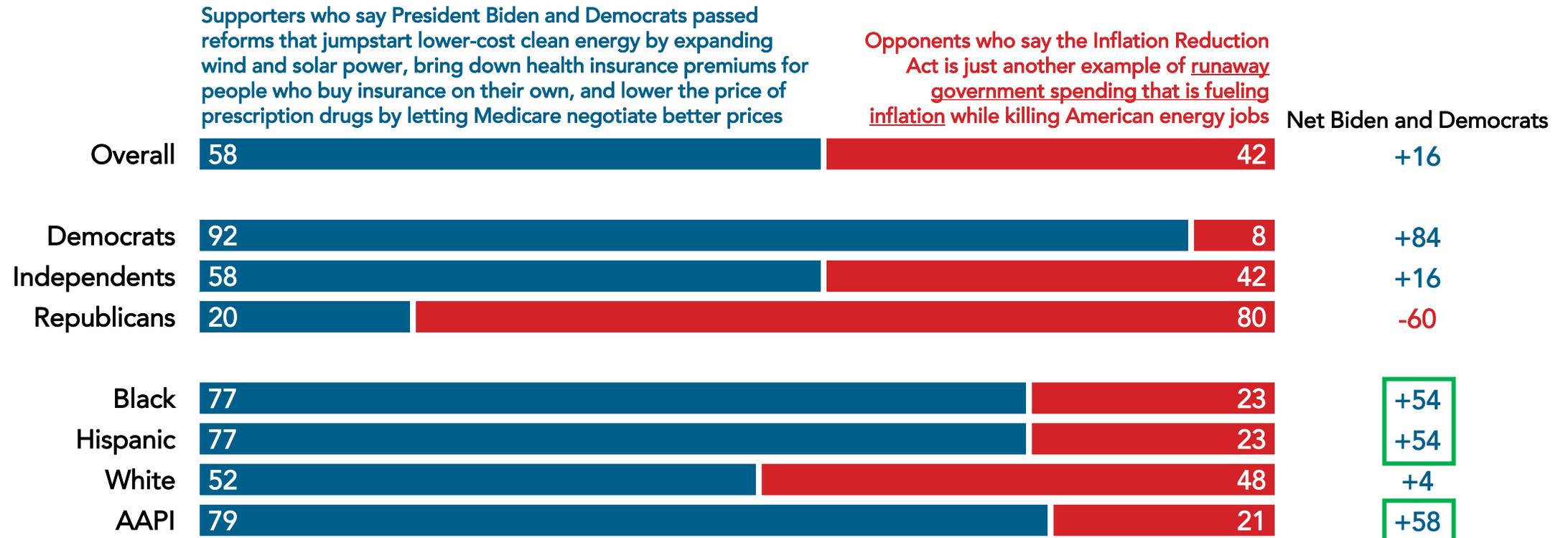
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Conservative Attacks on the Inflation Reduction Act as "Runaway Government Spending" Are Ineffective

Nearly three in five Americans (58%) side more with supporters of President Biden and Democrats in saying the Inflation Reduction Act has helped jumpstart clean energy and bring down health care costs than opponents who call it "runaway government spending."

- A majority of independents (58%) agree more with supporters of the Inflation Reduction Act.

Which side do you find more convincing?

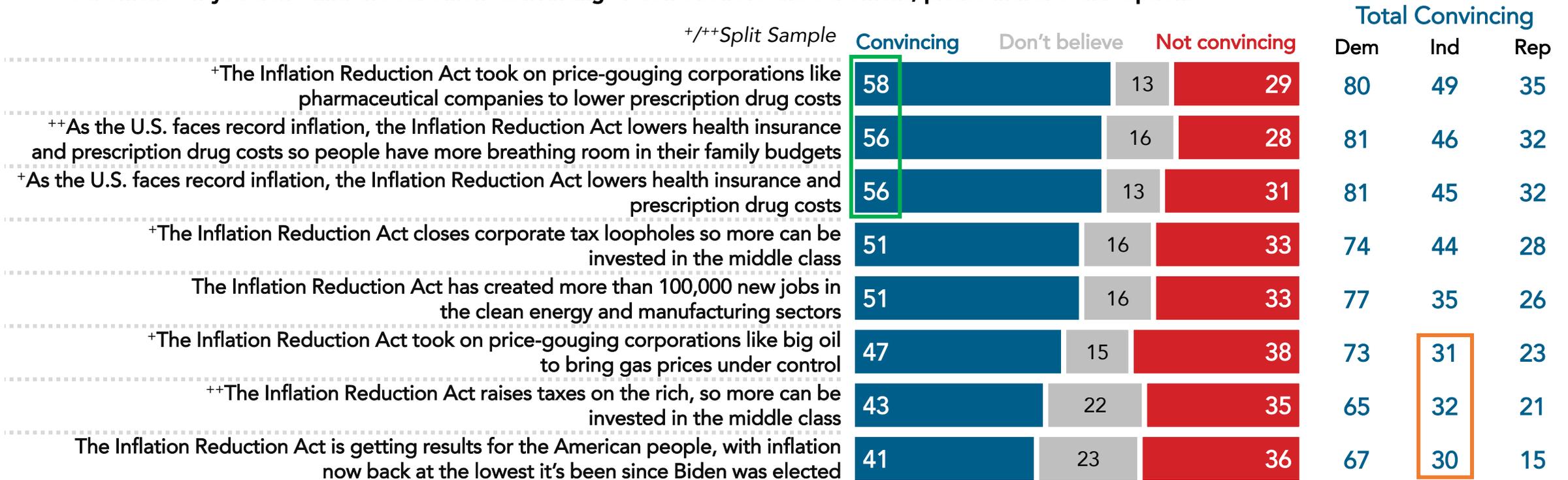


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Messaging Focused on How the Inflation Reduction Act Lowers Health Care Costs Is Most Convincing

Large majorities of Americans find statements that the plan helped “lower prescription drug costs” (58%) and “lowers health insurance and prescription drug costs” (56%) convincing, while claims about lower gas prices and falling inflation are viewed much more skeptically.

Below is a list of statements from supporters of President Biden and Democrats' Inflation Reduction Act. Please indicate how convincing you find each statement – if you don't find the statement convincing or don't believe the statement, please indicate that option.



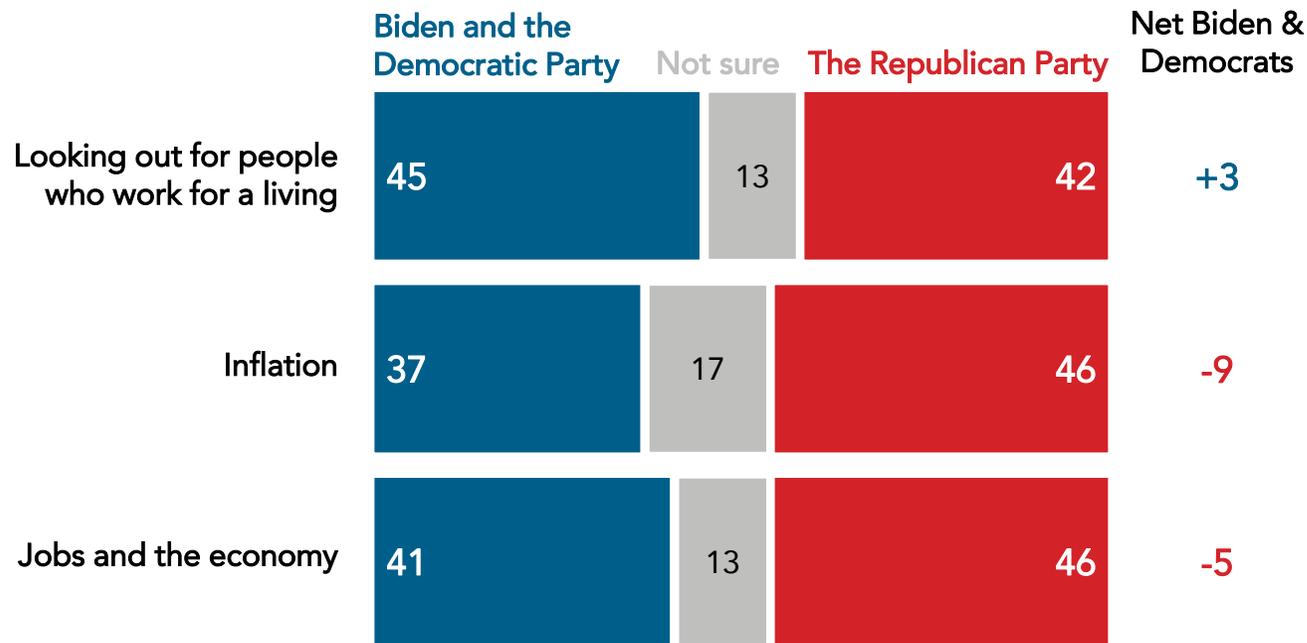
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Biden and Democrats Make Gains and Close the Gap on the Economy After Inflation Reduction Act Messaging

After messaging, attitudes shift the most on inflation (from net +9 Republicans initially to net +3 post-messaging), including among independents, whose trust in Biden and Democrats improves by net 16 points (from net -17 Biden and Democrats to net -1).

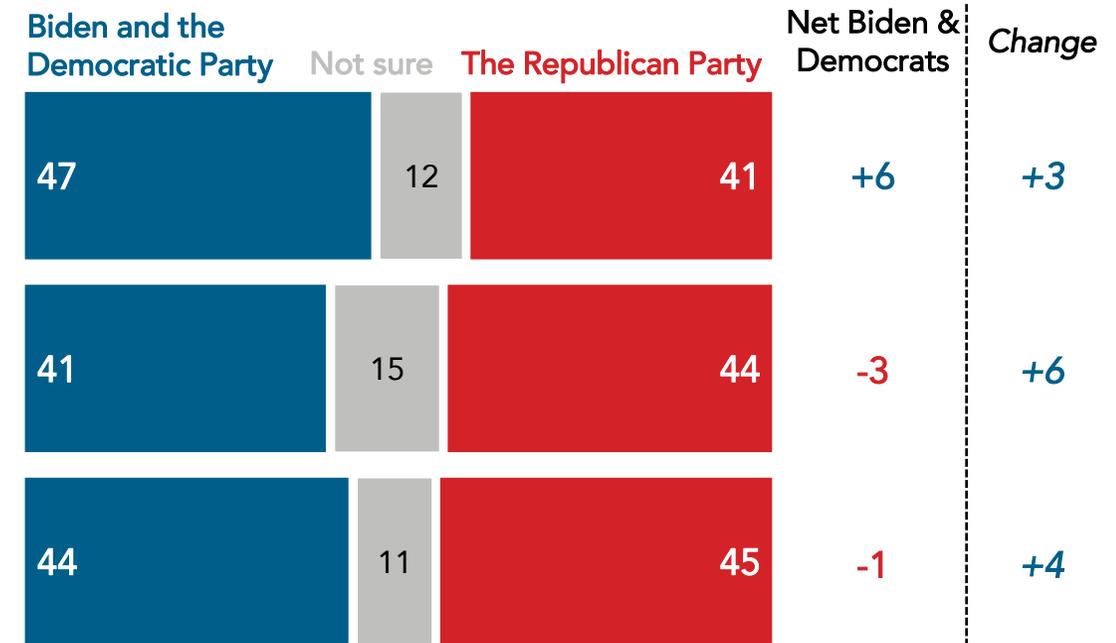
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About the Study

Global Strategy Group conducted public opinion surveys among a sample of 1,001 registered voters from July 6-July 10, 2023. 102 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 82 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 102 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. 99 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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