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Trump's Most Recent
Indictment: A Guide for
Advocates



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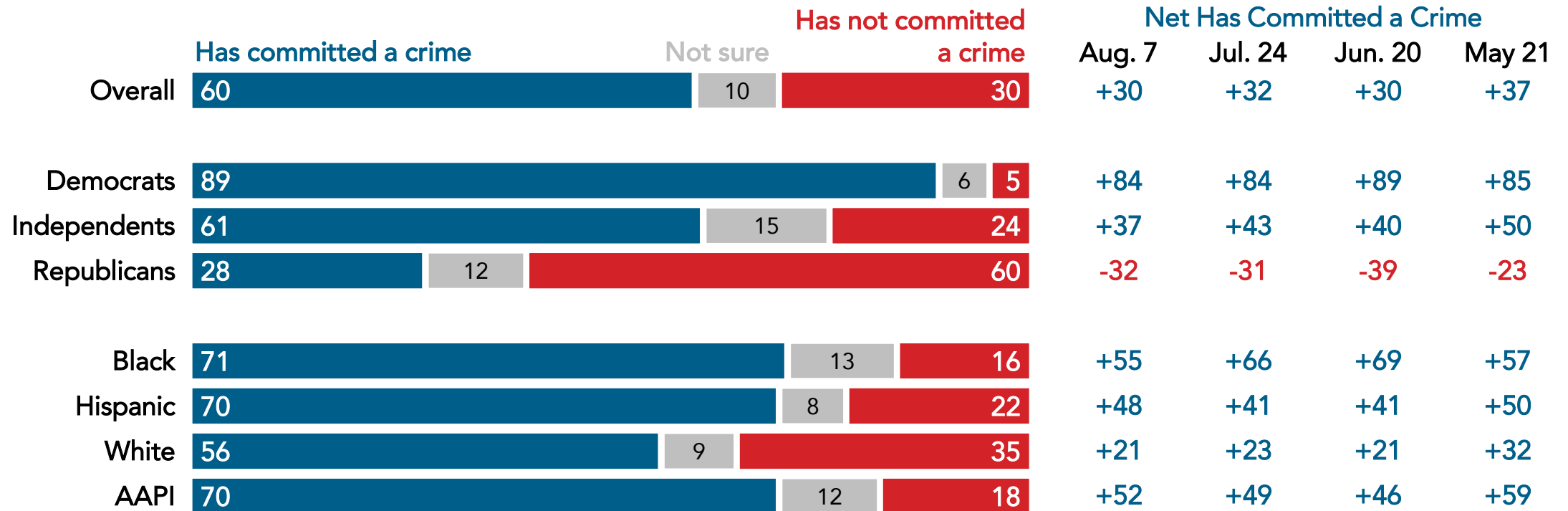
Key Takeaways:

- Three in five Americans think Trump has committed a crime, but a plurality say he will not be convicted of any of the crimes of which he is accused.
- Nearly four in five Americans oppose the actions of the insurrectionists who broke into the U.S. Capitol on January 6th, 2021, and a majority support Donald Trump being indicted for his efforts to overturn the 2020 election leading up to the January 6th attack (by 20 points).
- The strongest arguments about the most recent indictment against Trump emphasize that any average American who did what Trump allegedly did would be indicted and held accountable, that his not being held accountable destroys our justice system's credibility, and that no politician should be above the law.

Three in Five Continue to Say Trump Has Committed a Crime

Independents believe that Trump has committed a crime by a 37-point margin (61% has committed a crime/24% has not).

Do you think Donald Trump has committed a crime?

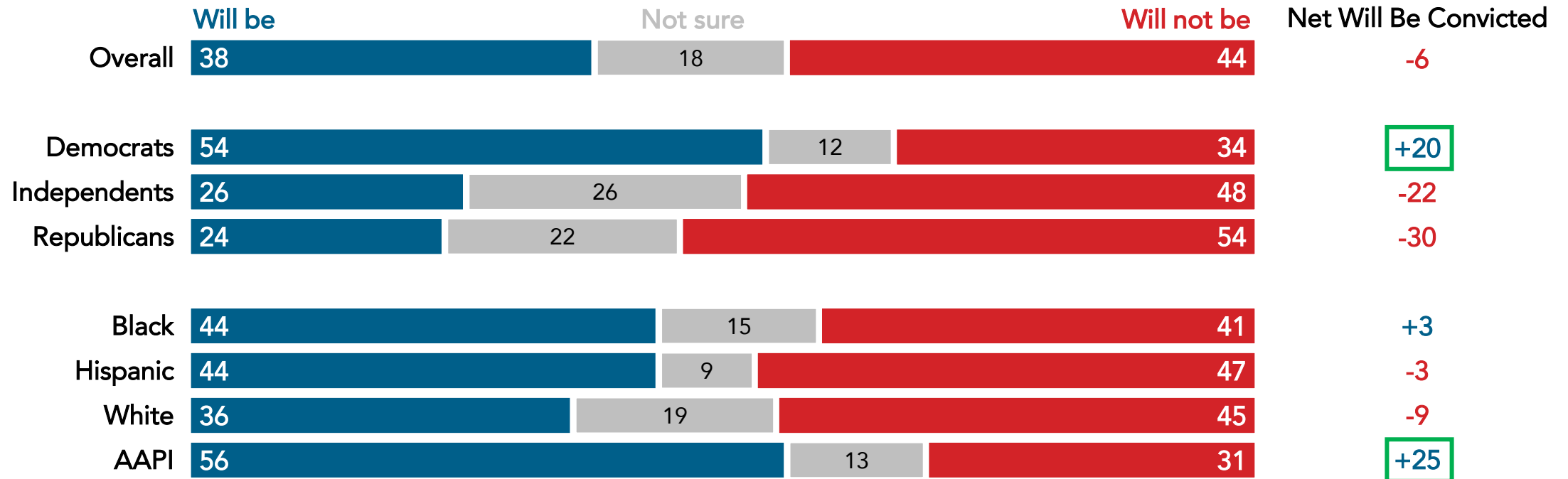


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A Plurality Do Not Think Trump Will Get Convicted

Democrats (net +20 will be convicted) and AAPI Americans (net +25) are most likely to say that Trump will be convicted of at least some of the crimes of which he is accused. A plurality of independents (48%) do not think he will be convicted.

Do you think Donald Trump will be convicted of any of the crimes of which he is accused?

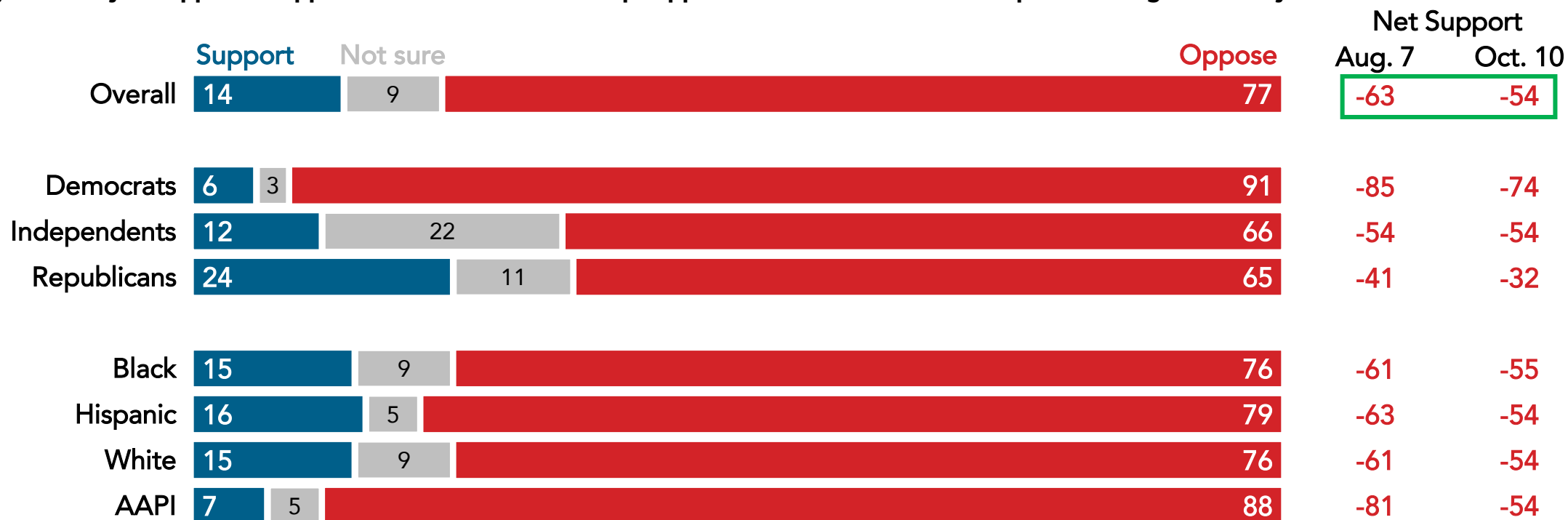


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More Than Three in Four Americans Oppose the Actions of Rioters on January 6th

Support for the rioters has declined even further in recent months, from net -54 support in October of 2022 to net -63 now: today, more than three in four Americans (77%) oppose the actions of the Trump supporters who broke into the Capitol, the highest level of opposition since our [January 2021 survey](#) immediately after the attack (net -72).

Regardless of how much you have seen or heard since January 6th, 2021 about the Trump supporters who broke into the U.S. Capitol building on January 6th... Do you support or oppose the actions of the Trump supporters who broke into the Capitol building on January 6th?

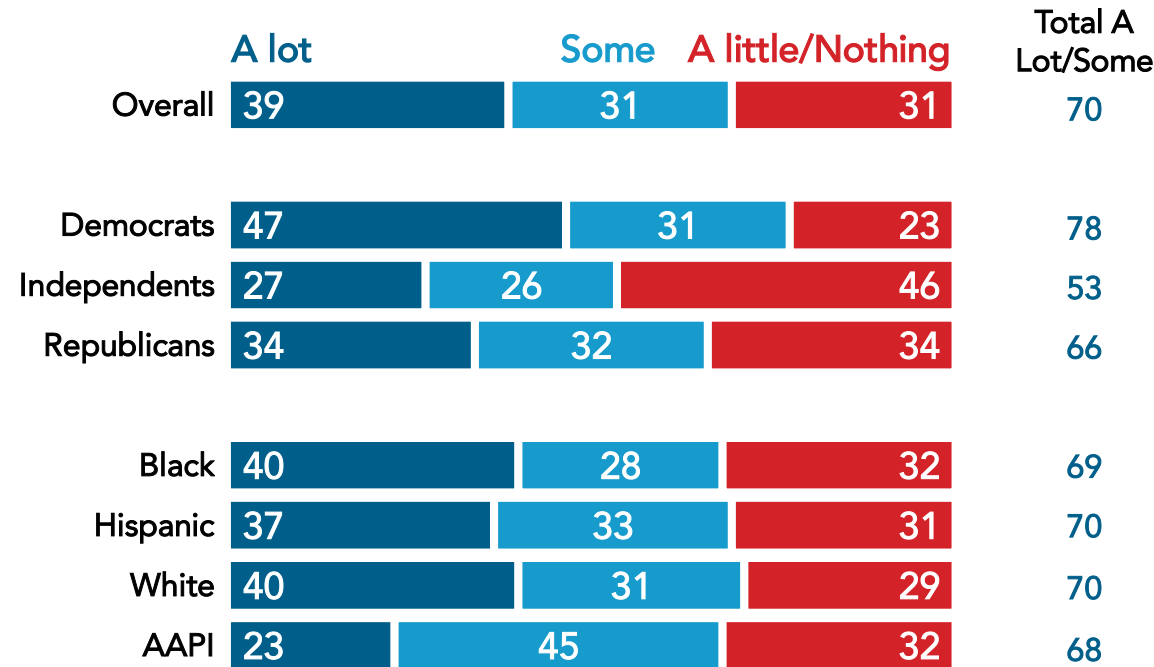


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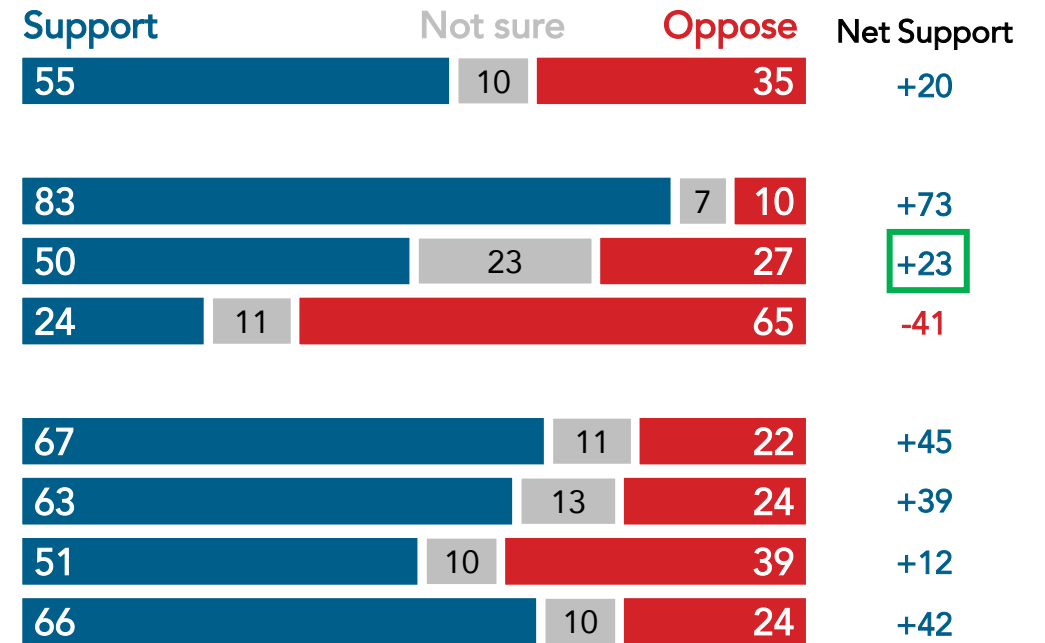
Nearly Three in Four Are Hearing About Trump's Most Recent Indictment and More Than Half Support It

Although only just over half of independents report hearing "a lot" or "some" about the indictment, they support it by a 23-point margin.

How much have you seen, read, or heard recently about former President Donald Trump being indicted by a federal grand jury for his efforts to overturn the 2020 election leading up to the January 6th, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol?



As you may know, former President Donald Trump has been indicted on 4 felony counts by a federal grand jury for his efforts to overturn the 2020 election leading up to the January 6th, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol, including conspiracy to defraud the United States. Knowing this, do you support or oppose Donald Trump being criminally indicted for his efforts to overturn the 2020 election leading up to the January 6th, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol?



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Strongest Messages Emphasize Everyday Americans Would Be Held Accountable If They Did What Trump Has Allegedly Done

Below is a list of statements some politicians – some Democrat, some Republican – have recently made as it relates to the indictments against Donald Trump. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each one.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Not sure	Disagree	Overall	Total Agree			Indictment Pers.*
						Dem	Ind	Rep	
If any average American did anything close to what Donald Trump has done, they would be indicted	51	16	11	22	66	90	59	42	43
If powerful people like former President Donald Trump can commit crimes without being held accountable, it destroys the credibility of our justice system	50	15	12	23	65	86	59	44	45
No politician is above the law, not even a President or a former President. The evidence is clear that Donald Trump should be indicted for these crimes, no matter what positions he's held or is running for	49	13	10	28	62	89	57	34	37
Donald Trump has now been indicted three times for multiple crimes in multiple locations. The mounting evidence makes it even clearer that he is guilty of the crimes of which he has been accused	40	16	13	31	56	87	47	25	22
Donald Trump has been indicted by multiple grand juries of regular, everyday people who saw the evidence and voted to indict him based on the facts	40	15	16	29	55	81	47	30	29
The MAGA Republicans in Congress who have protected Donald Trump need to be held accountable for this, too	37	19	14	30	57	85	53	28	24
Donald Trump and others accused in this most recent indictment were working against Americans' right to vote and against everyone's vote being counted	36	17	14	33	53	81	42	27	24

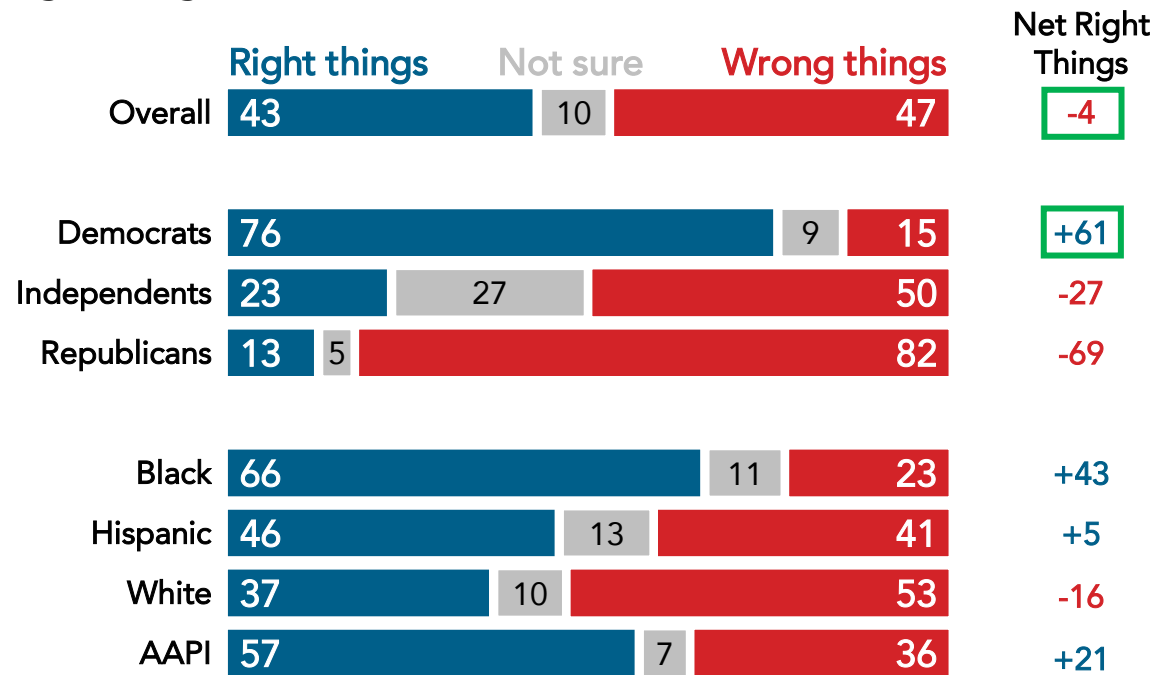
*"Indictment persuadables" indicate they somewhat oppose or are not sure when asked whether they support the most recent indictment on a separate question. Nationwide survey of 1,000 registered voters conducted August 3-August 7, 2023. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org.

Americans Say the Republican Party Is Less Focused on the Right Things

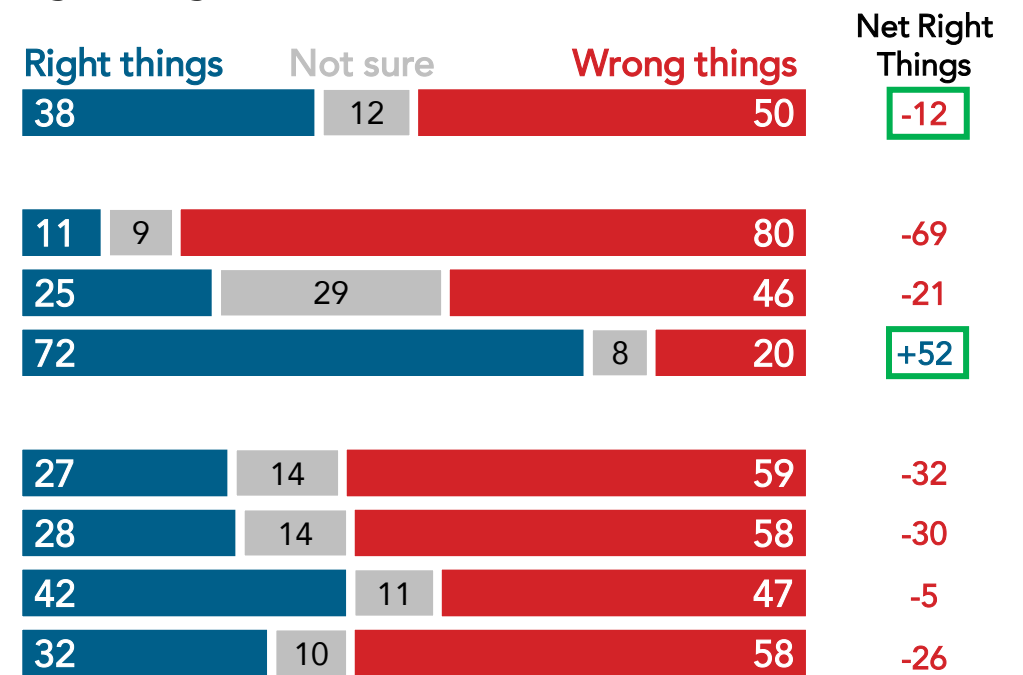
Americans say the Democratic Party is focused on the wrong things by a 4-point margin (43% right things vs. 47% wrong things), while they say the Republican Party is focused on the wrong things by a 12-point margin (38% vs. 50%).

- Democrats are more likely to say their party is focused on the right things (net +61) than Republicans of their party (+52).

Do you think the **Democratic Party** is focused on the right things?



Do you think the **Republican Party** is focused on the right things?



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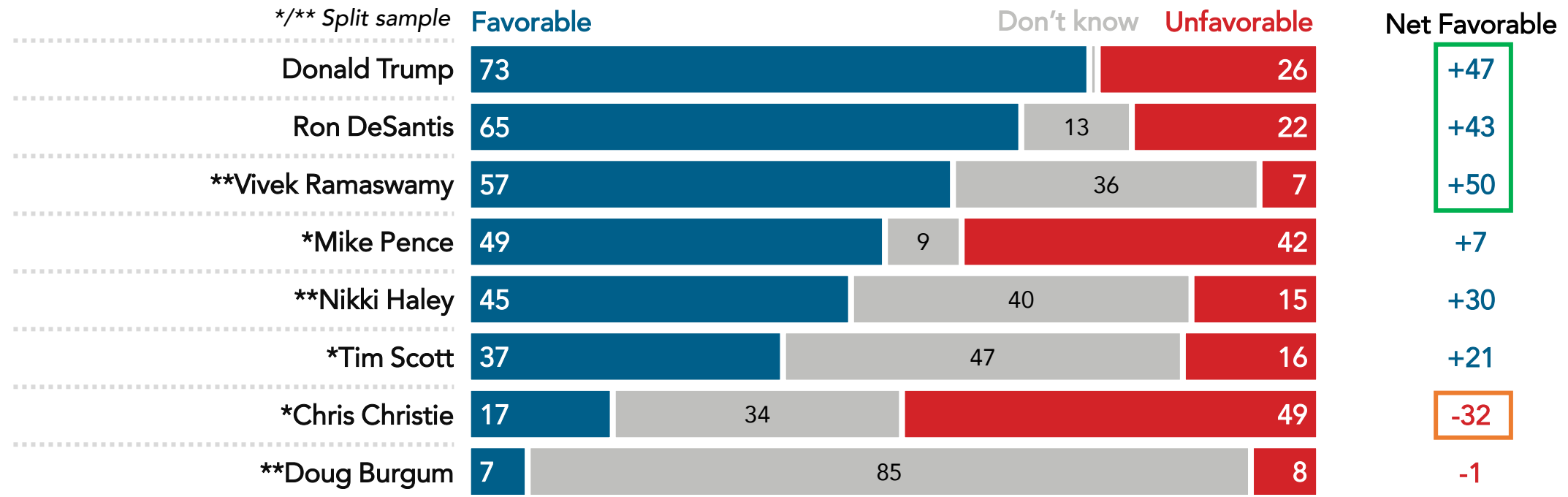
Among Republicans, Trump, DeSantis, and Ramaswamy Viewed As Most Favorable Primary Candidates Entering the First Debate

Ramaswamy (net +50 favorable), Trump (net +47), DeSantis (net +43), Haley (net +30), and Scott (net +21) fare best with Republicans, while views of Mike Pence are only slightly above water (net +7).

- Meanwhile, Chris Christie is deeply underwater with Republicans (net -32). Nearly nine in ten are not familiar with Doug Burgum.

Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to each one.

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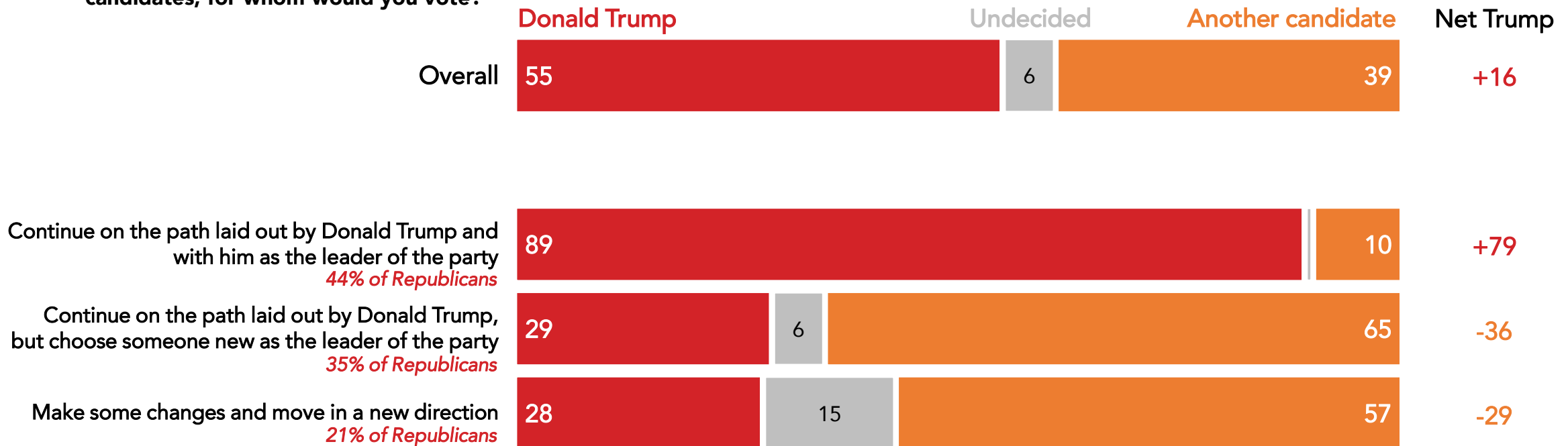
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Trump Leads the GOP Field Because the Non-Trump Wings of the Party Are Not Fully Consolidated Against Him

Among Republicans who say the GOP should “continue on the path laid out by Donald Trump and with him as the leader of the party” (44% of the party), Trump garners nearly 90% of the vote, while he wins support from less than one in three voters who say the party should continue on Trump’s path with a different leader (29%) or make some changes and move in a new direction (28%).

- Among Republicans who want the party to continue on Trump’s path with a new leader, 33% prefer Ron DeSantis.

[AMONG REPUBLICANS ONLY] It's a long way from now, but if the 2024 Republican primary election for President were today and these were the candidates, for whom would you vote?



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About the Study

Global Strategy Group conducted public opinion surveys among a sample of 1,000 registered voters from August 3-August 7, 2023. 101 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 73 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. 105 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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