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The Trump Indictments:
A Guide for Advocates



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Key Takeaways:

- More than three in five Americans think Trump has committed a crime, but Americans are split evenly on whether he will be convicted.
- Americans are hearing the most about Trump's indictment for his efforts to overturn the 2020 election leading up to the January 6th attack on the Capitol and are also most likely to describe that indictment as very serious.
- While about three in five Americans describe each of the four indictments as legitimate, fewer say the Manhattan case is "very serious" compared to the January 6th, Georgia, and classified documents cases.

More Say Trump Will Be Convicted After His Most Recent Indictment; Three in Five Continue to Say He Committed a Crime

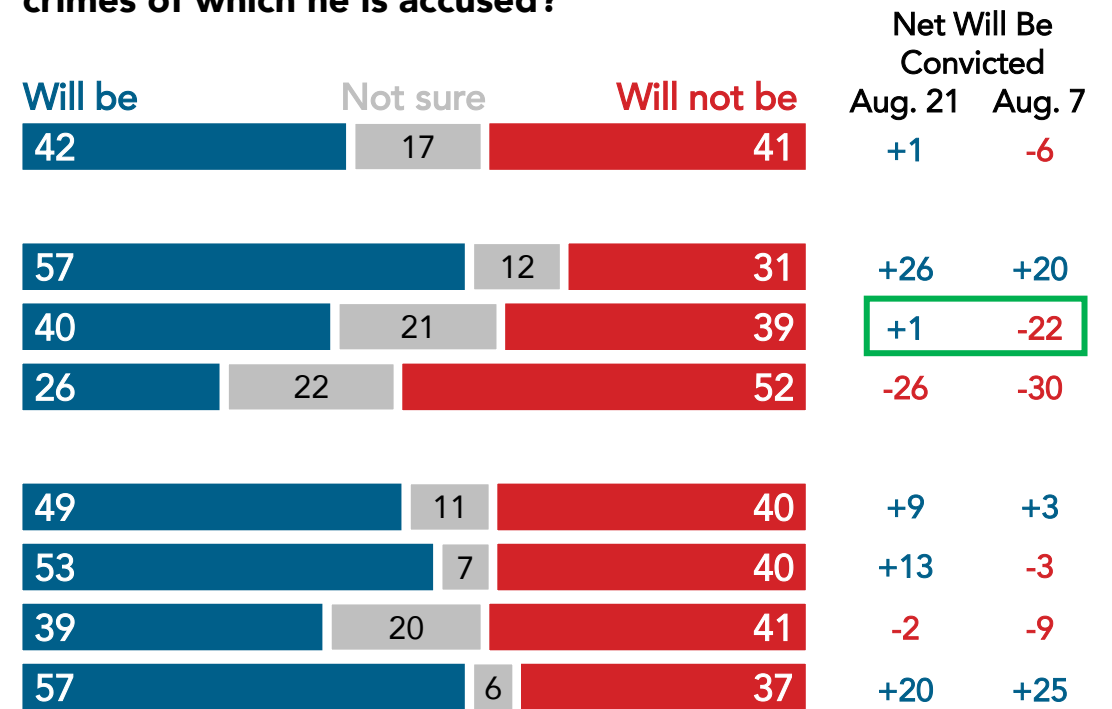
Since early August, Americans across party lines have grown more likely to say Trump will be convicted, with an especially large increase among independents (net +1 will be convicted now, compared to net -22 in early August).

- A growing share of independents also say Trump has committed a crime (net +49 now, up from net +37).

Do you think Donald Trump has committed a crime?



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

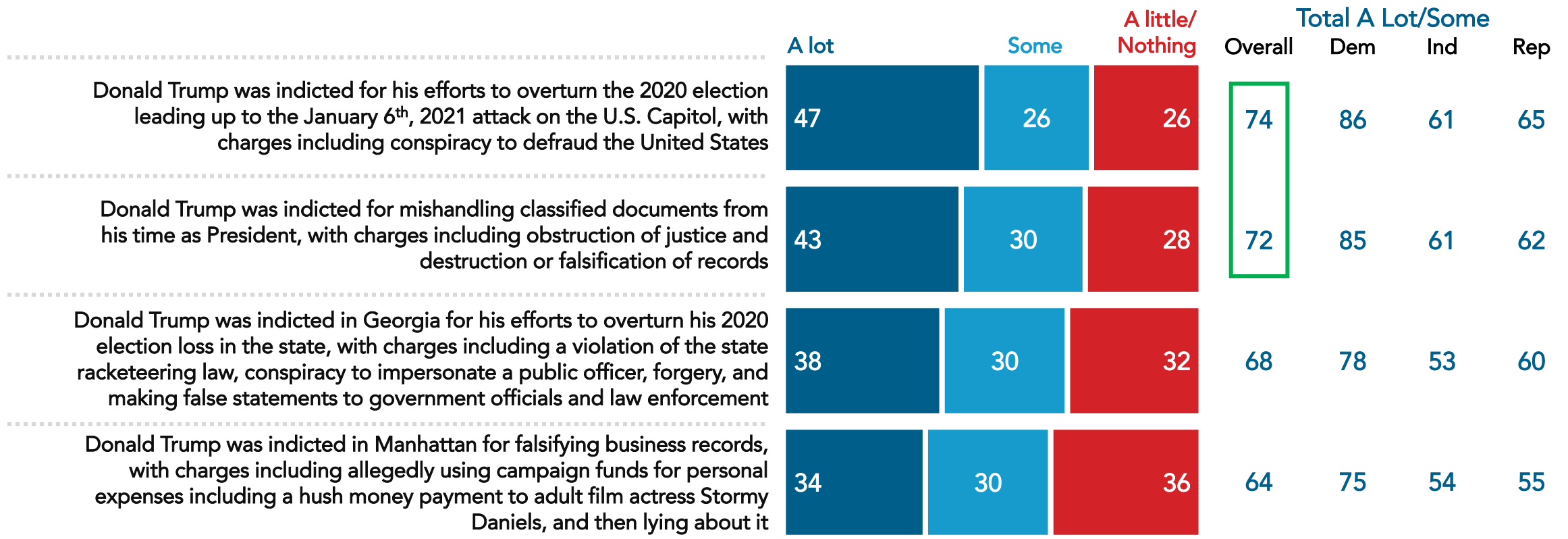


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Americans Hearing the Most About Trump's Recent Indictment on 2020 Election Results, Least on Manhattan Case

Democrats report hearing the most about each set of charges against Trump (at least 75% "a lot" or "some" each).

Below is a list of charges against former President Donald Trump. Please indicate how much you have seen, read, or heard about each one.

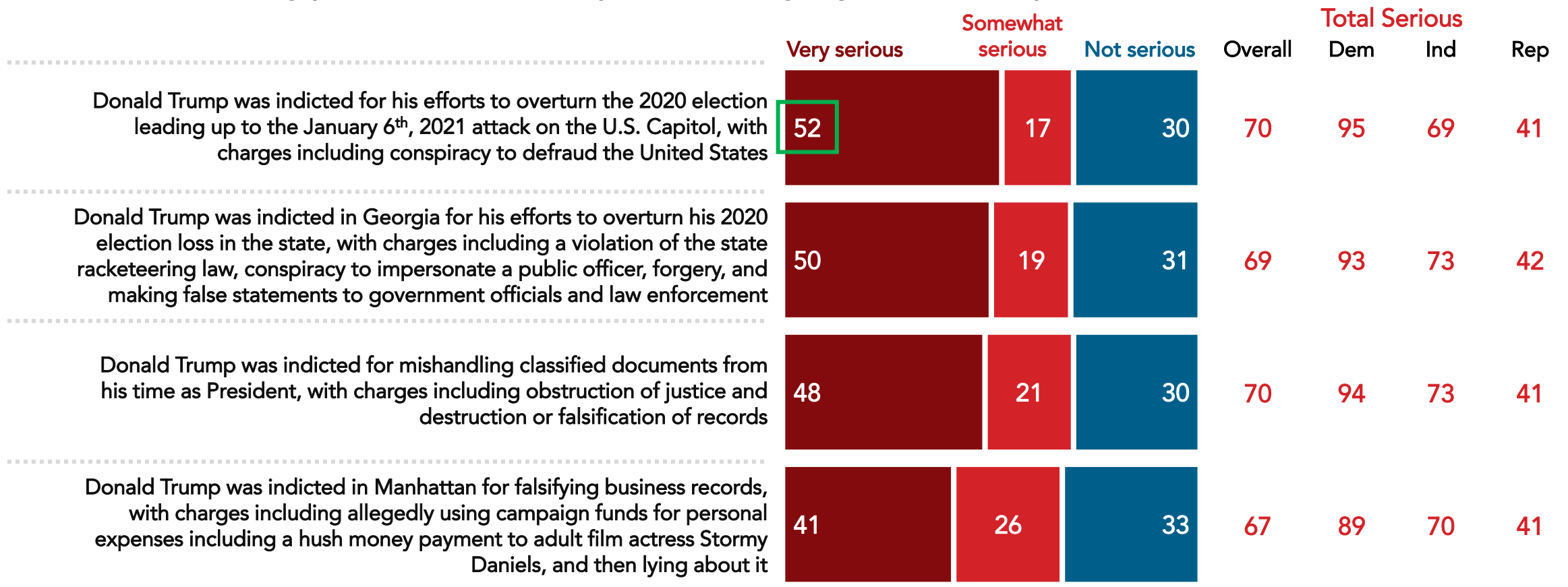


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Majorities View Each Set of Charges Against Trump As Serious

More than half of Americans say the January 6th indictment is “very serious” (52%), compared to two in five who say the same of the Manhattan case (41%).

For each of the following, please indicate how serious you think the charges against Donald Trump are.

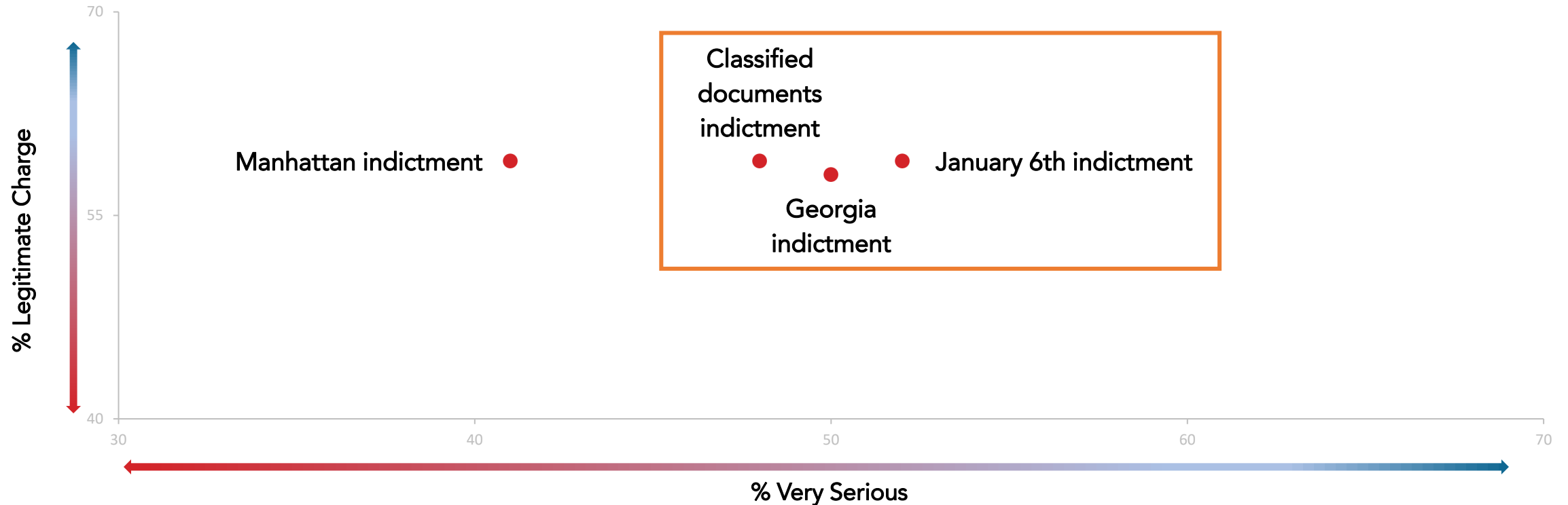


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Trump's January 6th, Georgia, and Classified Documents Charges Are Seen as Most Serious; All Are Seen as Legitimate

Americans are most likely to describe the indictment stemming from Trump's "efforts to overturn the 2020 election leading up to the January 6th, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol" as "very serious" (52%), followed closely by the indictment in Georgia (50%), and the indictment for mishandling classified documents (48%). The Manhattan indictment is viewed as somewhat less serious (41% very serious).

- However, all 4 indictments are viewed as legitimate charges by about three in five Americans (58% or 59% each).



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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 August 17-August 21, 2023. 105 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 75 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 103 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among independent voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among those living in households with at least one union member. 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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