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The Republican
Impeachment Inquiry: A
Guide for Advocates



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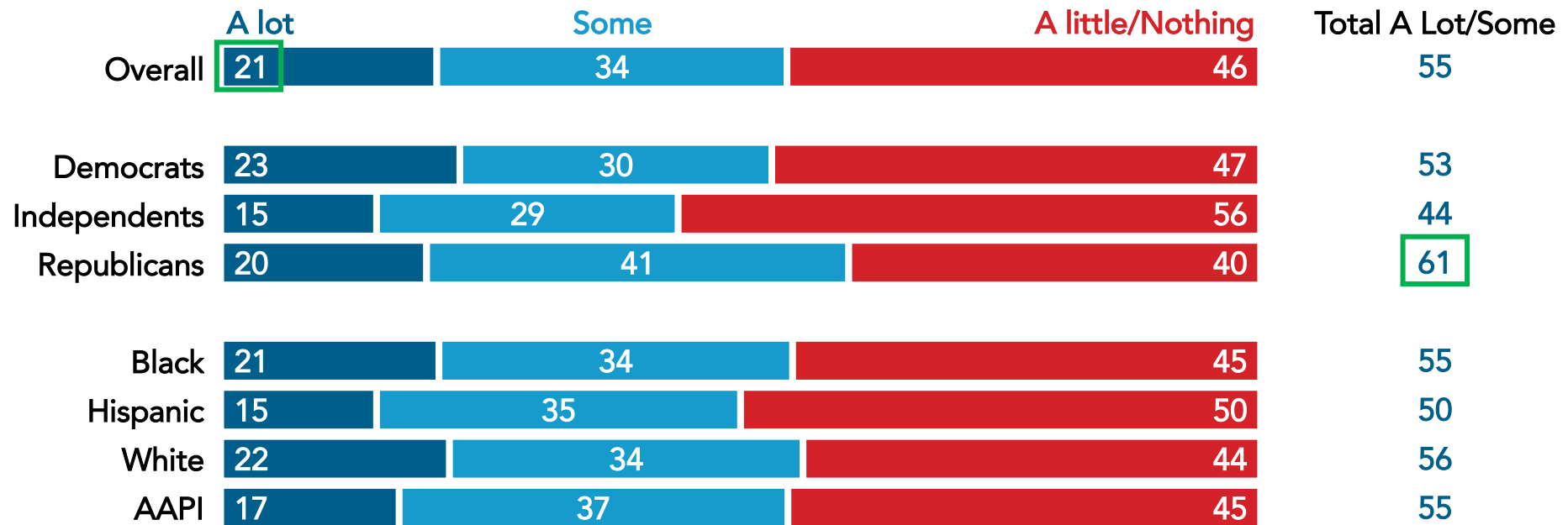
Key Takeaways:

- More than half of Americans are hearing about Republicans in Congress launching an impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden, with Republicans hearing the most.
- Roughly half of Americans oppose both the impeachment inquiry into President Biden and his impeachment.
- The most convincing arguments from opponents of the impeachment are about Republican focus on impeachment instead of issues that impact everyday Americans and arguments about Trump's more serious offenses.

One in Five Are Hearing “a Lot” About Republicans’ Impeachment Inquiry Into President Biden

Republicans report hearing the most about Republicans in Congress launching an impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden (61% hearing “a lot” or “some”), followed by Democrats (53%) and independents (44%).

How much have you seen, read, or heard about Republicans in Congress launching an impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden?



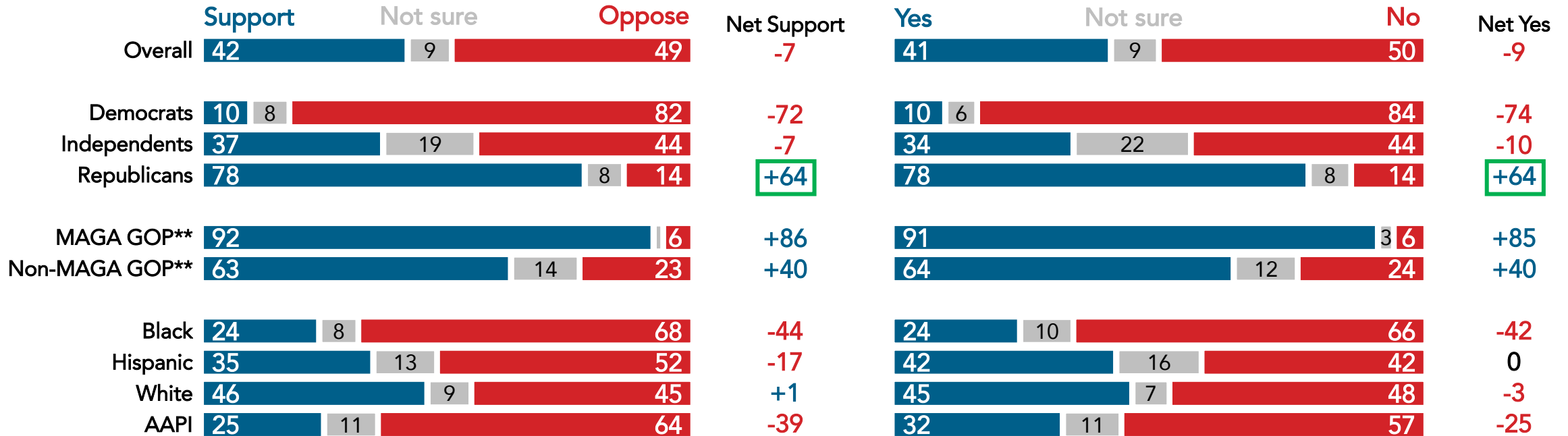
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Nearly Half Oppose the Impeachment Inquiry Into President Biden, Including a Plurality of Independents

Equal pluralities of independents oppose Republicans launching an impeachment inquiry into President Biden and say President Biden should not be impeached (44% each).

Do you support or oppose Republicans in Congress launching an impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden?

Do you think President Biden should be impeached?*



*Question was asked of half of respondents on a split sample test.

**"MAGA Republicans" are self-identified Republicans who indicate that they consider themselves a supporter of the MAGA movement.

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The Most Convincing Arguments Against Biden's Impeachment Focus on GOP Distraction, Comparison With Trump's Crimes

Below is a list of statements from those who oppose impeaching President Biden. Please indicate how convincing you find each one.

Republicans in Congress...

/ Split sample*

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Don't believe	Not convincing	Total Convincing			
					Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep
*...are focusing too much on issues like impeaching President Biden and not enough on issues that impact everyday Americans, like inflation	42	20	11	27	62	85	54	40
**...are focusing too much on issues like impeaching President Biden and making dramatic spending cuts...and not enough on issues that impact everyday Americans, like inflation ⁺	39	21	12	28	60	82	65	36
Donald Trump has been charged with much more serious offenses than what Republicans are accusing Joe Biden of, including lying to law enforcement, trying to overturn the 2020 election results, and destroying classified documents	40	18	15	27	57	82	55	30
...have been investigating President Biden and have not found any evidence to backup their claims of corruption: this is just a politically motivated witch hunt to hurt Biden in 2024	34	21	19	26	55	83	49	25
...are just going after President Biden to get back at Democrats for impeaching Donald Trump	35	20	17	28	55	82	55	25
...want to go after President Biden on made up claims, while they refuse to hold Trump accountable on any of his four indictments and 91 felony charges, including efforts to overturn the 2020 election	36	18	18	28	55	82	48	26
...have been investigating President Biden for 9 months, and they've turned up no evidence of wrongdoing. This impeachment is completely unjustified	34	20	18	28	54	84	46	22
The alleged activity Republicans are investigating happened before Biden was even president: impeachment is supposed to be reserved for offenses that present an ongoing threat to the country, making removal the only solution, and these clearly do not present such a threat	28	24	15	33	52	75	44	29

⁺Full question text read: "making dramatic spending cuts to the programs Americans rely on..."
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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 September 21-September 25, 2023. 105 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 75 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 104 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. 102 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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