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Perceptions of Biden and  
Trump: A Guide for  
Advocates



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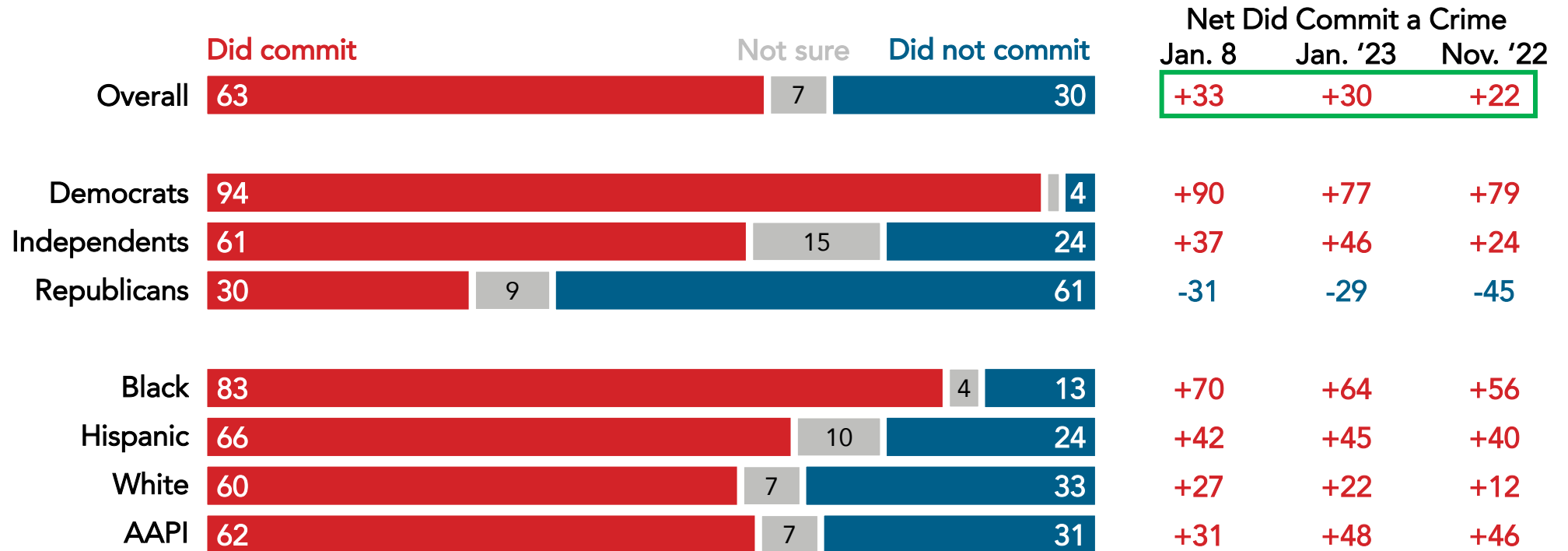
## Key Takeaways:

- A growing share of Americans – now nearly two in three – say Trump committed a crime as President, though belief that he will be convicted is in decline.
- Trump's most concerning comments include his call to "terminate" the Constitution, his call for "some form of punishment" for women who seek abortions, threatening to weaponize the DOJ, and claiming he will be a dictator "on day one."
- Americans report hearing more about Trump in the news than Biden, including more negative news; these negatives center on recent ballot fights and January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Americans say Republicans in Congress and Donald Trump are most focused on investigating the Biden administration, but Americans want lawmakers to be focused most on inflation and jobs and the economy.

# A Growing Share Say Trump Committed a Crime as President

Since late 2022, the share of Americans who say Trump committed a crime as president has grown by net-11 points, from net +22 in November 2022 to net +33 now.

Do you think Donald Trump committed a crime at any point as president?

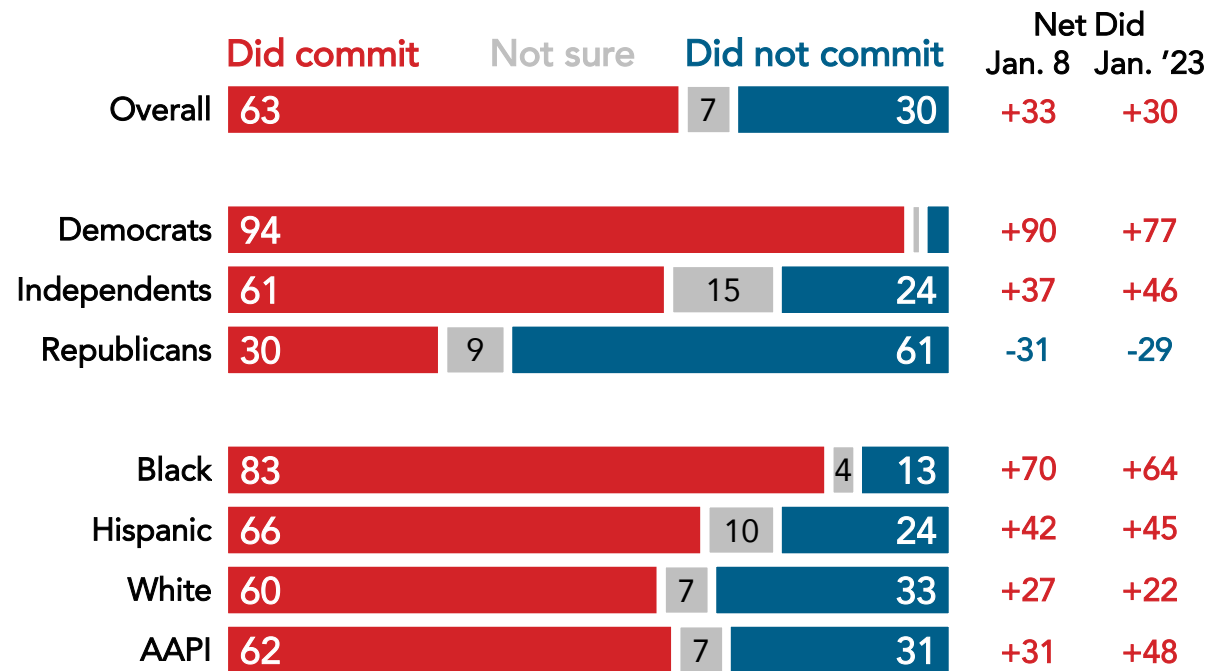


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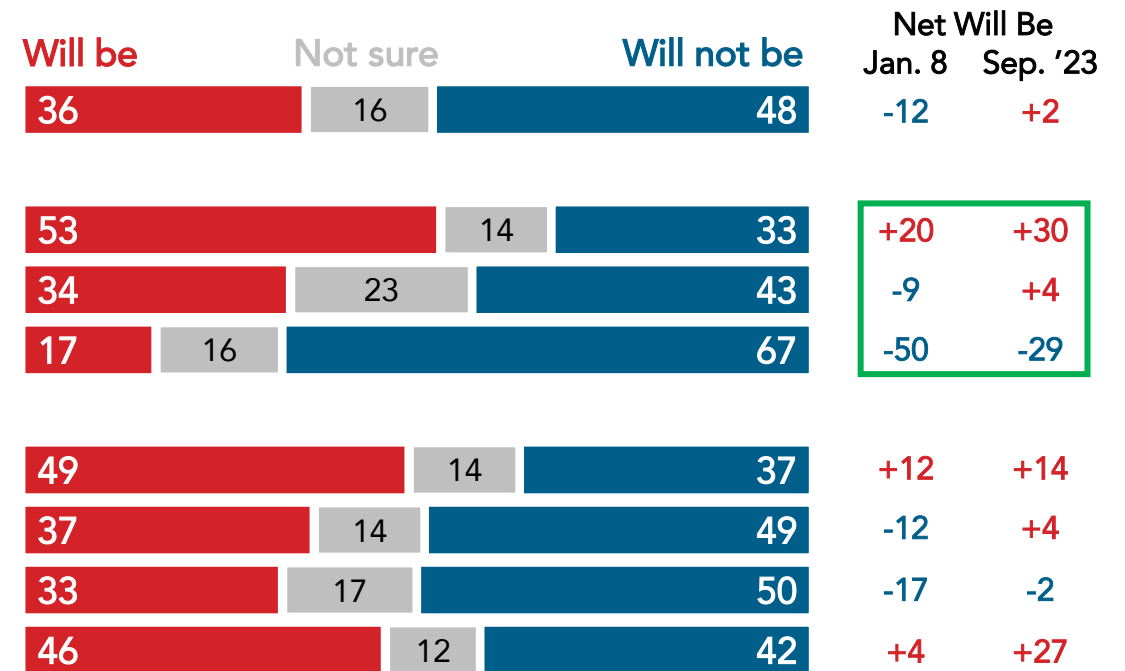
# Three in Five Say Trump Committed a Crime, But Fewer Now Say He Will Be Convicted Than Said the Same in September

Declining shares of Americans across party lines say they expect Trump will be convicted: Democrats are most likely to say he will be (net +20 will be today, down from net +30 in September), with independents more skeptical (net -9) and Republicans most skeptical (net -50).

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



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# Most Concerning Recent Trump Comments: "Terminating" Constitution, Abortion Punishment, Weaponizing Gov't

Below is a list of things that Donald Trump has said. Please indicate how concerning you find each one.

Donald Trump...					Total Concerning				Unfav to both <sup>+</sup>
	Very concerning	Somewhat concerning	Don't believe	Not concerning	Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep	
**...called for "the termination of all rules, regulations, and articles, even those found in the Constitution" so that he could be reinstated as President	49	11	26	14	60	90	59	28	76
**...has said that "there has to be some form of punishment" for women who have abortions	49	10	27	14	59	86	65	28	71
**...has said he could use the Department of Justice to go after his political opponents, weaponizing federal law enforcement	46	14	19	20	60	89	59	29	72
*...said he would be a dictator "on day one" if he were re-elected	44	11	25	19	56	86	51	22	70
...said that immigrants coming to the U.S. are "poisoning the blood of our country"	44	15	11	31	59	90	55	25	70
**...called his political opponents "vermin," echoing language of past authoritarian leaders like Hitler	43	14	12	30	57	90	61	19	70
**...said to his donors at a private fundraiser, "You're rich as hell...We're going to give you tax cuts (again)"	42	14	26	17	57	86	64	22	69
*...has said he wants to round up undocumented immigrants already in the United States and detain them in sprawling camps while they wait to be expelled	42	13	12	33	55	86	53	19	64
*...called himself "a very proud election denier"	40	15	15	29	56	86	54	21	74
*...has said that he will try to repeal the Affordable Care Act	40	15	10	35	55	87	50	20	61
*...has taken credit for being able to "kill Roe v. Wade" and eliminating the federal right to an abortion	39	17	16	28	56	86	58	22	68
**...has said he wants to reimpose a ban on the entry of people from certain Muslim-majority nations to the United States and will create ideological screenings for immigrants	39	17	12	33	55	88	48	21	61
*...called his political opponents "vermin"	38	13	8	41	51	81	46	18	60

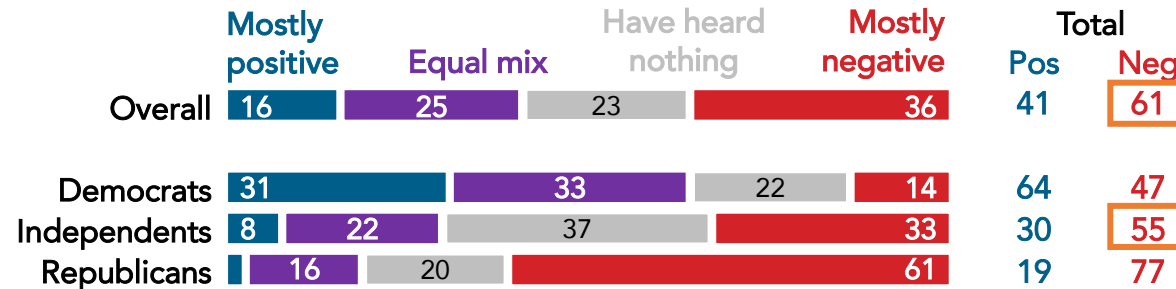
<sup>+</sup>"Unfavorable to both" report that they view both Biden and Trump unfavorably.  
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# Americans Are Hearing More About Trump Than Biden, Especially Negative News About Ballot Fights, January 6<sup>th</sup>

Over the past few days, how much have you seen, read, or heard about **Joe Biden** and what he is doing as President?



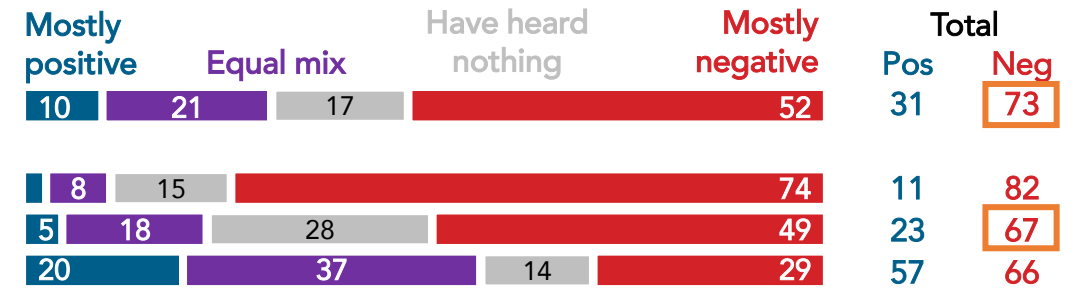
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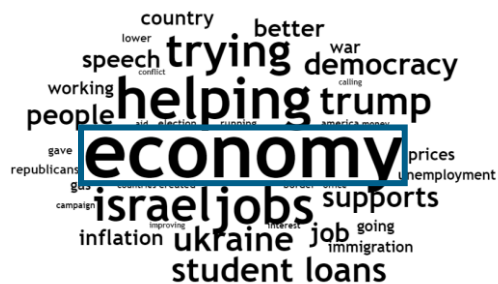
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**Positives** heard on Biden:



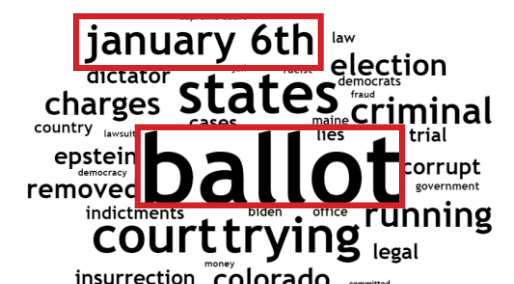
**Negatives** heard on Biden:



**Positives** heard on Trump:



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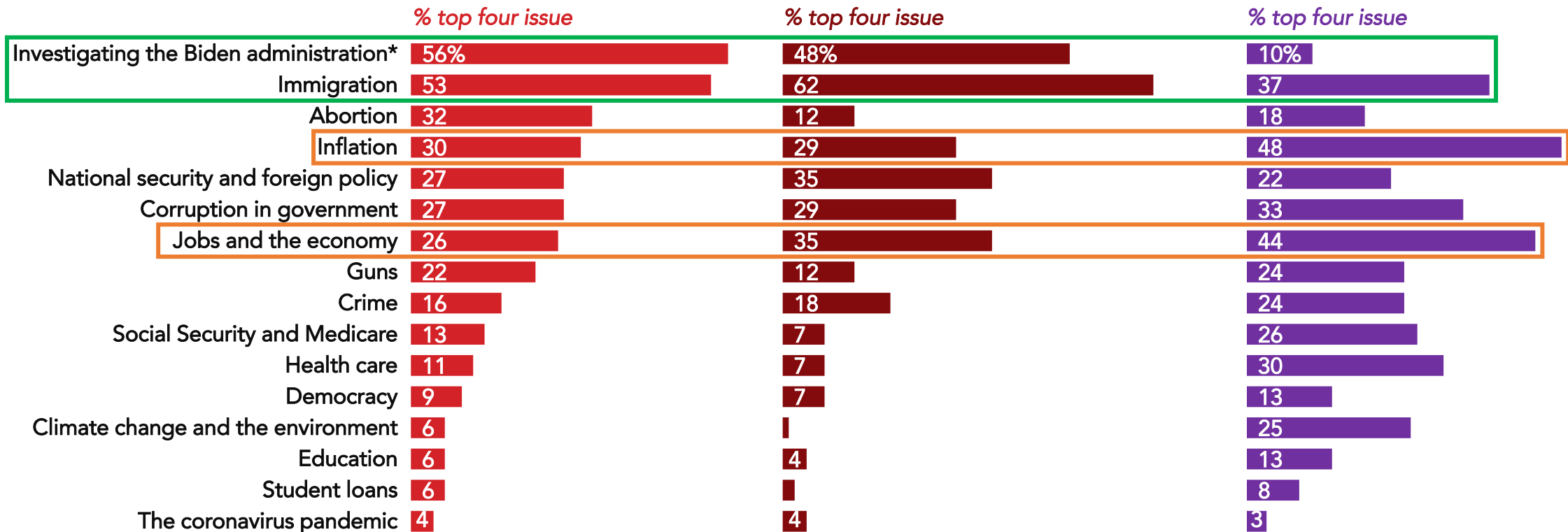
# GOP and Trump More Focused on Investigating Biden When Americans Want Focus on Costs and the Economy

When it comes to investigating the Biden administration, 56% say it is a top four issue for Republicans in Congress and 48% say the same for Trump; however, only 10% of Americans rank it as a top four issue for themselves.

Which do you think **Republicans in Congress** are most focused on?

Which do you think **Donald Trump** is most focused on?

Which do you feel are **most important for Congress to focus on?**



\*For the final bar chart, this punch read "Oversight of the Biden administration."  
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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 January 4-January 8, 2024. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 75 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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