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Democracy: A Guide  
for Advocates



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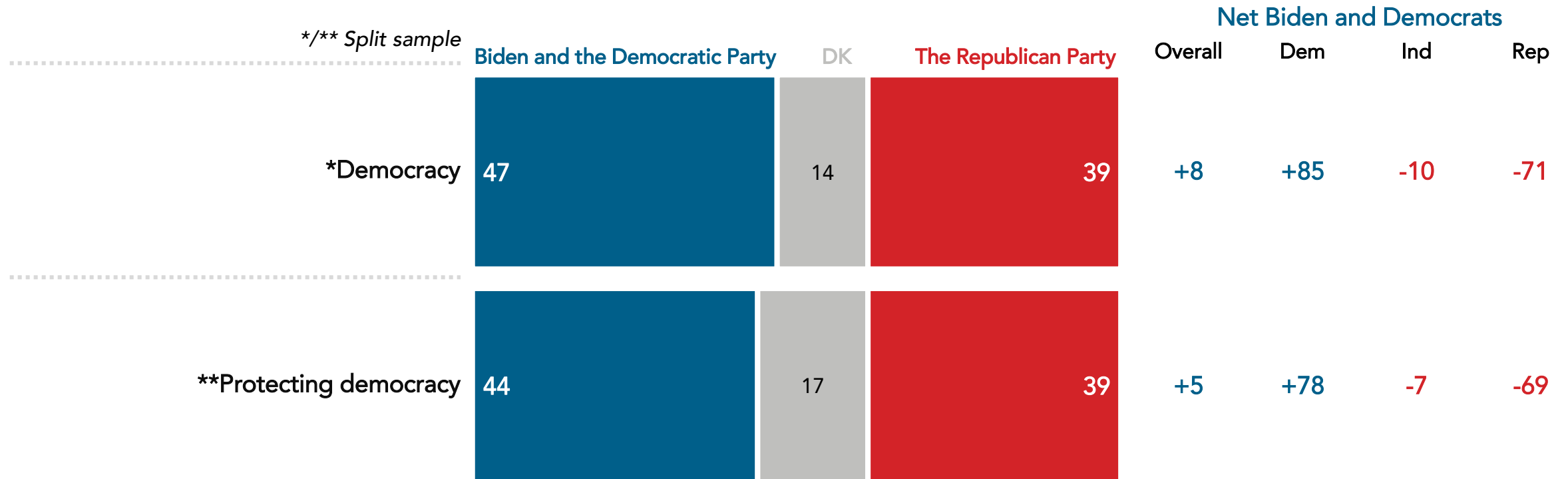
## Key Takeaways:

- Majorities of Americans continue to say that our politics are dysfunctional but fixable, with four in five who say the government is dysfunctional reporting personal impacts on them and their family.
- Vast majorities of Americans believe a number of structural democracy reforms will contribute to fixing our political system.
- Growing shares say they understand the filibuster and that eliminating the “loophole that allows a small minority of U.S. senators to block legislation” would have a positive impact on the government.

# Biden and Democrats Are More Trusted on Democracy Broadly and to Protect It

Pluralities of independents are unsure which party to trust when it comes to “democracy” (42% don’t know enough to say) and “protecting democracy” (43%).

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



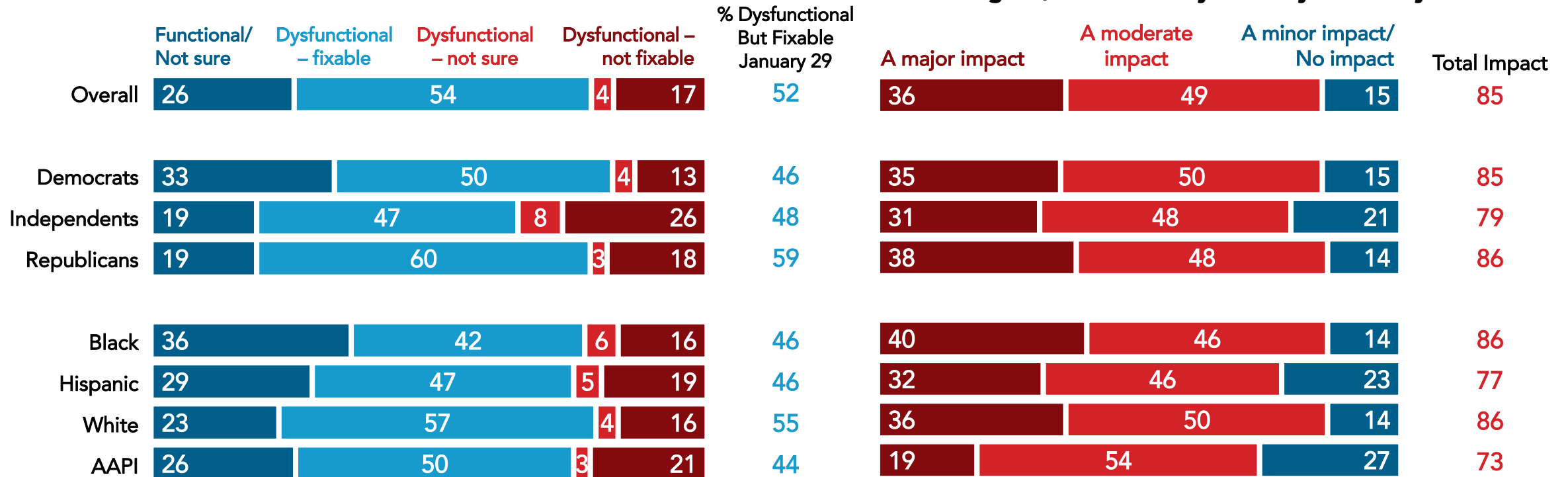
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# Majorities Continue to Say American Politics Are Dysfunctional But Fixable, With Moderate/Major Perceived Personal Impact

Large majorities across party lines say the political system is either not dysfunctional or is dysfunctional but fixable (ranging from 66% of independents to 83% of Democrats).

Do you think the current political system in the U.S. is generally functional or generally dysfunctional? [If dysfunctional] Do you think that it is fixable or not?

[If dysfunctional] How much impact do you think dysfunction in Washington, D.C. has on you and your family?

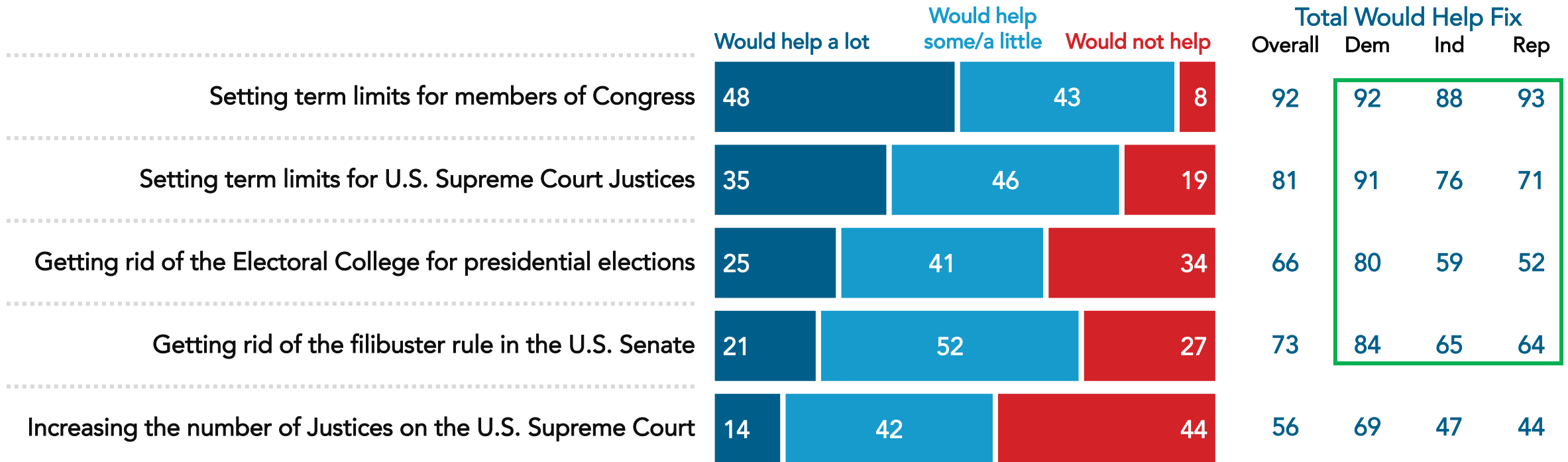


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# Americans Say a Number of Democracy Reforms Would Help Fix Our Political System

Majorities across party lines support term limits for members of Congress (92% would help fix among Democrats, 93% among Republicans), term limits for Supreme Court Justices (91% and 71%), getting rid of the filibuster (84% and 64%), and getting rid of the Electoral College (80% and 52%).

Below is a list of proposals. Please indicate whether you think each one would help fix our political system or not.



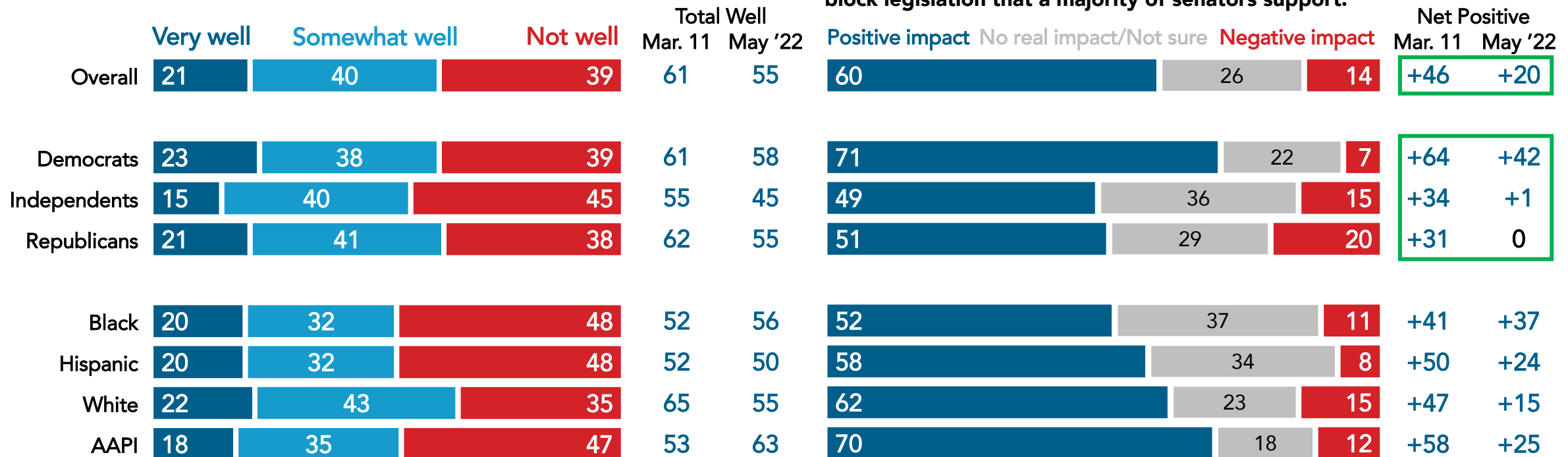
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# Growing Majorities Say They Understand the Filibuster and Say Getting Rid of It Would Have a Positive Impact

Three in five (60%) say getting rid of the filibuster would have a positive impact, up from 43% in May 2022 right after the *Dobbs* leak.

**How well do you understand what the filibuster is?**

Please indicate what kind of impact you think this change would have in making our government work better for the people it represents: **Getting rid of the loophole that allows a small minority of U.S. senators to block legislation that a majority of senators support.**

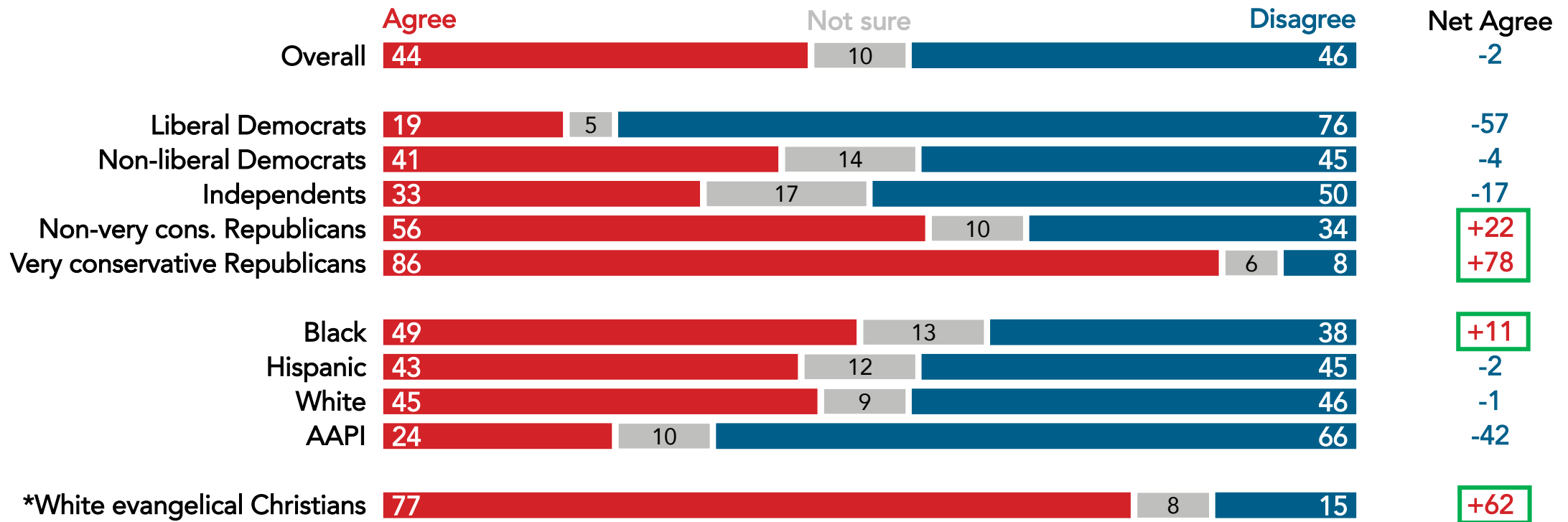


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# Americans Are Divided on the Role Christian Values Should Play in U.S. Laws

Roughly equal shares agree (44%) and disagree (46%) that “U.S. laws should be based on Christian values,” with very conservative Republicans (net +78 agree) and white evangelicals (net +62) among the most likely to agree.

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:** U.S. laws should be based on Christian values.

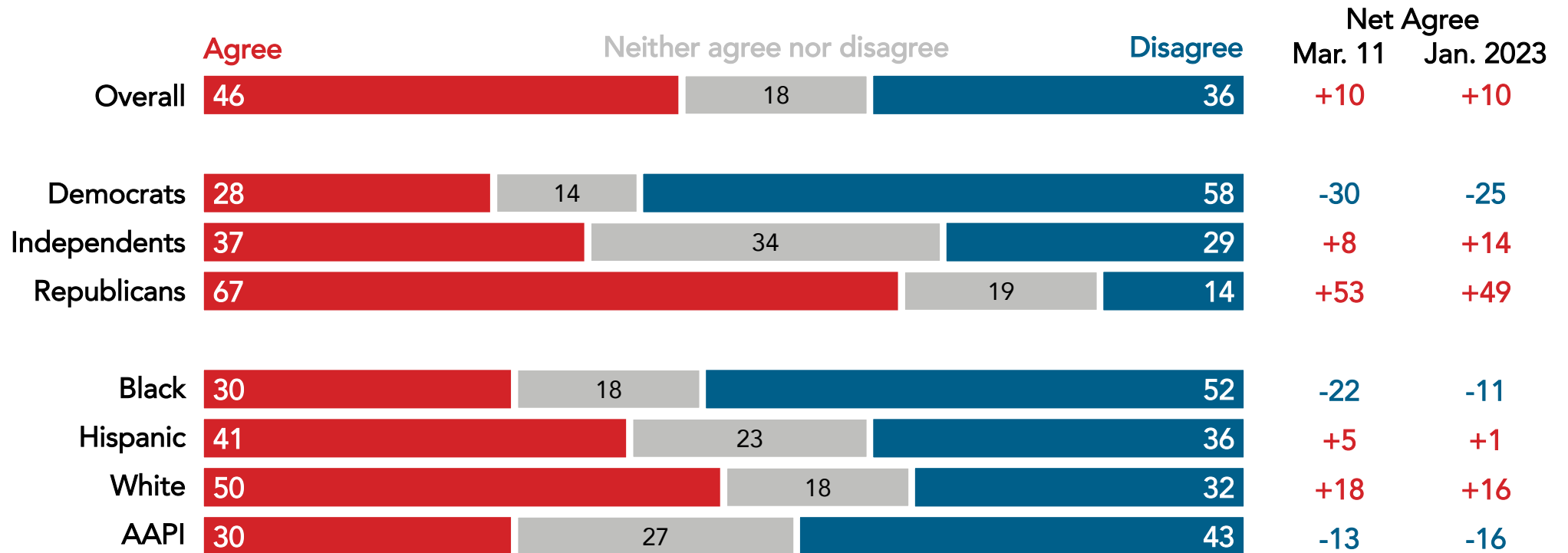


\*“White evangelical Christians” are defined by self-report.  
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# Views Around Racial Discrimination Have Remained Consistent

Just under half of Americans (46%) agree that “discrimination against whites has become as big a problem as discrimination against blacks and other minorities,” just as they did in early 2023 (46%).

**Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statement:** Today, discrimination against whites has become as big a problem as discrimination against blacks and other minorities.



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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 March 7-March 11, 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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