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The Supreme Court and Abortion: A Guide for Advocates

The following data is from a survey conducted entirely before the Arizona Supreme Court revived an 1864 statute banning almost all abortions in the state and the Florida Supreme Court allowed a 6-week abortion ban to go into effect in the state.



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Key Takeaways:

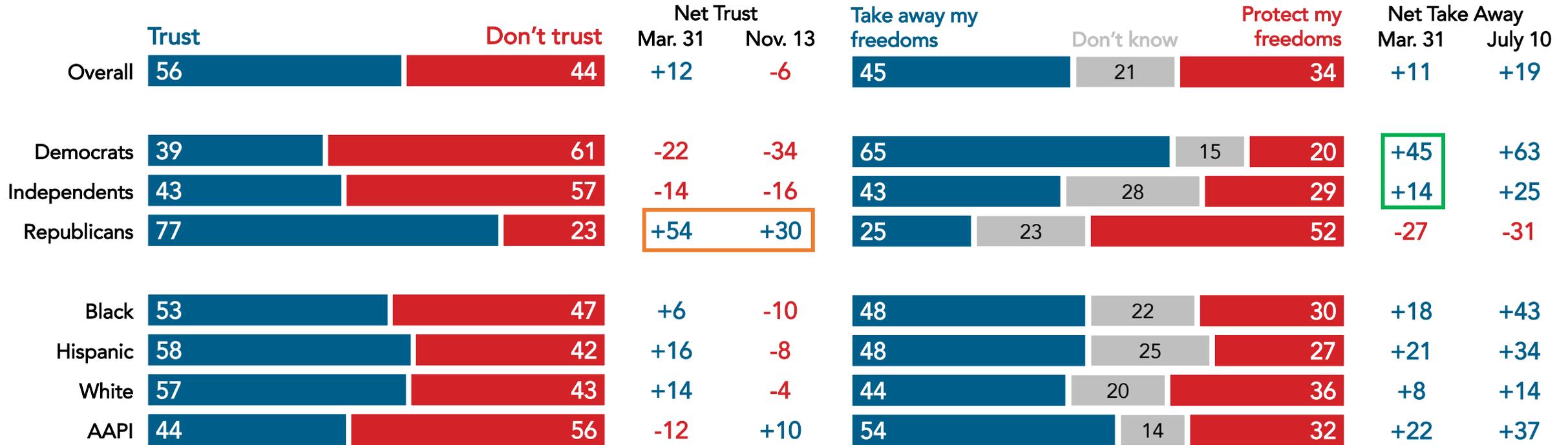
- While a growing share say they trust the Supreme Court, more Americans still say that the Court is taking away their freedoms than protecting them.
- Early abortion medication is popular while most Americans are unfamiliar with Mifepristone.
- Three in five say they think early abortion medication should remain legal, and a similar share say they support a national law to protect access to it.

Trust in the Supreme Court Has Rebounded Slightly, But a Plurality Still Say It Is Taking Away Freedoms

Growing trust in the Supreme Court to make the right decisions in the future is driven by Republicans (net +54 trust), while majorities of Democrats (61% don't trust) and independents (57%) don't trust the Supreme Court.

How much do you trust the Supreme Court to make the right decisions in the future?

When thinking about the current justices on the Supreme Court, which of the following most closely represents your view: The Supreme Court is making decisions that...

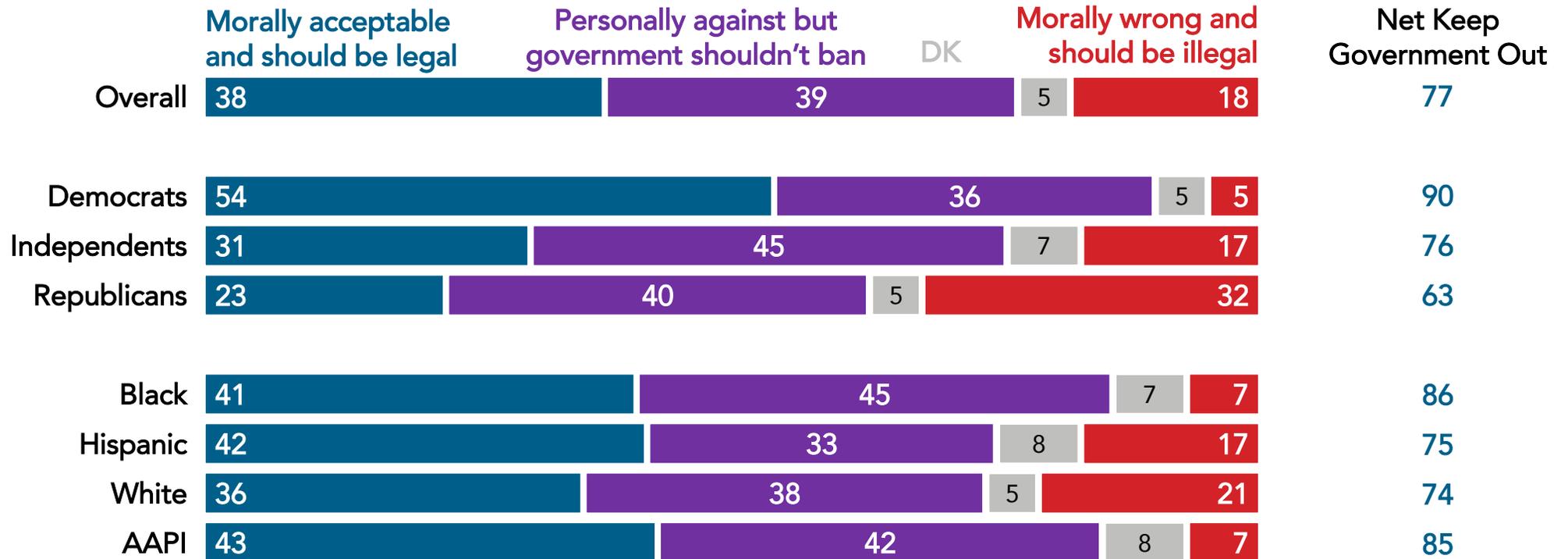


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Nearly Four in Five Prefer the Government Stay Out of Abortion Decisions

Large majorities of Democrats (90%), independents (76%), and Republicans (63%) say either that abortion is “morally acceptable and should be legal” or that they are personally against it but “don't believe government should prevent a person from making that decision for themselves.”

Which one of the following statements comes closest to describing how you feel about the issue of abortion?

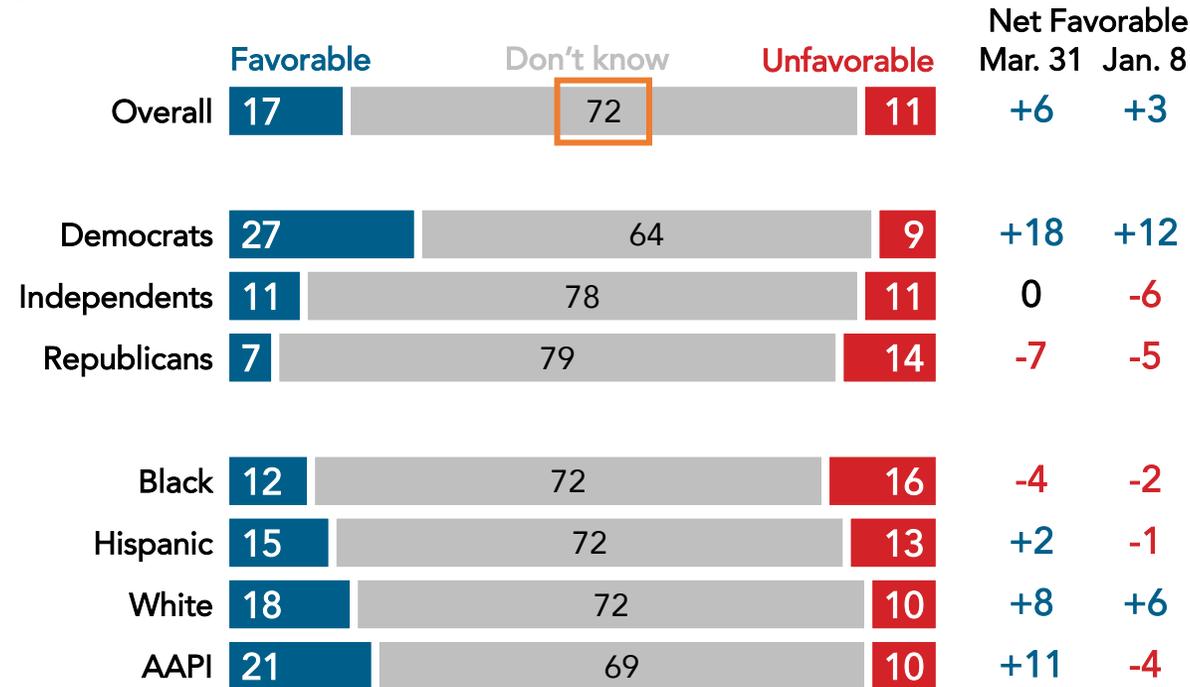


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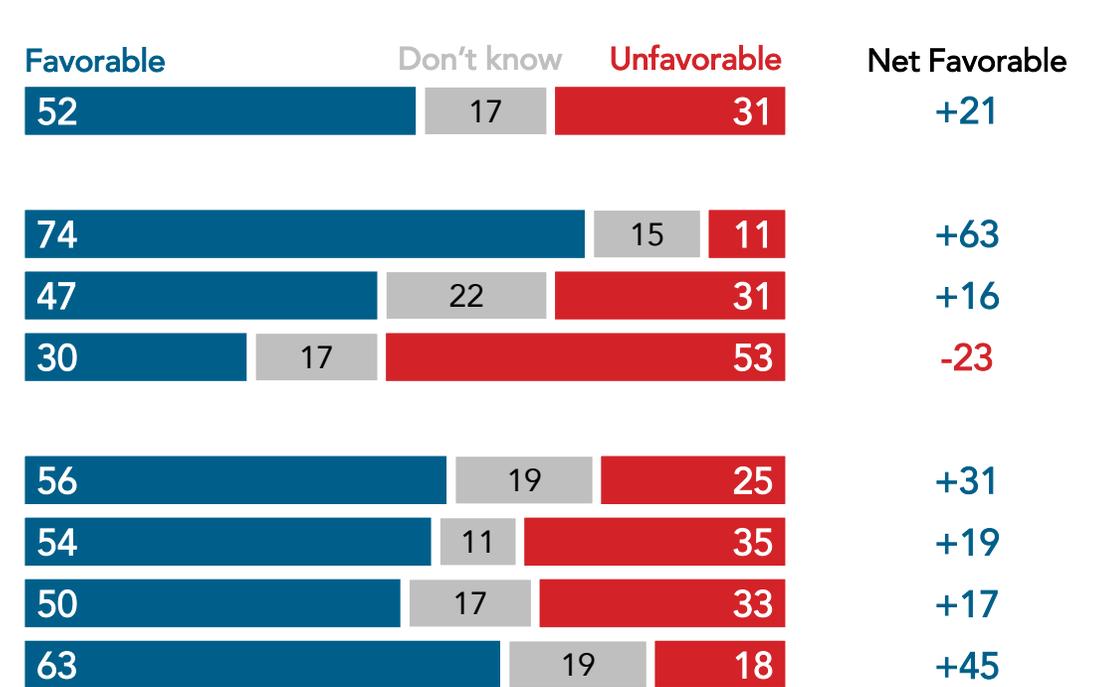
Early Abortion Medication Is Popular While Mifepristone is Largely Unknown

A clear majority of Democrats (74%), a plurality of independents (47%), and nearly one in three Republicans (30%) hold favorable views of “early abortion medication,” while nearly three in four Americans are unfamiliar with Mifepristone (72%).

(Split sample) Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: Mifepristone.



(Split sample) Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: Early abortion medication.

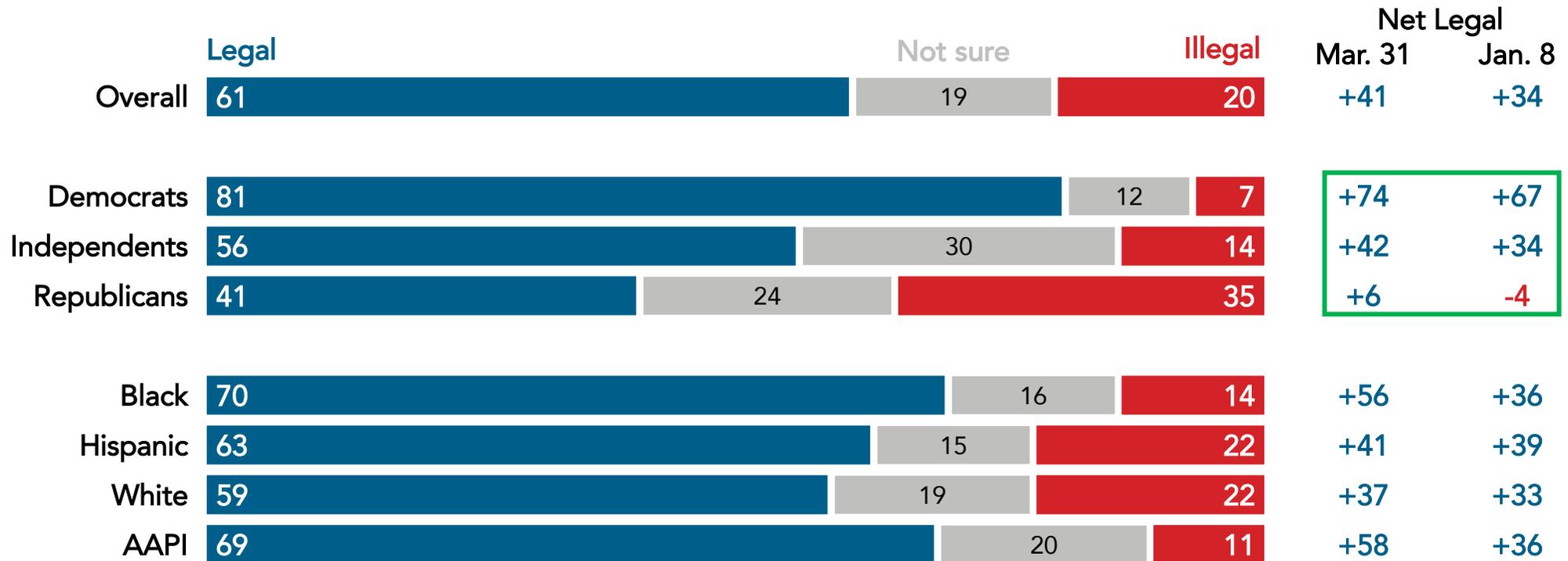


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A Growing Majority Want Early Medication Abortion Care to Remain Legal

Growing shares of Democrats (net +74 legal now, compared to net +67 in January), independents (net +42 vs. net +34), and Republicans (net +6 vs. net -4) say early medication abortion care should remain legal.

Do you think early medication abortion care, known as Mifepristone, should remain legal or be made illegal?

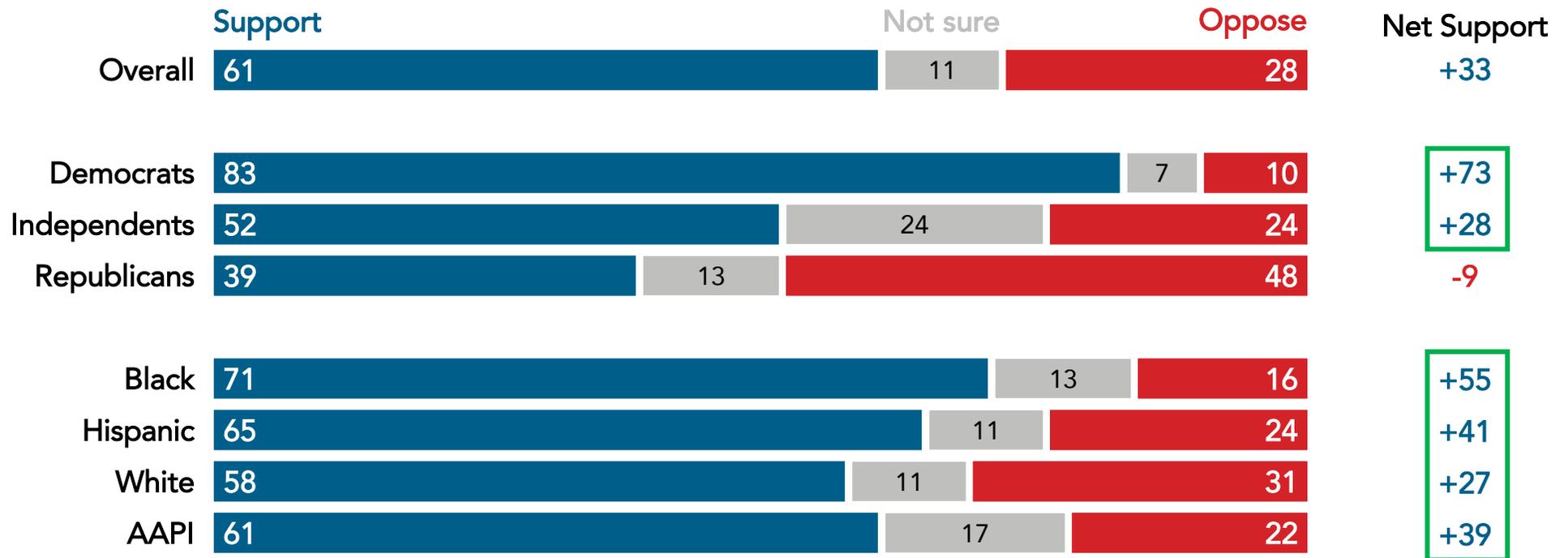


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Americans Support Congress Taking Action to Protect Prescription Abortion Medication

Majorities of Democrats (net +73 support) and independents (net +28) and majorities across racial lines support a national law to protect access to prescription abortion medication.

Do you support or oppose President Biden and Congress passing a national law to protect access to prescription abortion medication used to end early pregnancies at home?

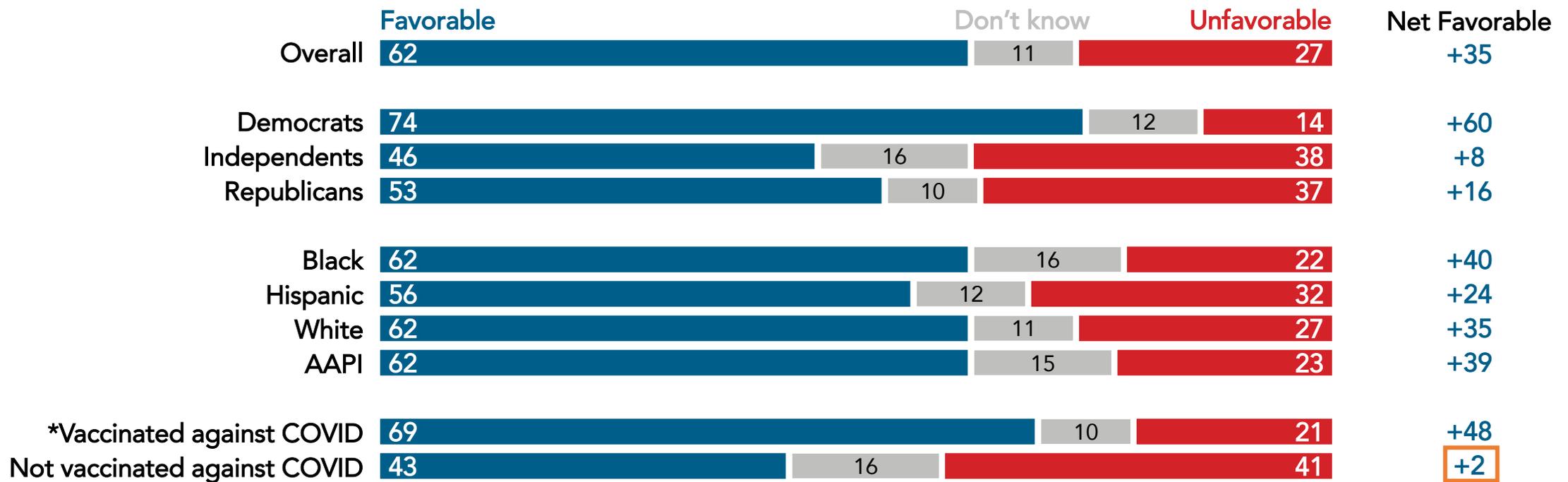


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The FDA Is Popular, Though Americans Unvaccinated Against Coronavirus Are Split in Their Views

In addition to large majorities of Democrats (74%) and Americans across racial lines, a majority of Republicans also say they view the FDA favorably (53%), as do a plurality of independents (46%).

Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: The Food and Drug Administration, or FDA.



*"Vaccinated against COVID" indicate that they have received a coronavirus vaccine on a separate question. Nationwide survey of 1,000 registered voters conducted March 28-March 31, 2024. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org.

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About Navigator

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About the Study

Global Strategy Group conducted public opinion surveys among a sample of 1,000 registered voters from March 28-March 31, 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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