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Responsibility on Taxes
and Gas Prices: A Guide
for Advocates



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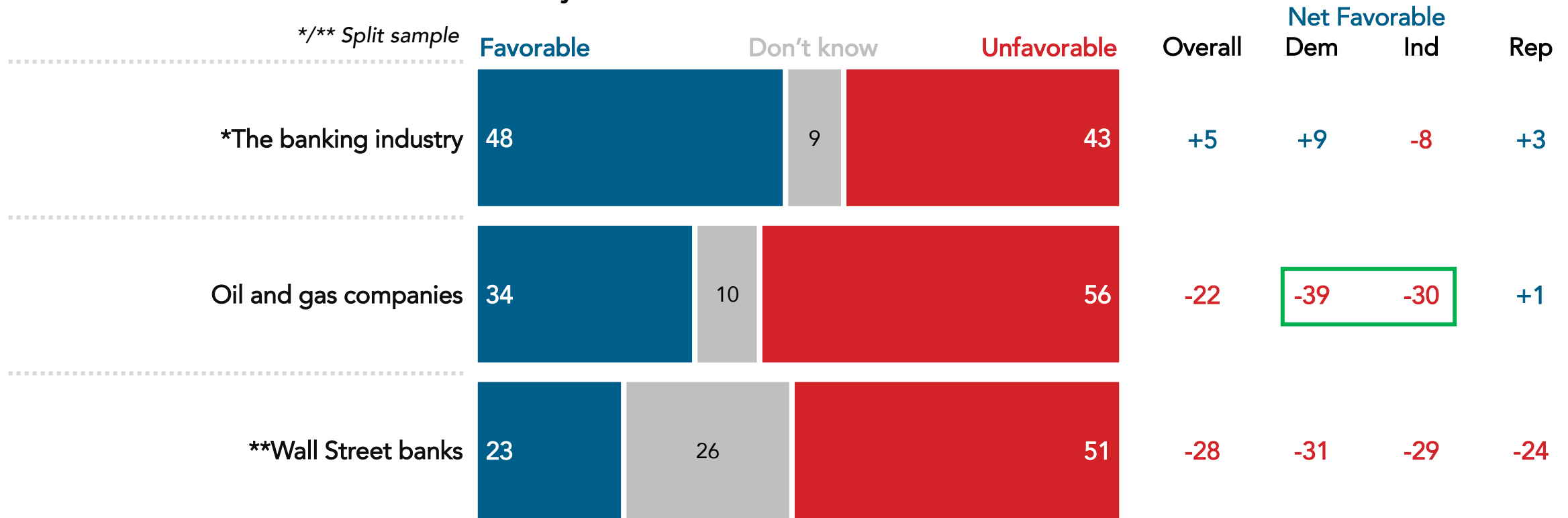
Key Takeaways:

- Two in three Americans say they are paying more at the pump than they were a few weeks ago, a much higher share than said the same late last year.
- Americans hold deeply negative views of oil and gas companies and say these companies and foreign conflicts are most responsible for current gas prices.
- Americans trust Biden and Democrats more than Republicans to decide what tax rates must be paid by both multi-millionaires and the middle class.

Wall Street and Oil and Gas Companies Are Deeply Disliked by Americans

Democrats and independents hold deeply negative views of oil and gas companies (net -39 and net -30 favorable, respectively), while Americans across party lines view Wall Street banks negatively.

Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to each one.

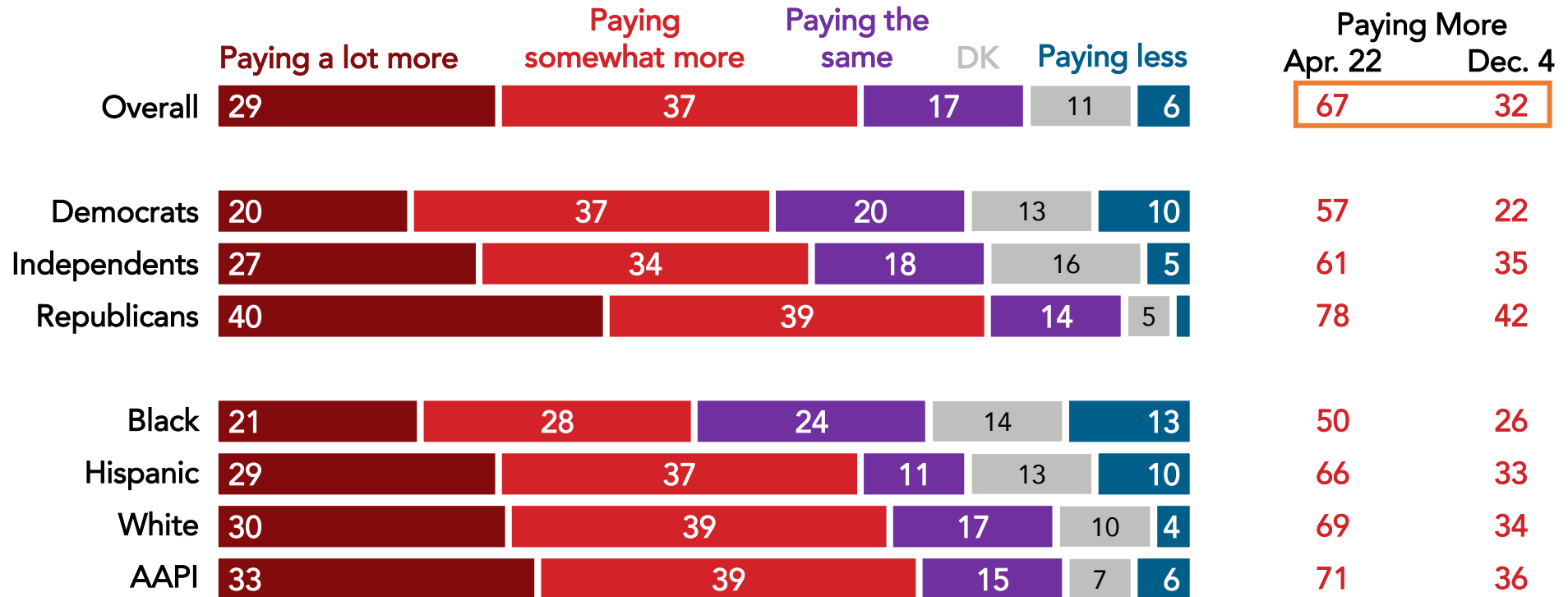


Nationwide survey of 1,000 registered voters conducted April 18-April 22, 2024. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org.

Two in Three Feel Gas Prices Are Back on the Rise Compared to December

A significantly greater share of Americans say they are paying more for gas than they were a few weeks ago (67%) than said the same in December (32%).

Thinking more about gas prices in your community... compared to a few weeks ago, would you say you're...

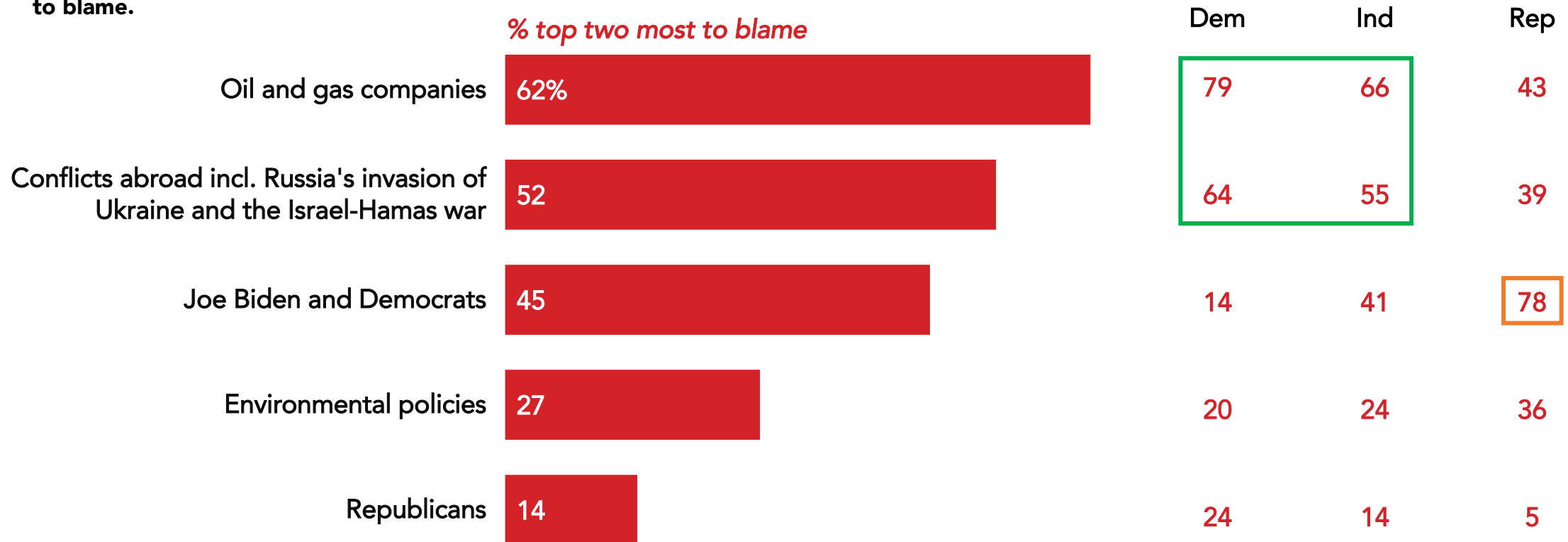


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Oil and Gas Companies and Foreign Conflicts Most to Blame for Current Gas Prices

Few Americans blame environmental policies for current gas prices (just 27% say top two most to blame overall): Republicans drive the share who blame them (36%).

Please rank the following in terms of who or what you hold most responsible for current gas prices, 1 being the most to blame, and 5 being the least to blame.

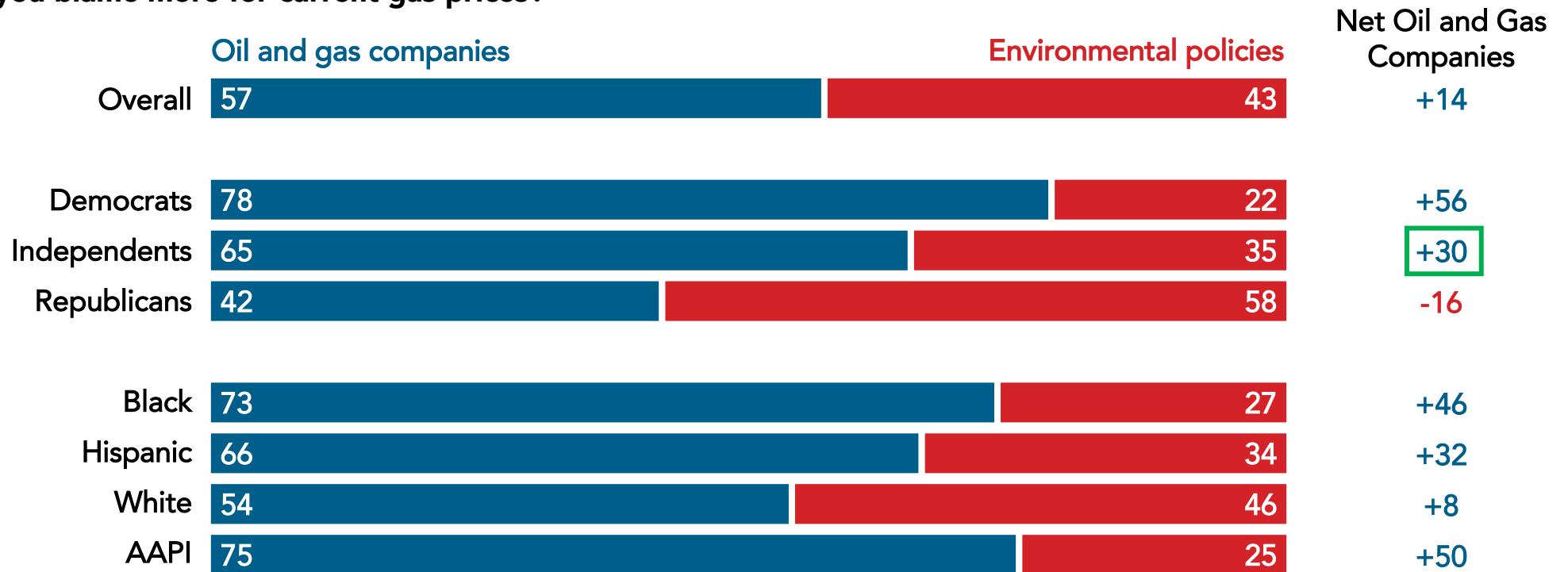


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Oil and Gas Companies More Blamed for Gas Prices Than Environmental Policies

Nearly two in three independents (65%) who do not pick either as the top culprit of a broader list say they blame oil and gas companies more than environmental policies for current gas prices.

[If conflicts abroad/Biden and Democrats/Republicans most to blame for current gas prices] If you had to choose, which of the following do you blame more for current gas prices?

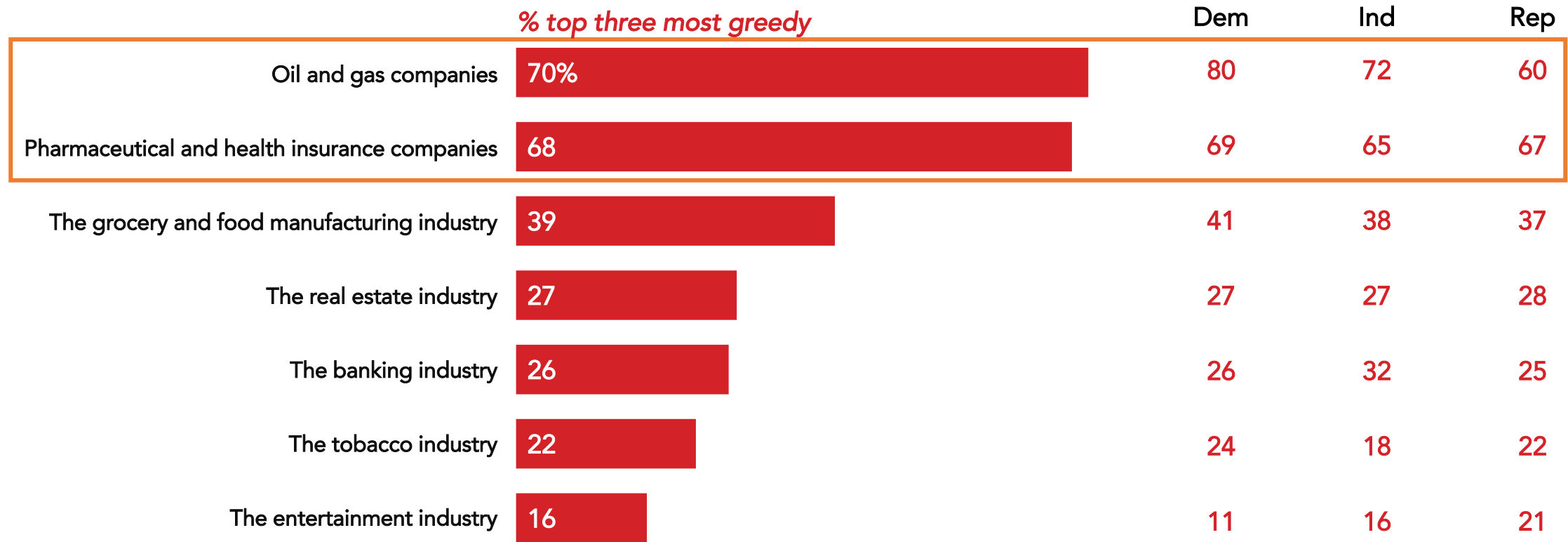


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Oil & Gas, Pharmaceutical/Insurance Companies Seen As Most Likely to Be Greedy/Raise Prices to Make Record Profits

Americans across party lines say oil and gas companies and pharmaceutical/health insurance companies are most likely to be greedy.

Below is a list of some groups. Please indicate which three you think are most likely to be greedy and raise prices to make record profits.

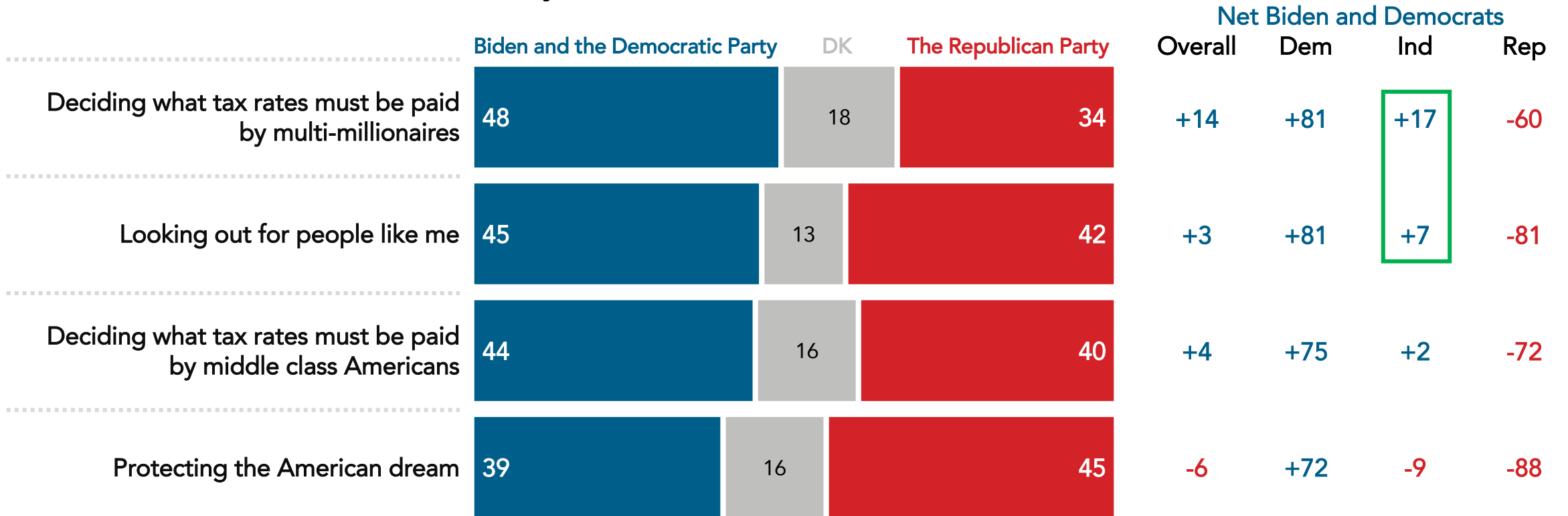


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Biden and Democrats More Trusted on Deciding Tax Rates for Both Multi-Millionaires and Middle Class Americans

Independents trust Biden and Democrats more on “deciding what tax rates must be paid by multi-millionaires” (net +17 trust Biden and Democrats more) and “looking out for people like me” (net +7).

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

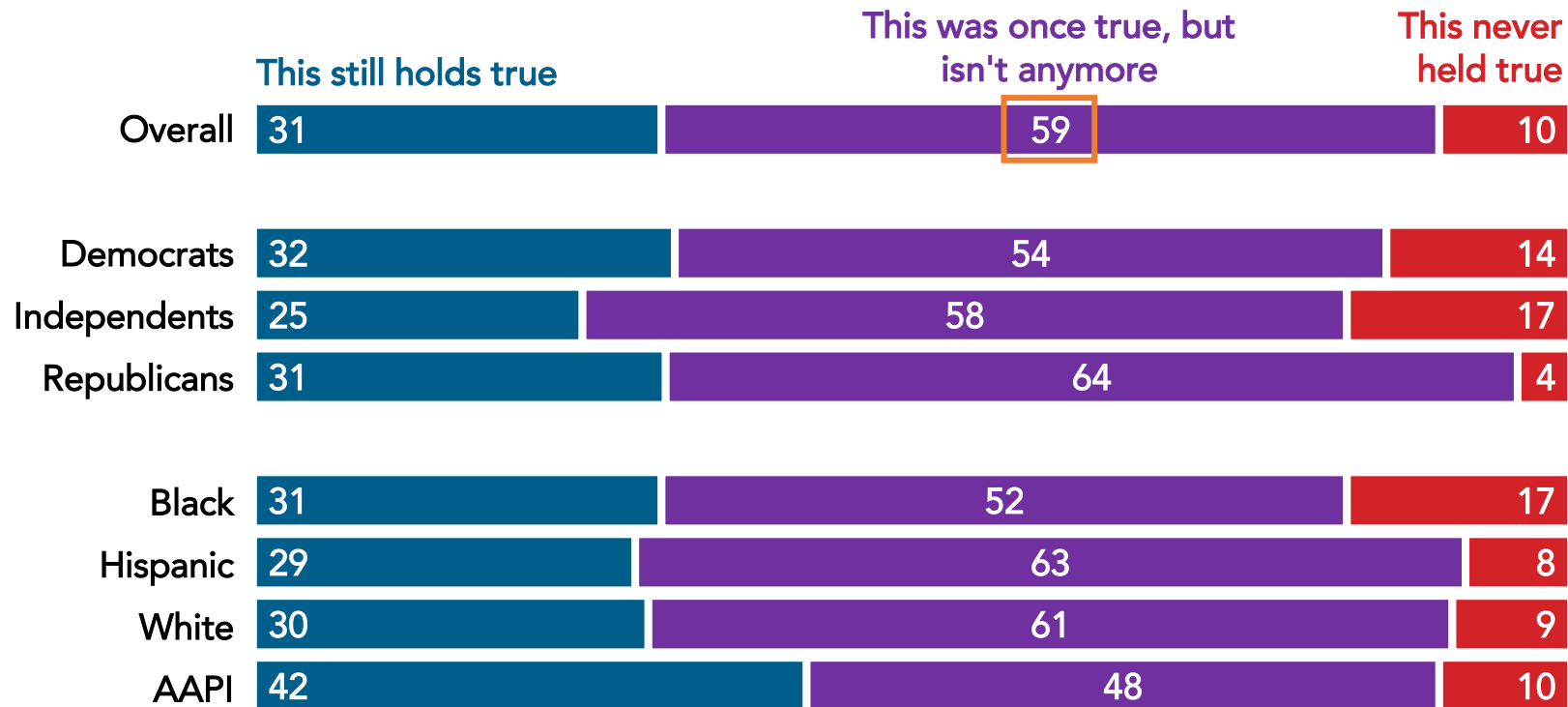


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Most Americans Feel the American Dream Is No Longer an Attainable Reality

Majorities across party lines say the American Dream – “that if you work hard...you’ll get ahead” – was once true but isn’t true anymore. Republicans are especially nostalgic in this respect (64%), while smaller majorities of independents (58%) and Democrats (54%) agree.

Which of these best describes the state of the “American Dream,” in that if you work hard in the United States, you’ll get ahead?



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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 a public opinion survey among a sample of 1,000 registered voters from April 18-April 22, 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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