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The Supreme Court: A Guide for Advocates

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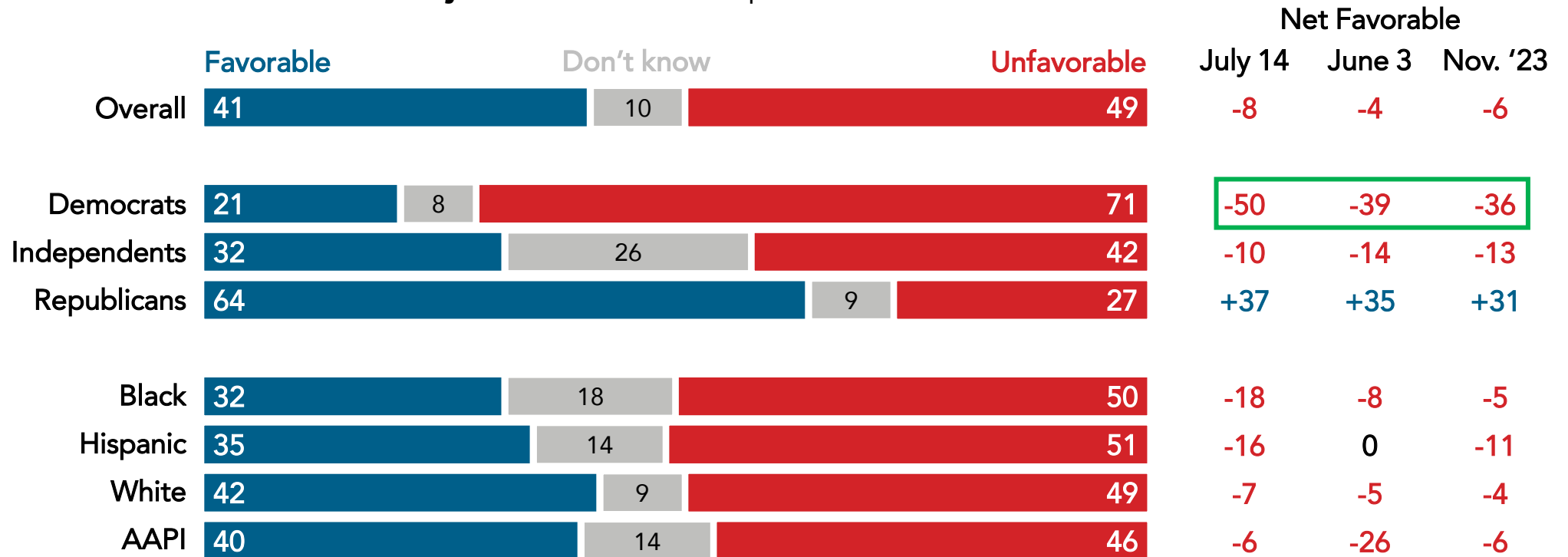
Key Takeaways:

- Americans' views of the Supreme Court are among their lowest in Navigator tracking as trust in the Supreme Court to make the right decisions remains divided along party lines.
- Three in four agree with the Supreme Court's decision to uphold a ban on gun ownership by domestic abusers, while a majority oppose the decision to overturn a federal ban on bump stocks.
- The most concerning impacts of overturning *Chevron* include weaker regulations on food and drug safety and clean air and water protections.

Views of the Supreme Court Are Among Their Lowest in Navigator Tracking

Since last November, views of the Supreme Court have eroded even further among Democrats, down from net -36 favorable in November to net -50 now.

Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: The U.S. Supreme Court.

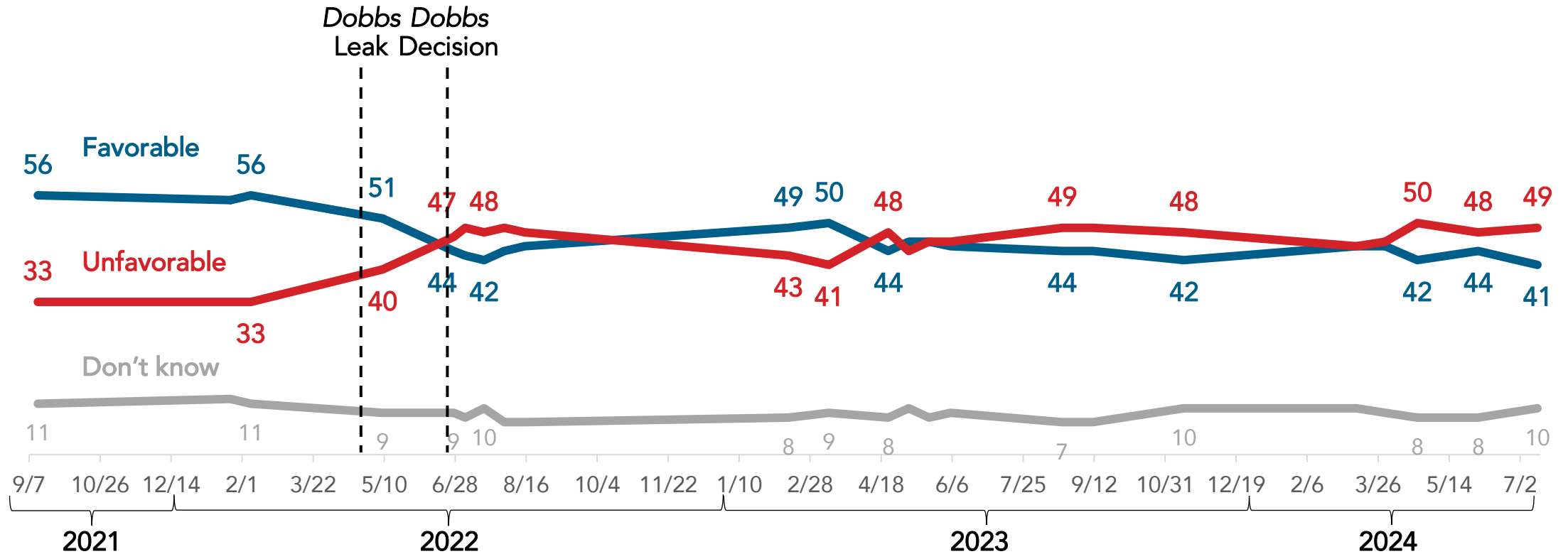


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Nearly Half of Americans Once Again Hold Unfavorable Views of the Supreme Court

The net favorability of the Supreme Court has matched its lowest point since tracking began at net -8 (41% favorable, 49% unfavorable), down from net +23 in September of 2021.

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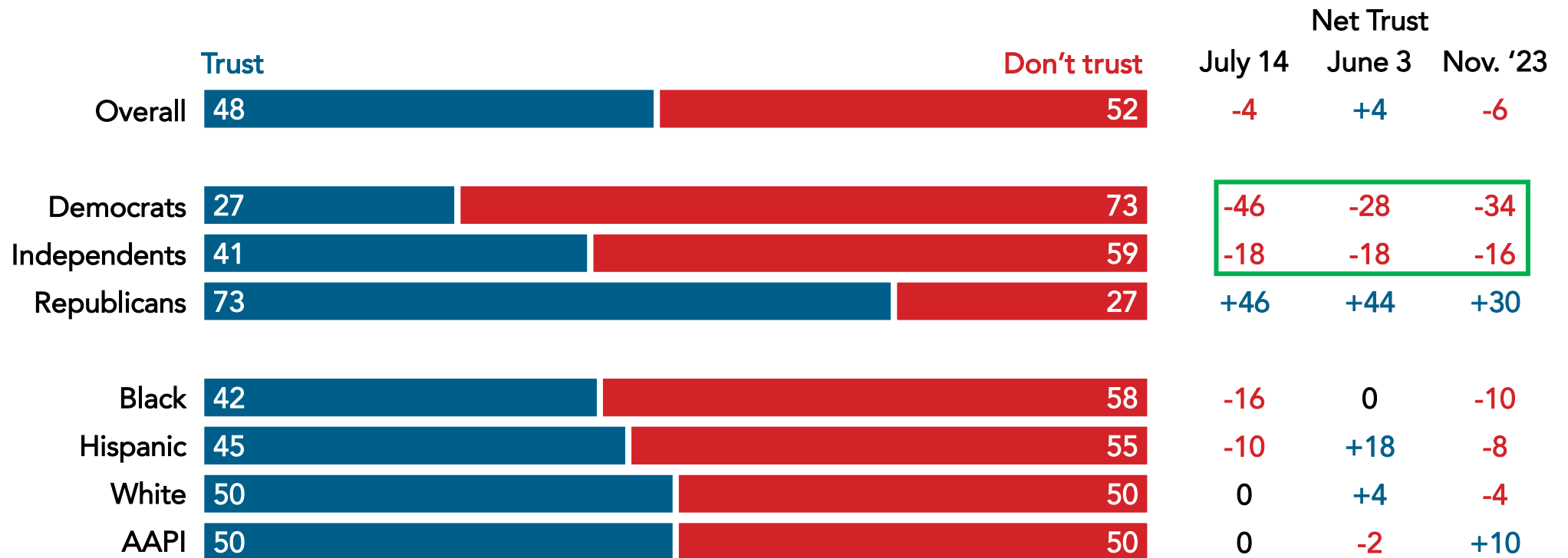
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Trust in the Supreme Court Remains Divided By Partisanship

Roughly three in five independents (59%) say they do not trust the Supreme Court to make the right decisions in the future, consistent with the share who said the same last November (58% don't trust).

- Net trust has fallen among Democrats over the past year (from net -34 in November 2023 to net -46 now).

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

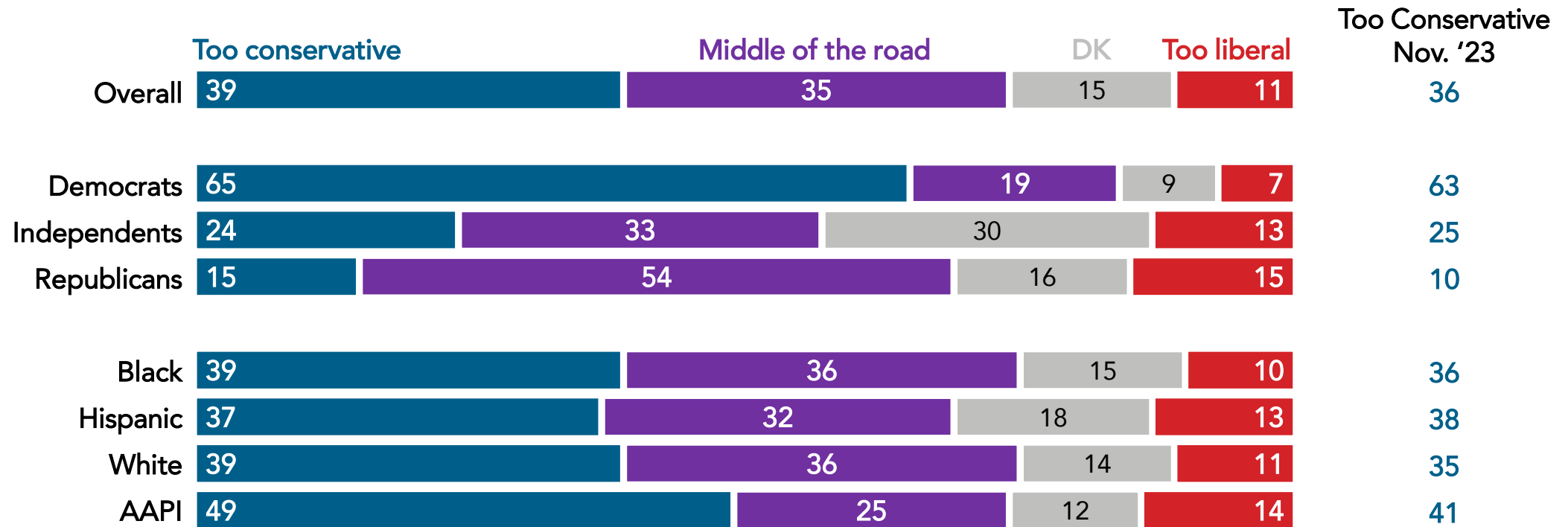


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A Plurality of Americans Continue to Say the Supreme Court Is Too Conservative

Since last November, there has been a slight increase in the share of Americans who say the Court is too conservative, reaching roughly two in five Americans today (39% too conservative), up from 36% last November.

Would you say the United States Supreme Court has been too conservative, too liberal, or middle of the road?

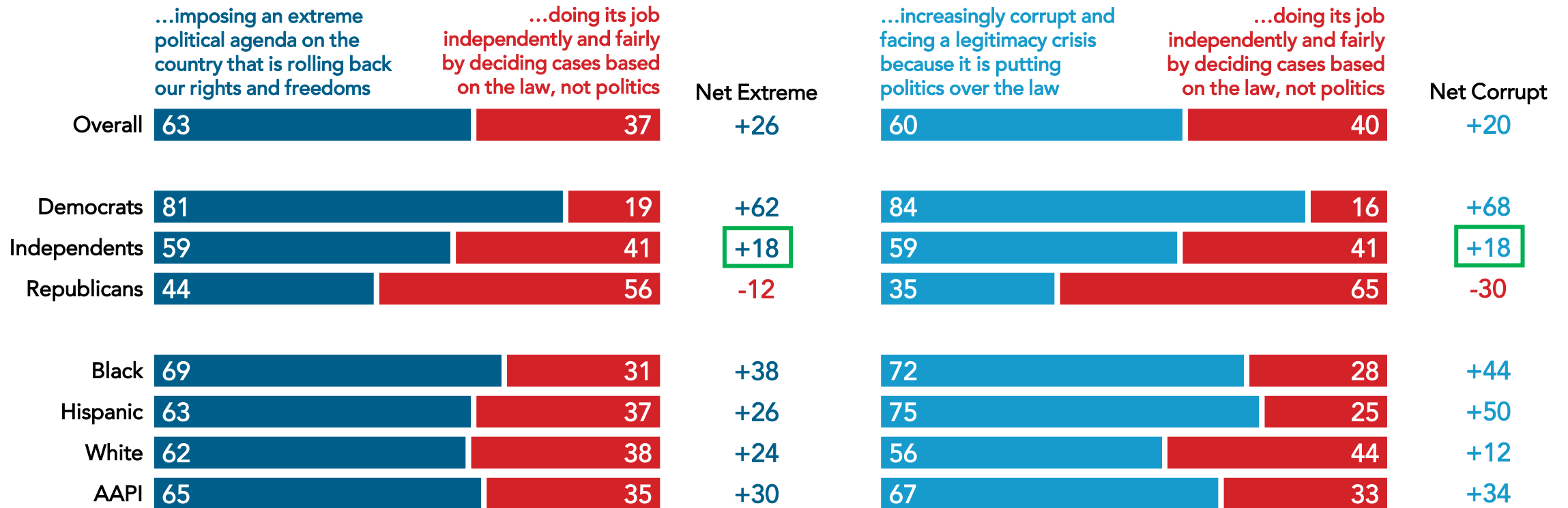


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The Supreme Court Is Seen as Imposing an Extreme Agenda and Facing a Legitimacy Crisis

Nearly three in five independents agree that the Court is “imposing an extreme political agenda on the country” and is “increasingly corrupt and facing a legitimacy crisis because it is putting politics over the law” (59% agree with each).

(Split sample) Which side do you agree with more? *Those who say the Supreme Court is...*



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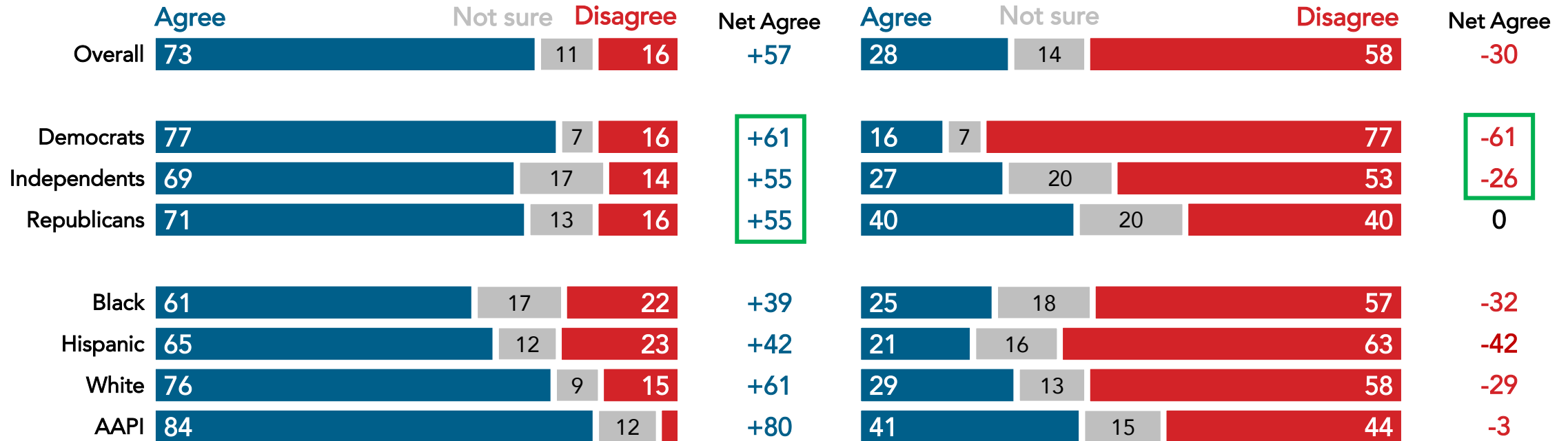
SCOTUS Upholding a Ban on Gun Ownership By Domestic Abusers Is Popular; Their Ruling on Bump Stocks Is Unpopular

Majorities across party lines agree with the Supreme Court’s decision on domestic abusers owning guns, while Republicans are split on the bump stock ruling and a majority of Americans disagree with the ruling.

Below is a list of recent Supreme Court decisions. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each one.

The Supreme Court upheld a federal ban that prevents people with restraining orders for domestic abuse from owning guns.

The Supreme Court overturned a federal ban of “bump stocks,” meaning people can now legally buy tools to make semi-automatic guns fire nearly as quickly as automatic weapons.



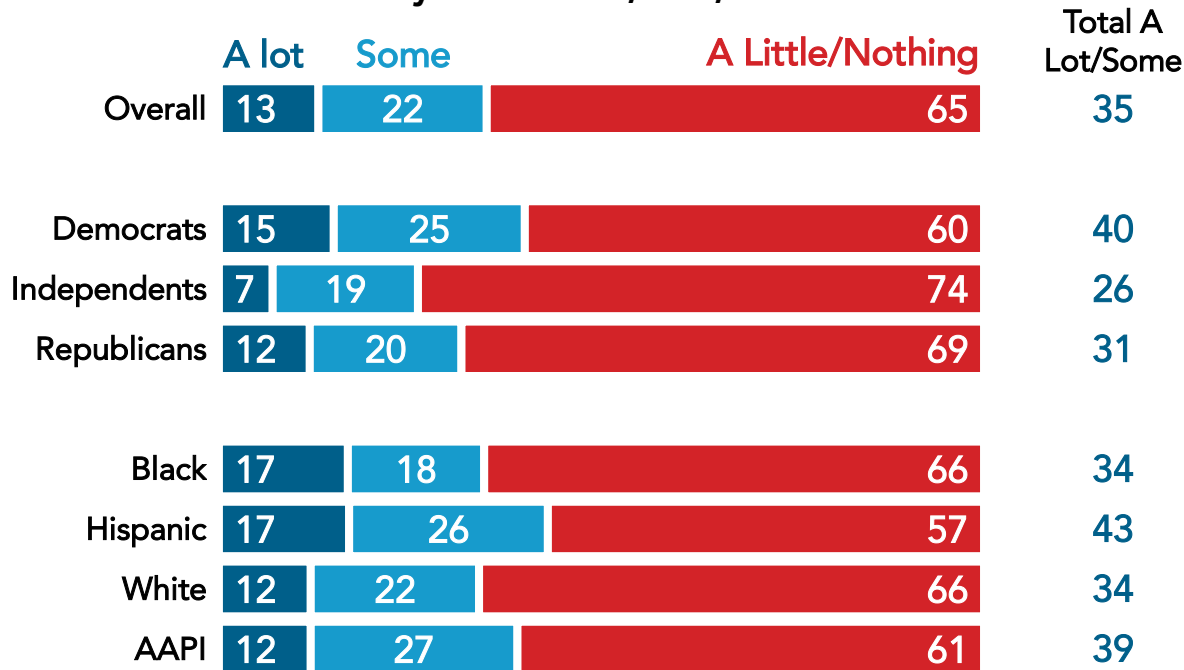
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Few Americans Are Hearing About the Supreme Court Overturning *Chevron*, Though the Decision Is Unpopular

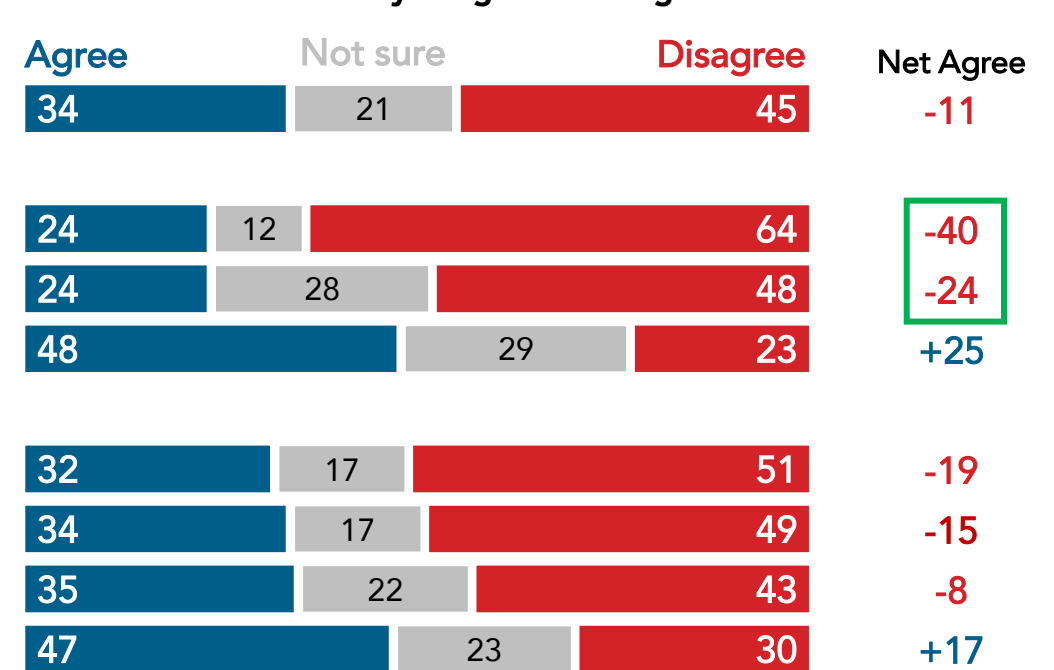
A large majority of Democrats disagree with the decision (net -40 agree), while nearly half of independents also disagree (net -24).

Below is a list of recent Supreme Court decisions... *The Supreme Court ruled courts now interpret regulations instead of agency experts, which could undermine the government's ability to provide health care services, maintain clean air and water, and protect consumers from unsafe products.*

Please indicate how much you have seen, read, or heard...



Please indicate whether you agree or disagree...

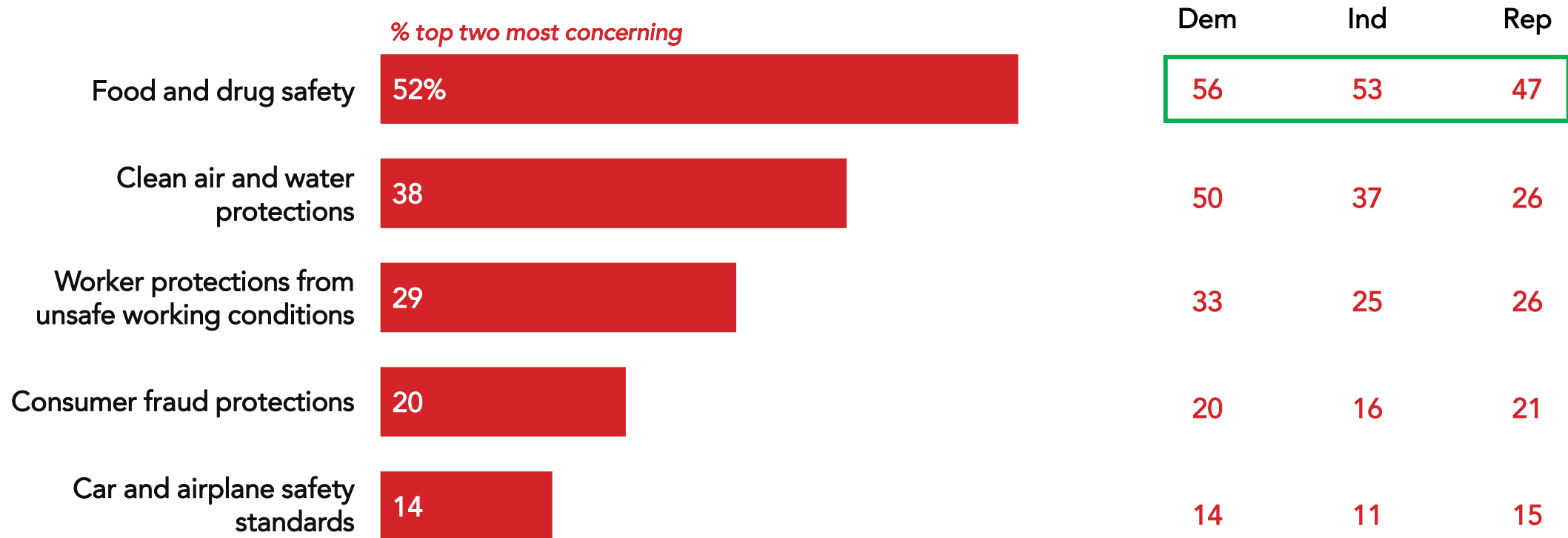


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Top Concerns About Overturning *Chevron*: Food and Drug Safety Regulations & Clean Air and Water Protections

Across party lines, Americans are most concerned about weaker regulations related to food and drug safety.

The following questions relate to the Supreme Court's decision that courts now determine how regulations are implemented rather than government agencies. **This decision weakened the power of federal agencies to issue regulations. When it comes to weaker regulations, which of the following concern you most?**



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Most Convincing Against Overturning *Chevron*: Unelected Judges Deciding Instead of Experts, Environmental Harm

Progressive rebuttals are effective against a conservative statement that “allowing federal agencies to interpret laws as they see fit has led to government overreach and wasteful bureaucracy,” especially arguments that “experts and professional scientists should be the ones making decisions about how to keep Americans safe and protect the environment, rather than unelected judges without subject-matter training” (net +28 agree) and about subsequent environmental harm following this ruling (net +20 agree).

Which side do you agree with more?

Statement 1: Those who say allowing federal agencies to interpret laws as they see fit has led to government overreach and wasteful bureaucracy. Courts should interpret the law and if it is ambiguous, Congress should rewrite the law.

Statement 2: Those who say that experts and professional scientists should be the ones making decisions about how to keep Americans safe and protect the environment, rather than unelected judges without subject-matter training.

Statement 1: 36%
Statement 2: 64%
Net Statement 2: +28

Statement 3: Those who say this decision will make it much harder to protect the environment, keep Americans safe from substances like lead and arsenic, ensure access to clean air and water, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Statement 1: 40%
Statement 3: 60%
Net Statement 3: +20

Statement 4: Those who say that this is a power grab that shifts power away from our elected branches of government and puts it in the hands of unelected judges who can impose their personal views instead of the law. Now, government agencies implementing laws as Congress intended will have to spend much more time and taxpayer money in court.

Statement 1: 45%
Statement 4: 55%
Net Statement 4: +10

Statement 5: Those who say this decision will benefit corporate polluters by making it much harder for the government to regulate their behavior, protect our air and water, and keep Americans healthy.

Statement 1: 49%
Statement 5: 51%
Net Statement 5: +2

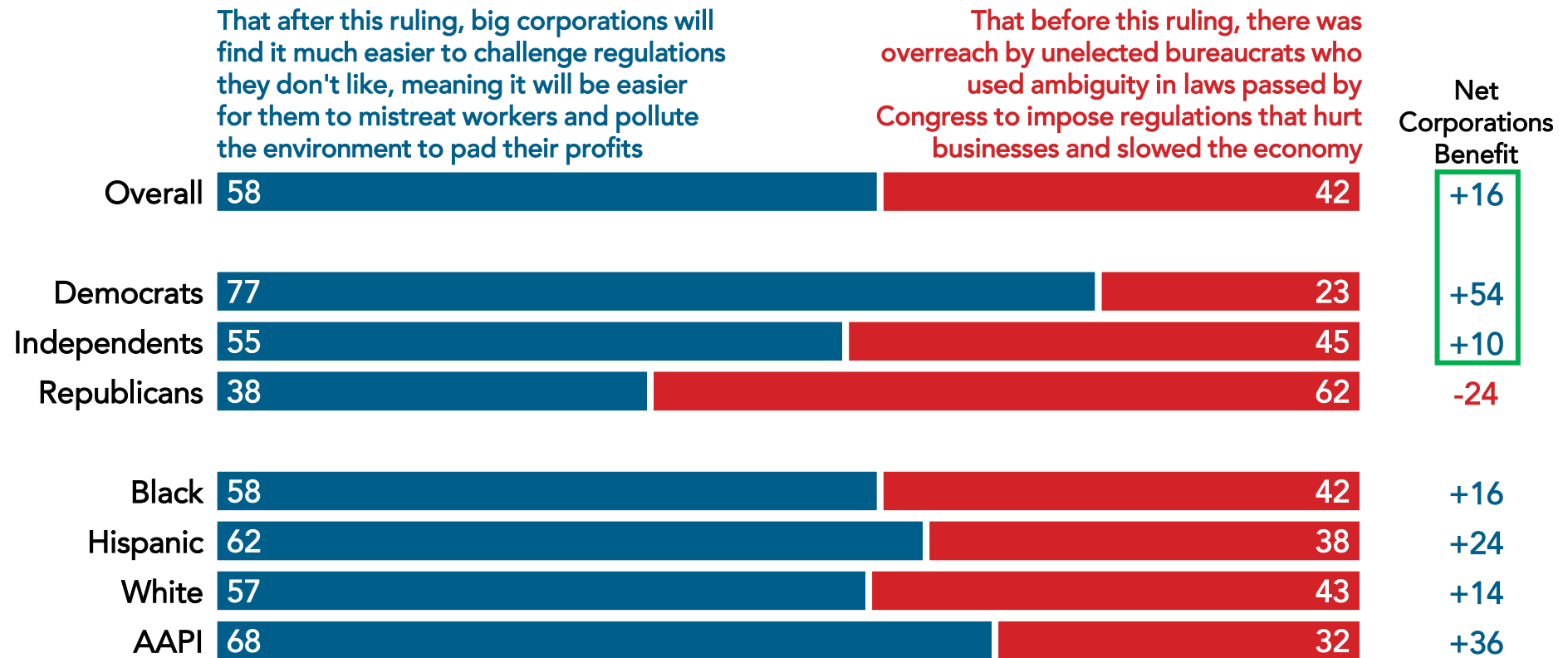
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Americans More Concerned By Corporations Mistreating Workers, Harming the Environment Than Regulatory Overreach

A majority of independents are more concerned that after this ruling, big corporations will be able to mistreat workers and pollute the environment (55%) than that there was too much government overreach before this ruling.

Which of the following concerns you more?



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Biden and Democrats Are More Trusted to Address Corruption in the Courts and Provide Oversight of the Court System

Biden and Democrats' advantages on issues related to the Court are driven by overwhelming trust among Democrats, while independents are divided on which party they trust more to handle each one.

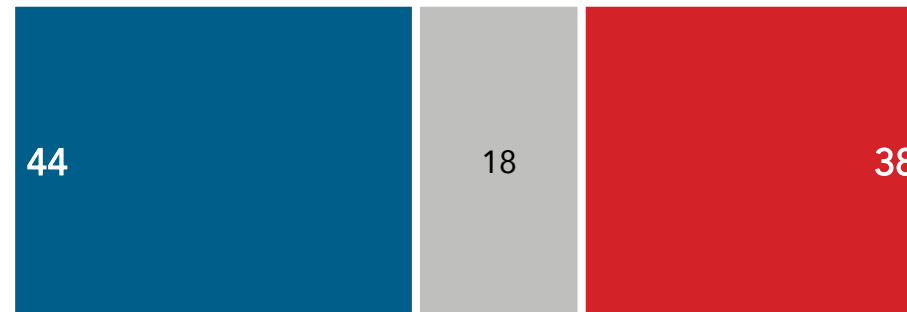
Below is a list of issues. Please indicate who you trust more to handle each one.

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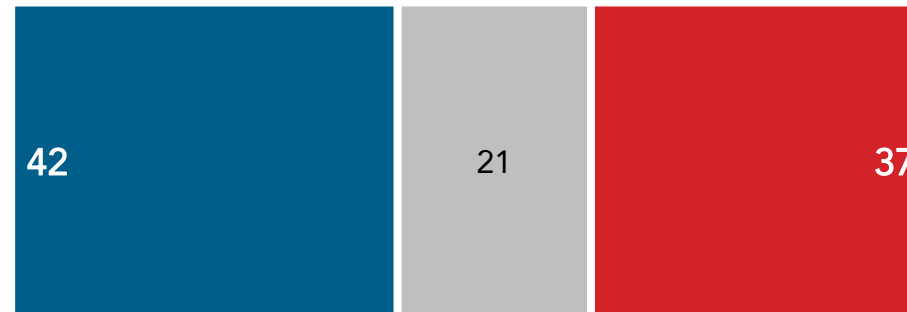
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**Addressing corruption in the court system, including the Supreme Court



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*Providing oversight of the court system, including the Supreme Court



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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 July 11-July 14, 2024. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 79 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. The margin of error for the full sample at the 95 percent level of confidence is +/- 3.1 percentage points. The margin for error for subgroups varies and is higher.

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