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### Presidential Immunity: A Guide for Advocates

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### **Key Takeaways:**

- Following the Supreme Court's recent ruling, an overwhelming majority of Americans across party lines agree more that no one is above the law, including presidents, rather than support presidential immunity.
- A plurality of Americans say the Supreme Court is making decisions that protect Donald Trump from being held accountable for his actions.
- Roughly two in three Americans find a range of Trump's crimes and pending legal issues concerning; at least seven in ten independents are concerned Trump has been found liable for sexual assault and that he has been convicted of 34 felony counts.



### **Americans Decisively Feel That Former Presidents Should Not Be Immune From Criminal Prosecution**

Majorities across party lines agree more that "no one is above the law, including a former president," including 87% of independents.

(Split sample) Which side do you agree with more? Those who say no one is above Those who say former presidents the law, including a former should be immune from criminal president. If there is evidence Those who say former prosecution in most cases, since of criminal wrongdoing, the allowing such prosecutions Those who say no presidents should be president should be put on would make it difficult for the immune from criminal one is above the trial before an independent president to act decisively and law, including a prosecution in Net No One iury the same way any other would lead to endless, politically Net No One former president most cases motivated prosecutions Above the Law Above the Law American would be Overall 78 22 +56 70 30 +40 +88 Democrats 94 6 89 +78 13 +74 82 Independents 87 18 +6442 46 54 Republicans 58 +16 -8 Black 78 22 +56 78 22 +56 Hispanic 86 +72 74 26 +48 +52 68 32 76 White +36**AAPI** 79 21 77 +58+54

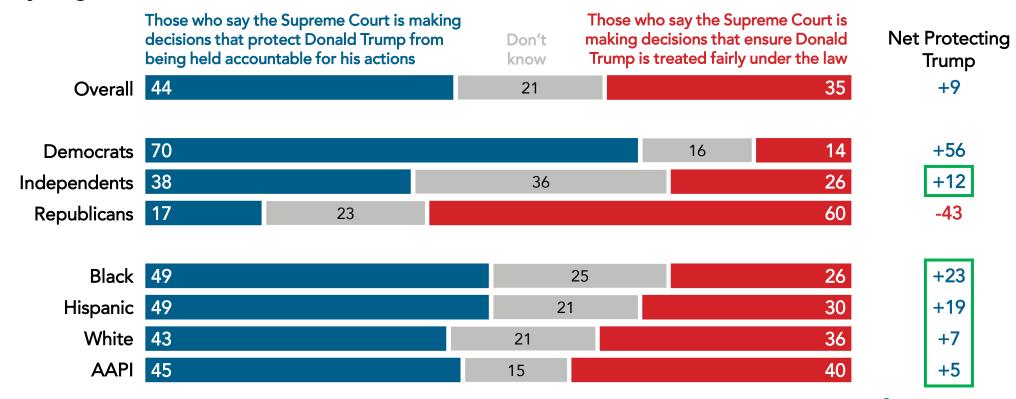
Nationwide survey of 1,000 registered voters conducted July 11-July 14, 2024. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org.



## Nearly Half of Americans Say That the Supreme Court Is Making Decisions to Protect Trump

A plurality of independents agree more that the Court is "making decisions that protect Donald Trump from being held accountable for his actions" (38% agree), while pluralities across racial groups also agree.

#### Which side do you agree with more?

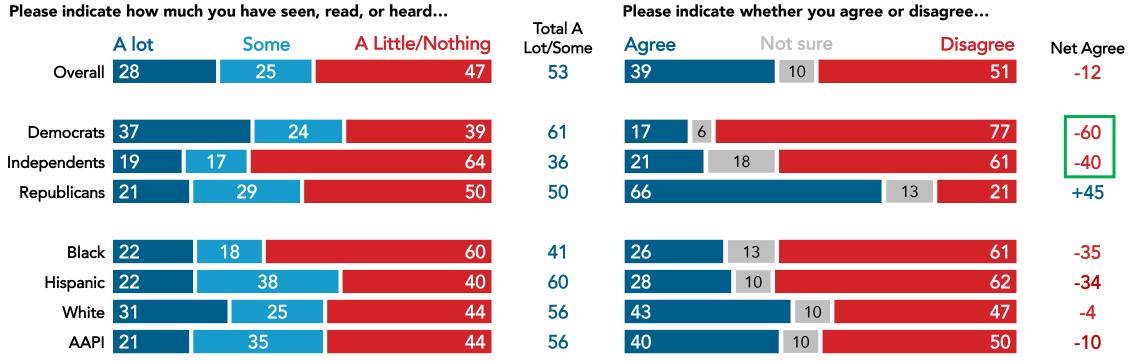


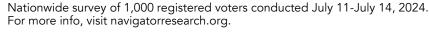


## More Than Half of Americans Have Heard About the Supreme Court's Immunity Ruling, As Most Disagree With the Decision

Democrats are most likely to report hearing about the ruling (61% hearing "a lot" or "some"), while large majorities of both Democrats and independents disagree with the decision (net -60 and net -40 agree, respectively).

**Below is a list of recent Supreme Court decisions...** The Supreme Court ruled all past and future presidents largely have immunity from criminal prosecution.







### Roughly Half of Americans Find Each Statement on Trump's Crimes Very Concerning

Independents are most concerned by Trump's 34 felony convictions (70% concerning) and his being found liable for sexual assault (73%). Below are some items relating to Donald Trump's legal issues. Please indicate how concerning you find each one.<sup>+</sup>

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Donald Trump has been found liable for sexual assault	53	14	33	67	90	73	40
Donald Trump is facing 54 additional criminal counts	51	15	34	66	91	68	38
*Donald Trump has been convicted of 34 felony counts of falsifying business records		15	35	65	91	70	36
Donald Trump has been found guilty of committing financial fraud	50	14	36	64	89	68	36
Donald Trump is facing 40 criminal counts related to retaining classified documents		14	37	63	90	65	34
Donald Trump is awaiting sentencing for criminal offenses	48	16	36	64	89	64	38

<sup>\*</sup>This series of questions was pulled from the survey following the attempted assassination of Donald Trump. Results shown above include 687 weighted interviews. As per usual, this set of respondents was 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. \*A split test here tested this option with and without "of falsifying business records." Due to limited differentiation, results were combined to allow for greater subgroup analysis. Nationwide survey of 1,000 registered voters conducted July 11-July 14, 2024. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org.



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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 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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