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Climate Change:  
A Guide for Advocates



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## Key Takeaways:

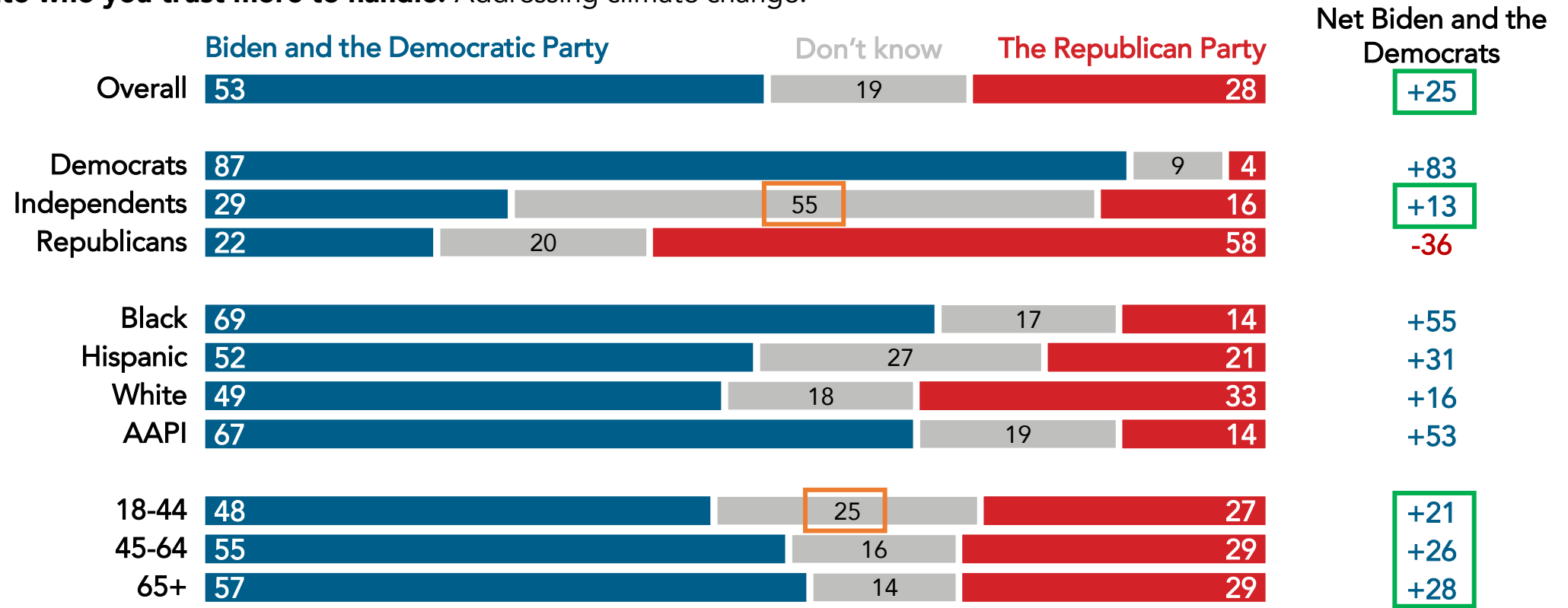
- Majorities of Americans say that this summer's weather is different from years past in both their own community and globally, with most citing hotter weather.
- Among those who see differences in their community, three in four blame temperatures rising as a result of climate change more than natural weather patterns.
- Roughly seven in ten Americans say climate change is a serious problem today, and an even greater share say it will be for future generations.

# Democrats Are More Trusted to Address Climate Change

Democrats are more trusted to address climate change by 25 points overall and by 13 points among independents (though 55% of independents say they do not know which party they trust more).

- While less than 30% of Americans across age groups trust the Republican Party more on the issue, 25% of 18–44-year-olds are unsure of who to trust more on the issue compared to just 16% of 45–64-year-olds and 14% of 65+.

**Please indicate who you trust more to handle:** Addressing climate change.

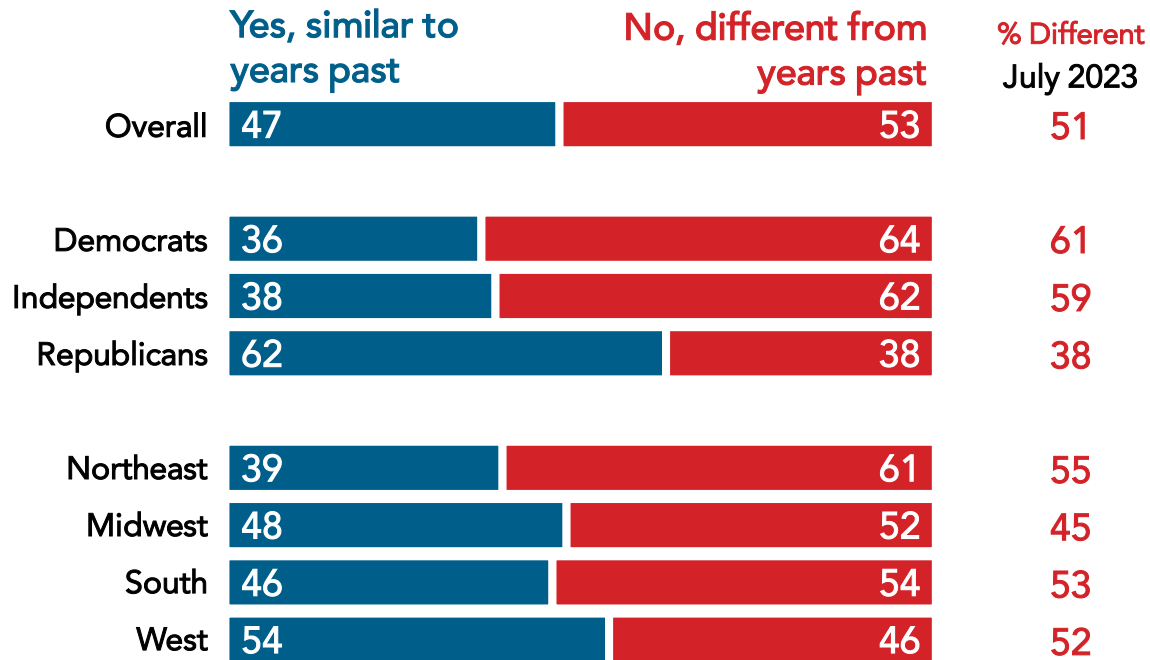


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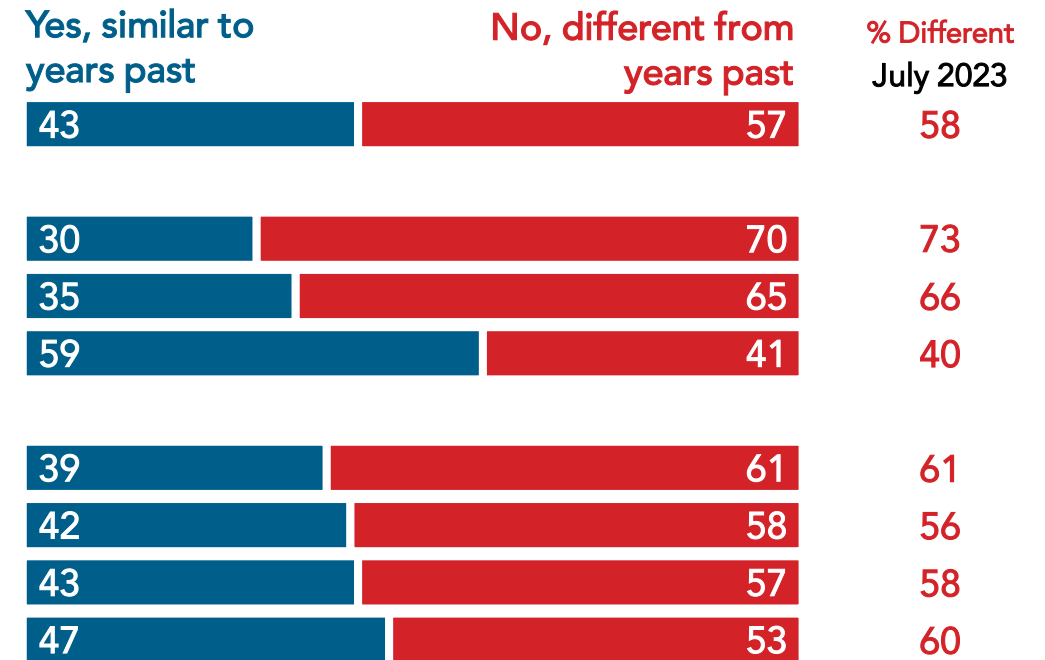
# Majorities Say Global and Local Weather Patterns Are Different This Year

Consistent with our tracking last summer, large majorities of Democrats and independents say this summer’s weather in their community is different from that of years past (64% and 62% different, respectively) and say the same about the weather globally (70% and 65%).

Has this summer’s weather in your community been similar to what you remember in the summers of years past?



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# Among Americans Who Perceive Changes in Weather, Nearly All Say It Is Hotter Locally

Nearly nine in ten Americans who say the weather is different in their community cite “hotter weather” (89%), up from roughly four in five (79%) last July.

[If different from years past in your community] How has the weather in your community changed recently from what you remember in years past?

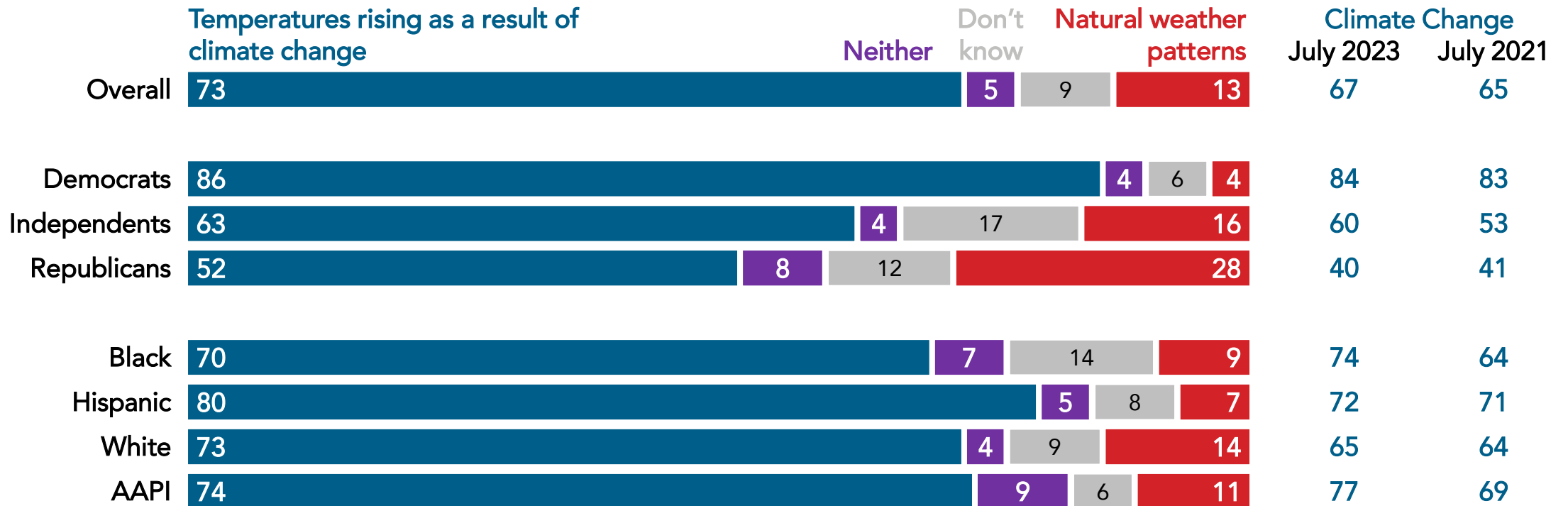
		Jul. '23	Dem	Ind	Rep	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Hotter weather	89%	79	92	79	89	93	78	92	92
More droughts	30	29	31	27	29	25	25	34	32
More tornadoes	27	21	32	18	23	29	38	27	13
More wildfires	26	31	29	21	22	26	17	23	42
More hurricanes	22	14	22	15	23	24	20	27	11
Colder weather	13	17	13	19	11	9	20	11	12
Less extreme weather	5	6	5	7	5	6	9	5	2

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# A Growing Share of Those Who See Weather as Different from Years Past Attribute It to Climate Change

Among those who see changing weather, Democrats are especially likely to blame changes in weather on “temperatures rising as a result of climate change” (86%); three in five independents (63%) and a majority of Republicans (52%) say the same.

[If different from years past in your community] What do you blame more for these types of changes in weather?

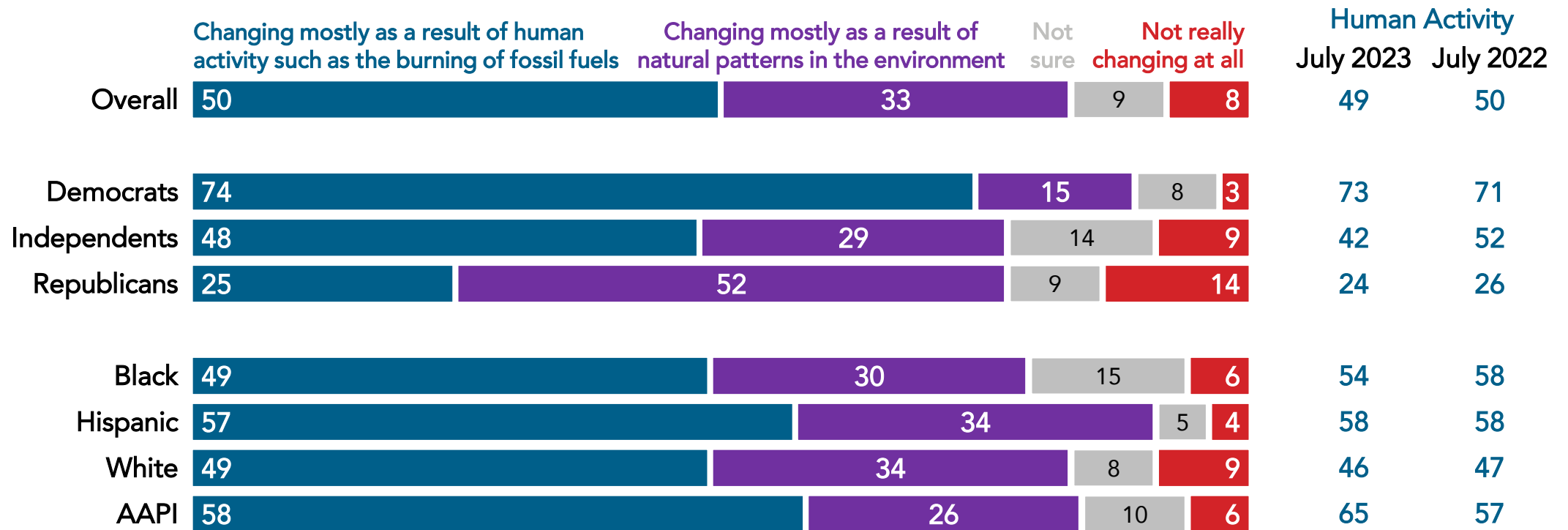


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# Only One in Three See Weather Changing Because of Natural Patterns, While Half Blame Fossil Fuels

Consistent with results from the last two years, about half of Americans (50%) say the climate is changing as a result of human activity, while one in three (33%) blame natural patterns, and fewer than one in ten (8%) say it is not really changing at all.

On the subject of climate, do you think the world's climate is...



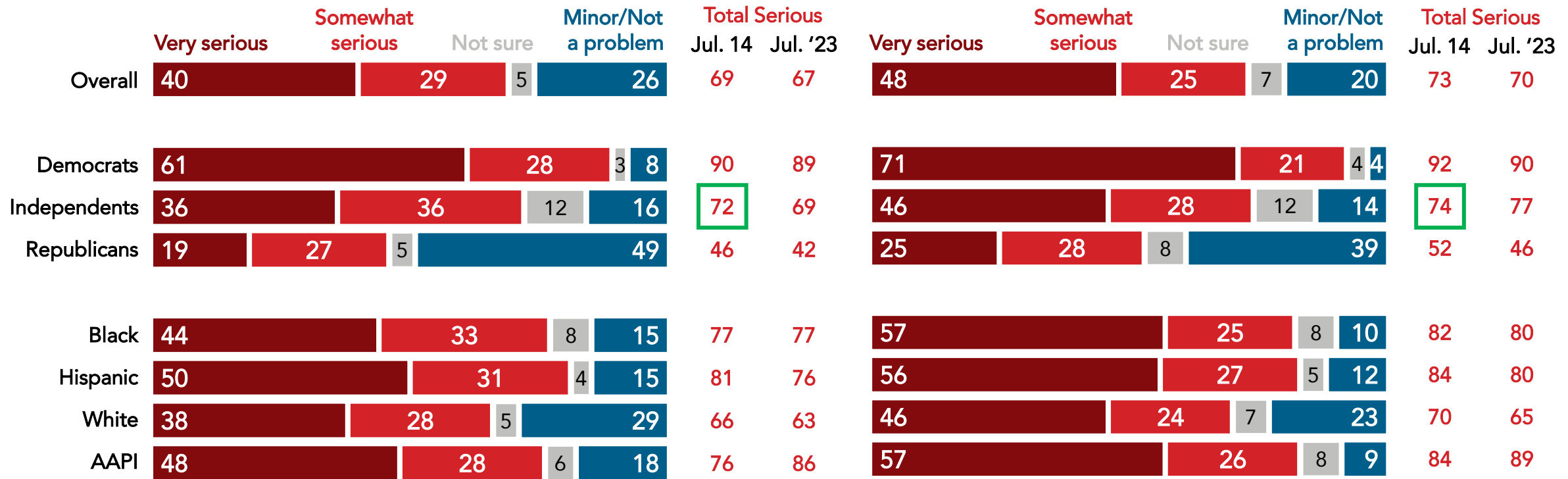
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# Majorities Say Climate Change Is a Serious Problem Today and Even More So for Future Generations

Large majorities of independents say that climate change is a serious problem for Americans today (72%) and that it will be a serious problem for their children or future generations of their family (74%).

How serious a problem is climate change for Americans today?

And how serious a problem do you think climate change will become for your children or future generations of your family?



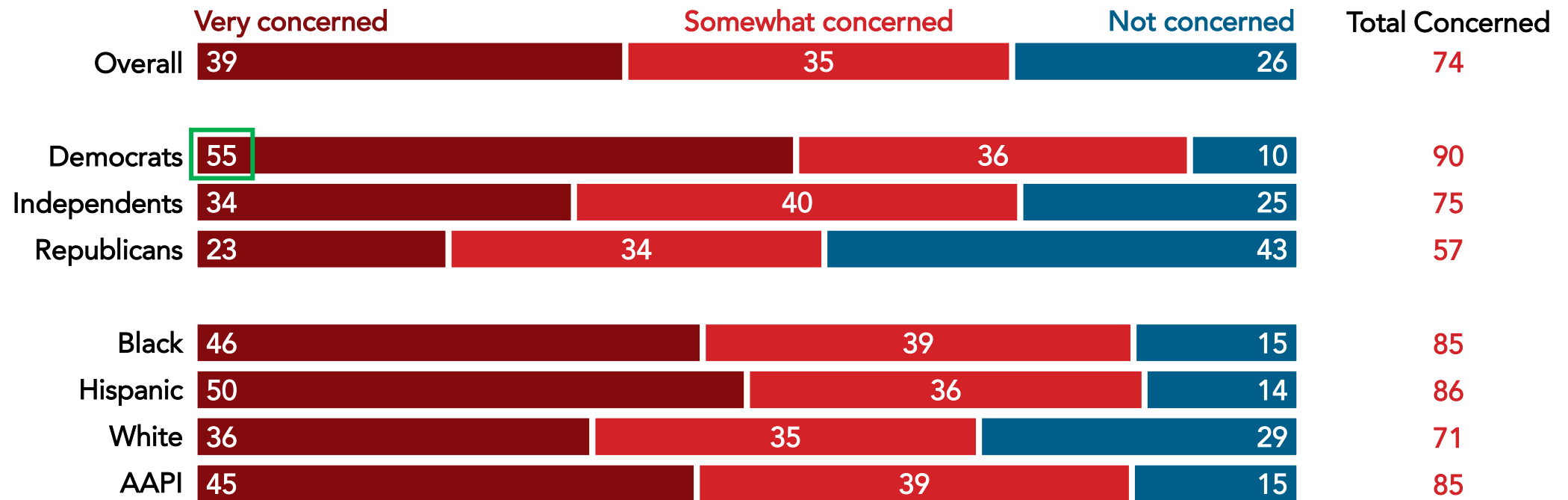
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# Americans Are Deeply Concerned About “Extreme”/“Unnatural” Weather

Majorities across party lines and racial groups are concerned about “extreme” and “unnatural” weather\*, though Democrats are most likely to say they are “very concerned” (55%) about it.

How concerned are you about extreme\* weather?



\*Half the sample was asked about “extreme” weather, while the other half was asked about “unnatural” weather; results were combined due to lack of differentiation. Nationwide survey of 1,000 registered voters conducted July 11-July 14, 2024. For more info, visit [navigatorresearch.org](https://navigatorresearch.org).

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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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*\*More than 65% of the interviews conducted for this survey were completed before the attempted assassination of Donald Trump. Analysis was conducted to determine whether there were any significant response differences between interviews conducted before and after, of which none were detected.*