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Government Shutdown: A Guide for Advocates



Key Takeaways:

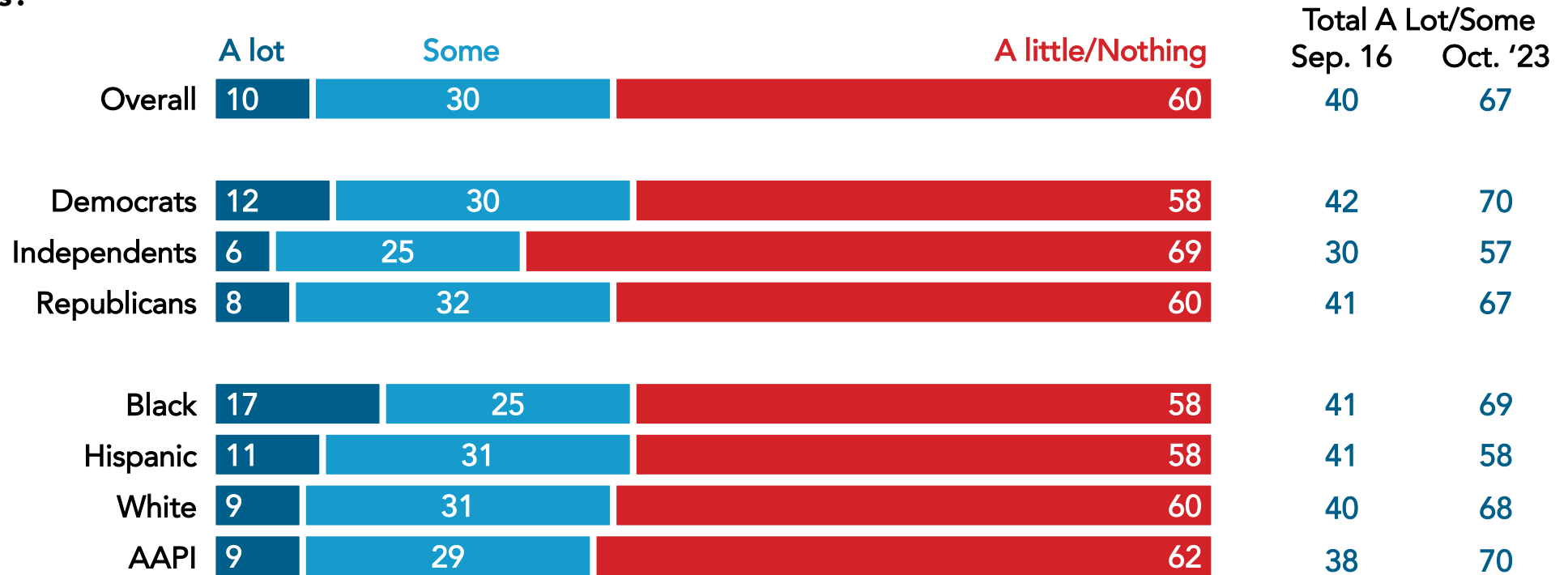
- Only two in five Americans report that they are hearing “a lot” or “some” about a potential government shutdown this fall, down from two in three who were hearing about a potential shutdown last October.
- Republicans and Democrats would share the blame in a potential government shutdown scenario, as a plurality of independents say they would blame both parties equally.
- Seven in ten agree more that it is never right to shut down the federal government than say that they would support shutting down the federal government if it meant making progress on an important issue or cause they believe in.

Only One in Ten Americans Are Hearing “a Lot” About a Potential Government Shutdown

Minorities across party and racial lines report that they are hearing “a lot” or “some” about a potential government shutdown, including only three in ten independents (30%).

- When asked last October about a potential government shutdown, 67% of Americans said they were hearing “a lot” or “some.”

How much have you seen, read, or heard about a potential government shutdown this fall if Congress cannot pass their annual spending bills?

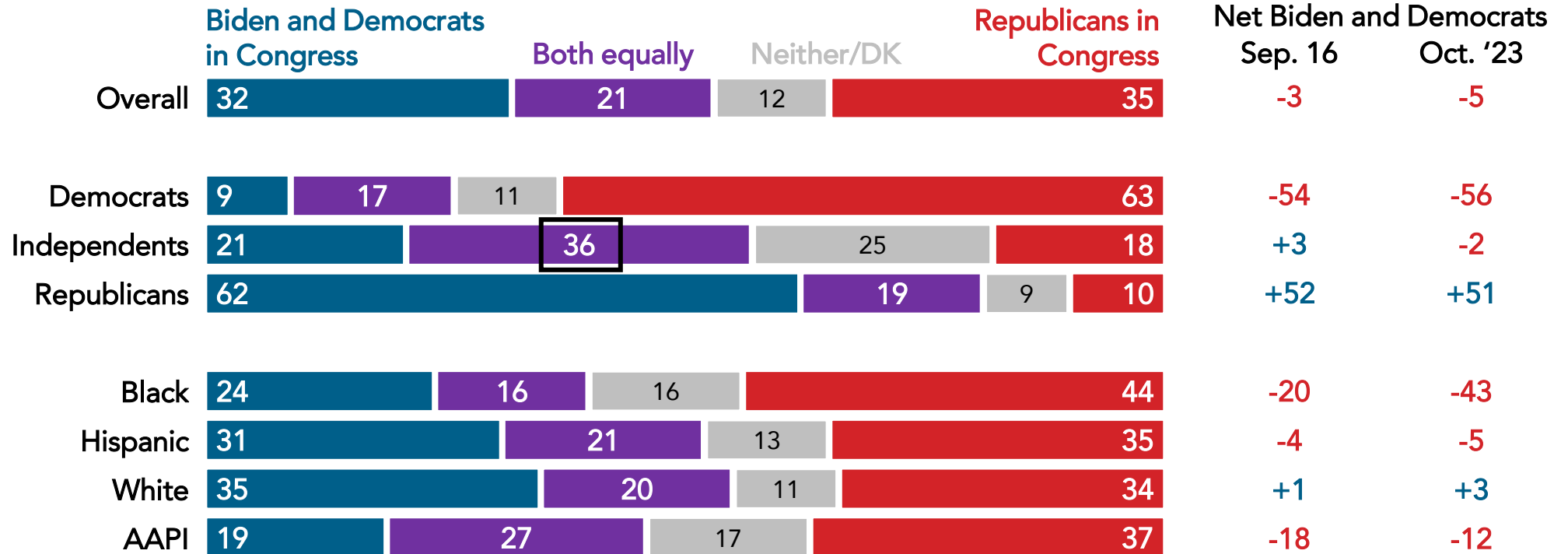


Nationwide surveys of registered voters; Each wave represents approximately 1,000 interviews taken over the prior three-five days. Latest wave conducted September 12-September 16, 2024. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org.

Republicans and Biden & Democrats Would Share Blame in a Shutdown Scenario

A plurality of Americans (35%) would blame Republicans in Congress for a shutdown, though nearly as many would blame Biden and Democrats (32%), and another one in three would blame both equally, neither, or are not sure (33%).

If the government were to shut down this fall, who would you blame most?

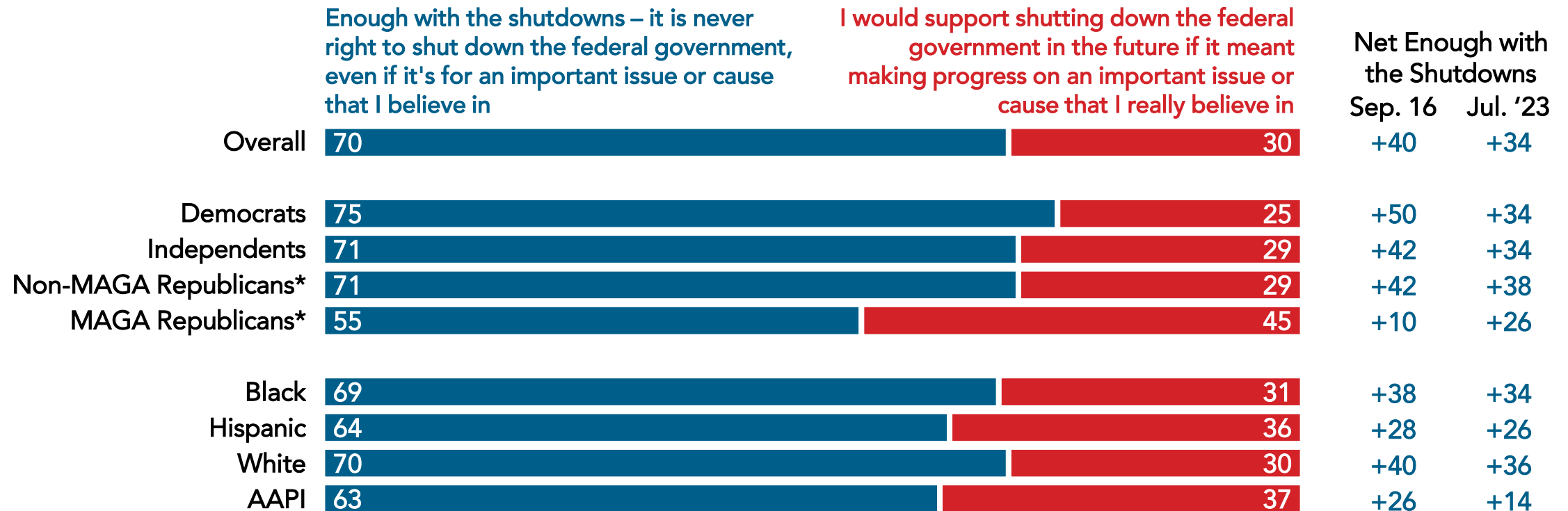


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Seven in Ten Say No More Shutdowns, Even If They Agree With the Cause

Majorities across party and racial lines agree more that “it is never right to shut down the federal government,” including three in four Democrats (75%), seven in ten independents (71%) and non-MAGA Republicans* (71%), and 55% of MAGA Republicans*.

Which of the following statements do you agree with more?



*“MAGA Republicans” are Republicans who identify as “a supporter of the MAGA movement” on a separate question, while “non-MAGA Republicans” are Republicans who do not consider themselves supporters of the MAGA movement or are not sure. Nationwide surveys of registered voters; Each wave represents approximately 1,000 interviews taken over the prior three-five days. Latest wave conducted September 12-September 16, 2024. For more info, visit 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 1,003 registered voters from September 12-September 16, 2024. 106 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 76 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. 106 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 of error for subgroups varies and is higher.

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