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## Perceptions of Abortion: A Guide for Advocates



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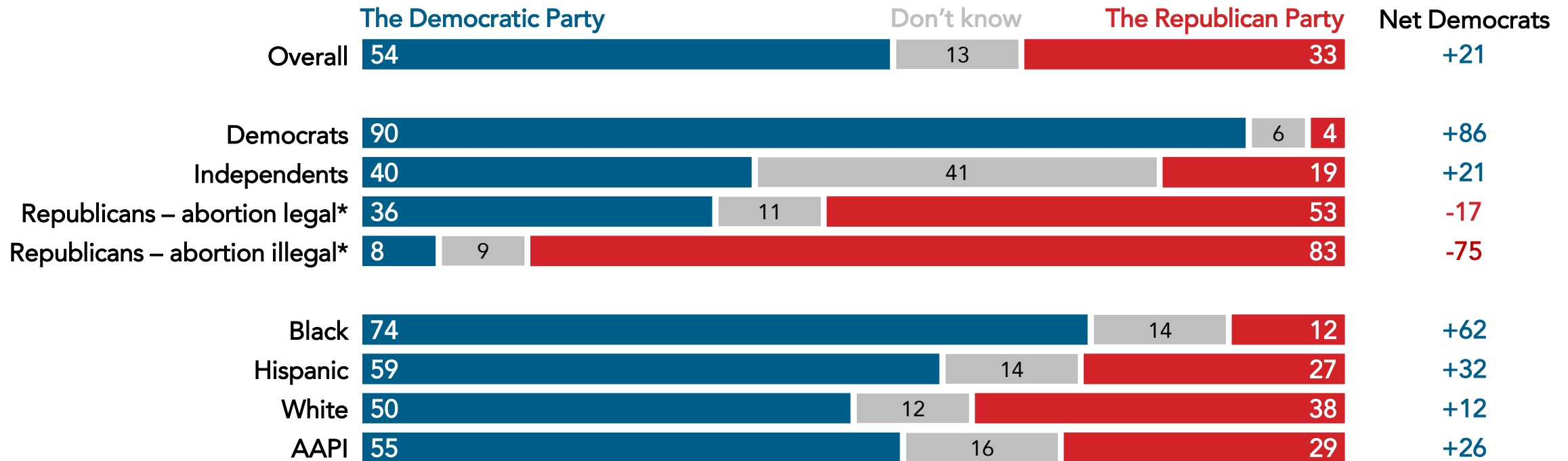
## Key Takeaways:

- Americans, including even some Republicans, trust the Democratic Party more than the Republican Party on the issue of abortion.
- Most people think abortion should be legal (three in five), but most people say Trump thinks it should be illegal (seven in ten).
- A majority believe Trump would sign a national abortion ban – and the share increases in a context where Republicans have full control of Congress.

# Democrats Are Far More Trusted On Abortion

Both Democrats (net +86 trust the Democratic Party) and independents (net +21) trust Democrats more on abortion, as do more than one in three Republicans who think abortion should be legal in all or most cases\* (36%).

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



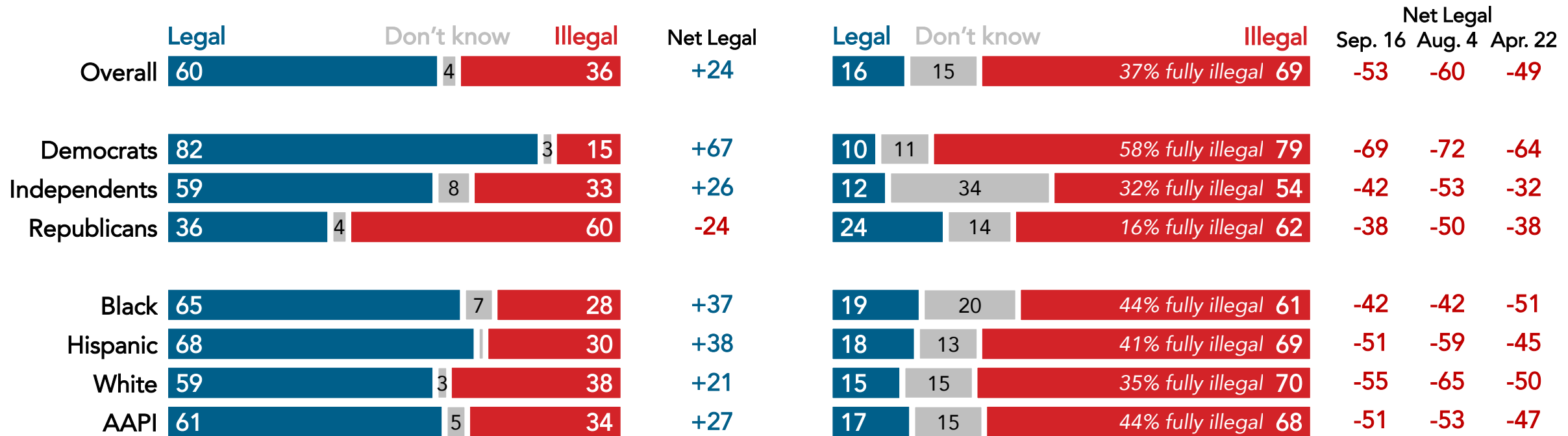
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# Majorities Say Abortion Should Be Legal in All or Most Situations; an Even Higher Share Say Trump Thinks the Opposite

There is a wide disconnect between Americans' views on abortion and perceptions of Trump's view, as three in five (60%) say abortion should be legal in all or most cases, compared with roughly seven in ten (69%) who say Trump thinks it should be illegal in all or most cases.

Which of the following comes closest to your position regarding the issue of abortion?

Which of the following do you think comes closest to Donald Trump's position regarding the issue of abortion?



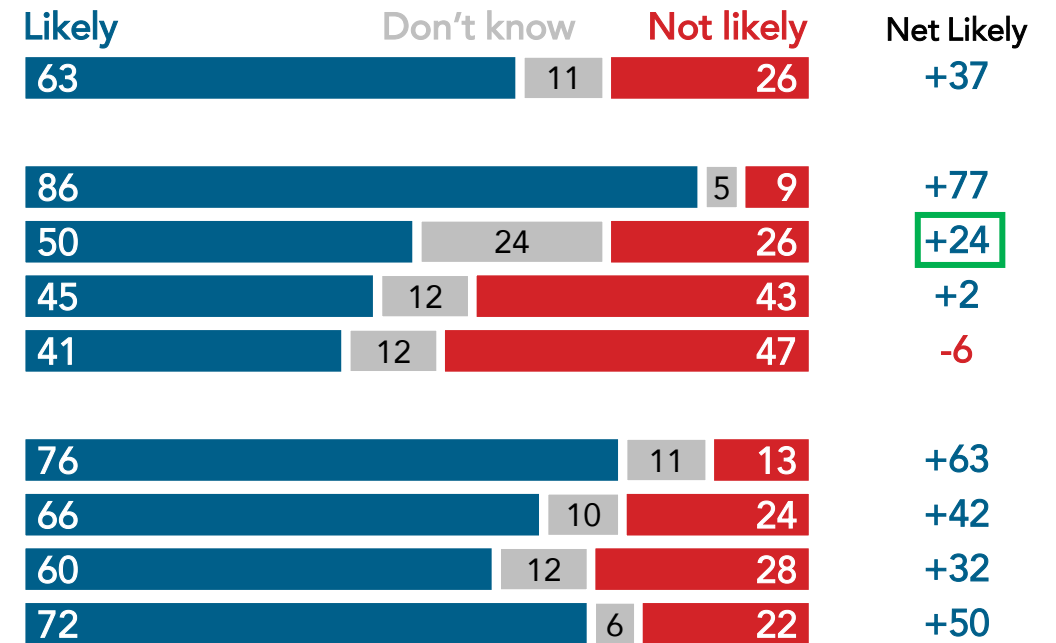
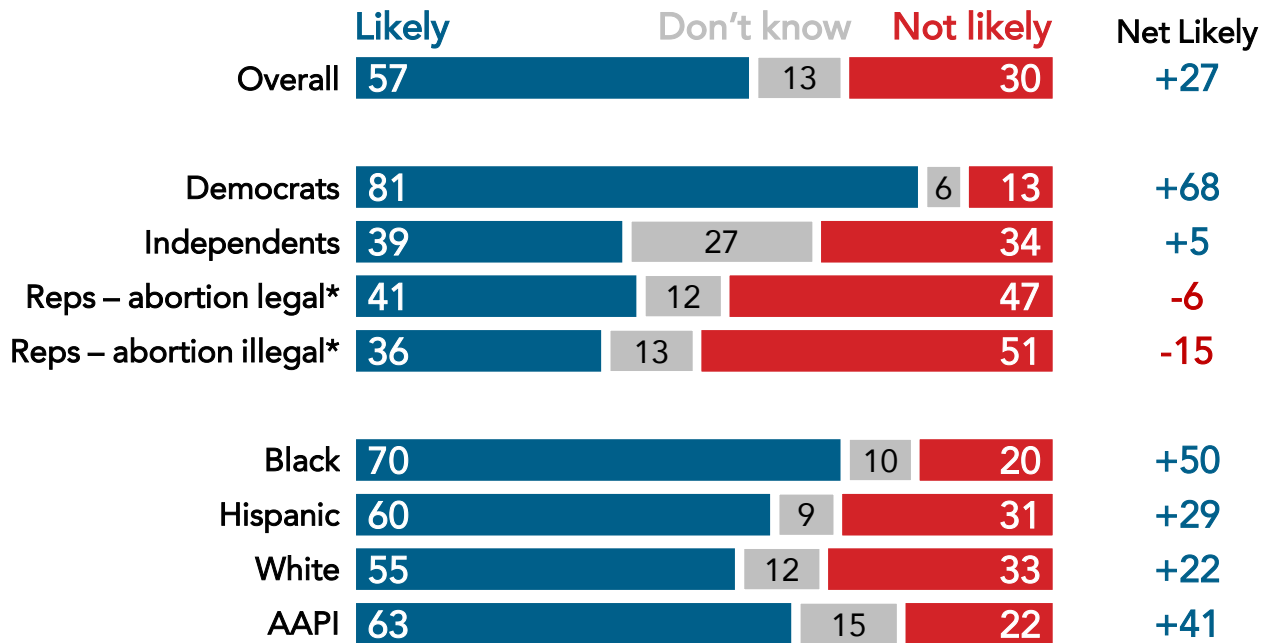
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# Nearly Two in Three Say Trump Would Sign a National Abortion Ban If Republicans Control Congress

When asked to imagine a Republican-governing scenario including a Republican Congress and Trump as president, more than three in five Americans (63%) say Trump would sign a national abortion ban into law if Congressional Republicans passed it.

**How likely do you think it is that Donald Trump would sign a national abortion ban into law?**

**For a moment, imagine that Donald Trump has won the 2024 presidential election and Republicans have won control of the House and Senate, and Republicans in the House and Senate have voted to pass a nationwide abortion ban. How likely do you think it is that Donald Trump would sign a national abortion ban into law?**

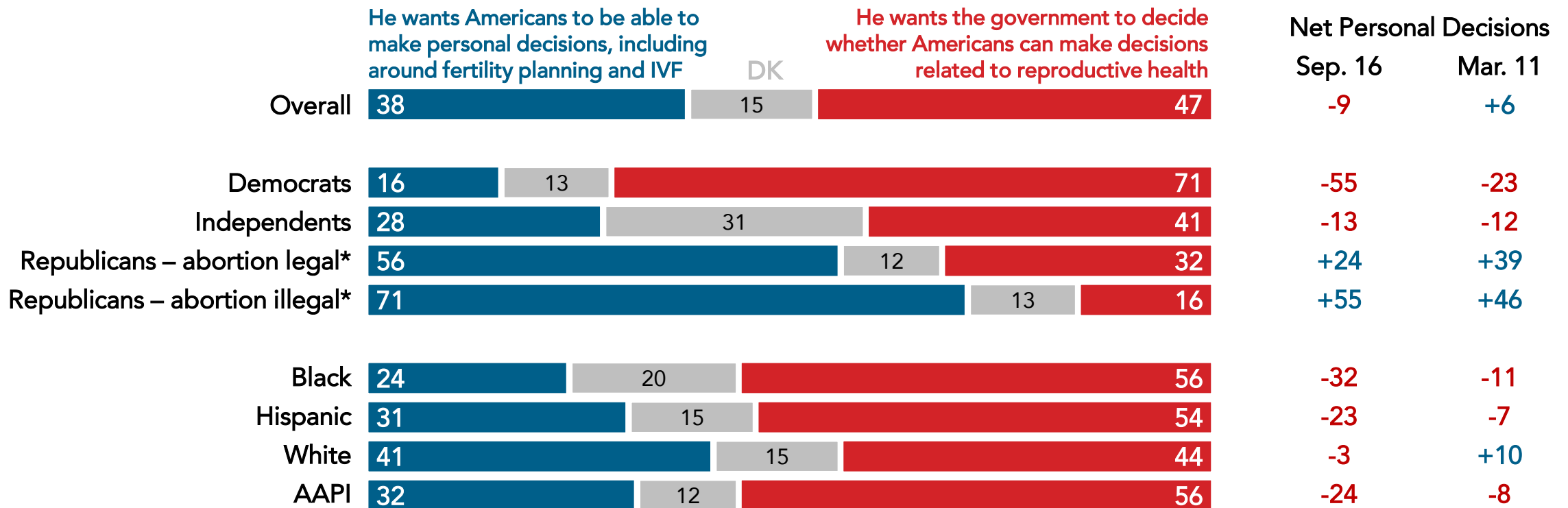


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# A Plurality Say That Trump's IVF Position Is That He Wants the Government to Make Decisions Instead of Americans

Since March, the share of Americans who say Trump "wants Americans to be able to make personal decisions" on issues related to reproductive health has declined by net-15 points (from net +6 to net -9).

Which of the following do you think comes closest to describing **Donald Trump's** position regarding IVF (in vitro fertilization)?



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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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