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Three Years Post-Roe:
A Guide for Advocates



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Key Takeaways:

- A majority of Americans feel that the government is taking away freedoms, though views of which freedoms differ greatly – with Democrats, independents, and women (including Republican women) citing abortion. Many also cite freedom of speech.
- A majority of Americans say abortion should be legal in the U.S. and that overturning *Roe v. Wade* has been bad for the country. Nearly three in five oppose additional abortion restrictions nationwide.
- A majority say abortion will grow harder to access nationwide and in their state in the next five years, and these feelings are more acute in states that have restricted abortion access post-*Roe*.

Key Takeaways:

- Three in four Americans say they could not support an elected official who supports a nationwide abortion ban with no exceptions or a contraception ban.
- Few Americans are aware of post-*Roe* trends and stories of what women are experiencing. They also are not hearing much about what Trump and Republicans have passed or proposed on this issue.
- But, when they learn about these policies, they find them troubling, particularly the denial of lifesaving care to women, allowing health care workers to deny care, and restricting access to and coverage for abortion care. They also find specific stories of what women have experienced post-*Roe* deeply concerning.

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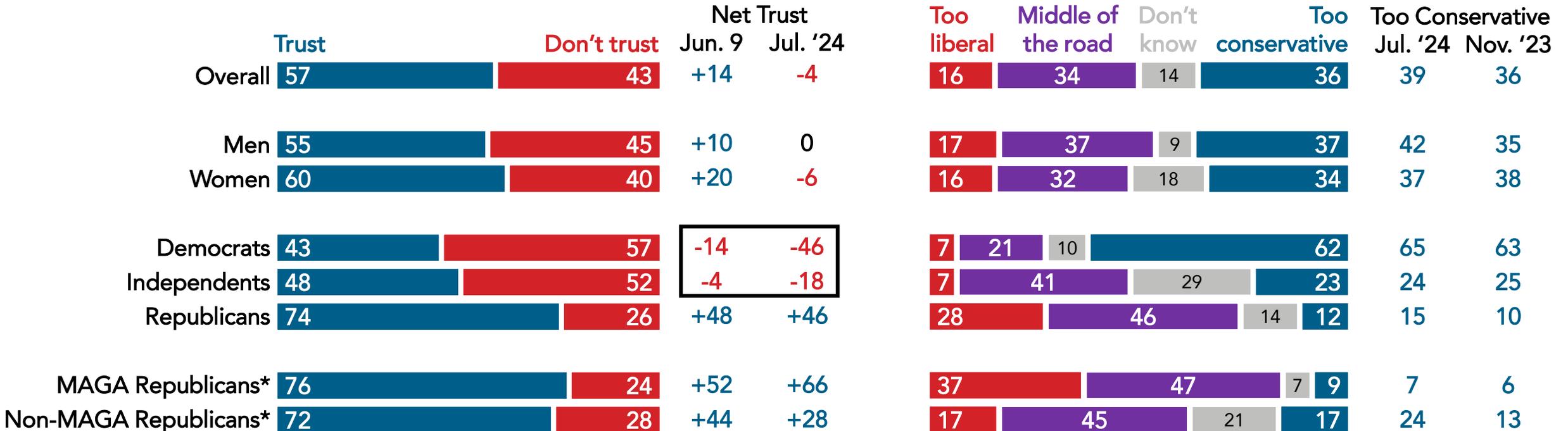
Views on Government Post-Roe

The Supreme Court Has Regained Some Trust, Especially Among Democrats, Though a Plurality Say It's Still Too Conservative

Since July of last year, the Supreme Court has made inroads in trust among Democrats (from net -46 trust in July 2024 to net -14 now) and independents (from net -18 to net -4), though 62% of Democrats still say the Court is too conservative.

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

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

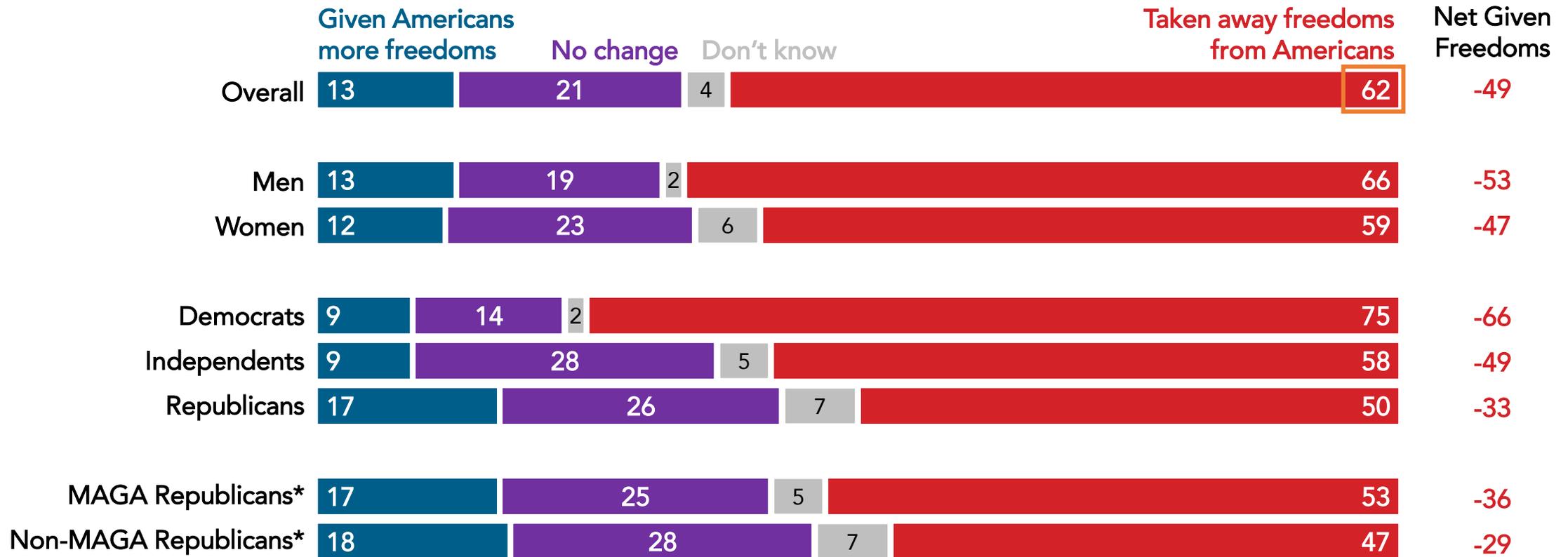


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Three in Five Say the Government Is Taking Away Freedoms

A majority of Americans (62%) say the government is taking away freedoms, including at least half across party lines.

In the last few years, do you feel like the government has given Americans more freedoms, taken away Americans' freedoms, or has there been no change?

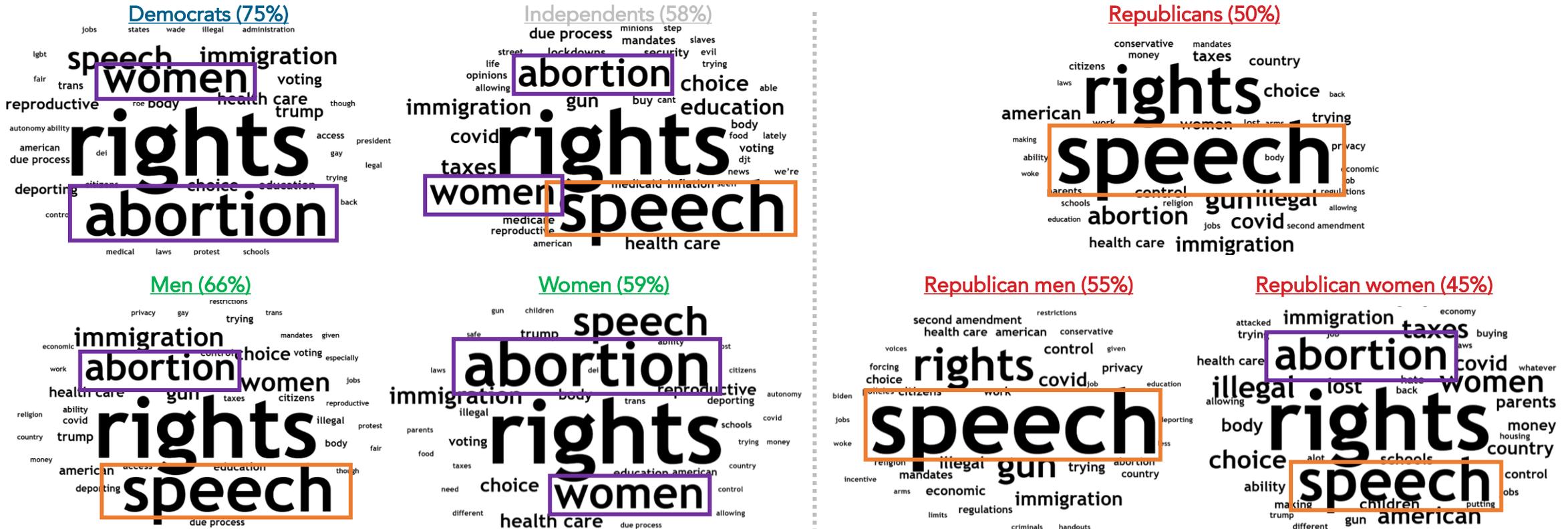


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The Government Taking Away Freedoms Means Deeply Different Things to Americans By Party and Gender

Republicans and men most cite freedom of speech, while Democrats, independents, and women (including GOP women) cite abortion.

[If believes government has taken away freedoms from Americans; 62% of Americans] What are some areas where you feel like the government has taken away freedoms? [Open-ended response]



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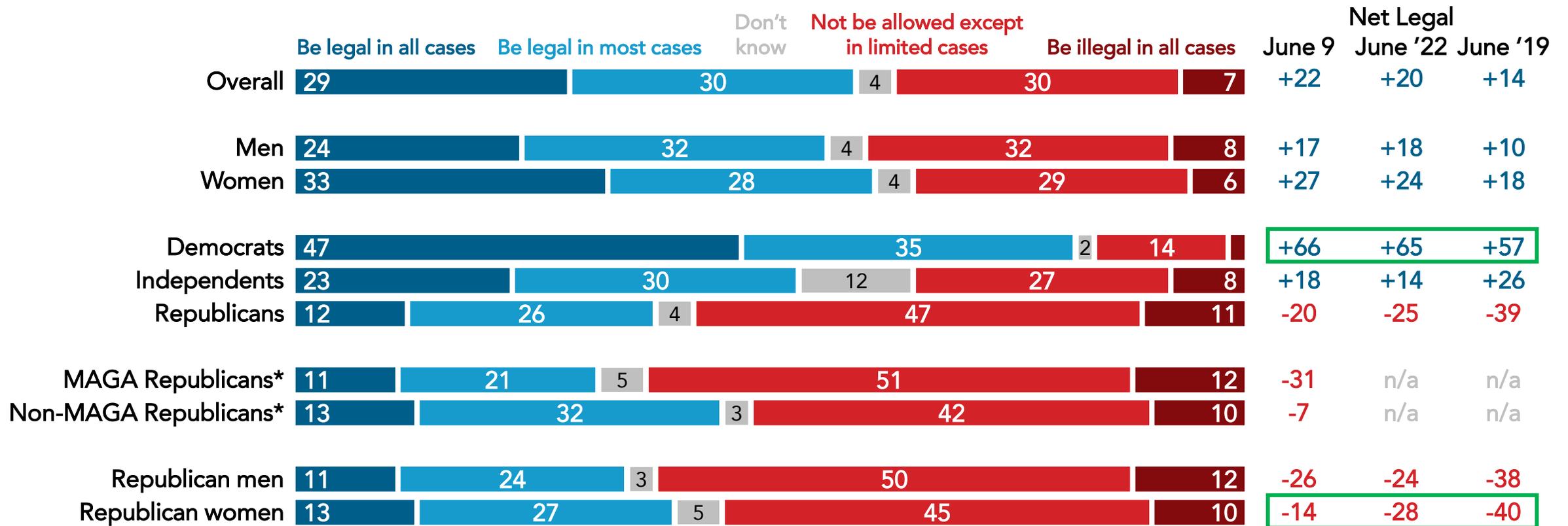
Views on Abortion

Nearly Three in Five Continue to Say Abortion Should Be Legal

Since 2019, Republican women have grown more likely to say they think abortion should be legal in all or most cases (from net -40 should be legal in June of 2019 to net -14 now), as have Democrats (from net +57 to net +66).

- Majorities of both men (57%) and women (61%) say abortion should be legal in all or most cases.

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



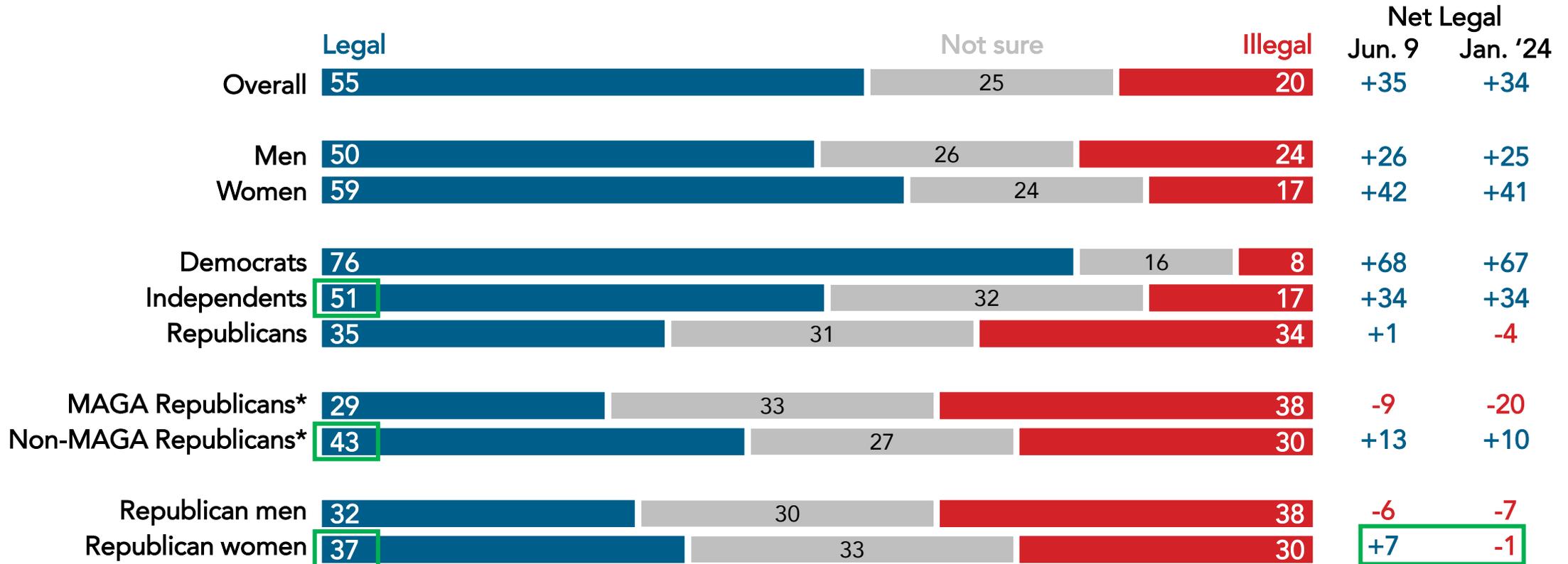
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Steady Majorities Say Mifepristone Should Remain Legal

A plurality of Republican women (37%) and non-MAGA Republicans* (43%) say mifepristone should remain legal.

- On separate questions, four in five Americans say they are unfamiliar with “mifepristone” (81%), while 82% are familiar with “early abortion medication” and a majority of Americans rate it favorably (51% favorable, 31% unfavorable).

Do you think early medication abortion care, known as mifepristone, should remain legal or be made illegal?

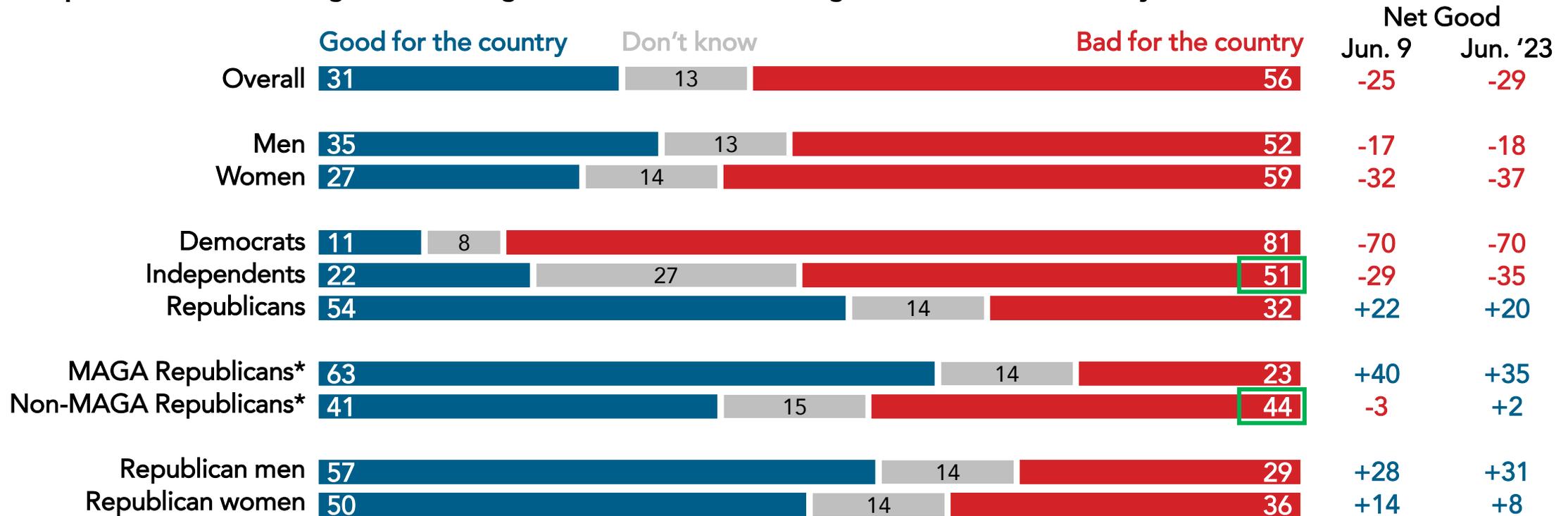


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Continued Majorities Say Overturning *Roe v. Wade* Has Been Bad for the Country

A majority of independents (51%) and a plurality of non-MAGA Republicans* (44%) say that overturning *Roe v. Wade* has been bad for the country.

As you may know, the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, eliminating the federal right to an abortion as a result. Do you think the Supreme Court eliminating the federal right to an abortion has been good or bad for the country?

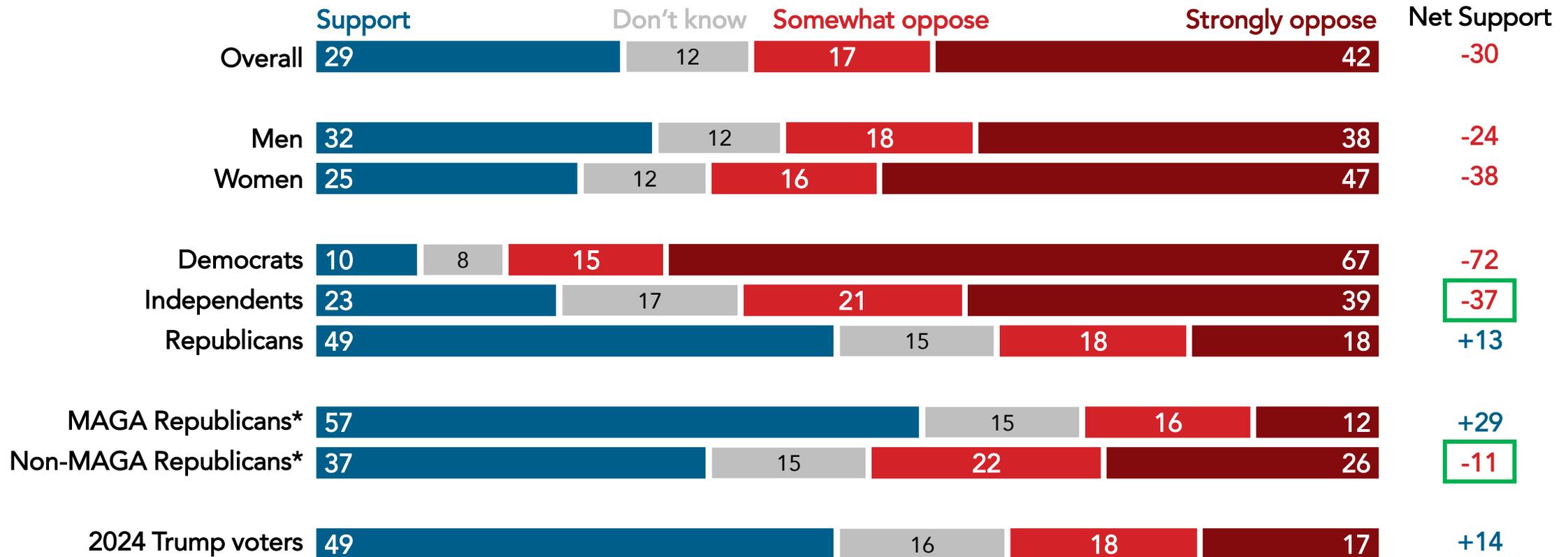


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Additional Restrictions on Abortion Nationwide Are Deeply Opposed

A plurality of non-MAGA Republicans* (net -11 support) and even 35% of 2024 Trump voters overall oppose further nationwide restrictions.

Do you support or oppose further nationwide restrictions on abortion?



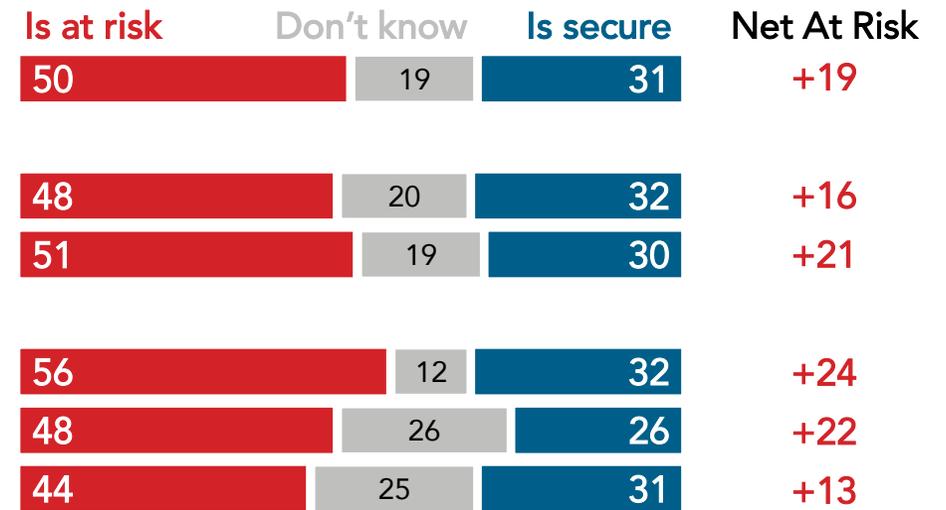
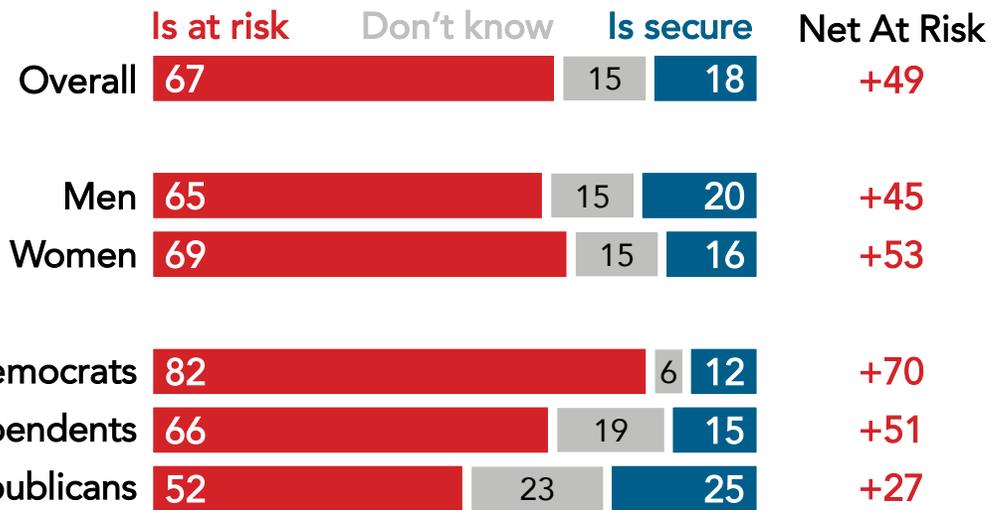
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Two in Three Say Abortion Is at Risk Nationwide, Half Say the Same of Abortion in Their State

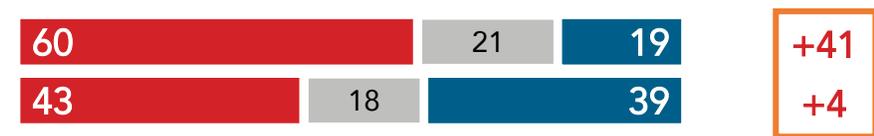
Americans in states that have increased abortion restrictions since the overturning of *Roe* are more likely to say abortion rights are at risk in their state (60% at risk, while 43% say the same in states without increased restrictions).

What is your impression: the right to an abortion in our country...

What is your impression: the right to an abortion in [STATE]...



State abortion laws post-Roe**

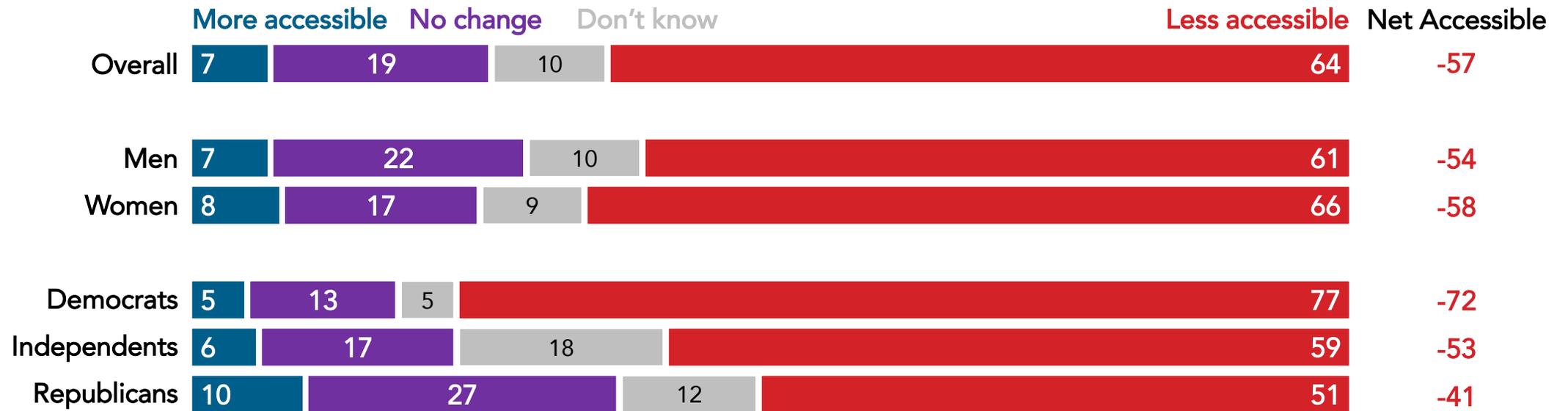


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Two in Three Say Abortion Is Becoming Less Accessible in the United States

Bipartisan majorities say abortion is becoming less accessible, as do majorities of both men and women.

As far as you know, is abortion in the U.S. becoming more accessible, less accessible, or has there been no change?



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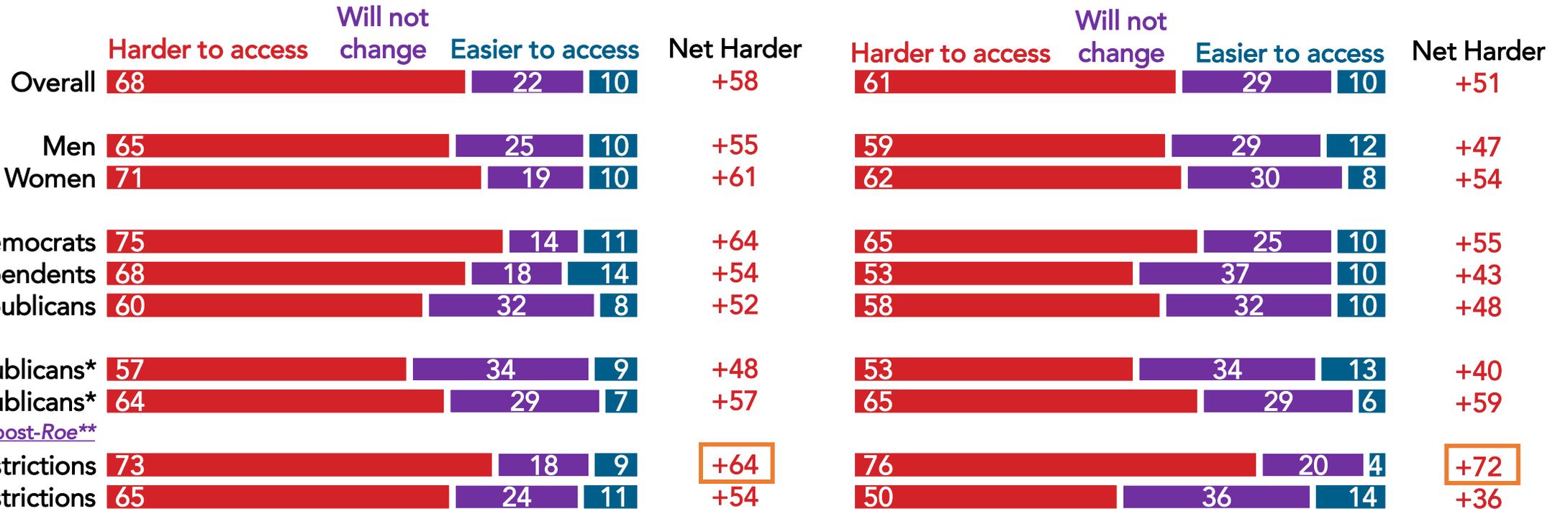


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Americans Say It Will Grow Harder to Access Abortion in Their State and Nationwide in Coming Years

[Split Sample] In thinking about the next 5 years, do you think it will become harder to access an abortion in America, easier to access an abortion in America, or will there be no change in the difficulty of accessing an abortion in America?

[Split Sample] In thinking about the next 5 years, do you think it will become harder to access an abortion in [STATE], easier to access an abortion in [STATE], or will there be no change in the difficulty of accessing an abortion in [STATE]?

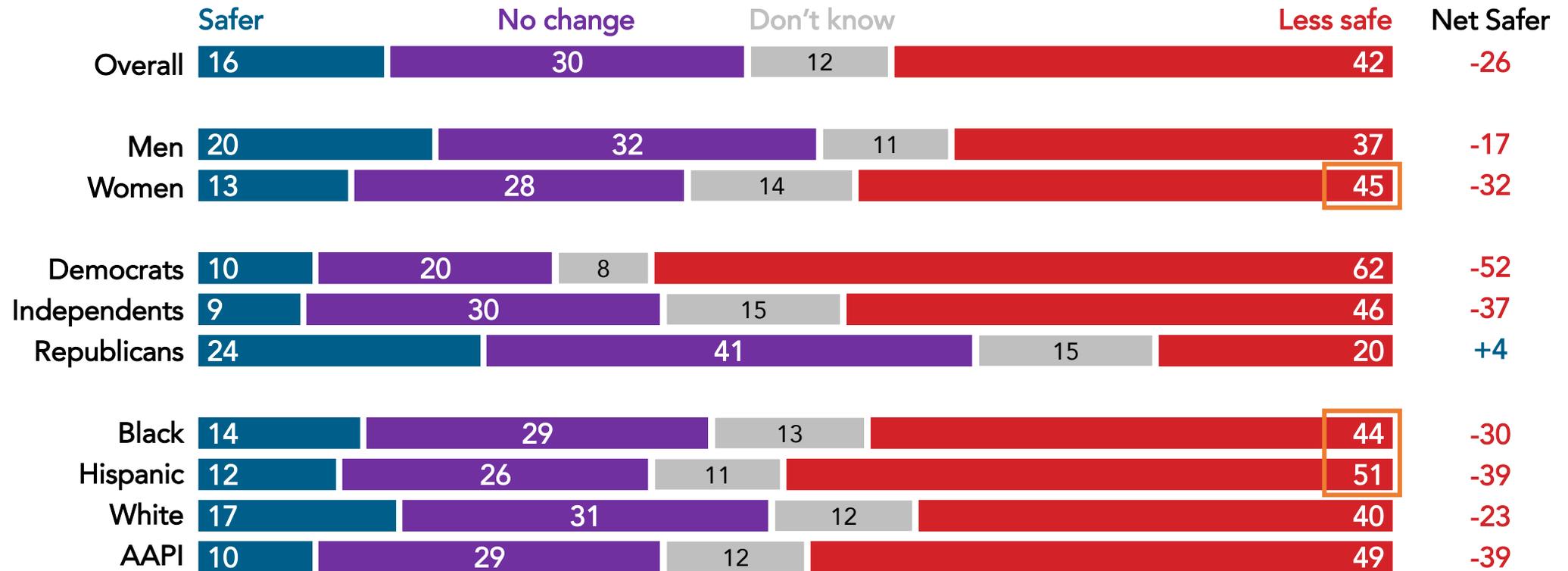


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Two in Five Americans Say Pregnancy Is Becoming Less Safe in the U.S.

Pluralities across race think pregnancy is becoming less safe, particularly Hispanic Americans (51% less safe).

As far as you know, is pregnancy in the U.S. becoming safer, less safe, or has there been no change?



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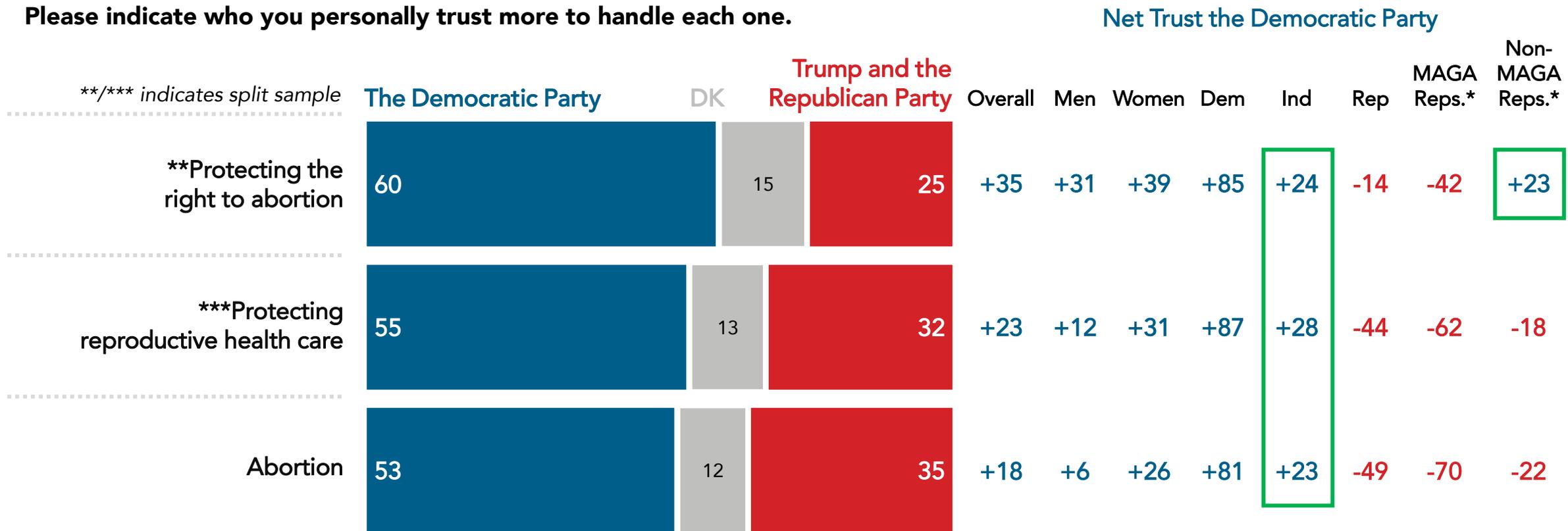
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Political Landscape

Democrats Hold Significant Trust Advantages Over Trump and Republicans on Abortion and Reproductive Health Care

Non-MAGA Republicans* trust Democrats more to “protect the right to abortion” (net +23 trust Democrats more), while independents trust Democrats more to “protect the right to abortion” (net +24), “protect reproductive health care” (+28), and on abortion broadly (+23).

Please indicate who you personally trust more to handle each one.

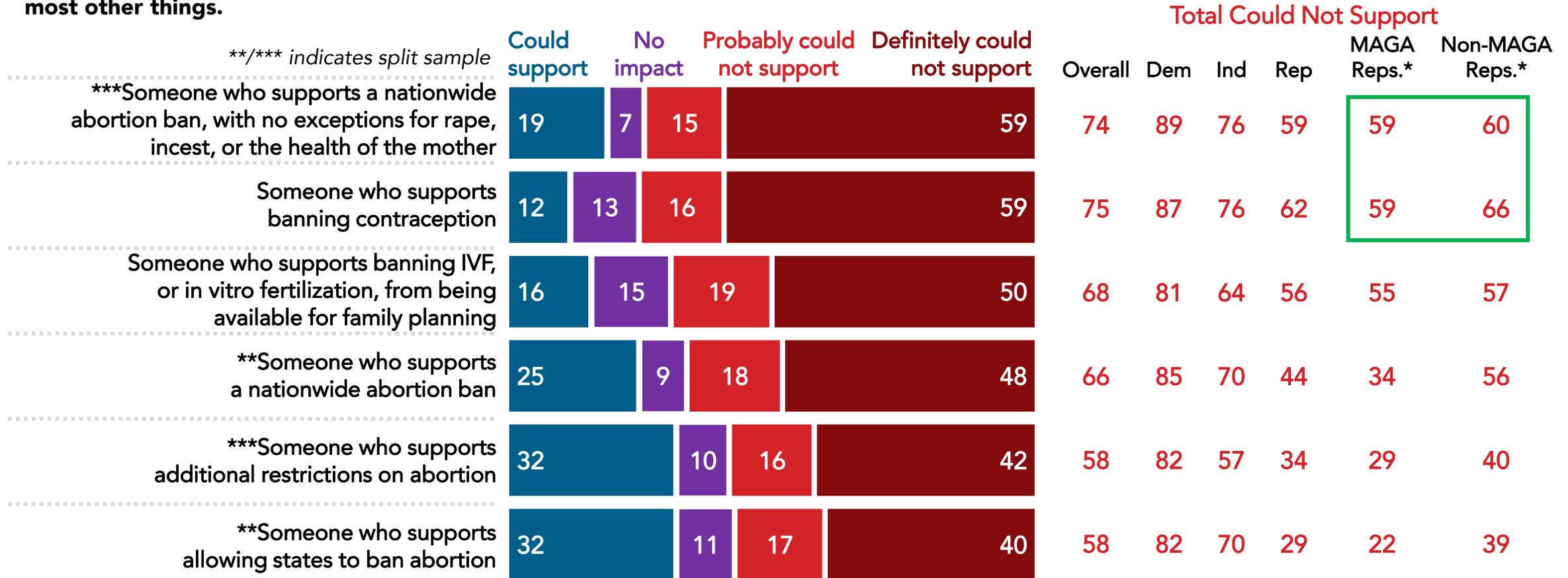


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Restrictions on Reproductive Care Are Dealbreakers, Especially Abortion Bans Without Exceptions and Contraception Bans

Please indicate whether or not you could support an elected official with that position, as long as you agreed with the elected official on most other things.



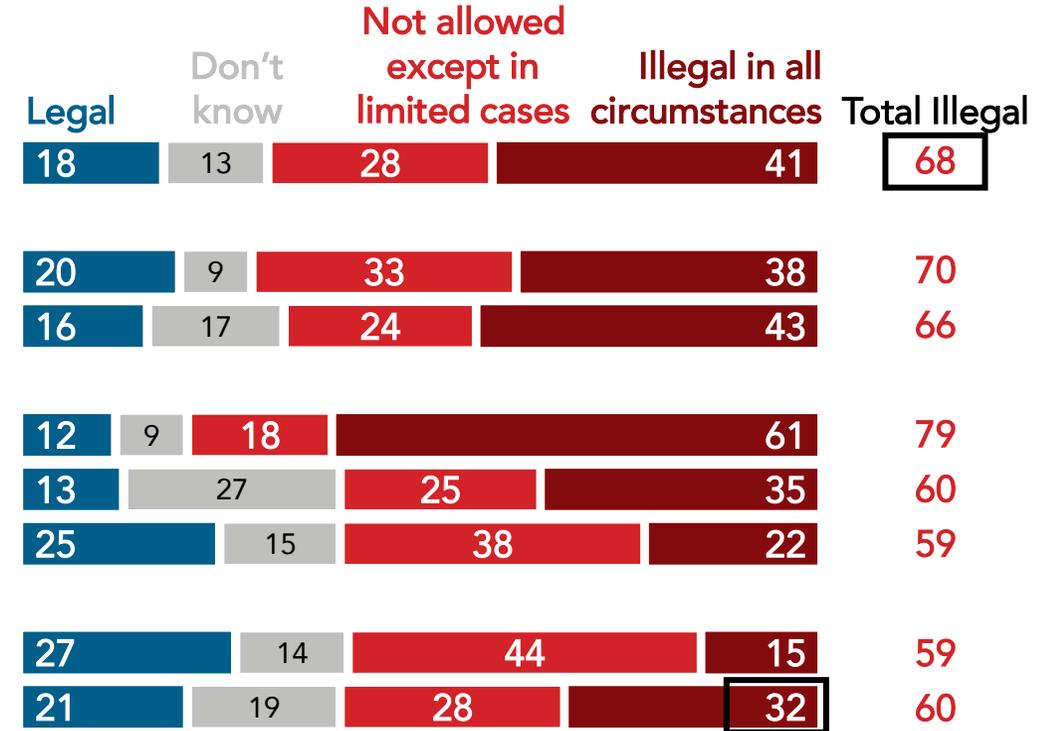
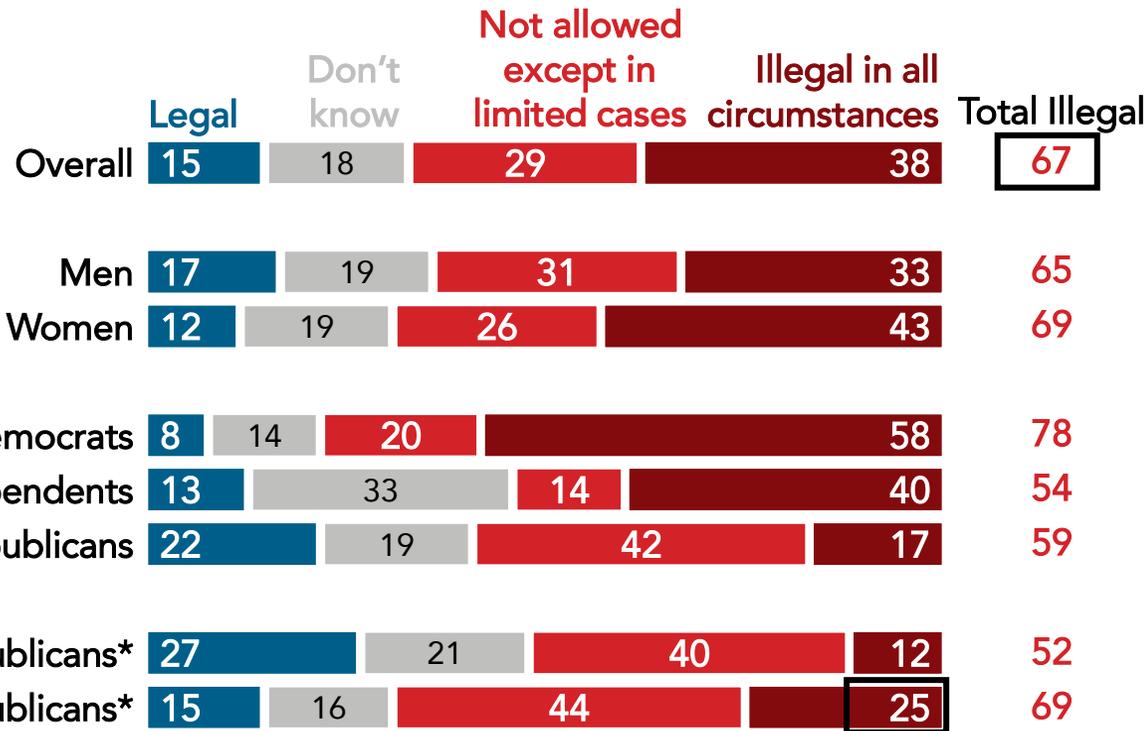
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Two in Three Americans Say Trump and Congressional Republicans Believe Abortion Should Be Illegal

When asked in October of 2024, nearly identical shares said the same of where Trump stands (16% legal, 66% illegal).

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

[Split Sample] Which of the following do you think comes closest to Republicans in Congress' position regarding the issue of abortion?



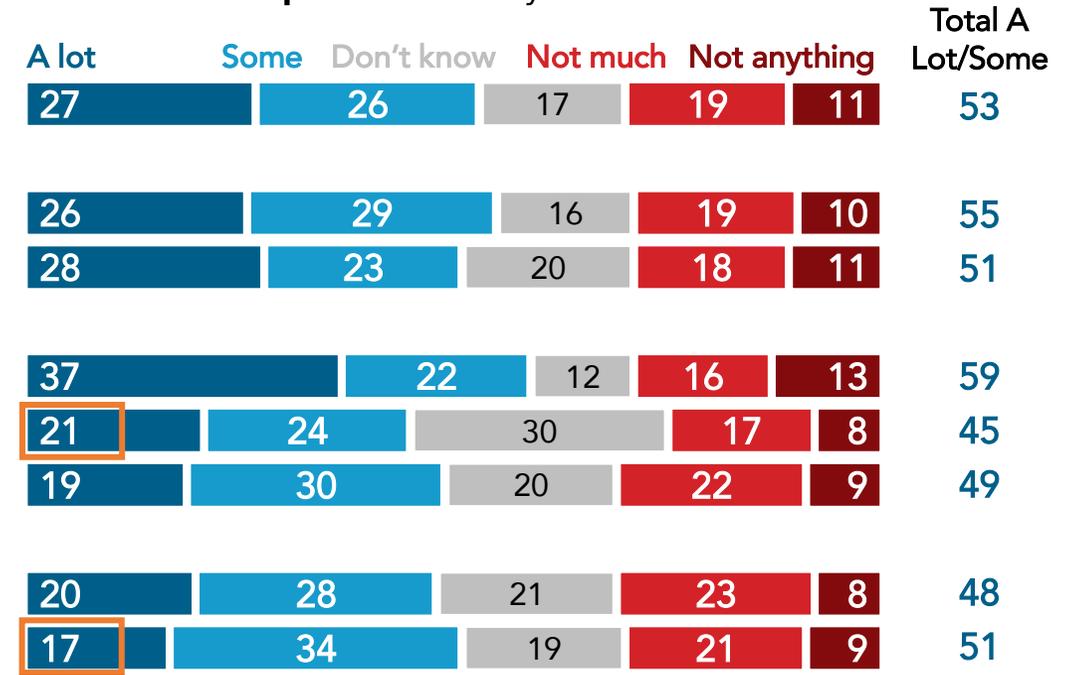
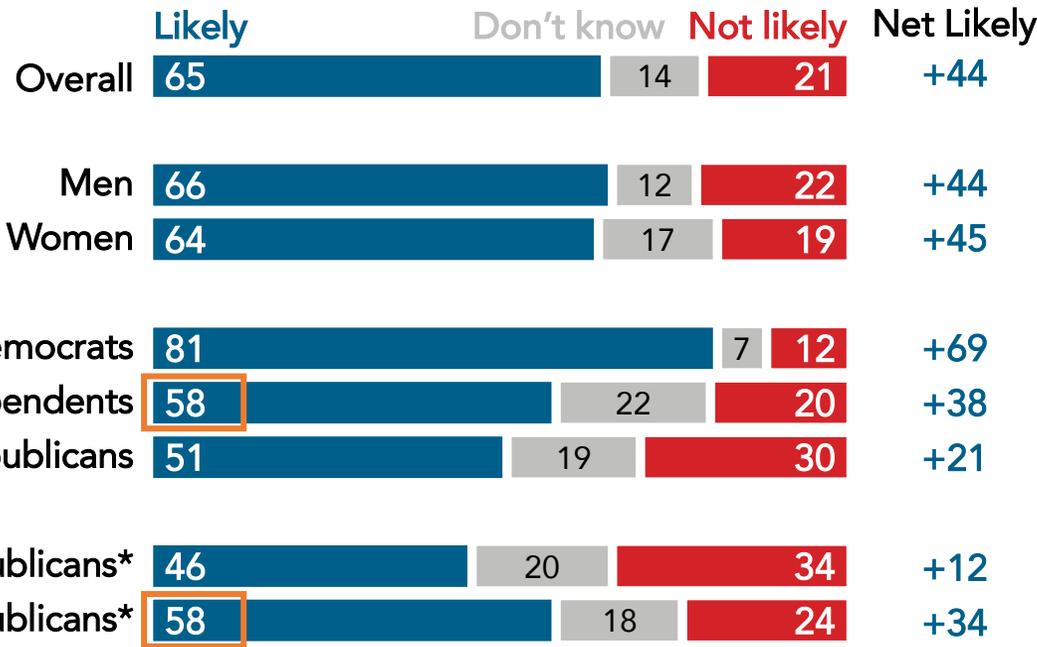
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While Many Say It's Likely the GOP Will Try to Pass New Abortion Restrictions, They Do Not See Them As Having Done Much Yet

A majority of independents and non-MAGA Republicans* (58% each) say Republicans in Congress will likely try to pass further abortion restrictions, though only 21% and 17% say Trump and Republicans have done "a lot" to change abortion laws so far in his second term.

How likely do you think it is that Republicans in Congress will try to pass further restrictions on abortion?

How much do you think Donald Trump and Republicans have done to change abortion laws in the U.S. so far in Trump's second term as president? They have done...



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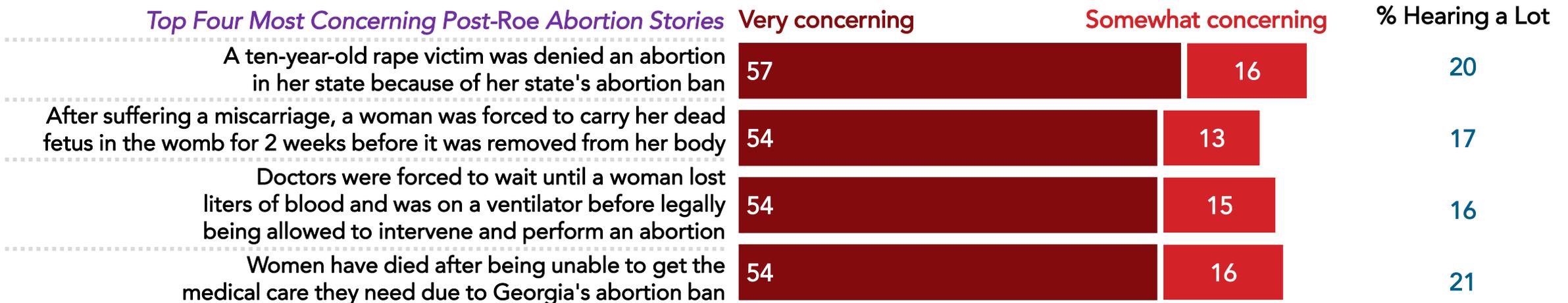
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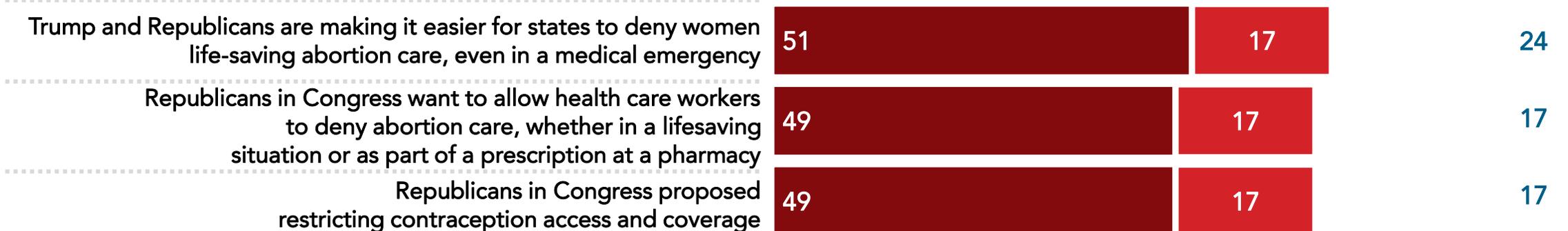
Americans Are Concerned About GOP Abortion Policies and Post-Roe Outcomes, But Few Are Hearing "A Lot" About Them

Please indicate how concerning you find each one.

Top Four Most Concerning Post-Roe Abortion Stories



Top Three Most Concerning GOP Abortion Policies



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No More Than One in Five Americans Are Hearing “A Lot” About Any Post-Roe Stories or Specific Trends

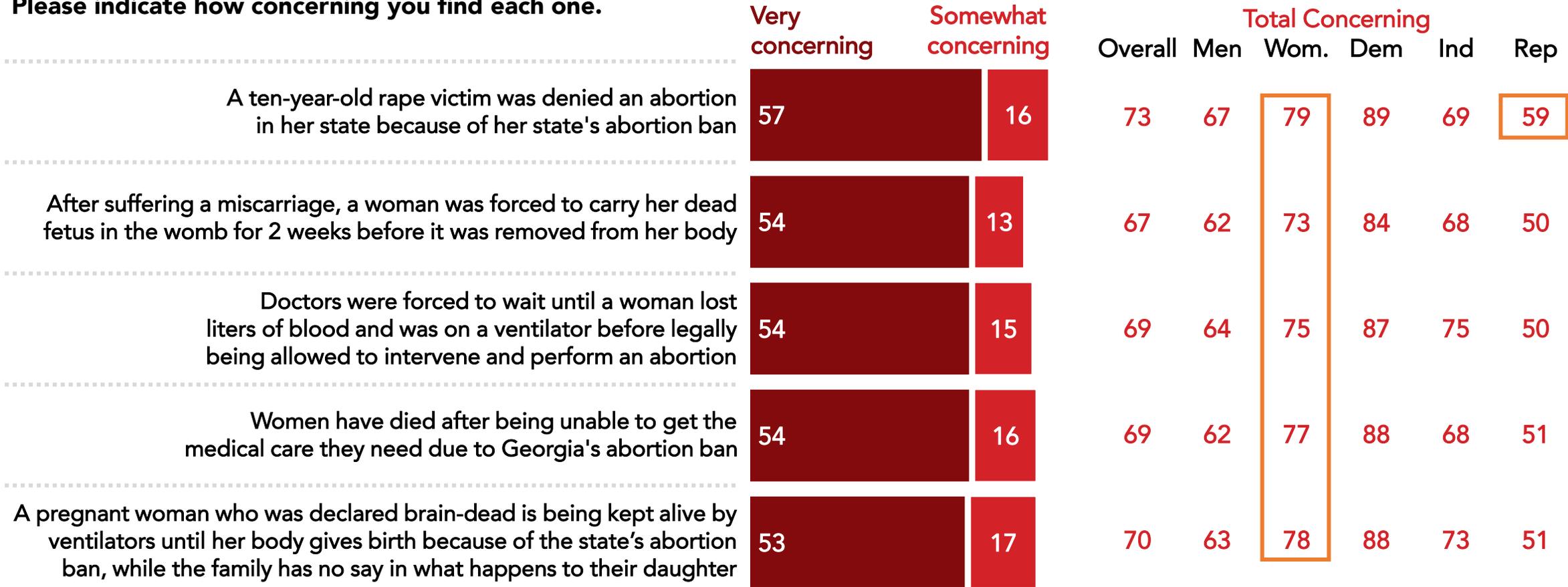
Please indicate how much you have seen, read, or heard about each one.

	A lot	Some	Total A Lot/Some			
			Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep
Some states have introduced bills making abortion a criminal offense leading to jail time for both health care providers and women who receive abortions	21	27	48	65	42	32
Women have died after being unable to get the medical care they need due to abortion bans	21	22	43	61	40	25
OB/GYNs are moving out of states with abortion restrictions to avoid losing their license or facing investigations for providing their patients the care they need*	21	20	41	53	41	28
A pregnant woman who was declared brain-dead is being kept alive by ventilators until her body gives birth because of the state's abortion ban, while the family has no say in what happens to their daughter	20	19	40	56	37	25
A ten-year-old rape victim was denied an abortion in her state because of her state's abortion ban	20	20	40	58	28	25
The number of women who have died from pregnancy complications has increased in states with abortion bans	19	19	38	57	43	18
There has been a rise in the number of women dying from pregnancy complications in states with abortion bans, particularly among Black women	18	21	39	56	40	20
After suffering a miscarriage, a woman was forced to carry her dead fetus in the womb for 2 weeks before it was removed from her body	17	19	36	49	37	23
More than half of reproductive-age women in the United States live in states with restrictions on abortion, including bans or severe limitations	17	24	41	56	37	26
Doctors were forced to wait until a woman lost liters of blood and was on a ventilator before legally being allowed to intervene and perform an abortion	16	19	34	44	38	23
There has been an increase in sepsis cases among pregnant women in states with bans	14	19	33	48	27	19
There has been a rise in infant deaths in states with abortion bans	13	17	31	41	32	20

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The Story of the Ten-Year-Old in Ohio Continues to Raise Alarm, Even More So Than More Recent Tragic Consequences

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Most Concerning Post-Roe Trends: Rising Sepsis/Pregnancy Complication/Infant Mortality Rates, Criminalizing Abortion

Please indicate how concerning you find each one.

	Very concerning	Somewhat concerning	Overall	Men	Total Concerning Wom.	Dem	Ind	Rep
There has been an increase in sepsis cases among pregnant women: in states with bans like Texas, the rate of sepsis has jumped by more than 50%	51	19	70	64	76	86	67	55
The number of women who have died from pregnancy complications has increased in states with abortion bans	51	18	69	62	76	87	69	50
Some states have introduced bills making abortion a criminal offense leading to jail time for both health care providers and women who receive abortions	50	18	68	59	77	88	71	47
There has been a rise in the number of women dying from pregnancy complications in states with abortion bans, particularly among Black women	50	18	68	60	76	87	65	49
There has been a rise in infant deaths in states with abortion bans	49	18	67	61	74	85	66	49
OB/GYNs are moving out of states with abortion restrictions to avoid losing their license or facing investigations for providing their patients the care they need*	47	21	68	60	76	88	67	47
More than half of reproductive-age women in the United States live in states with restrictions on abortion, including bans or severe limitations	44	20	64	58	70	85	60	43

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On Abortion Policy Changes, Few Americans Are Hearing "A Lot"

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

	A lot	Some	Total A Lot/Some					
			Overall	Men	Wom.	Dem	Ind	Rep
Republicans in Congress voted to defund Planned Parenthood	24	27	51	53	50	60	41	45
Trump and Republicans are making it easier for states to deny women life-saving abortion care, even in a medical emergency	24	23	47	47	46	61	40	33
GOP in Congress' proposed Medicaid cuts could cut access to reproductive and maternal health care	19	25	45	46	43	58	36	33
Trump cut funding for family planning clinics that provide birth control, sexually transmitted infection screenings, and cancer screenings	19	27	46	47	44	56	40	36
Republicans in Congress have proposed withdrawing the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) approval of the most commonly used medication in abortion care, which has been in use for 25 years	18	23	41	43	40	50	40	33
Trump issued an executive order that suggests fetuses have the same rights as a person	17	26	43	46	41	48	42	39
Republicans in Congress have proposed cutting IVF research	17	24	41	42	39	53	36	29
Republicans in Congress proposed restricting contraception access and coverage	17	24	41	44	38	55	40	27
Republicans in Congress want to allow health care workers to deny abortion care, whether in a lifesaving situation or as part of a prescription at a pharmacy	17	23	40	42	38	51	37	29
Trump supports restricting health insurance coverage for abortion care for public employees like police officers or postal workers and members of the military	16	20	37	39	35	46	34	28
GOP in Congress have proposed rescinding certain laws protecting the data and privacy of women who have abortions, opening the door for law enforcement to target women who have an abortion	16	22	38	39	37	49	36	26
Trump and Republicans fired the scientists in charge of researching IVF treatments	15	23	37	41	34	46	40	28
Republicans in Congress cosponsored the Life at Conception Act, which could ban abortion and IVF nationwide	15	24	38	40	37	46	37	31
Trump issued pardons for 23 criminals convicted of harassing abortion patients and clinics	14	21	35	39	31	41	35	29
Republicans in Congress have proposed using a 150-year-old law to ban the mailing of medication used in abortion care, nationwide	13	21	34	38	30	44	30	25

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Most Concerning on GOP Policies: Denying Care & Contraception

Women and independents are most concerned about Medicaid cuts cutting reproductive and maternal care (75% and 74% concerning).

For each, please indicate how concerning you find that policy. [Top 7 policies tested]

	Very concerning	Somewhat concerning	Total Concerning					
			Overall	Men	Wom.	Dem	Ind	Rep
Trump and Republicans are making it easier for states to deny women life-saving abortion care, even in a medical emergency	51	17	69	63	73	93	66	44
Republicans in Congress want to allow health care workers to deny abortion care, whether in a lifesaving situation or as part of a prescription at a pharmacy	49	17	67	62	70	88	69	44
Republicans in Congress proposed restricting contraception access and coverage	49	17	66	61	70	88	68	43
GOP in Congress have proposed rescinding certain laws protecting the data and privacy of women who have abortions, opening the door for law enforcement to target women who have an abortion	48	16	64	59	69	87	66	41
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Less Concerning on Abortion: Fetal Personhood, Cuts to IVF Research

For each, please indicate how concerning you find that policy. [Bottom 8 policies tested]

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Republicans in Congress have proposed using a 150-year-old law to ban the mailing of medication used in abortion care, nationwide	45	17	63	58	67	88	62	37
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Trump supports restricting health insurance coverage for abortion care for public employees like police officers or postal workers and members of the military	42	19	61	57	64	87	61	35
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Trump issued an executive order that suggests fetuses have the same rights as a person	37	15	51	50	53	76	56	25

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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; Mike Podhorzer; 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 June 5-June 9, 2025. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 71 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 of error for subgroups varies and is higher.

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