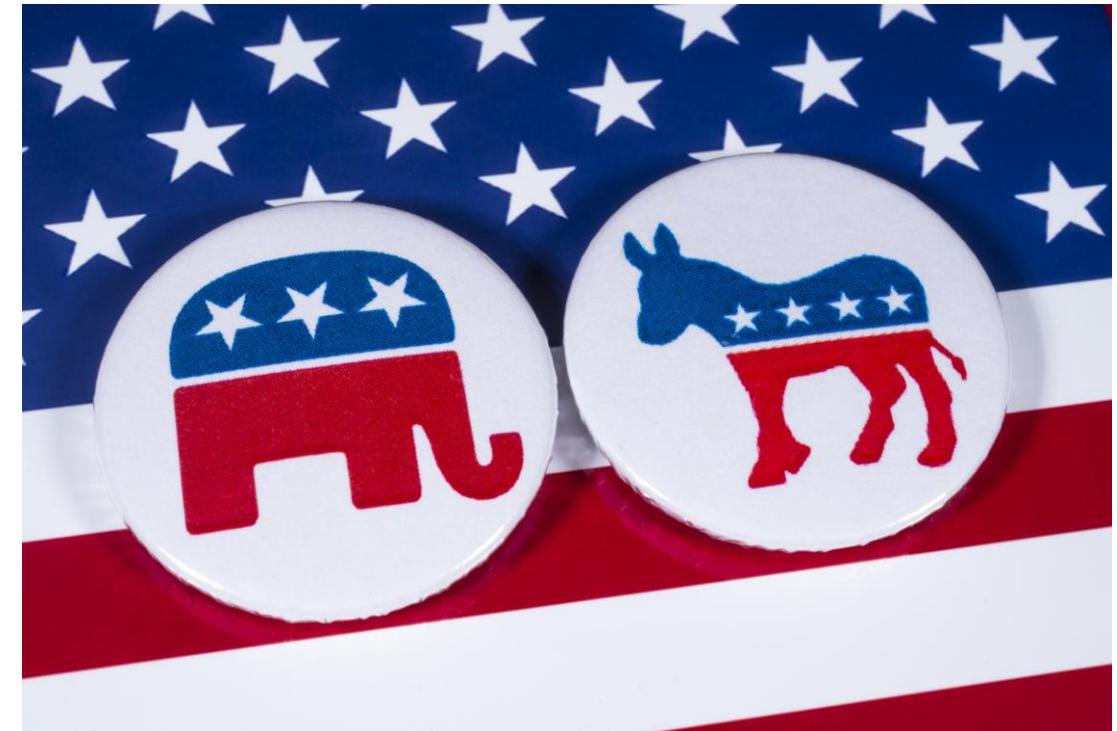


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Public Trust in Elected
Officials



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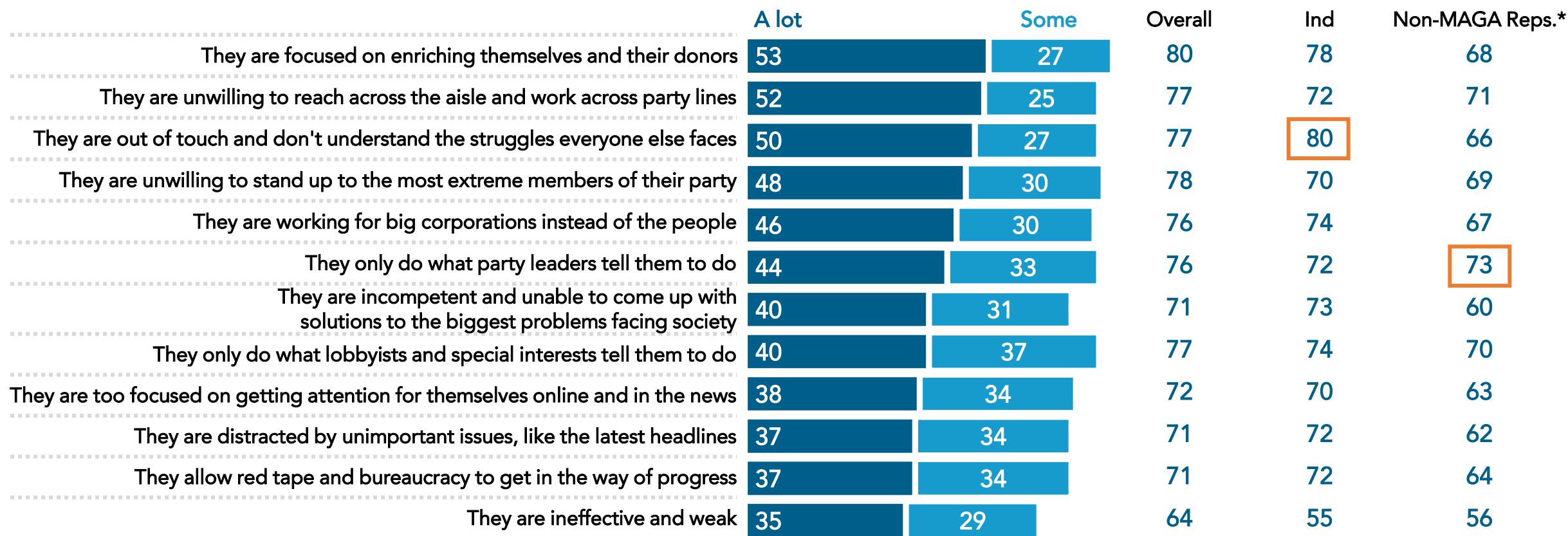
Key Takeaways:

- Americans say the biggest obstacles preventing elected officials from getting things done include them focusing on enriching themselves and their donors, being unwilling to work across party lines, being out of touch with everyday Americans, and being unwilling to stand up to extreme members of their party.
- More Americans say the top drivers of elected officials' inefficacy – including self-enrichment, being beholden to corporate donors, and more – better describe Republicans than Democrats.
- Policies that help generate trust include committing to term limits, refusing to take money from corporate donors and PACs, and non-partisan Congressional redistricting processes.

Biggest Obstacles to Electeds Getting Things Done: Self-Enriching, Partisanship, Out of Touch, Extreme, Working for Corporations

Please indicate how much you blame each issue for preventing elected officials from getting things done.

Total A Lot/Some

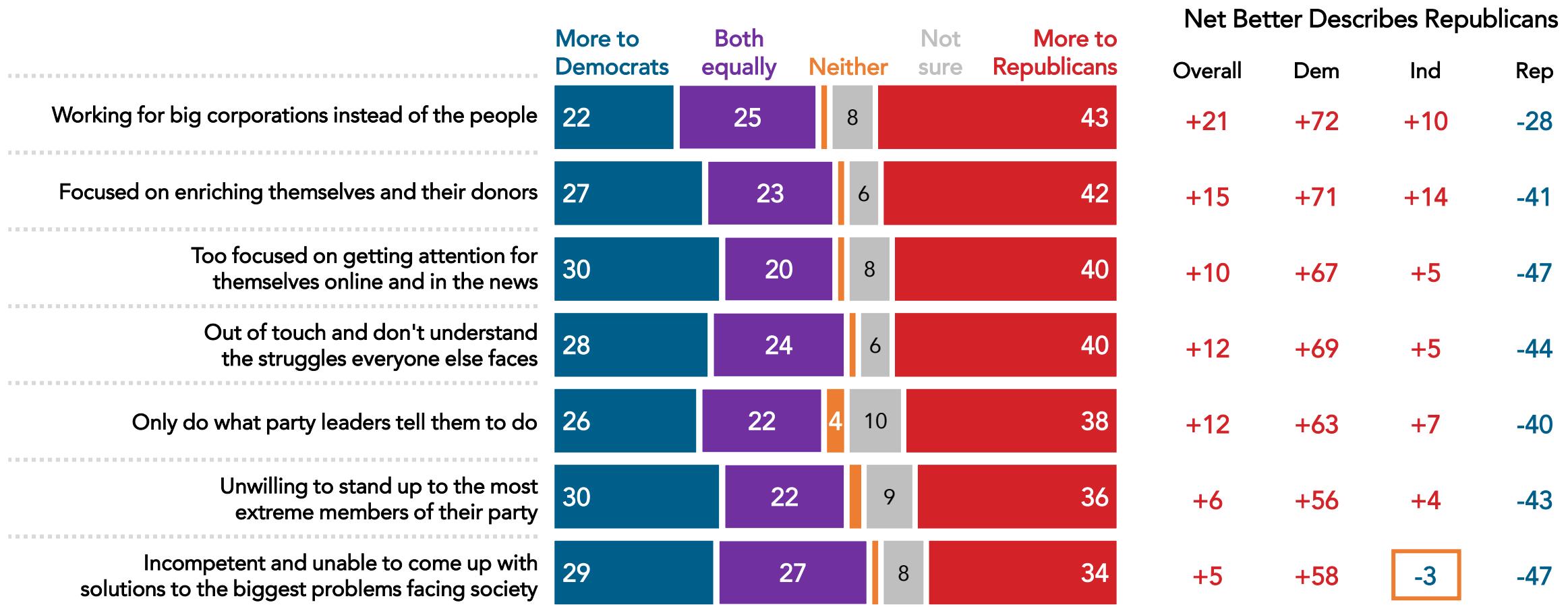


**MAGA Republicans" are Republicans who identify as "a supporter of the MAGA movement" on a separate question, while "non-MAGA Republicans" are Republicans who do not consider themselves supporters of the MAGA movement or are not sure.
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GOP Most Seen as Pro-Corporation, Self-Enriching, Attention-Focused, Out of Touch, Bowing to Party Leadership

Please indicate if each description applies more to Democrats, Republicans, both parties equally, or neither party.

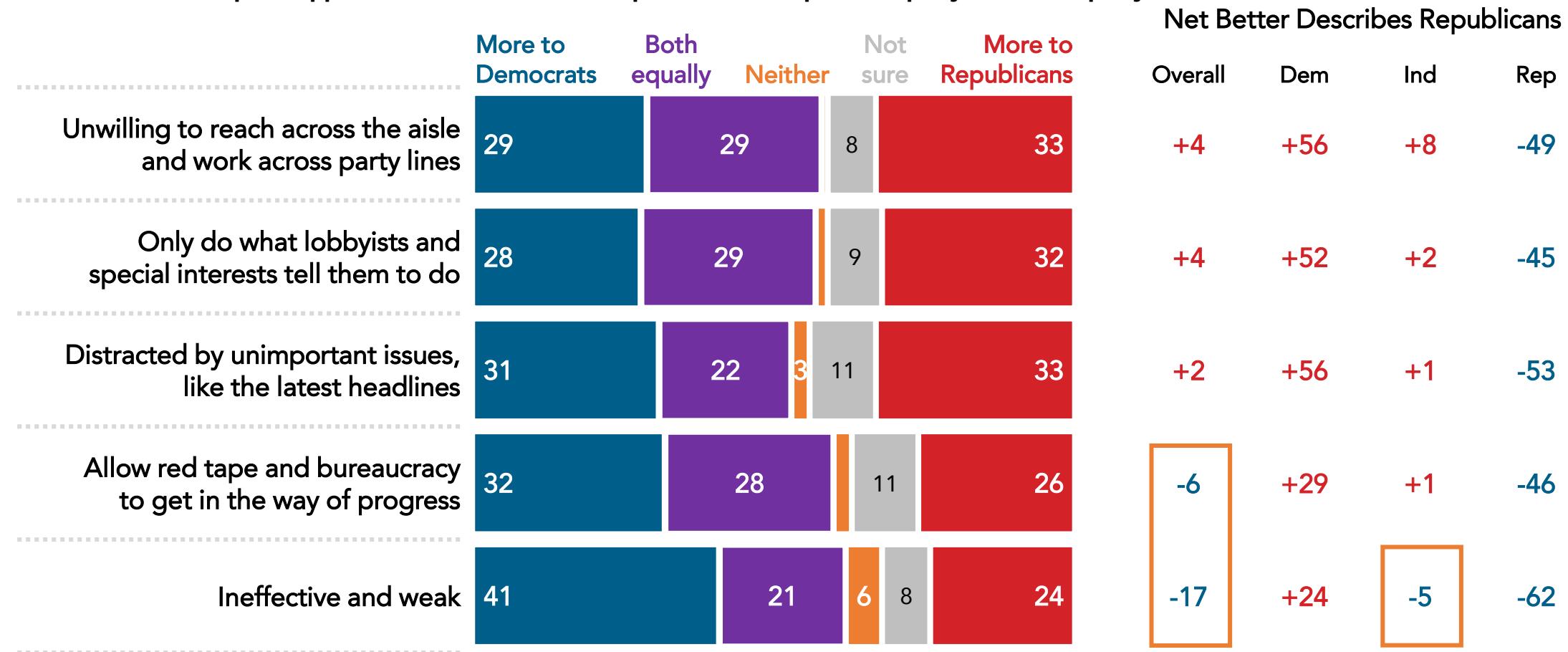


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Democrats Are More Viewed as Ineffective, Weak, Allowing Red Tape to Get in the Way of Progress

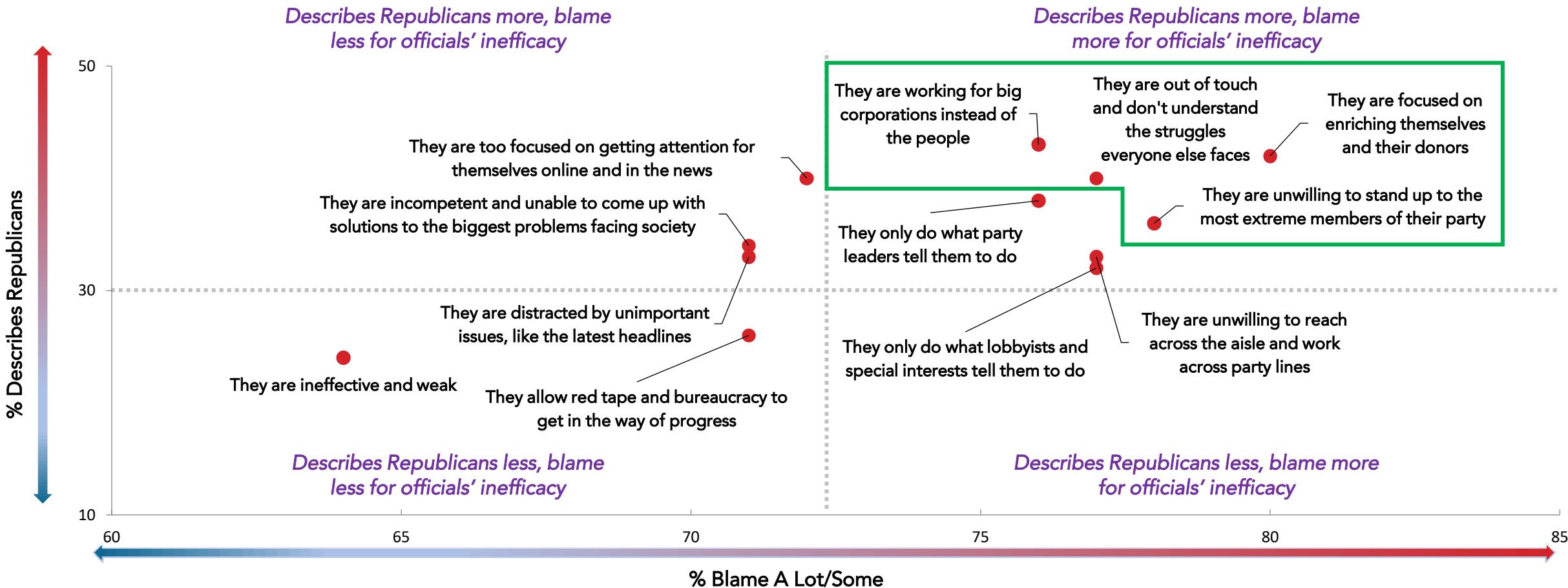
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GOP Most Vulnerable on Self-Enrichment, Extremism, Being Out of Touch, Putting Corporations First

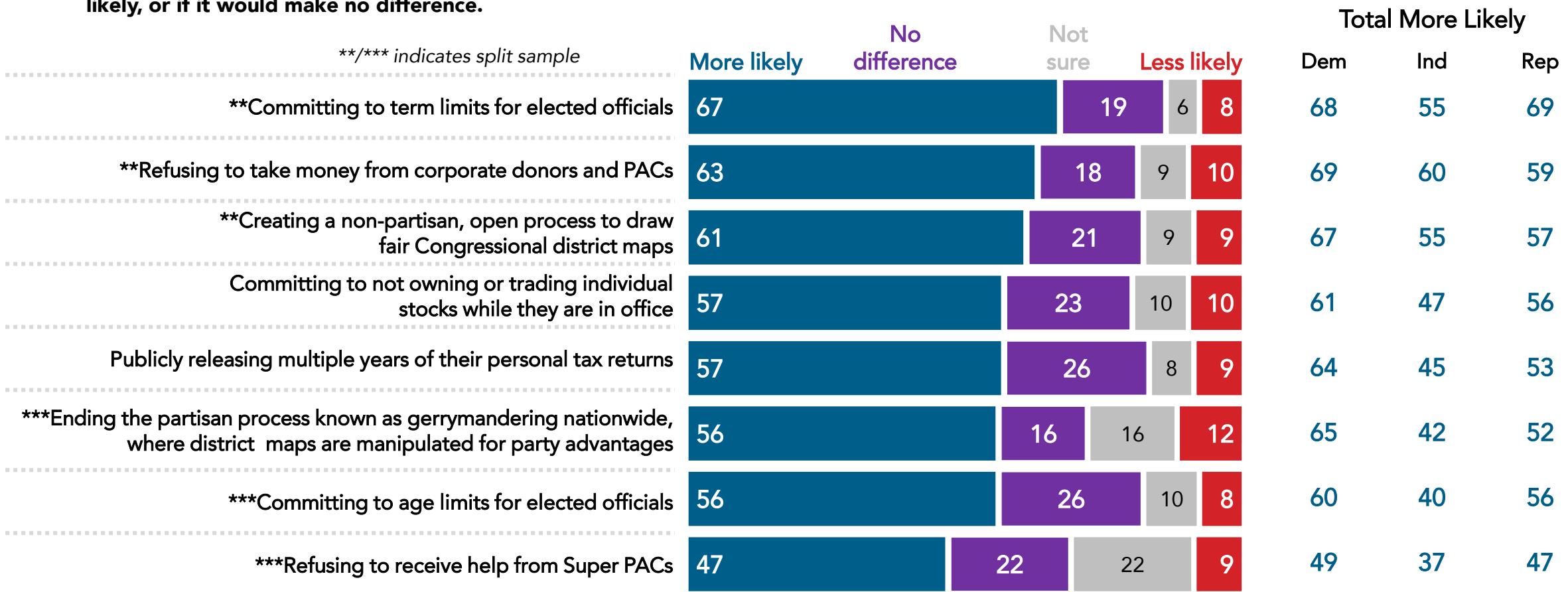


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Best Policies to Build Trust in Elected Officials: Term Limits, No Corporate Dollars, No Gerrymandering

Below is a list of actions elected officials could take. Please indicate whether each one would make you more likely to trust an elected official, less likely, or if it would make no difference.



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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.

About the Study

Global Strategy Group conducted a public opinion survey among a sample of 1,000 registered voters from January 29-February 1, 2026. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. 75 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 of error for subgroups varies and is higher.

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