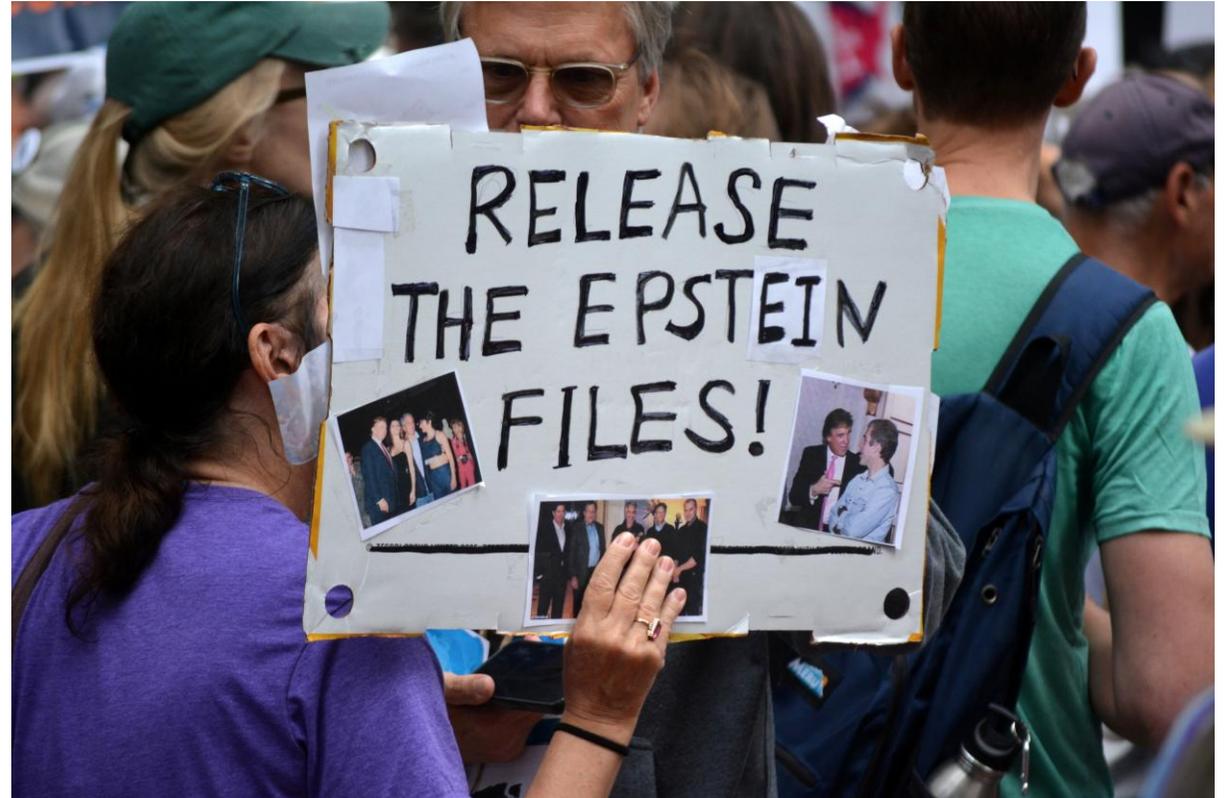


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The Epstein Files



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Key Takeaways:

- Americans do not want to move on from the Epstein files. They want to see more attention paid to these crimes and feel there should be more prosecutions of those involved.
- Americans feel “disgusted,” “sickened,” and “angry” about the Epstein files. Many feel the government is continuing to cover up wrongdoing, and perceptions of an Epstein class of elites who can do what they want with impunity are widespread.
- The Epstein files (alongside tariffs) are dominating the negative information Americans are hearing on Trump, and his ratings on handling them are deeply negative.
- Americans are most concerned the administration is protecting itself and other elites from accountability. They would like to see implicated Trump administration officials resign, especially when they hear about accountability facing those implicated in other countries.
- Beyond his MAGA base, Americans overwhelmingly believe Trump has committed a crime generally, and majorities say he has done so in his relationship with Epstein.

Majorities of Democrats, Independents, & Republicans Believe There Should Be More Prosecutions Related to Epstein

Seven in ten say there should be more prosecutions and investigations (72%), including 57% of MAGA Republicans*.

Which side do you agree with more in relation to Jeffrey Epstein?



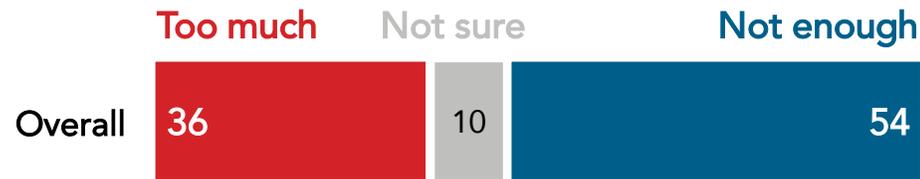
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Majorities Say More Attention Should Be Paid to the Epstein Files, Including By the Trump Administration Specifically

Nearly half of independents and non-MAGA Republicans* (48%) say the Trump administration has not paid enough attention.

(Split Sample) Have the Epstein files and investigation gotten too much attention or not enough attention?

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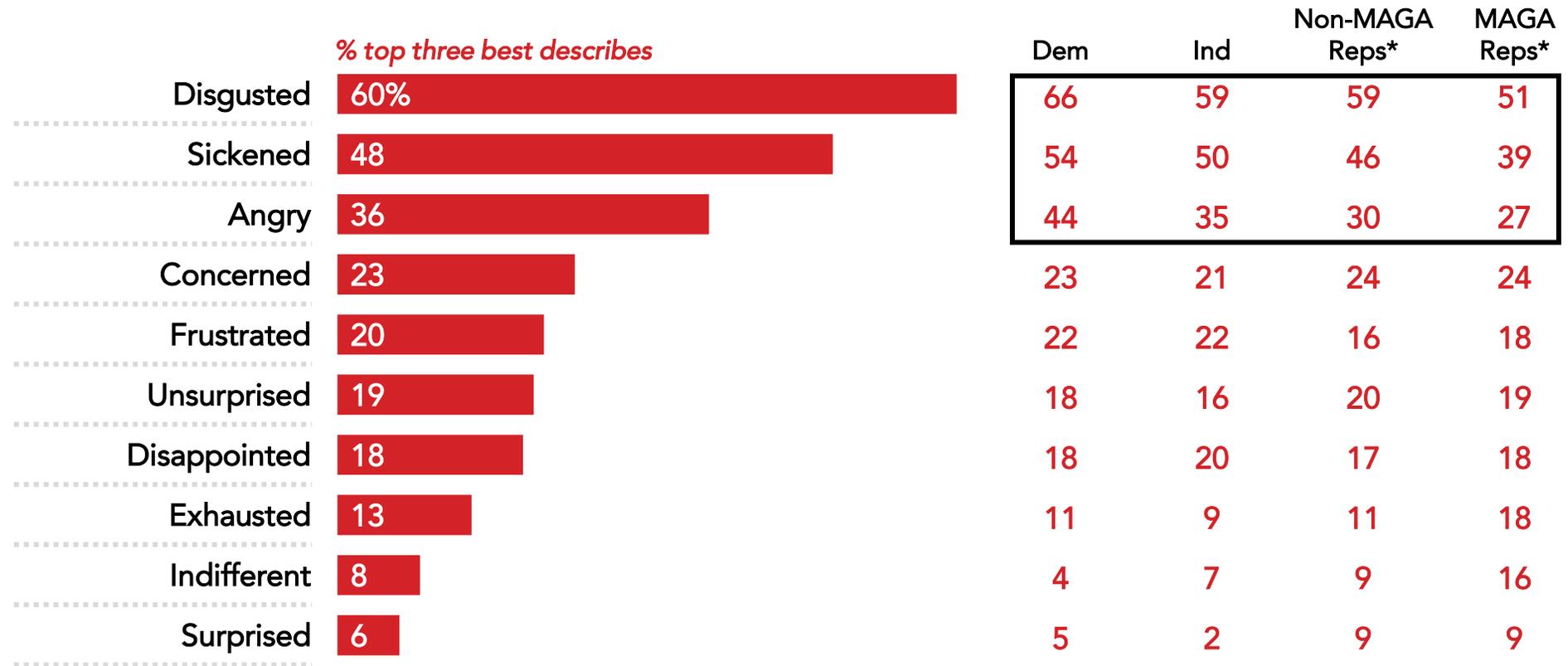


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Americans Are “Disgusted,” “Sickened,” “Angry” About the Epstein Files

Three in five Americans feel “disgusted” by the crimes related to Jeffrey Epstein and the files being released (60%).

When you think about the crimes related to Jeffrey Epstein and the files being released, which three words best describe how you feel?

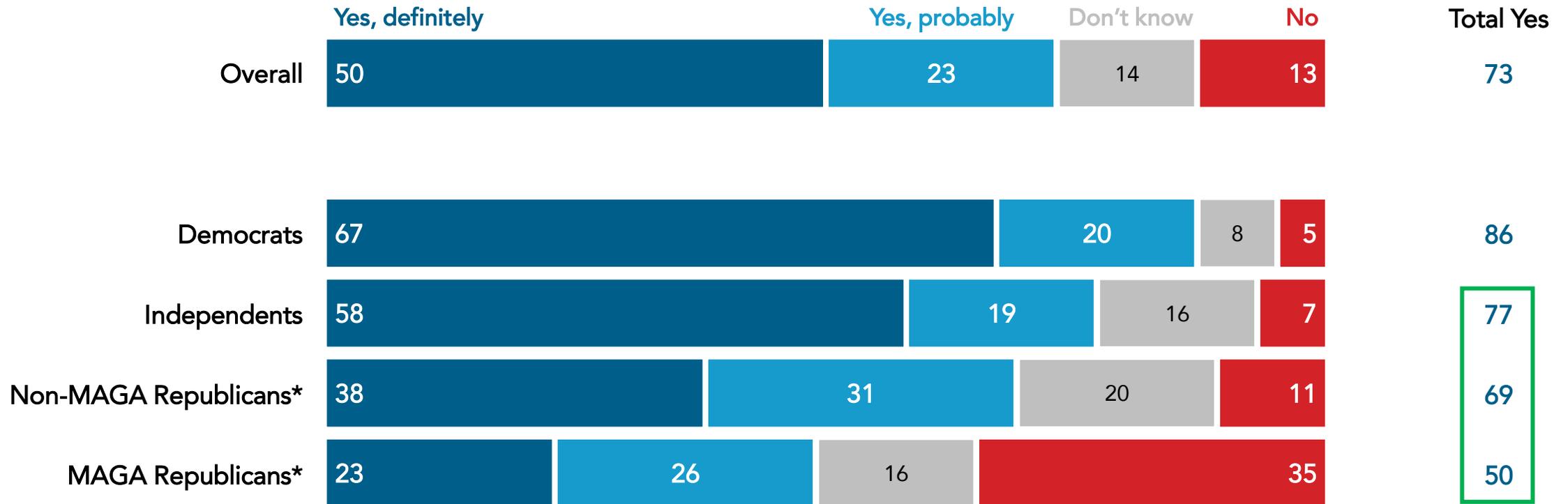


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Half of Americans Say the Government Is “Definitely” Covering Up Additional Wrongdoing in Relation to Epstein

Half of Americans say the government is “definitely” covering up wrongdoing (50%), including a majority of independents (58%).

Do you think the government is covering up additional wrongdoing by people associated with Jeffrey Epstein?



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American See This Issue As a Symptom of an Epstein Class of Elites Who Are Above the Law, More Than As Isolated Incident

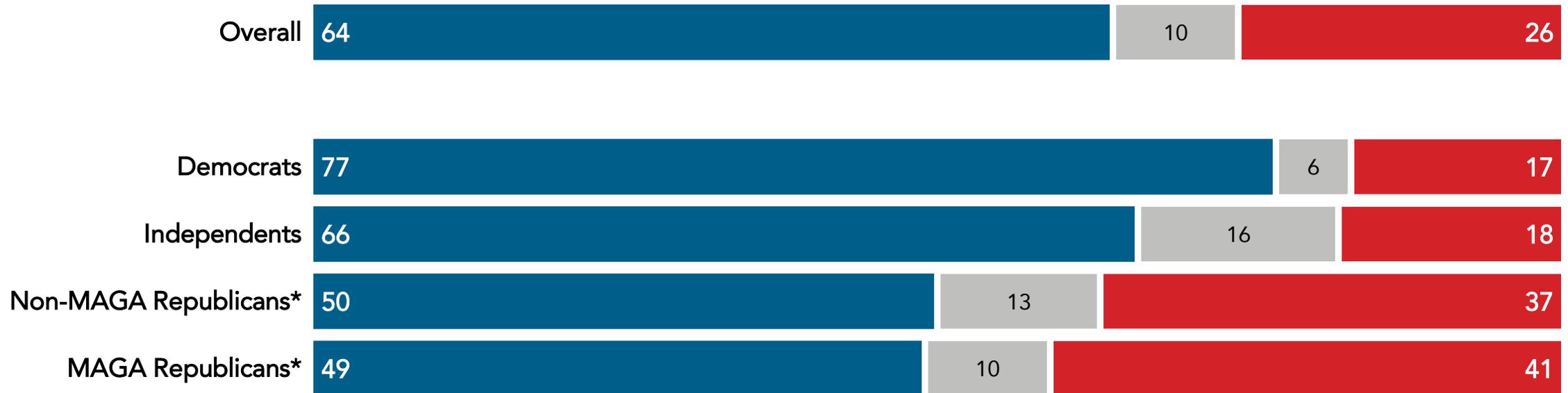
Two in three independents (66%) and half of non-MAGA Republicans* (50%) see the Epstein crimes as part of a broader problem.

Which side do you agree with more in relation to Jeffrey Epstein and the Epstein files?

The Jeffrey Epstein crimes are unsurprising and the result of a broader problem – that powerful people and elites think they are above the law and can do anything without being punished

Not sure

The Jeffrey Epstein crimes are shocking, but this is not a grand conspiracy. What Epstein did was terrible, but it would be dangerous to assume every powerful person he ever dealt with is a criminal

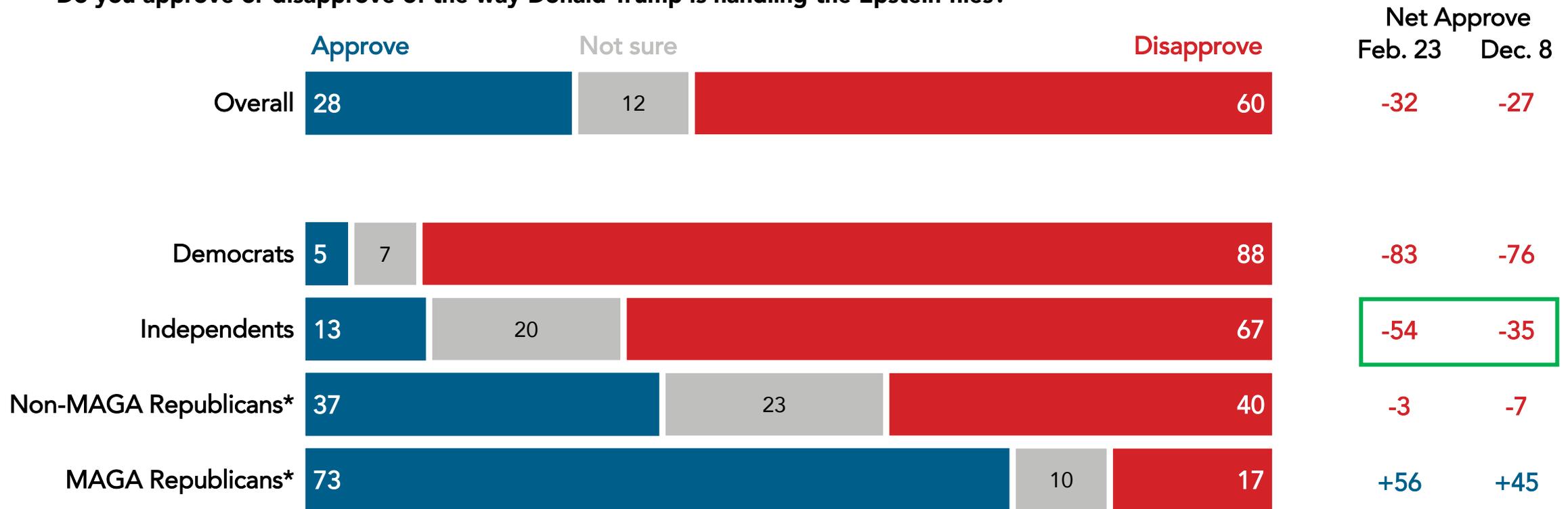


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Trump's Ratings on His Handling of the Epstein Files Are Overwhelmingly Negative

A majority of Americans disapprove of how Trump is handling the Epstein files (net -32 approve), including a plurality of non-MAGA Republicans* (net -3) and a majority of independents (net -54).

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the Epstein files?



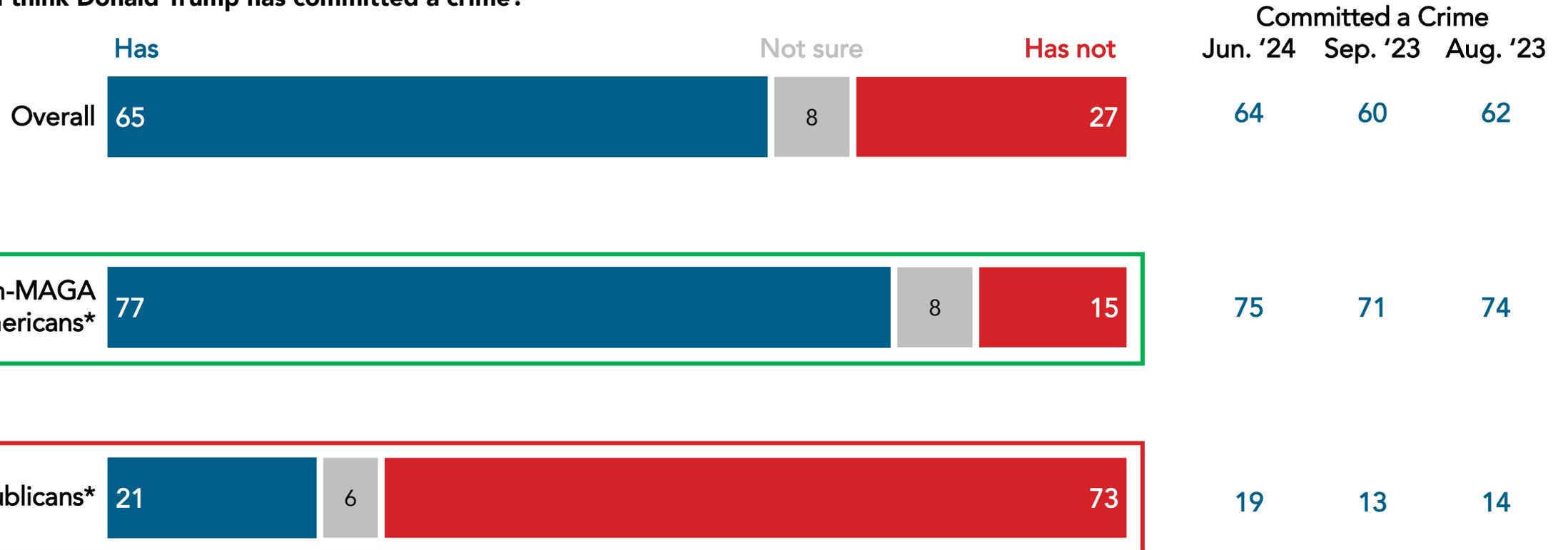
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Outside of the MAGA Base, Americans Overwhelmingly Say Trump Has Committed a Crime

The share who say Trump has committed a crime has remained steady since 2023, between 60% and 65%.

- Among MAGA Republicans*, more than one in five say he has committed a crime (21%), an increase from 2023 (14%).

Do you think Donald Trump has committed a crime?

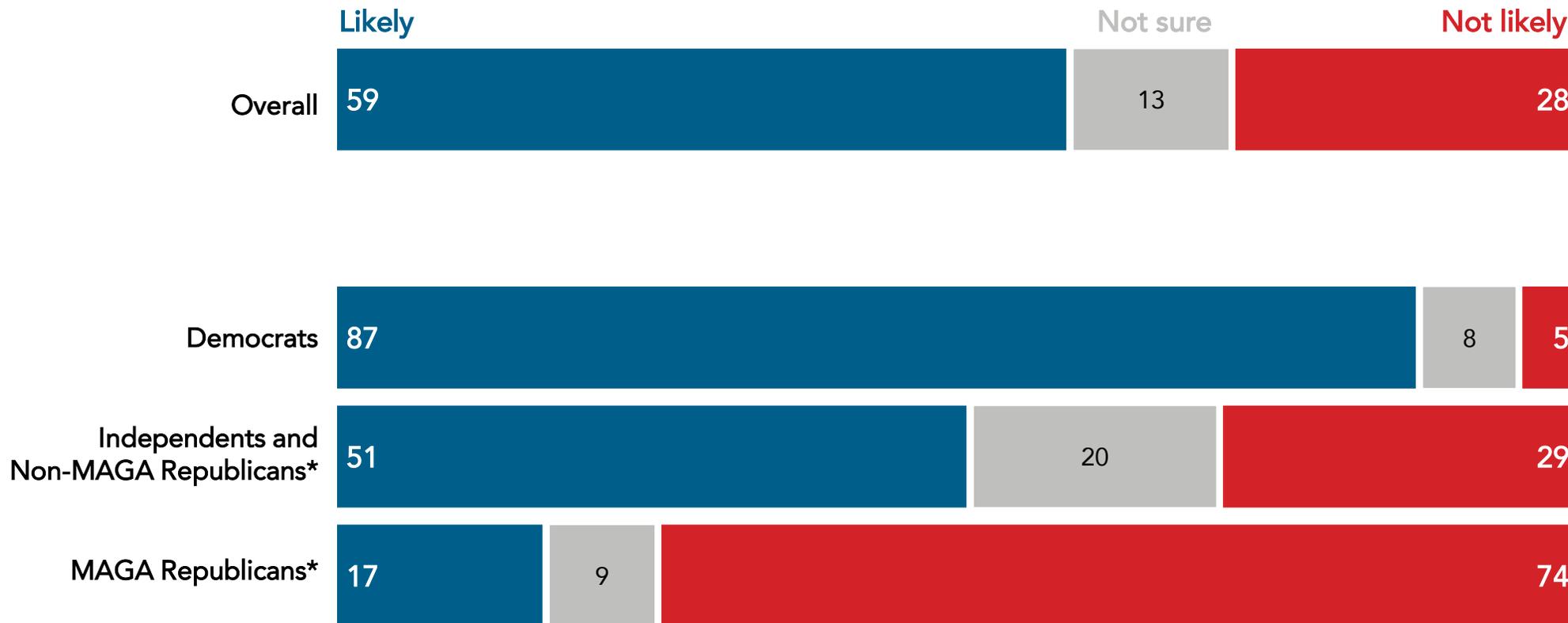


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Three in Five Say It's Likely Trump Committed a Crime Connected to His Relationship With Epstein

A majority of independents and non-MAGA Republicans* (51%) say Trump has committed a crime in relation to Jeffrey Epstein.

How likely do you think it is that Donald Trump committed a crime connected to his relationship with Jeffrey Epstein?



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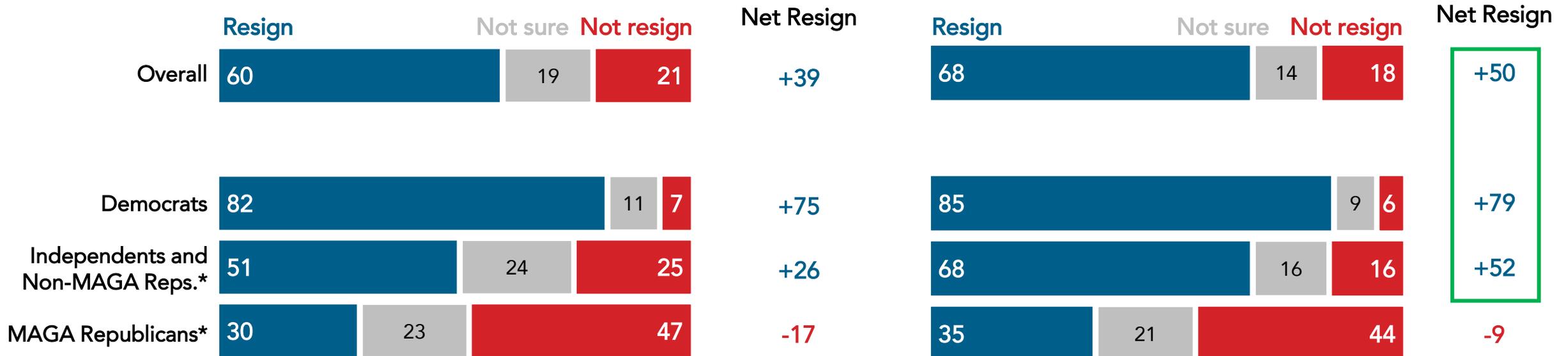
Americans Think Epstein-Involved Trump Administration Officials Should Resign; This Sentiment Grows With Global Context

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Most Concerning on Trump Administration and Epstein: Protecting Other Elites and Themselves, Including Trump Himself

For independents and non-MAGA Republicans*, most concerning are the Trump administration protecting elites by hiding names (37% and 27%, respectively) and lack of accountability for Trump administration officials (29%, 24%).

What's most concerning to you about the Trump administration's handling of the Epstein files and crimes related to Jeffrey Epstein?

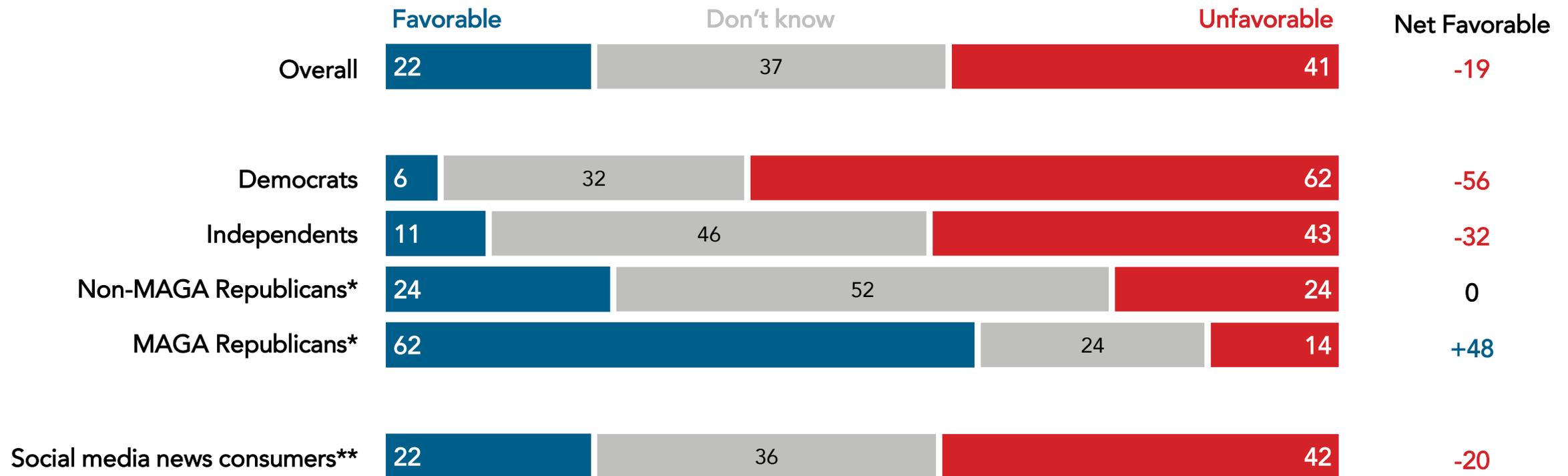
	<i>% most concerning</i>	Dem	Ind	Non-MAGA Reps*	MAGA Reps*
The Trump administration is protecting elites by redacting or hiding important names from the files	30%	37	37	27	15
Trump himself is named thousands of times in the files but nobody is investigating it	27	44	22	17	5
Several members of the Trump administration have lied about their relationship with Epstein and have not been held accountable	24	29	29	24	11
The Trump administration has shown a lack of care and respect towards Jeffrey Epstein's victims	20	27	20	16	8
The Trump administration is not opening up new investigations into people with ties to Epstein	16	16	13	15	19
The Trump administration has delayed releasing the files, waiting until forced to do so by Congress	16	14	16	19	17

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Following Her Recent Hearing on Epstein and ICE, Bondi Is Toxic With Those Familiar

Majorities of non-MAGA Republicans* (52%) and independents (46%) are unfamiliar with Pam Bondi.

Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: Pam Bondi.

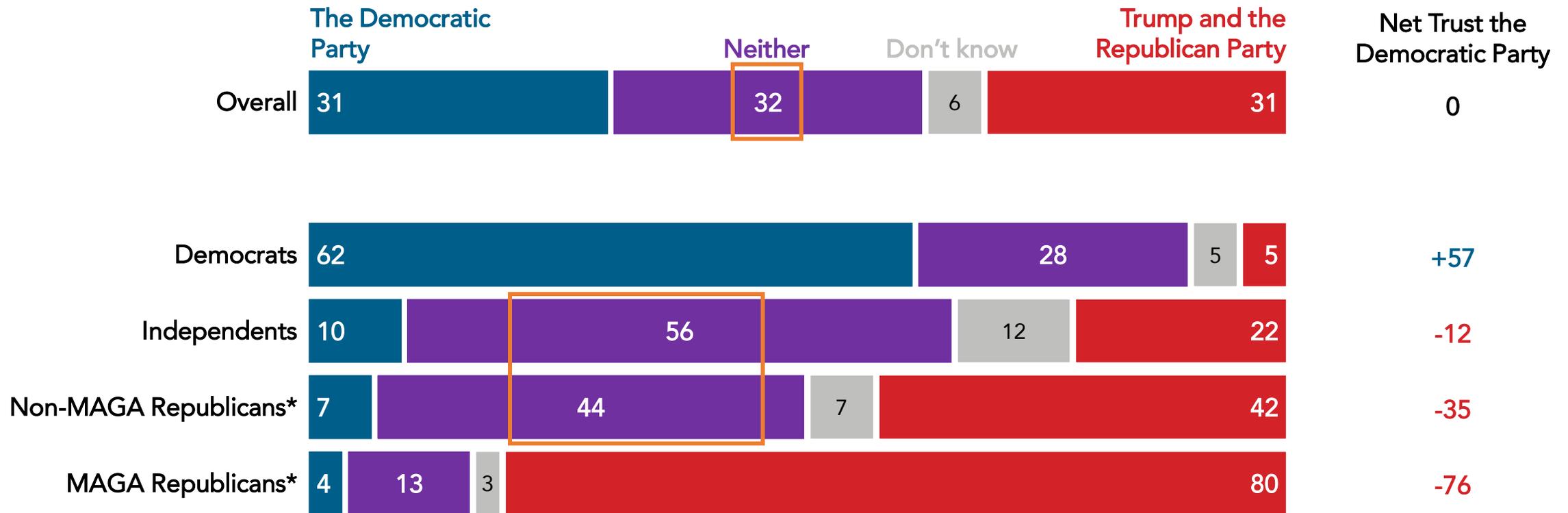


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Americans Do Not Trust Either Party to Handle Corruption

A majority of independents (56%) and a plurality of non-MAGA Republicans* (44%) say they don't trust either party to handle corruption.

Please indicate who you personally trust more to handle: Rooting out corruption in government.



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About the Study

Global Strategy Group conducted a public opinion survey among a sample of 1,000 registered voters from February 19-February 23, 2026. 101 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 99 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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