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Thursday, April 30th

The Budget and Government Shutdown



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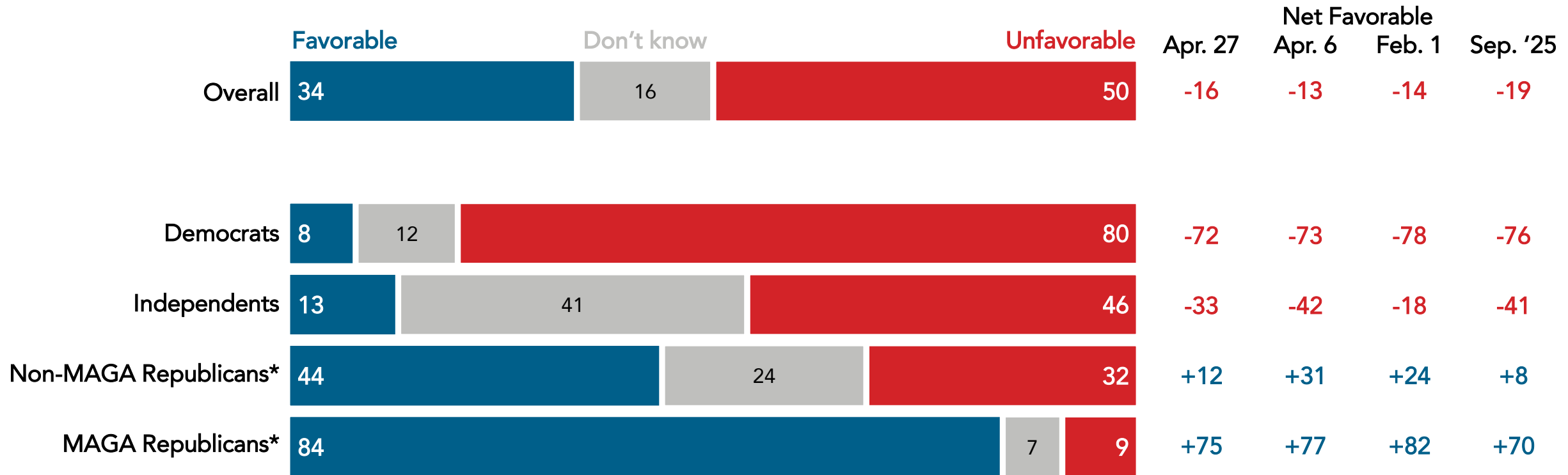
Key Takeaways:

- The One Big Beautiful Bill continues to be unpopular, with half of Americans holding unfavorable views of the bill.
- ICE remains toxic, with roughly three in five rating it unfavorably.
- Cuts to Medicaid and SNAP are unpopular on their own – and contrasting those cuts with where that money is being spent instead is effective across a variety of topics.
- Americans' top concerns about Trump center on his increasingly out-of-control behavior including his Truth Social post depicting himself as Jesus, his cuts to Medicaid and SNAP, and him dragging the U.S. into expensive, dangerous, and unnecessary foreign conflicts.

Views Remain Largely Negative on the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Nearly as Negative as in the Months After Its Passage Last Year

Still 50% of Americans view the One Big Beautiful Bill Act unfavorably, including nearly half (46%) of independents.

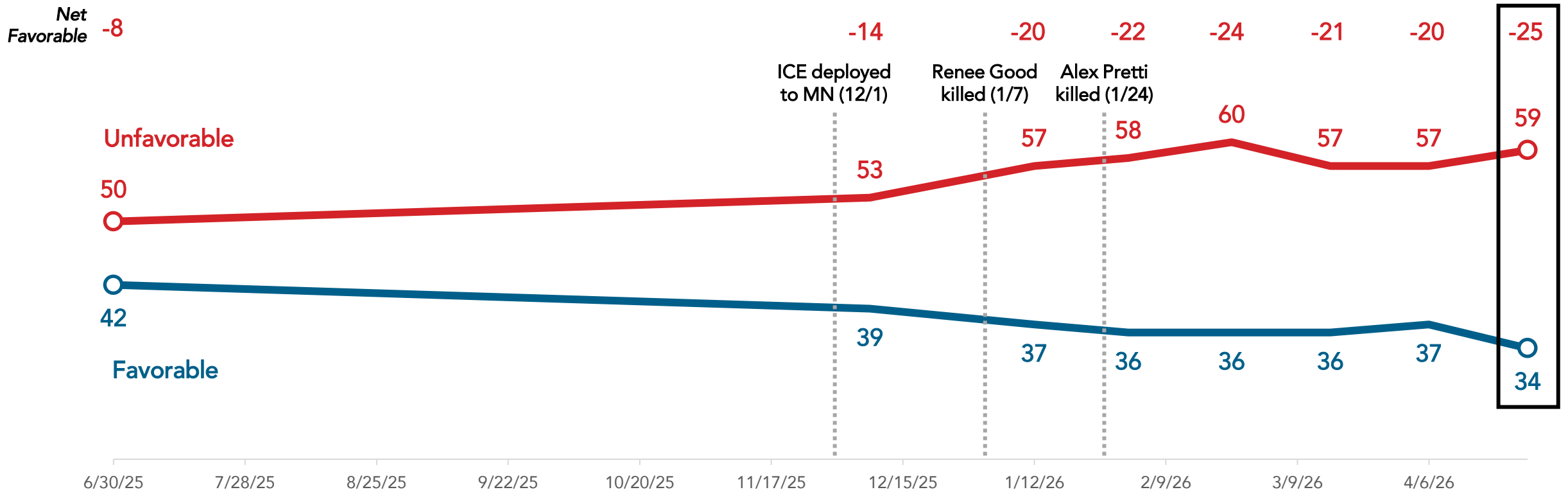
Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: The Republican budget, also known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.



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ICE Remains Toxic, With Its Most Negative Net Favorability Rating in Navigator's Tracking

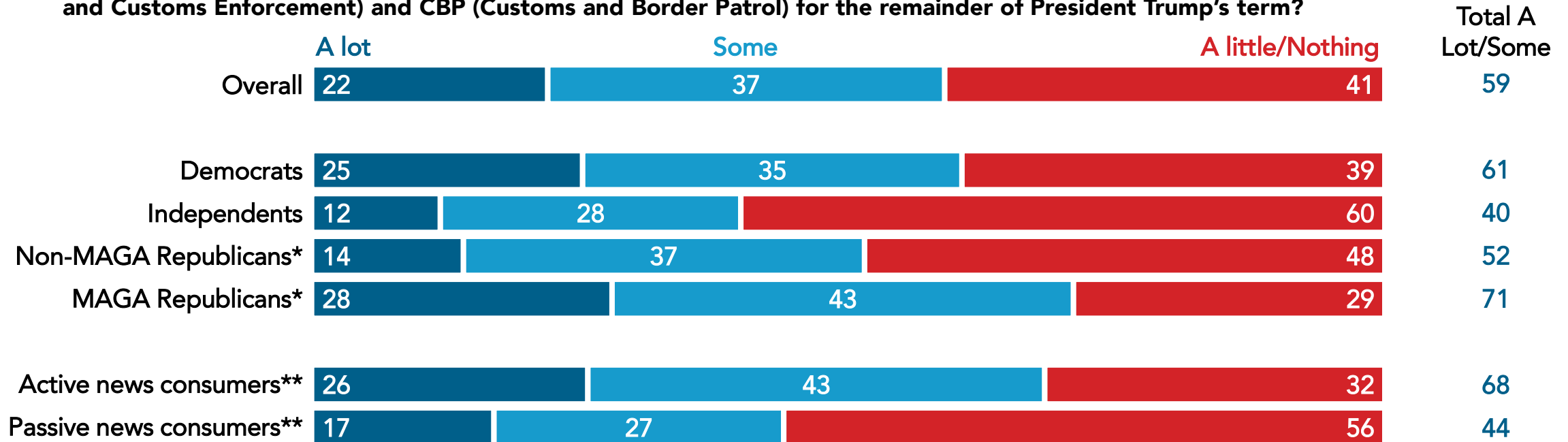
Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: ICE, also known as Immigration and Customs Enforcement.



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Americans Are Aware of Trump/GOP Efforts to Fund ICE/CBP, But Fewer Say They've Heard "A Lot" Compared to Other Events

How much have you seen, read, or heard about Trump and Republicans in Congress proposing legislation that would fund ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and CBP (Customs and Border Patrol) for the remainder of President Trump's term?



Compare this to other events in the news this week...

- 82% are hearing about the war with Iran (57% a lot/24% some)
- 63% are hearing about Trump posting a Truth Social of himself as Jesus (38%/25%)
- 59% are hearing about the feud between the Pope and Trump/Vance (30%/28%)

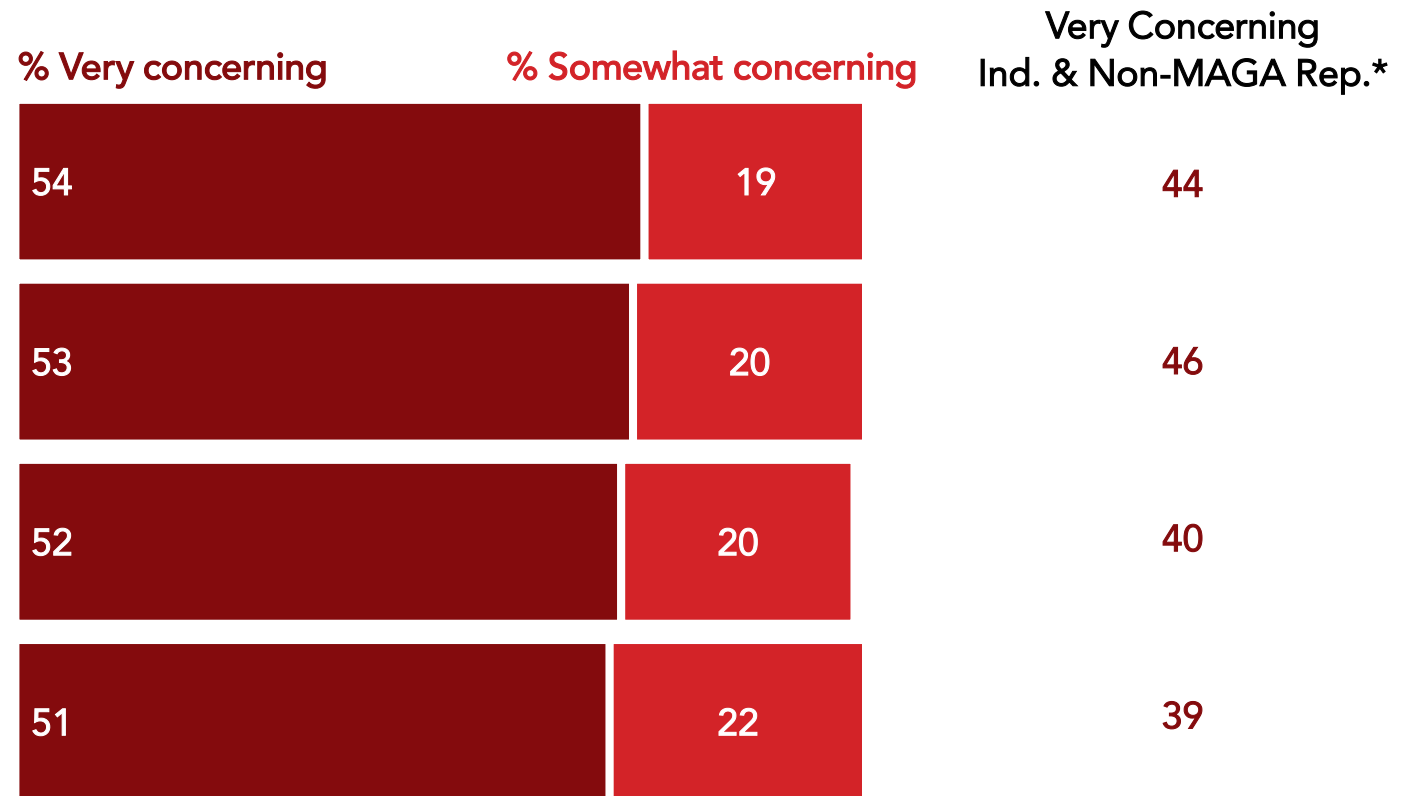
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Contrasting Medicaid/SNAP Cuts With Where the Money Is Going Is Effective Across a Variety of Topics

Majorities find each of these statements “very concerning,” as do roughly two in five independents and non-MAGA Republicans*.

Please indicate how concerning you find the following statement:

Trump and Republicans cut billions of dollars in funding from Medicaid and SNAP...



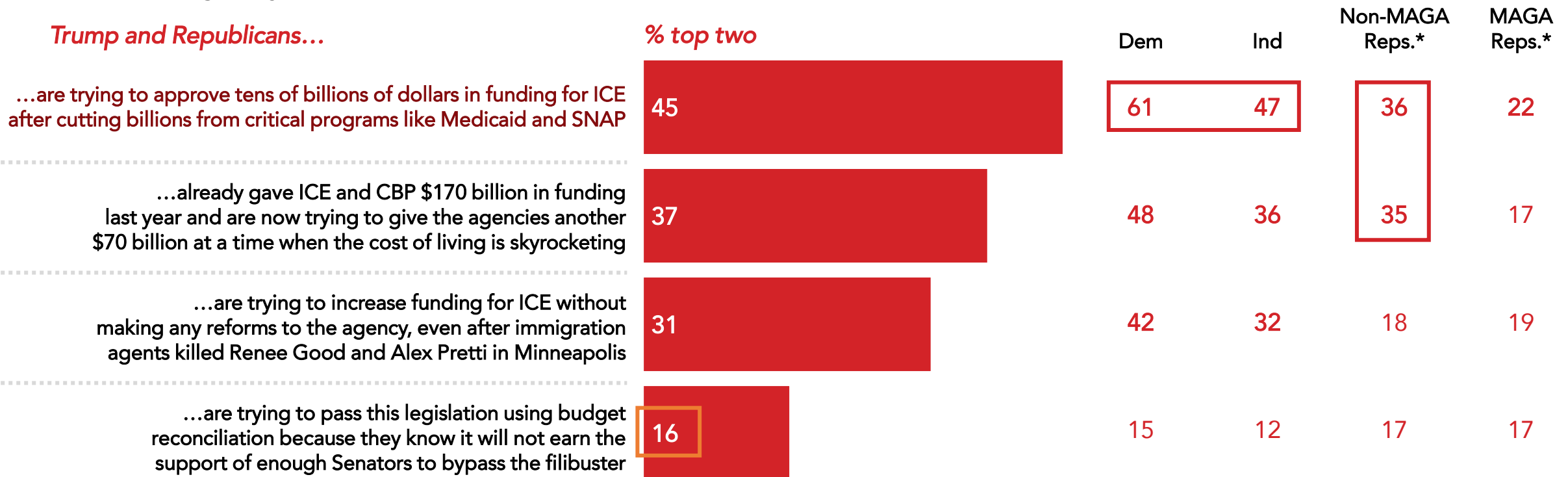
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Most Troubling on ICE Funding: New Funding After Billions in Cuts from Medicaid and SNAP

For non-MAGA Republicans*, most concerning is Trump and Republicans trying to increase funding for ICE after cuts to Medicaid and SNAP (36%) and giving more money to ICE while the cost of living is skyrocketing (35%).

Below is a list of concerns some people have about Trump and Republicans' legislation that would fund ICE and CBP. Which of the following do you find most concerning, if any?

Trump and Republicans...



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Most Concerning Trump Actions: Out of Control Behavior, Cutting SNAP/Medicaid, Dragging U.S. Into Iran War

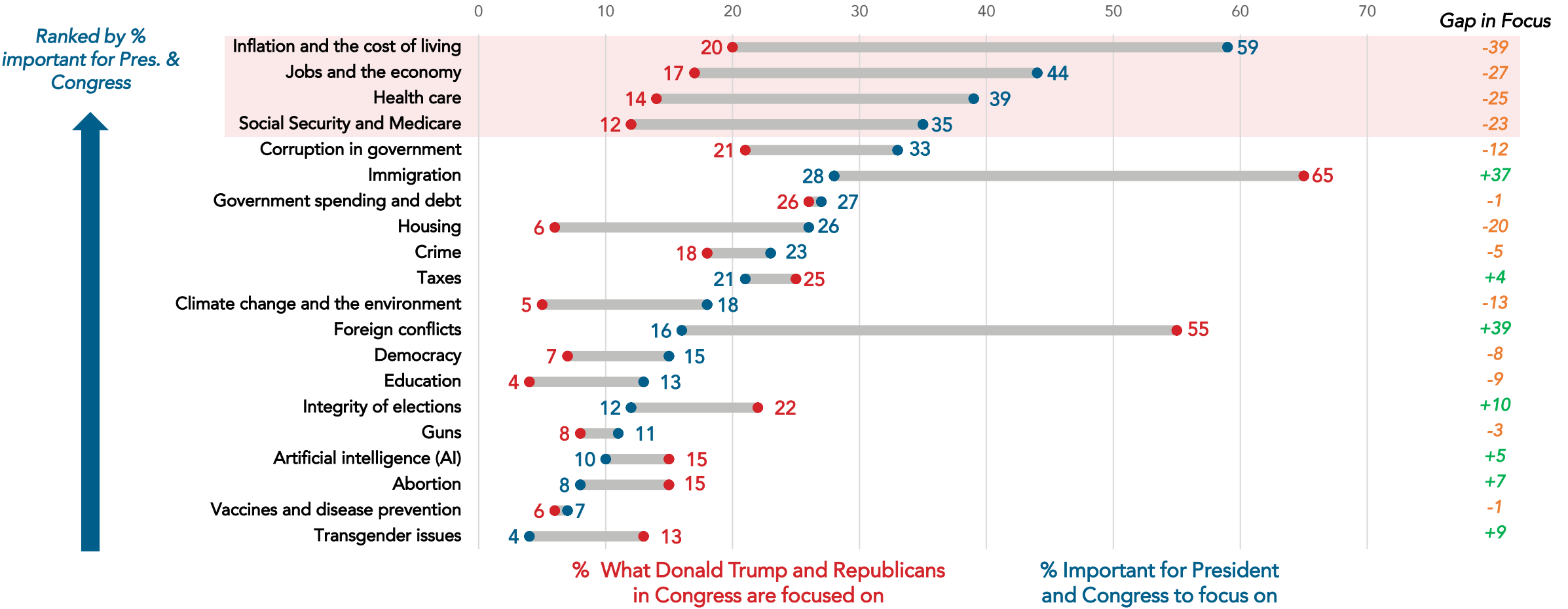
Independents are most concerned about Trump’s cuts to programs like Medicaid and SNAP (31% top three concerning) and his dragging the U.S. into foreign conflicts (28%), while non-MAGA Republicans* are most concerned about his out-of-control behavior (29%).

Below is a list of concerns that some people have about Trump. Which of the following do you find most concerning, if any?



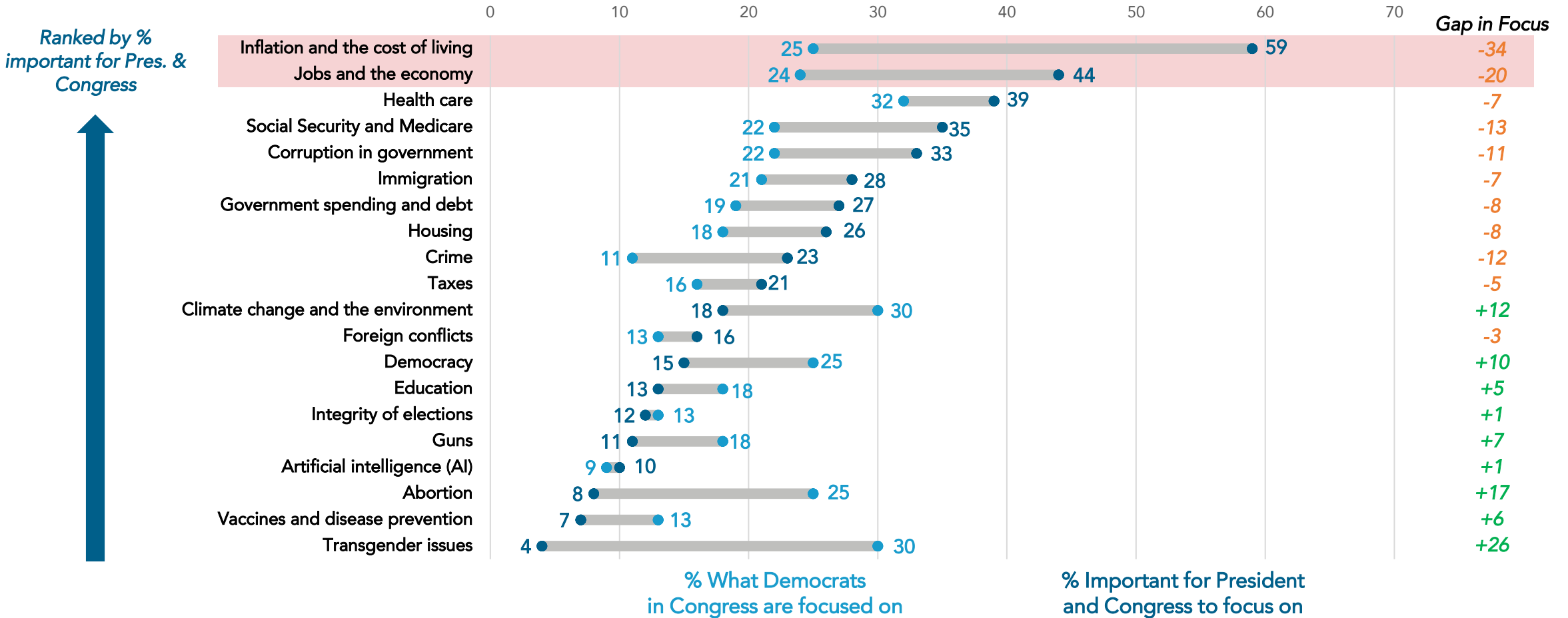
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Trump and Republicans Not Seen as Prioritizing Inflation, Economy, Health Care, SS/Medicare as Much as Americans Want



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Americans Do Not See Democrats as Focused Enough on Inflation or the Economy



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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 April 23-April 27, 2026. 103 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. 81 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 101 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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