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## The Conflict With Iran



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## Key Takeaways:

- Amid rising gas prices and an unpopular war with Iran, Trump's approval ratings overall and on the economy continue to decline, with his economic approval rating falling to its lowest point ever in Navigator tracking.
- The war with Iran continues to dominate the conversation around Trump, and it is the main reason Trump regretters cite for their dissatisfaction.
- The Iran war remains unpopular, as roughly half of Americans continue to oppose the conflict, say it is not worth it, and believe it was the wrong decision for the U.S. to initiate the conflict. A growing majority expect the war to last for months or longer.
- Americans want a focus on the economy but see Trump and Republicans as focused on immigration and foreign conflicts instead, as majorities continue to say Trump and Republicans are focused on the wrong things.

# Trump's Overall and Economic Approval Ratings Remain Incredibly Negative

While Trump's overall approval rating remains deeply negative, Trump has made history this wave with his worst-ever economic approval rating in Navigator tracking (net -25 approve).

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president/**the economy**?

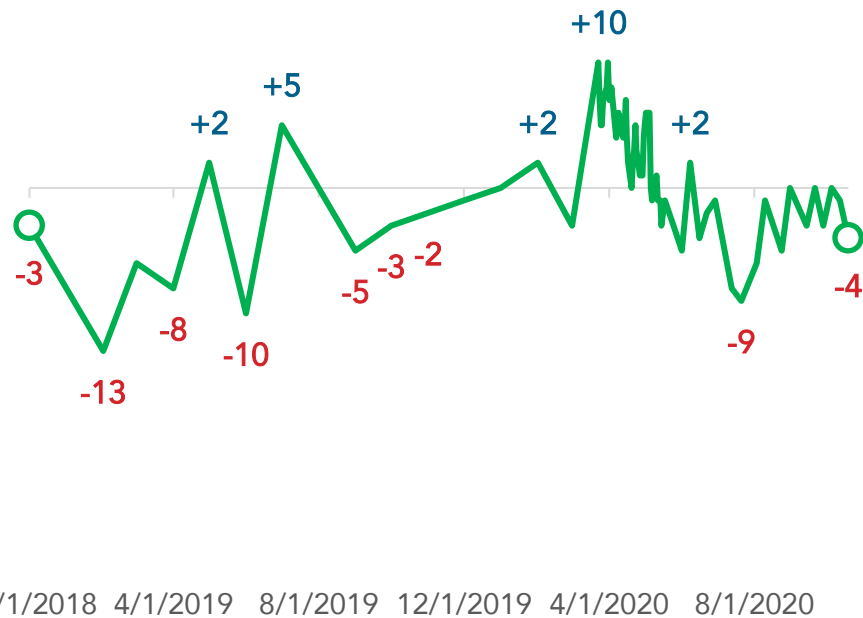


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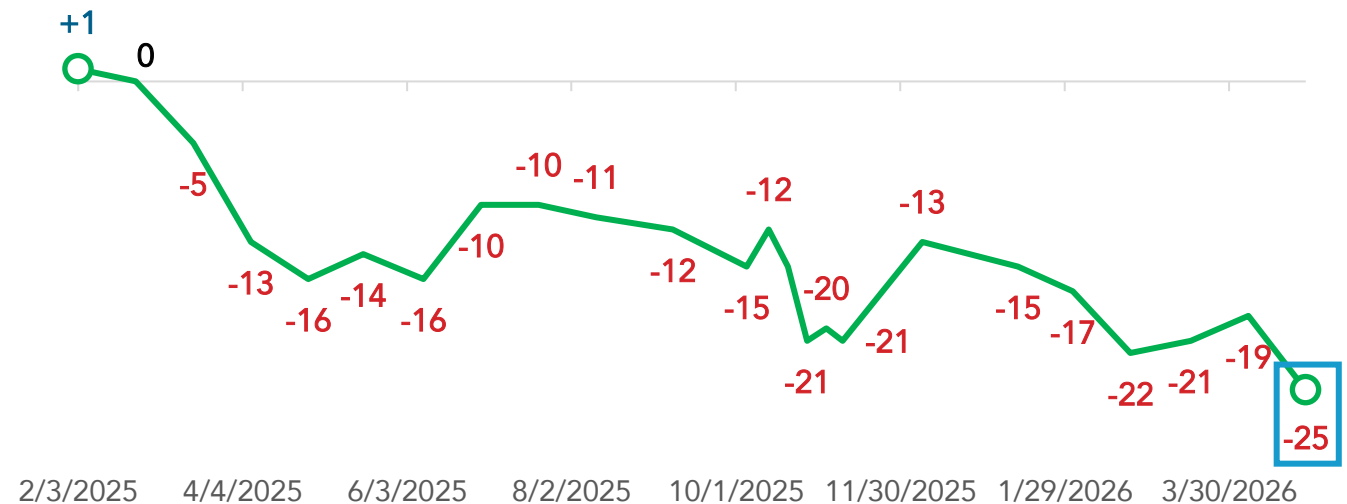
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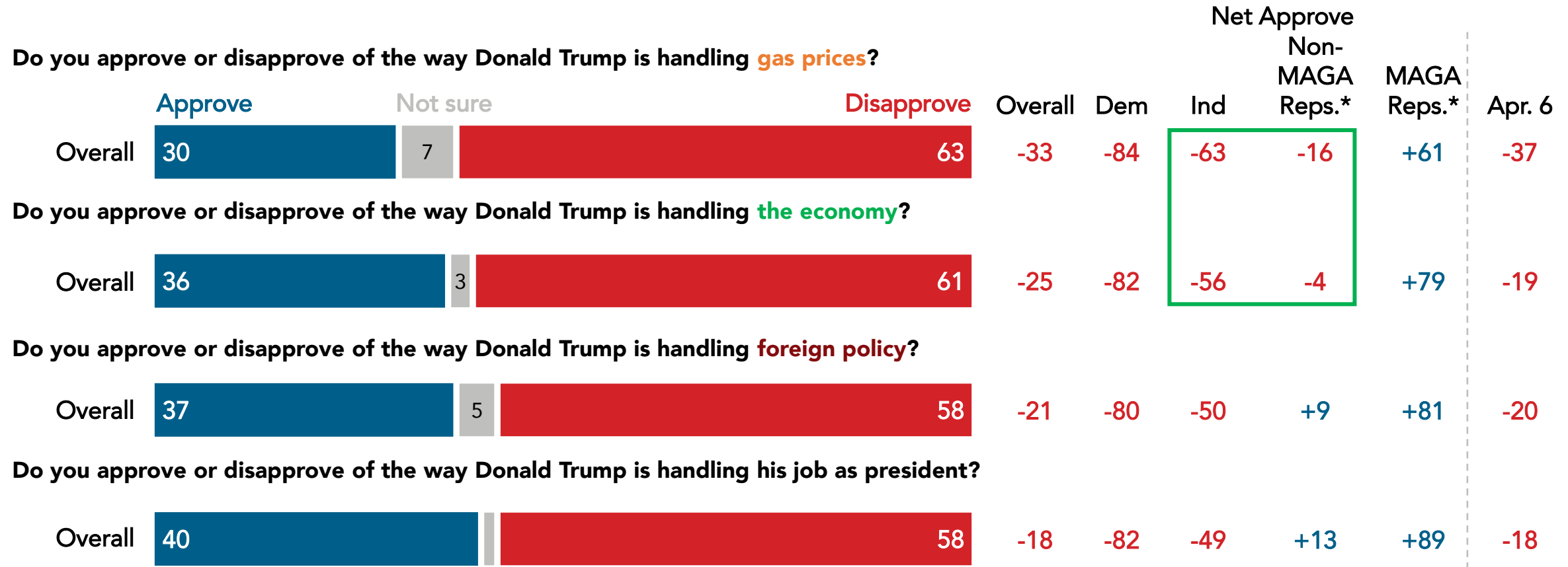


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# On Issues Related to the War With Iran – Especially the Economy and Gas – Trump Is in the Red, Including With Non-MAGA GOP



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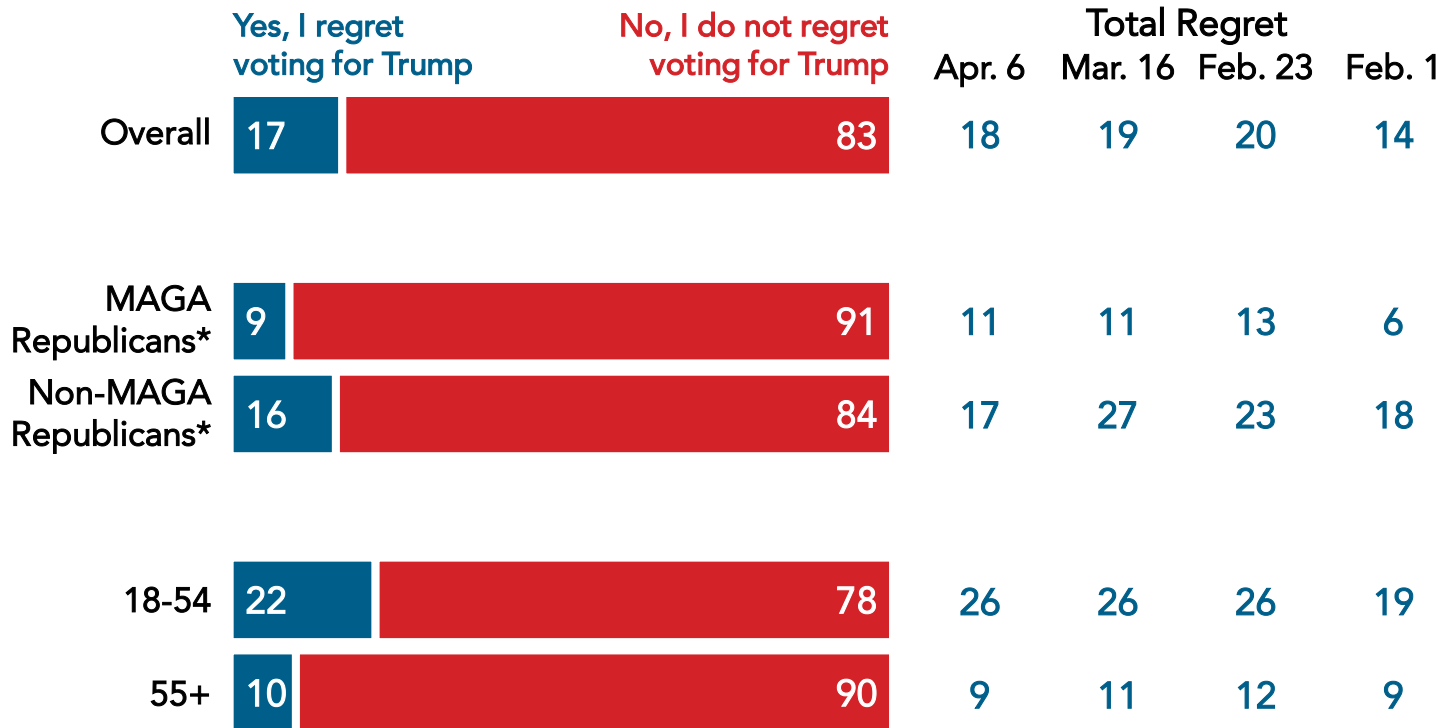


# Roughly One in Five Trump Voters Continue to Regret Their Vote, Citing the War Most of All, But Also the Economy

Trump voters who regret their choice primarily cite the war, as well as the economy and prices.

**[If 2024 Trump voter] You indicated you voted for Donald Trump in 2024. Do you regret voting for Donald Trump?**

**[If voted for Trump and regret voting for him] You indicated you regret voting for Donald Trump in 2024. What makes you say that?**



*"[The] decisions that he is making are atrocious. Our economy is failing. Everyday Americans can't afford to feed their families. Inflation is high, gas is high."*

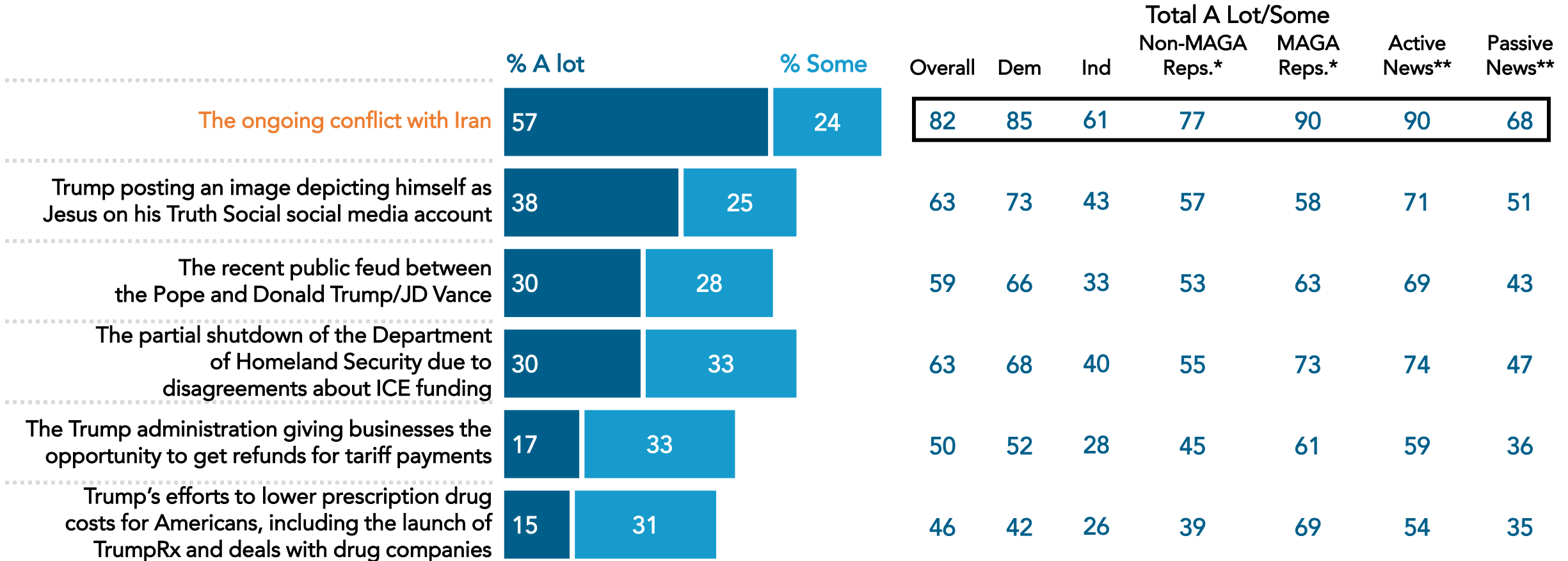
*"His policies have made a mess of the economy."*

*"We are on the verge of World War III. Our tariffs are high [for] other countries, food prices are rising along with gas prices."*

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# The Ongoing War With Iran Is By Far What Americans Are Hearing Most About

Below are some recent events. Please indicate how much you have seen, read, or heard about each one.



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# Narrowly, Democrats Are Seen As Focused on the Right Things; Trump and Republicans Are Not

While independents don't think either party is focused on the right things, they are especially negative on Trump (net -29 right things) and the Republican Party (net -35).

Do you think the **Democratic Party** is focused on the right things?



(Split Sample) Do you think the **Republican Party** is focused on the right things?

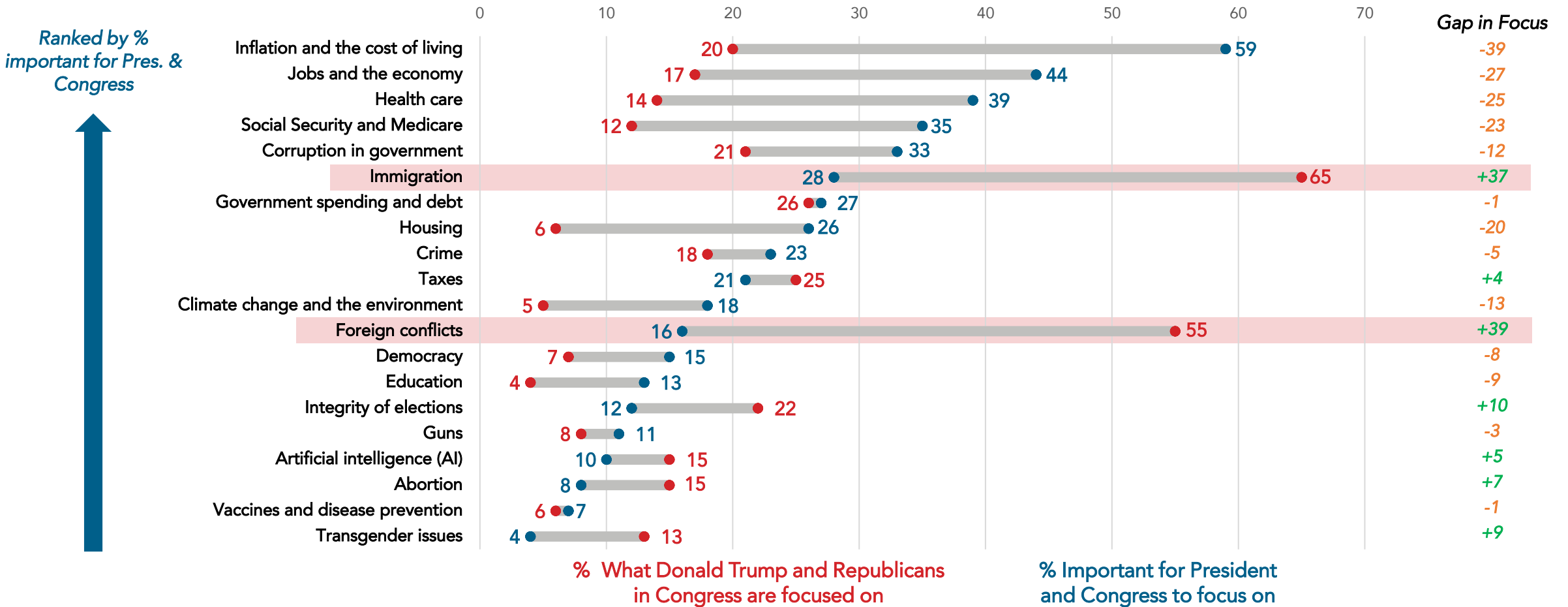


(Split Sample) Do you think **Donald Trump** is focused on the right things?



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# Trump and GOP Remain Seen As Over-Focused on Immigration, Foreign Conflicts; Not Enough on Economy

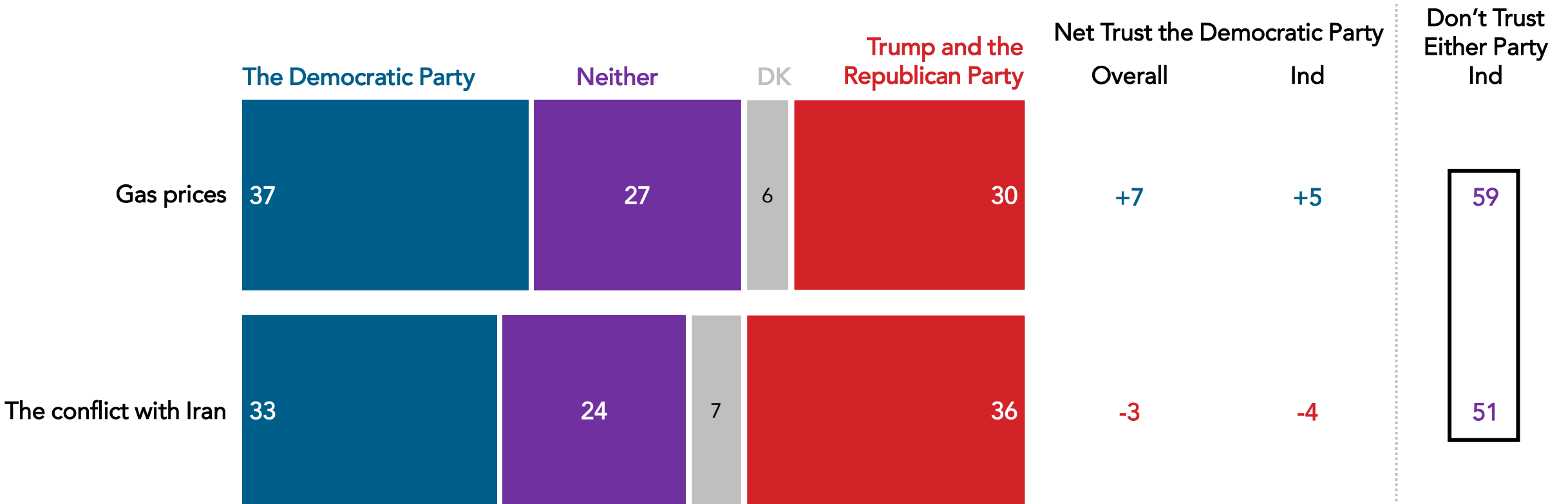


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# Many Americans Don't Trust Either Party on Iran or Gas Prices

Majorities of independents don't trust either party on gas prices (59% trust neither) or the conflict with Iran (51%).

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



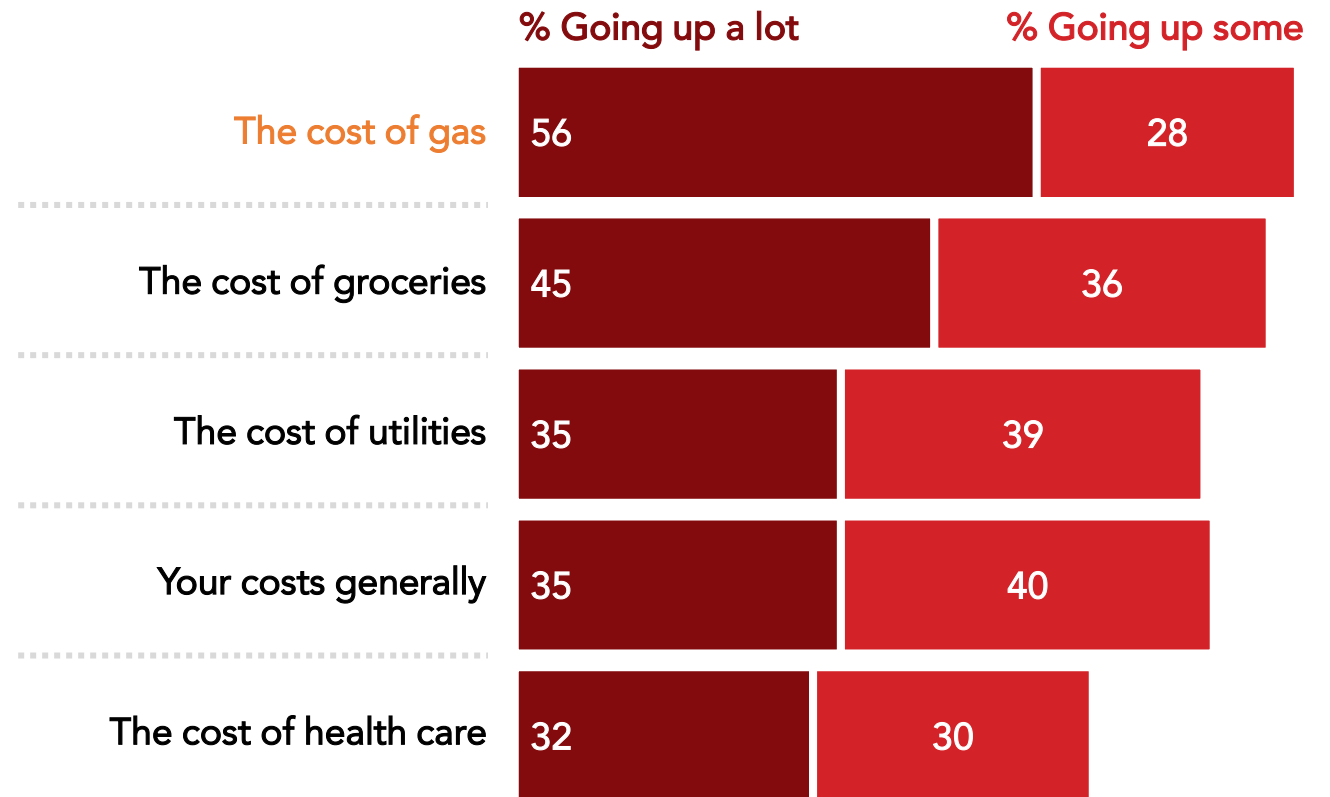
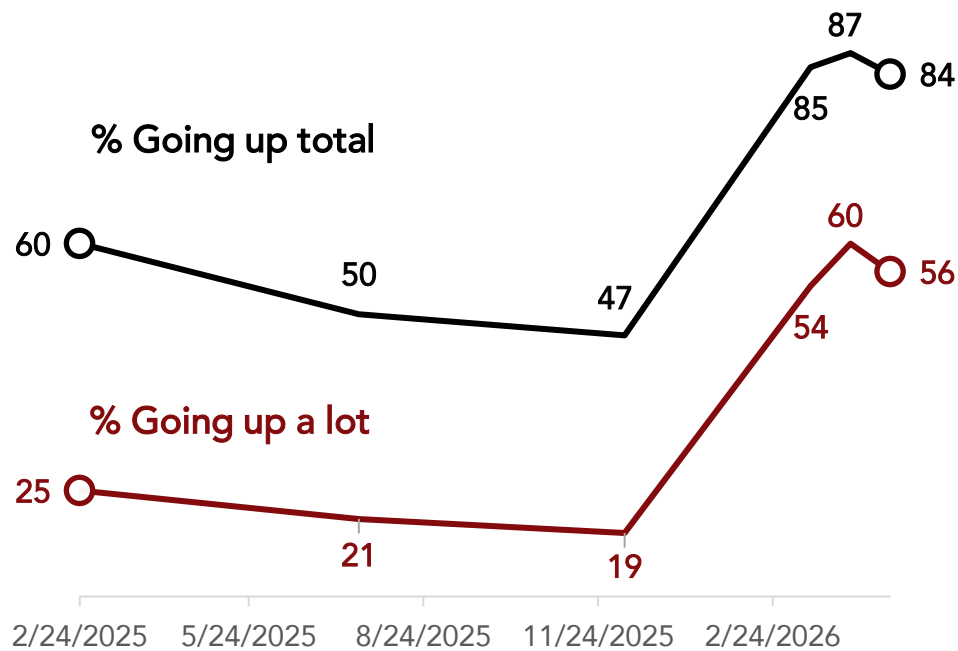
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# Majorities Continue to See Gas Prices Rising By “A Lot”

The vast majority of Americans say the cost of gas is going up (84% going up), with a majority (56%) saying it is going up “a lot.” This is more pronounced than feelings of rising grocery (45% “a lot”), utility (35%), or health care costs (32%).

Please indicate, for each one, whether you feel like those costs are going up, going down, or staying the same.

Perceptions of the cost of gas

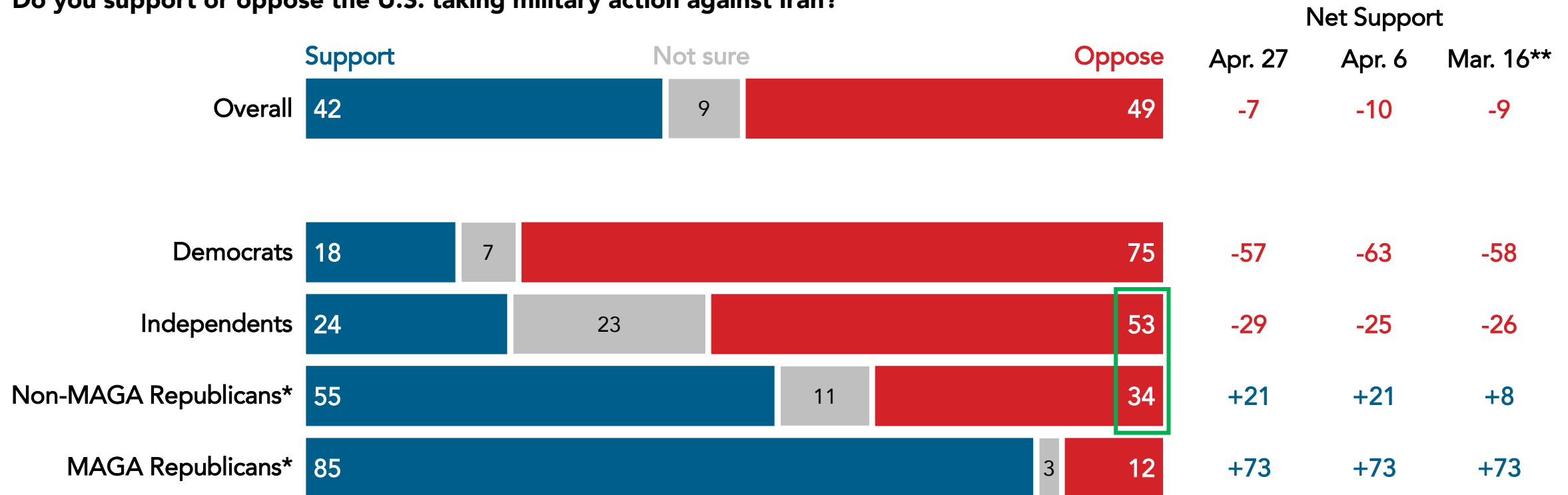


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# Nearly Half Continue to Oppose the U.S. Taking Military Action Against Iran

A majority of independents (53%) continue to oppose the U.S. taking military action against Iran, as do one in three non-MAGA Republicans\* (34%).

**Do you support or oppose the U.S. taking military action against Iran?**



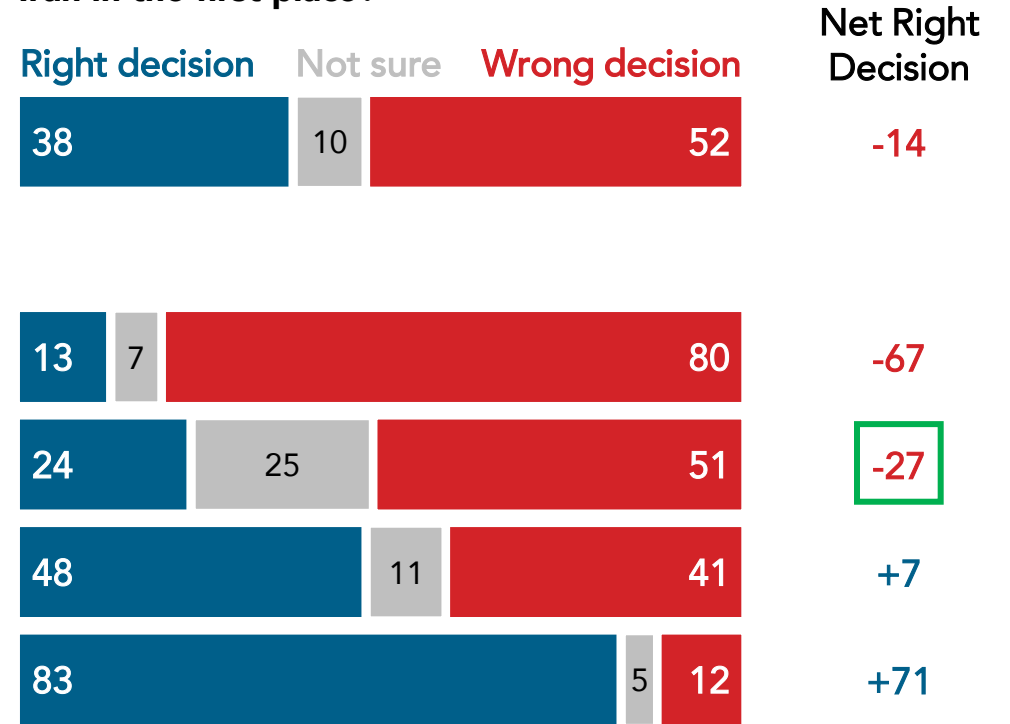
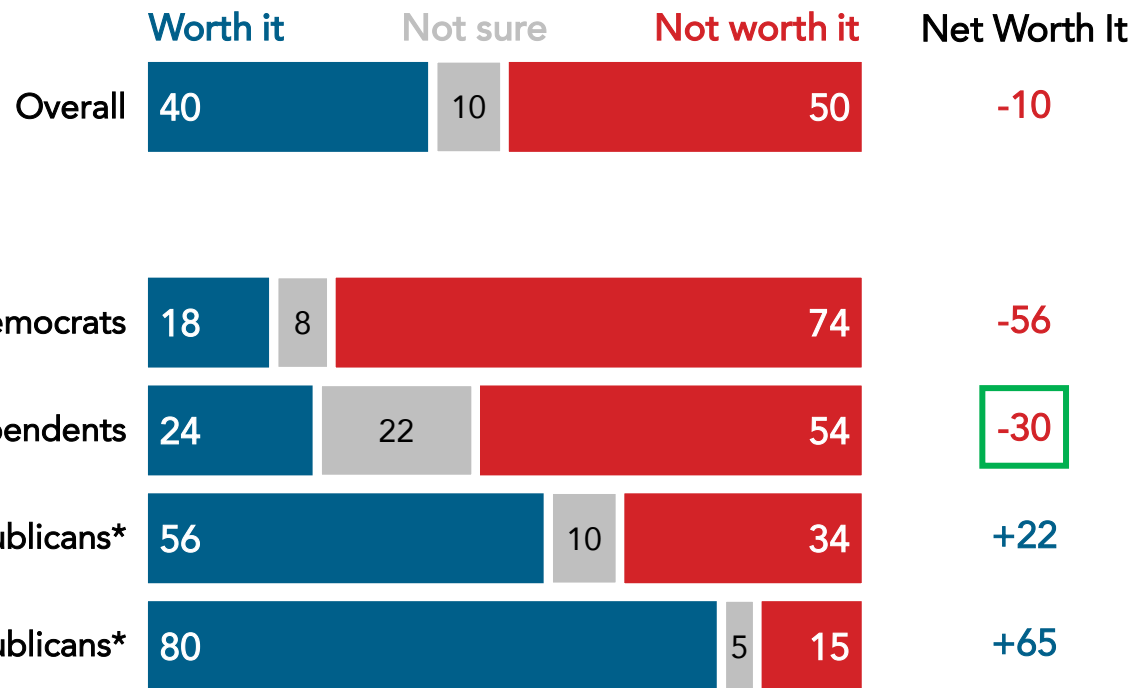
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# At Least Half Say the U.S. Military Operation Against Iran Is Not Worth It, Say Starting It Was Wrong Decision

Majorities of independents say the military operation is not worth it (54%) and it was the wrong decision to initiate it (51%).

**(Split Sample)** Do you think the U.S. military operation against Iran is worth it or is it not worth it?

**(Split Sample)** Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in initiating the military operation against Iran in the first place?

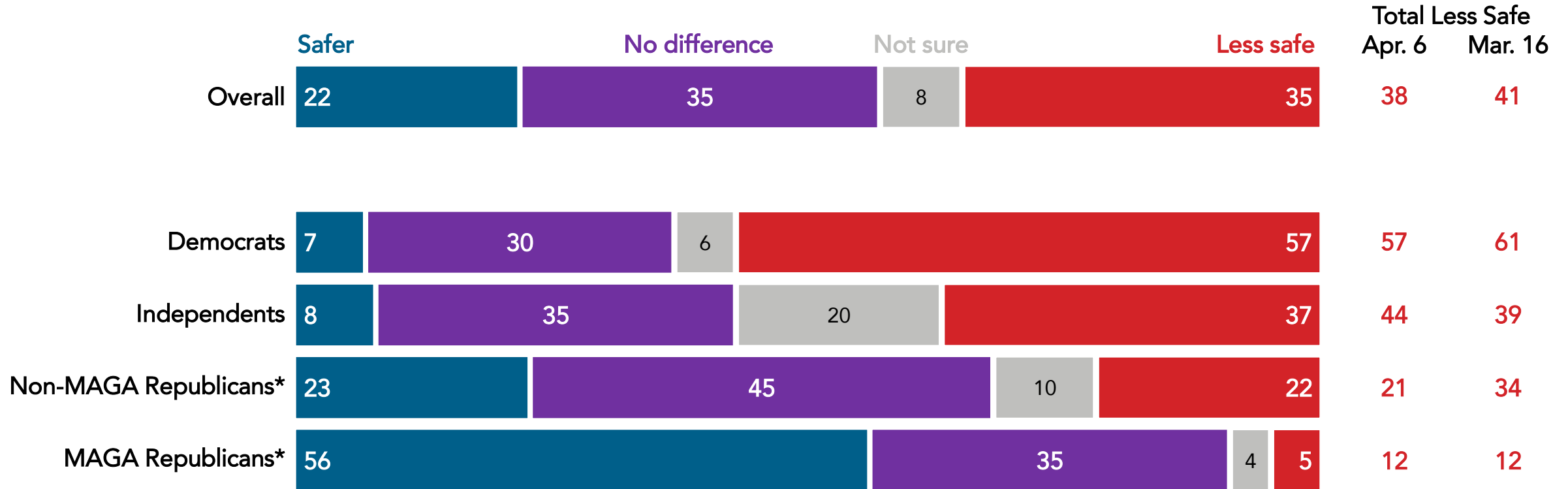


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# More Continue to Say the Conflict With Iran Is Making the U.S. Less Safe, Not Safer

A plurality of independents (37%) continue to say they feel the war with Iran has made their family and community less safe.

Do you think the U.S. military operation against Iran has made your family and community safer, less safe, or has it made no difference?

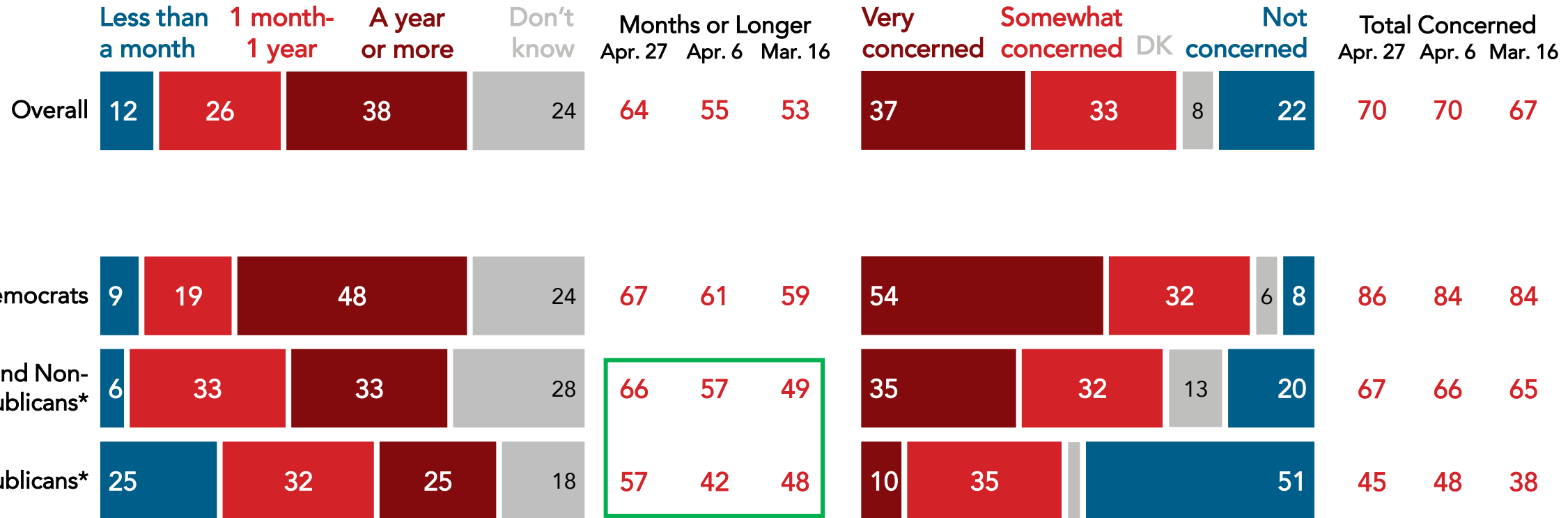


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# There Are Growing Feelings the Conflict With Iran Will Go on For Months, If Not a Year; Seven in Ten Are Concerned

**(Split Sample)** How much longer do you think the U.S. involvement in the conflict with Iran will last?

**(Split Sample)** How concerned are you that the U.S. will become bogged down in a prolonged conflict with Iran?

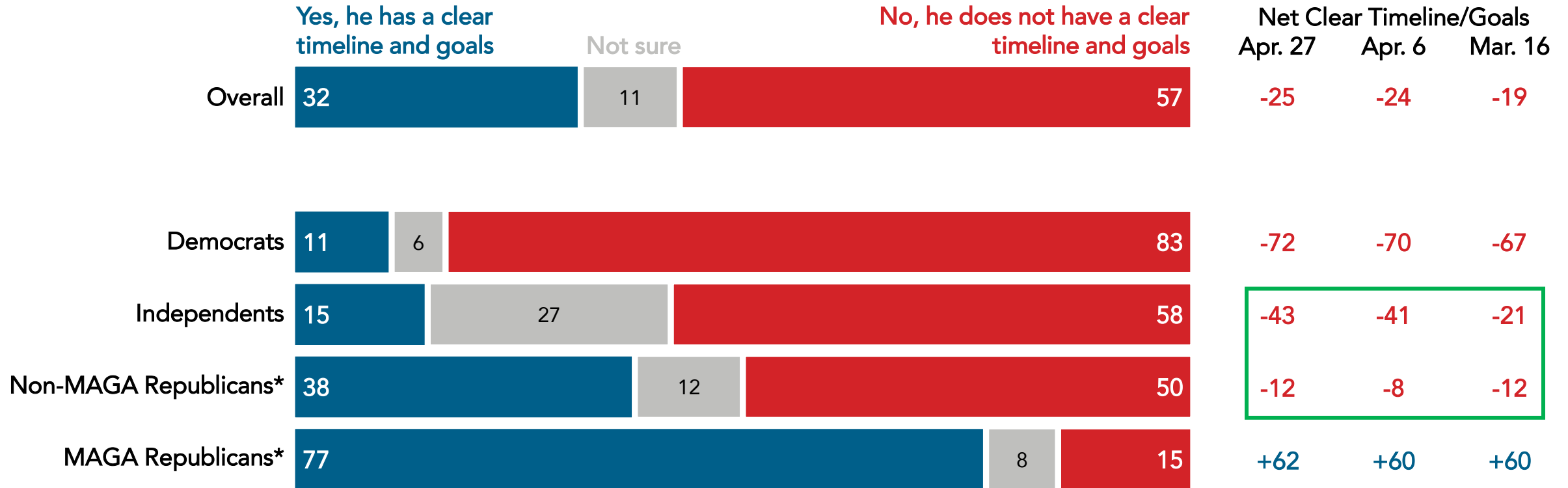


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# Majorities Continue to Say Trump Lacks a Clear Timeline and Goals in Conflict with Iran

A majority of independents (58% lacks a clear timeline and goals) and half of non-MAGA Republicans\* (50%) say Trump does not have a clear timeline or goals for the operation against Iran.

**Do you think Trump has a clear timeline and goals for the U.S. military operation against Iran?**



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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.

## 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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