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Perceptions of Government
Overreach in the
Congressional Battleground



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Methodology



Impact Research conducted a survey of N=1,500 likely 2026 general election constituents in 67 battleground congressional districts.



100% of interviews were conducted by text-to-web.



Interviews were conducted between May 5 - 14, 2026.



The margin of error for a sample of this size is +/- 2.5 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. The margin of error for subgroups varies and is higher.

Key Takeaways

- While the Trump Administration argues they are reining in overly political nonprofits and cracking down on DEI and illegal immigration, Americans primary concern is that their policies give the government too much power to shut down organizations they disagree with.
- Americans are strongly opposed to policies that would give the IRS power to go after non-profits without evidence and give the government the power to go after law firms.
- Rising costs are Americans' top issue, but government weaponization is a higher priority for Americans than Iran, foreign affairs, and AI combined.

Over a Fourth of Battleground Constituents Say That Addressing Government Corruption is a Top Priority

Which of the following do you feel is the most important issue that Congress should make a top priority?

Government Corruption

% Top Two Choice



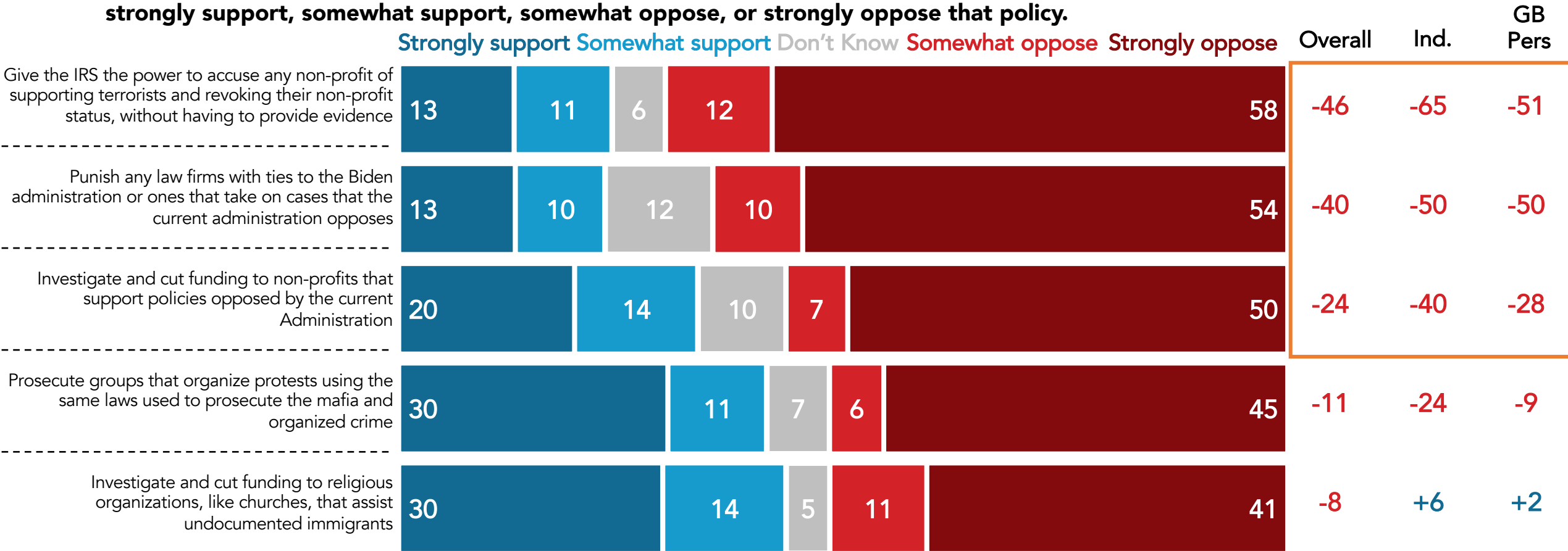
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Battleground Voters are Broadly Opposed to the Trump Administration's Weaponization Policies

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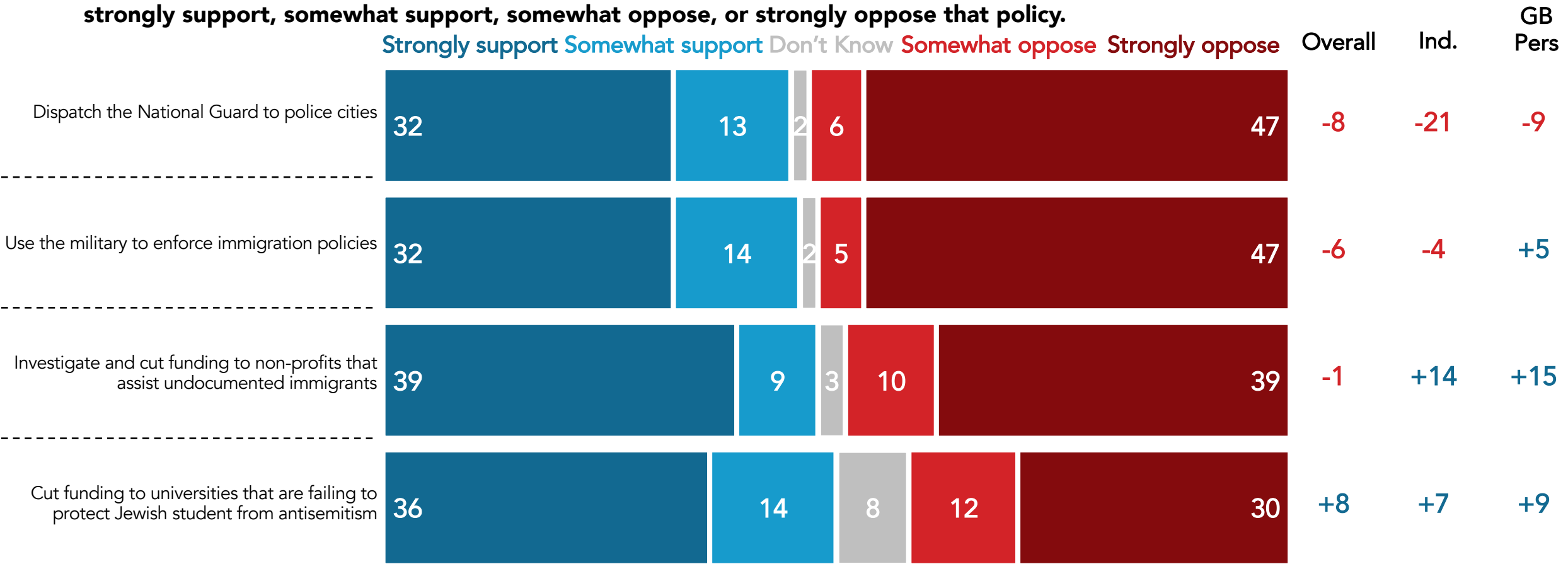
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The Majority Overall and Among Independents Oppose Use of the Military in Police Cities and Immigration Enforcement

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Across the Board There is More Concern About Government Overreach When Trump Isn't Invoked, Though Both are Concerning

Which of the following is a bigger concern for you?*

That these policies give too much power to Trump to shut down organizations that disagree with him

Don't Know

That these policies will hurt community non-profits that are doing important work for people who rely on them

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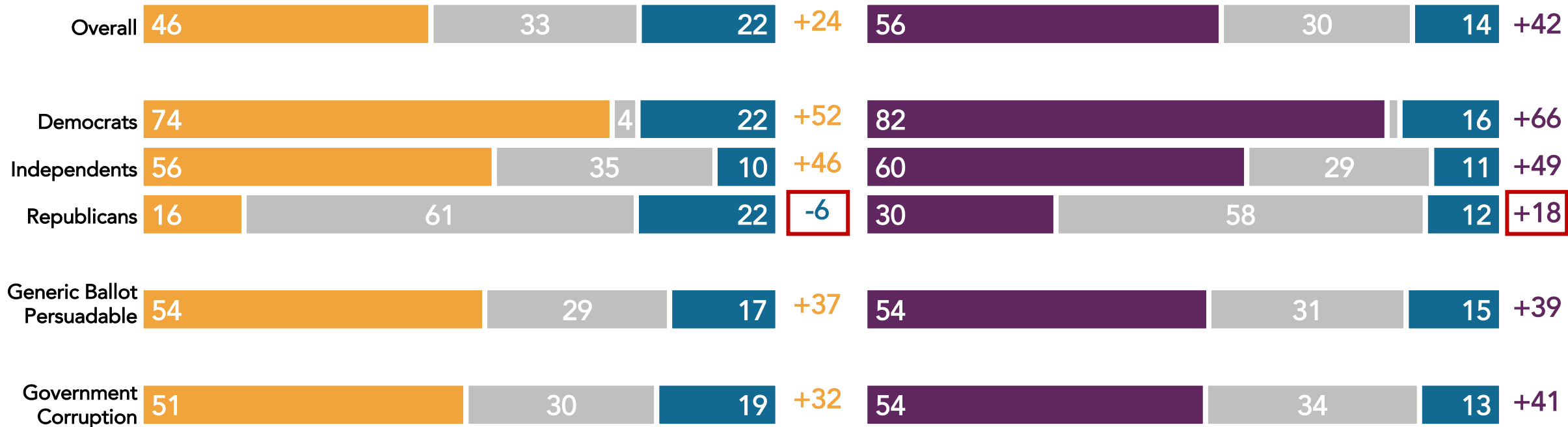
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A Majority of Battleground Constituents are Focused on How These Policies Allow Government to Take Too Much Power

Which of the following comes closer to your own views about these policies*

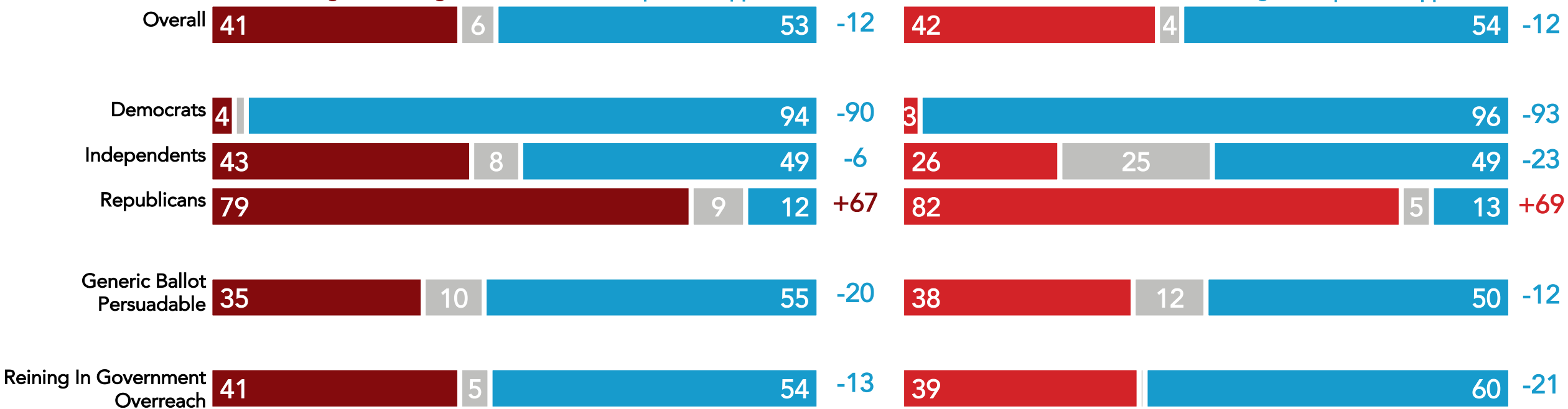
Which of the following comes closer to your own views about these policies*

These policies are necessary to rein in non-profit organizations that have become too political and are driving a radical agenda

These policies go too far and will give the federal government the power to go after political opponents

These policies are necessary to crack down on illegal immigration and make our communities safer

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Appendix: Congressional Districts Included In Sample

Dem Incumbent			Rep Incumbent - Harris	Rep Incumbent - Trump			
CA-13	NV-03	TX-34	CA-48	AK-01	IA-01	NC-11	VA-01
CA-45	NV-04	TX-35	NE-02	AZ-01	IA-02	NJ-07	VA-02
CA-47	NY-03	VA-07	NY-17	AZ-02	IA-03	OH-07	WI-01
CT-05	NY-04	WA-03	PA-01	AZ-06	KY-06	OH-10	WI-03
IN-01	NY-19			CA-22	MI-04	OH-15	
ME-02	NY-22			CO-05	MI-07	PA-07	
MI-08	OH-01			CO-08	MI-10	PA-08	
NC-01	OH-09			FL-07	MC-01	PA-10	
NJ-09	OH-13			FL-13	MO-02	SC-01	
NM-02	OR-05			FL-15	MT-01	TN-05	
NV-01	TX-28			FL-27	NC-03	TX-15	

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About Navigator and Navigating the Battleground

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. **Navigating the Battleground** is a project designed to understand messaging nuances in different types of battleground geographies.

About the Study

Impact Research conducted public opinion surveys among a sample of 1,500 likely 2026 general election voters from May 5-14, 2026. The survey was conducted by text-to-web (100 percent). Respondents were verified against a voter file and special care was taken to ensure the demographic composition of our sample matched that of the 67 congressional districts included in the sample across a variety of demographic variables. The margin of error for the full sample at the 95 percent level of confidence is +/- 2.5 percentage points. The margin for error for subgroups varies and is higher.

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