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Trump Status: Iran and the Economy



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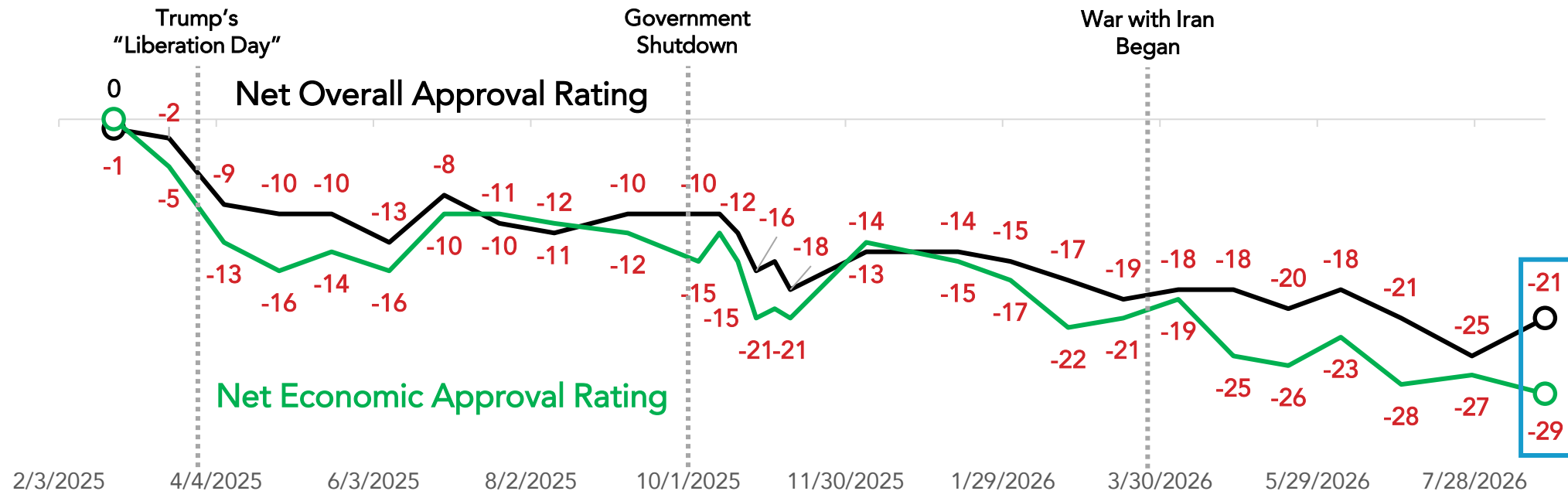
Key Takeaways:

- Trump's overall and economic approval ratings remain deeply negative, with his net economic approval rating hitting an all-time low in Navigator tracking.
- Roughly three in four disapprove of the way he is handling gas prices, grocery prices, and the cost of living generally.
- Majorities oppose the military actions the U.S. has taken against Iran and say the military operation has not been worth it.
- A slim plurality of Americans say post-9/11 interventions in the Middle East have not made the U.S. safer, with splits along partisan and generational lines.

With Deeply Negative Ratings Overall, Trump Has Hit a New Low on His Economic Approval Rating

Trump's net economic approval rating has hit an all-time low in Navigator's tracking: he is now in the negative by 29 points on the economy and by 21 points overall.

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

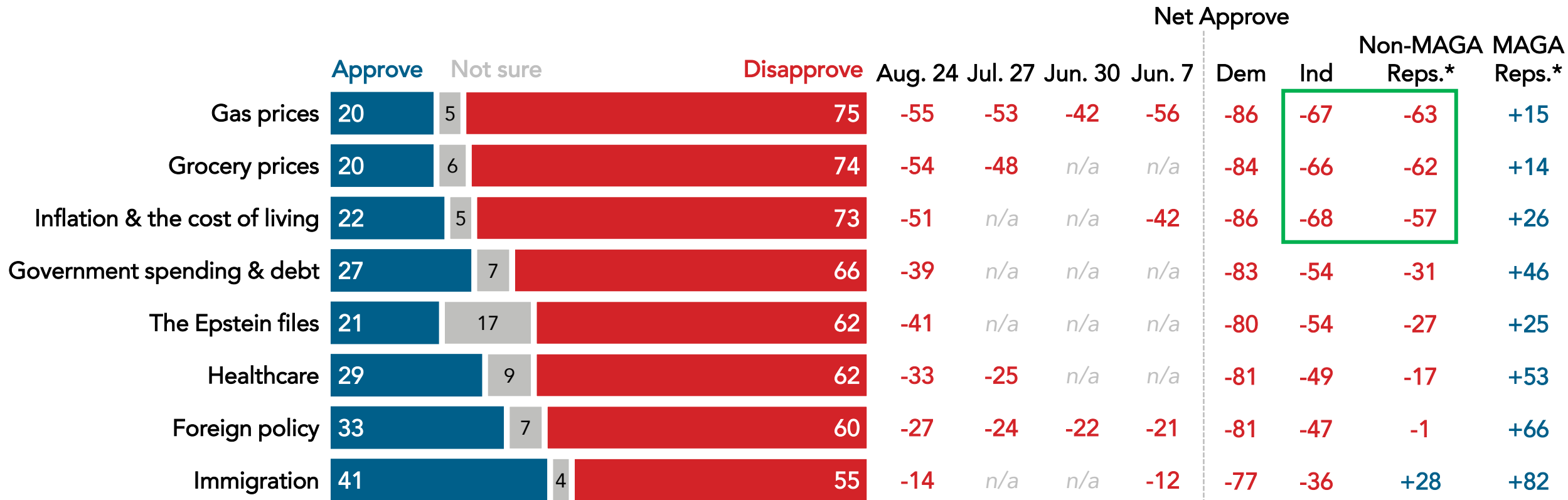


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Three in Four Disapprove of Trump's Handling of Gas, Groceries, and Inflation

Independents and non-MAGA Republicans* deeply disapprove of Trump's handling of gas prices, grocery prices, and inflation.

Below is a list of issues. Please indicate whether you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling each one.

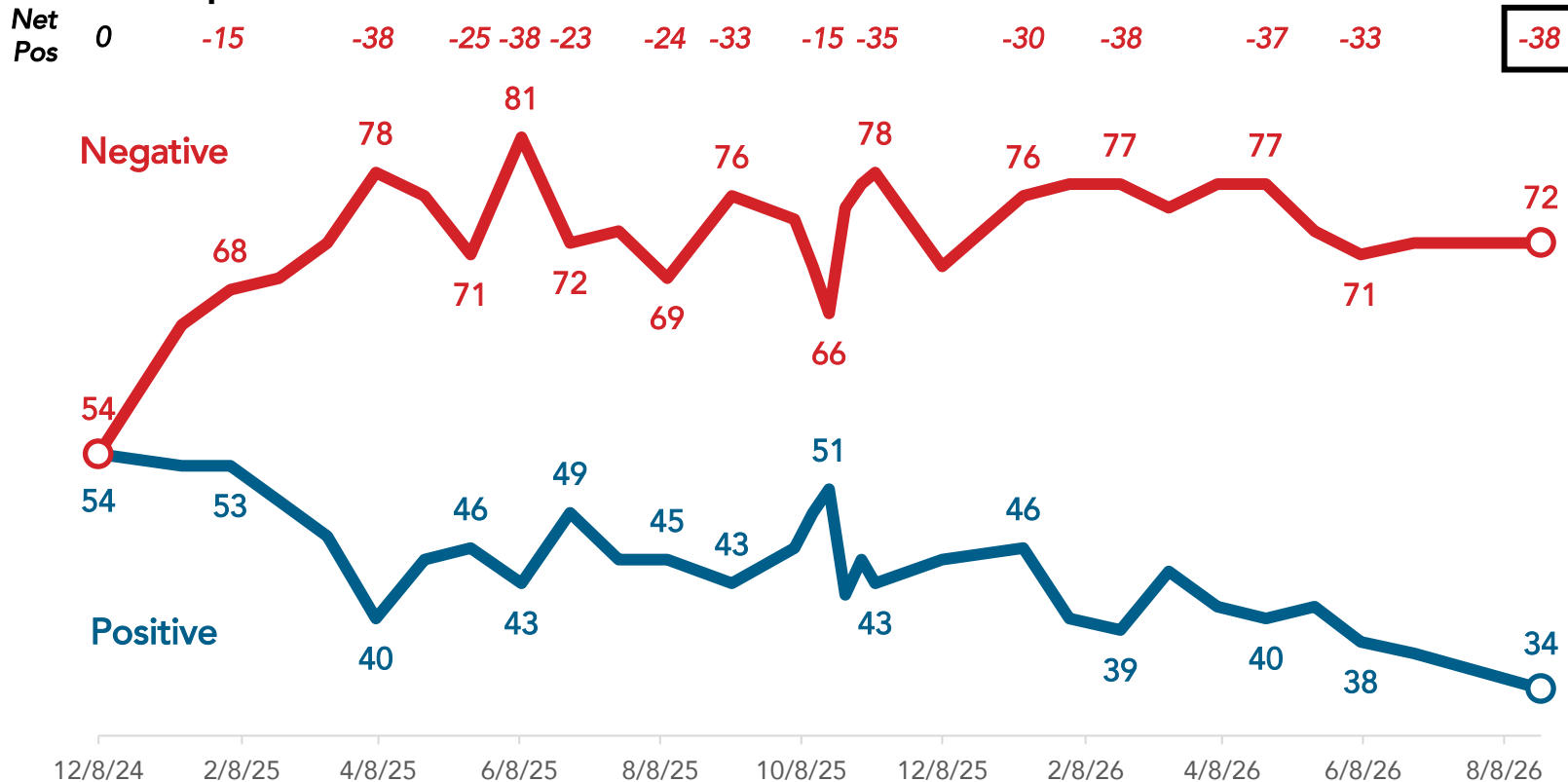


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The War With Iran Dominates the Negative News Environment Around Trump

Over the past few days, has what you have seen, read, or heard recently about Donald Trump been:



[If hearing negative/mixed information] In a few words, what **negative** things have you seen, read, or heard recently about Donald Trump?



"Gas prices are going up to pay for the war in Iran."

"He wants to put tariffs on Canada and import meat from other countries and destroy our cattle industry."

"He doesn't care about his job, just the ballroom getting built. Doesn't care about the Navy soldiers on the USS Abraham Lincoln."

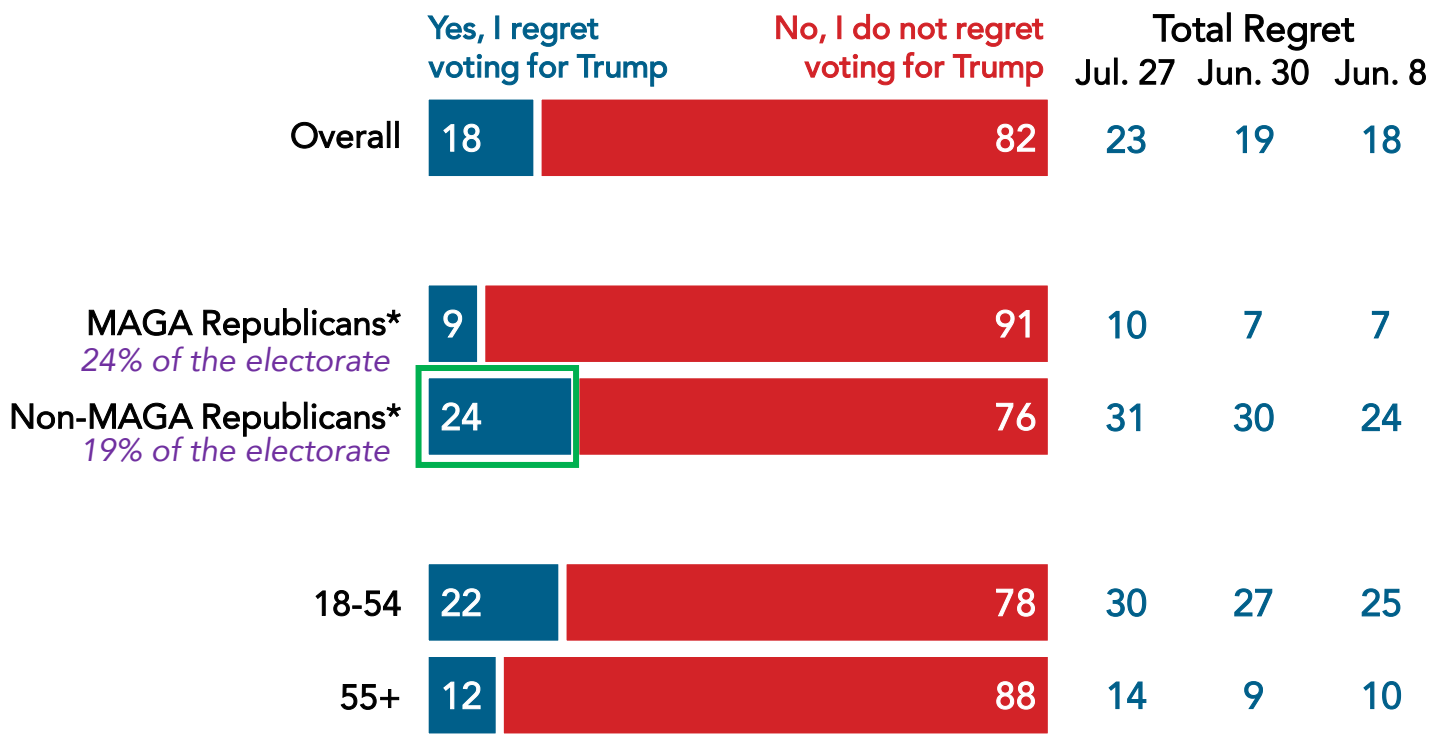
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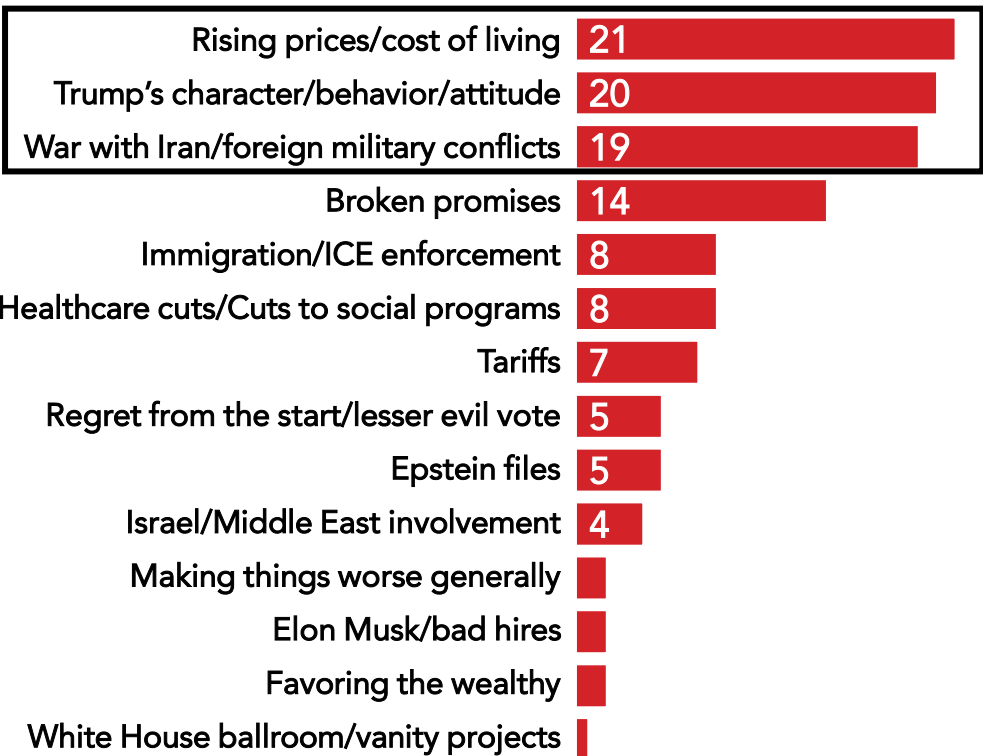
Nearly One in Five 2024 Trump Voters Regret Their Vote, Citing the Economy, His Character, and His War With Iran

Roughly one in four non-MAGA Republicans* who voted for Trump say they regret their choice (24%).

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



[If voted for Trump & regret voting for him] What made you first begin to have doubts or regrets about your vote for Donald Trump in the 2024 presidential election? [OPEN ENDS; RECODED]

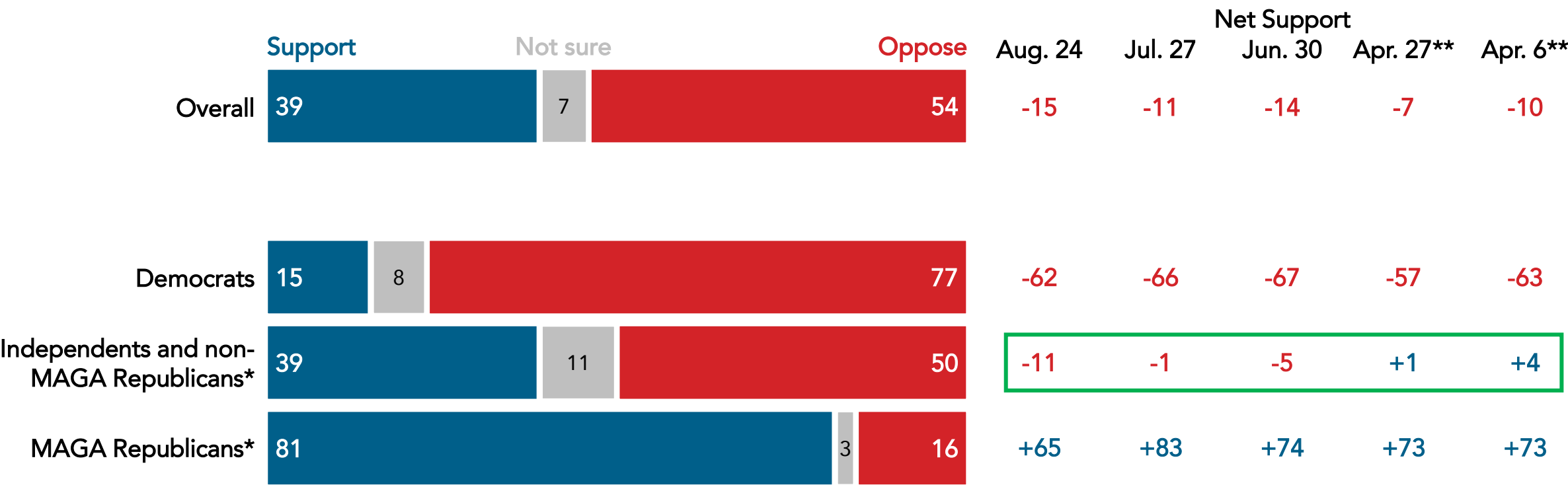


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Majorities Oppose American Military Actions Against Iran

Half of independents and non-MAGA Republicans* (50%) oppose the military actions the U.S. has taken against Iran, with their net support for the actions declining by double digits since April (net -11 support now, down from net +4 in early April).

Do you support or oppose the military actions the U.S. has taken against Iran?

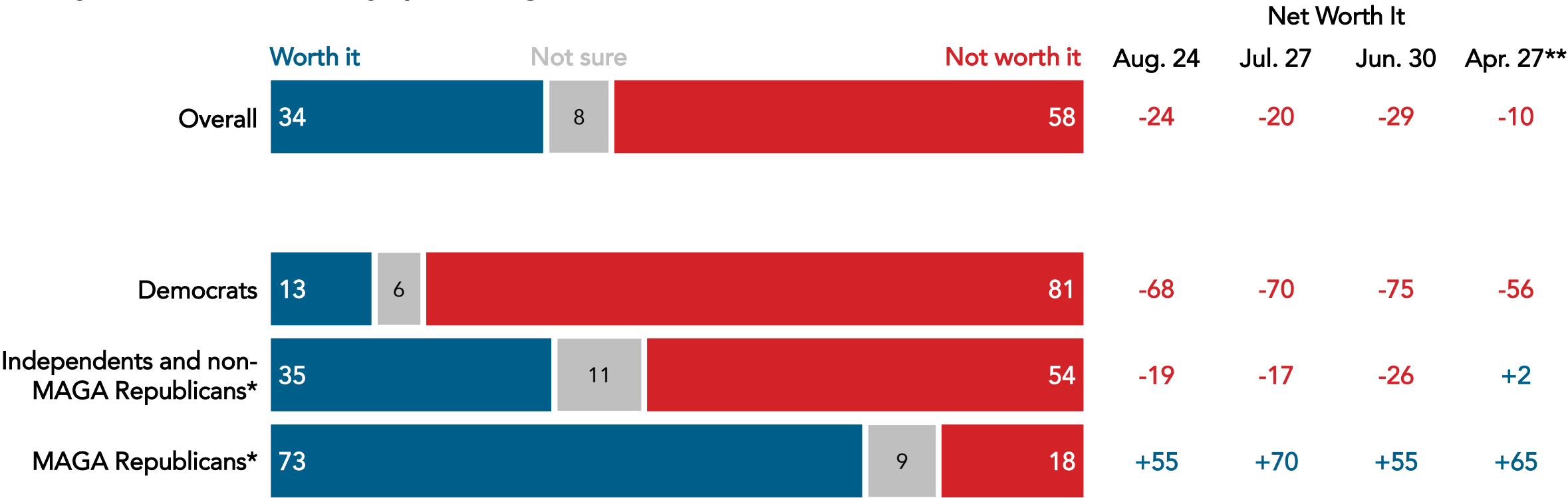


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Nearly Three in Five Say the U.S. Military Operation Against Iran Has Not Been Worth It

Almost three in five Americans overall (58% not worth it) and nearly as many independents and non-MAGA Republicans* (54%) say the conflict with Iran has not been worth it.

Do you think the U.S. military operation against Iran has been worth it or has it not been worth it?



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A Plurality of Americans Say Post-9/11 Middle Eastern Interventions Have Not Made the U.S. Safer

Which statement do you agree with more?

U.S. military interventions in the Middle East following September 11 did not make America safer. They cost thousands of American lives and trillions of dollars, destabilized the region, and fueled extremism without eliminating the terrorist threat.

Not
sure

U.S. military interventions in the Middle East following September 11 have made America safer. They disrupted terrorist networks, removed hostile regimes, and helped prevent terrorists from carrying out another major attack on the U.S.

Net Not Made
America Safer

Overall 45 15 40

+5

Democrats 63 14 23

+40

Independents 43 26 31

+12

Republicans 28 12 60

-32

Trump regretters* 57 9 34

+23

Democrats ages 18-34 56 17 27

+29

Democrats ages 35-54 66 8 26

+40

Democrats ages 55+ 65 17 18

+47

Republicans ages 18-34 29 7 64

-35

Republicans ages 35-54 33 16 51

-18

Republicans ages 55+ 22 12 66

-44

*"Trump regretters" voted for Trump in 2024 and indicate that they regret their vote.

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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 August 21-August 24, 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. 230 additional interviews were conducted among regretful Trump 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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