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Abortion: A Guide for
Advocates



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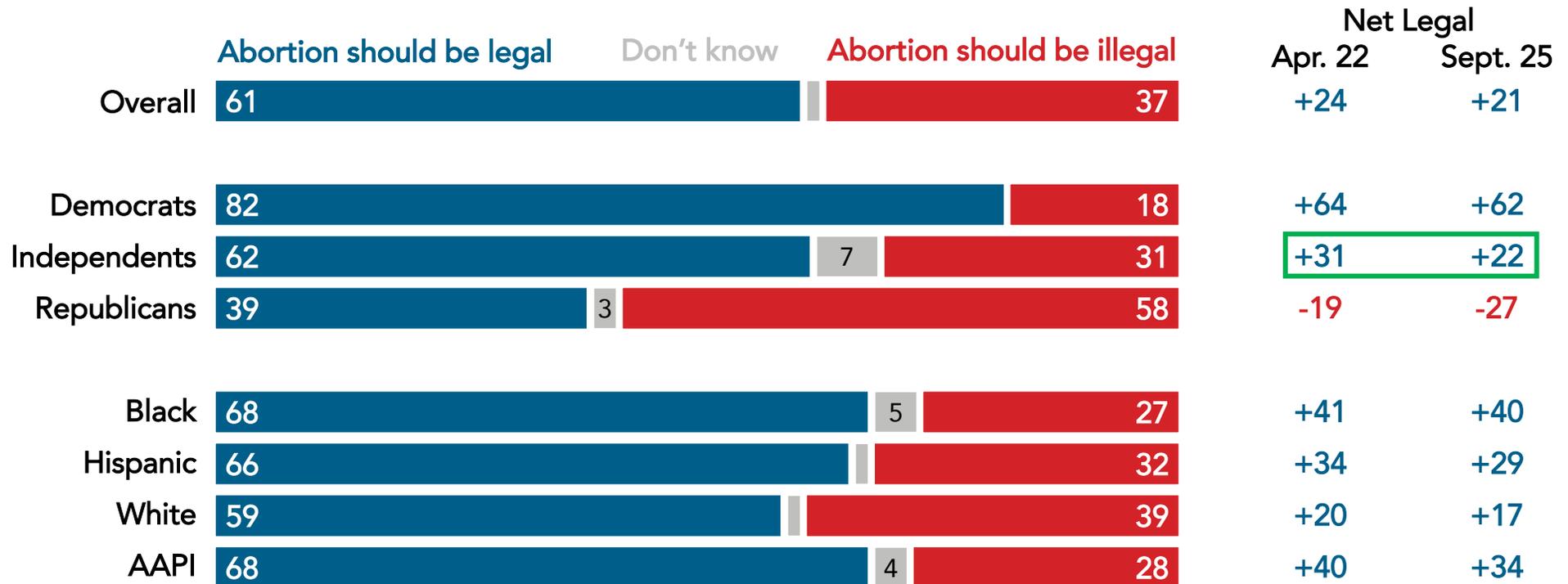
Key Takeaways:

- Three in five Americans say abortion should be legal in all or most cases, as nearly as many say it should be legal nationwide rather than leaving the decision to individual states.
- Large majorities say they believe Biden is pro-choice, while a share that has grown over time say Trump is anti-abortion. More than three in five say Trump is responsible for the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*.
- A majority of Americans say Trump would sign a national abortion ban into law if Congress passed it, a share that only grows after Americans learn about Trump's statements on the issue.
- Americans cite a conflicting view on abortion as the top reason to oppose a candidate, driven by a majority of Democrats.

Three in Five Continue to Want Abortion to Be Legal in All or Most Cases

Compared to last September, a slightly higher share of independents say abortion should be legal in all or most cases (62% now, compared to 57% in September).

Which of the following comes closest to your position regarding the issue of abortion?

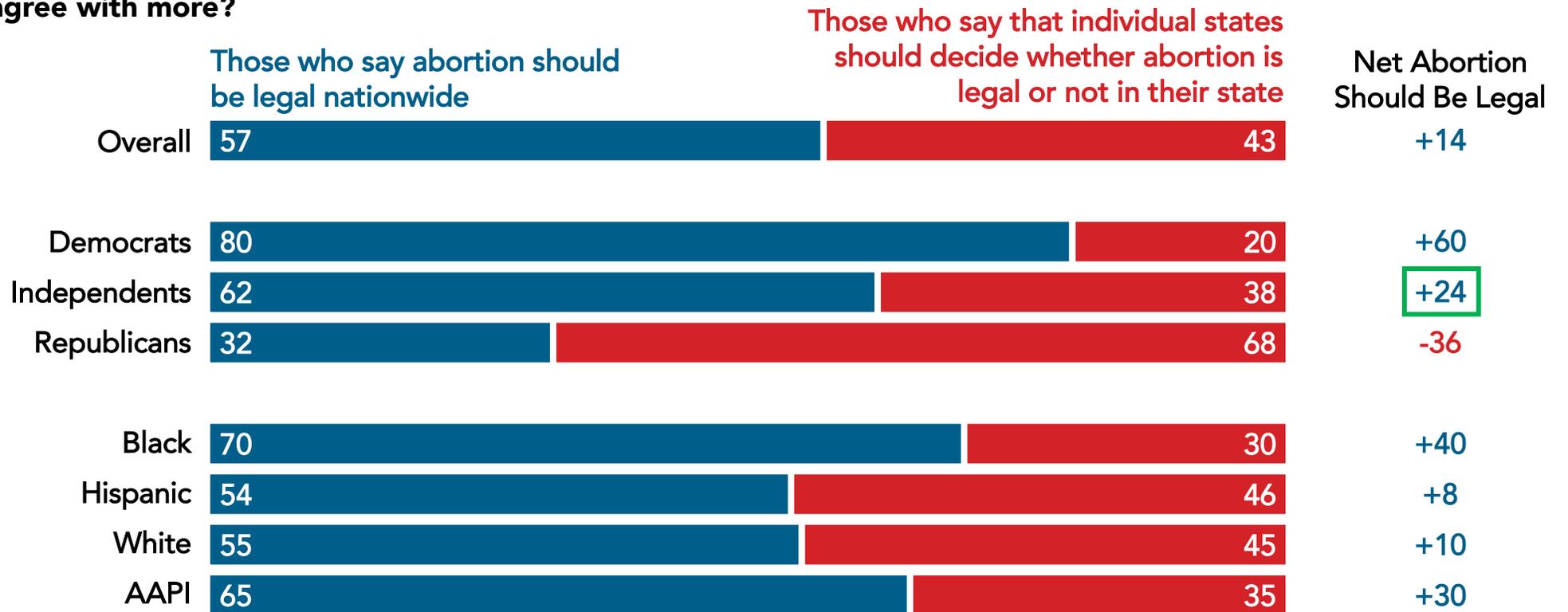


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Majorities Want Abortion to Be Legal Nationwide Rather Than Letting Individual States Decide

A large majority of independents (62%), and roughly one in three Republicans (32%), say they agree more with “those who say abortion should be legal nationwide.”

Who do you agree with more?

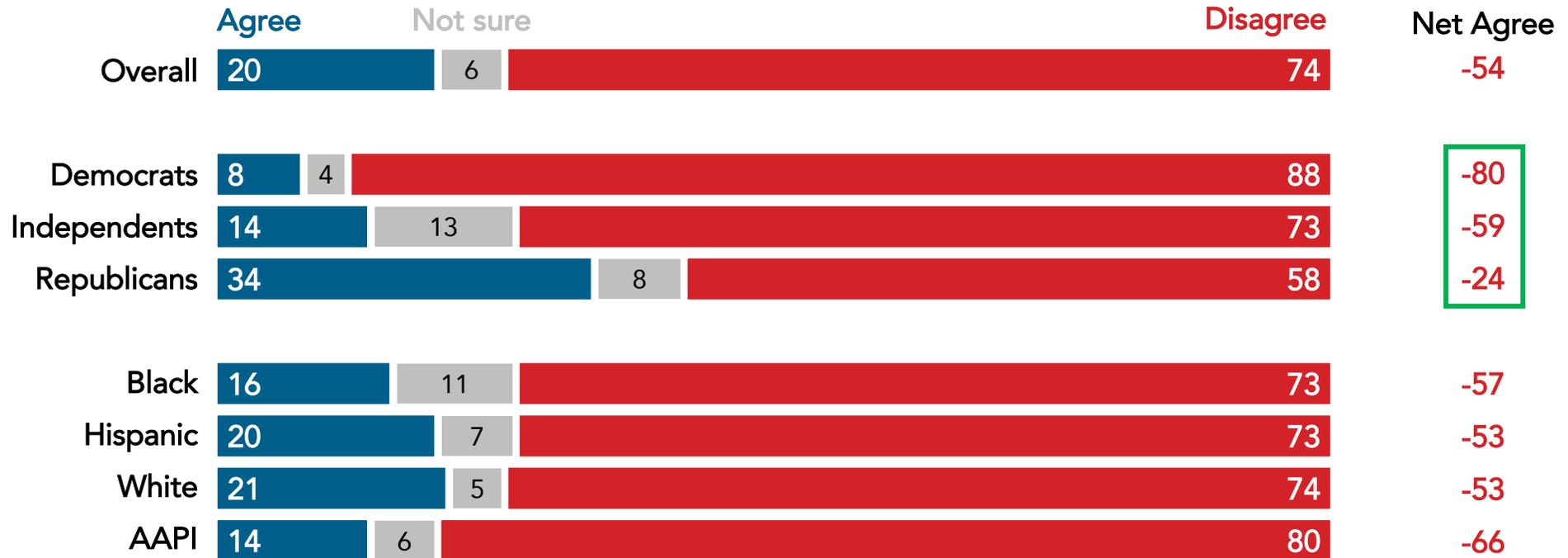


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Three in Four Americans Disagree With the Recent Arizona Supreme Court Ruling on Abortion

Large majorities across party and racial lines disagree with the Arizona Supreme Court’s decision, including nearly three in five Republicans (58% disagree).

As you may know, the Arizona Supreme Court recently revived an 1864 law that would ban nearly all abortions in the state, with no exceptions for rape or incest. Do you agree or disagree with the Arizona Supreme Court banning nearly all abortions in the state?



This survey was fielded after the Arizona Supreme Court revived an 1864 law that would ban nearly all abortions in the state, but before Arizona lawmakers voted to undo the near-total abortion ban from 1864. Nationwide survey of 1,000 registered voters conducted April 18-April 22, 2024. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org.

Roughly Three in Four Say Those Supporting Overturning *Roe* and Supporting a Nationwide Abortion Ban Are Concerning

Below is a hypothetical candidate position. Please indicate how concerning you find the position. If you do not find the position concerning, please indicate that option.

A candidate who supported the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, eliminating the federal right to an abortion.

Very Concerning: 56%

Somewhat Concerning: 20%

Not Concerning: 24%

Total Concerning: 76%

A candidate who supported the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, eliminating the federal right to an abortion and allowing states to completely ban all abortions.

Very Concerning: 57%

Somewhat Concerning: 17%

Not Concerning: 26%

Total Concerning: 74%

A candidate who supports a national abortion ban, eliminating the federal right to an abortion and banning abortion in all states.

Very Concerning: 58%

Somewhat Concerning: 20%

Not Concerning: 22%

Total Concerning: 78%

Arguments About Protecting Freedoms and Real-Life Consequences Are Strong Against Pro-States' Rights Arguments

An argument that “we shouldn't let our fundamental rights and freedoms be decided by the whims of politicians” and that “everyone in the country should have the same basic right to an abortion” outperforms an argument that “every state should be able to decide what its own abortion laws look like” by 28 points.

Which statement do you agree with more?

Statement 1: Those who say every state should be able to decide what its own abortion laws look like. Having one federal rule that decides how all states should handle the issue means a one-size-fits-all approach that not every state will agree with.

Statement 2: Those who say **too many states have already passed extreme abortion bans that have put women's lives at risk, like a ten-year-old rape victim who was denied an abortion in her state and other women who have nearly died because their state denied them life-saving abortion care.**

Statement 3: Those who say **we shouldn't let our fundamental rights and freedoms be decided by the whims of politicians. Everyone in the country should have the same basic right to an abortion, no matter where you live.**

Statement 1:	40%
Statement 2:	60%
Net Statement 2:	+20

Statement 1:	36%
Statement 3:	64%
Net Statement 3:	+28

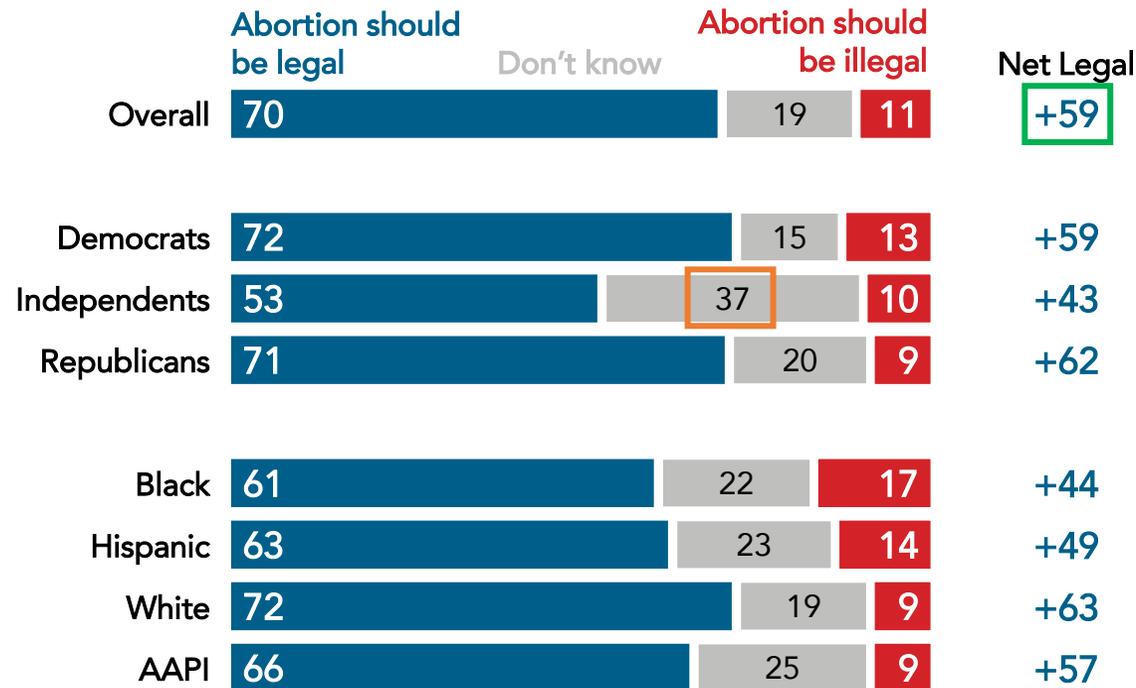
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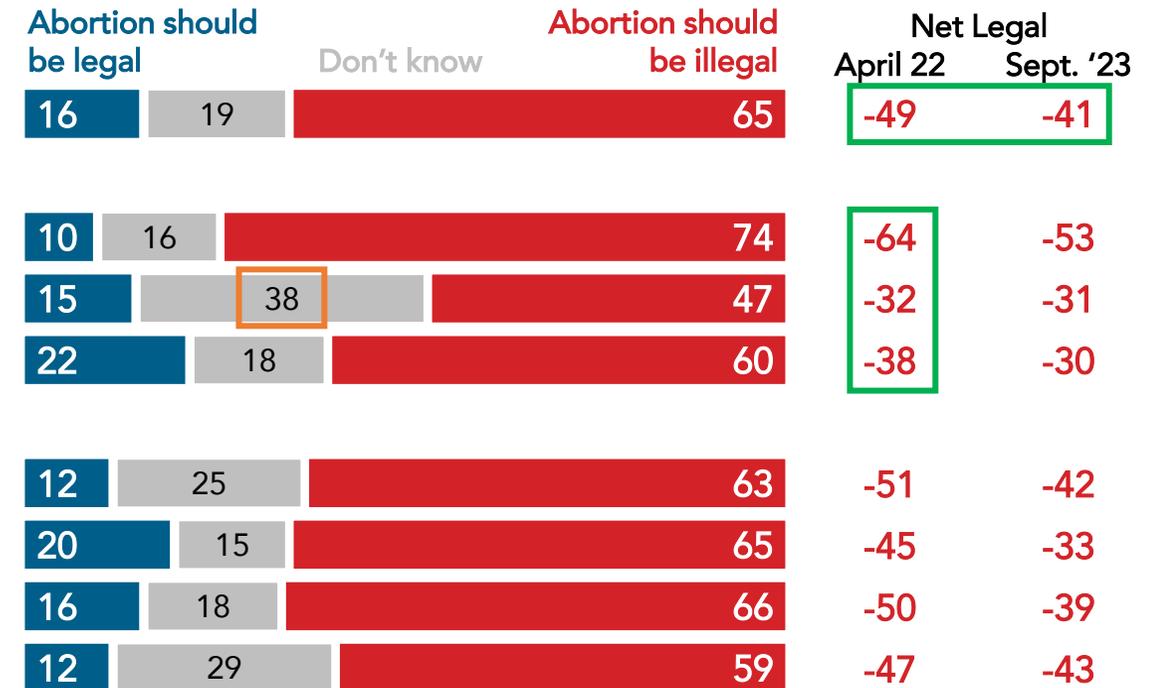
Biden Is Seen As Pro-Choice While a Growing Share Say Trump Is Anti-Abortion

Fully seven in ten Americans (70%) say Biden's position is that abortion should be legal in all or most cases, while the net share who say Trump believes abortion should be legal in all or most cases has decreased from net -41 legal in September to net -49 now.

Which of the following do you think comes closest to **Joe Biden's** position regarding the issue of abortion?



Which of the following do you think comes closest to **Donald Trump's** position regarding the issue of abortion?



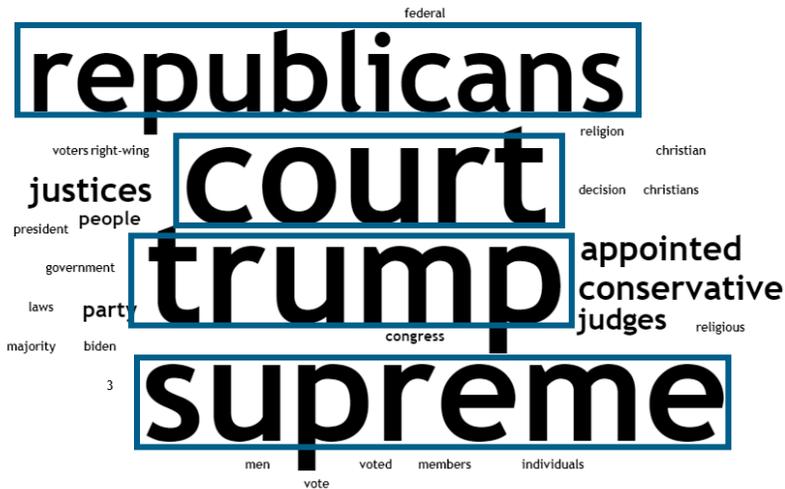
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Americans Hold Donald Trump and the Supreme Court Responsible for the Overturning of *Roe v. Wade*

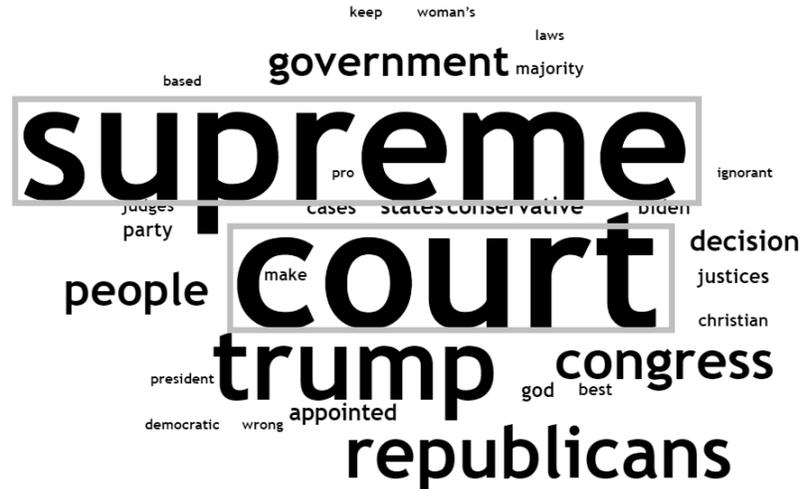
Republicans and independents blame the Supreme Court the most for the overturning of *Roe*, while Democrats place just as much blame on Trump and Republicans as the Court.

Regardless of how closely you followed or have been following the situation...who or what do you think is most responsible for the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* and the elimination of the federal right to an abortion?

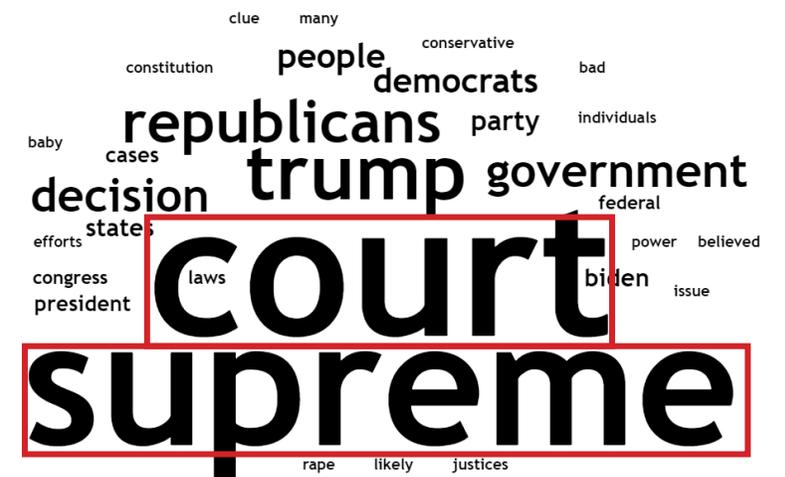
Democrats



Independents



Republicans



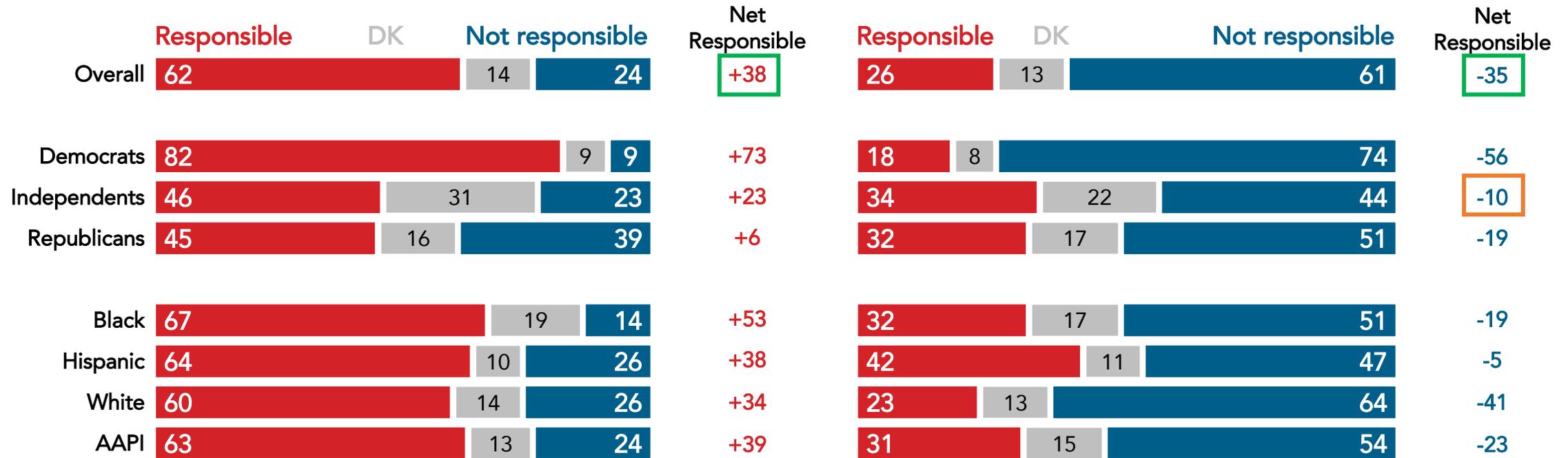
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Americans See Trump As Responsible for the Overturning of *Roe* – Not Biden

More than three in five Americans say Trump is responsible for the overturning of *Roe* (62%), compared to only in four who say the same of Biden (26%).

(Split sample) How responsible do you think **Donald Trump** is for the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* and the elimination of the federal right to an abortion?

(Split sample) How responsible do you think **Joe Biden** is for the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* and the elimination of the federal right to an abortion?

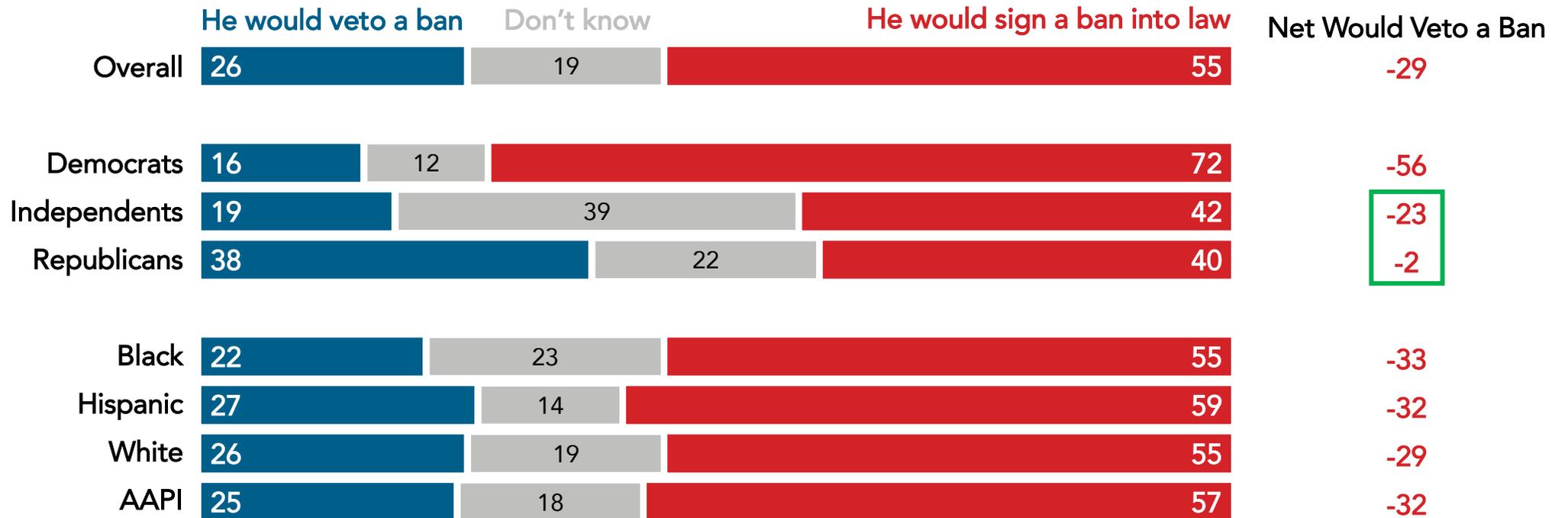


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A Majority Say Trump Would Sign a National Abortion Ban Into Law

Pluralities across party and racial lines say Trump would sign a national abortion ban into law if Congress passed it: this includes a large majority of Democrats (72%) and pluralities of independents (42%) and Republicans (40%).

Imagine Donald Trump is reelected President in 2024. If Congress passed a national abortion ban, do you think Donald Trump would veto the ban to prevent it from going into law, or sign the ban into law?



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Majorities Find a Range of Trump's Comments on Abortion Concerning, Especially His Comment on Punishment for Women

Americans find Trump's statement that "there has to be some form of punishment" for women who have abortions most concerning (66%).

Below is a list of statements Donald Trump has made about abortion. Please indicate how concerning you find each one.

Donald Trump...	*/** Split sample	Very concerning	Somewhat concerning	Don't believe	Not concerning	Total Concerning			
						Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep
...has said that "there has to be some form of punishment" for women who have abortions		51	15	18	16	66	90	67	40
...said he was "proud" to have been able to "kill <i>Roe v. Wade</i> " and eliminate the federal right to an abortion		49	12	10	29	61	91	63	29
...has said that <i>Roe v. Wade</i> being overturned was "only made possible because I delivered...three highly respected and strong Constitutionalist [justices] confirmed to the United States Supreme Court" who voted to overturn <i>Roe v. Wade</i>		45	14	10	30	59	88	64	28
*...has said that the "states will determine" abortion rights in their own state, meaning they can ban all abortions, like in Florida where they have banned abortions after 6 weeks and Arizona where they have banned nearly all abortions		41	17	7	35	58	86	53	30
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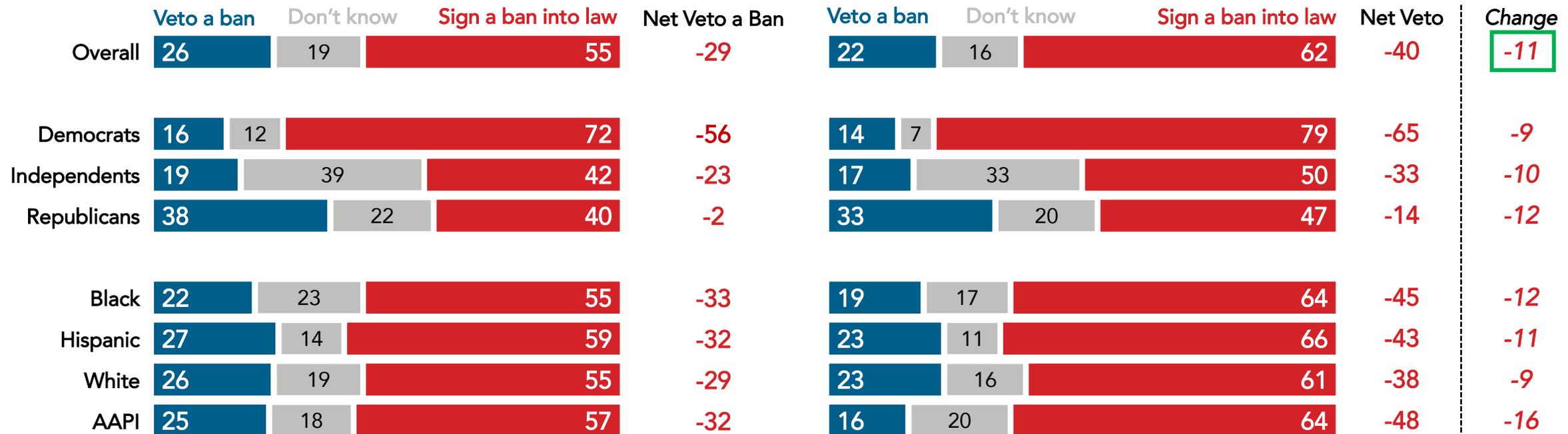


After Reading His Comments on Abortion, a Greater Share Say Trump Would Sign a Nationwide Abortion Ban Into Law

Learning about Trump's comments on abortion leads to a net 11-point shift in the share who say he would sign a national ban into law.

Initial Ask: Imagine Donald Trump is reelected President in 2024. If Congress passed a national abortion ban, do you think Donald Trump would veto the ban to prevent it from going into law, or sign the ban into law?

Informed Ask: Again, imagine Donald Trump is reelected President in 2024. If Congress passed a national abortion ban, do you think Donald Trump would veto the ban to prevent it from going into law, or sign the ban into law?

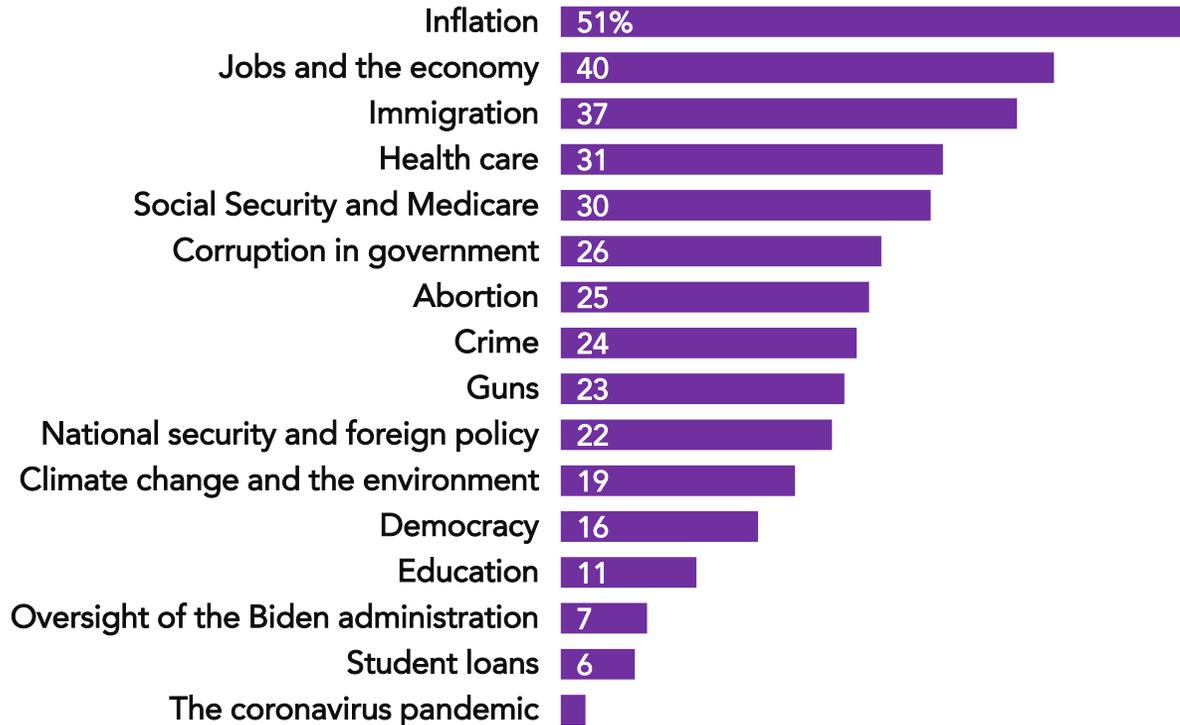


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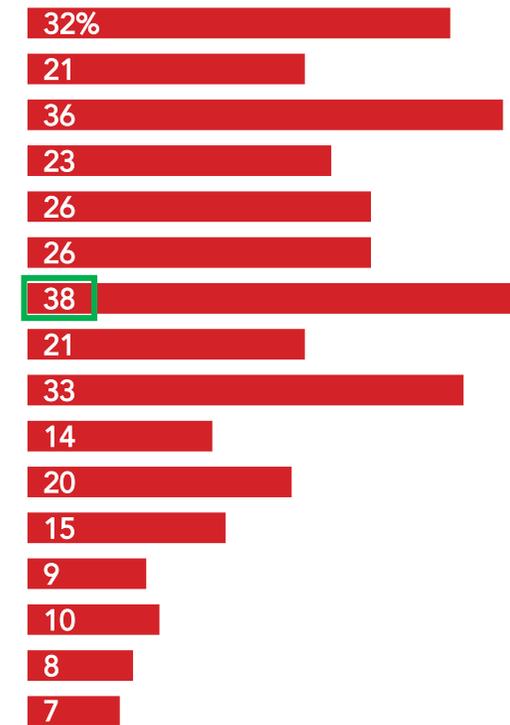
While Inflation Is a Motivator for Many, Someone Holding Opposing Abortion Views Is the Top Dealbreaker

Democrats drive the share who say someone's opposing stance on abortion is a dealbreaker (53%), while Republicans are far more likely to say someone's opposing stance on immigration is a dealbreaker (54%).

(Split sample) Which are most important to you in deciding how you will vote in the election this November?



(Split sample) Which of these issues would **prevent** you from voting for a candidate, if the candidate held the **opposite** view you hold on that issue?



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About the Study

Global Strategy Group conducted a public opinion survey among a sample of 1,000 registered voters from April 18-April 22, 2024. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 75 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among African American 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.

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