



Combating Corruption

Voters: America is Mired in Corruption

July 2025

Summary and Highlights

This report features data from a June 10-13, 2025 survey of **1,637 voters in swing* congressional districts** conducted by Change Research (unless otherwise specified). Voters see significant corruption in both individuals and political groups, particularly among prominent Republicans.

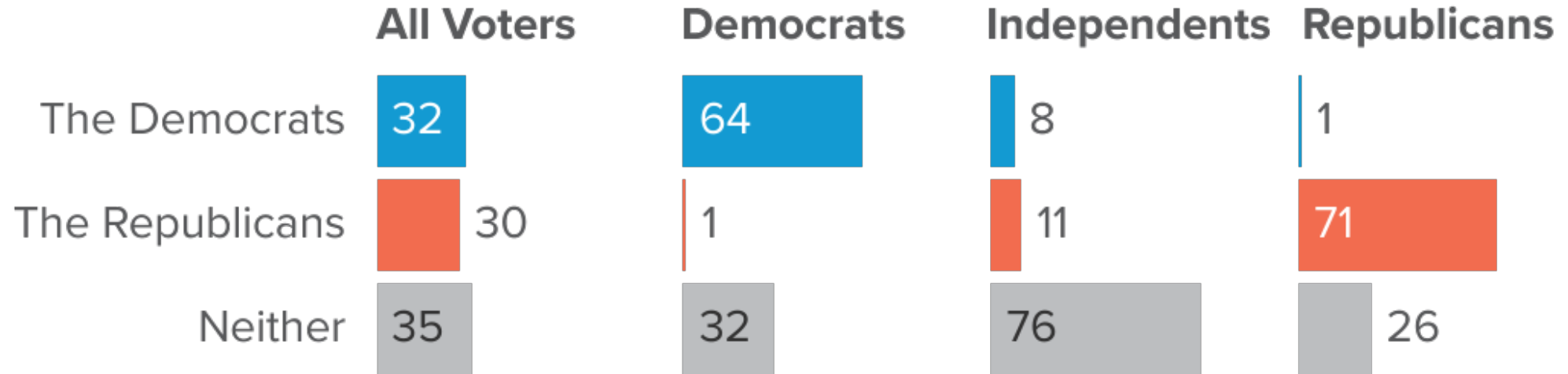
- **No Group Viewed as Trusted to Clean up Corruption:** 76% of Independent voters say they trust neither Democrats nor Republicans to clean up corruption. Numerous proposals to root out malfeasance are supported by a broad majority of voters – 90% support releasing findings of Congressional Ethics investigations, 89% support banning congressional stock trading, and 85% support banning officials from launching cryptocurrencies and meme coins while in office. Notably, in March, Republicans held a +7.5-point advantage over Democrats on trust to clean up corruption; by June, Democrats gained a +2-point lead, marking a 9.5-point swing (Slide 4 & 21).
- **On Leadership:** 56% of overall voters perceive Donald Trump as **very corrupt**. This perception is backed by 57% of Independents, signaling concern among voters who do not align with partisan ideologies. Republicans in Washington are viewed similarly, with 52% of voters perceive the Republicans as **very corrupt**, including 60% of Independents. Fewer voters (45% overall) view Democrats in Washington as **very corrupt** compared to Republicans. However, 62% of Independents still label the Democrats in Washington as such.
- **On Issues:** 88% of voters (64% strongly) say it is important to release all files related to Jeffrey Epstein (*March 2025 survey*). 62% disagree with Trump's decision to accept a \$400M private plane from Qatar, 58% say Trump's pardoning of a donor's son convicted of tax fraud was clearly corruption. 61% of Independents agree that under Republican leadership, we are seeing more costs, more chaos, more debt, and more corruption.

Voters Want Change: America is “Mired in Corruption”

Voters in Swing Districts Paint a Pessimistic View of America and are United in Solutions

No Group Holds Advantage on Cleaning up Corruption

Which group do you trust more to clean up corruption in government?



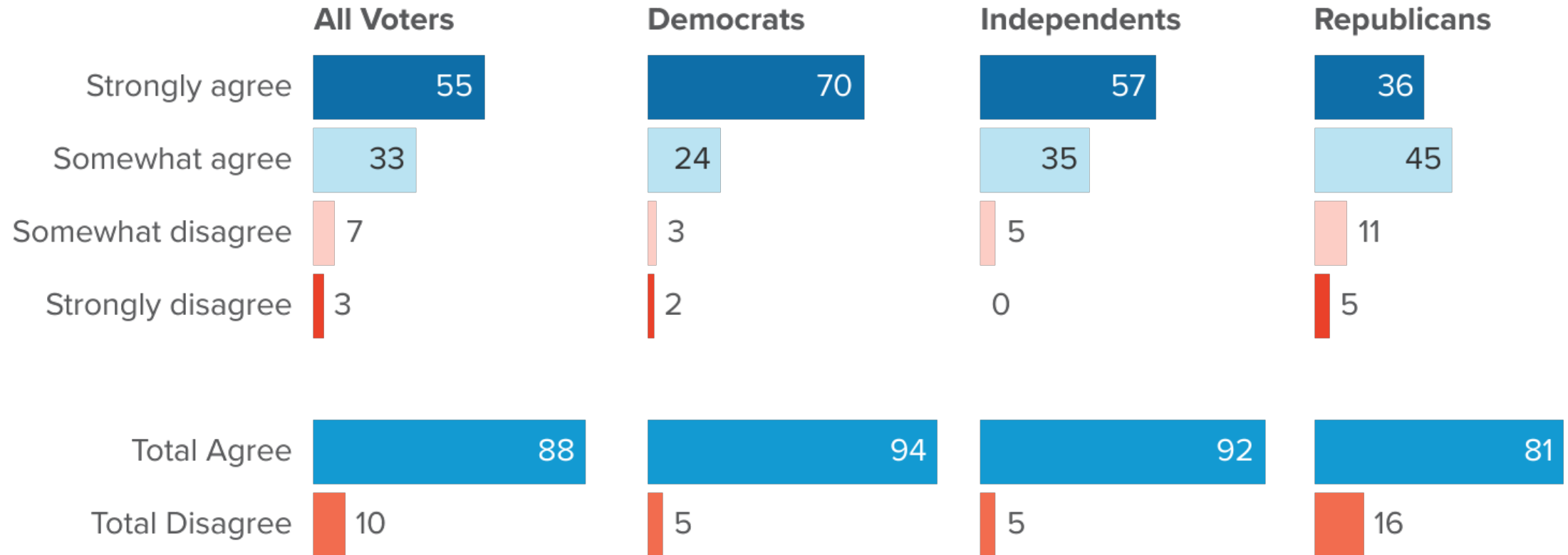
Republicans More Likely to be Viewed as Very Corrupt

How corrupt are each of the following? (% Responding Very Corrupt)

All	Dem	Ind	GOP	
56	99	57	4	President Donald Trump
52	83	60	11	Republicans in Washington
50	89	46	4	Elon Musk
50	10	63	93	Former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi
49	86	47	5	Vice President JD Vance
45	7	62	86	Democrats in Washington
43	4	56	87	Former President Joe Biden
38	62	45	7	Republicans in your state government
37	3	52	72	Democrats in your state government
32	10	45	55	House Leader Hakeem Jeffries

Strong Majority Sees America as Chaotic and Corrupt

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?: “America is mired in chaos and corruption.”

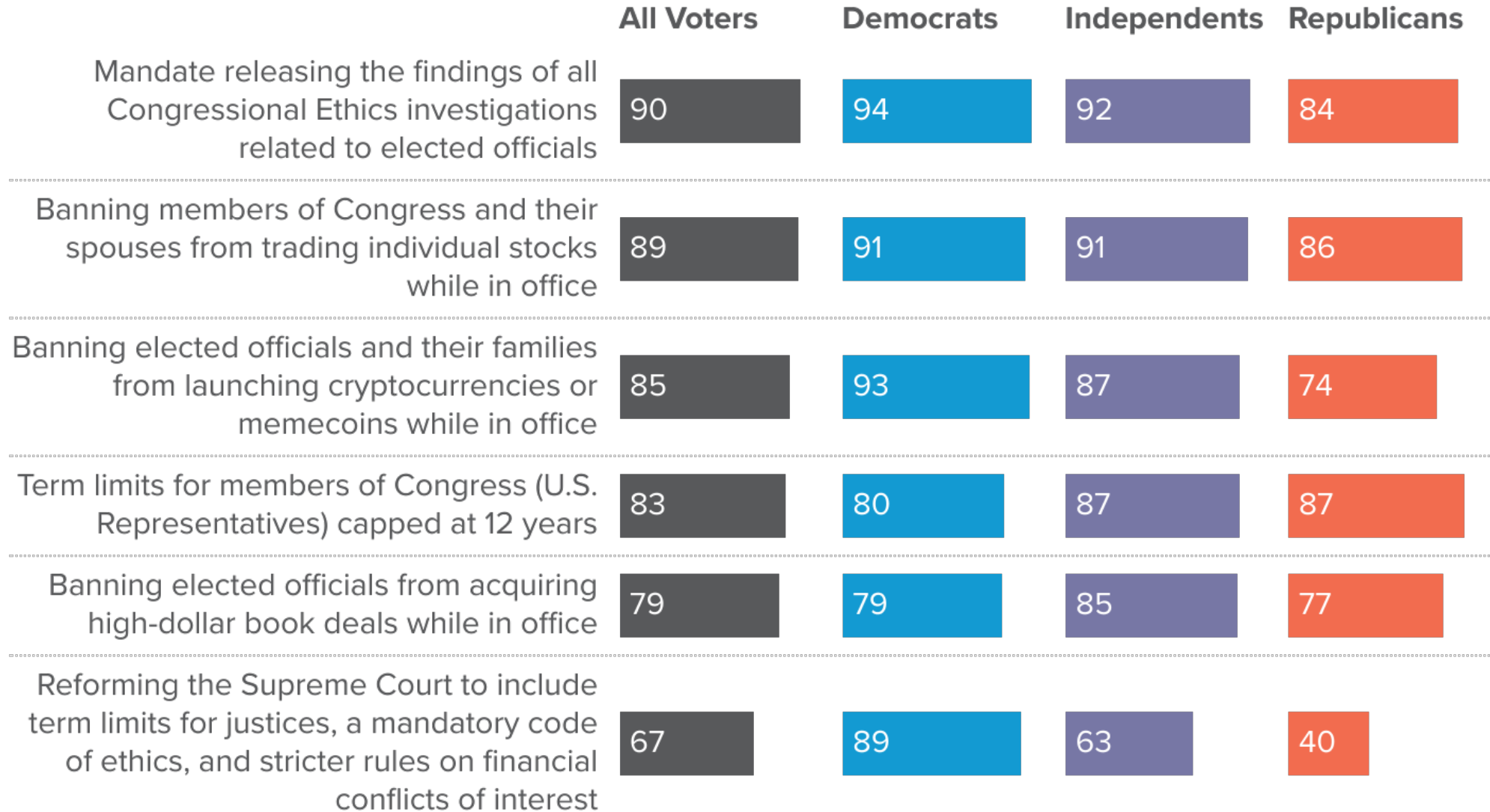


Rooting Out Corruption

Voters in Swing Districts Overwhelmingly Support Anti-Corruption Proposals

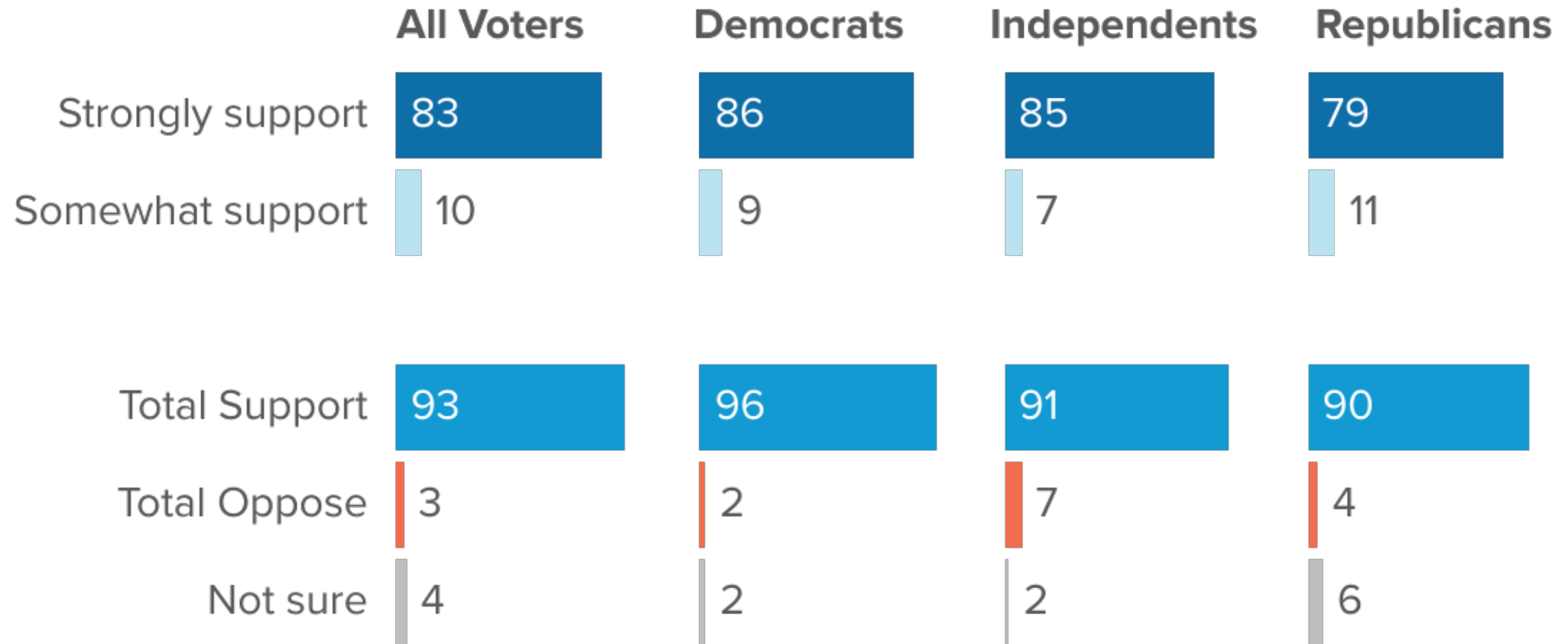
Overwhelming Support for Anti-Corruption Proposals

The following are proposals to limit corruption and its influence in government. For each, please indicate whether you support or oppose the proposal. (% Strongly Support)



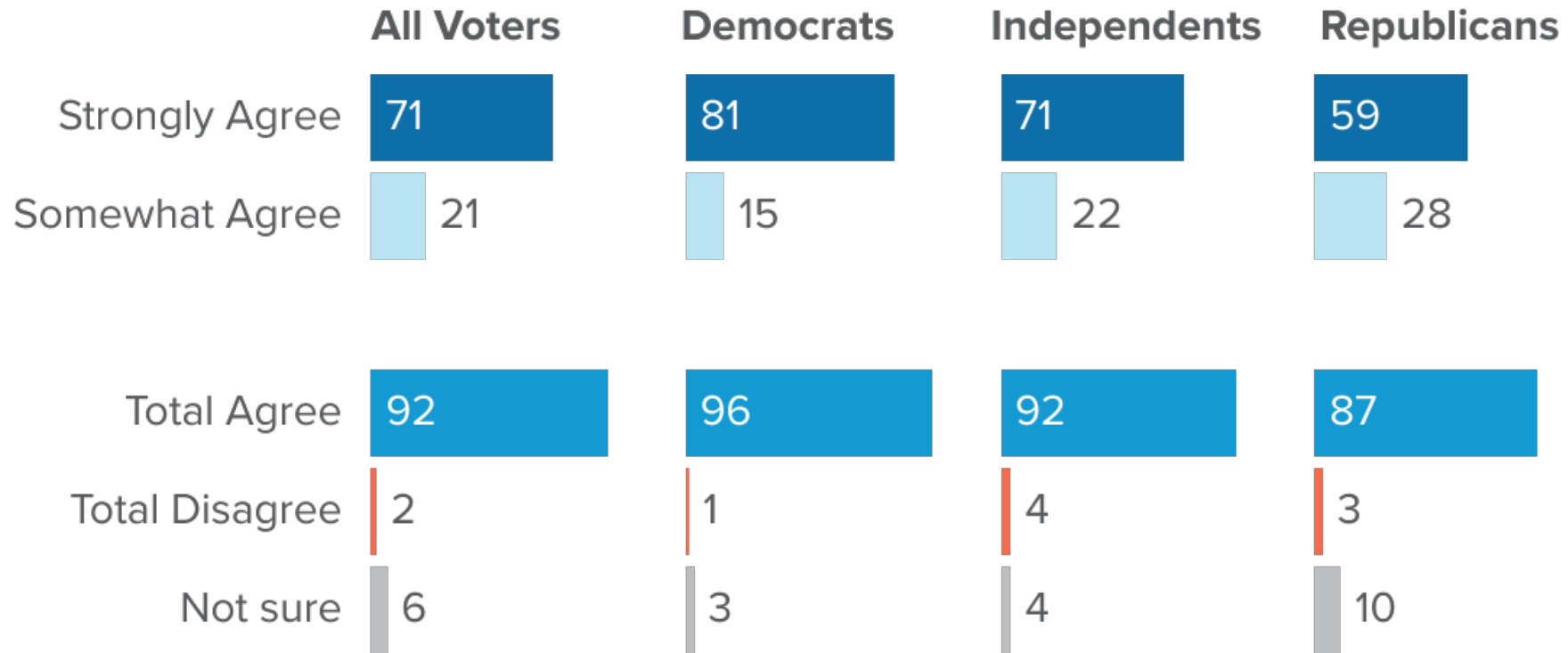
Voters Strongly Support Protecting Personal Data

Do you support or oppose reforming political fundraising laws to protect your personal data and prohibit campaigns, committees, and similar groups from exchanging your personal data, like your cell phone?



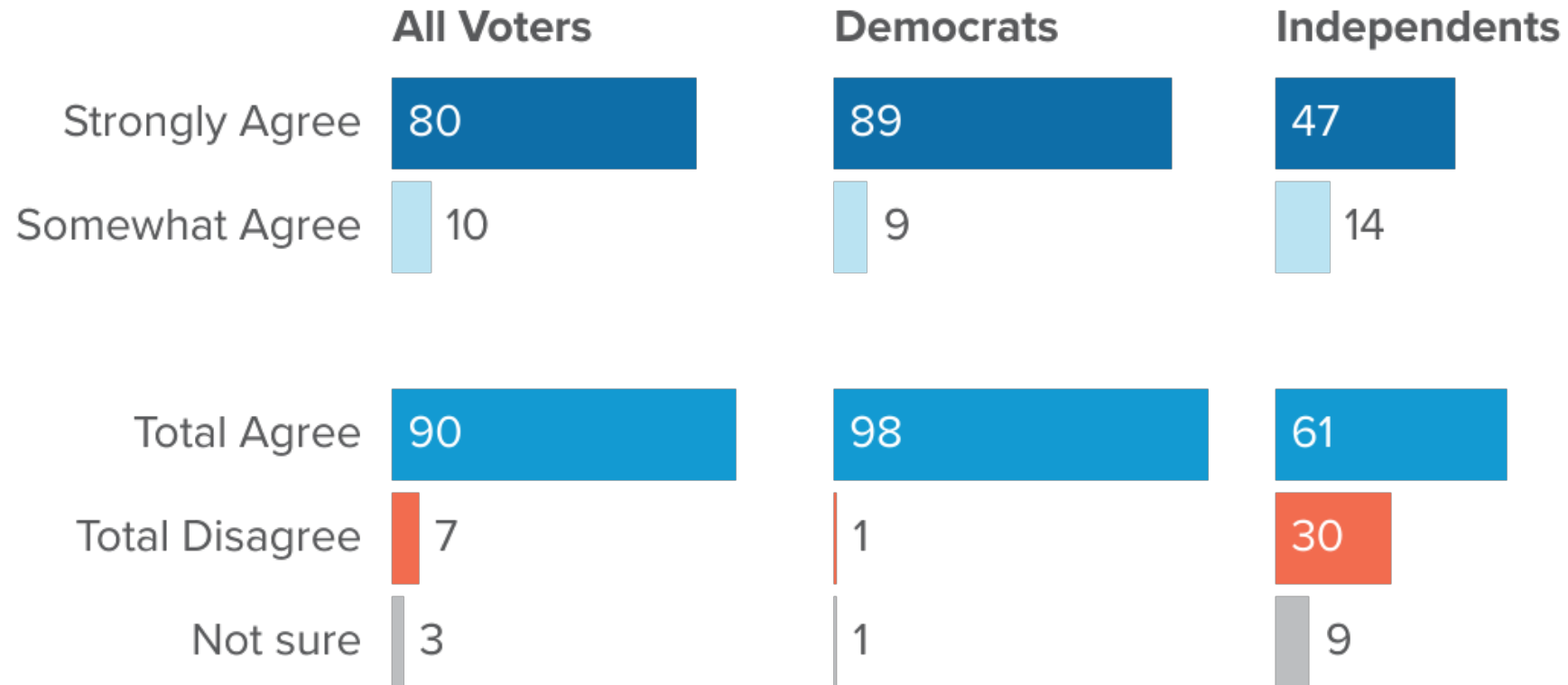
Corruption Undermines Faith in American Institutions

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Corruption and corporate capture are challenging our faith in America. Social media platforms and health insurance corporations have captured Washington, so they can attention-frack our children and price-gouge our healthcare. We must root out corruption at its source, end partisan gerrymandering & primaries, ban stock-trading by officials, and take big money out of politics.”



Independents See Corruption Under Republican Leadership

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Under Republican leadership, we're seeing more costs, more chaos, more debt, and more corruption. We need to shift our focus toward expanding American freedom by supporting work, raising wages, and building wealth for everyday Americans.”

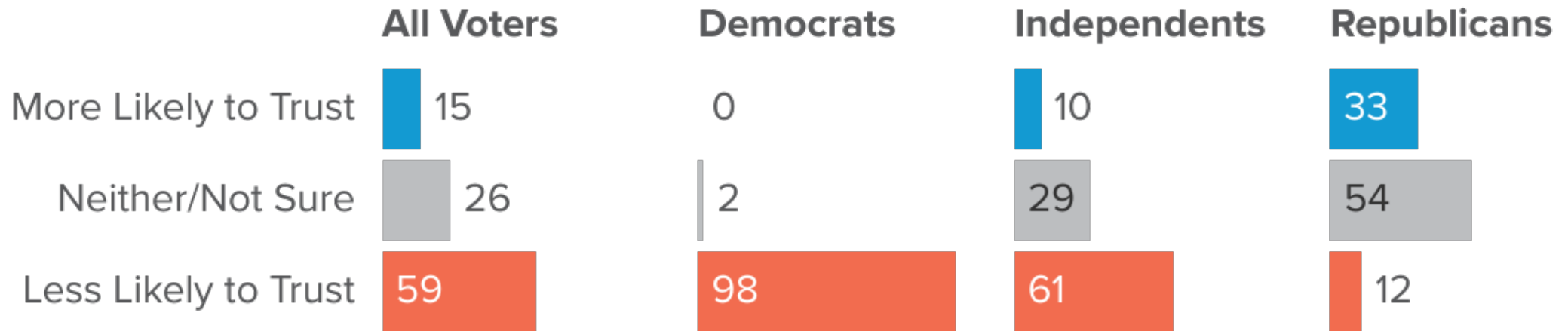


Trump Actions Viewed as Corrupt

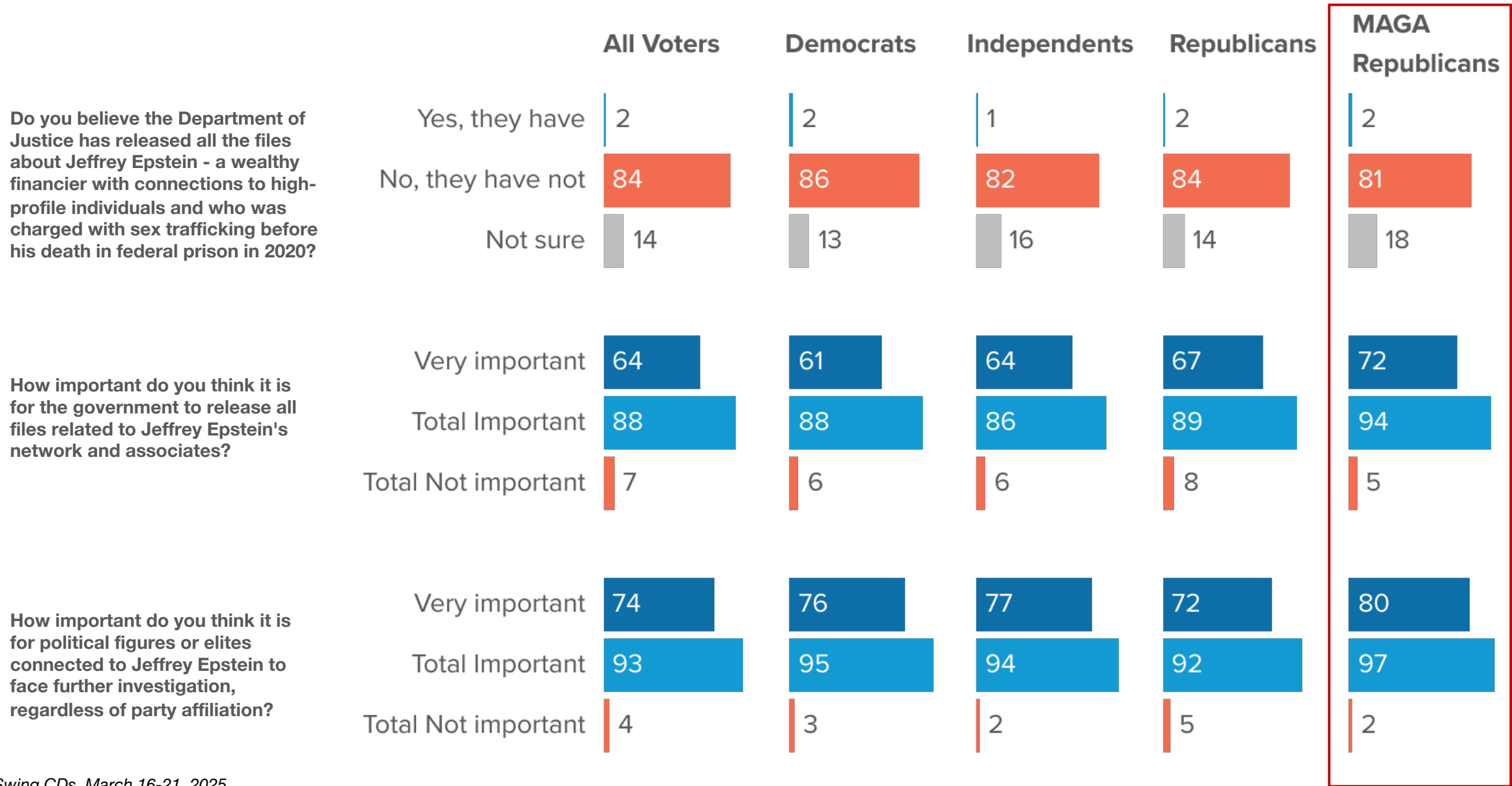
Independents Identify Trump's Actions as Highly Corrupt

Trump Pardons Undermine Ability to Fight Corruption

President Trump issued pardons to multiple political allies and former elected officials convicted of crimes like corruption, bribery, tax evasion, and lying to the FBI. Does this pattern of pardons make you more or less likely to trust Donald Trump to fight corruption in government?

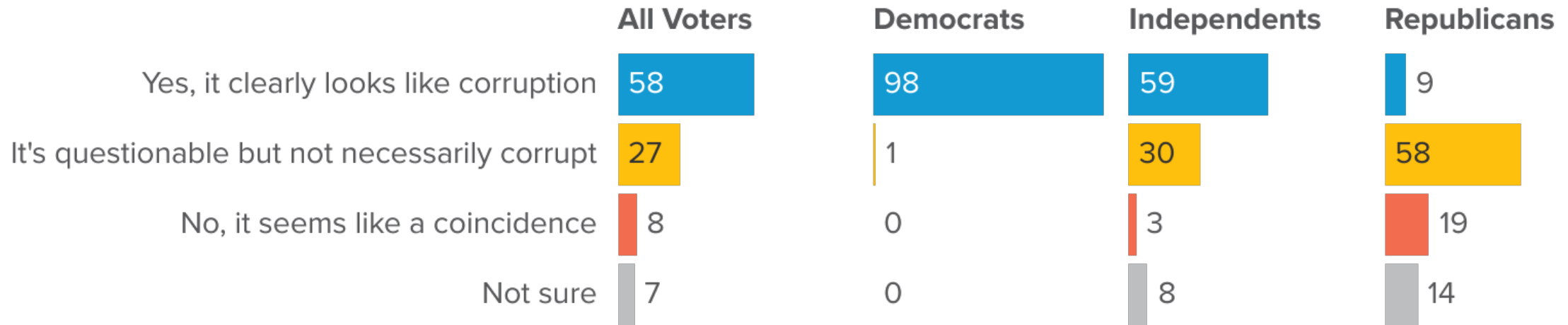


Voters Want Transparency on Epstein Investigation (March '25)



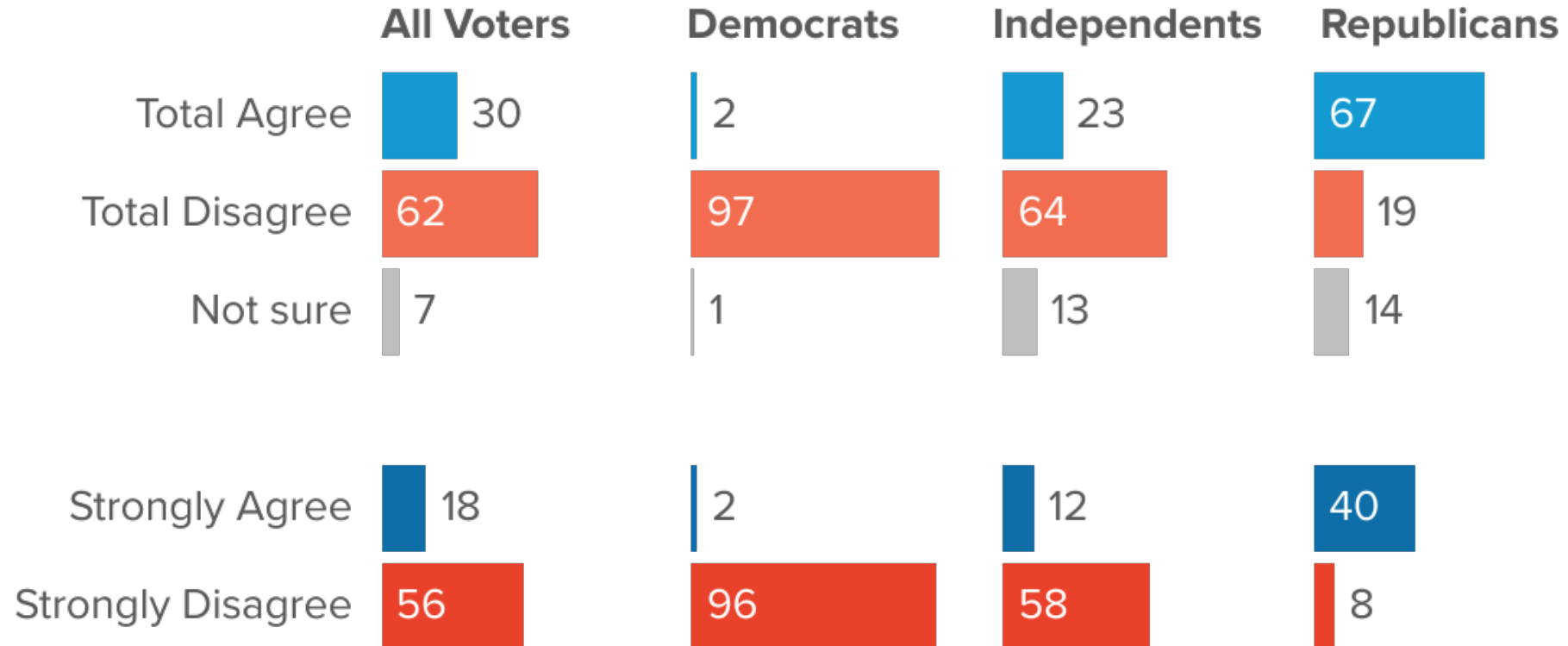
Voters See Trump's Pardon of a Donor's Son as Corrupt

Recently, President Trump pardoned a political donor's son who had been convicted of tax fraud after the donor attended a \$1 million-per-person fundraising dinner at Mar-a-Lago. Do you think this represents political corruption or not?



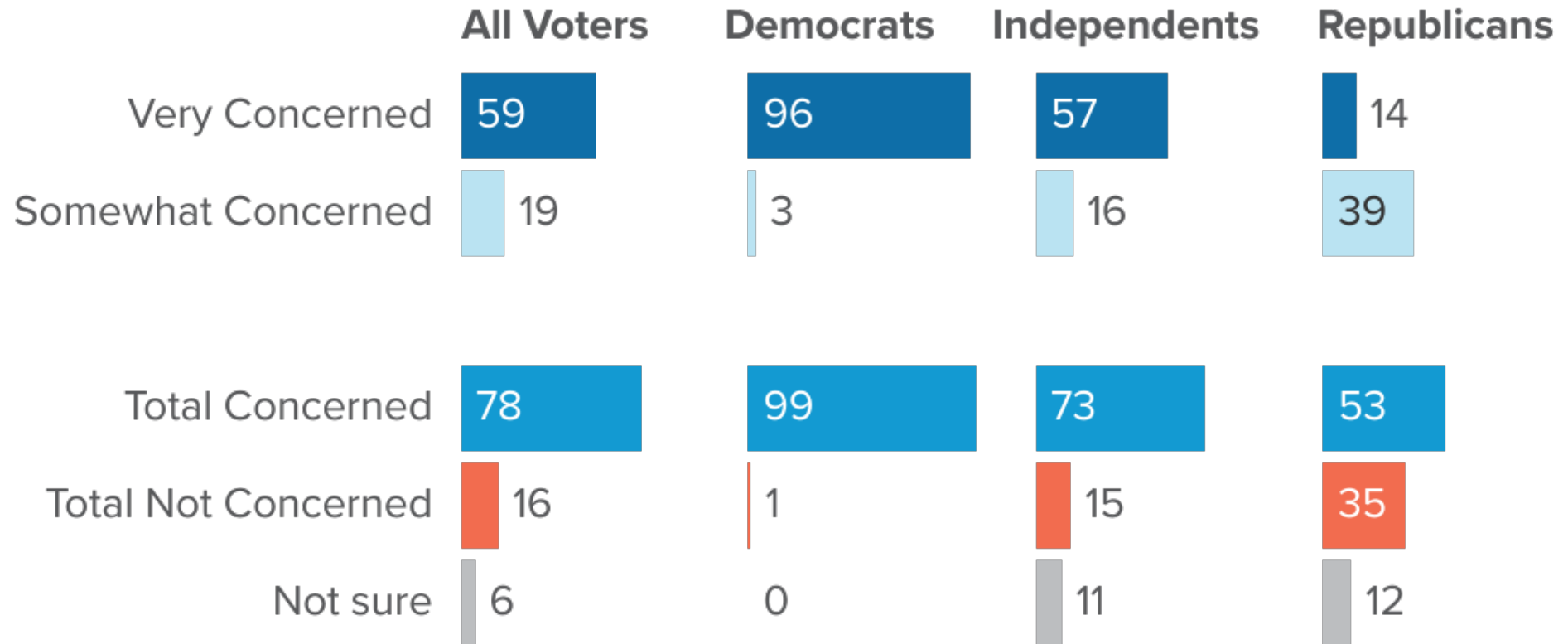
Independents Strongly Oppose Trump's \$400M Plane Gift

Do you agree or disagree with President Trump accepting a \$400 million dollar, 13-year-old private plane as a gift from the foreign government of Qatar for use as Air Force One while he is president, and for his personal use through his presidential library foundation after he leaves office?



Voters Concerned about Court Order Violations

If a sitting President or their Administration refuses to comply with a court order, how concerned would you be?

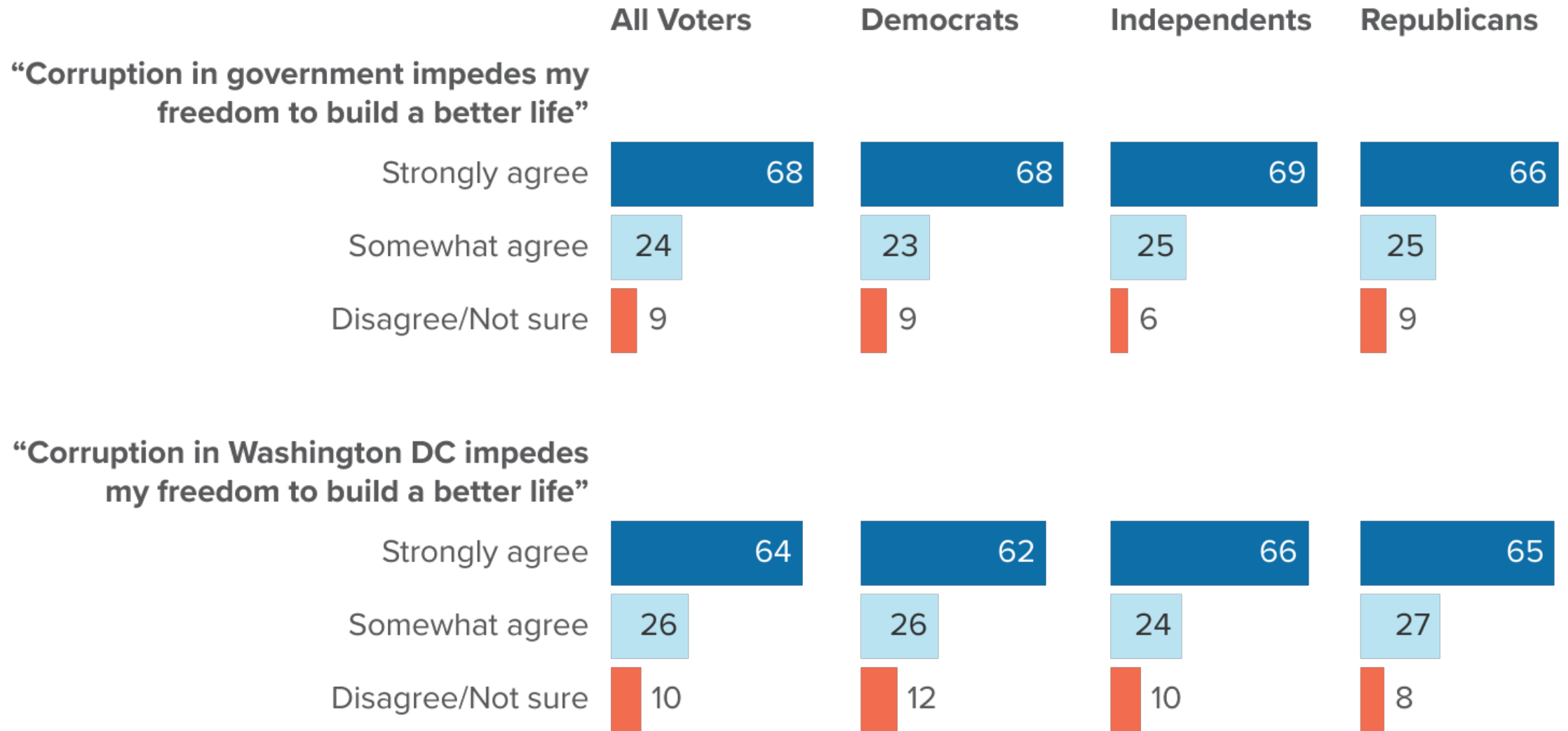


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Additional Data on Corruption

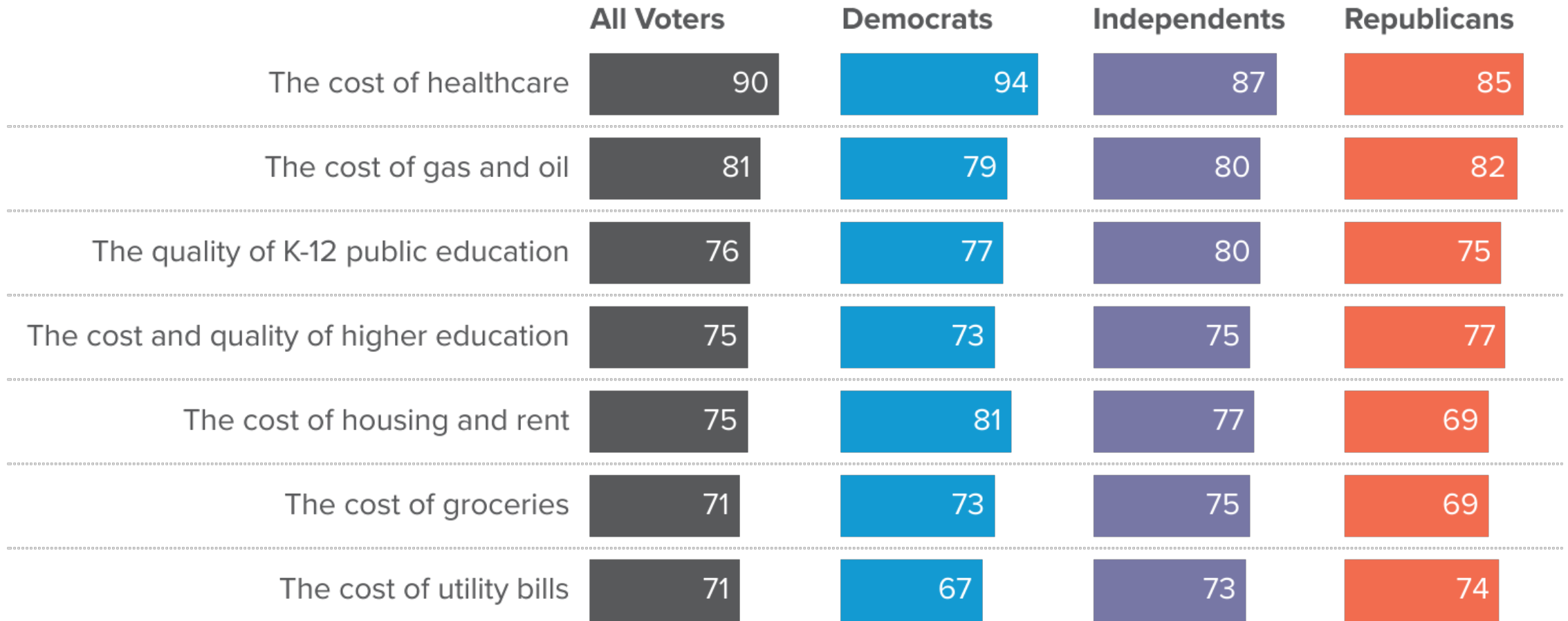
The following pages are originally published in our April 2025 “Anti Corruption Priorities” report and are included for reference only

Corruption Widely Seen as an Impediment to Freedom

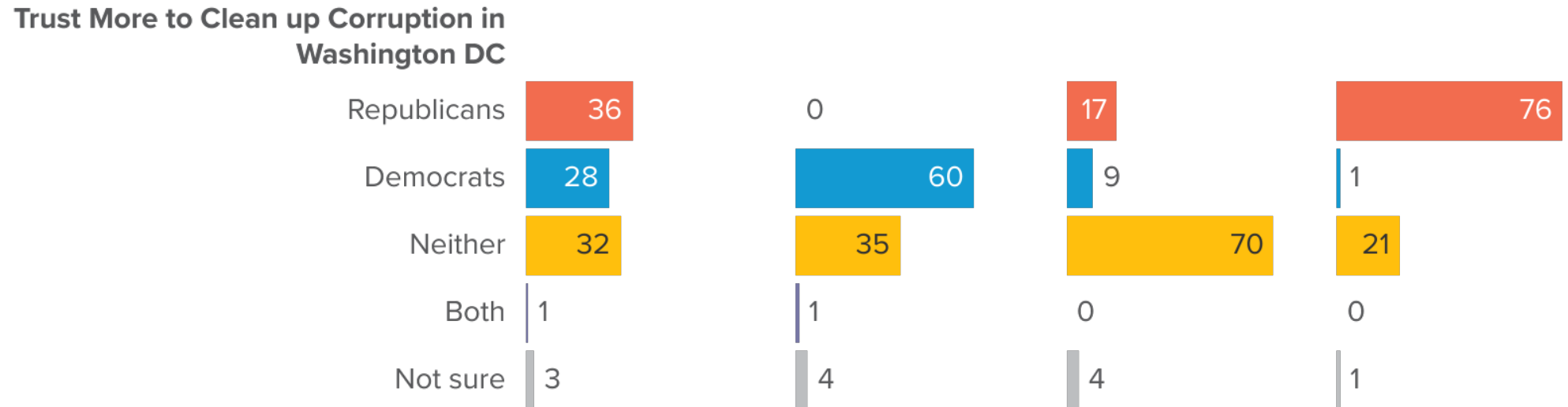
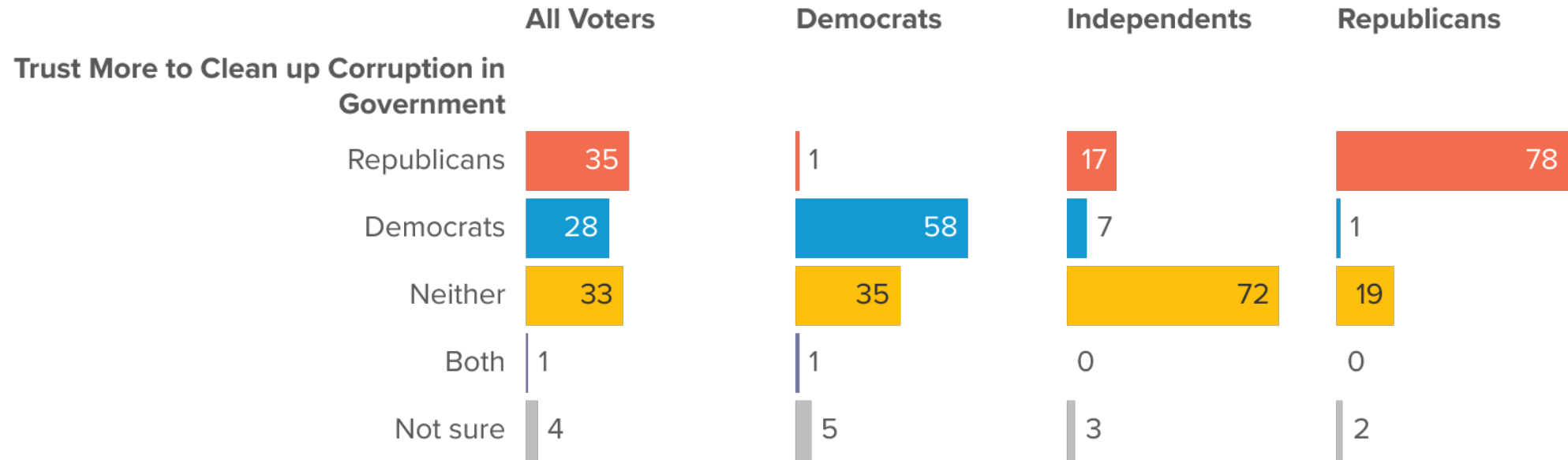


Influence of Corruption on the Following

(% Responding Strong Influence)

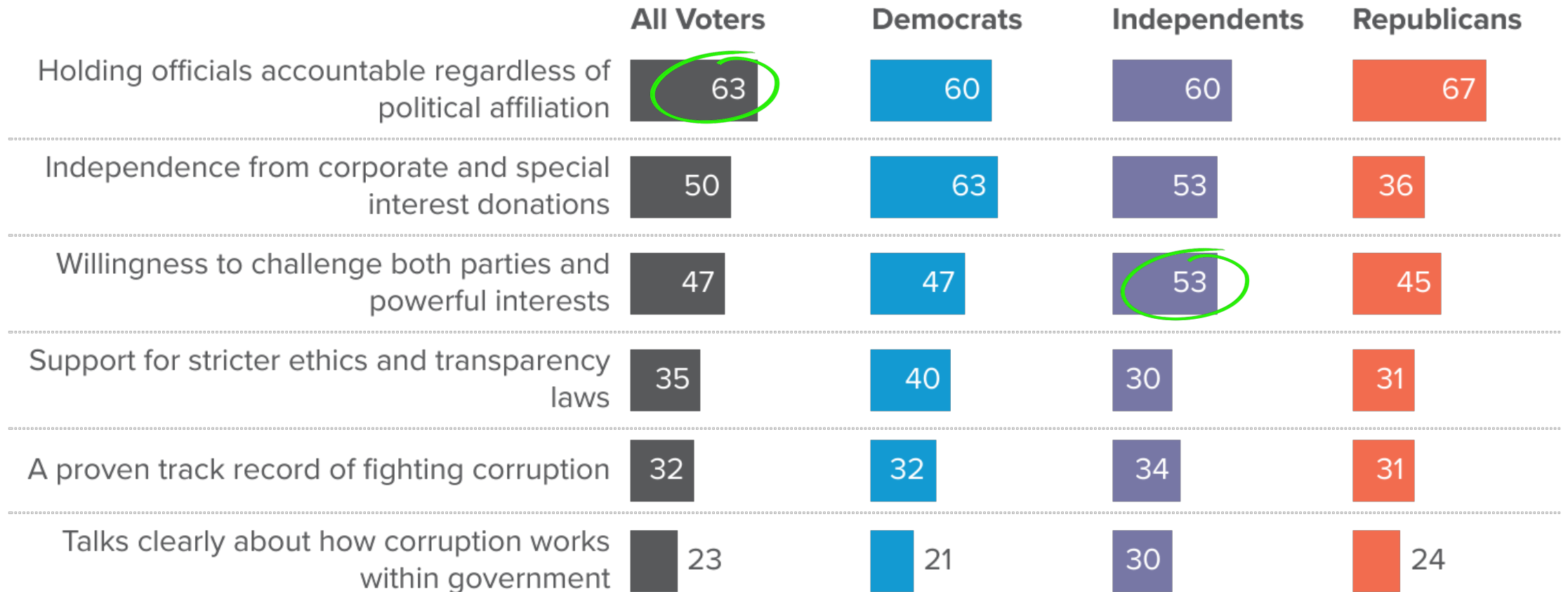


Independents Trust Neither to Clean Up Corruption (March 2025)



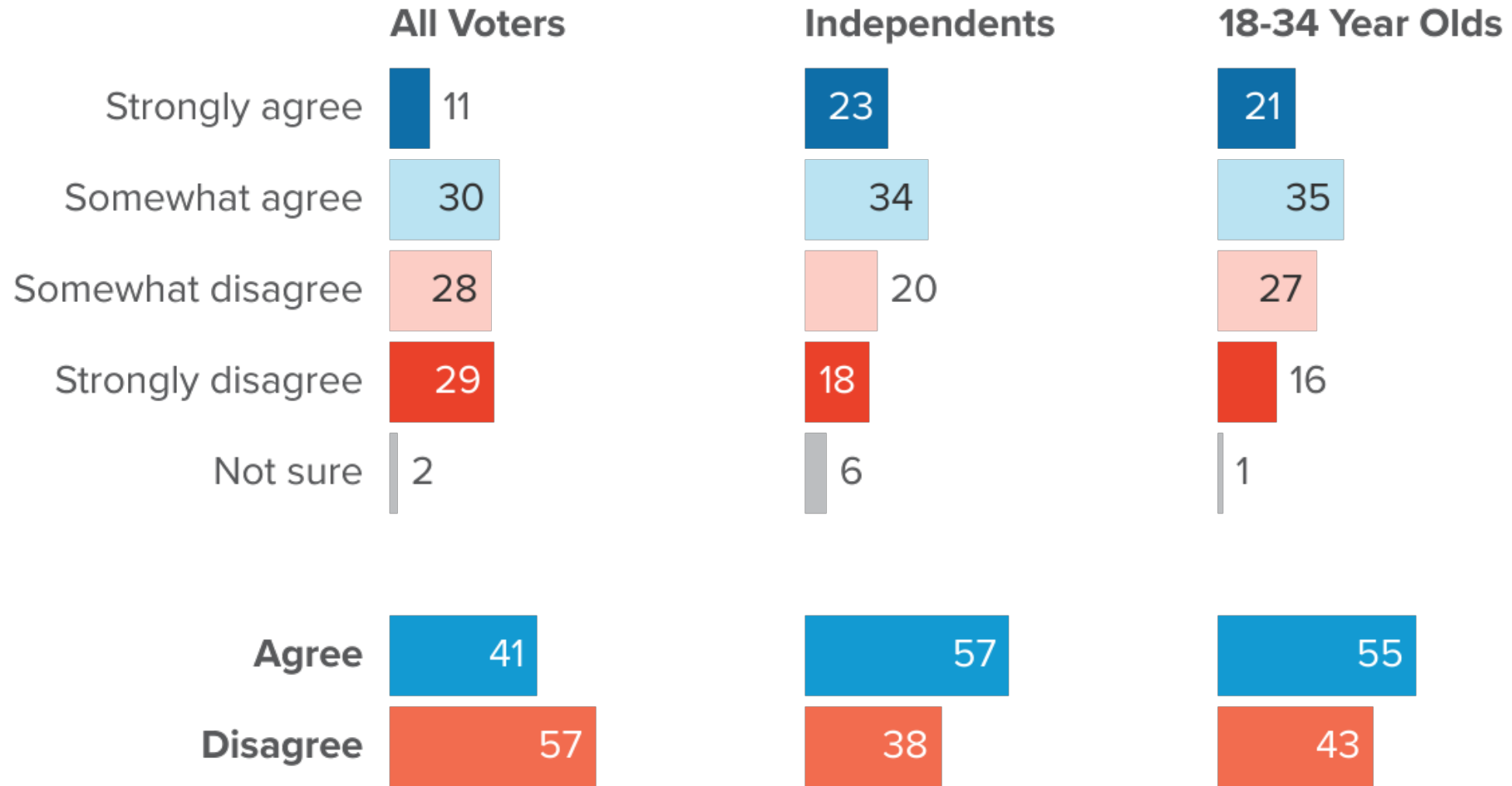
Voters want Accountability and Independence

Trait to Give the Greatest Confidence in a Leader's Ability to Take on Corruption in Government



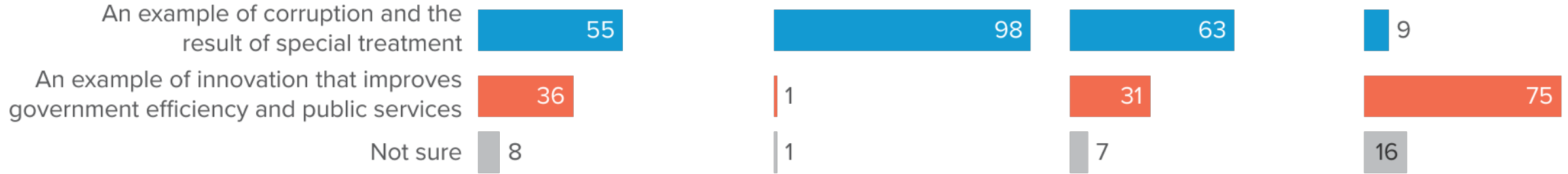
Majority of Independents, Younger Voters: "All Are Corrupt"

"All politicians and the ultra wealthy are corrupt. Trump. Pelosi. McConnell. Sanders. Biden. Musk. It doesn't matter. They're all the same."

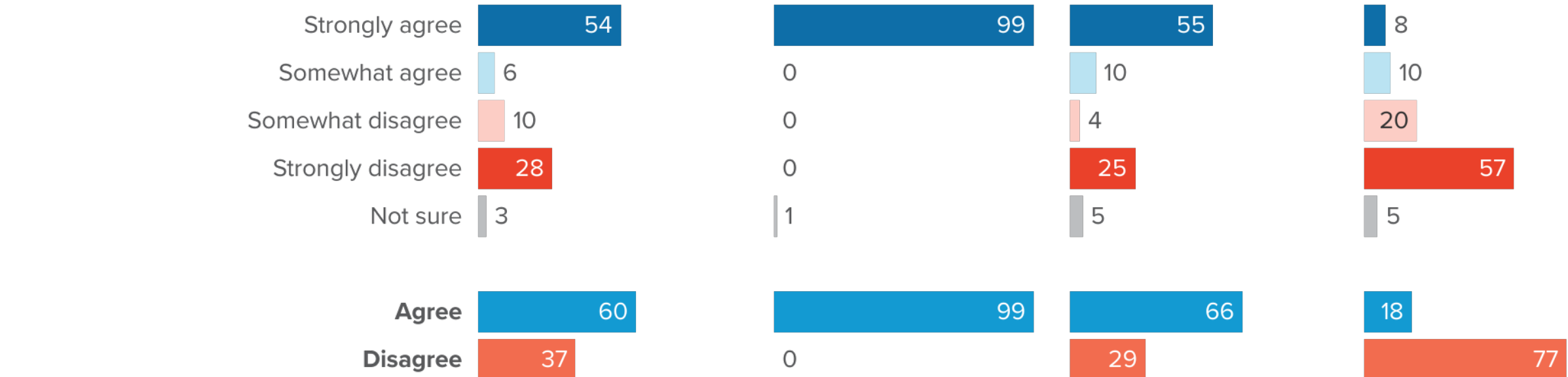


Voters: Musk Has Too Much Power, Contracts Are Corruption

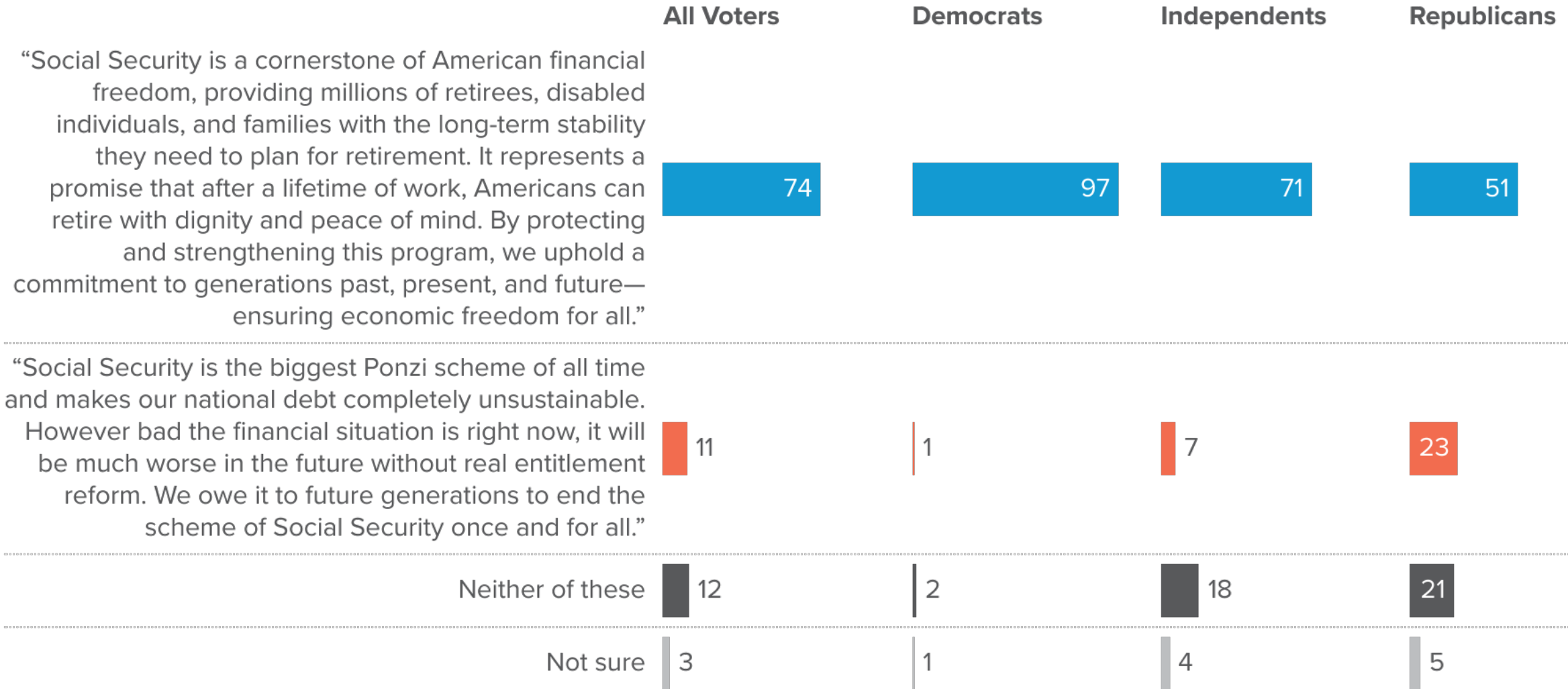
"Elon Musk's company SpaceX recently secured a no bid lease agreement to provide Starlink satellite internet services to the FAA, replacing an existing \$2.4 billion contract previously awarded to Verizon. Musk has received more than \$39 billion dollars from the US Government for his companies. Musk currently leads a federal task force known as DOGE focused on government efficiency." Do you find this:



"Elon Musk has too much unchecked power in his role, allowing him significant influence over government operations, job cuts, spending decisions, and foreign negotiations."

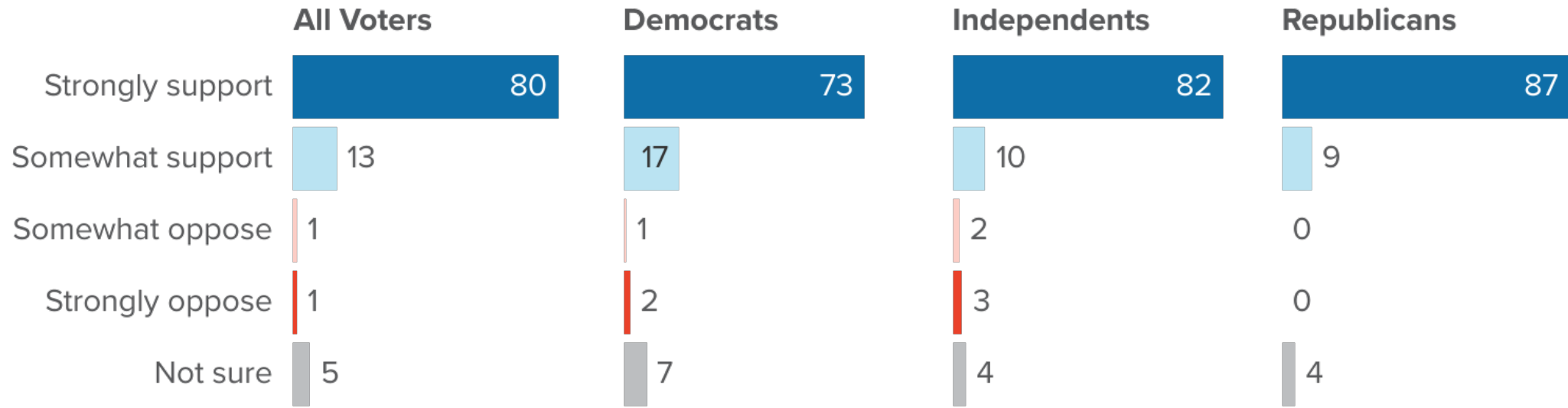


Voters Reject Social Security “Ponzi scheme” Label



Overwhelming Support for Proposed Drain the Swamp Act

“The Drain the Swamp Act would permanently prohibit White House officials from accepting gifts from lobbyists and bans White House officials from becoming lobbyists during the term in which they served. Do you support or oppose this?”





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