



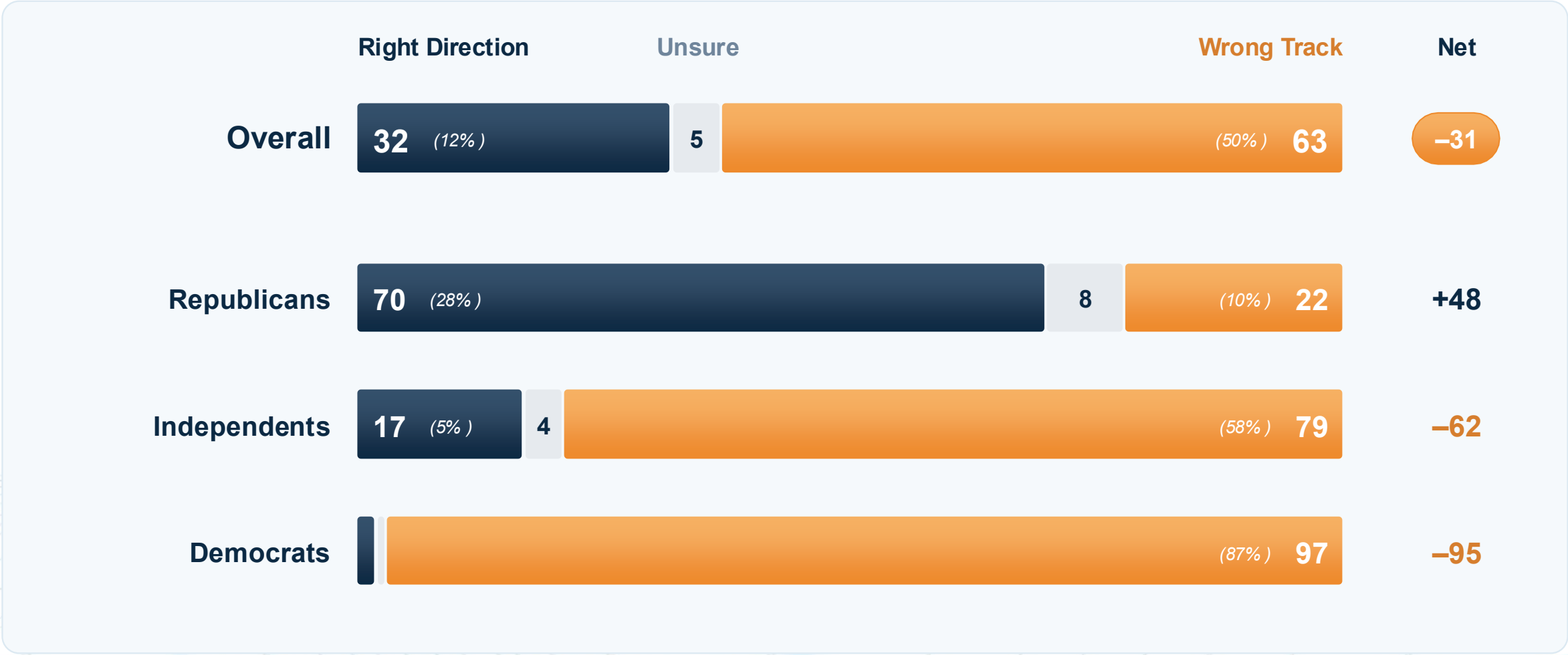
National Survey of Likely Midterm Voters

**Views on Long-Standing Foreign Conflicts,
Right to Self-Defense, and Addressing Tyranny/Terrorism**

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A Majority Say the Country Is on the Wrong Track

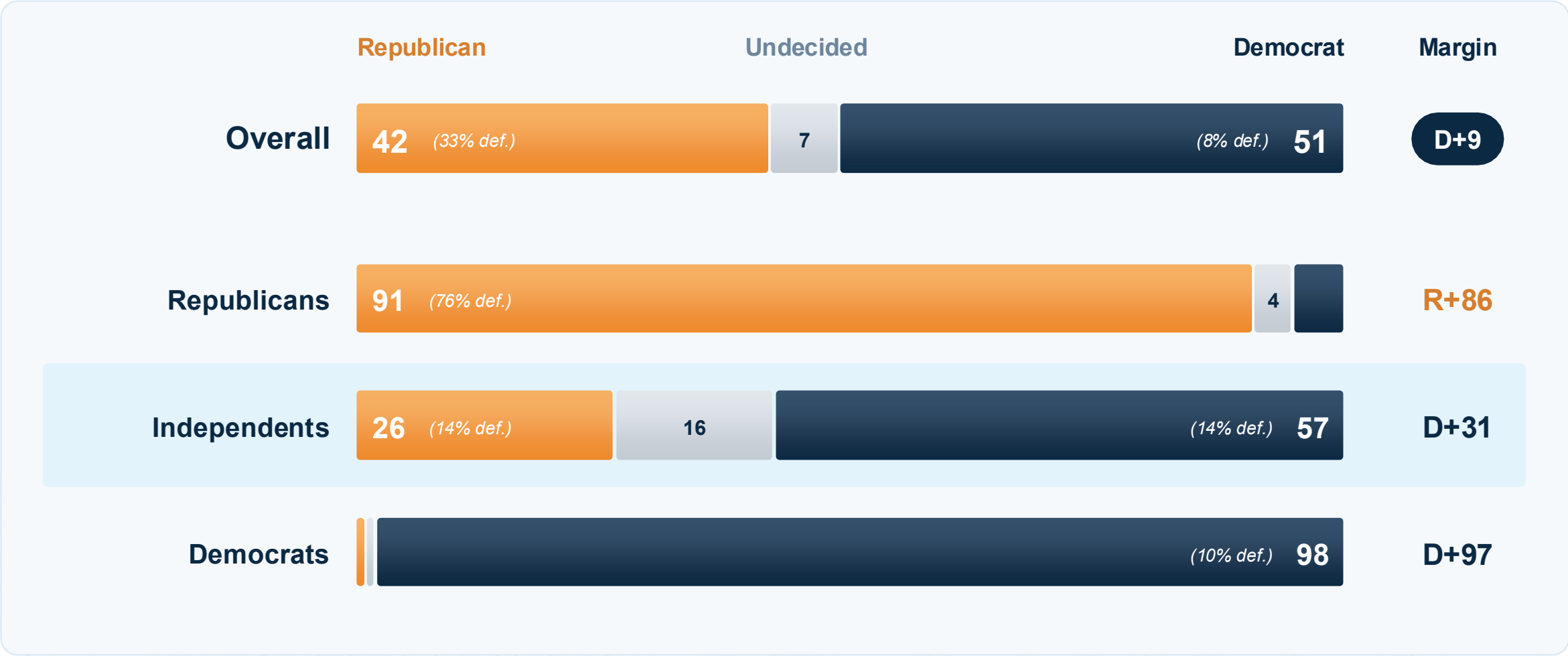
Voters who say the country is on the wrong track favor the Democratic candidate for Congress 78% to 14%.



Generally speaking, would you say things in the United States are headed in the right direction or off on the wrong track?

Democrats Lead the Generic Ballot by 9 Points

Voters who want a Focus on America foreign policy split 49% Republican to 40% Democratic on the ballot.



If the election was held today, and you had to make a choice, would you vote for the Republican or Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress?

A Plurality of Voters Want a Focus on America, Not Other Countries

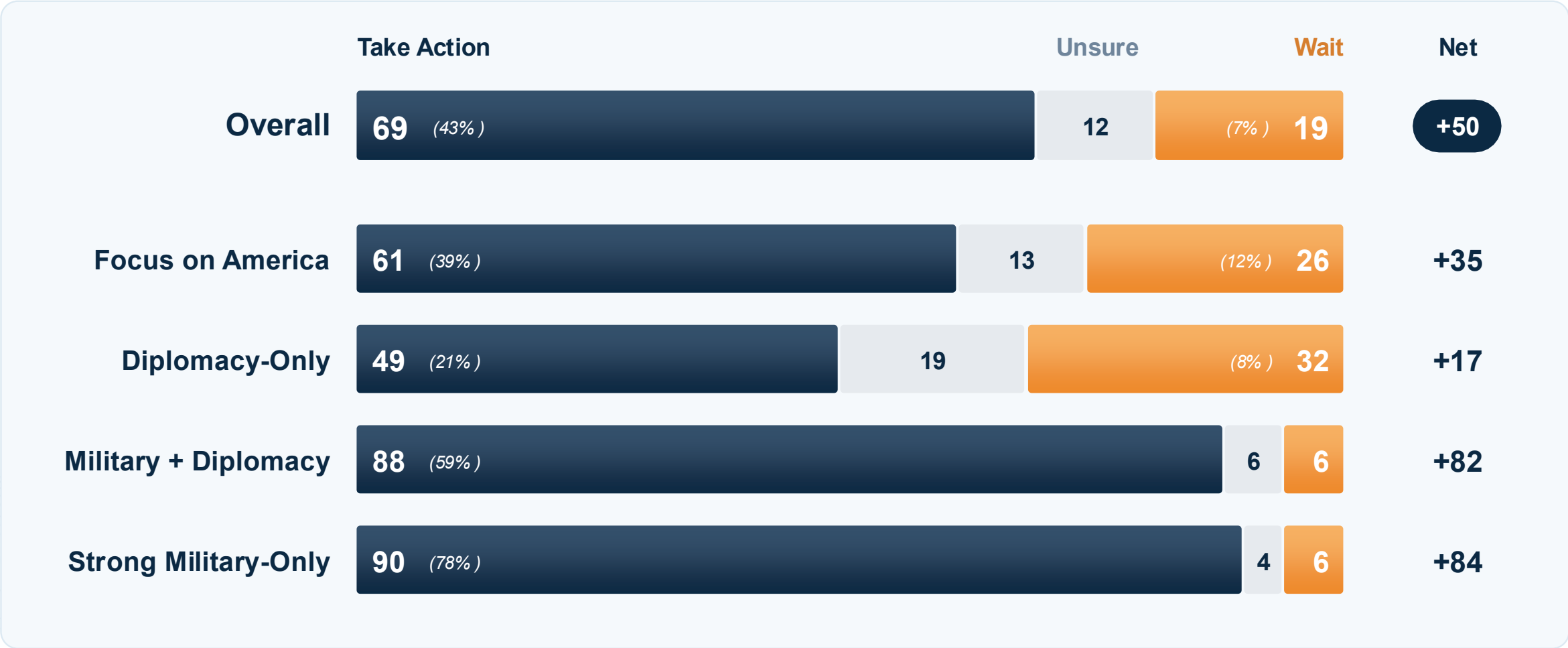
Voters aged 18–29 choose Focus on America at 39%, compared with 25% of voters 65 and older.

	All Voters	Trump Republicans	Traditional Republicans	Right-Leaning Independents	Middle Independents	Left-Leaning Independents	Traditional Democrats	Progressive Democrats
Focus on America <i>(not other countries)</i>	35%	41%	38%	50%	43%	24%	25%	28%
Strong Military + Diplomacy	34%	49%	47%	35%	29%	19%	38%	17%
Diplomacy-Only	24%	0%	6%	6%	19%	52%	31%	54%
Strong Military-Only	5%	9%	8%	6%	5%	4%	3%	1%
Unsure	2%	1%	1%	3%	3%	1%	3%	1%

Which of the following more closely describes your view of the direction U.S. foreign policy should take?

Diplomacy-Only Voters Are a Different Breed toward Tyranny/Terrorism

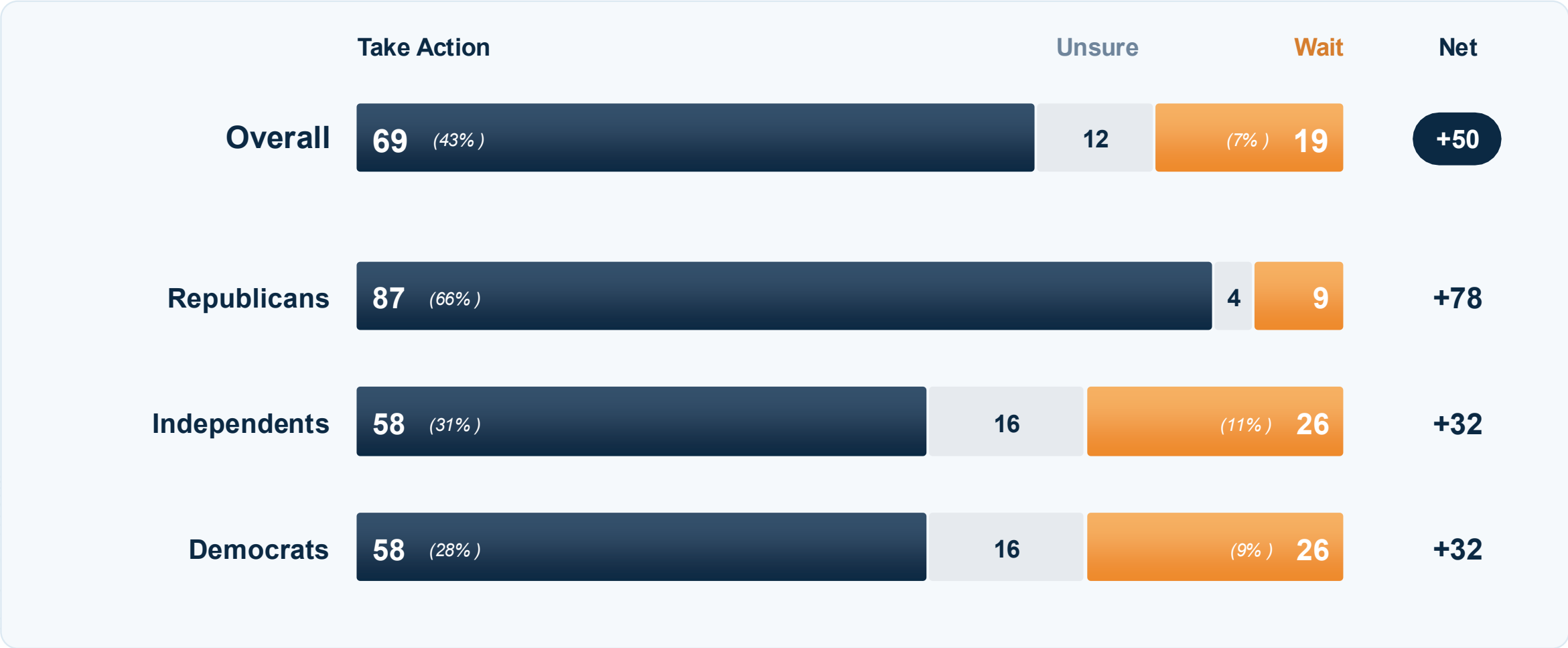
Democrats under 45 only say act at the source at 43% compared to 67% of Democrats aged 45 and older.



Do you believe it is in the best interest of American foreign policy to take action to stop tyranny and terrorism at the source, or to wait to deal with it after it affects us?

Democrats & Indeps Are Less Sure re: Handling Tyranny/Terrorism

Voters aged 18–29 are less decided, with 43% saying act at the source and 36% saying wait.



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95% of Voters Back a Country's Right to Respond to Attack

Even 89% of Progressive Democrats say countries have the right to respond to protect themselves when attacked.



Do you believe other countries have the right to respond militarily to protect themselves when attacked by terrorists or a tyrannical neighbor?

Support for a Country's Right to Respond to Attack Spans Across Party

Even voters aged 18–29 back the right to respond at 88%, only 7 points below all voters – a record for age differentials.



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Nine in 10 Voters Justify Stopping an Attack or Rescuing Captives

Voters who choose Diplomacy justify stopping an ongoing attack at 92%, even above the 87% of voters who choose Focus on America.

	All Voters	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Stopping an Ongoing Attack	90%	94%	88%	89%
Preventing a Credible, Imminent Attack	81%	89%	76%	77%
Rescuing Civilians Held Captive	90%	95%	87%	87%
Retaliating for a Recent Attack	82%	92%	77%	75%

Please indicate whether you think each of the following justifies a country taking military action. (Share saying justified)

Support for Types of Military Action Are High in Every Age Group

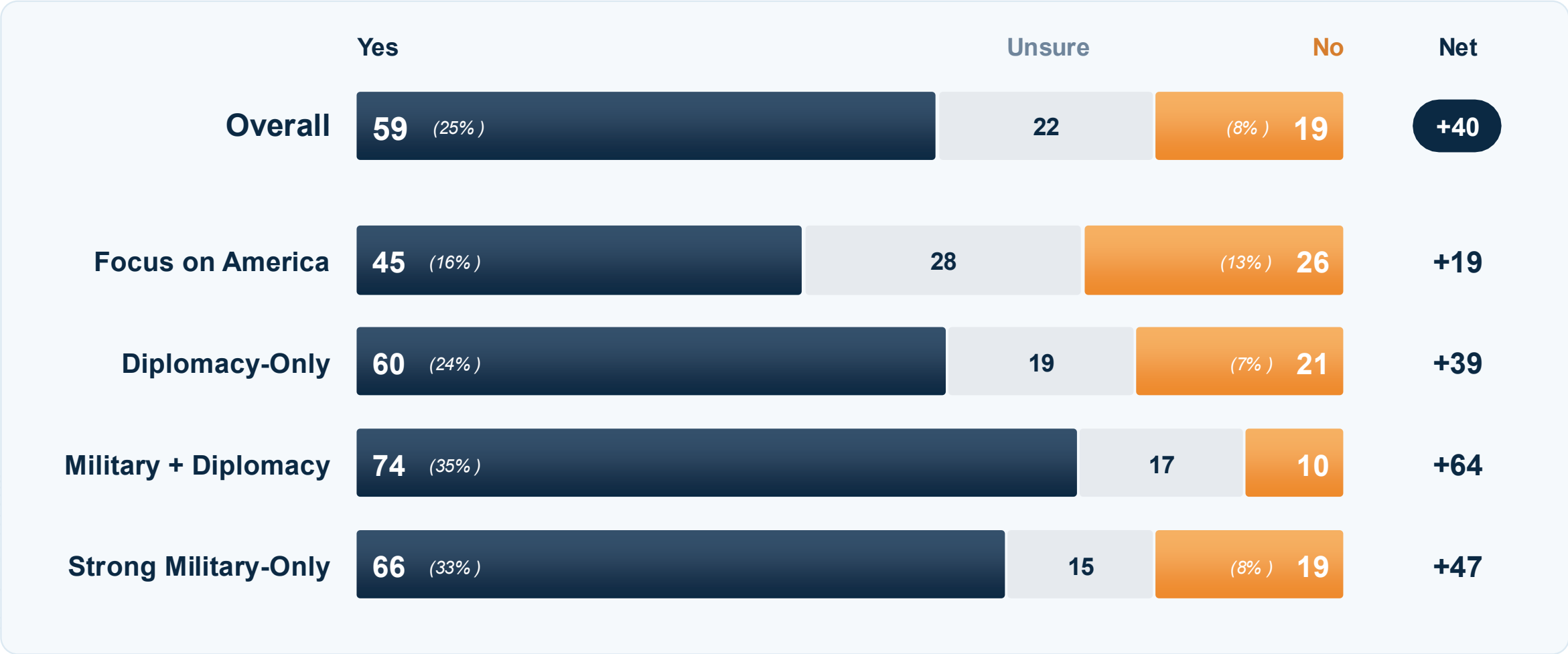
Democrats under 45 justify retaliating at 69%, against 79% of Democrats aged 45 and older.

	All Voters	18–29	30–44	45–54	55–64	65+
Stopping an Ongoing Attack	90%	91%	91%	91%	89%	90%
Preventing a Credible, Imminent Attack	81%	76%	79%	81%	80%	84%
Rescuing Civilians Held Captive	90%	94%	87%	89%	88%	91%
Retaliating for a Recent Attack	82%	73%	77%	82%	84%	87%

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Few *Don't* Want to Prioritize Democratic Allies in Hostile Regions

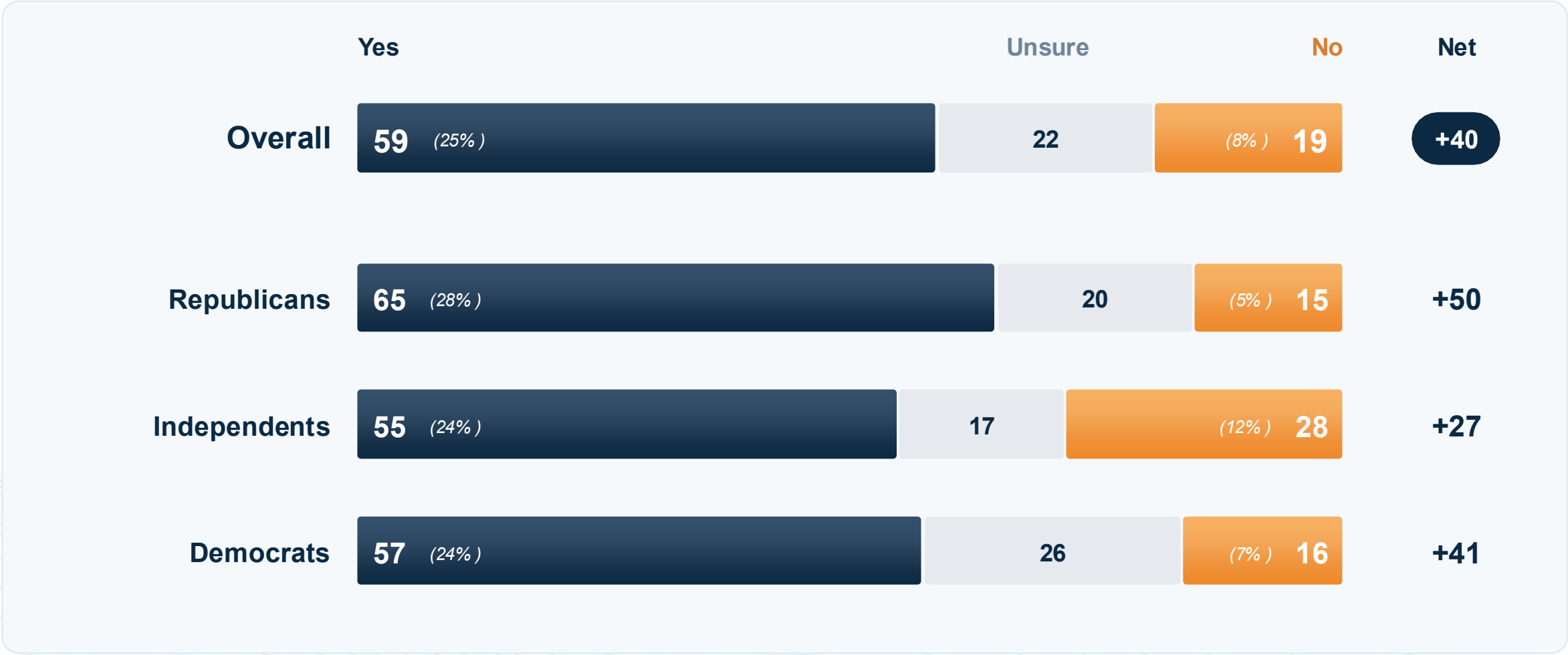
Men say yes at 65%, while women say yes at 54% and are unsure at 30%.



Do you believe that a democracy in a hostile part of the world should be prioritized as an ally of the United States?

A Majority in Every Party Prefers to Prioritize Democratic Allies

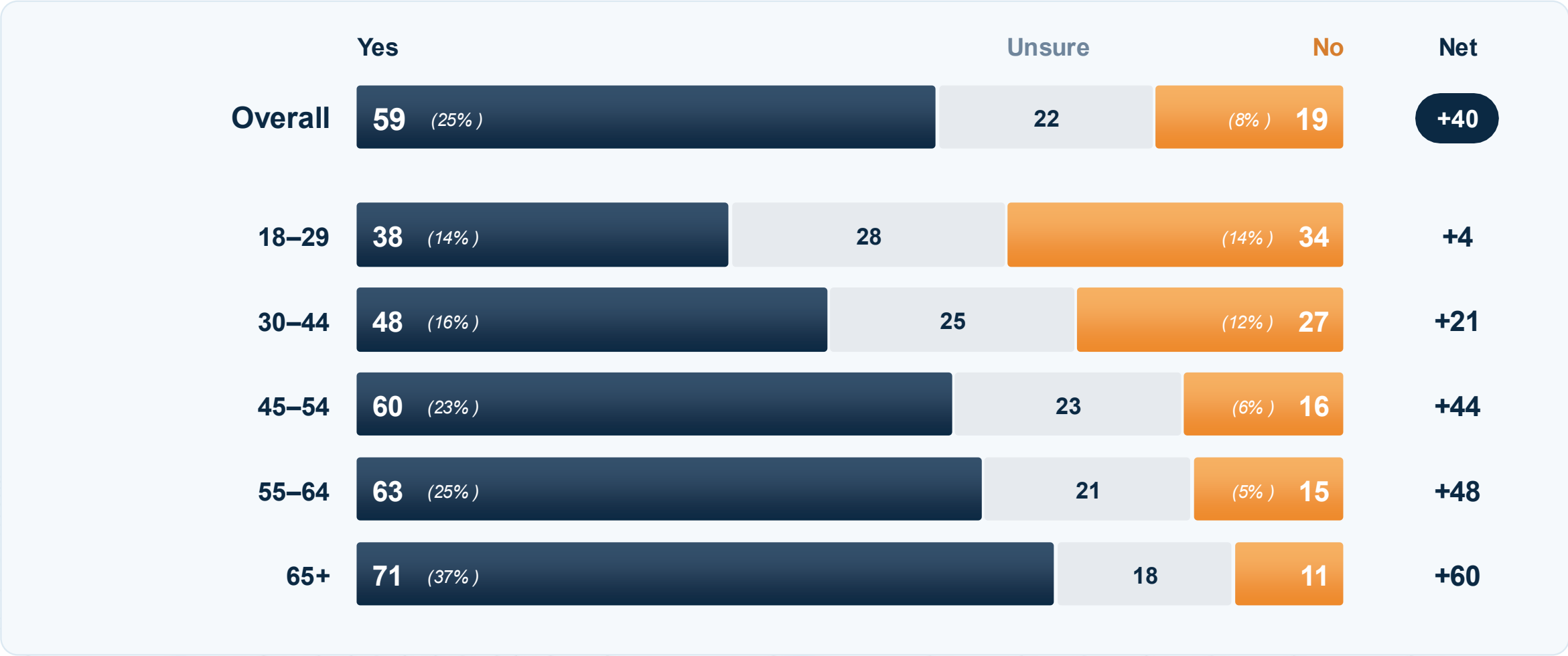
Conservatives say yes at 66% and very liberal voters at 54%.



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Support for Prioritizing Democratic Allies Rises with Age

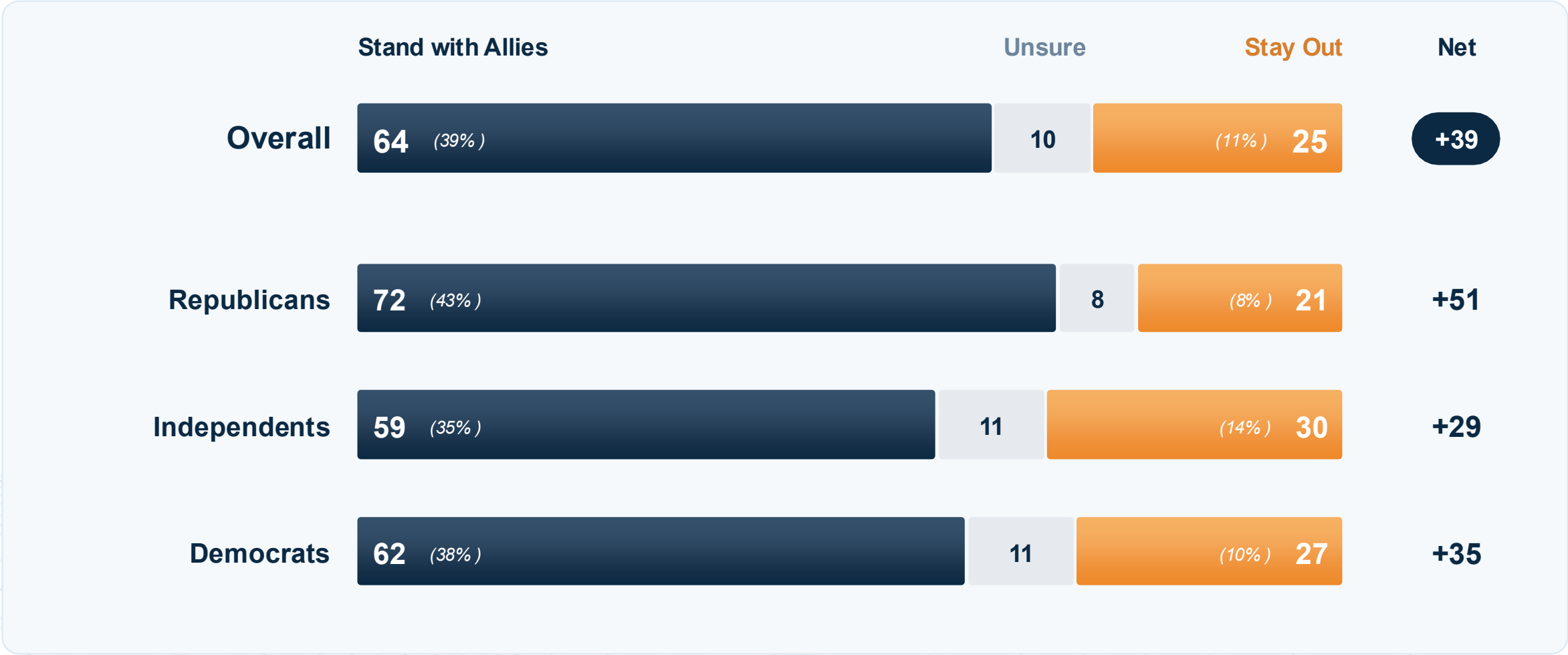
Democrats under 45 say yes at 47%, against 64% of Democrats 45 and older.



Do you believe that a democracy in a hostile part of the world should be prioritized as an ally of the United States?

A Majority in Every Party Says America Is Safer with Allies

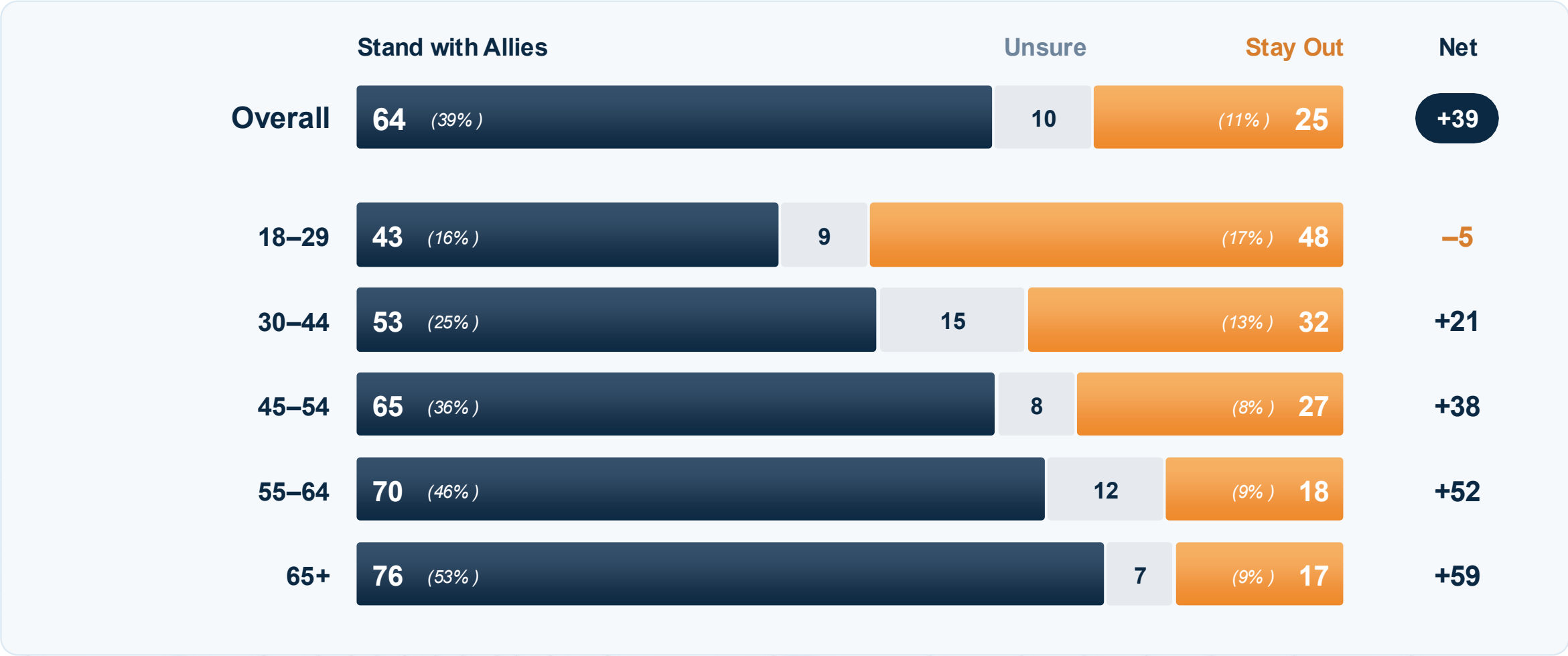
Even very liberal voters say standing with allies is safer at 62%, compared to 69% of conservatives.



Is America safer when it stands firmly with its allies, even if that risks involvement in conflicts, or when it stays out of other countries' conflicts?

Only Voters Aged 18–29 Lean Toward Staying Out of Allies’ Conflicts

Democrats under age 45 say standing with allies is safer at 50%, against 70% of Democrats 45 and older.



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At Least 82% of Every Party Type Back Taiwan's Self-Defense

Support for Taiwan's self-defense (86%) runs 5 points behind support for Ukraine's (91%).



Would you support or oppose Taiwan protecting itself against an attack from China if China tried to take over the democratic island nation?

At Least 87% of Every Party Type Call Ukraine's Defense Justified

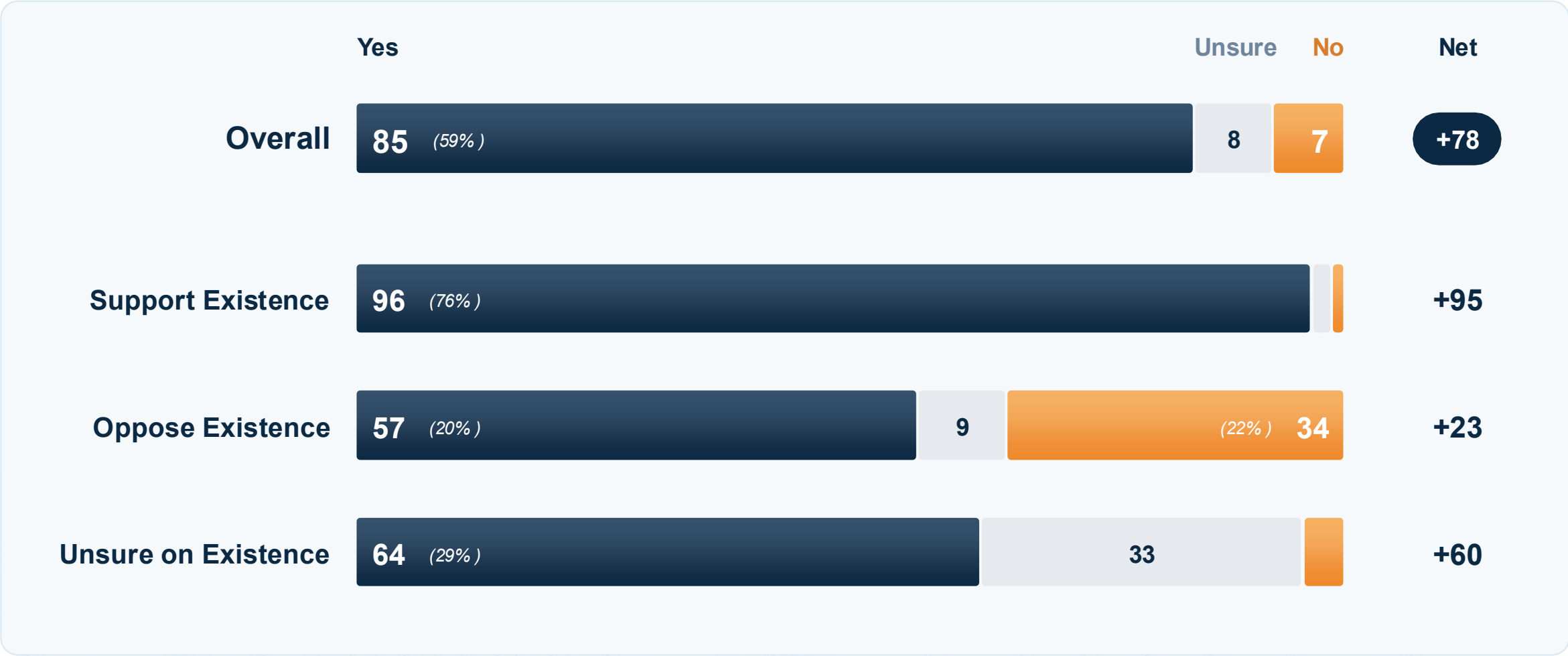
Ukraine's self-defense (91%) runs 6 points ahead of Israel's right to defend (85%).



Was Ukraine justified or unjustified in using military force to defend itself against Russia's invasion?

85% of Voters Back Israel's Right to Defend Its Civilians Against Attacks

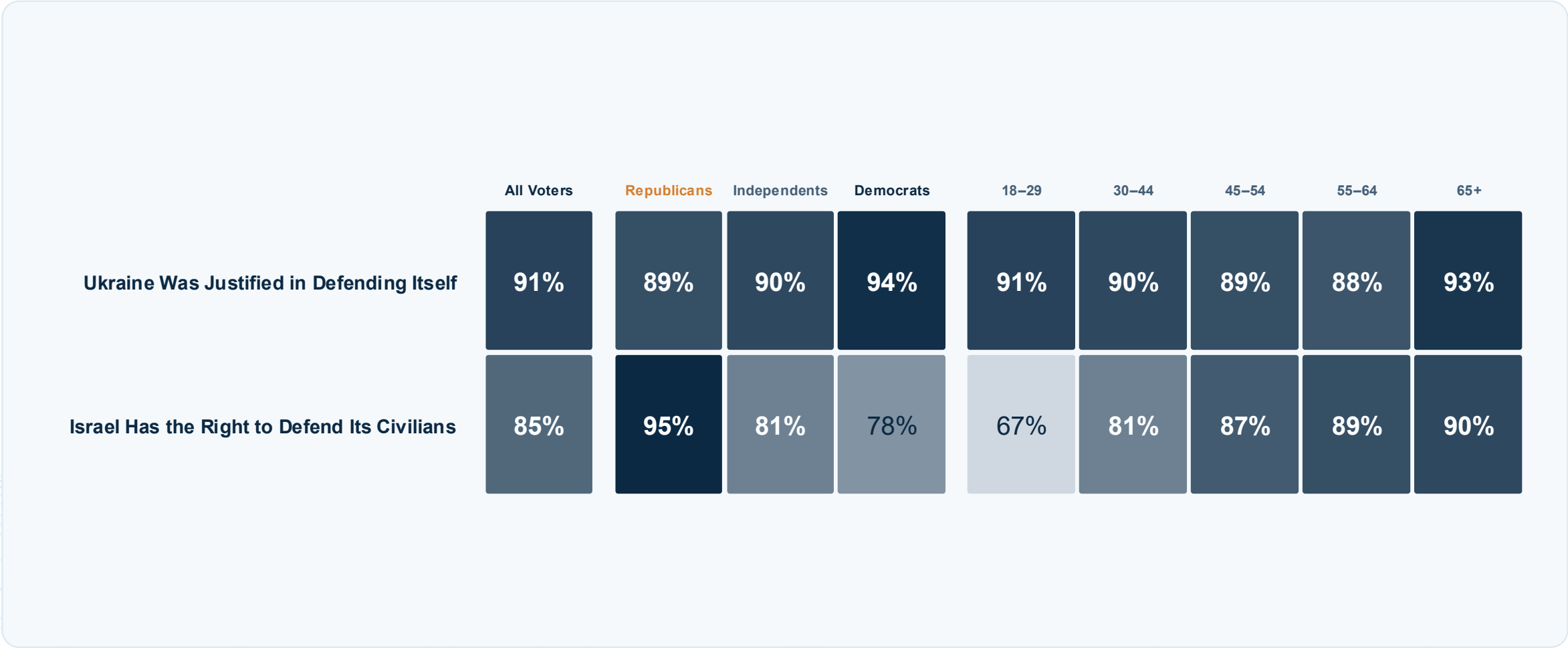
Among Democrats who oppose Israel's existence, 60% still say Israel has the right to defend its civilians.



In principle, does Israel have the right to use military force to defend its civilians against armed attacks, provided that it follows the laws of war?

Voters Aged 18–29 Show a 24-Point Gap Between Ukraine and Israel

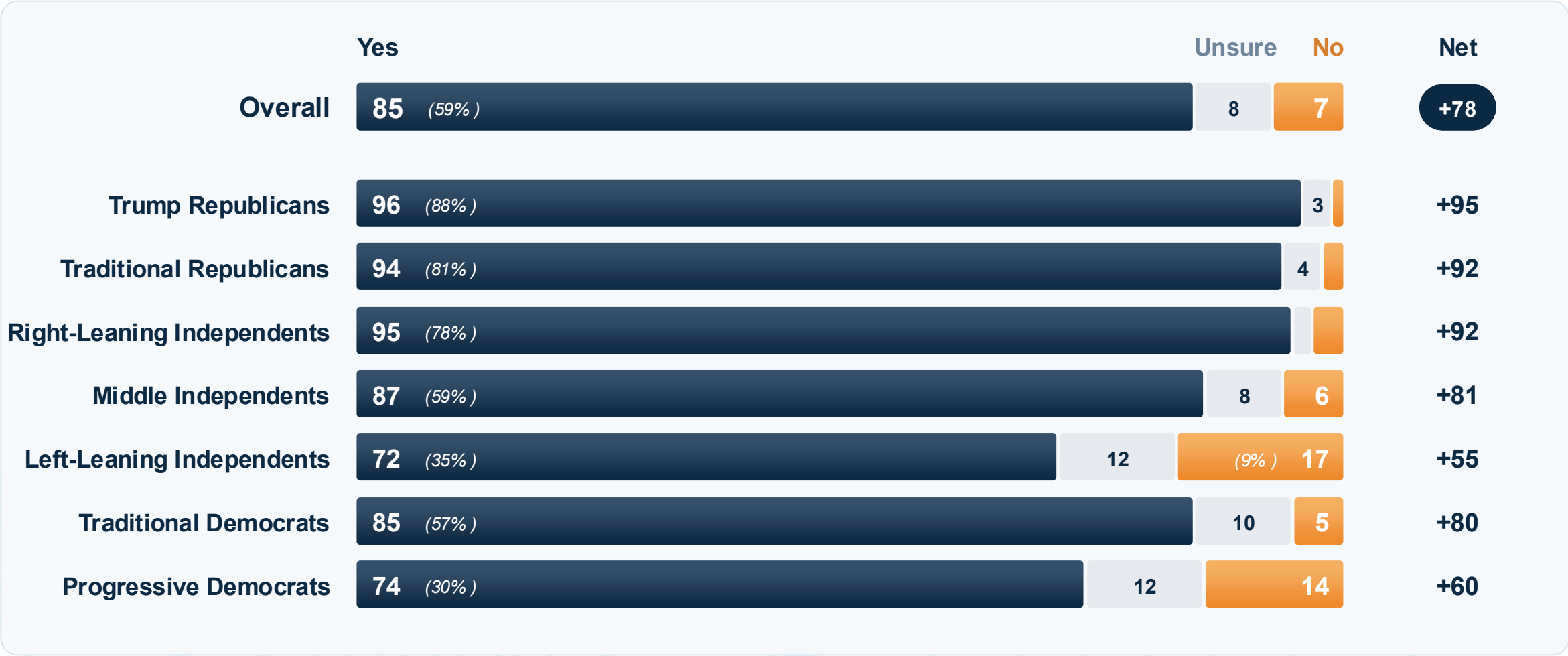
Among very liberal voters, 96% call Ukraine’s defense justified and 69% back Israel’s right to defend.



Share saying Ukraine was justified in using military force to defend itself, and share saying Israel has the right to use military force to defend its civilians

Israel's Right to Defend Holds Strong Support Across All Party Types

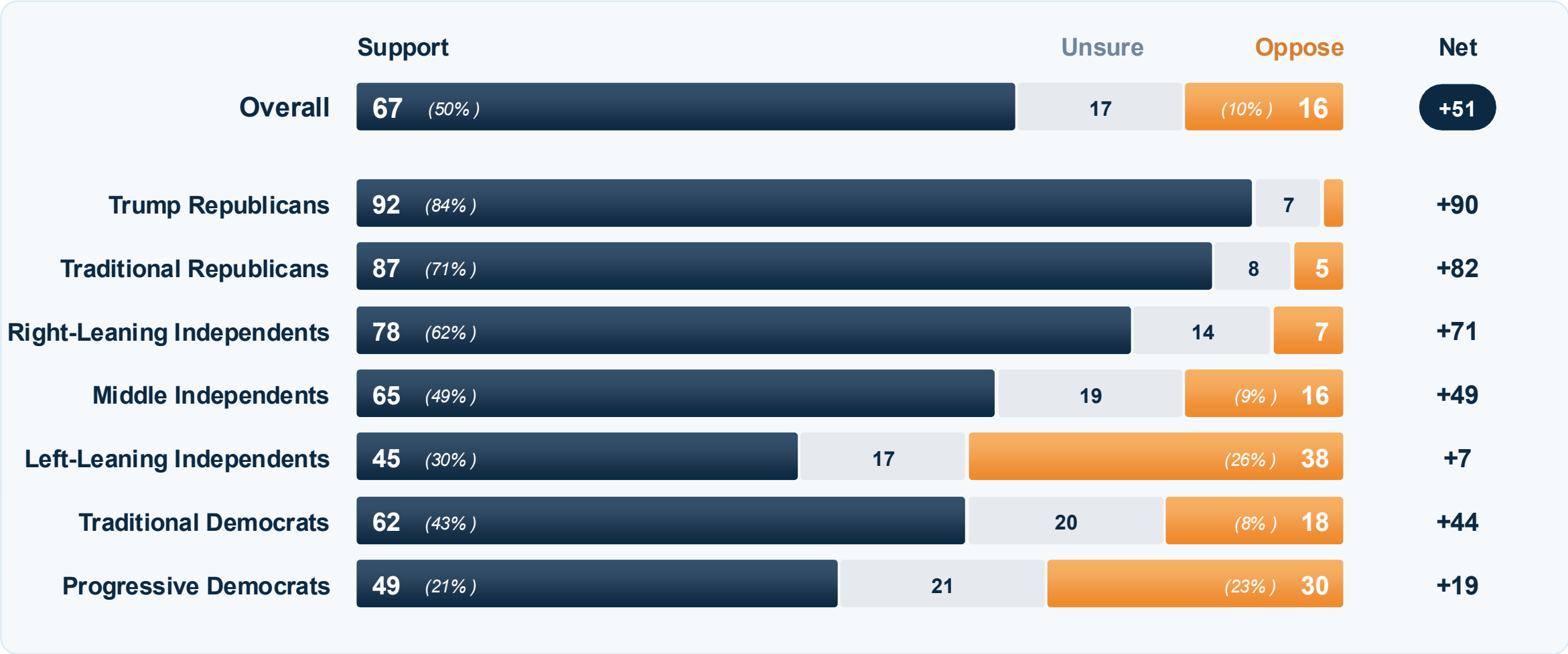
Israel's right to defend (85%) runs 18 points ahead of support for its existence (67%).



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Belief in Israel's Right to Exist Looks Different by Party Type

Support reaches 77% among voters 65 and older but 41% among voters aged 18–29.



Do you support or oppose Israel continuing to exist as an independent country?

Those with Any Religion, Conservatives, and 45+ Drive Israel Support

Liberals are 29% of voters but 58% of opponents, and voters under 45 are 32% of voters but 53% of opponents.

	All Voters	Republicans	Independents	Democrats	Conservatives	Liberals	Under 45	45+	Evangelical	No Religion
Support Israel Continuing to Exist	67%	89%	58%	53%	86%	50%	52%	74%	76%	49%
Oppose Israel Continuing to Exist	16%	3%	22%	25%	6%	31%	26%	11%	9%	29%
Unsure on Israel Continuing to Exist	17%	7%	20%	23%	8%	18%	21%	15%	15%	22%

Do you support or oppose Israel continuing to exist as an independent country?

Right-Leaning and Middle Independents Back Israel's Existence

Even among left-leaning Independents, 72% say Israel has the right to defend its civilians.

	All Voters	Independents	Lean Right	Middle	Lean Left	Indies for Trump '24	Indies for Harris '24	Under 45 (Indep.)	45+ (Indep.)	Religious Indies	Indies with No Religion
Support Israel Continuing to Exist	67%	58%	78%	65%	45%	76%	54%	42%	68%	66%	45%
Oppose Israel Continuing to Exist	16%	22%	7%	16%	38%	11%	26%	33%	15%	16%	32%
Unsure on Israel Continuing to Exist	17%	20%	14%	19%	17%	13%	21%	25%	17%	19%	23%

Do you support or oppose Israel continuing to exist as an independent country?
(Independents only; Lean Right, Middle, and Lean Left are Independent types)

Opposers to Israel's Existence Skew Liberal; Unsure Voters Skew Female

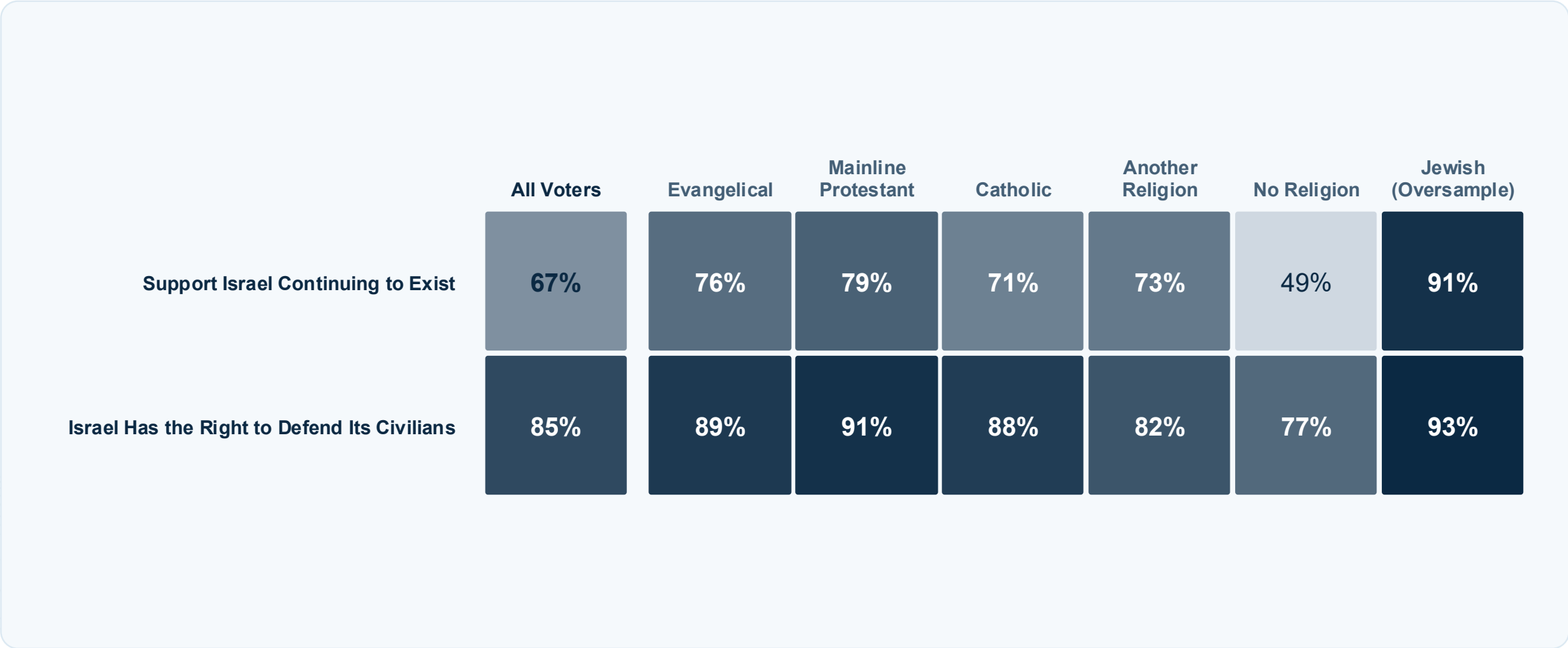
50% of opposers have no religion compared to 27% of all voters.

	All Voters	Oppose Existence	Unsure on Existence
Republicans	38%	8%	17%
Independents	25%	34%	29%
Democrats	35%	55%	47%
Conservatives	42%	15%	21%
Moderates	25%	22%	36%
Liberals	29%	58%	31%
Women	54%	58%	71%
Men	46%	42%	29%

Who is in each group? Share of voters who oppose, or are unsure about, Israel continuing to exist, by demographic group

Non-Religious Voters Drive Opposition to Israel's Existence

Voters with any type of religious affiliation have at least 71% support for Israel to exist



Israel Opposers Skew Younger; Unsures Skew Non-College

Attention to news drives opinions on Israel - 63% of opposers follow politics closely, against 49% of all voters.

	% of All Voters	Oppose Existence	Unsure on Existence
18–29	11%	25%	13%
30–44	21%	28%	27%
45–54	17%	16%	19%
55–64	21%	12%	19%
65+	30%	19%	23%
No College Degree	52%	48%	61%
Four-Year Degree	27%	30%	21%
Graduate Degree	20%	22%	16%

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Even “Focus on America” Voters Lean Toward Israel

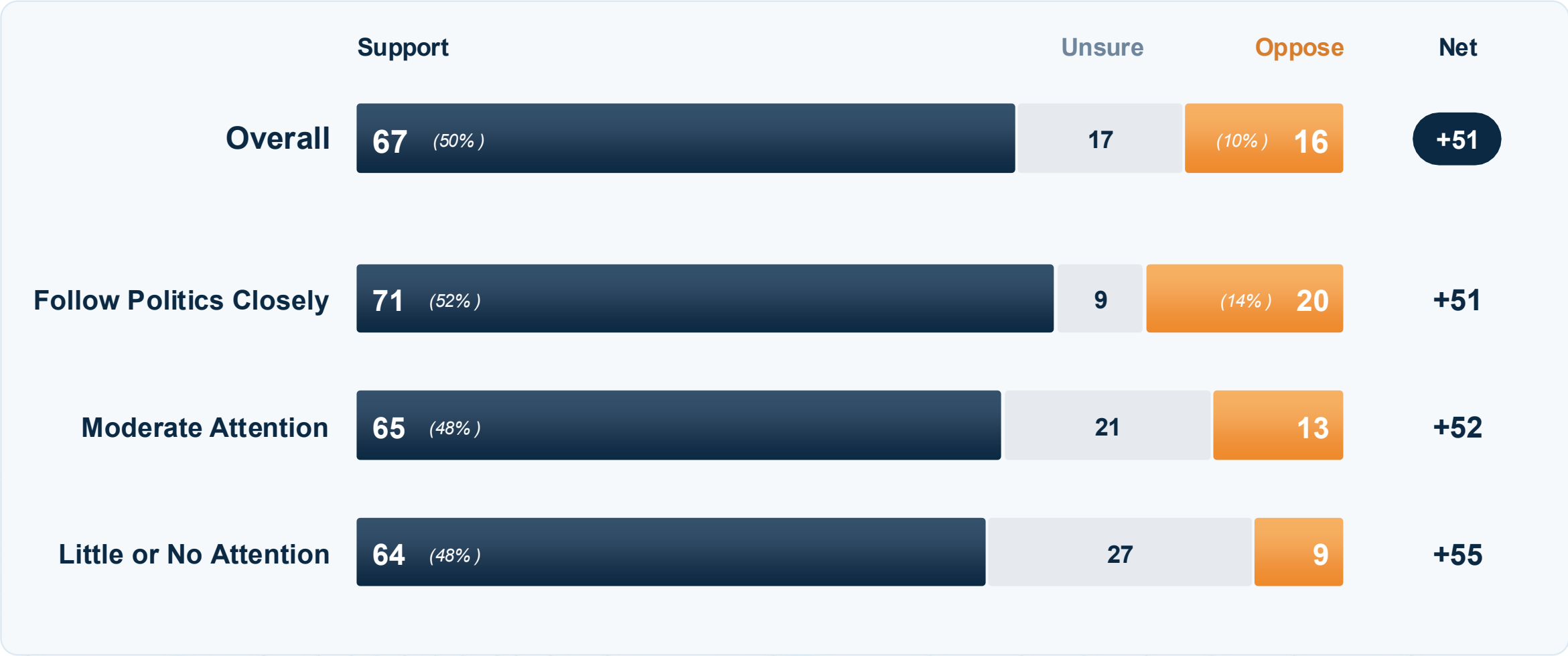
Among Republicans who choose Focus on America, 83% support Israel’s existence compared to 44% of Democrats who do.

	All Voters	Focus on America	Diplomacy-Only	Military + Diplomacy	Military-Only
Support Israel Continuing to Exist	67%	61%	49%	86%	87%
Israel Has the Right to Defend Its Civilians	85%	82%	75%	96%	85%
Support a Monitored Peace Agreement	79%	72%	79%	87%	72%
Hamas Should Have No Role in Gaza	51%	50%	32%	62%	76%

Share supporting Israel’s existence, saying Israel has the right to defend its civilians, supporting a monitored peace agreement, and saying Hamas should have no role in Gaza

Close News Followers Are More Opposed; the Disengaged More Unsure

Among Independents who follow politics closely, 29% oppose Israel's existence, against 12% of those who pay little attention.



Do you support or oppose Israel continuing to exist as an independent country?

Republicans Under Age 45 Back Israel's Defense at 90%

Among Republicans under age 45, 53% who pay little attention to politics support Israel's existence vs 78% of close followers.

	All Voters	Republicans <45 (Oversample)	Republicans 45+	Democrats <45	Independents <45
Israel Has the Right to Defend Its Civilians	85%	90%	96%	69%	73%
Support Israel Continuing to Exist	67%	70%	91%	41%	42%
Hamas Should Have No Role in Gaza	51%	69%	71%	35%	46%
Focus on America in Foreign Policy	35%	62%	34%	31%	48%

Share saying Israel has the right to defend its civilians, supporting Israel's existence, saying Hamas should have no role in Gaza, and choosing Focus on America. Republicans under 45 are from the oversample.

Only 6% of Voters Want Hamas to Govern Gaza *and* Keep Its Arms

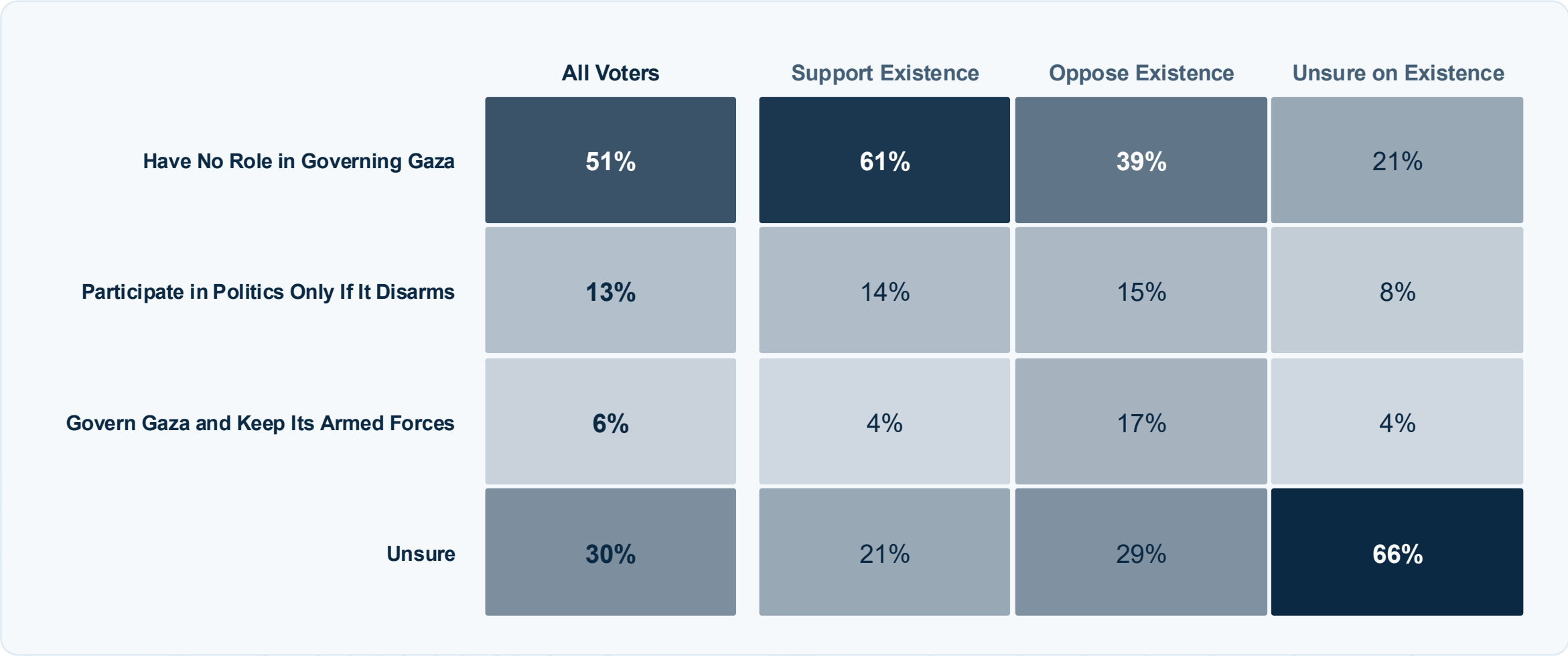
In the Jewish oversample, 75% say Hamas should have no role in Gaza.

	All Voters	Trump Republicans	Traditional Republicans	Right-Leaning Independents	Middle Independents	Left-Leaning Independents	Traditional Democrats	Progressive Democrats
Have No Role in Governing Gaza	51%	72%	67%	71%	44%	39%	35%	35%
Participate in Politics Only If It Disarms	13%	5%	9%	5%	13%	19%	15%	22%
Govern Gaza and Keep Its Armed Forces	6%	4%	3%	4%	10%	8%	7%	9%
Unsure	30%	18%	20%	20%	33%	35%	43%	34%

Thinking about Gaza's future, which role, if any, should Hamas have?

Only 17% of Israel Existence Opponents Want Hamas to Rule with Arms

19% of Democrats would let Hamas participate only if it disarms vs. 8% of Republicans.



Thinking about Gaza’s future, which role, if any, should Hamas have?

Diplomacy-Only Voters Are the Most Open to Hamas Joining If It Disarms

Voters who would let Hamas participate only if it disarms back Israel’s existence 71% to 18%.

	All Voters	Focus on America	Diplomacy-Only	Military + Diplomacy	Military-Only
Have No Role in Governing Gaza	51%	50%	32%	62%	76%
Participate in Politics Only If It Disarms	13%	7%	25%	12%	9%
Govern Gaza and Keep Its Armed Forces	6%	8%	9%	4%	2%
Unsure	30%	35%	33%	22%	13%

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Only 36% of Those Who Get News from TikTok Back Israel's Existence

TikTok is a main news source for 18% of voters who strongly oppose Israel's existence, against 4% of those who support it.

	All Voters	TikTok News Users	Other Voters
Support Israel Continuing to Exist	67%	36%	70%
Oppose Israel Continuing to Exist	16%	33%	14%
Unsure on Israel Continuing to Exist	17%	31%	16%
Israel Has the Right to Defend Its Civilians	85%	65%	86%

Share by response to the Israel existence and right-to-defend questions. TikTok news users named TikTok as one of up to three primary sources for news.

Israel's Opponents Rely More on Websites and Social for News

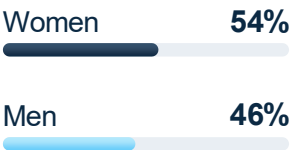
Voters under age 45 are 53% of opponents of Israel's existence vs. 32% of all voters.

	All Voters	Strongly Oppose Existence	Oppose Existence	Unsure on Existence	Support Existence	Under 45 Who Oppose Existence
News Media Websites	29%	45%	42%	23%	27%	52%
YouTube	19%	26%	28%	20%	17%	37%
TikTok	8%	18%	16%	14%	4%	23%
Twitter / X	10%	15%	14%	10%	9%	22%
Cable News	37%	29%	29%	26%	42%	23%
National Broadcast TV News	30%	31%	34%	27%	30%	23%
Local Broadcast TV News	21%	16%	17%	23%	21%	12%
Newspaper	11%	6%	7%	9%	12%	4%

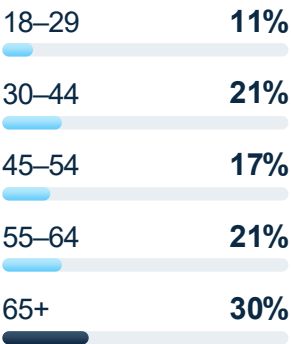
What are your primary sources for news? (Select up to three; share naming each source)

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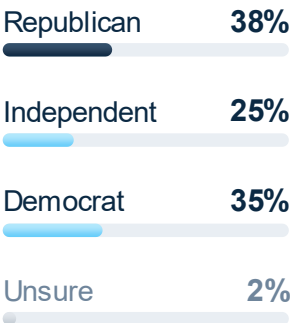
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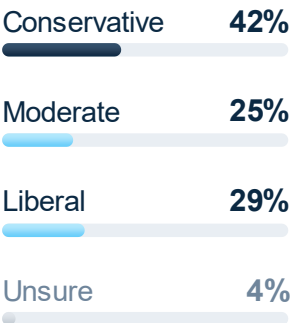
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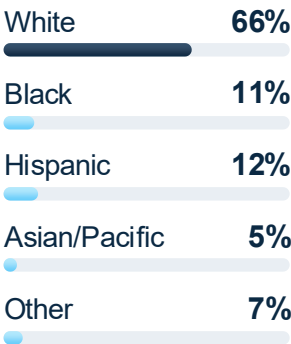
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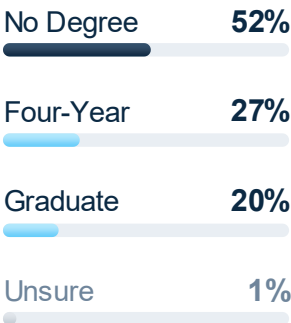
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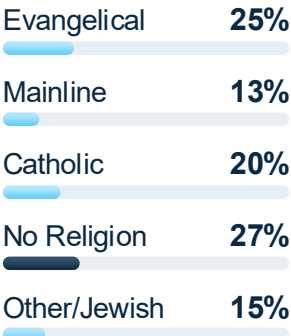
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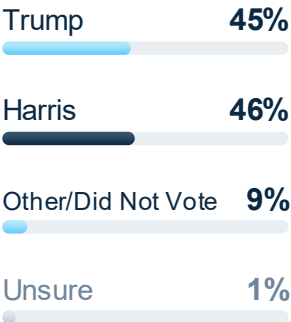
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