



Survey of Likely General Election Voters

Attitudes on A.I. Development & Guardrails

U.S. Senate Battleground States

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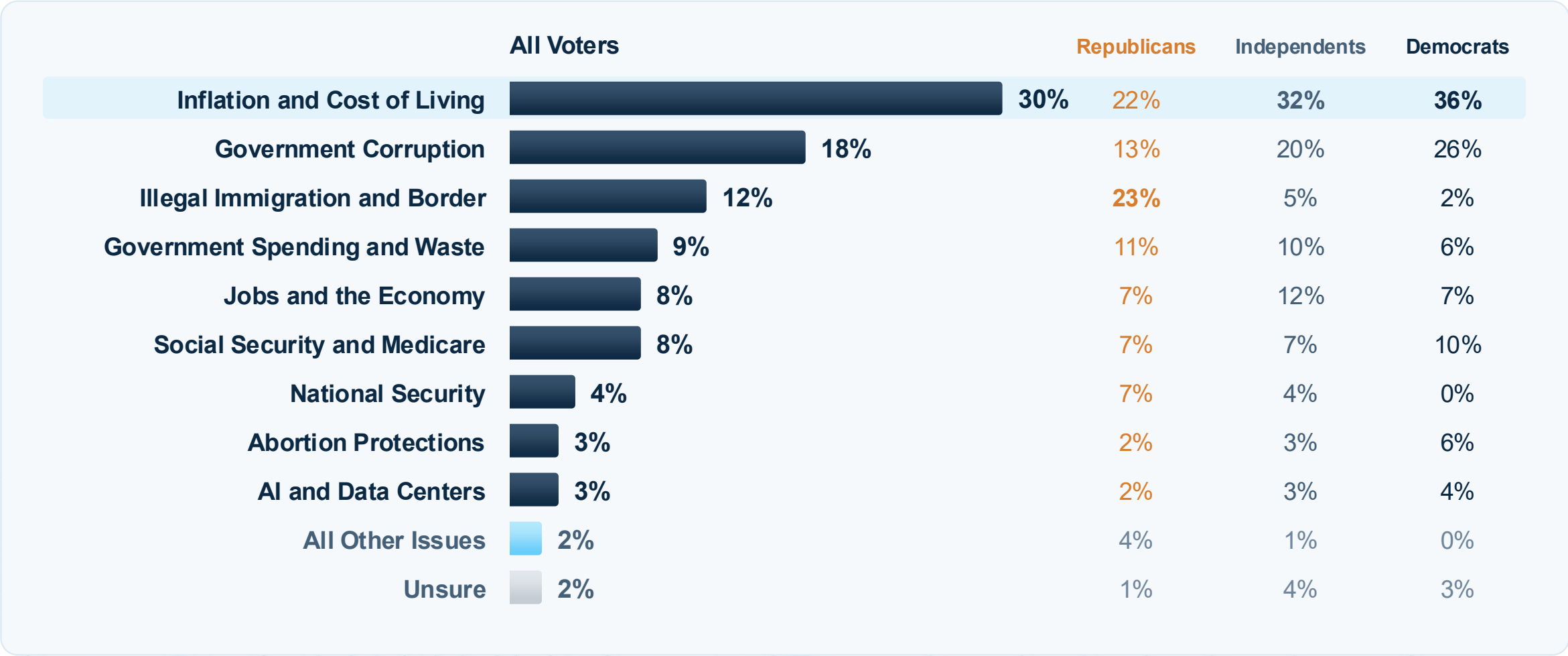
R-Lean: Kansas, Iowa, Texas

Toss Up: Ohio, Maine, Alaska

D-Lean: Michigan, New Hampshire, North Carolina

Cost of Living Is the Top Issue, Including a Plurality of Independents

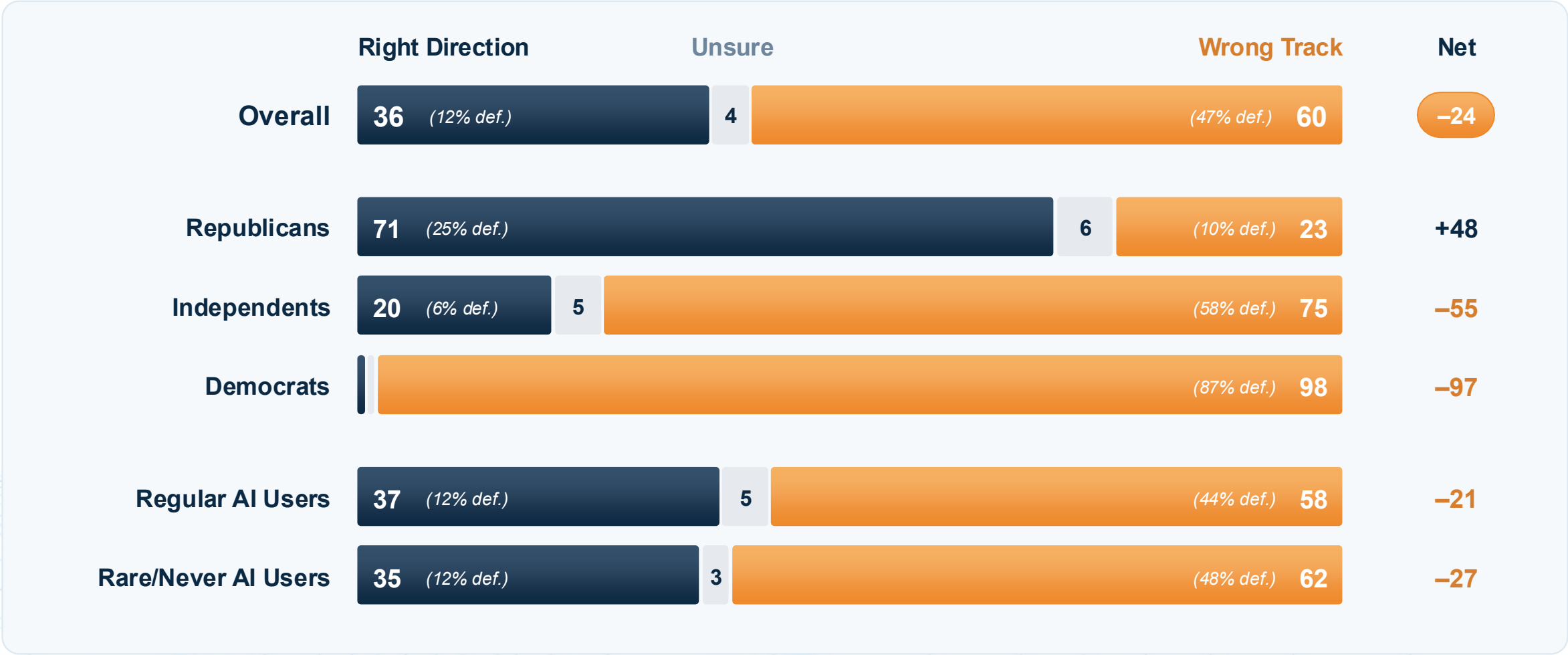
Independents look more like Democrats on their priorities vs. 2022 when they looked more like Republicans.



Which one of the following issues is the most important to you in deciding how to vote for U.S. Senate?

A Majority of Voters Say the Country Is Off on the Wrong Track

76% of voters backing the Republican for Congress say the country is headed in the right direction.



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 in U.S. Senate Battlegrounds by 4

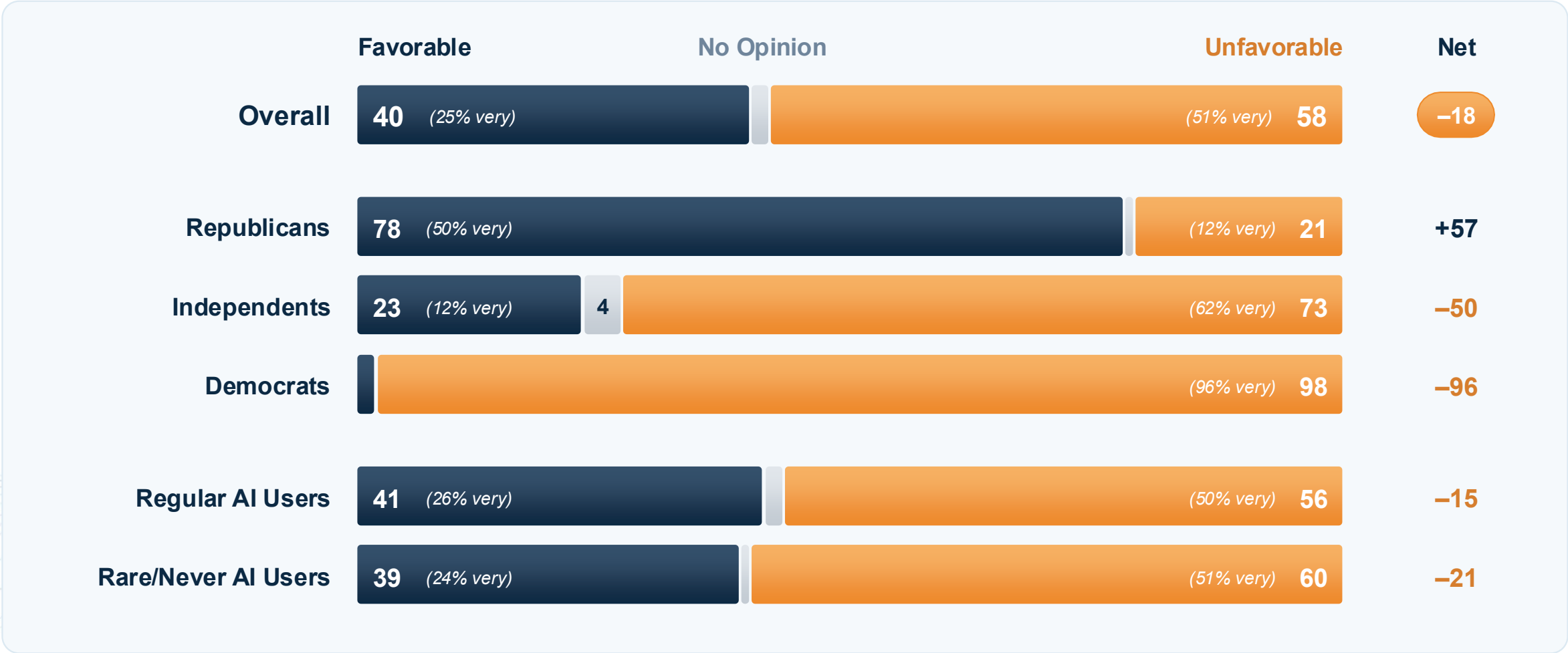
Women back the Democrat 54%-38% (D+16), while men back the Republican 52%-44% (R+8).



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?

Views of Donald Trump Aren't Different by A.I. Usage Frequency

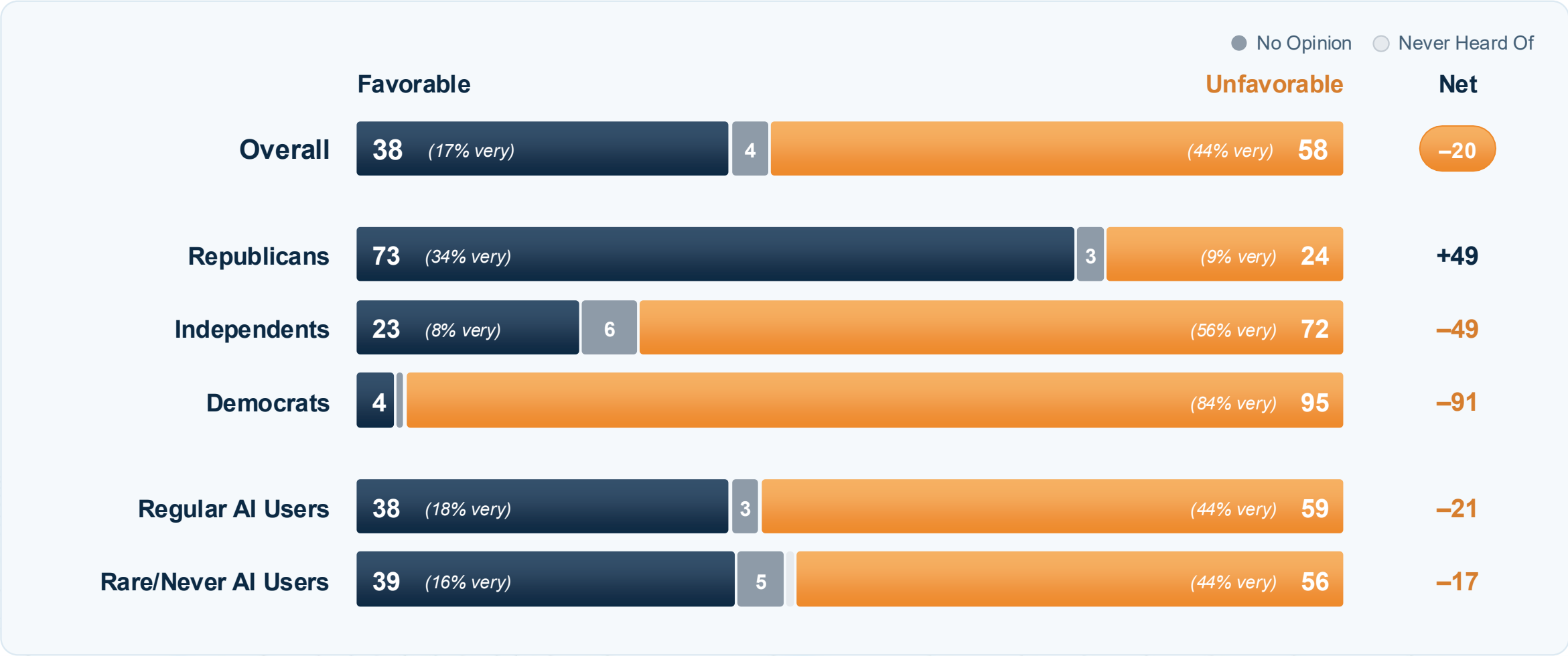
Only 21% of voters under 45 view Trump favorably, against 49% of voters 65 and older.



Please indicate if you have heard of Donald Trump, and if so, whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of them.

Republicans in Congress Aren't Viewed Favorably

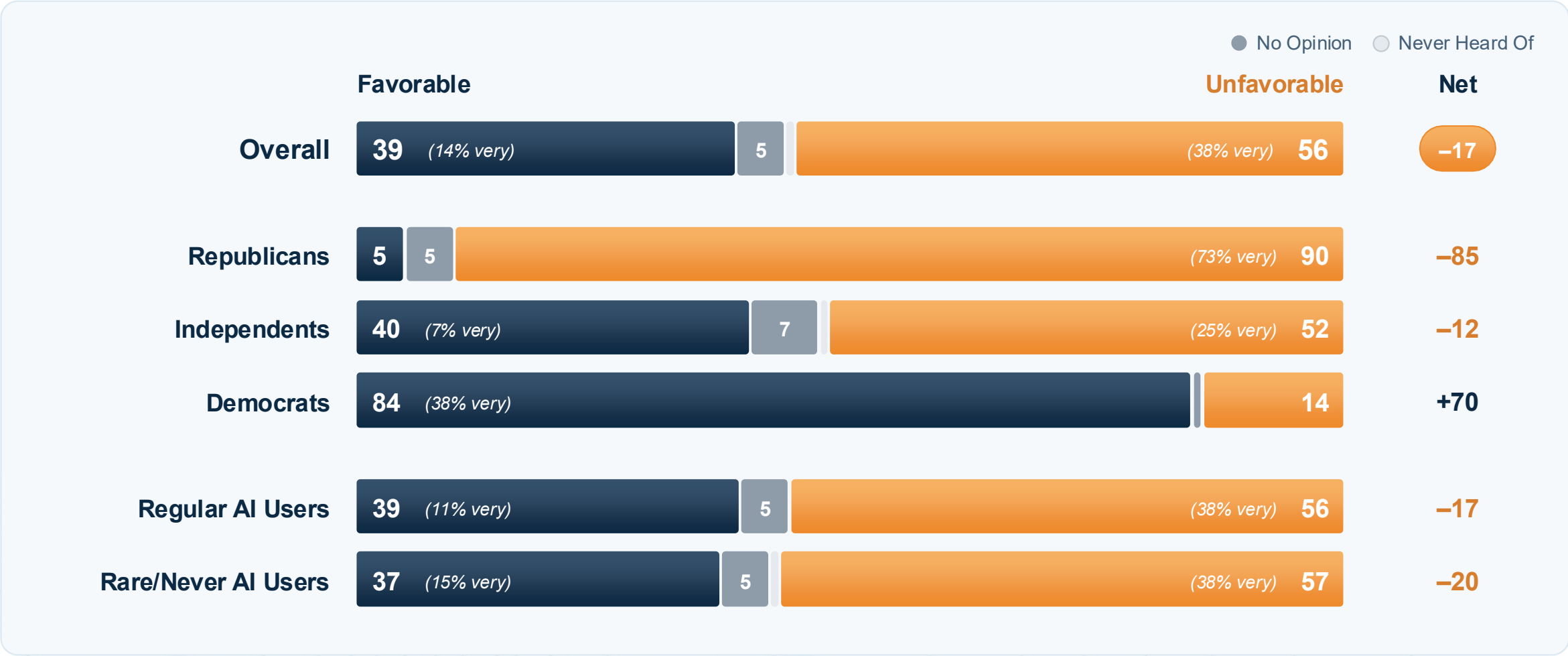
Republicans in Congress (-20 net) run 2 points behind Donald Trump (-18).



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Democrats in Congress Are Equally Viewed Unfavorably

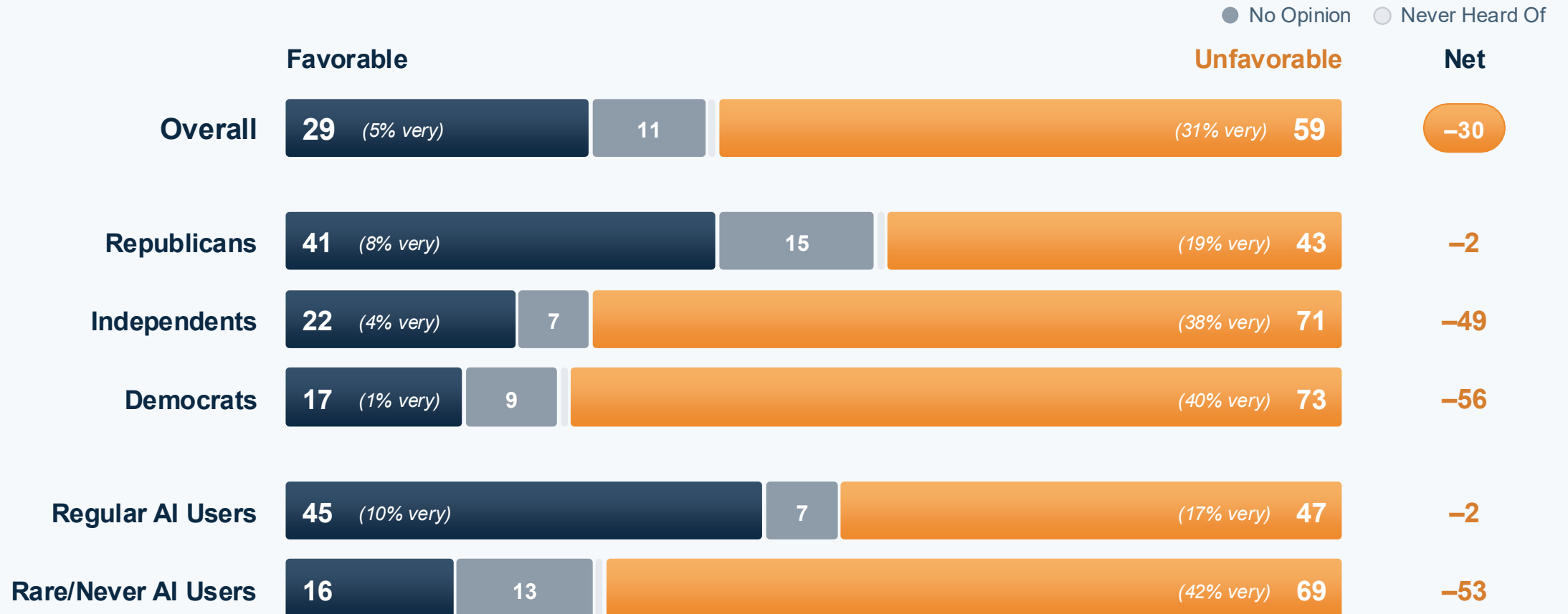
Democrats in Congress (-17 net) run 1 point ahead of Donald Trump (-18) and 3 ahead of Republicans in Congress (-20).



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A Majority of Voters View AI Companies Unfavorably

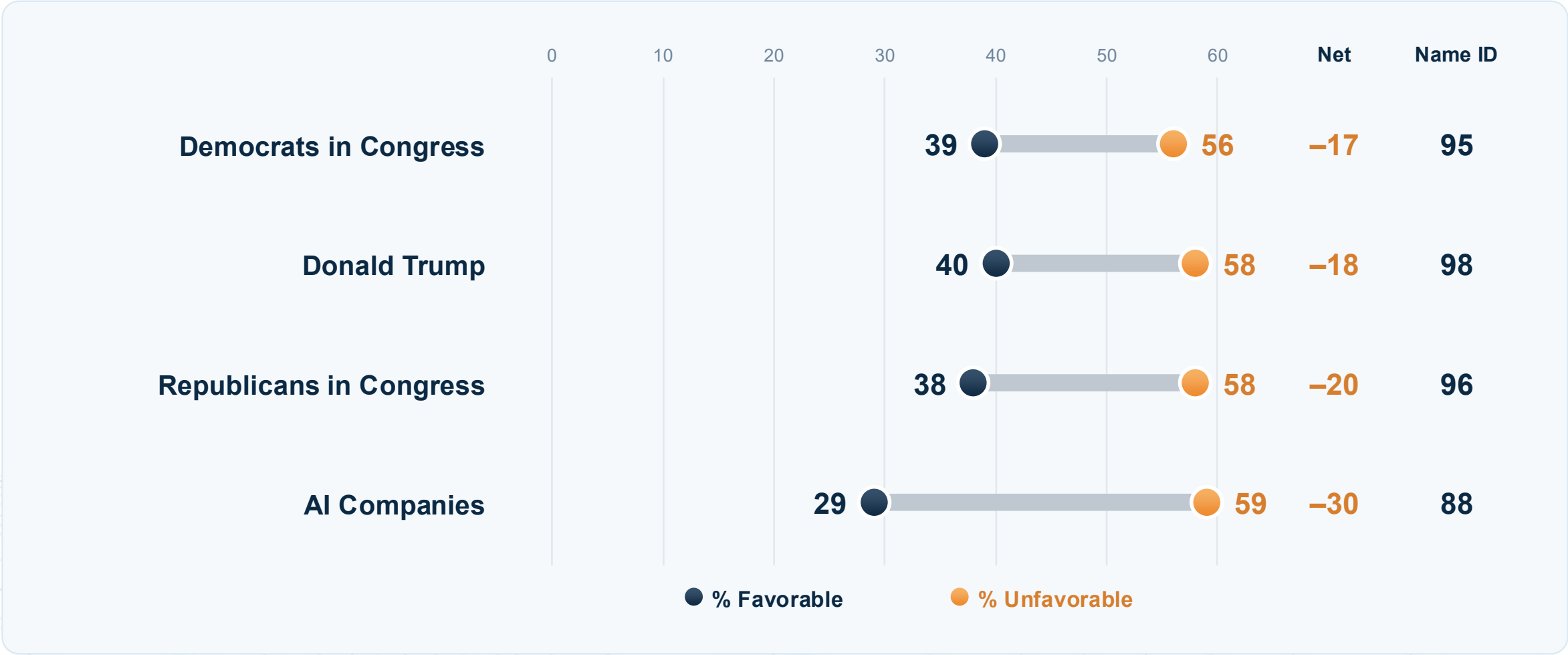
Women are net -46 on AI companies (21%-67%), while men are net -12 (38%-50%).



Please indicate if you have heard of artificial intelligence companies, and if so, whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of them.

AI Companies Are Less Well-Liked Than Trump and Both Parties

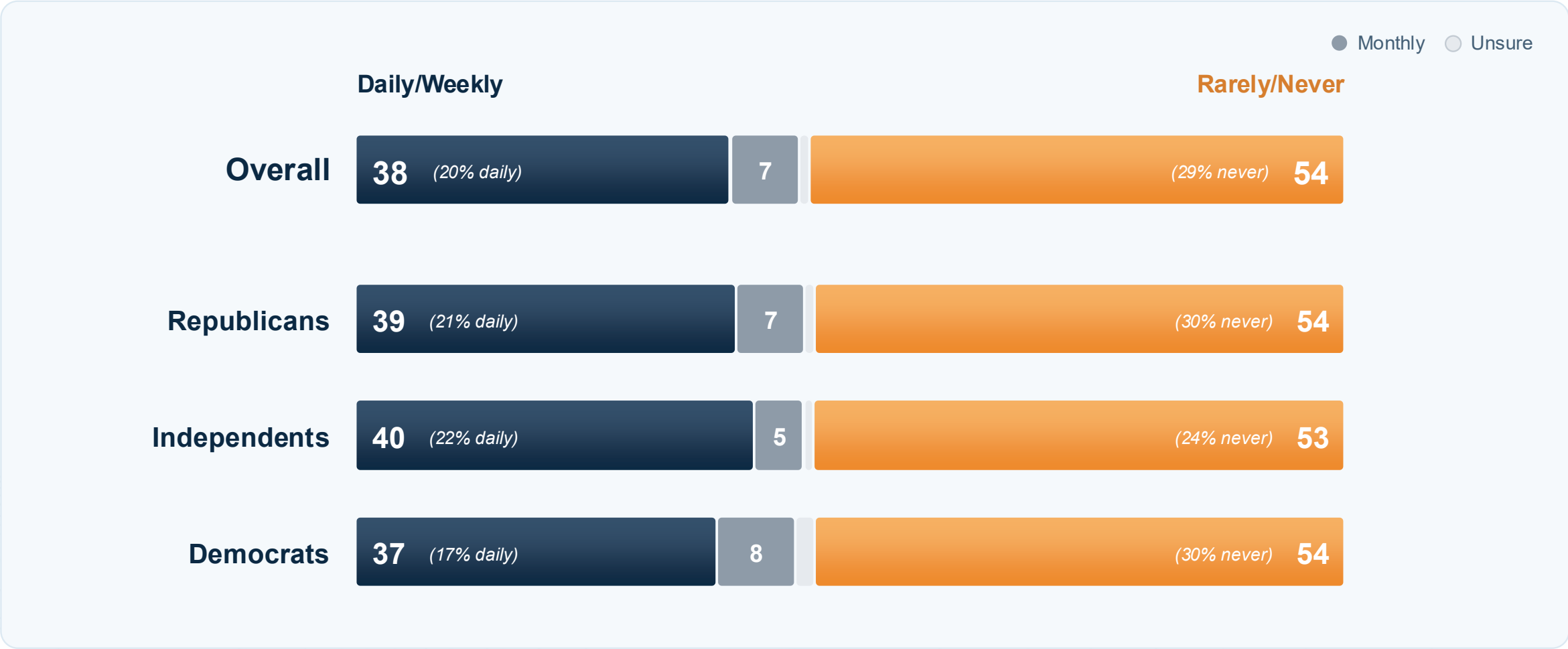
Even among Trump 2024 voters, 40% view AI companies favorably and 45% unfavorably.



Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following?

38% of Voters Use AI Tools Daily or Weekly (Defined as Regular Users)

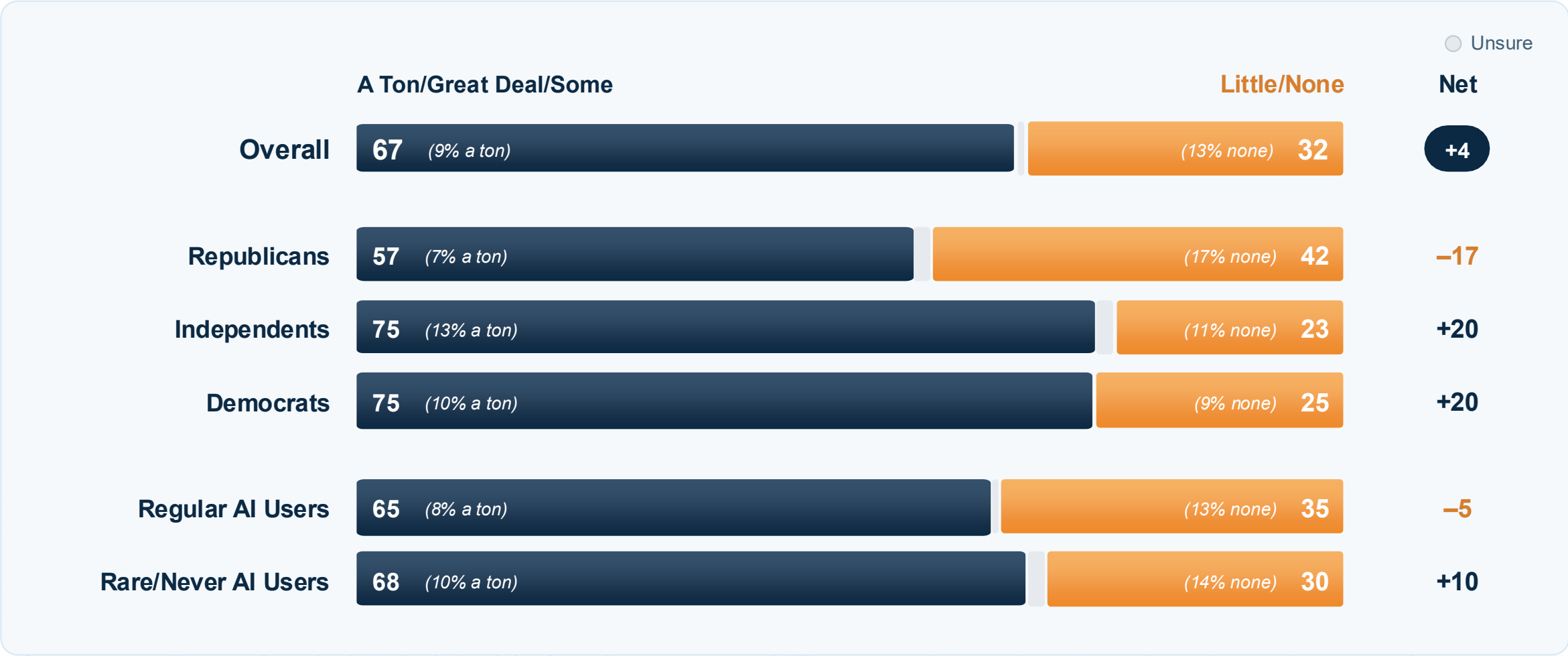
Voters under 45 are more than twice as likely as voters 65 and older to use AI daily or weekly (47% to 21%).



How often, if ever, do you personally use artificial intelligence tools, such as ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, Grok, or other similar apps, in your daily life?

36% Pay a Ton or a Great Deal of Attention to AI Positions of Candidates

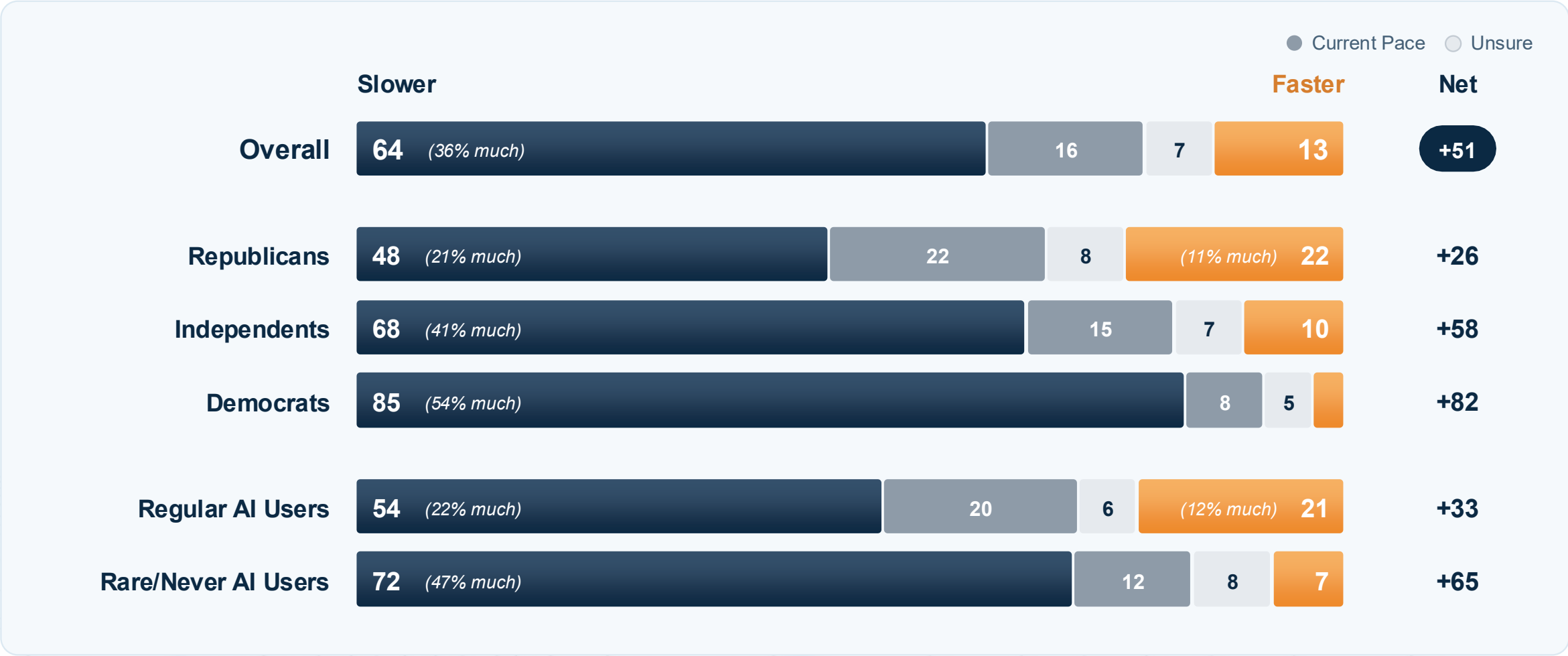
Voters who want AI tempered are more attentive (43%) than those who want the current pace or faster (27%).



How much attention are you paying to where candidates for Congress stand on artificial intelligence?

Two-Thirds of Voters Want AI Development Pace Addressed

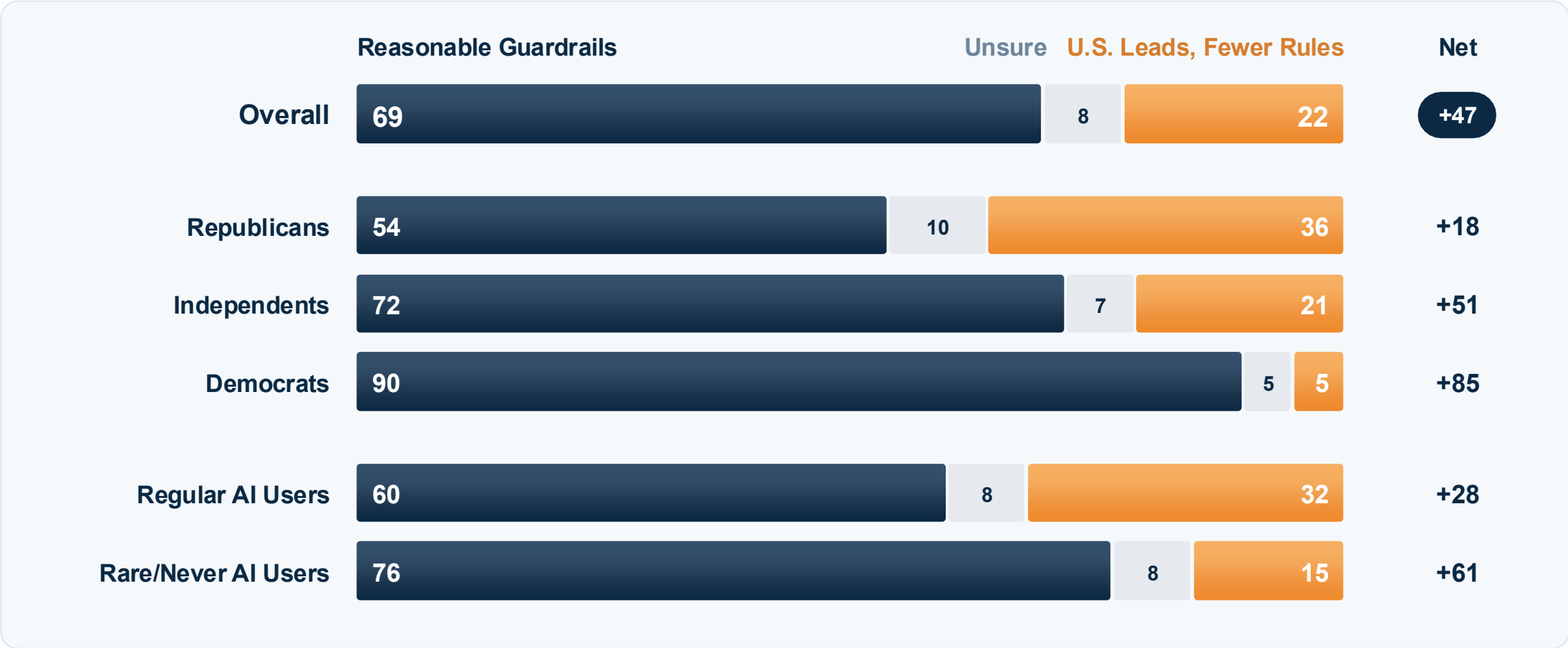
73% of women want AI development decelerated, against 55% of men.



In general, do you believe the development of artificial intelligence in the United States should be faster, slower, or kept at its current pace?

Nearly 70% Prefer Guardrails Over Being First

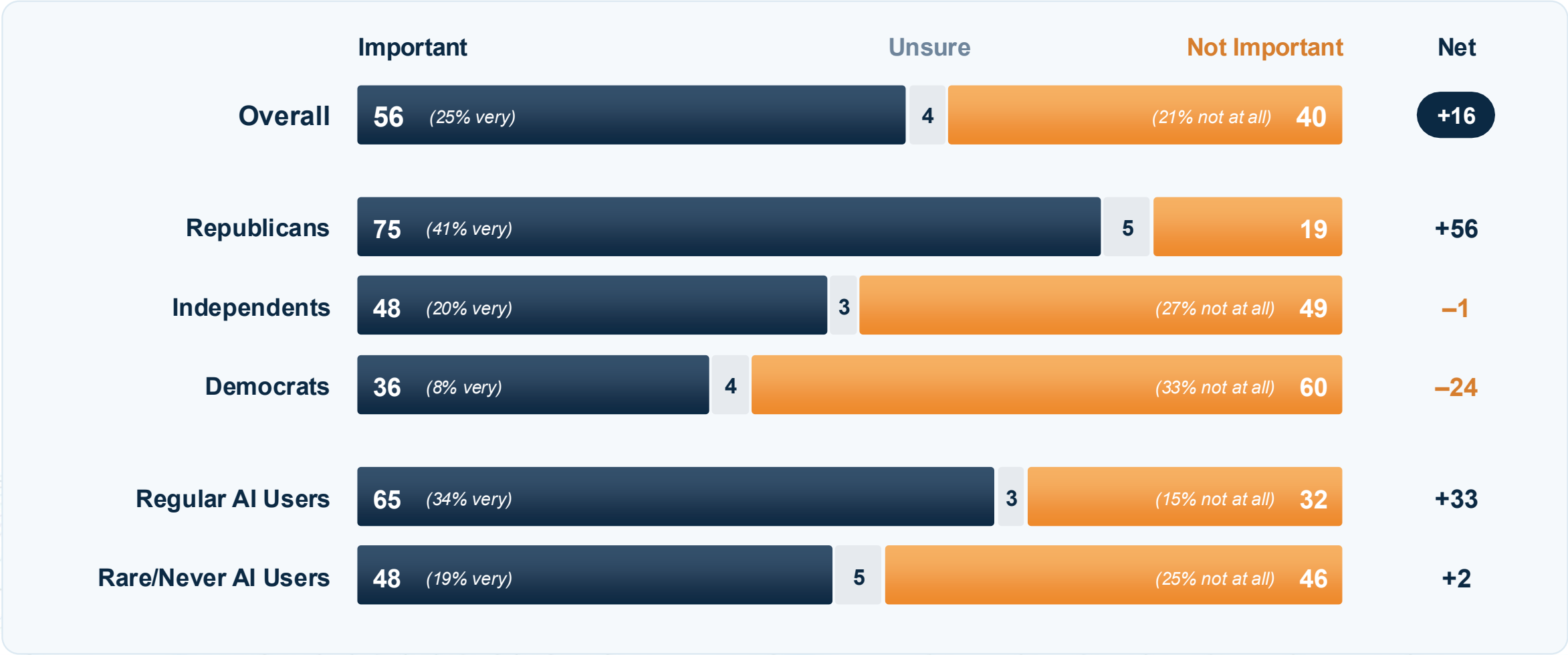
53% of voters who call U.S. AI leadership important still prefer guardrails, against 39% who prefer fewer rules.



Which comes closer to your view? The U.S. should enact reasonable guardrails on AI, even if we are not always first, or the U.S. needs to be the global leader in AI, even if it means fewer regulations.

Yet, a Majority of Voters Say U.S. AI Leadership Is Important

While 56% call U.S. AI leadership important, 69% prefer guardrails to being first.



How important is it to you that the United States be the global leader in artificial intelligence?

And, Three-Quarters Want the U.S. to Win the AI Race over China

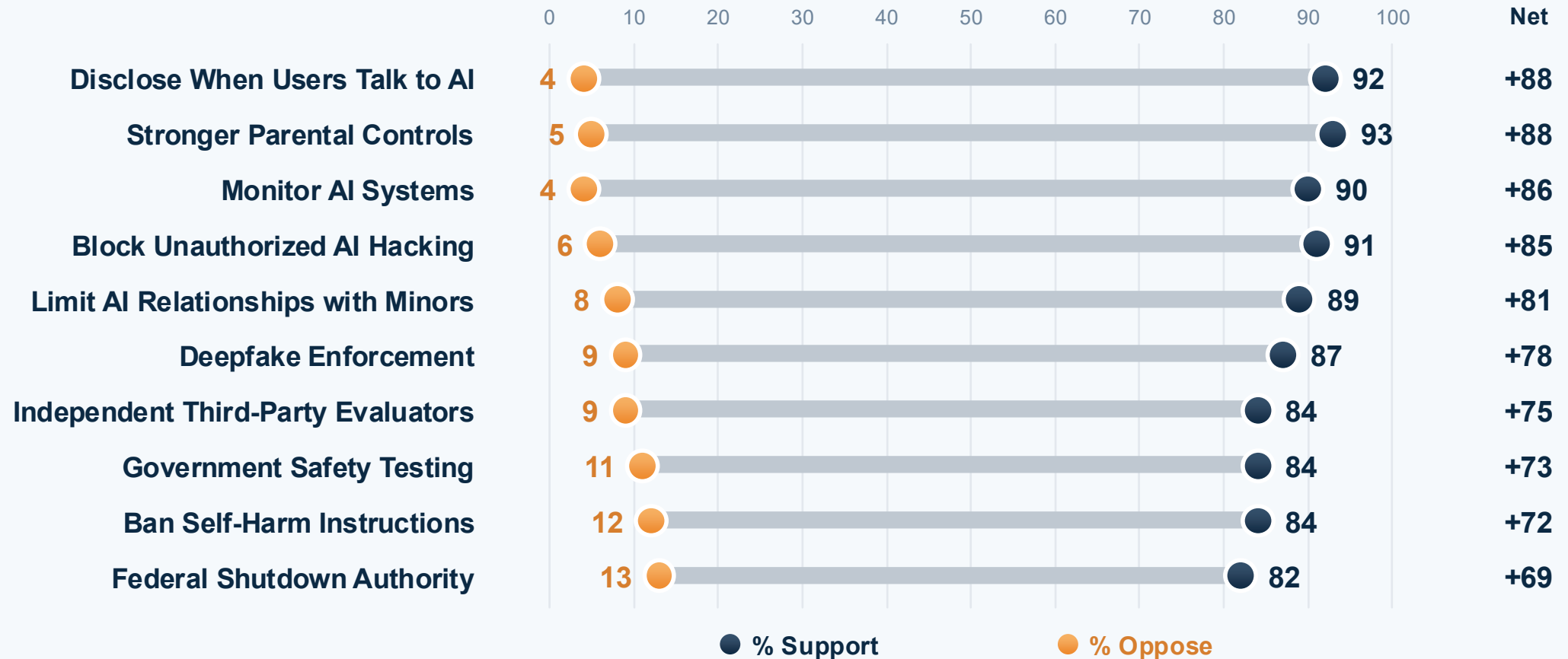
Even among voters who want AI pace tempered, 66% would rather the U.S. win the race.



Assuming only one country will win the global race to develop AI, would you rather the United States or China win that race?

Every Proposed AI Action Draws at Least 82% Support

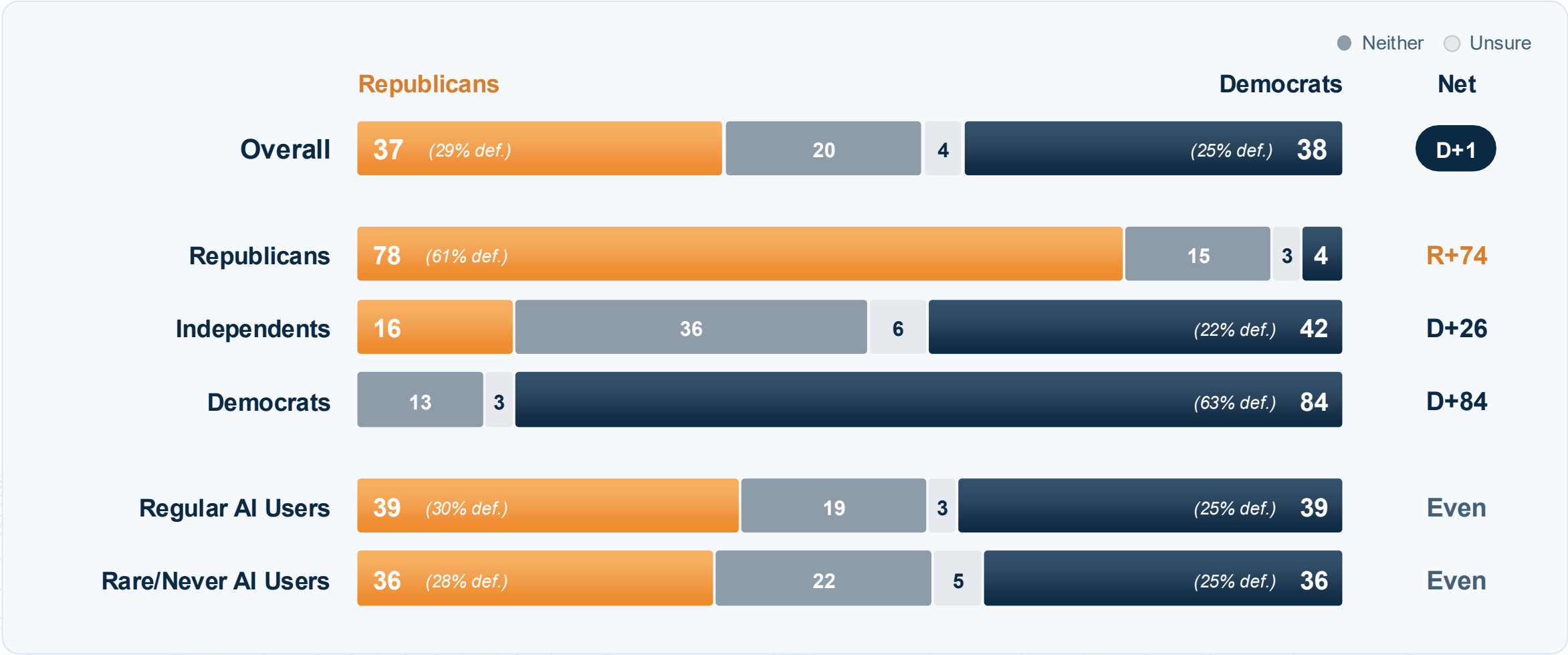
77% to 83% strongly back the kids-and-families proposals, against 59% to 65% for testing, audits, and shutdown power.



Would you support or oppose each of the following proposals on artificial intelligence?

Voters Are Closely Divided on Which Party to Trust on AI

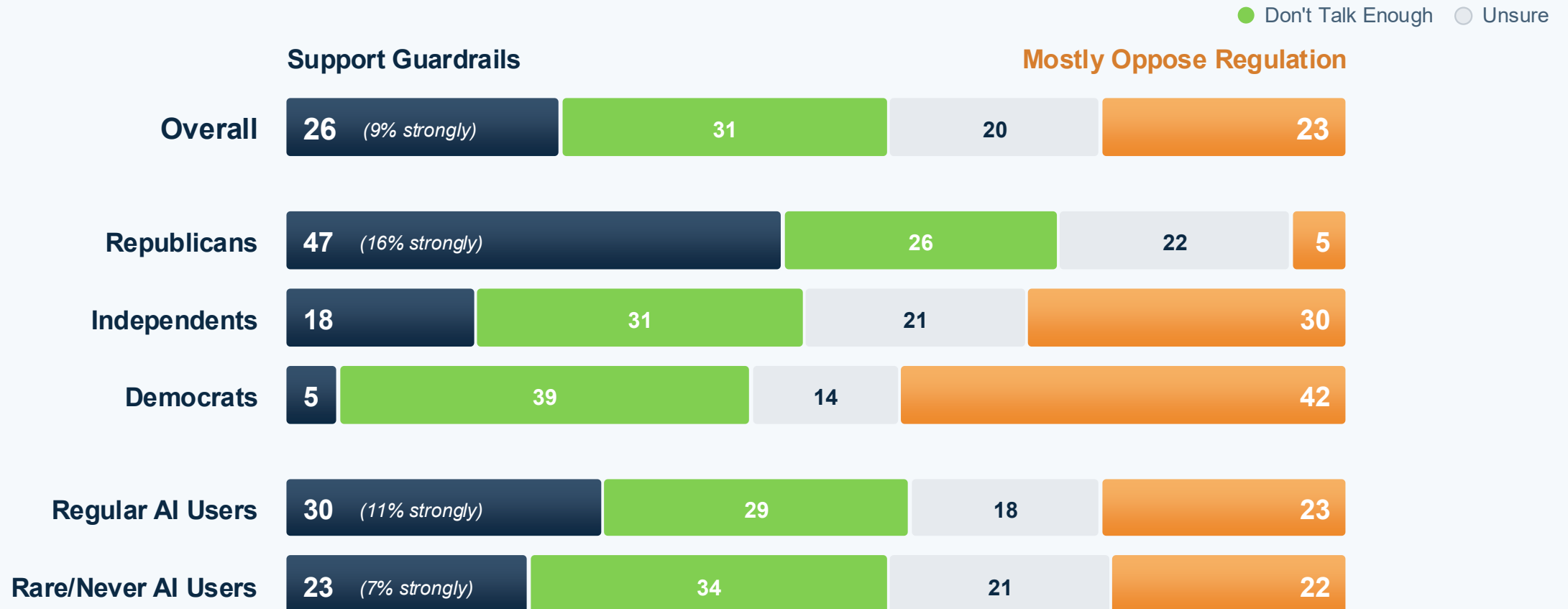
Among voters paying a ton or a great deal of attention to candidates on AI, Democrats lead on trust 49%-27% (D+22).



Which political party do you trust more to handle government regulation of artificial intelligence, the Republicans or the Democrats?

31% Say Republicans Don't Talk Enough About AI Guardrails

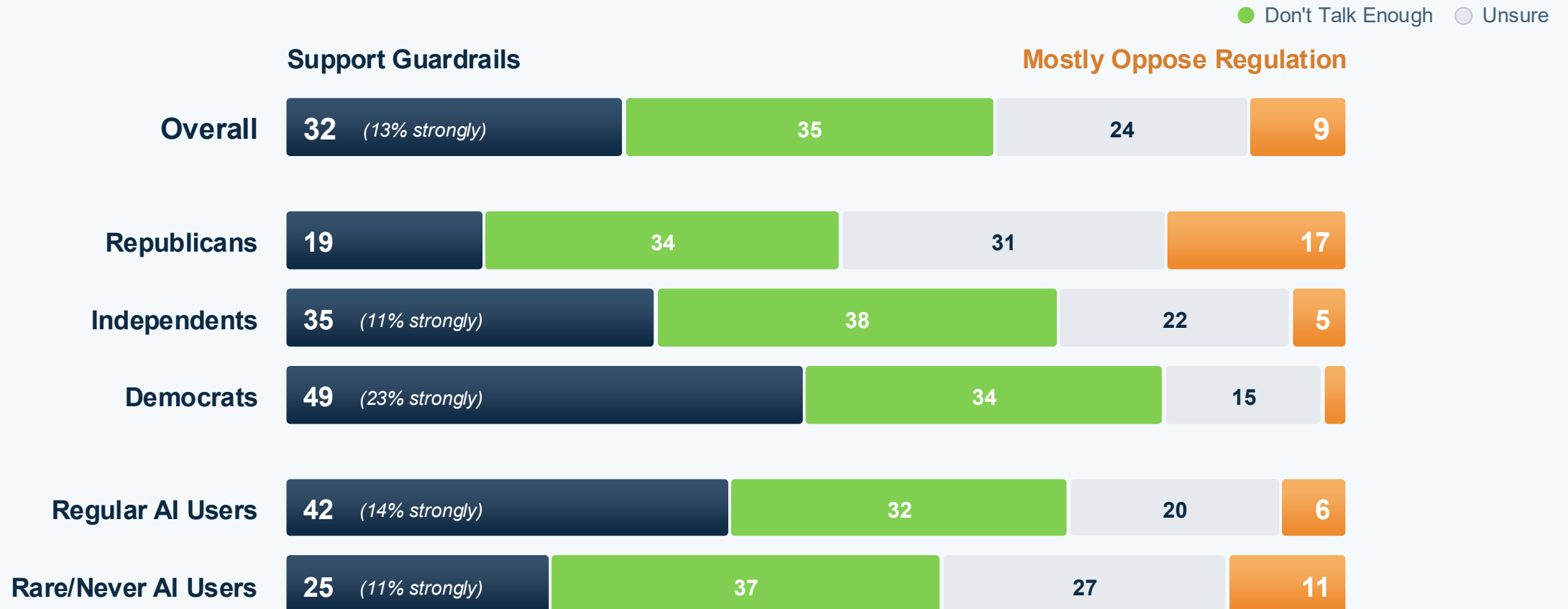
23% see Republicans as mostly opposed to AI regulation, versus 9% for Democrats.



Do you believe most Republican elected officials and candidates currently support common-sense government guardrails on AI, or do they not talk about the issue enough?

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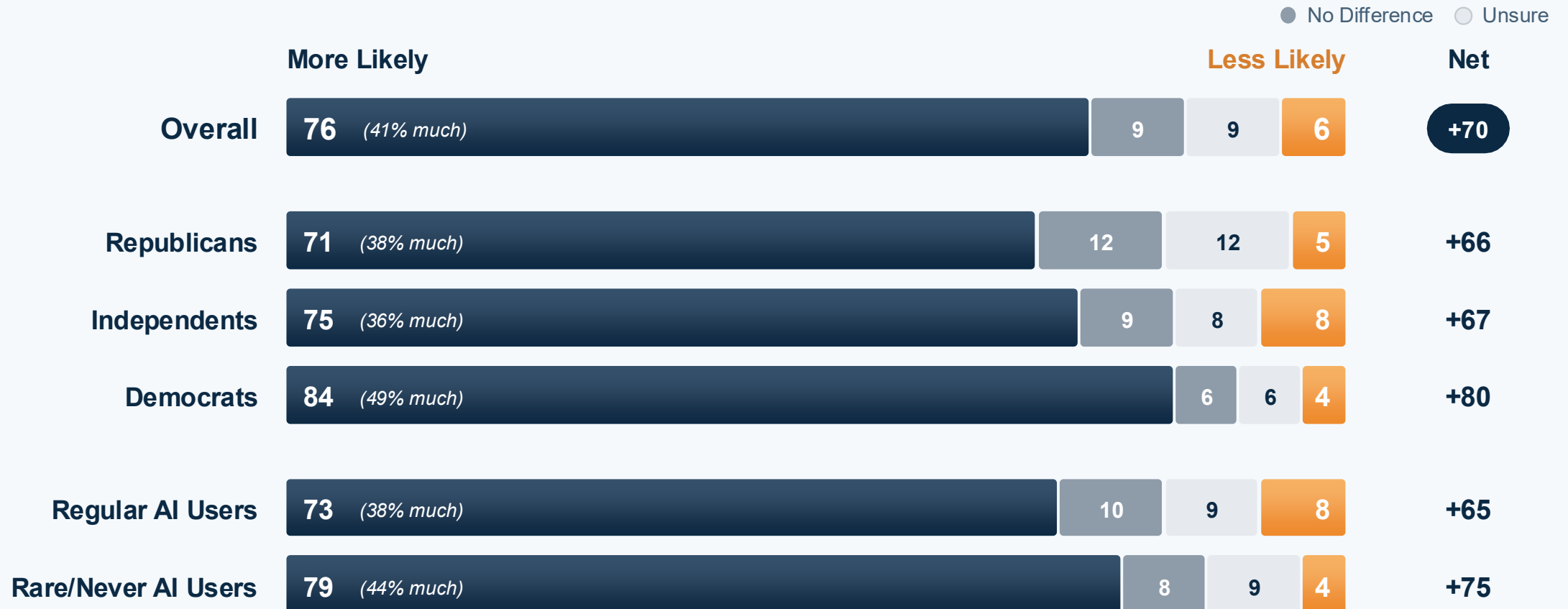
32% say Democrats support AI guardrails, versus 26% who say the same of Republicans.



Do you believe most Democratic elected officials and candidates currently support common-sense government guardrails on AI, or do they not talk about the issue enough?

76% Are More Likely to Back a Candidate Who Supports Guardrails

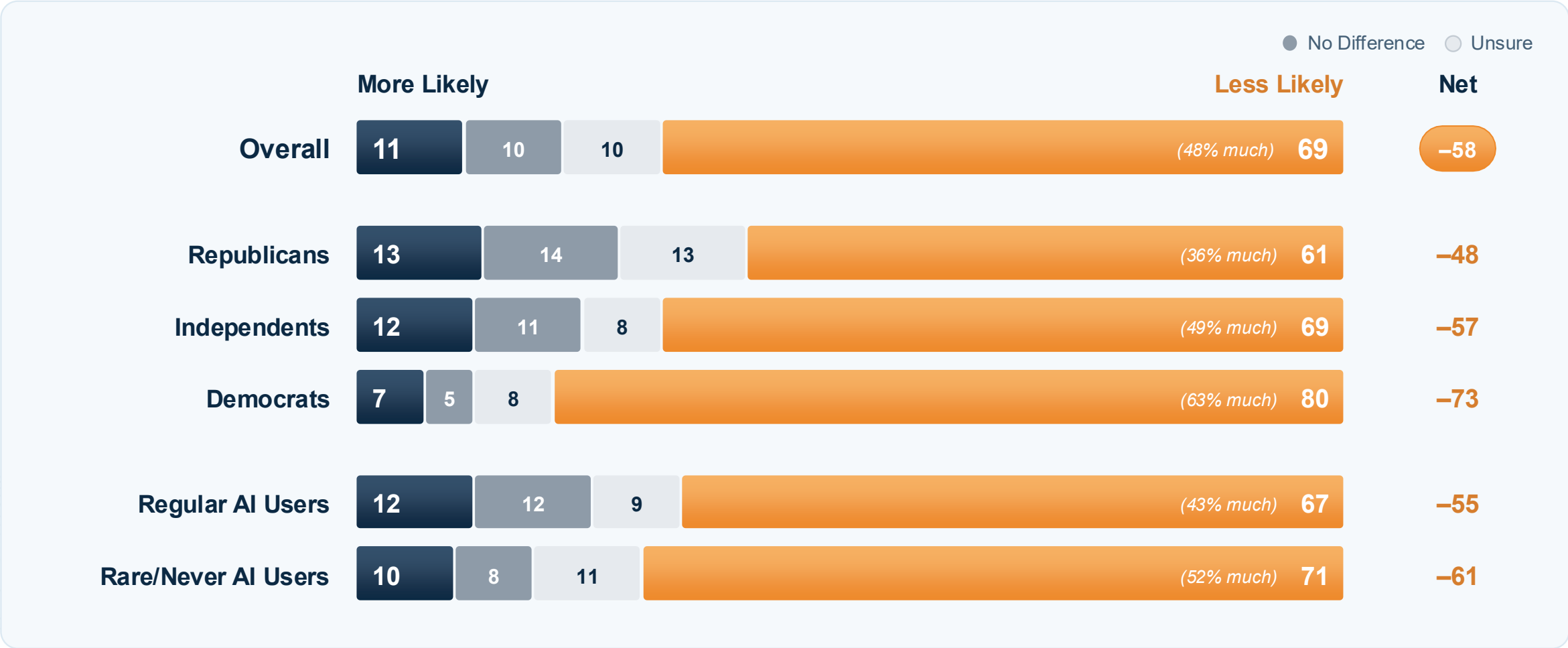
Among voters paying a ton or a great deal of attention to candidates on AI, 81% are more likely.



If a candidate for Congress supported common-sense government guardrails on AI, including protections for children online, stronger regulation of AI labs, and safeguards against foreign adversaries, would you be more or less likely to support that candidate?

69% Are Less Likely to Back a Candidate Who Opposes Guardrails

A candidate who opposes guardrails nets -58, while one who supports them nets +70.



If a candidate for Congress opposed common-sense government guardrails on AI, arguing that regulation would stifle American innovation, would you be more or less likely to support that candidate?

70% Say Backing AI Guardrails Would Help a Candidate

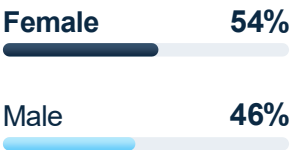
76% of voters who want AI pace addressed say guardrails would help a candidate.



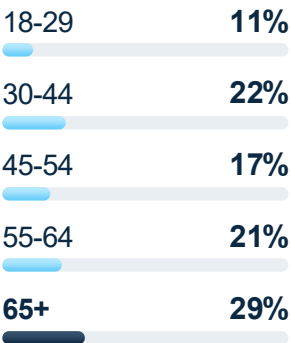
Regardless of your own vote, would a candidate's support for common-sense AI guardrails help or hurt them in a competitive congressional race?

Demographics

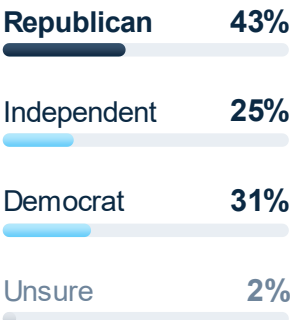
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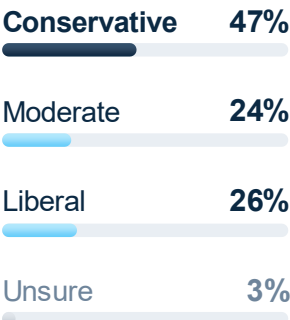
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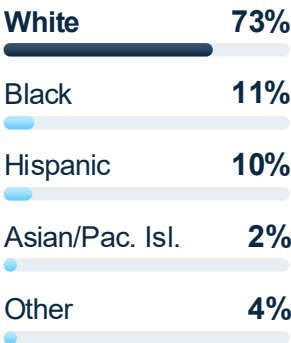
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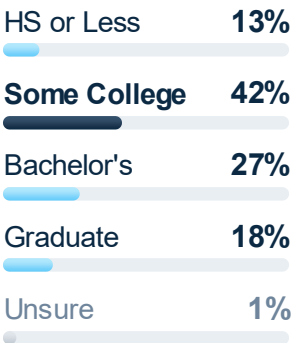
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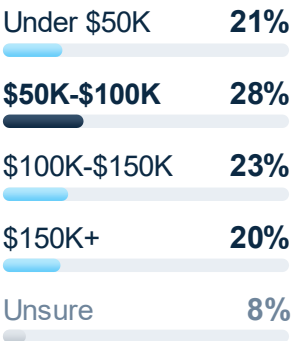
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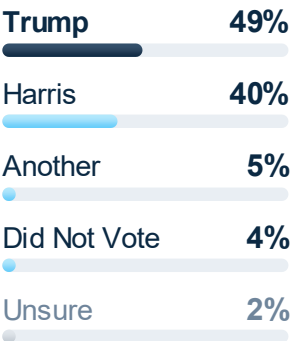
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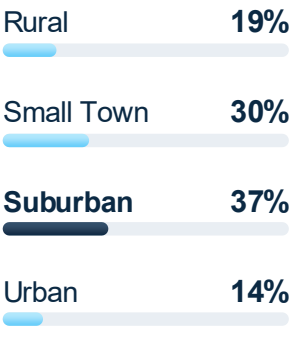
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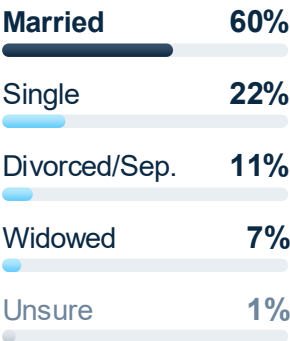
2024 Vote



Community



Marital Status



AI Use

