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Americans on Proposals in the 2022 Reconciliation Budget

September 9, 2021

PROPOSALS & SOURCES

Polling data available for 28 proposals in the budget reconciliation framework.

- 16 proposals tested using PPC's in-depth survey method
- 3 proposals tested by Center for Deliberative Democracy

Standard Polls From:

Morning Consult ♦ Pew Research Center ♦ Ipsos

Kaiser Family Foundation ♦ NORC— U. of Chicago

Chan School of Public Health, Harvard ♦ Marquette Law School

Program on Climate Change Communication, Yale/ George Mason

SUMMARY OF SUPPORT

Number of Proposals Tested: 28

National Majority Support 28
including majority of Democrats & Independents

Republicans: Majority Support 14

Plurality Support 2

Majority Oppose 5

Plurality Oppose 1

Variable or Roughly Divided 6

HEALTH CARE

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

Allow the federal government to negotiate with drug companies to get lower prices, which would be used by both Medicare and private insurance companies.

Large bipartisan majority supports

Allow Government to Negotiate Drug Prices

HEALTH CARE

Allow the federal government to negotiate with drug companies to get a lower price on medications that would apply to both Medicare and private insurance

✓ FAVOR

National

89

Republicans

84

Democrats

97

Independents

87

SOURCE: Kaiser Family Foundation, December 2020

Allow Government to Negotiate Drug Prices

HEALTH CARE

✓ FAVOR

National

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Republicans

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Democrats

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Independents

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SOURCE: Center for Deliberative Democracy, 2019

HEALTH CARE

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

Expand Medicare coverage to include dental, vision and hearing.

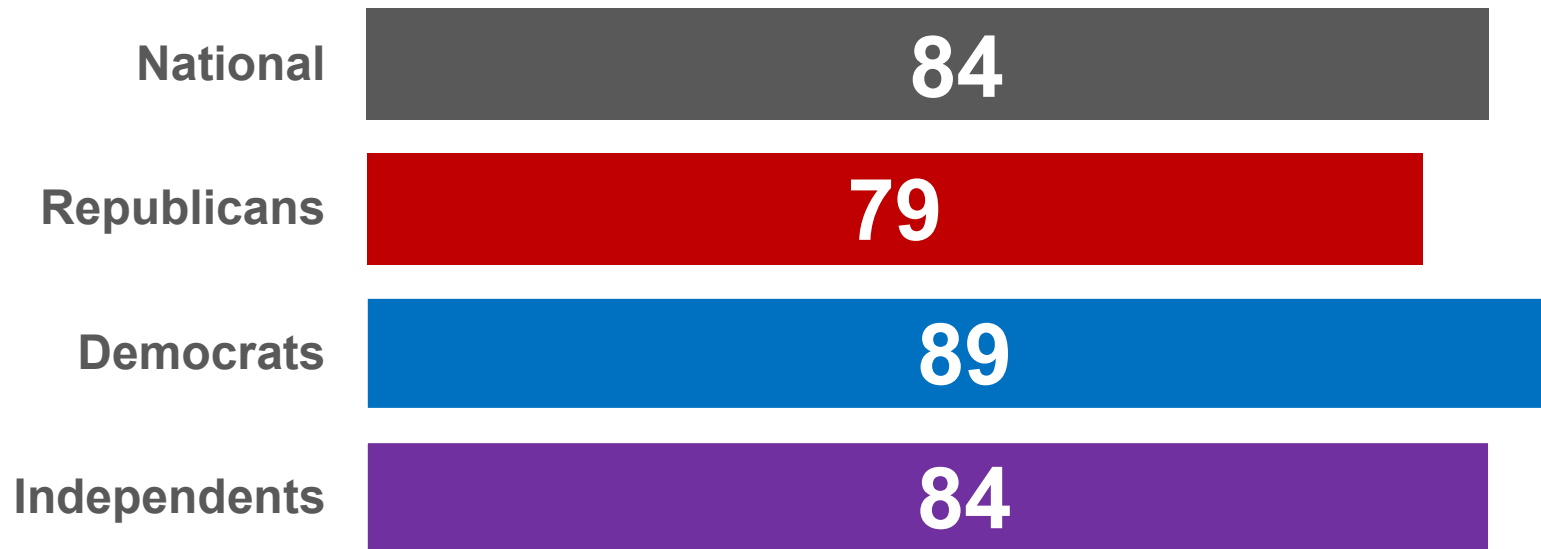
Large bipartisan majority supports

Expanding Medicare Coverage

HEALTH CARE

Add dental, vision and hearing to Medicare

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SOURCE: Morning Consult/Politico, June 2021

HEALTH CARE

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

**Lower the Medicare
eligibility age to 60.**

Large majority supports,
Plurality of Republicans

Lower Medicare Eligibility Age

HEALTH CARE

Lower the Medicare eligibility age to 60

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National

61

Republicans

49

12
DK

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OPPOSE

Democrats

75

Independents

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SOURCE: Morning Consult/Politico, June 2021

HEALTH CARE

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

Increase the supply and affordability of home health care services, and increase wages and benefits for home health care workers.

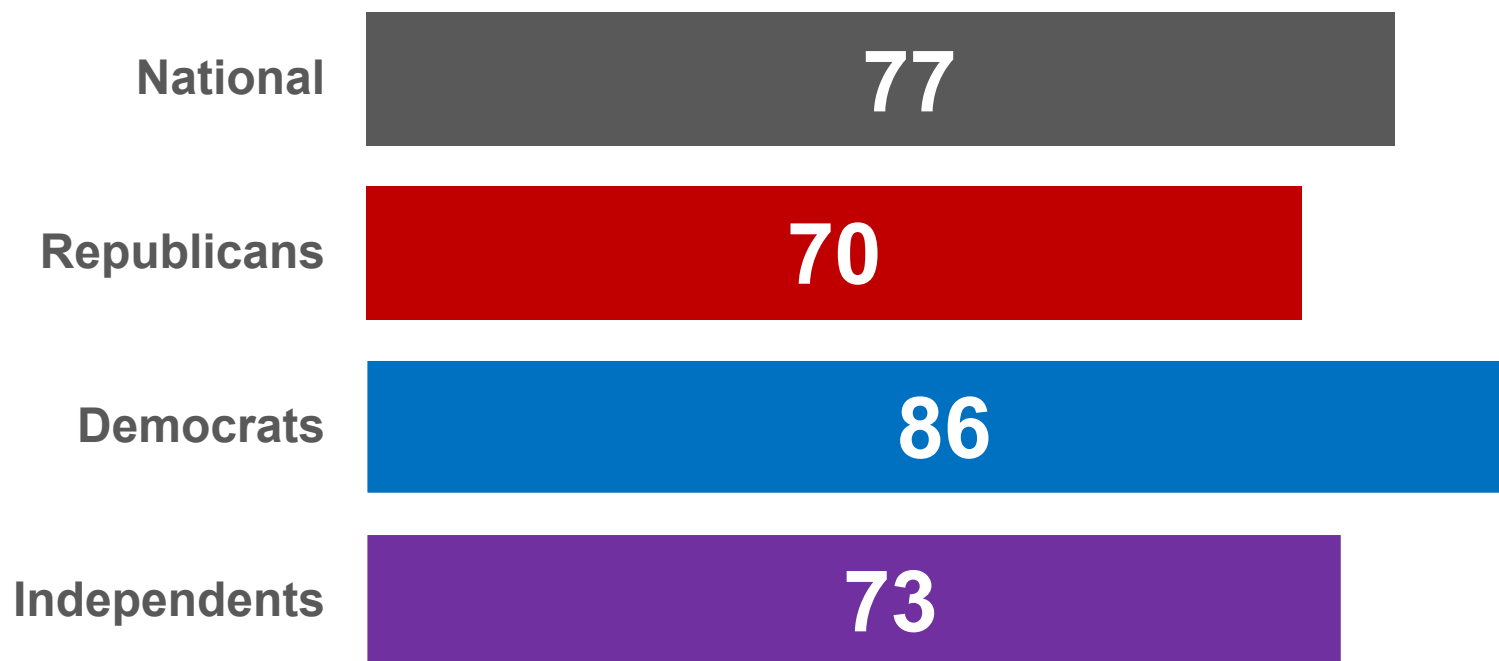
A large bipartisan majority supports
Republican plurality for low-income

Expanding Home Health Services

HEALTH CARE

Expand home health services and support
for direct care workers

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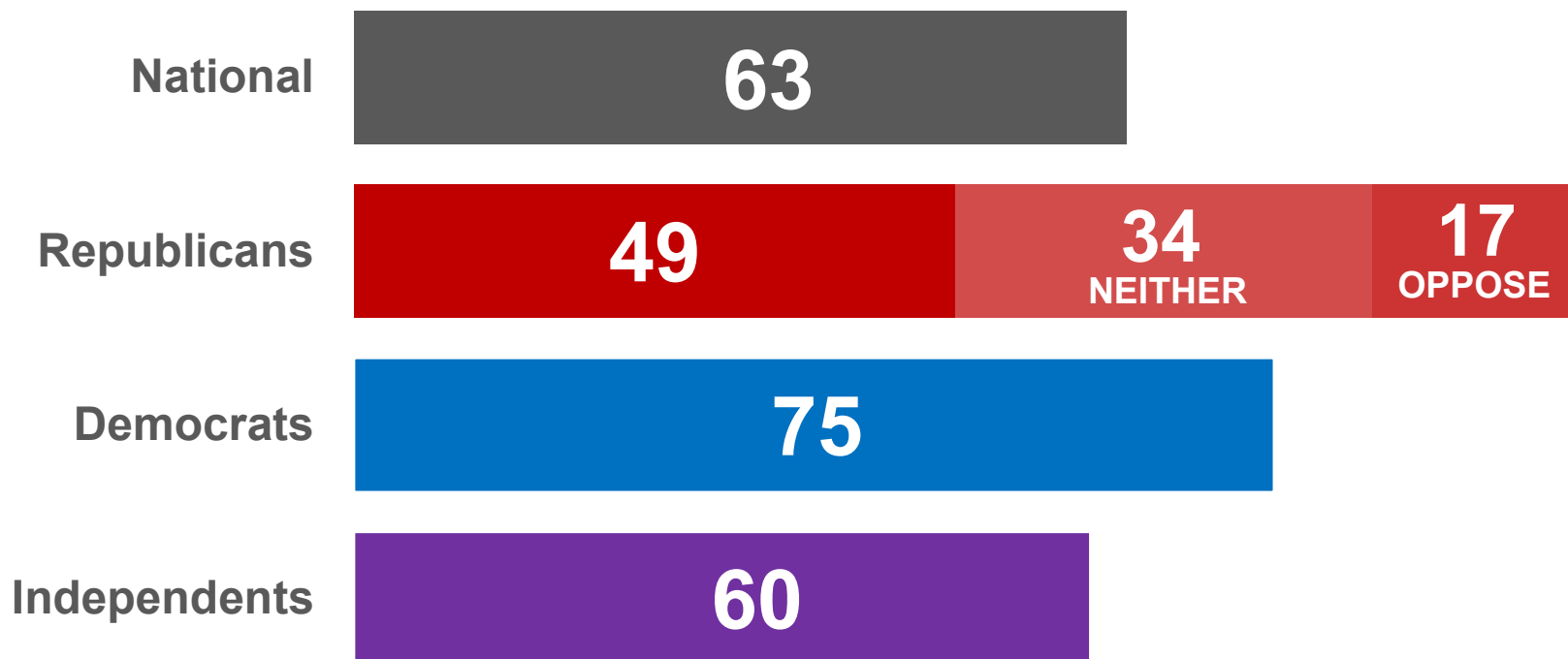
SOURCE: Morning Consult/Politico, June 2021

Expanding Home Health Services for Low-Income Households

HEALTH CARE

To help Americans prepare for the costs of ongoing living assistance, provide funding for programs to allow more people with low incomes to receive long-term care in their own homes

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SOURCE: AP-NORC, March 2021

HEALTH CARE

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

Fill the Medicaid gap, by providing health insurance to those who would be covered by Medicaid had their state expanded it.

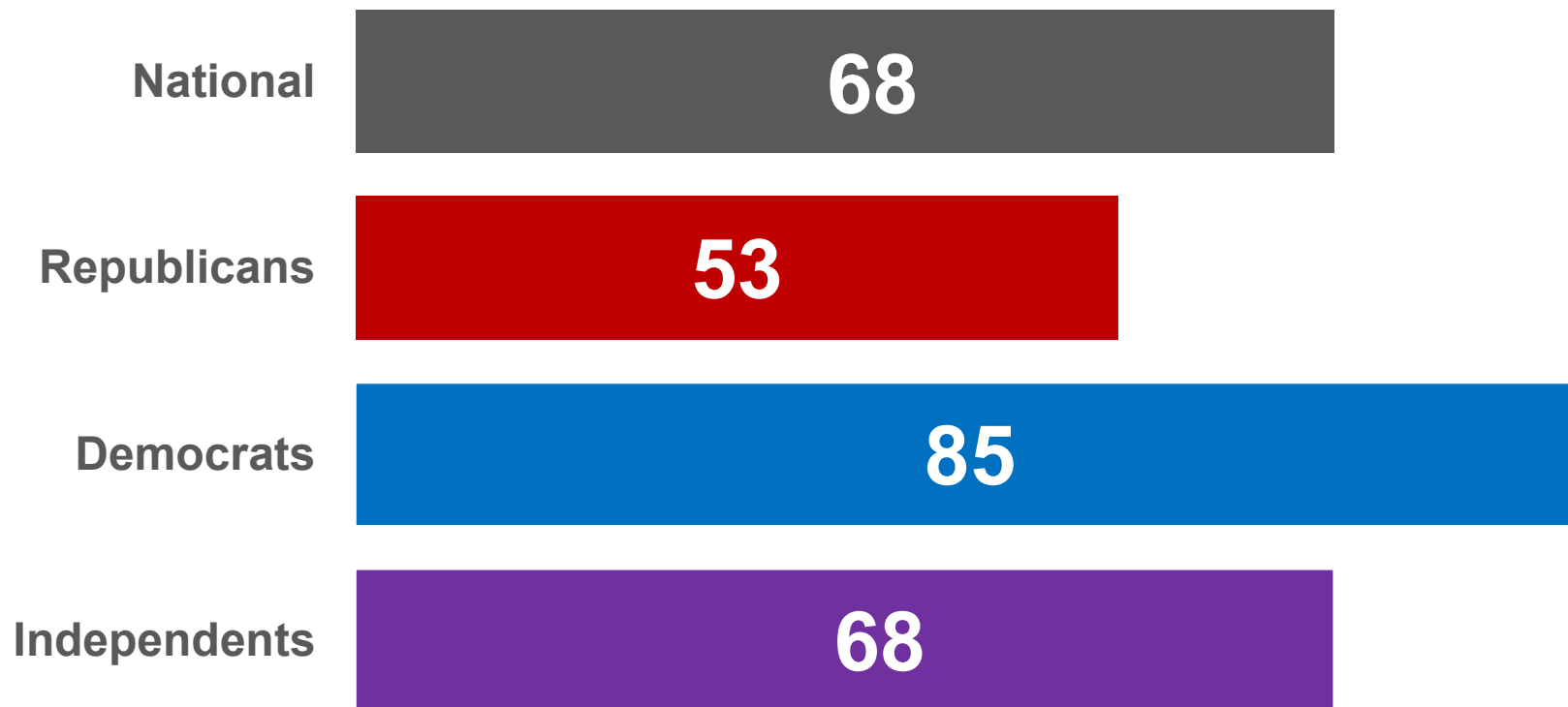
Bipartisan majority supports

Filling the Medicaid Coverage Gap

HEALTH CARE

Create a health coverage option for low-income people in states that have not expanded Medicaid

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SOURCE: Morning Consult/Politico, June 2021

HEALTH CARE

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

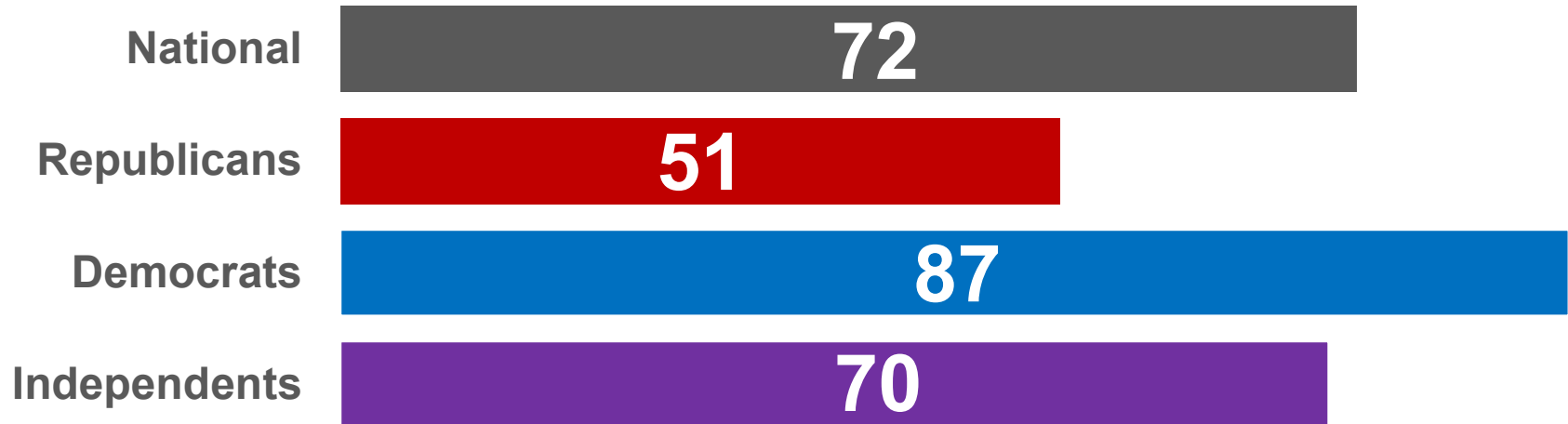
Extend the increased ACA subsidies which lowers premiums and deductibles.

Support varies

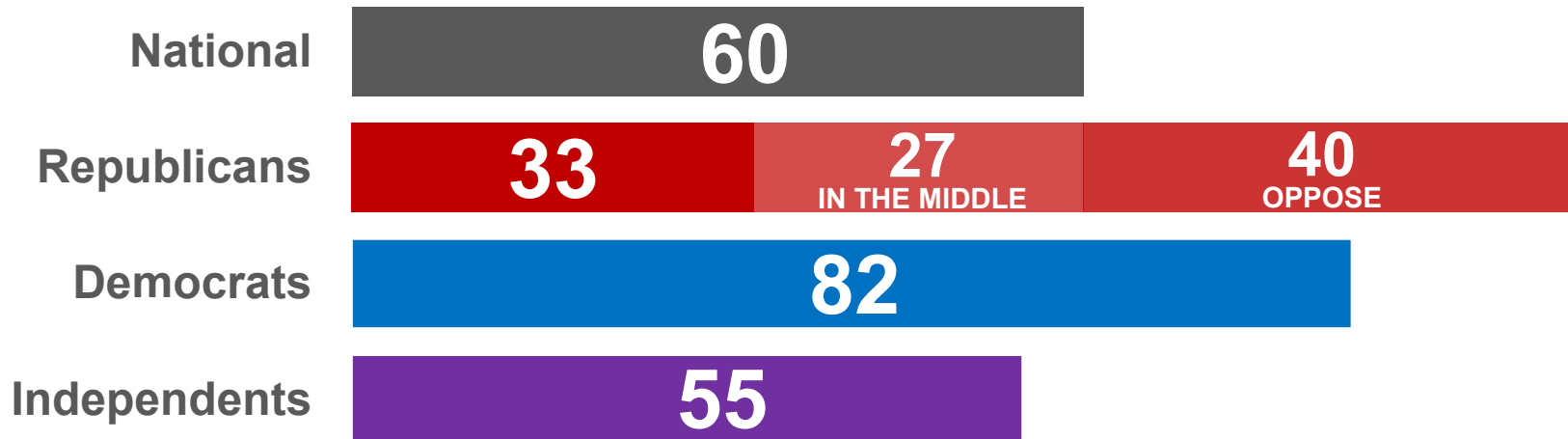
ACA Subsidies

HEALTH CARE

Raise the income cut-off, so more middle-income buyers get subsidies



Increase subsidies for low-income buyers



SOURCE: Center for Deliberative Democracy, 2019

ENVIRONMENT

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

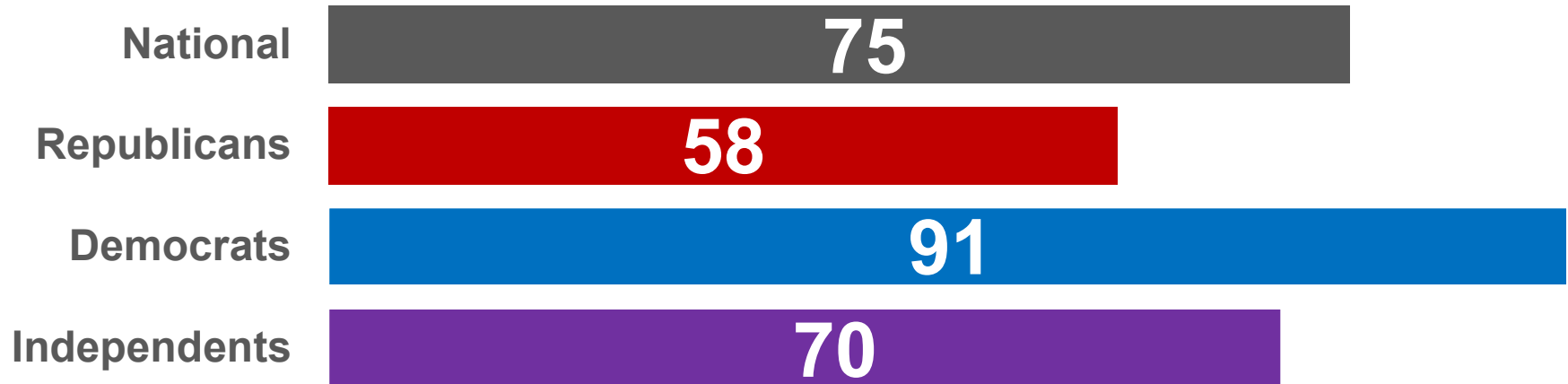
Provide tax credits for clean energy production and energy-efficiency improvements.

Large bipartisan majorities support

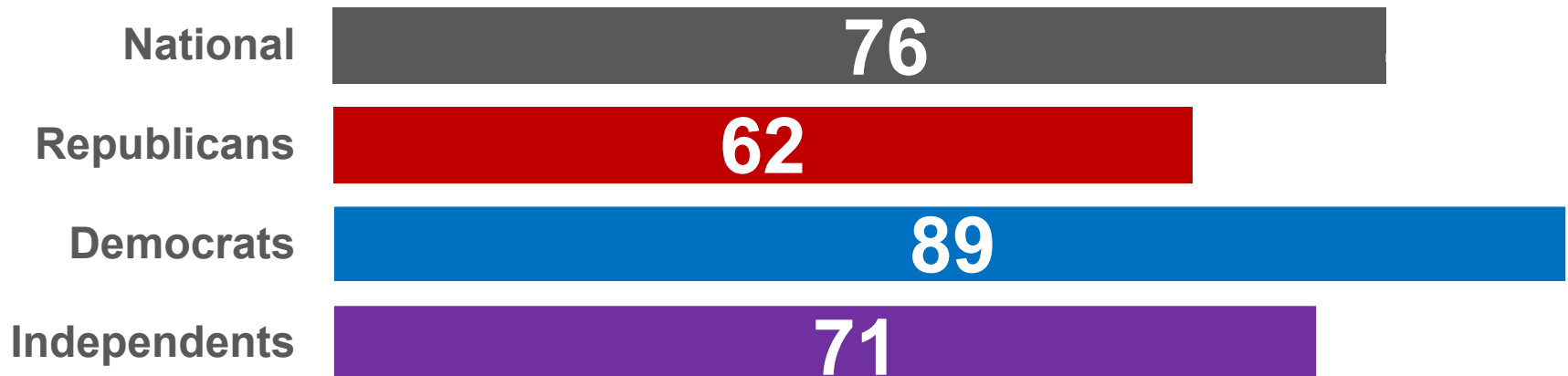
Clean Energy Tax Credits

ENVIRONMENT

For cost of clean energy producing equipment: up to 30%



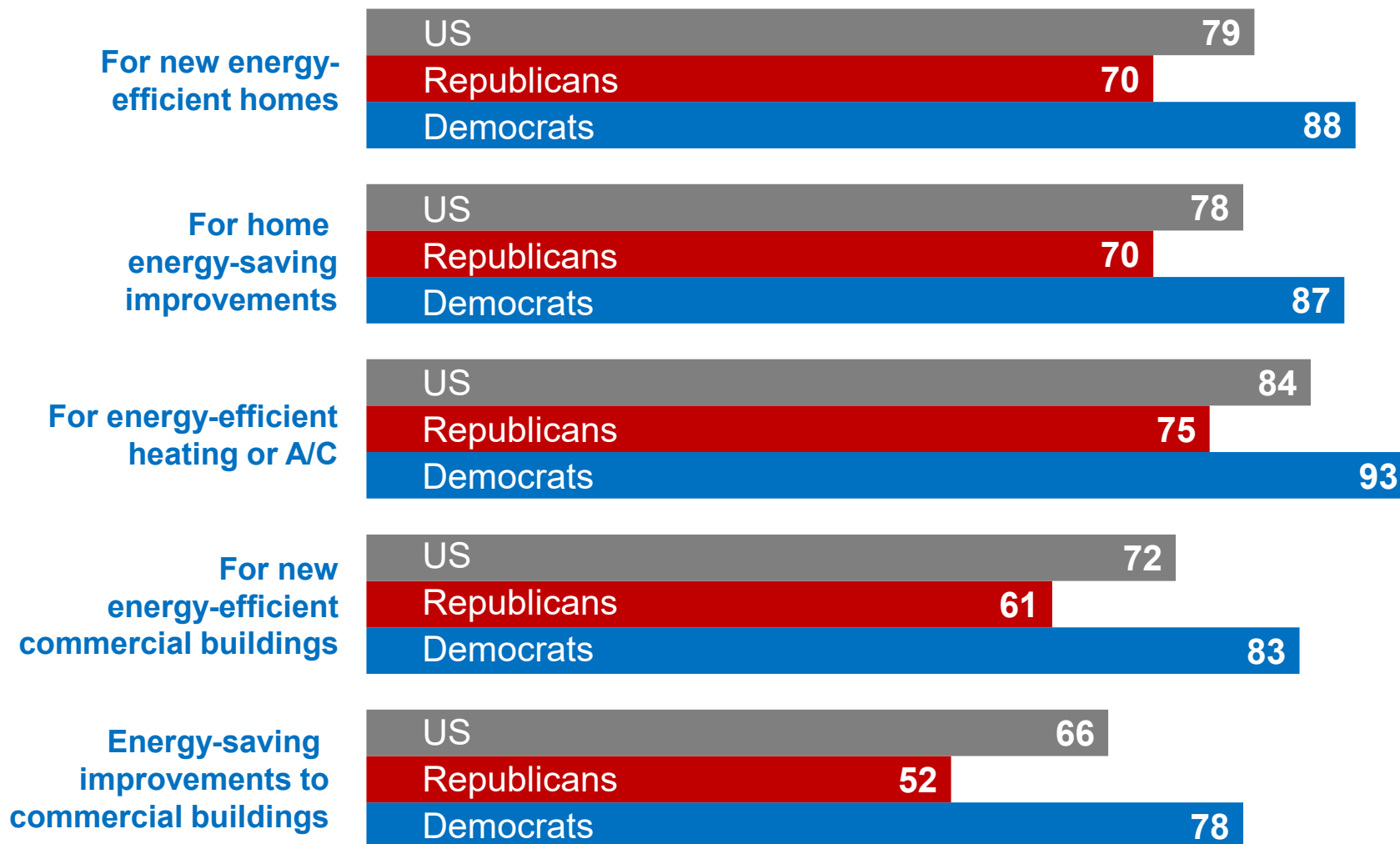
For electricity produced with clean energy: 5-10% of the average retail price



SOURCE: *Program for Public Consultation* October 2020

Tax Credits for Energy-Efficiency Improvements

ENVIRONMENT



SOURCE: *Program for Public Consultation*, October 2020

ENVIRONMENT

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

Establish a Civilian Climate Corps that would work on conservation, climate resilience and environmental justice projects.

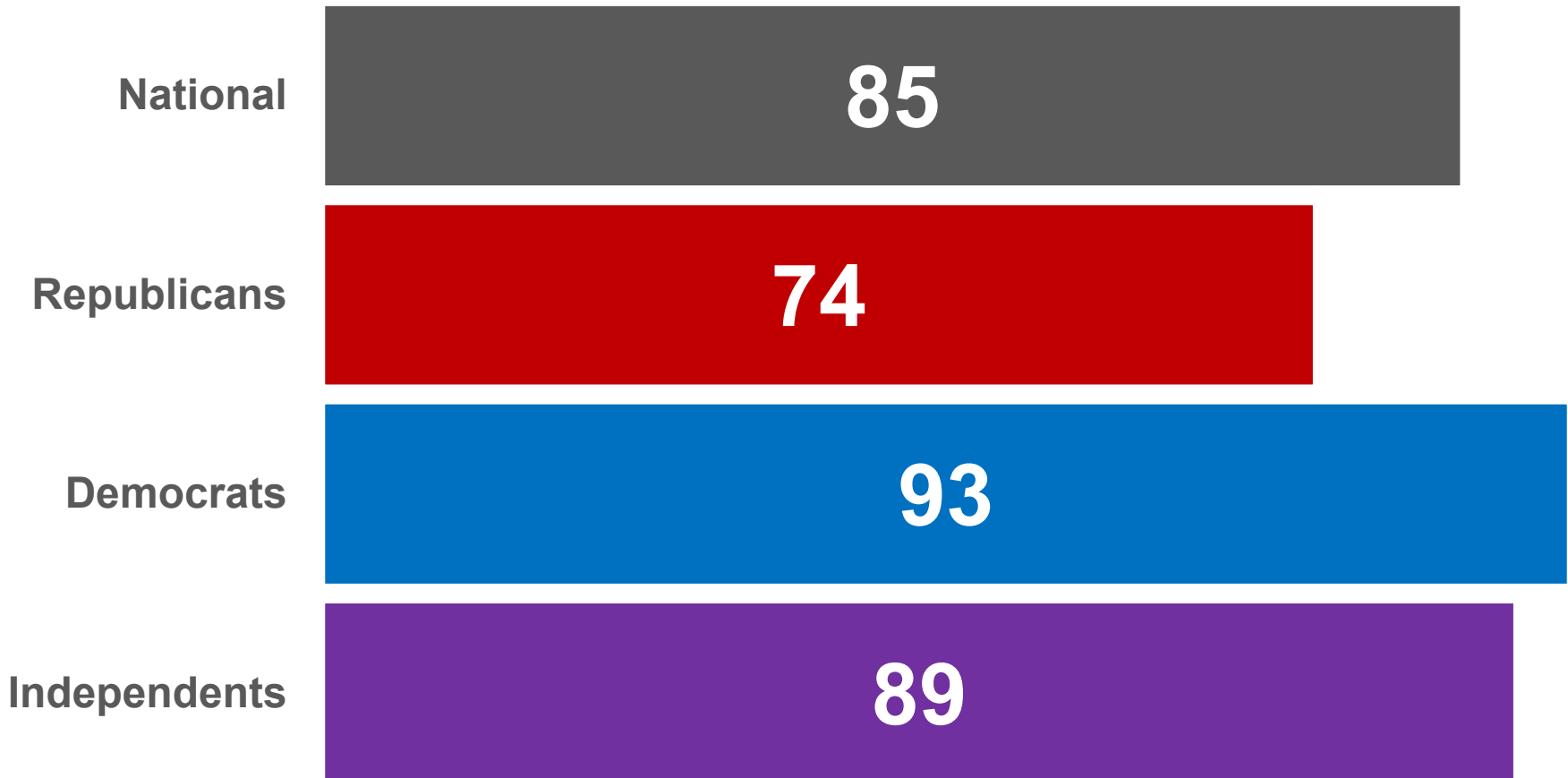
Large bipartisan majorities support similar proposal.

Re-Establish Civilian Conservation Corps

ENVIRONMENT

Re-establish the Civilian Conservation Corps, which would employ workers to protect natural ecosystems, plant trees in rural & urban areas, and restore soil on farmlands

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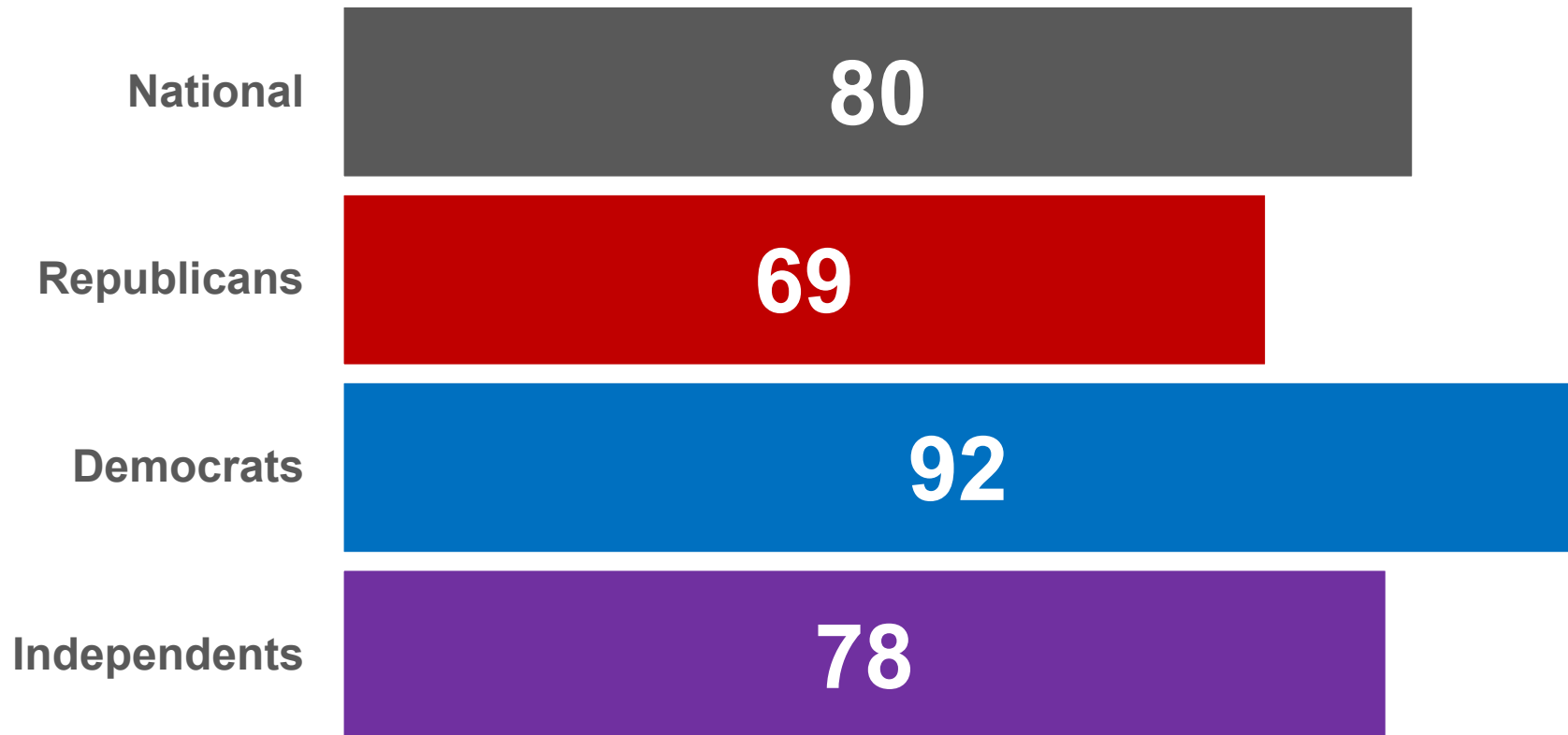
SOURCE: *Yale University/George Mason University, December 2020*

Community Projects Program

ENVIRONMENT

Implementing, or having ready to go in the event of an economic downturn, a community projects program dedicated to reclaiming land affected by pollution, improving energy efficiency, or renovating older public buildings, that would employ 750,000 people at a cost of \$30 billion a year.

✓ FAVOR



SOURCE: *Program for Public Consultation*, January 2017

ENVIRONMENT

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

**Increase the supply of electric vehicles,
in part through providing tax credits.**

Bipartisan majority supports for electric buses

Large majority supports for electric cars

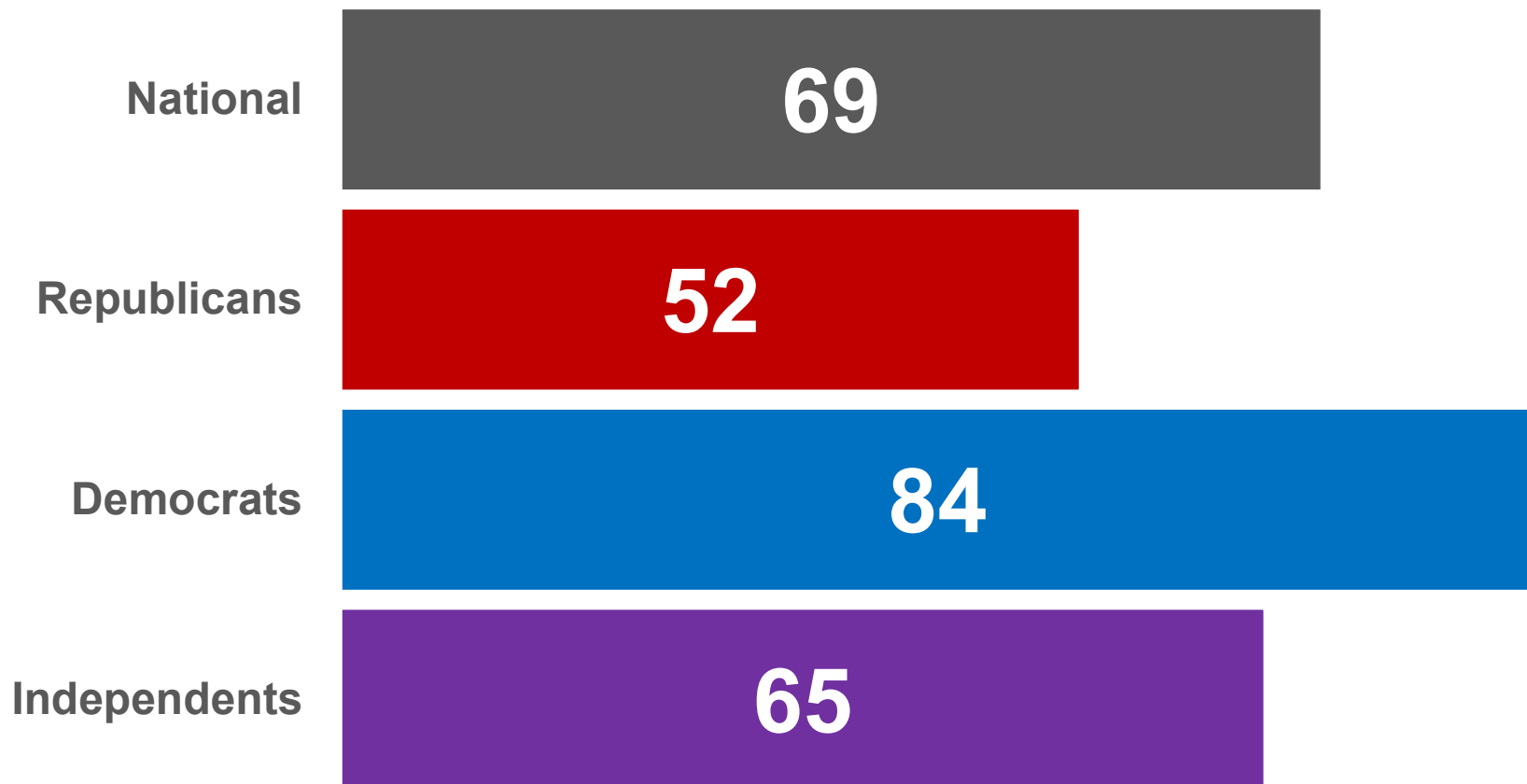
Majority of Republicans oppose

Tax Credit for Electric Buses

ENVIRONMENT

Tax credit for manufacturers of fully electric buses, equal to 10% of the sales price of each bus sold

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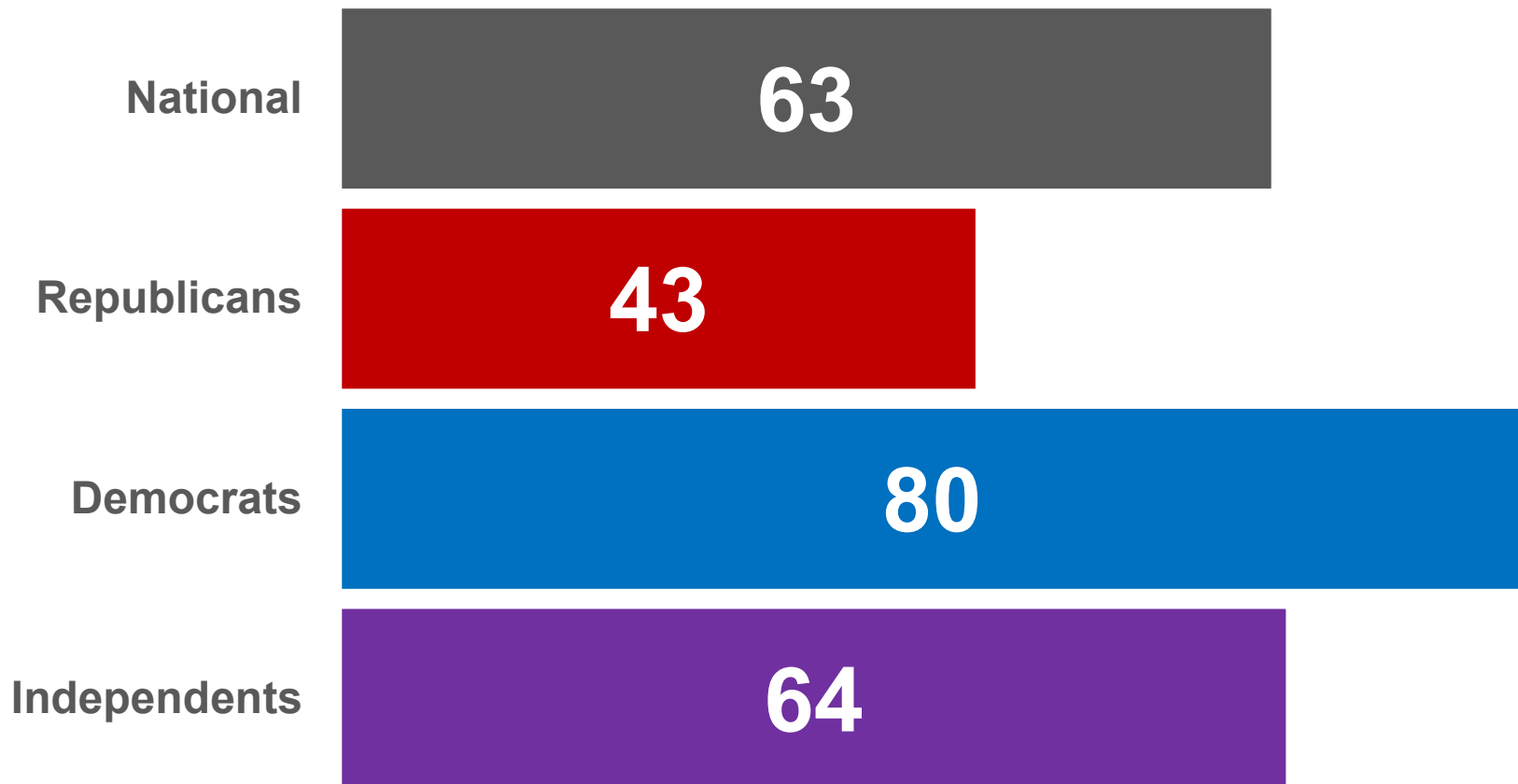
SOURCE: *Program for Public Consultation*, October 2020

Tax Credit for New Electric Cars

ENVIRONMENT

For the purchase of a new electric car,
a tax credit of up to \$7,500

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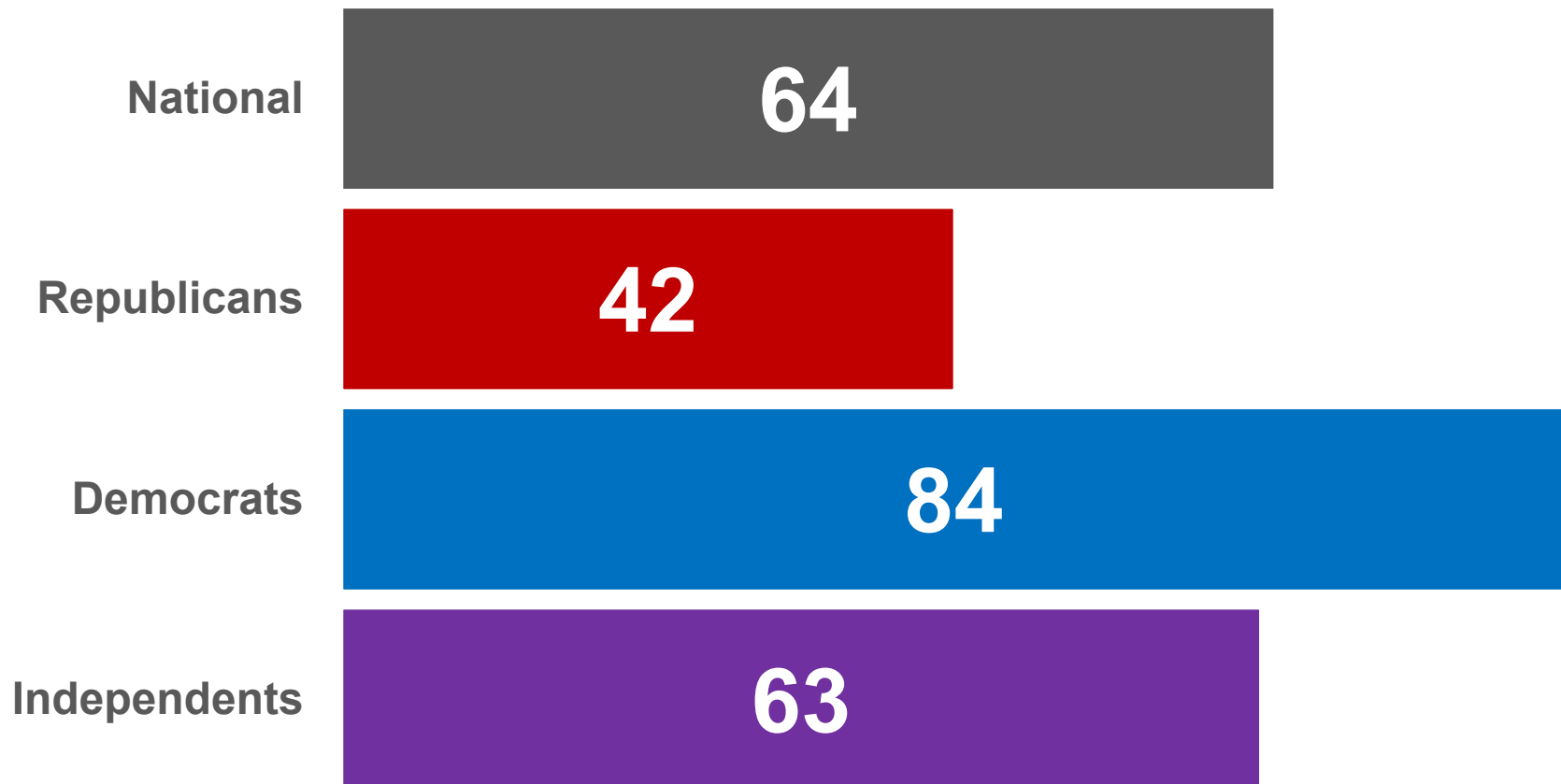
SOURCE: Program for Public Consultation, October 2020

Tax Credit for Used Electric Cars

ENVIRONMENT

For people making under \$30,000, a tax credit of \$5,000
for the purchase of a used electric car

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SOURCE: Program for Public Consultation, October 2020

Tax Credit for Used Electric Cars

Support Among
Republicans

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SOURCE: *Program for Public Consultation*, October 2020

FAMILIES & CHILDREN

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

Extend the Child Tax Credit reforms, which increased the amount of the credit, and made them fully refundable.

Majority supports;
Republicans divided or plurality support

Extending the Expanded Child Tax Credits for Four Years

**FAMILIES
& CHILDREN**

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OPPOSE

Democrats

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Independents

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SOURCE: *Morning Consult/Politico*, May 2021

FAMILIES & CHILDREN

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

Provide all workers with 12 weeks of family and medical leave

Majority supports

Republicans:

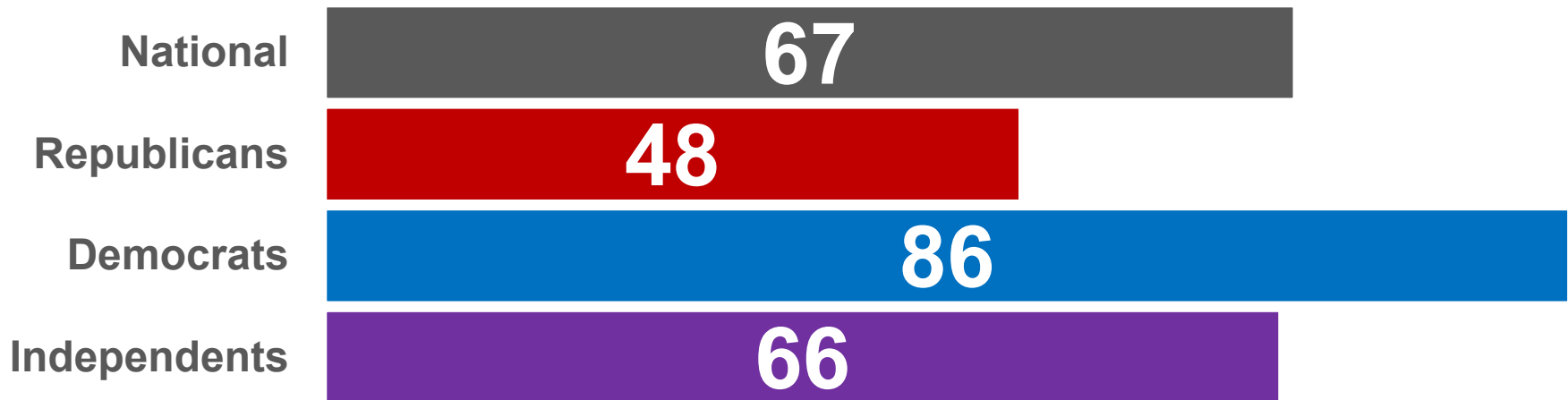
- Divided when by a new payroll tax
- Majority opposes when no specified funding

Paid Family & Medical Leave with Payroll Tax

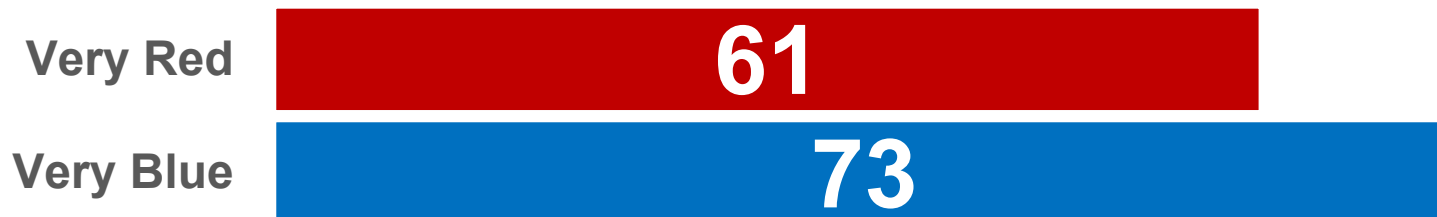
**FAMILIES
& CHILDREN**

All workers would be allowed to take up to 12 weeks of family or medical leave. Workers on leave would receive from the Federal government, 2/3 of their earnings, up to a maximum of \$4,000 a month. This proposal would be funded by a new 0.62% payroll tax split between employers and employees.

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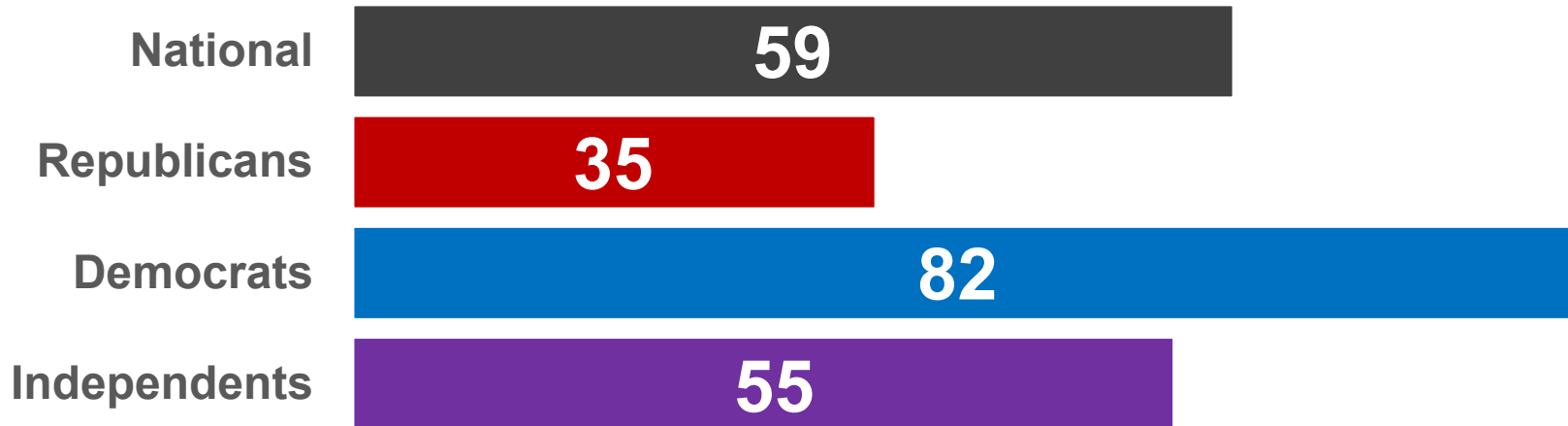
SOURCE: *Program for Public Consultation, March 2021*

Paid Family & Medical Leave

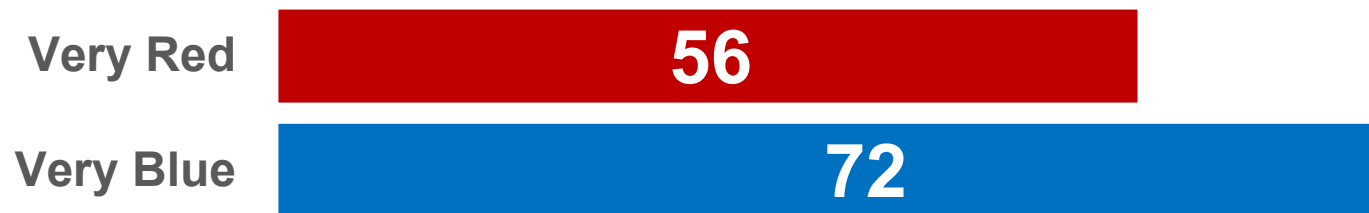
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All workers would be allowed to take up to 12 weeks of family or medical leave. Workers on leave would receive from the Federal government, 2/3 of their earnings, up to a maximum of \$4,000 a month. The proposal is estimated to cost around \$23 billion/year.

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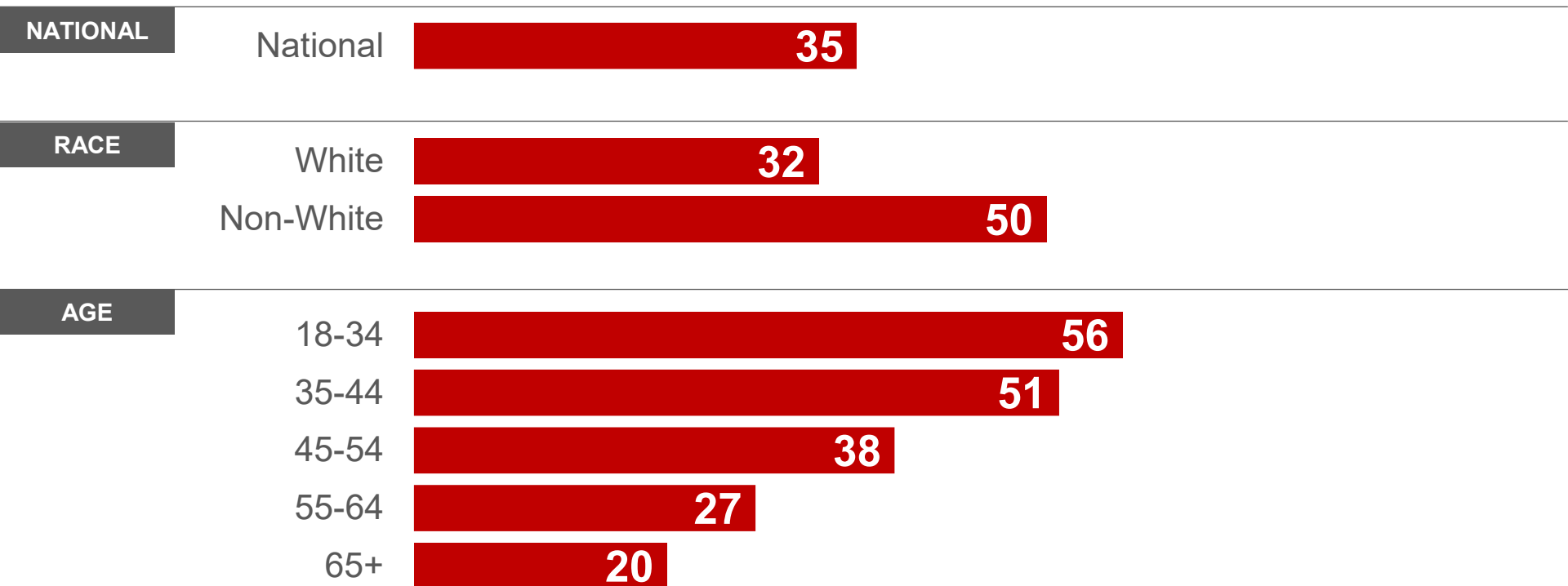
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Paid Family & Medical Leave

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FAMILIES & CHILDREN

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

Subsidize child care

- free for low-income parents
- middle-income families pay no more than 7% of income

Majority supports

Republicans:

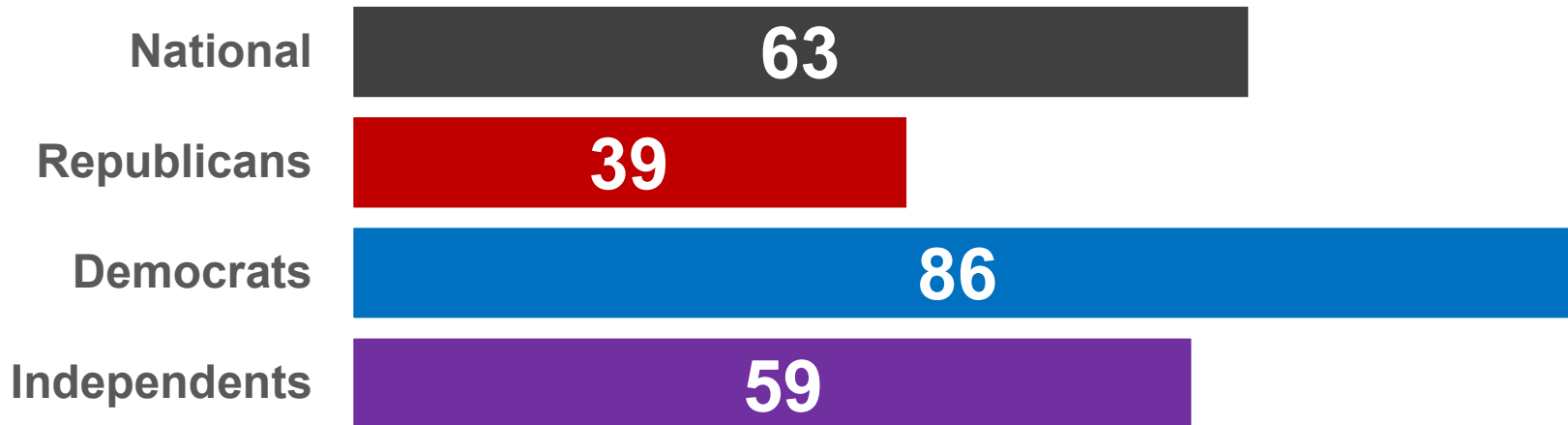
- standard polling, plurality in favor;
- when briefed, evaluate pro/con arguments, majority opposes

Child Care Assistance

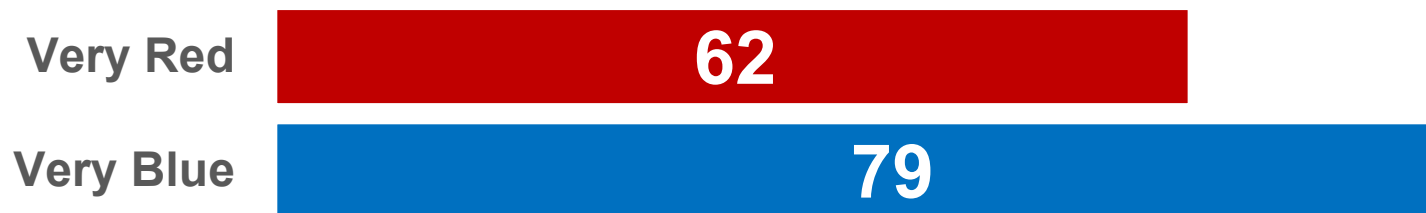
**FAMILIES
& CHILDREN**

The federal government would provide funds to states that want it, to help parents cover some of the cost of childcare, so that low-income families do not pay for child care and middle-income families spend no more than 7% of their income

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FAMILIES & CHILDREN

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

Extend the additional summer SNAP benefits, of about \$130/month, provided to low-income families with children.

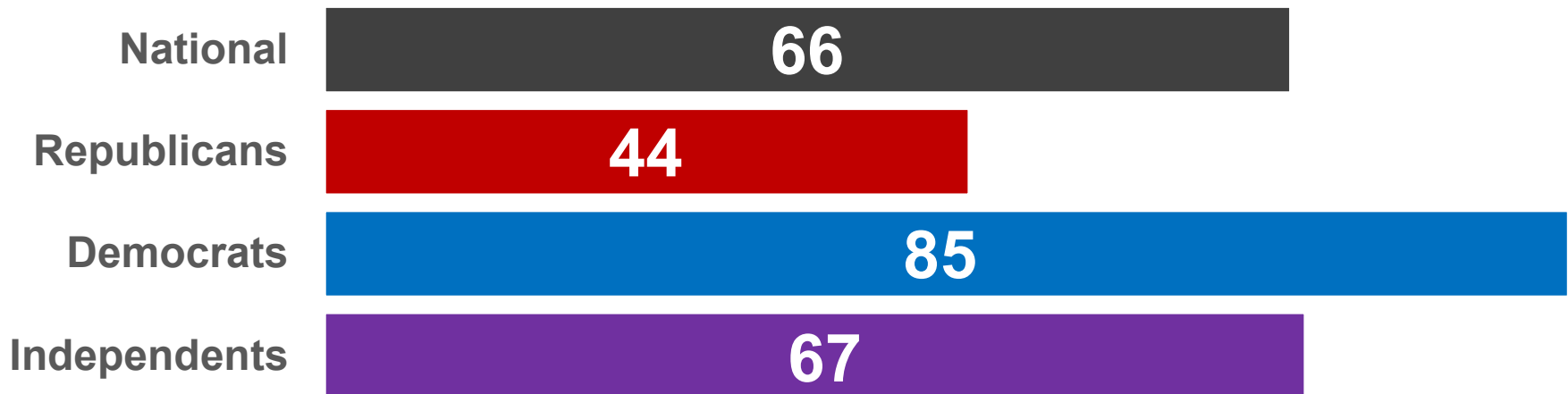
Majority supports making permanent;
Majority of Republicans oppose

Childhood Nutrition Assistance

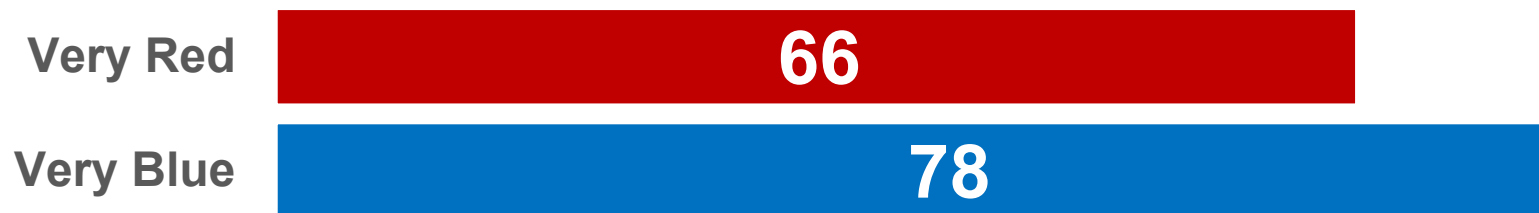
**FAMILIES
& CHILDREN**

Make permanent, during the summer months, up to \$130/month worth of food to very low-income families with school-age children or children under age 6. This proposal would cost around \$2.5 billion year.

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SOURCE: *Program for Public Consultation, August 2021*

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FAMILIES & CHILDREN

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

**Fund the renovation and creation
of new public housing;
provide additional rental assistance.**

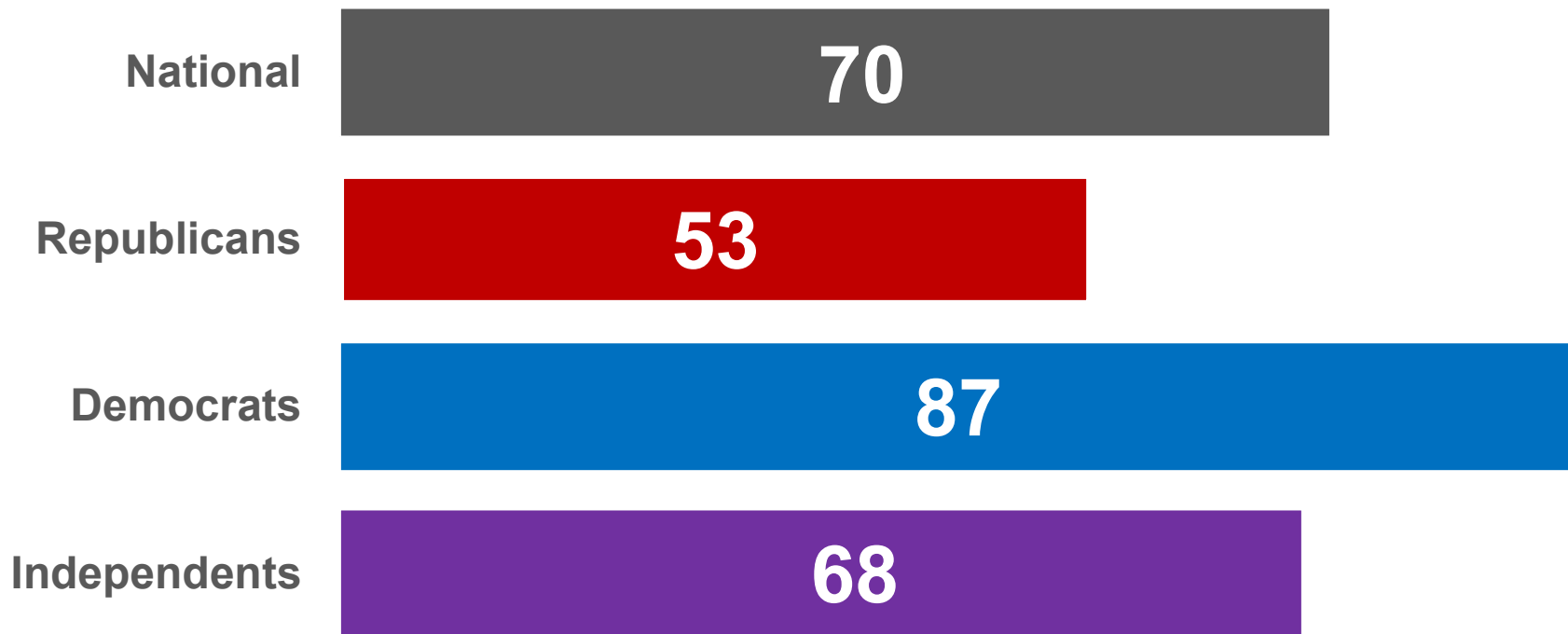
Majority supports, and slight majority
or plurality of Republicans

Increased Housing Options for Low-Income Americans

**FAMILIES
& CHILDREN**

Include funding to increase housing options for low-income households in Biden administration's infrastructure plan

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SOURCE: *Morning Consult/Politico*, March 2021

EDUCATION

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

**Provide funding to renovate and
build new public K-12 schools.**

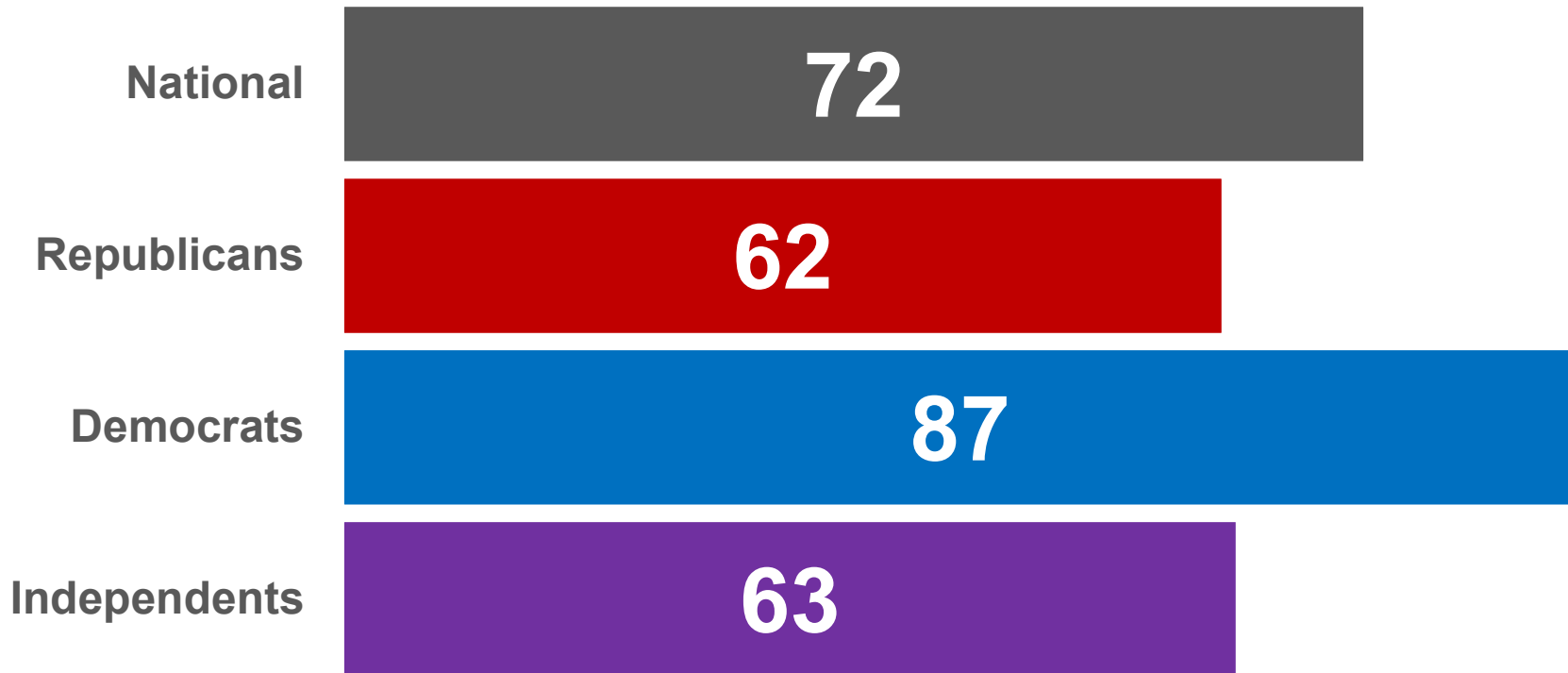
Bipartisan majority supports

Improving Public Schools

EDUCATION

\$100 billion to build and improve public schools,
as part of President Biden's infrastructure plan

SUPPORT



SOURCE: *Morning Consult/Politico*, April 2021

EDUCATION

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

Increase the size of the Pell Grant – higher education aid for low-income students.

Bipartisan majority supports

Increase Pell Grants

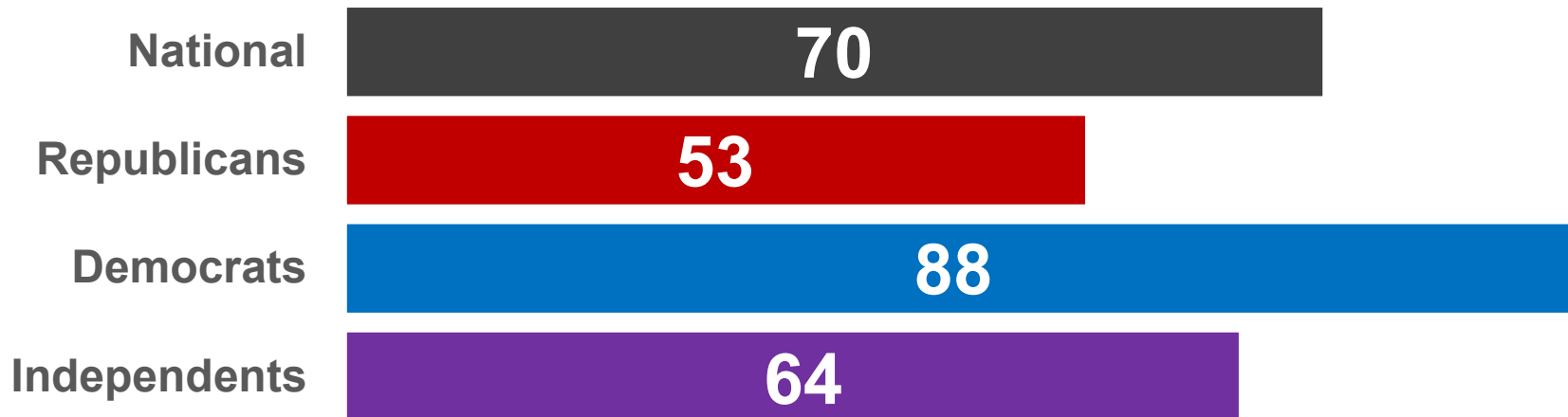
EDUCATION

Increase the amount of the Pell Grant, so the maximum amount would increase from around \$6,500 to around \$8,300 a year.

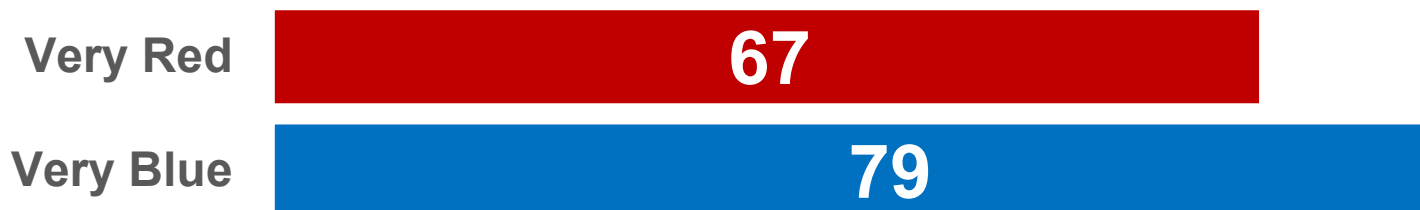
This proposal is estimated to cost around \$8.5 billion/year.



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SOURCE: *Program for Public Consultation, August 2021*

EDUCATION

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

Provide free preschool programs to all 3- and 4- year-olds.

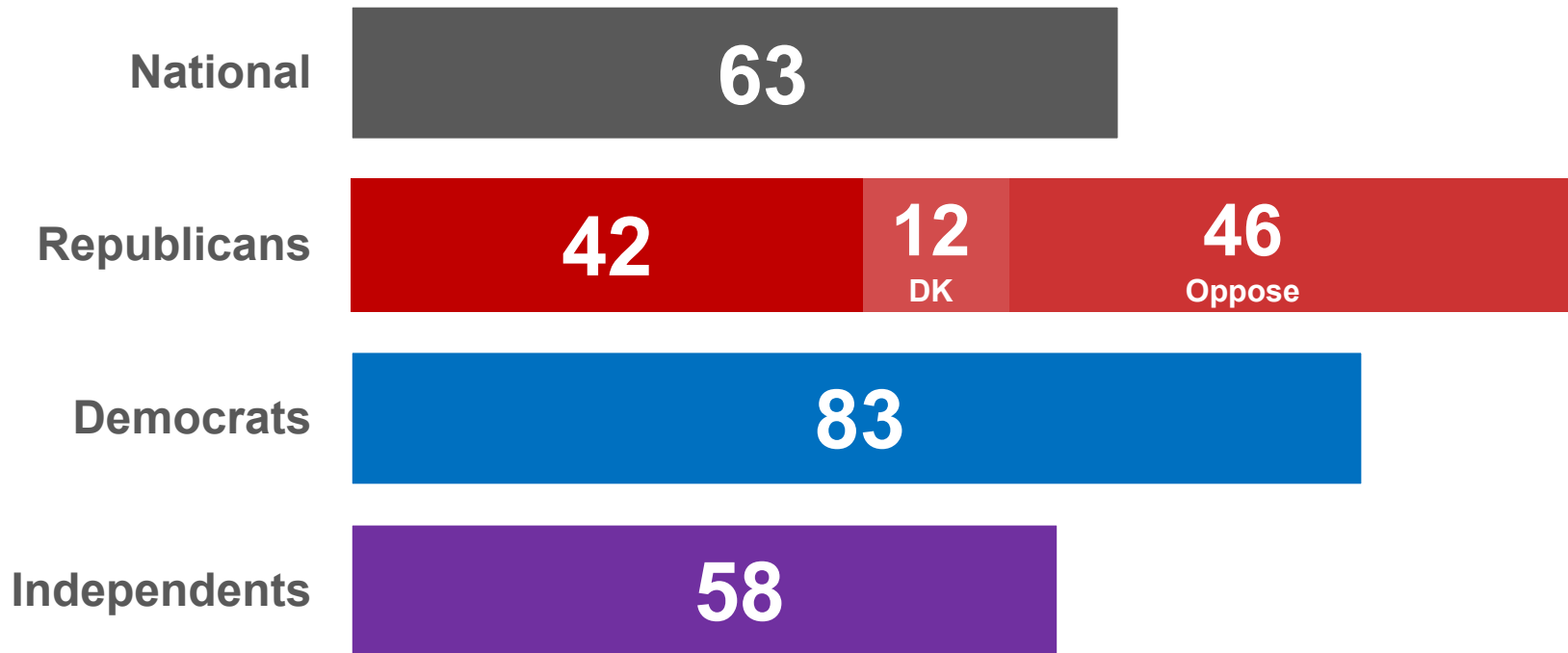
A majority supports. Republican views vary; between plurality in favor, plurality opposed

Free Universal Preschool

EDUCATION

Include free universal preschool for all 3- and 4- year-olds in the Biden administration's \$1.8 trillion economic spending plan.

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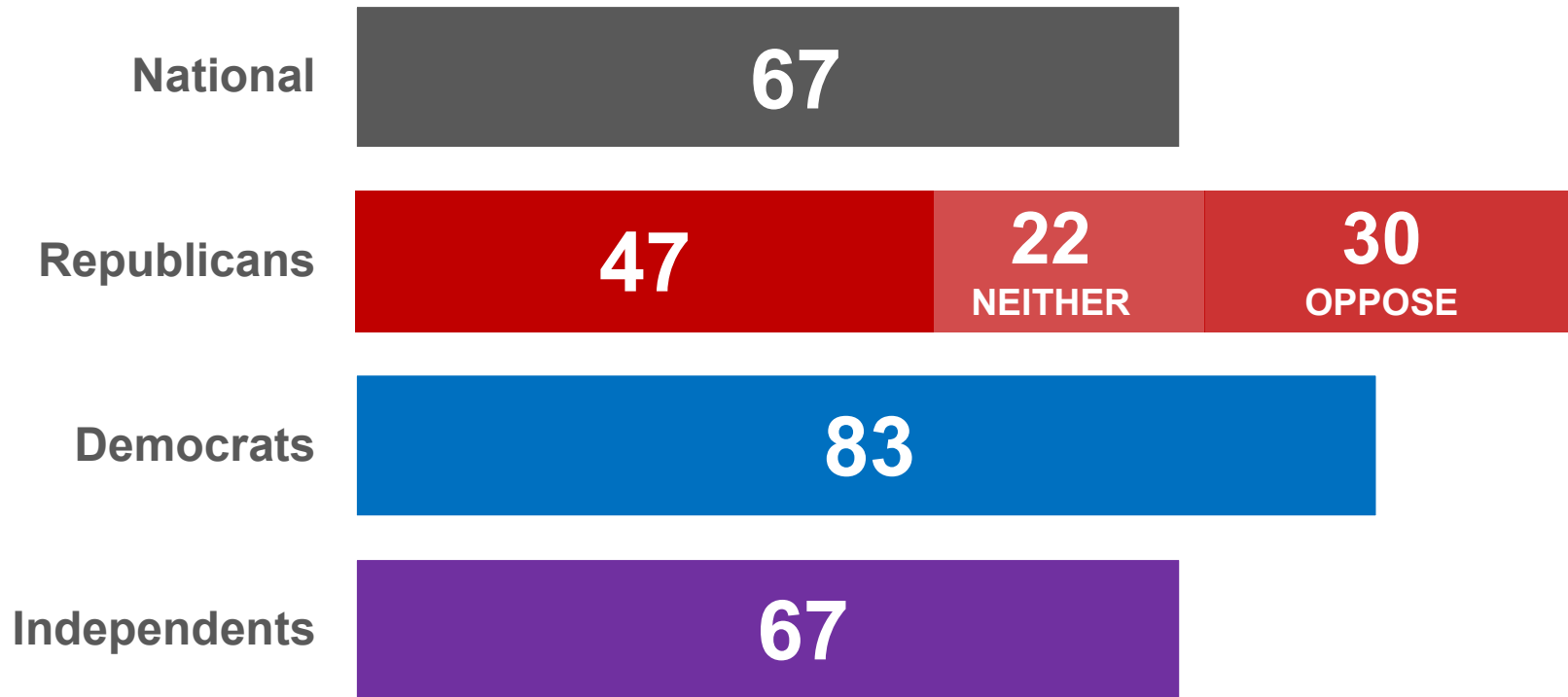
SOURCE: Morning Consult/Politico, May 2021

Free Preschool Programs

EDUCATION

Free preschool programs,
as part of the infrastructure package

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SOURCE: AP-NORC, July 2021

EDUCATION

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

**Provide two years of
tuition-free community college.**

Majority supports;
Less than half of Republicans

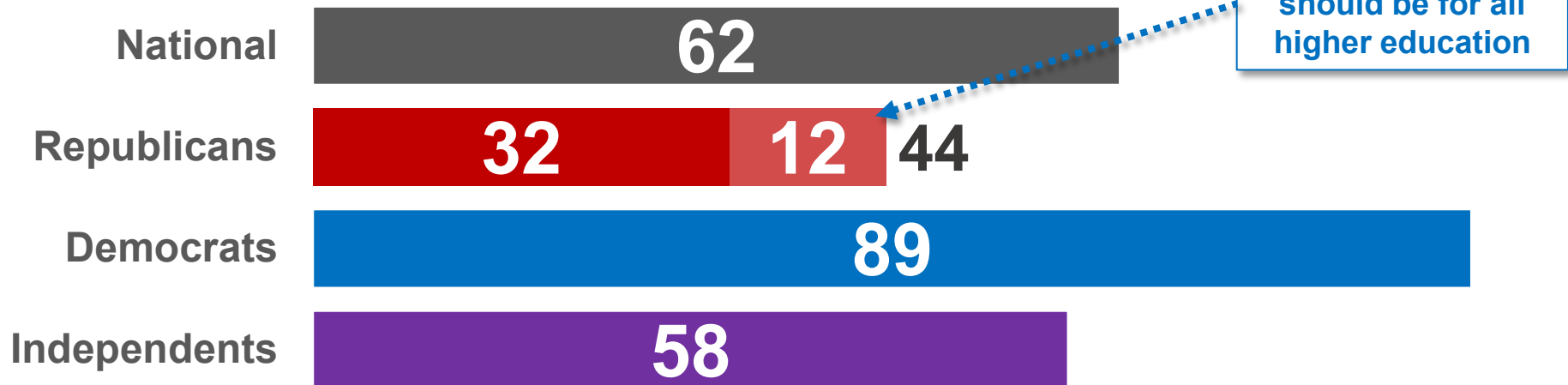
Free Community College

EDUCATION

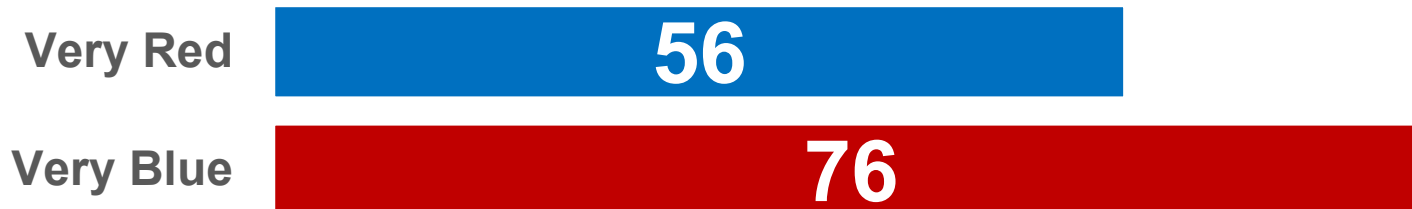
States that want to have tuition-free community college could apply for a federal government grant. The federal government would then supplement state spending in order to make community college tuition free for students.

This proposal is estimated to cost around \$11 billion/year.

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SOURCE: *Program for Public Consultation, August 2021*

EDUCATION

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

Provide tuition assistance to students attending minority-serving higher education institutions.

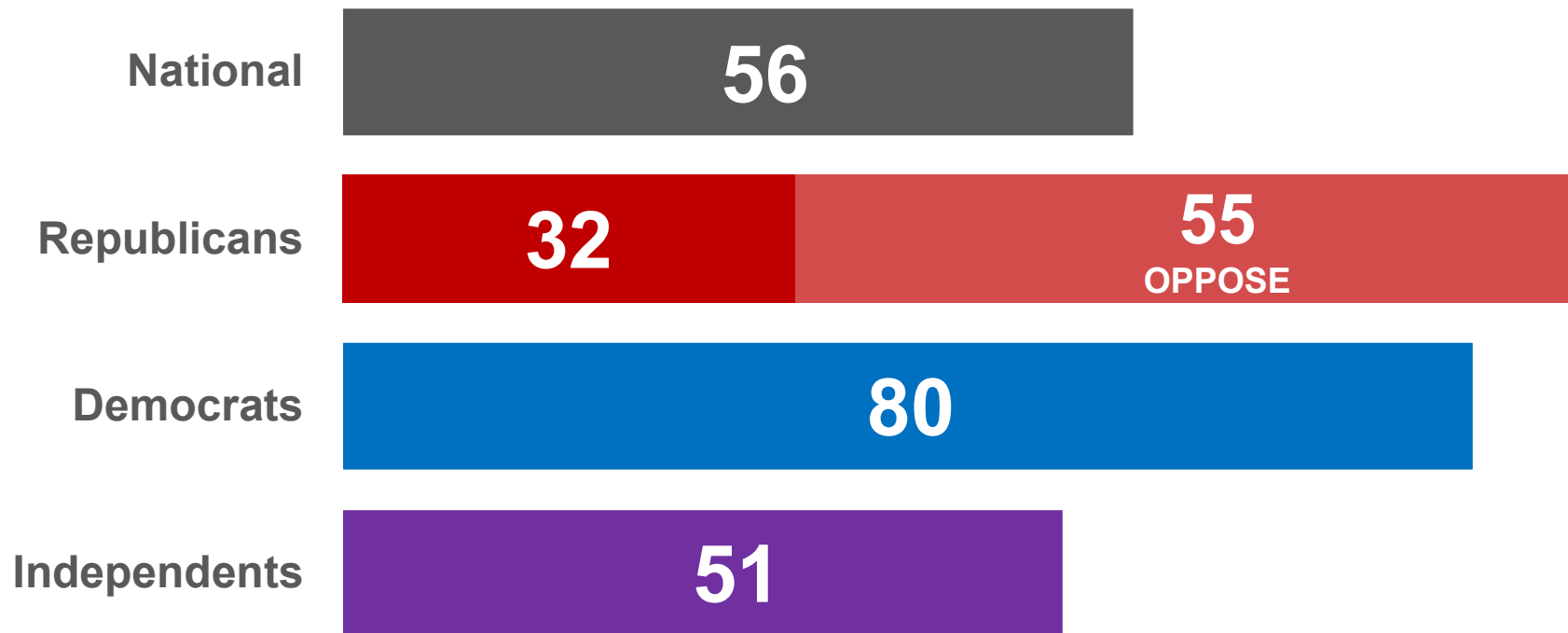
Majorities or pluralities support;
Majority of Republicans oppose

Tuition Assistance for Minority-Serving Higher Education

EDUCATION

Include funding to provide two years of subsidized tuition for low- and middle- income students enrolled in minority-serving universities/colleges, in the Biden administration's \$1.8 trillion economic spending plan.

✓ FAVOR



SOURCE: Morning Consult/Politico, May 2021

IMMIGRATION

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

**Create a new long-term visa with path to citizenship;
For undocumented immigrants:
if clean criminal record, been in US for some time,
and pay taxes they owe.**

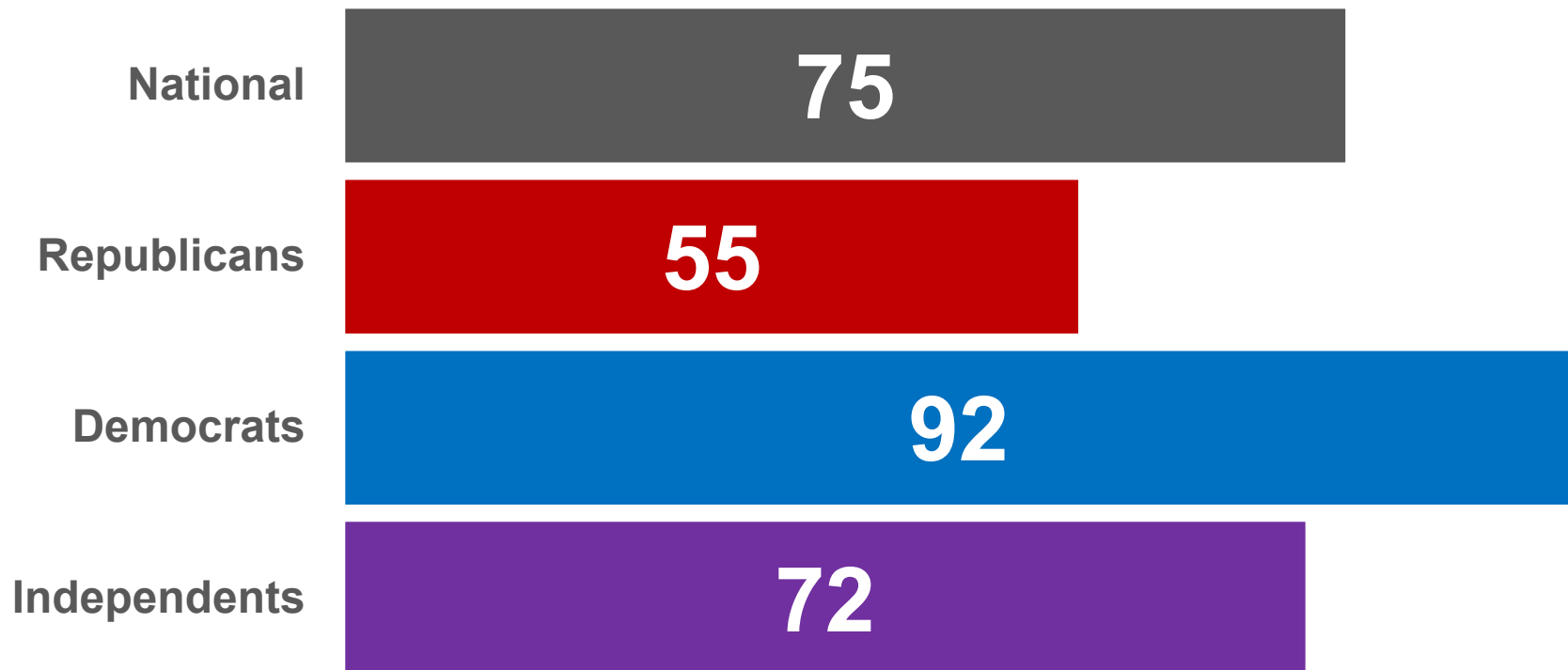
**Bipartisan majority supports;
Republicans if the requirements specified**

Path to Citizenship

IMMIGRATION

Create a new long-term visa with a potential for permanent residency and then citizenship after several years for undocumented immigrants who have a clean criminal record, have been in the US for some time, and have paid back any taxes they owe.

✓ FAVOR



SOURCE: *Program for Public Consultation*, November 2019

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

Increase funding for workforce development and job training in high-demand sectors.

Large bipartisan majorities support, specifically for cybersecurity and the energy industry

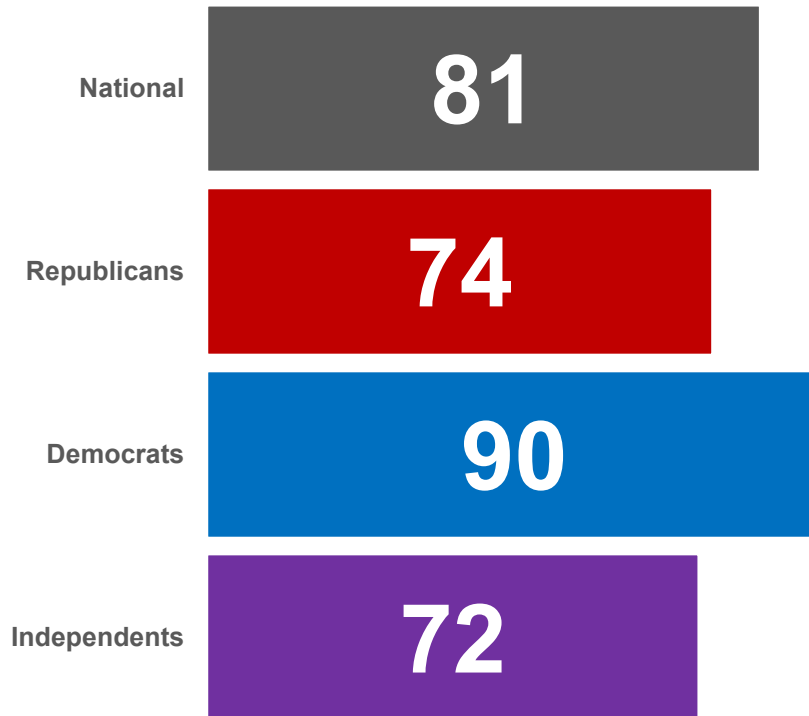
Spending on Training for Cybersecurity & Energy Jobs

**WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT**

Increase the amount spent on job training programs in the:

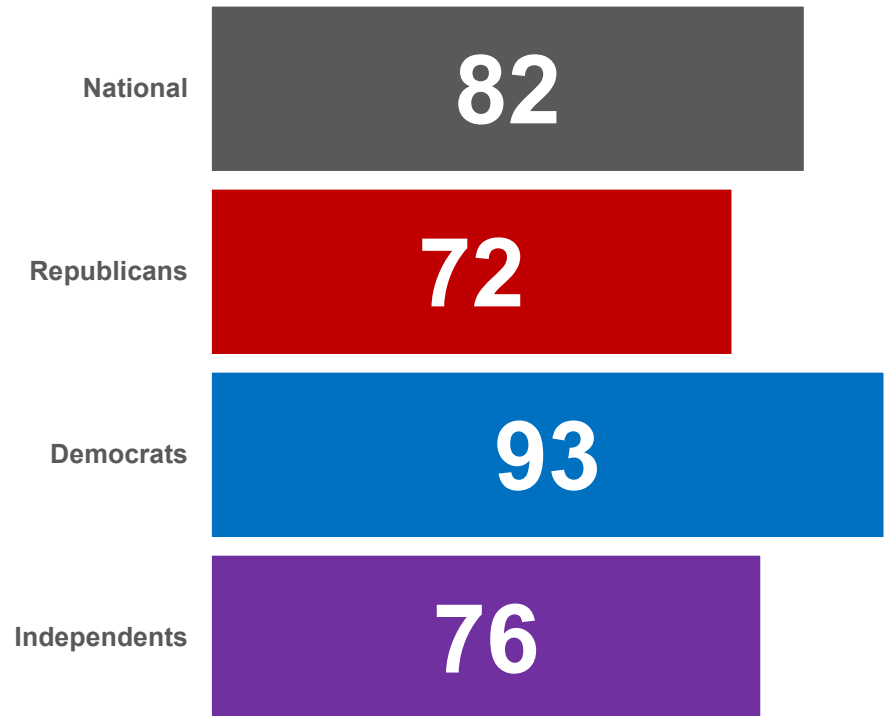
Cybersecurity Industry

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Energy Industry

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SOURCE: *Program for Public Consultation, May 2019*

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

**Expand the
Registered Apprenticeship program.**

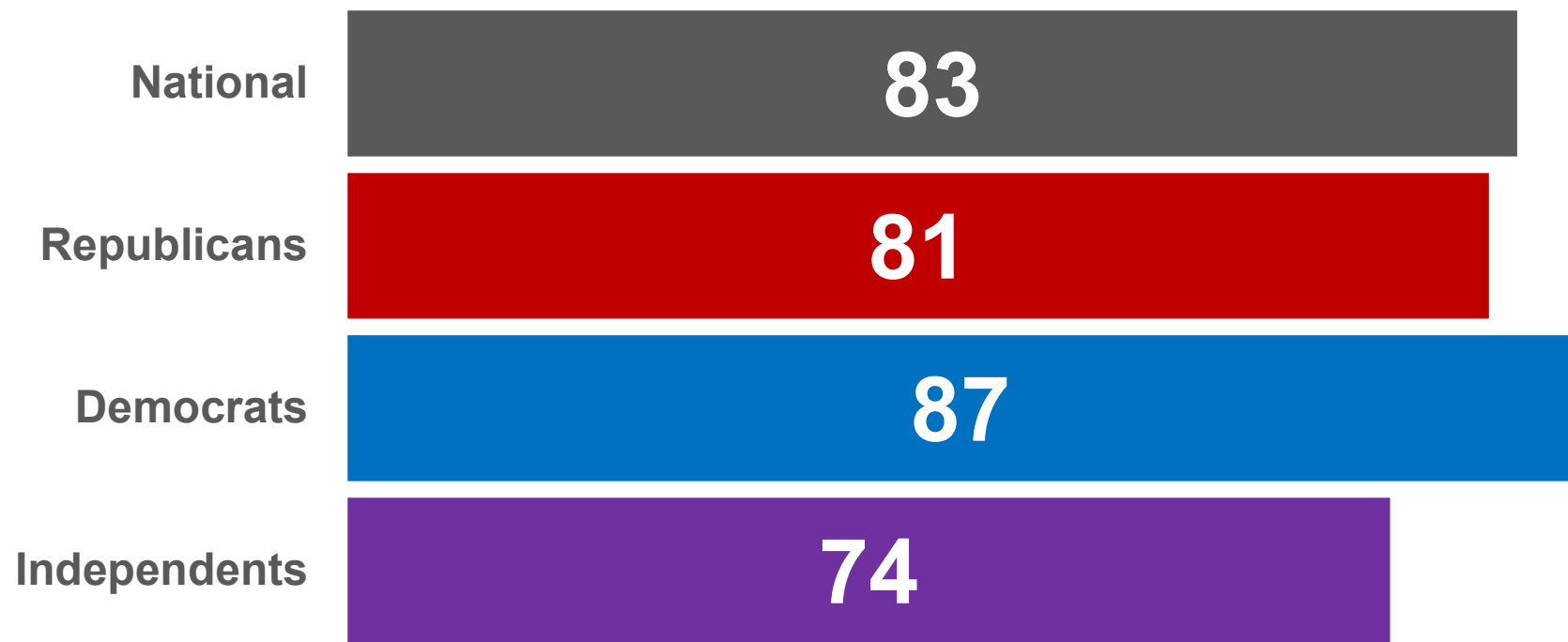
Large bipartisan majority supports

Tax Credits for Apprenticeship Programs

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Encourage employers to offer more extensive apprenticeship programs by offering them a tax credit up to \$5,000 for each new apprentice

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SOURCE: *Program for Public Consultation, May 2019*

TAXES

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

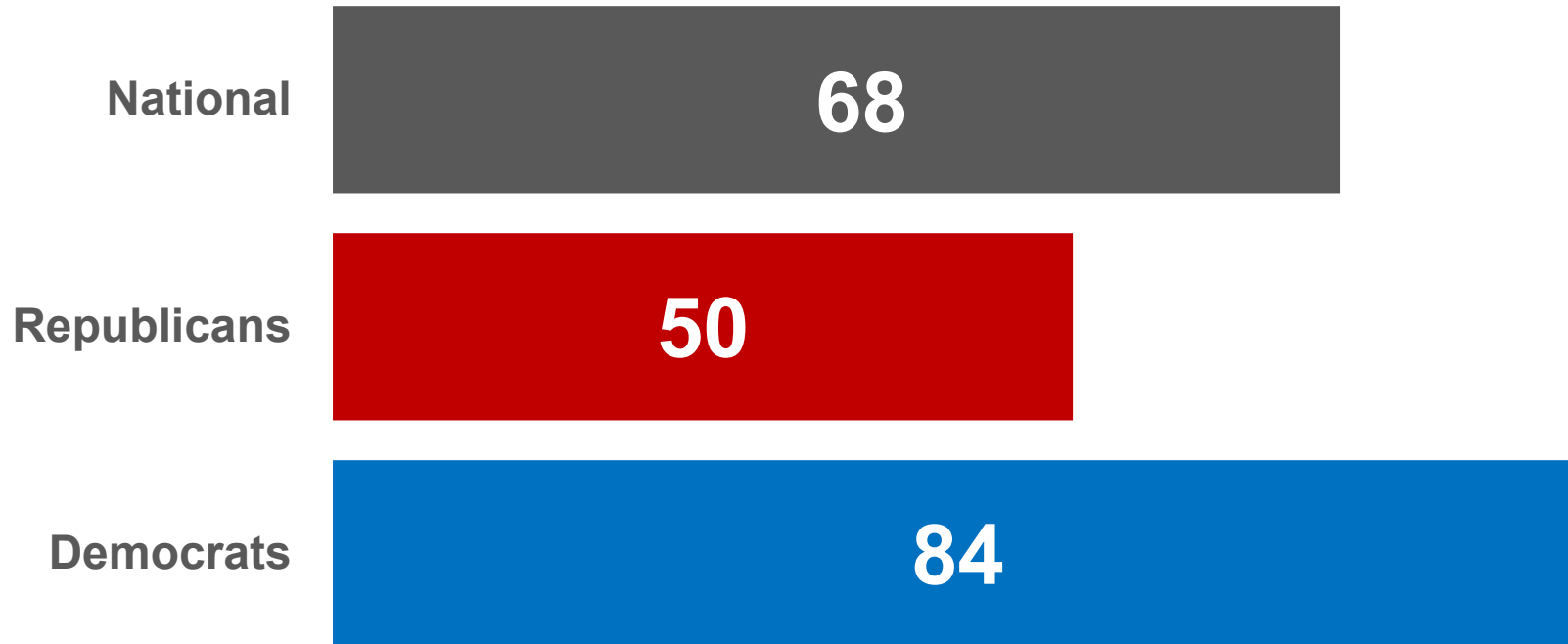
Raise the corporate tax rate to 28 percent.

Large majority supports
Republican views are roughly divided

Tax Rates on Large Businesses and Corporations

TAXES

Tax rates on large businesses and corporations should be raised.



SOURCE: *Pew*, September 2019

TAXES

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

**Raise income and capital gains tax rates
on those earning over \$400,000.**

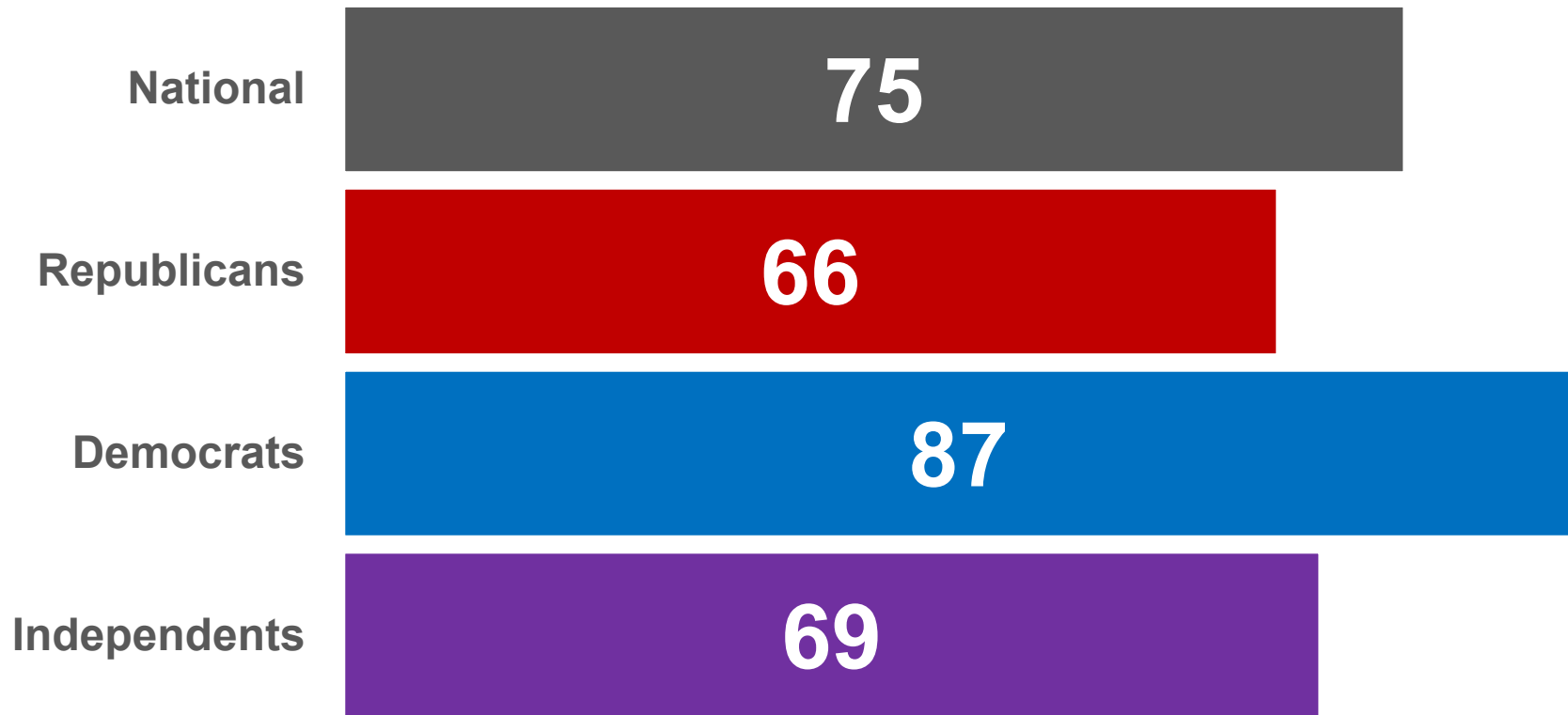
Large majority supports
Republicans agree wealthy should pay more,
but support varies depending on context

Higher Taxes for the Wealthy

TAXES

The wealthiest Americans should pay higher taxes.

AGREE



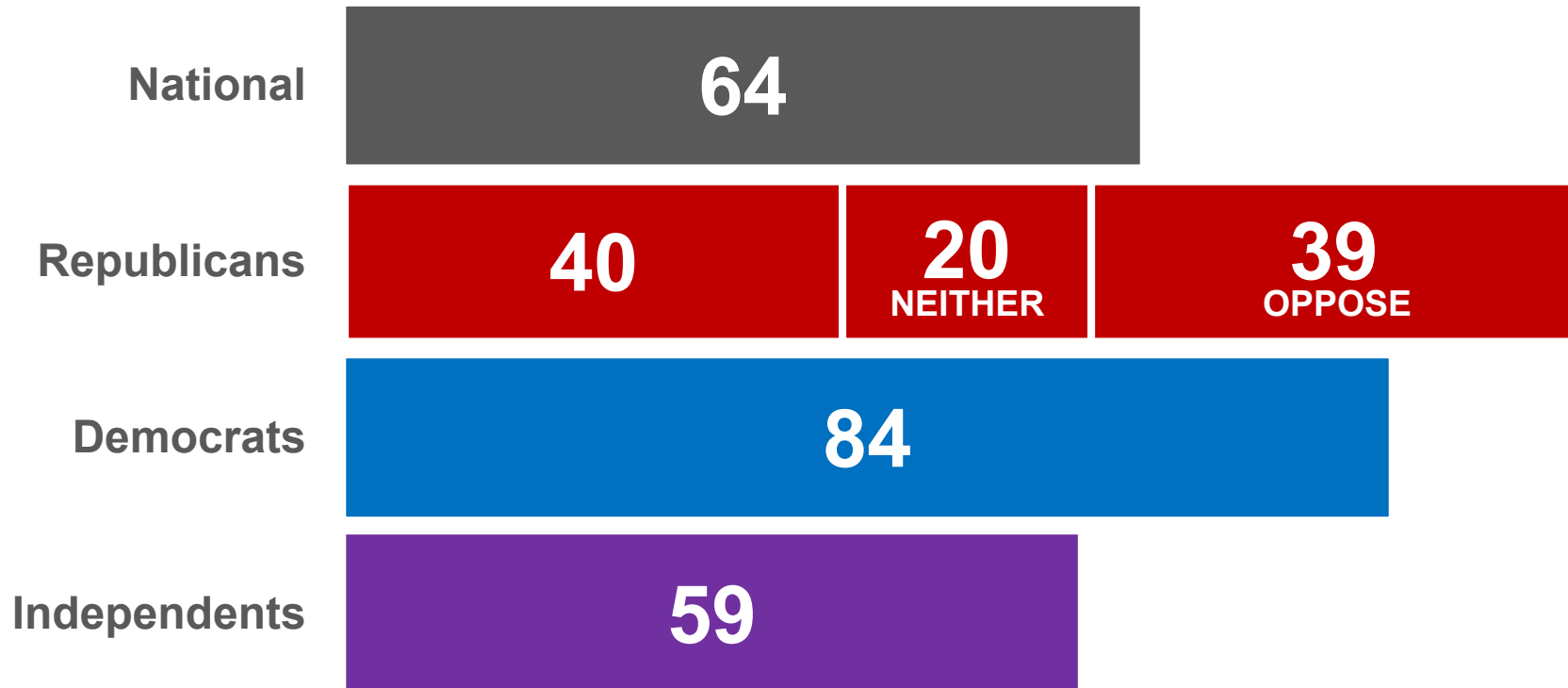
SOURCE: *Morning Consult/Politico*, April 2021

Taxing High Incomes for Infrastructure Improvements

TAXES

Raise taxes on households making more than \$400,000 a year to pay for infrastructure improvements

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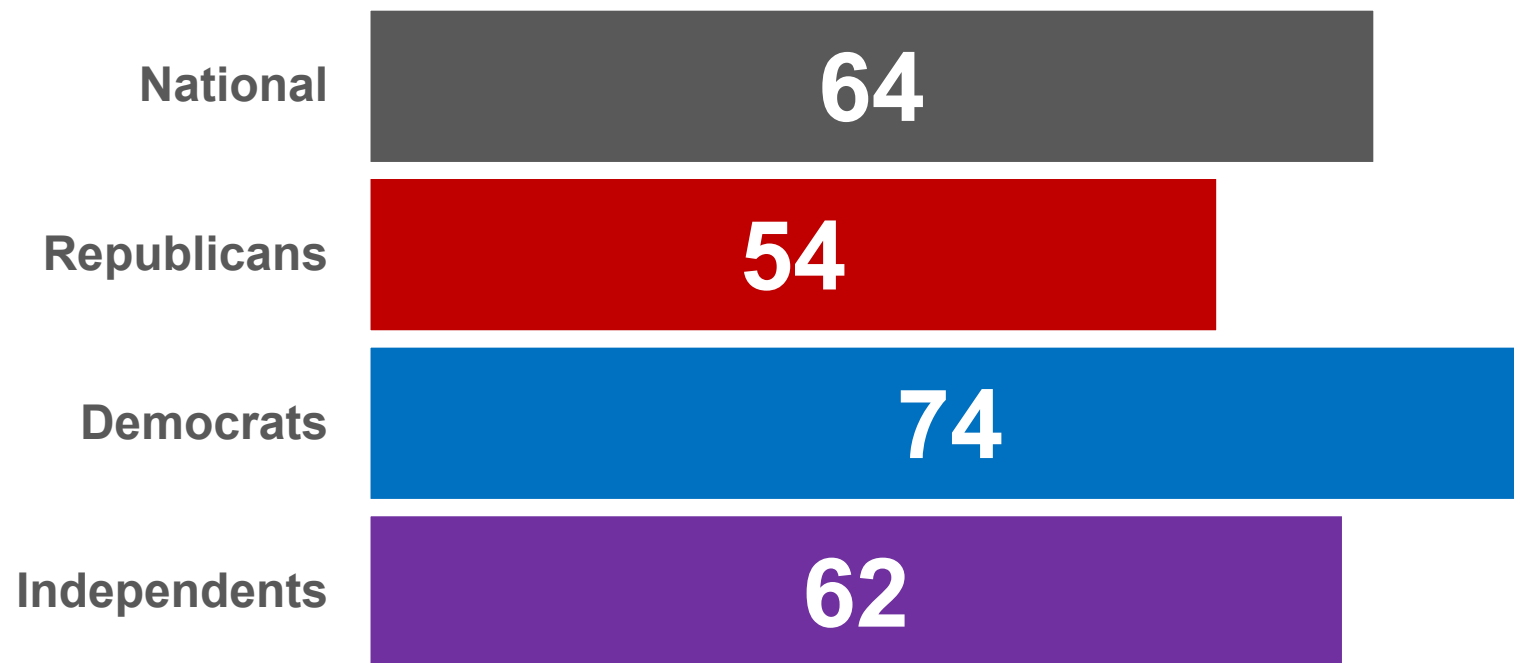
SOURCE: AP-NORC, July 2021

Taxes on Income \$200K - \$500K

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Raise tax rates for income \$200,000 to \$500,000 back to the level they were before the 2017 tax reforms, generating \$55 billion (budget exercise with deficit)

RAISE



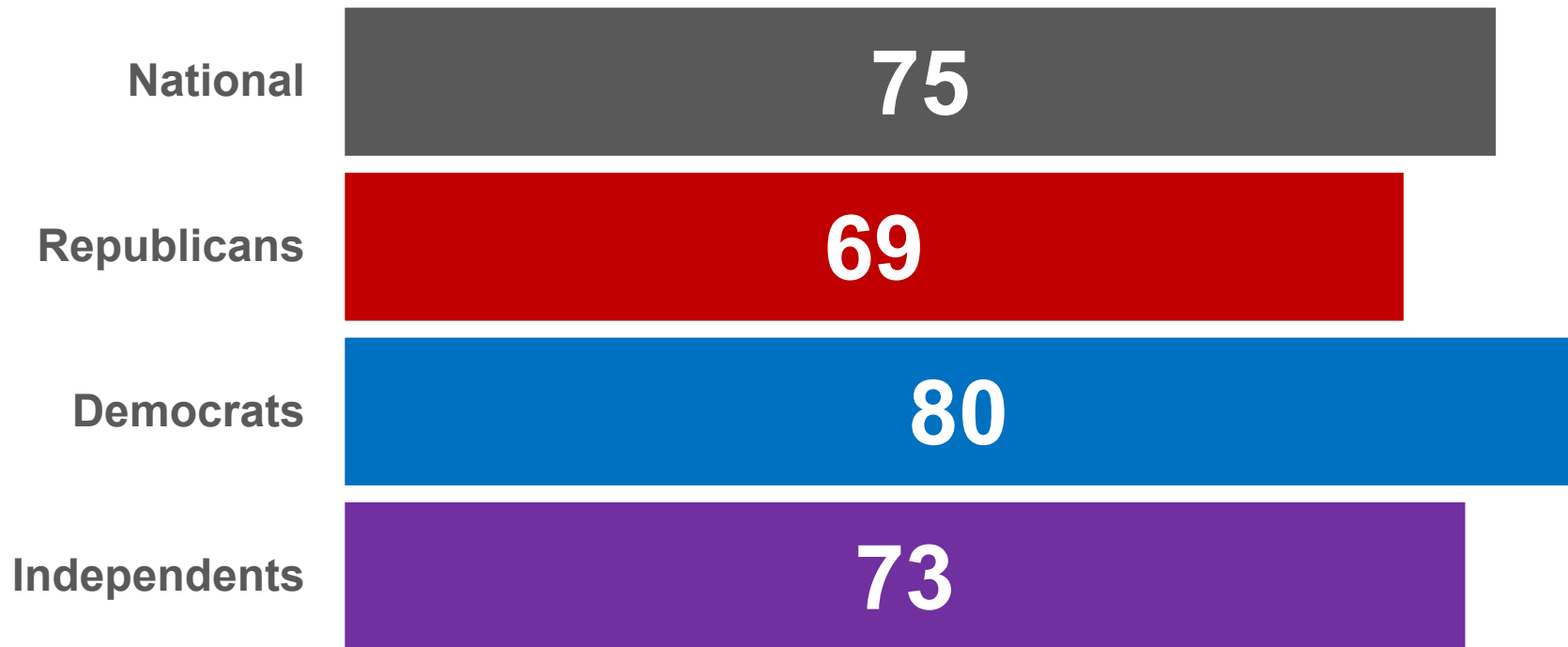
SOURCE: *Program for Public Consultation, May 2019*

Taxes on Capital Gains & Dividends

TAXES

Raise taxes on capital gains and dividends by treating them as ordinary income, for income above \$1 million, generating \$90 billion (budget exercise with deficit)

✓ FAVOR



SOURCE: *Program for Public Consultation, May 2019*

TAXES

PROPOSAL & SUMMARY

**Increase the IRS' tax enforcement, particularly
on those making over \$400,000.**

Large majority supports
Slight majority of Republicans oppose

Increase IRS Enforcement Budget

TAXES

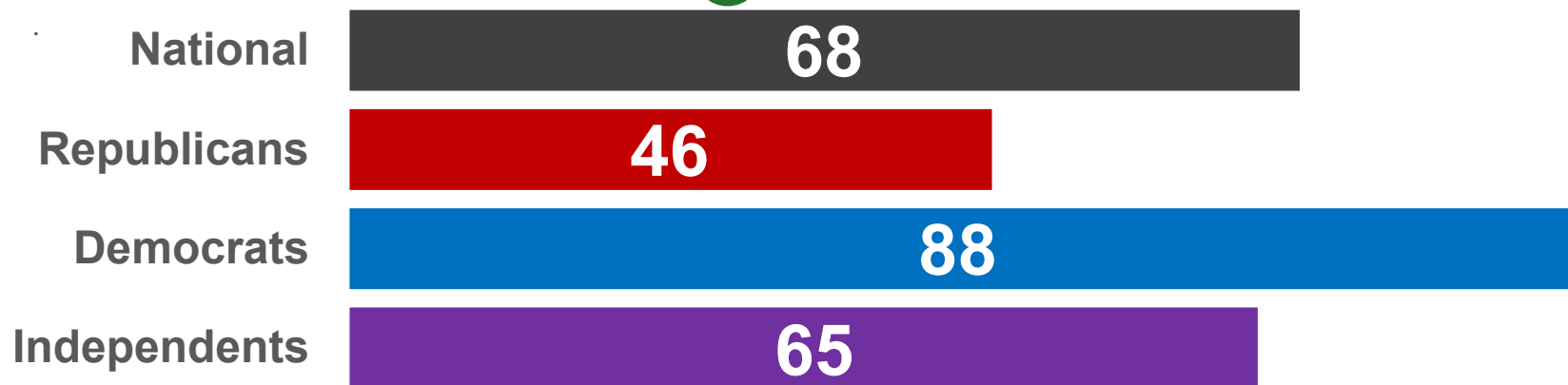
Increase, by \$8 billion a year, the IRS' budget to help close the tax gap, by:

- increasing tax enforcement on very high-income individuals (income over \$400,000)
- updating the technology used to detect tax evasion
- requiring banks and other financial companies to help the IRS verify tax filers' information

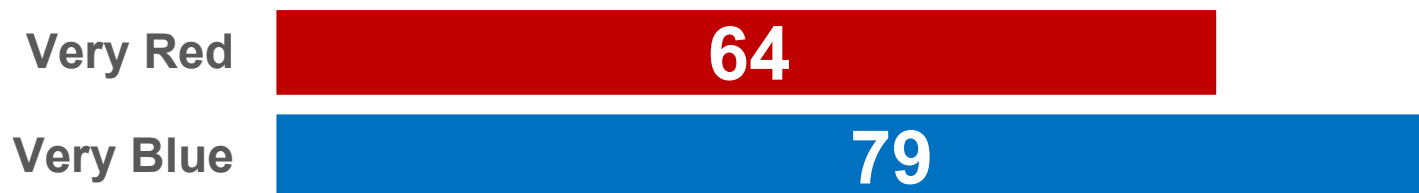
It is estimated that this proposal would raise an extra \$70 billion a year in revenue.



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SOURCE: *Program for Public Consultation, August 2021*

Increase IRS Enforcement Budget

Support Among
Republicans

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