



SURVEYING WHAT SHOULD BE PROTECTED SPEECH WHEN IT COMES TO ANTI-ISRAEL AND PRO-HAMAS SENTIMENT?

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- When it comes to the Israel-Hamas war, there is broad consensus on what types of expression and activity should be protected by the 1st Amendment.
- However, there are significant divisions by party, race and age on the question of whether non-citizens should have the same first amendment rights as U.S. citizens.
- There is strong support for deporting non-citizens who publicly support Hamas or the killing of Jews in America or abroad.
- In a hypothetical matchup between a Republican candidate who supports deporting non-citizens who support Hamas and a Democrat who opposes it, the Republican gains 9 points from the generic ballot.

NEW MAJORITY AND LEFT MINORITY VOTERS HAVE SIMILAR VIEWS ON WHAT SHOULD BE PROTECTED SPEECH

See Appendix for full crosstabs.

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	No, not protected	Yes protected	GOP	Dem	Swing	New Maj	* New Maj (Und)	* New Maj (Dem)	Left Minority	
Opposing Israel's military response to the Hamas terrorist attacks.	26	22	52	31-48	22-57	24-54	28-48	25-35	21-55	18-65
Expressing support for Hamas and other terrorist organizations.	45	19	36	51-33	43-38	42-39	46-34	37-28	45-36	41-41
Calling for the destruction of the state of Israel.	51	21	27	54-27	50-29	51-28	51-27	45-21	49-30	53-28
Expressing support for the killing of Jews in America and abroad.	60	17	23	57-27	63-21	61-24	57-25	54-18	57-25	68-19
Activities designed to intimidate or frighten Jewish Americans.	66	17	16	63-21	68-17	66-17	63-19	60-13	64-18	73-14

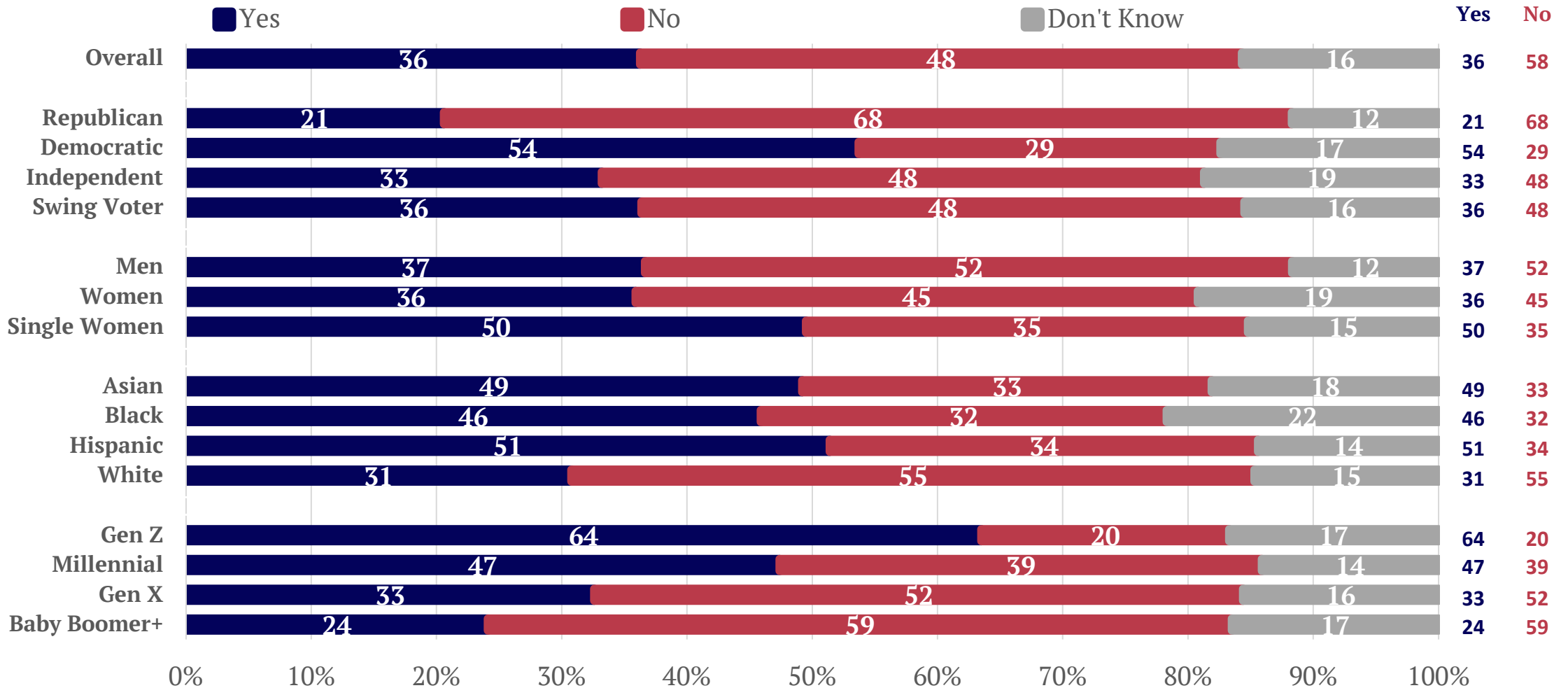
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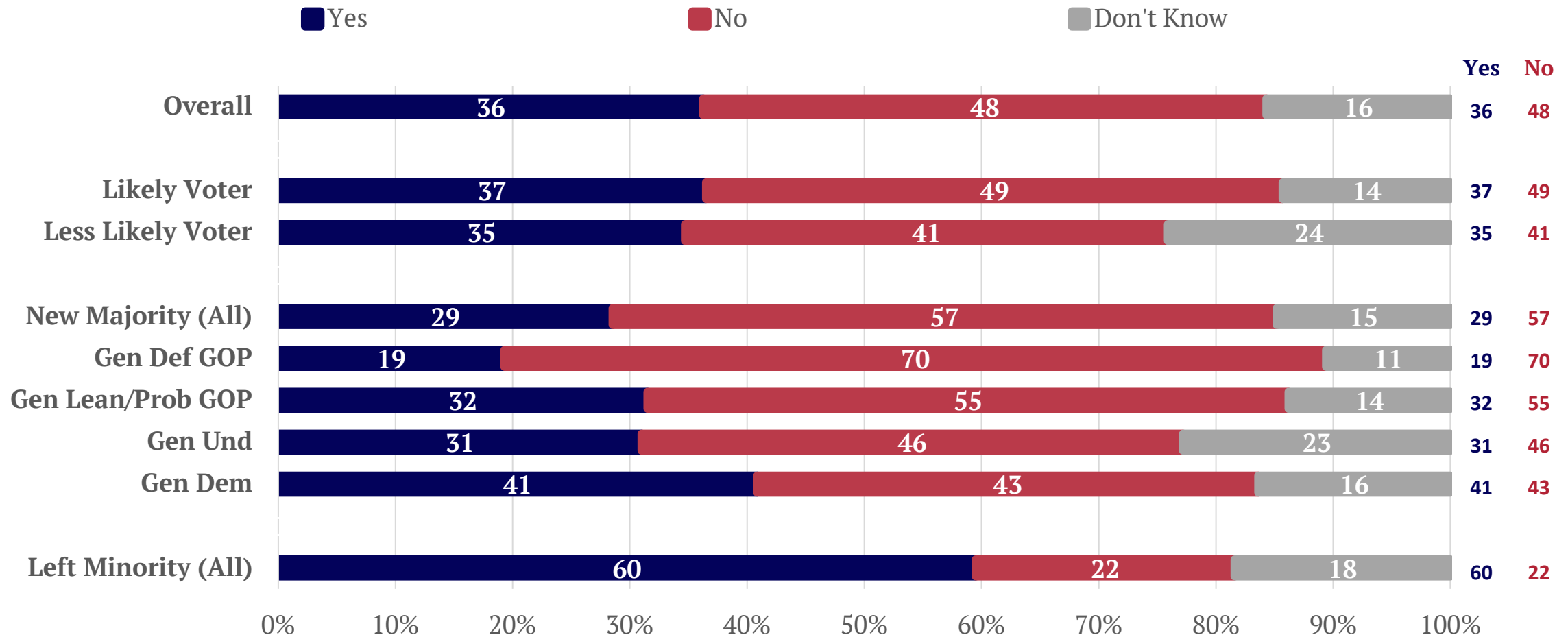
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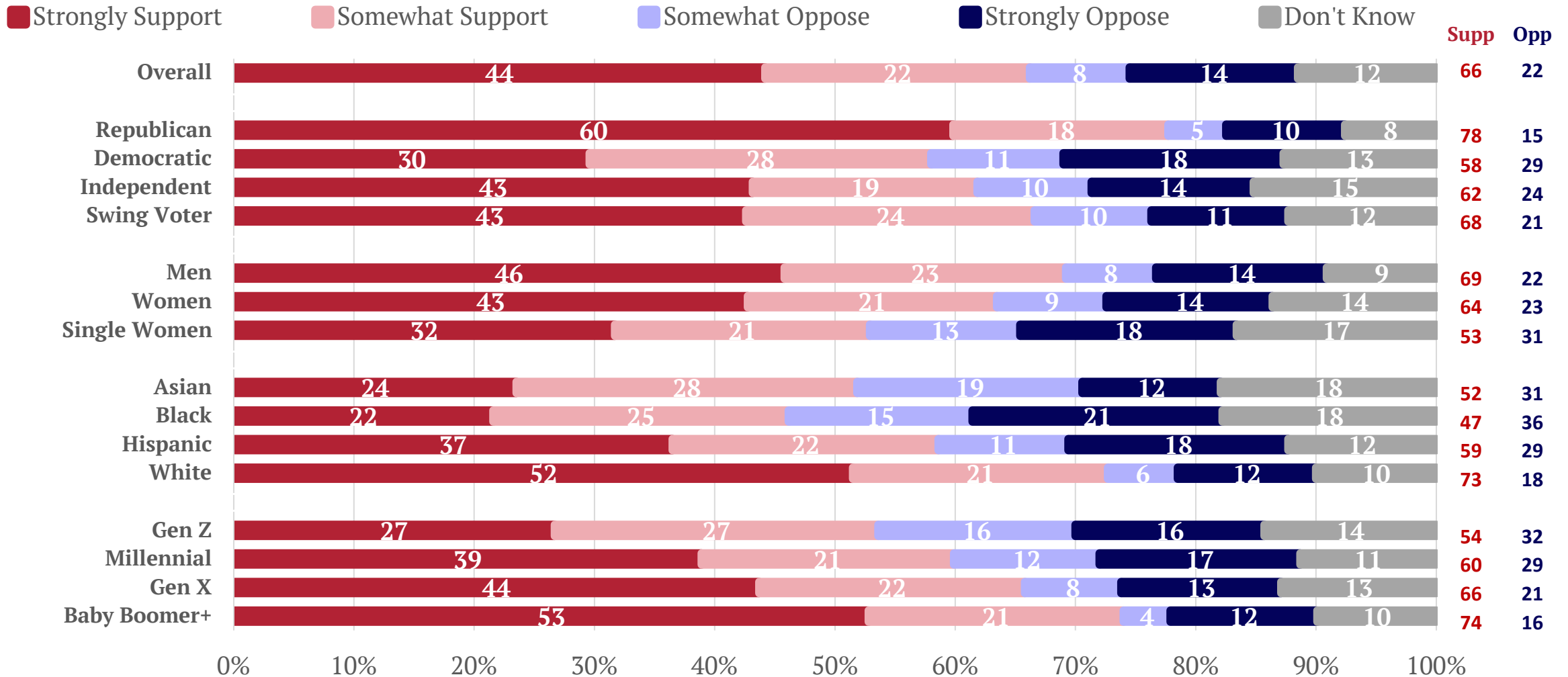


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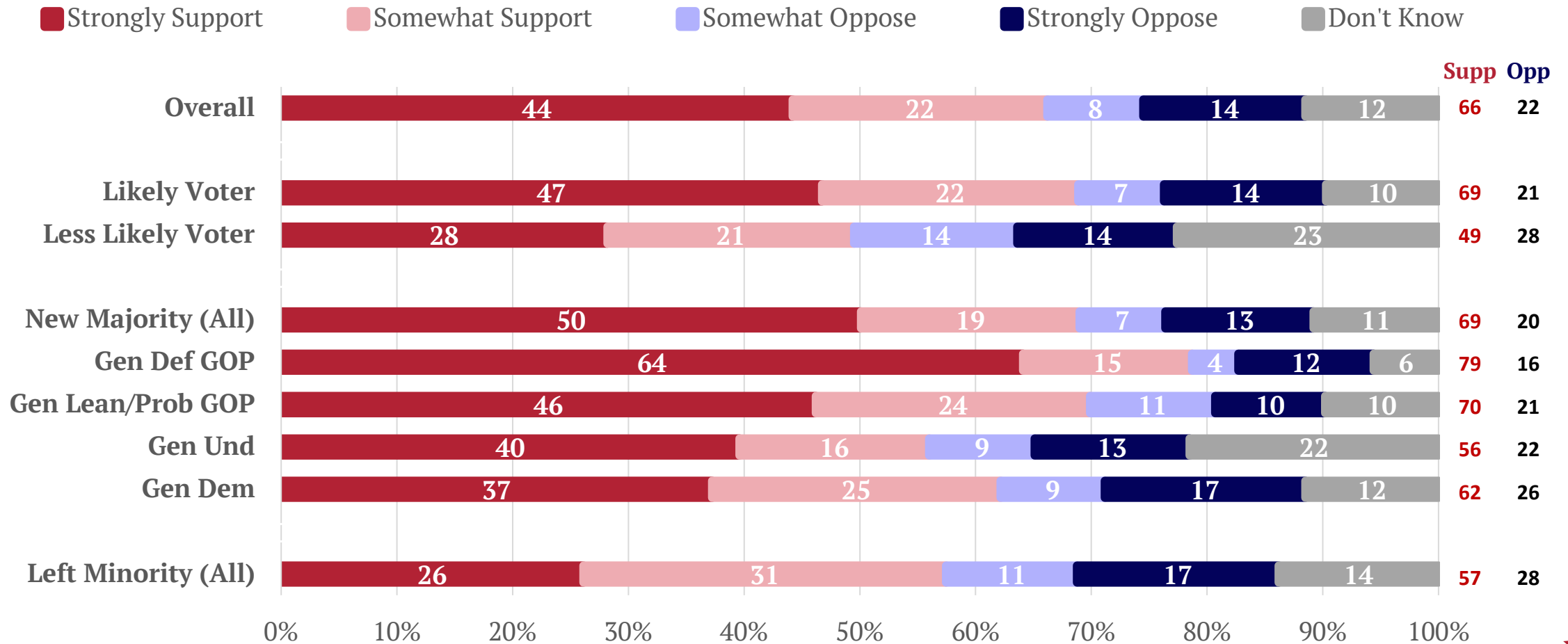
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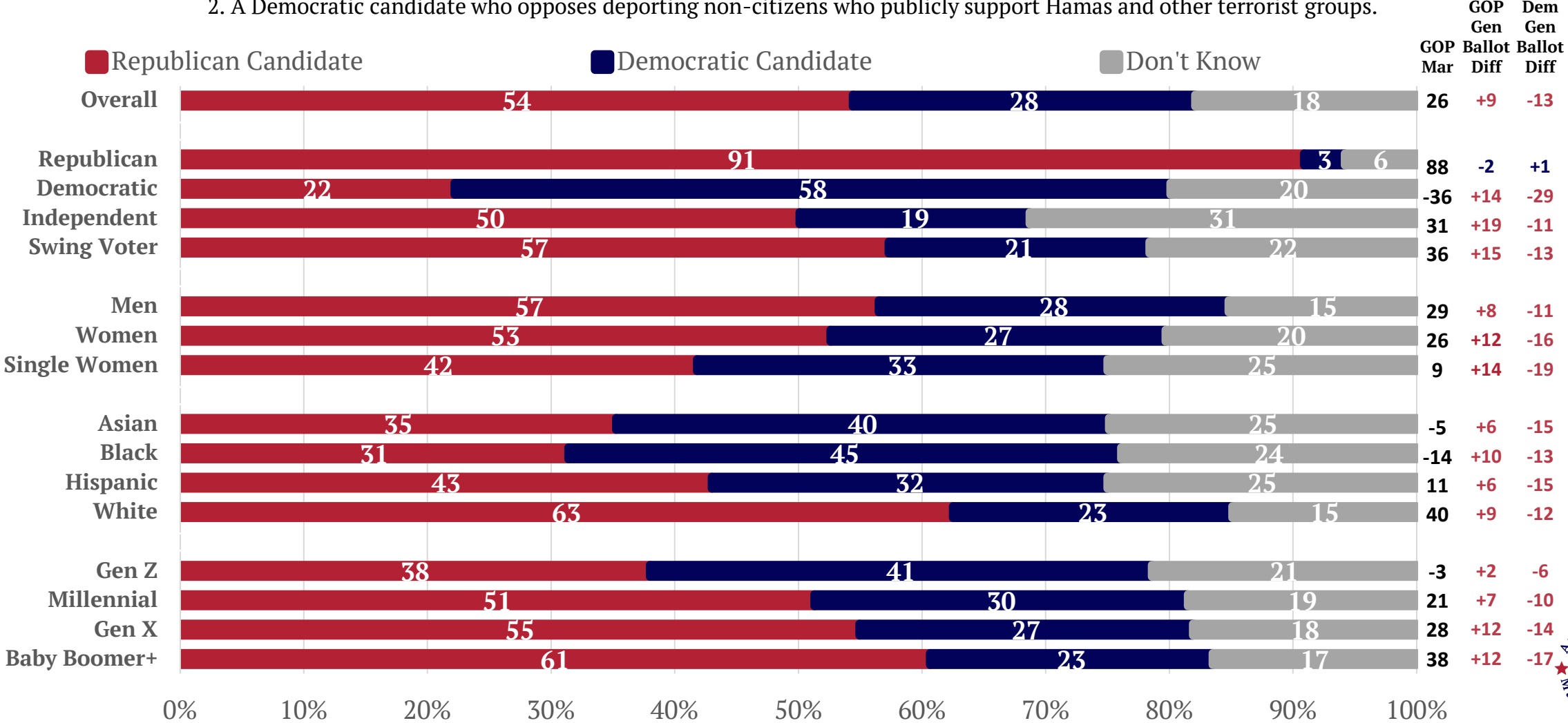
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GOP CANDIDATE WHO FAVORS DEPORTING NON-CITIZENS WHO SUPPORT HAMAS GAINS 9 POINTS, 22 POINT SWING

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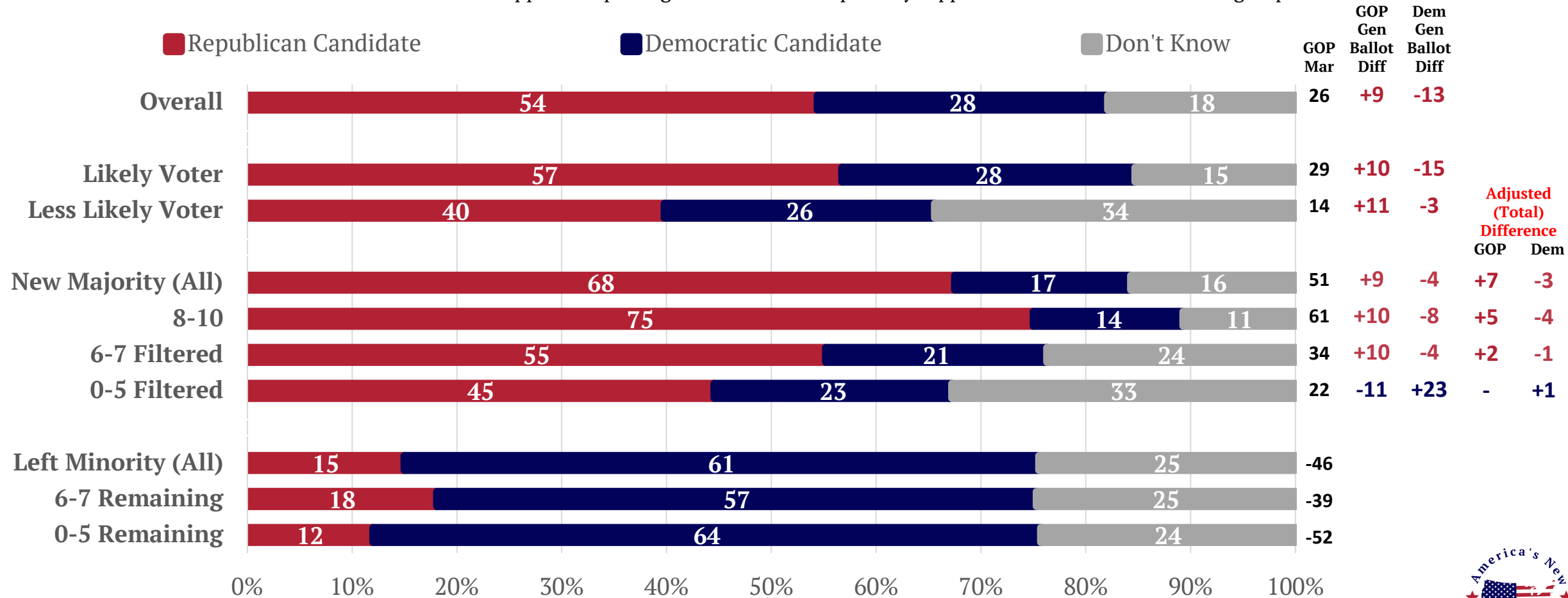
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7 OF 9 POINTS GAINED BY GOP CANDIDATE COME FROM NEW MAJORITY VOTERS

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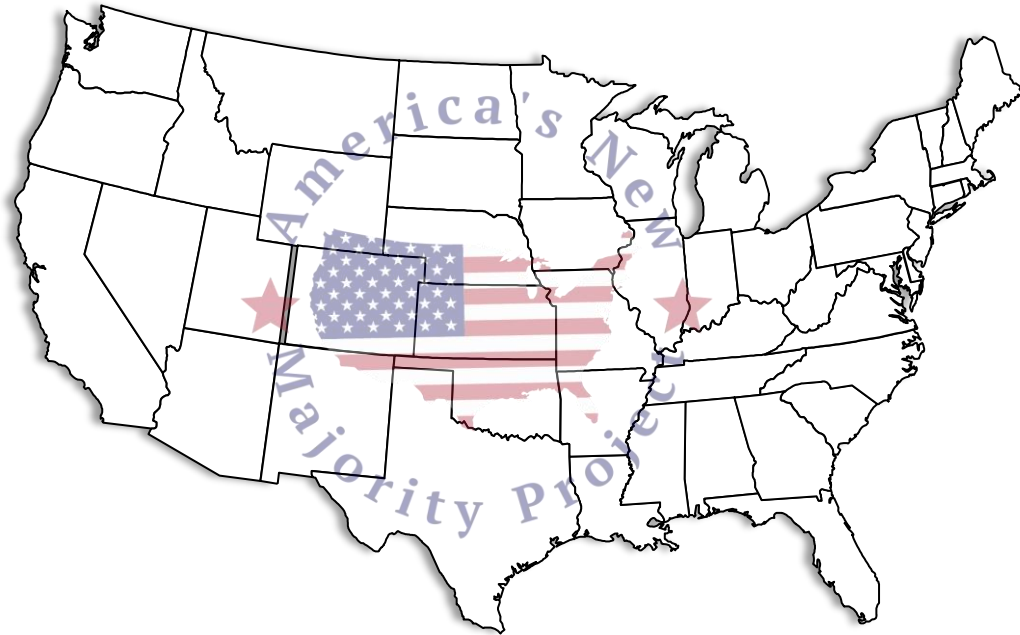


Methodology

Mclaughlin & Associates partnered with Gingrich360 to conduct a national survey for America's New Majority Project. This national survey was conducted among 2,000 registered voters between November 3-6, 2023.

All interviews were conducted online. Survey invitations were distributed randomly within predetermined geographic units. These units were structured to correlate with actual general election turnout.

The sample of 2,000 registered voters has an accuracy of +/- 2.2% at a 95% confidence interval. The numbers in this presentation have been rounded and may not equal 100%.



New England	5%
Middle Atlantic	13%
East North Central	16%
West North Central	6%
South Atlantic	21%
East South Central	6%
West South Central	11%
Mountain	7%
Pacific	15%

18-29	14%
30-40	17%
41-55	25%
56-65	20%
66+	24%

White	68%
Hispanic	13%
Black	13%
Asian	4%
Other	2%

Male	47%
Female	53%

Democratic	36%
Republican	37%
Independent	27%

Less/4yr College	66%
Bachelor's/P.G	34%



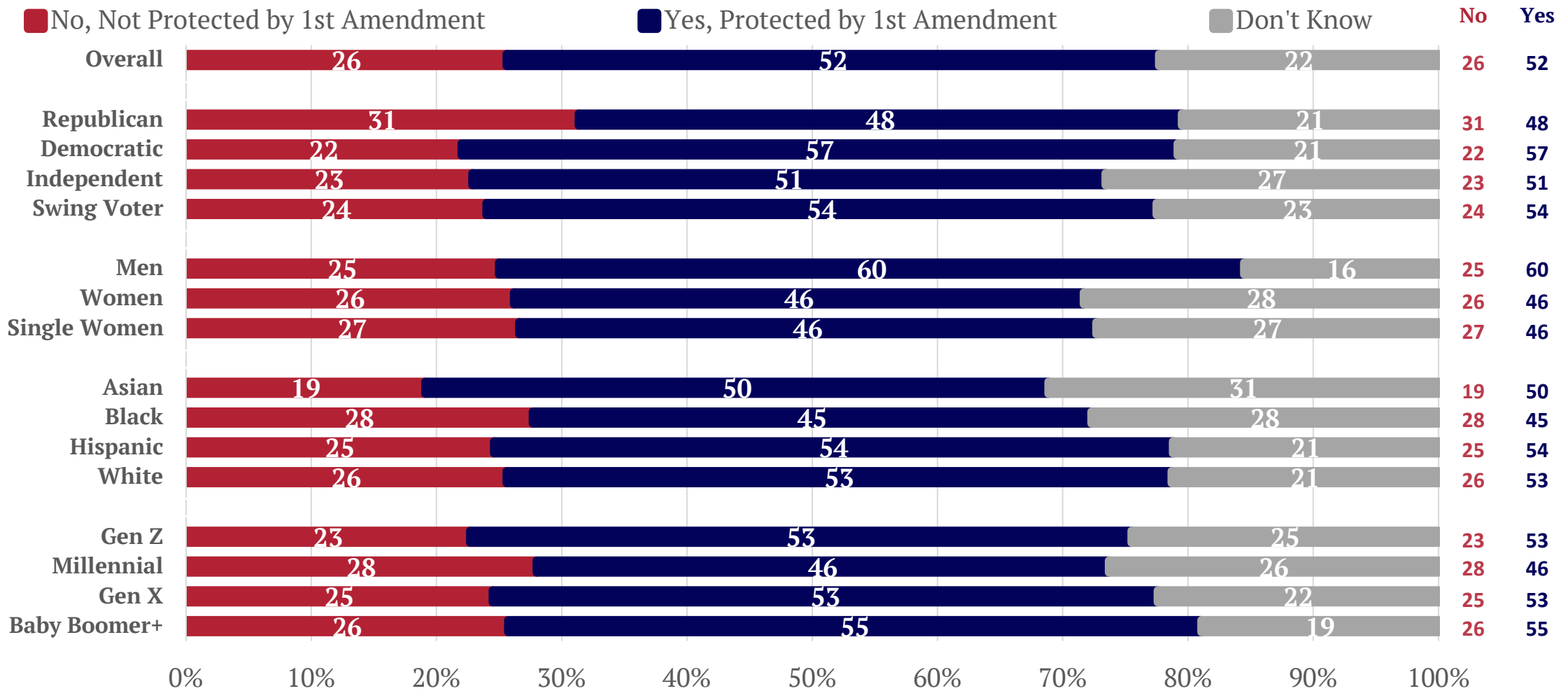
APPENDIX



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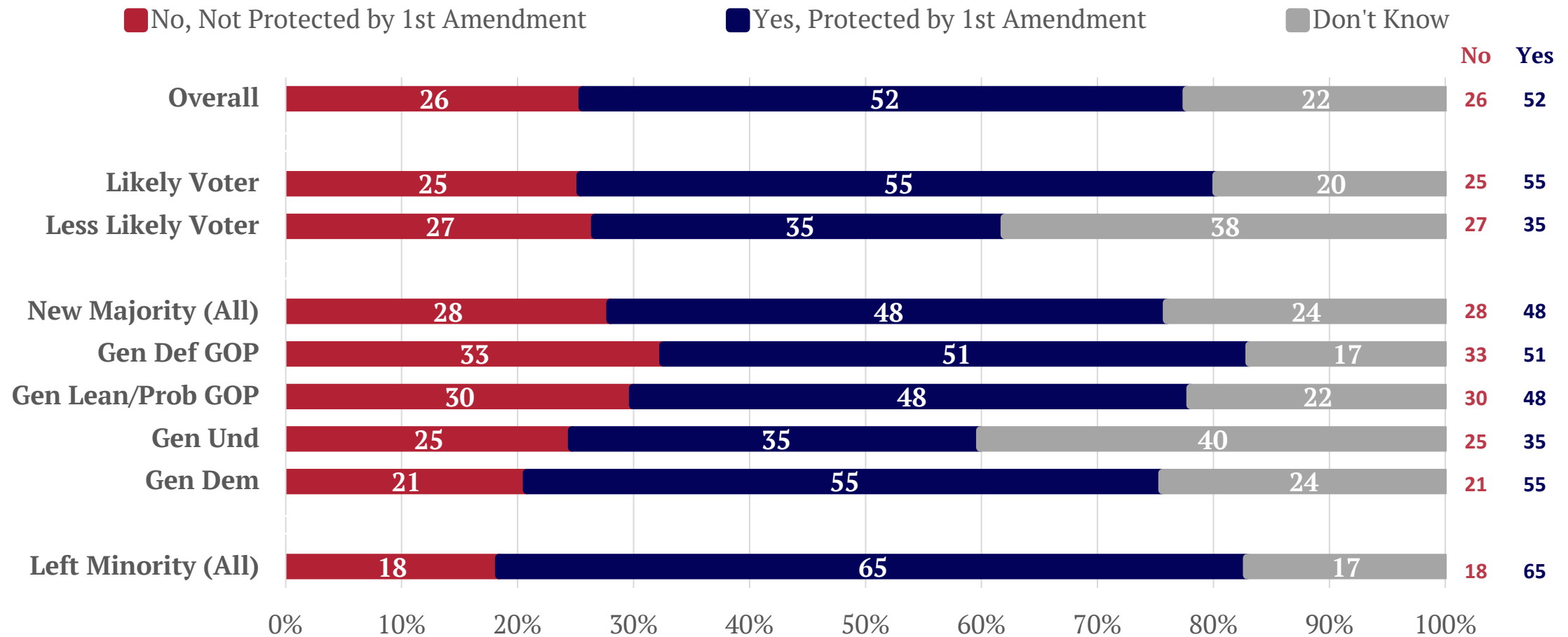
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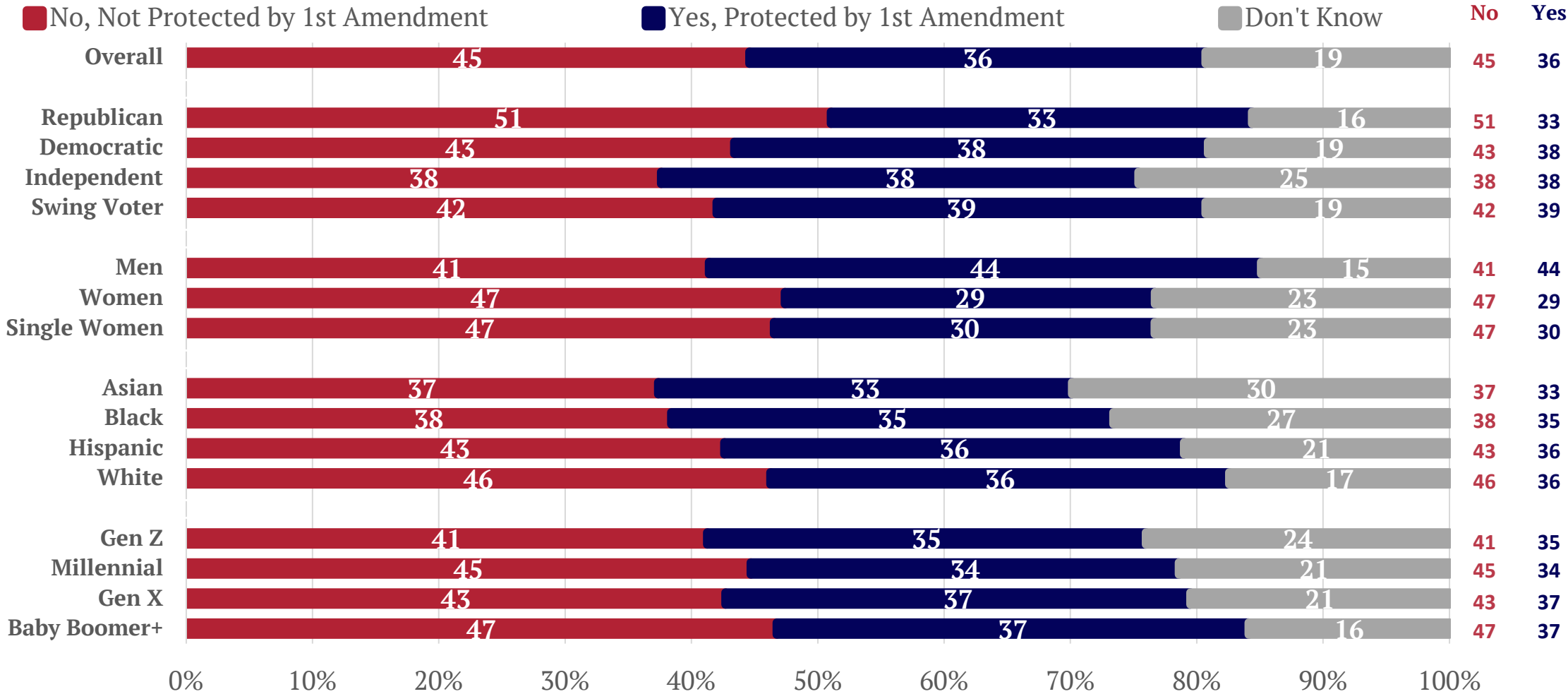
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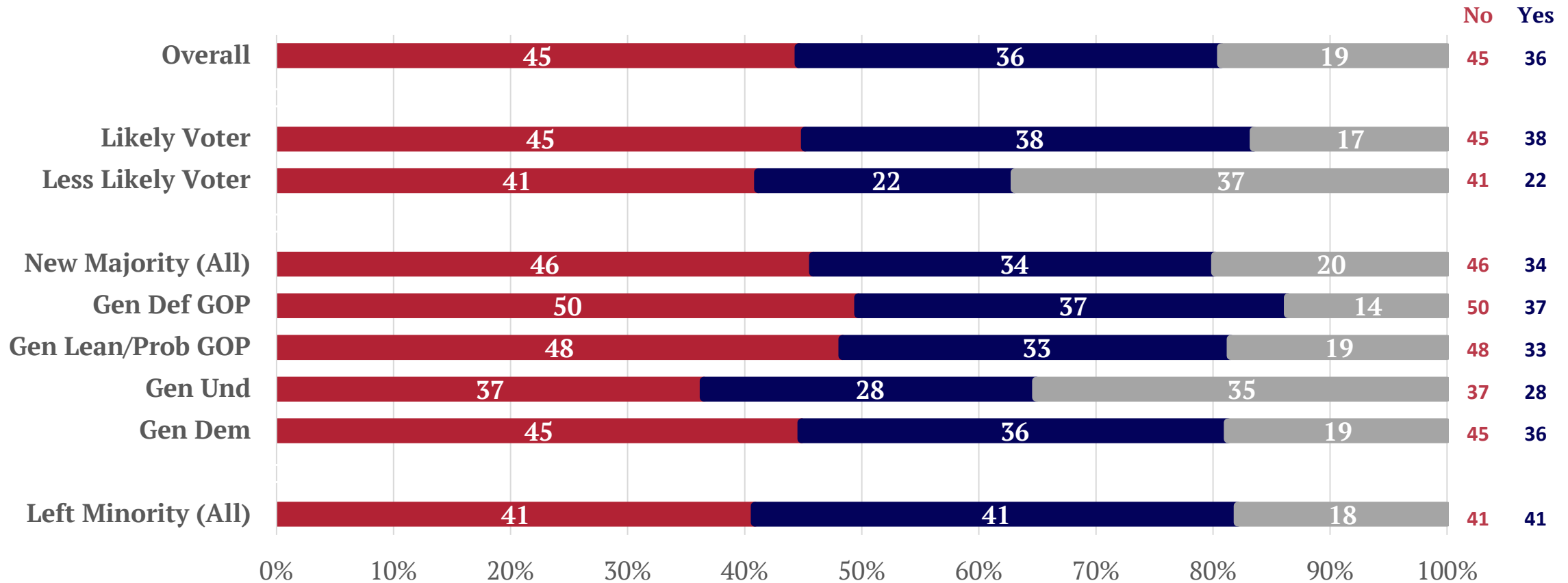
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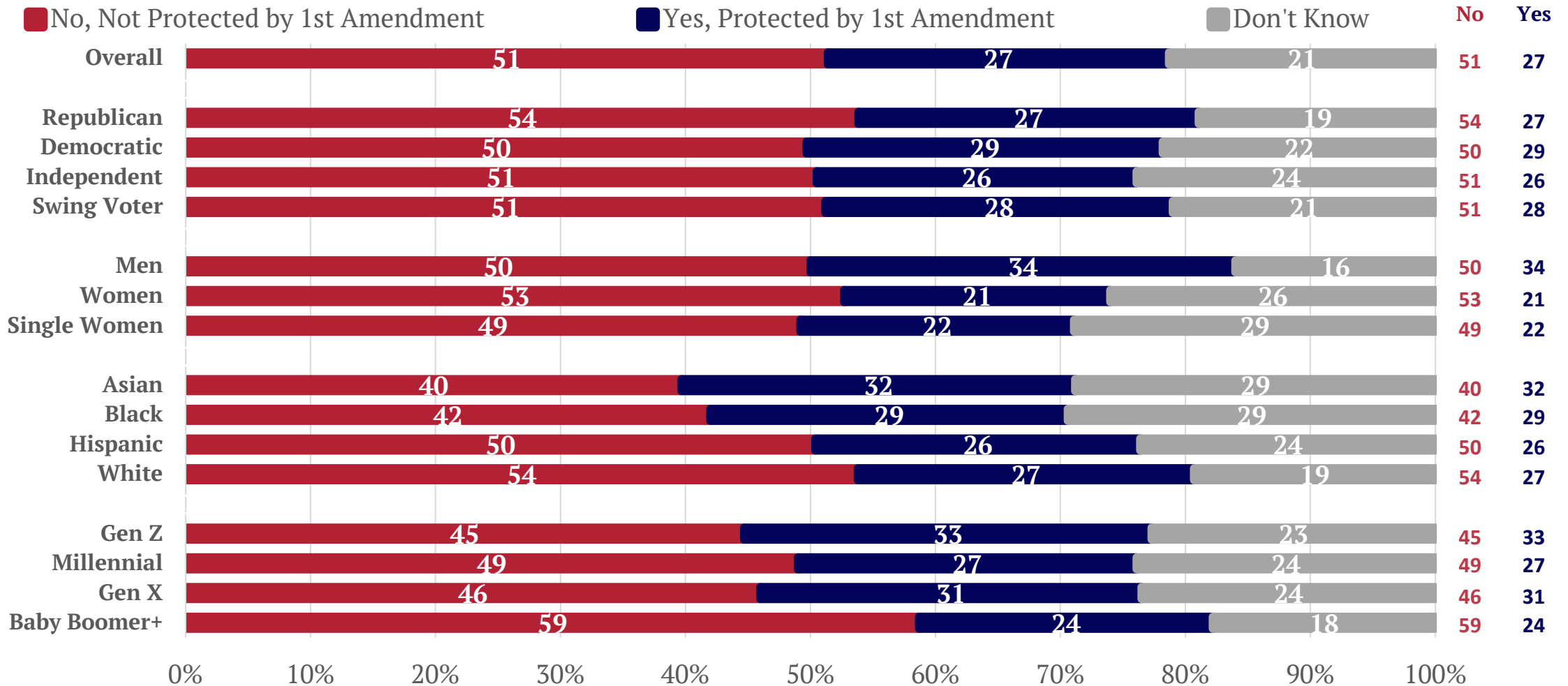
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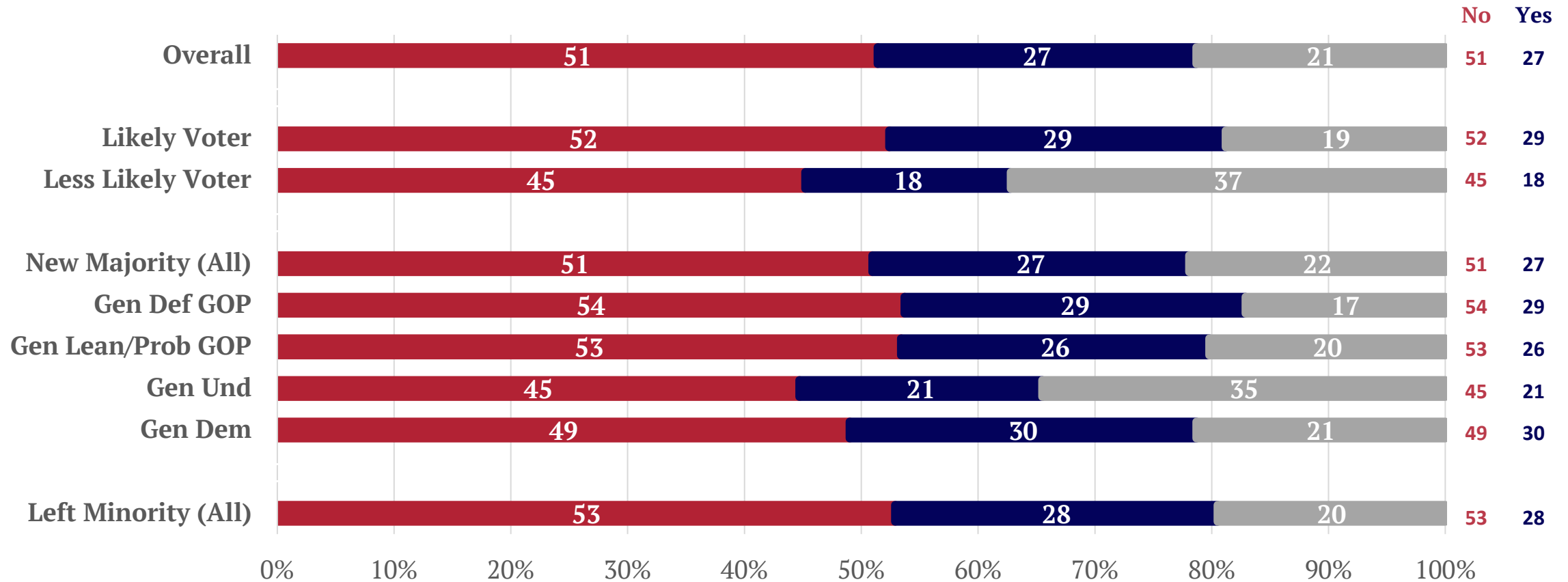
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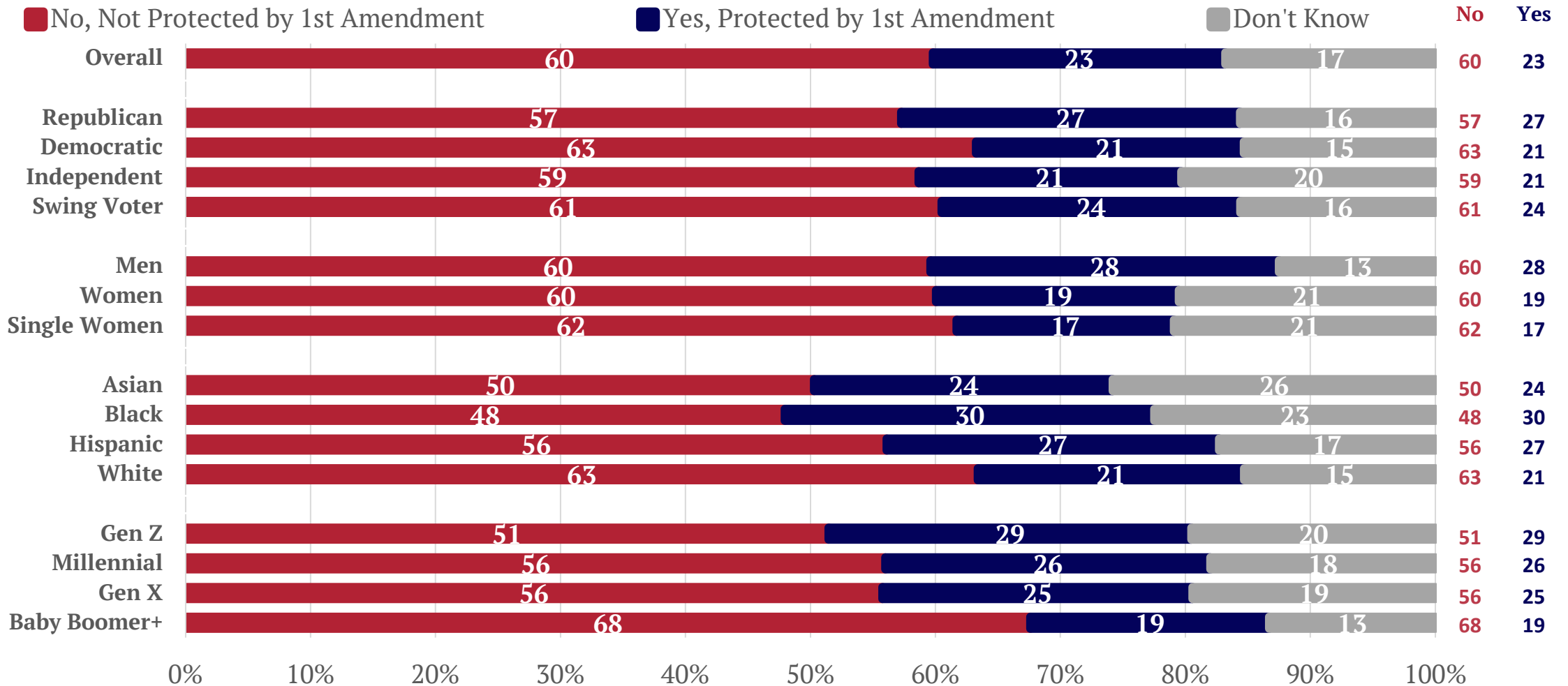
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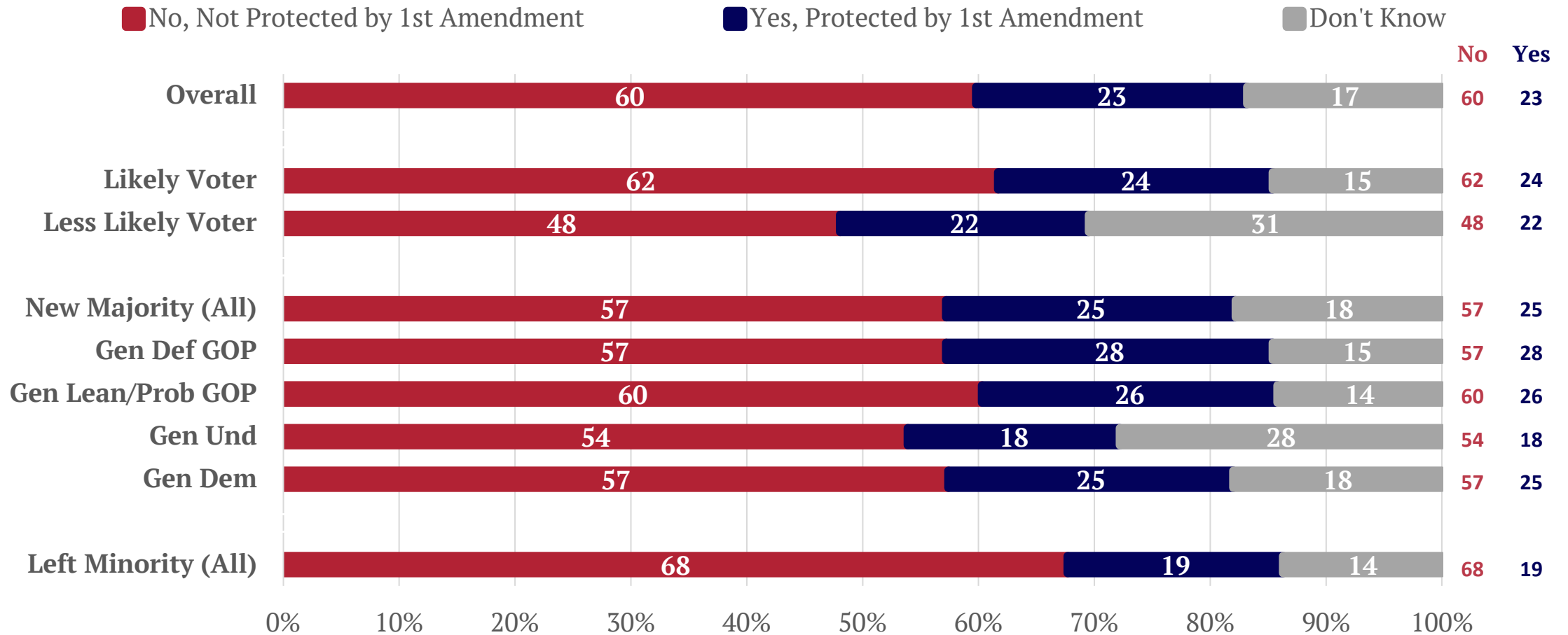
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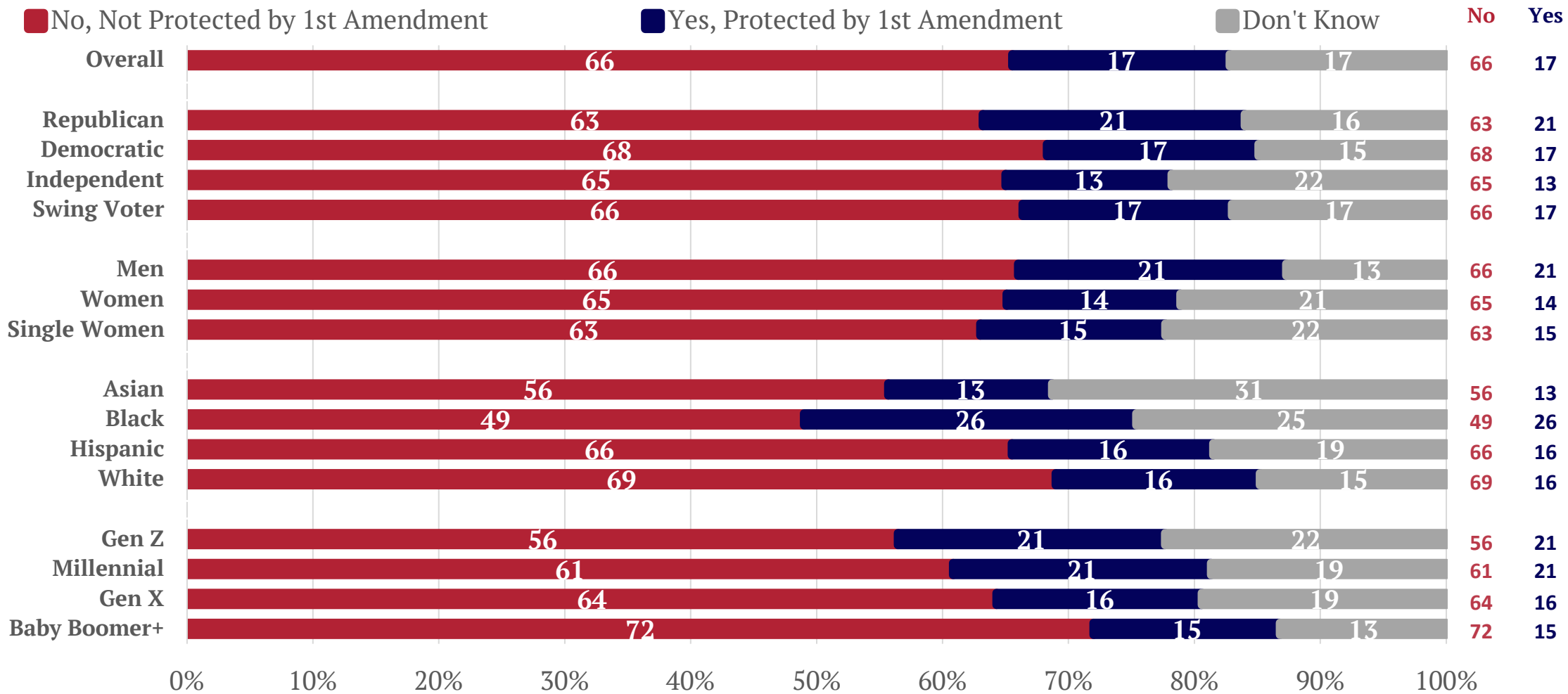
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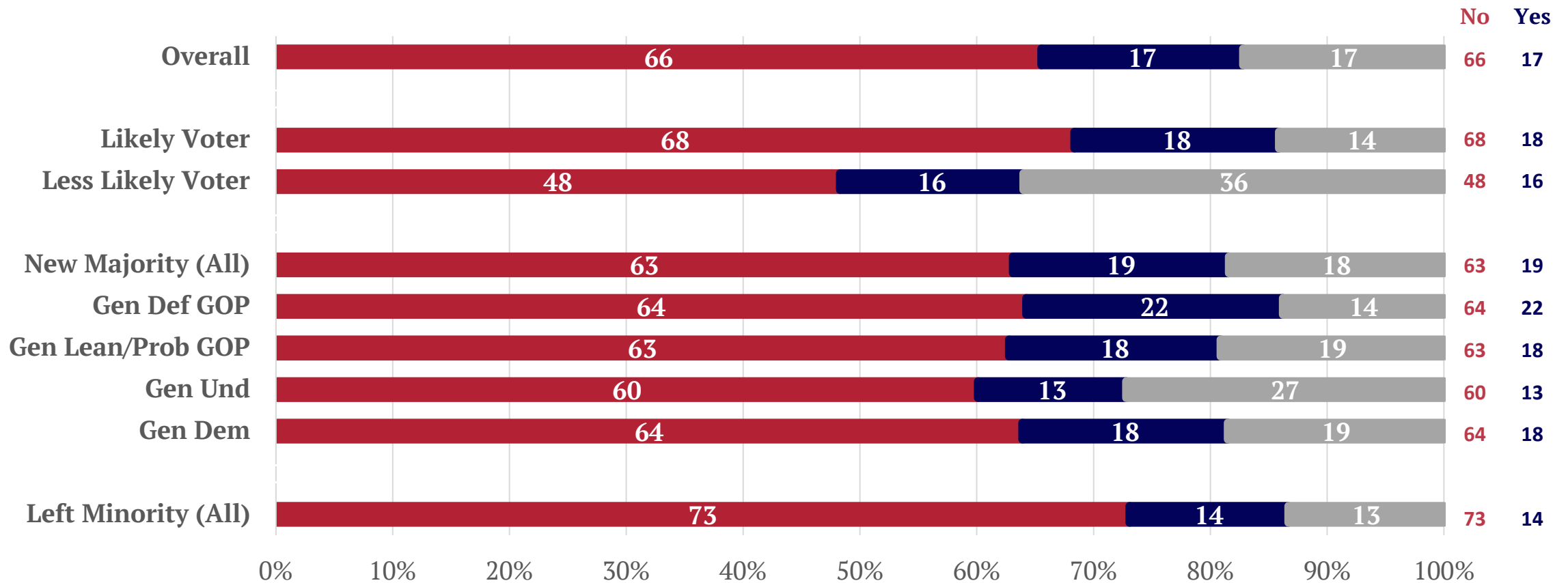
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