



American Opposition to Open Borders and Perception of Parties and Candidates on the Border

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- More than 7-in-10 Americans oppose open borders and nearly 7-in-10 Americans prefer secure borders to closed or open borders. Most also say America needs more legal but less illegal immigration.
- 54% of Americans believe Joe Biden prefers open borders for the United States, rather than secure or closed borders. 49% believe most Democrats in Washington prefer open borders.
- Nearly 6-in-10 Americans agree that people who use the term “undocumented person” to refer to people in the U.S. without legal permission tend to prefer open borders.
- Just 32% agree with President Biden that “undocumented person” is a better way to refer to Laken Riley’s alleged killer than “an illegal.”
- Most Americans agree President Biden is using the humanitarian parole program inappropriately and nearly 7-in-10 say that most of the people Biden let in under the program will stay in the United States illegally when the parole expires.

Most Want More Legal But Less Illegal Immigration

“Which of the following best describes your views about immigration. The United States needs...?”

1. More legal immigration and more illegal immigration.
2. More legal immigration but less illegal immigration.
3. Less legal immigration and less illegal immigration.

	Overall	GOP	DEM	IND	Swing Voter	Men	Women	Single Women	Asian	Black	Hisp.	White	Gen Z	Millennial	Gen X	Baby Boomers+
More Legal & Illegal	5	3	7	6	4	4	7	9	9	9	6	4	11	7	6	2
More Legal/Less Illegal	54	47	57	58	59	59	49	51	54	50	52	55	55	55	48	57
Less Legal & Illegal	30	46	19	23	26	30	29	19	28	23	29	32	18	25	36	33
Other	3	2	5	3	3	3	4	6	0	5	4	3	5	4	3	2
Don't Know	8	2	12	11	8	4	12	15	9	14	9	7	11	10	7	7



New Majority and Left Minority Want More Legal But Less Illegal Immigration

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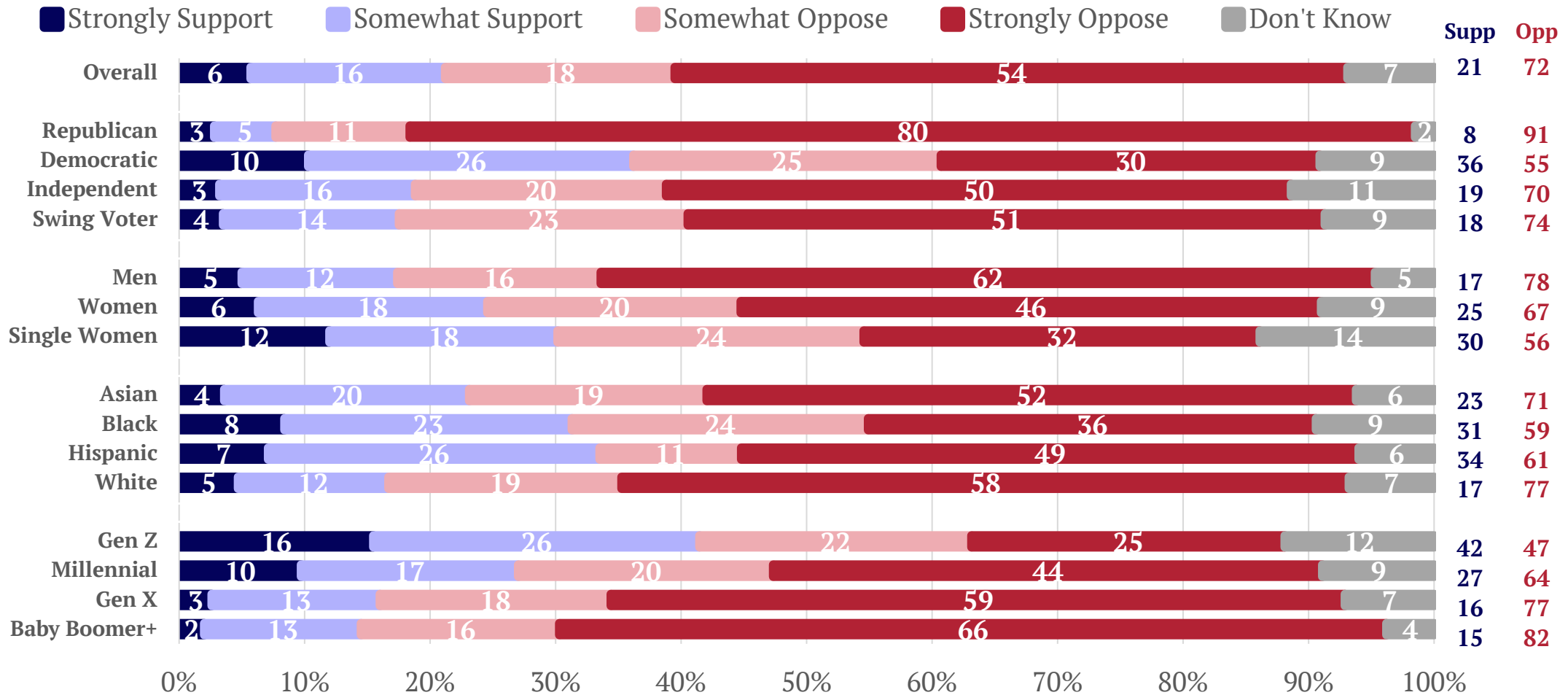
	Overall	Likely Voter	Less Likely Voter	New Majority (All)	Gen Def GOP	Gen Lean/Prob GOP	Gen Und	Gen Dem	Left Minority (All)
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More Legal/Less Illegal	54	55	42	51	45	58	52	55	61
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Other	3	3	4	2	1	3	5	2	5
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More than 7-in-10 Americans Oppose Open Borders

THIS INCLUDES A MAJORITY OF DEMOCRATS, BLACKS, HISPANICS, AND A PLURALITY OF GEN Z

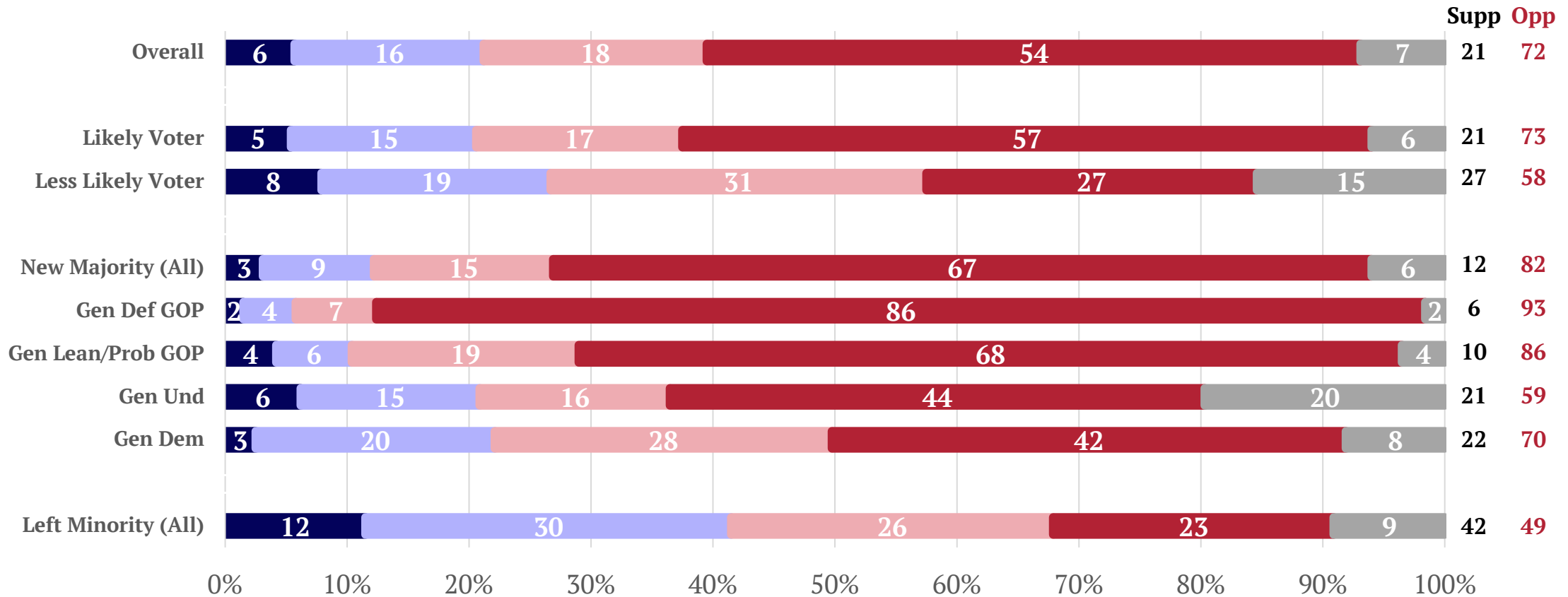
“Do you support or oppose open borders?”



All New Majority Voter Groups Oppose Open Borders While Left Minority Is Split

“Do you support or oppose open borders?”

■ Strongly Support
 ■ Somewhat Support
 ■ Somewhat Oppose
 ■ Strongly Oppose
 ■ Don't Know



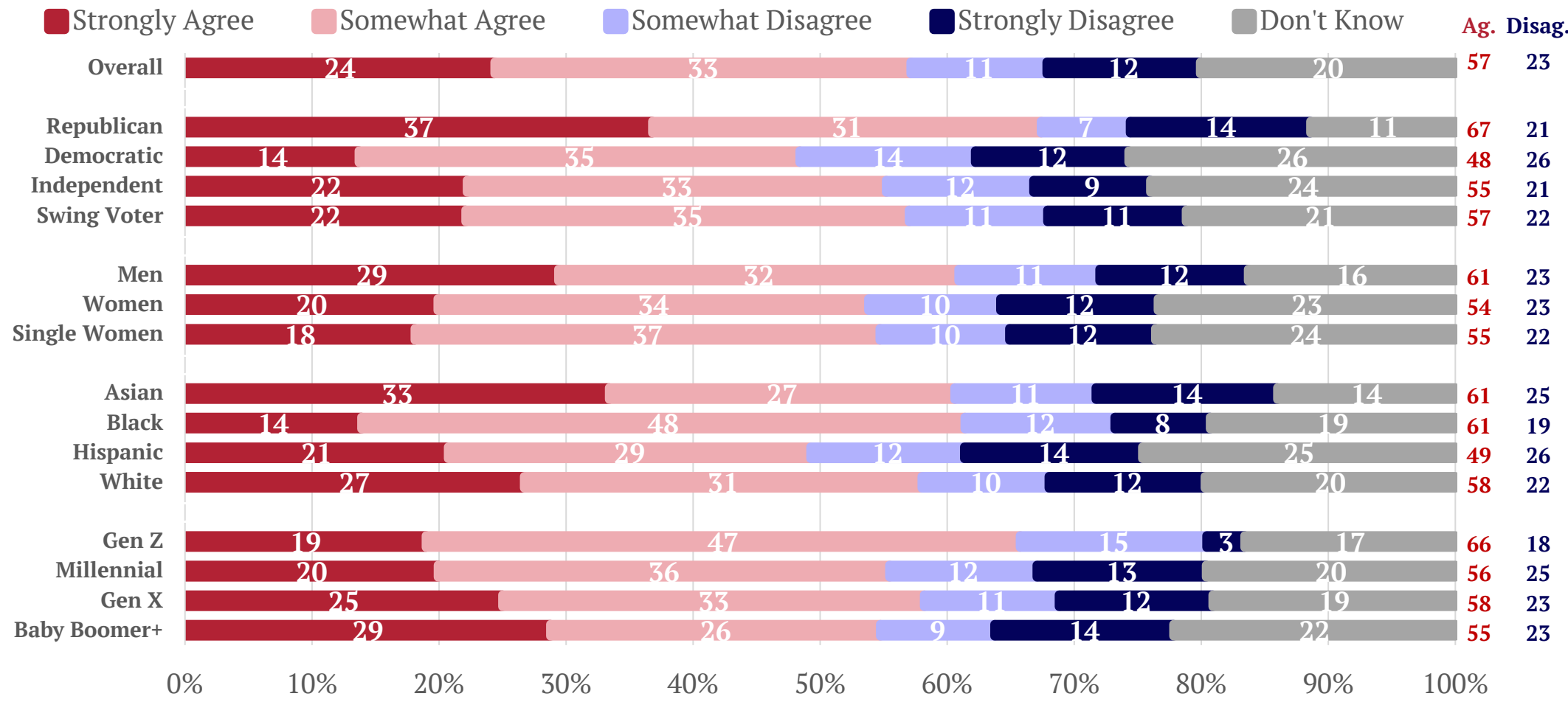
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Nearly 6-in-10 Agree People Who Say “Undocumented Person” Prefer Open Borders

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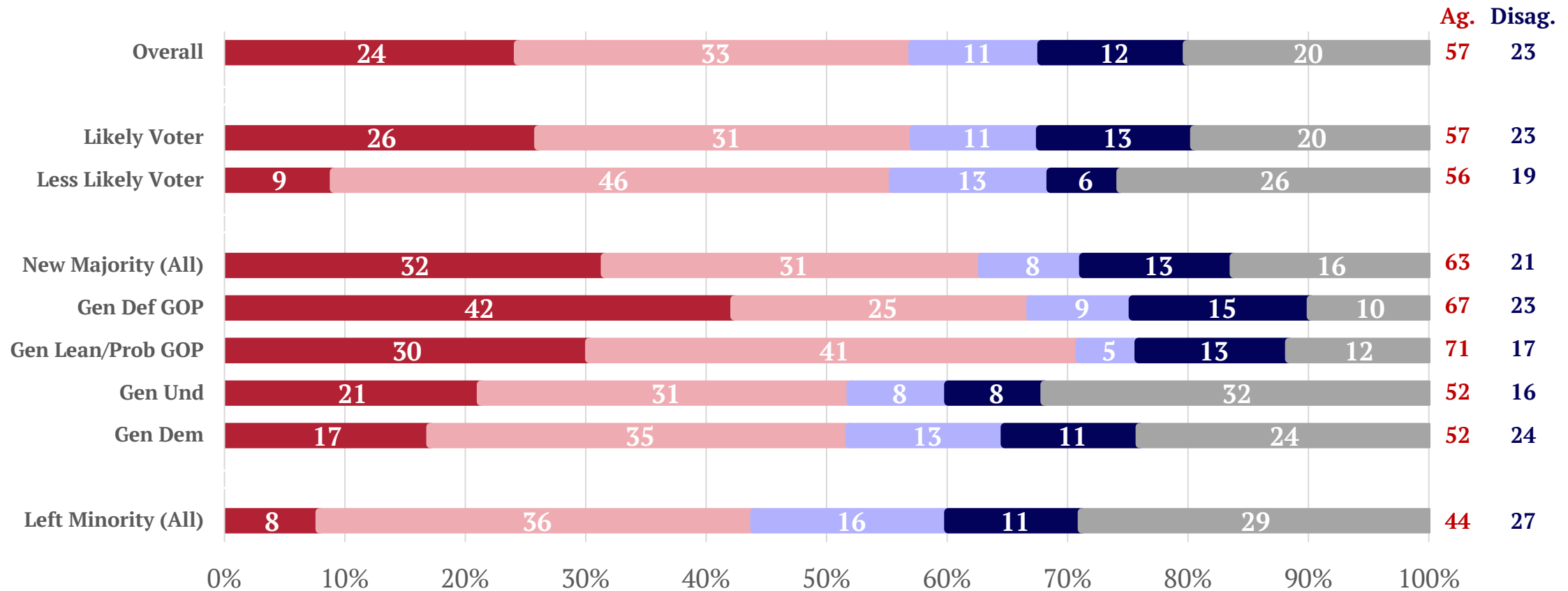
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All New Majority Voter Groups Say Those That Say “Undocumented Person” Tend to Prefer Open Borders

“Do you agree or disagree that people who use the term “undocumented person” to refer to foreign-born people in the United States without legal permission tend to prefer open borders?”

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 ■ Don't Know

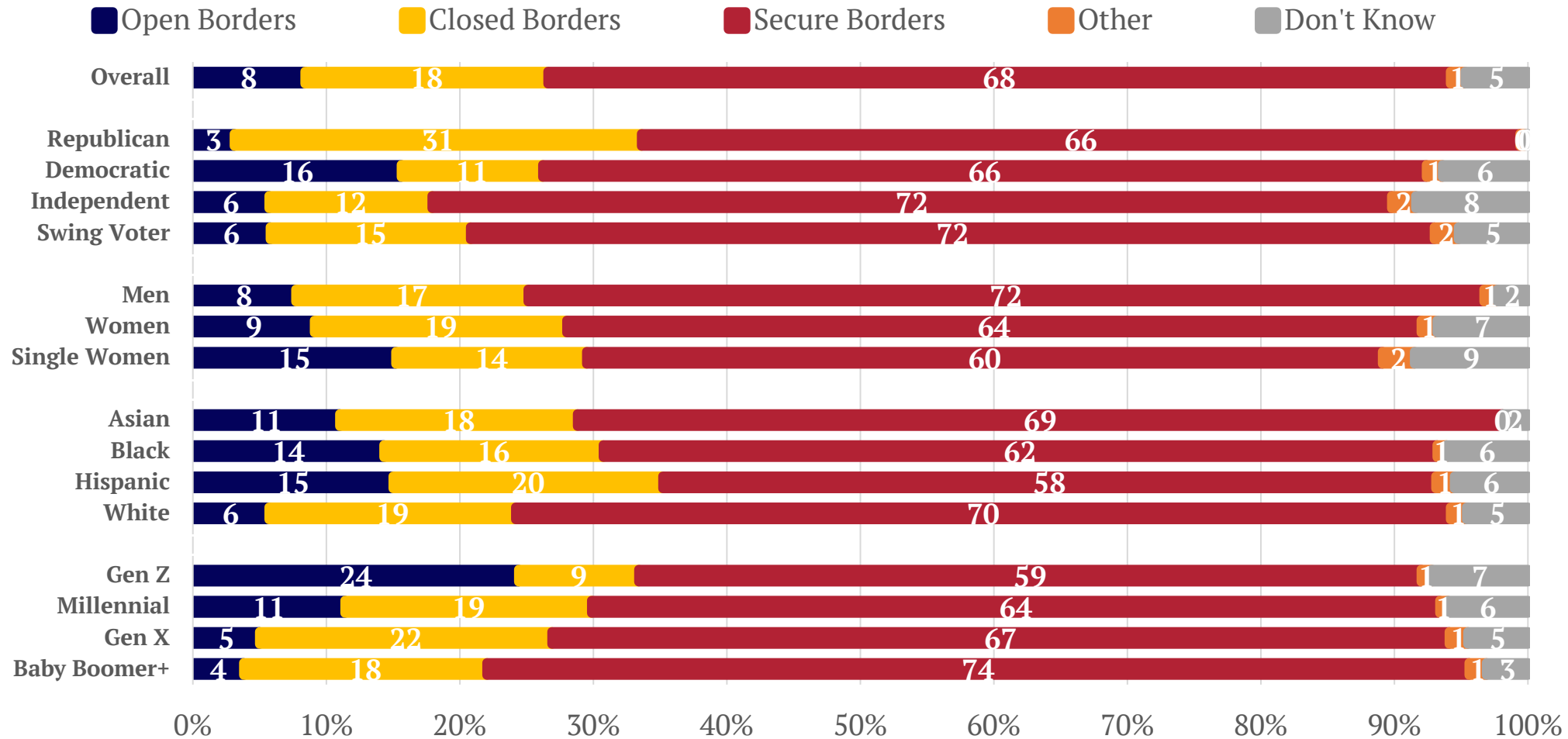


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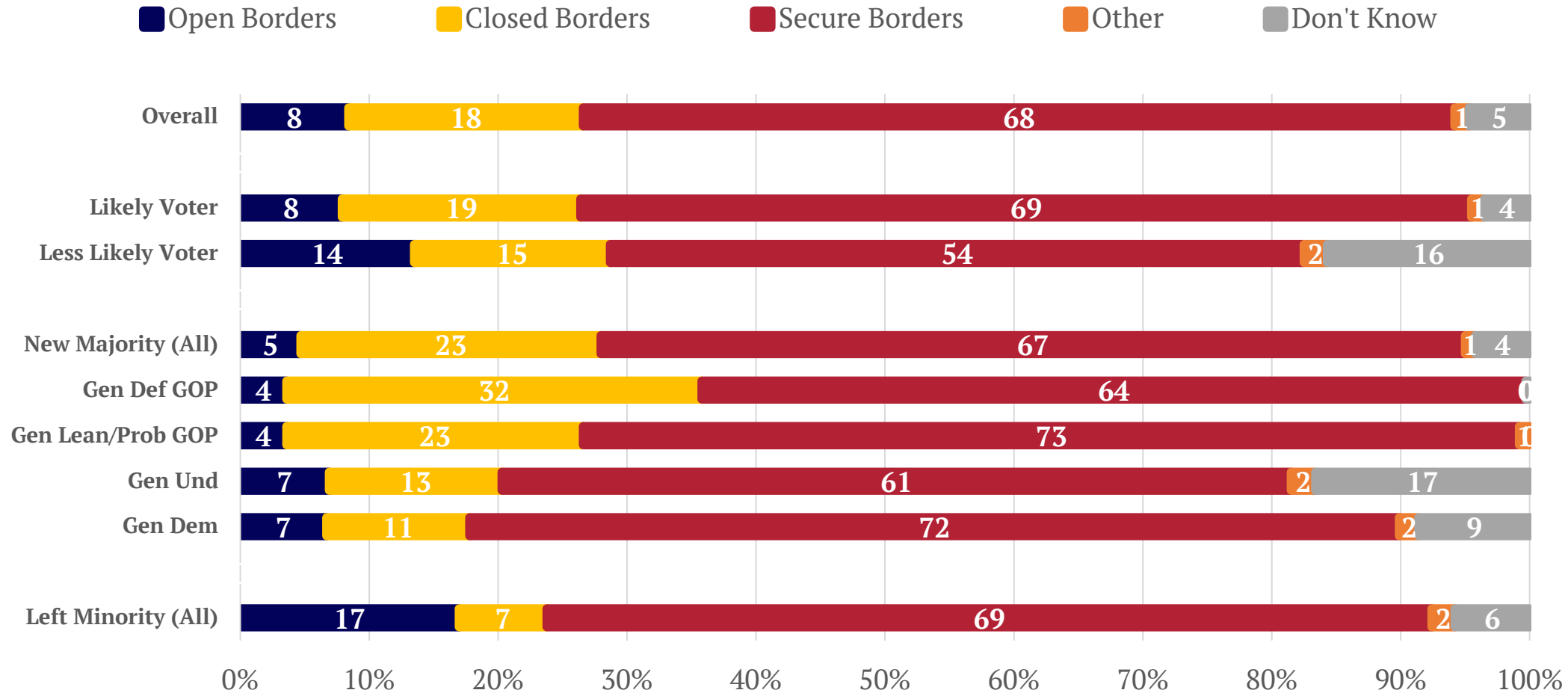
Large Majorities of All Demographic Groups Prefer Secure Borders To Open or Closed Borders

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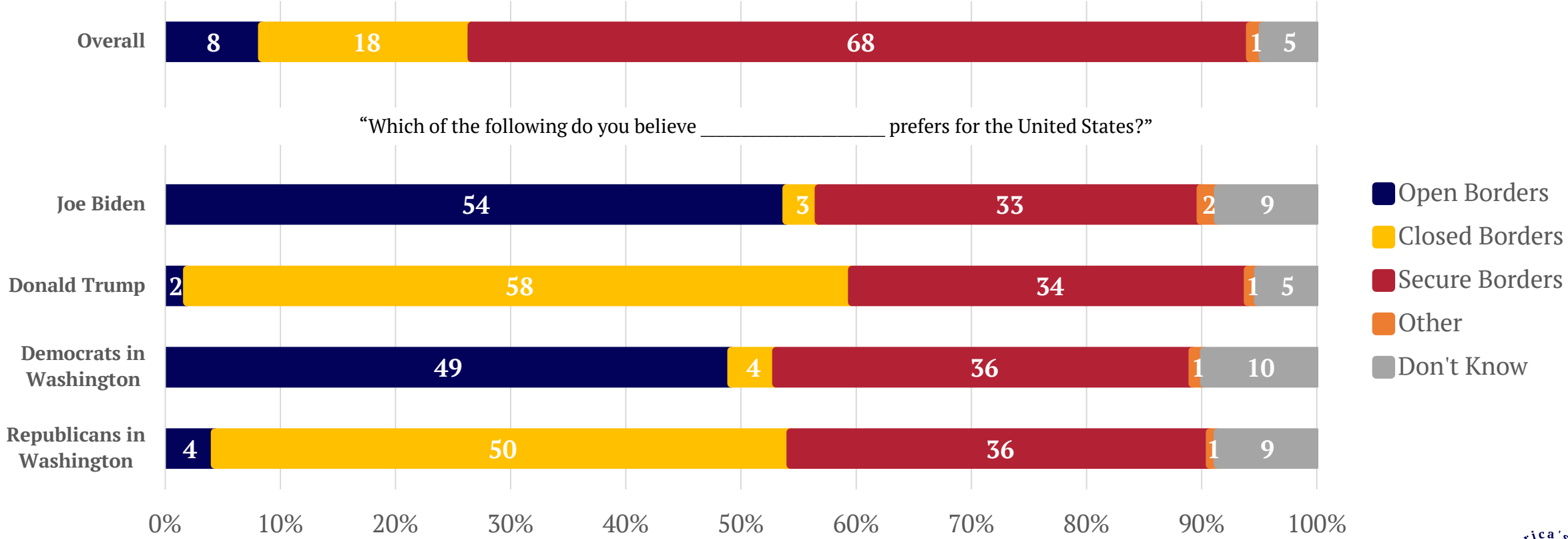


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Most Don't Believe Either Party or Presidential Candidate Wants Secure Borders

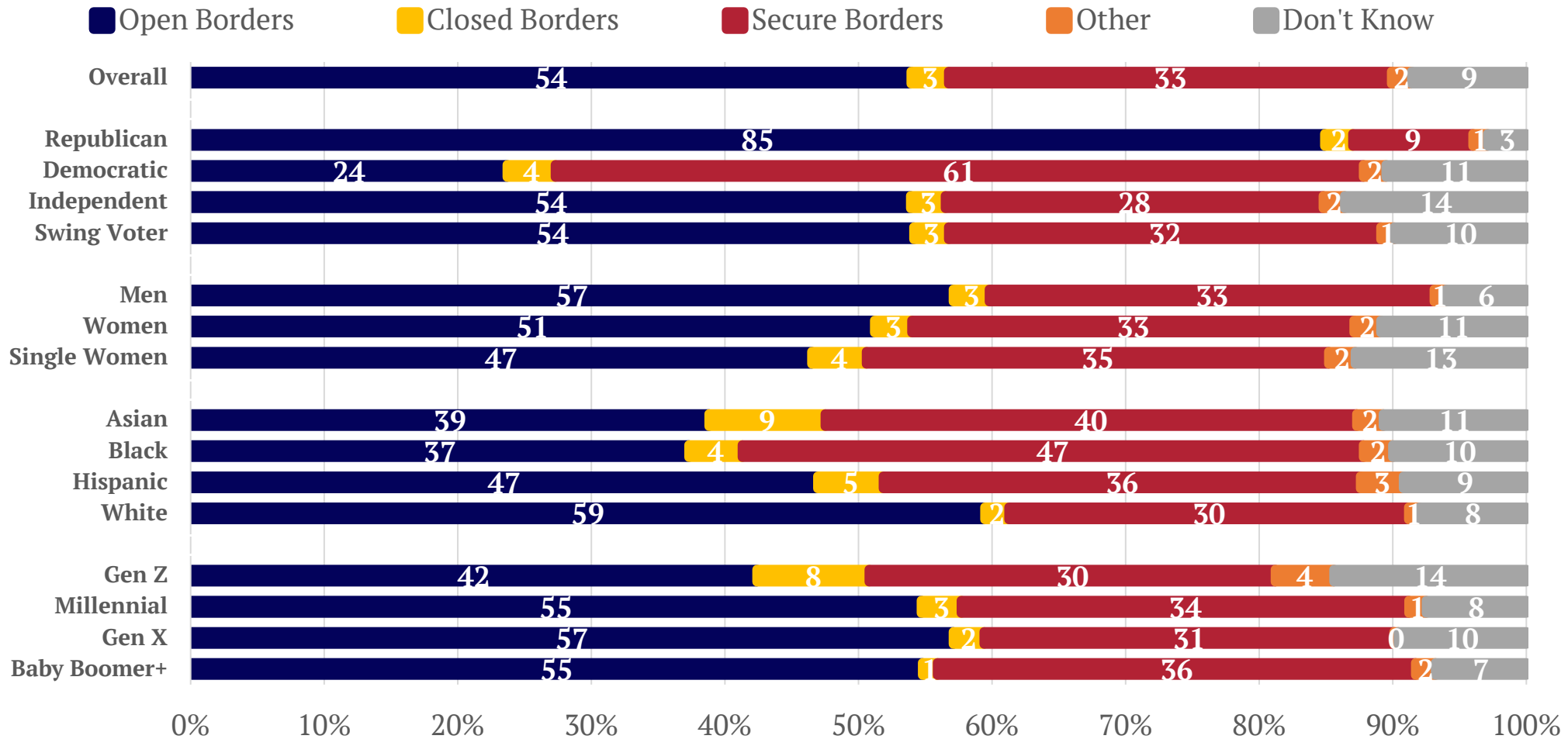
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Most Believe Biden Prefers Open Borders

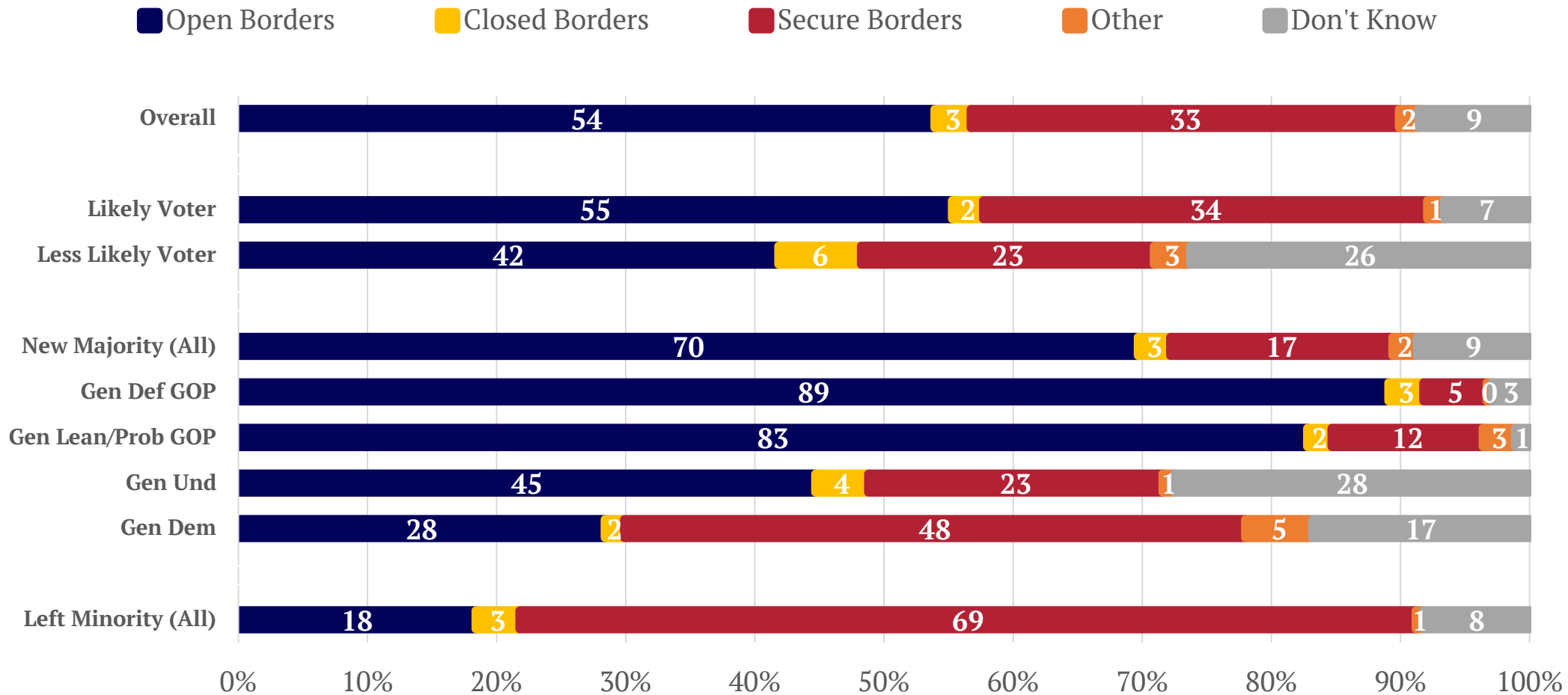
DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRAT-LEANING GROUPS ARE MORE LIKELY TO SAY HE PREFERS SECURE BORDERS

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7-in-10 New Majority Voters Believe Biden Prefers Open Borders

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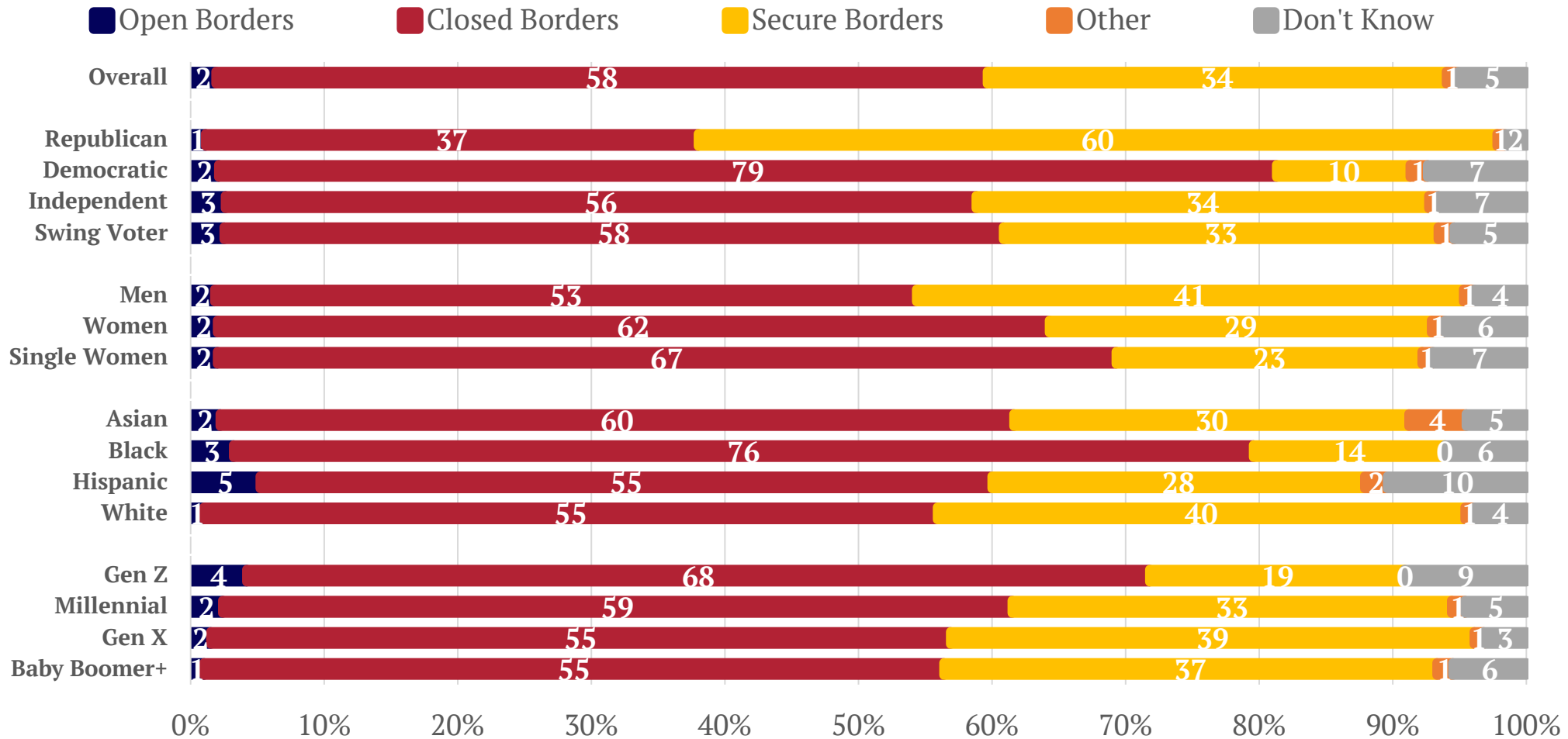
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Most Believe Donald Trump Prefers Closed Borders

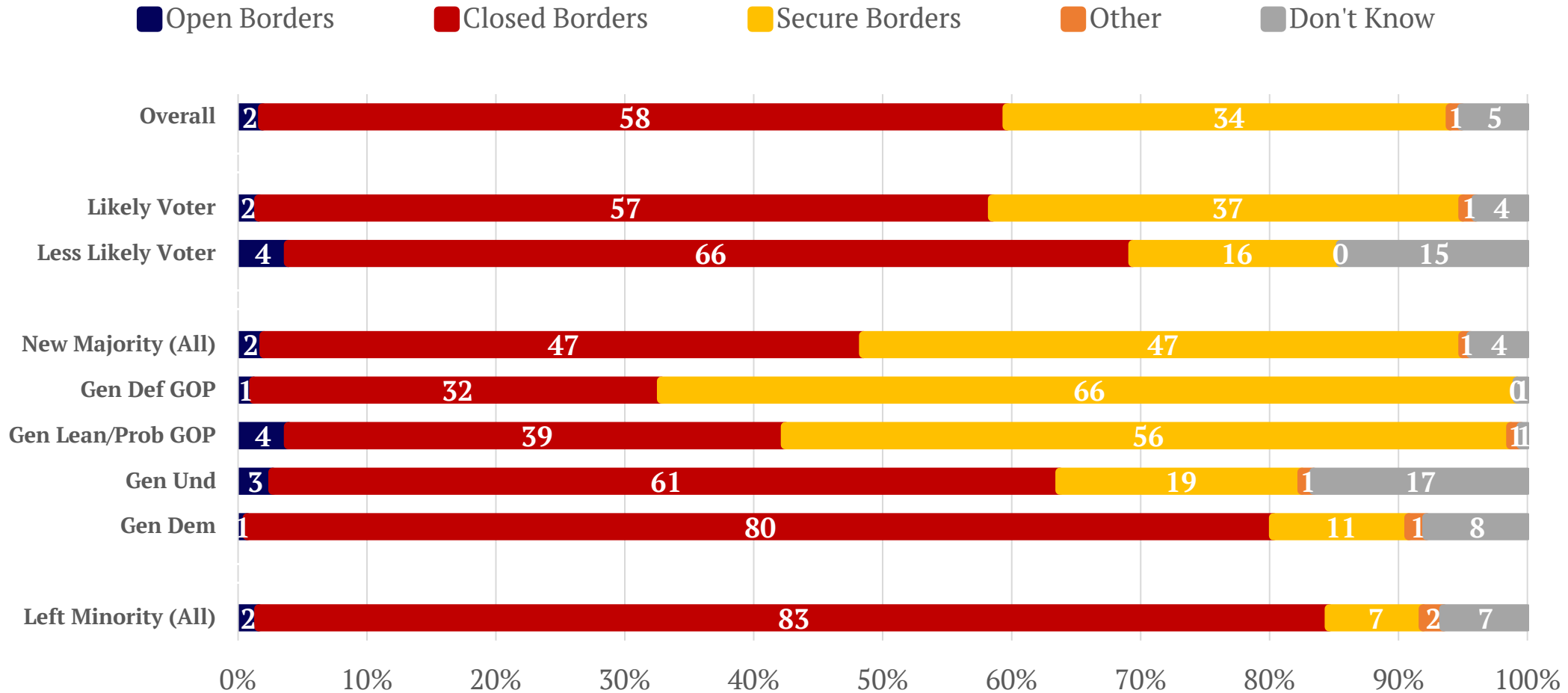
REPUBLICANS SAY TRUMP PREFERS SECURE BORDERS

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New Majority Divided on Whether Donald Trump Prefers Closed or Secure Borders

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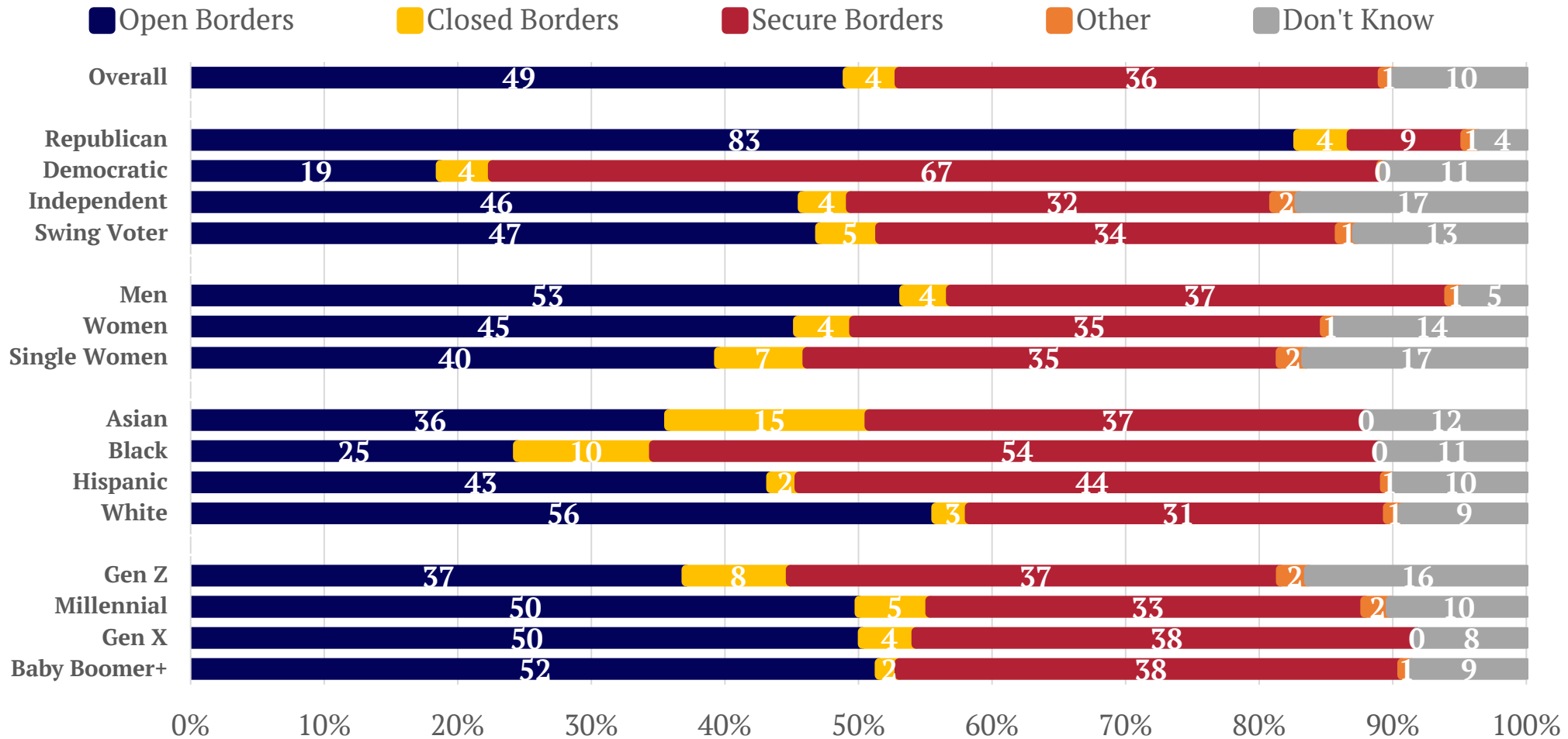
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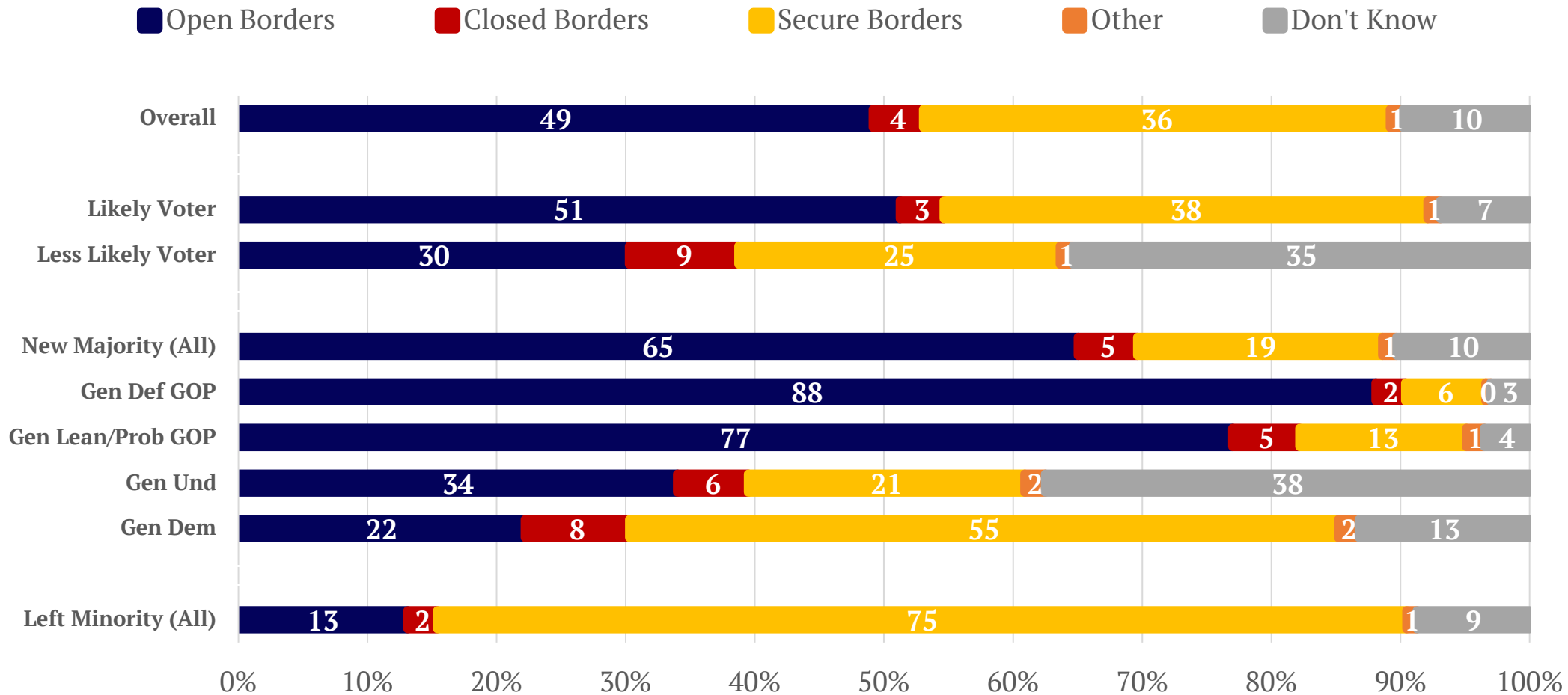
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More Than 6-in-10 New Majority Voters Say Democrats Prefer Open Borders

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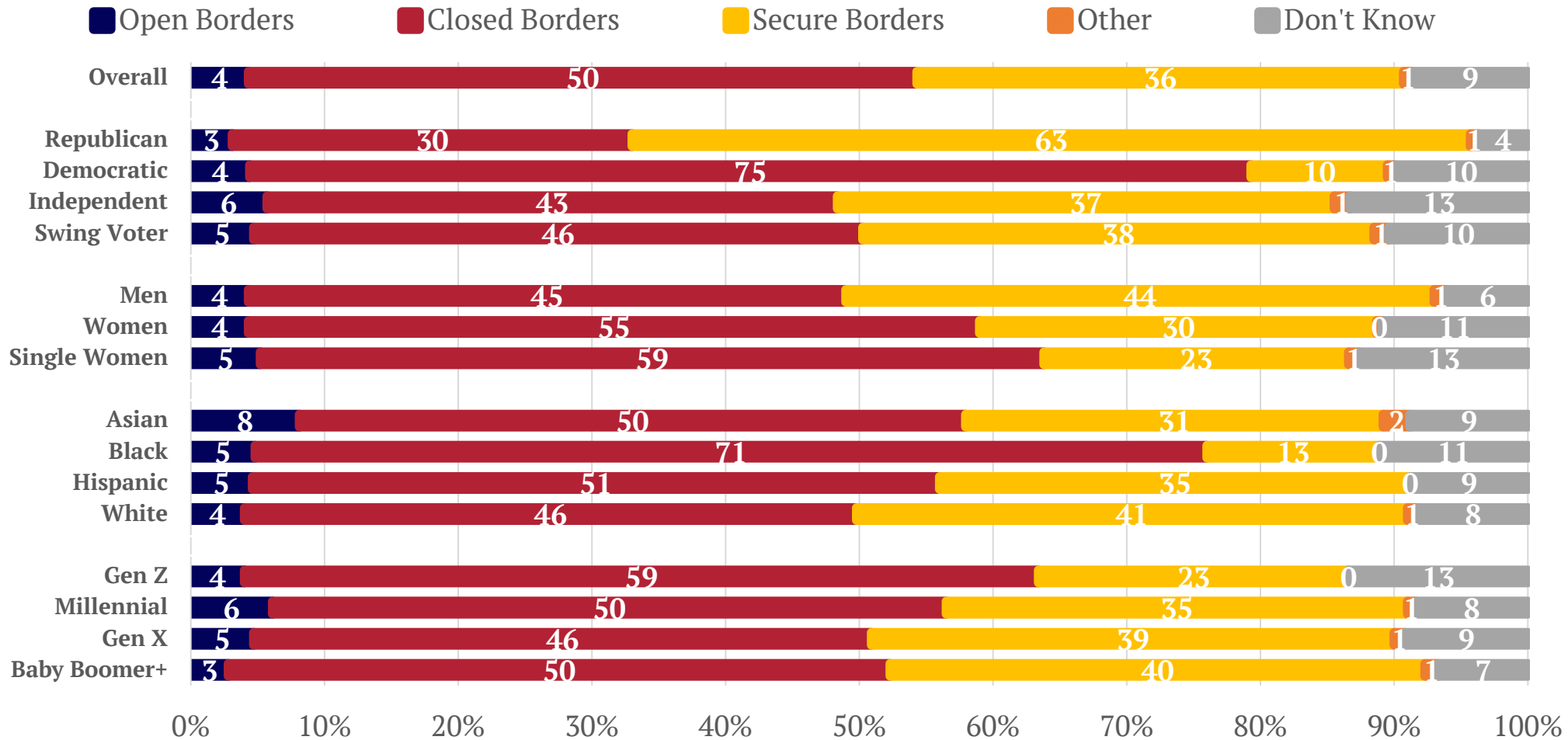


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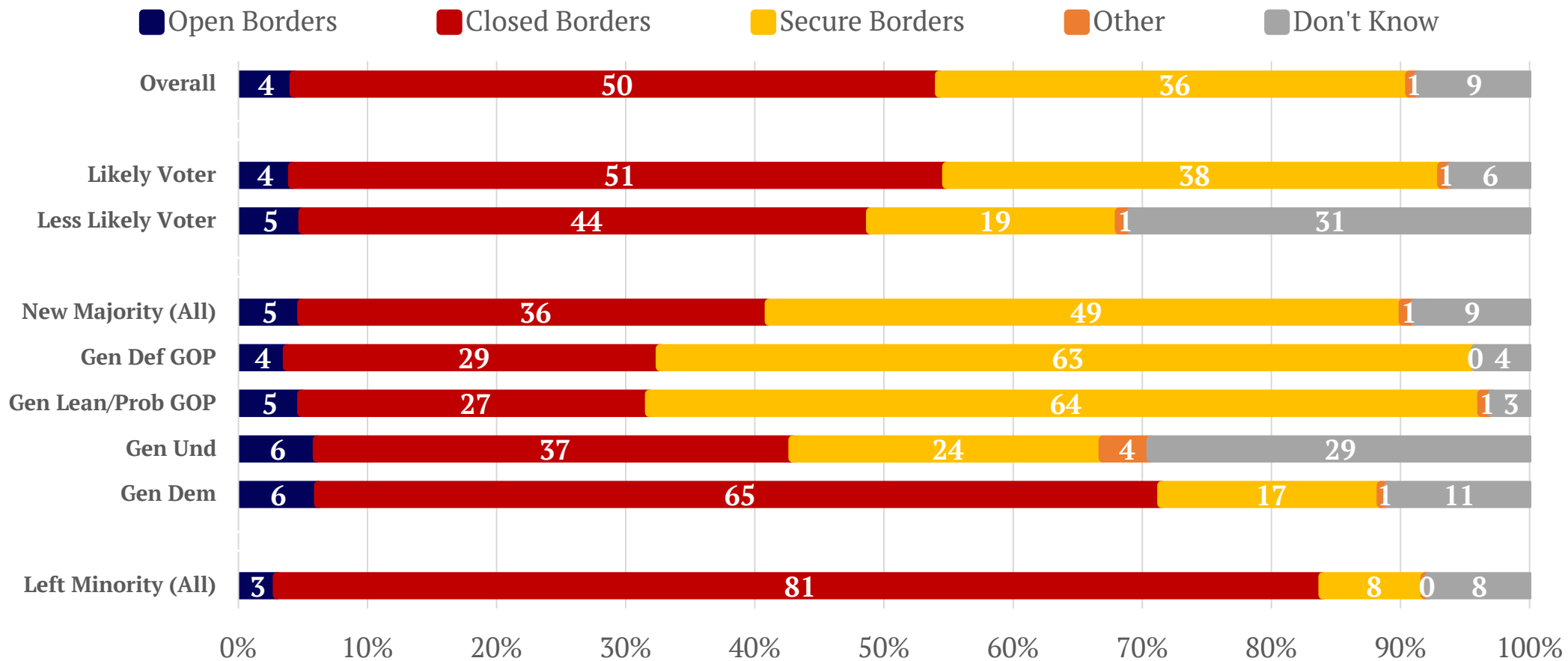
Half of Americans Say Republicans Prefer Closed Borders

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GOP-Leaning New Majority Voters Say Republicans Prefer Secure Borders, Undecided and Democrat Leaning Say Republicans Prefer Closed Borders

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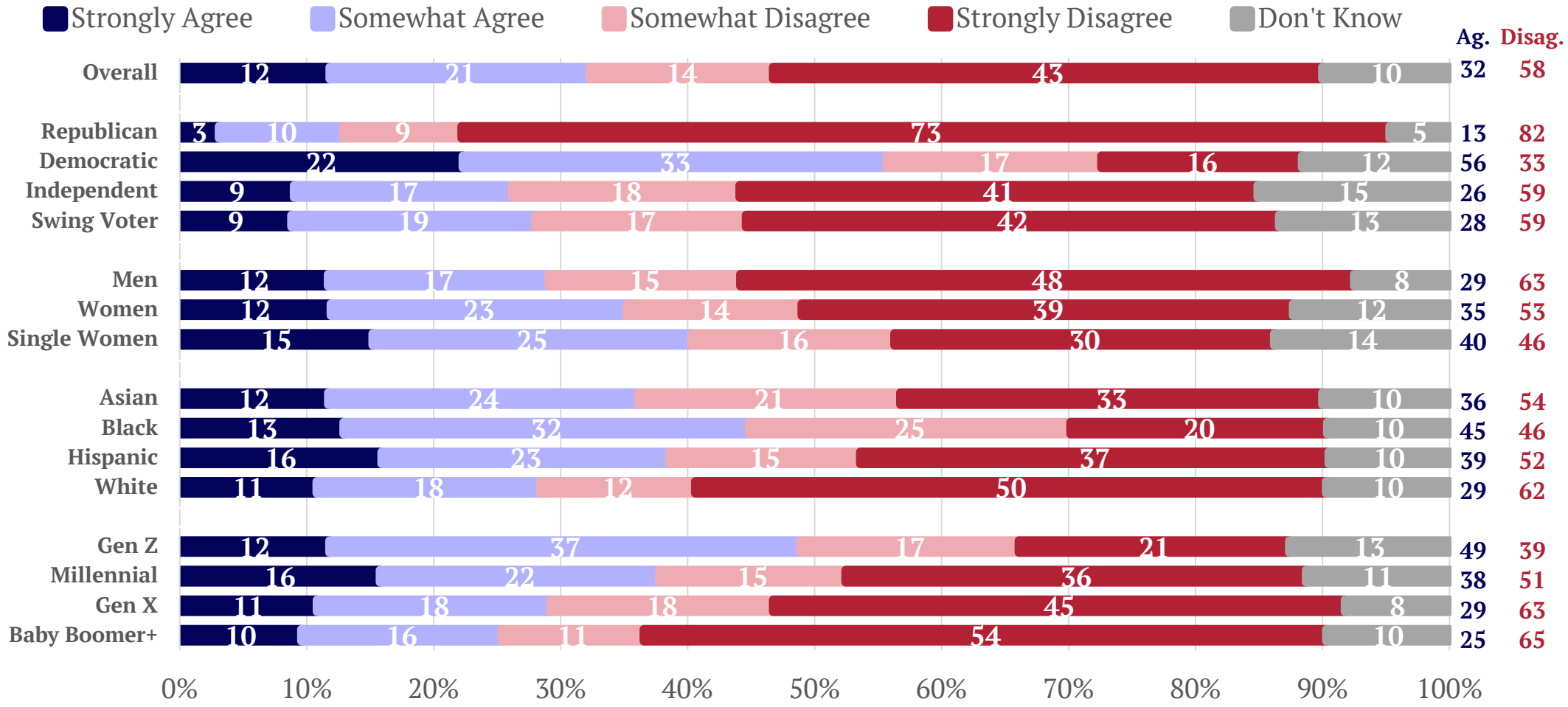


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Most Disagree That Laken Riley's Alleged Killer Should Be Called "Undocumented" Instead of "Illegal"

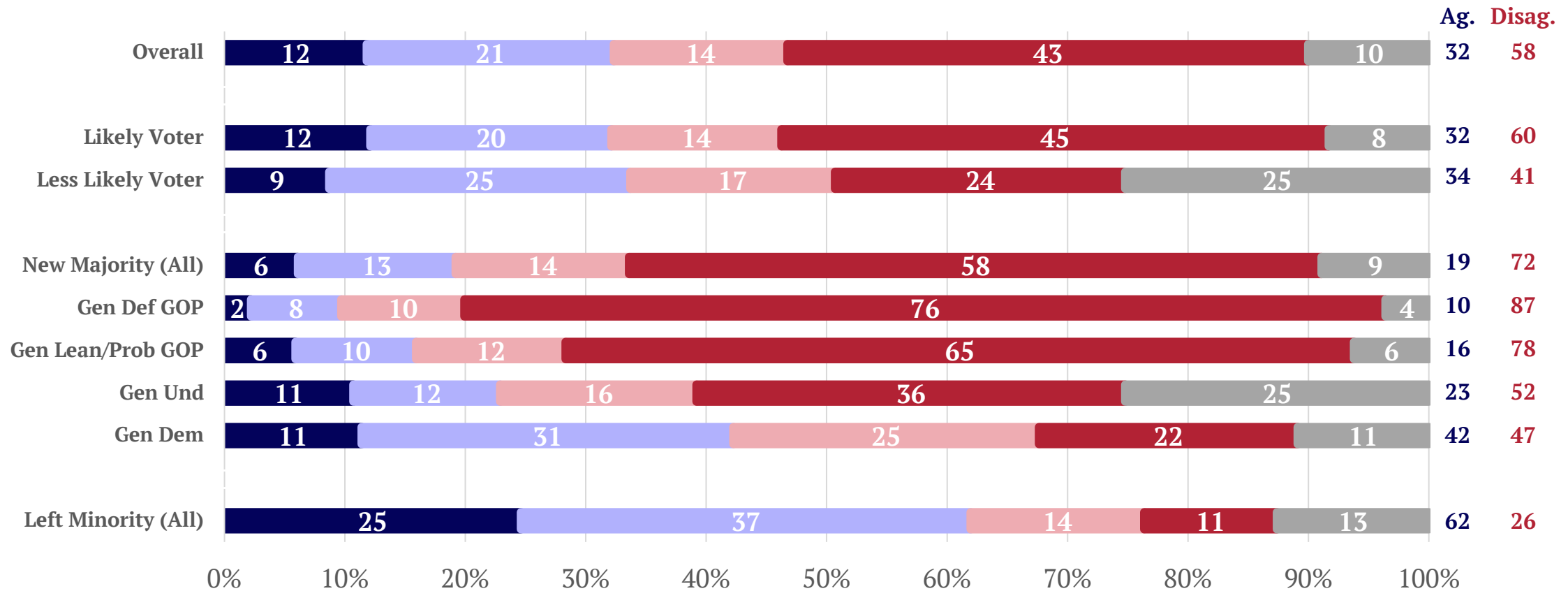
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New Majority Disagrees, Left Minority Agrees with Biden on What To Call Laken Riley's Alleged Killer

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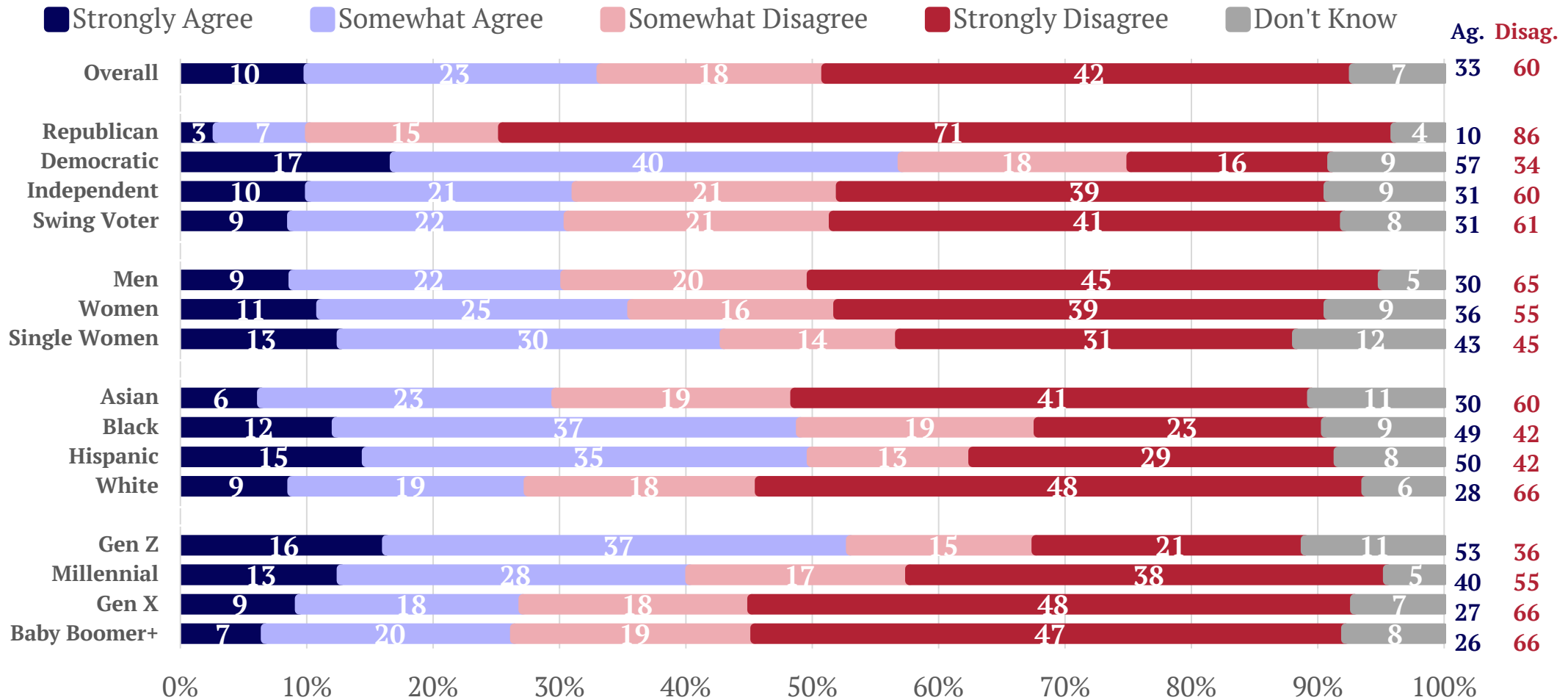
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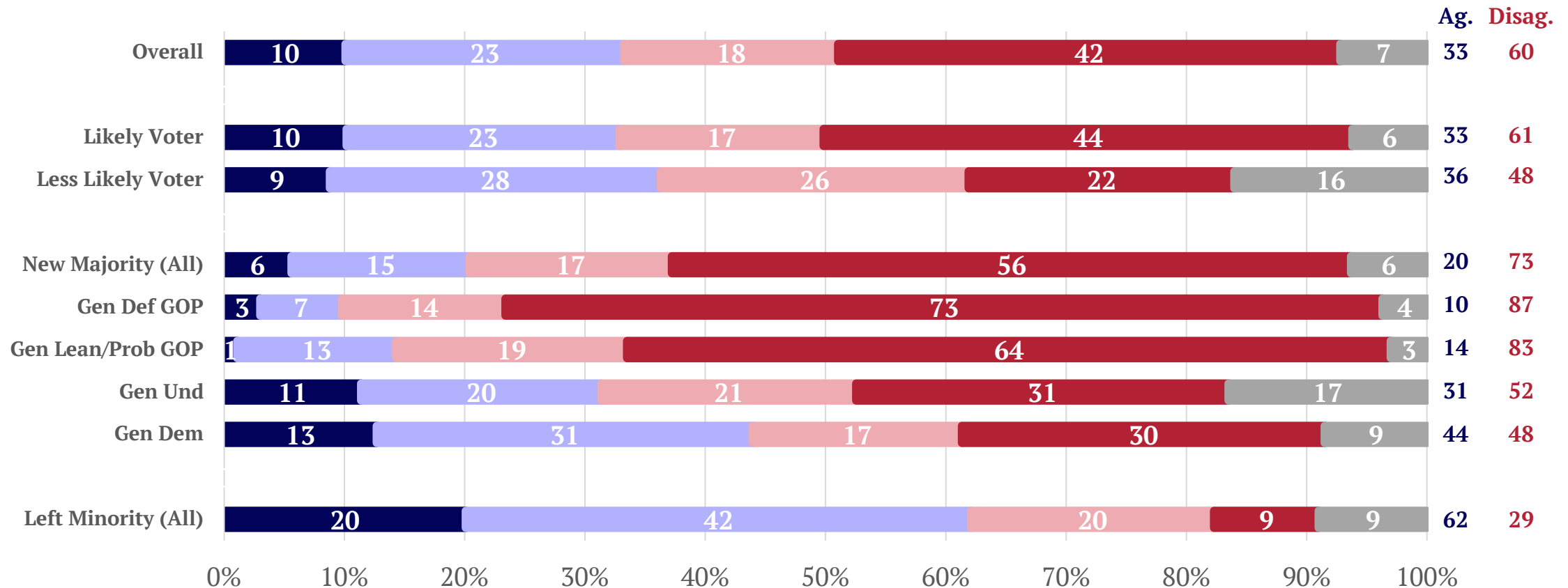


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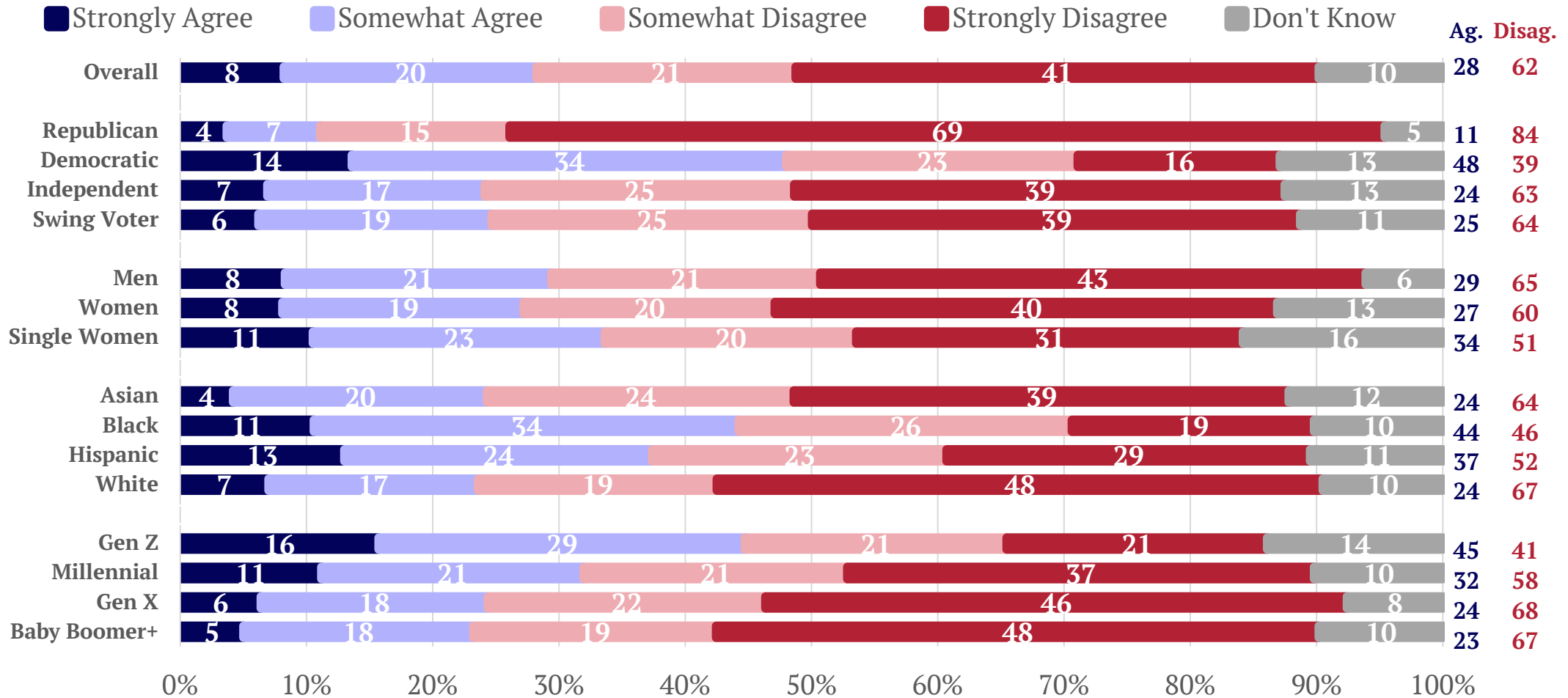
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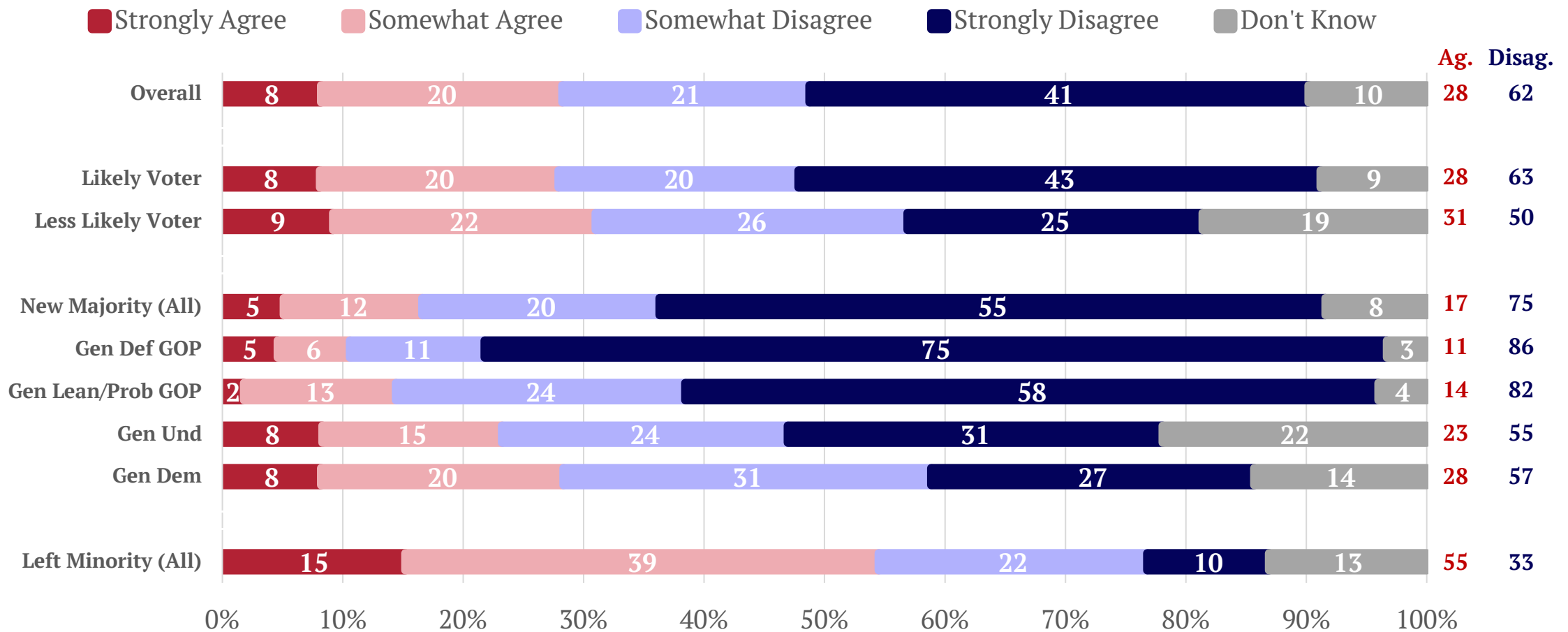
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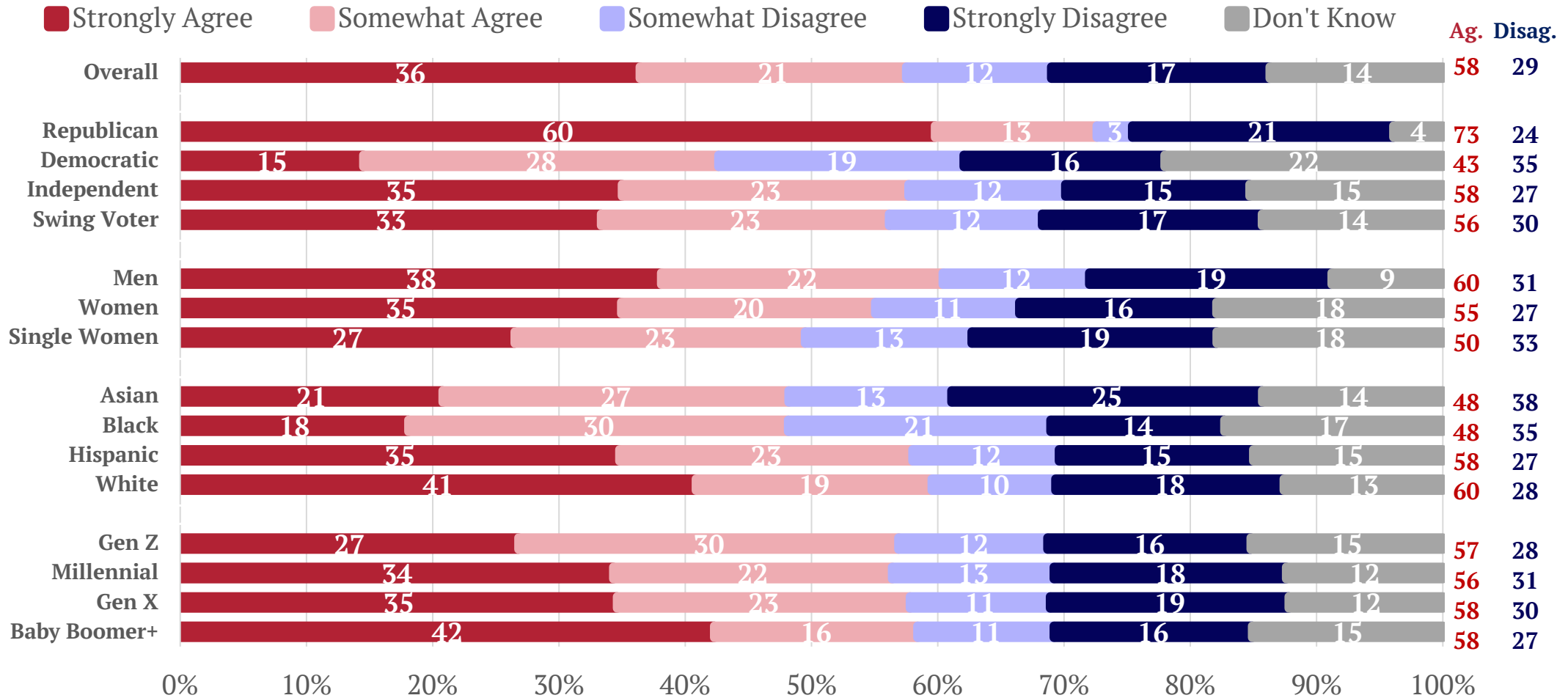


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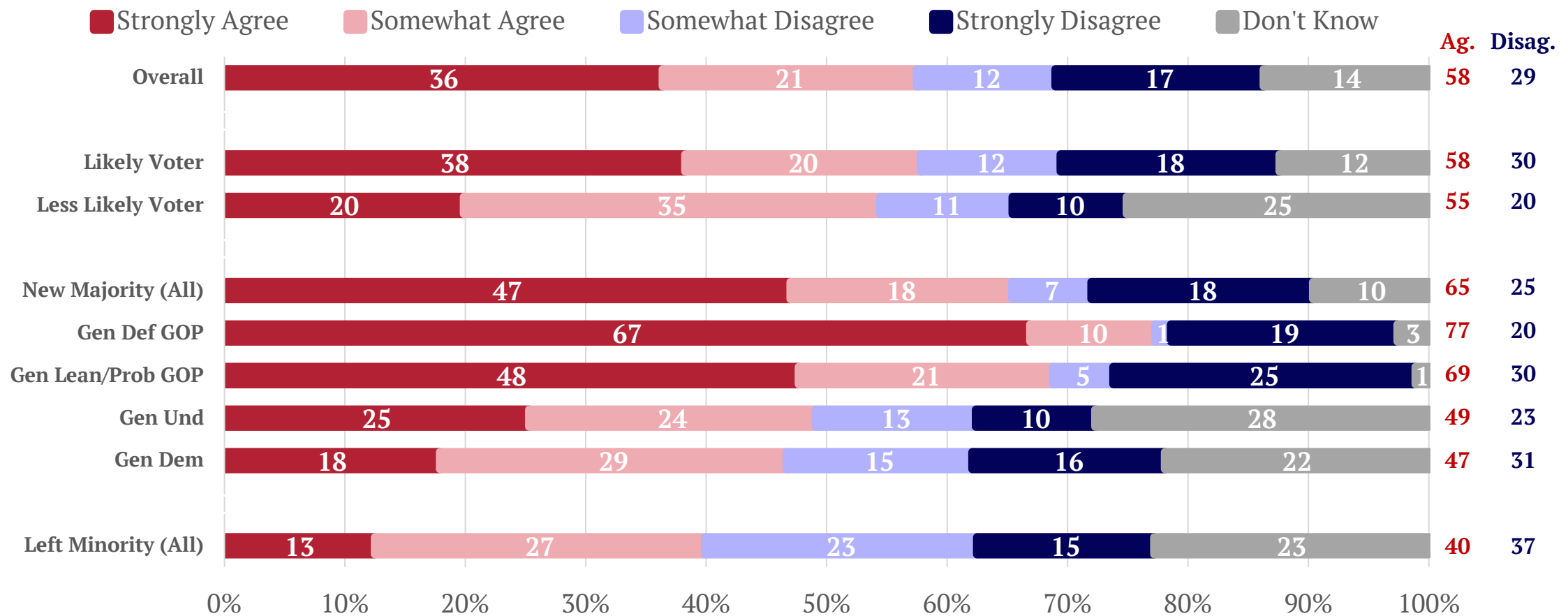
Nearly 6-in-10, Including a Plurality of Democrats, Agree Biden Is Using Humanitarian Parole Inappropriately

“Humanitarian parole is a program that allows citizens of other countries to temporarily enter the United States due to a compelling emergency, even if they do not qualify for legal admission. Former Presidents Barack Obama and Donald Trump paroled – on average – 5,623 migrants into the United States each year. Last year, 2023, President Biden paroled over 1,000,000 migrants, after paroling nearly 800,000 in 2022. Do you agree or disagree that President Biden is using the humanitarian parole program inappropriately?”



2-in-3 New Majority Voters Agree Biden Using Humanitarian Parole Program Inappropriately

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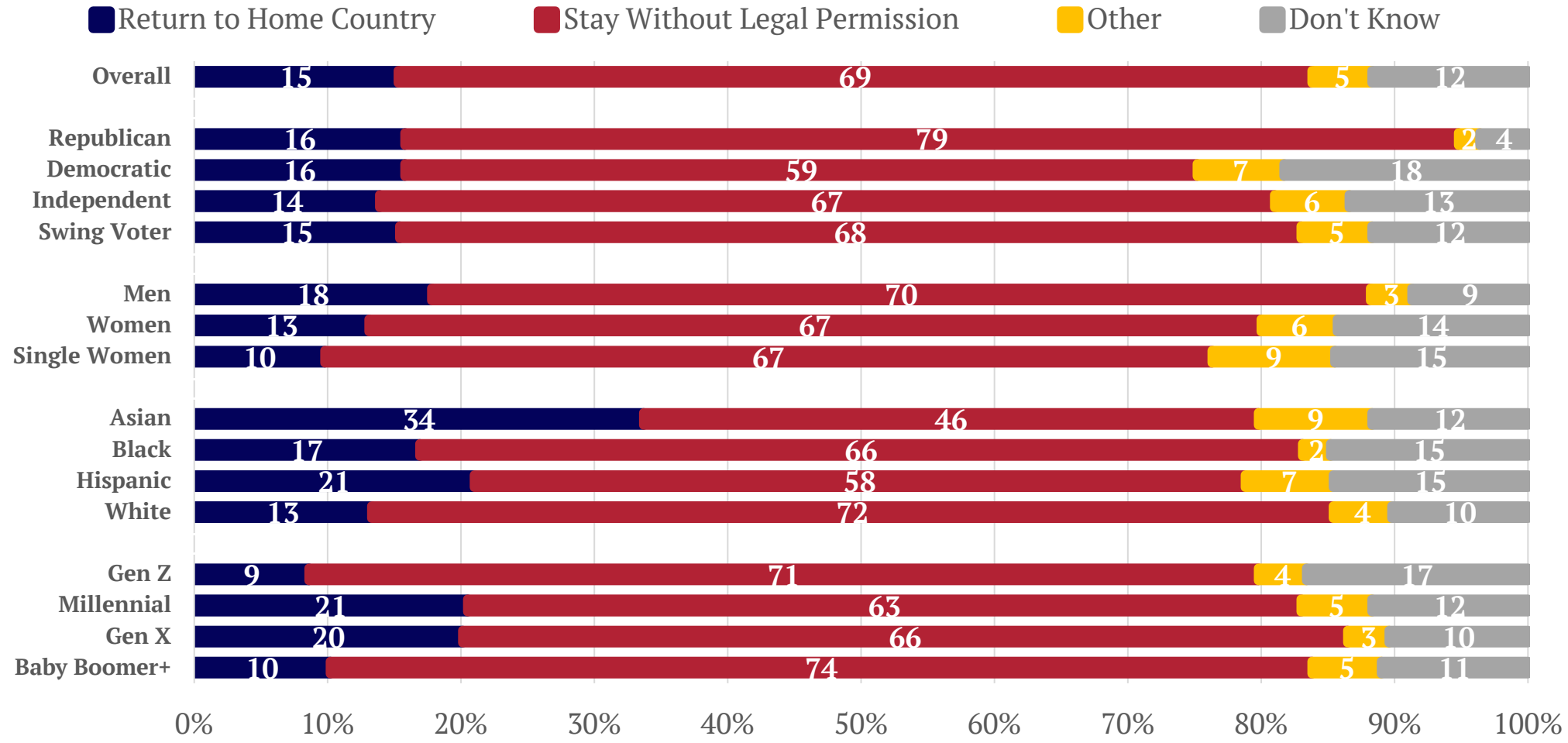


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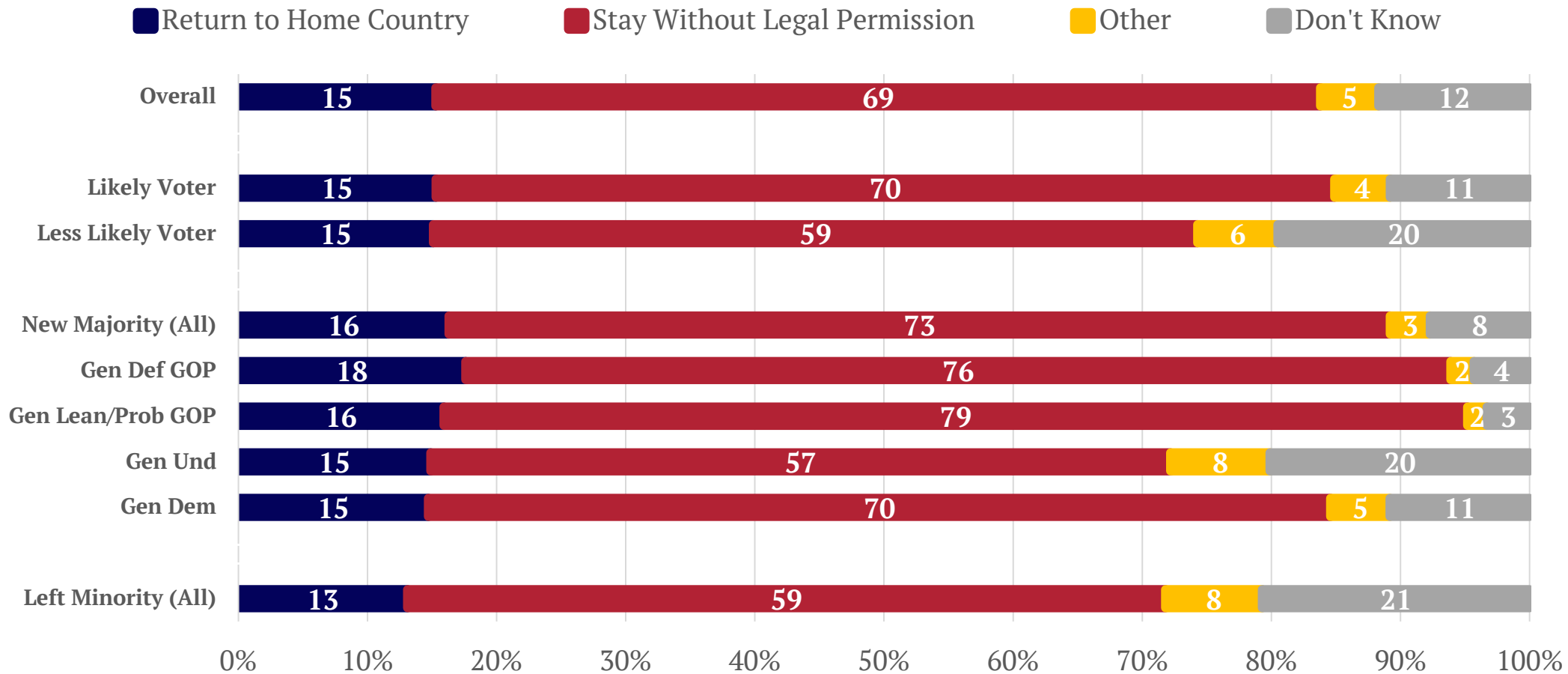
7-in-10 Say People Granted Humanitarian Parole Will Stay in the U.S. Illegally When Parole Expires

“What do you think the over 2 million people who were granted humanitarian parole under President Biden are more likely to do when their humanitarian parole expires (usually after 1 year)?”
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New Majority and Left Minority Agree Parolees Will Stay in the U.S. Illegally

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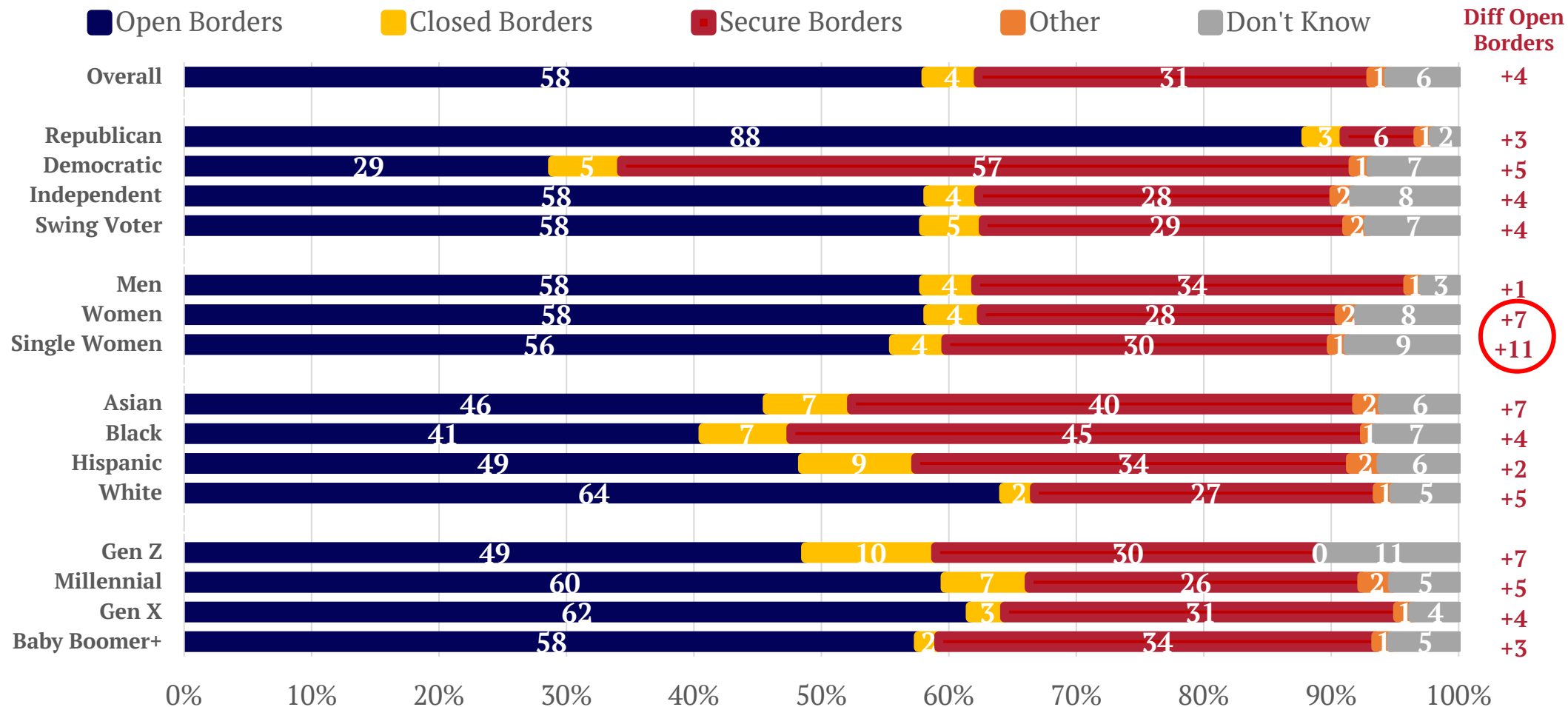


After Learning More, A 4-Point Increase in Voters

Who Say Biden Prefers Open Borders

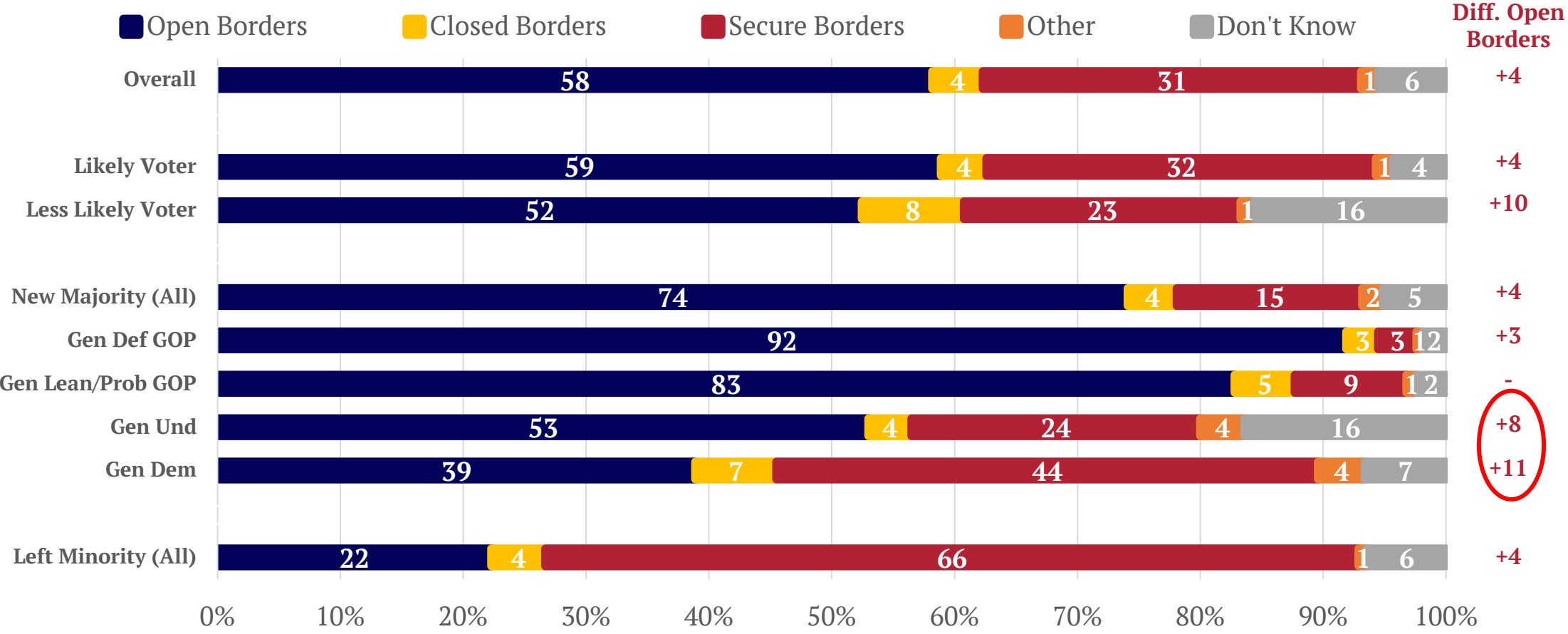
INCREASE COMES MOSTLY FROM WOMEN, PARTICULARLY SINGLE WOMEN

“Now, which of the following do you believe President Biden prefers for the United States?”



After Learning More, Large Increase In Undecided and Democrat-Leaning New Majority Voters Who Say Biden Prefers Open Borders

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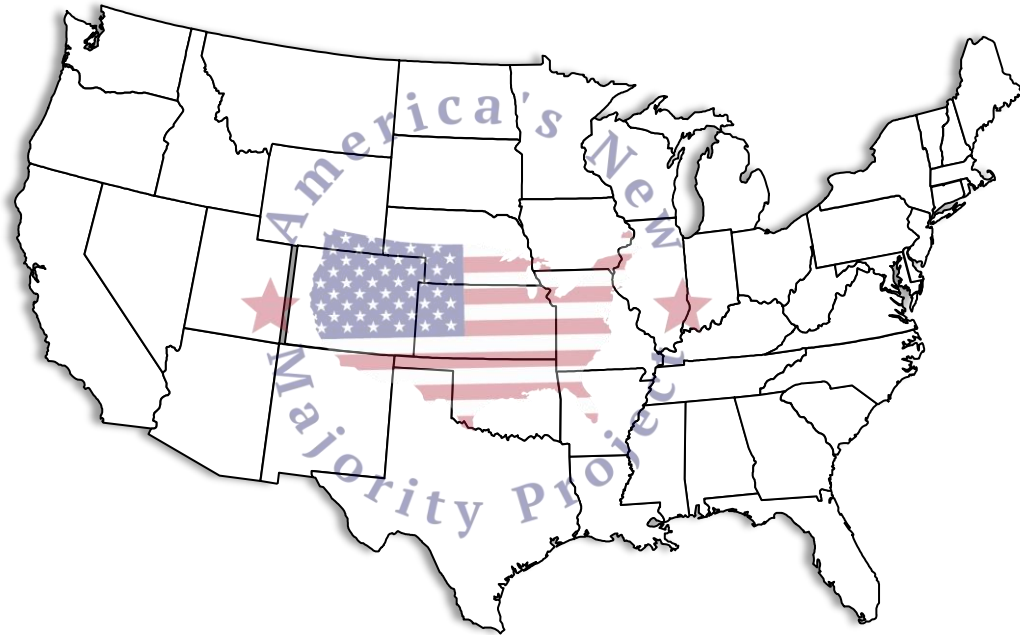


Methodology

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 February 19-22, 2024.

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	15%
30-40	17%
41-55	25%
56-65	19%
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	65%
Bachelor's/P.G	35%

