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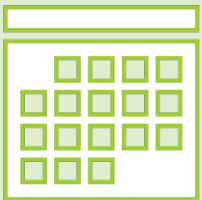
Findings and Recommendations from Online
Poll of Registered Voters and Parents

September 2021

Survey Methodology



ALG Research conducted an online survey of N=800 registered voters nationwide, with an additional n=200 oversample of parents/guardians of school-aged children.



Interviews were conducted August 27-31, 2021.

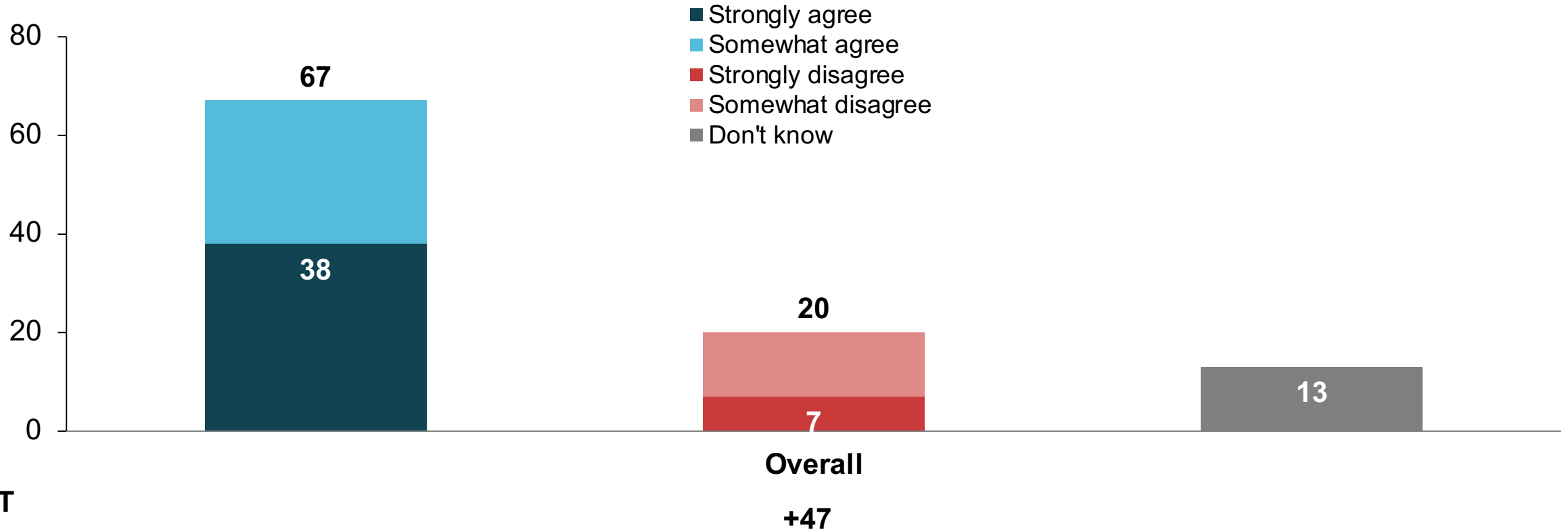


The margin of error for the sample is +/- 3.5 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. The margin of error for subgroups varies and is higher.

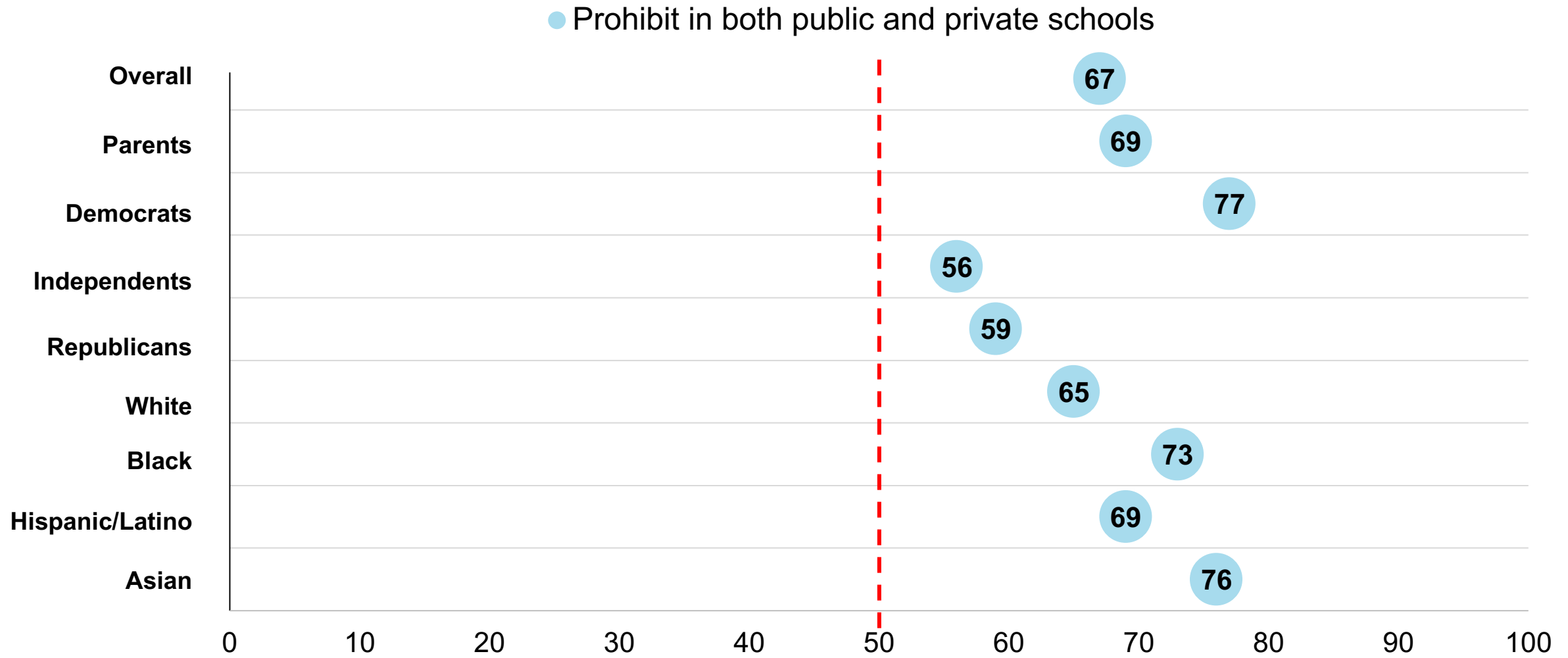
LEGACY PREFERENCE

A majority supports prohibiting legacy preference in both private and public colleges and universities.

Both public and private colleges should be prohibited from giving greater weight in admissions to applicants who are related to graduates of the same school, sometimes referred to as a legacy preference.



Support for prohibiting legacy admissions runs across demographic lines..



COVID MEASURES IN SCHOOLS

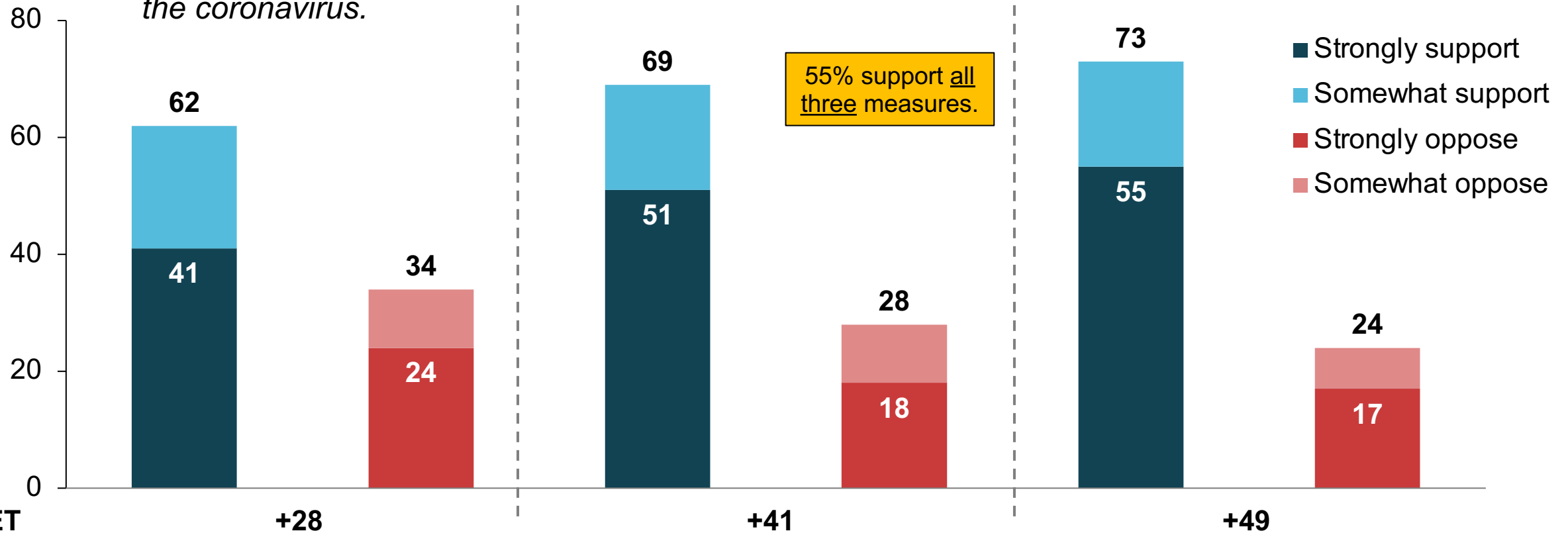
Voters back masking in schools and requiring teachers and students to be vaccinated for in-person instruction.

More voters strongly support these policies than are at all opposed to them.

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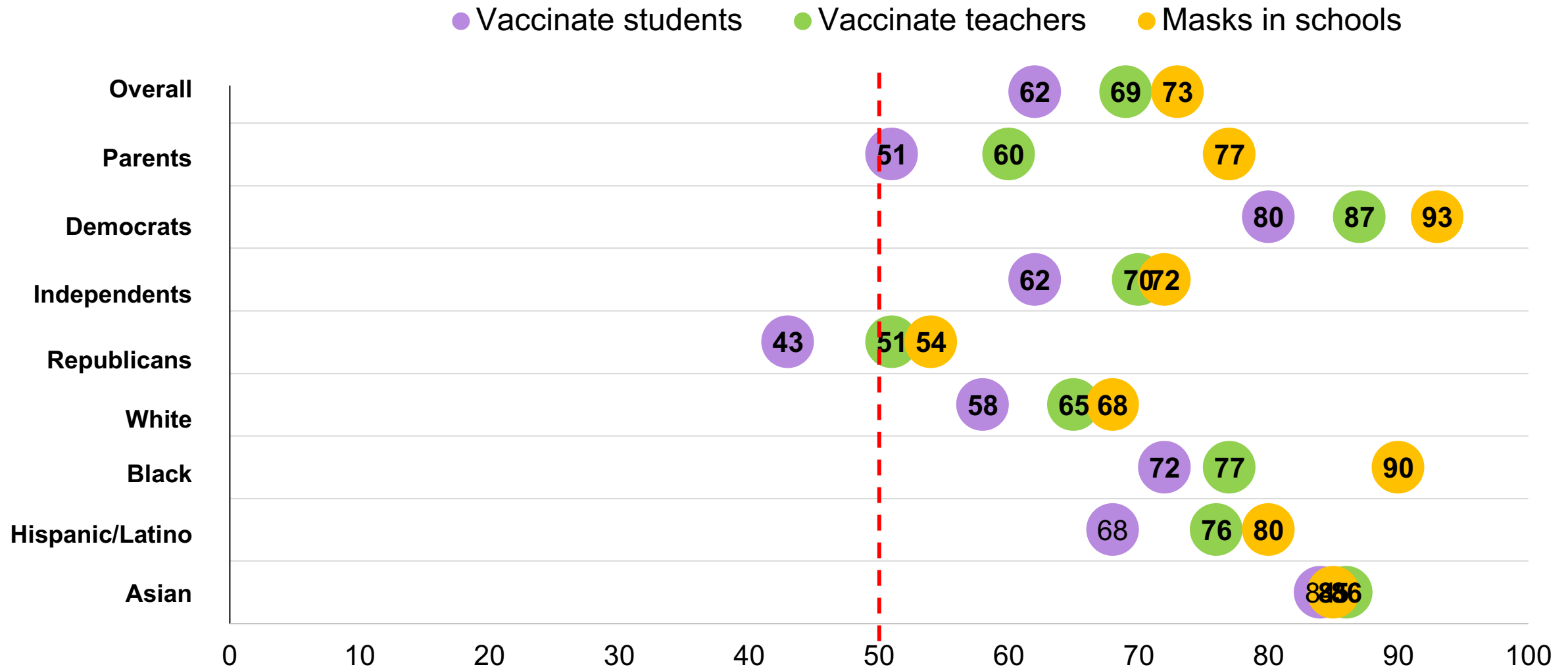
Requiring all teachers doing in-person learning to be fully vaccinated against the coronavirus.

Requiring all students and teachers to wear masks inside schools.



Majorities support these policies regardless of race or partisanship, with the exception of Republicans who net oppose vaccinating students.

Parents are also divided on requiring students to be vaccinated – 51% support / 47% oppose.



Softer support among parents is driven by opposition from younger, non-college, non-Democrats, Southerners, and Midwesterners.

But support is softer across ALL demographics – parents in general are more hesitant on this.

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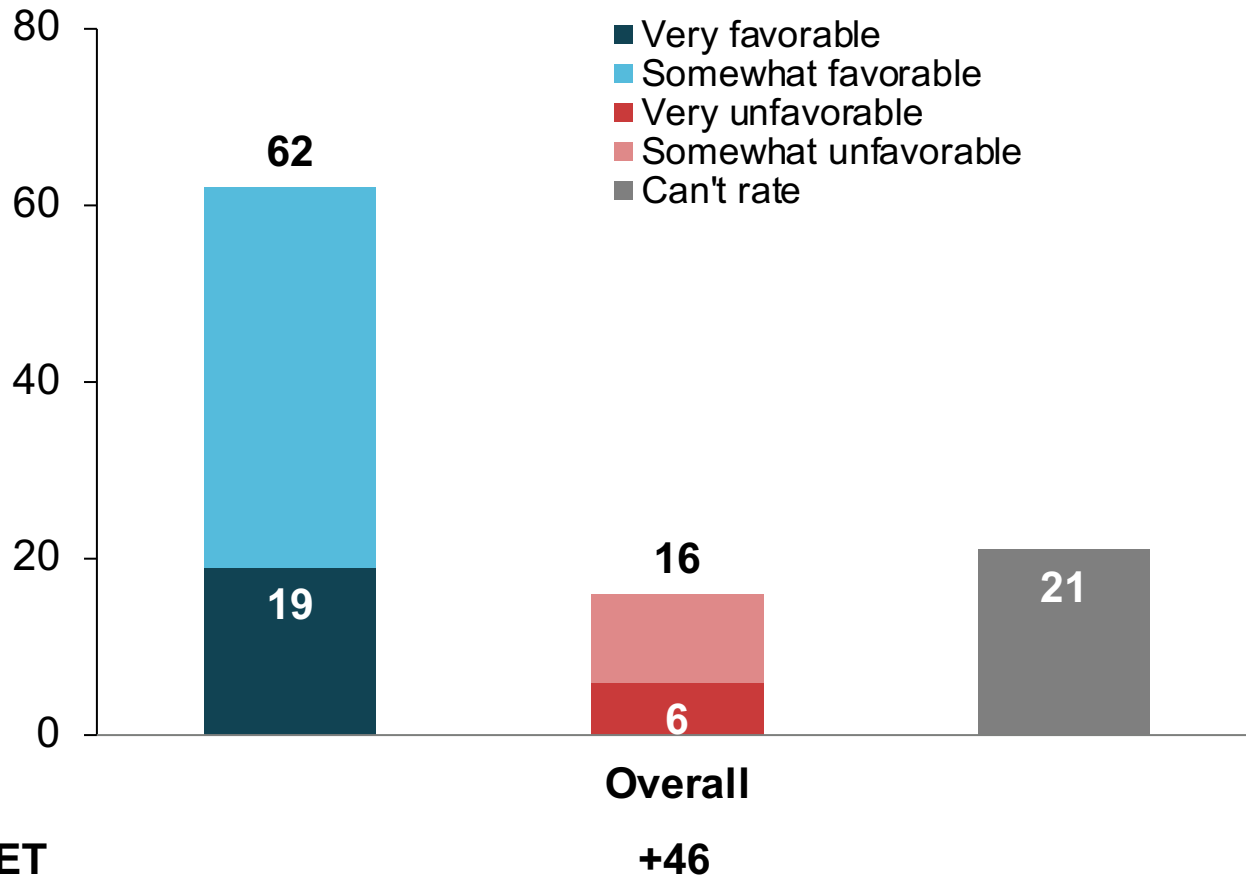
	Supp.	Opp.	Net (Parents)	Net (Overall)
All Parents	51	47	+4	+28
White	46	52	-6	+20
Black	51	44	+7	+48
Hispanic or Latino	61	38	+23	+41
Democrats	62	35	+27	+62
Independents	38	54	-16	+32
Republicans	39	60	-21	-9
Men	54	46	+8	+33
Women	48	48	+0	+22

	Supp.	Opp.	Net (Parents)	Net (Overall)
18-34	45	52	-7	+14
35-49	52	47	+5	+21
50-64	59	37	+22	+26
Northeast	64	34	+30	+40
Midwest	42	54	-12	+21
South	48	49	-1	+22
West	58	39	+19	+35
Non-college	44	53	-9	+15
College graduate	71	28	+43	+51

ATTITUDES TOWARD CHARTER SCHOOLS

Public charter schools are widely popular, particularly with parents and people of color, though there is not much intensity behind that favorability.

Public charter schools – Favorability

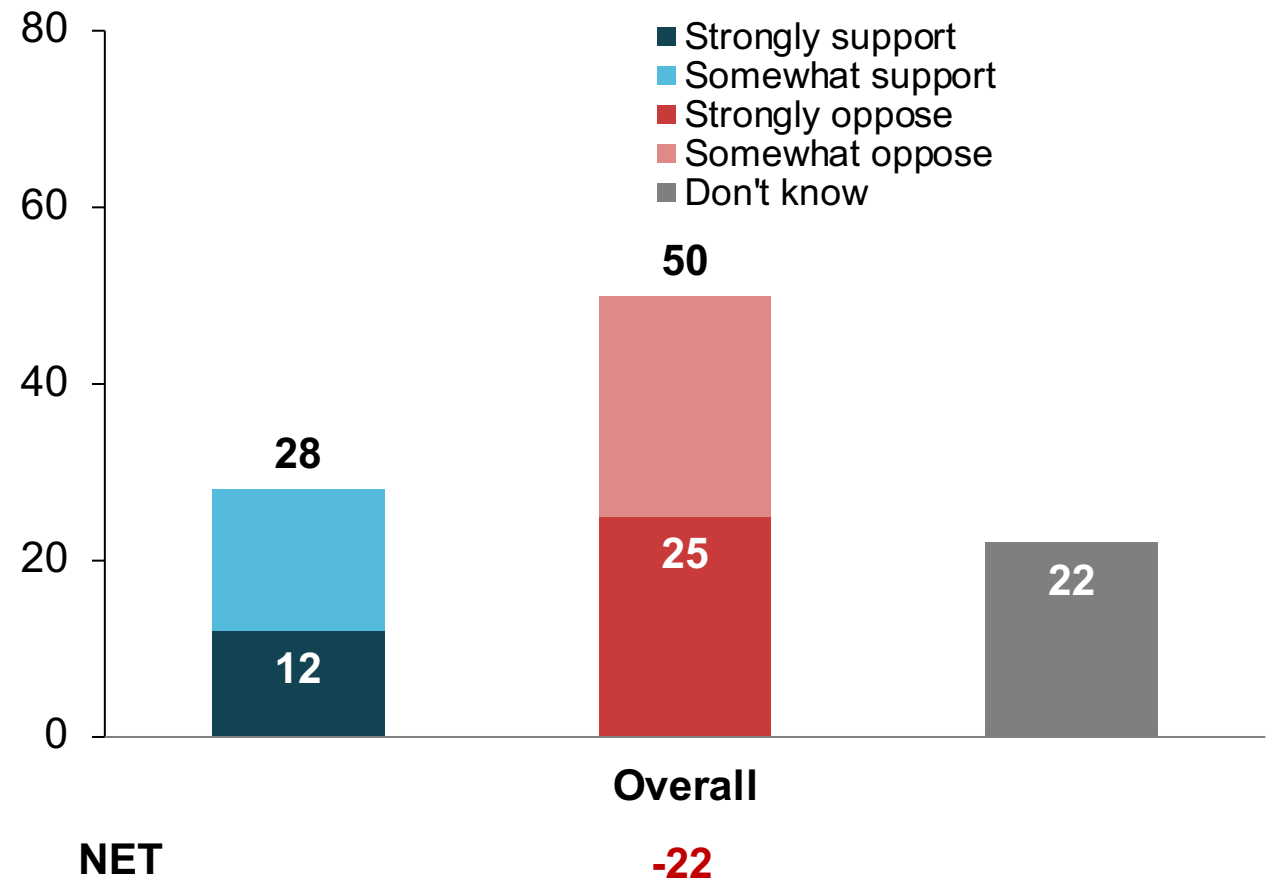


	Fav.	Unfav.	Net
Overall	62	16	+46
White	61	16	+45
W Non-college	61	14	+47
W College grad	62	20	+42
Black	67	16	+51
Hispanic/Latino	60	20	+40
Asian	67	11	+56
Parents	78	12	+66
Democrats	63	20	+43
Independents	44	18	+26
Republicans	68	11	+57

A majority oppose banning charter schools from contracting with for-profit companies, with 1-in-4 *strongly* opposed.

Recently, legislative changes were introduced to change the way the Federal Government funds public charter that would make them ineligible to receive any money from the Federal government if they contract with for-profit companies. This ban could extend to contracting with companies that provide food service, custodial management, and/or technology support. This is common practice among both traditional public schools and public charter schools, but only public charter schools would be subject to this ban.

Do you support or oppose this ban on public charter schools contracting with for-profit companies?



Self-identified very liberal voters support the ban, but virtually nobody else does – including those who identify as only “somewhat liberal” (~58% of all liberal voters).

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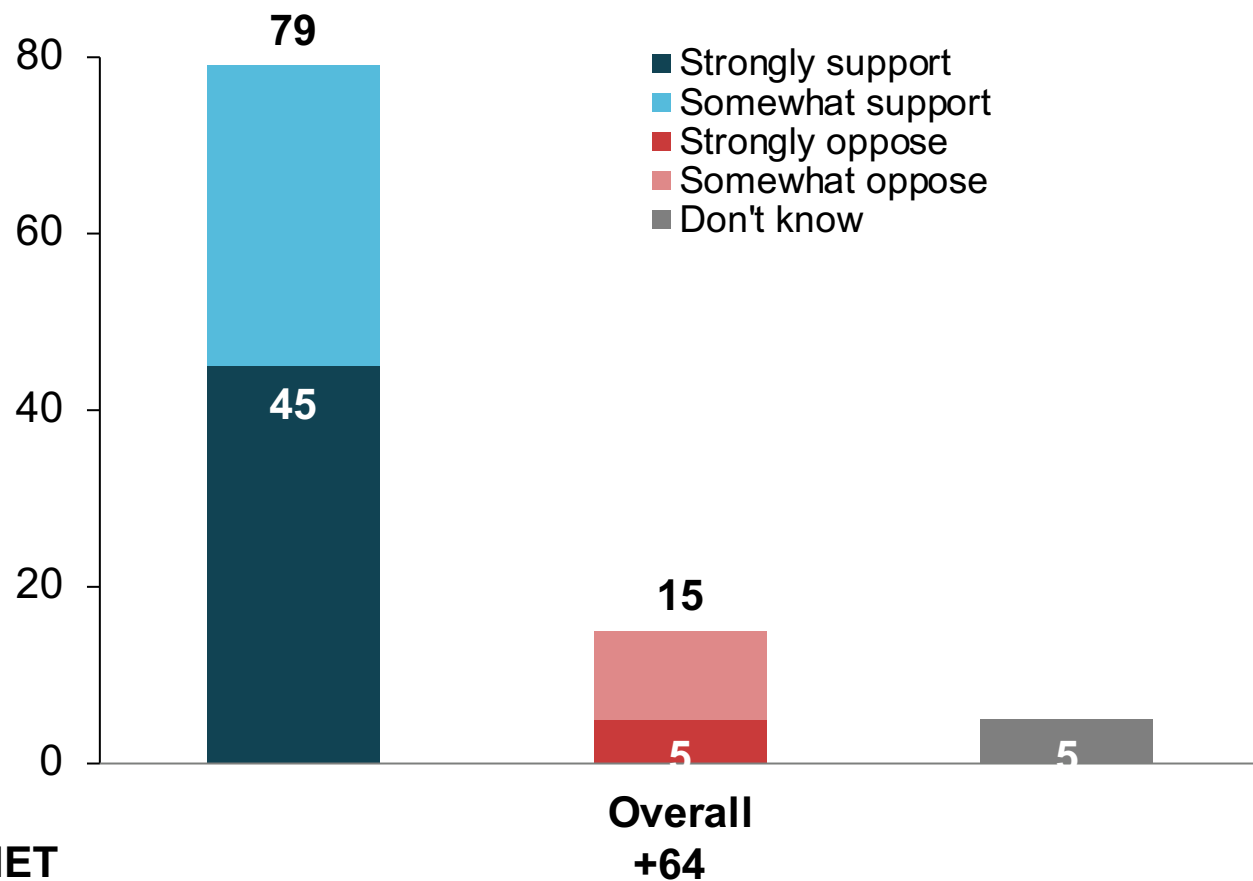
	Support	Oppose	Net
Overall	28	50	-22
Democrats	37	41	-4
Independents	21	50	-29
Republicans	20	60	-40
White	25	53	-28
W Non-college	22	54	-32
W College grad	30	51	-21
Black	31	46	-15
Hispanic or Latino	41	43	-2
Asian	40	42	-2

	Support	Oppose	Net
Parents	33	49	-16
Income <\$60k	27	50	-23
Income >\$60k	29	52	-23
Income >\$150k	38	52	-14
Very Liberal	54	31	+23
Somewhat liberal	34	48	-14
Moderate	27	44	-17
Somewhat conservative	19	66	-47
Very conservative	19	65	-46

HIGH-IMPACT TUTORING

High-impact tutoring is massively popular.

“Using federal stimulus money from the American Rescue Plan to help school districts fund high-impact tutoring, meaning one-on-one or small group tutoring three days a week, for students who fell behind due to the coronavirus pandemic.”



	Supp.	Opp.	Net
Overall	79	15	+64
White	75	18	+57
Black	89	7	+82
Hispanic/Latino	89	10	+79
Asian	82	16	+66
Parents	87	9	+78
Democrats	88	7	+81
Independents	82	10	+72
Republicans	70	25	+45

Voters rank high-impact tutoring as the top proposal against other ARP priorities for helping students.

Below are a few proposals for using federal stimulus money from the American Rescue Plan to help students who fell behind in the pandemic complete unfinished learning. Please rank them in order from what you think would be MOST HELPFUL TO STUDENTS to LEAST HELPFUL.

■ Top Choice ■ Second Choice ■ Third Choice

