

Americans' Views of Their Role in the World: Implications for the Biden Era

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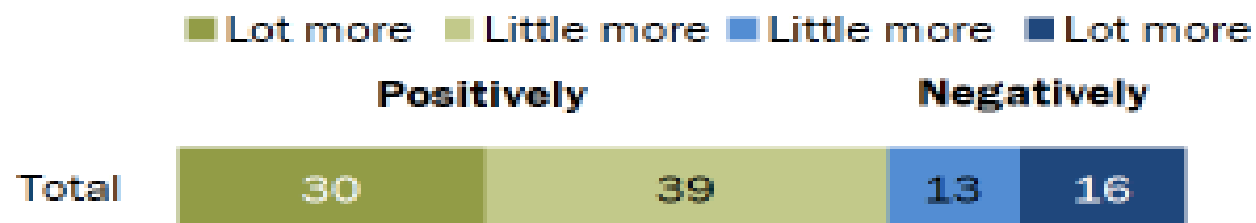
THE GOOD NEWS MATTERS: HOW THE U.S. IS SEEN ABROAD

Most Americans say it's important for other countries to respect U.S. and that Biden will help improve U.S. image

% who say it is ___ important that other countries around the world respect the U.S.



% who say, now that Joe Biden is president, other countries will view the U.S. ...

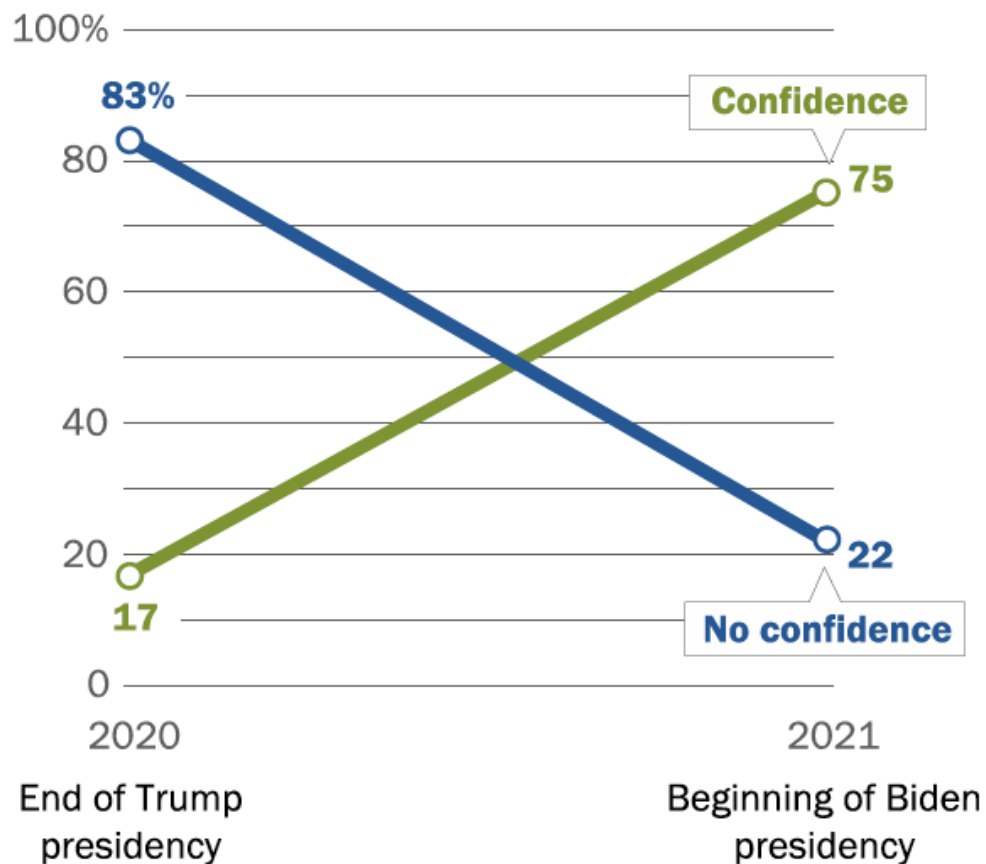


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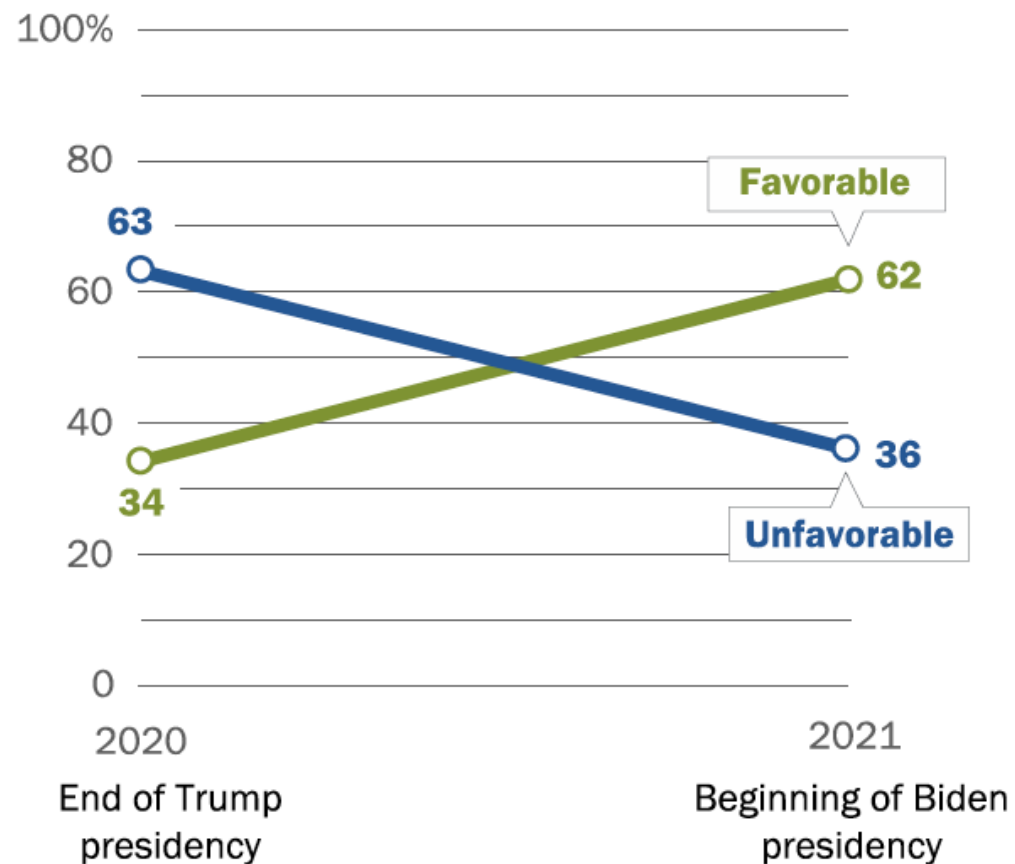
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Feb. 1-7, 2021.

Biden gets much higher ratings than Trump, and U.S. favorability is up significantly

% who have ___ in the U.S. president to do the right thing regarding world affairs



% who have a ___ view of the U.S.



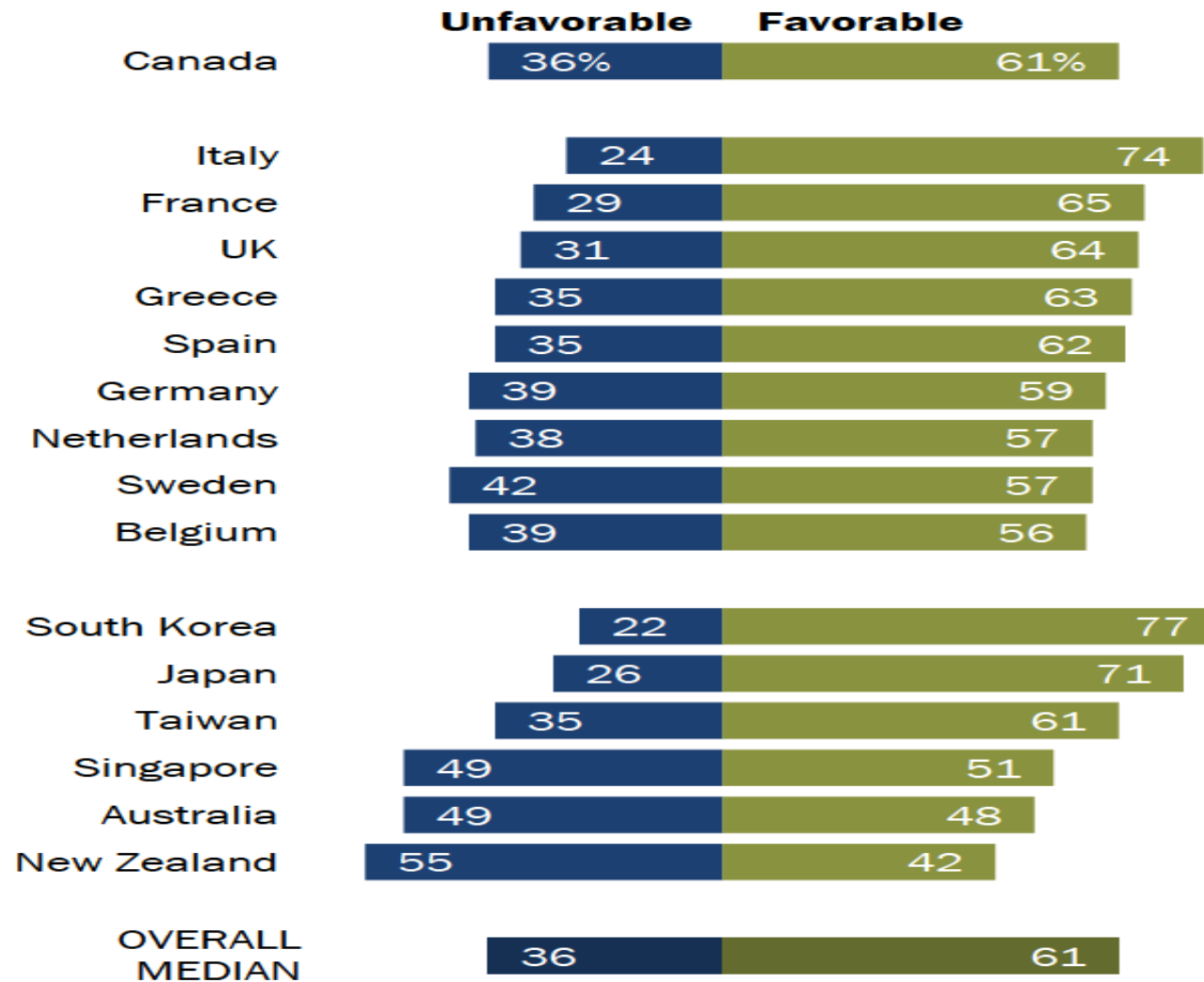
Note: Percentages are medians based on 12 countries where data is available for both Biden and Trump.

Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey. Q4a & Q21a.

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Most have positive views of the U.S.

% who have a ___ view of the U.S.



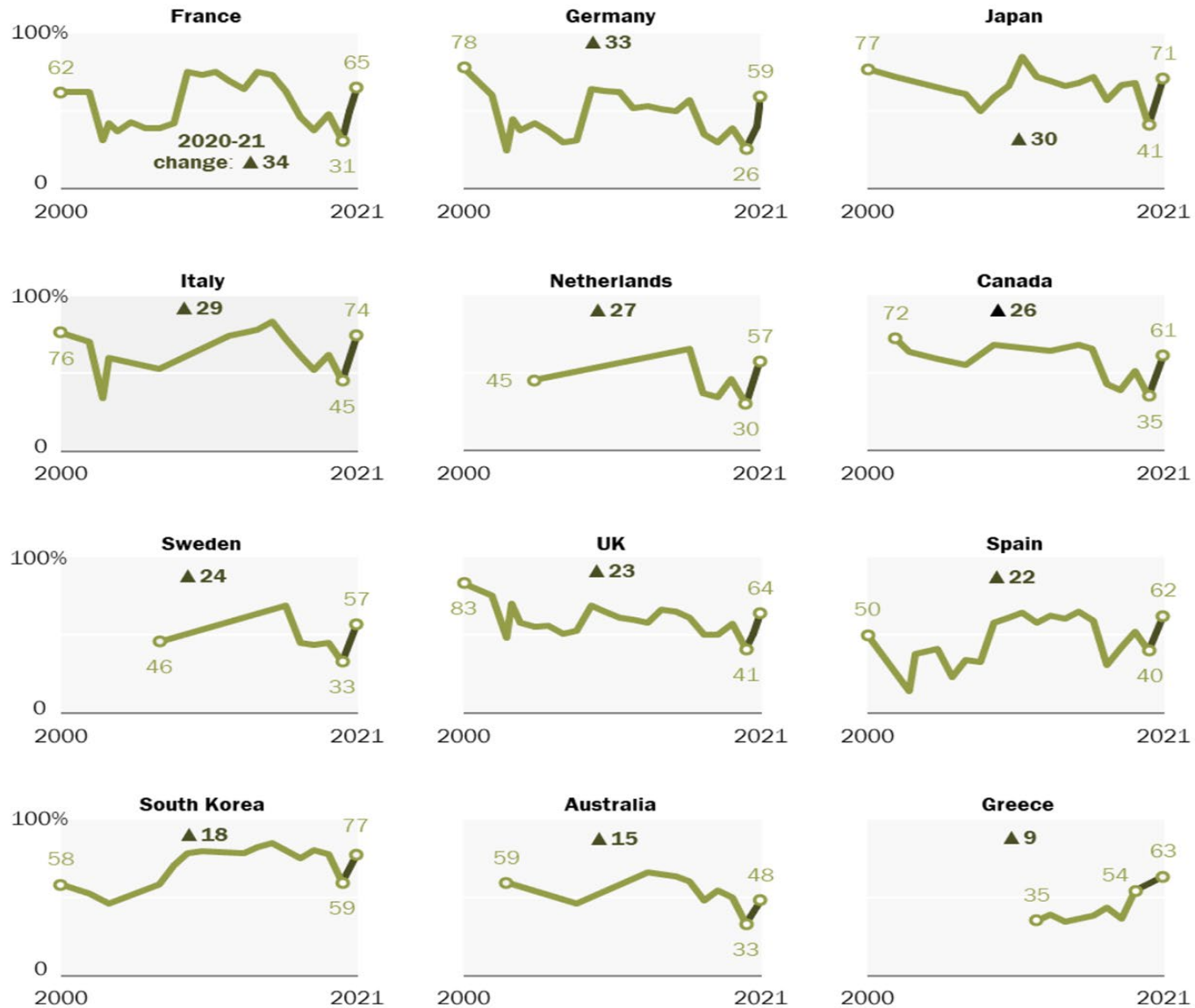
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U.S. favorability sees one of its steepest recoveries in years from 2020 to 2021

% who have a *favorable* view of the U.S.



Note: 2000 trend is from 1999 or 2000 and provided by the U.S. Department of State. 2019-2021 difference shown in Greece.

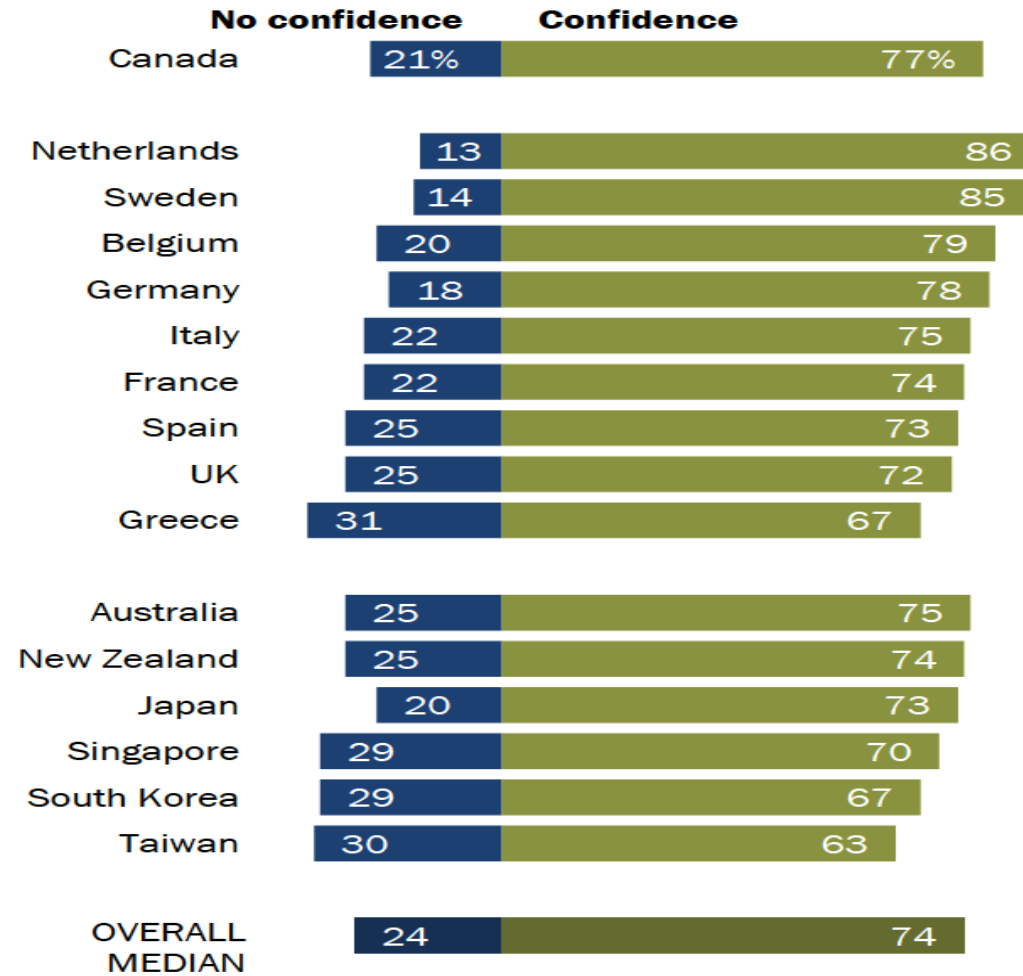
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INTERNATIONAL VIEWS OF PRESIDENT BIDEN

Most have confidence in Biden to do the right thing internationally

% who have ___ in U.S. President Joe Biden to do the right thing regarding world affairs



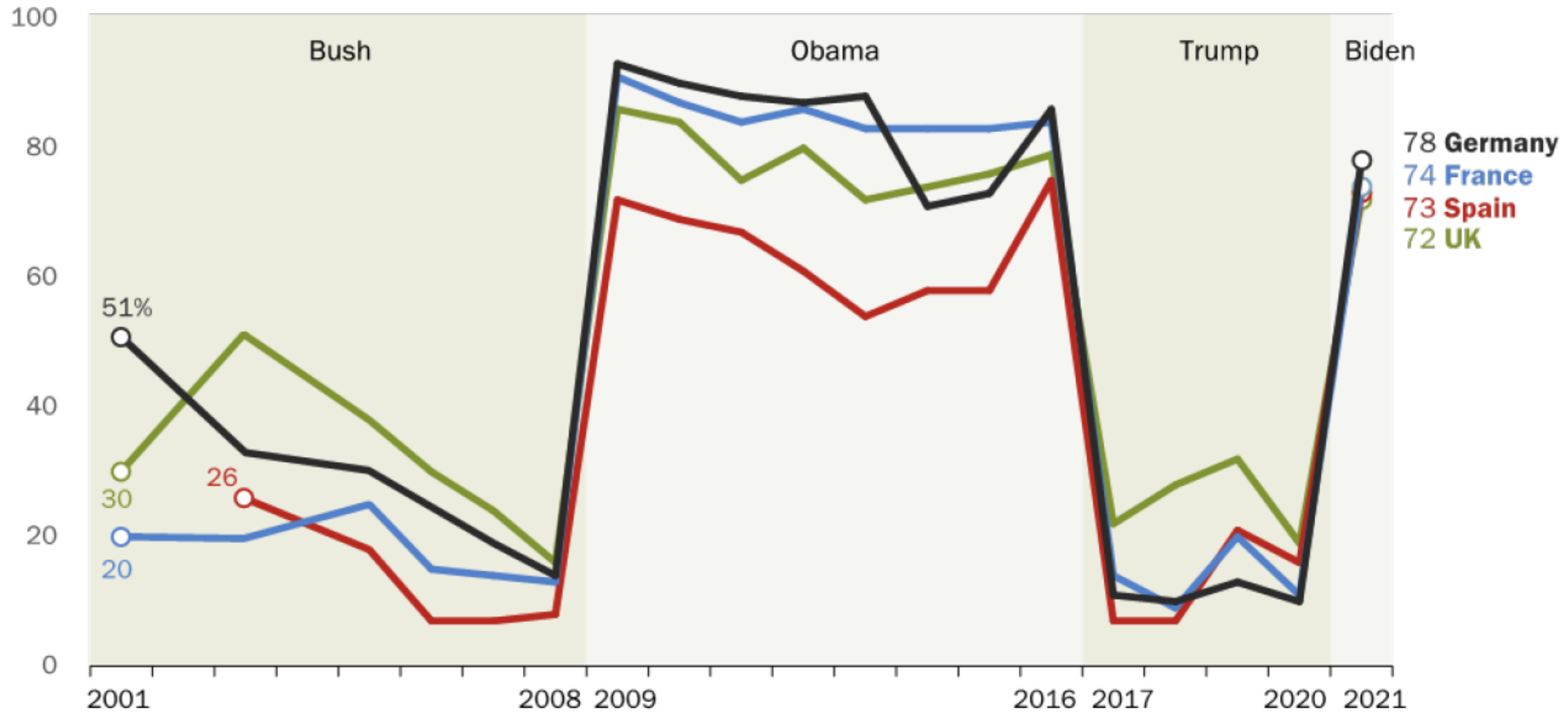
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Western Europeans' confidence in U.S. president surges as Biden enters office

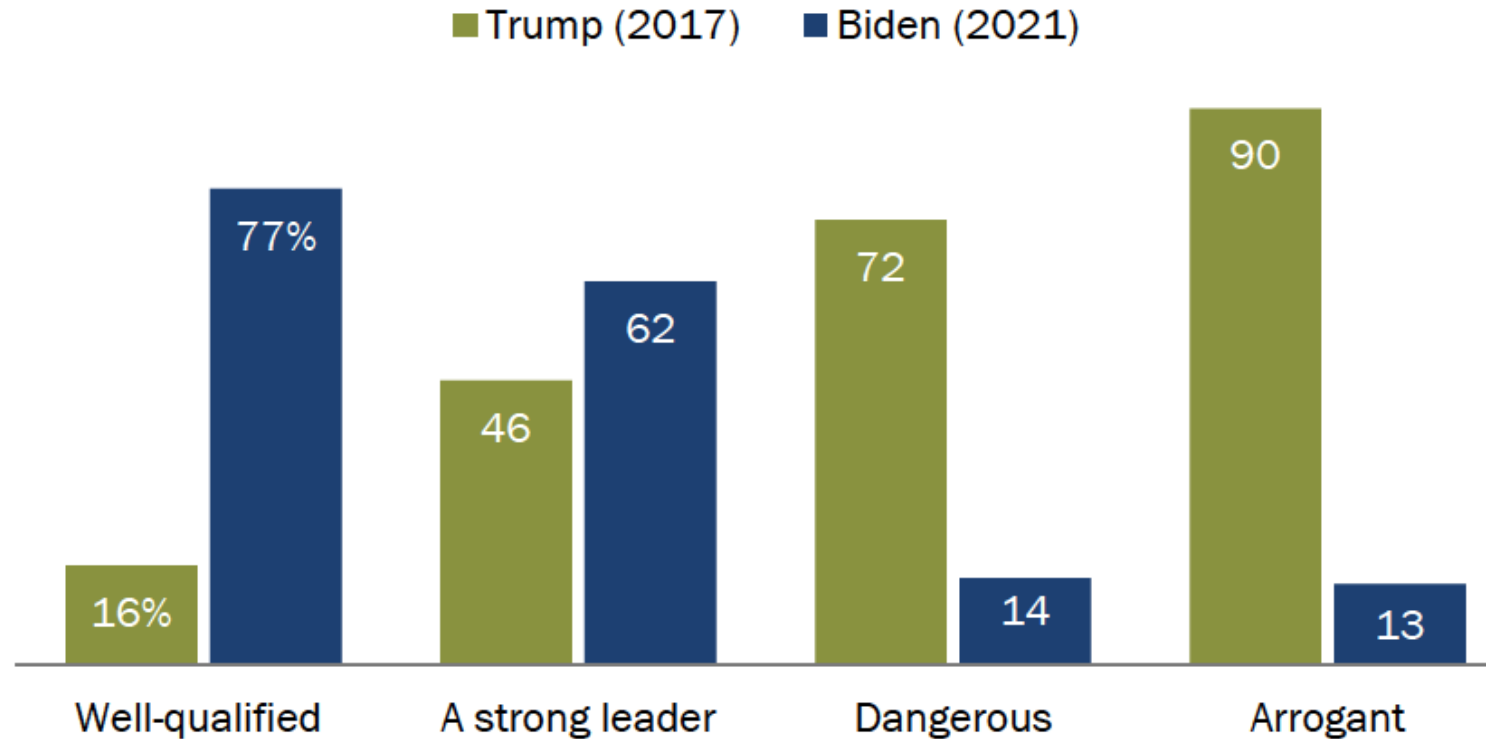
% who have **confidence** in U.S. President ___ to do the right thing regarding world affairs



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Biden gets higher ratings than Trump on personal, leadership traits

% who say they think of U.S. President ___ as ...



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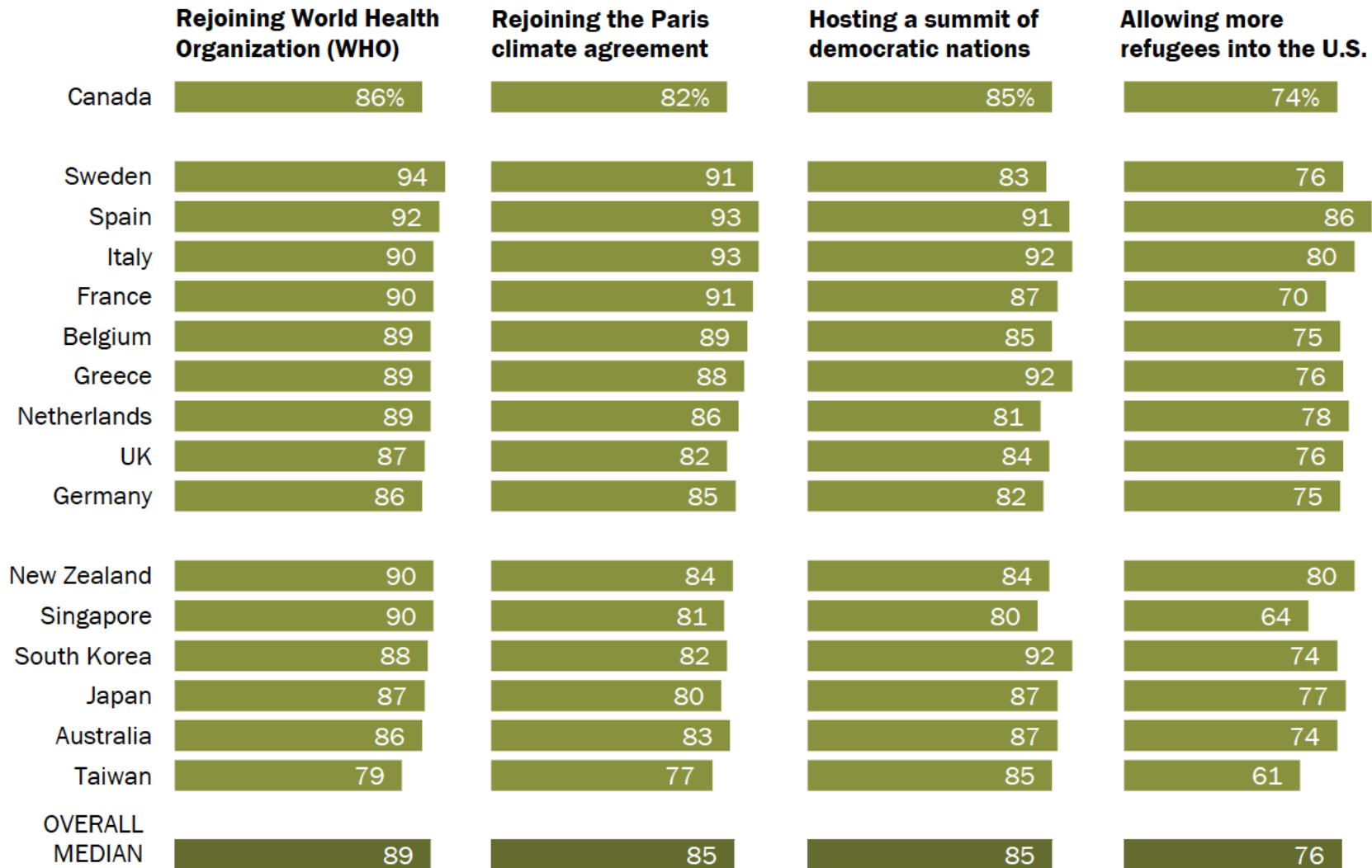
Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey. Q23a-d.

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Biden's foreign policy agenda met with widespread approval among 16 publics

% who approve of the U.S. ...



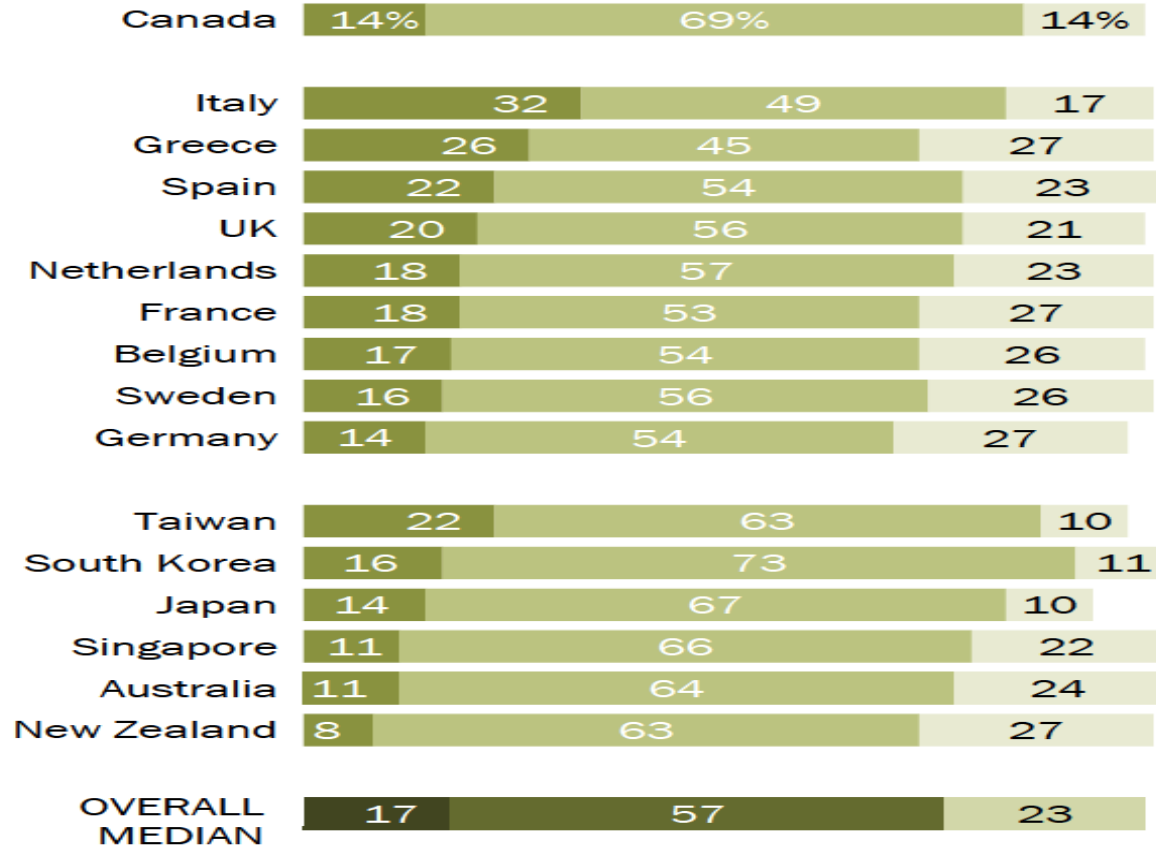
Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey. Q24a-d.
 "America's Image Abroad Rebounds With Transition From Trump to Biden"

**THE BAD NEWS: THE TRUMP ERA AND THE JANUARY 6 INSURRECTION
HAVE UNDERMINED AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AS A ROLE MODEL**

Most believe the U.S. is no longer a good model of democracy

% who say democracy in the U.S. ...

- Is a good example for other countries to follow
- Used to be a good example, but has not been in recent years
- Has never been a good example for other countries to follow



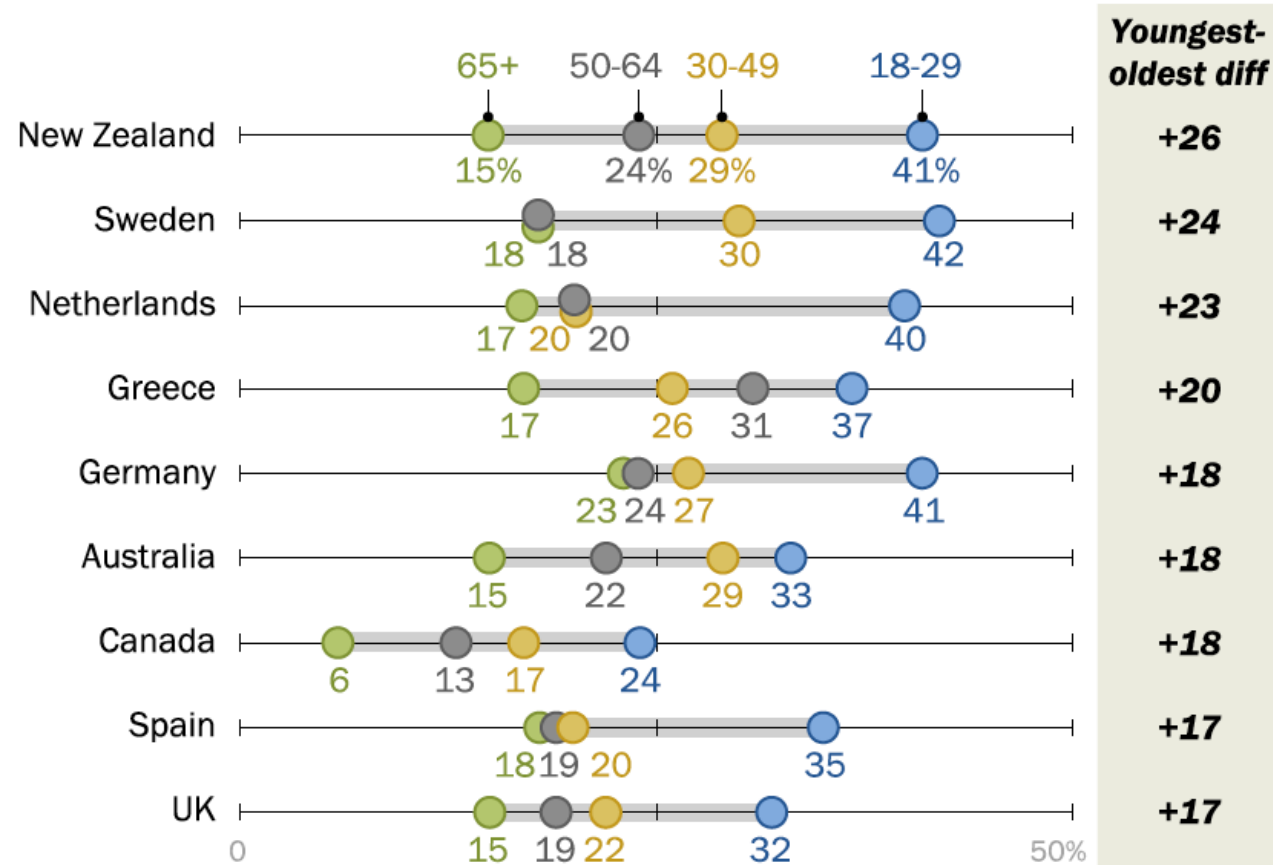
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Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey. Q6N.

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Younger adults are more likely to think that democracy in the U.S. has never been a good example

*% who say that U.S. democracy has **never been** a good example for other countries to follow*



Note: Only statistically significant differences shown.

Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey. Q6N.

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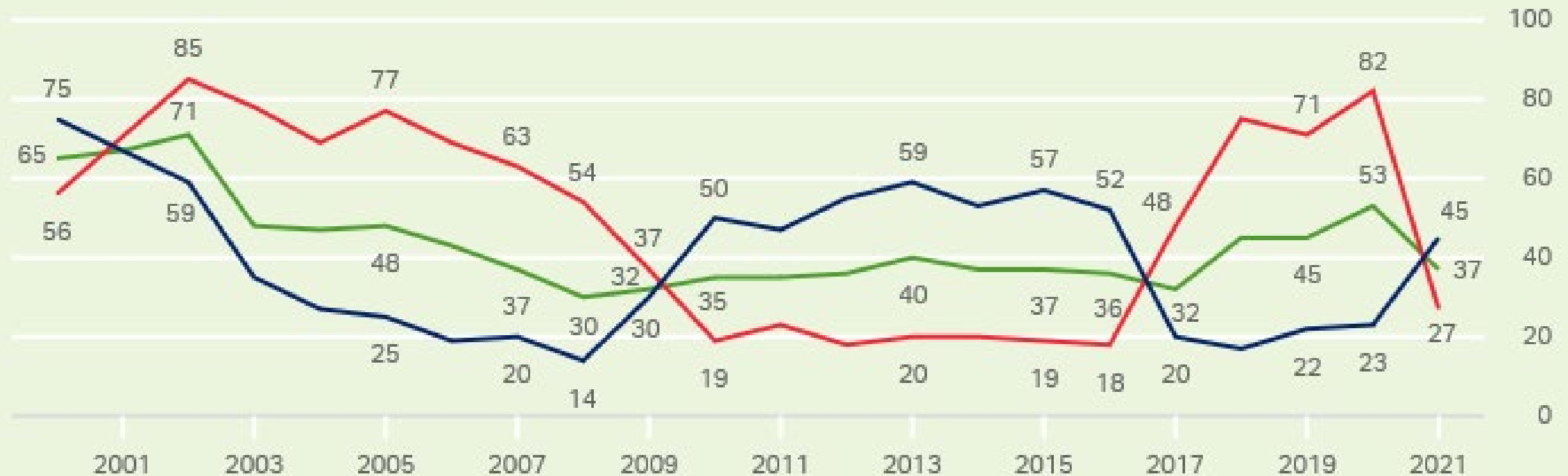
AMERICANS' PARTISANSHIP COMPLICATES DEALING WITH THE CHALLENGES FACING THE U.S. IN THE WORLD

Americans' Satisfaction With Position of U.S. in World Today, by Party ID

On the whole, would you say that you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the position of the United States in the world today?

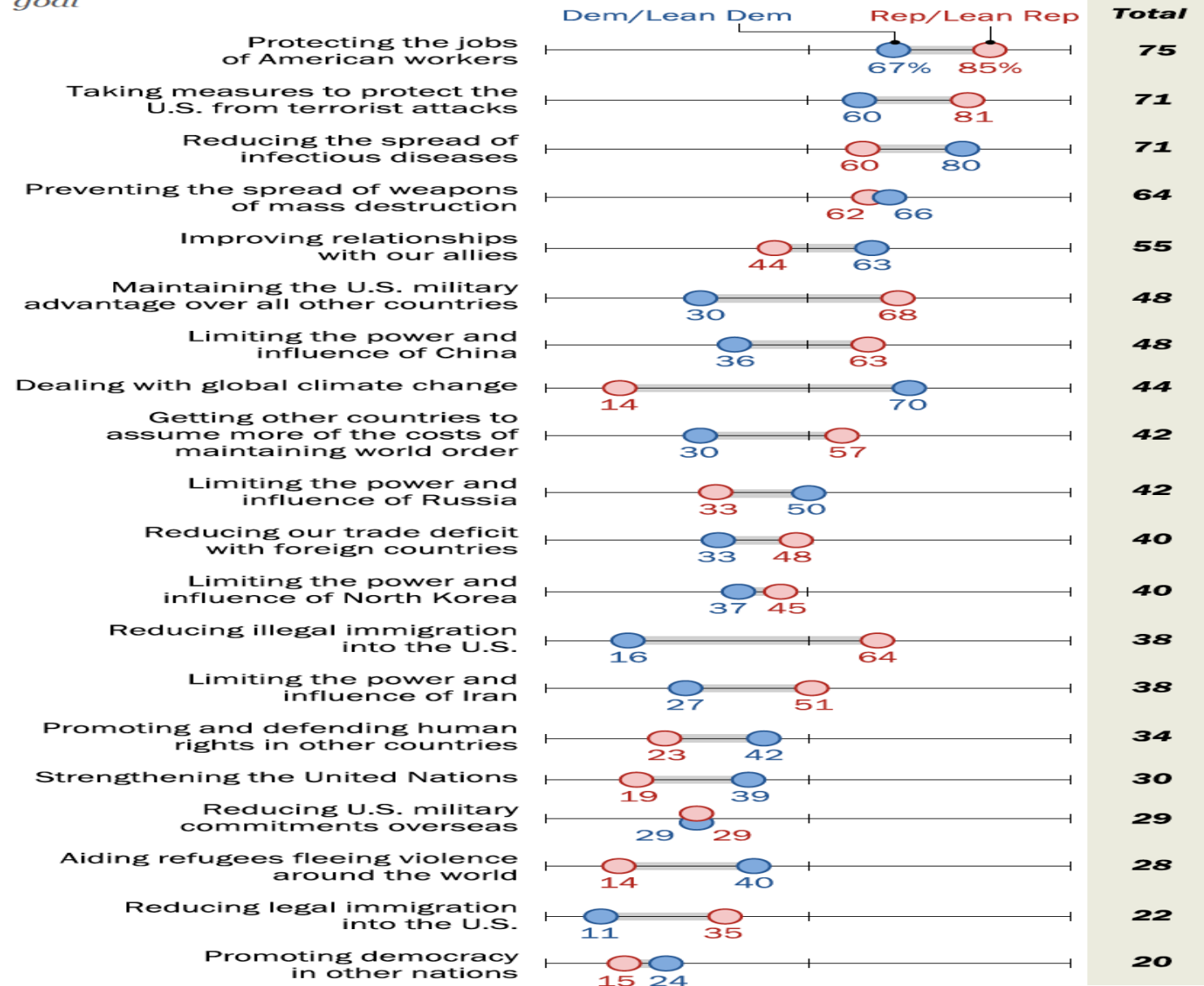
% Satisfied

— U.S. adults — Republican/Lean Republican — Democrat/Lean Democratic



Sharp partisan divides in foreign policy priorities

% who say ___ should be given **top priority** as a long-range foreign policy goal



There is Little Bipartisan Agreement on These Foreign Policy Priorities

Note: See topline questionnaire for full question wording.
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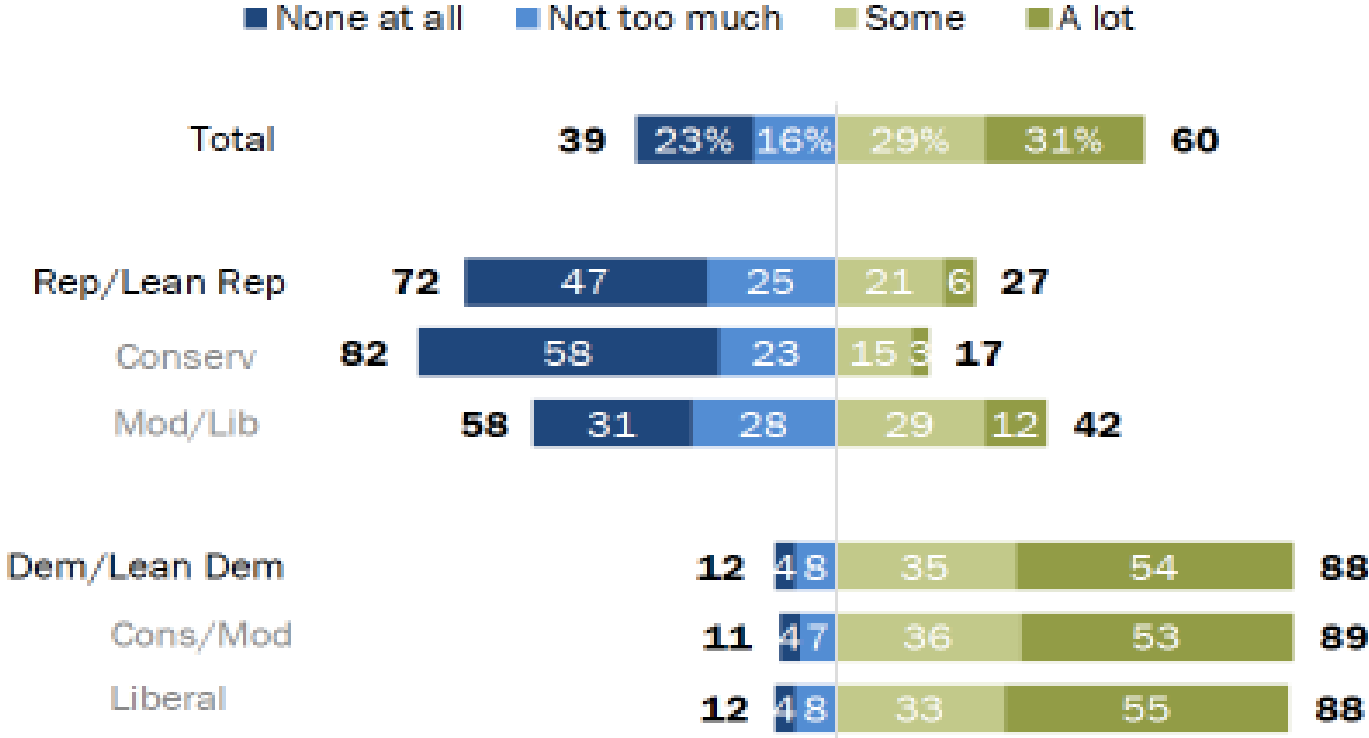
Biden's Vaunted Foreign Policy for the Middle Class? The Strongest Support by the Middle Class is for Protectionism

Foreign Policy Priorities by Income	\$30k or less	\$30k to \$74k	\$75k or more
Protect US from Terrorism	73%	72%	69%
Protect jobs of US workers	70	74	68
Prevent spread of WMD	62	69	65
Improve relations with allies	58	58	60
Maintain US military advantage	51	46	46
Deal with climate change	47	48	47
Reduce illegal immigration	38	47	39
Reduce the trade deficit	42	41	42
Reduce US military commitments	40	32	20
Help improve LDC living standards	33	18	17
Promote democracy	27	16	12

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Stark partisan divides in confidence that Biden will do the 'right thing' regarding world affairs

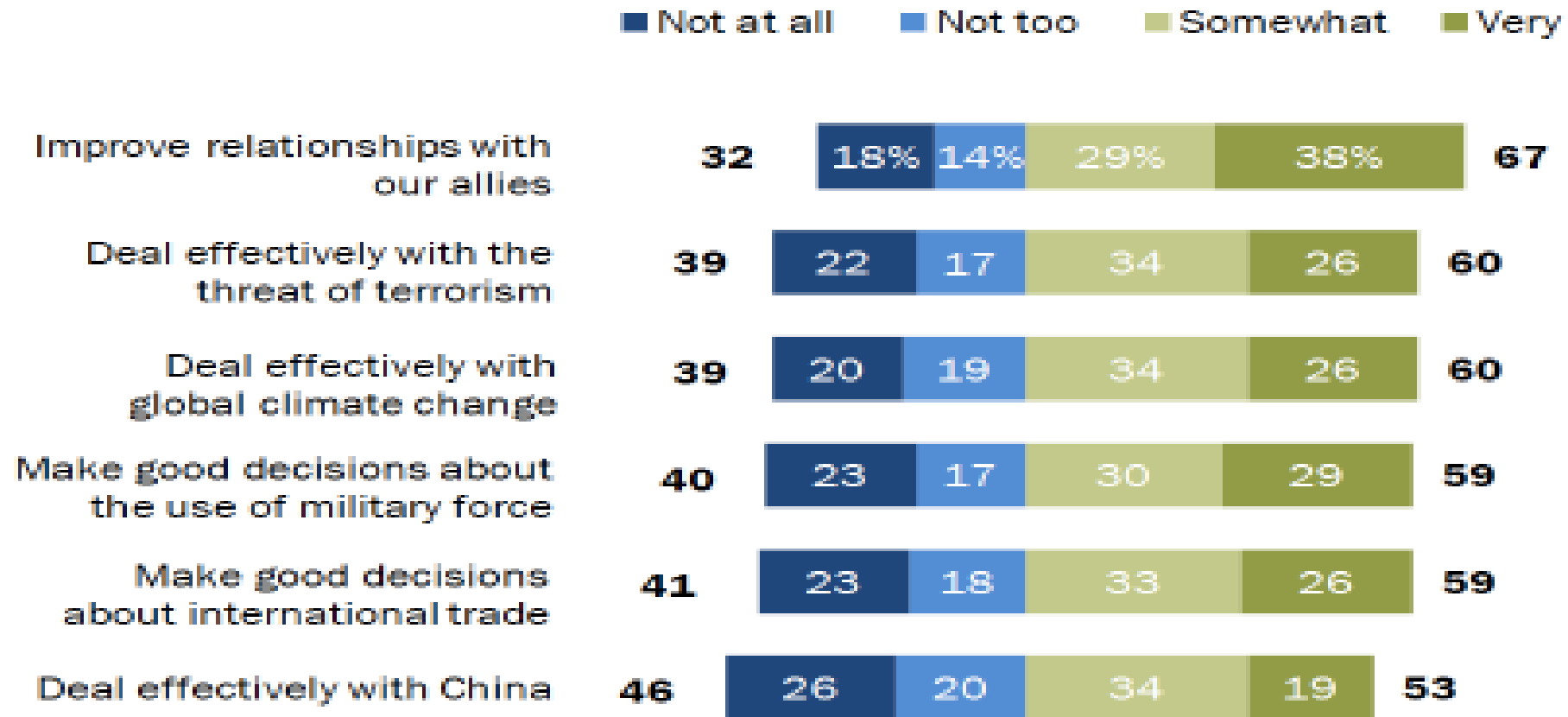
% who say they have ___ confidence in U.S. President Joe Biden to do the right thing regarding world affairs



Note: No answer responses not shown.
 Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Feb. 1-7, 2021.

Broad public confidence in Biden on several aspects of U.S. foreign policy, less so when it comes to China

% who are ___ confident that Joe Biden can do each of the following



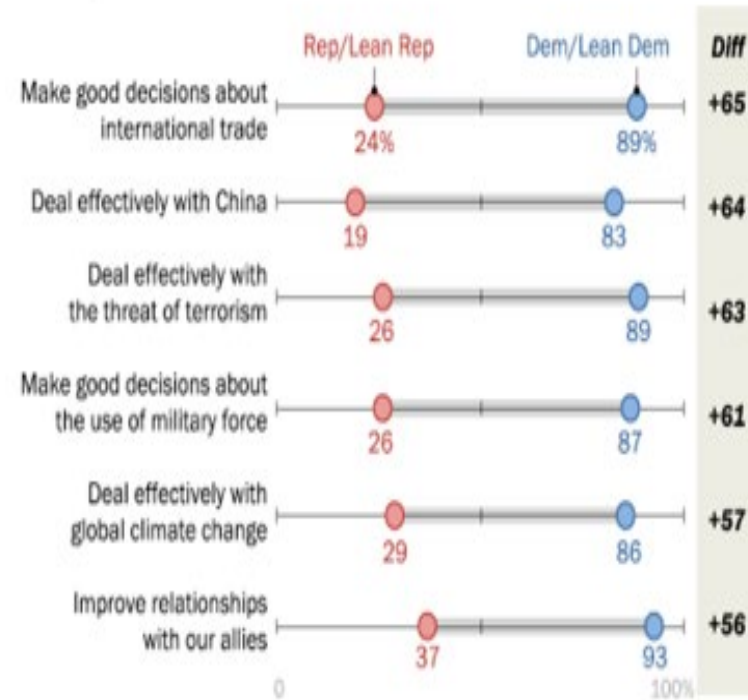
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But That
Public
Confidence is
Largely Among
Democrats

Biden draws more confidence on improving relations with allies than on other foreign policy issues

% who are very/somewhat confident that Joe Biden can do each of the following



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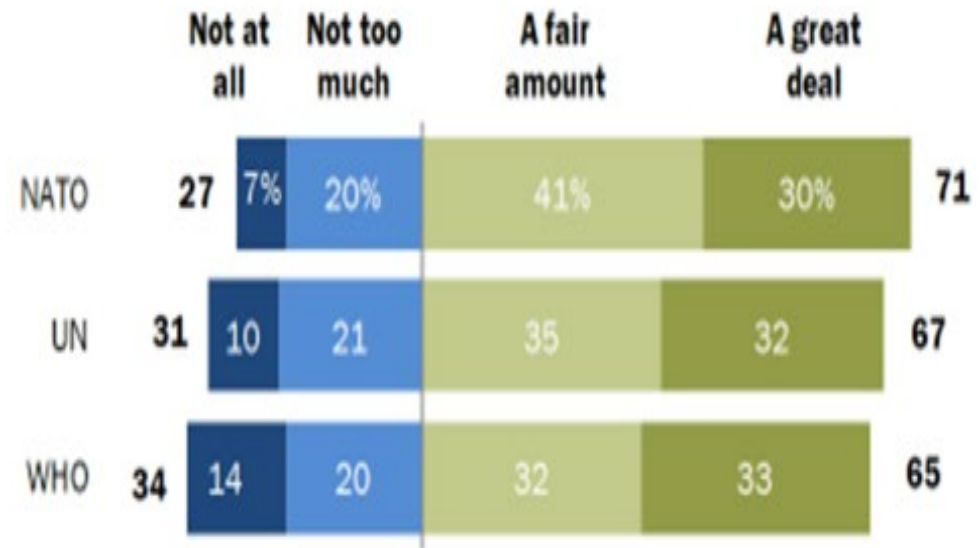
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Americans' Views on International Relationships

Americans' Commitment to Multilateralism Remains Strong

Majorities say U.S. benefits from being a member of NATO, UN, World Health Organization

% who say the U.S. benefits ___ from being a member of ...



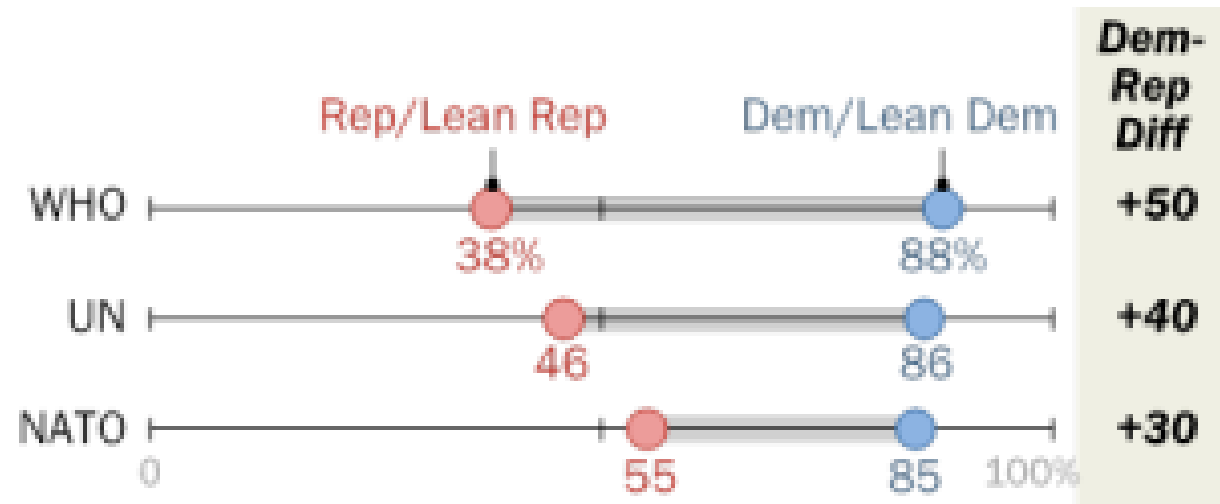
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Wide partisan gap on views of U.S. membership in international organizations

% who say the U.S. benefits a great deal/a fair amount from being a member of ...



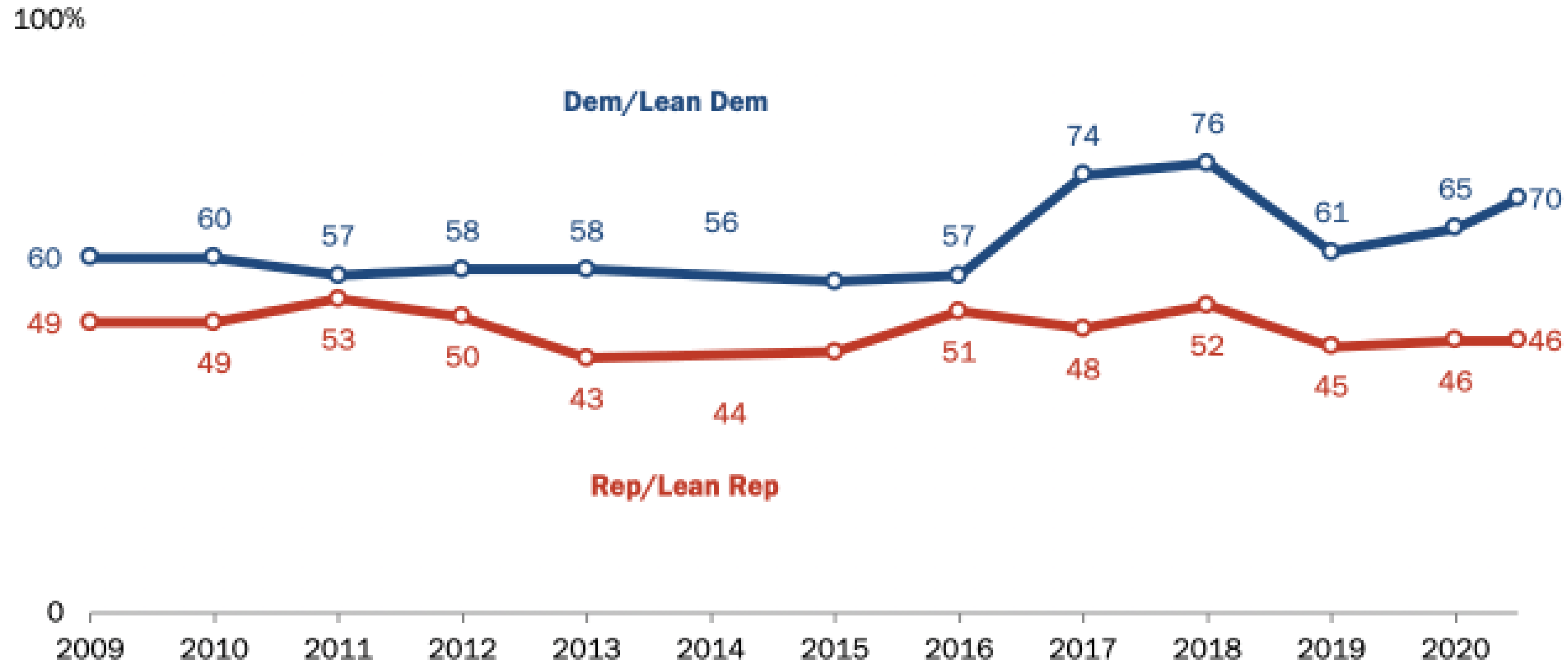
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Democrats still have more favorable views toward NATO than Republicans do

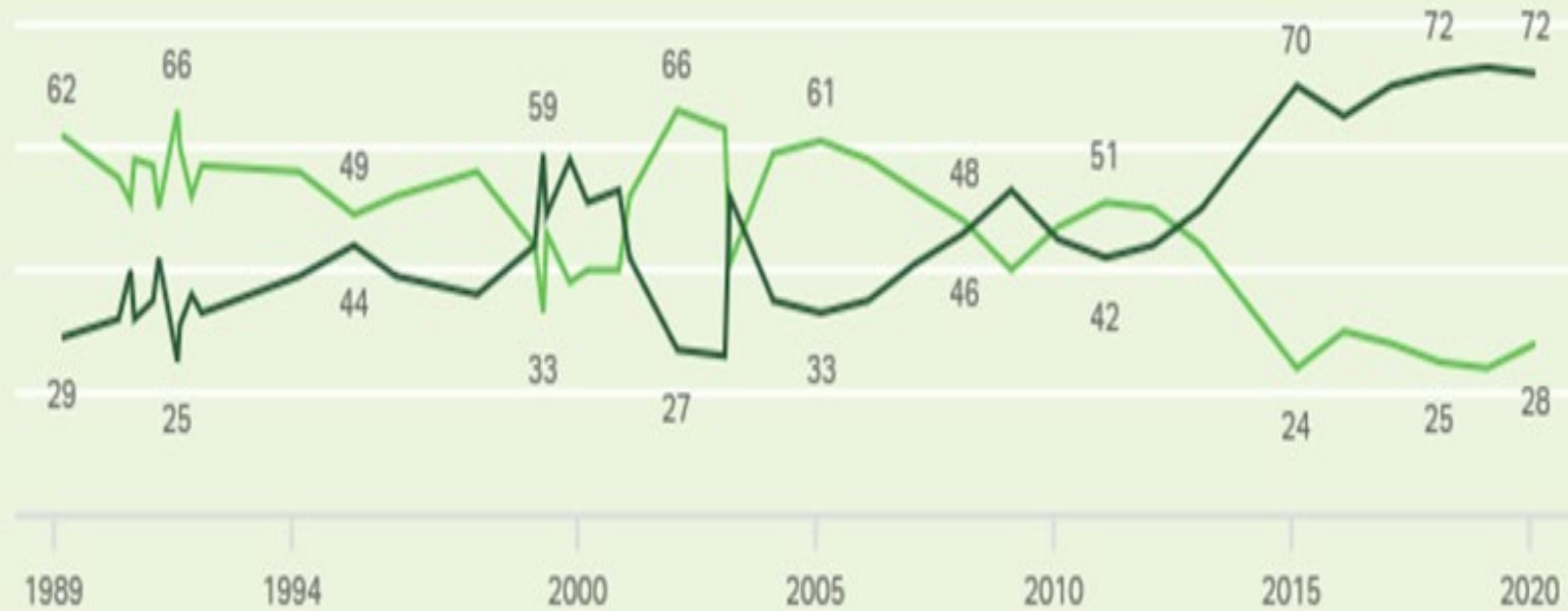
% of Americans who have a favorable opinion of NATO, by party affiliation



Views of
Russia Have
Worsened
Significantly

Is your overall opinion of Russia very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable or very unfavorable?

■ Total % favorable ■ Total % unfavorable



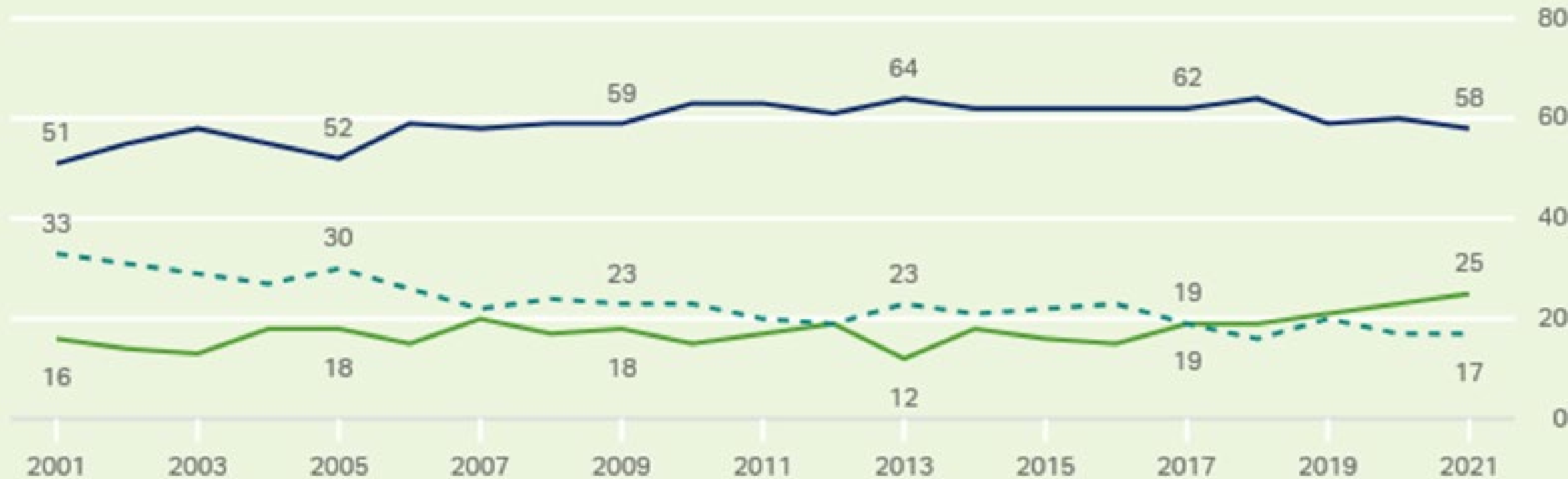
1989-1992 wording: The Soviet Union

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Americans' Sympathies in Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

In the Middle East situation, are your sympathies more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

— % Palestinians — % Israelis - - % Both/Neither/Unsure



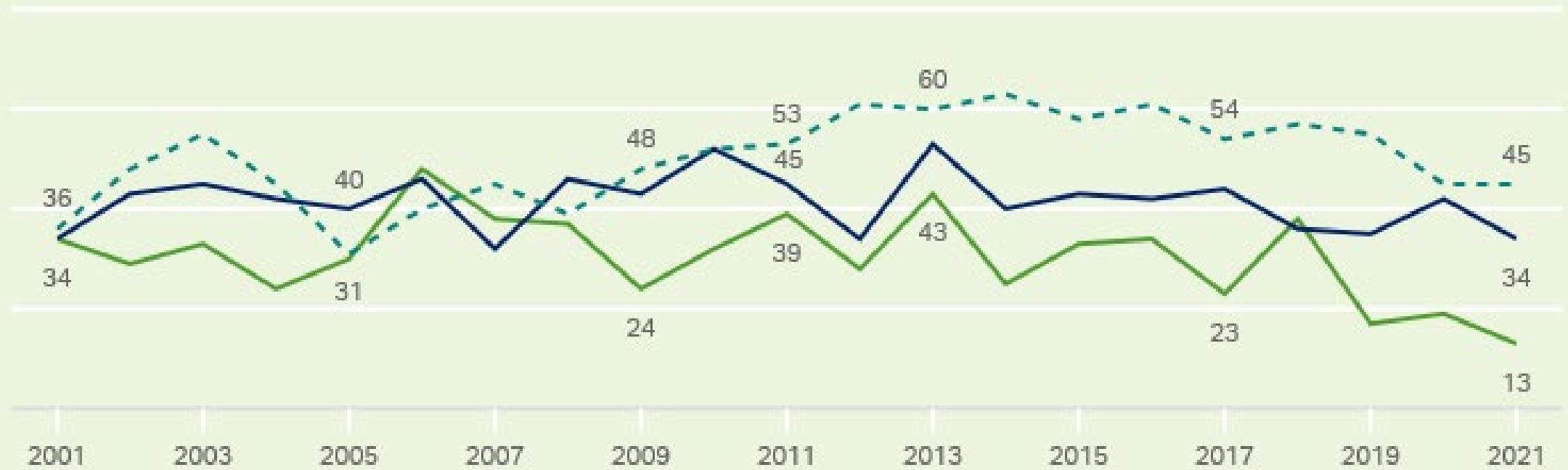
Polls conducted in February of each year

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Net Sympathy for Israelis, by Age

% Sympathizing more with the Israelis minus % sympathizing more with the Palestinians

— 18 to 35 — 35 to 54 - - 55 and older



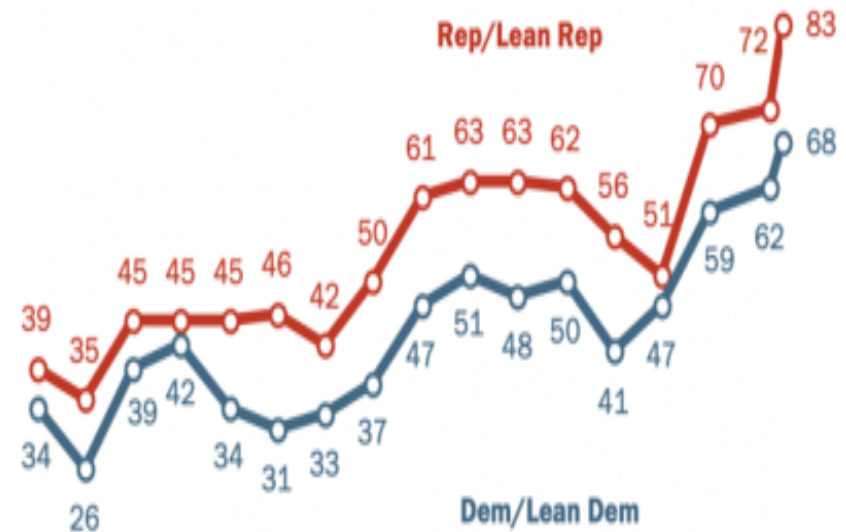
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Americans' Views of China Have Never Been Worse

Republicans are more negative toward China than Democrats, though all partisans hold increasingly unfavorable views

% who say they have an unfavorable opinion of China

100%



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2005

2010

2015

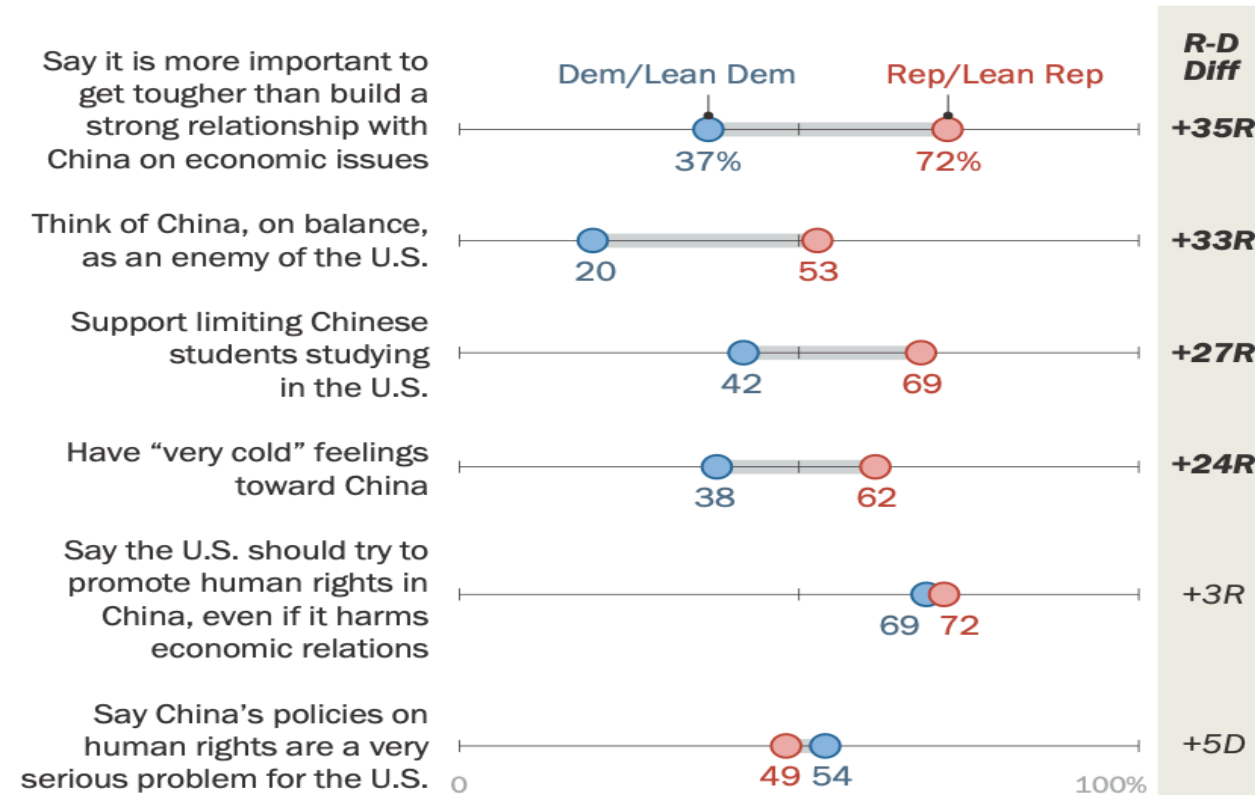
2020

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted June 16-July 14, 2020.

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Large partisan divides on many China-related issues – but not in concerns about human rights

% who ...



Note: Statistically significant differences shown in **bold**. “Very cold” refers to ratings of 0-24 on a feeling thermometer. Thermometer was asked: “We’d like to get your feelings toward some different countries in the world on a ‘feeling thermometer.’ A rating of zero degrees means you feel as cold and negative as possible. A rating of 100 degrees means you feel as warm and positive as possible. You would rate the country at 50 degrees if you don’t feel particularly positive or negative toward the country. How do you feel toward China?”

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Feb. 1-7, 2021. Thermchina, Q20, Q48, Q50, Q51c & Q55.

“Most Americans Support Tough Stance Toward China on Human Rights, Economic Issues”

**As You May Fear:
Americans' Views on Key Foreign Policy Issues
Are a Product of Their Information Bubbles**

Foreign policy priorities in the U.S. differ based on where partisans go for news

% of U.S. adults who say each should be a top foreign policy priority of the U.S.

	Reducing illegal immigration	Limiting power/influence of Iran	Limiting power/influence of China	Protecting American jobs	Maintaining U.S. military advantage	Dealing with global climate change
<i>Among Rep/Lean Rep ...</i>						
Whose only major sources have right-leaning audiences	89%	74%	79%	94%	85%	5%
All other Rep/Lean Reps	57	41	55	83	59	19
<i>Among Dem/Lean Dem ...</i>						
Whose only major sources have left-leaning audiences	3	26	33	56	13	84
All other Dem/Lean Dems	24	31	42	71	38	66

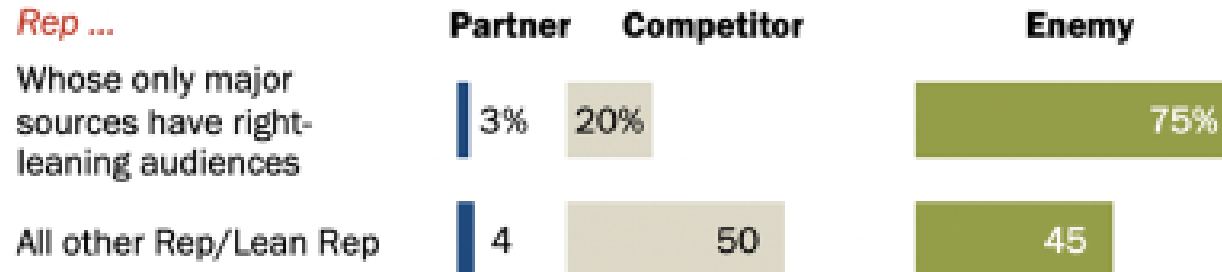
Note: Highlighted cells are significantly higher than the other group in their party. Respondents were asked which of eight outlets they use as major political news sources. The Fox News cable channel and talk radio shows such as Sean Hannity or Rush Limbaugh have audiences that lean Republican and conservative. CNN, MSNBC, NPR, New York Times and Washington Post have audiences that lean Democratic and liberal. Sources whose audiences are more mixed include ABC, CBS or NBC network television news. Grouping of outlet audiences and media diets are based on data from September 2020.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Feb. 1-7, 2021.

Republicans in news media ‘bubble’ much more likely to see China as an enemy of the U.S.

% of U.S. adults who think of China as a ____ of the U.S.

Among Rep/Lean Rep ...



Among Dem/Lean Dem ...



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