

# Center Forward Immigration Poll

Findings and Recommendations from a  
Nationwide Telephone Poll of Likely Voters

March 2021

# Survey Methodology

- ALG Research conducted a combined telephone and text-to-web survey of N=800 likely 2022 general election voters nationwide.
- Interviews were conducted March 9 – 14, 2021.
- 38% of all interviews were conducted via cell phone and 29% were conducted via text-to-web.
- 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.

# Key Findings

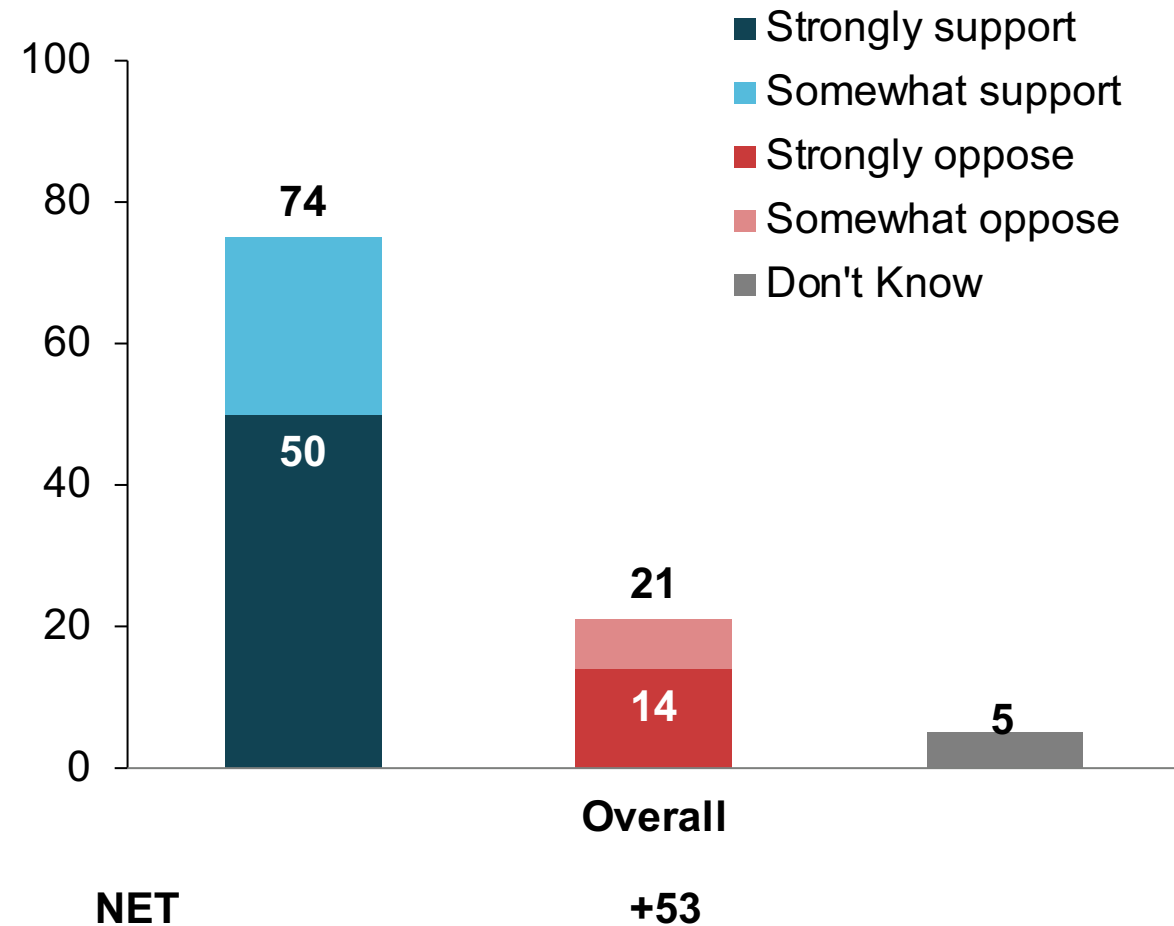
- There is broad support for legislation that would create an earned path to citizenship for Dreamers, TPS recipients, and farmworkers and other essential workers.
  - A majority of voters across partisanship support the legislation, and support is strong across race and education.
- Although voters support the individual components of the legislation, support for providing protections for Dreamers is especially strong -- 8-in-10 voters support a path to citizenship for Dreamers, including 59% that *strongly support* these protections.

# CURRENT SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION

Support for the legislation package is strong, with 3-in-4 voters supporting, and half of the electorate *strongly supporting*.

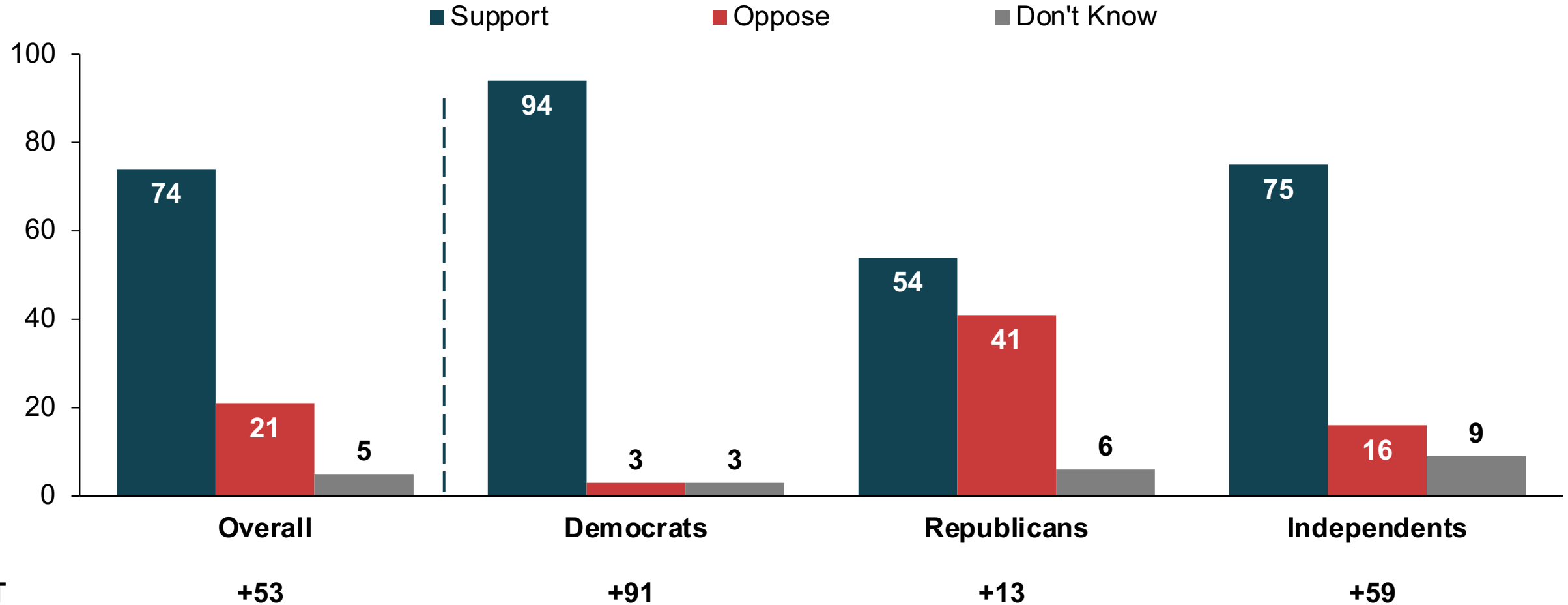
**Current Support**

*Do you support or oppose legislation that would create an earned path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who were brought here as children, people who are contributing and working here legally due to war or natural disaster in their home countries, and farmworkers and other essential workers?*



A majority of voters across partisanship support the package, including 54% of Republicans.

CURRENT SUPPORT BY PARTY ID

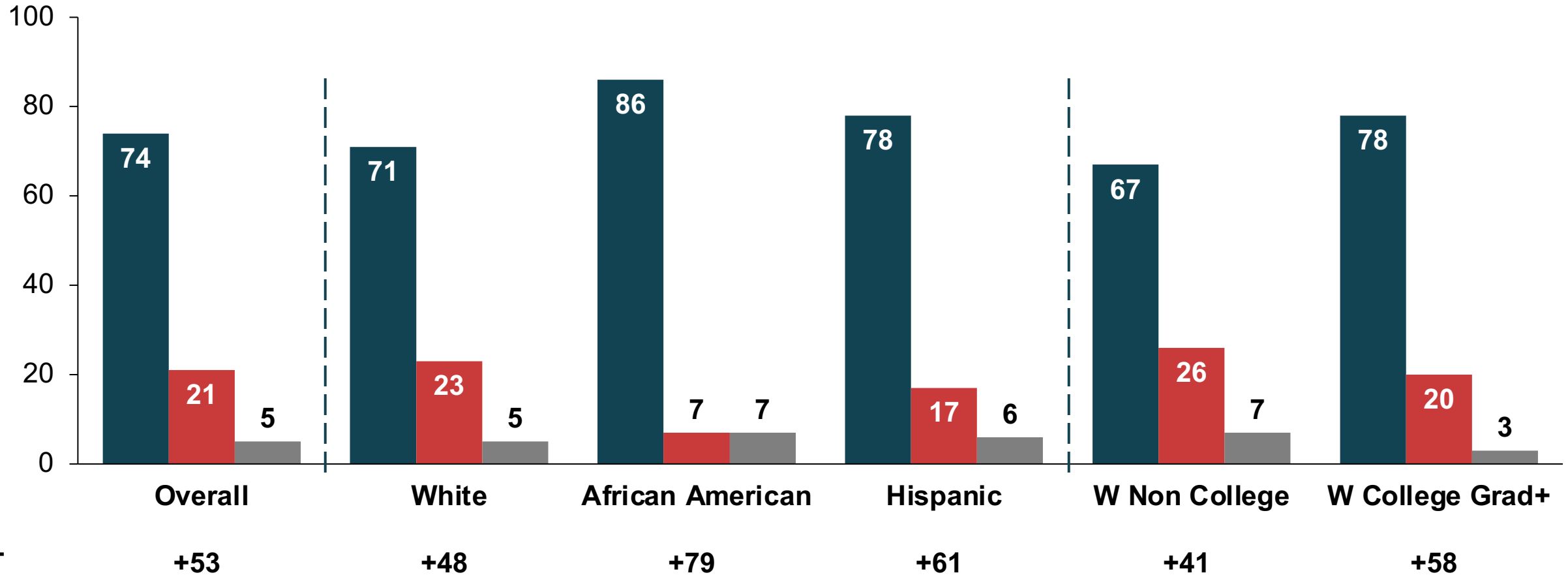


# Support for the legislation is high across racial lines.

The legislation has 2/3 support among GOP-leaning white non-college voters and is stronger among white college grads.

CURRENT SUPPORT BY RACE, EDUCATION

Support Oppose Don't Know

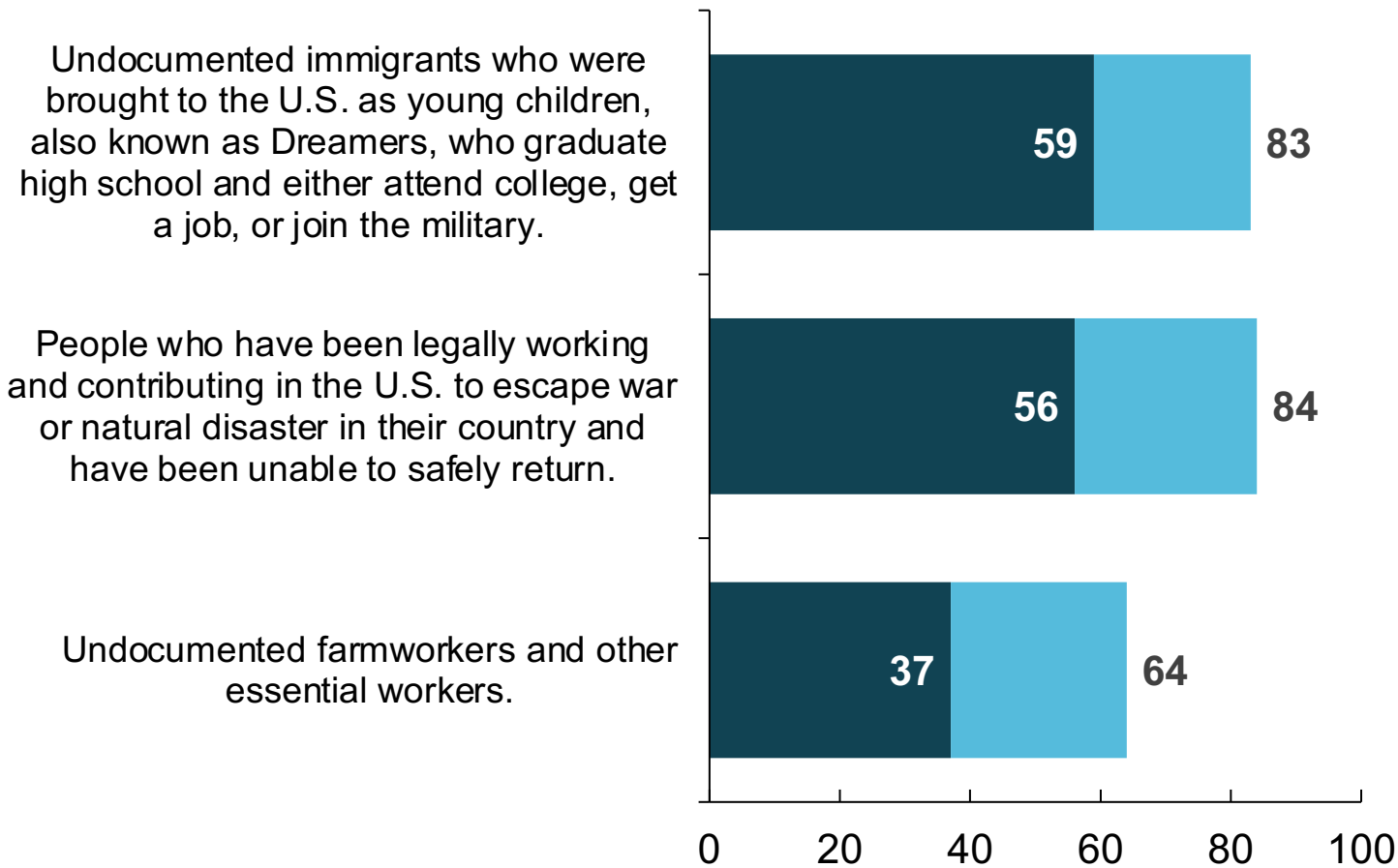


# A majority of the electorate supports the individual components of the legislative package.

The strongest support is for getting Dreamers and TPS recipients a path to citizenship.

## Groups Congress is considering protection from deportation and path to citizenship

■ Strongly support ■ Somewhat support ■ Total



## % Total Support Among...

	DEM	REP	IND	WHITE	AF AM	HISP
Undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as young children, also known as Dreamers, who graduate high school and either attend college, get a job, or join the military.	98	68	84	82	95	83
People who have been legally working and contributing in the U.S. to escape war or natural disaster in their country and have been unable to safely return.	96	72	84	82	94	84
Undocumented farmworkers and other essential workers.	91	37	65	60	85	76



# MESSAGING

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# Messaging on Dreamers is very compelling, with a majority of voters finding this a very convincing reason to support the legislation.

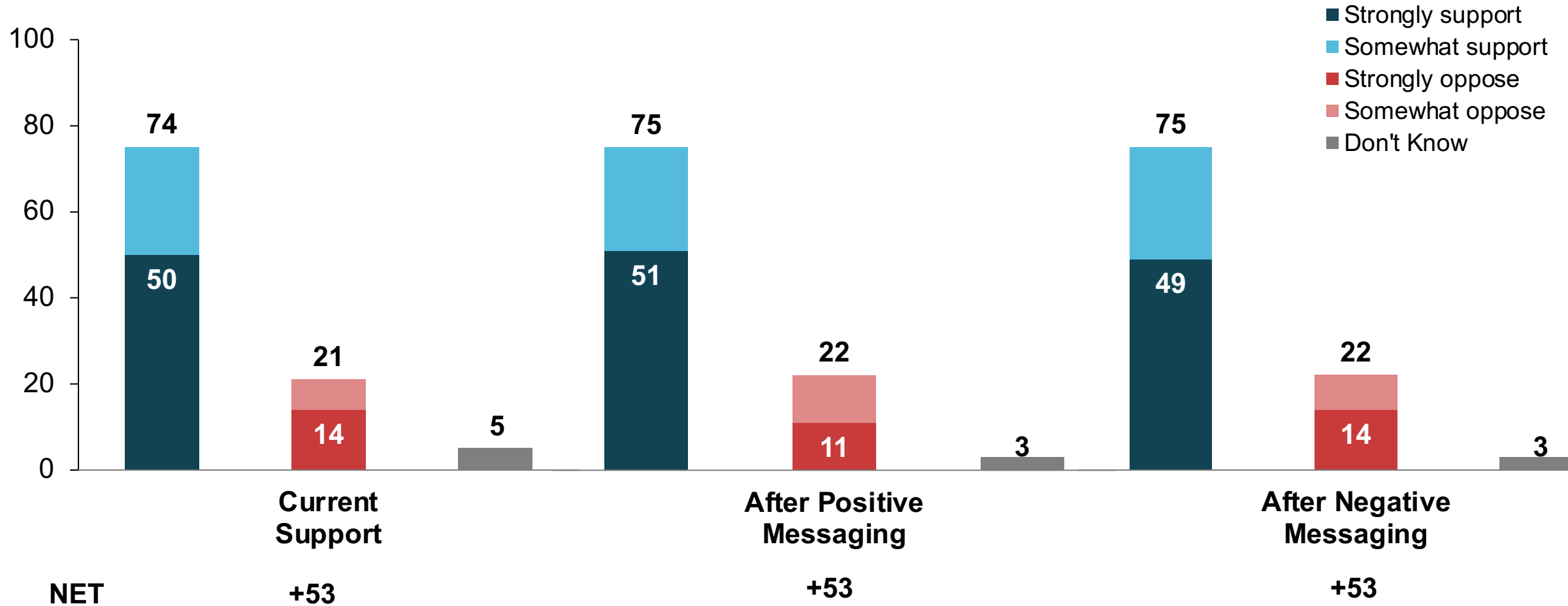
Voters also find messaging on TPS and the citizenship requirements to be convincing. The “Rules” message is top-testing among Republicans.

Positive Messaging – TOP TIER % <i>Very convincing</i>	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	White	Af Am	Hisp
<b>[DREAMERS]</b> Dreamers came here as children and grew up here in America. This is the only country they’ve ever known, they are American in every way but their paperwork, and it’d be wrong to send them with no family to a country they don’t know.	58	85	29	64	56	77	69
<b>[TPS]</b> If someone here legally worked hard and played by the rules during a natural disaster or civil war, and are unable to go home, it’s only right to give them a path to stay here safely and permanently.	48	69	27	50	48	61	48
<b>[RULES]</b> This path to citizenship includes requirements like participants learning English, paying taxes, and passing a background check — and those who do not pass these strict requirements will not be able to qualify.	46	51	45	37	46	44	54

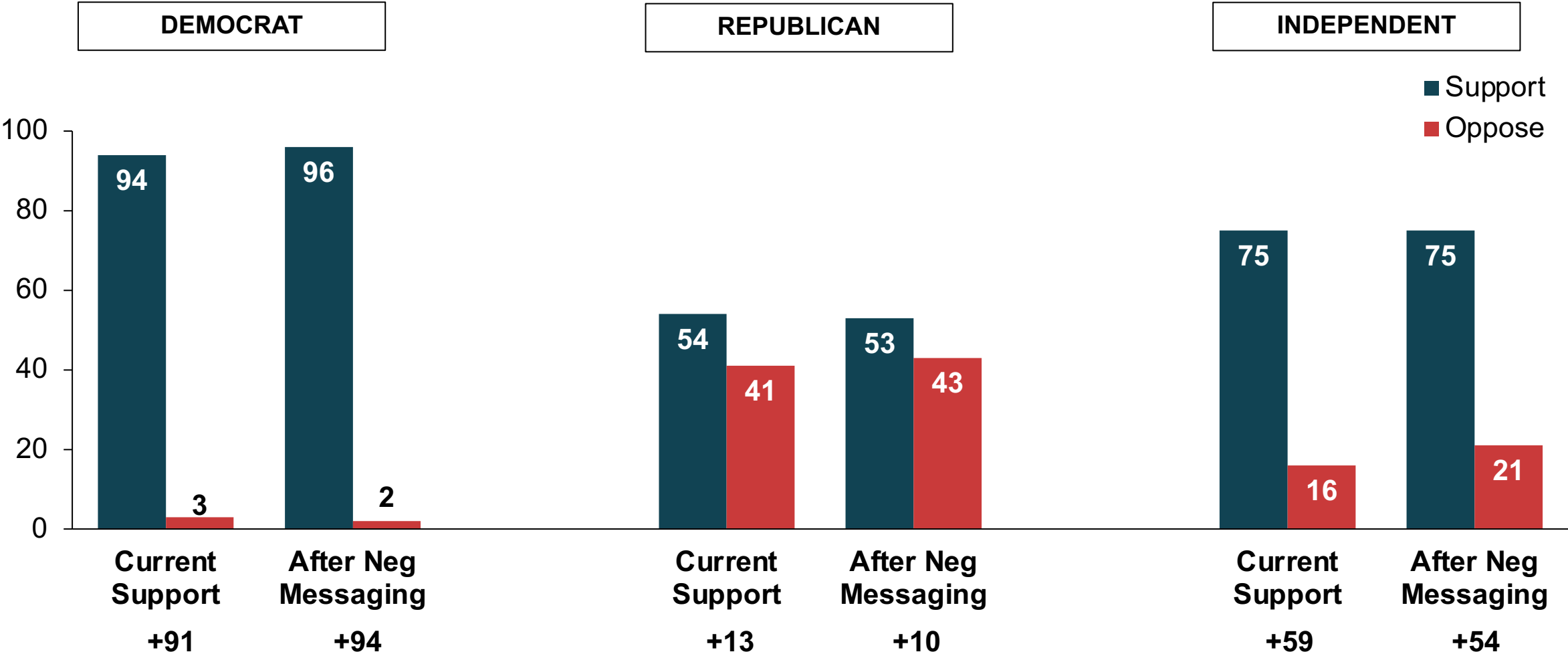
# Negative messaging tests with much lower intensity than positive messaging.

Negative Messaging % Very convincing	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	White	Af Am	Hisp
<b>[LAWS]</b> The U.S. is a nation of laws, and we shouldn't reward those who have cheated the system and cut in line. If immigrants broke the law to enter our country, we have to assume they will break other laws as well. People who want to immigrate here should follow the law and get in line, and those who try to enter illegally should face consequences.	40	15	69	28	42	17	43
<b>[AMERICA FIRST]</b> We need to look out for Americans first. Undocumented immigrants are hurting the economic prospects of Americans by taking jobs, exploiting our welfare system at taxpayers' expense, and increasing the burden on our schools and healthcare system.	32	8	62	18	35	17	26

Across the board, support for the legislation remains stable after positive and negative messaging.



A majority of voters across partisanship – including 53% of Republicans – continue to support the legislation after negative messaging.



# RECOMMENDATIONS

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# Recommendations

- Messaging should highlight this legislation helps Dreamers, people who America is the only country they've known.
  - There is overwhelming support across the electorate for providing protections for Dreamers.
  - A majority of voters find messaging on Dreamers to be a very convincing reason to support the legislation.
- In communications targeted to swing voters and Republicans, reassure them that these groups will have to follow the rules to earn citizenship.