FBI Mar-a-Lago Raid & Trust In U.S. Institutions
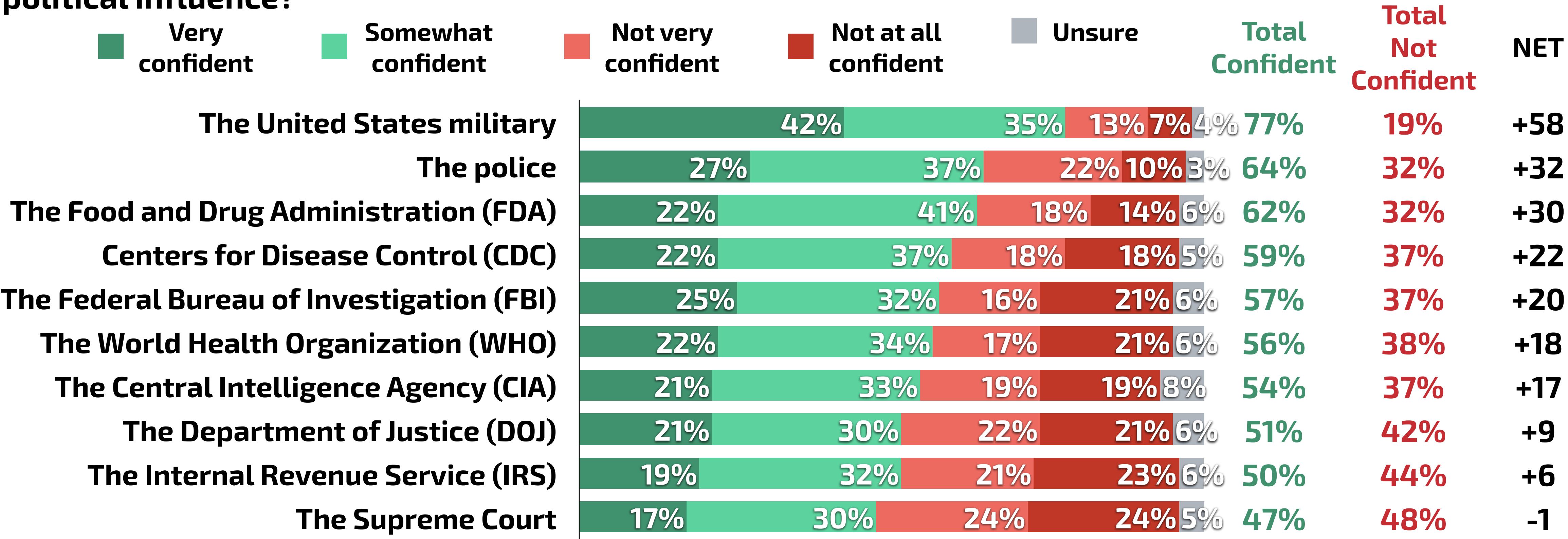
Verified Voter Omnibus Survey

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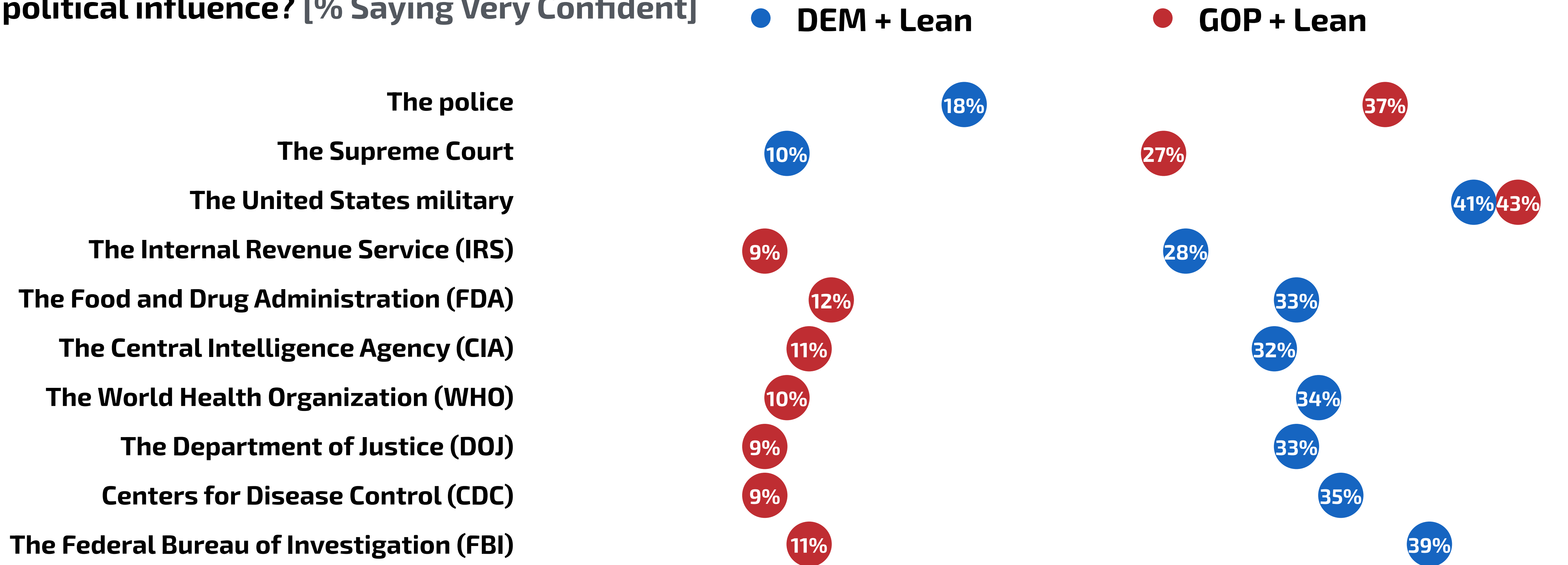Field Dates: August 19-22, 2022

Voters Most Confident That US Military, The Police Are Independent From Political Influence

Q. How confident are you that the following institutions will take unbiased actions, independent from political influence?

	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not very confident	Not at all confident	Unsure	Total Confident	Total Not Confident	NET
The United States military	42%	35%	13%	7%	4%	77%	19%	+58
The police	27%	37%	22%	10%	3%	64%	32%	+32
The Food and Drug Administration (FDA)	22%	41%	18%	14%	6%	62%	32%	+30
Centers for Disease Control (CDC)	22%	37%	18%	18%	5%	59%	37%	+22
The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	25%	32%	16%	21%	6%	57%	37%	+20
The World Health Organization (WHO)	22%	34%	17%	21%	6%	56%	38%	+18
The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)	21%	33%	19%	19%	8%	54%	37%	+17
The Department of Justice (DOJ)	21%	30%	22%	21%	6%	51%	42%	+9
The Internal Revenue Service (IRS)	19%	32%	21%	23%	6%	50%	44%	+6
The Supreme Court	17%	30%	24%	24%	5%	47%	48%	-1

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Democrats Have More Confidence In Independence Of All U.S. Institutions Except Military, Police, And SCOTUS

Q. How confident are you that the following institutions will take unbiased actions, independent from political influence? [% Saying Very Confident]

● **DEM + Lean**   ● **GOP + Lean**

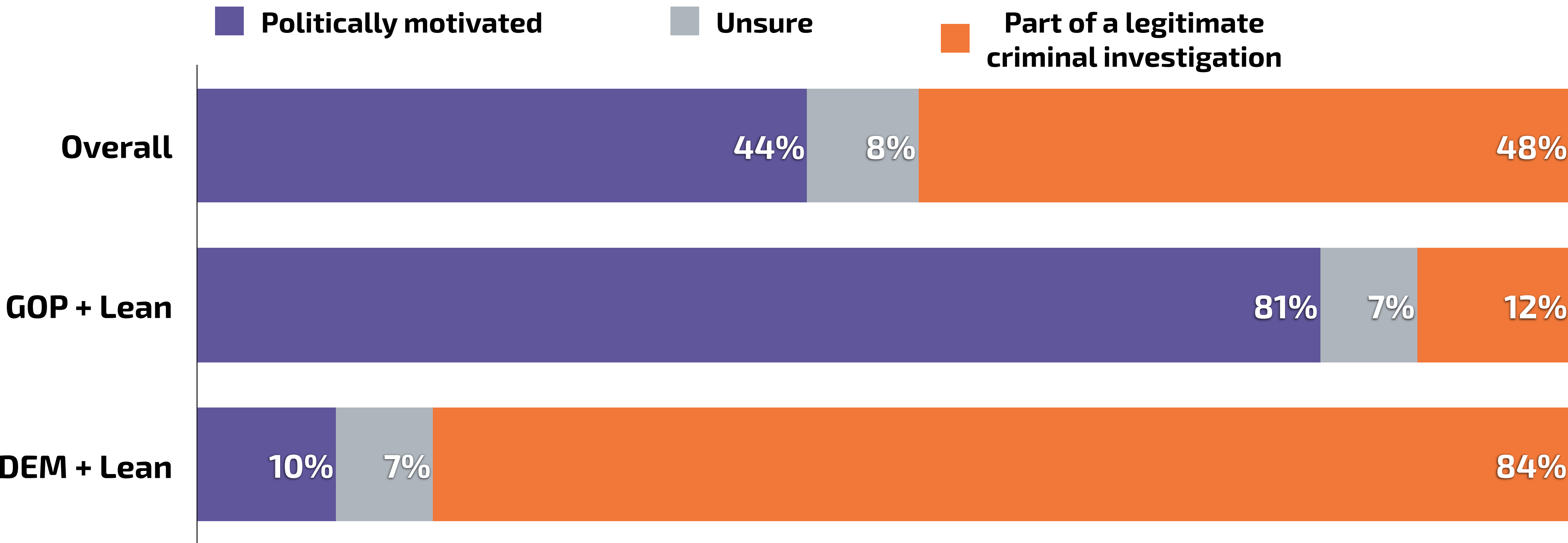| Institution	DEM + Lean	GOP + Lean
The police	18%	37%
The Supreme Court	10%	27%
The United States military	41%	43%
The Internal Revenue Service (IRS)	28%	9%
The Food and Drug Administration (FDA)	33%	12%
The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)	32%	11%
The World Health Organization (WHO)	34%	10%
The Department of Justice (DOJ)	33%	9%
Centers for Disease Control (CDC)	35%	9%
The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	39%	11%

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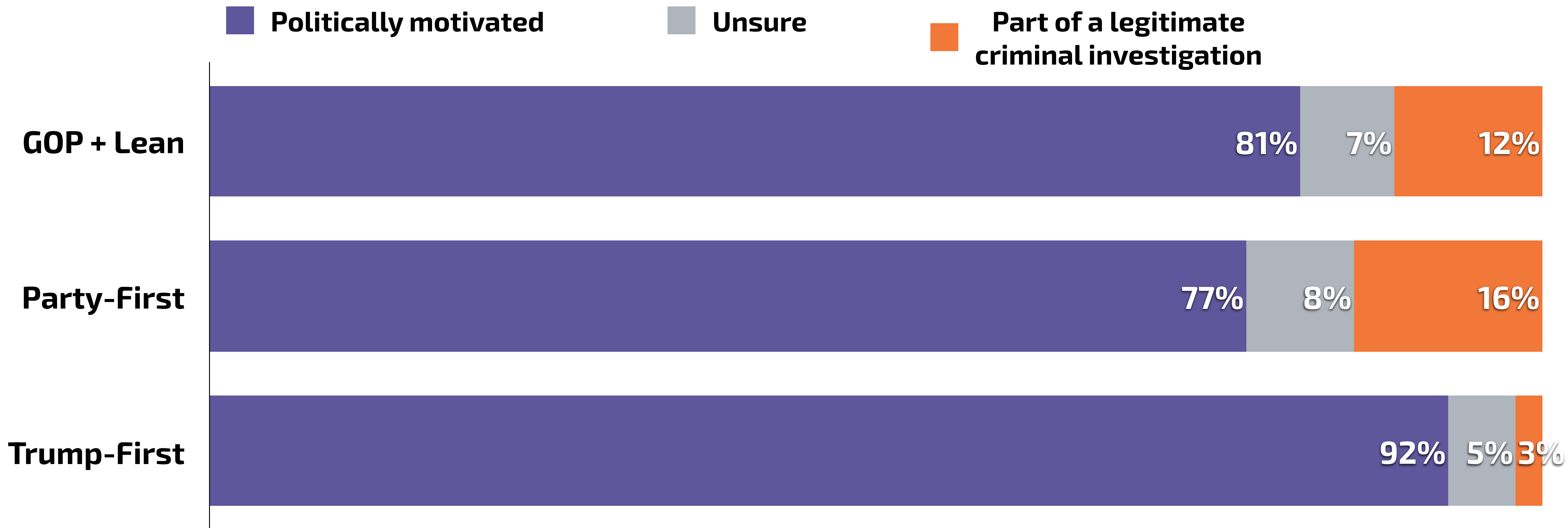
By Slim Margin, Electorate Says Search Of Mar-a-Lago Was Part Of Legitimate Investigation

Q. Do you think the FBI search of Donald Trump's home at Mar-a-Lago was mostly...?
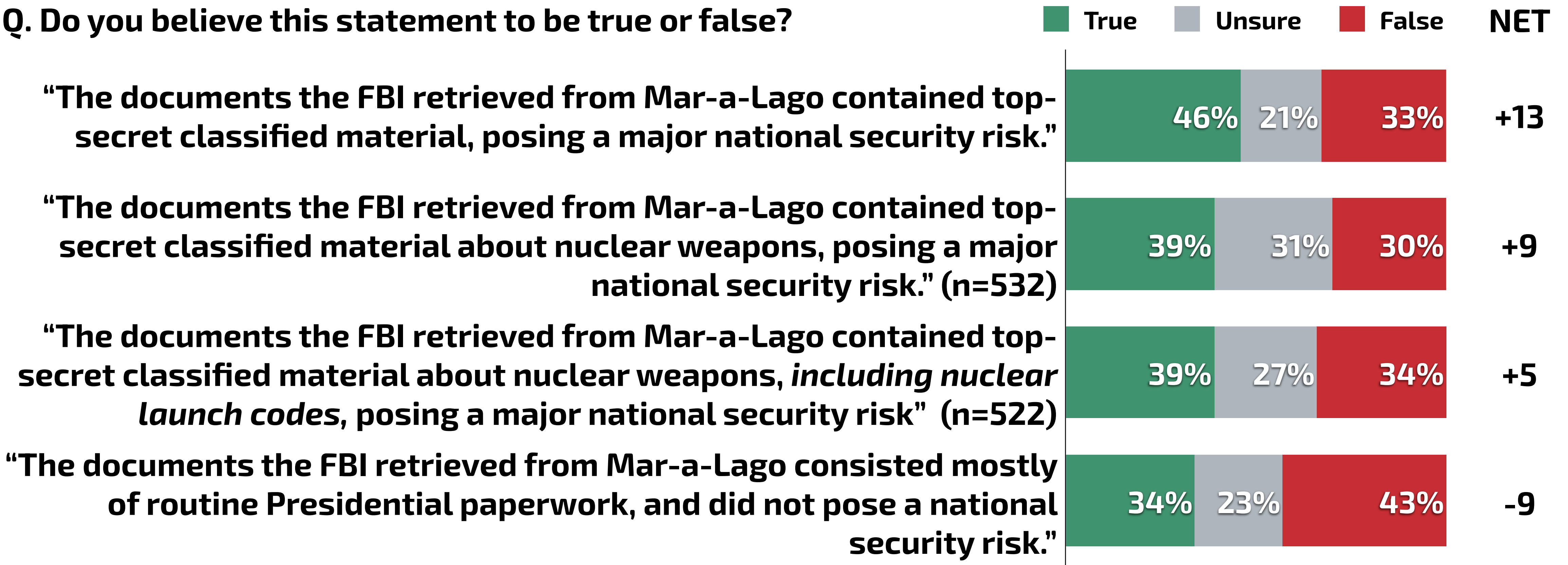
■ Politically motivated ■ Unsure ■ Part of a legitimate criminal investigation

	Politically motivated	Unsure	Part of a legitimate criminal investigation
Overall	44%	8%	48%
GOP + Lean	81%	7%	12%
DEM + Lean	10%	7%	84%

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Over 3 In 4 Party-First GOP Say Mar-a-Lago Search Was Politically Motivated

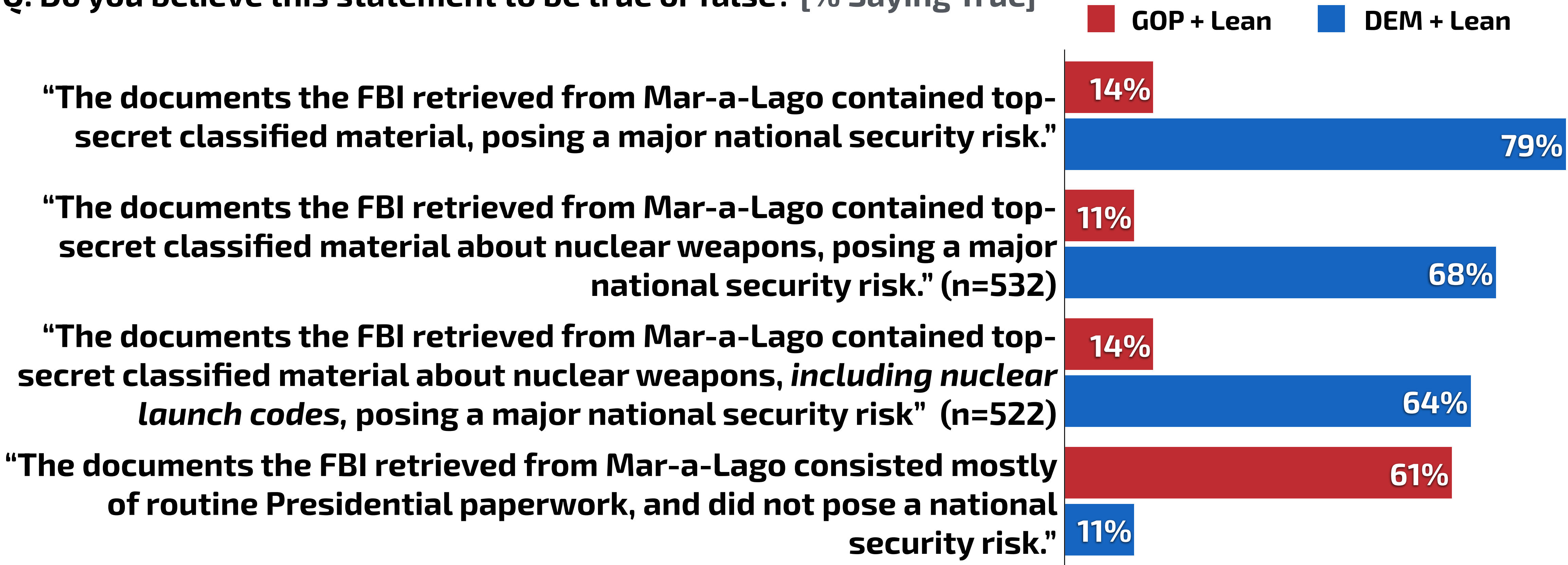**Q. Do you think the FBI search of Donald Trump's home at Mar-a-Lago was mostly...?**

- ■ Politically motivated
- ■ Unsure
- ■ Part of a legitimate criminal investigation

Group	Politically motivated	Unsure	Part of a legitimate criminal investigation
GOP + Lean	81%	7%	12%
Party-First	77%	8%	16%
Trump-First	92%	5%	3%

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Voters Lean Towards Thinking Documents Were Top-Secret More Than Routine Paperwork, But No Majority For Any One Explanation

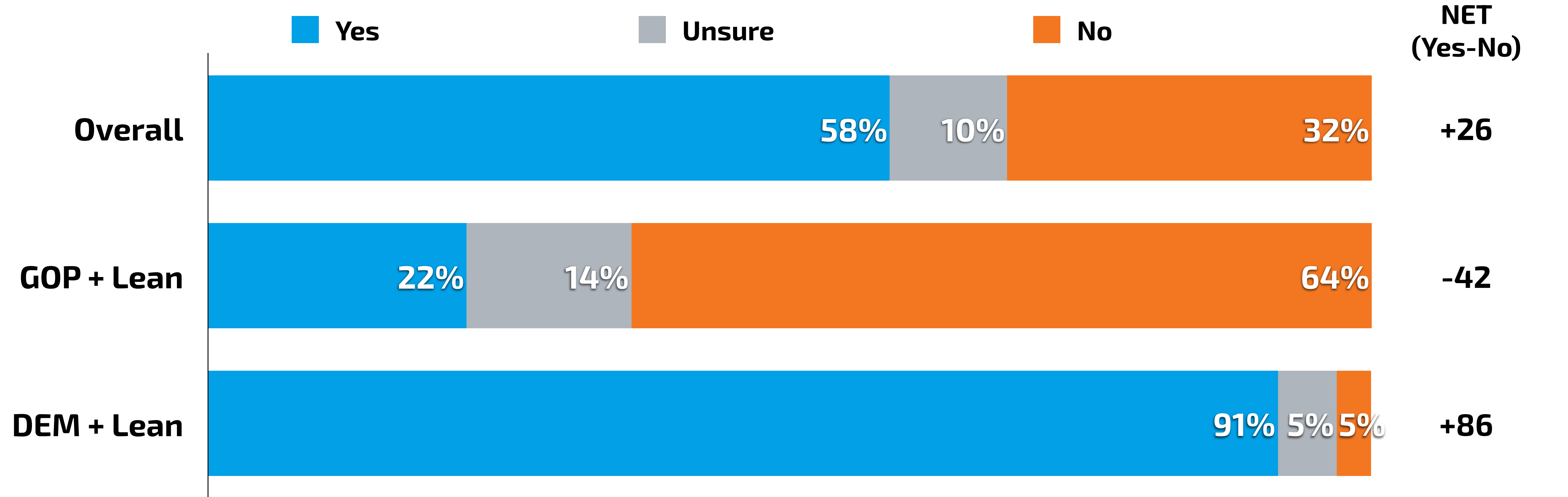**Q. Do you believe this statement to be true or false?**

	True	Unsure	False	NET

"The documents the FBI retrieved from Mar-a-Lago contained top-secret classified material, posing a major national security risk." — **46%** / **21%** / **33%** — **+13**

"The documents the FBI retrieved from Mar-a-Lago contained top-secret classified material about nuclear weapons, posing a major national security risk." (n=532) — **39%** / **31%** / **30%** — **+9**

"The documents the FBI retrieved from Mar-a-Lago contained top-secret classified material about nuclear weapons, *including nuclear launch codes*, posing a major national security risk" (n=522) — **39%** / **27%** / **34%** — **+5**

"The documents the FBI retrieved from Mar-a-Lago consisted mostly of routine Presidential paperwork, and did not pose a national security risk." — **34%** / **23%** / **43%** — **-9**

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Wide Partisan Gap On Whether FBI Documents Contained Top Secret Material

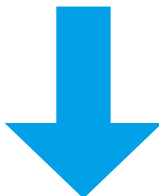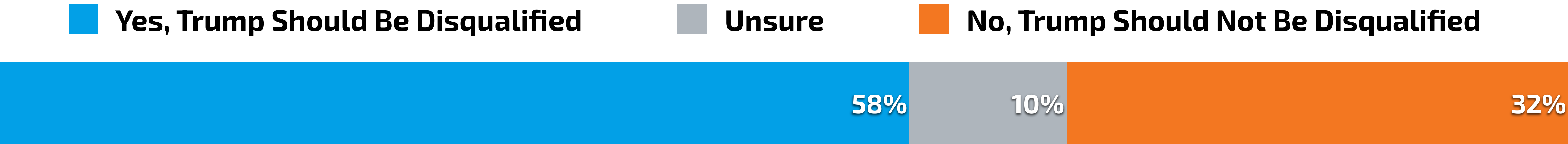**Q. Do you believe this statement to be true or false?** [% Saying True]

■ GOP + Lean   ■ DEM + Lean

"The documents the FBI retrieved from Mar-a-Lago contained top-secret classified material, posing a major national security risk."
- GOP + Lean: 14%
- DEM + Lean: 79%

"The documents the FBI retrieved from Mar-a-Lago contained top-secret classified material about nuclear weapons, posing a major national security risk." (n=532)
- GOP + Lean: 11%
- DEM + Lean: 68%

"The documents the FBI retrieved from Mar-a-Lago contained top-secret classified material about nuclear weapons, _including nuclear launch codes_, posing a major national security risk" (n=522)
- GOP + Lean: 14%
- DEM + Lean: 64%

"The documents the FBI retrieved from Mar-a-Lago consisted mostly of routine Presidential paperwork, and did not pose a national security risk."
- GOP + Lean: 61%
- DEM + Lean: 11%

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By 26 Point Margin, Voters Say Possession Of Illegal Classified Documents Should Disqualify Trump From Running For President Again
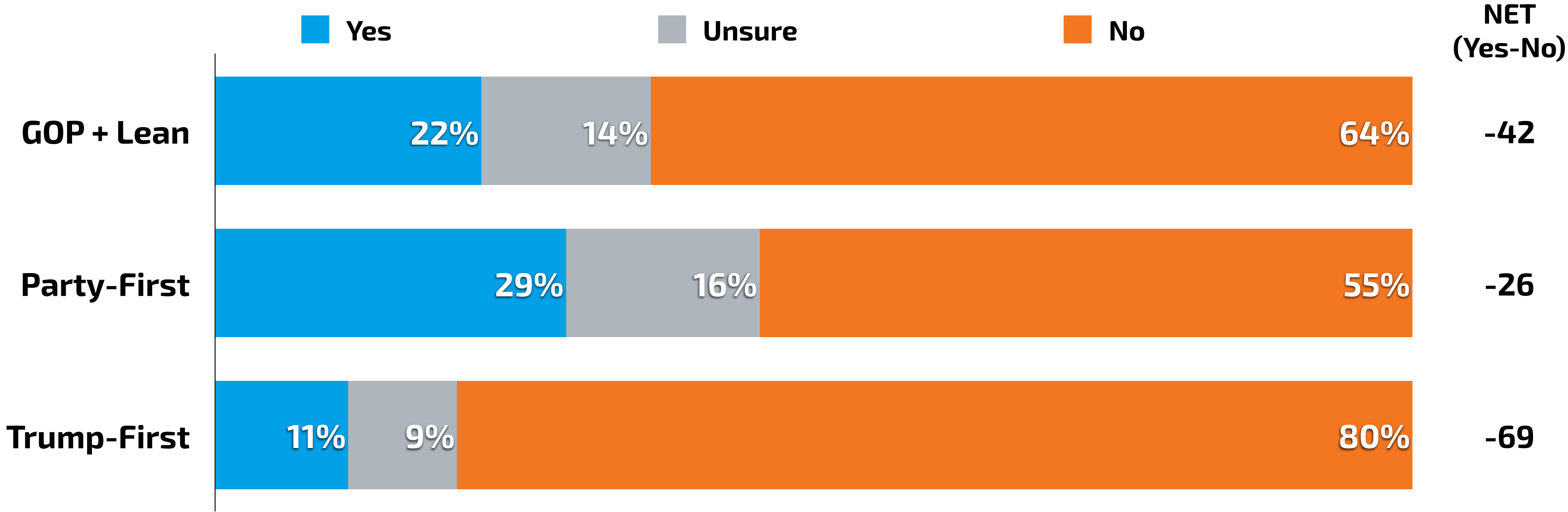
Q. As you may know, the FBI recently searched the home of former President Donald Trump. If Donald Trump is found to be in illegal possession of classified and/or top secret documents, do you think this should disqualify him from running for President again?

Legend: ■ Yes ■ Unsure ■ No

	Yes	Unsure	No	NET (Yes-No)
Overall	58%	10%	32%	+26
GOP + Lean	22%	14%	64%	-42
DEM + Lean	91%	5%	5%	+86

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Q. As you may know, the FBI recently searched the home of former President Donald Trump. If Donald Trump is found to be in illegal possession of classified and/or top secret documents, do you think this should disqualify him from running for President again?

| ■ **Yes, Trump Should Be Disqualified** | ■ **Unsure** | ■ **No, Trump Should Not Be Disqualified** |

| 58% | 10% | 32% |

43% say he should be disqualified AND believe it's true that
"The documents the FBI retrieved from Mar-a-Lago contained top-secret classified material, posing a major national security risk."

| 43% | 11% | 4% |

| ■ True | ■ Unsure | ■ False |

43% Of Voters Believe Trump Has Classified Docs And Should Be Disqualified

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Party-First GOP Nearly 3 Times More Likely To Say Trump Possession Of Documents Is Disqualifying

Q. As you may know, the FBI recently searched the home of former President Donald Trump. If Donald Trump is found to be in illegal possession of classified and/or top secret documents, do you think this should disqualify him from running for President again?

Legend: ■ Yes (blue) ■ Unsure (gray) ■ No (orange)

NET (Yes-No)

	Yes	Unsure	No	NET (Yes-No)
GOP + Lean	22%	14%	64%	-42
Party-First	29%	16%	55%	-26
Trump-First	11%	9%	80%	-69

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By 42 Point Margin, Republicans Believe The FBI Search Of Mar-a-Lago Makes It More Important Than Ever To Support Trump

Q. Which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?
The FBI search of Mar-a-Lago… [Asked of Republican+Lean Voters]

- ■ Makes it more important than ever to support Donald Trump
- ■ Unsure
- ■ Raises doubts about Donald Trump's ability to run for President in 2024

	Makes it more important	Unsure	Raises doubts
GOP + Lean	65%	12%	23%
Party-First	55%	14%	31%
Trump-First	85%	4%	10%

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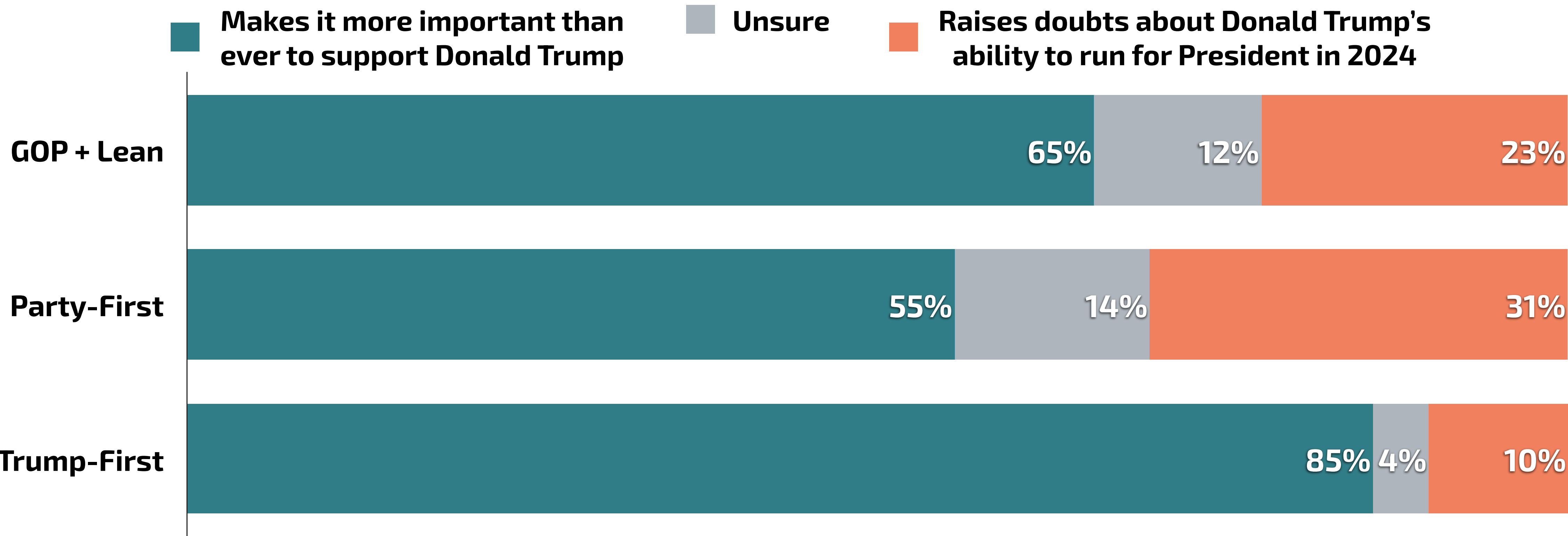
Meet the Likely Electorate

We know that on Election Day, those who turn out to vote won't necessarily look like the pool of all registered voters. Some voters are more likely to turn out than others, and polling should reflect that reality. But not everyone who shows up to vote on Election Day is a "likely voter," and often times, pollsters' methods of excluding "unlikely voters" can leave out those who are becoming newly activated.

That's why, in the months leading up to a national election, we at Echelon Insights switch not to a "likely voter" sample which arbitrarily excludes certain voters, but to our "Likely Electorate" (LE) frame, which accounts for voter turnout probability in how we weight our national survey.

Our Verified Voter Omnibus samples are matched to the L2 voter file to confirm registration status and incorporate data related to past voting history. The sample for this survey was weighted to characteristics of the 2022 "Likely Electorate" population, a frame which takes into account demographic and turnout characteristics of the 2022 electorate.

Methodology

The August 2022 Echelon Insights Verified Voter Omnibus was fielded online from August 19-22, 2022 in English among a sample of N=1,054 voters in the Likely Electorate (LV) nationwide using non-probability sampling. The sample was drawn from the Lucid sample exchange and matched to the L2 voter file.

The sample was weighted to population benchmarks for registered voters and the 2022 Likely Electorate on gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, region, party, and 2020 presidential vote adjusted for 2022 turnout probability. All benchmarks for the 2022 Likely Electorate were adjusted for turnout estimates based on a probabilistic model of the likely 2022 midterm electorate derived from the L2 voter file. Estimates for gender, age, and party were derived from the L2 voter file. Estimates for race/ethnicity and education were derived from the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey demographic data adjusted to match voter registration estimates from the November 2020 Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement.

Data quality measures included the use of a trap question to check for attentiveness and measures to prevent and remove duplicate responses based on IP address and voter file matches.

Calculated the way it would be for a random sample and adjusted to incorporate the effect of weighting, the margin of sampling error is +/- 3.6 percentage points.

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Verified Voter Omnibus

Your questions answered by real voters

Beyond our own public releases, the Verified Voter Omnibus is a resource companies and organizations can use to answer mission-critical questions through add-on questions to the monthly survey. It's the perfect tool for tracking a few core questions over time or gathering that one bit of crucial public opinion data you need right now.

By adding on to the Verified Voter Omnibus, you'll receive:

- Hands-on assistance with drafting your questions
- Full topline and crosstabs with key political trends questions included
- A customized slide deck with your results

Contact **omnibus@echeloninsights.com** for more information.