

Immigration Hub Post-Election Survey Results

Pennsylvania and Michigan

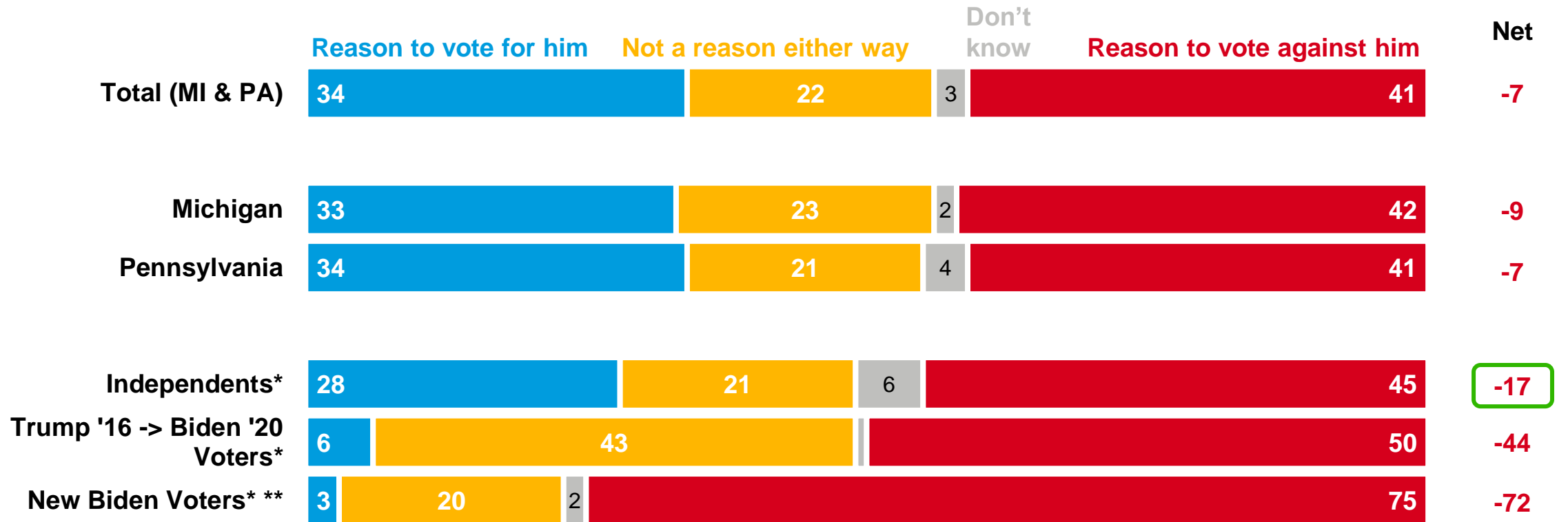


Key Findings

- Trump's hardline immigration approach was a net negative to him in the key states of Michigan and Pennsylvania
- Family separation was especially damaging to the President
- Trump's divisive approach to the presidency was a key reason why he lost the election and his approach to immigration contributed to perceptions of Trump as "divider-in-chief"
- Attacks against Democrats, including Biden and Michigan Senator Gary Peters, on immigration were ineffective
- All of this is why Trump's immigration attacks didn't land during the 2020 election – it was no longer working as an effective wedge
- As we move towards a Biden presidency, voters support immigration reform that moves us past Trump's misguided approach

Immigration was a net negative for Trump: Only one third of voters – his most ardent supporters – say immigration was a reason to vote for him

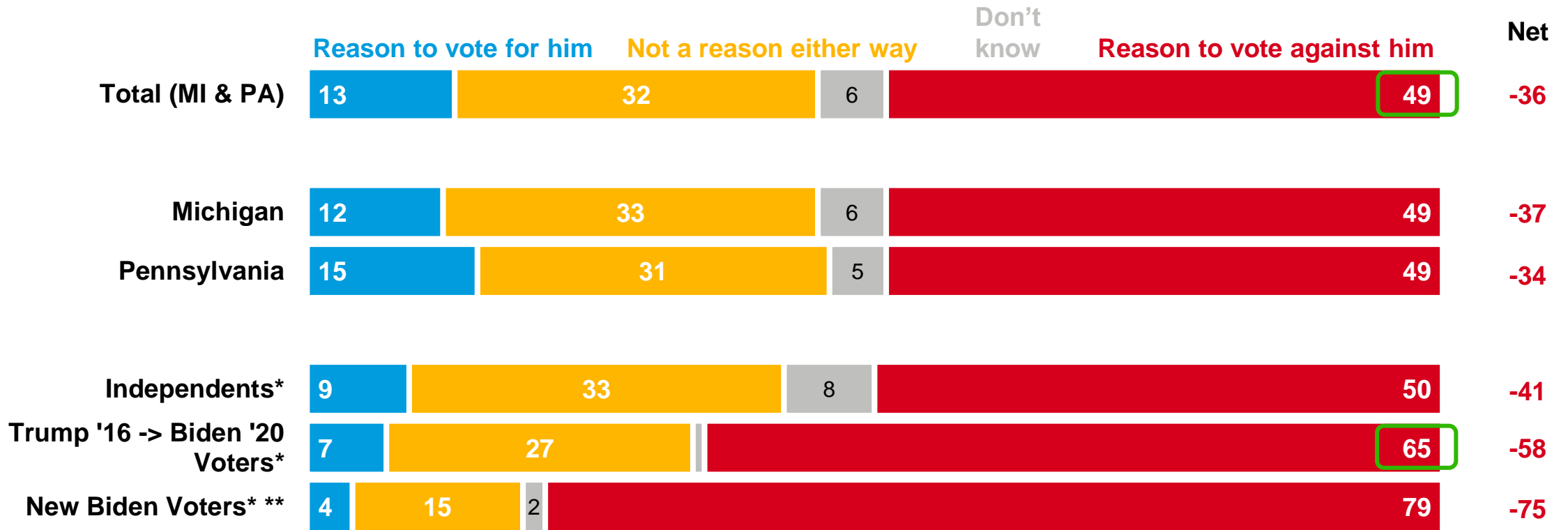
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Family separation was even worse – nearly half of voters say Trump’s position on family separation was a reason to vote against him

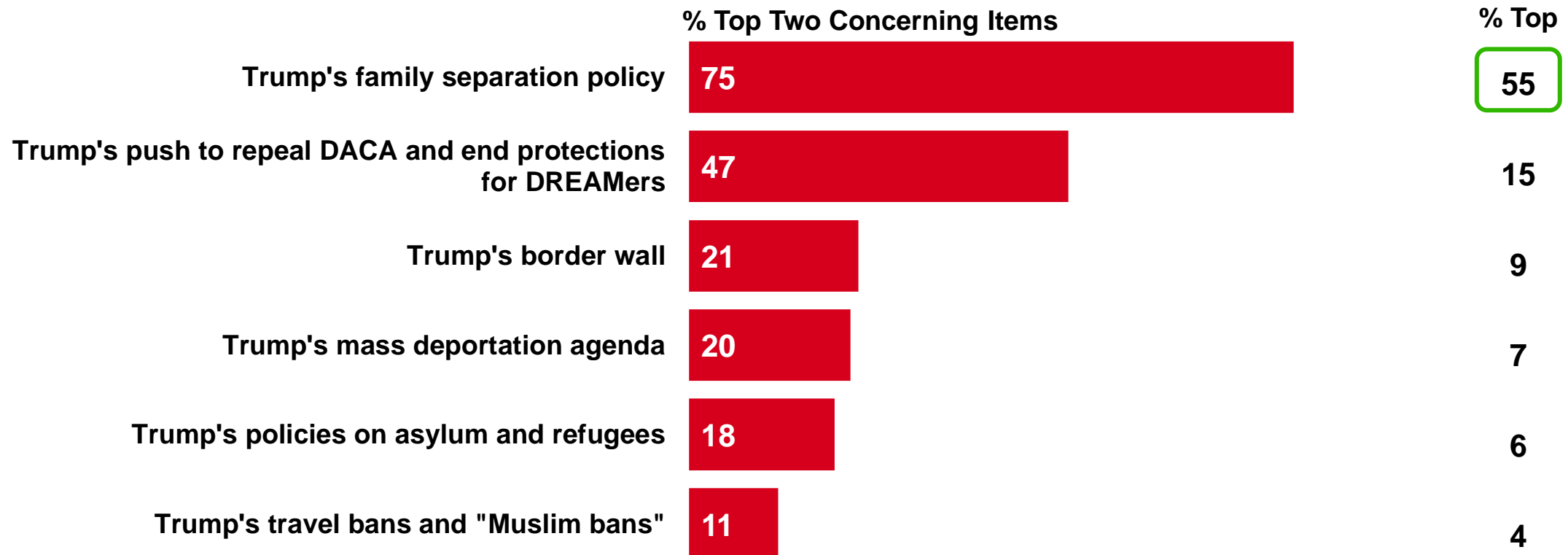
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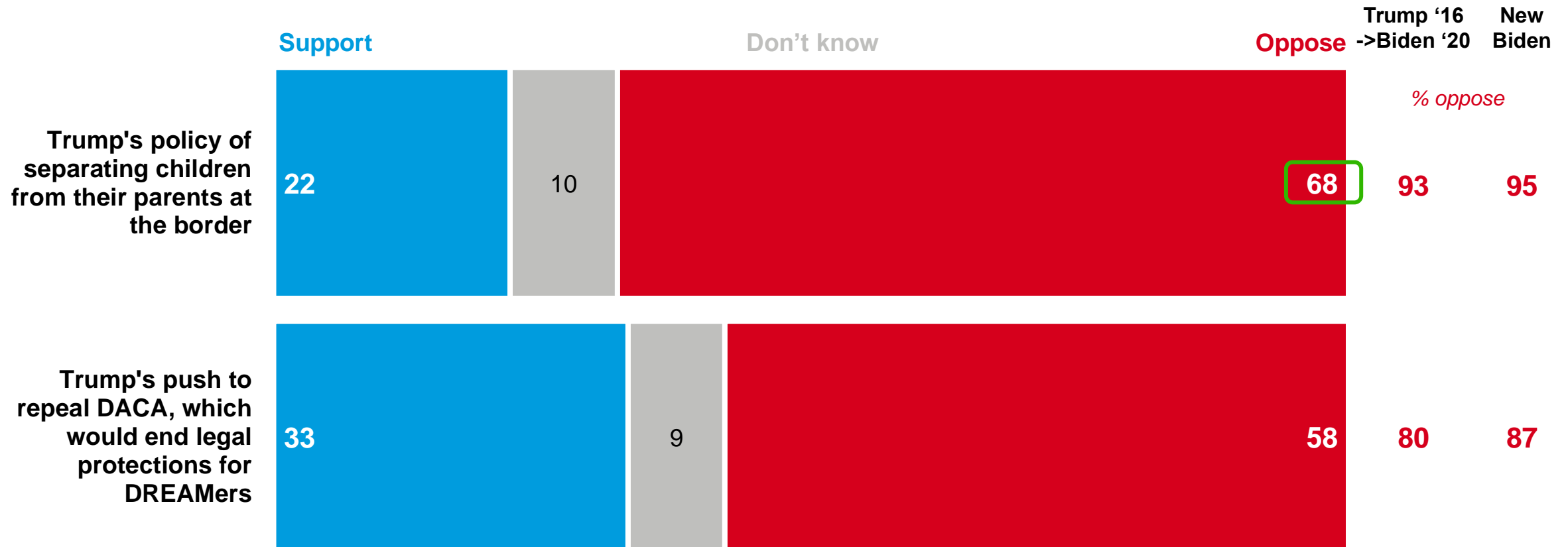
Family separation and Trump's DREAMer policy top the list of concerning items about Trump's approach to immigration

Biden/3rd Party Voters Only: From this list, which of these are the most concerning of Trump's immigration policies?



Trump's family separation and DREAMer policies are incredibly unpopular, including with key groups that were decisive in the election

Thinking back over the last four years as a whole, do you generally support or oppose of Donald Trump's stance on each of these policies?



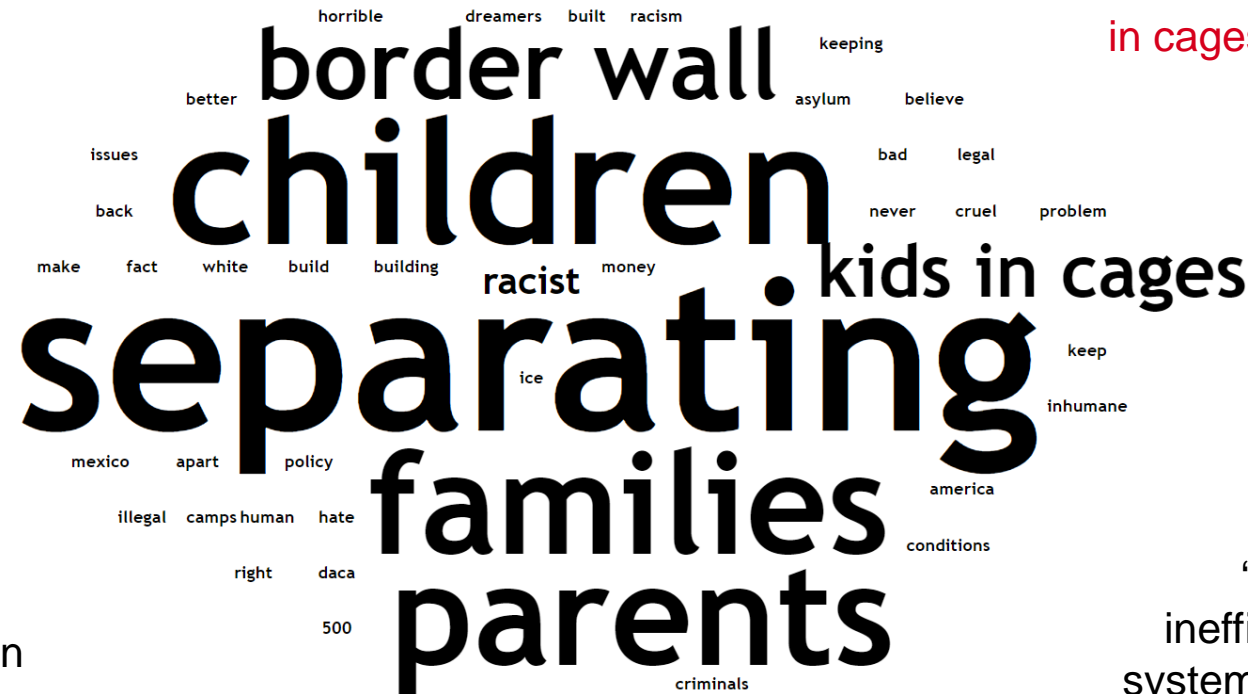
In an open-ended question about Trump's immigration policies, those who voted against him clearly cited the inhumanity of family separation

Biden/3rd Party Voters Only: What concerns you most about Donald Trump's record on immigration as President?

"The **separation of families** the way he handled taking children from their parents and storing them in cages with no record or plans to properly return the children was **heartless and inhuman.**"

"**Not granting asylum** to immigrants and making them wait across the border to apply."

"He separates innocent families at the border for little to no reason and keeps **kids in cages** under deadly conditions. His policies are deeply **racist.**"



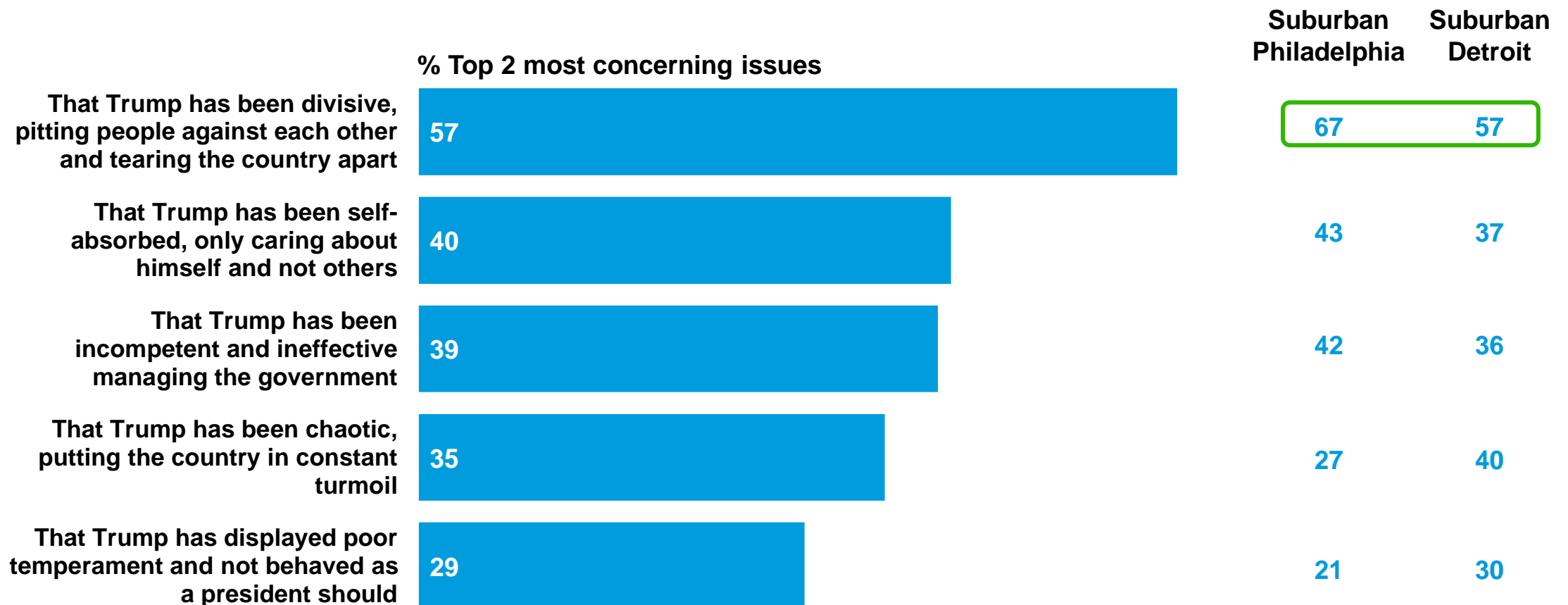
"Many kids have been **separated from their families** and have been **locked up in cages** in deplorable conditions."

"All immigrants are not murderers and rapists. **Separating children from their parents** and then losing track of their parents is **immoral and despicable.**"

"Didn't work to correct the inefficiency of the immigration system just **pulled families apart instead.**"

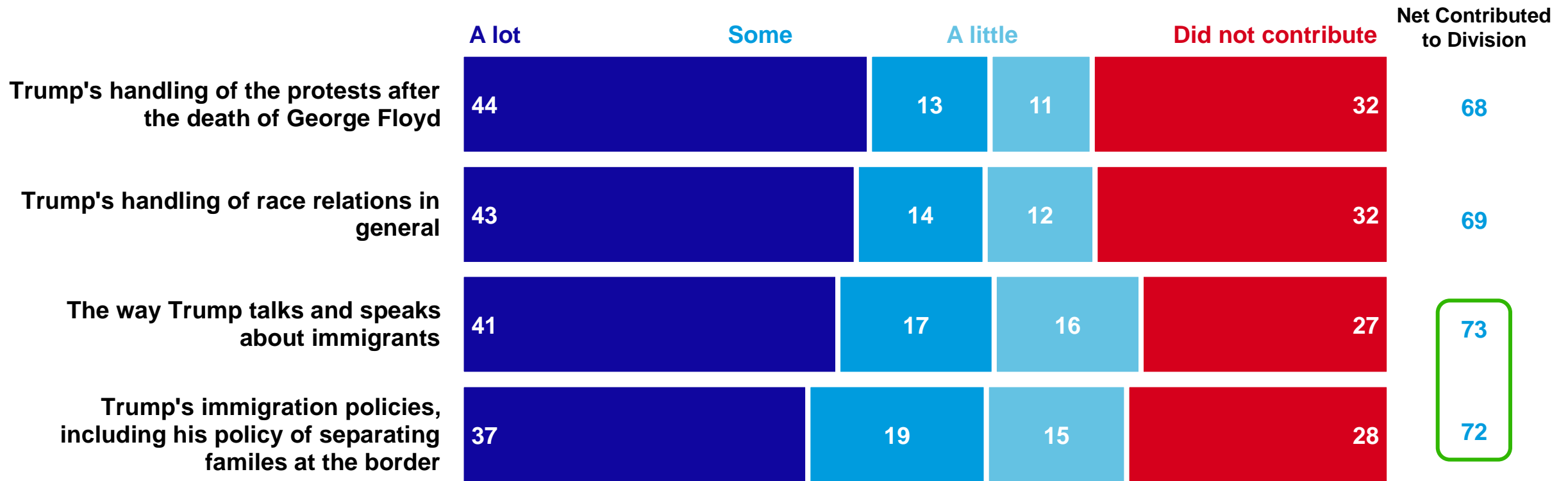
Trump's divisiveness was the most concerning personal trait of the President's, a sentiment that was especially strong in the suburbs

Biden/3rd Party Voters Only: Below is a list of concerns that some people have given about voting for Trump. Which of the following TWO items from this list concerns you the most about voting for Trump?



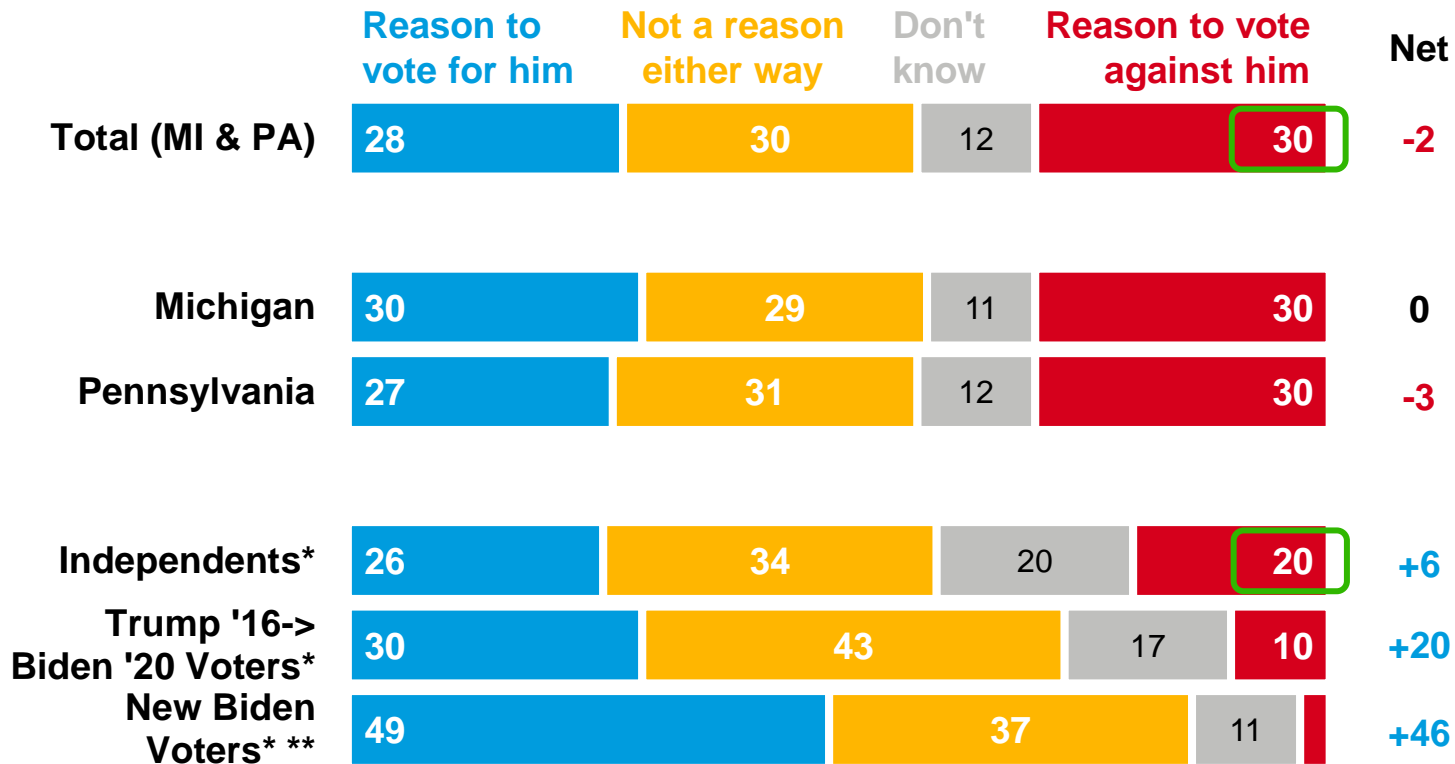
Voters saw Trump's handling of immigration and his handling of race as contributors to this division

The following are a list of things that some people say Trump has done to increase divisions in the country. For each, please indicate whether you think that it contributed a lot, some, a little, or not at all to divisions in the country.



Immigration attacks against Biden on did not deter voters against him; few Independents cited immigration as a reason to vote against him

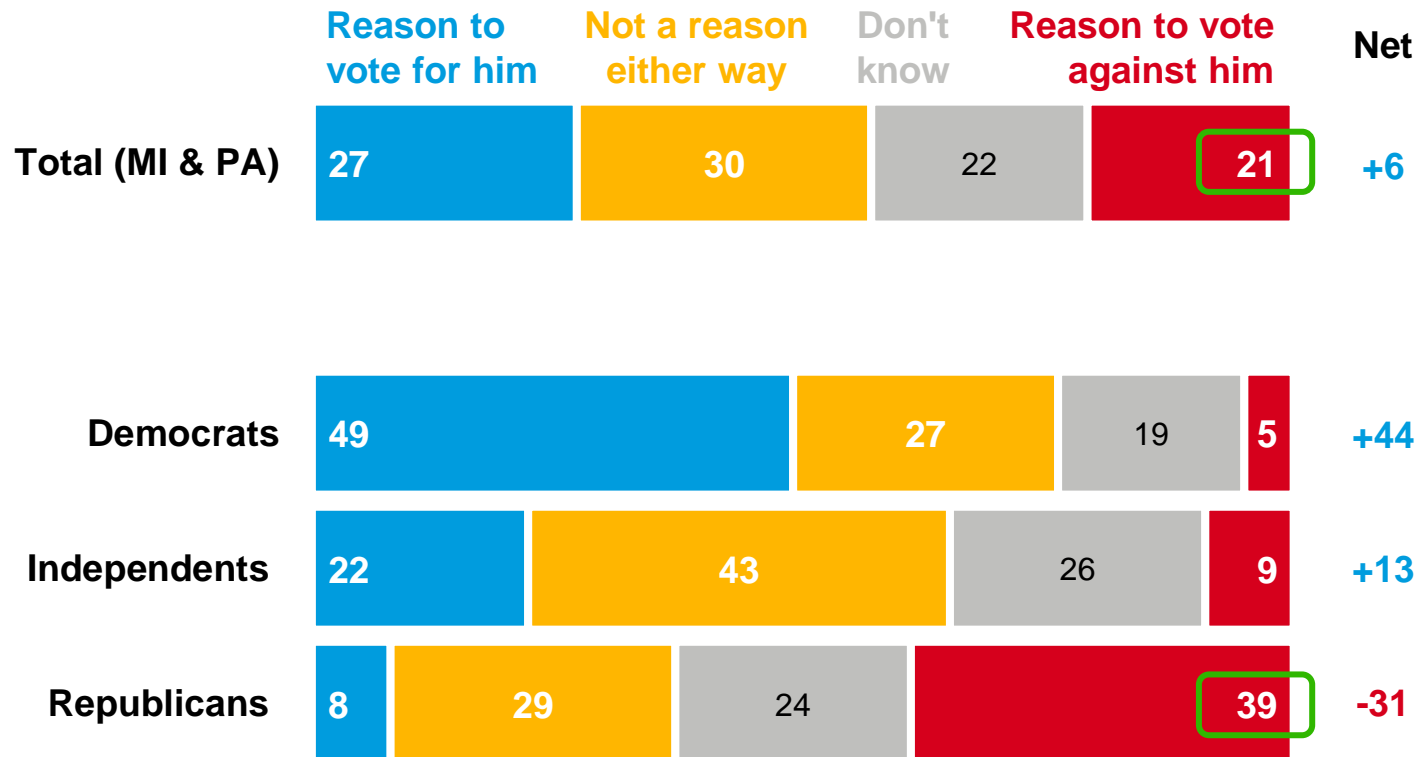
Was Joe Biden's position on immigration more of a reason to vote for him, against him, or did it not really matter to you in your vote?



In pre-election polling, we found that swing voters in battleground states found the attack against Biden for “supporting amnesty” to be more believable than other attacks on Biden, yet simultaneously, the least concerning attack.

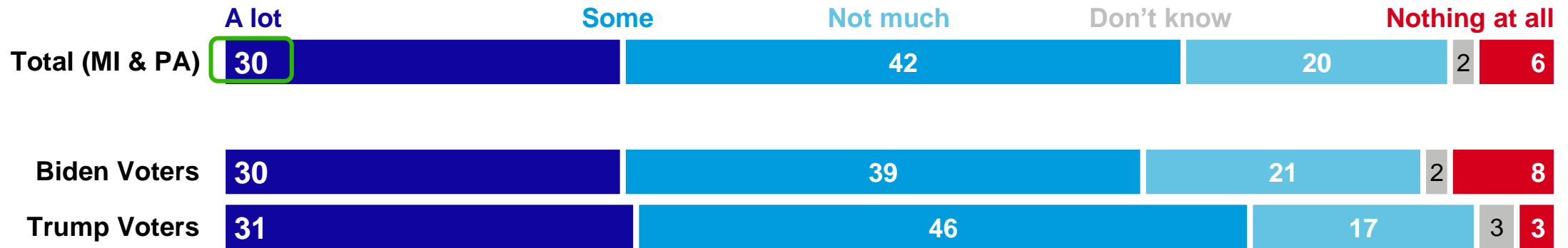
Attempts to attack Peters on immigration were also ineffective, only one in five voters – and fewer than half of Republicans – found it to be a reason to vote against him

Michigan Voters: Was Gary Peters' position on immigration more of a reason to vote for him, against him, or did it not really matter to you in your vote?

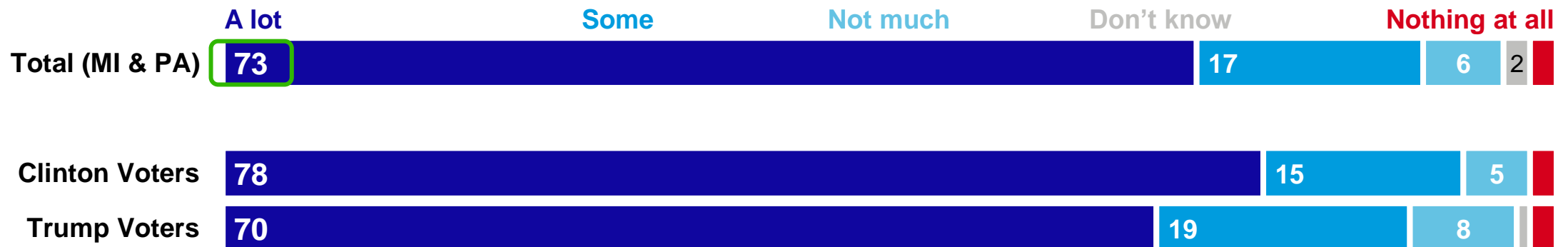


Trump was still advertising and talking about immigration throughout 2020 – yet it just didn't land in the same way as voters cited hearing less about the issue in 2020 than in 2016

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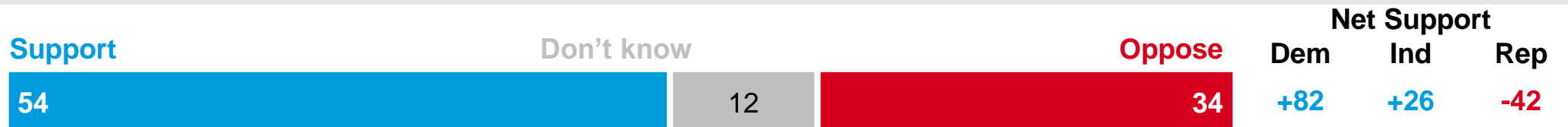
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* Data based off a national sample

Looking ahead, clear majorities support moving past Trump's immigration agenda – supporting immigration reform and a pathway to citizenship

As you may know, Joe Biden has proposed reforming America's immigration system, creating new laws to make our legal immigration system work better. If Biden is elected President, do you support or oppose him moving forward with a bill to reform our immigration system?



As you may know, Joe Biden has proposed establishing a pathway for citizenship for undocumented immigrants in the nation who are long-standing members of the community. If Biden is elected President, do you support or oppose him moving forward with establishing a pathway to citizenship?



Some people say that as part of an economic recovery package, we should establish a pathway for citizenship undocumented immigrants in the nation who are essential workers and contributing to the economy. Do you support or oppose including a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants in a coronavirus economic recovery package?



Thank You

New York

Washington, DC

Hartford

Chicago

Denver

Seattle

Methodology

Voters

Global Strategy Group conducted a survey of **806 likely voters in Pennsylvania** and **800 likely voters in Michigan** between October 30th and November 8th, 2020.

All interviews were conducted via web-based panel.

Results were weighted to reflect the proper proportions of Trump and Biden voters in the electorate.

Margin of error

The survey had a confidence interval of +/- 3.5%.

The margin of error on sub-samples is greater.