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With country angrier, Republicans at edge of even bigger congressional losses

Survey in 50 Battleground districts

(40 Republican-held and 10 Democratic-held House districts)

September 18-23, 2008

1,794 Likely Voters in 40 Republican-held battleground districts



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Competitive Republican Congressional Districts

Republican Tier 1

- Alaska 01 - Open
- Arizona 01
- Colorado 04 - Open
- Florida 24
- Illinois 10
- Illinois 11 - Open
- Louisiana 04 - Open
- Michigan 07
- Minnesota 03 - Open
- Nevada 03
- New Jersey 03 - Open
- New Jersey 07 - Open
- New Mexico 01 - Open
- New York 13 - Open
- New York 25 - Open
- North Carolina 08
- Ohio 15 - Open
- Pennsylvania 03
- Virginia 11 - Open
- Washington 08

Republican Tier 2

- Alabama 02 - Open
- Arizona 03
- California 04
- Connecticut 04
- Florida 08
- Florida 13
- Florida 21
- Florida 25
- Idaho 01
- Kentucky 02 - Open
- Maryland 01 - Open
- Michigan 09
- Missouri 06
- New Mexico 02 - Open
- New York 26 - Open
- New York 29
- Ohio 01
- Ohio 16 - Open
- Pennsylvania 06
- Virginia 02

Competitive district types

Rural Small Town (17.5%)

- Alaska 01
- Arizona 01
- Alabama 02
- Idaho 01
- Kentucky 02
- New Mexico 02
- New York 29

Suburban (22.5%)

- Connecticut 04
- Illinois 10
- Michigan 09
- Nevada 03
- New Jersey 07
- New York 25
- Pennsylvania 06
- Virginia 11
- Washington 08

Suburban/Exurban (7.5%)

- California 04
- Illinois 11
- Michigan 07

Suburban/Rural (5%)

- Maryland 01
- New York 26

Urban/Suburban (20%)

- Florida 08
- Minnesota 03
- New Jersey 03
- New Mexico 01
- New York 13
- Ohio 01
- Ohio 15
- Virginia 02

Suburban/Rural Small Town (10%)

- Colorado 04
- Missouri 06
- North Carolina 08
- Ohio 16

Suburban/Exurban/Rural Small Town (2.5%)

- Michigan 07

Urban (10%)

- Arizona 03
- Florida 21
- Florida 13
- Florida 25

Urban/Rural (5%)

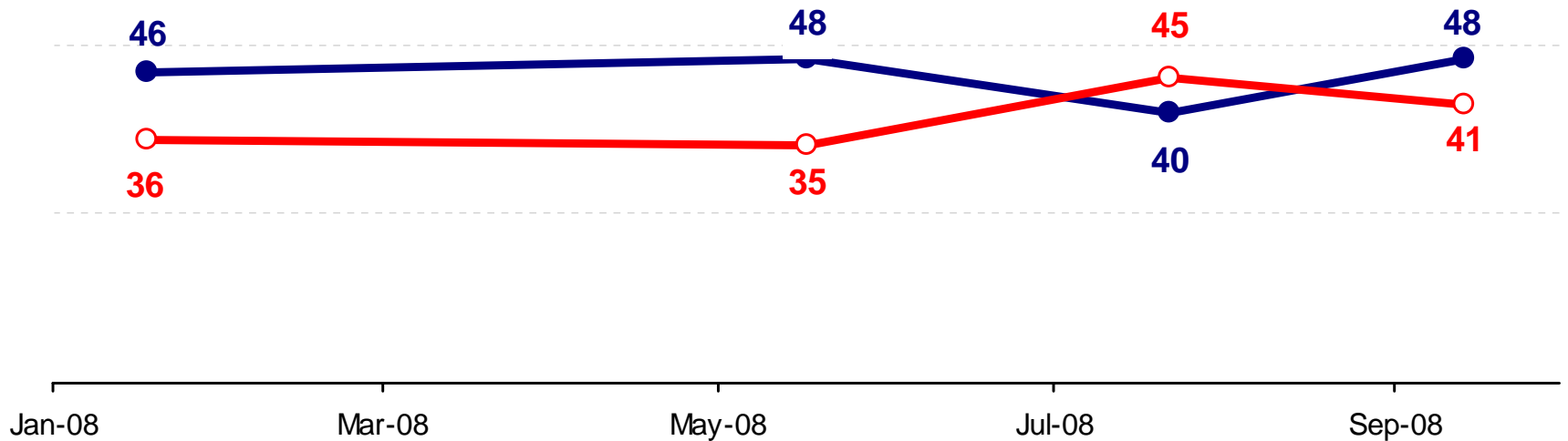
- Louisiana 04
- Pennsylvania 03

Change mood endangers more Republican seats

Voters turning away from incumbent in GOP battleground

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- In November, I CAN'T vote to reelect (INCUMBENT) because we need new people that will work to bring the changes we need.
- In November, I WILL vote to reelect (INCUMBENT) because he/she is doing a good job and addressing issues that are important to us

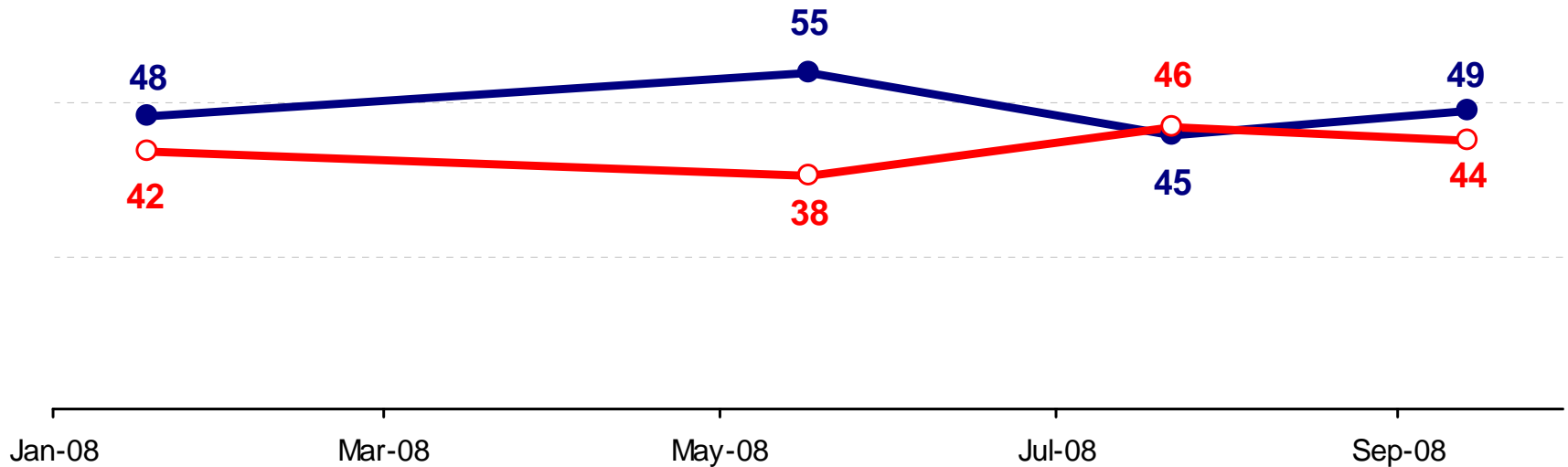


Net Difference	Value
Jan-08	+10
May-08	+13
Jul-08	-5
Sep-08	+7

After dip, voters again looking to vote for change

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- In November, I really want to be able to vote for a Democrat for Congress because at least he or she will fight for change
- In November I will vote for (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) because the new democratic Congress is just business as usual and getting no more done than the last one

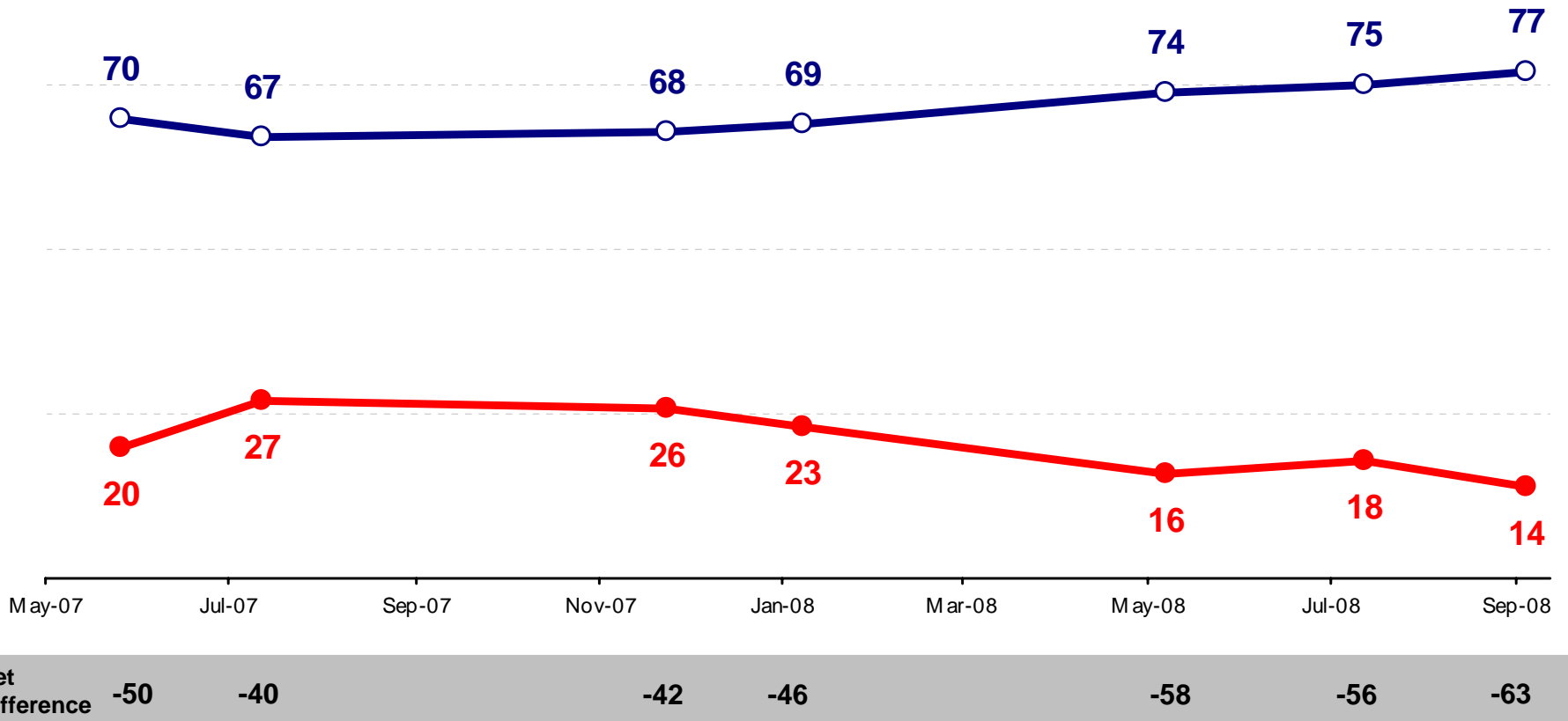


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	+6	+17	-1	+5

Rising disgust with status quo in Republican districts

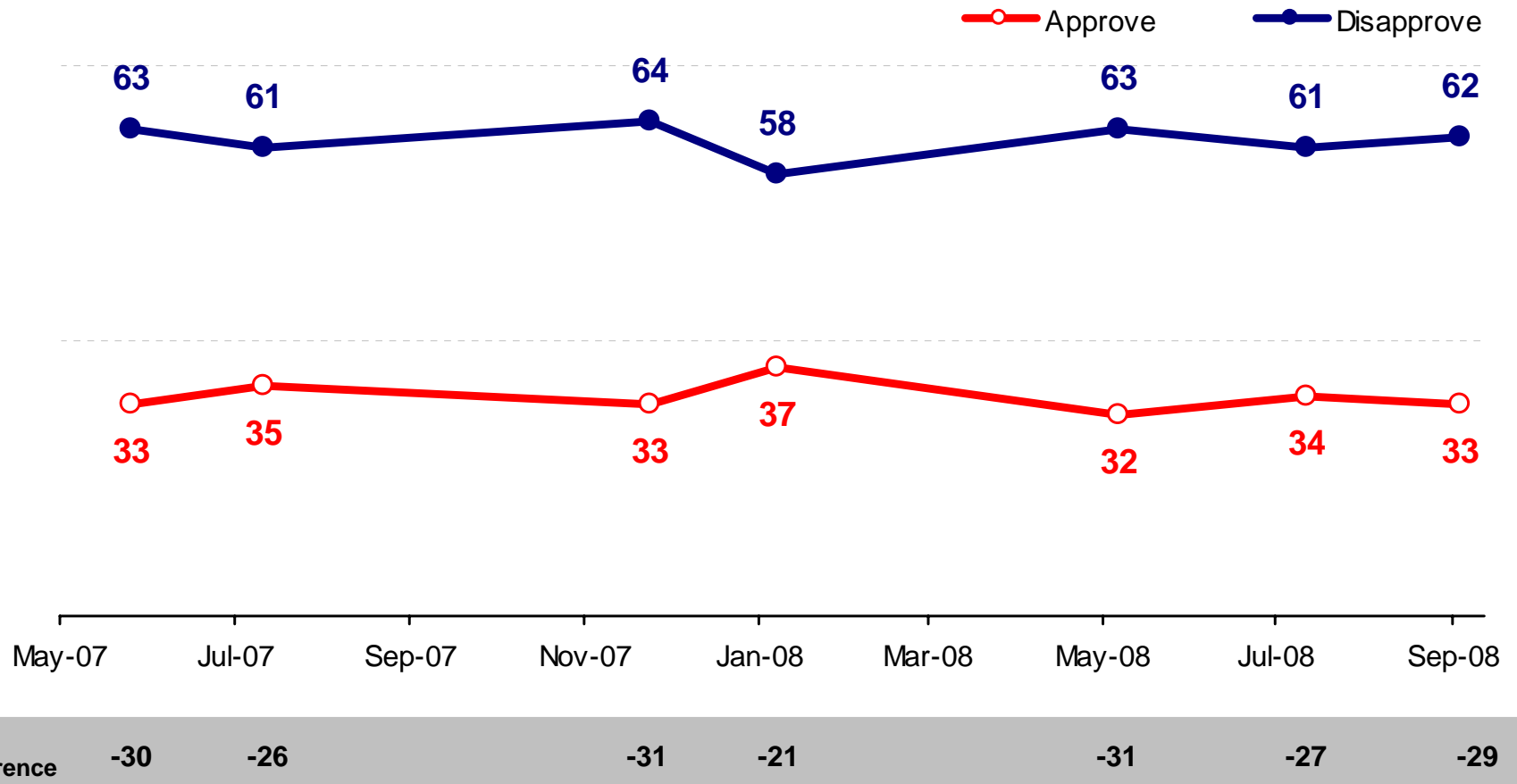
Generally speaking, do you think things in the country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

○ Wrong track
● Right direction



Bush job approval at only 33 percent

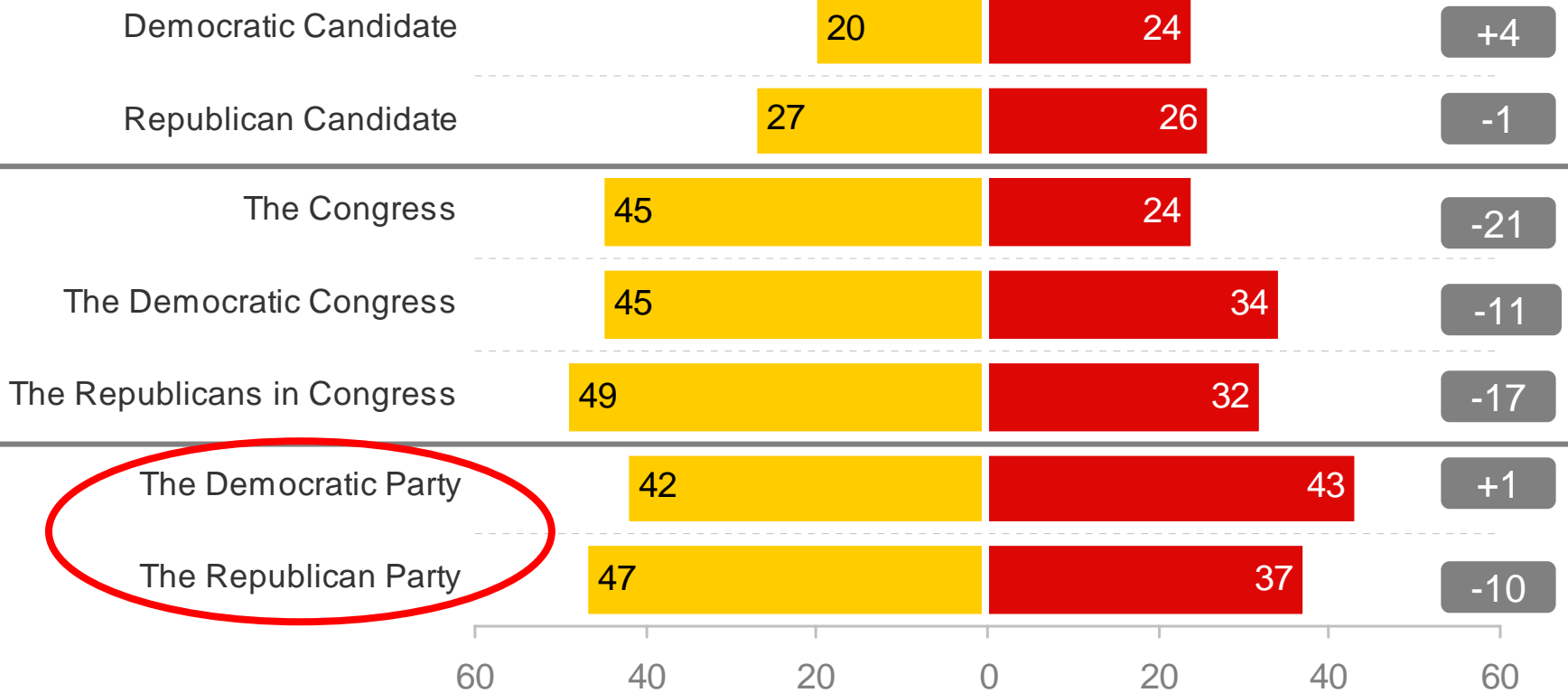
Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as president?



Republican brand endangering Republican candidates

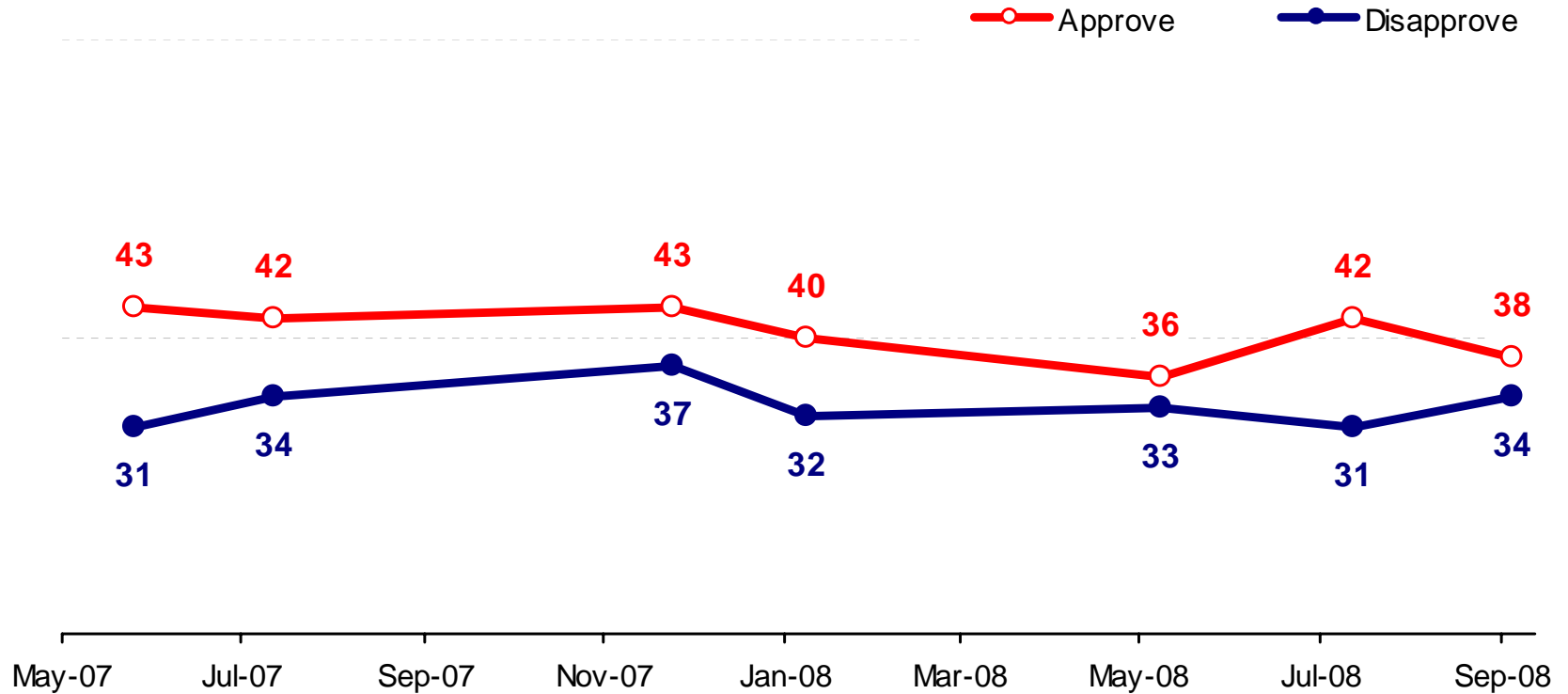
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■ Cool ■ Warm
Net



Incumbent job approval only at 38 percent

Do you approve or disapprove of the way (HOUSE INCUMBENT) is handling his/her job as a member of the U.S. Congress?*

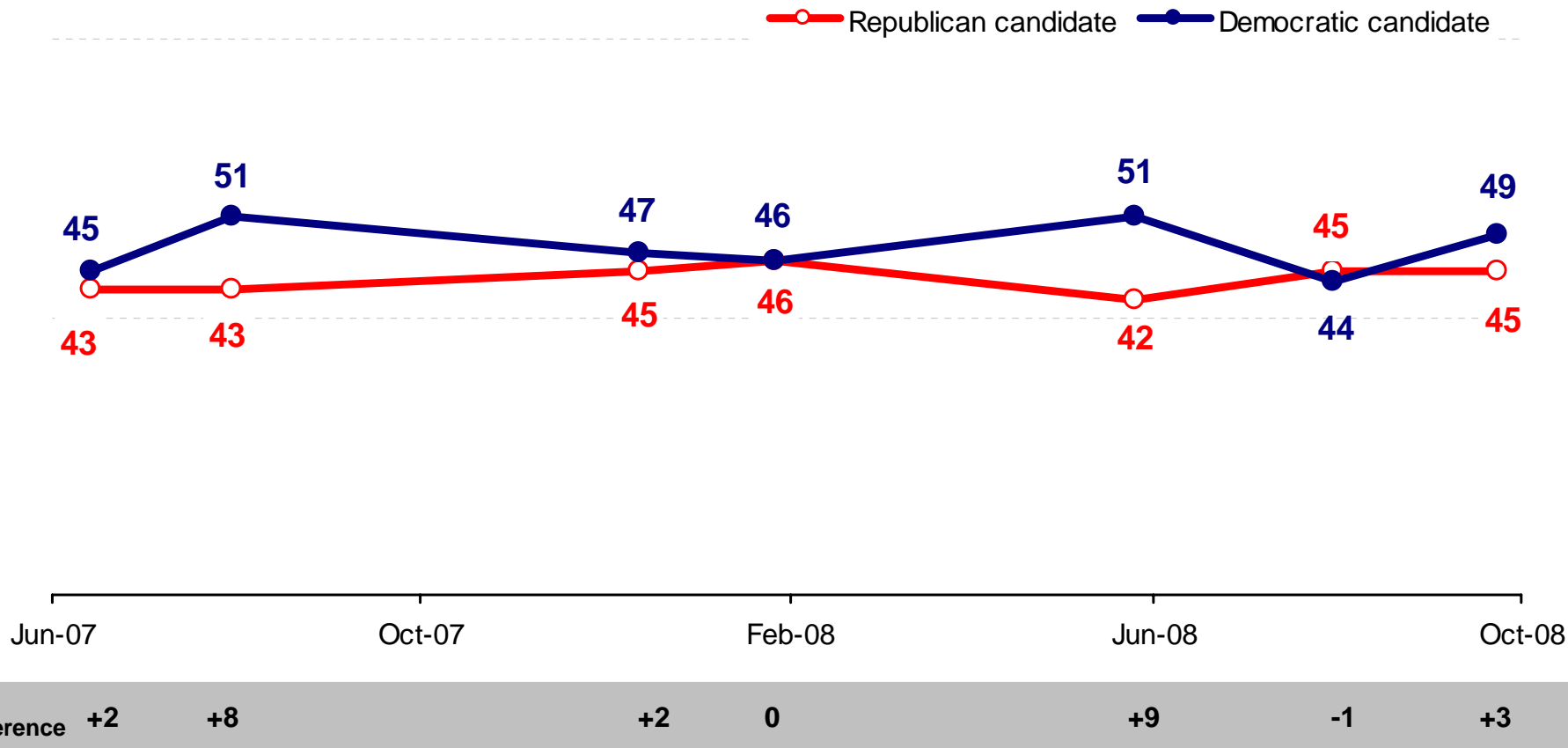


Net Difference	May-07	Jul-07	Nov-07	Jan-08	May-08	Jul-08	Sep-08
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**Note: Actual names of incumbents were inserted without partisan label.*

Democrats take lead in 40-district Republican battleground

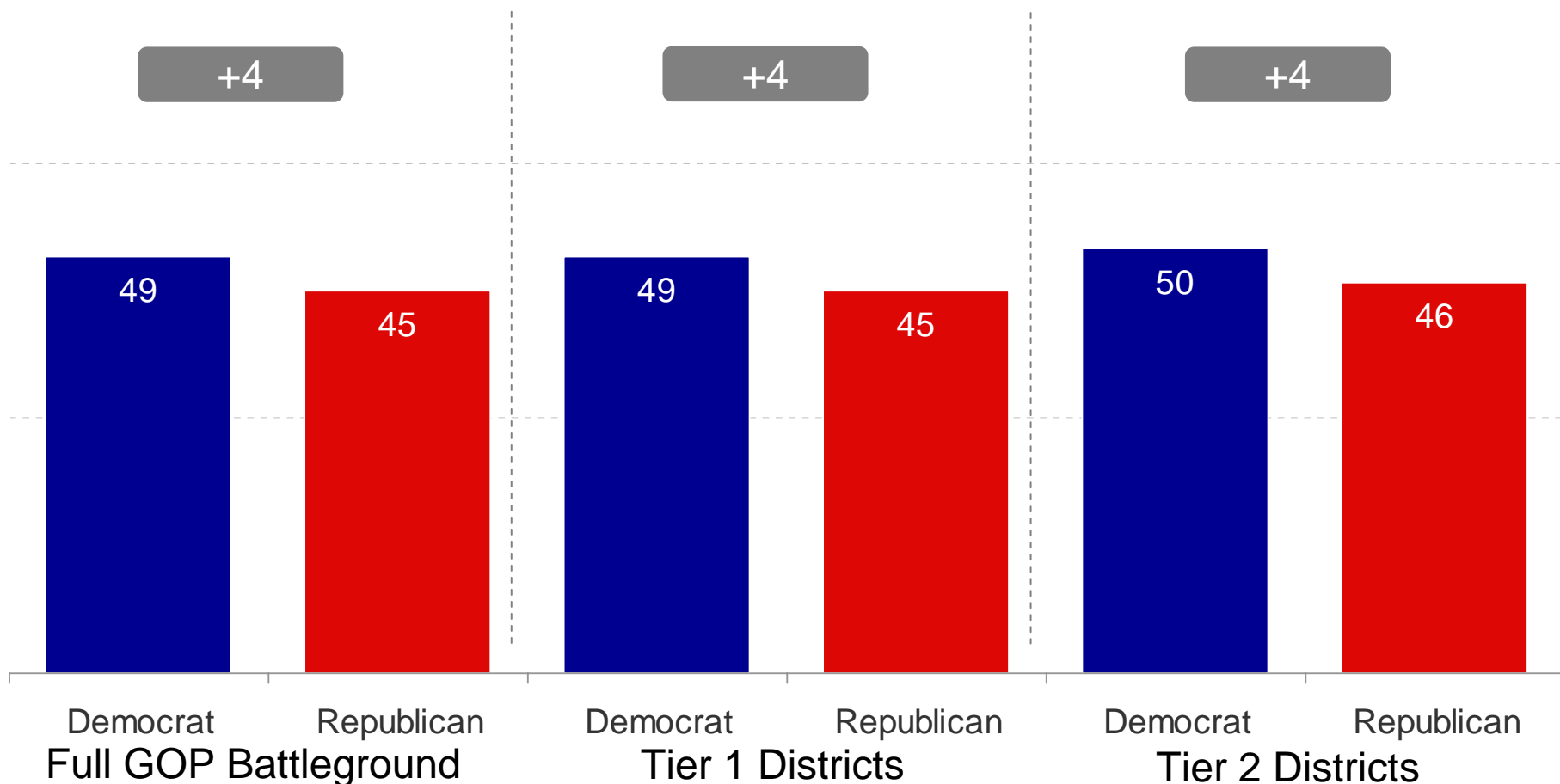
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Democrats take lead in toughest 20 Republican seats

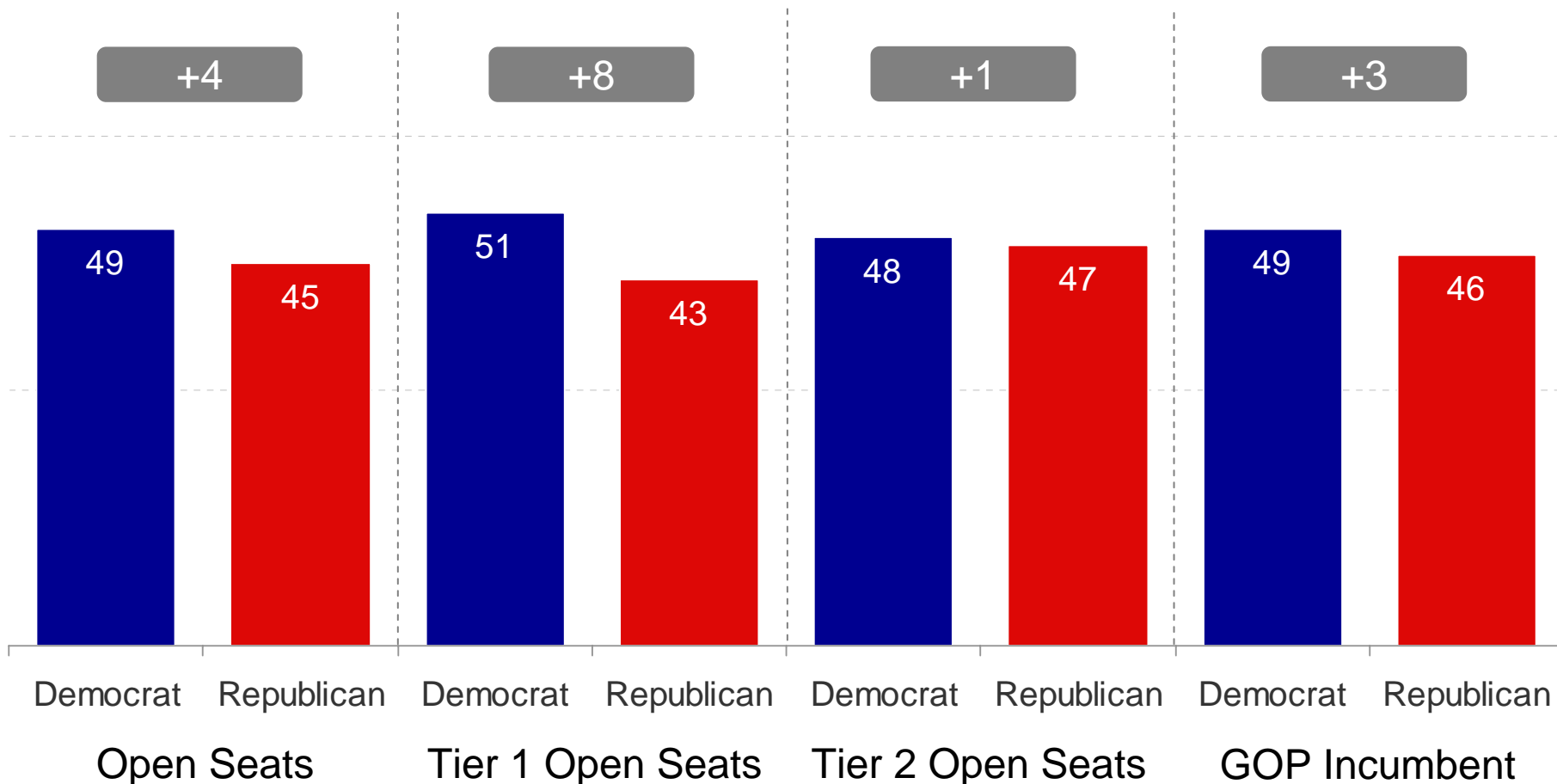
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Democrats have opportunity in open and competitive GOP districts

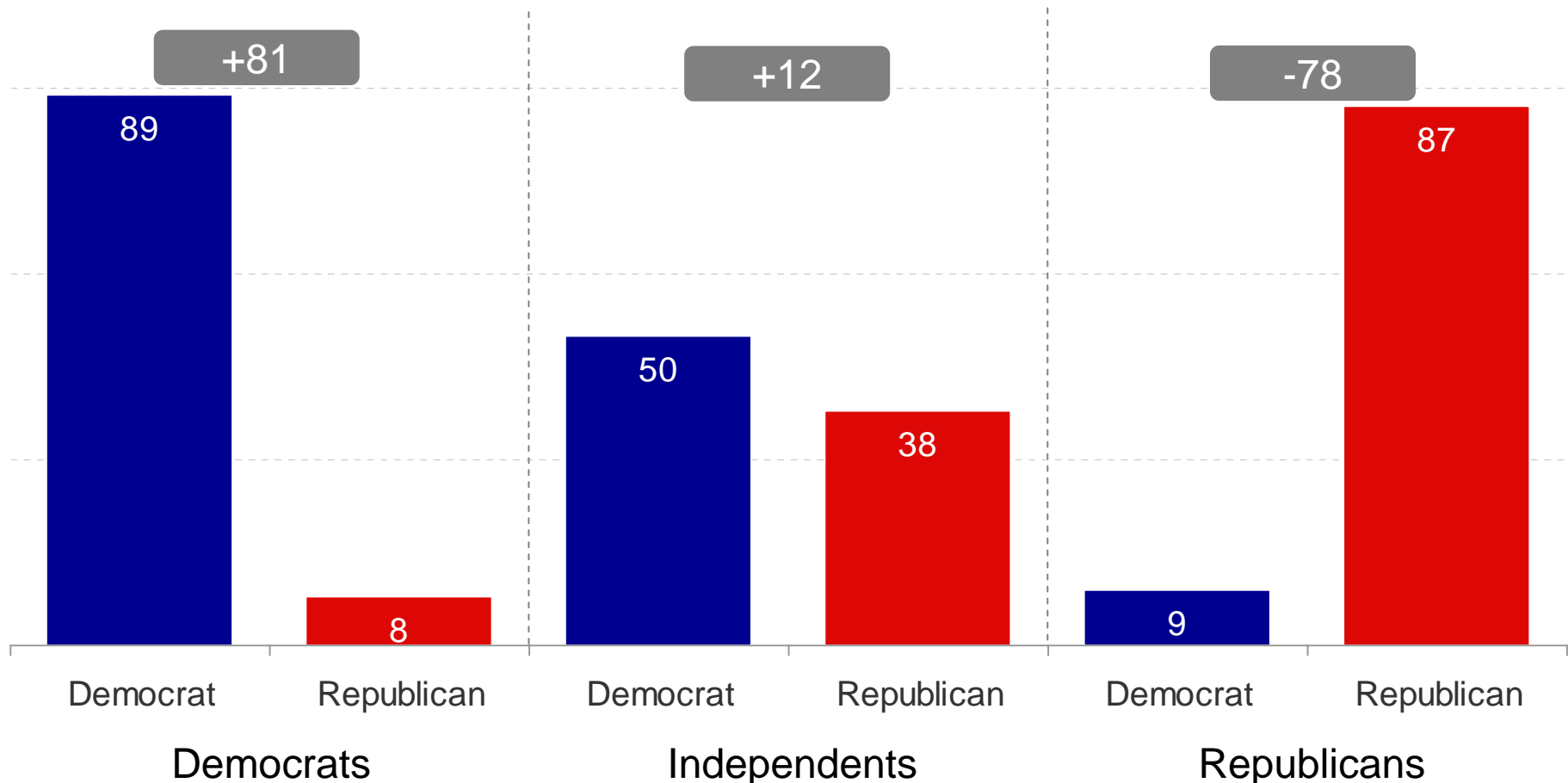
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Bases consolidated; Democrats winning independents

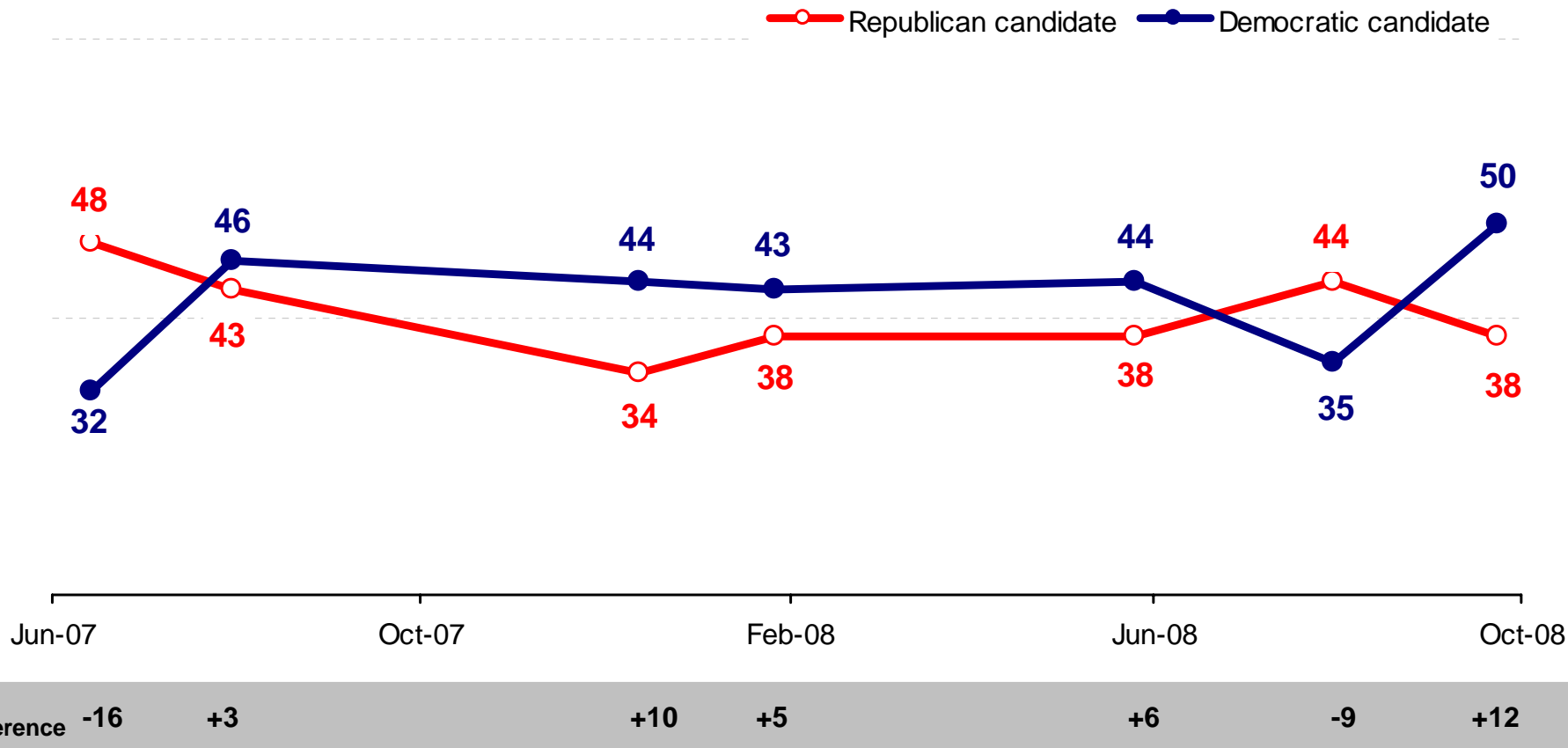
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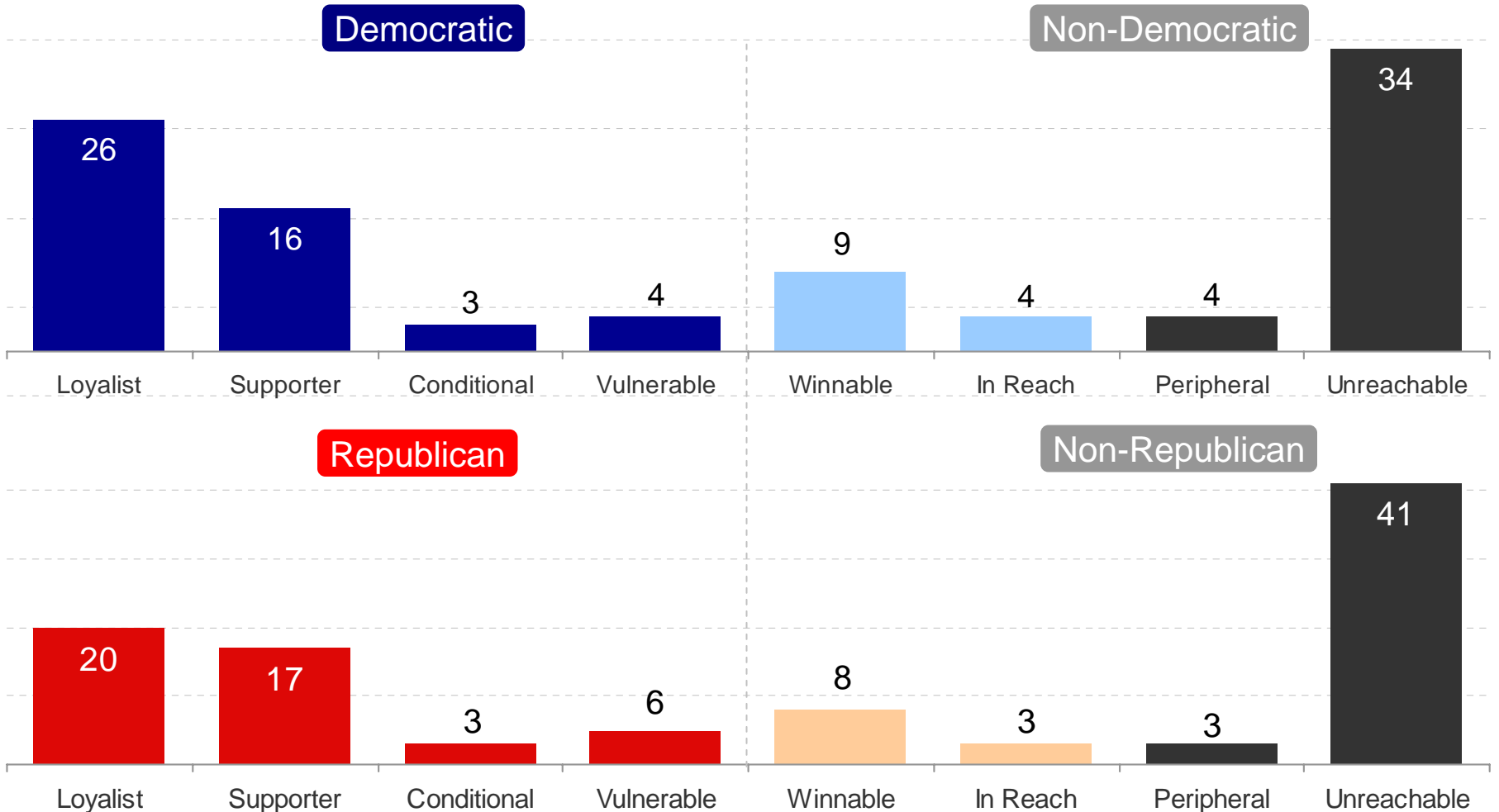
Democrats take largest lead among independents yet

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Congressional Voter Choice Scales: emerging Democratic edge



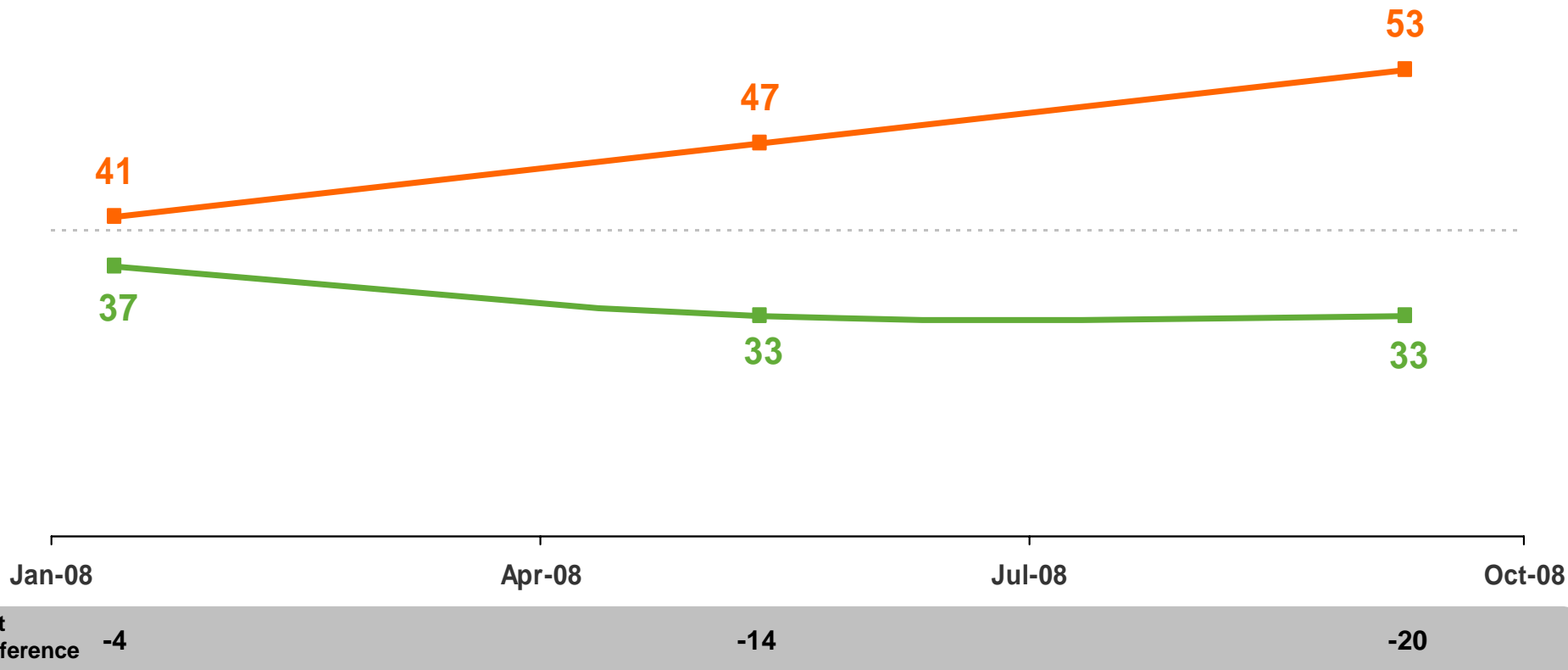
GOP incumbents failing to protect themselves from whirlwind

More reject that member “will bring the right kind of change”

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■ Total Not Well



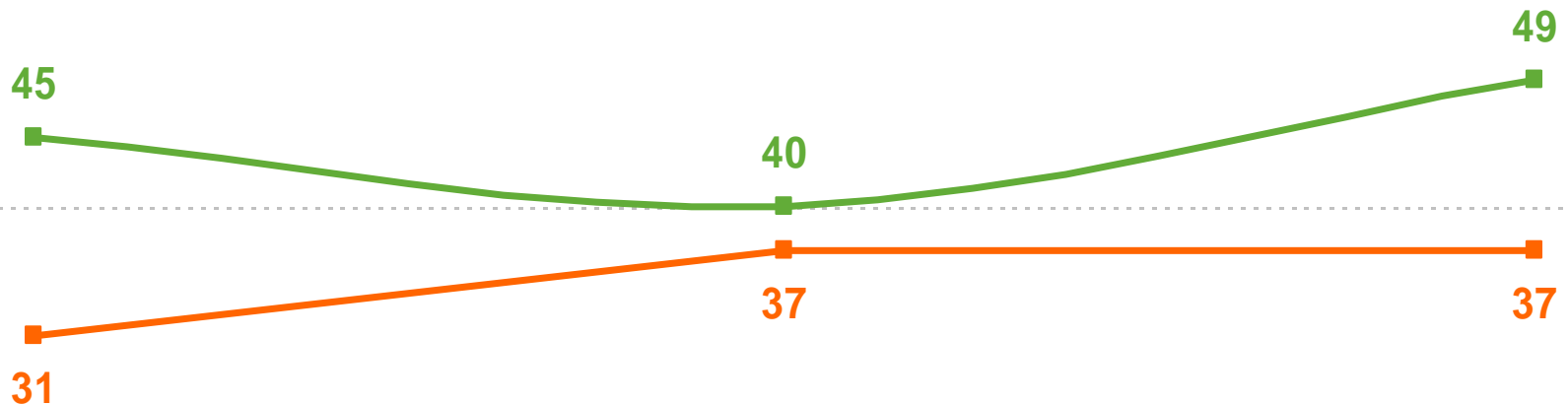
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Near majority now say member “follows Bush’s direction too much”

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Jul-08

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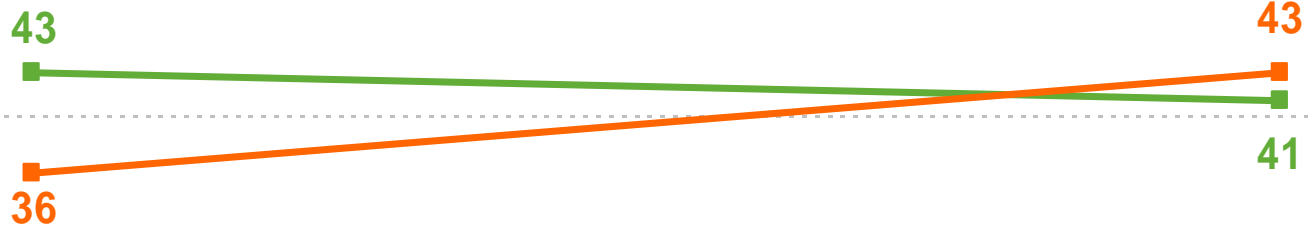
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GOP members slip on being “effective in Congress”

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May-08

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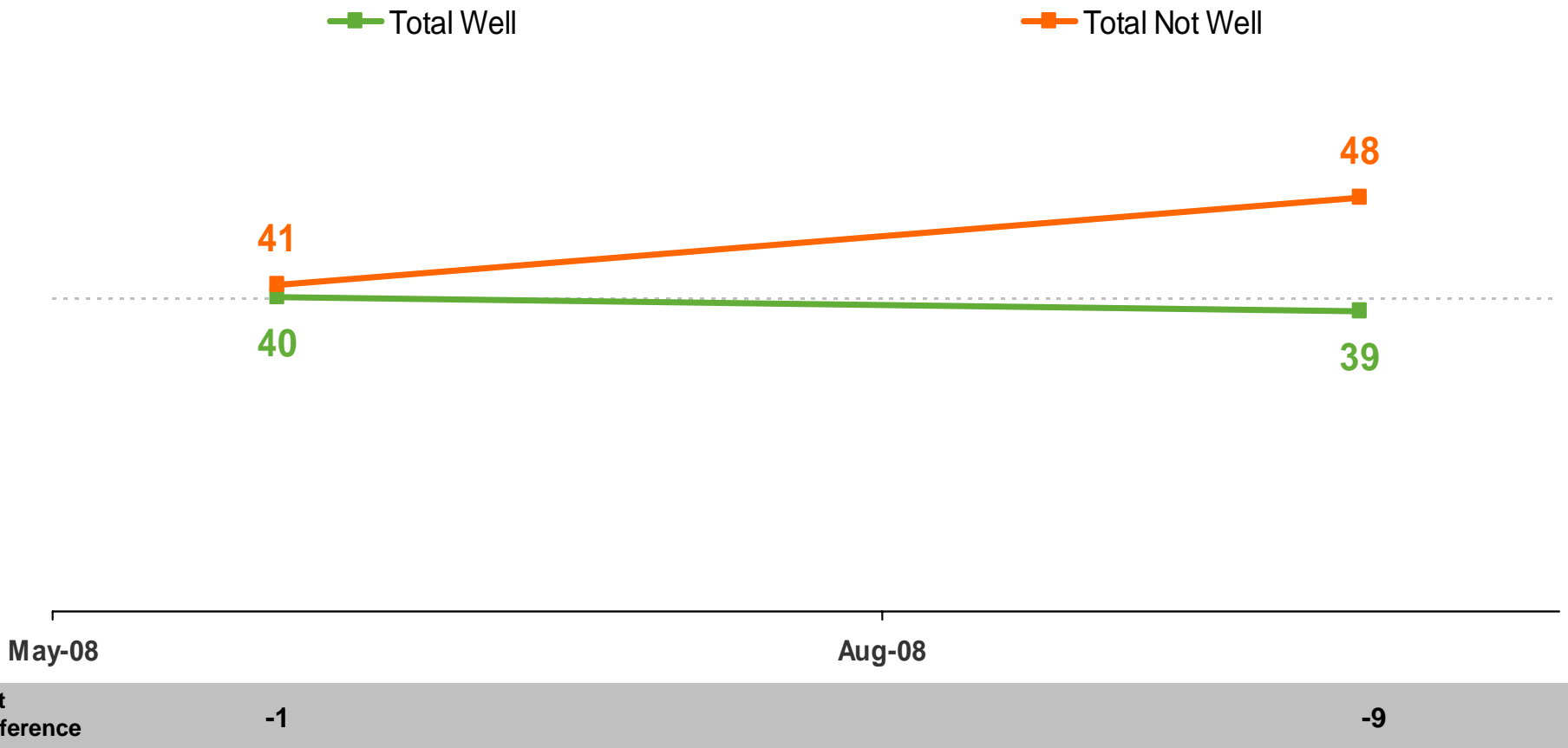
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And majority now rejects that member “on your side”

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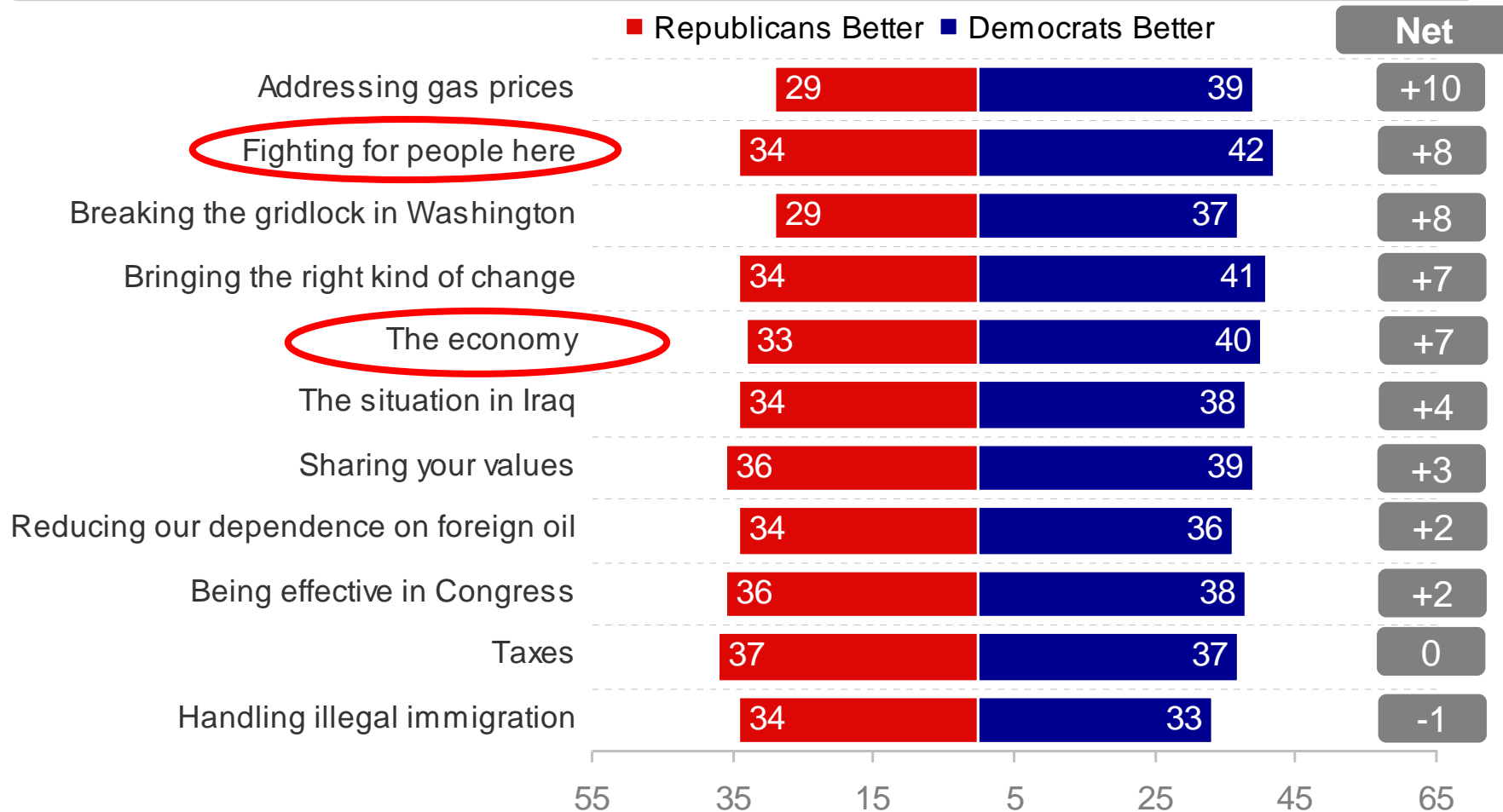


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Democrats seen as better at bringing change, breaking gridlock in Washington

In GOP districts, Democrats as agents of change, better on economy

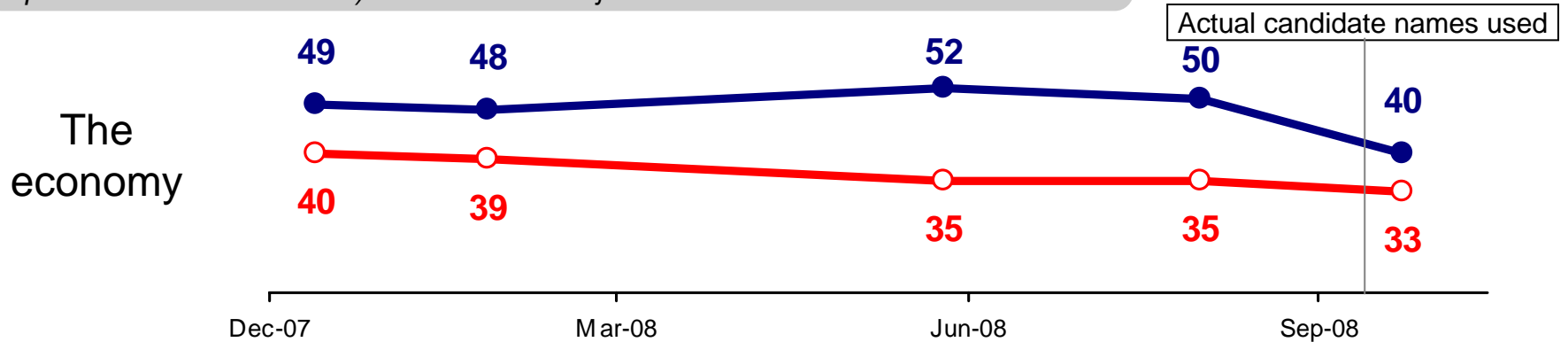
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Democrats maintain advantage in GOP districts on handling economy

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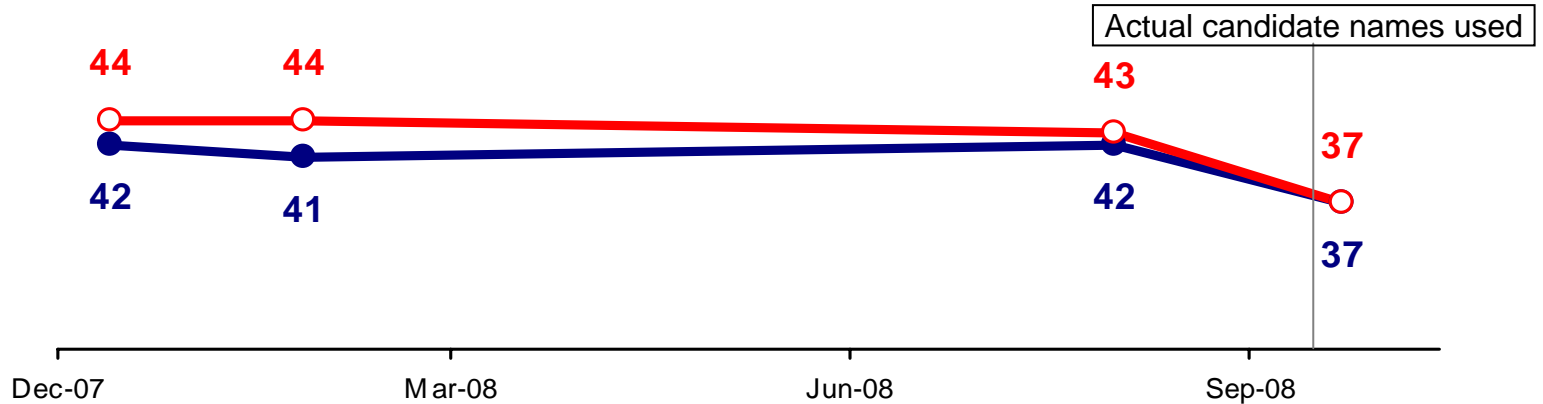
● Democratic candidate
○ Republican candidate



Net Difference

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Taxes



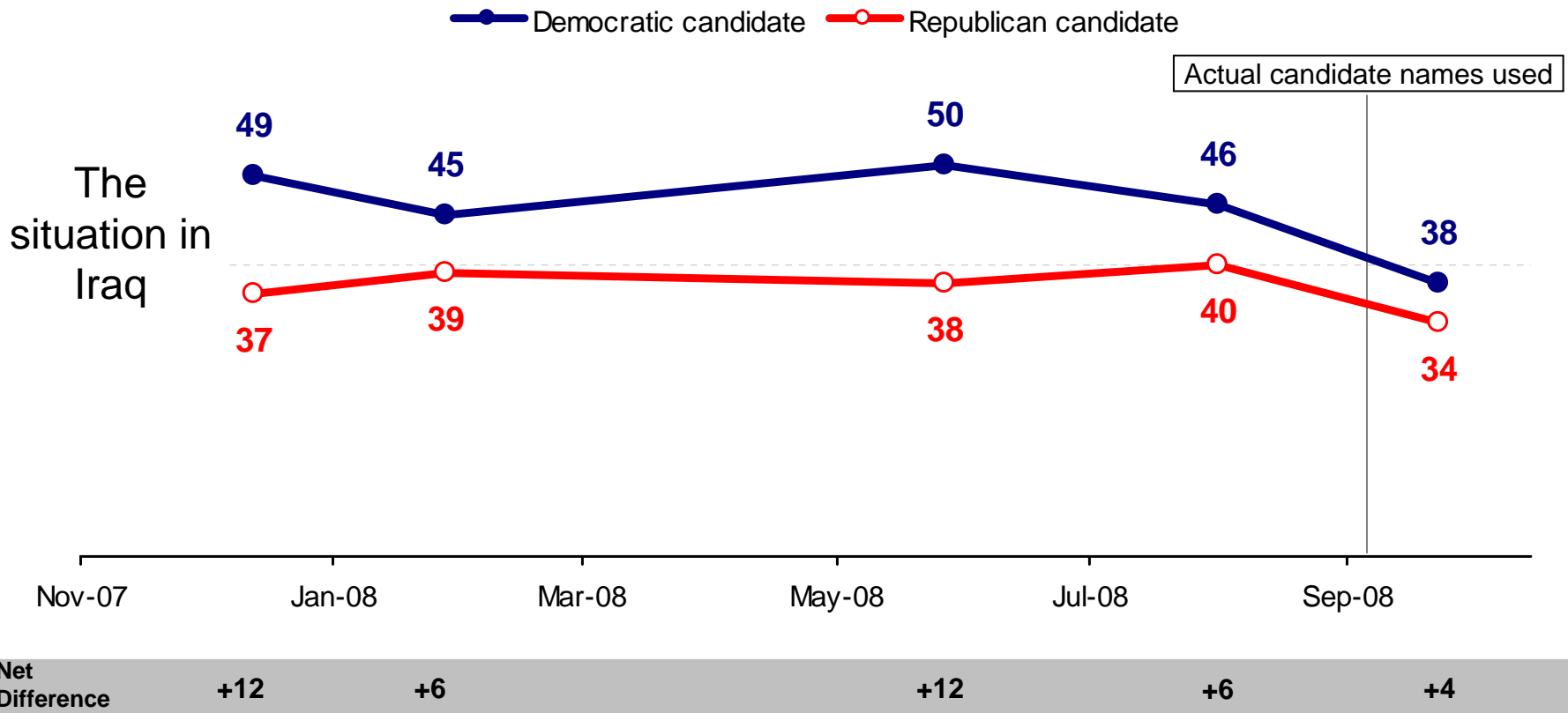
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Democrats hold narrow lead with Iraq in GOP districts

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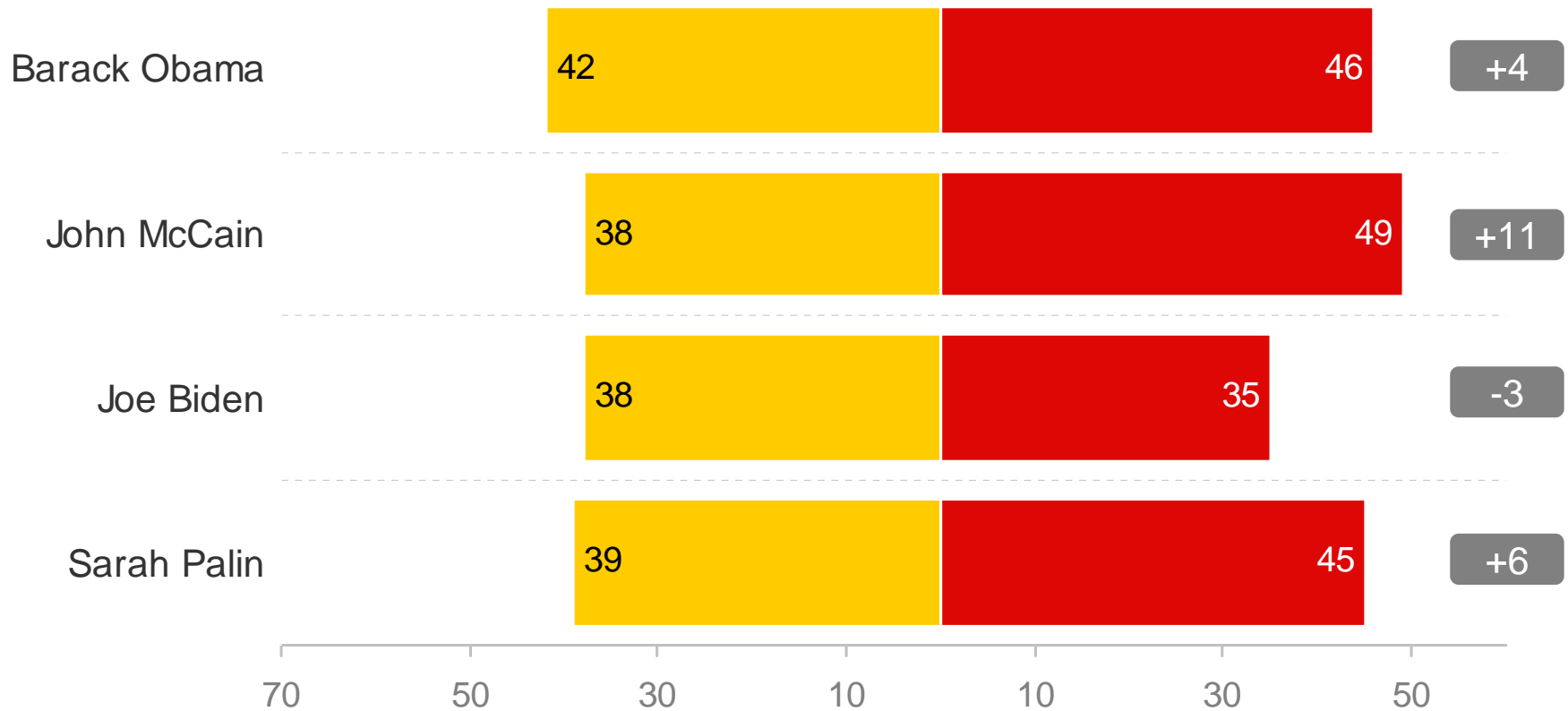
Obama not a drag in Republican seats

Obama, McCain have net positive favorability in GOP battleground

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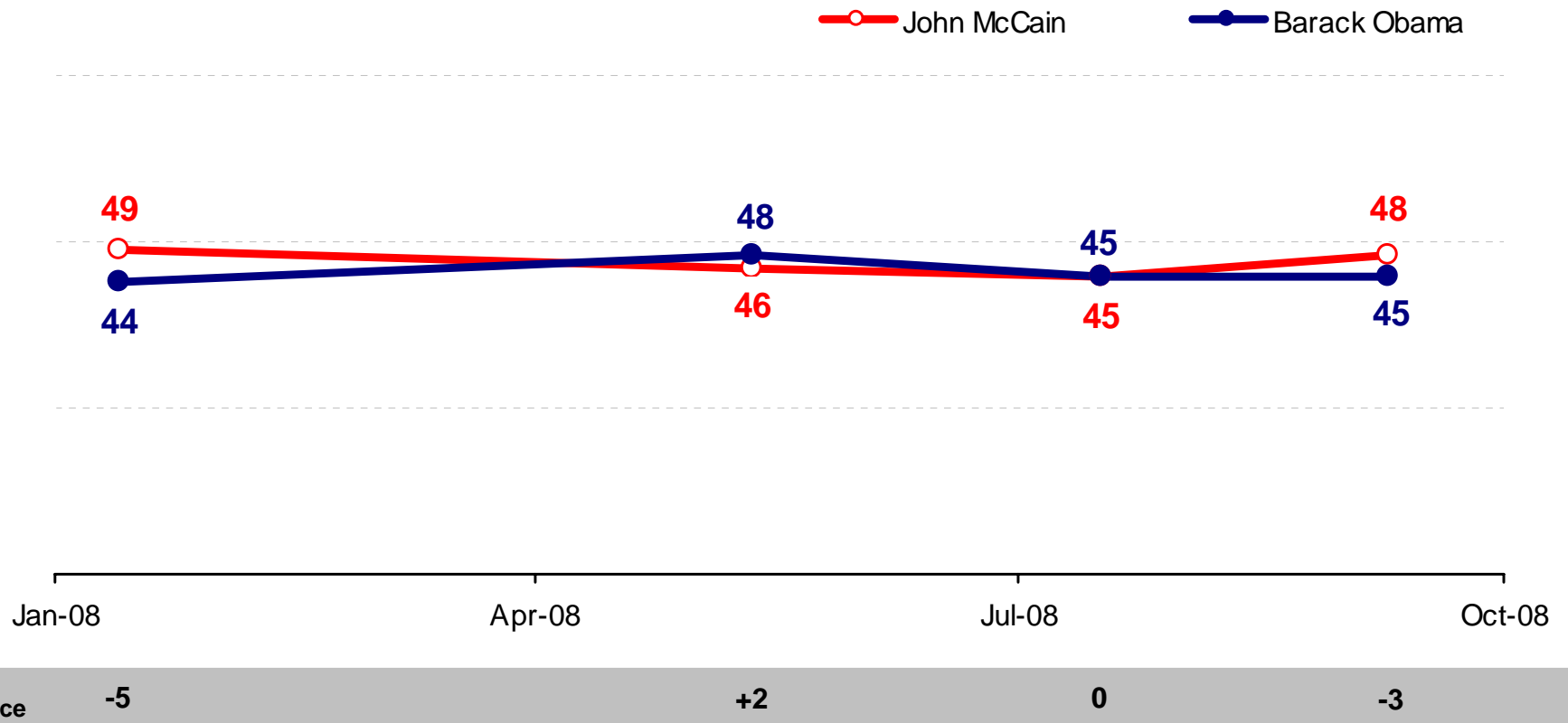
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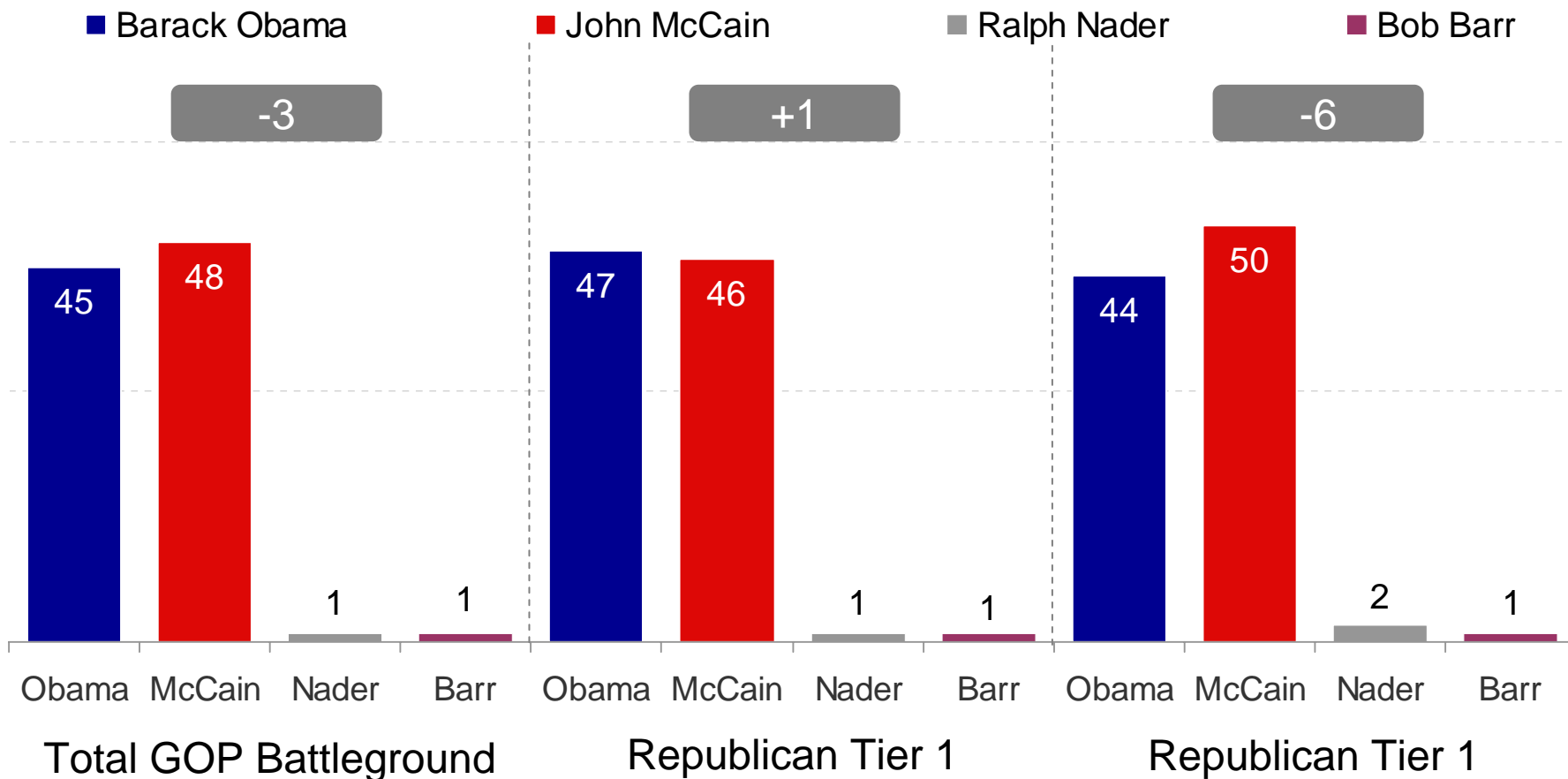
Obama, McCain tied in named presidential vote in GOP territory

Thinking about the election in November, if the election for president were held today and the candidates were -- Democrat Barack Obama, Republican John McCain, Libertarian Party candidate Bob Barr and Independent candidate Ralph Nader for whom would you vote?



Obama competitive in these Republican districts

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Campaign messaging and attacks

Support for veterans effective statement for Democratic candidates

Now let me read you a series of statements about (the Democratic House Candidate). For each statement, please tell me whether this description is very convincing, somewhat convincing, a little convincing or not at all convincing reason to support (the Democratic House Candidate).

Support our Veterans

(Democratic Candidate) believes we need to do a better job of taking care of our veterans. (He/She) supports the new GI bill, which would help returning veterans afford college and get good jobs. (He/She) also supports better veterans' benefits for health care because our veterans shouldn't have to wait a year to see a doctor.

■ Very Convincing
■ Convincing



Total Convincing

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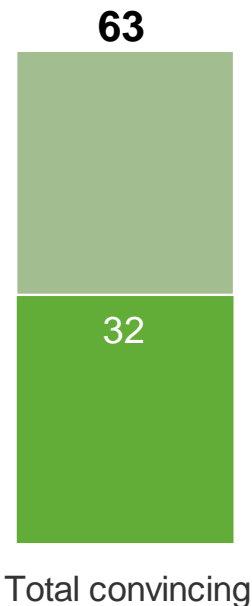
Alternative energy, middle class economy focus convincing

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New Energy Policy

- Very Convincing
- Convincing

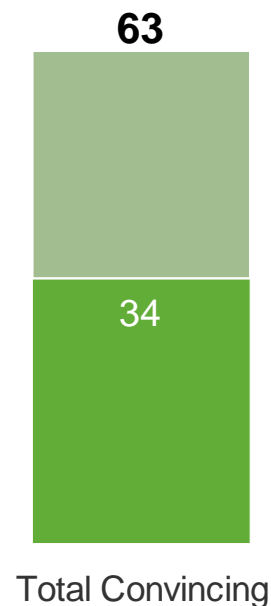
(Democratic Candidate) believes it is time to take our country back from the Washington politicians and big oil companies. In Congress (he/she) will push to eliminate huge tax breaks for big oil companies and invest that money into developing clean, alternative energy like solar, wind and biofuels that will create new businesses and jobs here in (state) and reduce gas prices.



Middle Class Economics

- Very Convincing
- Convincing

(Democratic Candidate) supports efforts to jumpstart the economy and create jobs now. (He/She) supports cutting taxes for the middle class, and he will fight to eliminate tax breaks for companies that outsource jobs and instead use those tax breaks to help companies create jobs here in (state) and the U.S. And (Democratic Candidate) will always stand up for the workers by opposing unfair trade policies.



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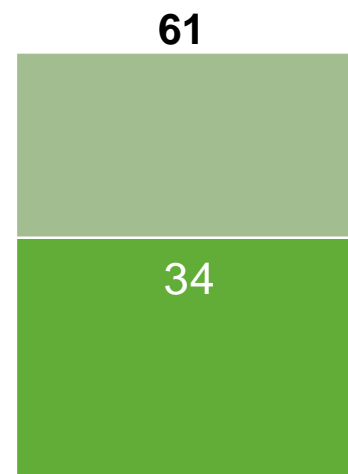
Statement about reform is persuasive for Democrats

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Washington Reform

For too long, Washington has been dominated by life-long politicians who put partisan bickering and the special interests ahead of finding real solutions for the American people. (*Democratic Candidate*) will work to reform Washington, reducing the influence of lobbyists and special interests, and (*he/she*) will work across the aisle to help break the gridlock in Congress and find bipartisan solutions to America's problems.

- Very Convincing
- Convincing



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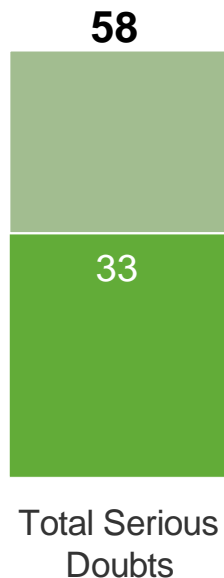
Oil, Taxes raise doubts about Democratic candidates

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Opposes American Oil Production

Even with gas prices near four dollars a gallon, (Democratic Candidate) opposes bipartisan plans to produce more oil here in America. (He/She) says no to new drilling off the coast and no to drilling in Alaska, and (Democratic Candidate) wants to put new taxes on energy so you'll pay even more at the pump and America will stay dependent on foreign oil.

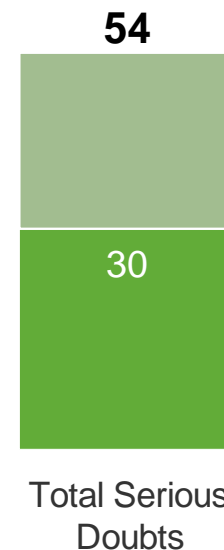
- Very Serious Doubts
- Serious Doubts



Will Raise Taxes

(Democratic Candidate) is a tax and spender who supports Barack Obama's plan for the largest tax increase in American history. (Democratic Candidate) wants to expand liberal social programs without making any real cuts in government spending, and (he/she) supports Obama's trillion dollar tax plan that would raise taxes on everyone from seniors to married couples to job-creating small businesses.

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Iraq, immigration issues also raise doubts about Democrats

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Chaos in Iraq

(Democratic Candidate) would cut off funding for our troops in Iraq leaving them without the funding needed to protect themselves and defend our country. (His/her) plan will leave chaos in Iraq and provide Al Qaeda with a launching pad for terrorism



Amnesty

(Democratic Candidate) supports amnesty for illegal immigrants who take jobs from American workers and drive wages down at home. (Democratic Candidate)'s policies would reward illegal immigrants for breaking the law and give them government services that law abiding citizens have to pay for.



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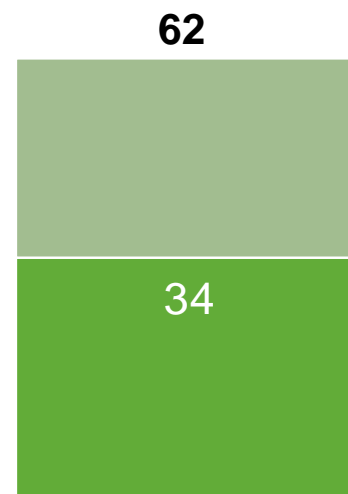
Bipartisan cooperation most convincing GOP argument

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Bipartisanship

In Congress, (*Republican Incumbent*) has crossed party lines to get things done. By building bipartisan coalitions, (*he/she*) helped secure funding for roads and bridges across (*state*), increased benefits for our troops returning from Iraq, boosted aid for college students and helped improve after school programs. (*Republican Incumbent*) understands that it's not about partisan games, it's about getting results for (*state*).

- Very Convincing
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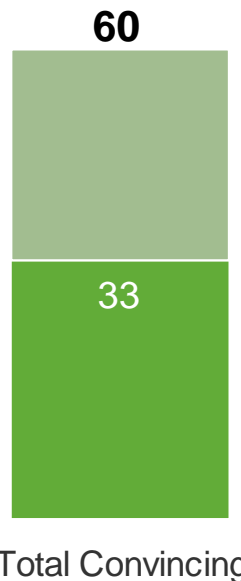
Support for drilling, cutting taxes convincing GOP arguments

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Supports Drilling

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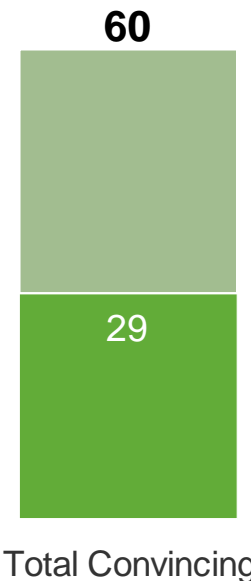
Gas prices are high and American families are hurting but Congress doesn't seem to get it. (Republican Incumbent) is fighting for change in Congress. (He/She) is pushing to expand domestic production so we can bring gas prices down now and invest in renewables like wind and solar so we can end our dependence on foreign oil.



Cut Taxes

- Very Convincing
- Convincing

With American families struggling to pay the rising cost of gas and groceries, they can't afford more taxes. That's why (Republican Incumbent) has fought to keep taxes low, voting repeatedly against the Democrats' efforts to raise taxes. (He/She) says we need to jumpstart our economy by cutting taxes on the middle class, cutting the capital gains tax and lowering taxes on American businesses so they can create more jobs



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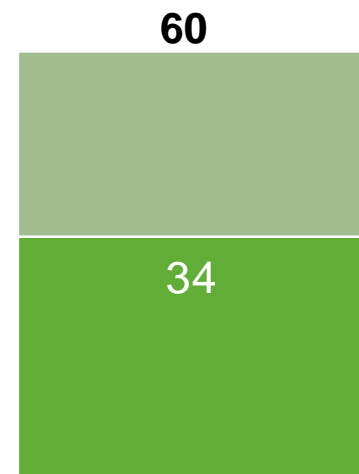
Oil company associations raise doubts about GOP incumbent

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Tax Breaks for Big Oil

While gas prices have tripled to nearly four dollars a gallon, (*Republican Incumbent*) has repeatedly voted against cracking down on gas price gouging while accepting thousands of dollars in political contributions from oil and gas interests. And (*he/she*) voted to give billions in tax breaks and subsidies to the big oil companies instead of investing that money in alternative energy to end our dependence on foreign oil

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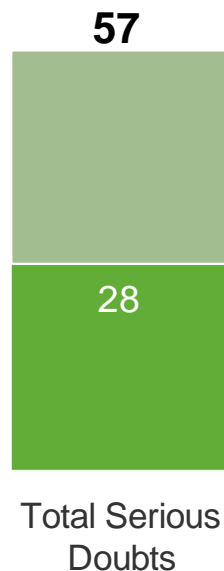
Economic concerns raise doubts about GOP Incumbent

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Bush Economic Plan

(Republican Incumbent) is out of touch with middle class families when it comes to the economy, and (he/she) supports George Bush's failed economic agenda that wastes money and benefits big corporations while leaving regular people behind. Despite the rising costs of gas, food and health care, (he/she) has voted with Bush to give tax breaks to big corporations while voting against tax cuts for the middle class.

- Very Serious Doubts
- Serious Doubts



Outsourcing

(Republican Incumbent) has repeatedly voted for trade agreements that cost (state) jobs. NAFTA has cost the U.S. over a million jobs, but (he/she) voted to expand the NAFTA trade deal to Central America. (Republican Incumbent) also voted to normalize our trade relationship with China even though America has lost more than 2 million jobs due to trade with China

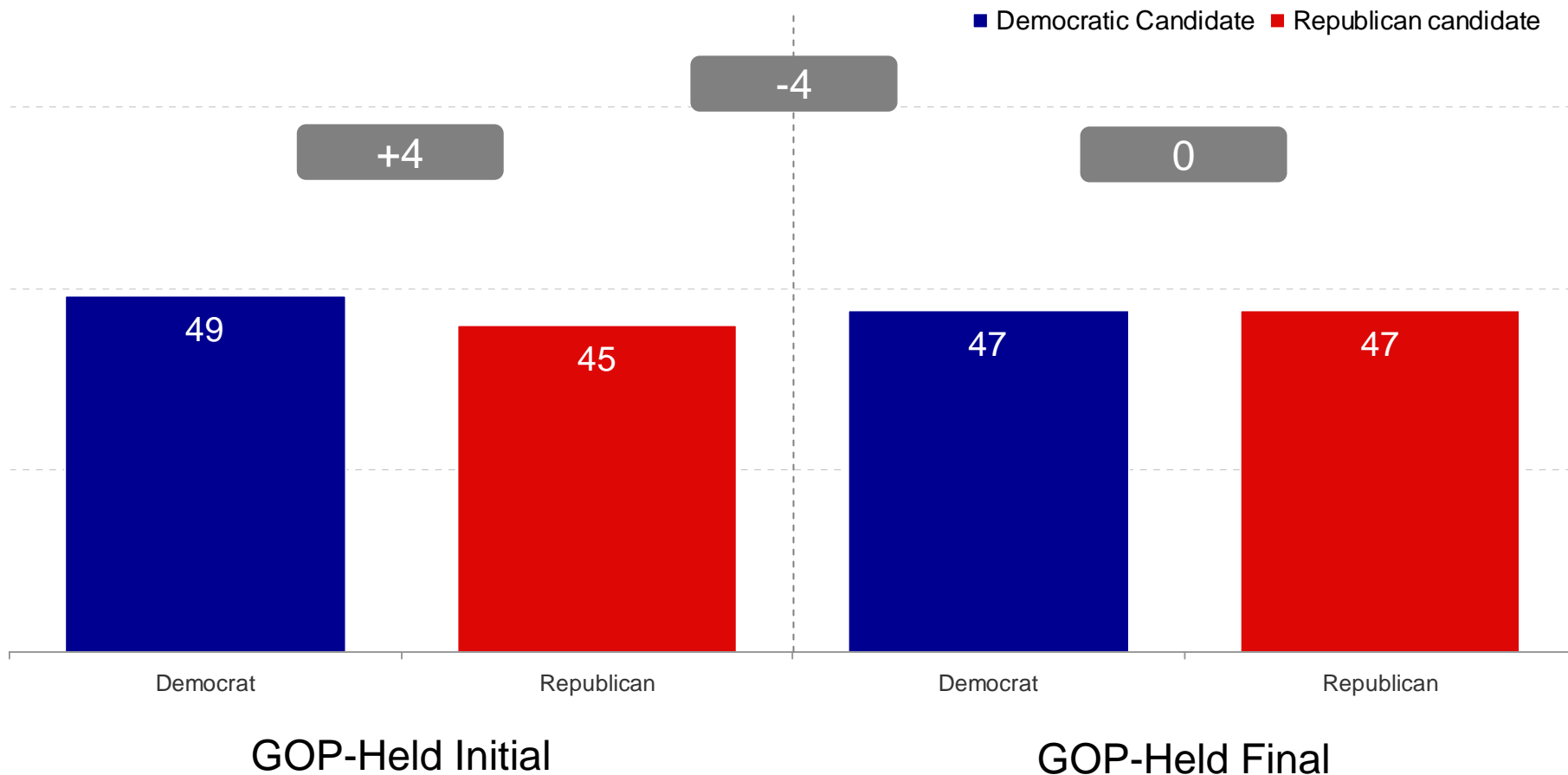
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After simulated campaign, Democrats slip but still even in GOP land

Now let me ask you again about your vote for Congress in November. If the election for US Congress were held today, would you be voting for (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE)?



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The Democrats' most marginal seats

Most marginal Democratic districts

Democratic Tier 1 Districts

- Alabama 05 – Open
- California 11
- Florida 16
- Georgia 08
- Kansas 02
- Louisiana 06
- New Hampshire 01
- Pennsylvania 10
- Pennsylvania 11
- Texas 22

Democratic Tier 1: Districts that were Republican-Held in 2006

- California 11
- Florida 16
- Kansas 02
- New Hampshire 01
- Pennsylvania 10
- Texas 22

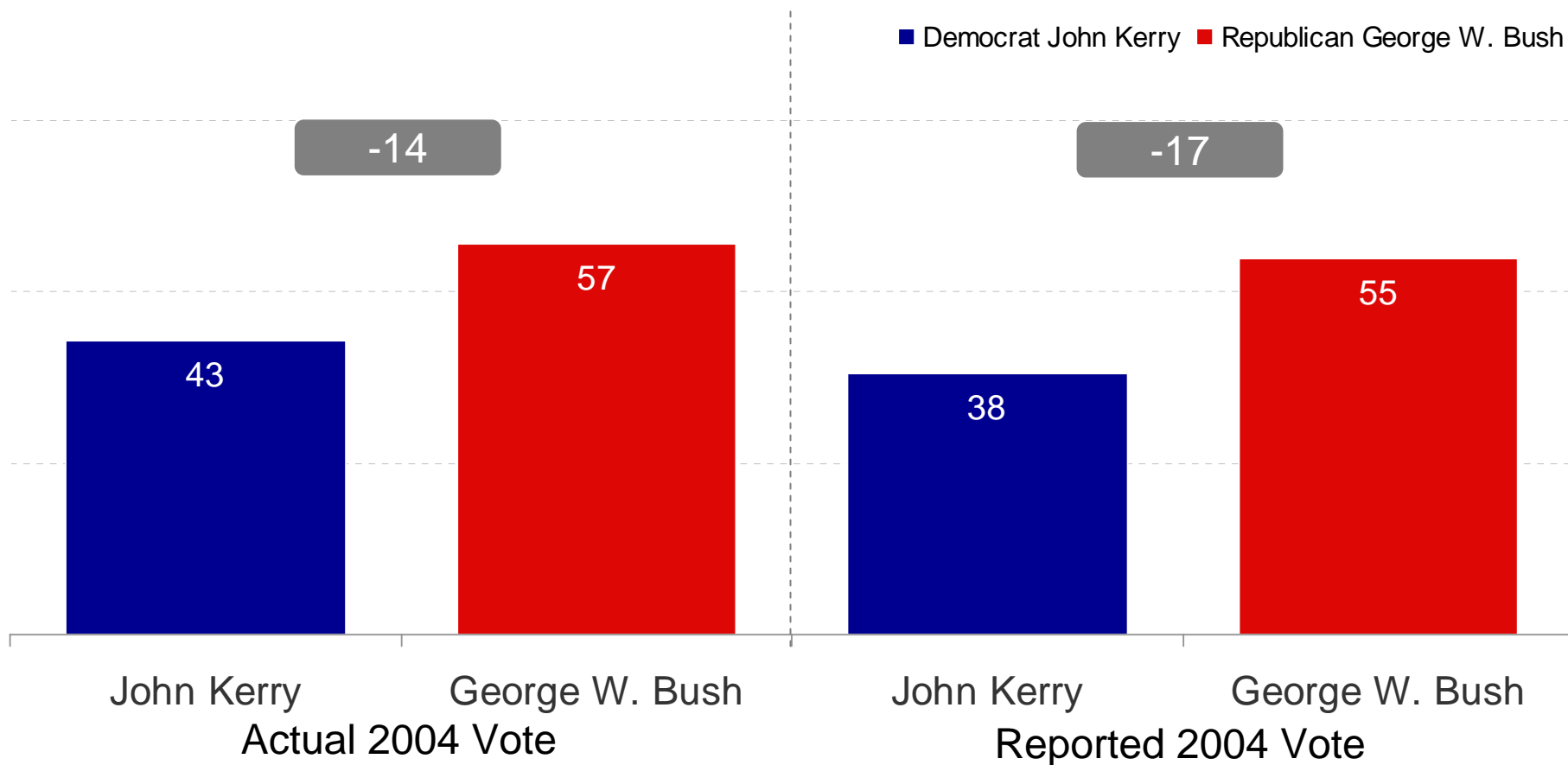
Democratic Tier 1: Districts that were Republican-Held in 2008

- Louisiana 06*

**Note: The Democrats won the Louisiana 06 in May 2008 by special election after the resignation of Republican congressman Richard Baker in February 2008.*

2004 presidential vote in Democratic battleground districts

In the 2004 election for president, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry and Republican George Bush?

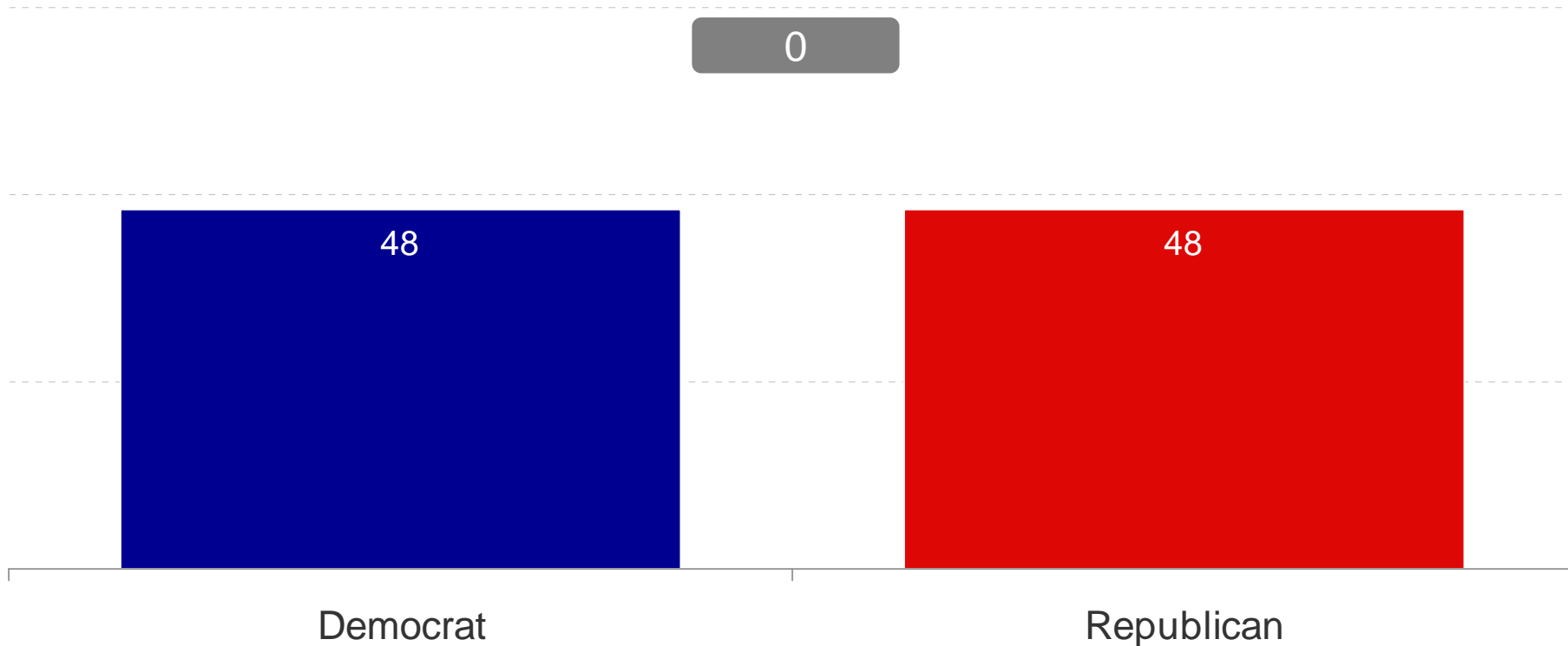


**Note: Reported vote from those respondents who answered that they voted in the 2004 election. Actual vote reflects the true results as they were officially reported.*

Democratic candidates even in competitive Dem-held districts

Now let me ask you again about your vote for Congress in November. If the election for US Congress were held today, would you be voting for (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE)?

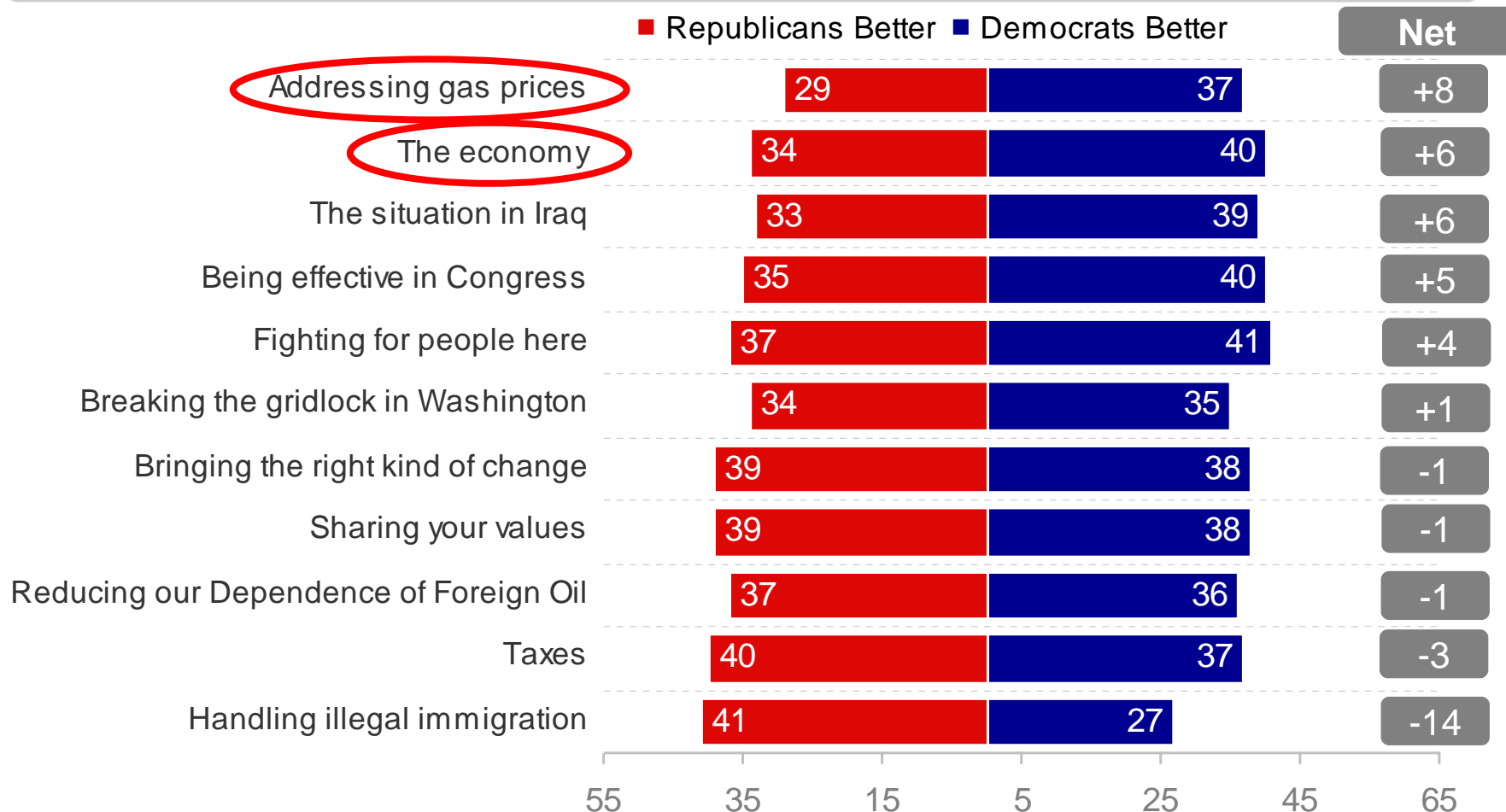
■ Democratic Candidate ■ Republican candidate



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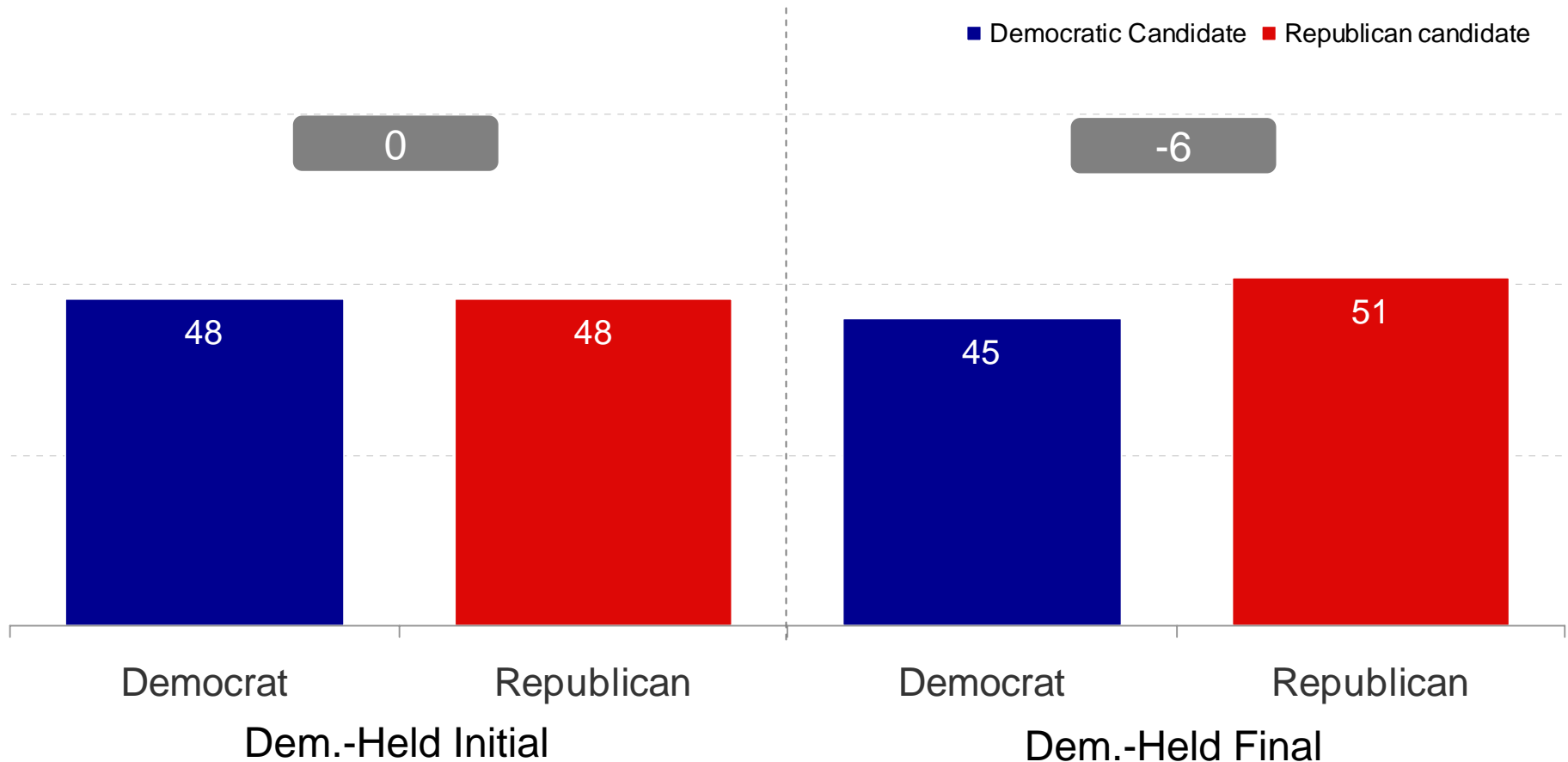
In Democratic-held districts, Democrats better on energy and economy; GOP on illegal immigration

Now I am going to ask you something different. I am going to read a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think the Democrats or the Republicans would do a better job with this issue:



Initially even, Democratic candidates lose ground after simulated campaign in Tier 1 Democratic districts

Now let me ask you again about your vote for Congress in November. If the election for US Congress were held today, would you be voting for (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE)?



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