

**GREENBERG QUINLAN ROSNER RESEARCH**

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# Democrats lead in battleground

Battleground Survey Results

December 10 -13, 2007

1527 Likely Voters in the 65 battleground districts



**Democracy Corps**

## Competitive district types: Democratic-held (25 of 65)

### Rural/Small Town (8 of 15)

- Georgia 8
- Georgia 12
- Indiana 9
- Kansas 2
- Minnesota 1
- Ohio 18
- Pennsylvania 10
- Texas 17

### Urban (1 of 9)

- Texas 23

### Urban/Rural (1 of 1)

- Indiana 8

### Suburban Rural (7 of 13)

- Indiana 2
- Oregon 5
- Connecticut 5
- Florida 16
- Iowa 3
- New York 20
- Wisconsin 8

### Suburban (8 of 19)

- Arizona 5
- Arizona 8
- California 11
- Illinois 8
- New Hampshire 1
- Pennsylvania 4
- Pennsylvania 8
- Texas 22

## Competitive district types: Republican-held (40 of 65)

### Rural/Small Town (7 of 16)

- Alabama 2
- Alaska 1
- Idaho 1
- Arizona 1
- New Mexico 2
- New York 29
- Wyoming 1

### Exurban (8 of 8)

- California 4
- Florida 24
- Illinois 11
- Illinois 14
- Michigan 7
- New Jersey 2
- Ohio 2
- Virginia 10

### Suburban/Rural (6 of 13)

- New York 26
- Colorado 4
- Missouri 6
- North Carolina 8
- Ohio 16

### Suburban/Rural (continued)

- West Virginia 2

### Urban (8 of 9)

- Florida 8
- Illinois 18
- Minnesota 3
- New Jersey 3
- New Mexico 1
- Ohio 1
- Ohio 15
- Virginia 02

### Suburban (11 of 19)

- Connecticut 4
- Florida 10
- Illinois 10
- Michigan 9
- Nevada 3
- New Jersey 7
- New York 25
- Ohio 14
- Pennsylvania 6
- Virginia 11
- Washington 8

## Competitive district types: Democratic-held (25 of 65)

### Tier 1, Democratic-held (13 of 25)

- Arizona 5
- Florida 16
- Georgia 8
- Georgia 12
- Indiana 9
- Kansas 2
- Minnesota 1
- New Hampshire 1
- Ohio 18
- Pennsylvania 4
- Pennsylvania 10
- Texas 22
- Wisconsin 8

### Tier 2, Democratic-held (12 of 25)

- Arizona 8
- California 11
- Connecticut 5
- Illinois 8
- Indiana 2
- Indiana 8
- Iowa 3
- New York 20
- Oregon 5
- Pennsylvania 8
- Texas 17
- Texas 23

## Competitive district types: Republican-held (40 of 65)

### Tier 1, Republican-held (20 of 40)

- Arizona 1
- California 4
- Connecticut 4
- Illinois 11
- Michigan 9
- Minnesota 3
- Missouri 6
- Nevada 3
- New Jersey 3
- New Jersey 7
- New Mexico 1
- New York 25
- North Carolina 8
- Ohio 2
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- Ohio 16
- Pennsylvania 6
- Virginia 11
- West Virginia 2
- Wyoming 1

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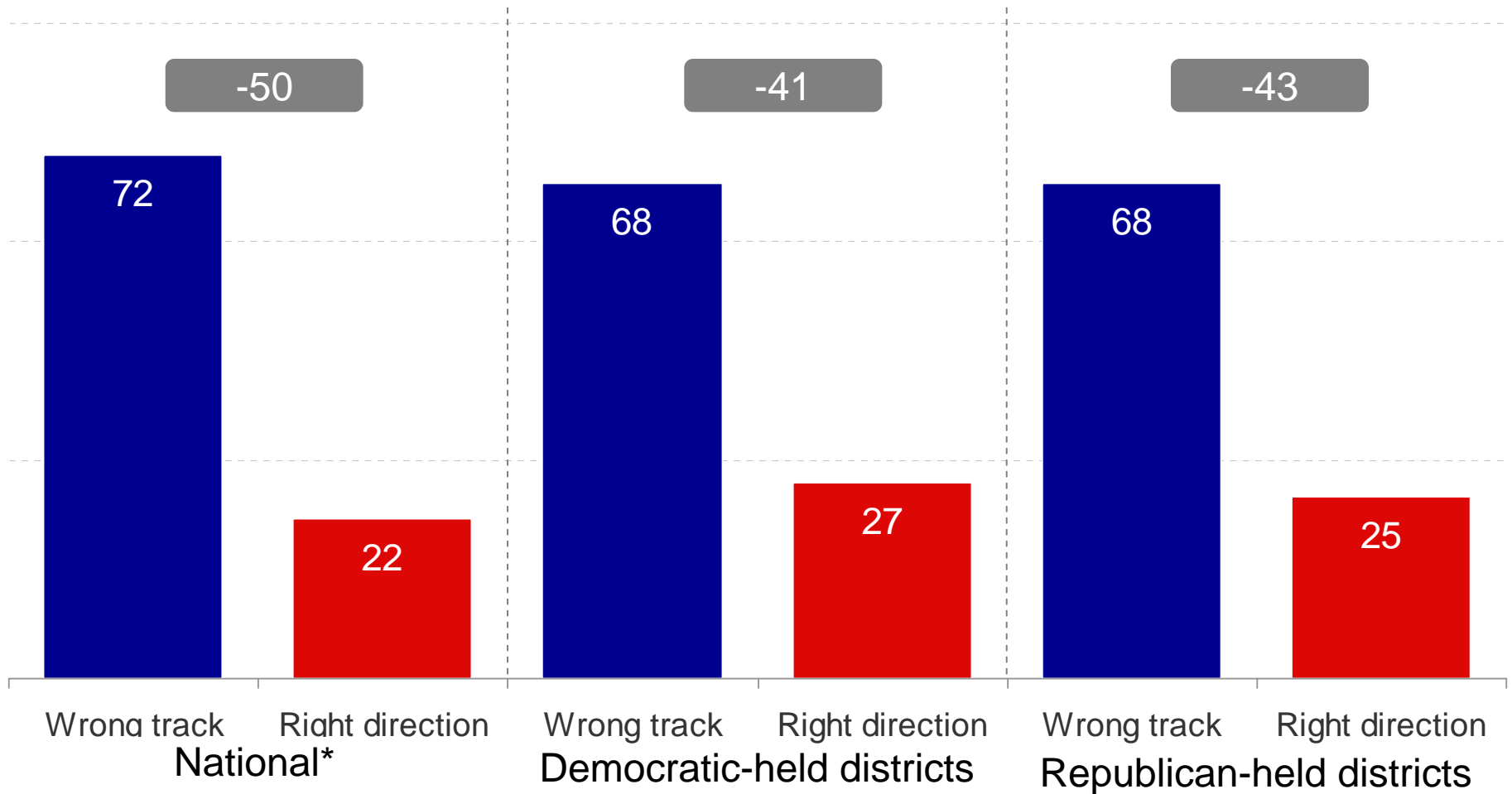
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# The landscape

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# The battleground like the nation feels things in the country are off on the wrong track

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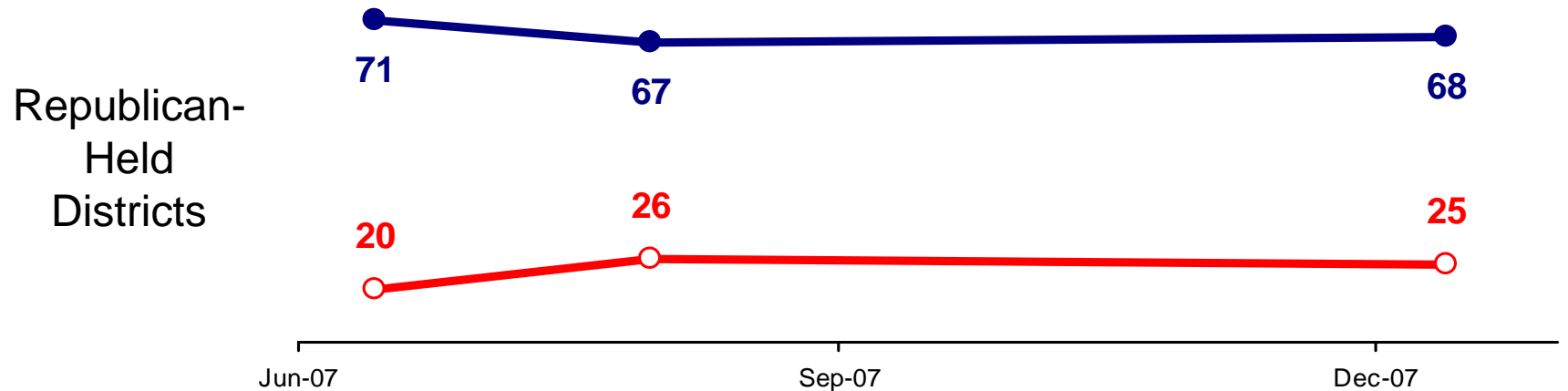
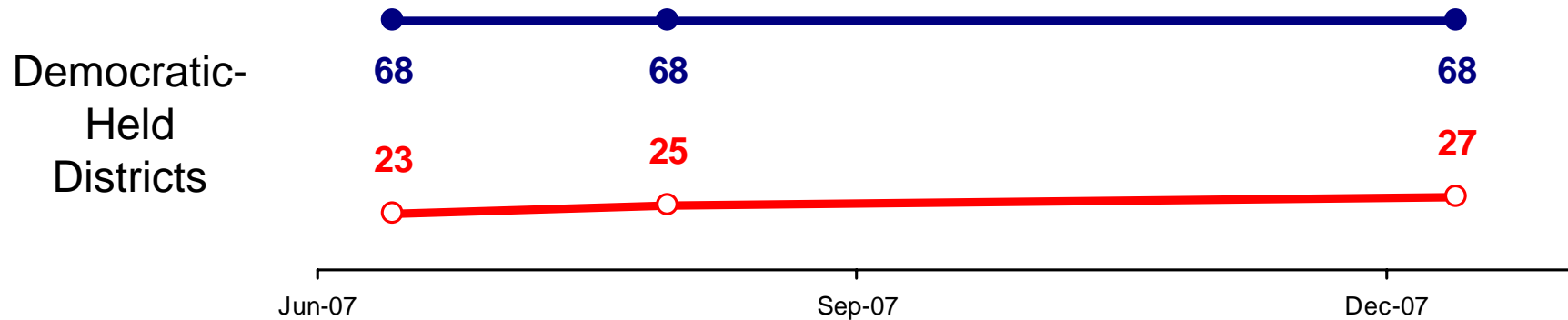


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## Nearly 70% say country on the wrong track

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?

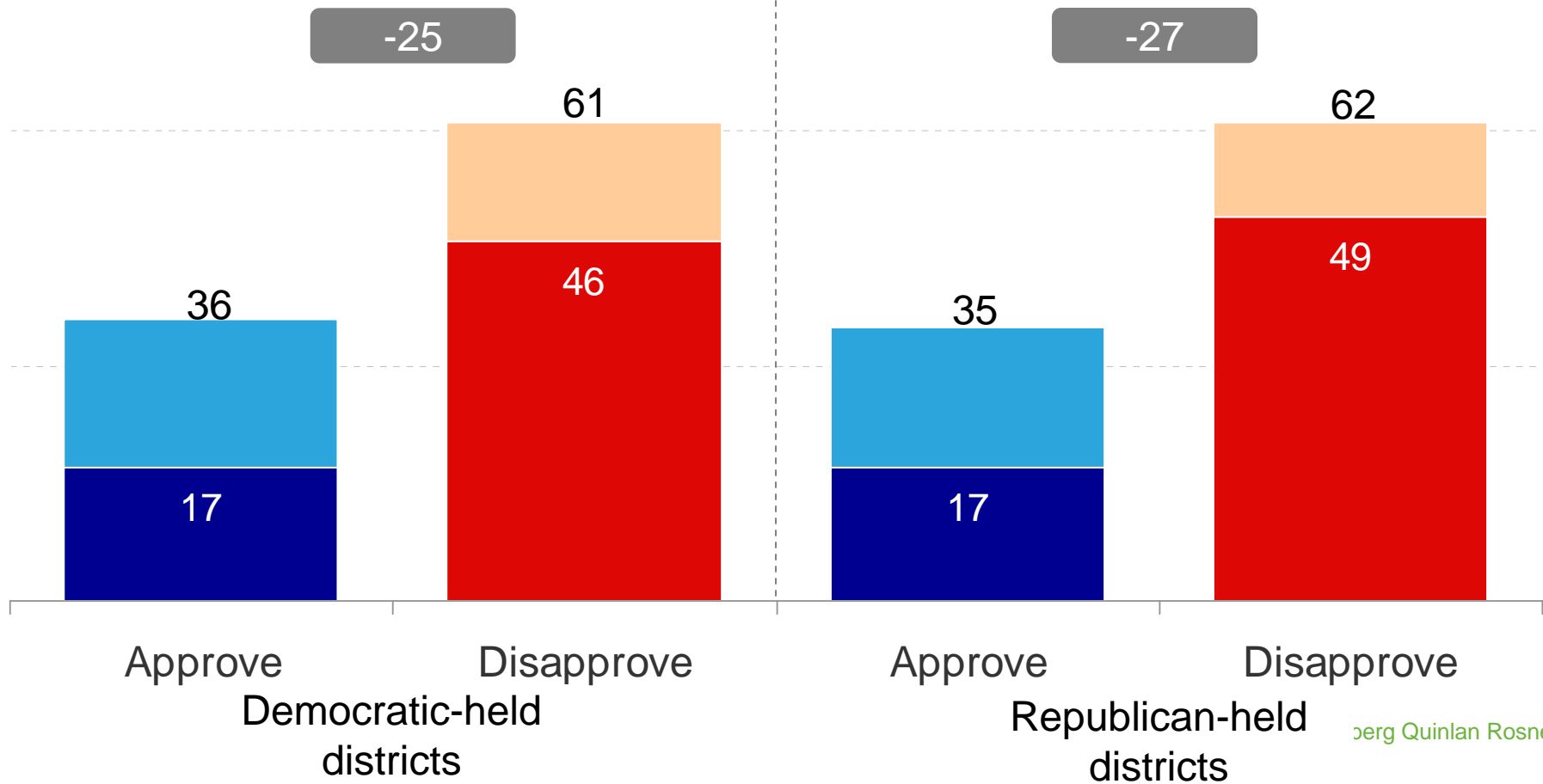
Wrong Direction  
Right Direction



# President Bush job approval

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

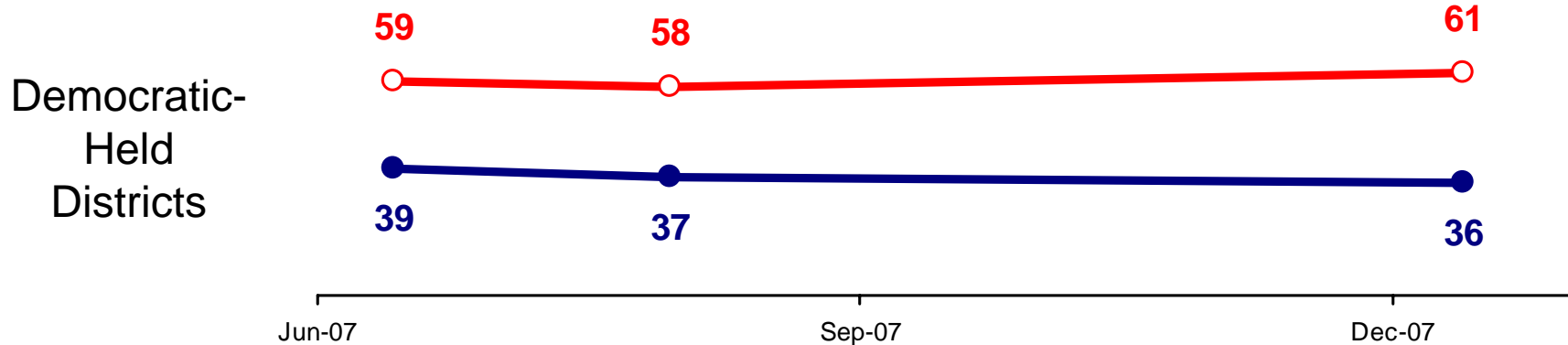
- Strongly Approve
- Somewhat approve
- Strongly disapprove
- Somewhat disapprove



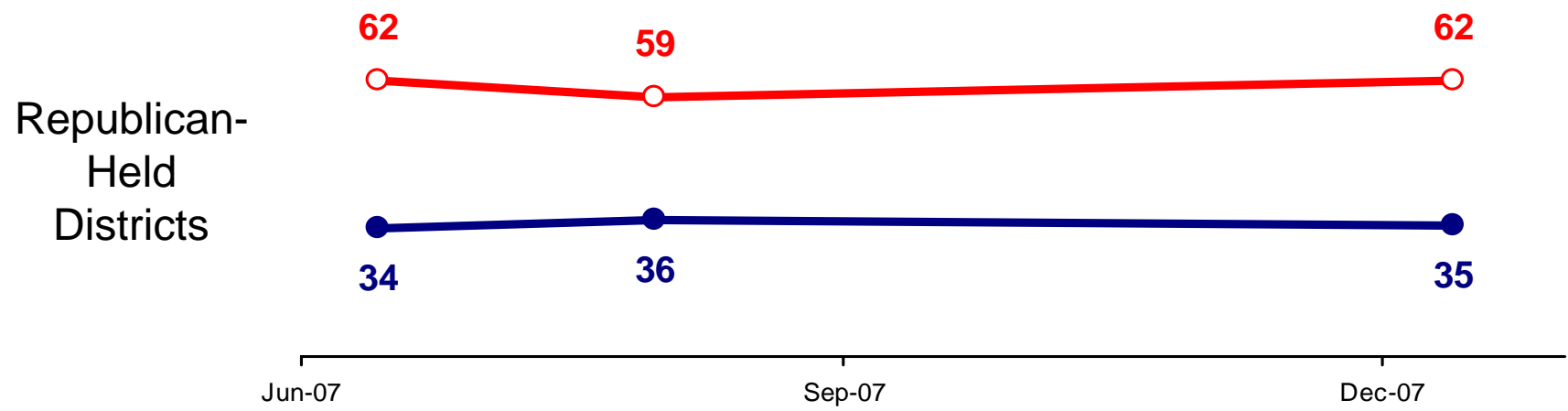
## Disapproval at highest levels in both Republican and Democratic districts

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

● Approve  
○ Disapprove



Net Difference	Jun-07	Sep-07	Dec-07
Net Difference	-20	-21	-25



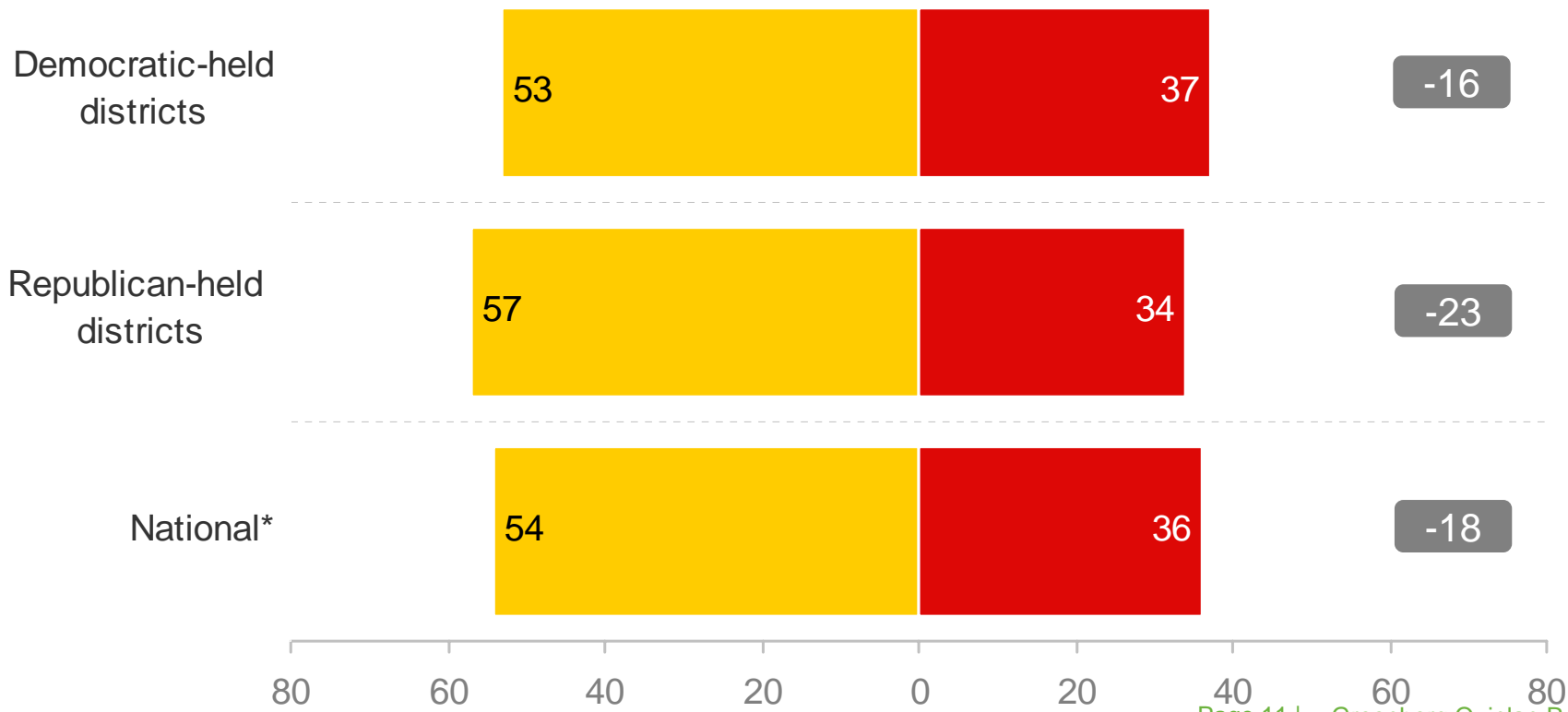
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Net Difference	-28	-23	-27

# George W. Bush Thermometer

Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold.

■ Cool ■ Warm

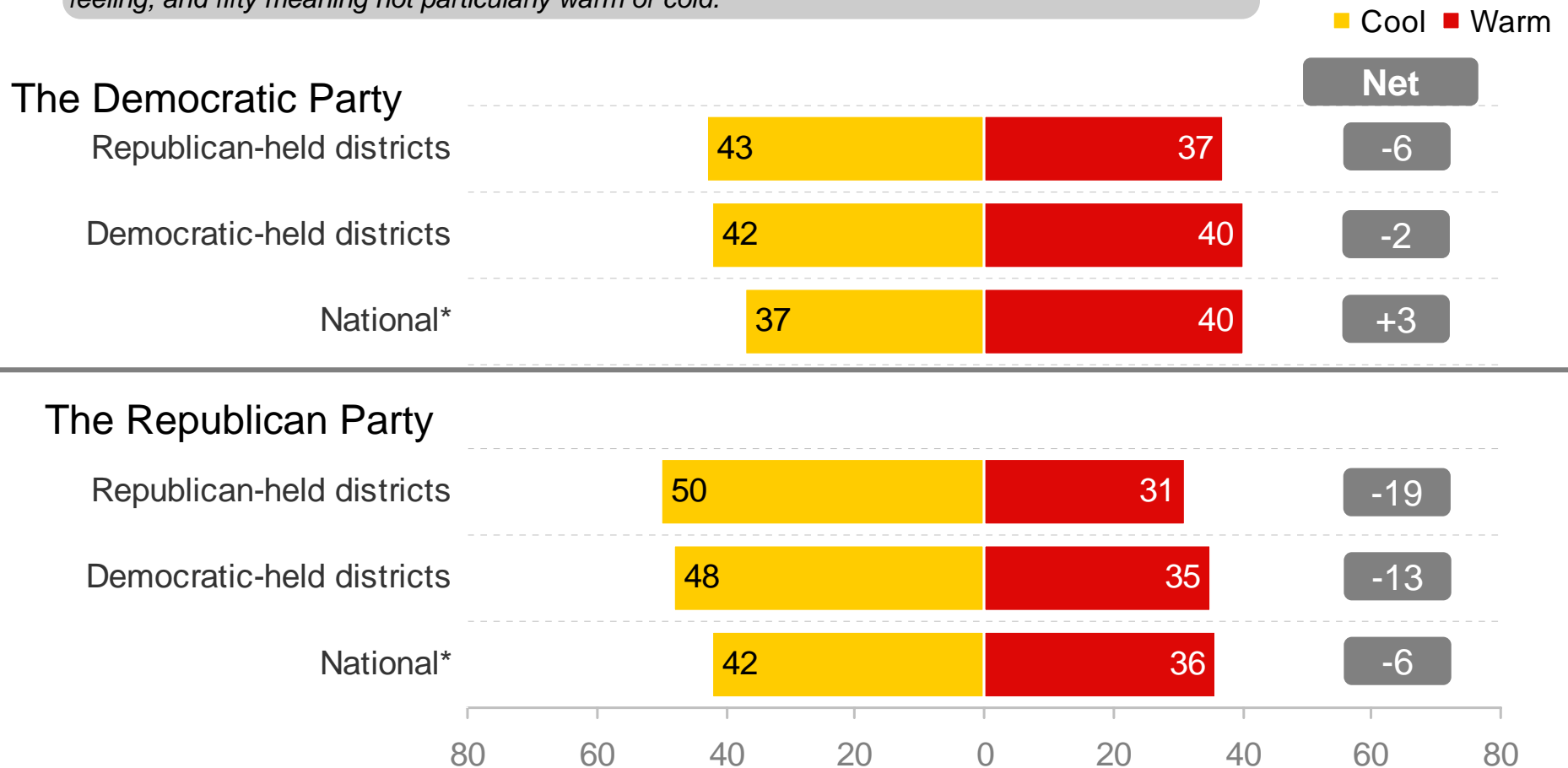
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## Party Thermometers – significant unfavorable feeling towards GOP

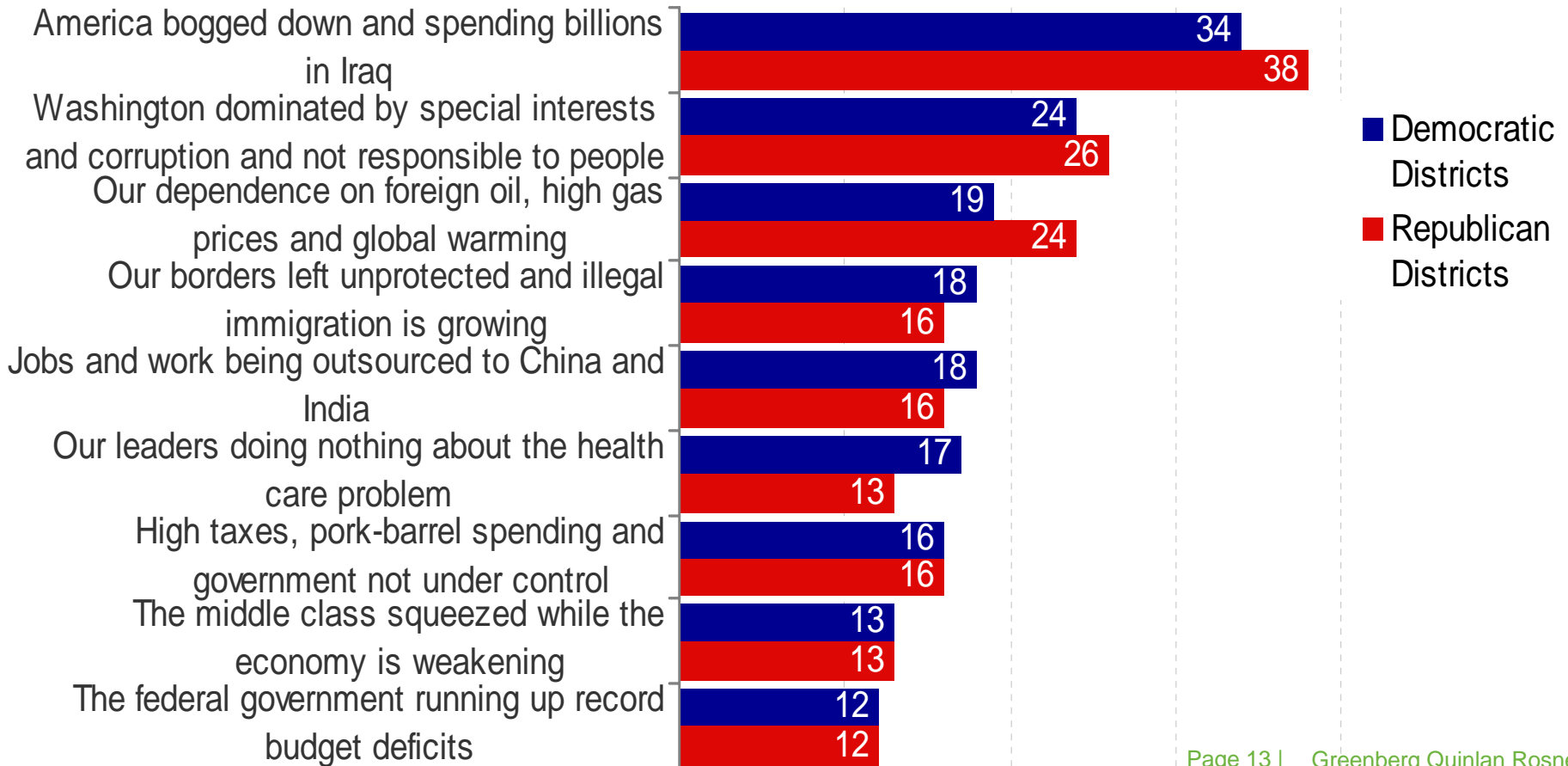
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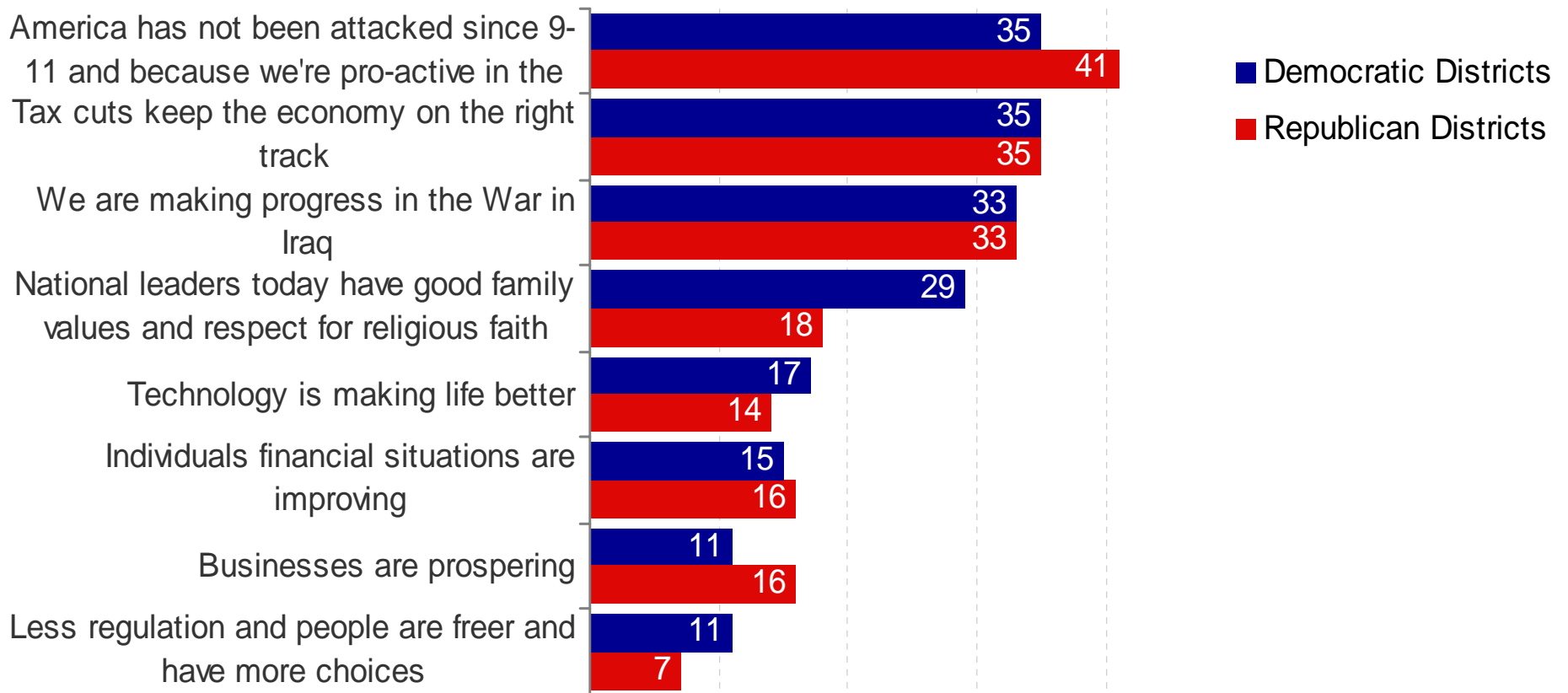
*Now I am going to read you a list of phrases that people use to describe why our country is going in the wrong direction. After I read the list, please tell me which TWO come closest to your own views of why the country is going in the wrong direction.\**



*\*Note: This question was only asked of those who responded that the country was going in the wrong direction.*

## What's right? – Democratic and Republican districts

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# Congress

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# Congressional Thermometers

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■ Cool ■ Warm  
**Net**

## The Democratic Congress

Democratic-held districts



**-10**

Republican-held districts



**-13**

## The Congress

Democratic-held districts



**-14**

Republican-held districts



**-25**



## Incumbent Member Thermometer

Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold.

■ Cool ■ Warm

**Net**

### Democratic Incumbent

Battleground



+16

National\*



+13

### Republican Incumbent

Battleground



-2

National\*



+15

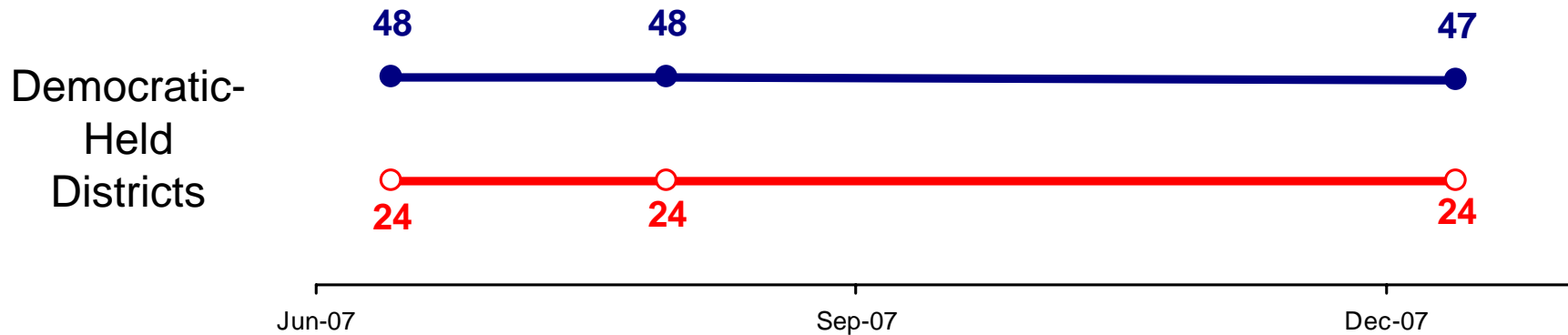


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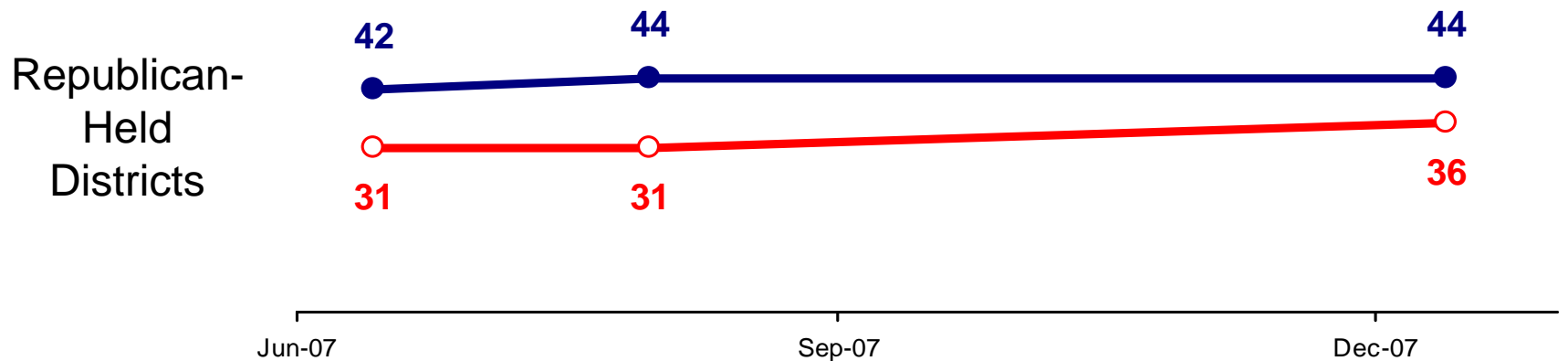
## Approval of Democratic incumbents remains higher

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

● Approve  
○ Disapprove



Net Difference	Jun-07	Sep-07	Dec-07
Net Difference	+24	+24	+23

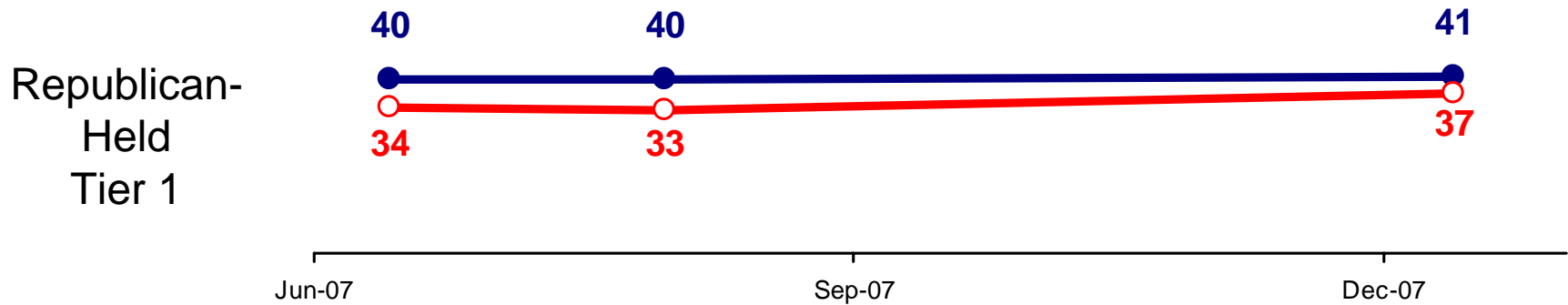


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Net Difference	+11	+13	+8

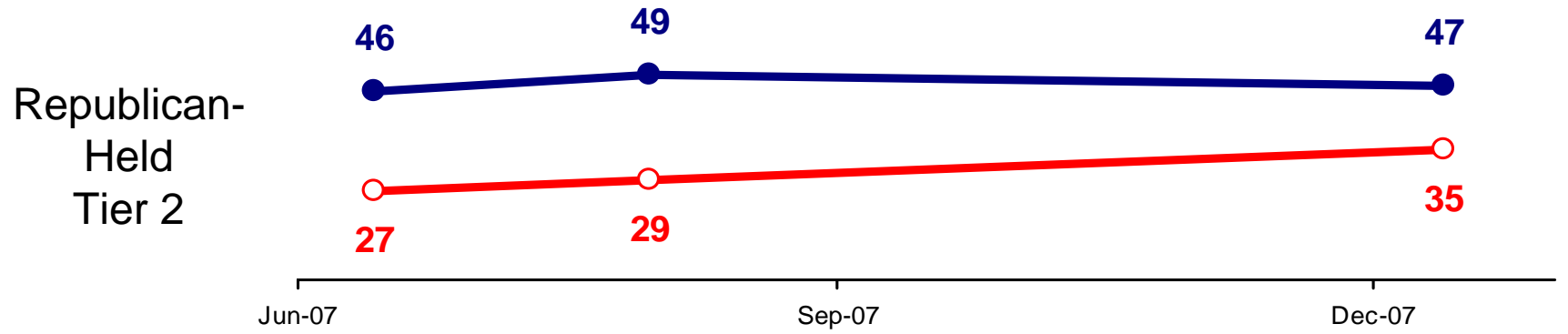
## Disapproval of Republican incumbents increases in most competitive seats

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

● Approve  
○ Disapprove



Net Difference	+6	+7	+4
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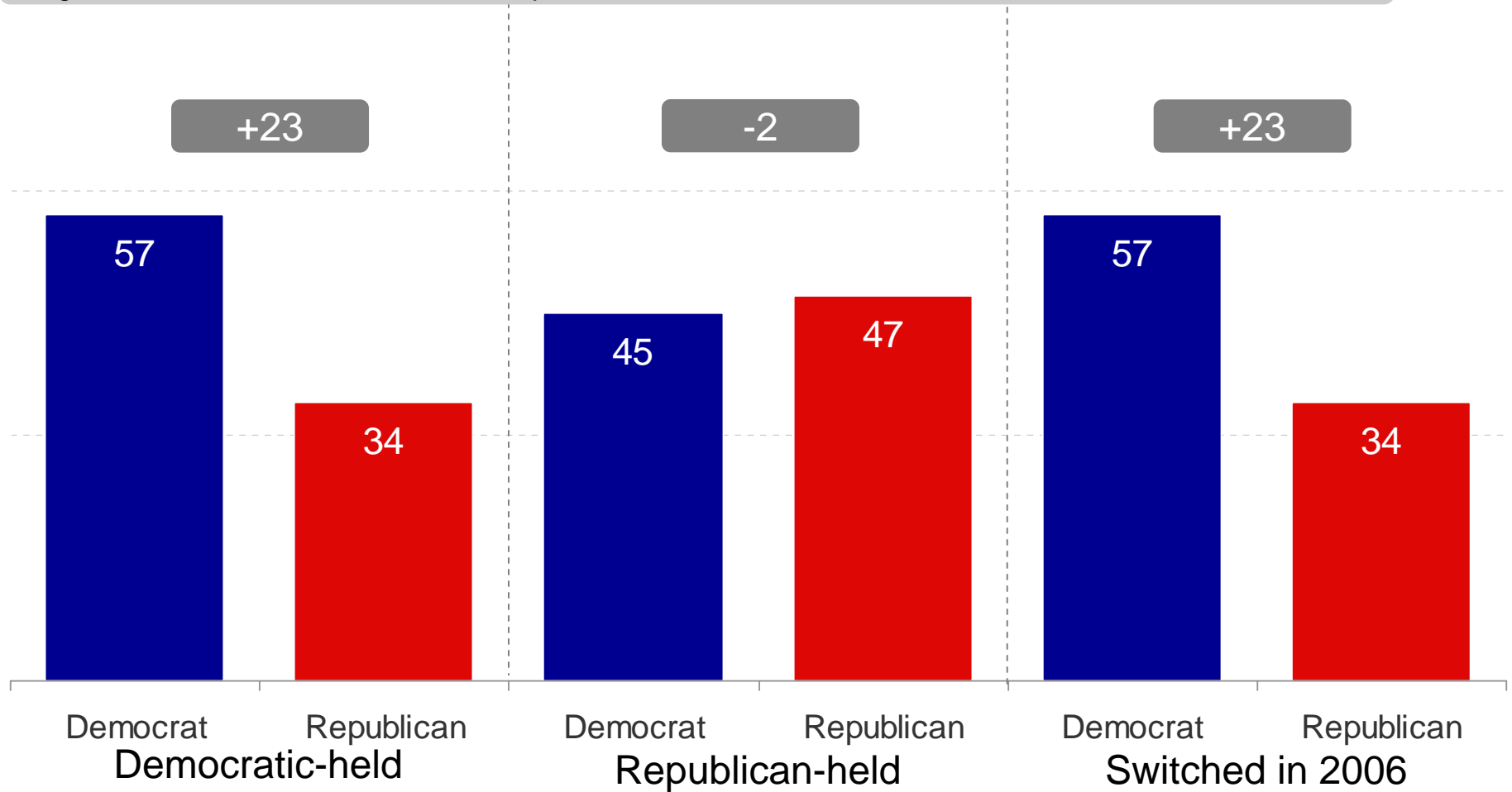
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# The Congressional Vote

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## Congressional Vote

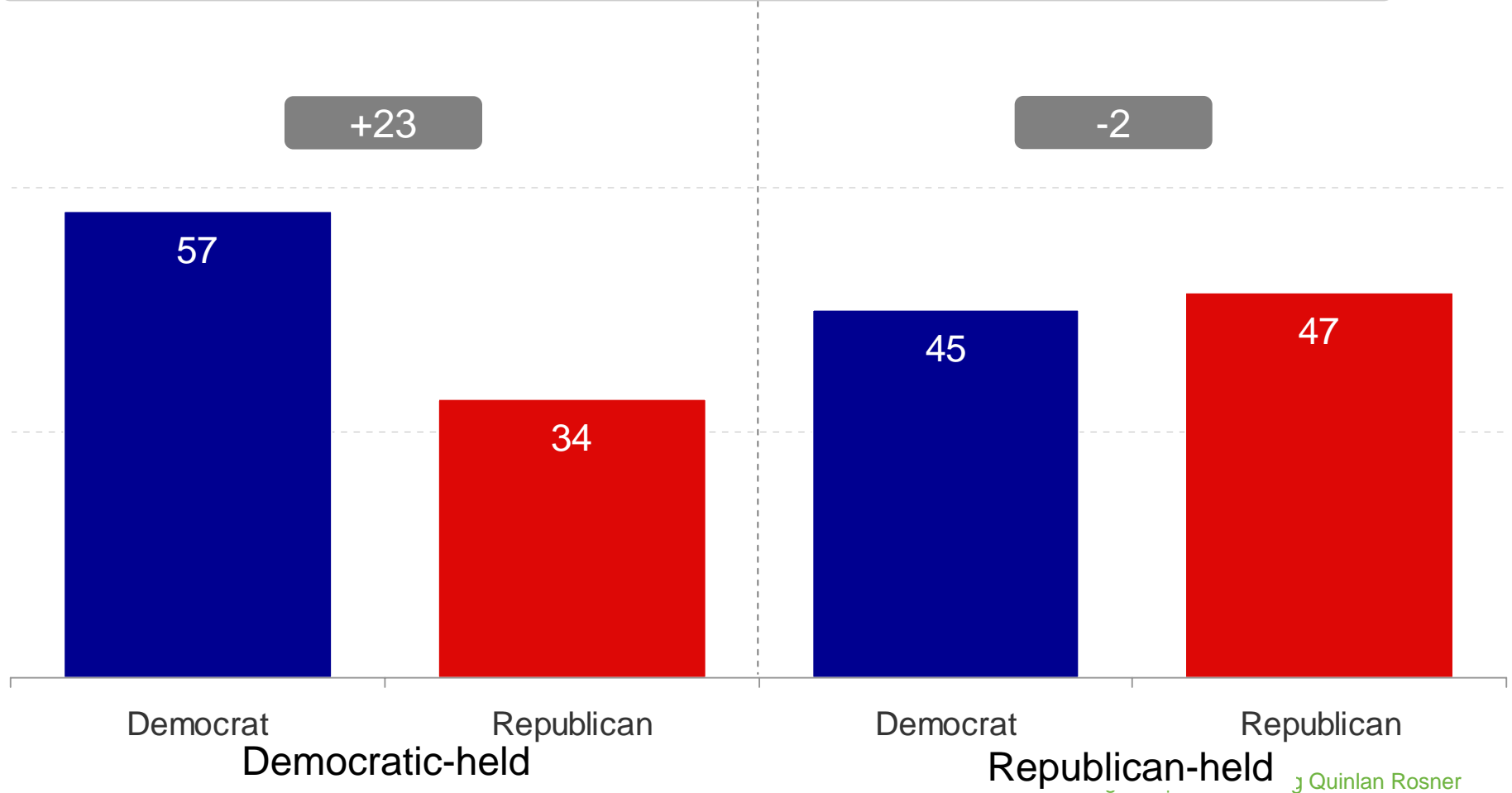
Thinking about the election for Congress in 2008, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate\*?



\*Note: Actual names of incumbents inserted, and a generic candidate was inserted for the opposing party

## Congressional Vote

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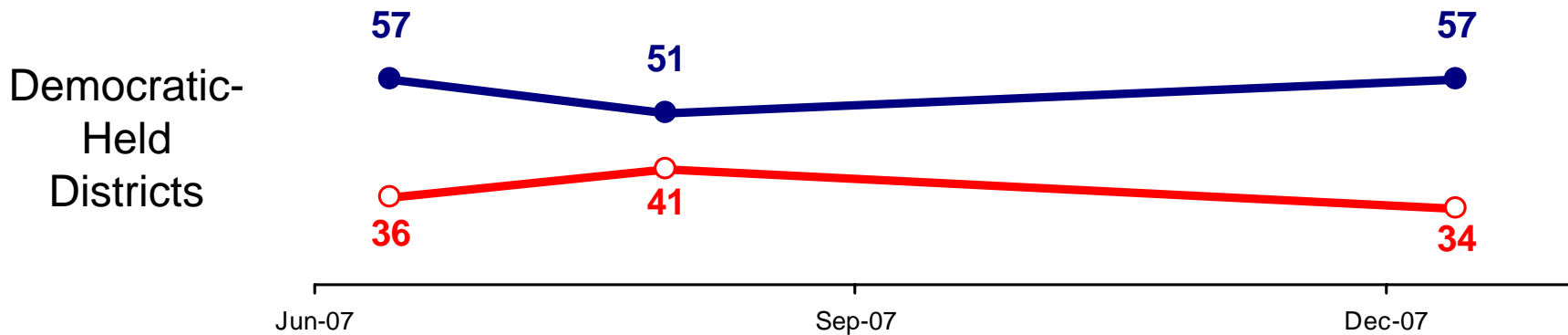


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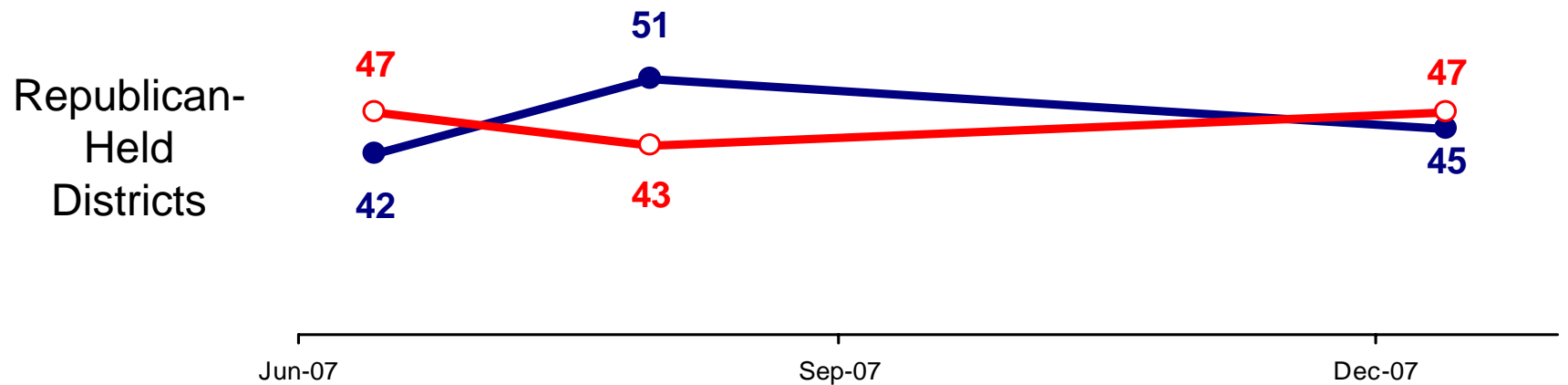
## Democrats improve by 13 points in Democratic-held districts

Thinking about the election for Congress in 2008, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate\*?

● Democrat  
○ Republican



Net Difference	+21	+10	+23
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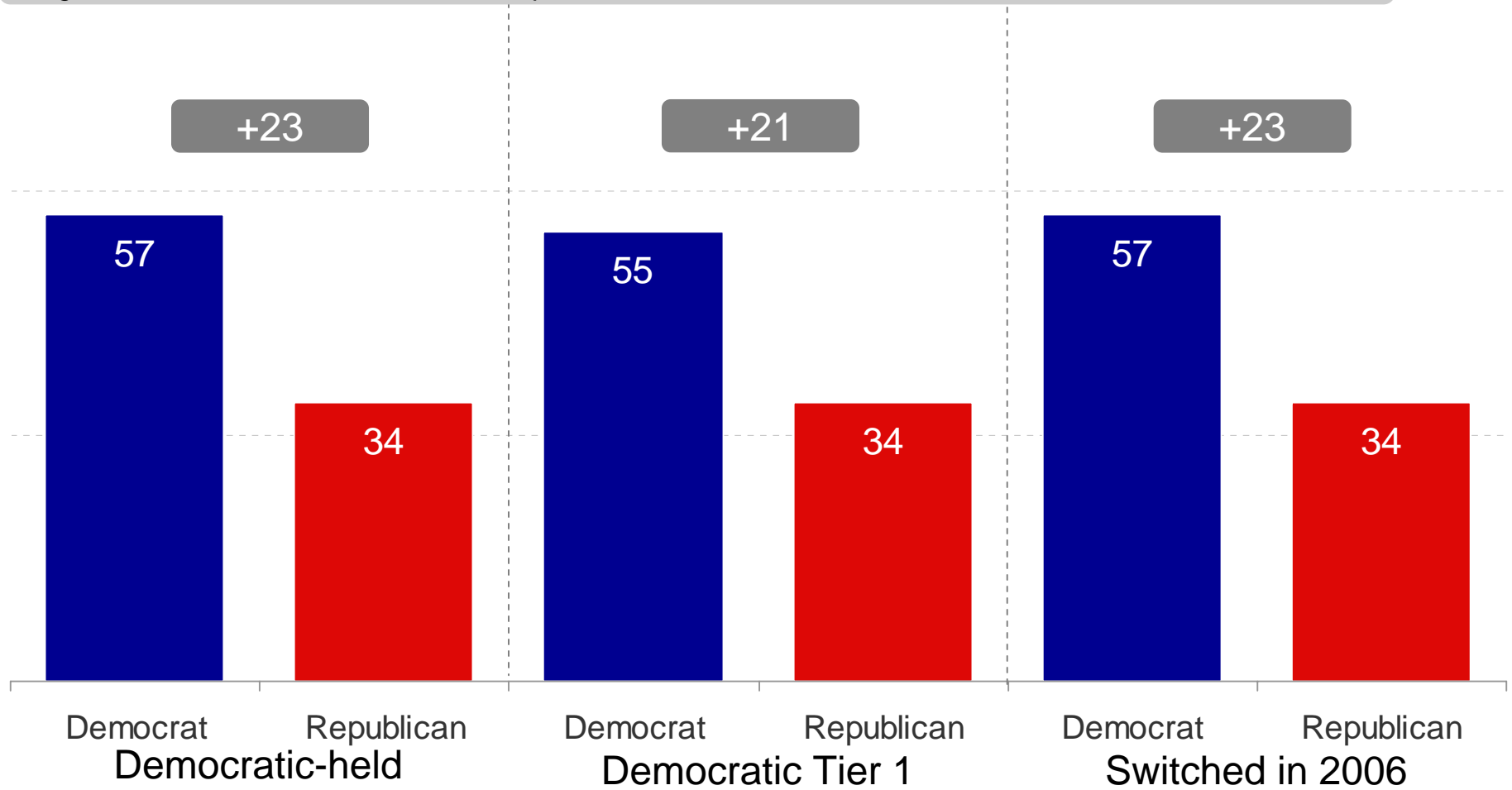


Net Difference	-5	+8	-2
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## Democrats lead in most competitive and recently switched districts

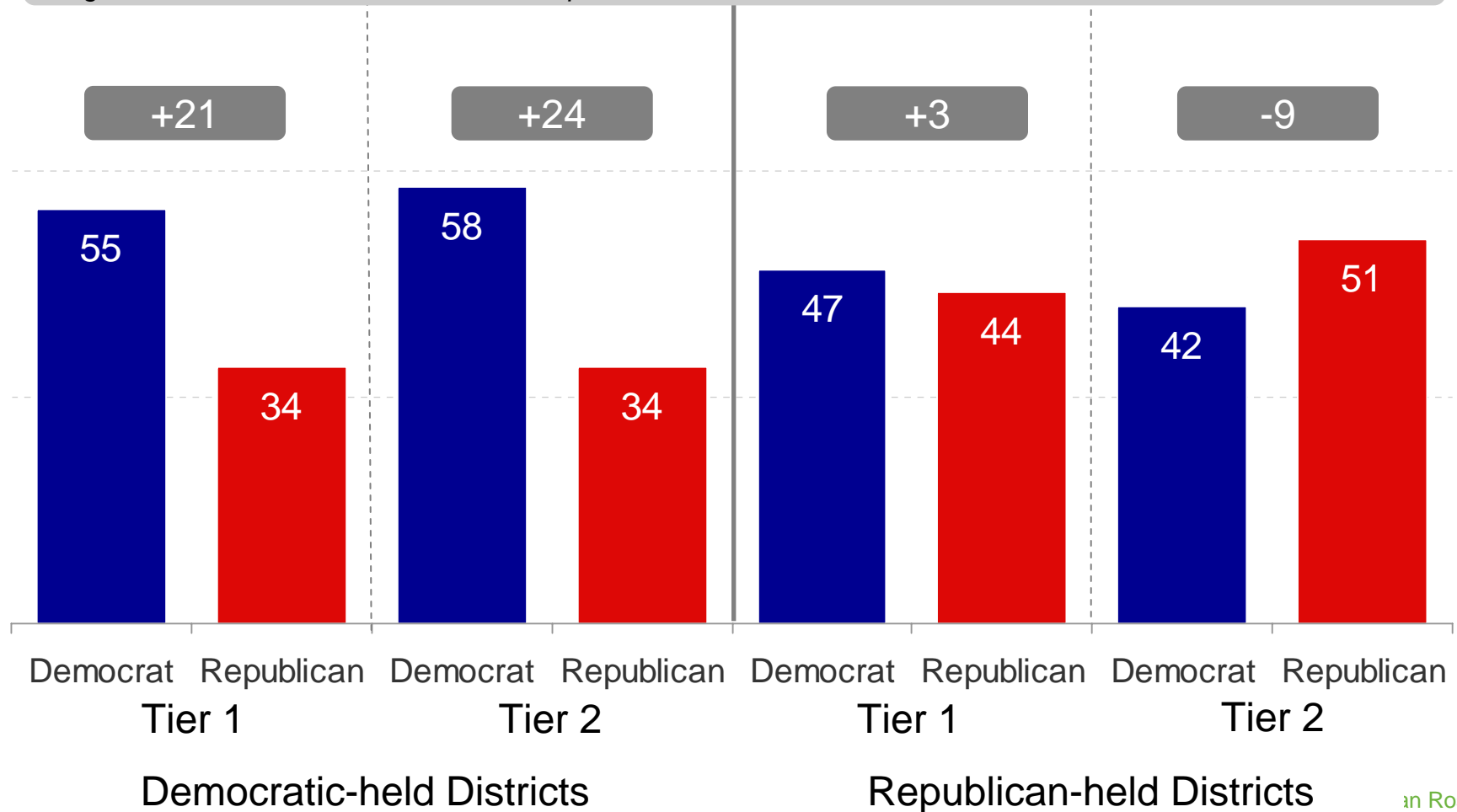
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## Democrats lead in competitive Republican-held districts

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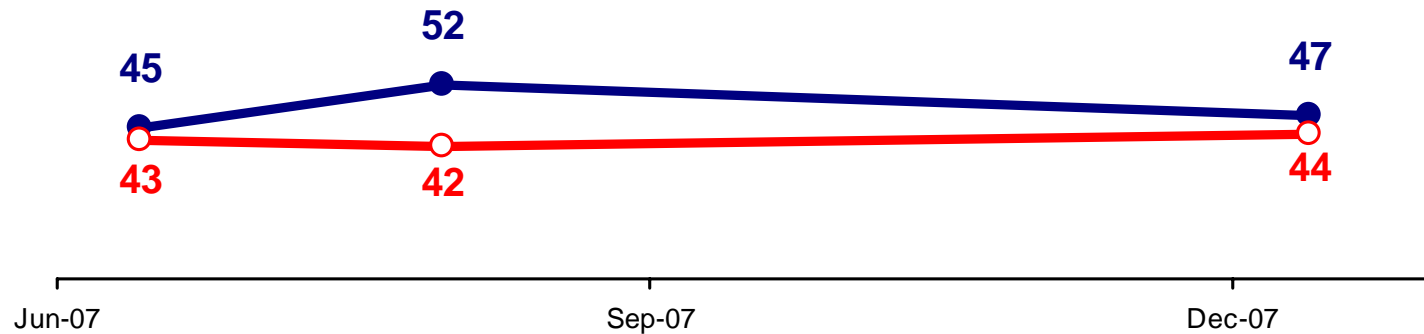
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## Democrats steady in Republican-held districts

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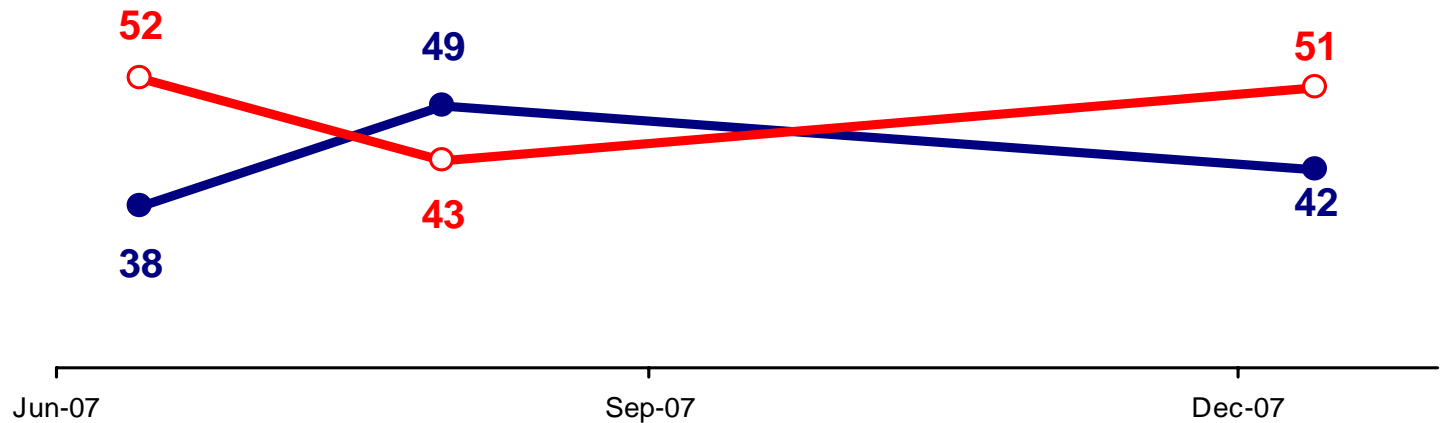
● Democrat  
○ Republican

Tier 1



Net Difference	+2	+10	+3
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Tier 2



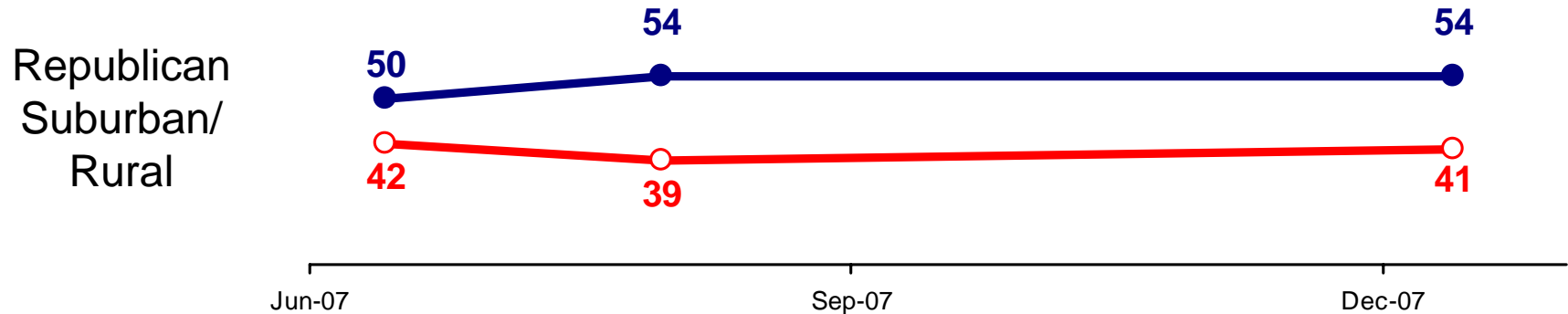
Net Difference	-14	+6	-9
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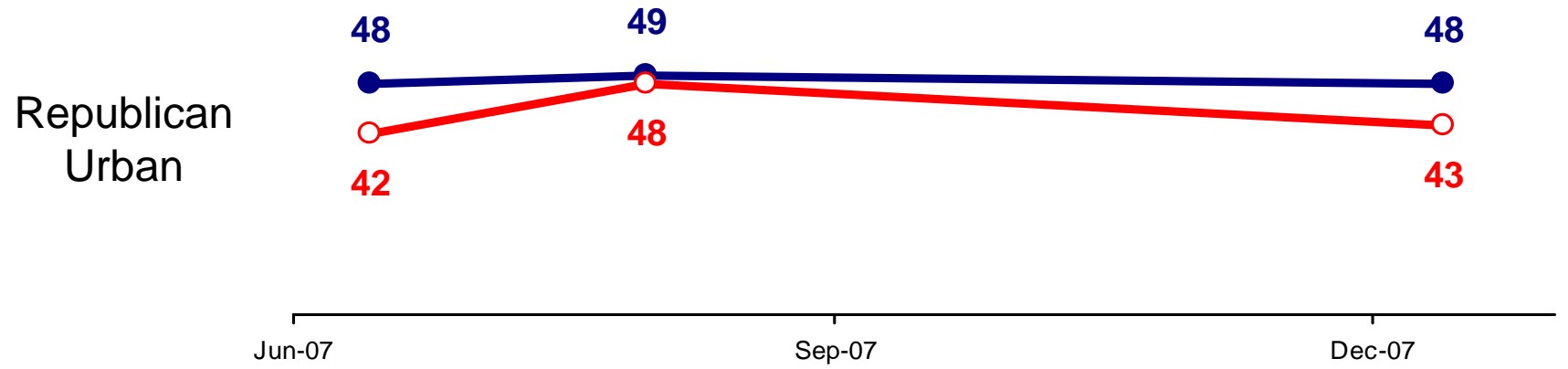
## Democrats lead in Republican-held suburban/rural and urban districts

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● Democrat  
○ Republican



Net Difference	Jun-07	Sep-07	Dec-07
	+8	+15	+13



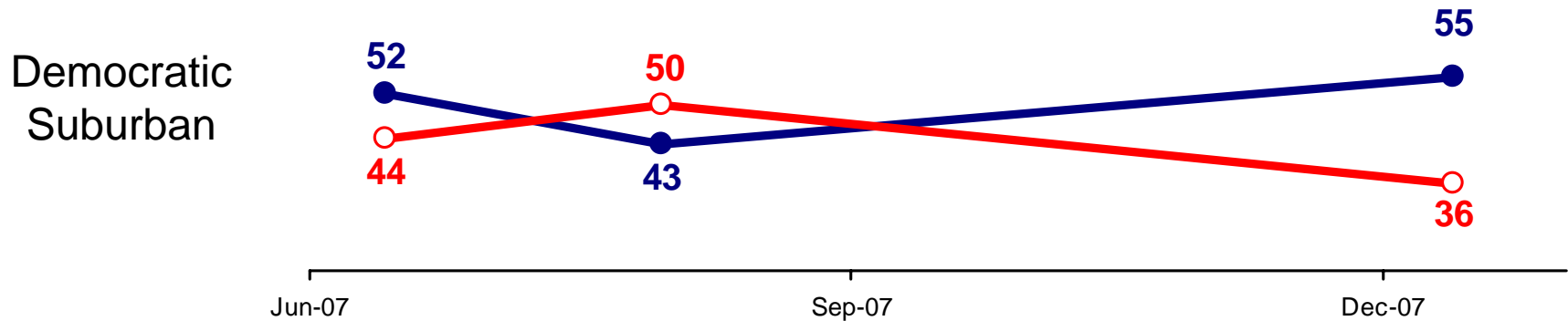
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	+6	+1	+5

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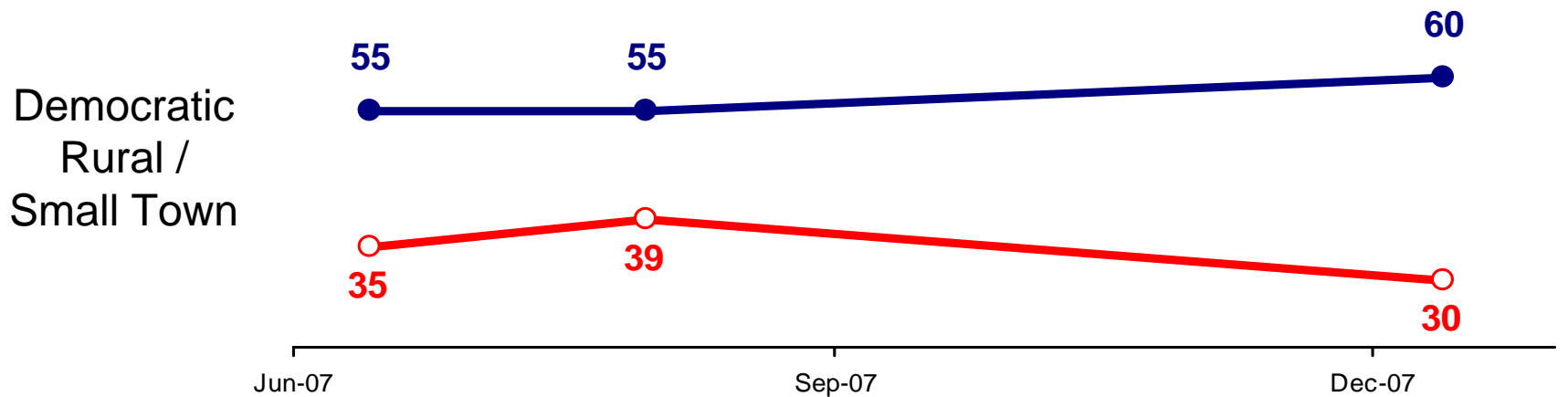
## Democrats gain support in Democratic-held suburban and rural districts

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● Democrat  
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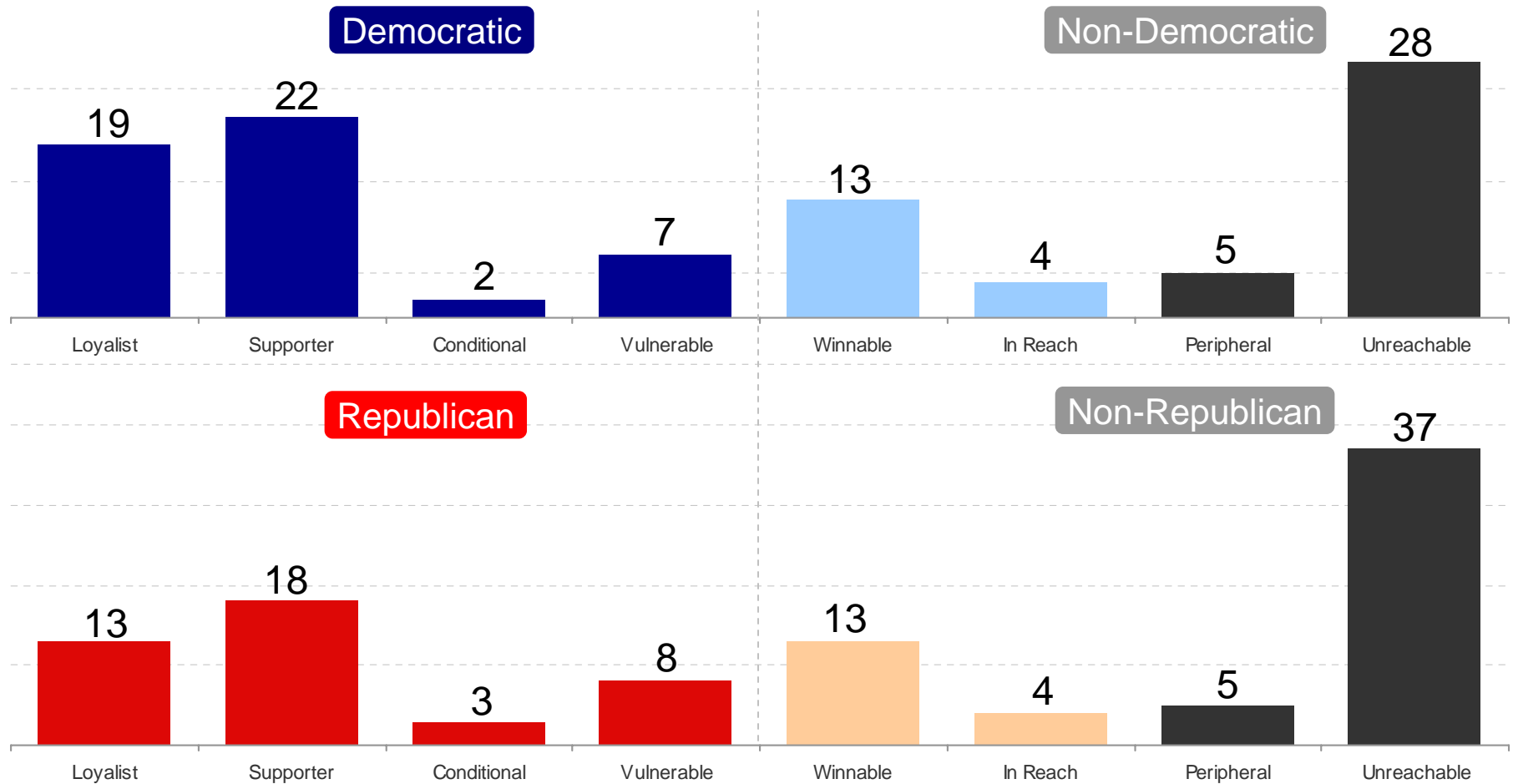
Net Difference	+8	-7	+19
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Net Difference	+20	+16	+30
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## Congressional Voter Choice Scale: Democrats have more loyalists, supporters; Republicans have fewer voters in reach

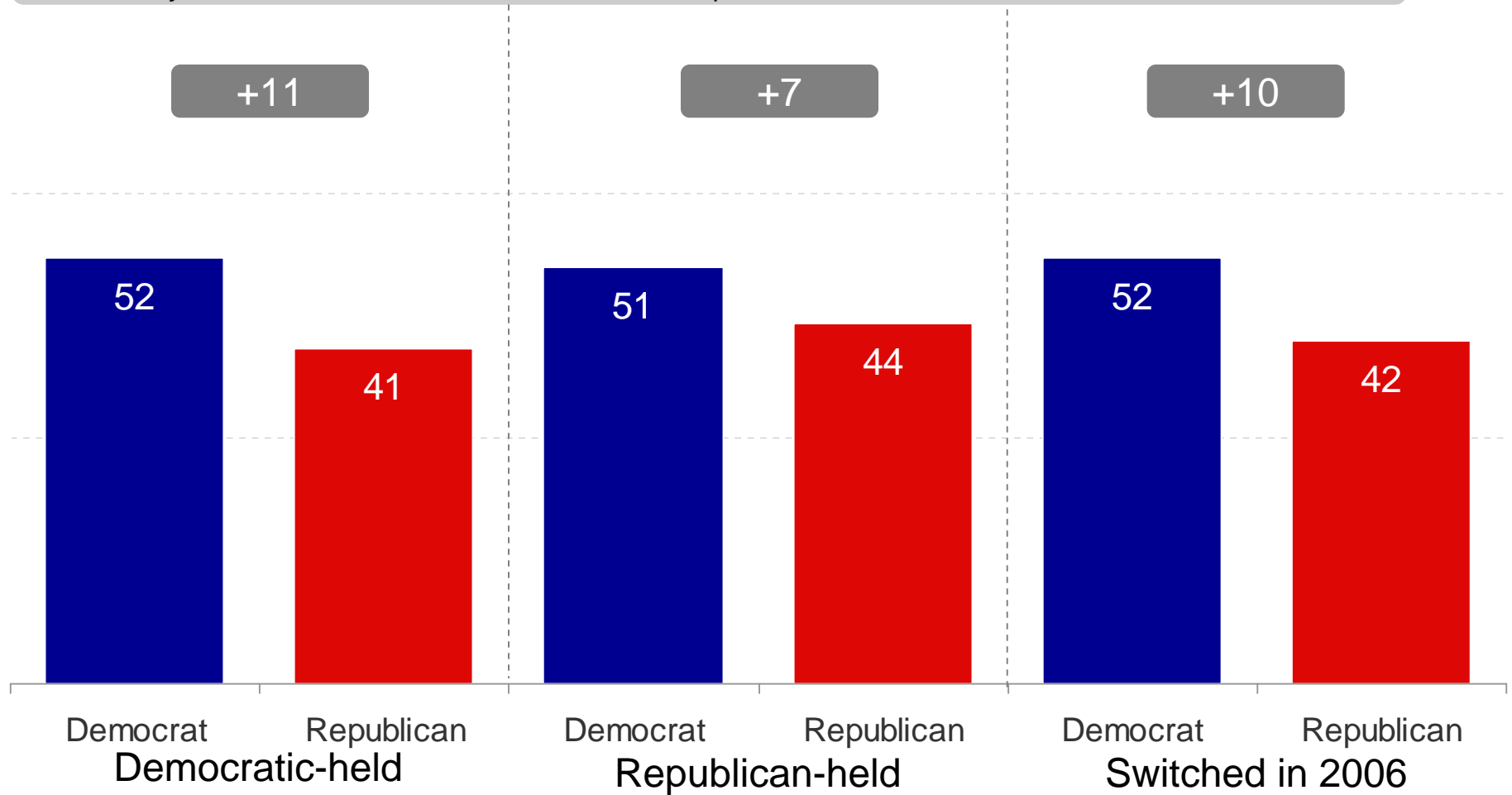


# Presidential Vote

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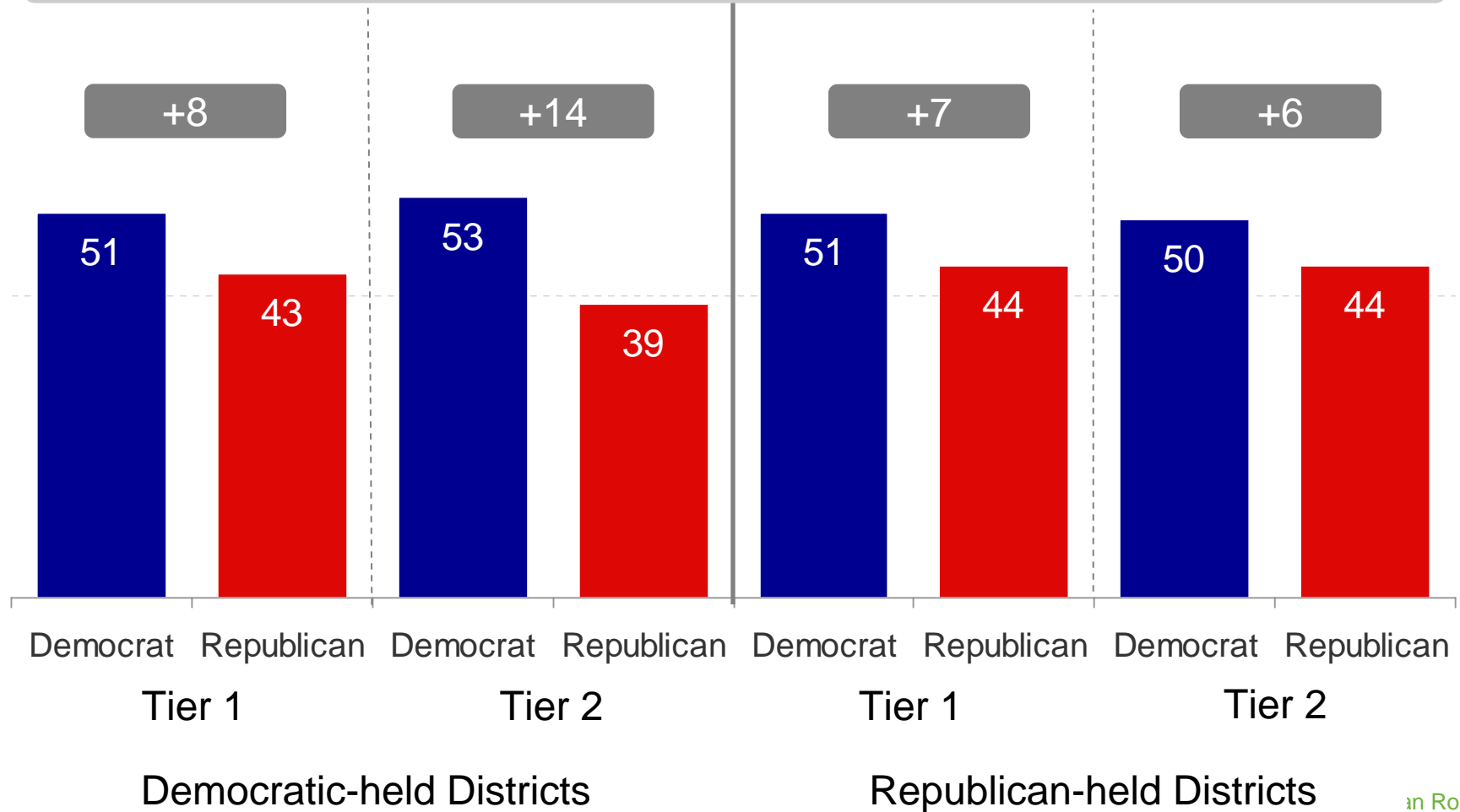
## Presidential Vote

*I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the election in 2008, if the election for president were held today, for whom would you vote – the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?*



# Democrats win the presidential vote in all tiers in both Democratic and Republican-held seats

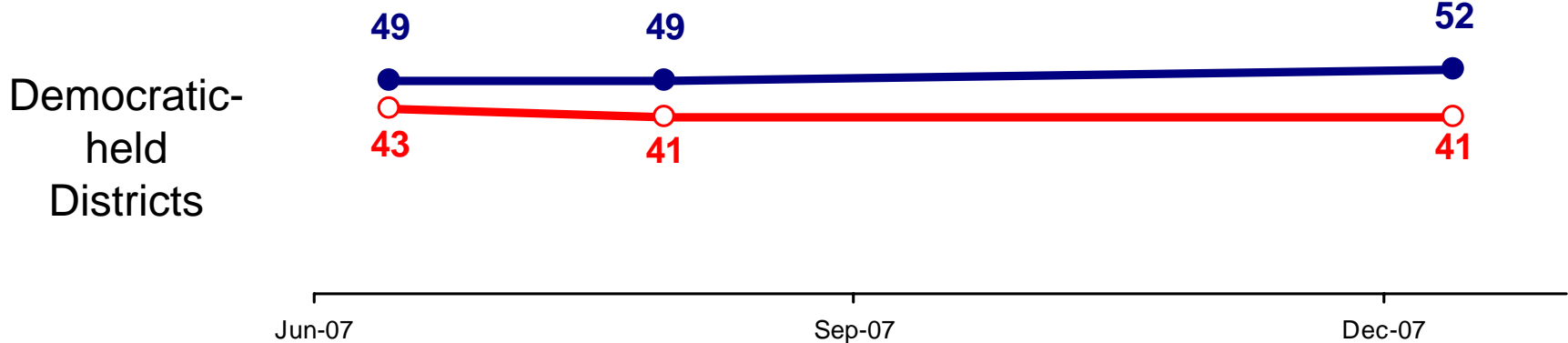
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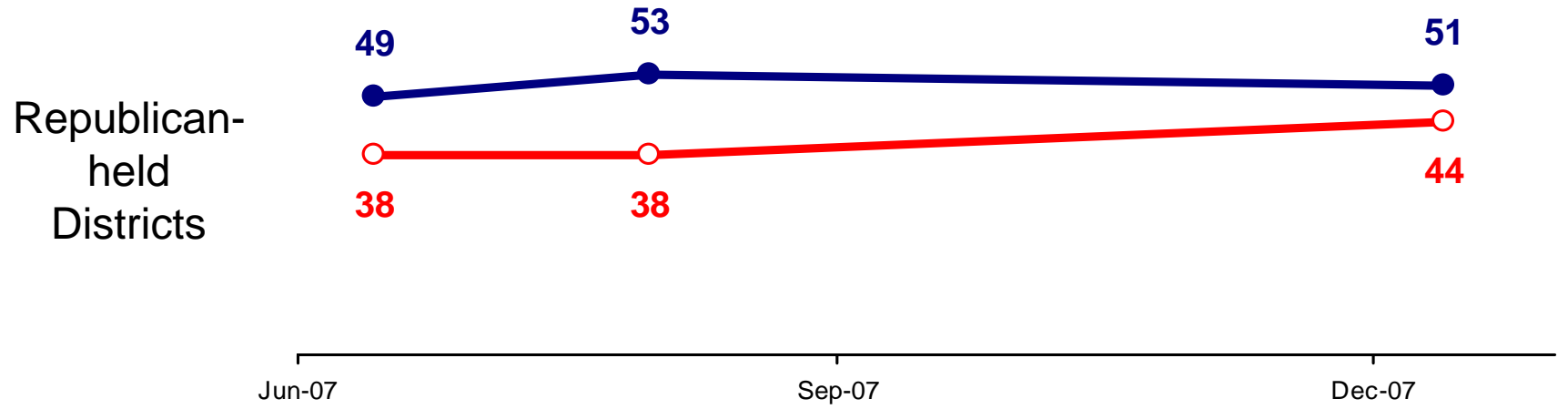
## Democrats lead presidential vote in Republican-held districts

*I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the election in 2008, if the election for president were held today, for whom would you vote – the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?*

—●— Democrat  
—○— Republican



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	+6	+8	+11



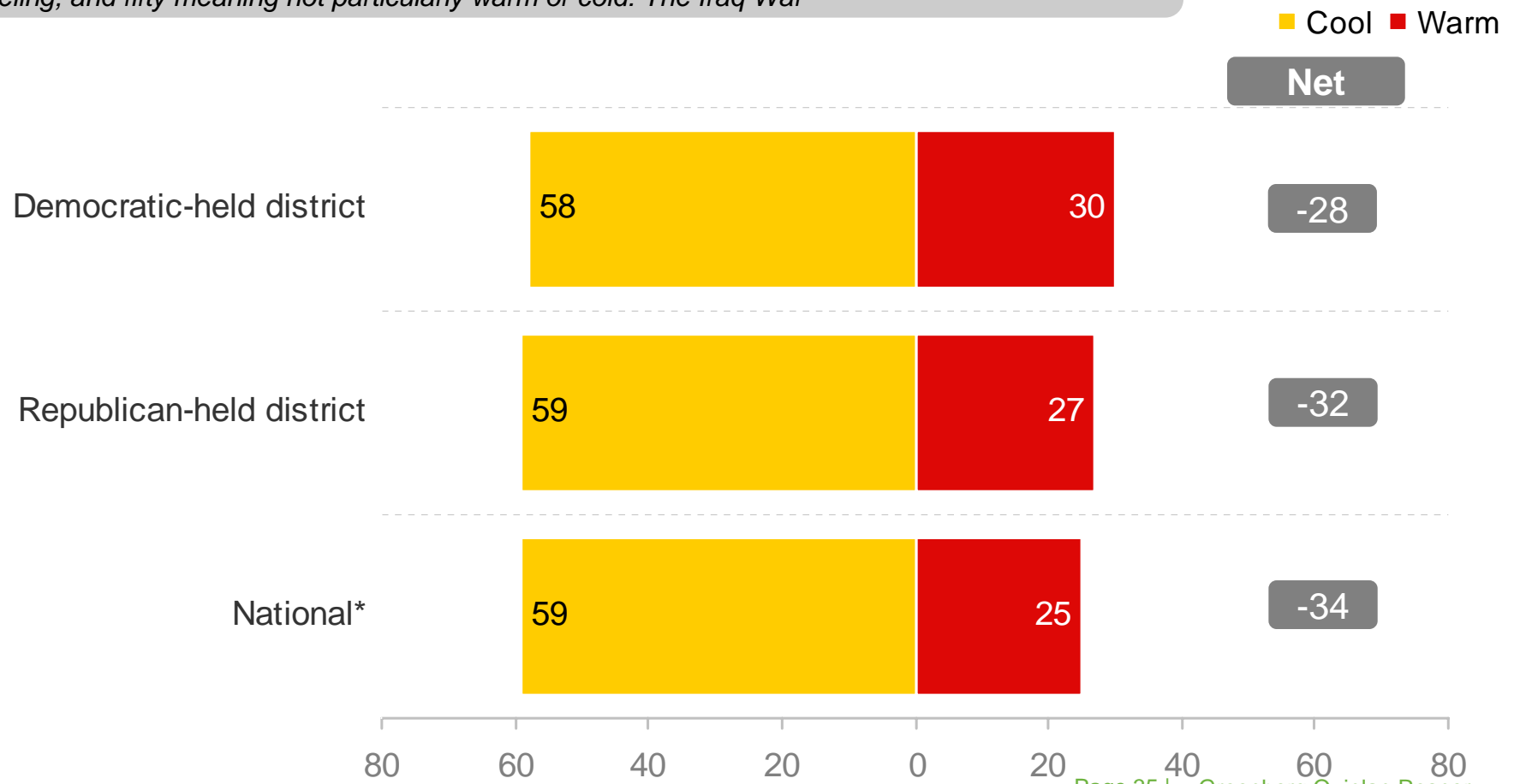
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# Democrats lead on most issues

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## Ill feelings towards the war in the battleground and nationally

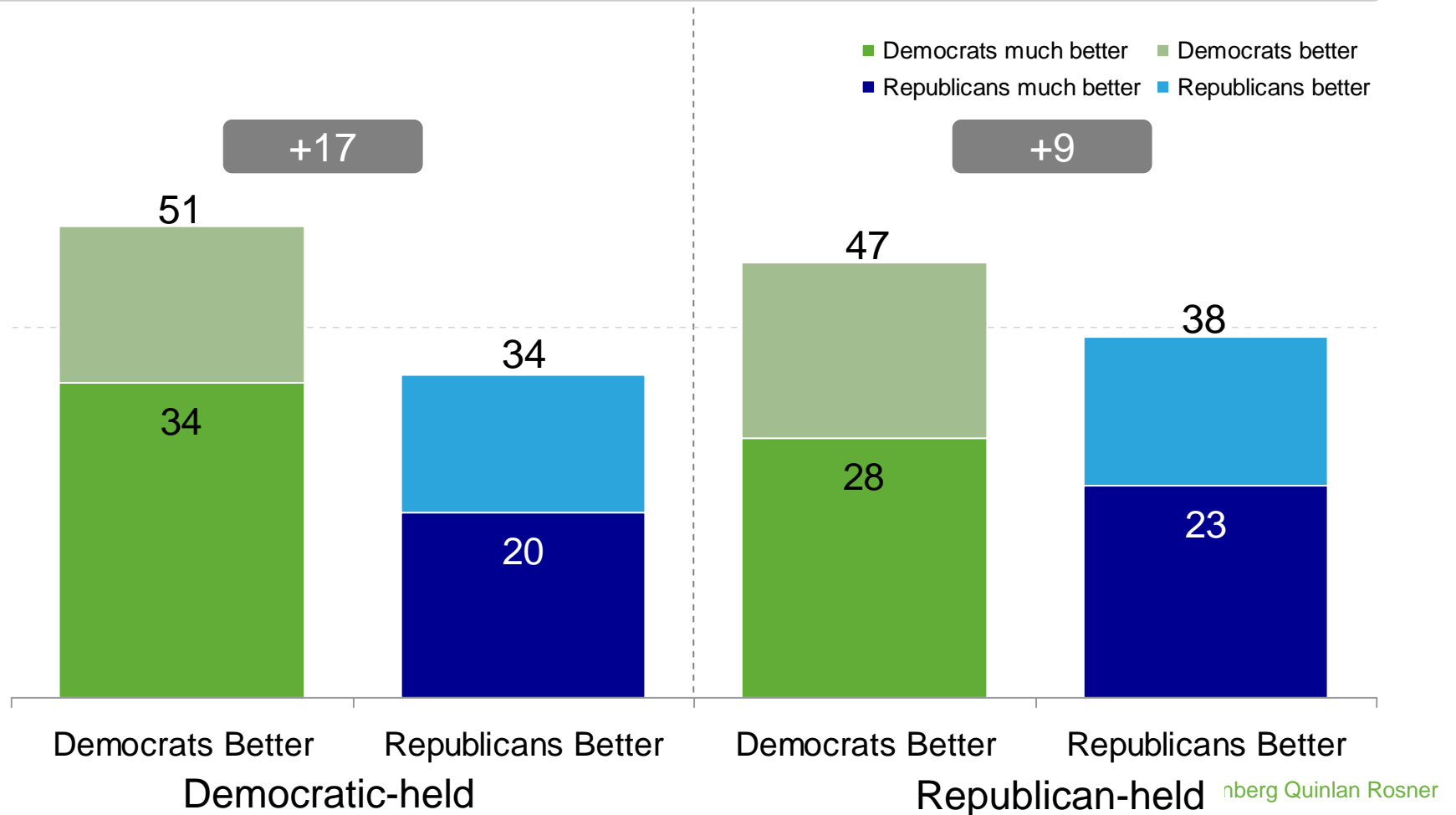
Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold: The Iraq War



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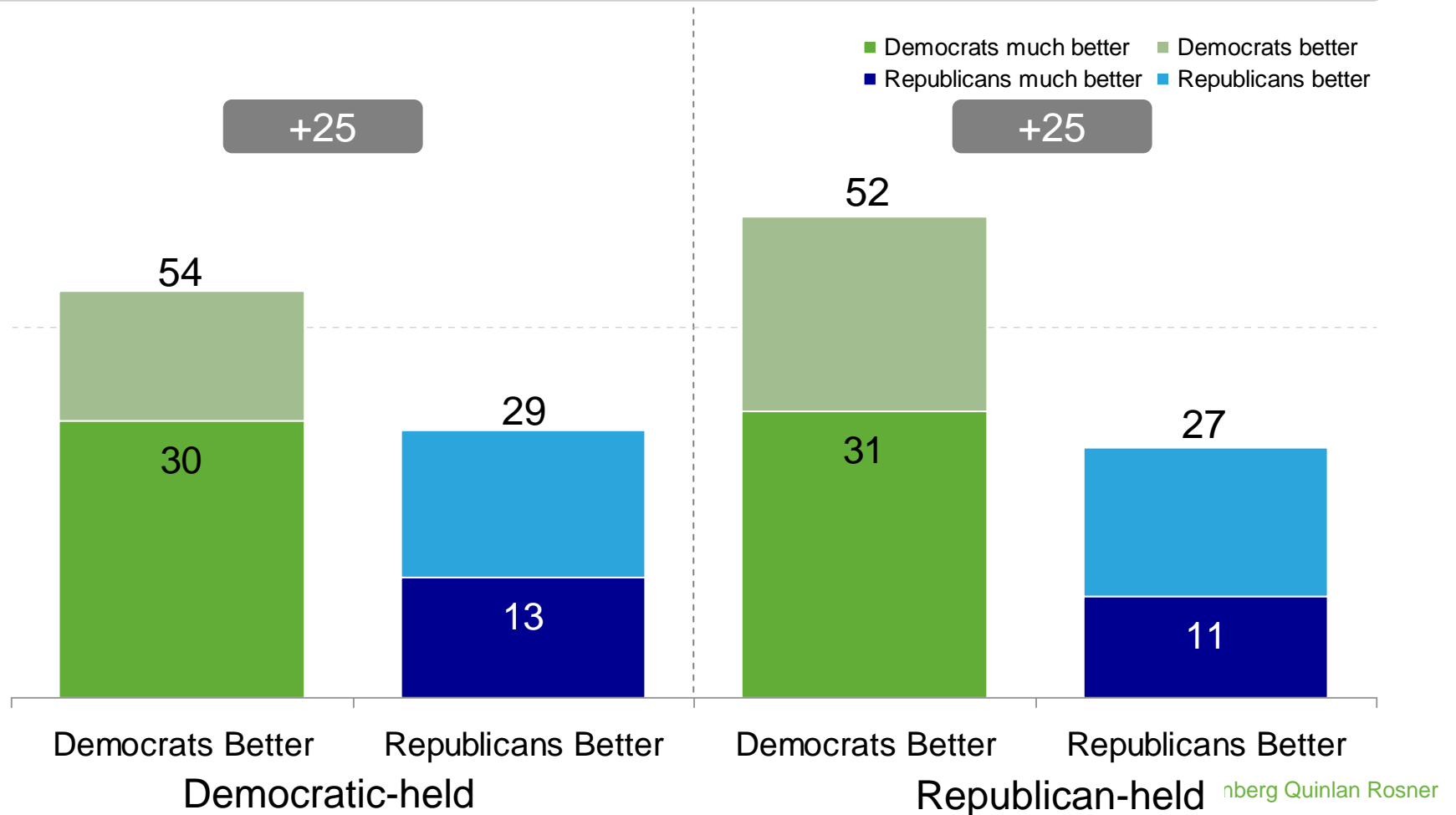
## Democrats doing a better job with situation in Iraq

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: The situation in Iraq.



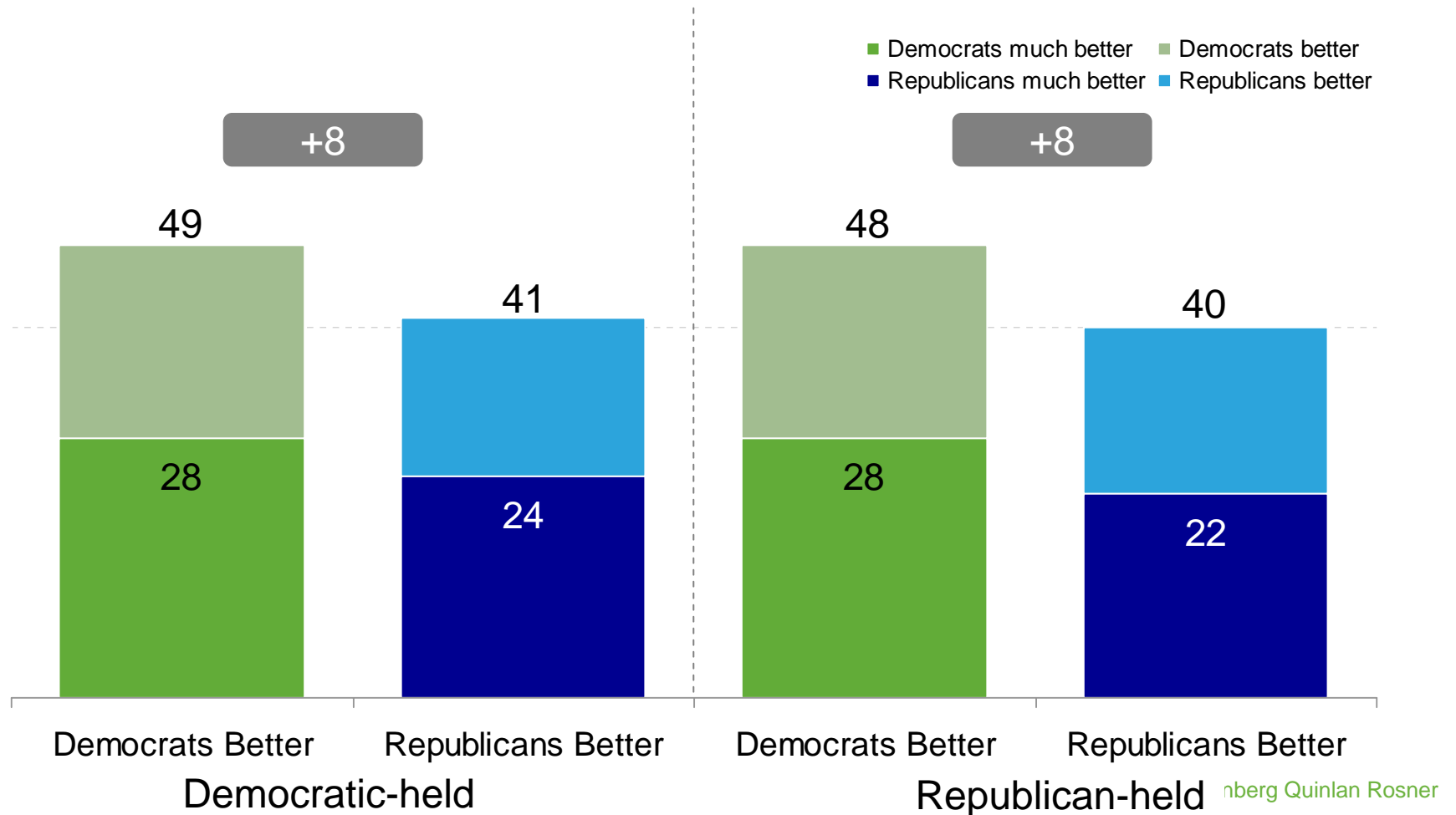
# Over half in Republican districts view Democrats as better on energy

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: Energy Policy.



## Democrats lead on the economy in all districts

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: The economy.



# The tax debate

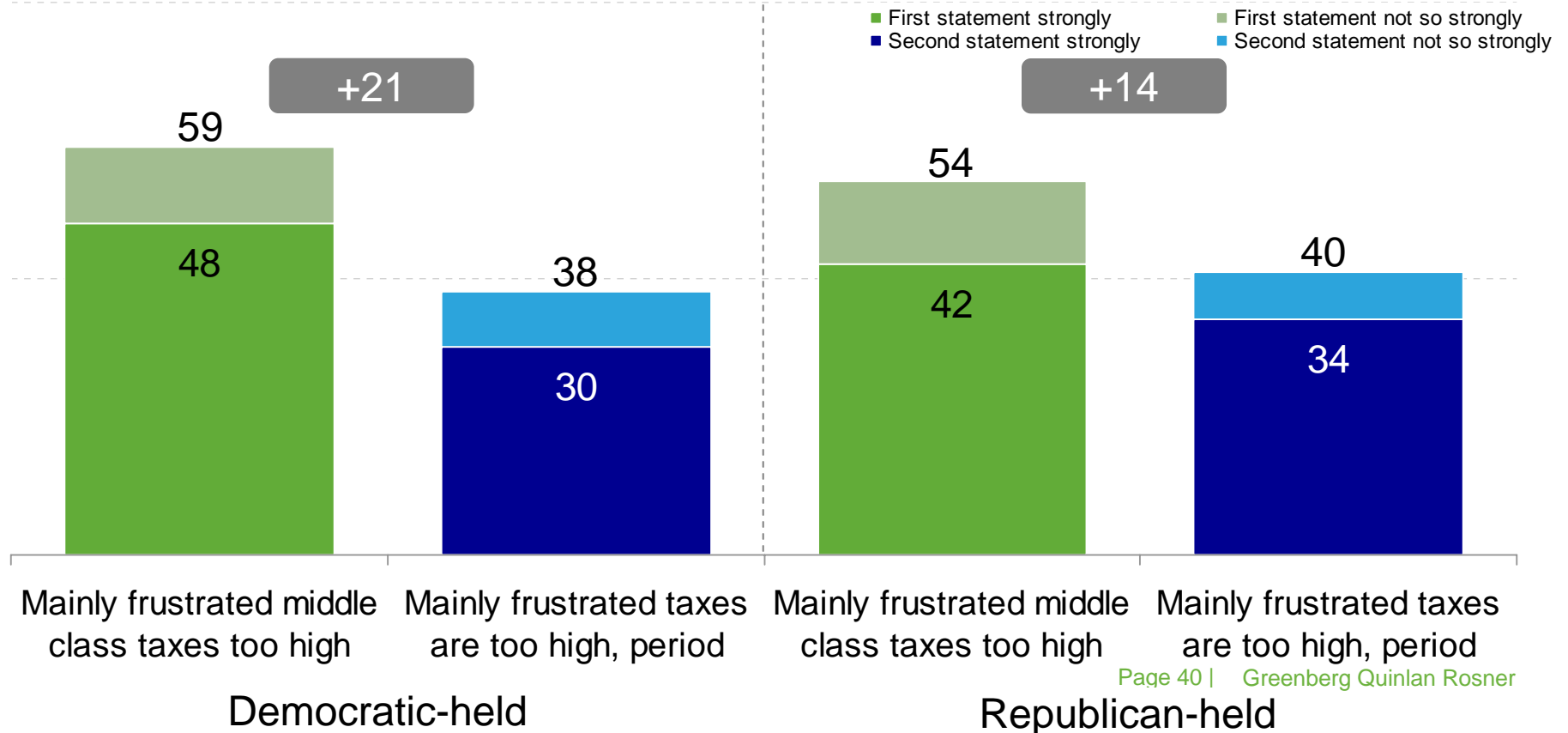
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## Frustration over unfair taxes and burden on middle class

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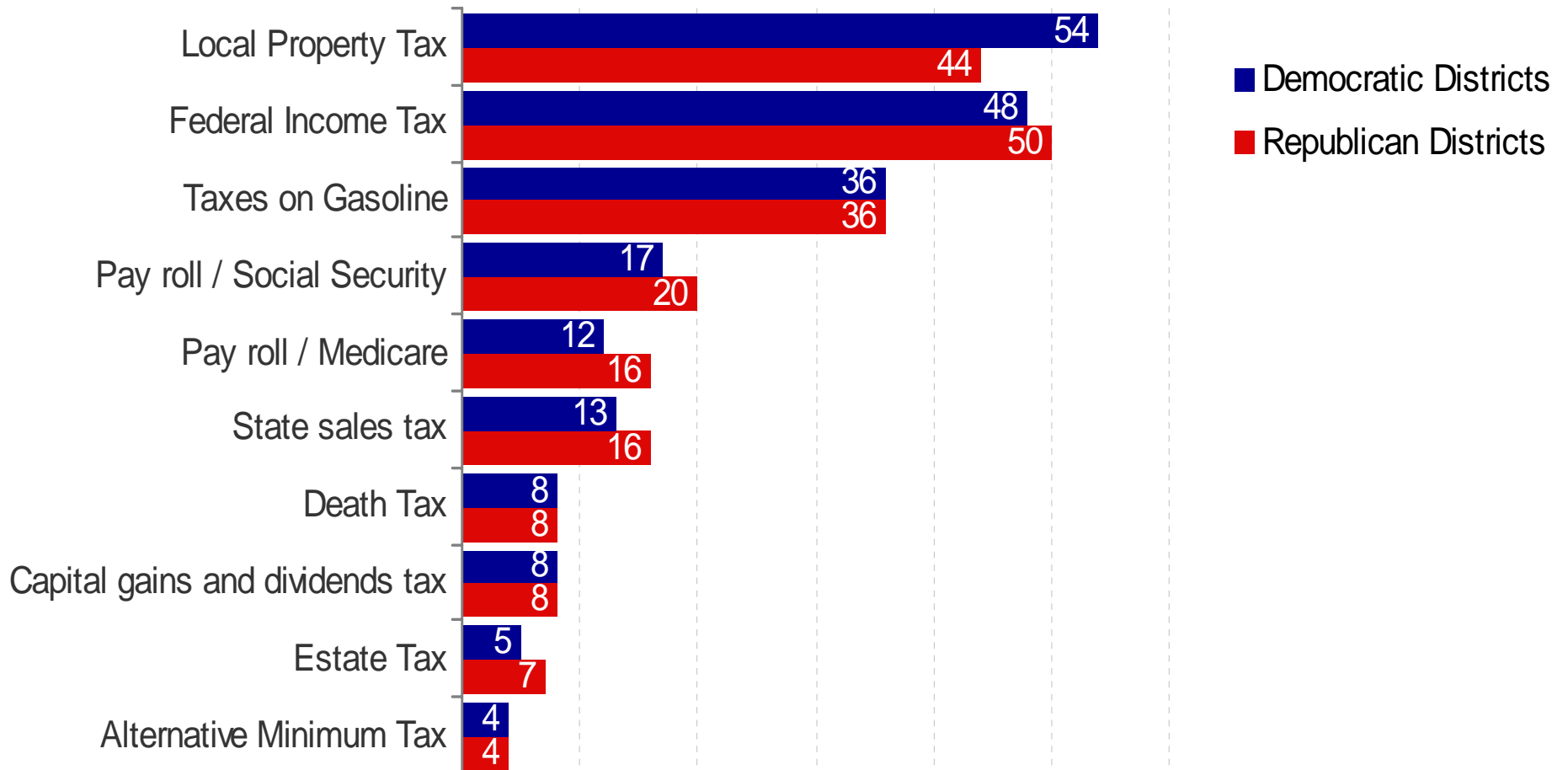
Statement 1: I'm mainly frustrated that taxes are unfair- a bigger burden on the middle class than the wealthy.

Statement 2: I'm mainly frustrated that taxes are too high, period.



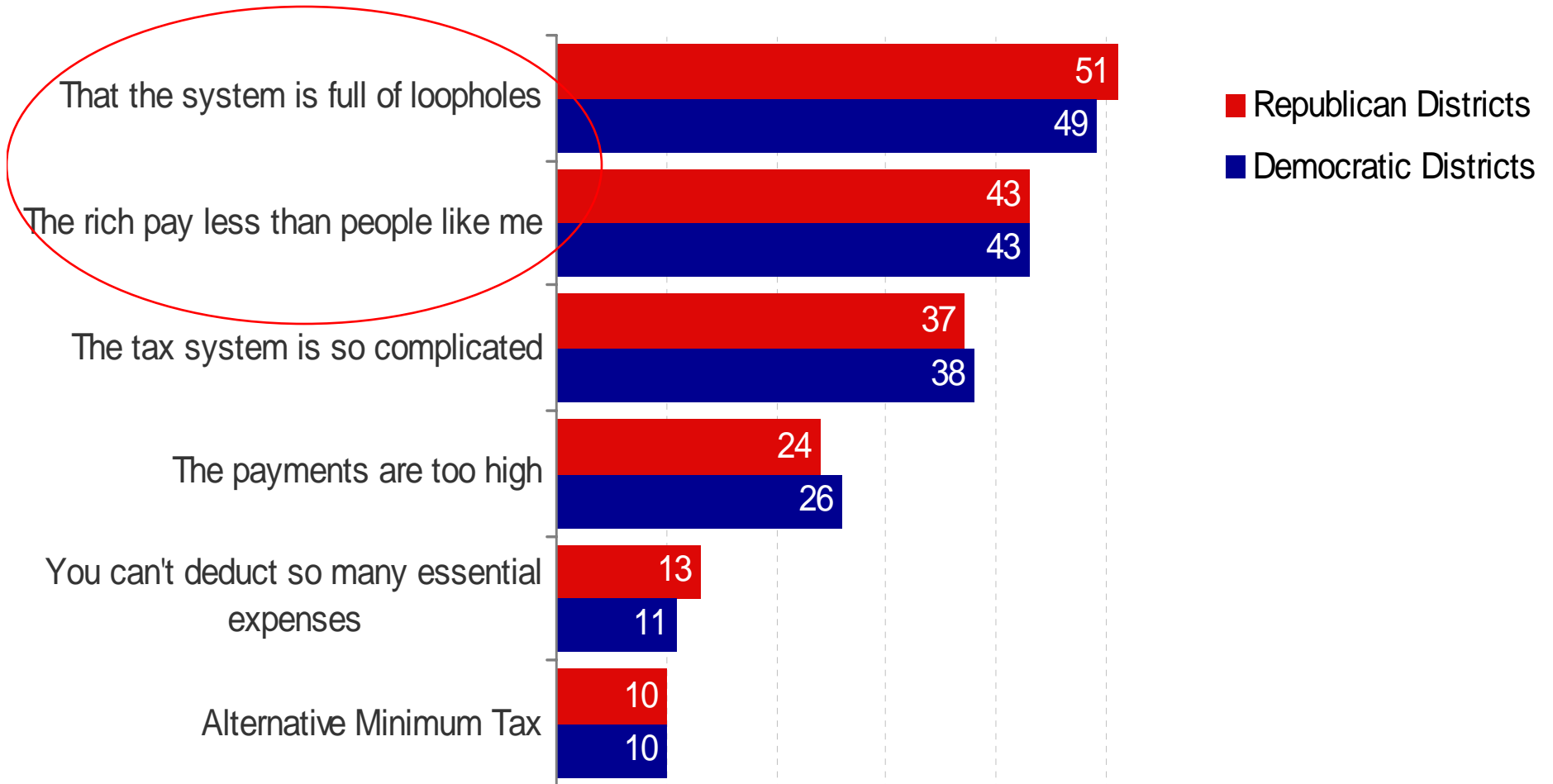
## Local Property Tax and Federal Income Tax biggest burdens

Thinking about all of the different taxes you pay, which TWO of the following are the biggest burden for you?



## What bother people about the federal income tax

Now thinking about the federal income tax, which TWO of the following bothers you the most?



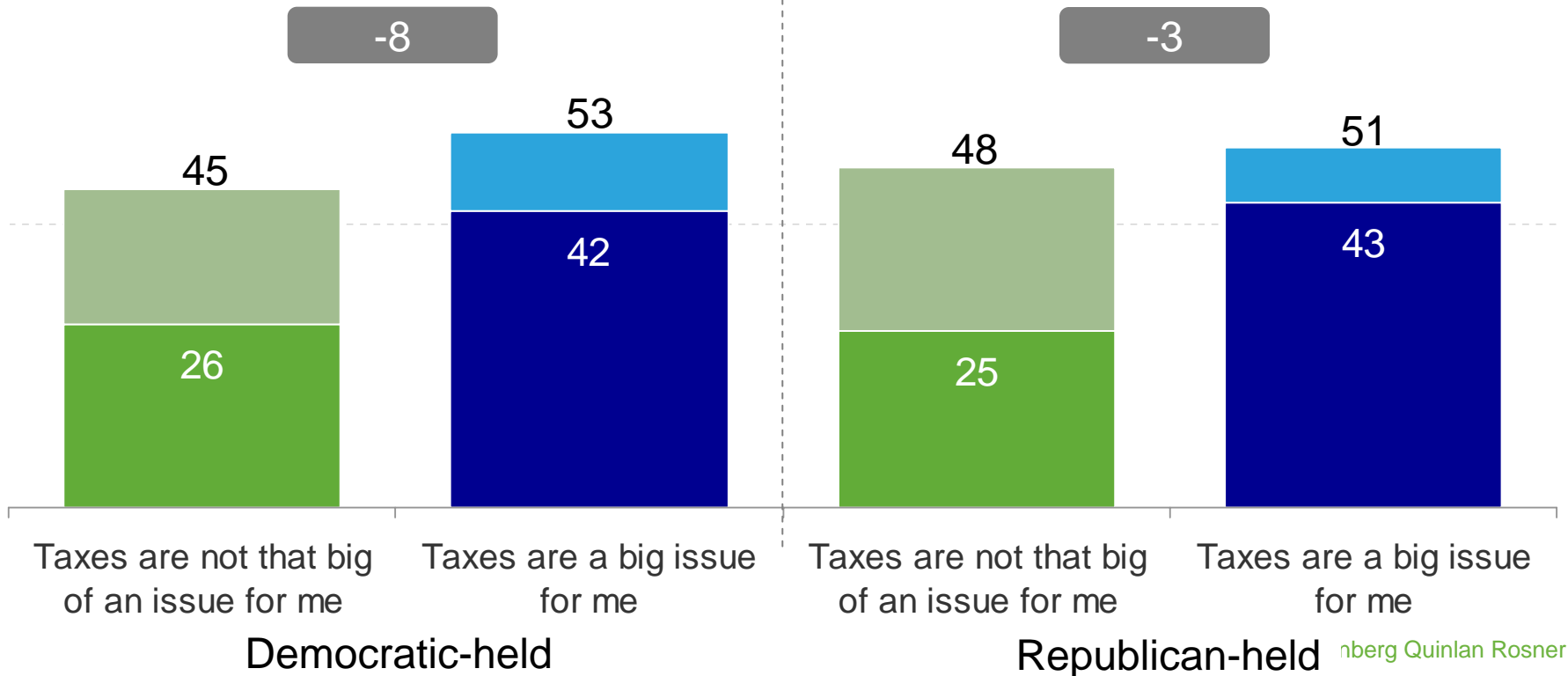
# In vote for President, taxes important in all districts

Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. As I read each pair, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right:

Statement 1: In voting for president, taxes is not that big an issue for me.

Statement 2: In voting for president, taxes is a big issue for me.

- First statement strongly
- First statement not so strongly
- Second statement strongly
- Second statement not so strongly



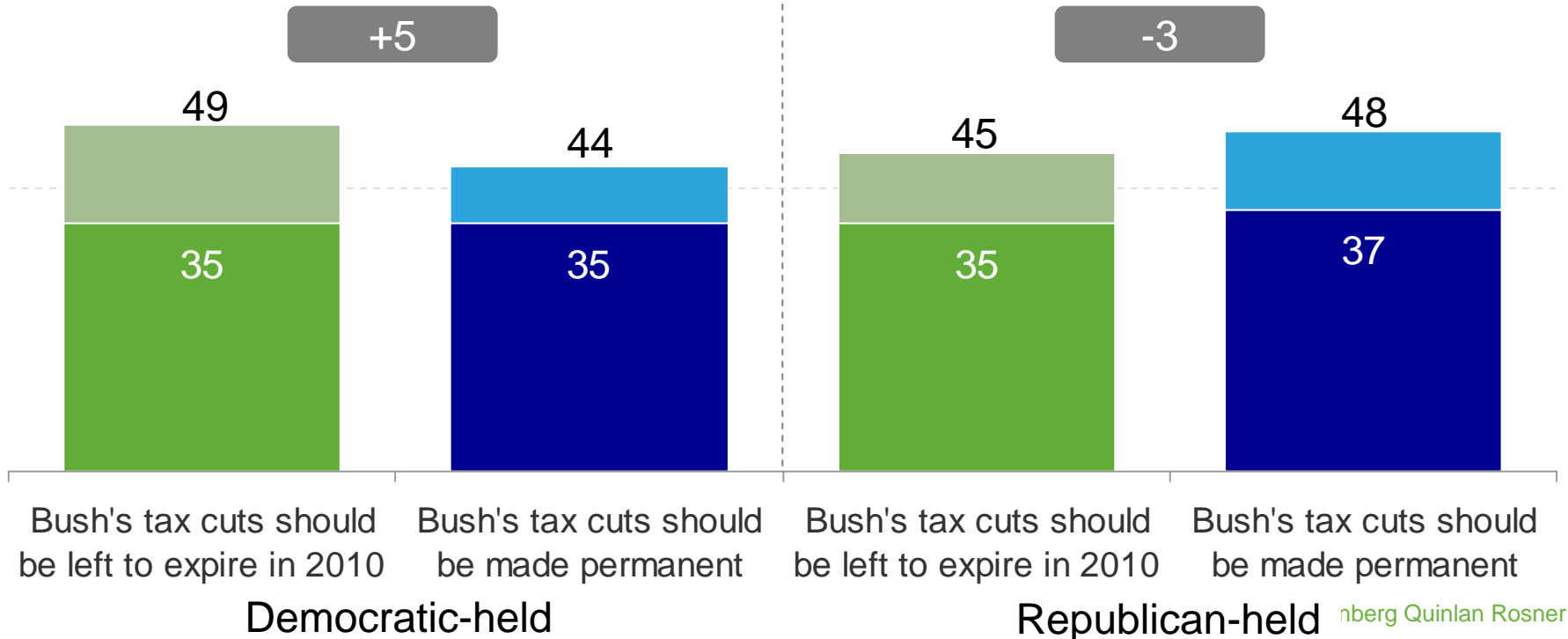
## Battleground districts split on whether to renew tax cuts

Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. As I read each pair, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right:

Statement 1: The tax cuts passed under President Bush should not be renewed and left to expire in 2010.

Statement 2: The tax cuts passed under President Bush should be made permanent.

- First statement strongly
- First statement not so strongly
- Second statement strongly
- Second statement not so strongly



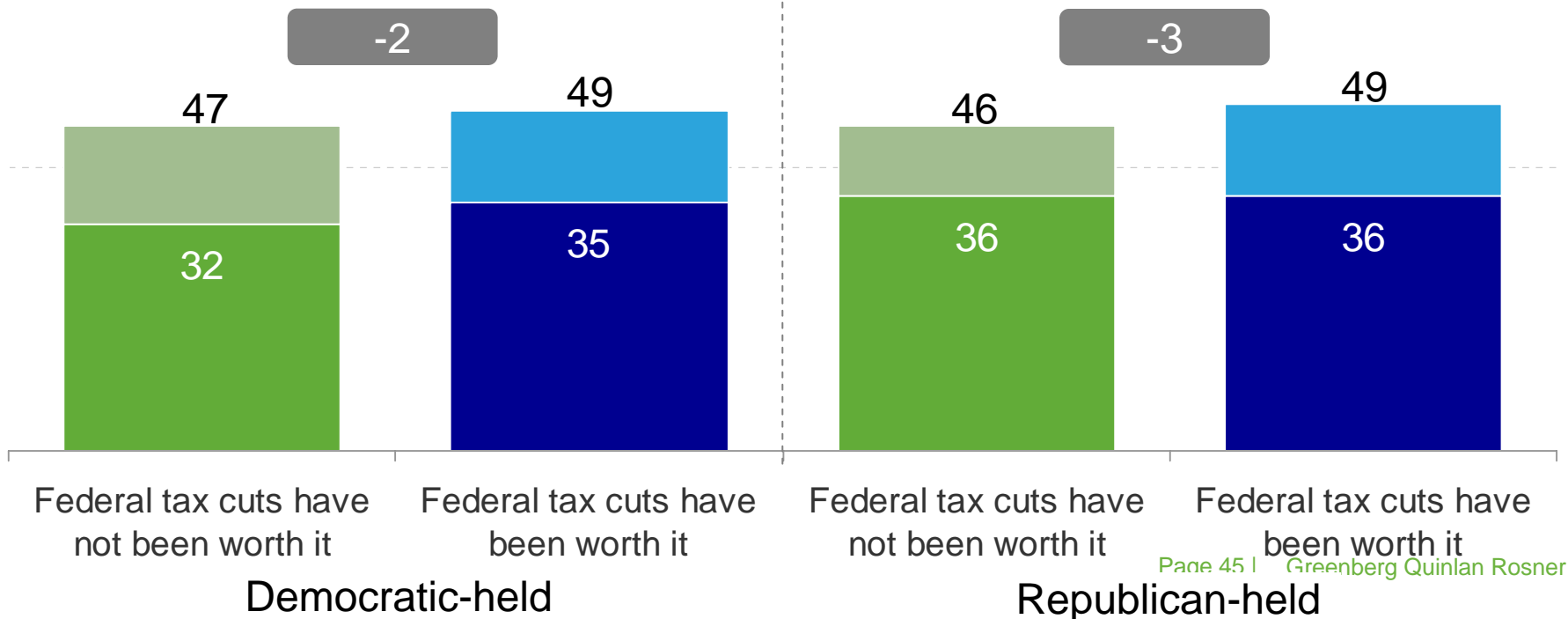
## Battleground districts divided about effect of tax cuts

Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. As I read each pair, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right:

Statement 1: Federal tax cuts have not been worth it, because they have increased the deficit.

Statement 2: Federal tax cuts have been worth it, because they have helped strengthen the economy by allowing Americans to keep more of their own money.

■ First statement strongly  
■ Second statement strongly  
■ First statement not so strongly  
■ Second statement not so strongly

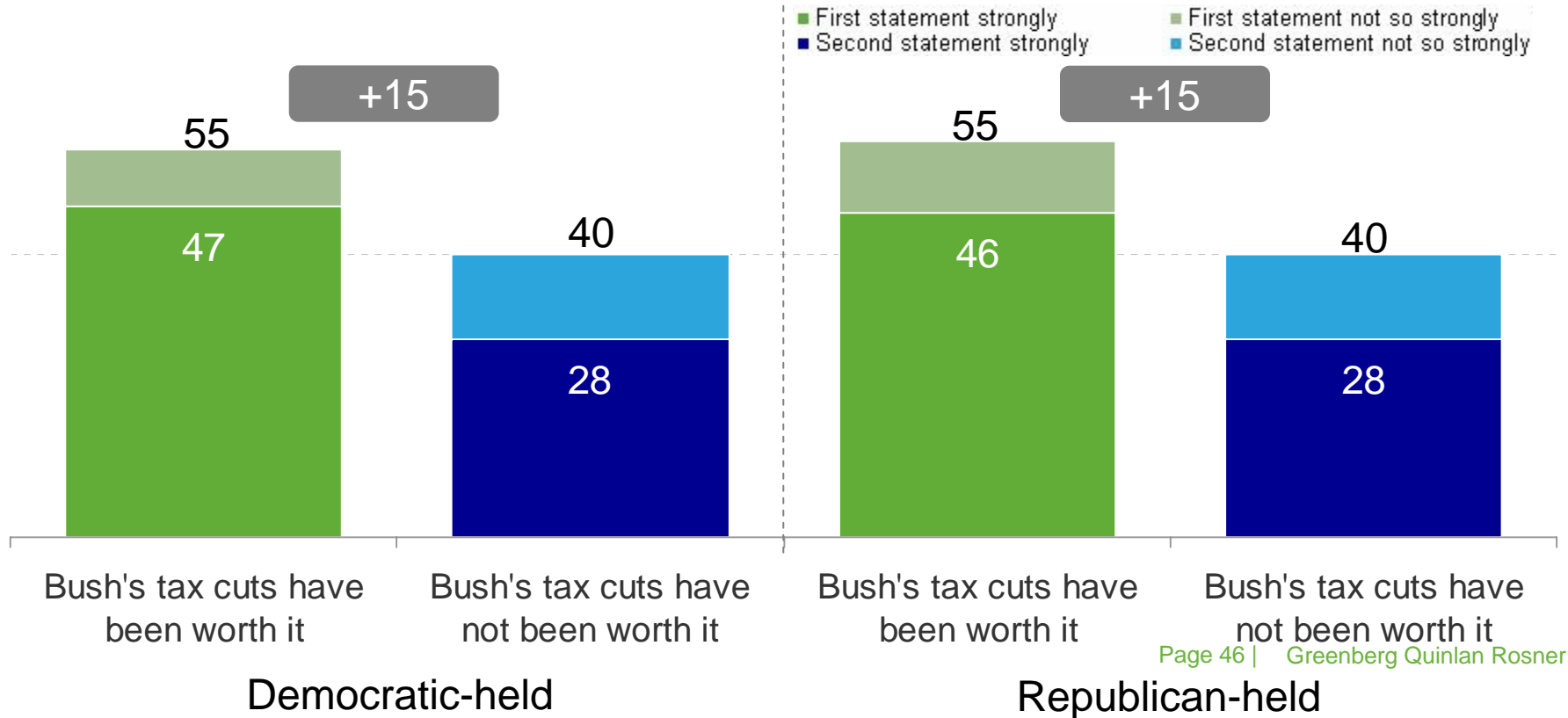


## Bush's tax cuts seen as not worth it, helped wealthy

Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. As I read each pair, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right:

Statement 1: President Bush's cuts have not been worth it, because they only helped the wealthy and did not benefit the middle or lower classes.

Statement 2: President Bush's tax cuts have been worth it, because they have helped strengthen the economy by allowing Americans to keep more of their own money.

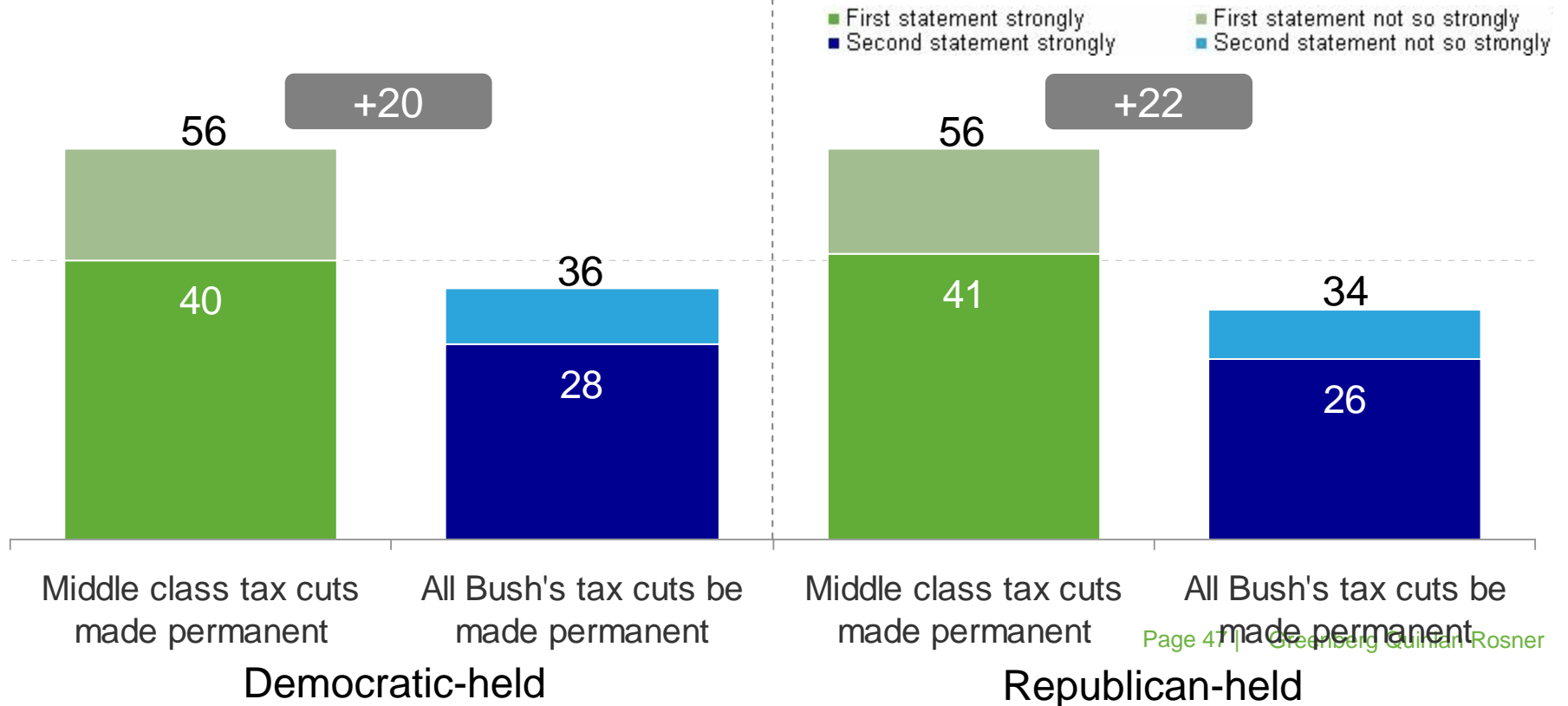


## Permanent tax cuts only for middle class

Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. As I read each pair, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right:

Statement 1: The middle class tax cuts passed under President Bush should be made permanent but those for the wealthy and big businesses should be left to expire in 2010.

Statement 2: All tax cuts passed under President Bush should be made permanent.



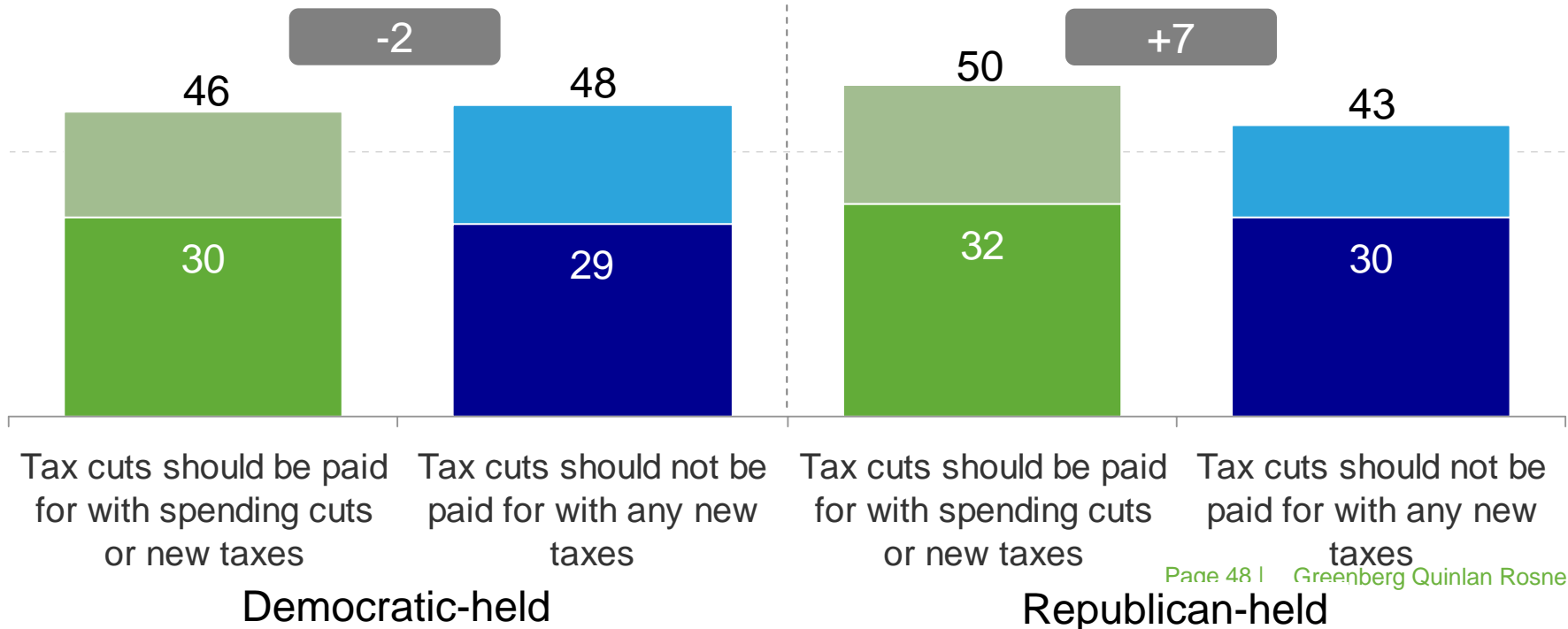
# Pay-Go

Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. As I read each pair, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right:

Statement 1: Any tax cuts passed by Congress should be paid for with spending cuts or tax increases on those who can afford it so that they don't add to the budget deficit.

Statement 2: Tax cuts passed by the Congress should not be paid for with any new taxes because they strengthen the economy and generate more revenue.

- First statement strongly
- Second statement strongly
- First statement not so strongly
- Second statement not so strongly

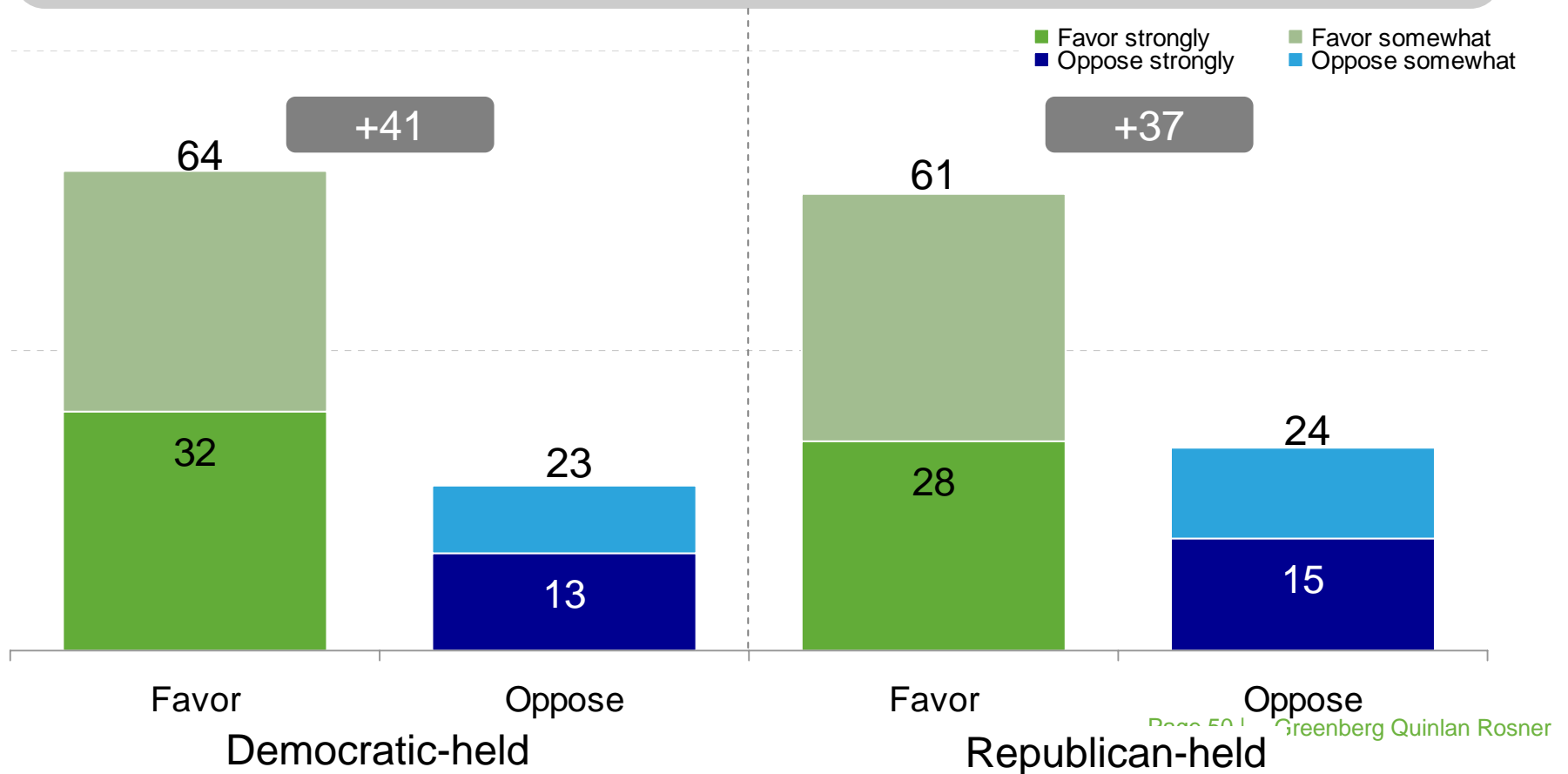


# Tax Debate – House of Representatives

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## Overwhelming support for House tax cut bill

*As you may know, last month the House of Representatives passed a tax cut bill. It protects 23 million middle income taxpayers from paying the Alternative Minimum Tax, saving them up to \$2,000 in taxes. It also makes more families eligible for the child tax credit and makes combat pay tax deductible. And it allows those using the short form to deduct their local property taxes. To pay for the lost revenue, the bill increases taxes on hedge fund managers and investors who currently pay a tax rate half that applied to ordinary income. Do you favor or oppose this bill?*



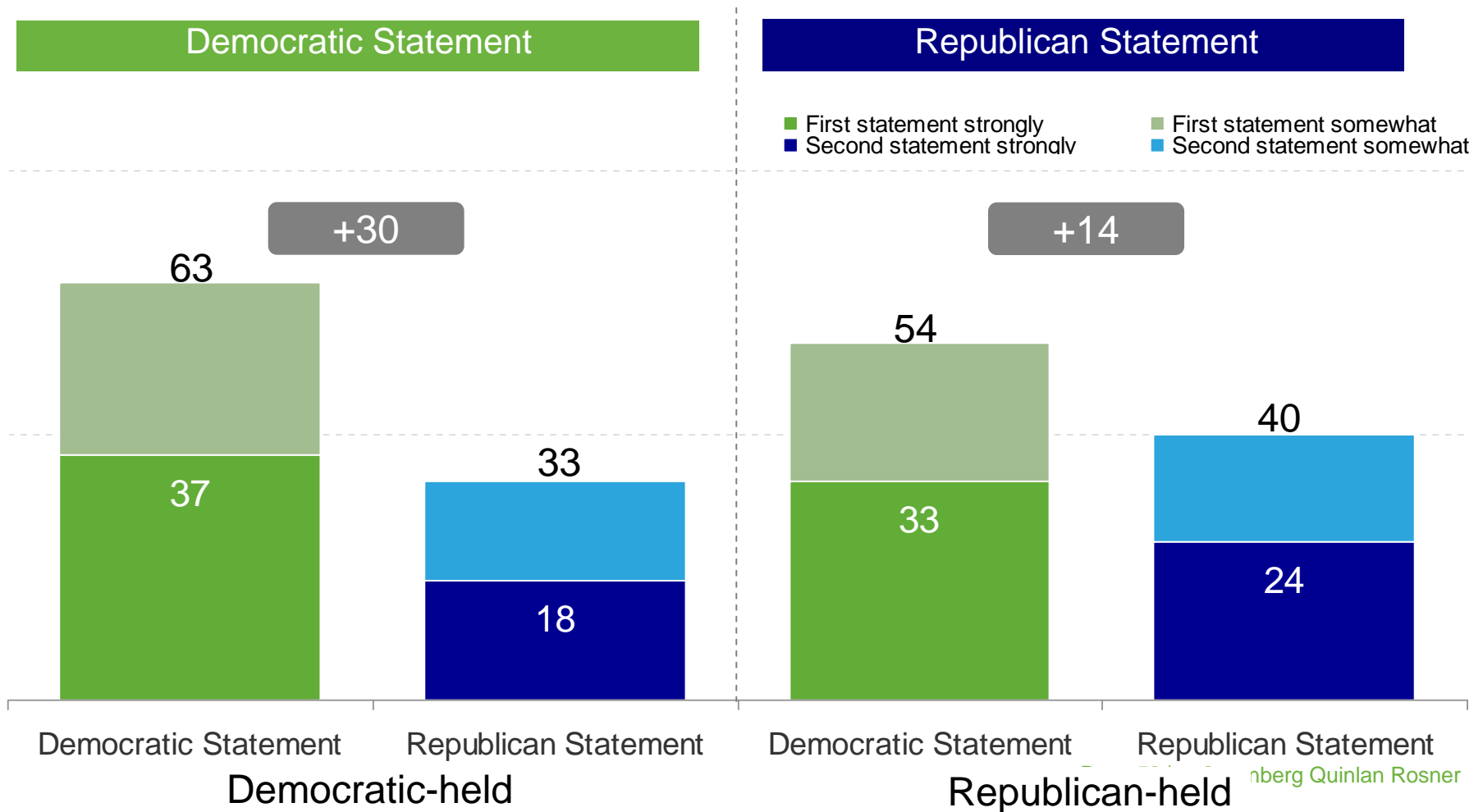
## Democratic and Republican Debate about House tax bill

*Now let me read you some statements about this bill passed by the House of Representatives. After I read them, please tell me whether you agree more with the first statement or the second statement, even if neither is exactly right.*

- The Democratic candidate says, this bill provides critical tax relief for 55 million middle class and working class taxpayers at a time of a weakening economy and growing financial pressures on families. I support it because the bill does not increase the deficit. It is paid for by closing tax loopholes and asking wealthy hedge fund managers to pay the same tax rate as those with ordinary income.*
- The Republican candidate says, this bill abuses the legitimate goal of protecting those about to be hit by the AMT, but it is packed with special interest goodies and raises taxes on investors that will hurt our economy at a time of uncertainty. I am opposed to any tax increases at this time. This country can't afford politically motivated tax increases that could push us into recession.*

# Support for Democratic plan for middle class tax relief, closing tax loopholes

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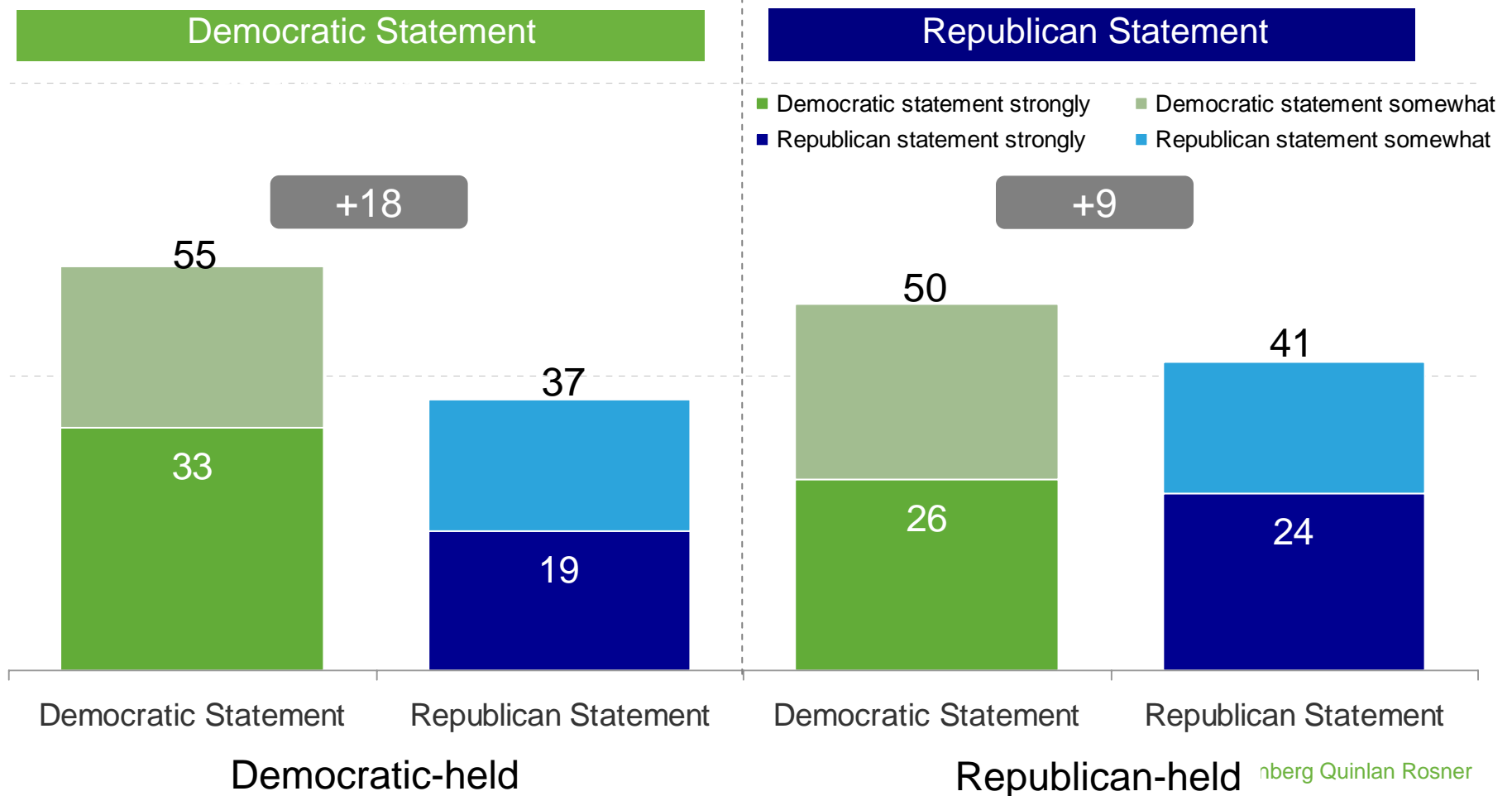
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- *The Democratic candidate says, after years of increasing the deficit, I support this tax cut bill because it is paid for. Tax cuts for the middle class are paid for by tax increases for very wealthy hedge fund managers. We provide tax relief for the middle class without adding a penny to the deficit.*
- *The Republican candidate says, the Democrats want to raise taxes to pay for the elimination of a tax that should have never been there. It was never meant to apply to middle class taxpayers and we shouldn't be trying to collect it. Democrats' attempt to pay for the AMT with new taxes is offensive and will slow down our economy.*

# Support for tax increases on hedge fund managers to prevent increasing deficit

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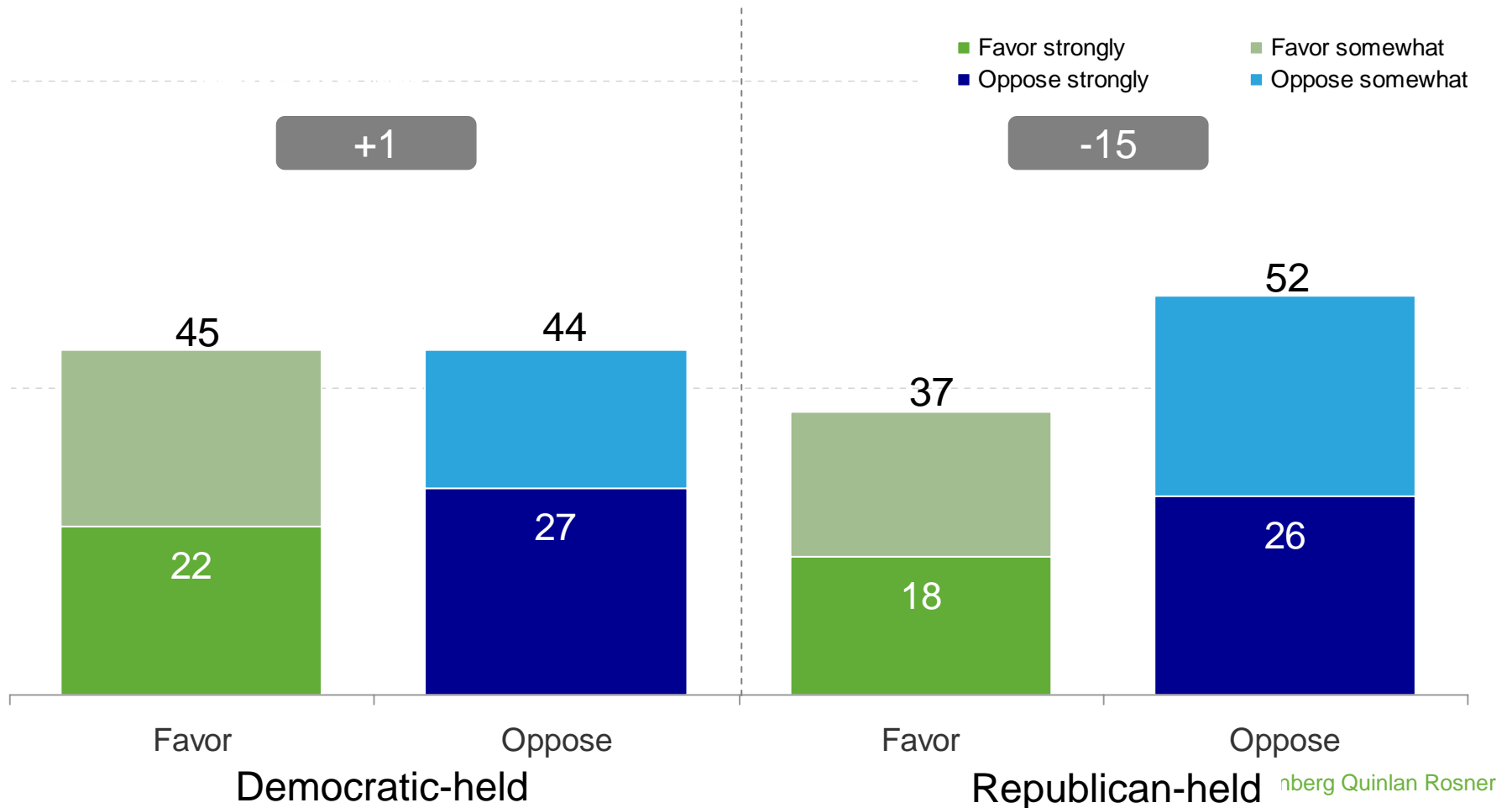


# Tax Debate – Senate

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## Less support for Senate version; opposition to deficit increases

As you may know, recently the Senate passed a tax cut bill. It protects 23 million middle income taxpayers from paying the Alternative Minimum Tax, saving them up to \$2,000 in taxes. To avoid raising any taxes to pay for the lost revenue, the bill will increase the deficit by \$50 billion next year. Do you favor or oppose this bill?

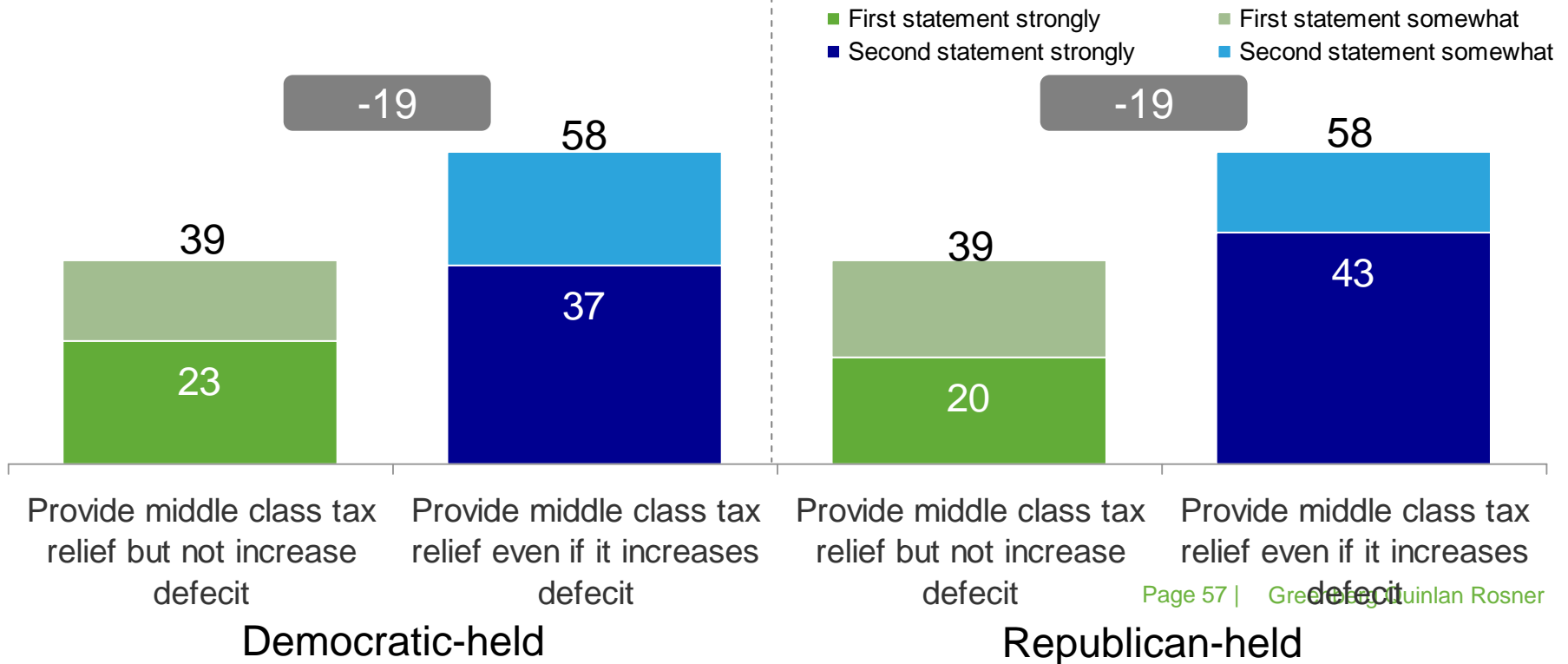


## When reminded of weak economy, fear of any tax increase grows

Now let me read you some statements about this bill passed by the Senate. After I read them, please tell me whether you agree more with the first statement or the second statement, even if neither is exactly right.

Statement 1: Some people say, it is important to provide this middle class tax relief. But we should not do it by increasing the federal deficit. We should fund middle class tax cuts by closing tax loopholes and raising taxes for hedge fund managers.

Statement 2: Others say, it is important to provide this middle class tax relief, even if it raises the deficits. With the economy weak, this is not the time to raise taxes on anybody.

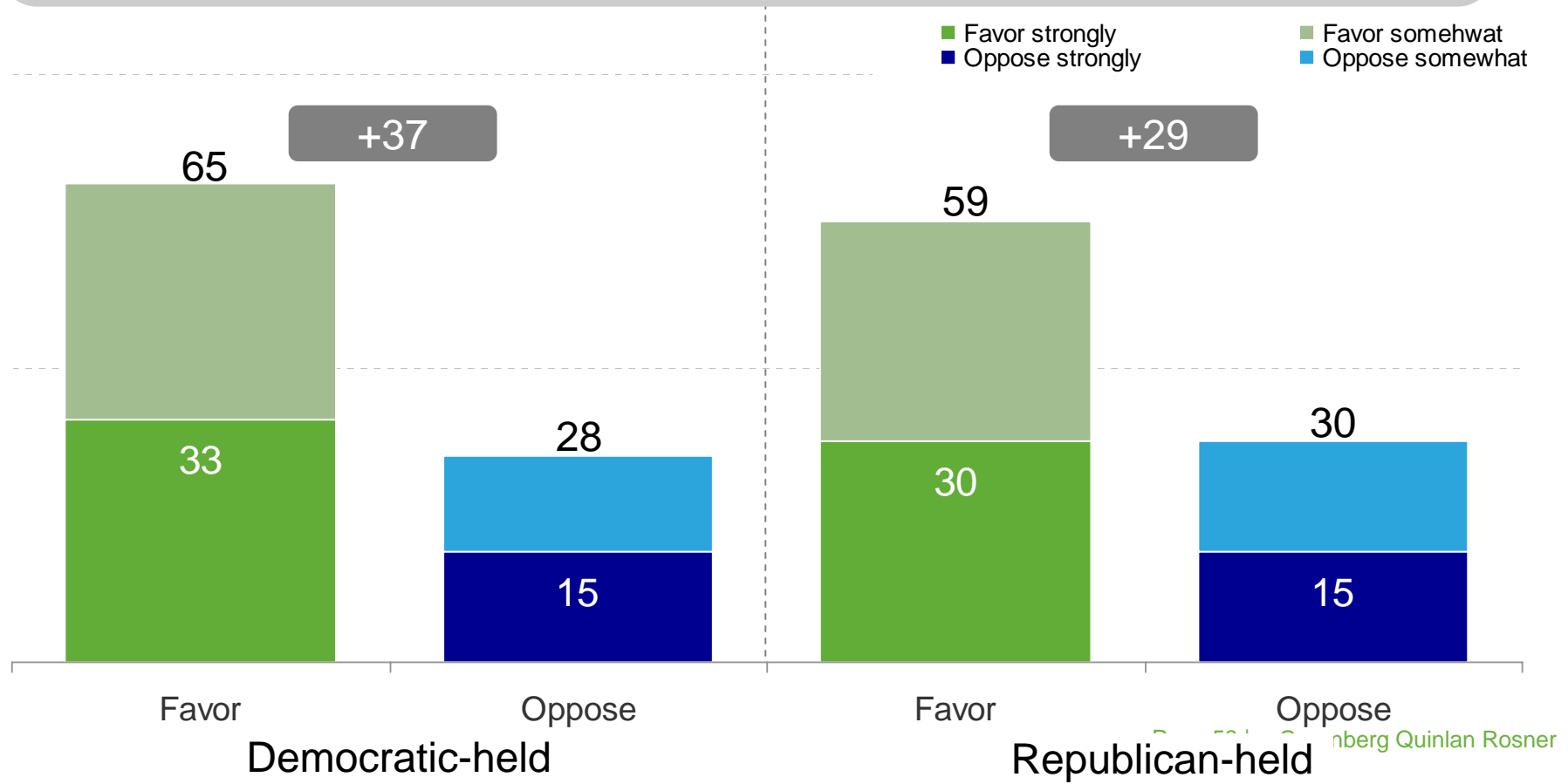


# Tax Debate – Comprehensive Tax Reform

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## Support for bolder long term tax relief

As you may know, the Democrats in Congress proposed a major reform of our federal taxes, cutting taxes for 90 million middle class and working families. It abolishes the Alternative Minimum Tax, expands the number of families eligible for the child tax credit and increases the standard deduction for average taxpayers. It cuts corporate taxes from 35 to 30 percent to make America more competitive. To reduce taxes for the middle class, the bill adds a tax surcharge of 4 percent for individuals earning over \$150,000 and families over \$200,000 and closes loop holes for hedge fund managers. Do you favor or oppose this comprehensive tax reform?



## Democratic and Republican Debate about Rangel tax plan

*Now let me read you some statements about this Democratic comprehensive tax reform proposal. After I read them, please tell me whether you agree more with the first statement or the second statement, even if neither is exactly right.*

- *The Democratic candidate says, we need a complete overhaul of our tax system to get permanent tax relief for the middle class - 90 million Americans will be helped by raising the standard deduction, helping families with children and abolishing the Alternative Minimum Tax. Over many years, middle class incomes have stagnated while incomes of CEOs and the very rich have skyrocketed. Raising their taxes to pay for broad middle class relief without raising the deficit is the right goal.*
- *The Republican candidate says, the Democratic tax reform plan is the mother of all tax hikes. We should stop a Democratic plan that would roll back Bush's tax cuts and raise taxes on millions of small businesses and investors which would devastate our economy and hinder America's ability to compete in the global economy. Democrats want to raise taxes to pay for their pet projects but we must keep taxes low so that individuals and America can prosper.*

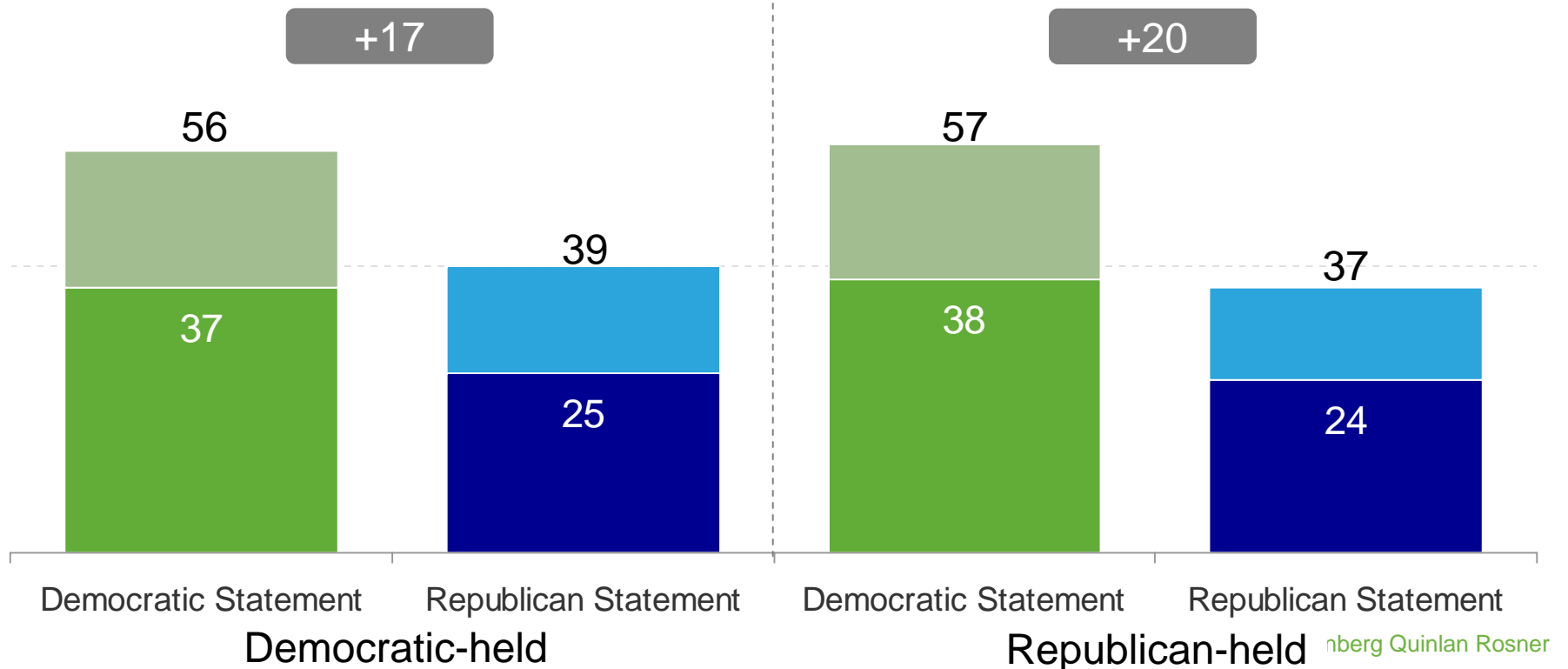
# Republican-held districts support Rangel tax proposal

Now let me read you some statements about this Democratic comprehensive tax reform proposal. After I read them, please tell me whether you agree more with the first statement or the second statement, even if neither is exactly right.

## Democratic Statement

## Republican Statement

- First statement strongly
- First statement somewhat
- Second statement strongly
- Second statement somewhat

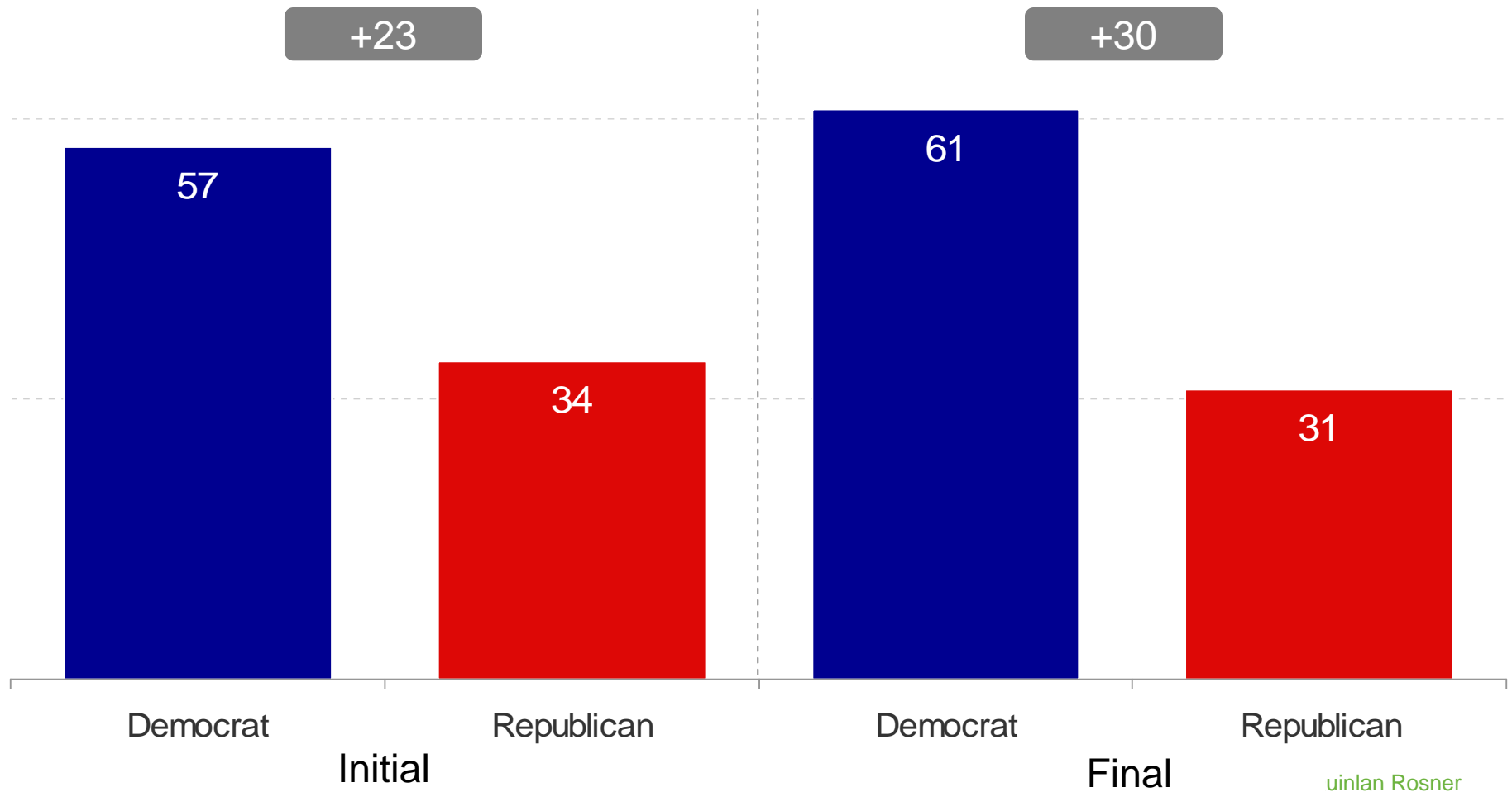


# Consequences of engaging in a tax battle

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## Improvement in Democratic-held districts after tax debate

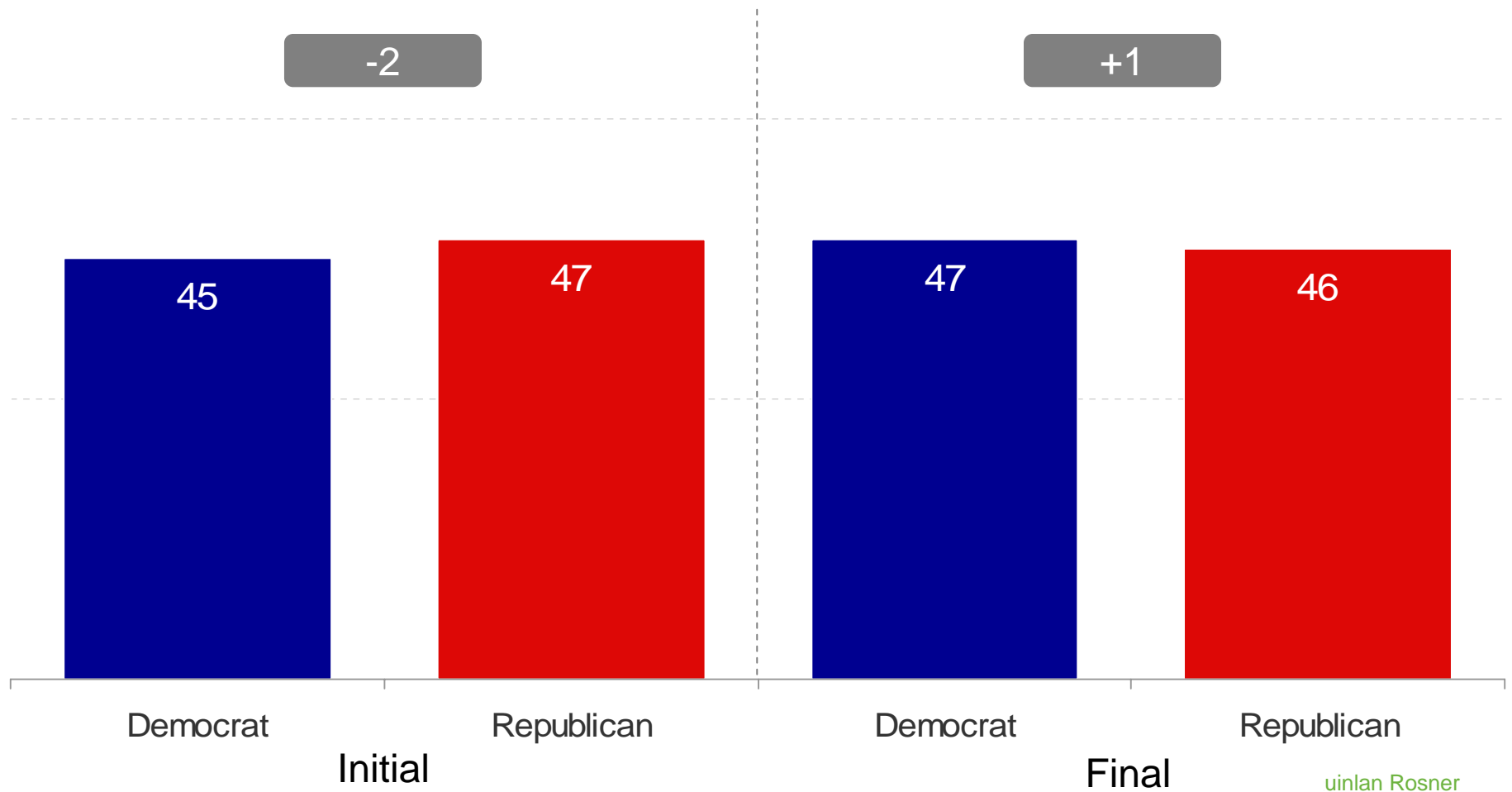
Thinking about the election for Congress in 2008, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate\*?



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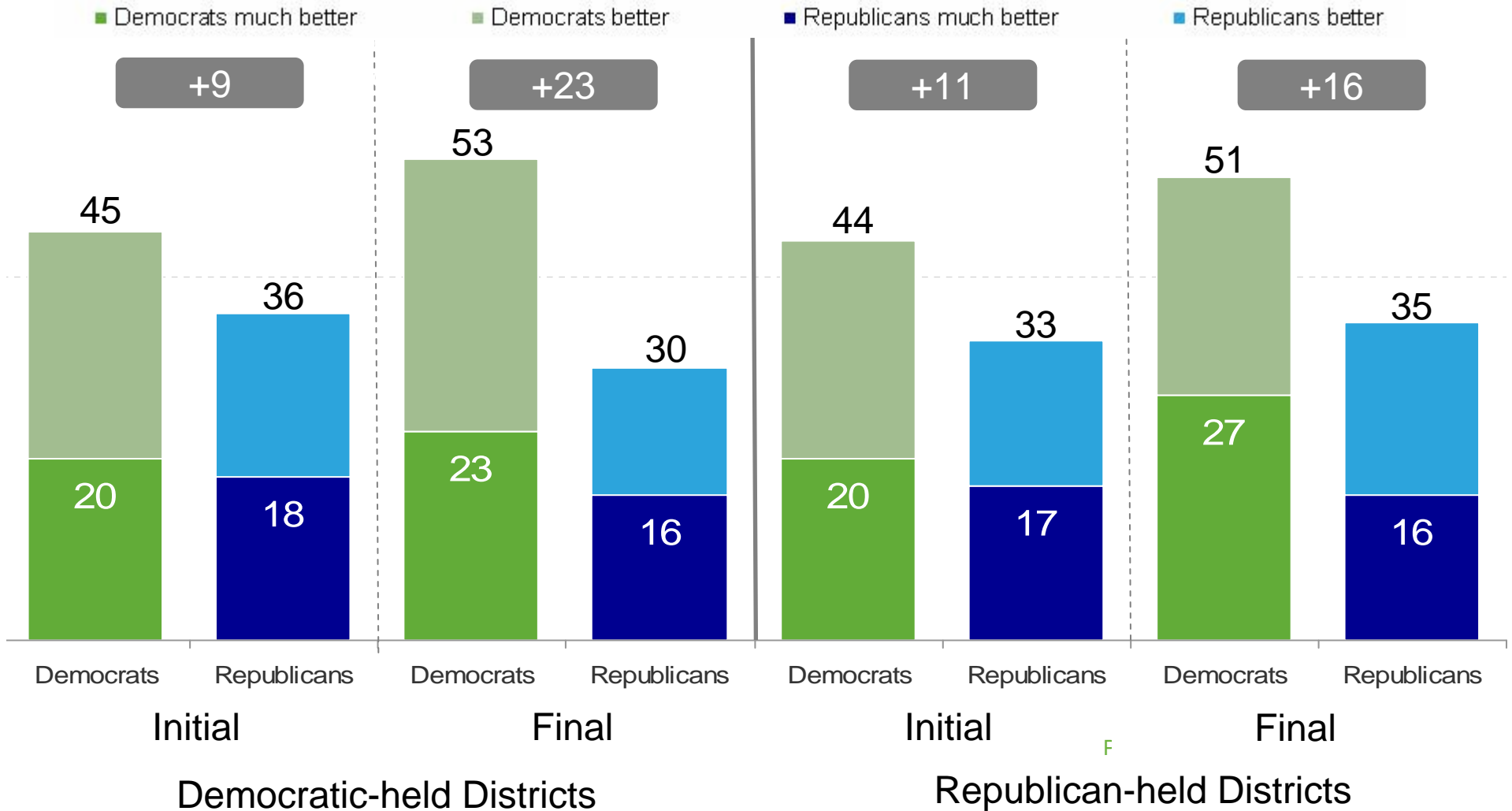
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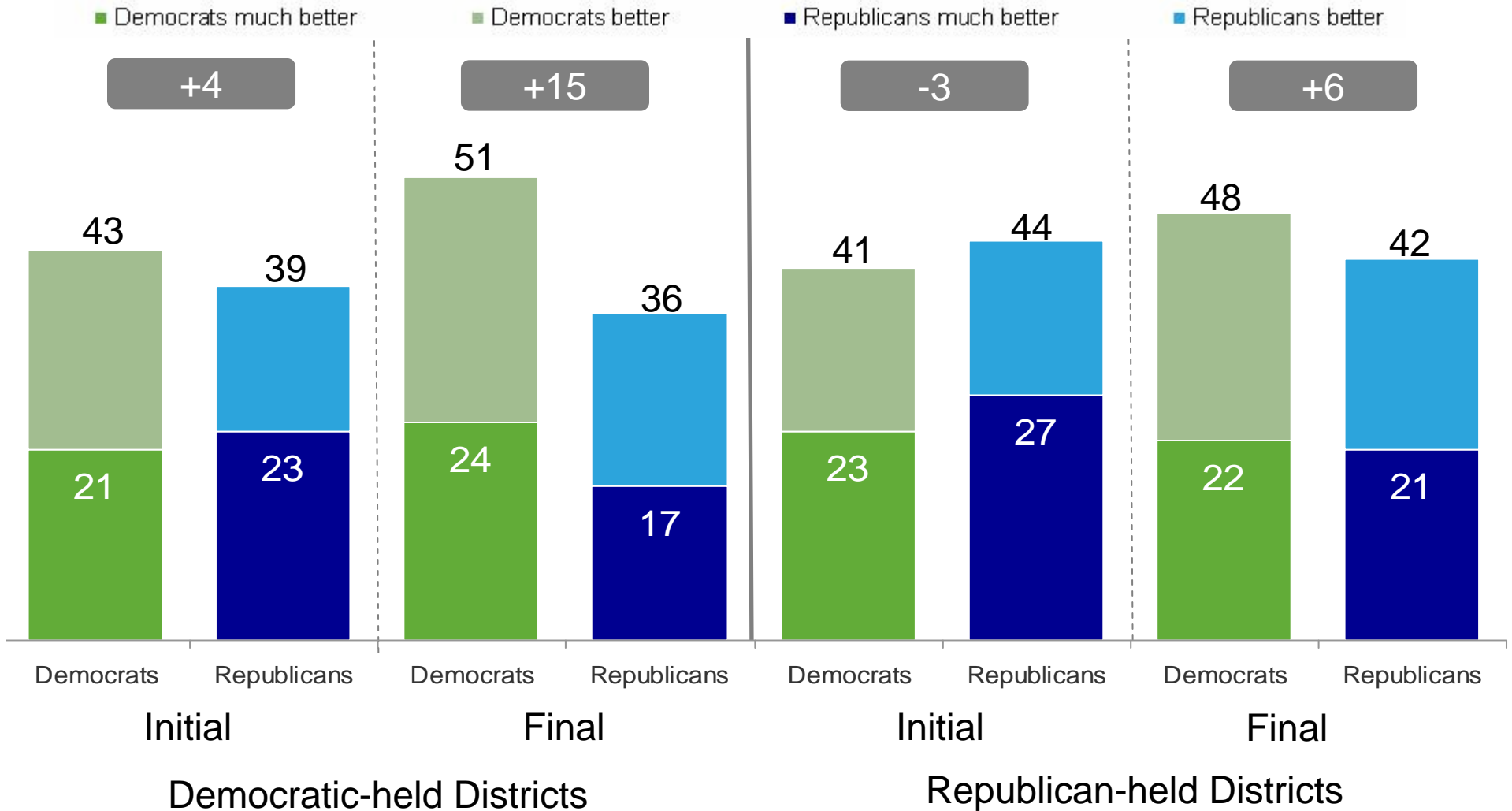
## After debate, Democrats seen as better positioned to change tax system

Now I am going to ask you one more time. 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. If you do not know, just tell me and we will move on to the next item. [Changing the tax system]



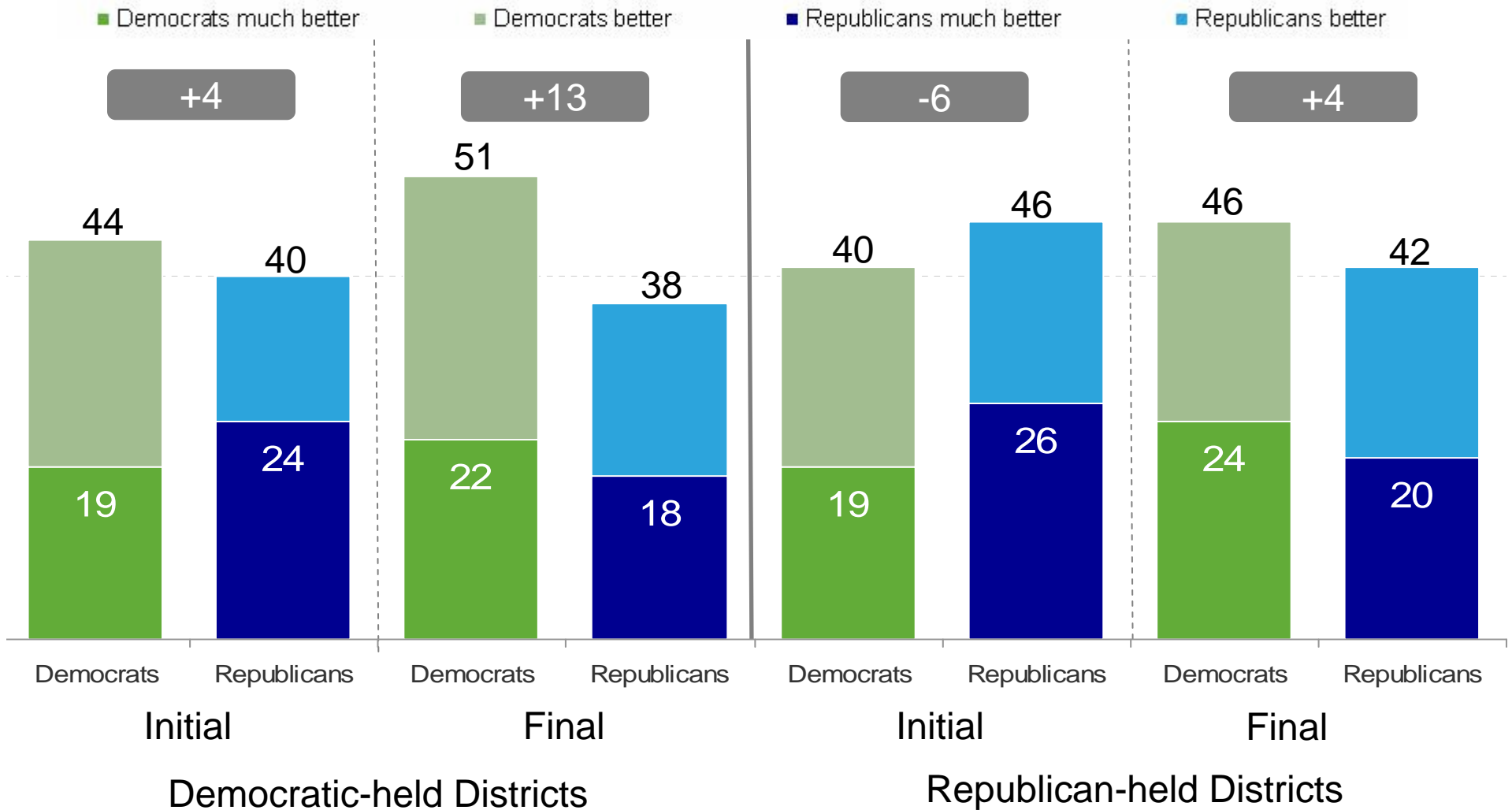
## Post-debate, Democrats viewed as better at reducing taxes

*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. If you do not know, just tell me and we will move on to the next item. [Reducing taxes for people like you]*



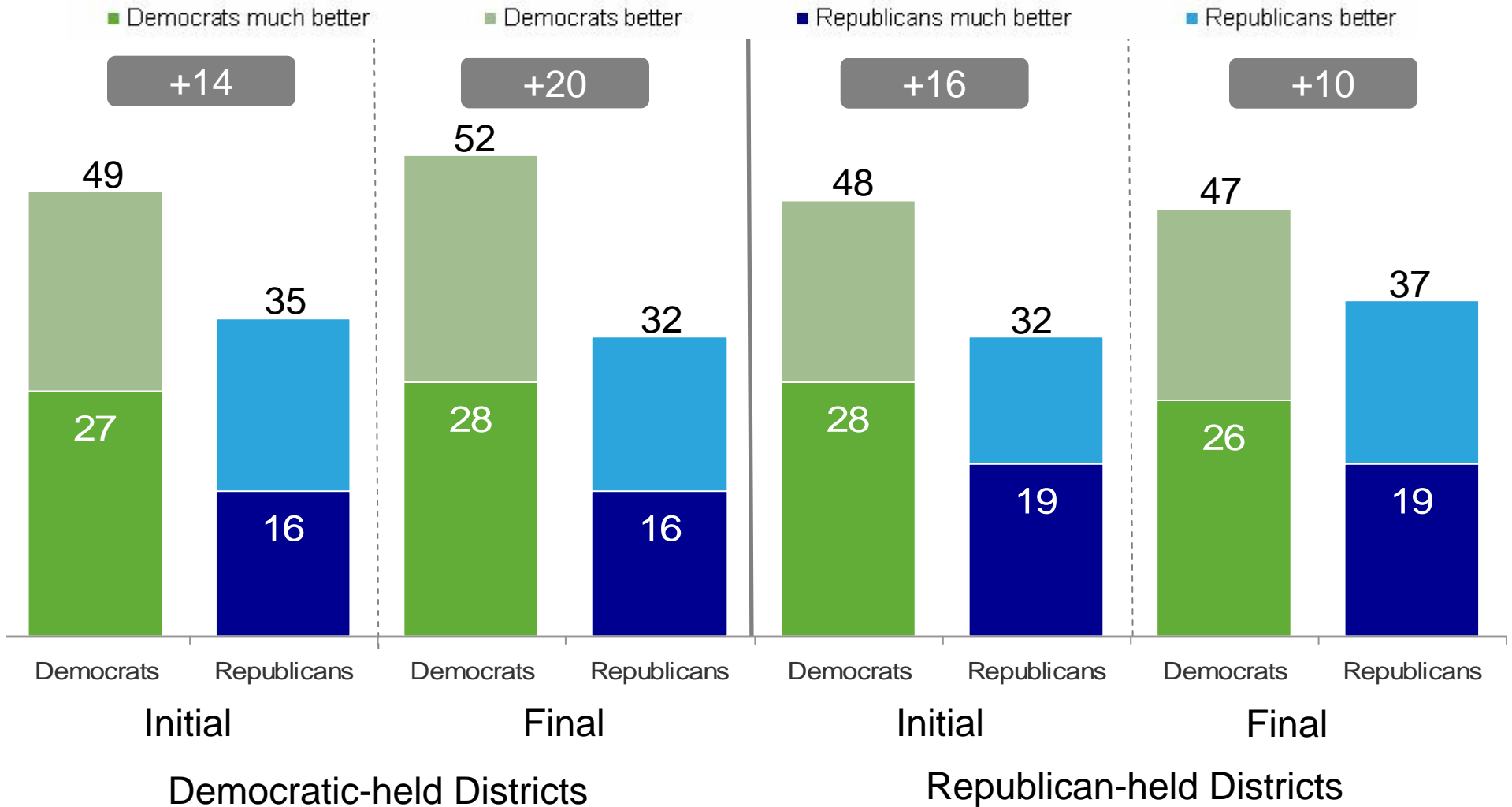
## Democrats would do a better job dealing with tax issues

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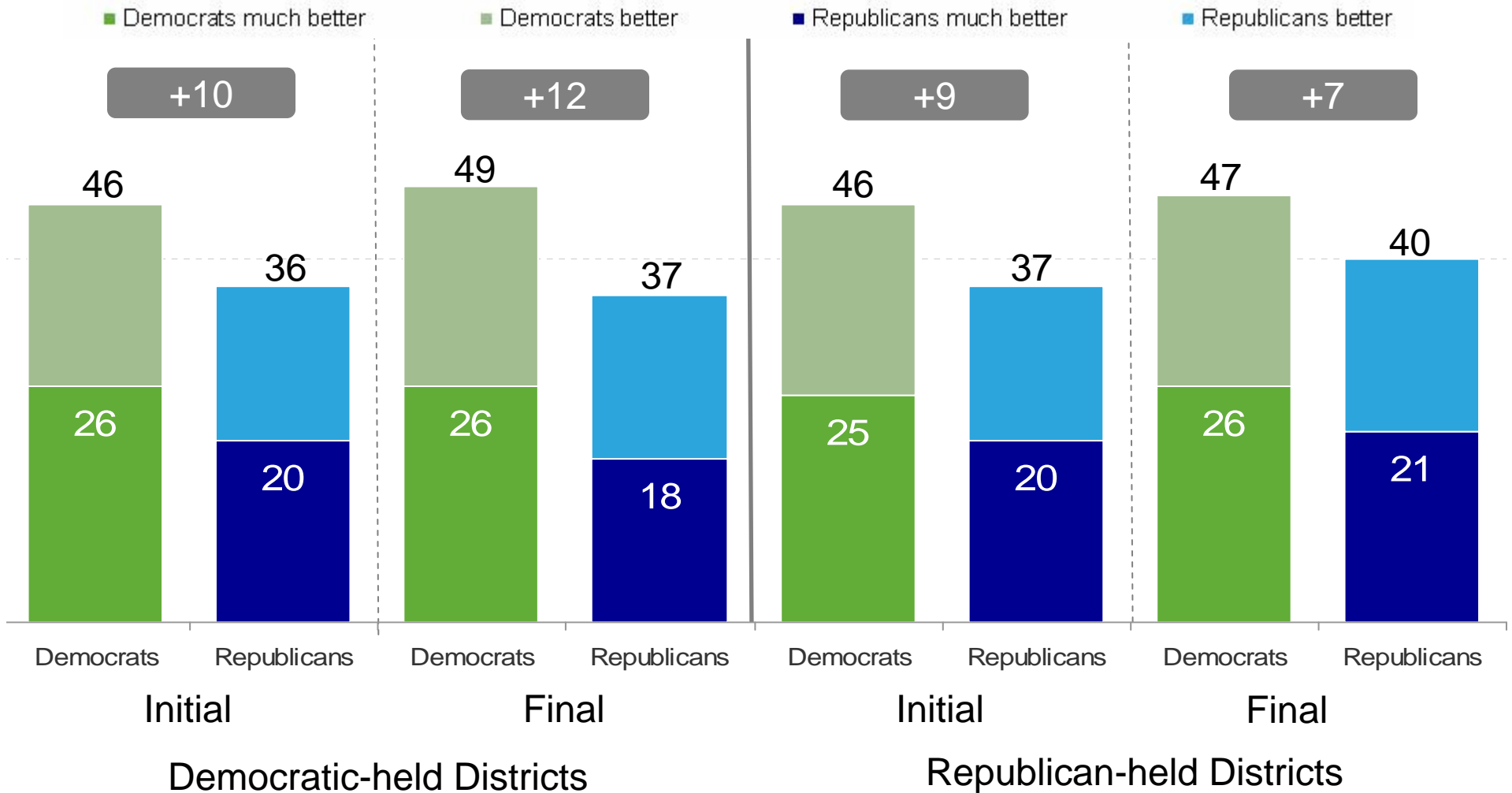
## On your side: Democrats slide slightly in Republican-held districts

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## Right priorities: Democrats steady in Republican-held districts

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# Tax Proposals

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## Democratic tax proposals resonating strongest

*Now let me read you some proposed tax cuts that the Democratic candidate may champion in Congress. For each one, please tell me whether it would make you much more likely, a little more likely, no more likely or less likely to support the Democratic candidate.*

	<b>Democratic- held Districts:  Much/Smwht more likely</b>	<b>Republican- held Districts:  Much/Smwht more likely</b>
<b>Help middle class families by regularly adjusting the child tax credit of \$1,000 so it keeps up with the pace of inflation and cost of living.</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Help middle class families by making the \$1000 per child tax credit permanent, since it is set to be reduced to \$500 in 2010</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Repeal all of Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy before they expire in 2010, but keep those helping working families with incomes below \$200,000</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Help homeowners who are suffering from high property tax bills by creating a new local property tax deduction of up to \$700 for homeowners who currently do not itemize on their Federal Tax returns.</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>45</b>

## Republican proposals falling flat

*Now let me read you some proposed tax cuts that the Republican candidate may champion in Congress. For each one, please tell me whether it would make you much more likely, a little more likely, no more likely or less likely to support the Republican candidate.*

	<b>Democratic- held Districts:  Much/Smwht more likely</b>	<b>Republican- held Districts:  Much/Smwht more likely</b>
<b>Make Bush's tax cuts permanent</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Replace all taxes with a flat federal income tax rate of 10 to 25 percent rate with almost no deductions or credits to simplify the system</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>39</b>

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