

# CREATING MORE INCLUSIVE PUBLIC SPACES

## STRUCTURAL RACISM, CONFEDERATE MEMORIALS, AND BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Findings from the 2022 PRRI-EPU Religion and  
Inclusive Public Spaces Survey



## Survey Methodology

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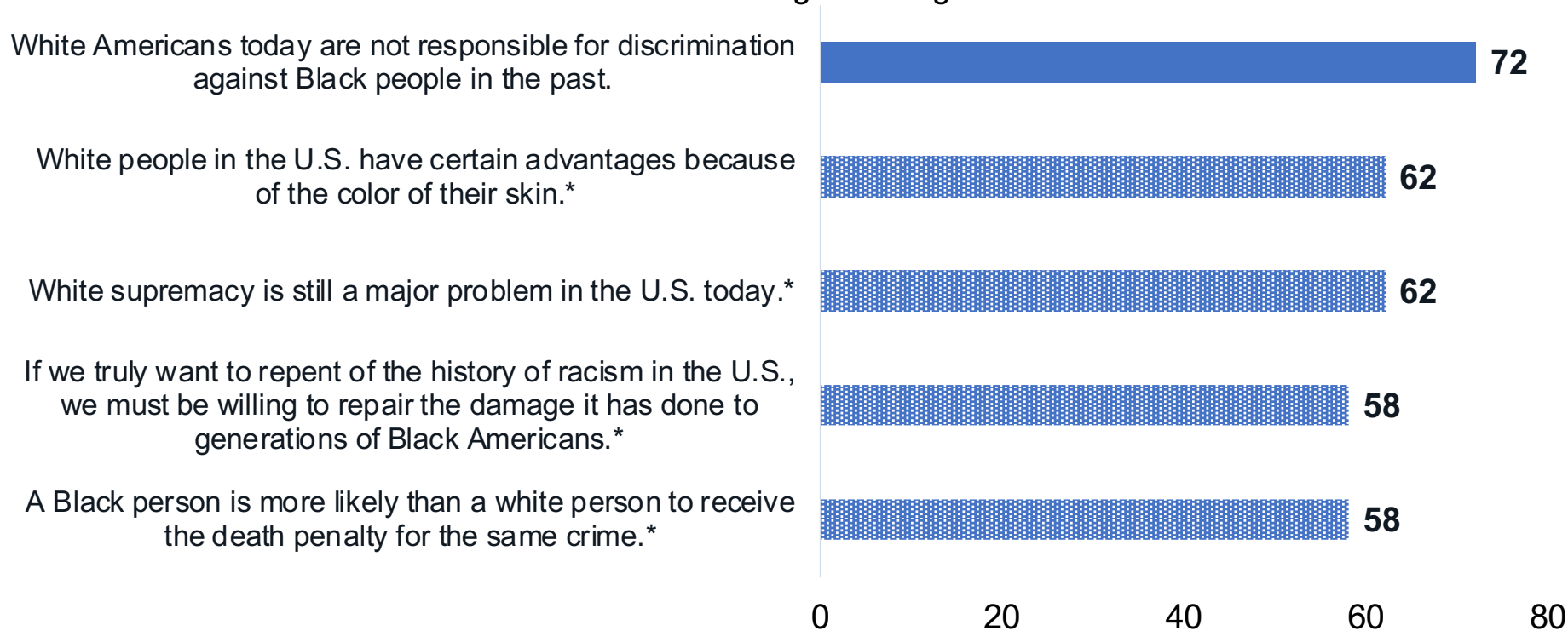
- Conducted June 10-June 29, 2022, by PRRI, among 5,439 adults (5,021 from Ipsos's probability-based Knowledge Panel, plus 418 opt-in panelists to increase sample sizes in 13 Southern states).
- Designed in partnership with E Pluribus Unum, with generous support from the Mellon Foundation.

# STRUCTURAL RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION

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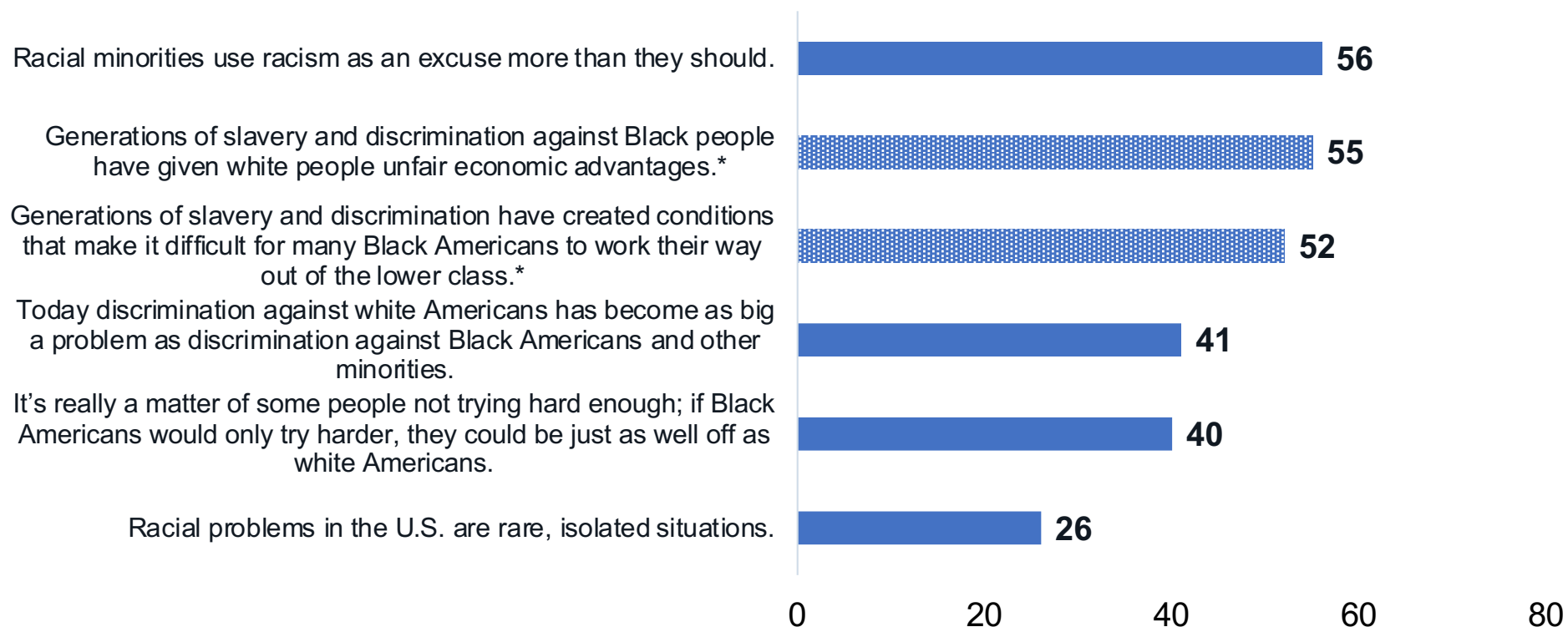
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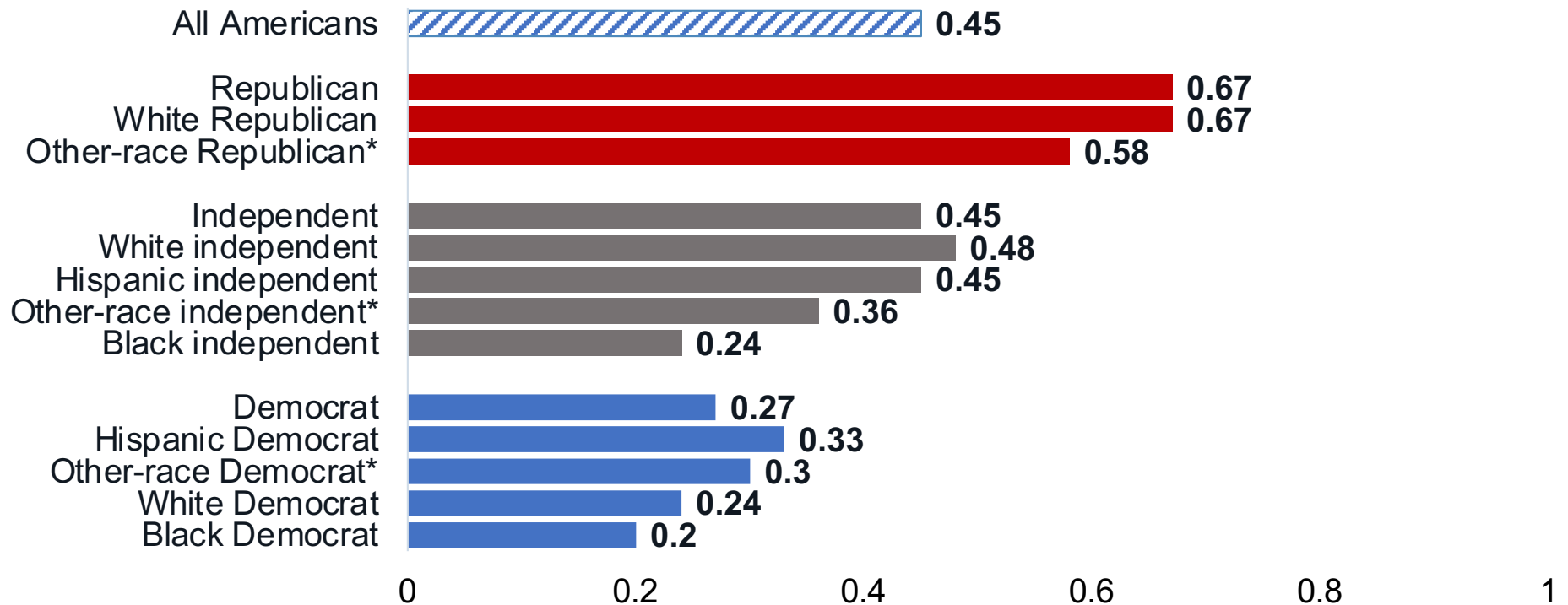
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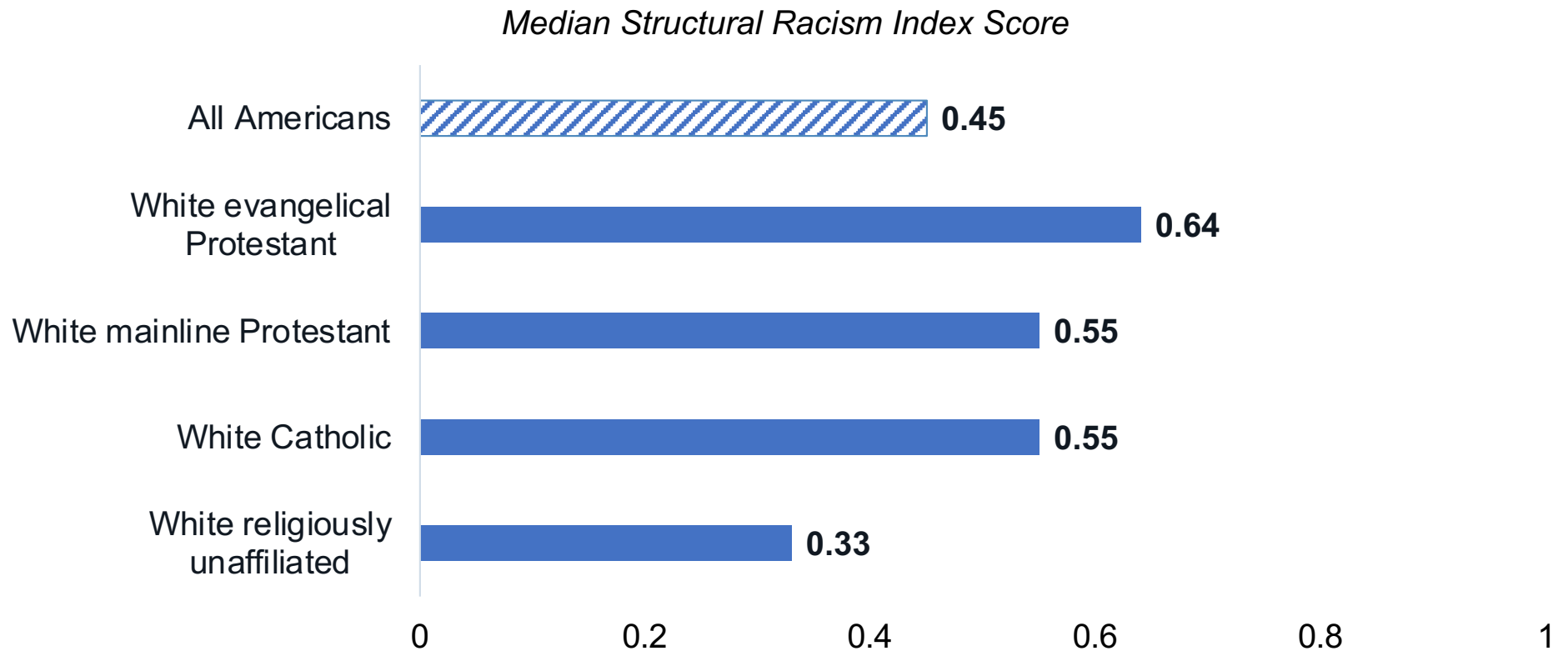
## Median Structural Racism Index Scores, By Party and Race/ethnicity

*Median Structural Racism Index Score*



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## Median Structural Racism Index Scores, Among White Religious Subgroups



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# DIVISIONS OVER THE LEGACY OF THE CONFEDERACY AND DISCRIMINATION

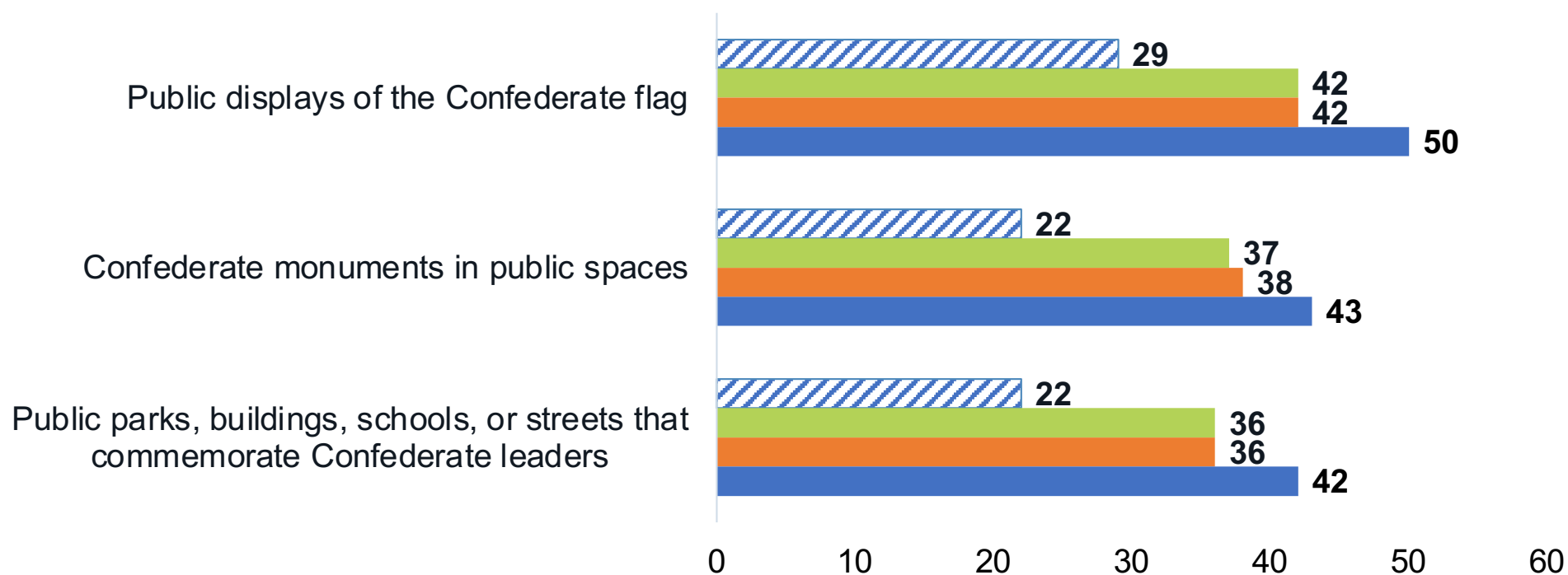
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## Among Southerners, Black Residents More Likely to Be Aware of Confederate Symbols In Their Community

*Percent who say their community currently has:*

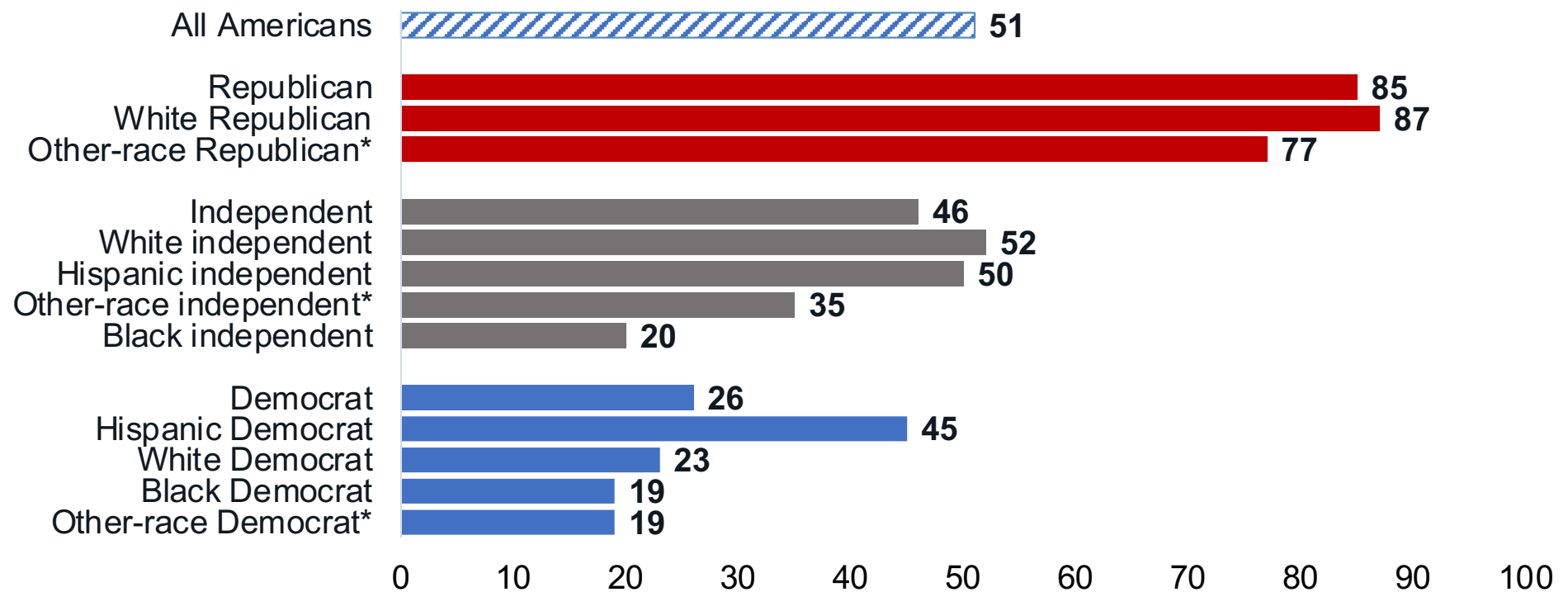
▨ All Americans ■ All Southerners ■ White Southerners ■ Black Southerners



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## Republicans Overwhelmingly Support Preserving the Legacy of the Confederacy

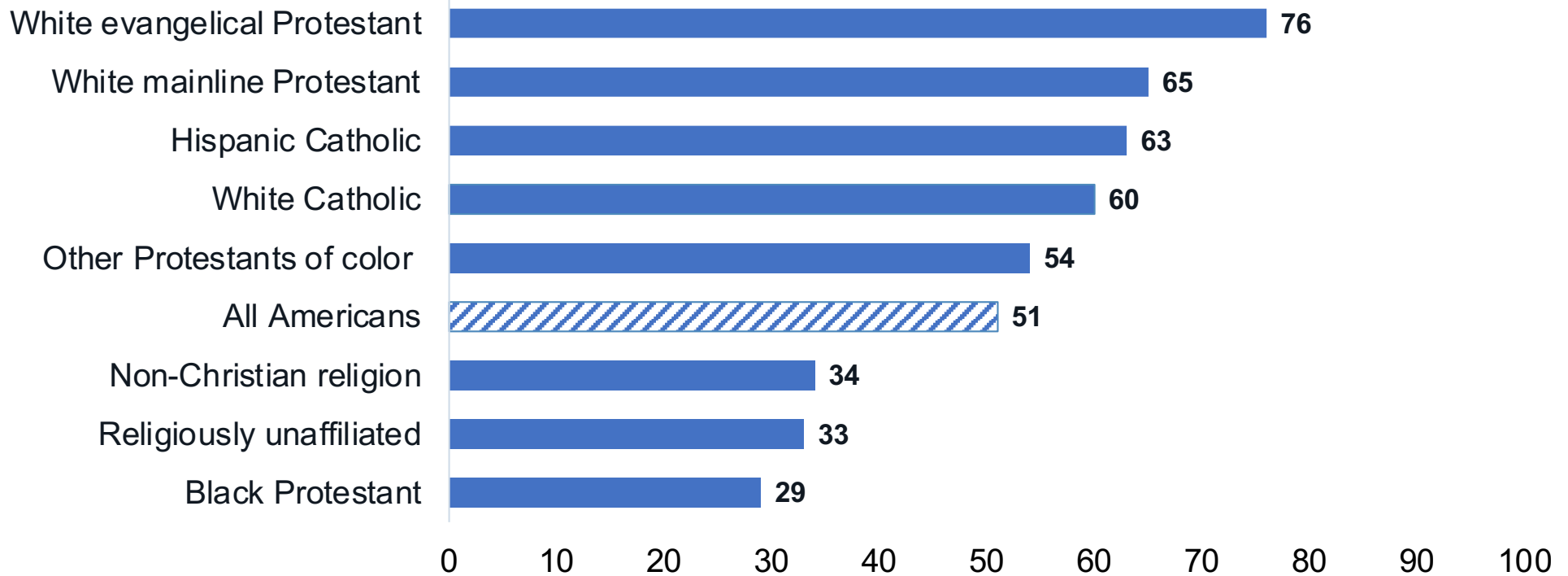
*Percent who support efforts to preserve the legacy and history of the Confederacy in public memorials and statues in your community*



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## White Christians Are Most Likely To Support Preserving the Legacy of the Confederacy

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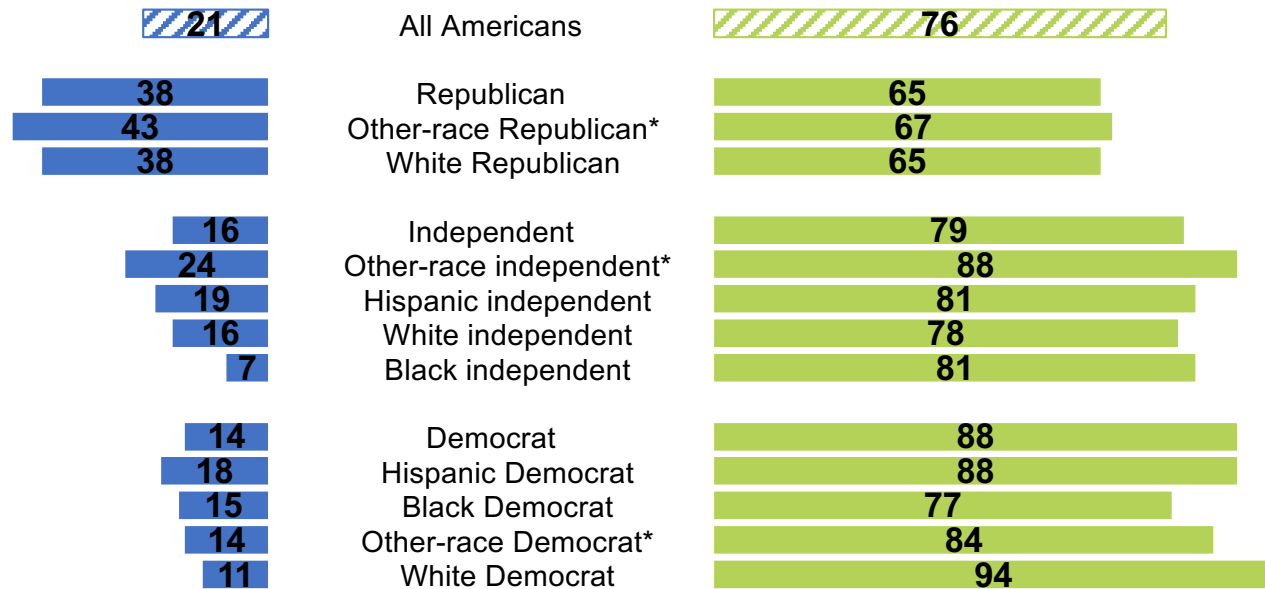


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## Across Partisan Lines, Americans Feel Pride About Monuments That Celebrate a Community's Diversity

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- Statues or monuments that honor Confederate leaders or soldiers
- Public art or monuments that celebrate the diversity of a community

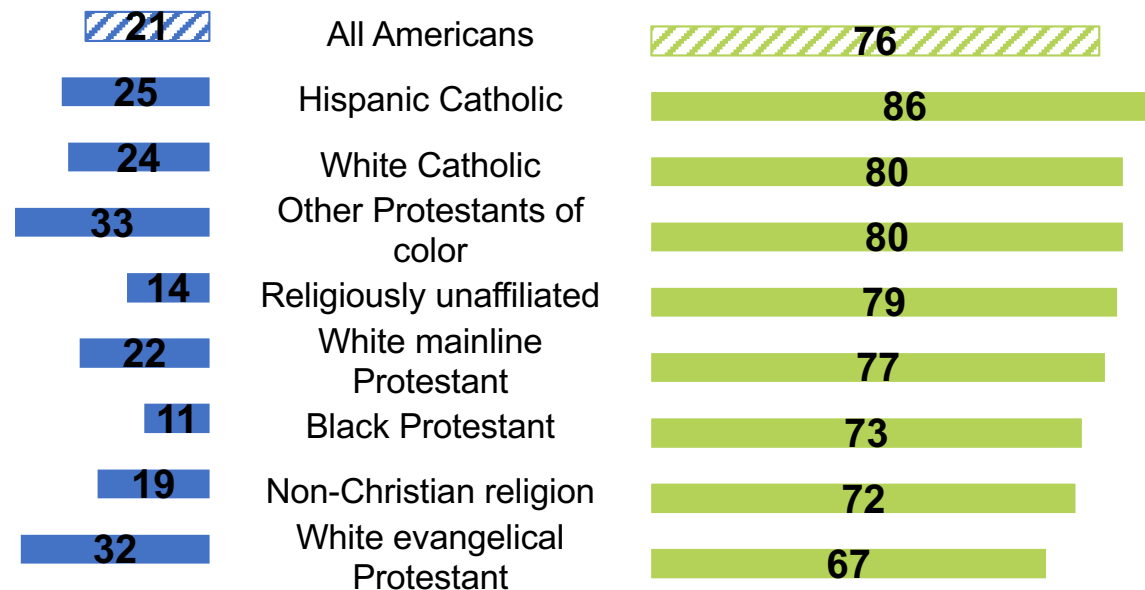


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## Majorities of all Religious Groups Feel Pride About Monuments That Celebrate a Community's Diversity

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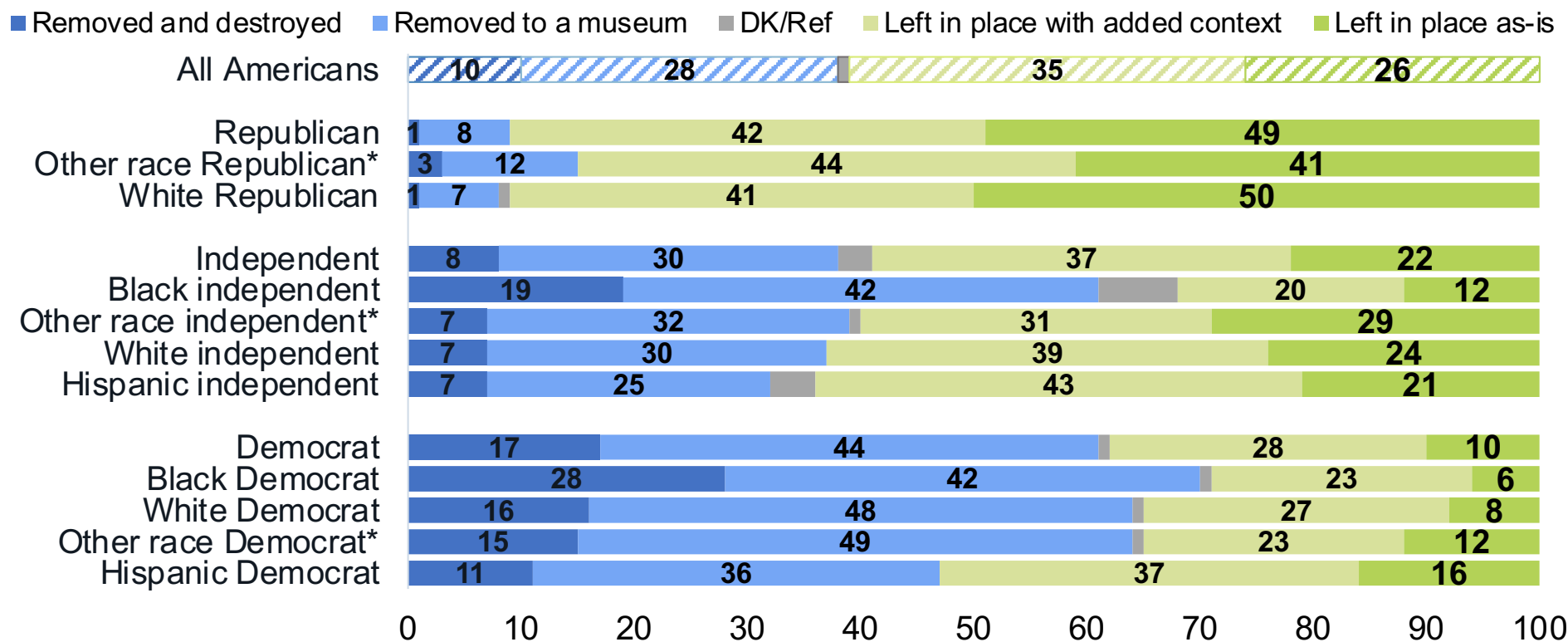
# CONFEDERATE MEMORIALS AND MONUMENT REFORM

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# Few Americans Say Confederate Memorials Should be Left in Place as They Are

*Percent who say Confederate statues and memorials should be:*

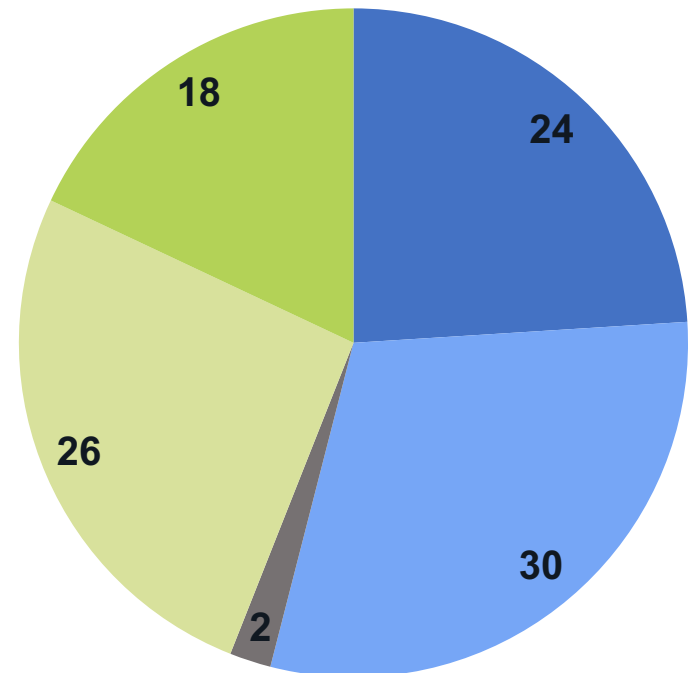


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## A Typology of Support for Confederate Monument Reform

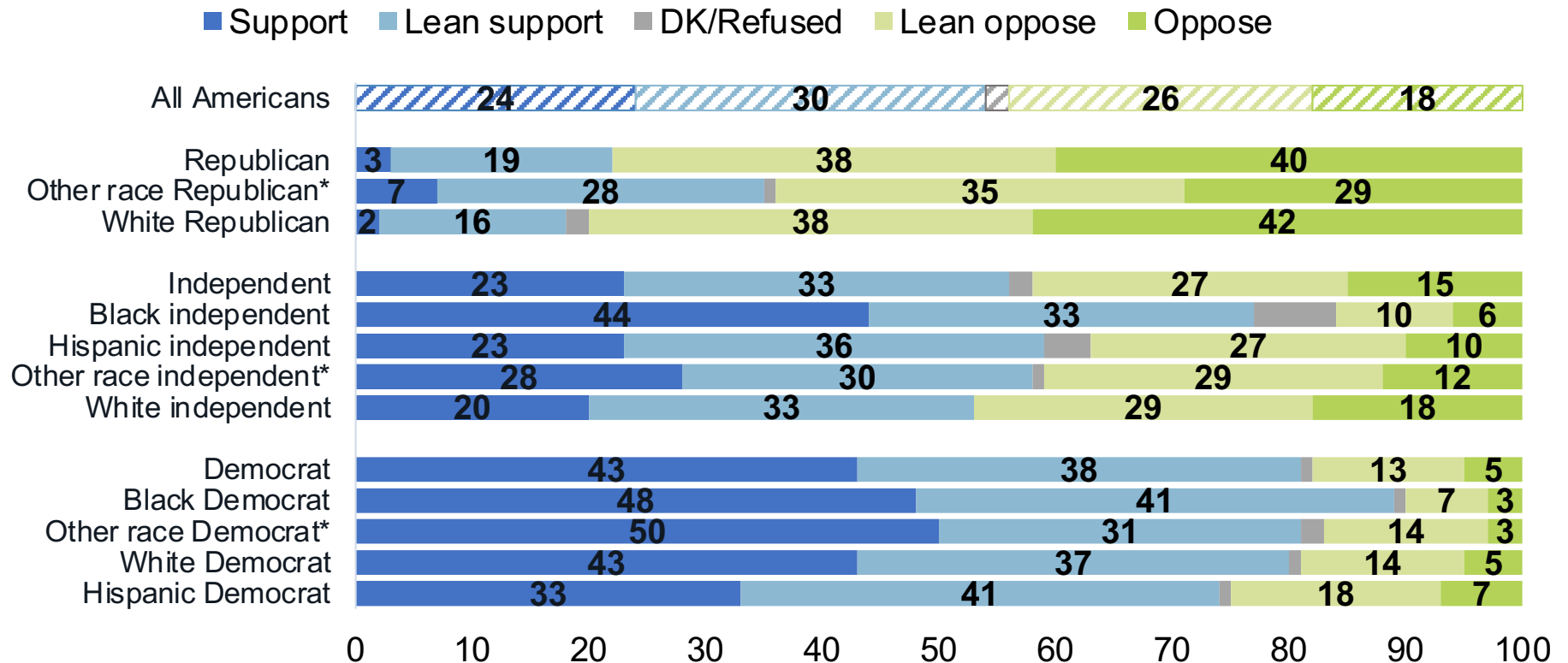
Group	Memorializing Confederate Figures	What to Do with Monuments	Confederate Flag and Monuments
<b>Support</b>	Disagree	Remove to museum or destroy	Racism
<b>Lean support</b>	Disagree	Add context	Mixed
<b>Lean oppose</b>	Agree	Add context or Keep in Place	Mixed
<b>Oppose</b>	Agree	Keep in place	Southern Pride

■ Support ■ Lean support ■ DK/Refused  
■ Lean oppose ■ Oppose



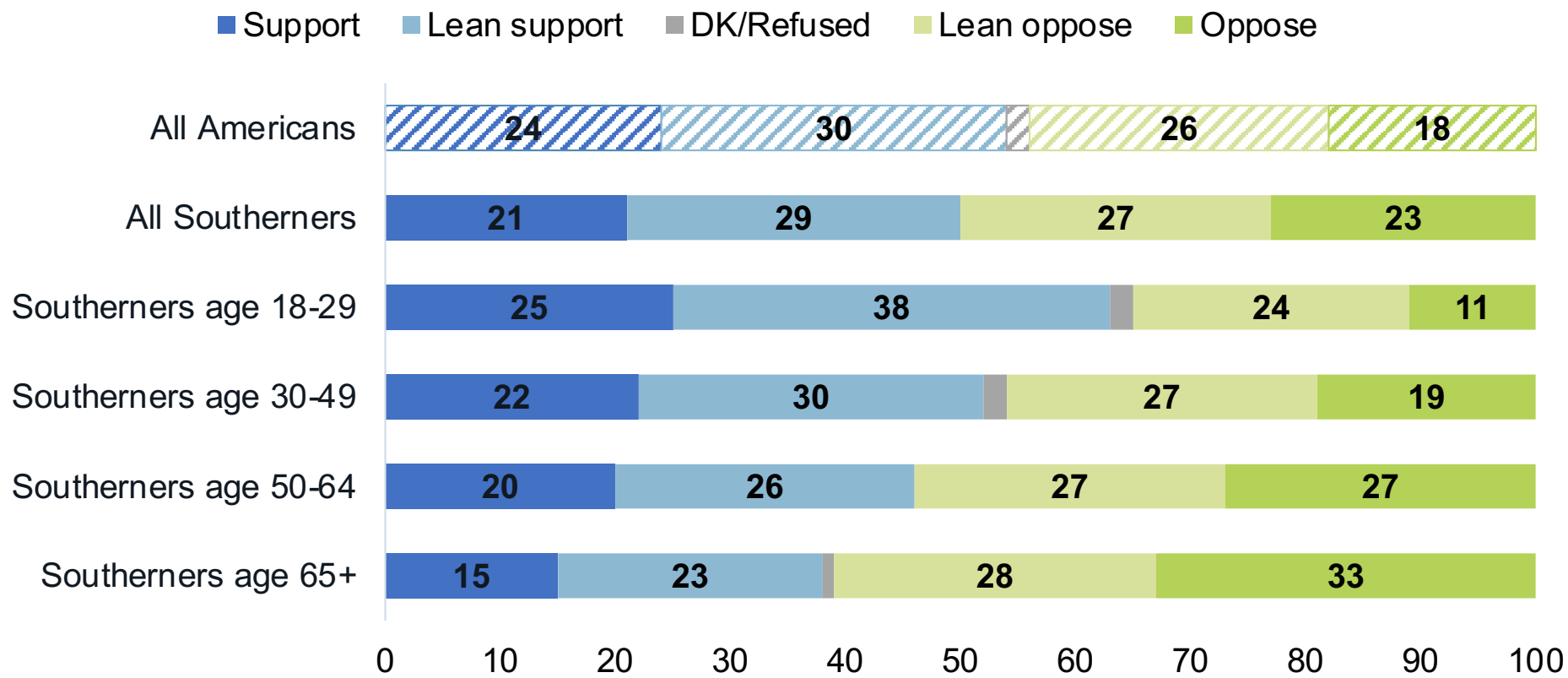


## Most Independents and Democrats Support Monument Reform



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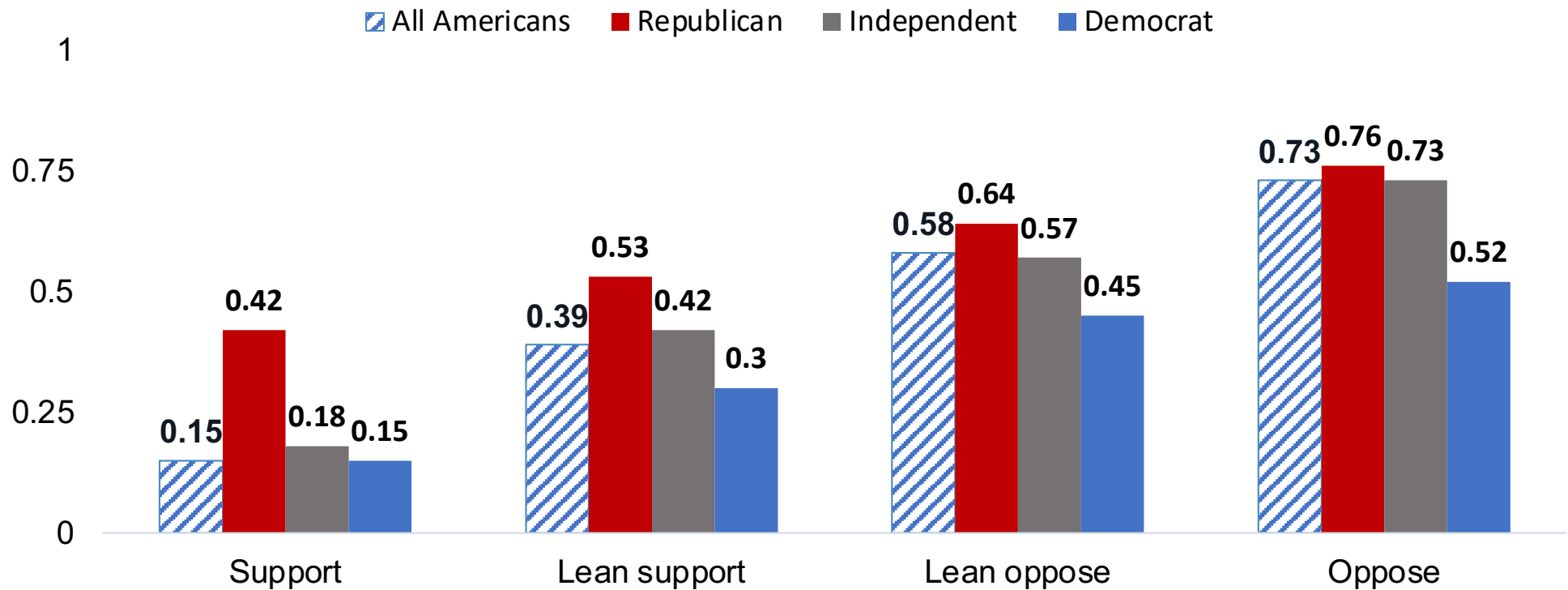
## Younger Southerners Are More Supportive of Monument Reform



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## Opposition to Monument Reform Correlated With Higher Scores on Structural Racism Index

*Median Structural Racism Index Scores, by Support for Monument Reform:*



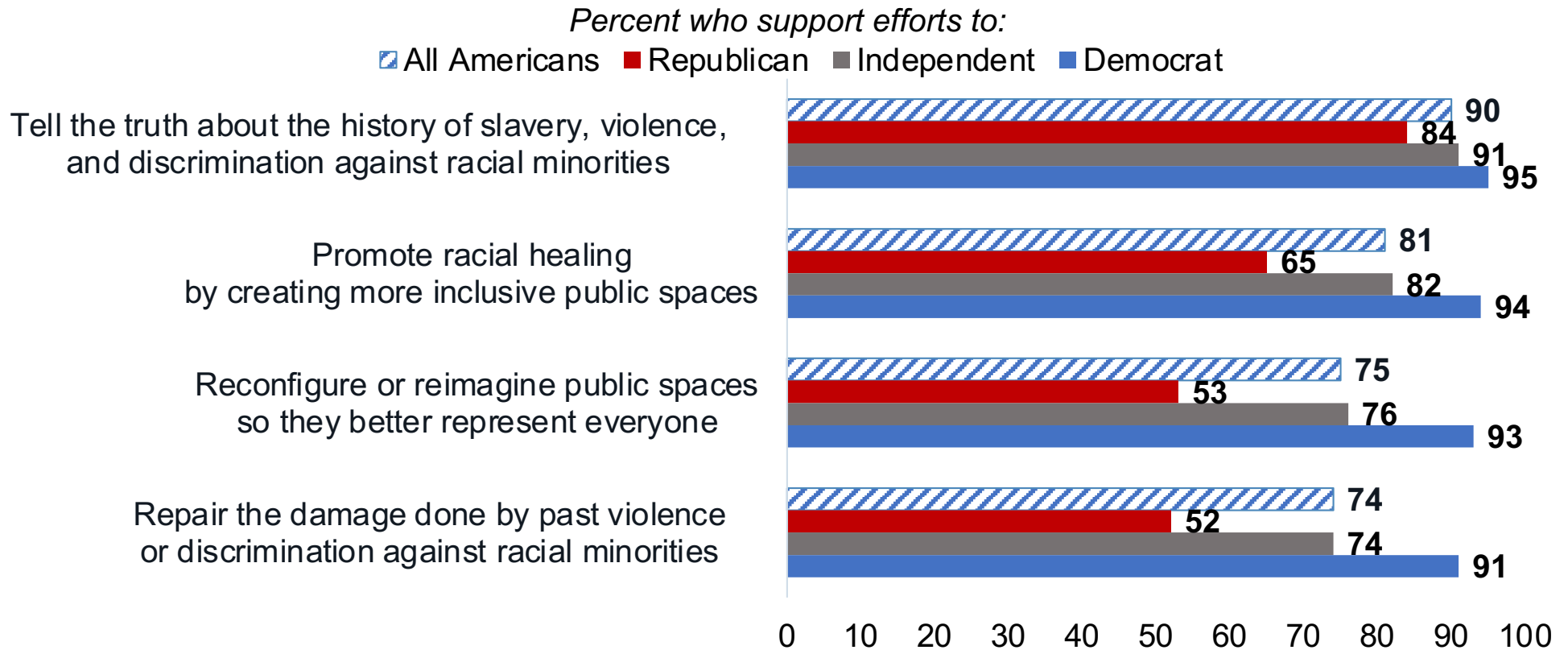
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# VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE

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## Bipartisan Majorities Support Efforts to Acknowledge Past Harms And Reimagine Public Spaces

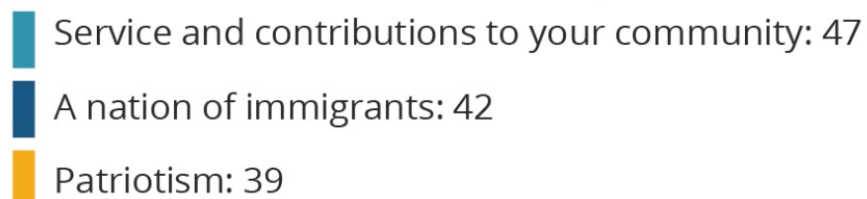


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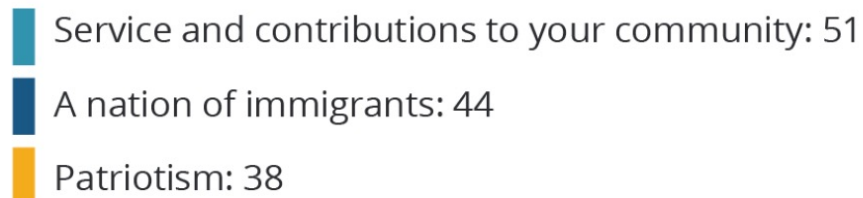
## Across Partisan Lines, Americans Prioritize Commemorating Community Service in New Monuments

*Percent who say the most important values are:*

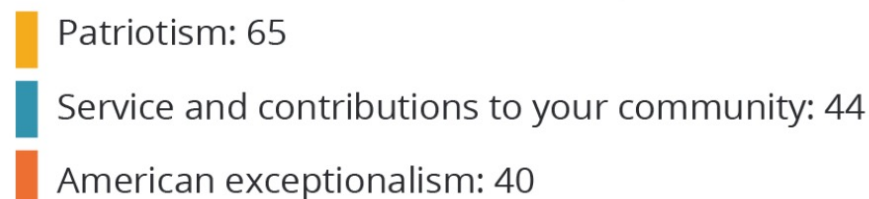
### All Americans



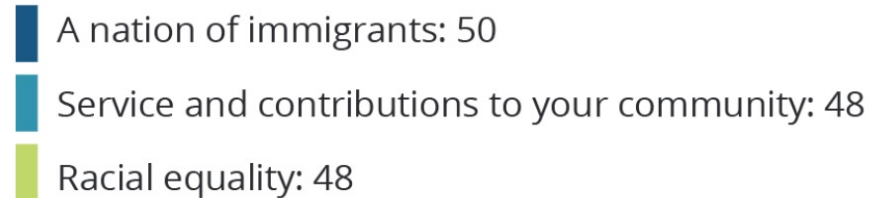
### Independent



### Republican



### Democrat






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# White Christians Prioritize Commemorating Patriotism, Black Christians Prioritize Racial Equality for New Monuments

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## White evangelical Protestant

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-  Patriotism: 61
-  Service and contributions to your community: 44
-  American exceptionalism: 37




## White mainline Protestant

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-  Service and contributions to your community: 51
-  Patriotism: 49
-  A nation of immigrants: 42




## White Catholic

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-  Patriotism: 50
-  Service and contributions to your community: 49
-  A nation of immigrants: 44




## Black Protestant

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-  Racial equality: 64
-  Racial diversity: 53
-  Service and contributions to your community: 44

## Religiously unaffiliated

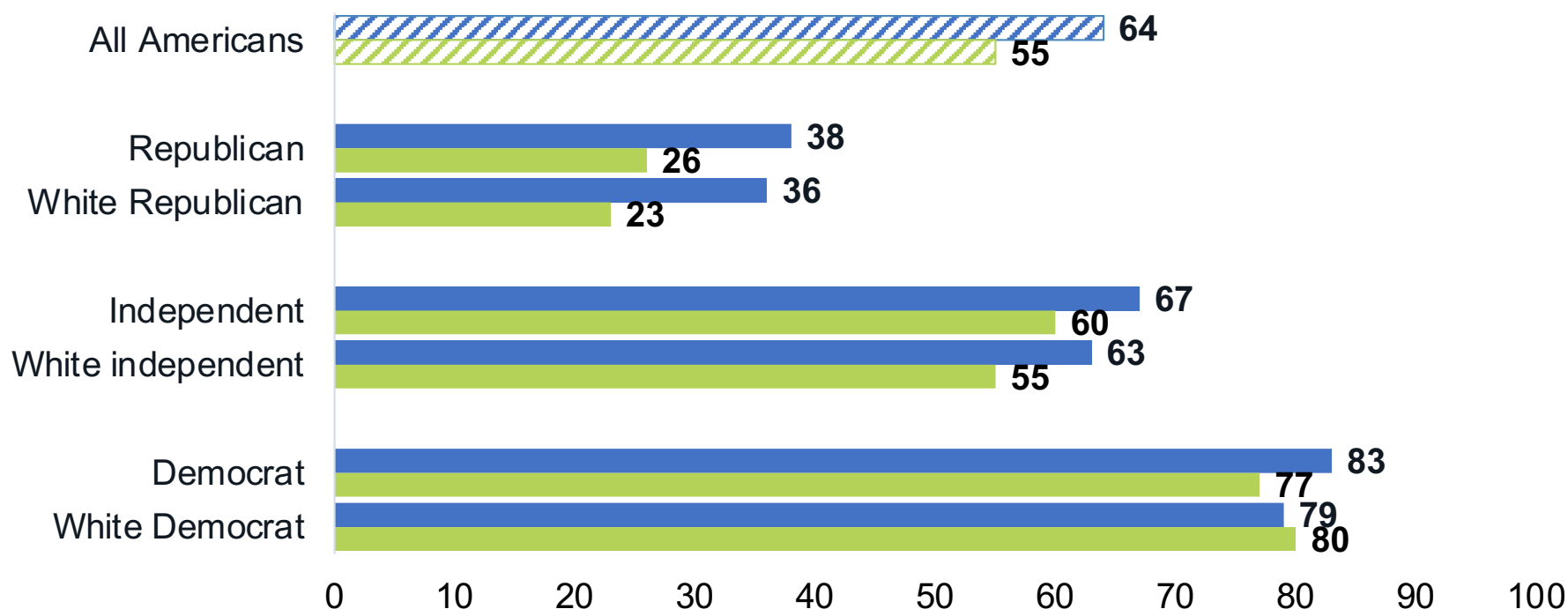
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-  Service and contributions to your community: 52
-  A nation of immigrants: 50
-  Racial diversity: 36

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## Many Americans Support Restorative Justice For Descendants of Those Impacted by Slavery and Racial Discrimination

- Mortgage assistance for people or their descendants who can prove they were denied home loans because of race
- Scholarships for descendants of enslaved people forced to work on college and university campuses



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