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The Republican Competitive Districts

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Direction of the country

Mood grows bleaker in GOP land: 2:1 negative

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?

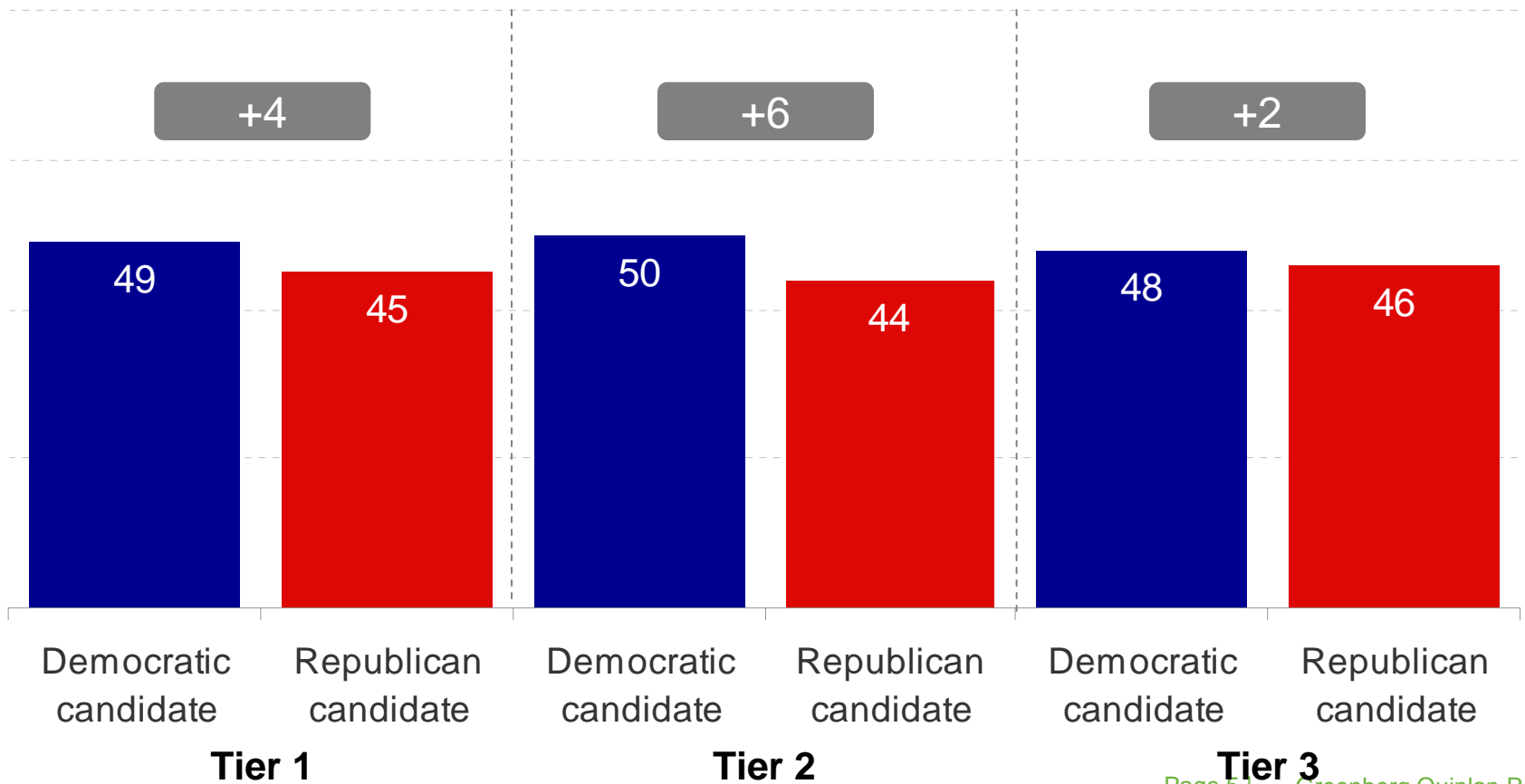
○ Right direction ● Wrong track



The election

Democrats ahead in named ballot in all tiers

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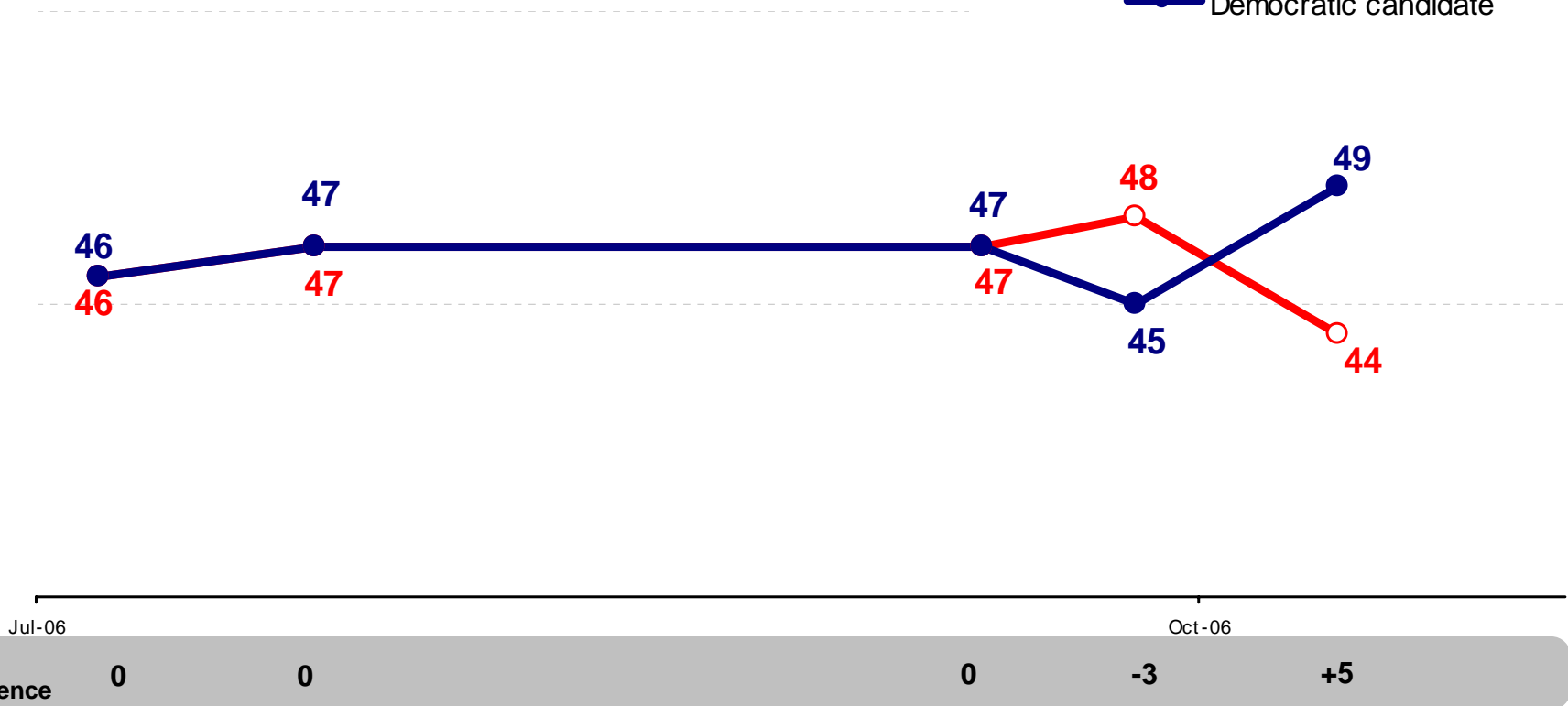


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Named Congressional vote: Republican meltdown in last 2 weeks

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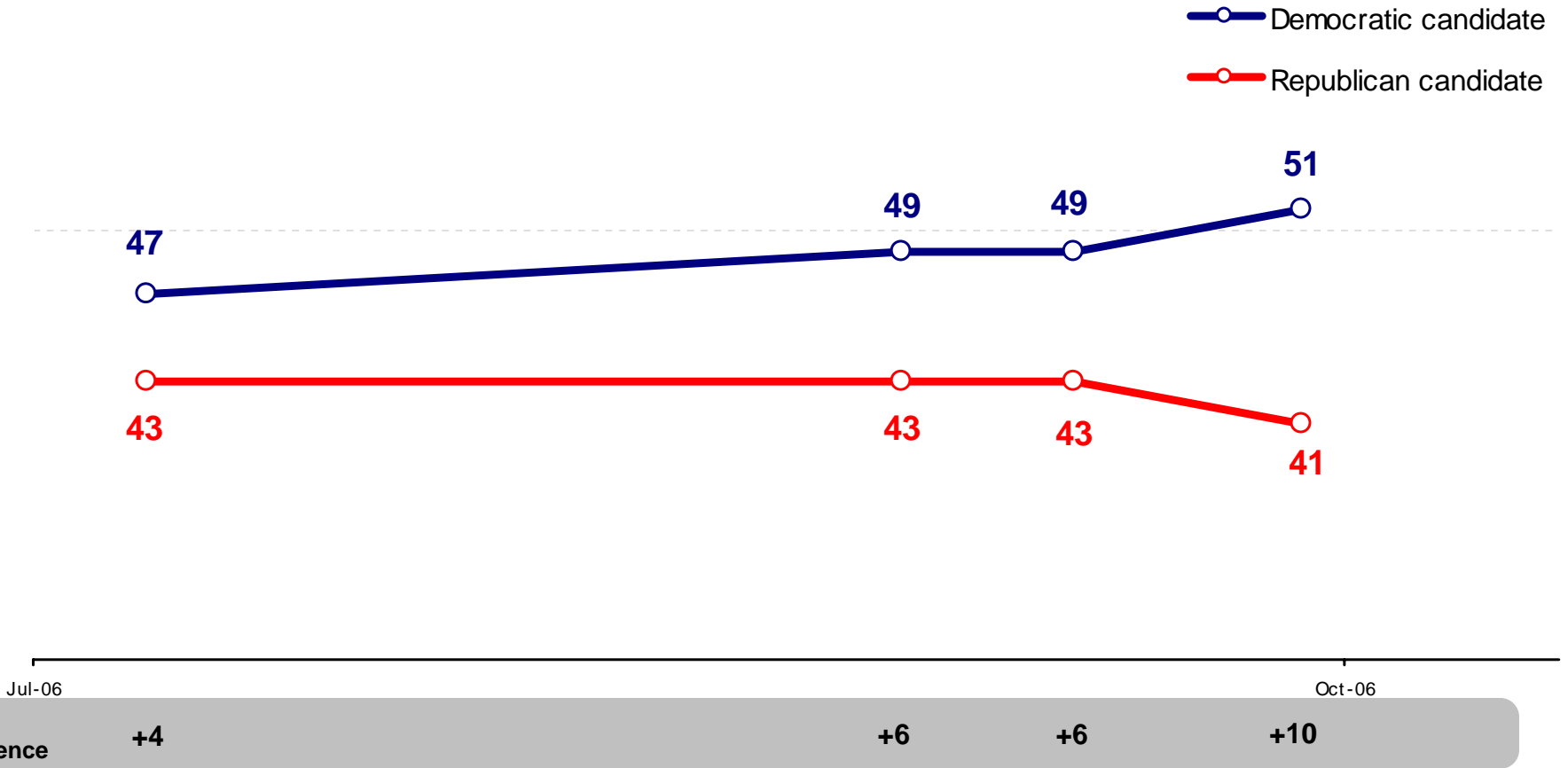
○ Republican candidate
● Democratic candidate



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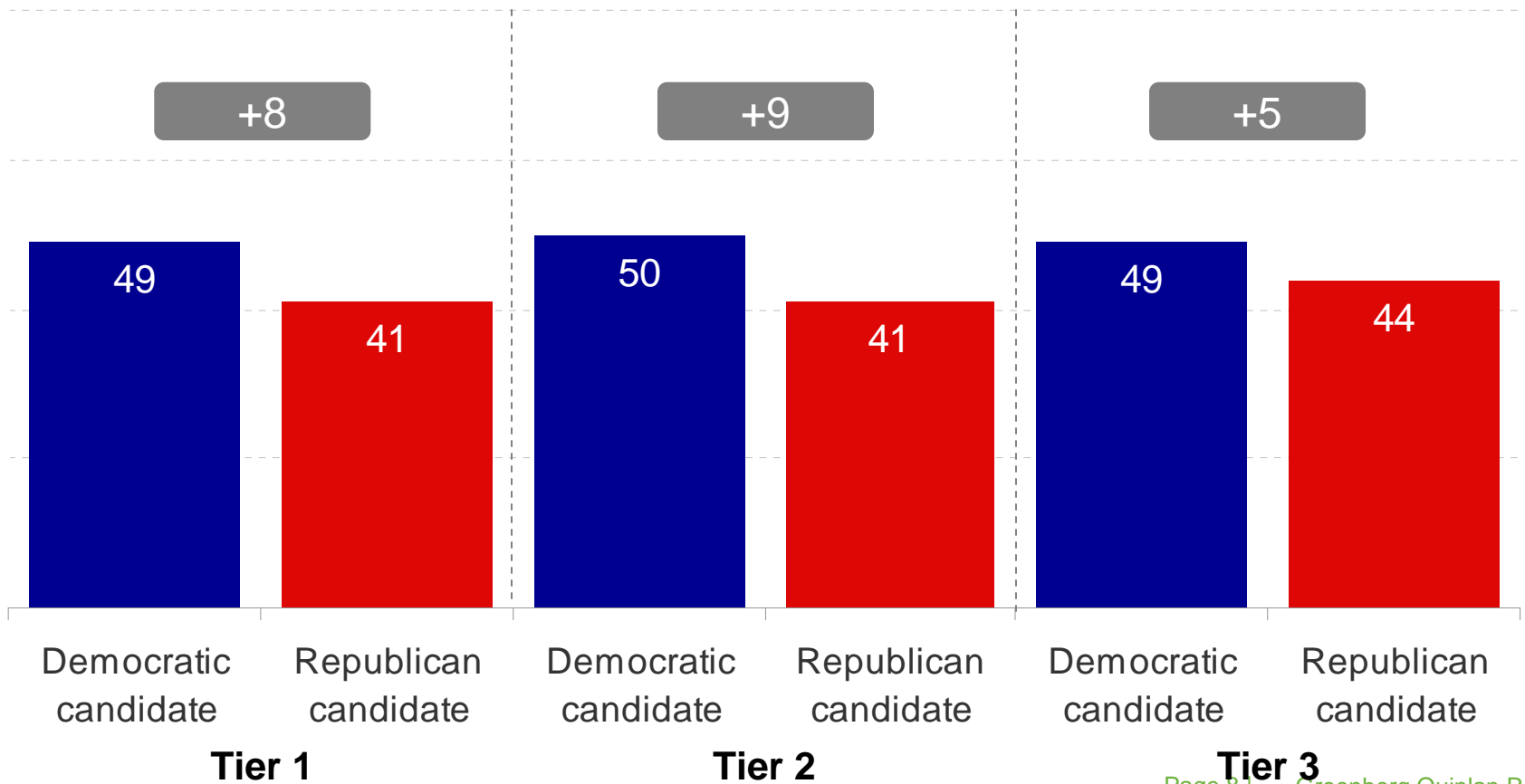
In generic ballot, Democrats move to 10-point lead in GOP districts

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Democrat tide (generic ballot) extends across GOP districts

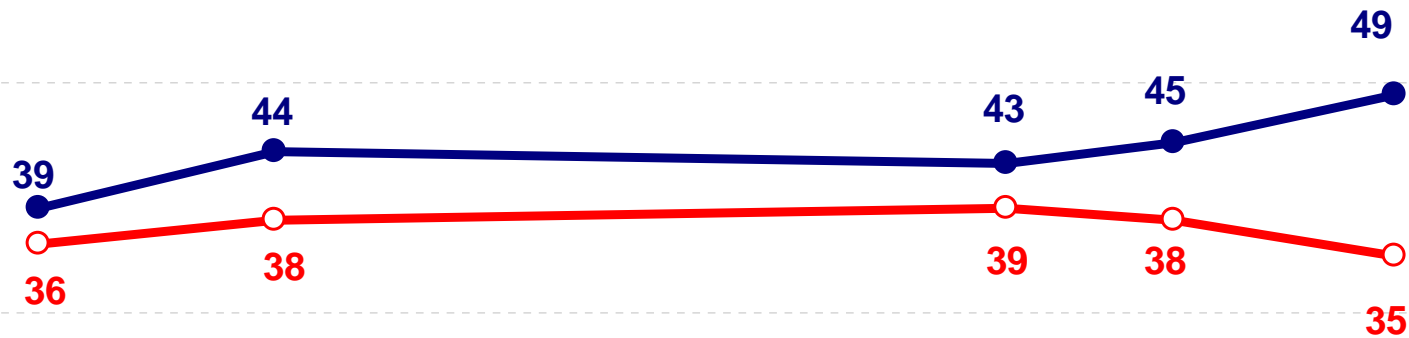
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Crash in image of Republican party

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○ Warm ● Cold



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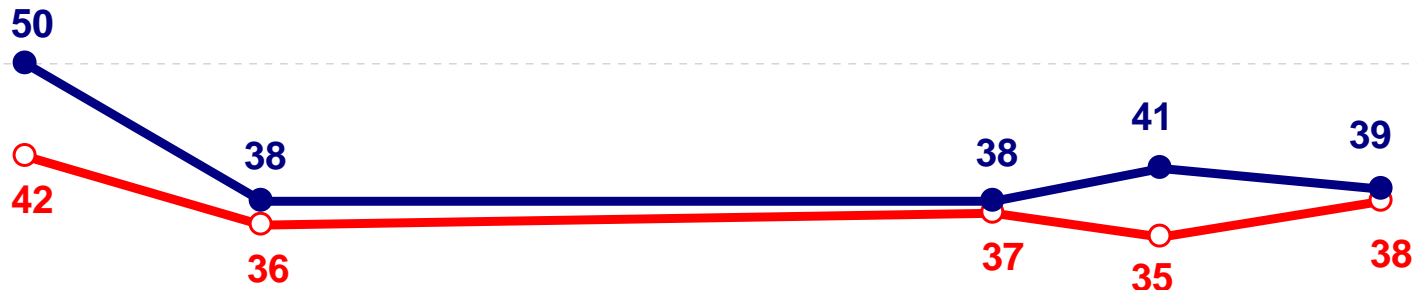
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Net Difference -3 -6 -4 -7 -14

Democratic image stable

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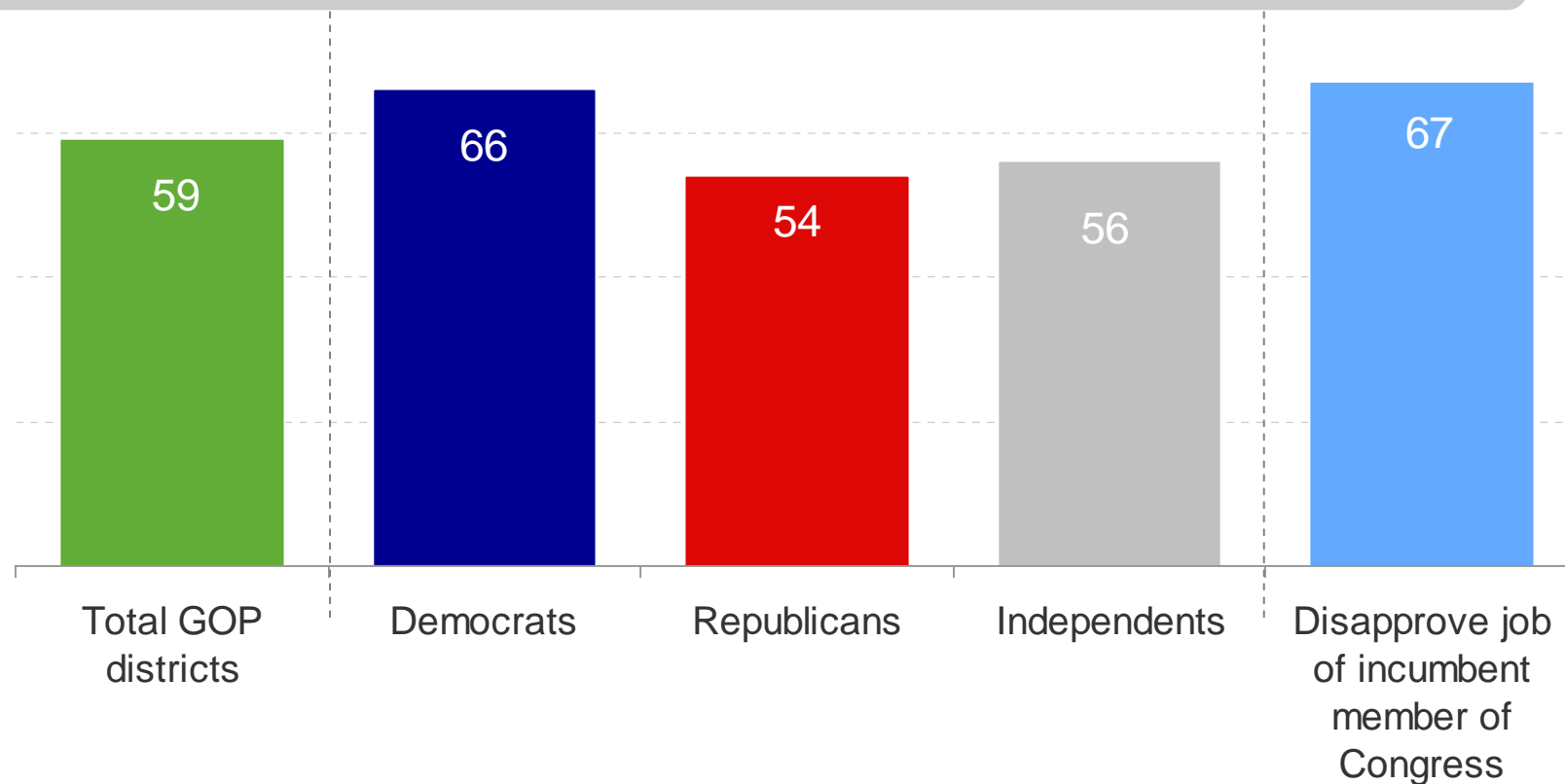
Net Difference -8 -2 -1 -6 -1

Turnout and morale

Interest in election: Democrats and change voters lead the way

Rank interest as '10' on one-to-ten scale

As you know, there will be elections in November for the U.S. Congress and other offices. On a scale of one to ten, with one meaning NOT AT ALL interested and ten meaning VERY interested, please tell me how interested you are in this year's elections.

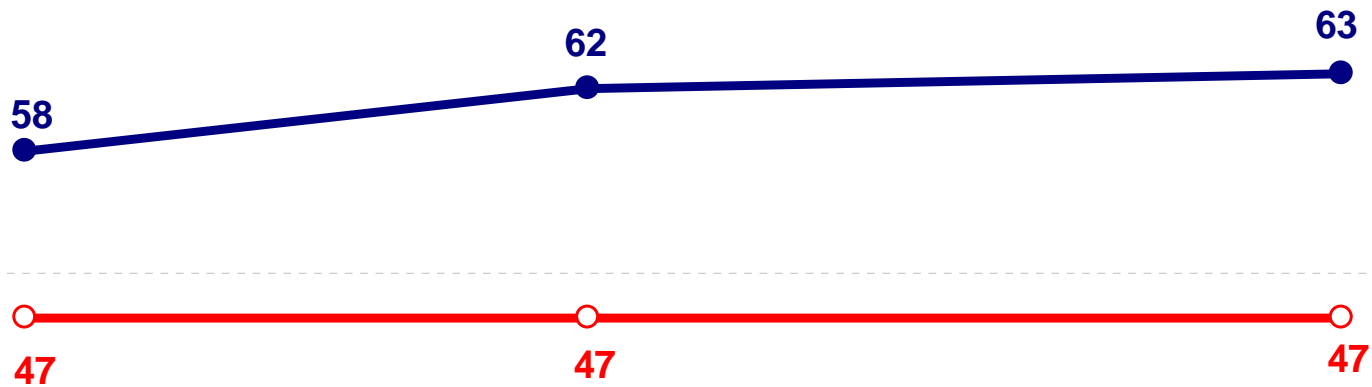


Emerging chasm in enthusiasm

Say have more enthusiasm in voting for this election

Now thinking about the election for U.S. Congress this November, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for*...

—●— Democratic voter —○— Republican voter



Sep-06

Net Difference	+11	+26	+16
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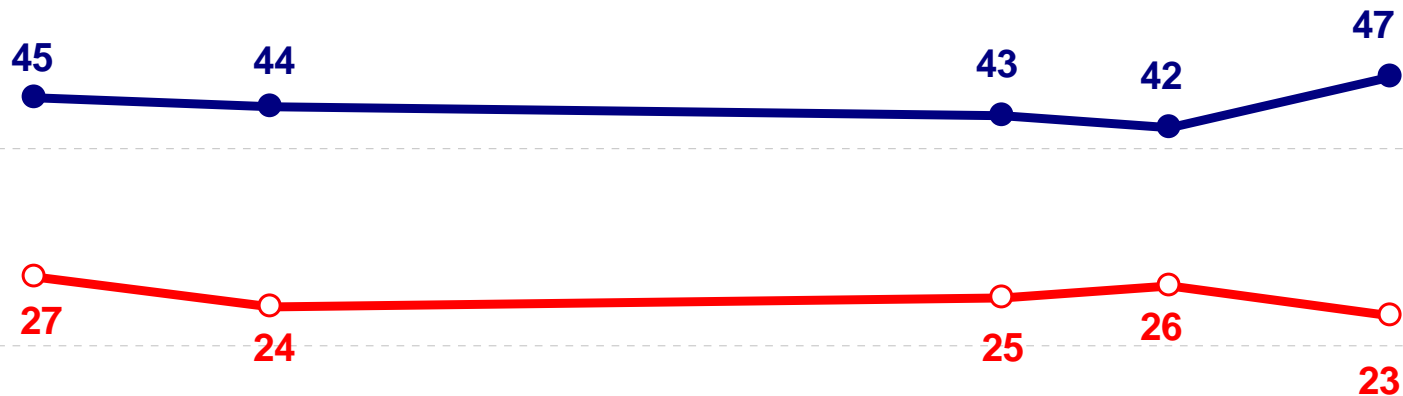
Note*: Actual names of candidates and incumbents inserted into question

President Bush faltering on all indicators

Intense opposition to Bush grows to 2:1 in GOP districts

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

○ Strongly approve ● Strongly disapprove



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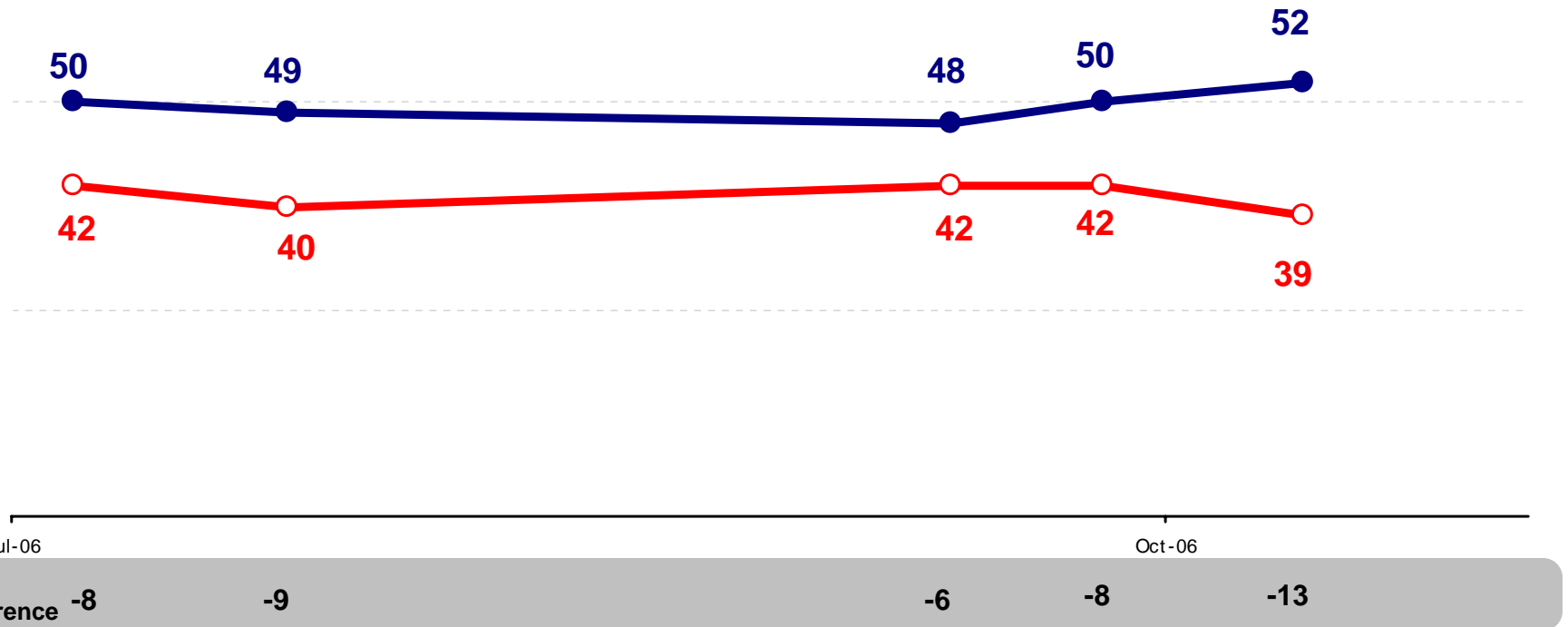
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Worsening in Bush's favorability

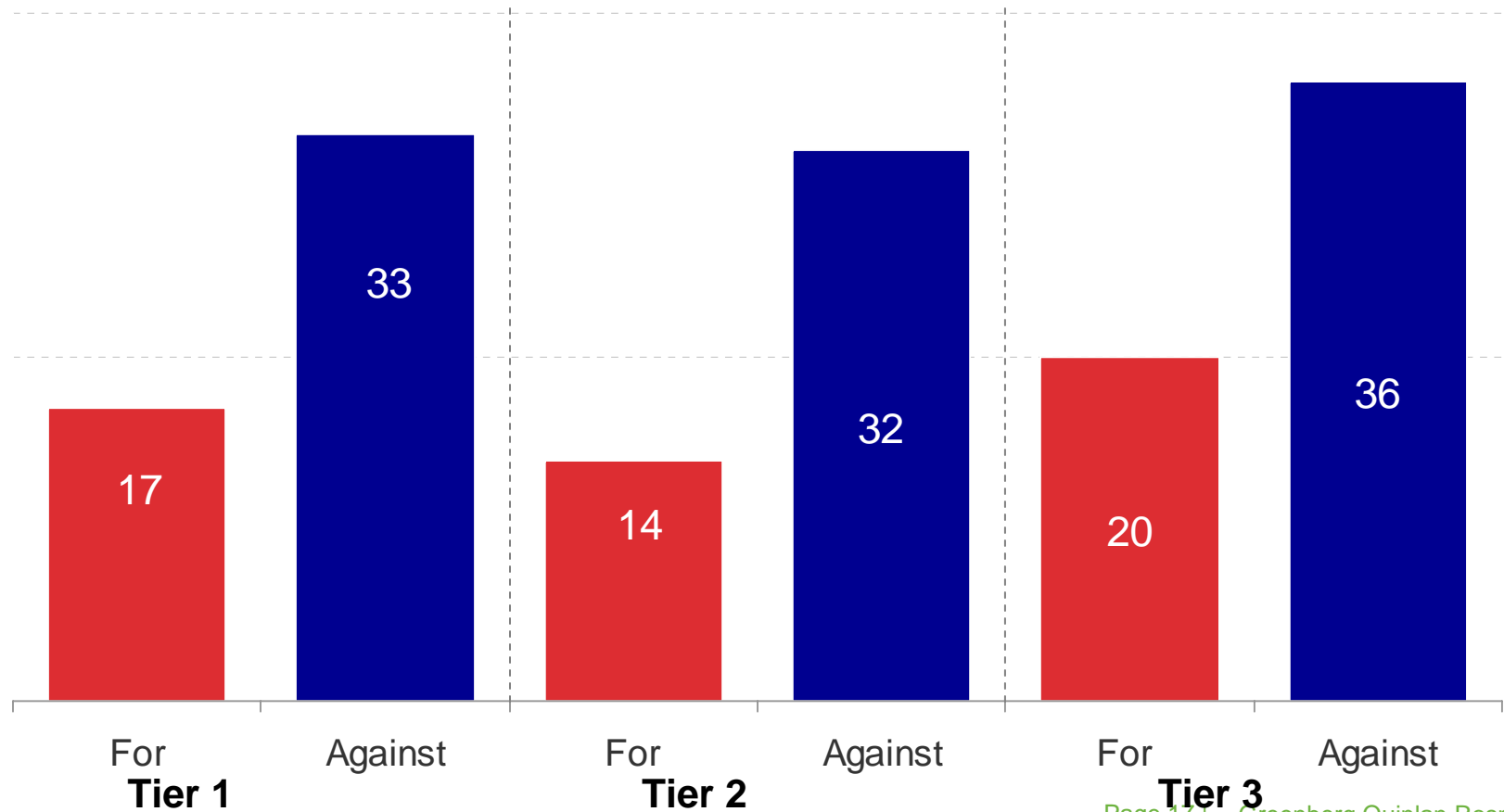
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Bush a net negative factor in all tiers

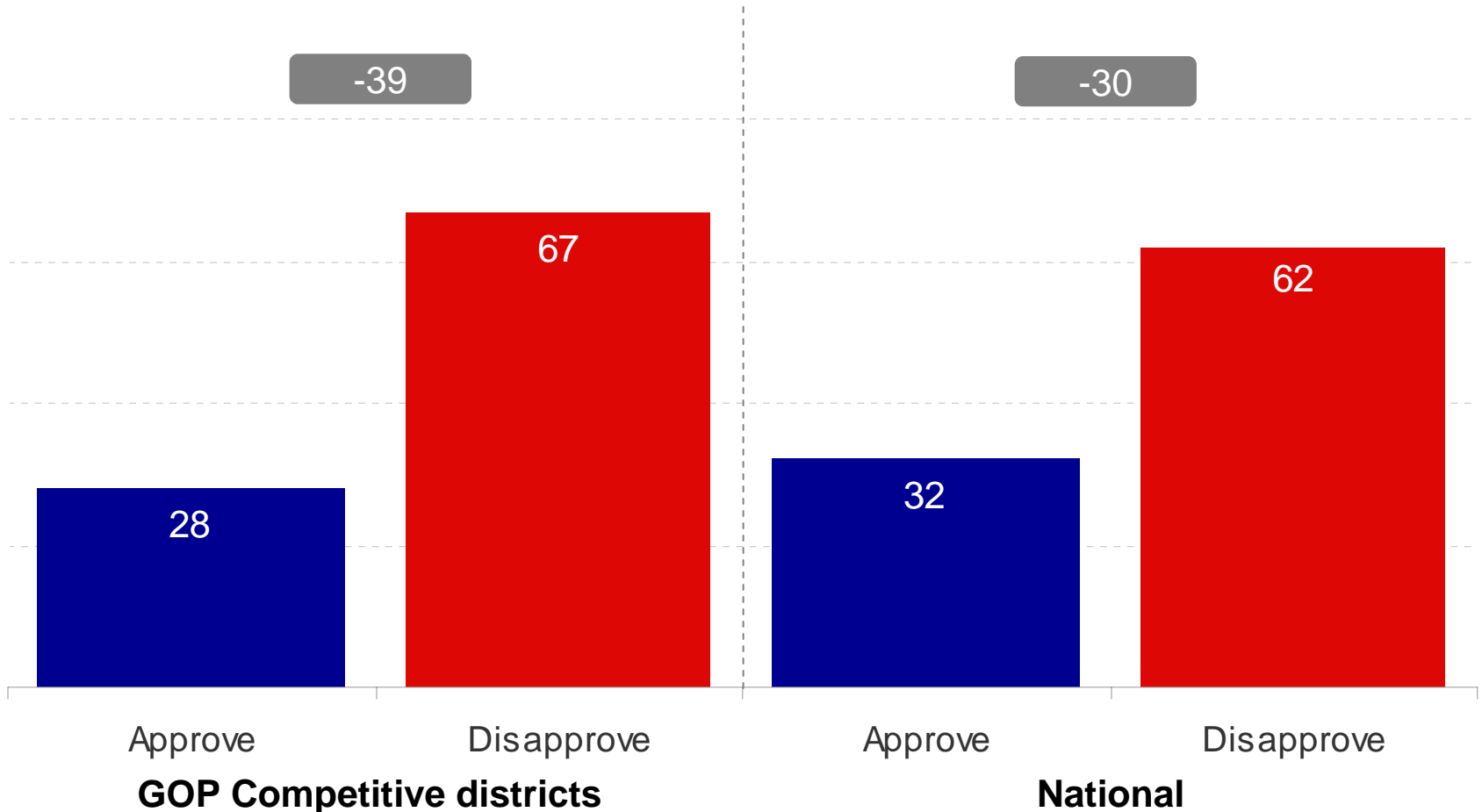
Do you think of your vote for Congress this fall as a vote for George W. Bush, as a vote against George W. Bush or isn't George W. Bush much of a factor in your vote?



The Congress: growing disdain

Only 28 percent approve of Congress in GOP districts

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

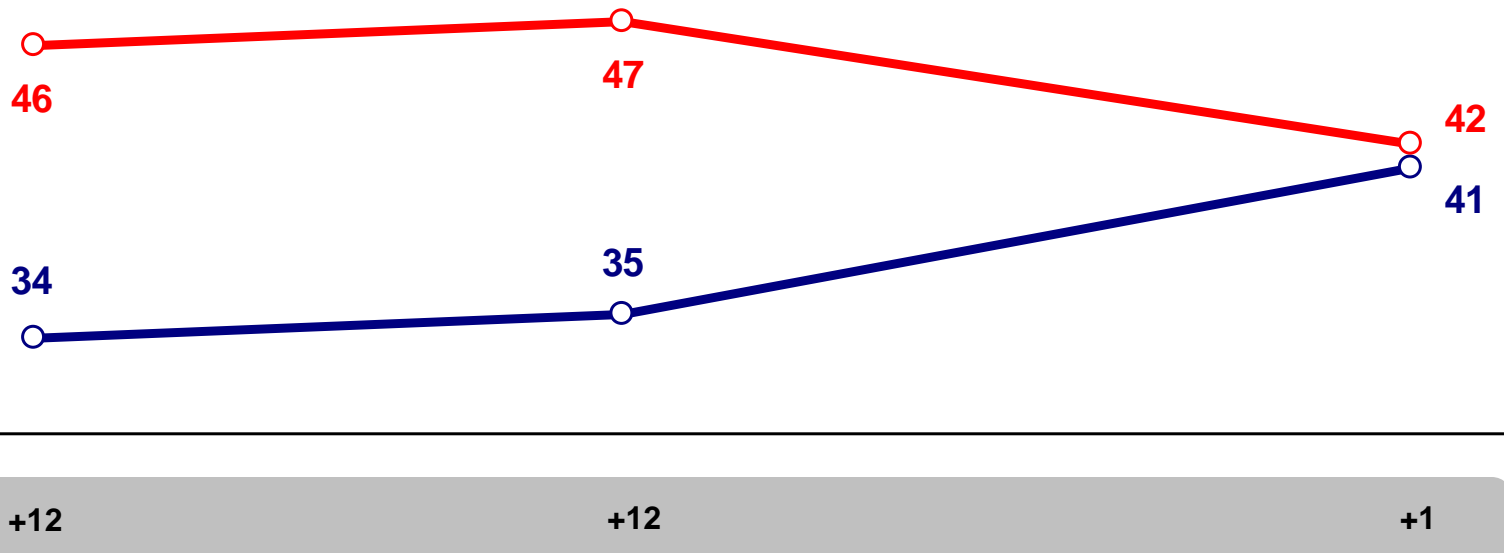


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More important: crash in approval for their own member (named)

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

Disapprove Approve

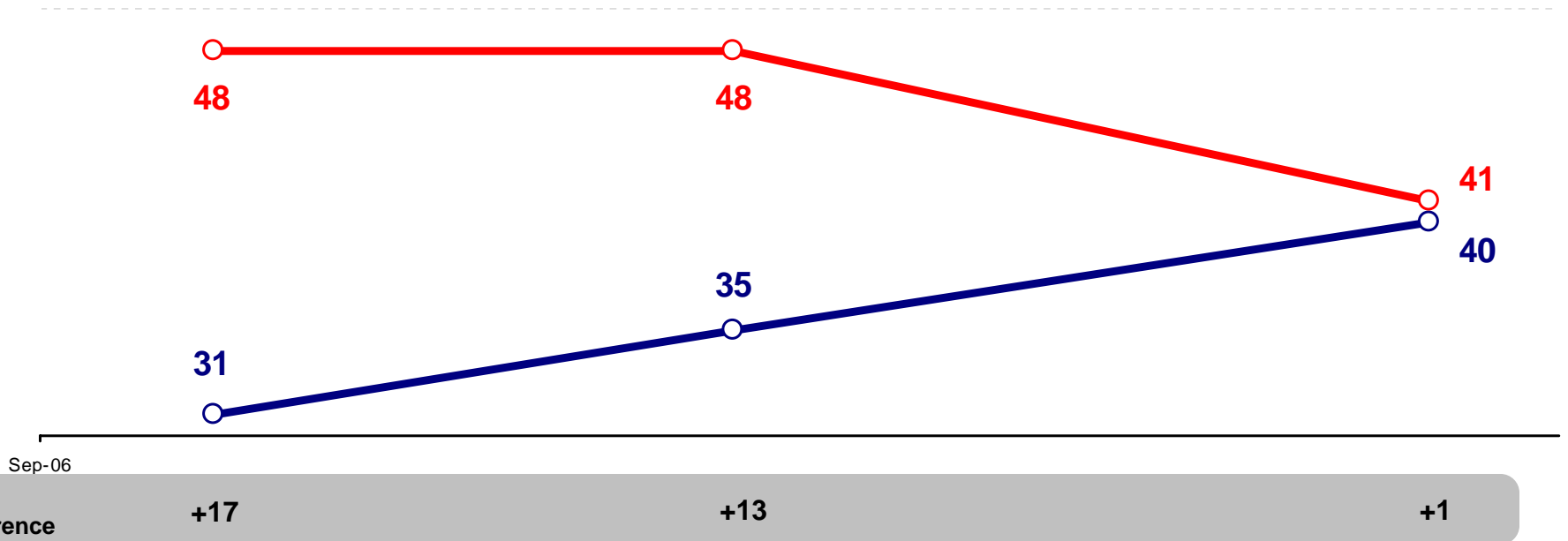


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Drop in support for their own member (named) in tier 3

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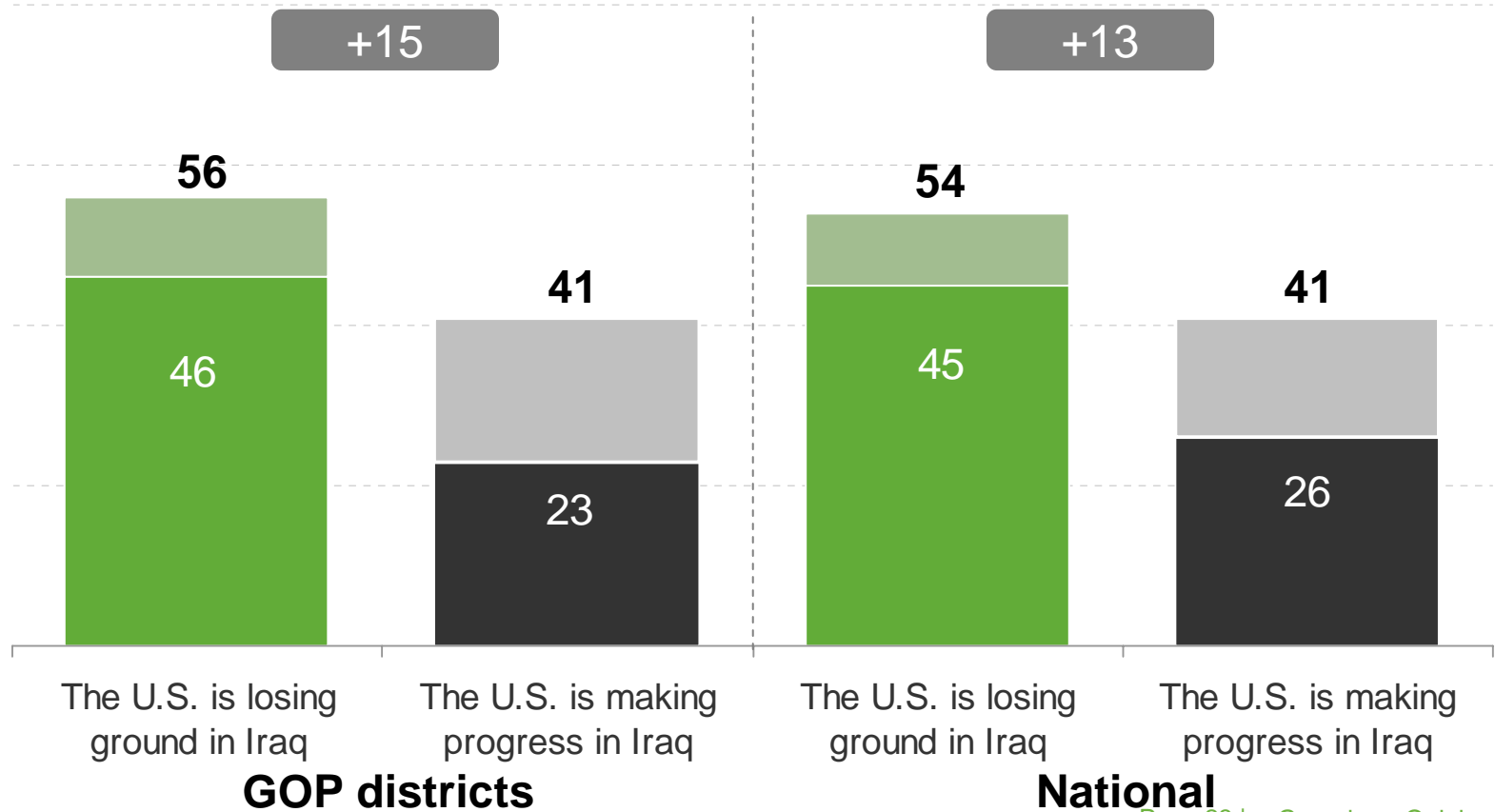
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The war in Iraq

Large majority thinks America is losing ground in Iraq war

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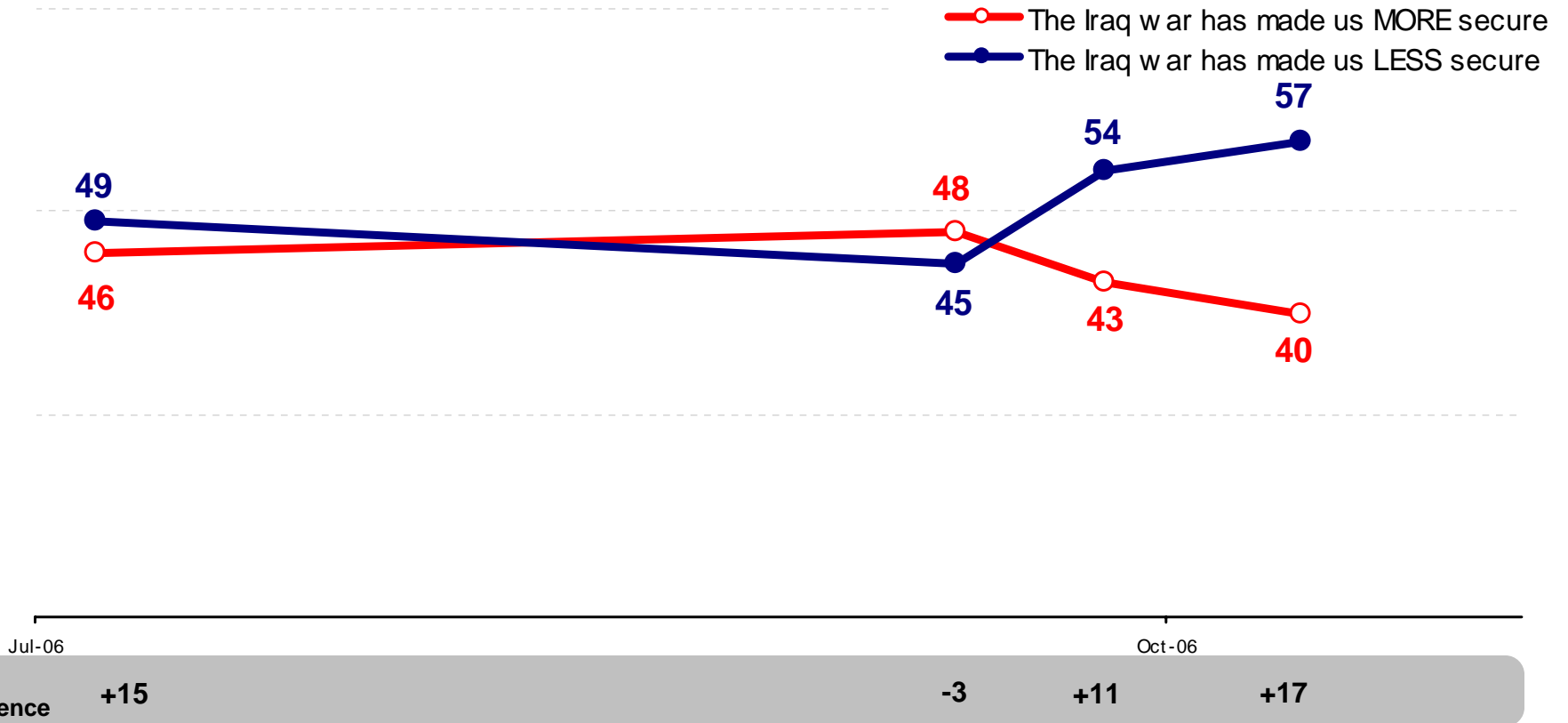
- Strongly
- Somewhat
- Strongly
- Somewhat



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Surge in belief Iraq war has made us less secure

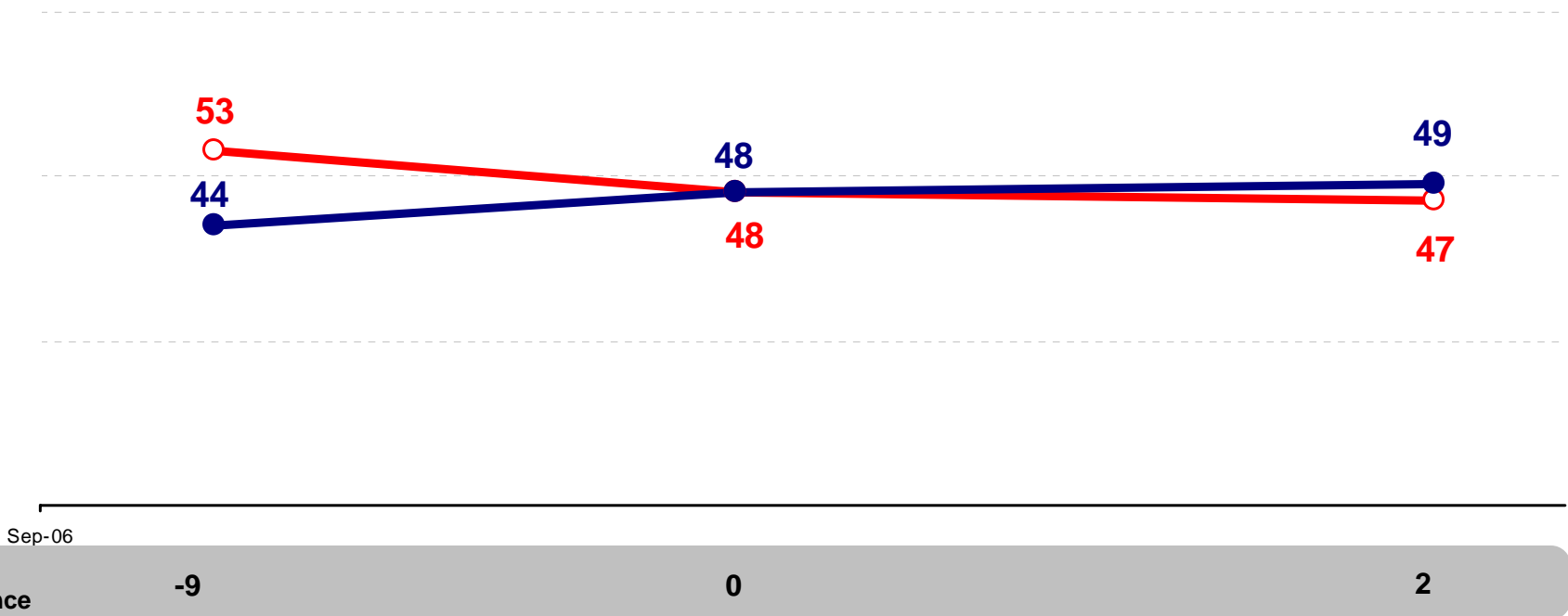
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GOP districts split on withdrawal

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- We must stay the course to achieve stability and finish the job in Iraq
- The current course cannot bring stability and we need to start reducing the number of U.S. troops in Iraq



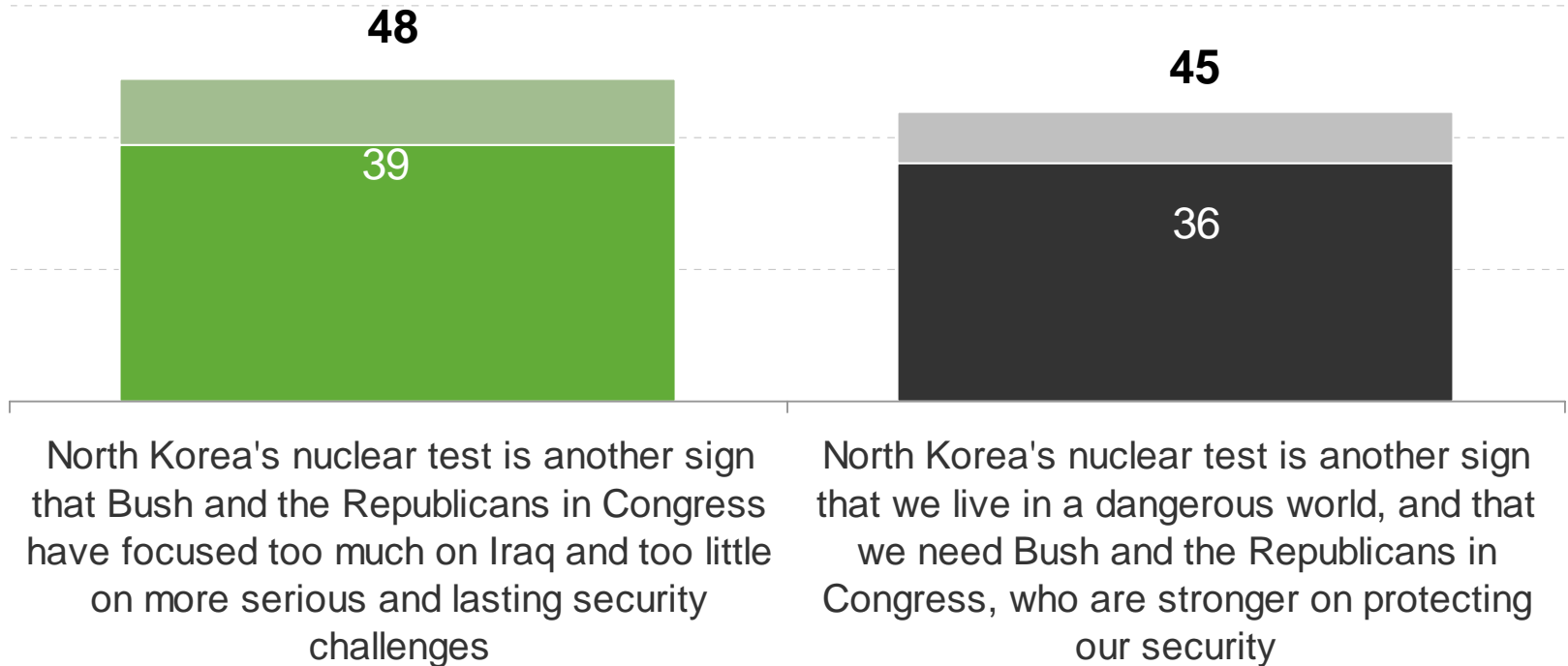
North Korea

North Korea and security events not helping Bush in GOP areas

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- Strongly
- Not so strongly
- Strongly
- Not so strongly

+3

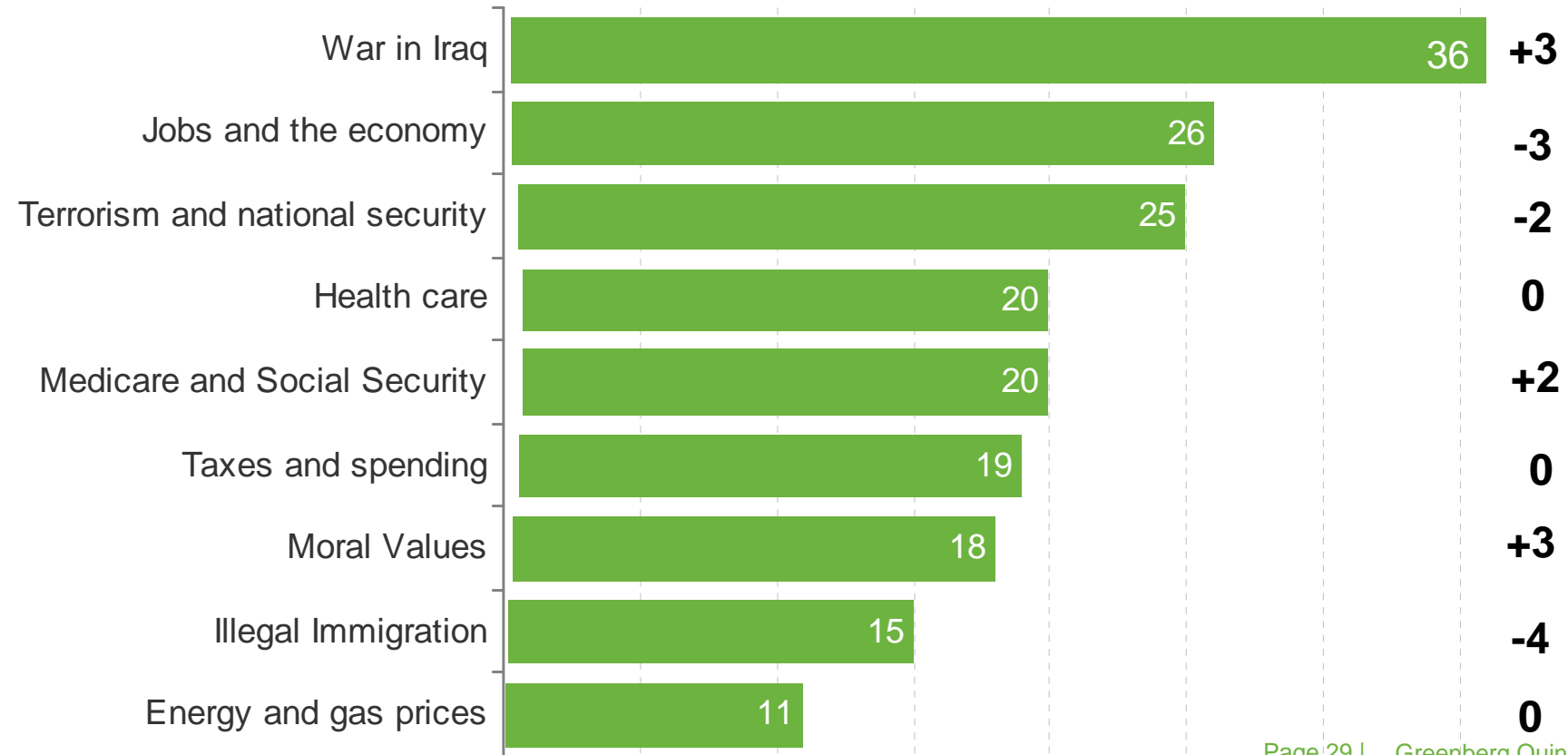


Voting issues

Iraq war grows as voting issue, far above national security

In deciding how to vote for Congress, which ONE of the following issues is MOST important to you? And from that list, which one of the following issue areas would be SECOND MOST important to you in deciding how to vote for Congress? (COMBINED)

Shift



Note*: Shift is from previous GOP district survey of 1200 likely voters, conducted September 24-26, 2006

Dems lead issues but close on values and national security in GOP

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

