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I live in a community that never took their Trump signs down.

The kind of place where they hope Trump starts a second government.

I need you to hear me when I say this—these people believe the assault on the Capitol was a great victory for

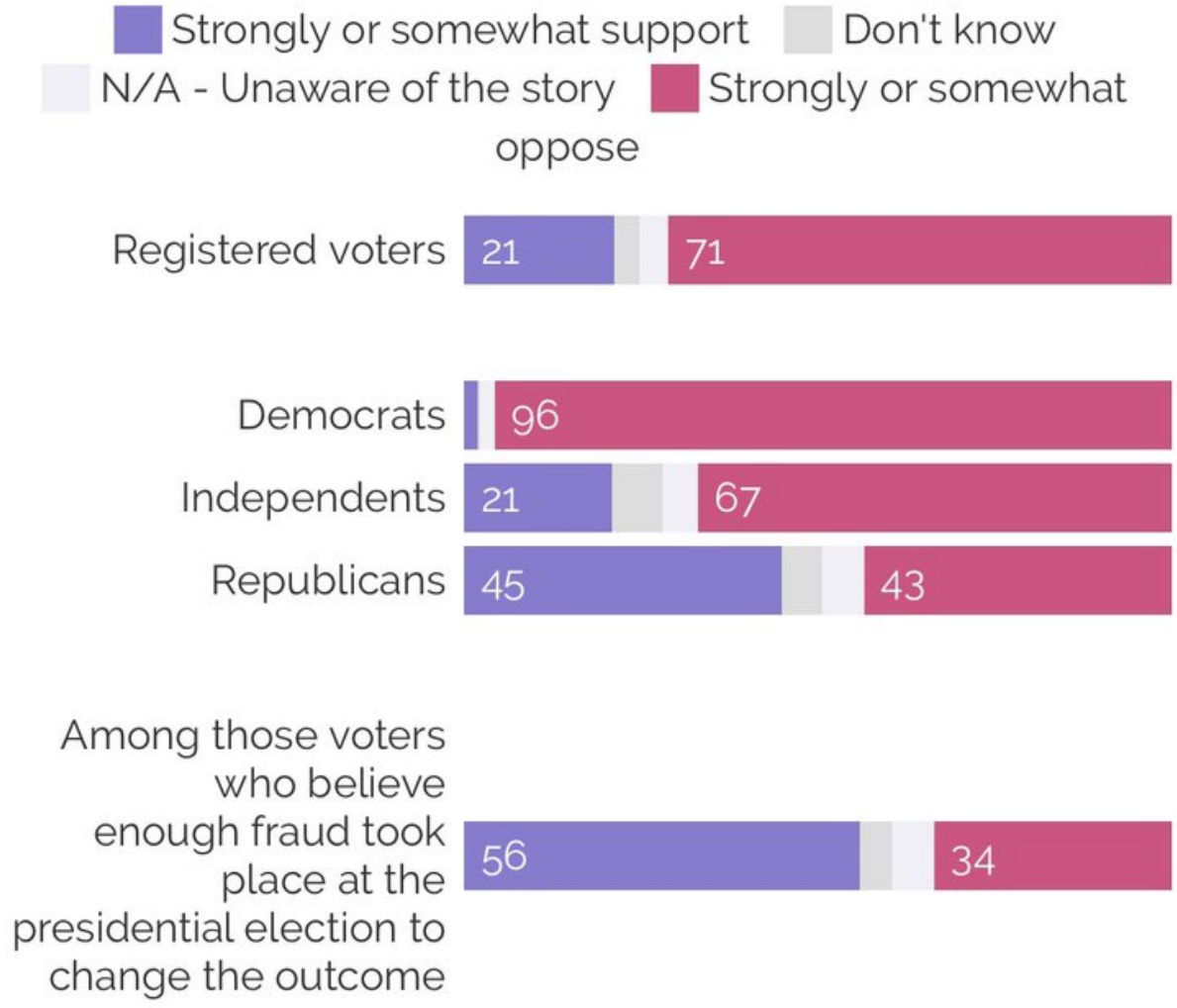


Early polling after the terrorist attack shows that 45% of Republicans approved of it.

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One in five voters - including 45% of Republicans - approve of the storming of the Capitol building

Supporters of President Trump have stormed the US Capitol to protest lawmakers certifying Joe Biden's election victory. Based on what you have read or heard about this, do you support or oppose these actions? (%)

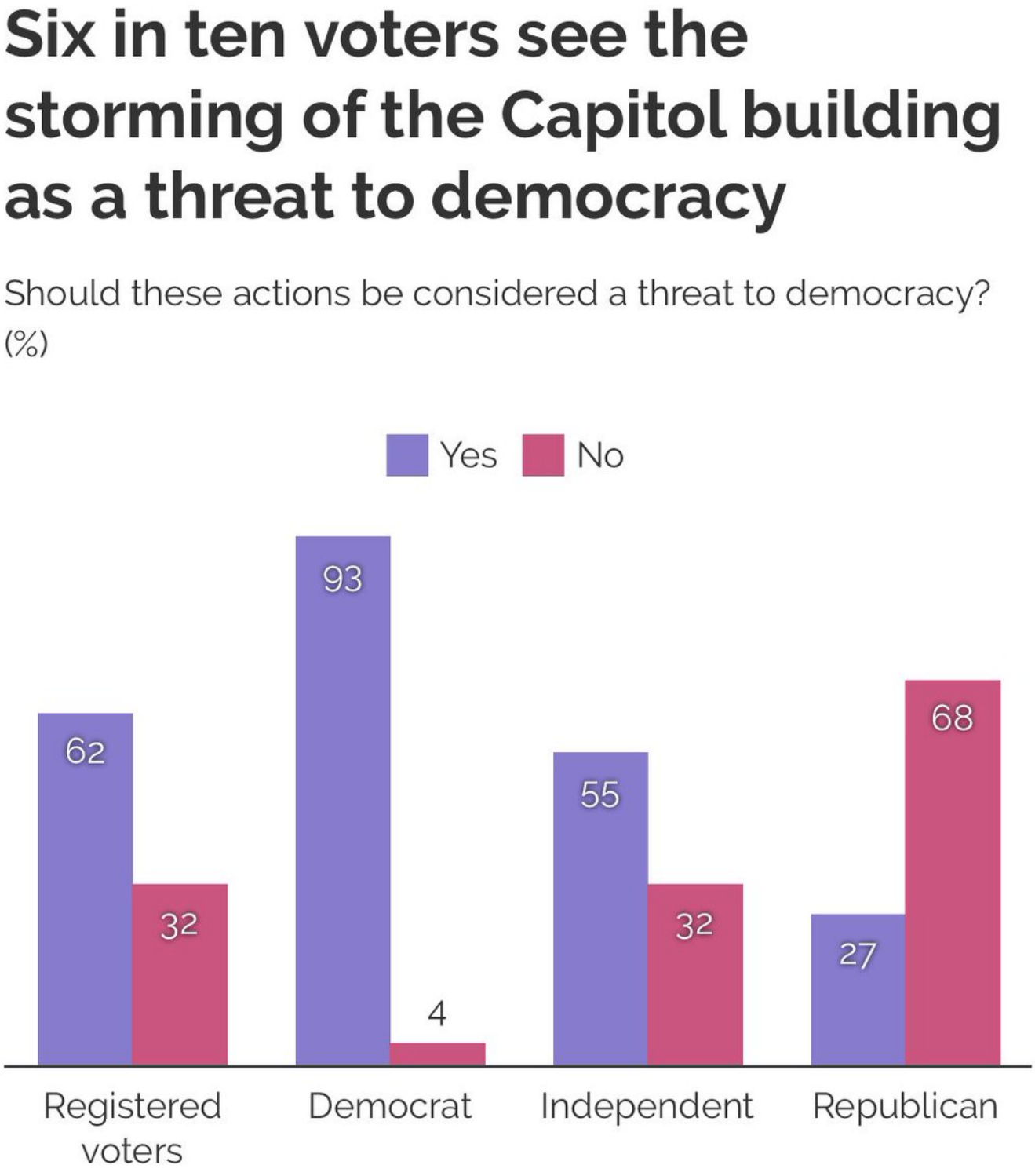


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More alarming is that nearly 70% of Republicans don't think a terrorist attack at the US Capitol is a threat to democracy.

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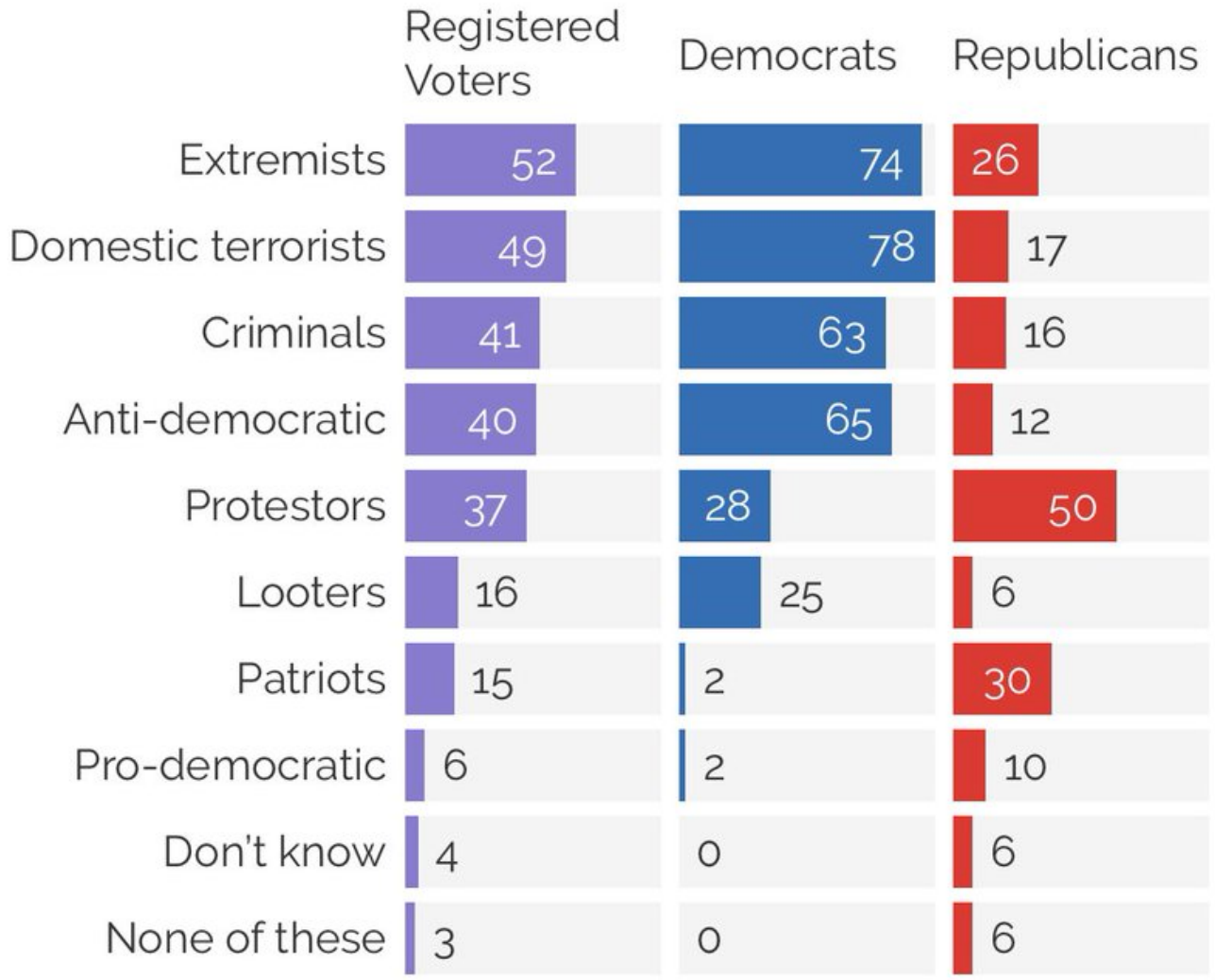


And more Republicans would call those who stormed the Capitol "patriots" than "terrorists."

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Voters most consider those who stormed the Capitol "domestic terrorists" or "extremists". Republicans are more likely to call them "patriots"

What labels do you think apply to the people who did these actions? Please select all that apply. (%)



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For those holding your breath, thinking Trump or Josh Hawley or Ted Cruz will resign—don't.

There is no incentive for them to do so.

If they manage to stay in power after an attempted coup—they win.

If they are forced out by the "elite Washington establishment"—they win.

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And what they win is an entire base of people who believe that patriots descended on Washington to save America.

History informs us on this point.

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In 1923, Hitler led 2,000 Nazis to storm Munich. He was eventually caught + tried for treason. In prison he wrote his book + became a martyr of the Nazi cause.

He was released after only 9 months and welcomed back to his base like Jesus who had been crucified but rose again.

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And 9 years later, Hitler was Chancellor of Germany. No one could come close to toppling his base of support—the other political parties were too splintered, too unwilling to work together. Thinking each side too extreme.

That left Hitler with the most political strength.

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Right now, Josh Hawley, Ted Cruz and Donald Trump are vying for that spot—the Jesus of MAGA (or his successor)—and every single Member of Congress who voted against the election results is hoping for a place in that kingdom.

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Even if Trump is impeached—again—he will become more beloved for standing against the evil Democrats.

And while Hawley lost his book deal, major donors, his mentor + the media told him to resign—he, too, will claim standing up when the elite DC establishment tore him down.

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In fact, he positioned himself to already do that, both before the violence he orchestrated and after.

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Josh Hawley 

@HawleyMO

It’s time to STAND UP

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And while impeaching Trump is necessary and removing Hawley from the Senate is necessary—we also have to use our justice system to hold every conspirator to this madness accountable.

And we need our officials to have both the backbone + stomach to do it.

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Every single Member of Congress who voted against the election results must be expelled.

Every single Member of Congress who stated or implied that the election was rigged must be expelled.

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They undermined democracy + promoted a narrative they knew to be false that led to 5 American deaths.

And they did it *after* being told that their words incited violence.

We cannot let those who brazenly violate their oath to the Constitution remain in office.

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And then we must set up a commission to investigate not only the events of January 6th but everything leading up to it.

There was massive coordination between Fox News, OANN, the GOP, fed. agencies and business execs, who fronted for their grassroots army of terrorists.

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And when enough evidence is found, every single person who had anything to do with this must be prosecuted. Those trials must be public.

Americans have to see what happened and that it was criminal.

They have to see people who look like them facing consequences.

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And then—after you put Trump in prison—and Hawley in prison—and Kushner + Giuliani in prison—and every single person who stormed the Capitol in prison—(even the pretty white girls w/ scripture on their Fbook page)—then maybe we have a chance to heal before more people die.

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To heal we must end the psychological warfare perpetuated by media conglomerates profiting while they cut through the very fabric of America.

And we must prosecute them too—for using PsyOps on our citizens that has resulted directly in violence + death.

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And to truly heal ourselves it requires literal peacekeeping + community building missions in my part of America.

Because today they're cheering + celebrating a terror attack on US soil.

This is America's darkest hour and we have only a small window to turn on the light.

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