CLIMATE POWER

2026 State of Play

AI Data Centers

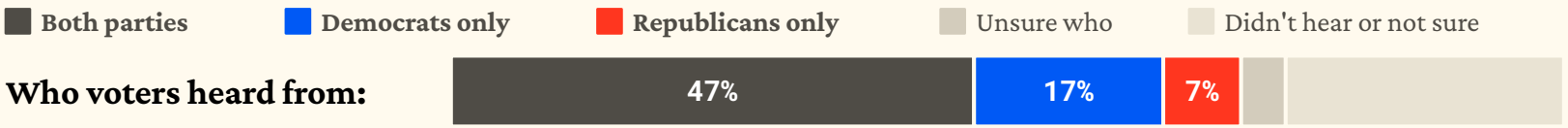
Nov 2026

Campaigns leaned into data centers to tap backlash against Trump and Republicans in Congress

Heard from the 20206 midterms political campaigns or candidates on each issue

AI data centers

76%



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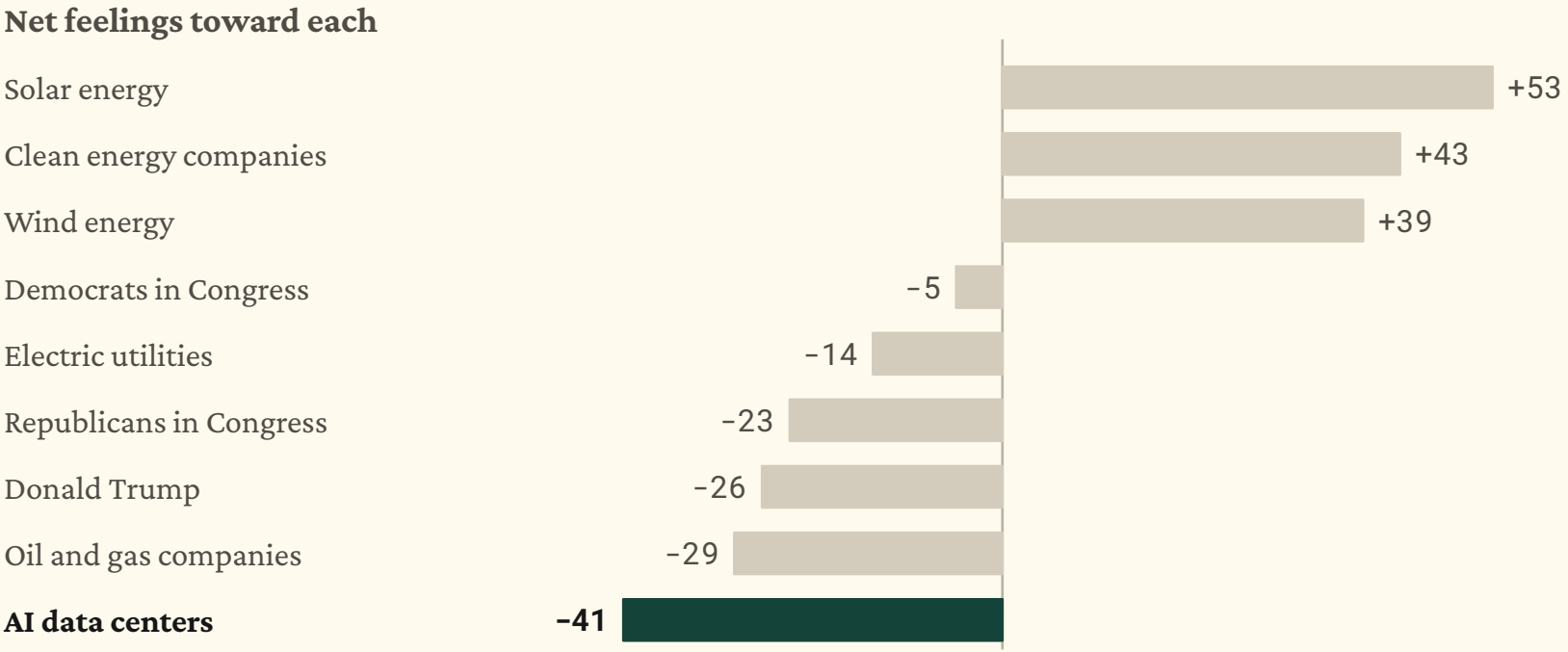
Data centers are one of the least popular item tested in our exit poll



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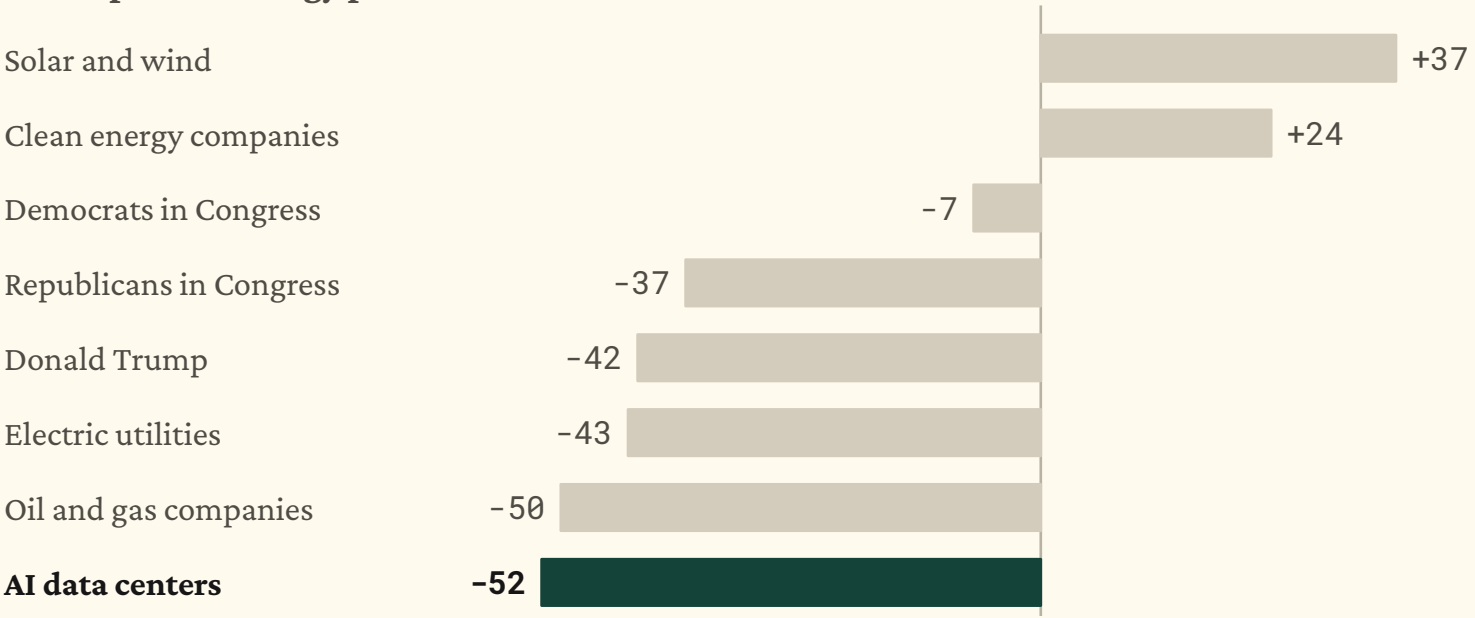
Voters say AI data centers are making energy prices worse, more than any other actor

Net impact on energy prices for consumers



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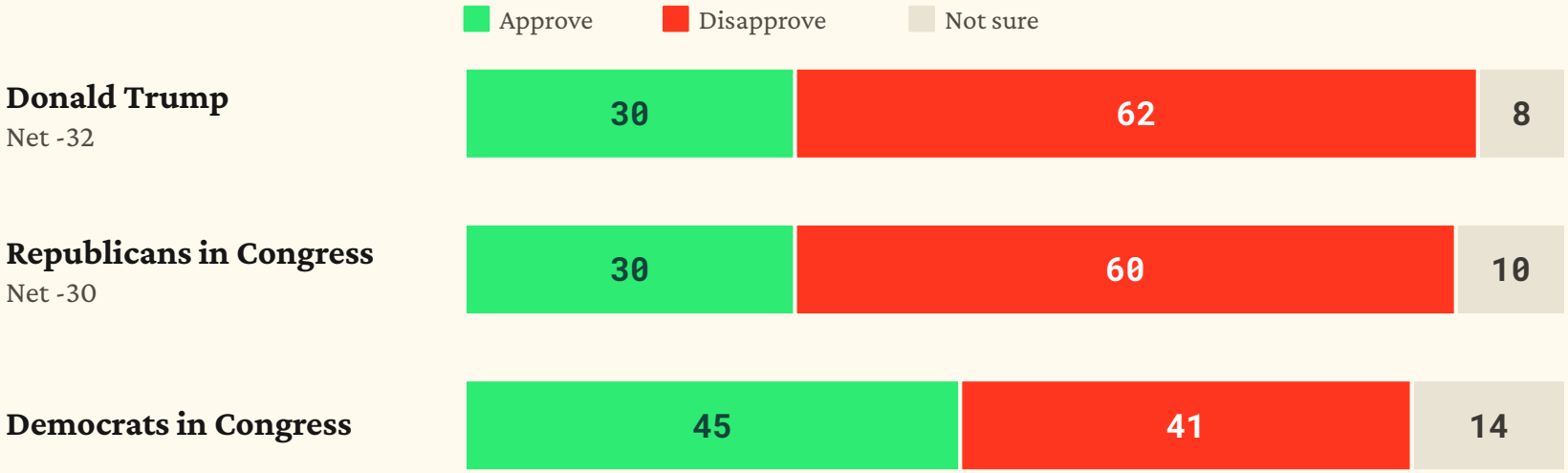
Voters clearly rejected the Trump administration's current approach to data centers

Approval of each when it comes to their policies and positions on AI data centers



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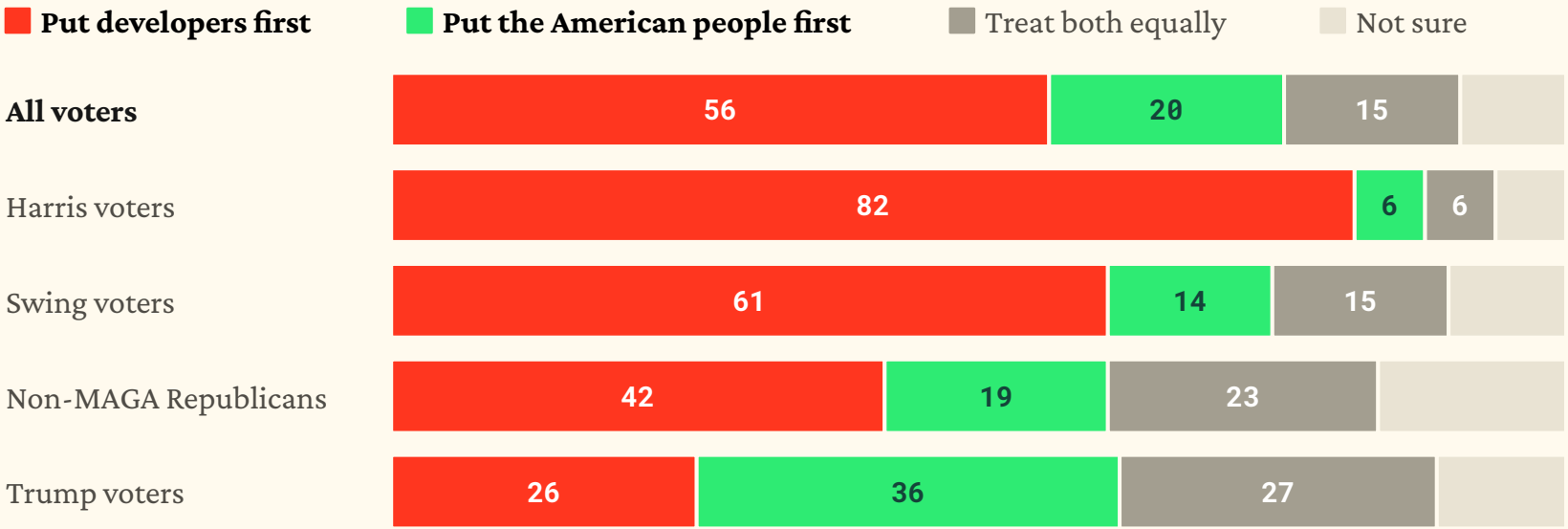
Most say Trump and Republicans put data center developers ahead of the American people

Do you think the policies of Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress...



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