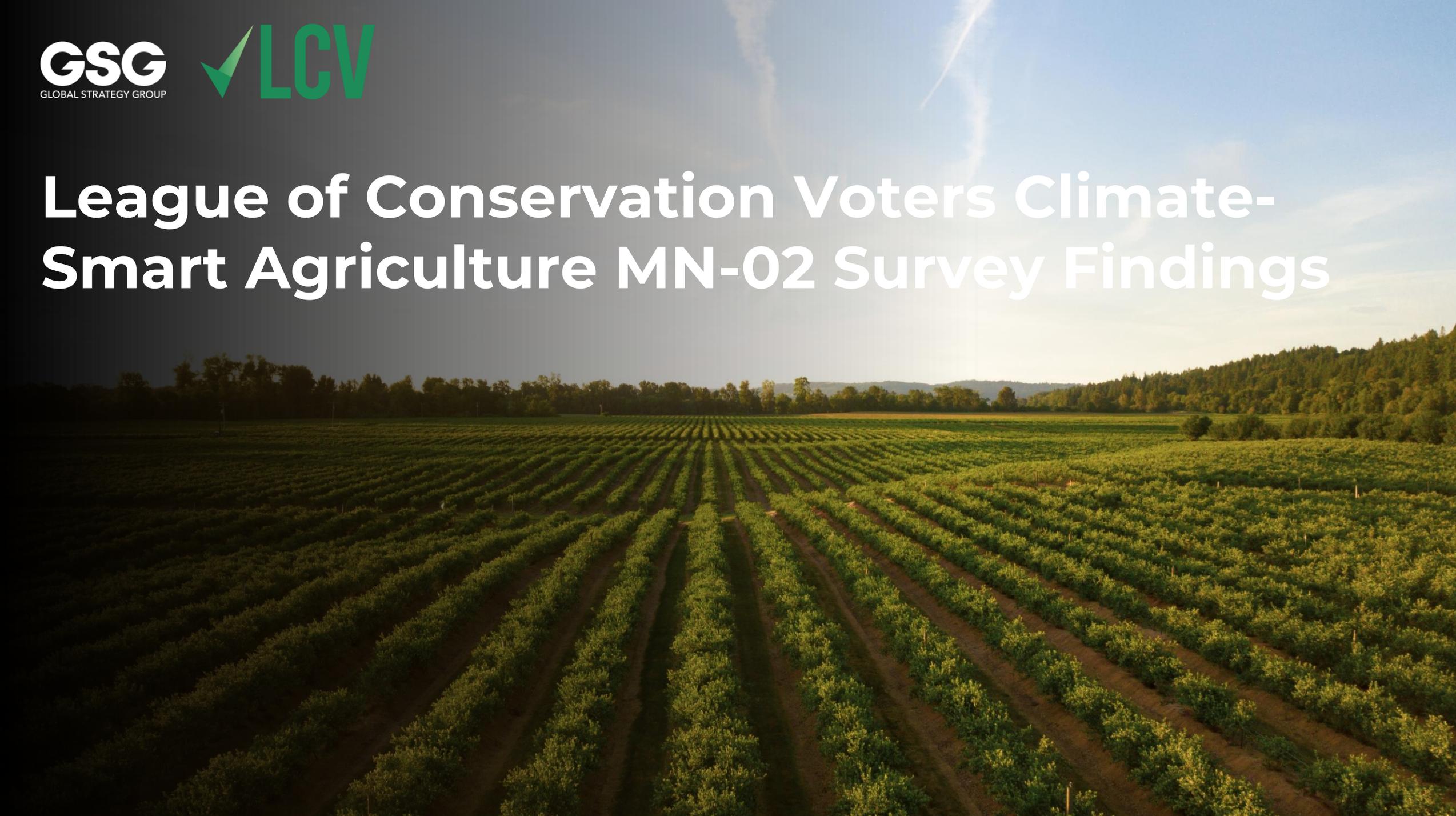




League of Conservation Voters Climate-Smart Agriculture MN-02 Survey Findings



Methodology

Quantitative Research

Global Strategy Group conducted a survey of **400 likely 2024 voters in MN-02** between August 22 and August 31, 2023. The survey was conducted on the phone and via text-to-web.

Confidence Interval

The confidence interval at the 95% confidence level is 4.9%.

The confidence interval on sub-samples is greater.

Demographics of MN-02

Gender

Men	48
Women	52

Age

18-29 year olds	13
30-44 year olds	25
45-54 year olds	18
55-64 year olds	19
Seniors 65+	25

Race

White	91
<i>White non-college</i>	39
<i>White college</i>	52
Black	4
Hispanic	4

Party Self-Identification

Democrats	37
Independents (w/ leaners)	30
Republicans	33

Region

St. Paul Suburbs	31
Rest of Dakota County	39
Scott County	21
Rice/Le Sueur Counties	9

Map of MN-02

Scott County

Likely turnout share: 21%

37% Democrat

33% Independent

30% Republican

St. Paul Suburbs

Likely turnout share: 31%

32% Democrat

37% Independent

31% Republican

Rice/Le Sueur Counties

Likely turnout share: 9%

53% Democrat

22% Independent

24% Republican

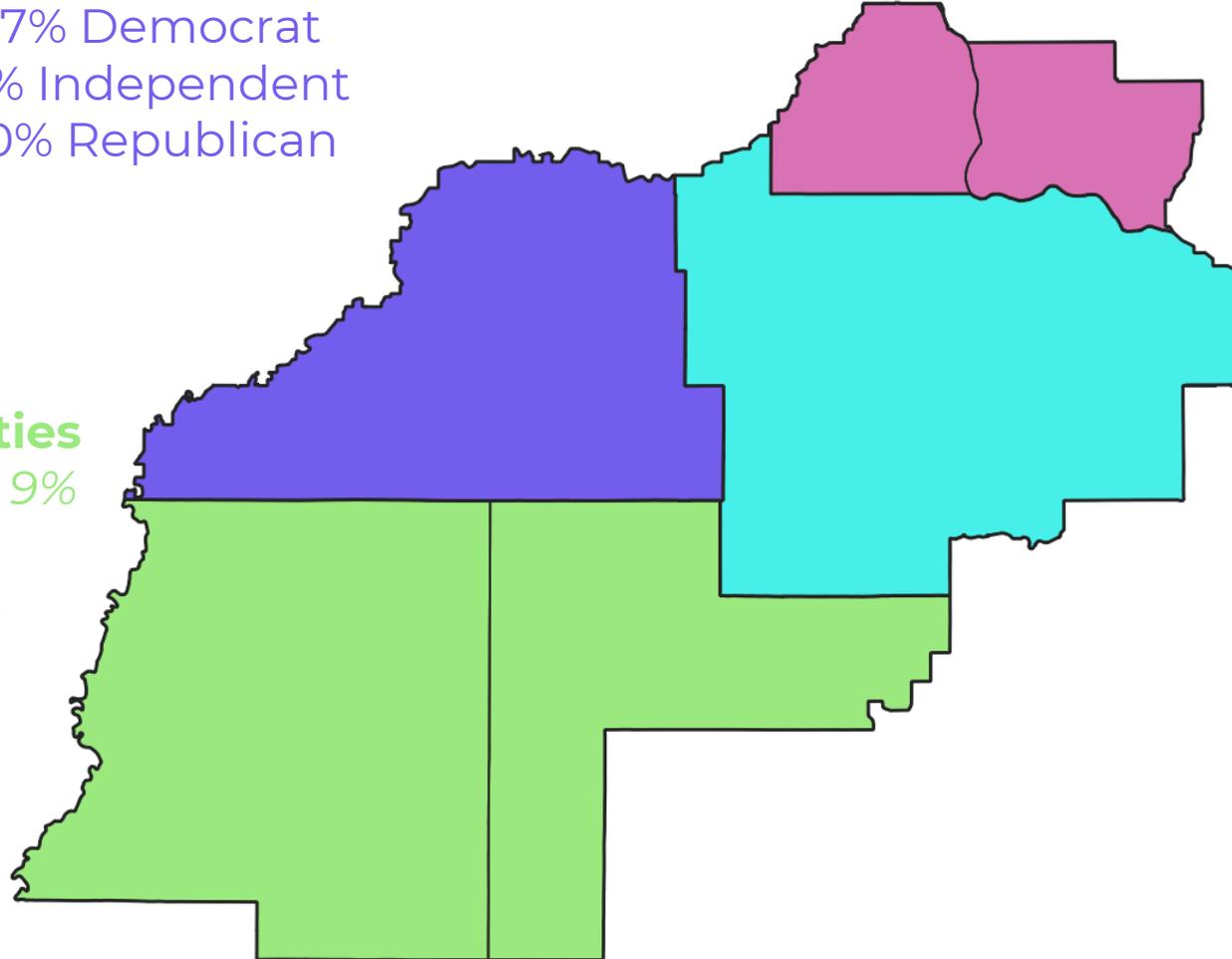
Rest of Dakota County

Likely turnout share: 39%

36% Democrat

25% Independent

39% Republican



Key Findings

MN-02 constituents want to see action in the Farm Bill to protect drinking water and help farmers and ranchers deal with extreme weather. Constituents reject the idea that we need to choose between supporting American farmers and protecting our environment. Instead, an overwhelming majority agrees: “We can do both.” As a result, big majorities agree that the federal government should enact agricultural policies that reduce pollution and, more specifically, that Congress should take action in the upcoming Farm Bill to help farmers deal with extreme weather and protect drinking water from pollution.

They strongly support climate-smart ag funding in the IRA – and overwhelmingly oppose using the Farm Bill to repeal or redirect that funding... MN-02 constituents support the \$19.5 billion in the IRA to help farmers reduce pollution and make their farms more resilient to extreme weather by a more than two-to-one margin, and they support specific programs funded by that \$19.5 billion by even larger margins. Moreover, when we put them to a choice, nearly 70% want to use the funding as intended rather than repealing it or redirecting it to “other agricultural programs like federal subsidies for crop prices.”

... Because they overwhelmingly believe repealing the funding will harm American rural communities, future generations – and even themselves and their families.

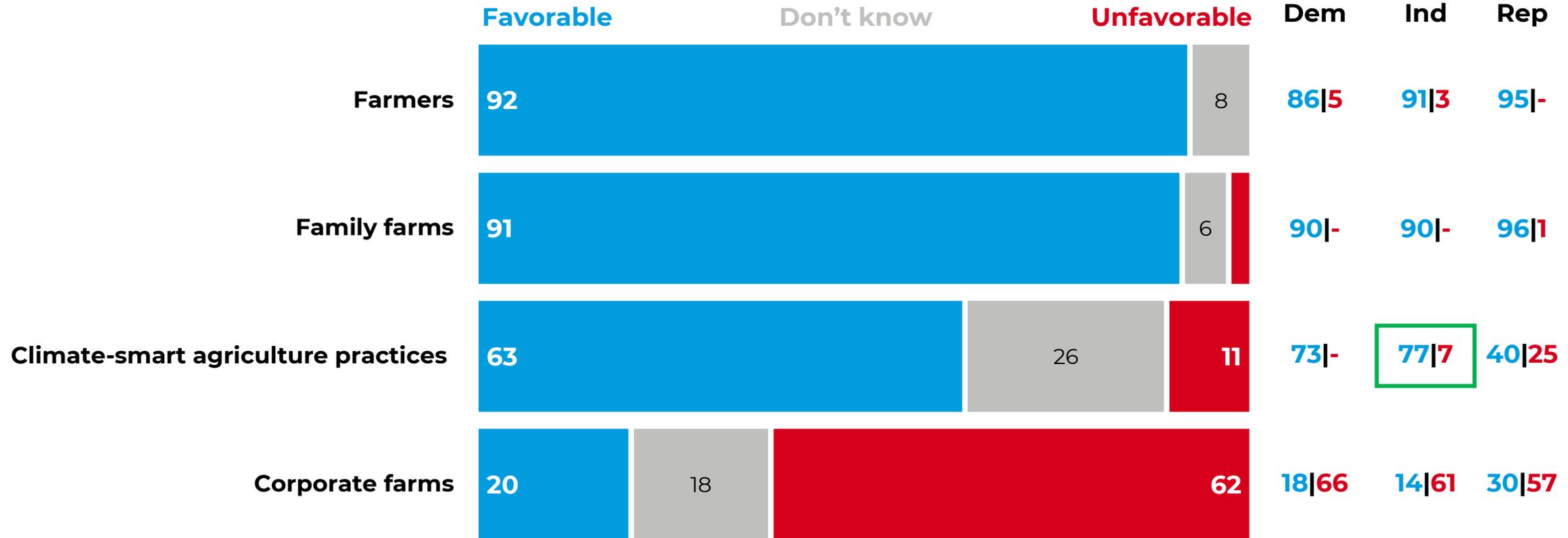
Opposition to repealing or redirecting funding holds strong after a simulated debate. After hearing a balanced debate with messaging from both sides, opposition to repealing or redirecting the climate-smart ag funding remains robust – with nearly two-thirds in MN-02 continuing to favor using the funding as intended.



Landscape

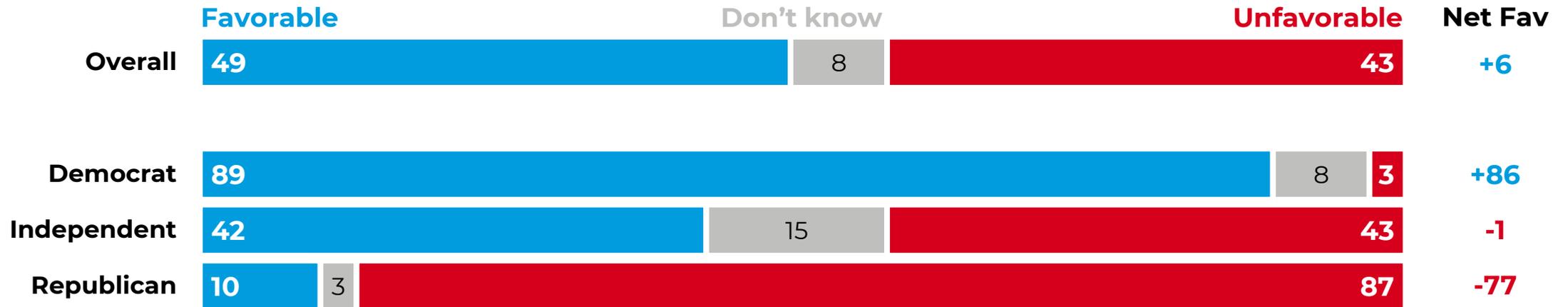
Constituents in MN-02 are intensely favorable to farmers and family farms and view climate-smart agriculture quite positively, especially among independents. Corporate farms are underwater

Favorability of Groups and Concepts

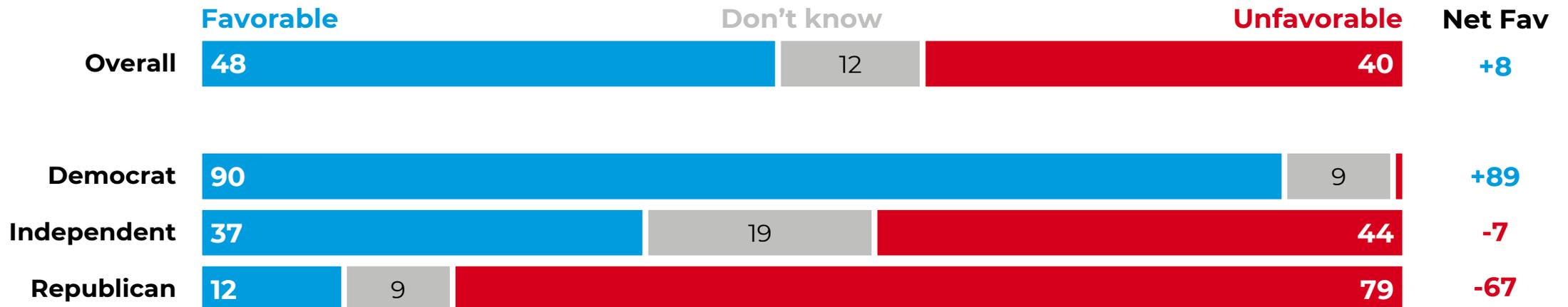


Governor Tim Walz and Representative Angie Craig are both well-known and are viewed more favorably than unfavorably in MN-02

Tim Walz Favorability



Angie Craig Favorability



Constituents across the aisle agree we need programs that protect our drinking water and help farmers deal with extreme weather; they resoundingly agree that we don't need to choose between our farmers and the environment

Climate and Farm Bill Statements

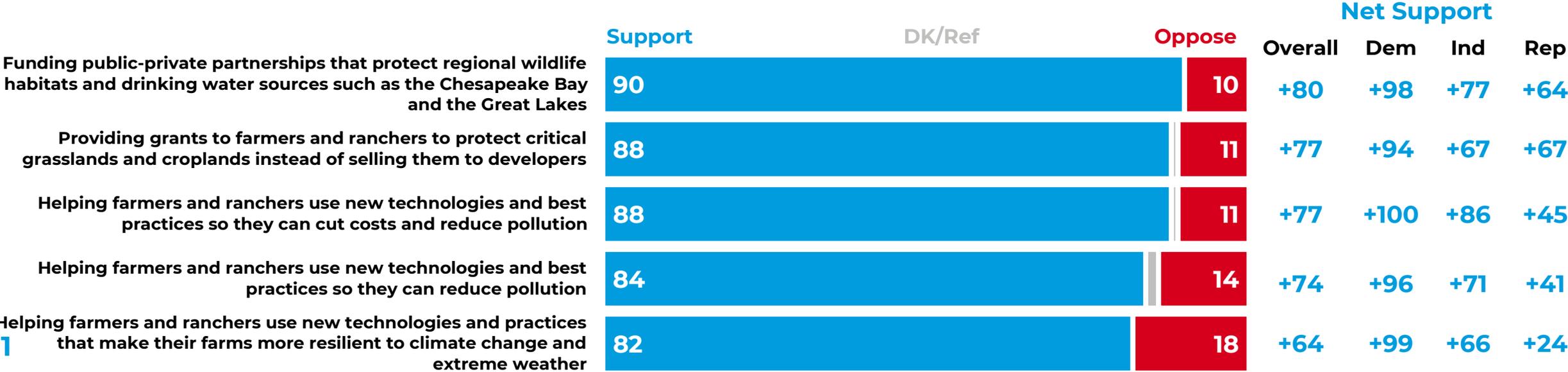
	Agree	DK/Ref	Disagree	Dem	Total Agree Ind	Rep
We don't have to choose between supporting American farmers and protecting our environment. We can do both	91 64% strongly agree		9	99	90	83
In the upcoming Farm Bill, Congress should include programs that help conserve water and protect our drinking water from pollution	88 63% strongly agree		11	100	89	76
In the upcoming Farm Bill, Congress should include programs that help farmers deal with extreme weather like droughts and floods	82 47% strongly agree		15	92	77	76
As extreme weather events continue to become more frequent and more severe, we need to take steps that will make America's farms and food systems more resilient and reliable	81 61% strongly agree		18	98	87	57
Minnesota farmers and ranchers need more tools to prepare for extreme weather	78 42% strongly agree		20	89	72	69
The federal government should enact agricultural policies that reduce pollution	71 43% strongly agree		29	95	70	43



Climate-Smart Agriculture Funding

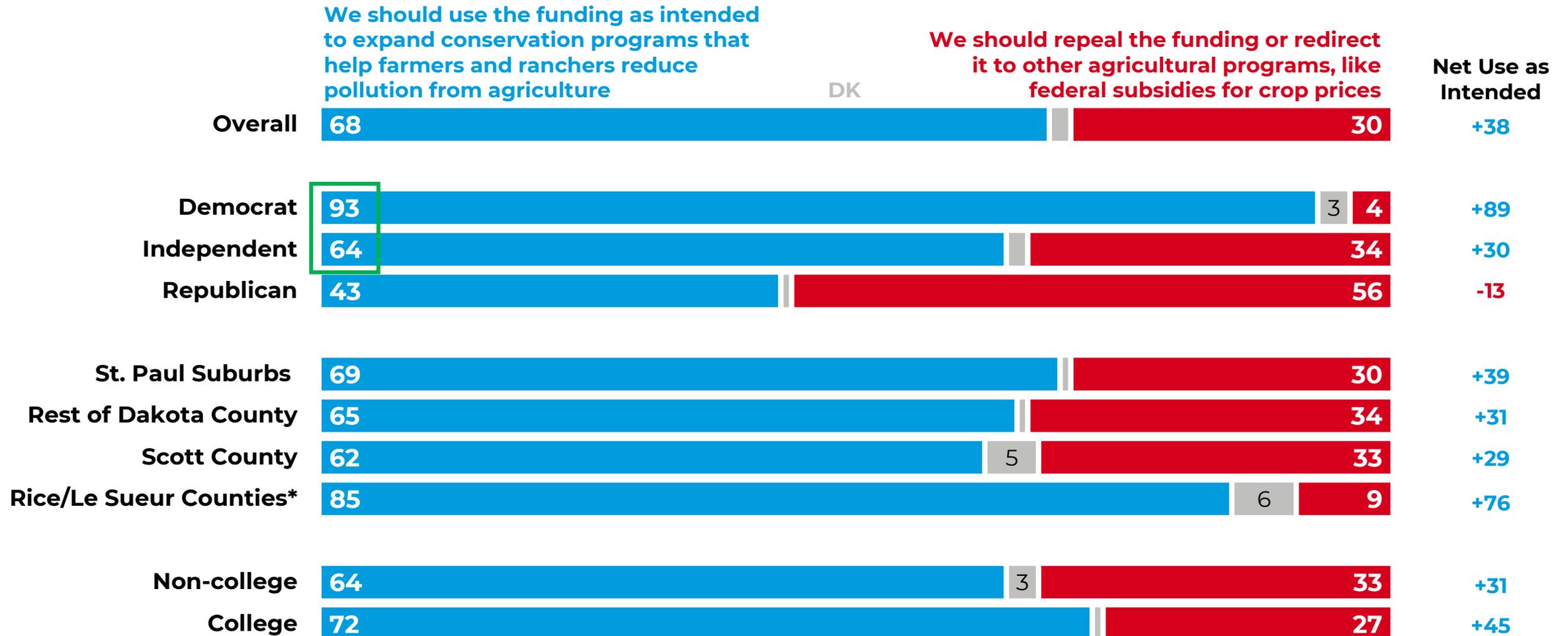
Majorities in MN-02, including independents, strongly support the IRA's funding for climate-smart agricultural programs. Specific policies enjoy high levels of bipartisan support

As you may know, last year, Democrats in Congress passed the Inflation Reduction Act, which included \$19.5 billion in new funding to expand existing programs that help farmers and ranchers use practices that reduce their pollution and make their farms more resilient to extreme weather. Just based on what you know, do you support or oppose this funding?



More than two-in-three support using the climate-smart ag funding as intended, including more than three in five independents

Some members of Congress have said that as part of the Farm Bill, they want to repeal the \$19.5 billion that was provided to help farmers and ranchers reduce the amount of pollution they create by expanding conservation programs and other climate-smart agricultural practices. **Which of the following statements do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right?**



*Small sample size: results are directional.

MN-02 constituents believe repealing this funding would have a negative impact on all metrics tested – especially America’s rural communities

Impact of Repealing Funding for Climate-Smart Agricultural Programs

	Positive impact	No impact	DK	Negative impact	Net Negative Impact			
					Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep
America's rural communities	17	24		57	-40	-55	-44	-19
Future generations of Americans	21	25		53	-32	-65	-29	0
Climate change	14	36	4	46	-32	-62	-25	-5
America's farmers and ranchers	26	16		57	-31	-43	-29	-19
The cost of food and groceries	28	17		53	-25	-52	+1	-14
You and your family	21	31		46	-25	-53	-4	-14
America's lakes, rivers, streams, and drinking water	26	20	4	50	-24	-55	-11	-2
The American economy	29	16	4	51	-22	-55	0	-2
The security of America's food system	30	18		50	-20	-69	+9	+12

Each half of the sample heard a different statement from supporters, while the full sample heard the same opposition statement. Each supporter framing yielded nearly identical results

Full Text of Supporter and Opposition Messaging: Thinking again about the \$19.5 billion that was provided to help farmers and ranchers reduce the amount of pollution they create by expanding conservation programs and other climate-smart agricultural practices...

Supporters of these policies say:

[SPLIT A – FOOD SECURITY] Supporters say **this funding will be used for programs that not only help farmers and ranchers, but also provide crucial protections to ensure the U.S. food system remains safe and reliable.** Extreme weather associated with climate change, like droughts and floods, wreak havoc on farmers and endanger our country's food security. These conservation programs are an important investment in maintaining our country's food security and the well-being of our farmers, and they will provide a much-needed boost to America's rural communities, adding 90,000 new jobs in rural areas across America.

[SPLIT B – POLLUTION] Supporters say that the agricultural industry creates 10% of all climate pollution in America as well as a significant amount of toxic pollution that makes its way into our lakes, rivers, streams, and drinking water. These programs have a proven track record of reducing climate and water pollution to make sure everyone has clean water to drink and to make farms more resilient to extreme weather like droughts and floods. However, these programs are underfunded and can't meet the demand from all the farmers who want to participate. **We should listen to farmers and expand these valuable programs that protect our farmers, our food supply, and our environment.**

Opponents of these policies say:

[FULL SAMPLE] Opponents say that this funding is just another example of **runaway government spending that is driving up inflation, the price of food and groceries, and the national debt. The link between climate change and farming is being wildly exaggerated by radical politicians** who are pushing their own agenda. Congress should take this opportunity to cut this wasteful spending and, instead, invest in programs that will actually help our farmers who are still struggling to recover from the effects of the pandemic – **programs like crop subsidies and insurance** and other forms of financial assistance.

After hearing a balanced debate, an overwhelming majority still wants to use the IRA funding as intended – Republicans stand alone in favoring repeal

Vote Movement: Use Funding as Intended vs. Repealing/Redirecting Funding

	Initial Ask			Informed Ask		
	Use as Intended	Repeal/Redirect	NET Use as Intended	Use as Intended	Repeal/Redirect	NET Use as Intended
Overall	68	30	+38	64	36	+28
Democrat	93	4	+89	94	6	+86
Independent	64	34	+30	56	43	+13
Republican	43	56	-13	38	62	-24
St. Paul Suburbs	69	30	+39	58	42	+16
Rest of Dakota County	65	34	+31	65	35	+30
Scott County	62	33	+29	62	38	+24
Rice/Le Sueur Counties*	85	6	+79	81	17	+64
Non-college	64	33	+31	60	40	+20
College	72	27	+45	69	30	+39

Thank You

New York

Washington, DC

Hartford

Chicago

Denver

Seattle