

Western Slope Voters Support NEPA and Clean Water Rules

Recent actions by the Trump Administration to gut NEPA and Clean Water Act rules are entirely at odds with Colorado public opinion.

Western Slope voters support by an overwhelming margin of 70% to 29% the National Environmental Policy Act's requirements for public review and comment on public lands projects.

Respondents similarly believe the Clean Water Act should apply to all the nation's water supplies, including small streams, by 80% to 17%.

The support is broad across party lines and among independents.

Seventy percent say it is important for the public to have a chance to review and comment on public lands projects.

Ensuring the public has a chance to review and comment on projects on public lands is more important

70%

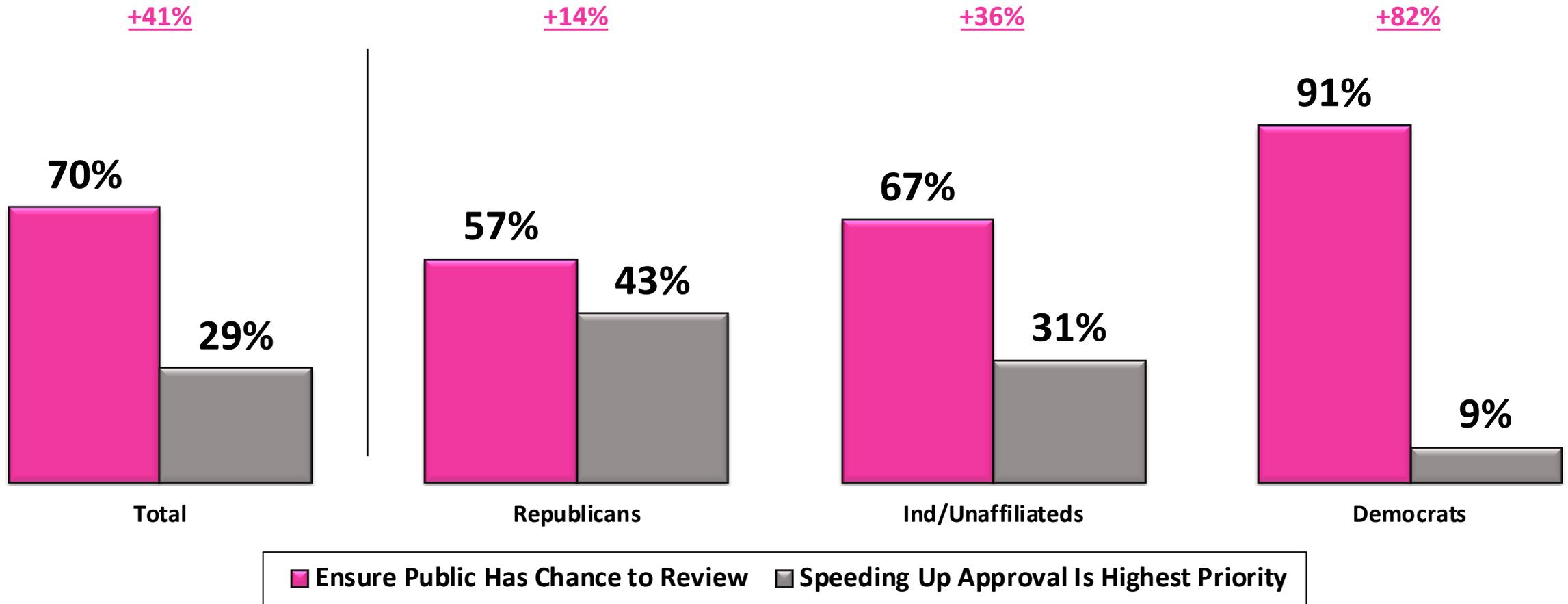
Speeding up approval of logging and other projects on public land is the highest priority

29%



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Majorities across parties – including Republicans – think that the public should have a chance to review projects.



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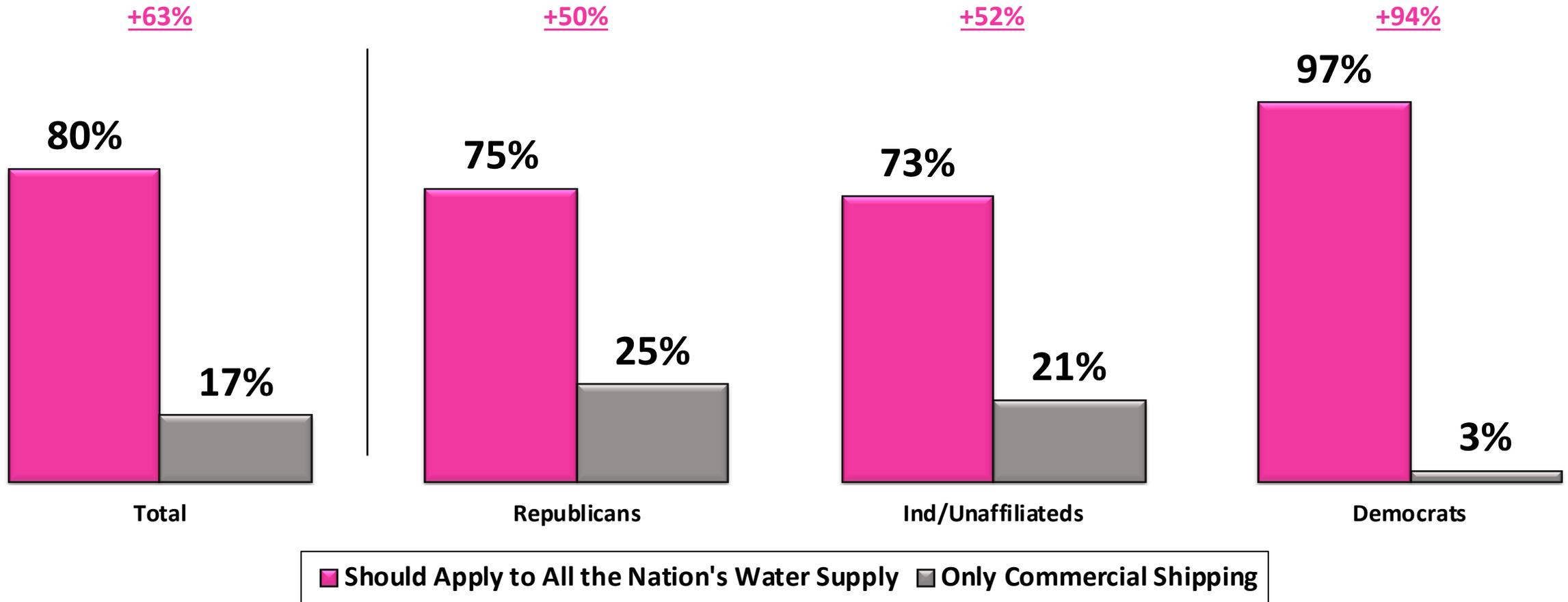
80%

The Clean Water Act should only apply to big bodies of water large enough for commercial shipping

17%

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Methodology

New Bridge Strategy conducted a survey of 400 registered voters who are residents of CD3 or Chaffee/Fremont counties.

Interviews were conducted September 20-26, 2019 and were distributed proportionally throughout the region.

Interviews were conducted on cell phones, landlines and via email invitation. The overall margin of error is +4.9% for the overall sample and will vary for sub-groups.