

PPIC Statewide Survey: Californians and Their Government

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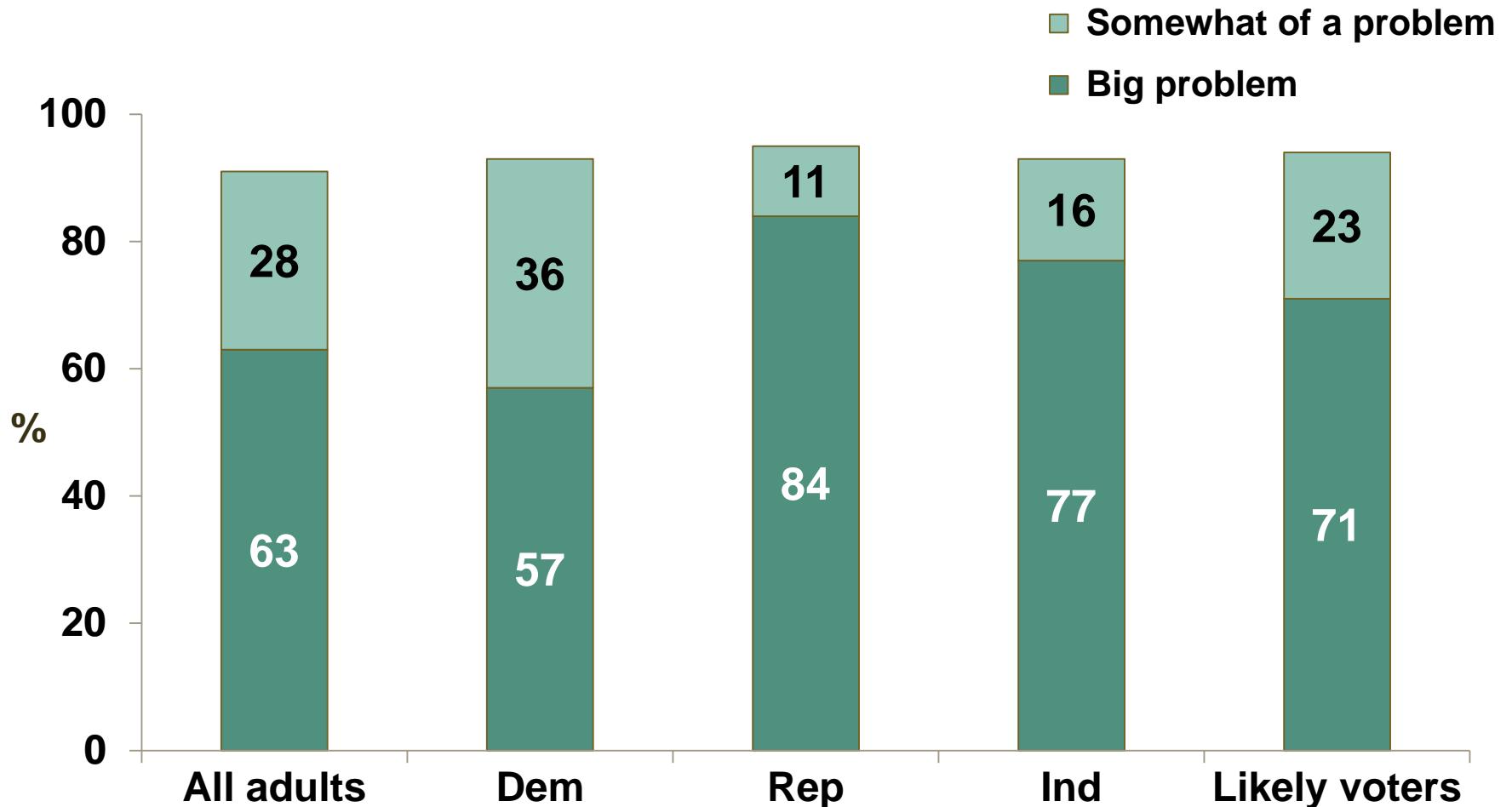
Californians and Their Government

- Funded by The James Irvine Foundation
- Tracks attitudes toward state government
- Provides a voice for all Californians in important state policy debates
- Telephone interviews, January 15–22
 - 1,704 adults / 1,116 likely voters
 - $\pm 3.5\%$ margin of error for adults
 - $\pm 4.2\%$ for likely voters



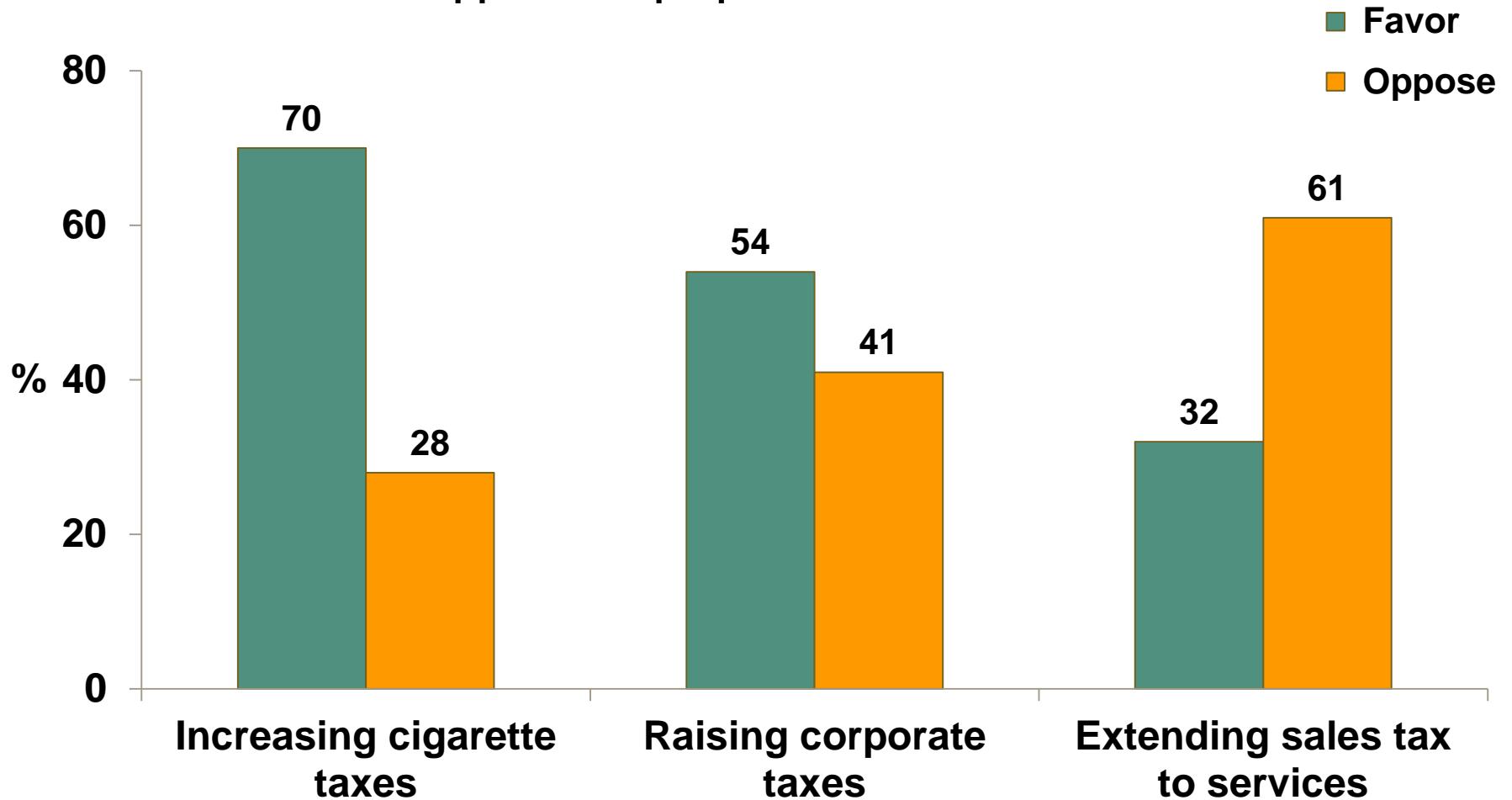
State Budget Situation

Do you think the state budget situation in California—that is, the balance between government spending and revenues—is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem for the people of California today?



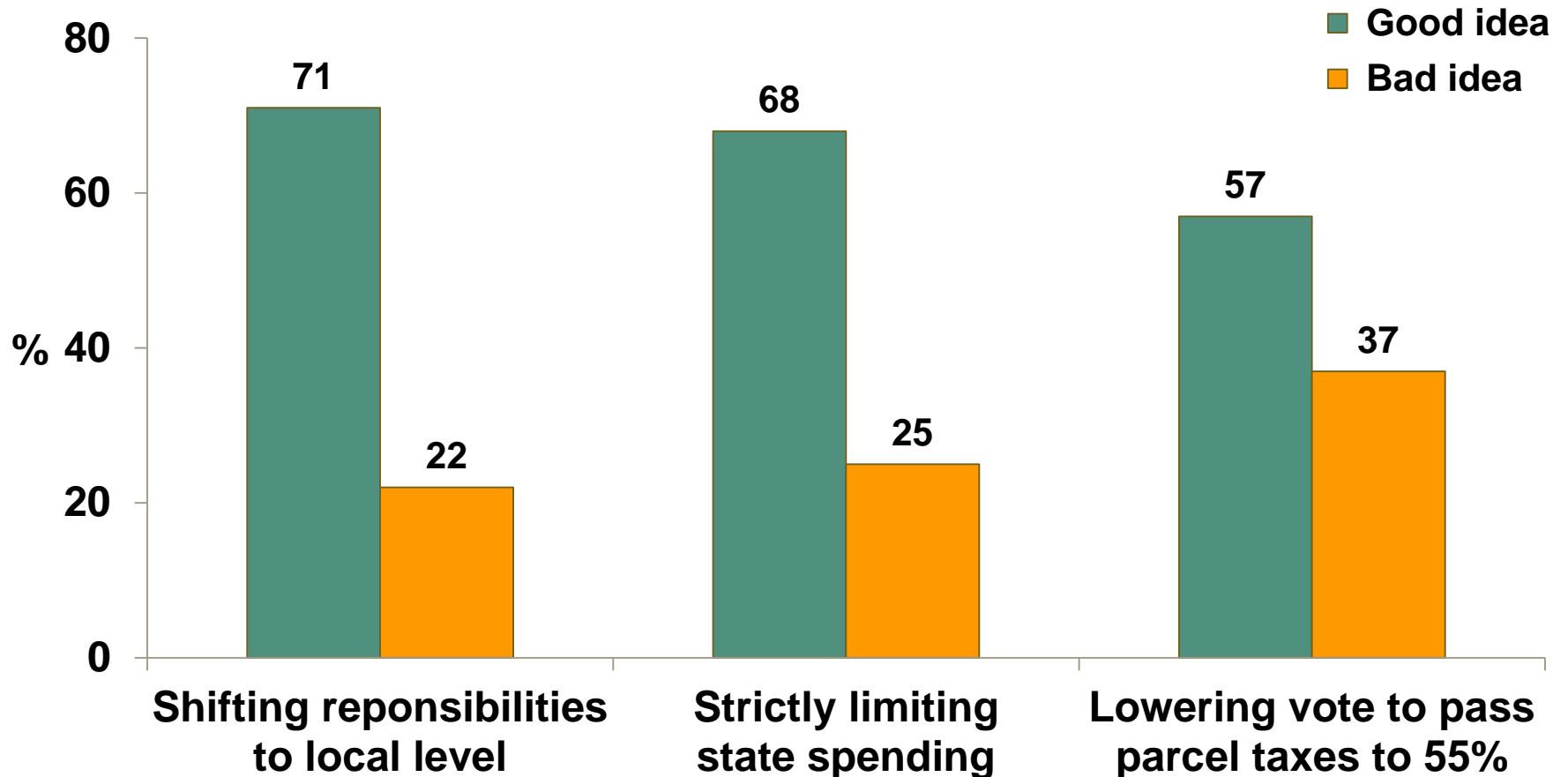
New Revenue Sources

New revenue sources have been proposed to address the state budget situation. For each of the following, please say if you favor or oppose the proposal. How about...?



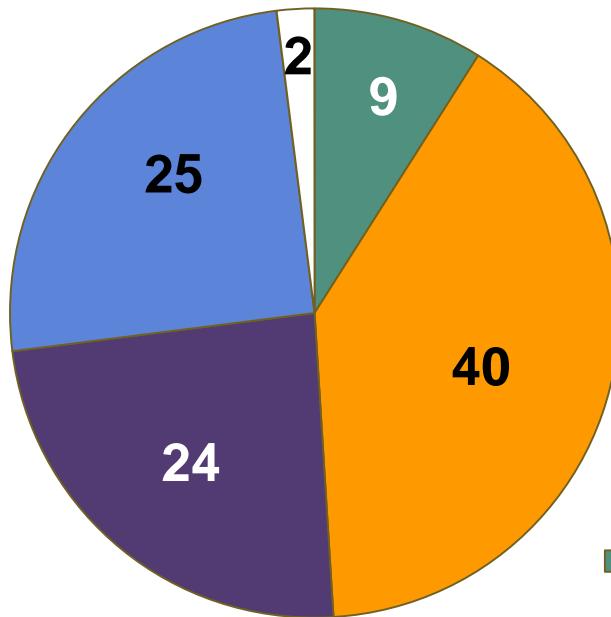
Fiscal Reforms

Fiscal reforms have been proposed to address the structural issues in the state budget and local budget issues. For each of the following, please say if you think the proposal is a good idea or a bad idea. How about...?

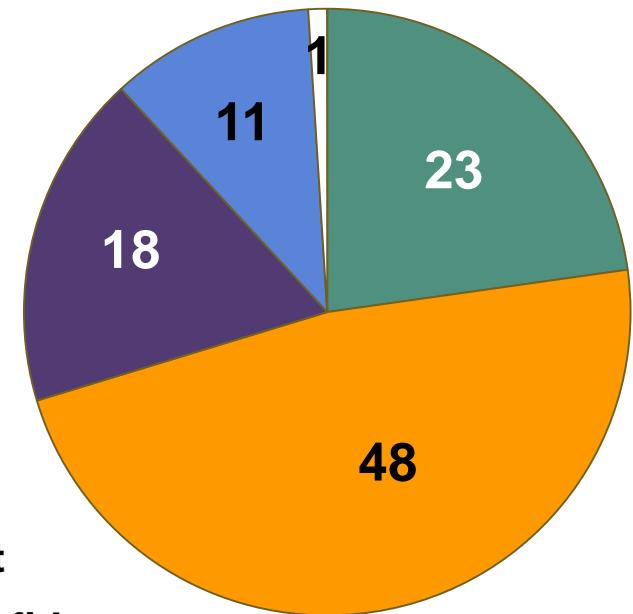


State and Local Fiscal Relations

Confidence in local governments to handle prisoner shift from state to local level



Confidence in local school districts to use state funding wisely if given more flexibility



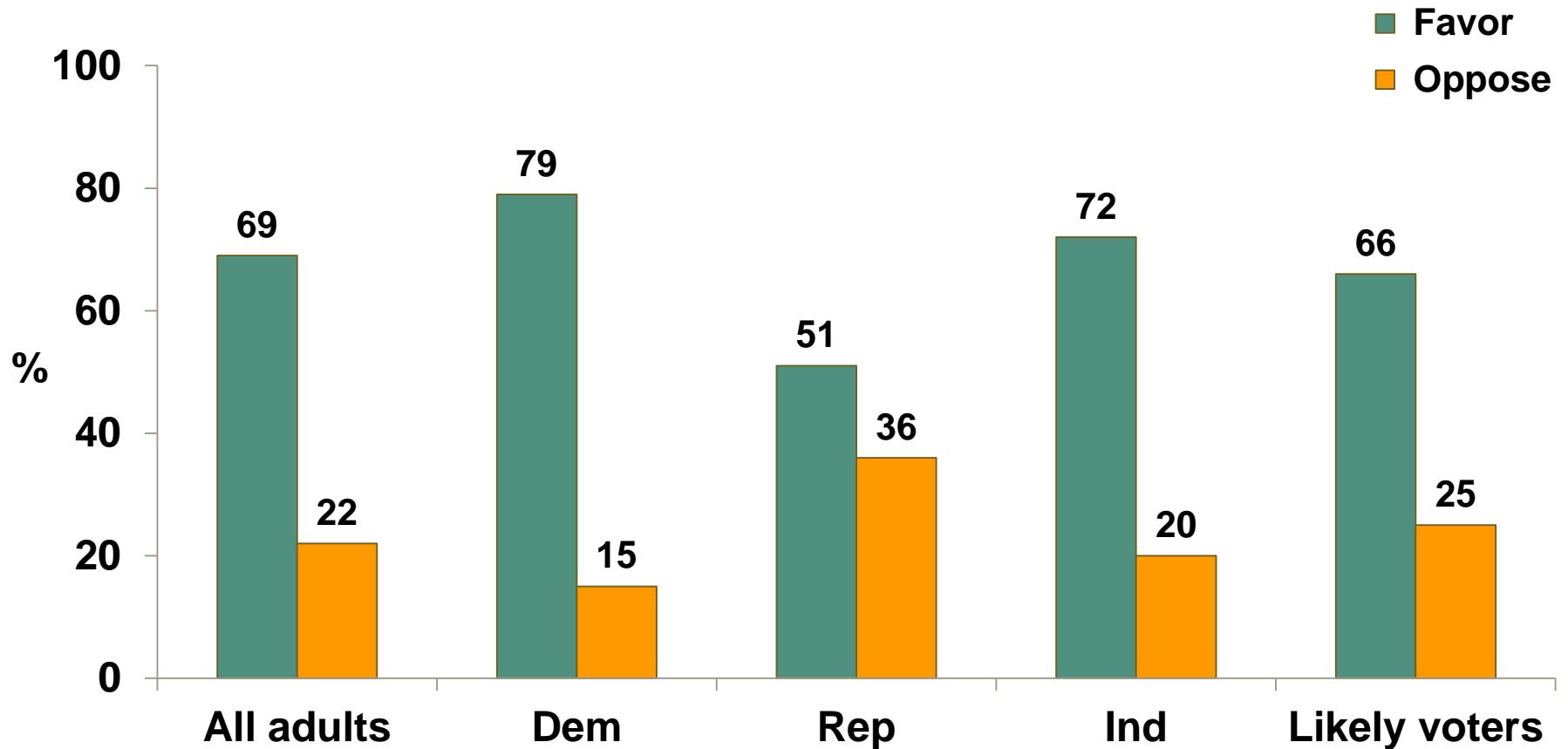
All adults

- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Not too confident
- Not at all confident
- Don't know



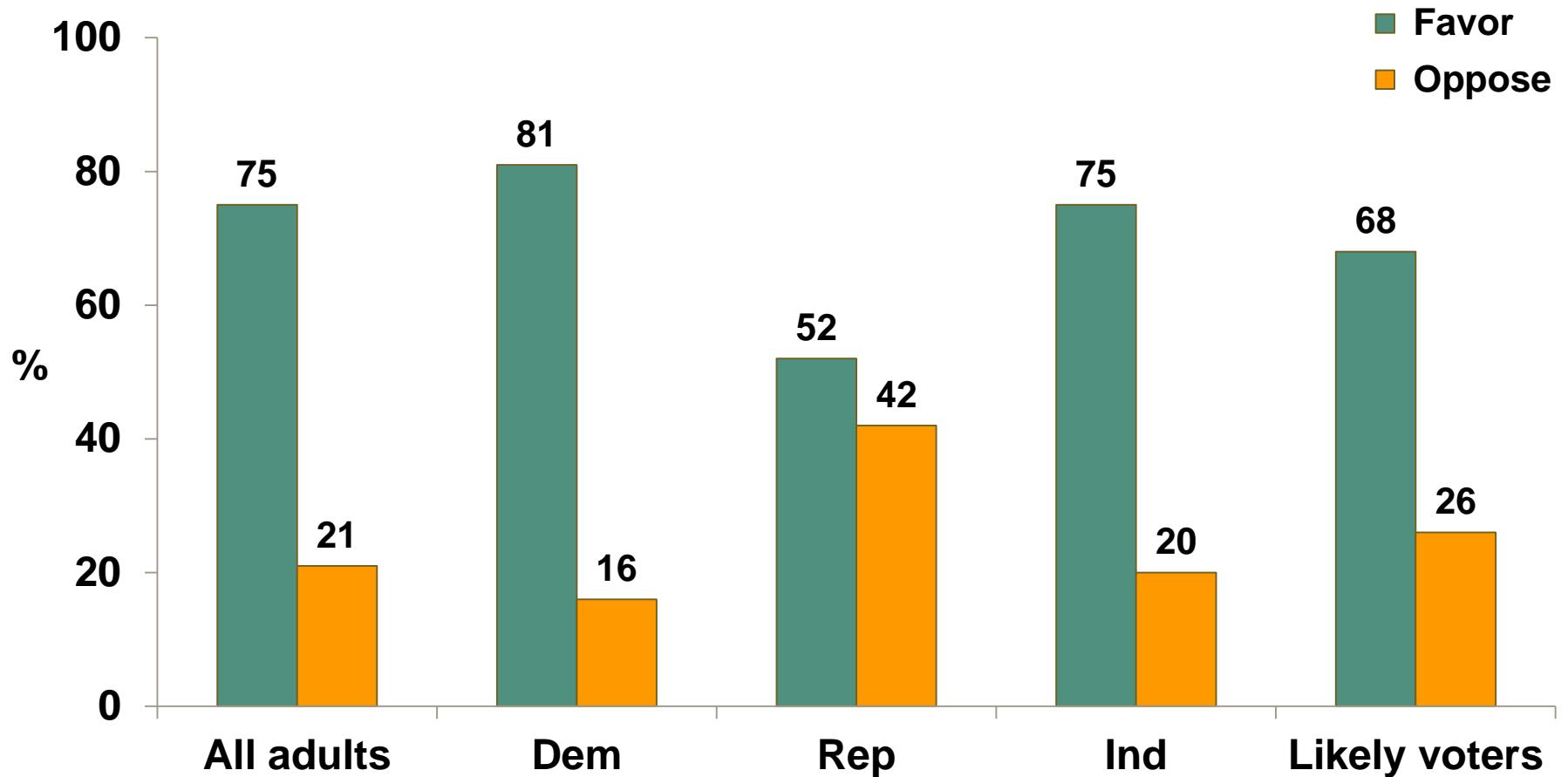
Governor's Budget Plan

Governor Brown proposed a budget plan for the next fiscal year that will increase spending on K-12 schools, higher education, and health and human services, create a \$1 billion reserve, and pay down the state's debt. In general, do you favor or oppose the governor's budget plan?



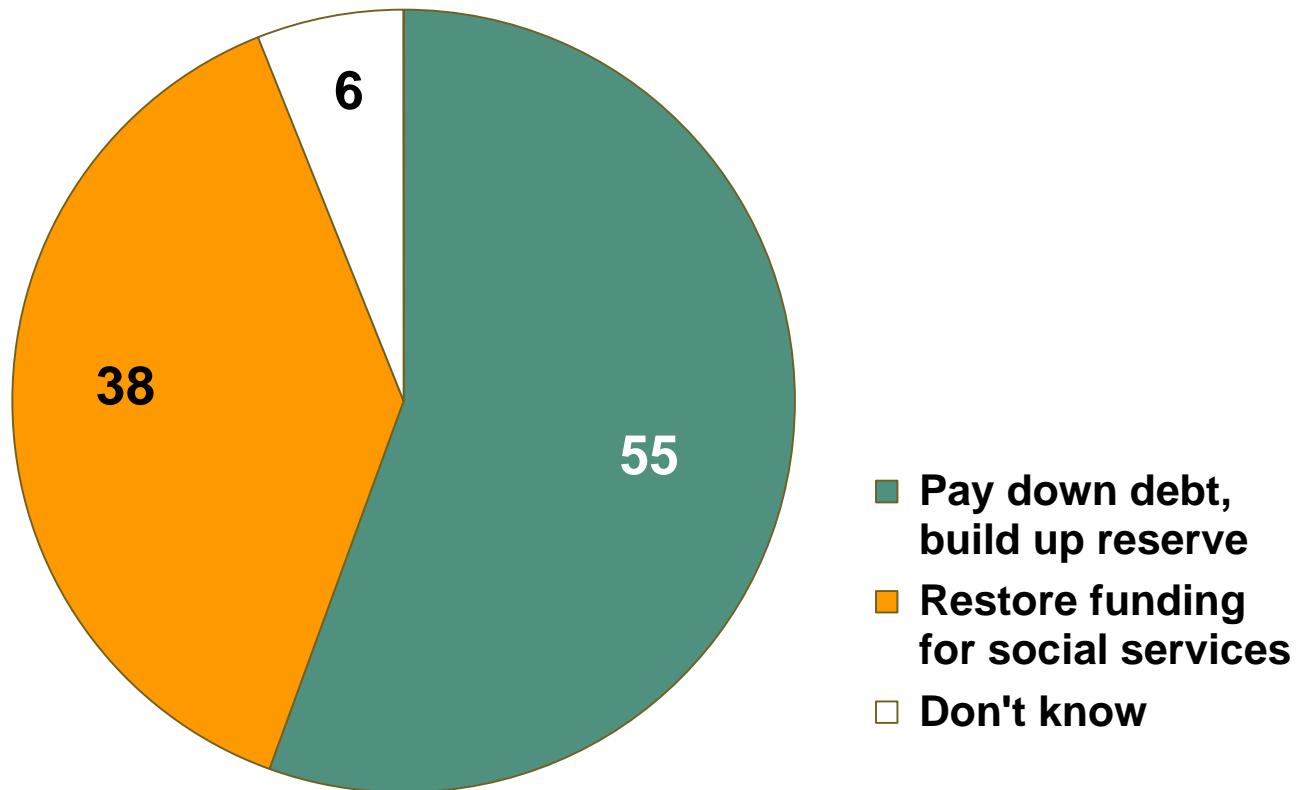
Governor's Budget Plan: Targeted Education Funding

Governor Brown's budget plan includes new K-12 school funding that will mostly go to local school districts that have more English language learners and lower-income students. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?



Governor's Budget Plan: Fiscal Tradeoffs

Governor Brown's budget plan includes \$4.2 billion to pay down state debt and creates a \$1 billion reserve. In general, do you prefer the governor's plan to pay down state debt and build up the reserve, or would you prefer to use some of this money to restore some funding for social service programs that were cut in recent years?



All adults



Conclusions

- Most still see budget situation as a big problem
- Support for increasing cigarette and corporate taxes; opposition to taxing services
- Majorities support three possible fiscal reforms
- Governor Brown's budget proposal popular with Californians



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