

# PPIC Statewide Survey: Californians and Their Government

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# PPIC Statewide Survey mission

- Provide timely, relevant, nonpartisan data on political, social, and economic opinions
- Inform and improve state policymaking, raise awareness, encourage discussion
- Provide a voice for all Californians in important state policy debates
  - 330,000+ Californians interviewed since 1998
  - 160+ general, issue, and regional surveys

# Californians and Their Government

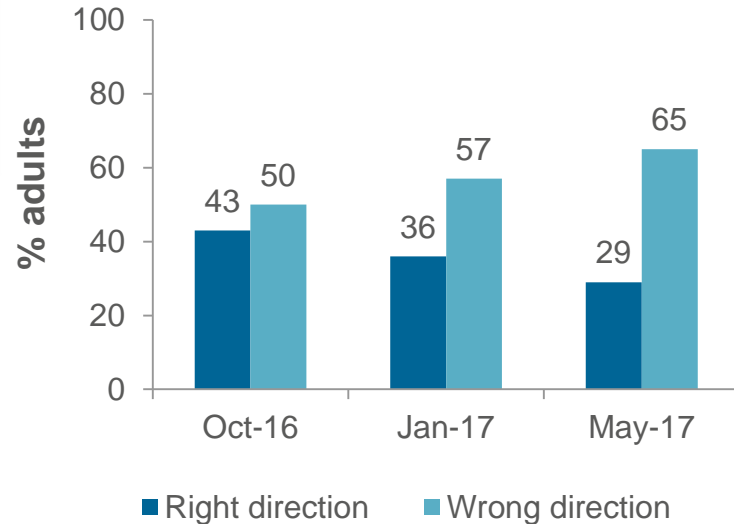
- General series funded by the James Irvine Foundation
- Telephone interviews, May 12–22, 2017
  - 65% cell phone, 35% landline
  - 1,707 adults,  $\pm$  3.2% margin of error
  - 1,019 likely voters,  $\pm$  4.2% margin of error
- Views on President Trump and federal policy issues
- Attitudes toward the state budget, economic issues, and housing

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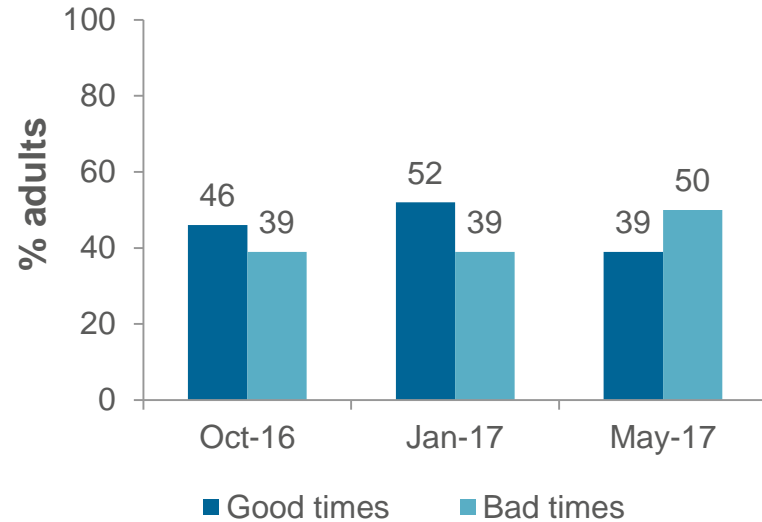
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# Increasing pessimism about US direction and economy

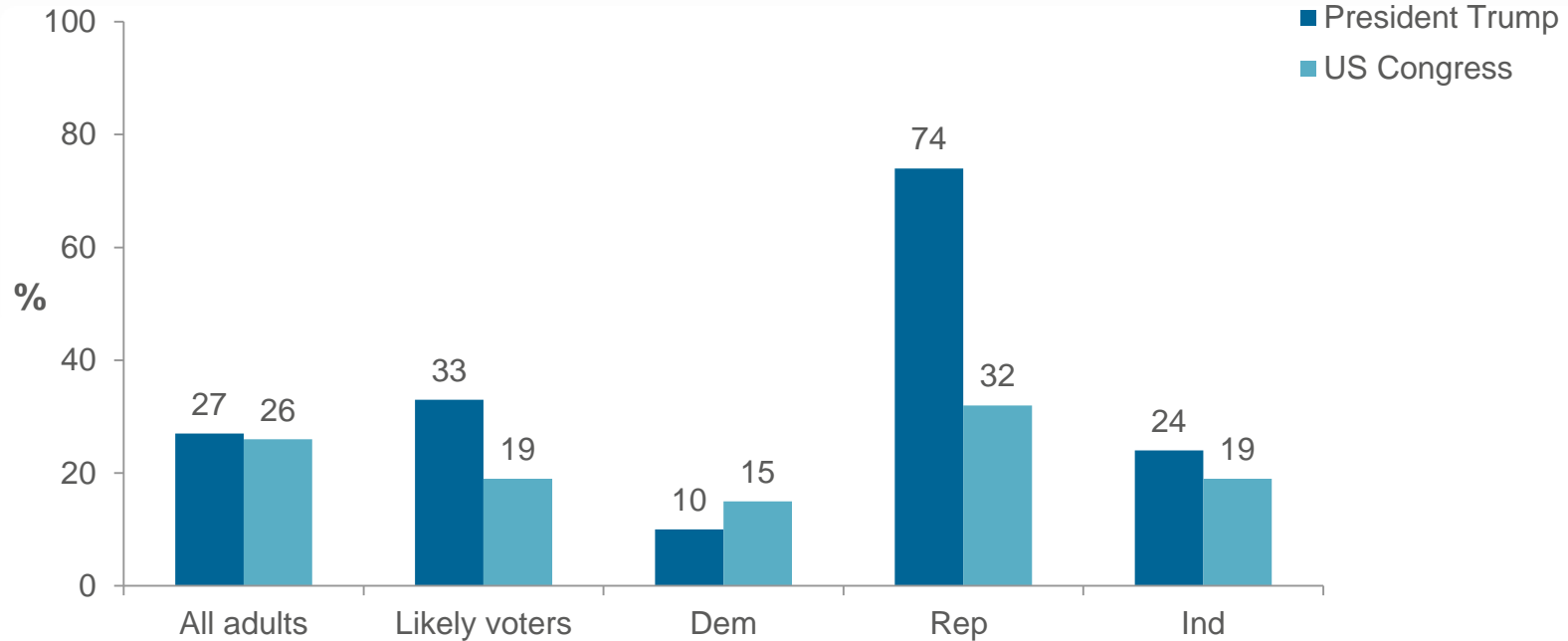
Do you think things in the United States are going in the right direction or the wrong direction?



Do you think that during the next 12 months the United States will have good times financially or bad times?



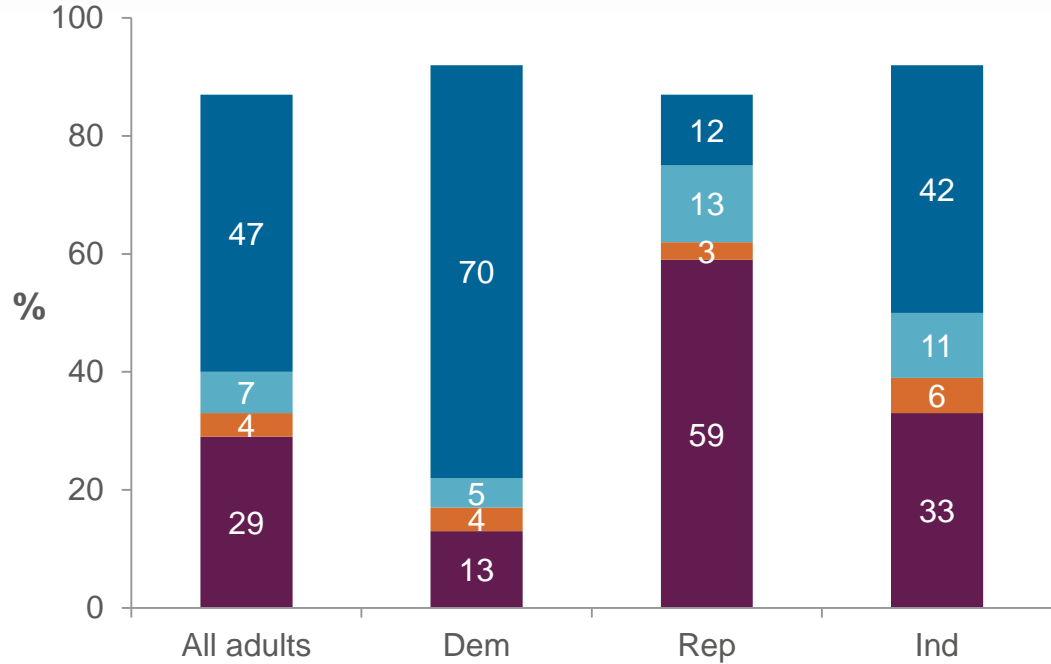
# Approval of President Trump and the US Congress



# Russia and the US election

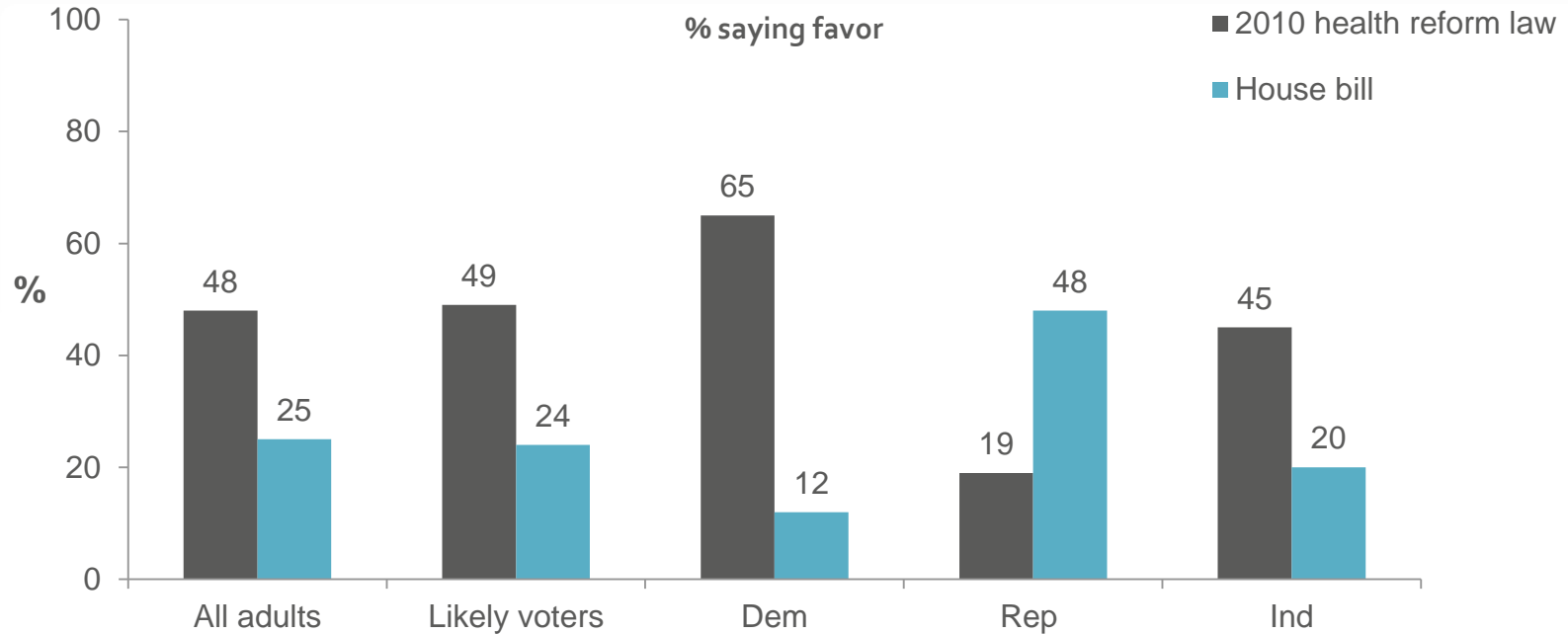
Do you think the Russian government tried to influence the outcome of last fall's US presidential election, or not?

- Yes, and Trump campaign members intentionally helped
- Yes, but Trump campaign members didn't intentionally help
- Yes, don't know if campaign members intentionally helped
- No



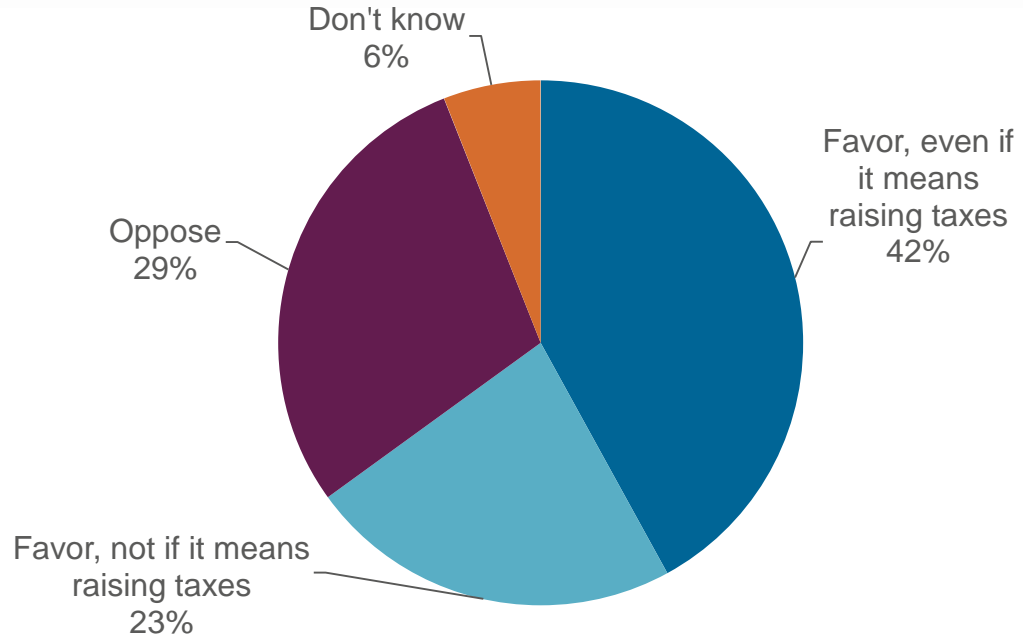


# Opinion on ACA and the House health care bill



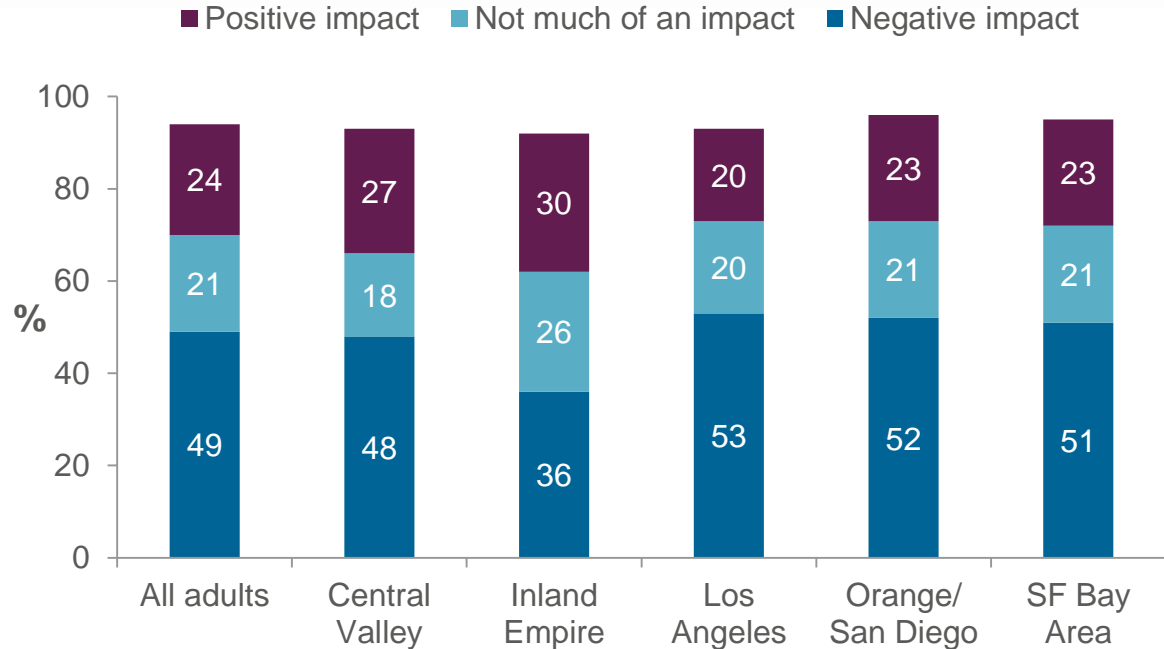
# Single-payer health care in California

Do you favor or oppose having guaranteed health insurance coverage in which all Californians would get their insurance through a single state government health plan? (*if favor, ask: “Do you favor it even if it means raising taxes?”*)



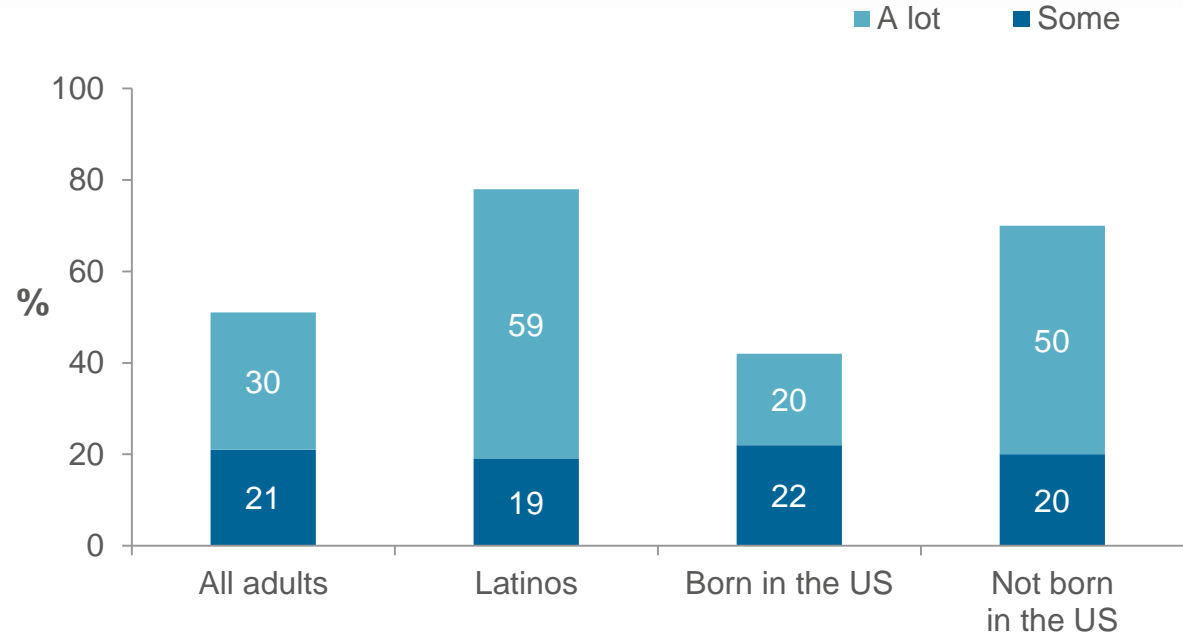
# Increased immigration enforcement: economic impact

When it comes to increased federal immigration enforcement, do you think it will have a positive impact, a negative impact, or not much of an impact on businesses, jobs, and the economy in your part of California?



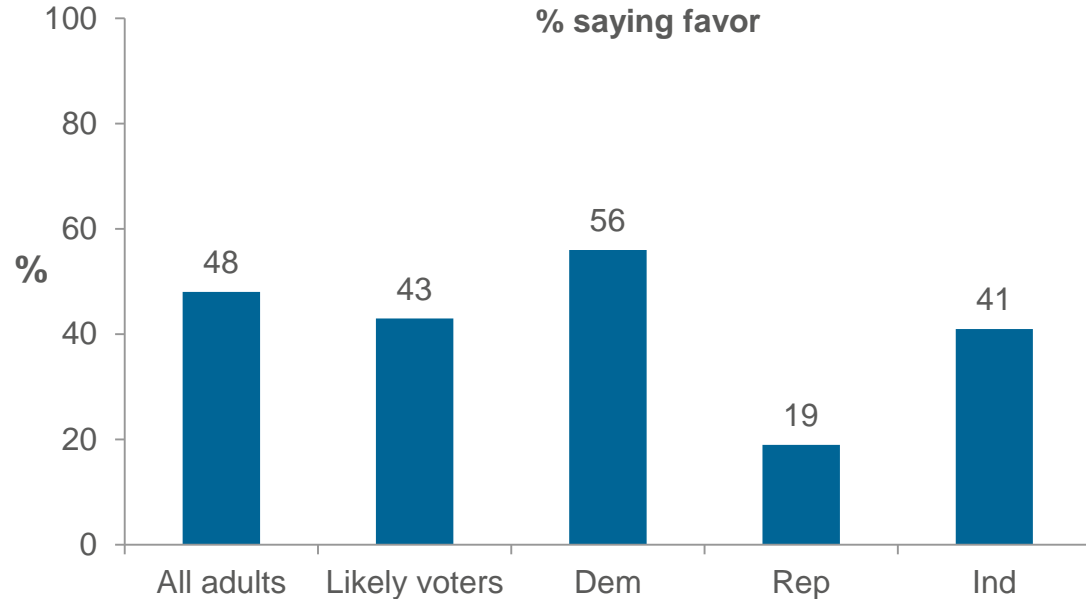
# Increased immigration enforcement: personal impact

When it comes to increased federal immigration enforcement, how much do you worry that someone that you know could be deported?

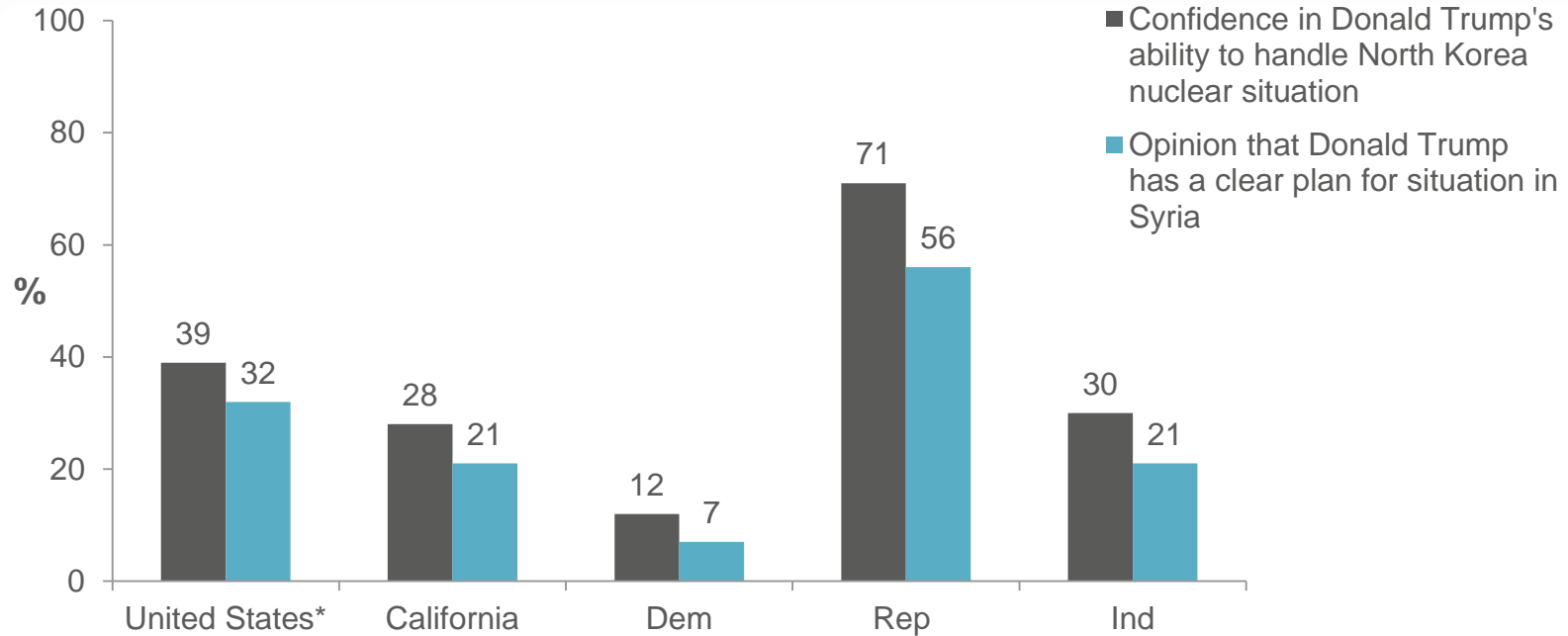


# Proposal of “sanctuary state” law

The California Legislature is considering a “sanctuary state” law that would limit assistance and cooperation between state and local government agencies and federal immigration enforcement, to the fullest extent possible consistent with federal and state law. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

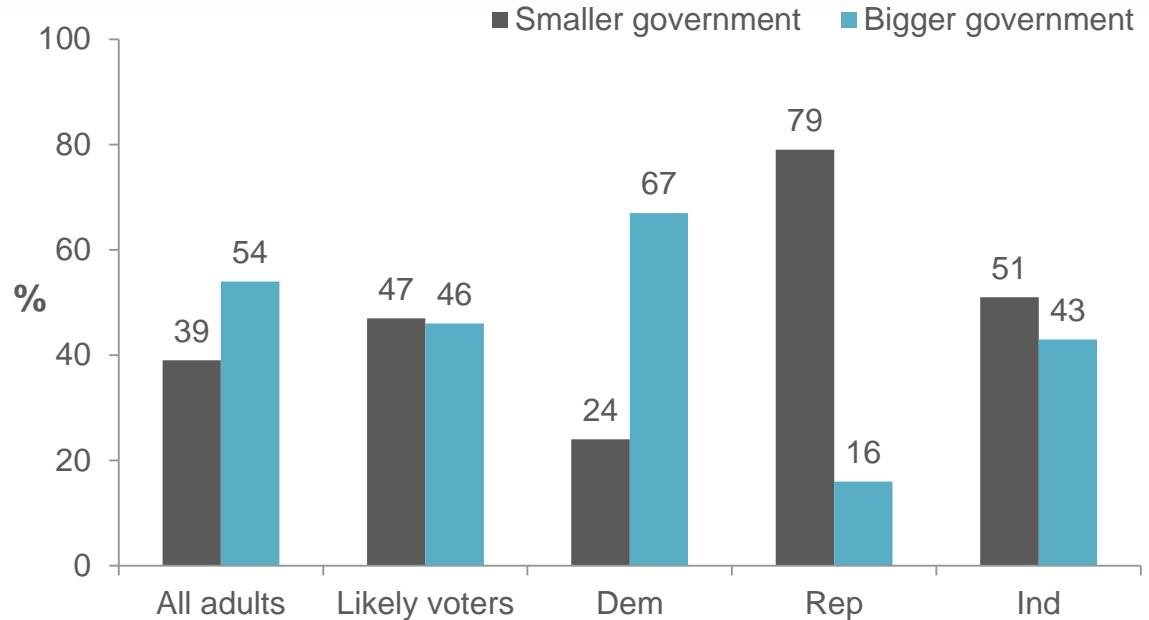


# President Trump and international affairs



# Role of government

If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

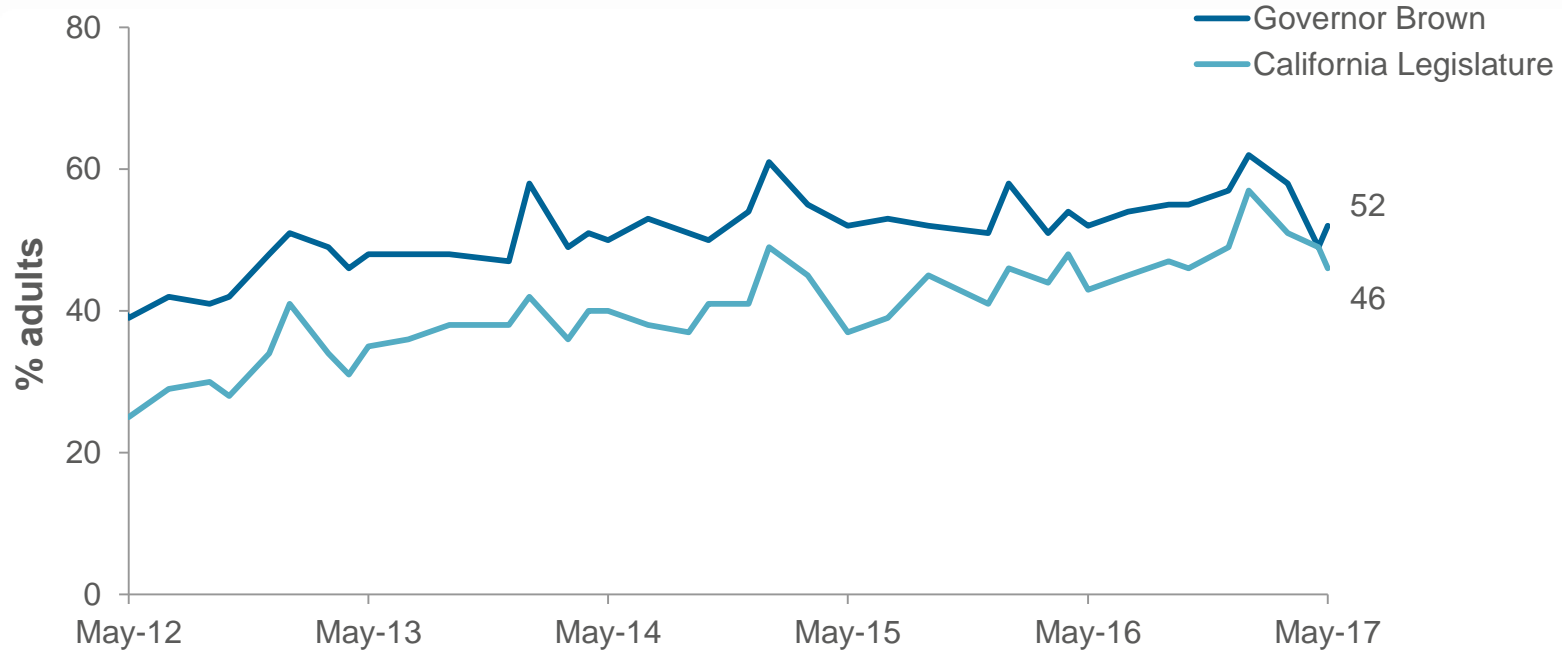


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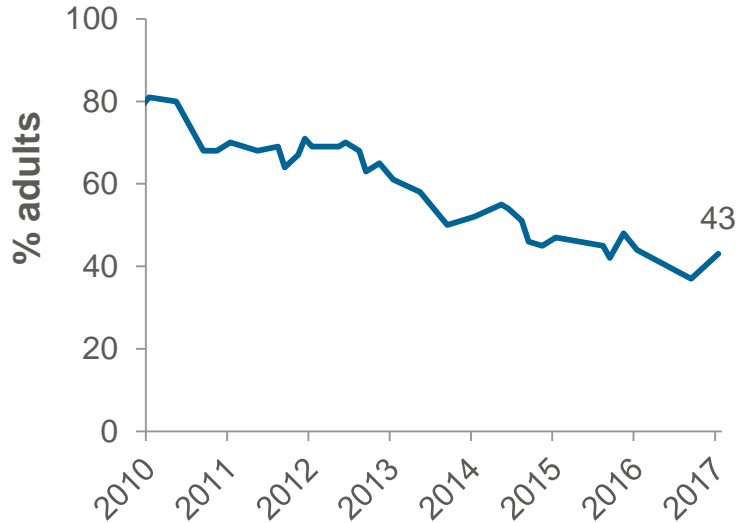


# Approval of state elected officials

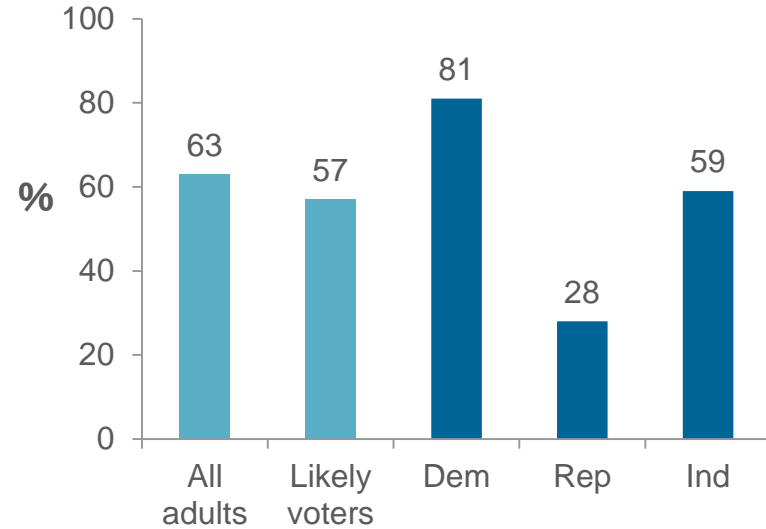


# Governor's budget proposal

Perception that the state budget situation is a big problem

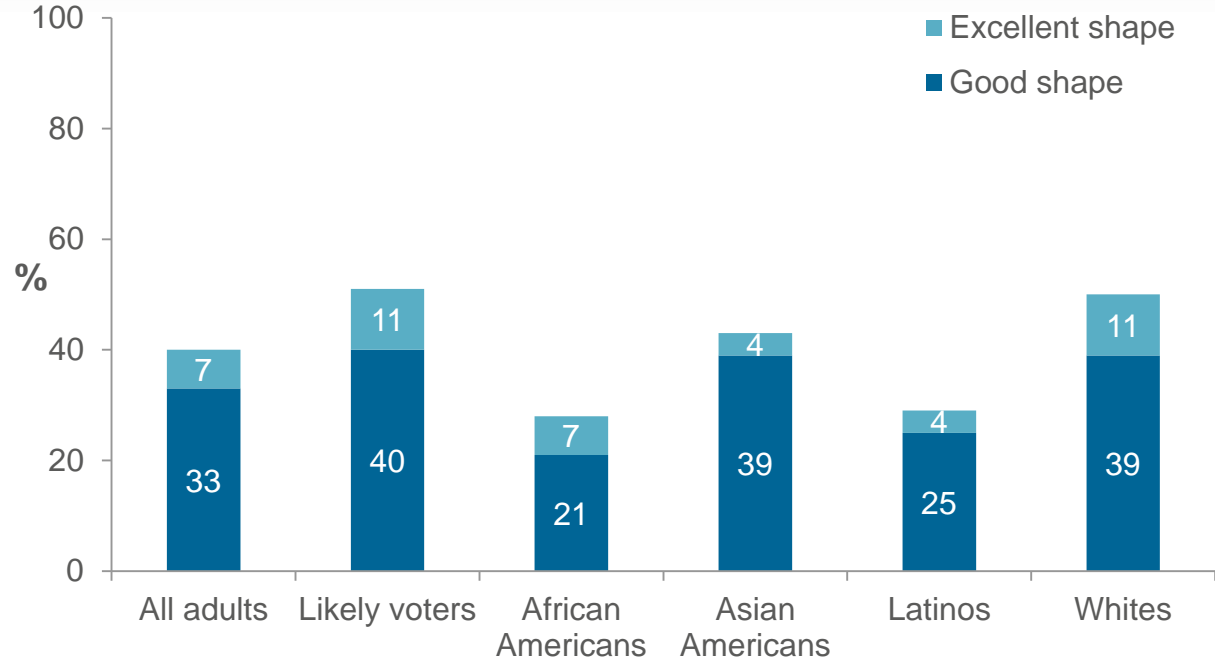


Support for Governor Brown's revised budget proposal

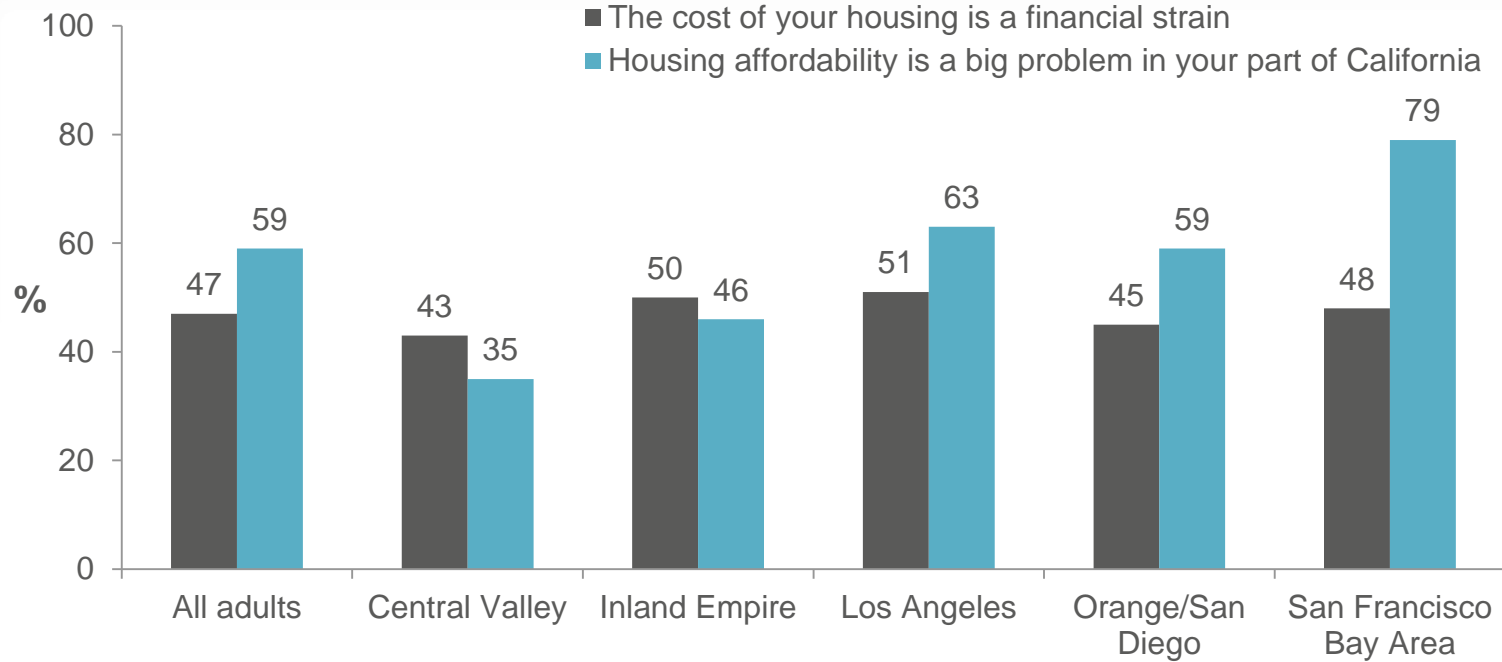


# Personal finances

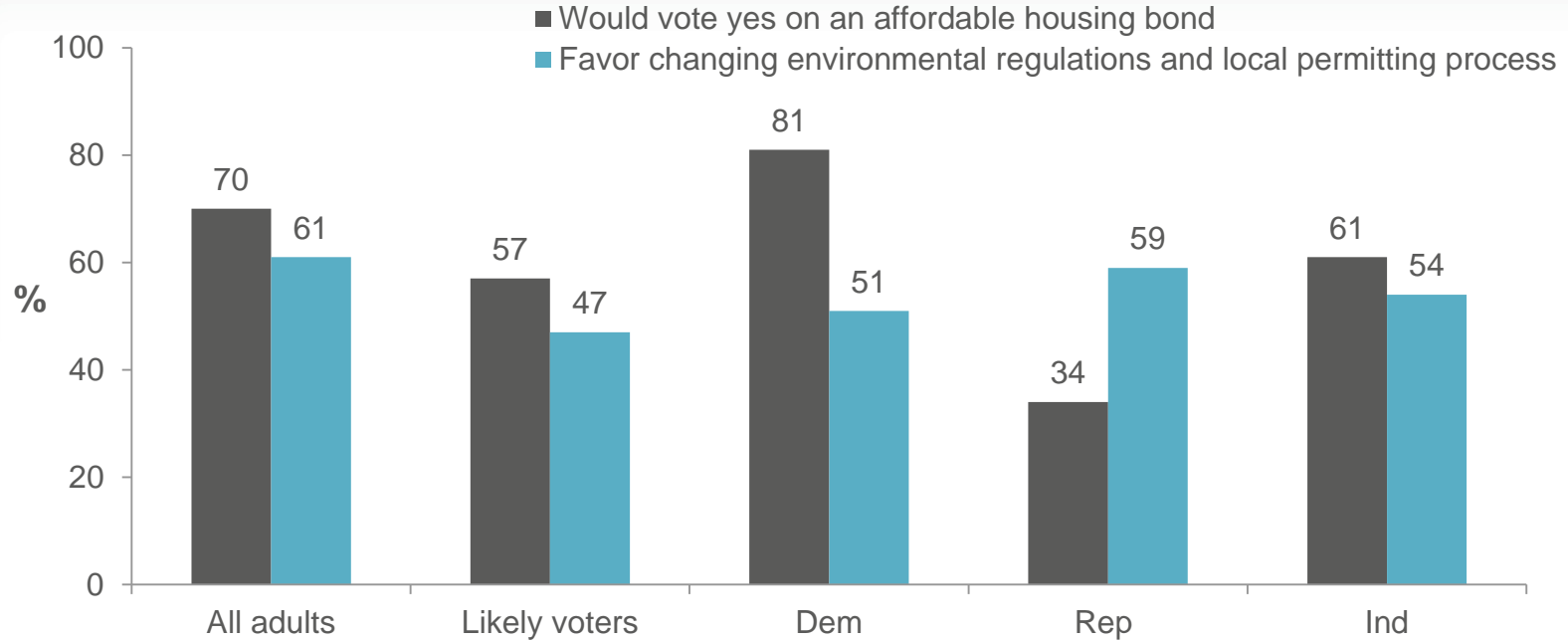
How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape, or poor shape financially?



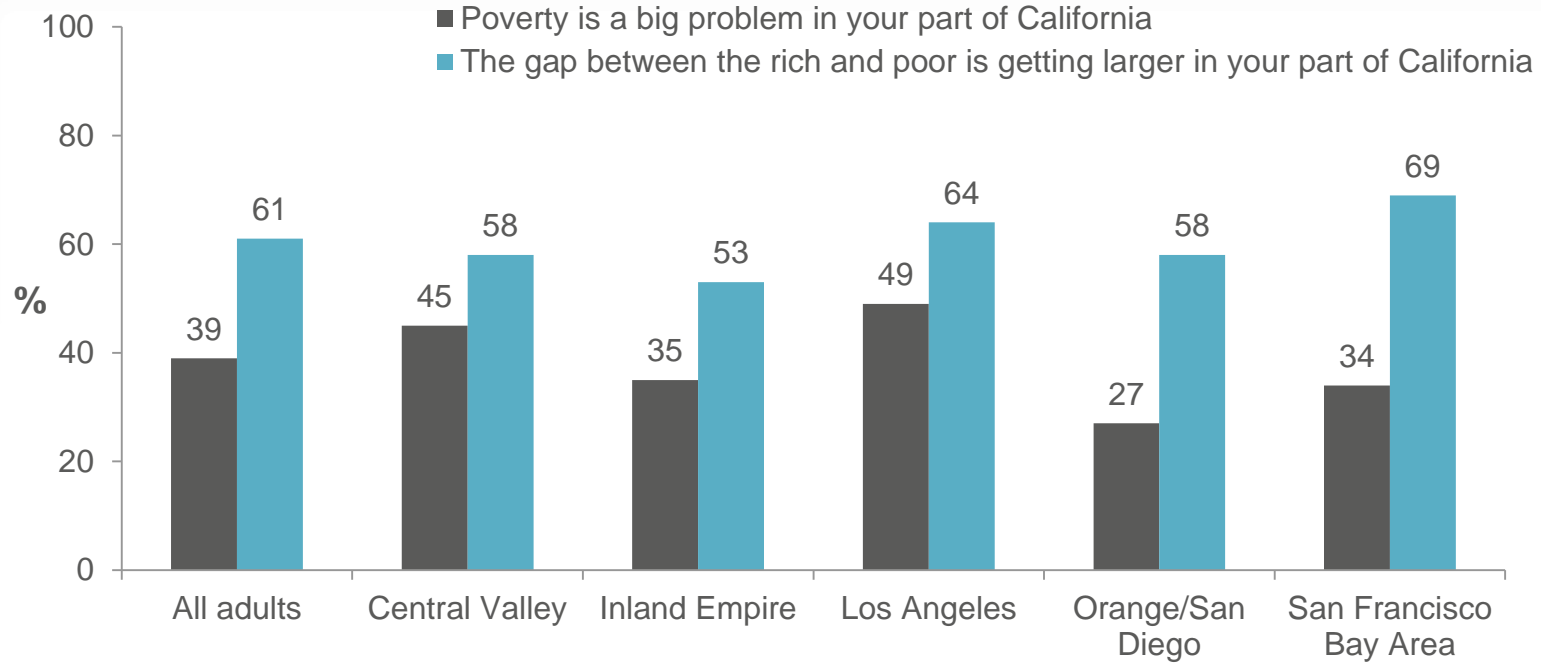
# Housing affordability



# Support for two housing proposals

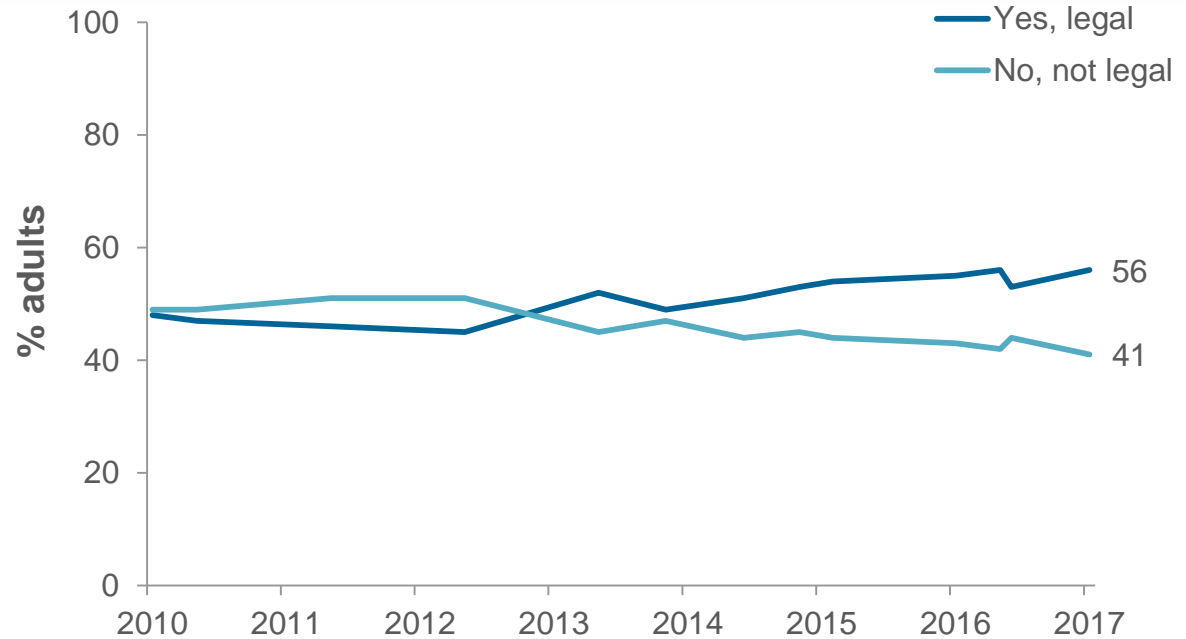


# Poverty and inequality

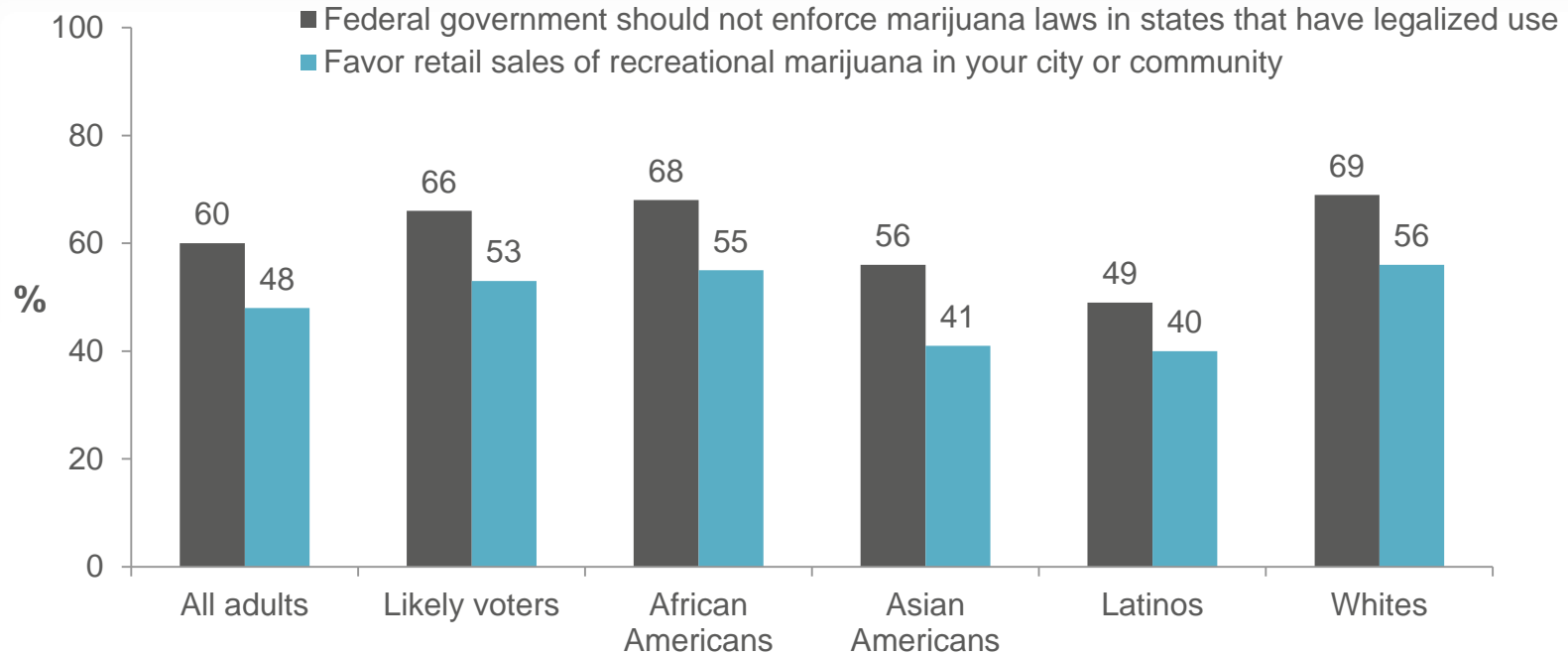


# Marijuana legalization

In general, do you think the use of marijuana should be legal, or not?



# Implementing marijuana legalization





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- Californians are increasingly pessimistic about the direction of the country, and few approve of the president or Congress.
- Most Californians disapprove of the House health care bill, and half expect negative effects from increased immigration enforcement.
- A solid majority favor the governor's budget plan, and fewer see the state budget situation as a big problem than in past years.
- Most see housing affordability as a big problem and perceive rising income inequality. Majorities support state actions to address these issues.

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