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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 since 1998
  - 160+ general, issue, and regional surveys

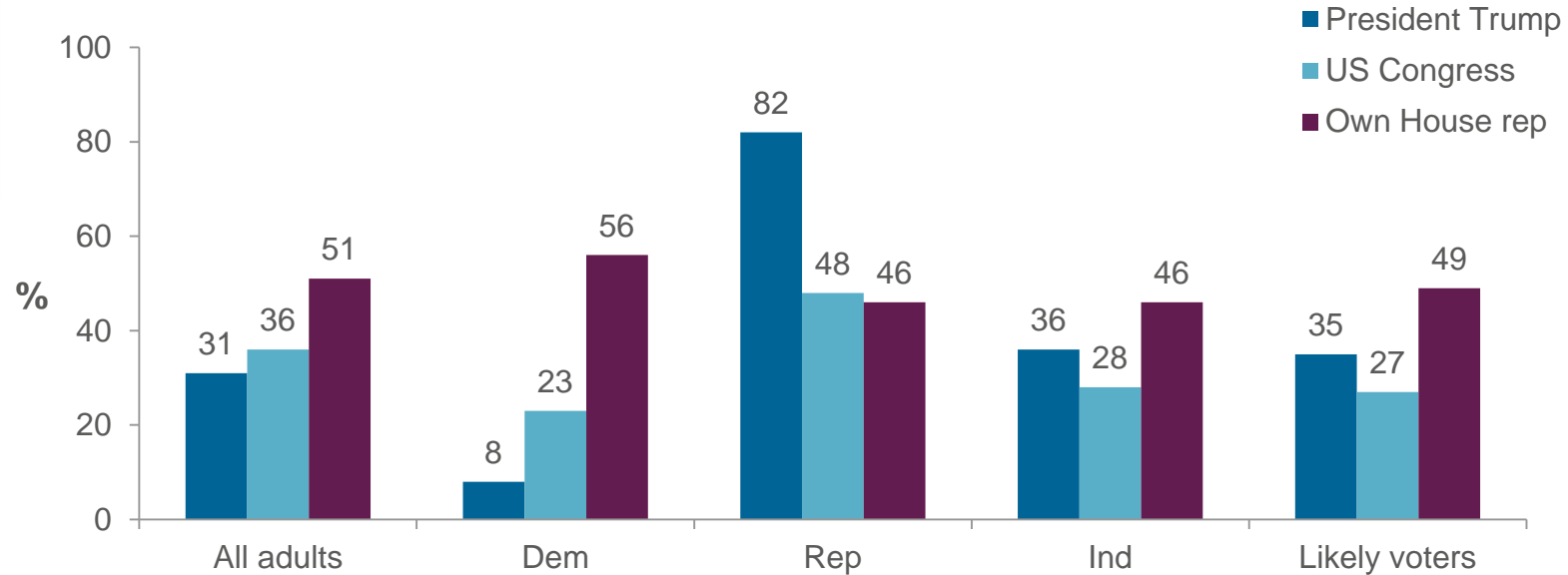
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- General series funded by the James Irvine Foundation
- Federal issues
  - Approval ratings and trust in government
  - Immigration policy, terrorism, government regulation
- State issues
  - Approval ratings and overall mood
  - State and local tax system, water policy, and high-speed rail
- Telephone interviews, March 5–14, 2017
  - 65% cell phone, 35% landline
  - 1,706 adults,  $\pm 3.3\%$  margin of error
  - 1,069 likely voters,  $\pm 4.2\%$  margin of error

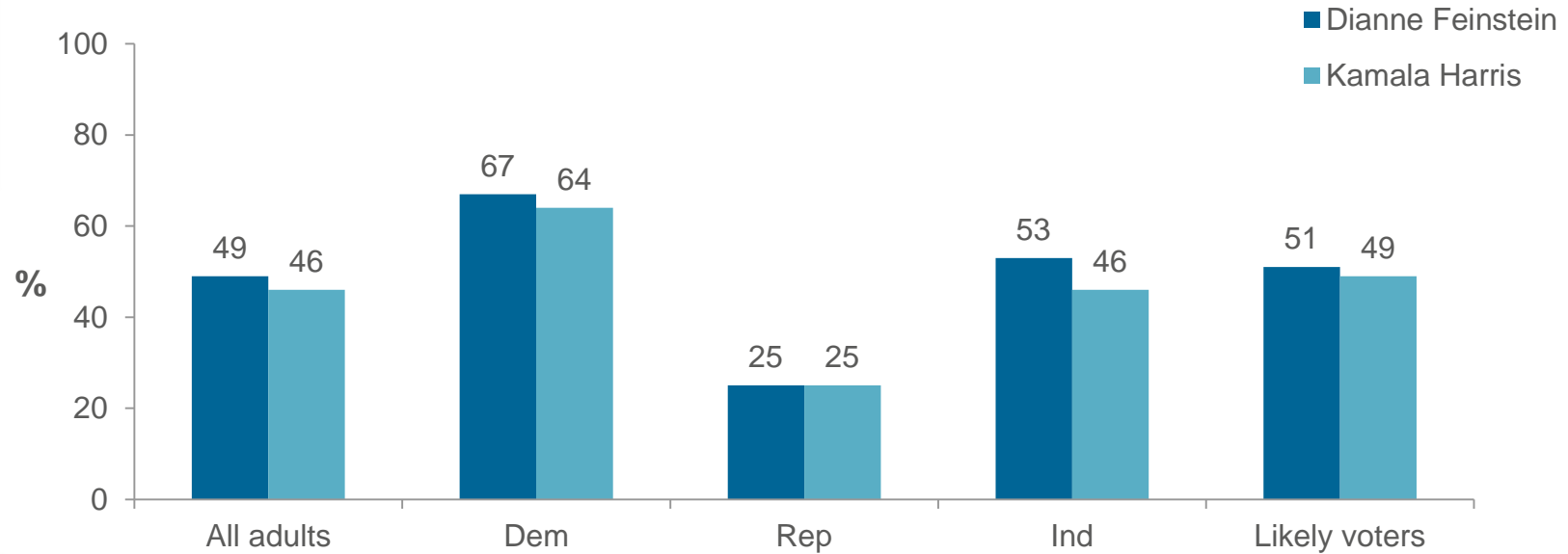
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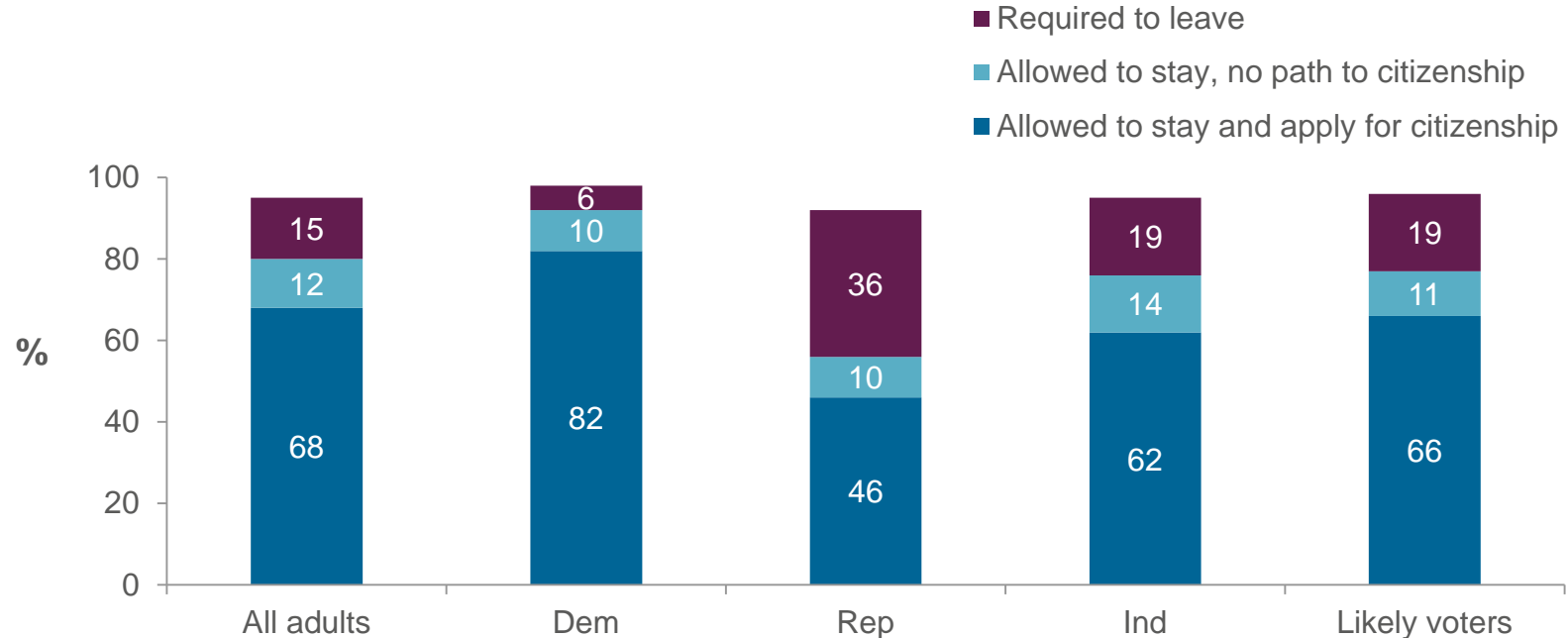


# Approval of US Senators



# Undocumented immigrants

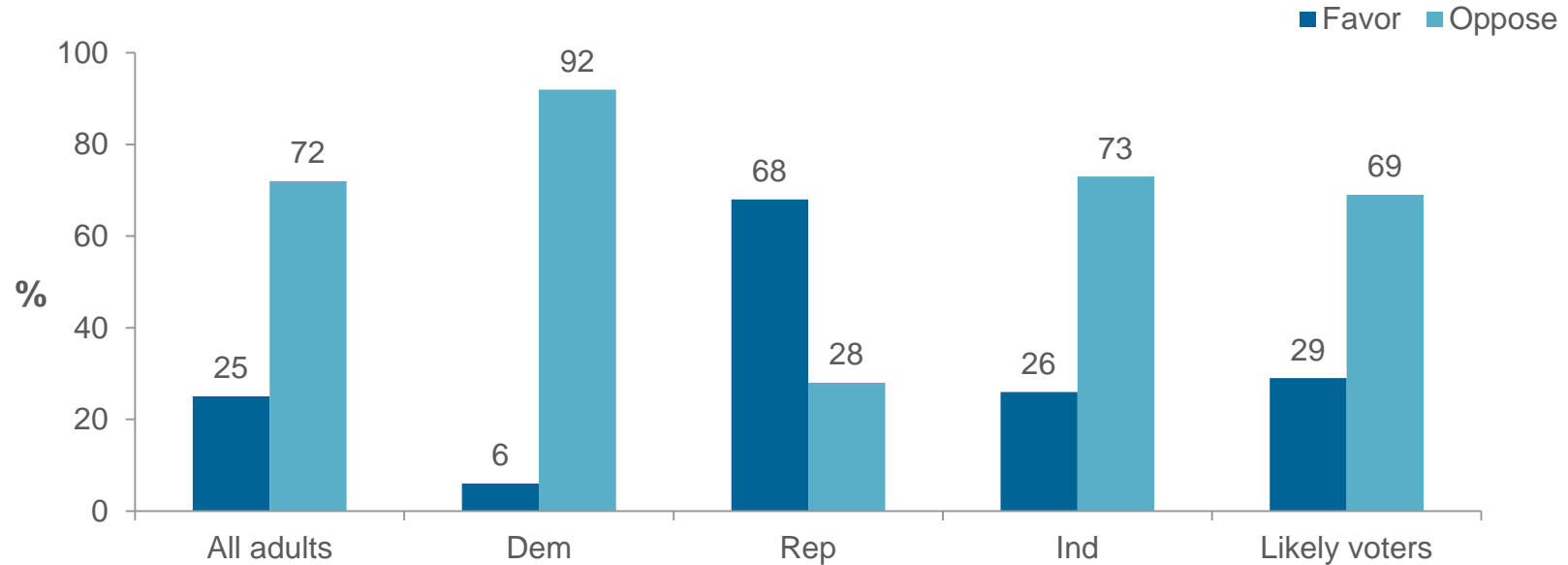
Which comes closest to your view about undocumented immigrants who are living in the US?





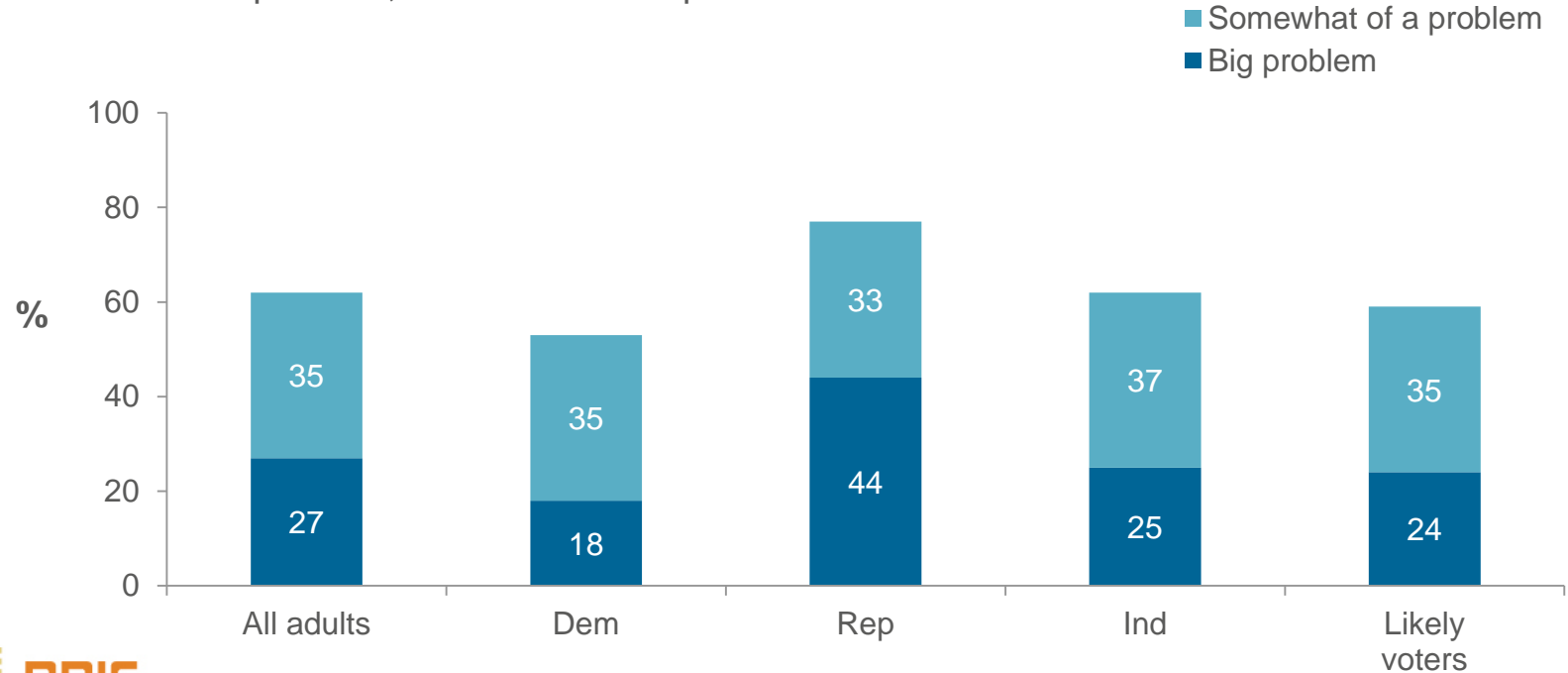
# Building a border wall

All in all, would you favor or oppose building a wall along the entire border with Mexico?



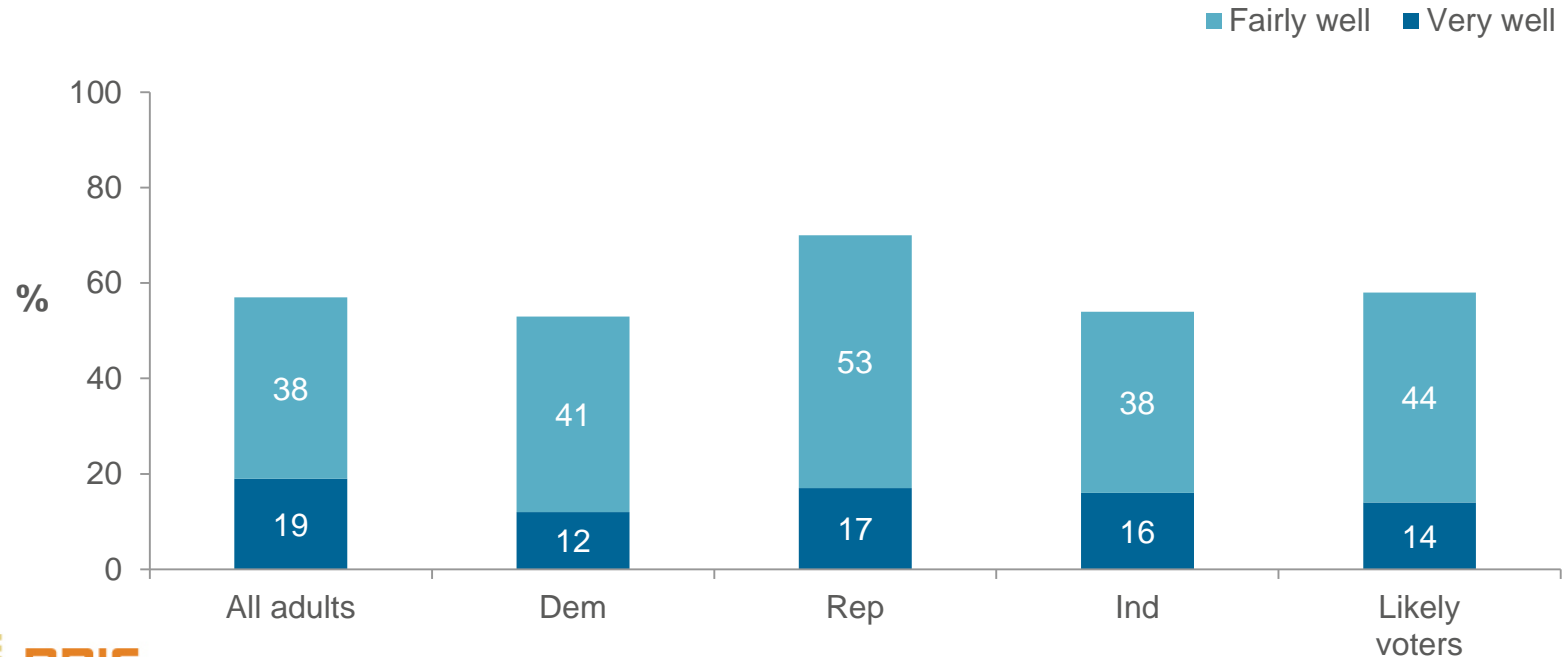
# Terrorism and security

How much of a problem is terrorism and security in California today? Is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem?

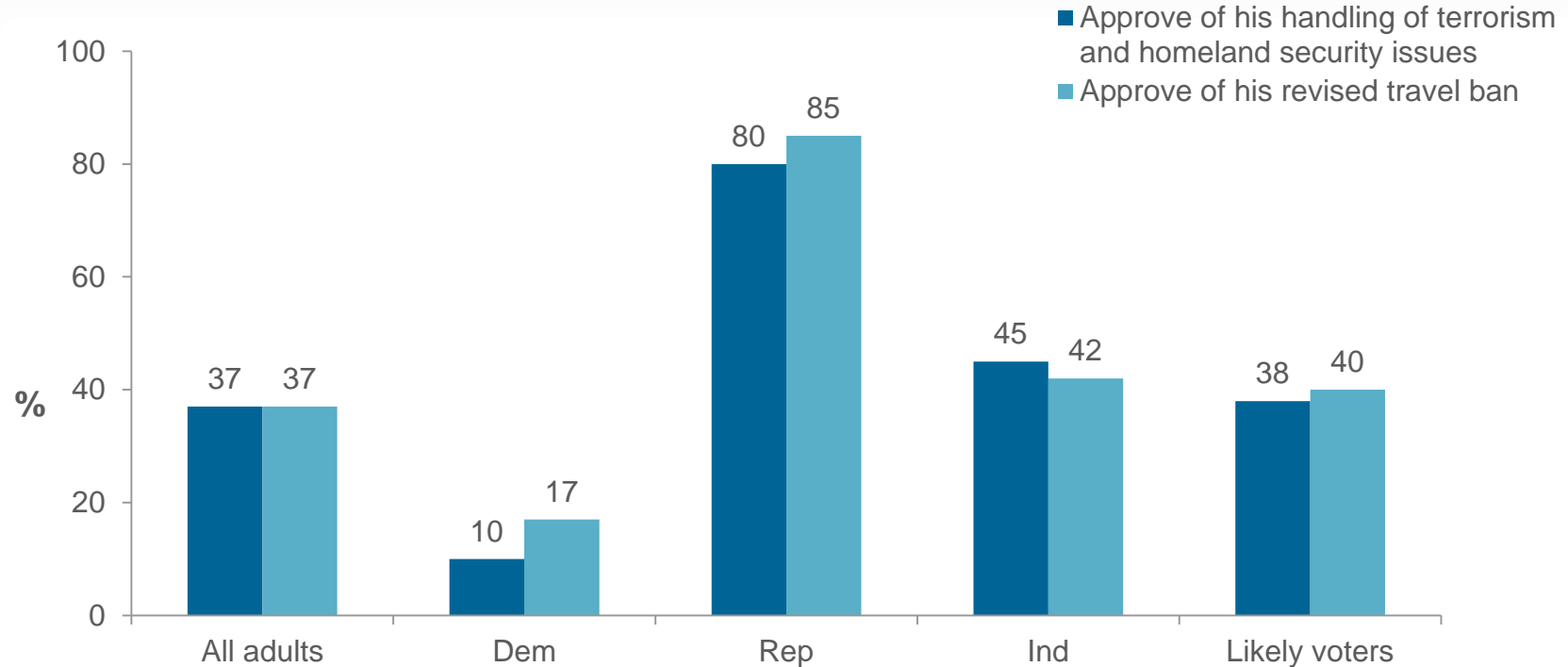


# Government handing of terrorism

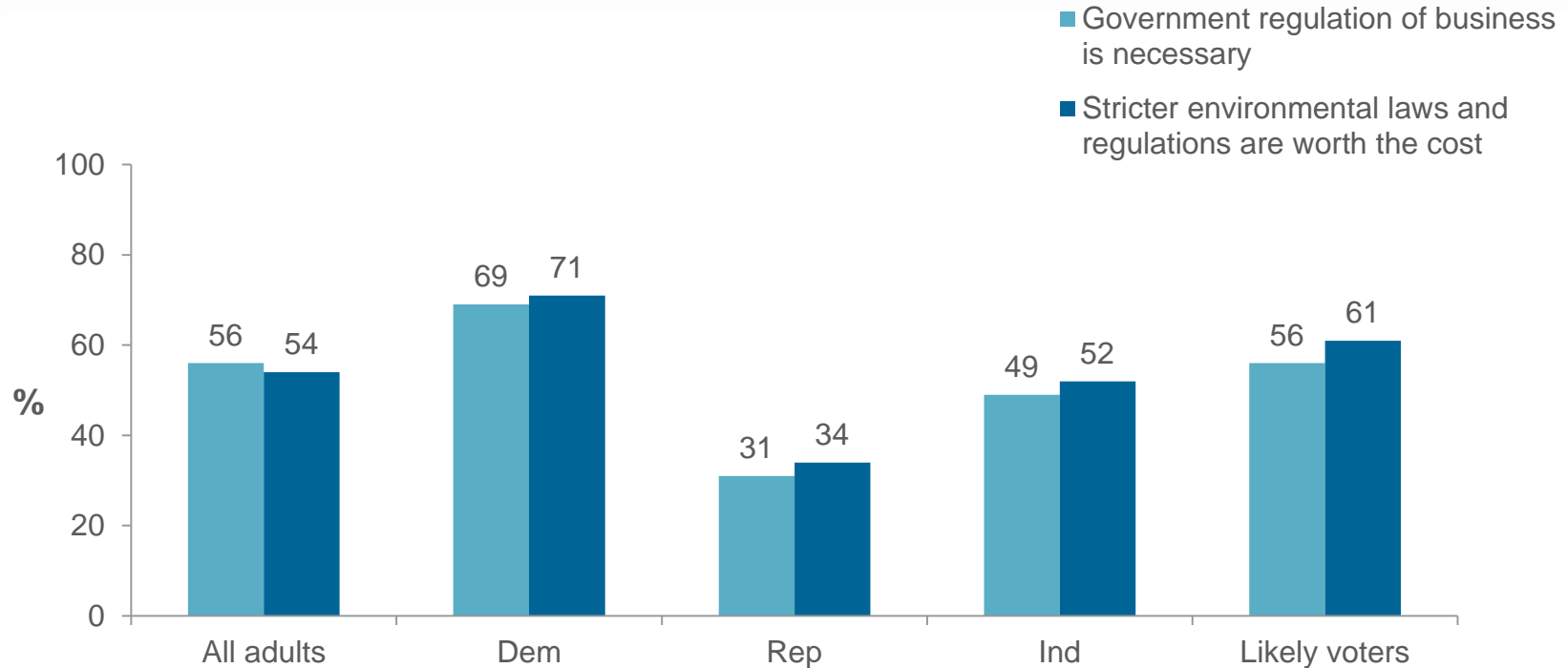
In general, how well do you think the US government is doing in reducing the threat of terrorism—very well, fairly well, not too well, or not at all well?



# President Trump's handling of terrorism, travel ban

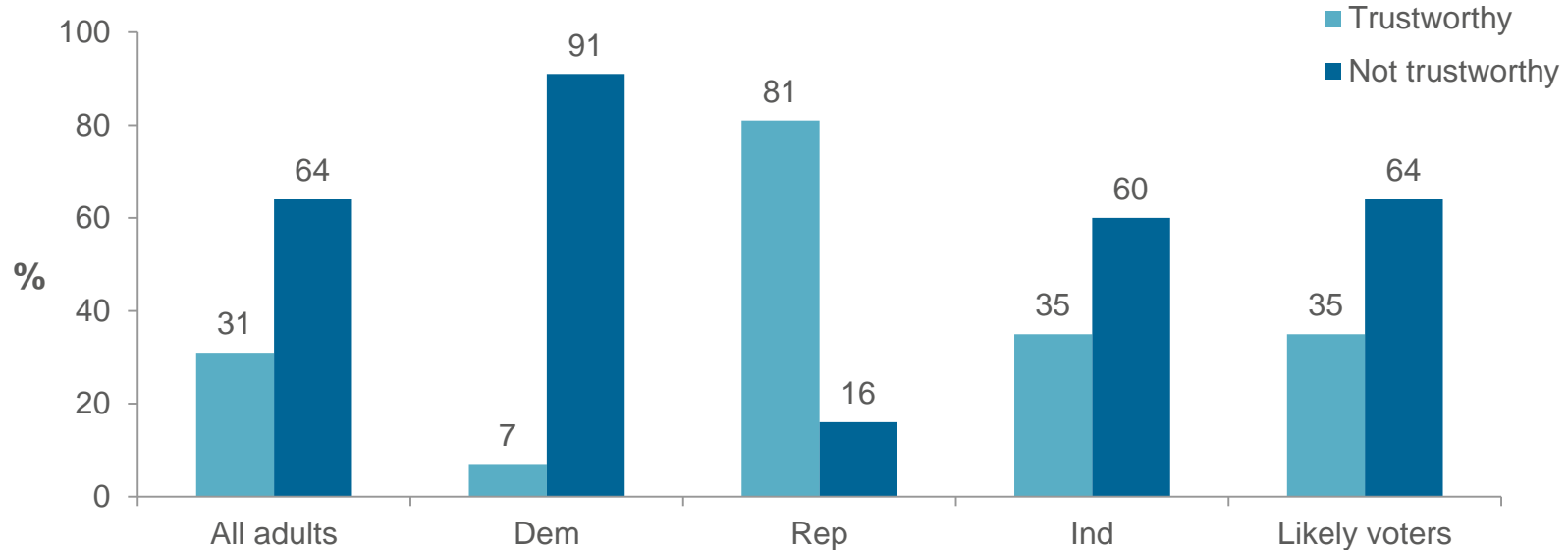


# Government regulation



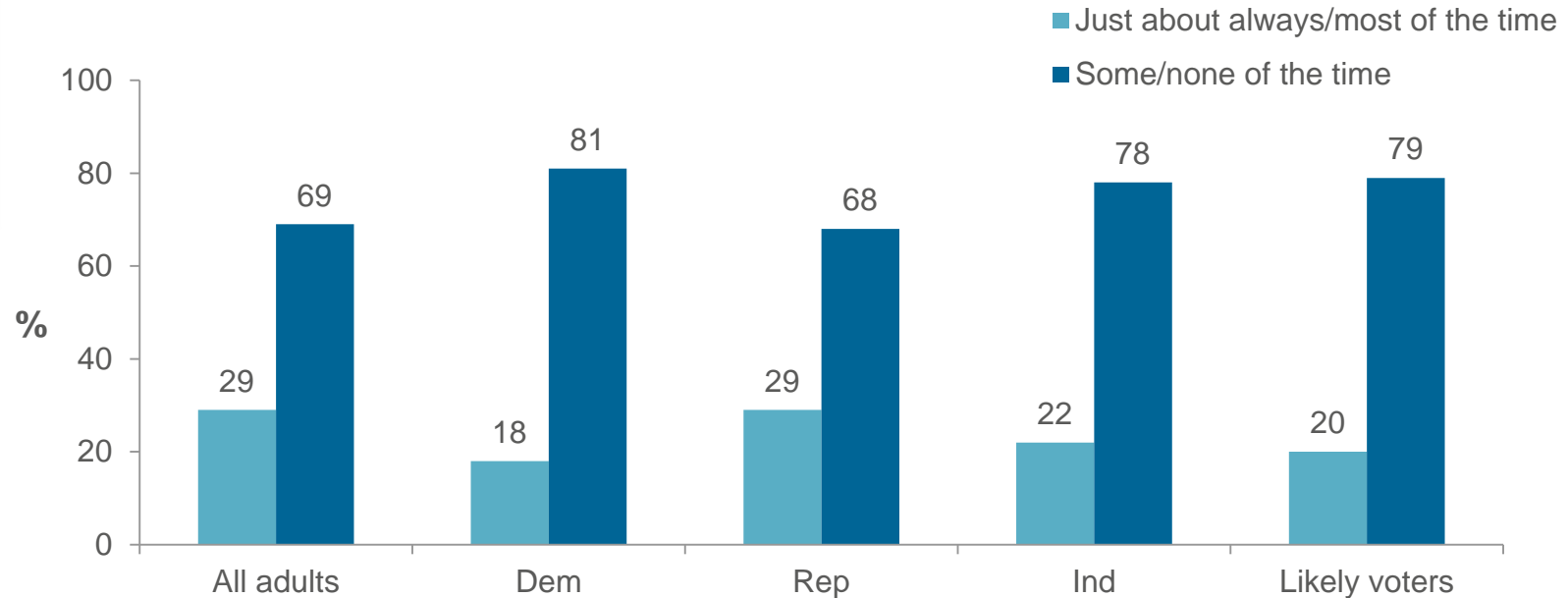
# Trustworthiness of President Trump

Please tell me which of the following best reflects your impression of Donald Trump so far. Does Donald Trump impress you as trustworthy or not trustworthy?



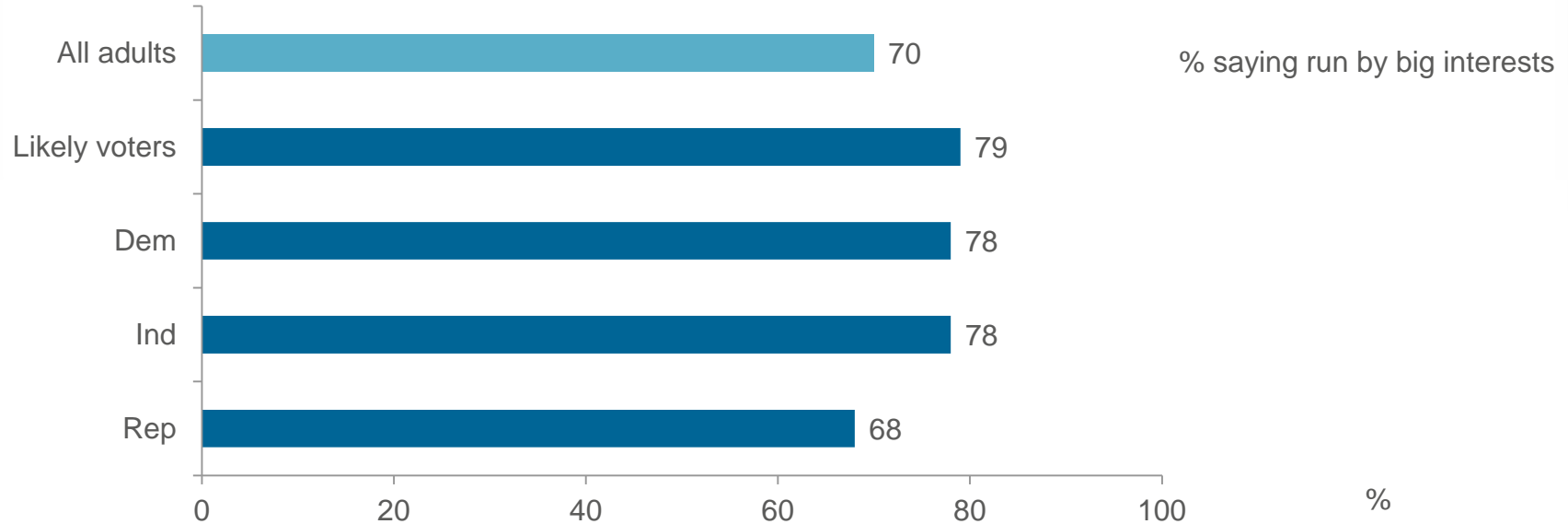
# Trust in federal government

How much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government in Washington today to do what is right—just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?



# Special interests and the federal government

Would you say the federal government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves, or that it is run for the benefit of all of the people?

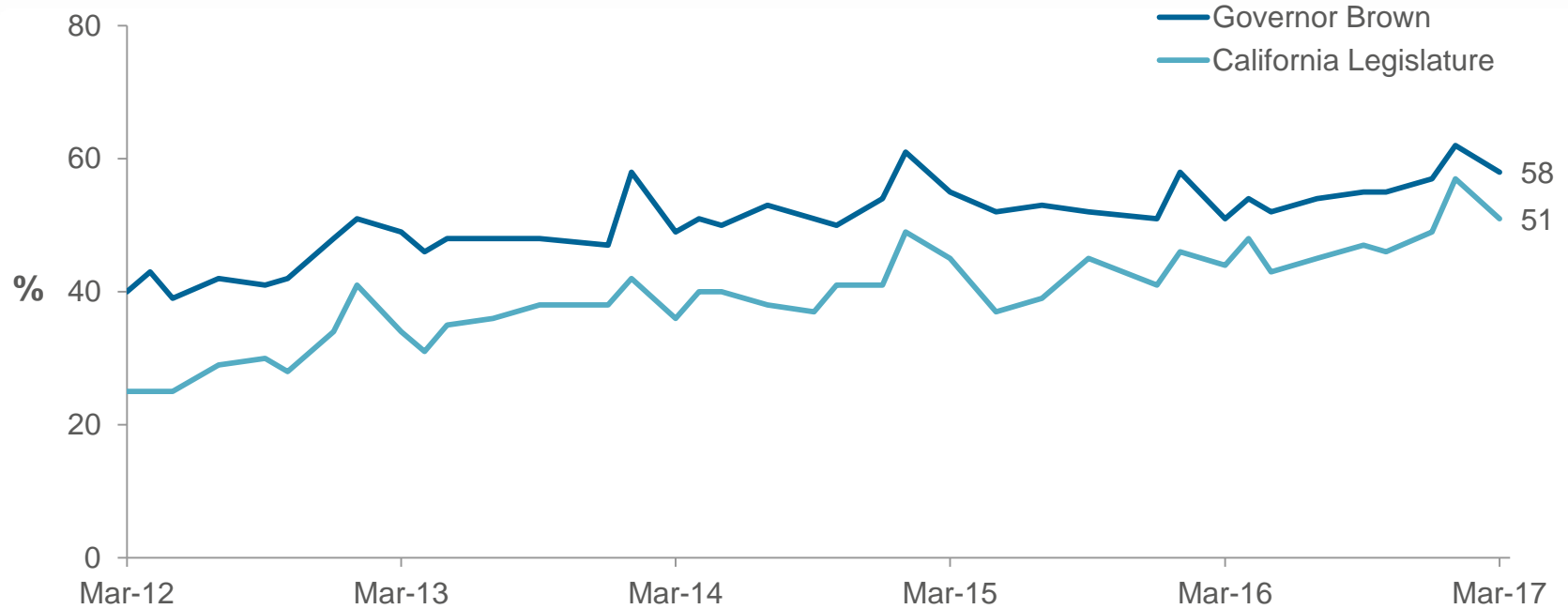




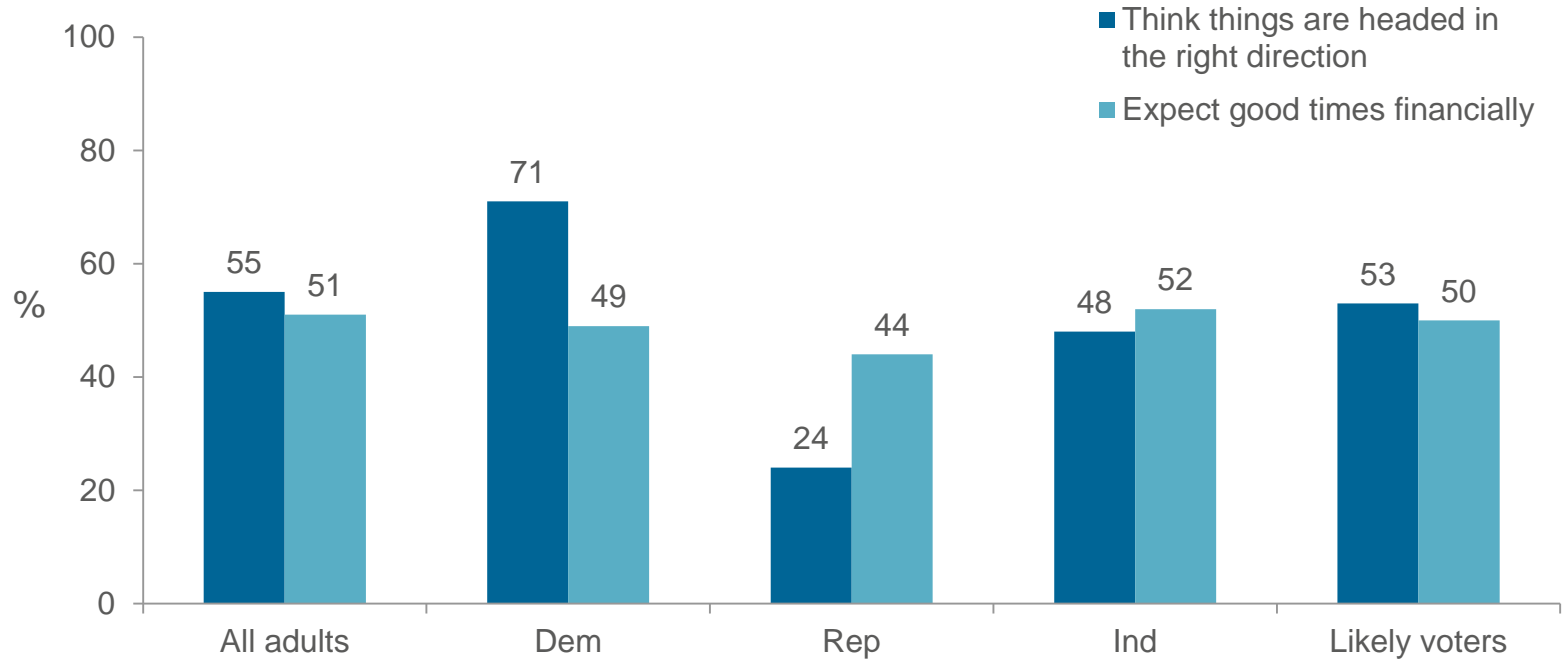
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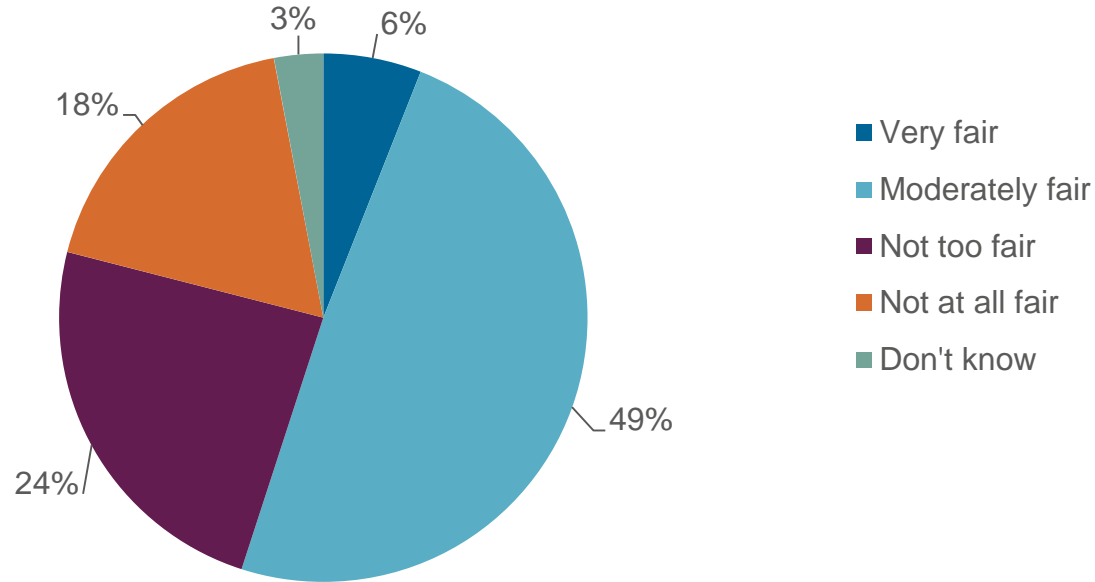


# Outlook for the state



# Fairness of state and local tax system

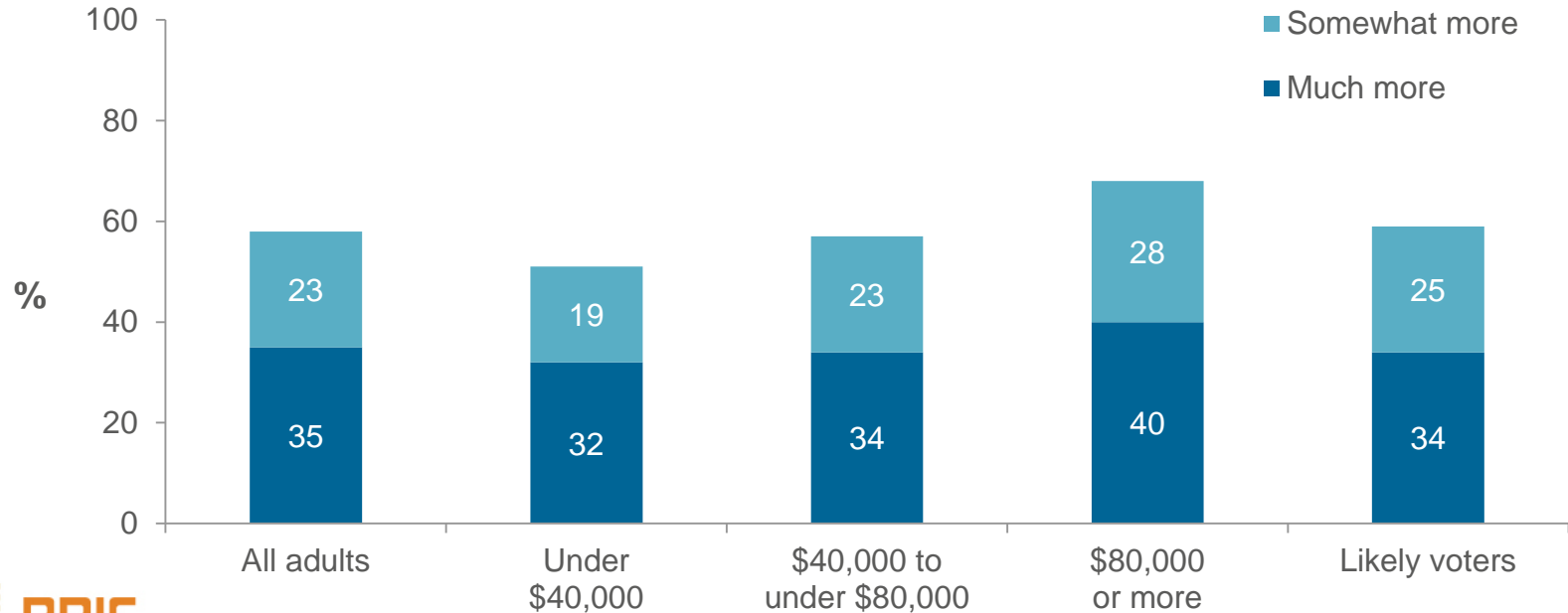
Overall, how fair do you think our present state and local tax system is—would you say it is very fair, moderately fair, not too fair, or not at all fair?



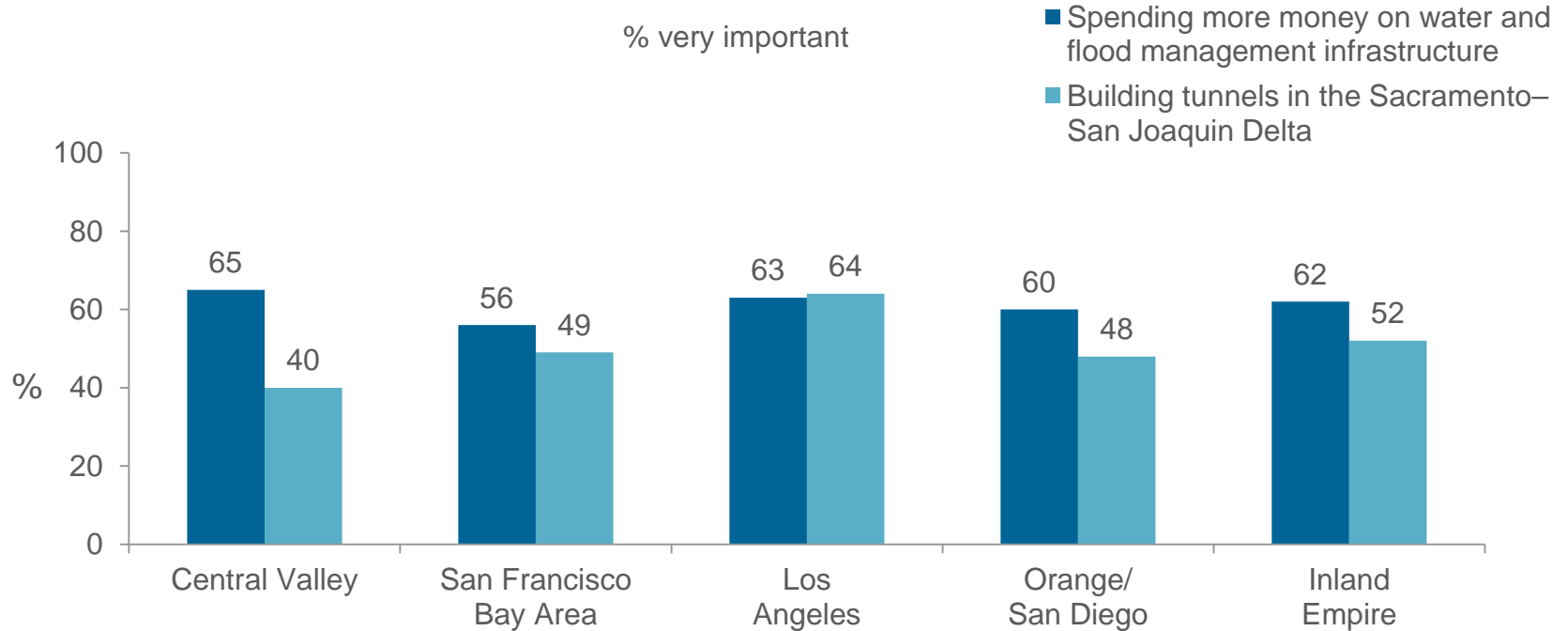
All adults

# Personal tax burden

When you combine all of the taxes you pay to state and local governments, do you feel that you pay much more than you should, somewhat more than you should, about the right amount, or less than you should?

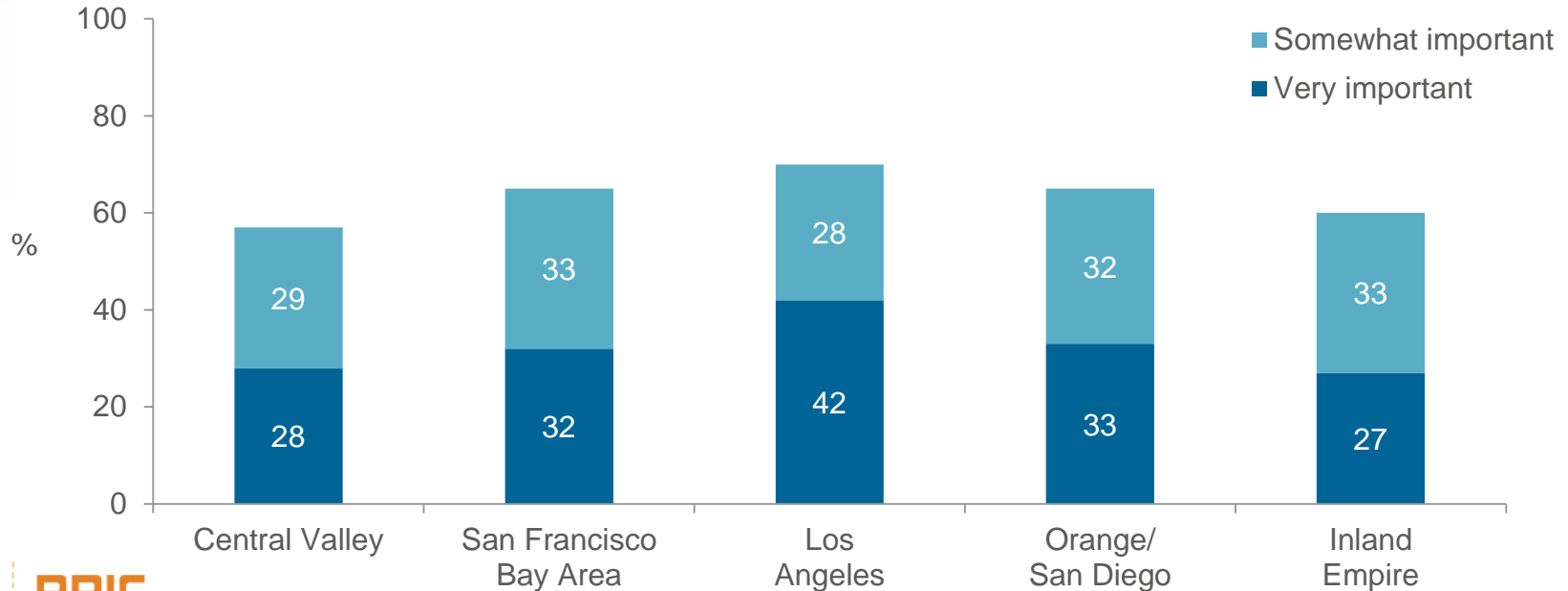


# Importance of water and flood management infrastructure



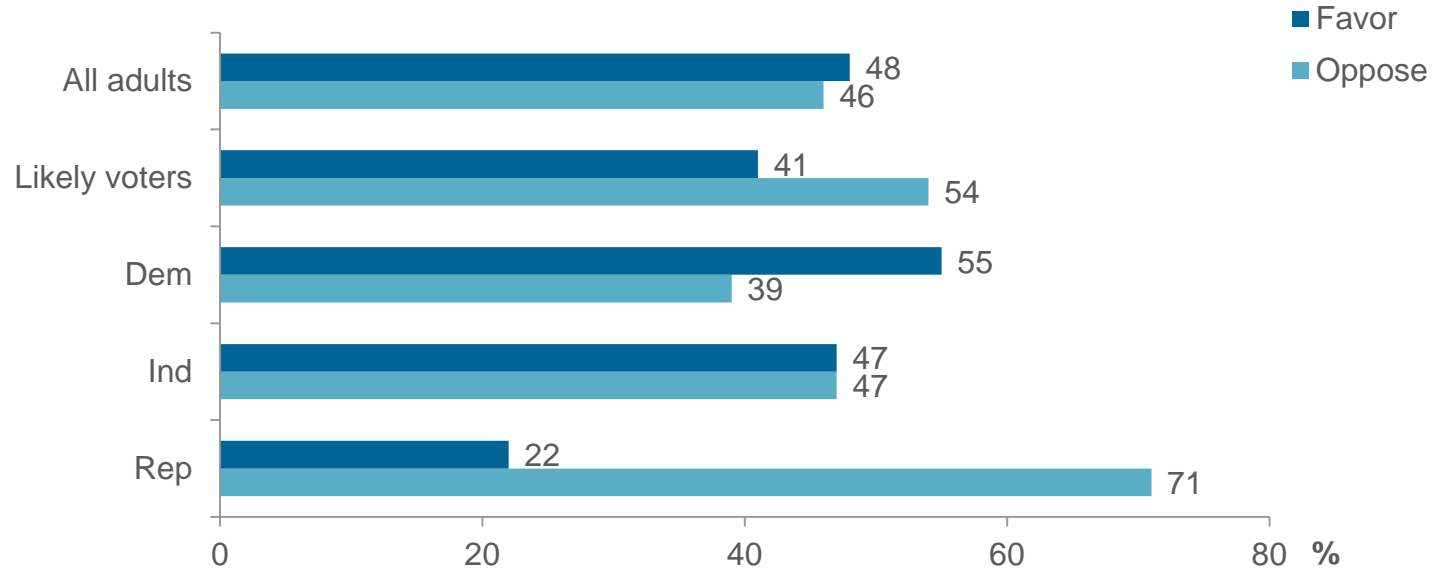
# Importance of high-speed rail

Thinking ahead, how important is the high-speed rail system for the future quality of life and economic vitality of California—is it very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?



# Support for high-speed rail

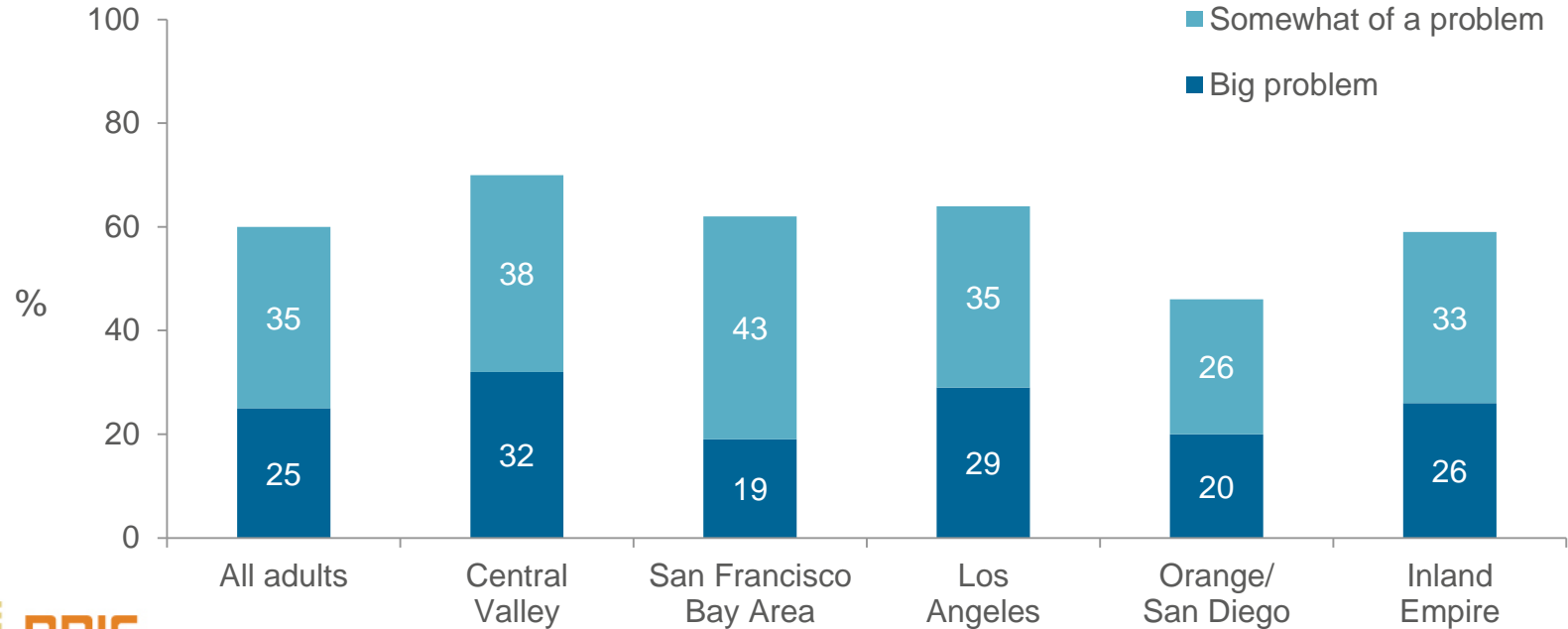
As you may know, California voters passed a \$10 billion state bond in 2008.... Do you favor or oppose building a high-speed rail system in California?





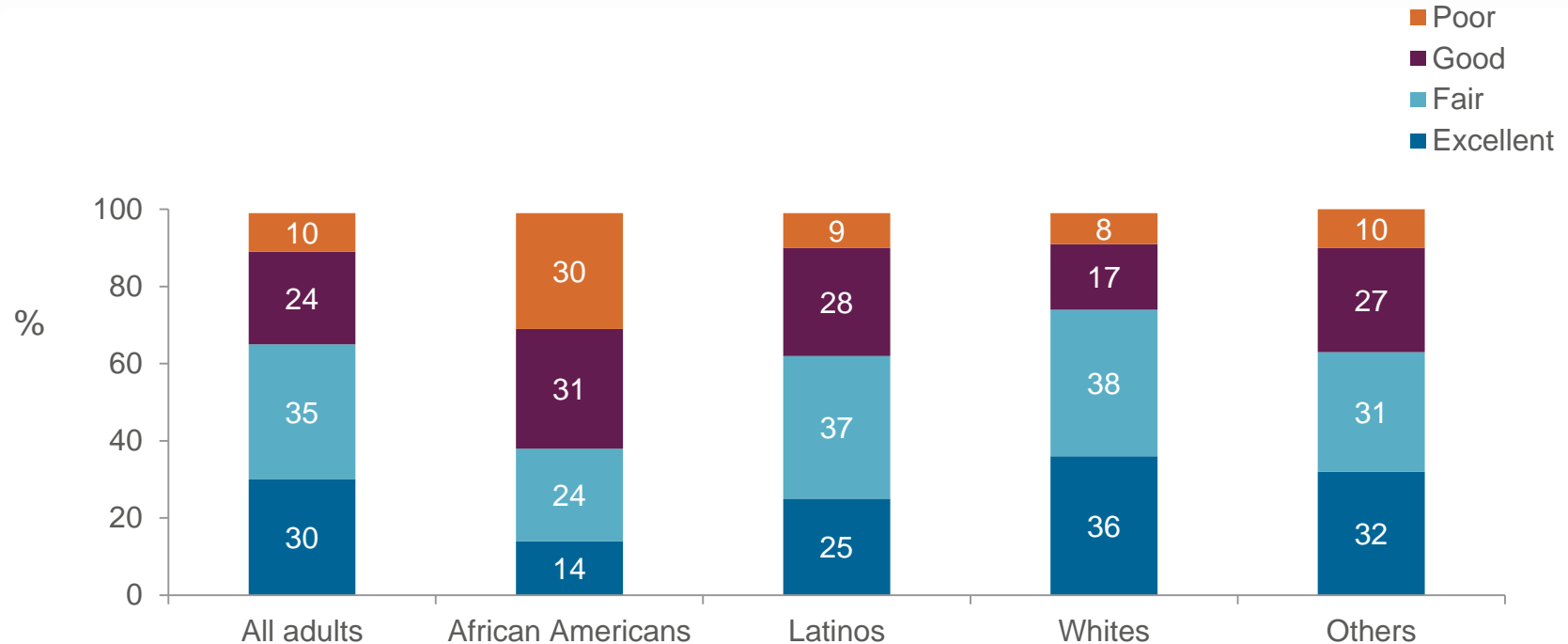
# Seriousness of violence and street crime

How much of a problem are violence and street crime in your local community today?



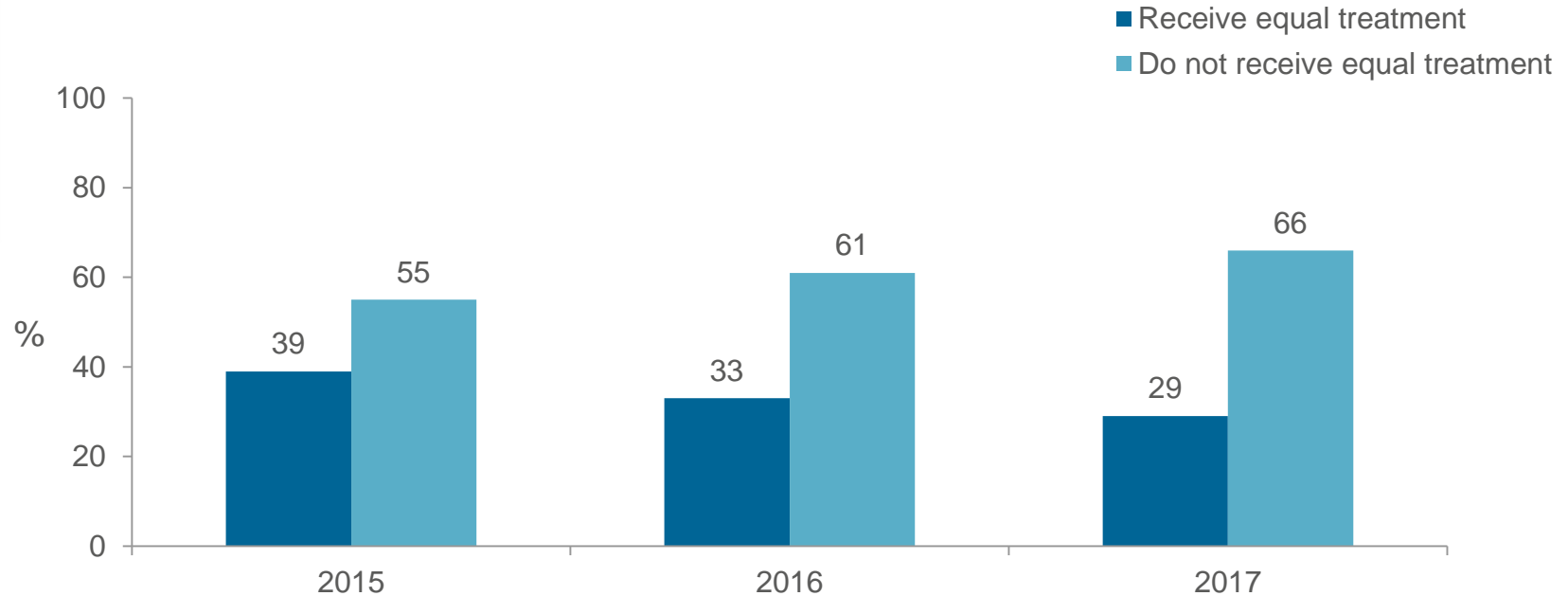
# Ratings of local police

How would you rate the job your local police are doing in controlling crime in your community?



# Equal treatment in the criminal justice system

Do you think blacks and other minorities receive equal treatment as whites in the criminal justice system or not?



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# Conclusions

- About one in three Californians approve of President Trump; slightly more approve his approach to terrorism and the travel ban
- Just under half approve of Senators Feinstein and Harris
- Most believe that undocumented immigrants should be allowed to stay; most oppose building a border wall
- Six in 10 Californians view state spending on water and flood management infrastructure as very important; half view Delta tunnels as very important
- Most Californians give excellent or good ratings to their local police, but a growing majority believe that racial disparities exist in criminal justice system

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