

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
 - 320,000+ Californians since 1998
 - 150+ general, issue, and regional surveys

Californians and Their Government

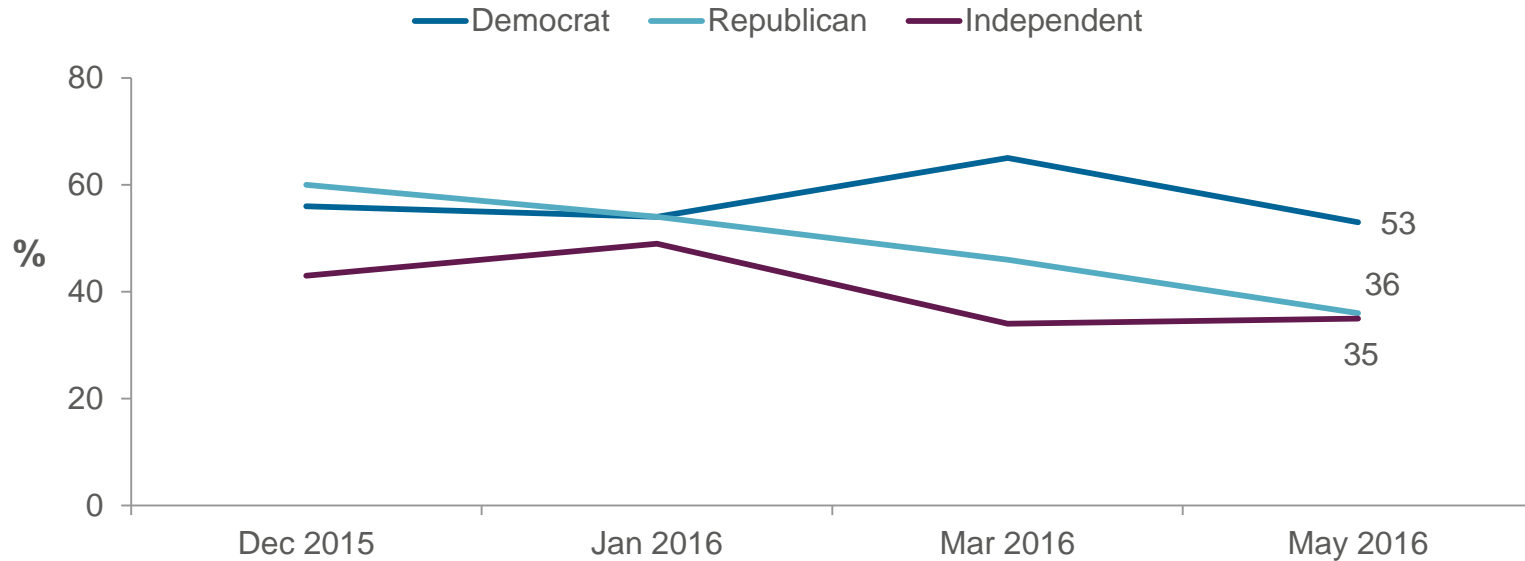
- General series funded by The James Irvine Foundation
- Election and national issues
 - Preferences in presidential and U.S. Senate primaries
 - Approval ratings and political party favorability
- State and fiscal issues
 - Approval ratings and overall mood
 - State budget, raising revenue, and marijuana legalization
- Telephone interviews, May 13–22, 2016
 - 50% landline, 50% cell phone
 - 1,704 adults, $\pm 3.3\%$ margin of error
 - 996 likely voters, $\pm 4.3\%$ margin of error

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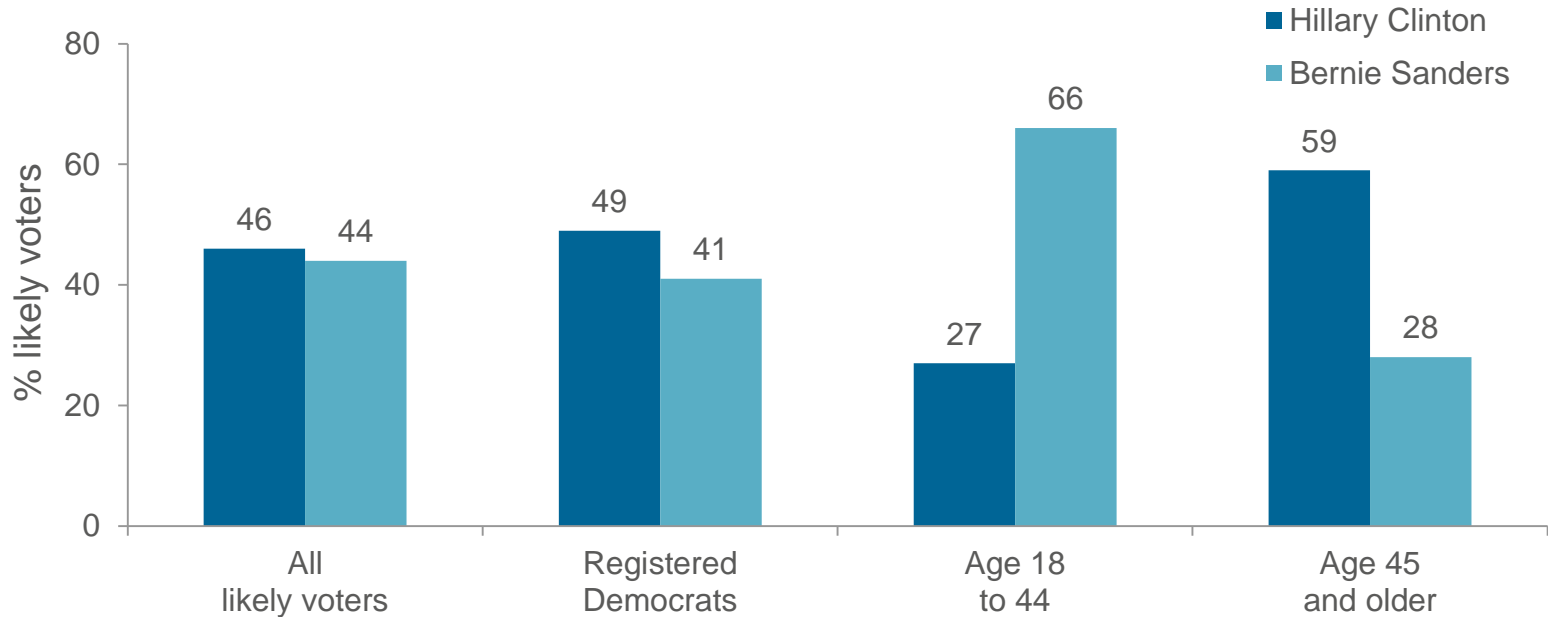
Satisfaction with choices of presidential candidates

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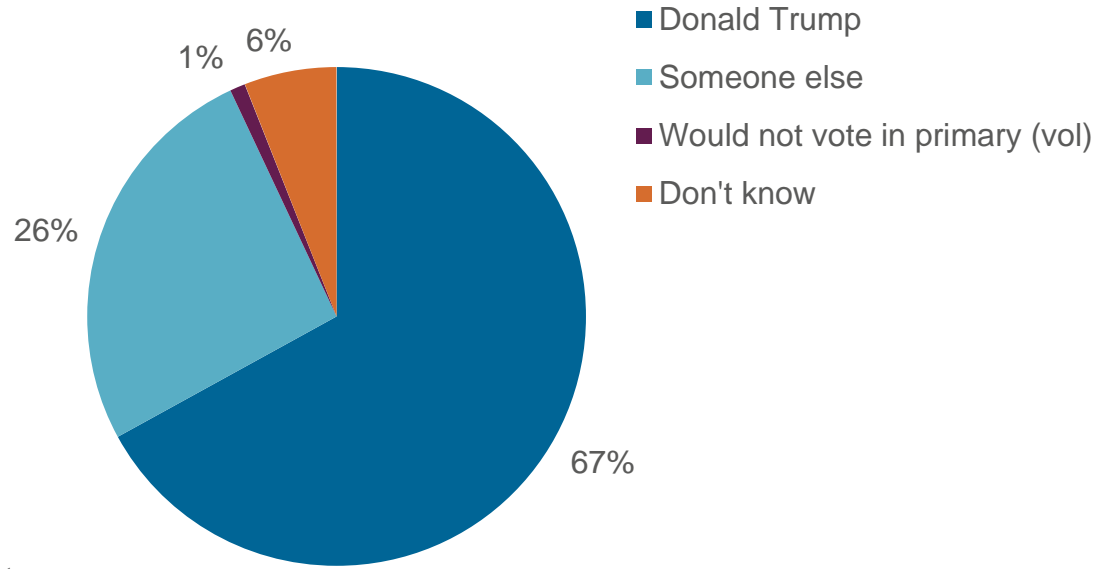
Democratic presidential primary preferences

If the 2016 Democratic primary for president were being held today, and these were the candidates, who would you vote for?



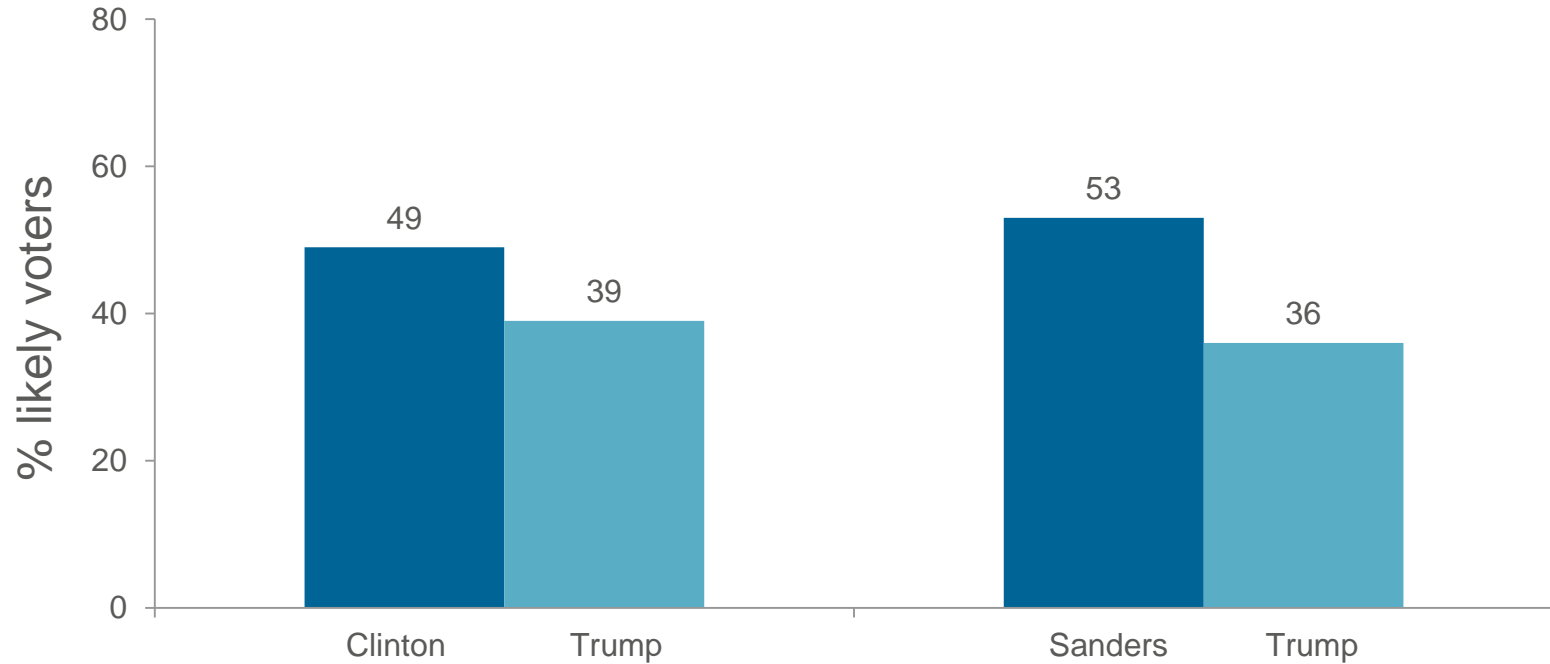
Republican presidential primary preferences

If the 2016 Republican primary for president were being held today, would you vote for Donald Trump or someone else?



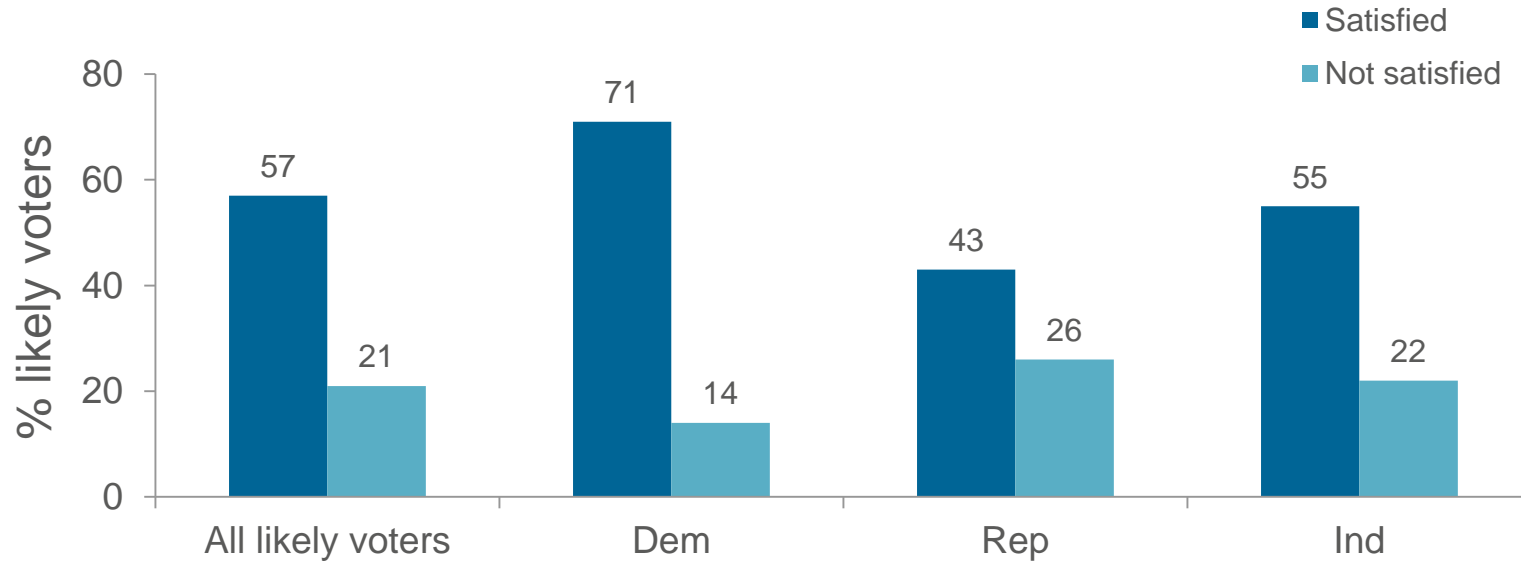
Republican primary likely voters

Potential November matchups



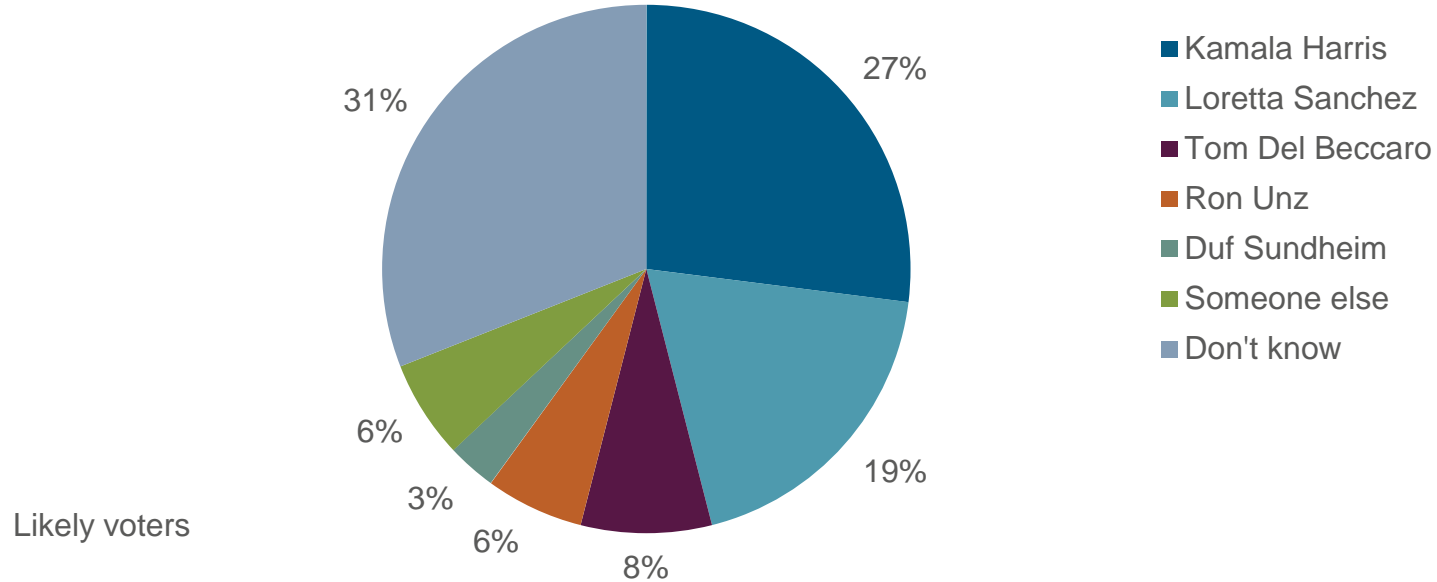
Satisfaction with choices of Senate candidates

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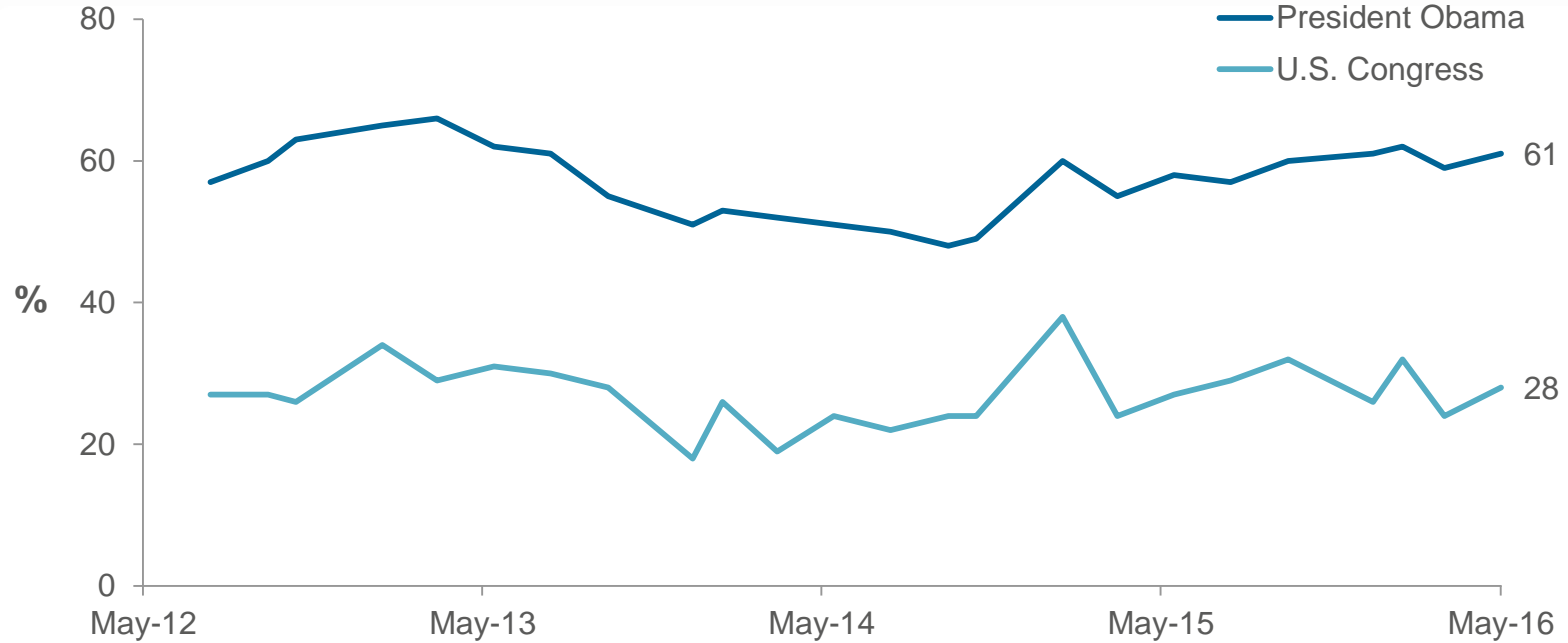


U.S. Senate primary preferences

If the June primary for U.S. senator were being held today, and these were the candidates, who would you vote for?

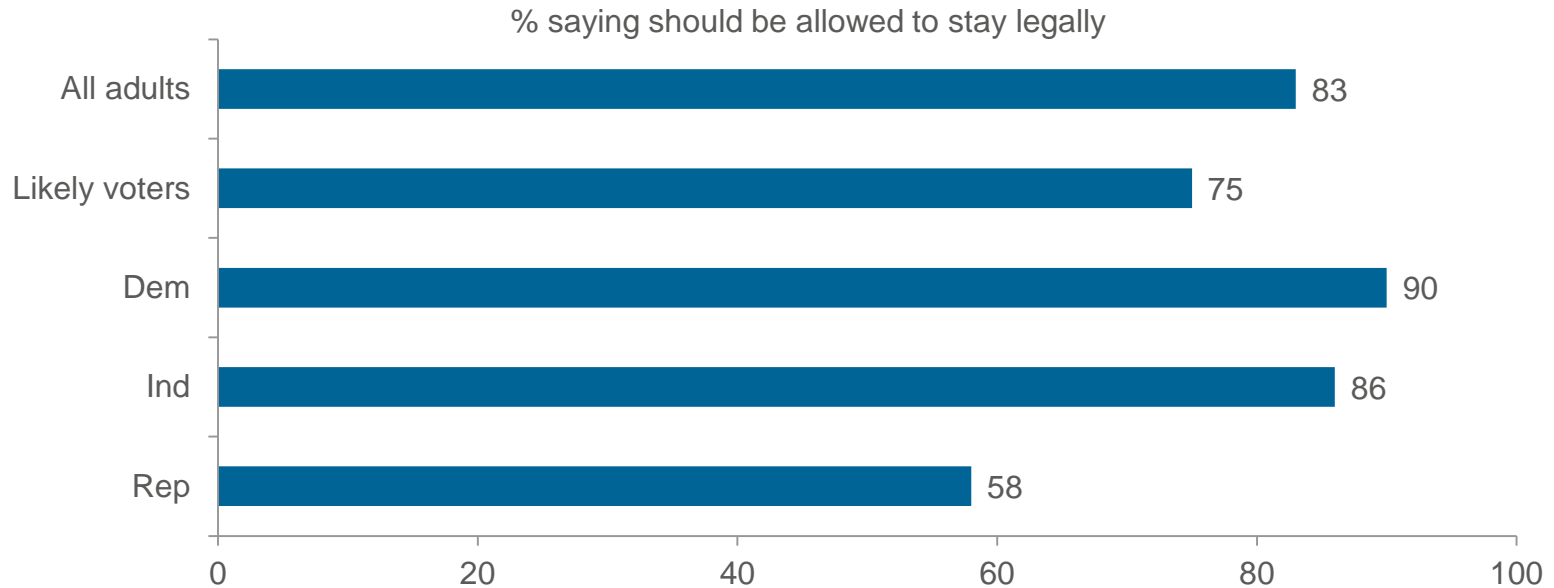


Approval of federal elected officials



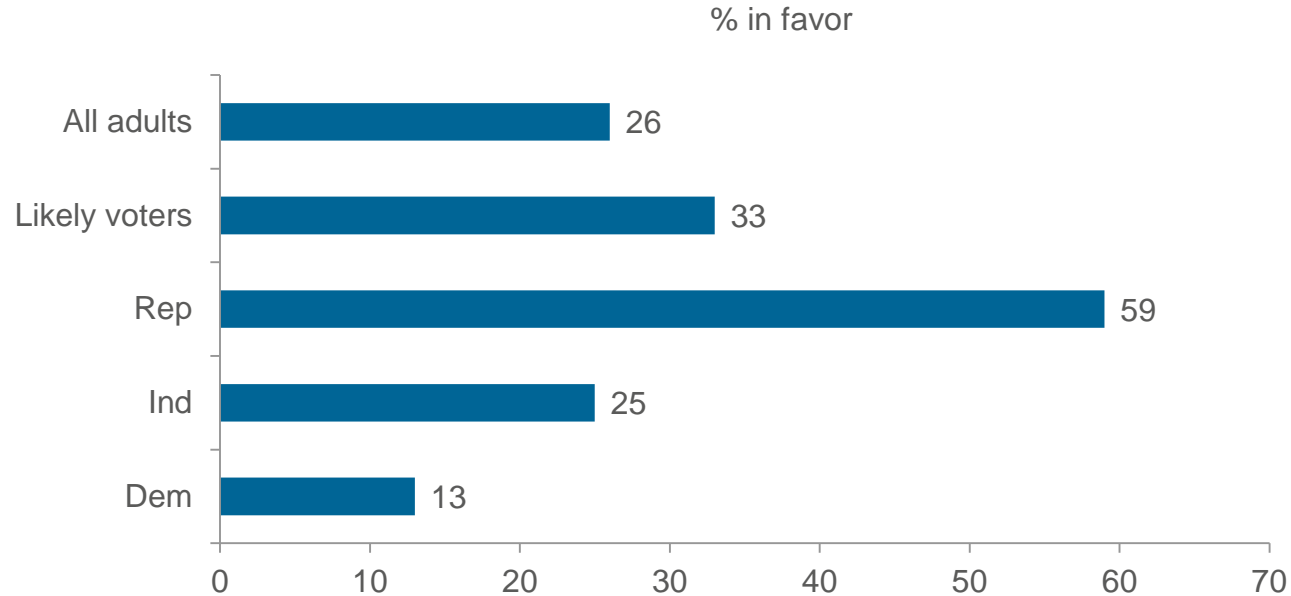
Immigration reform

Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented immigrants who are living in the U.S.?—There should be a way for them to stay in the country legally if certain requirements are met or they should not be allowed to stay in this country legally.



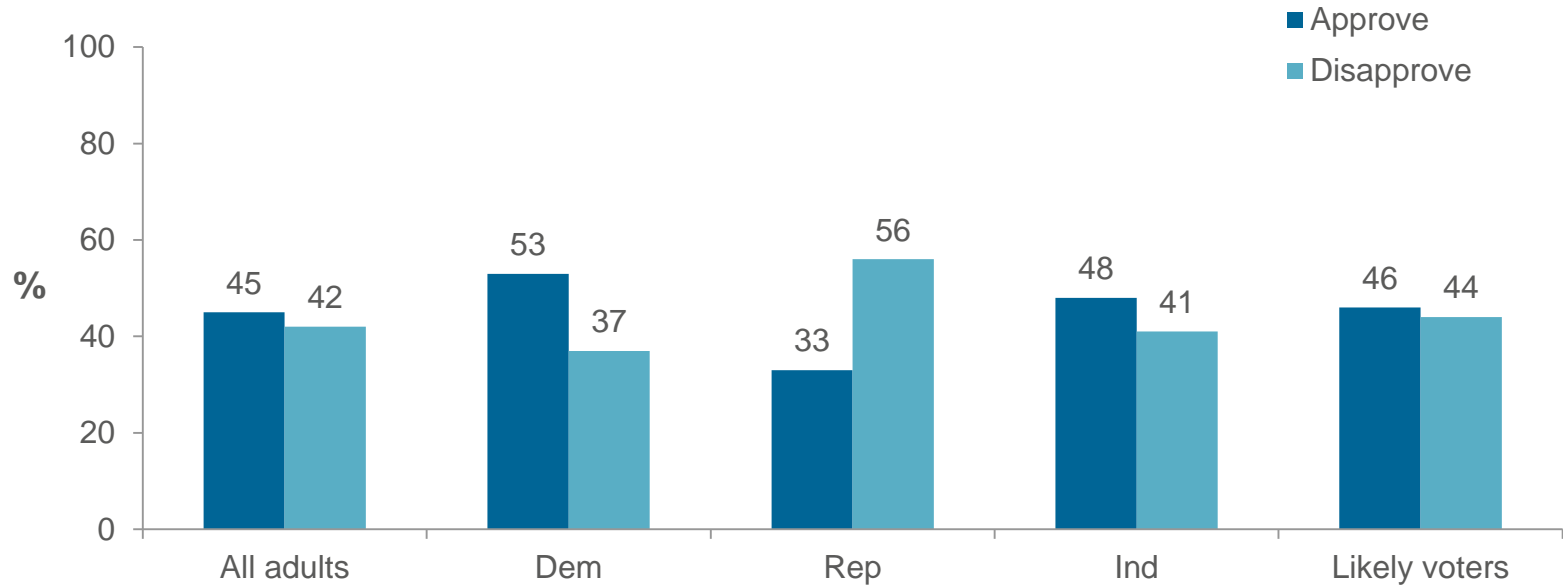
Support for building a wall along Mexico border

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



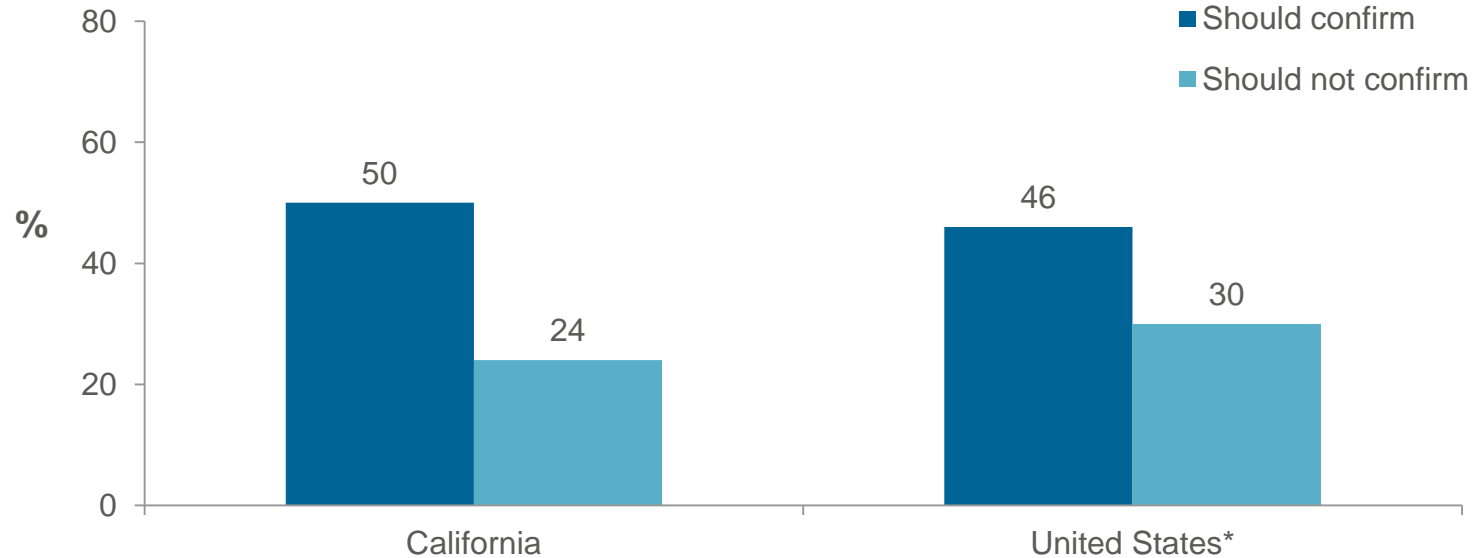
Approval of Supreme Court

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Supreme Court is handling its job?



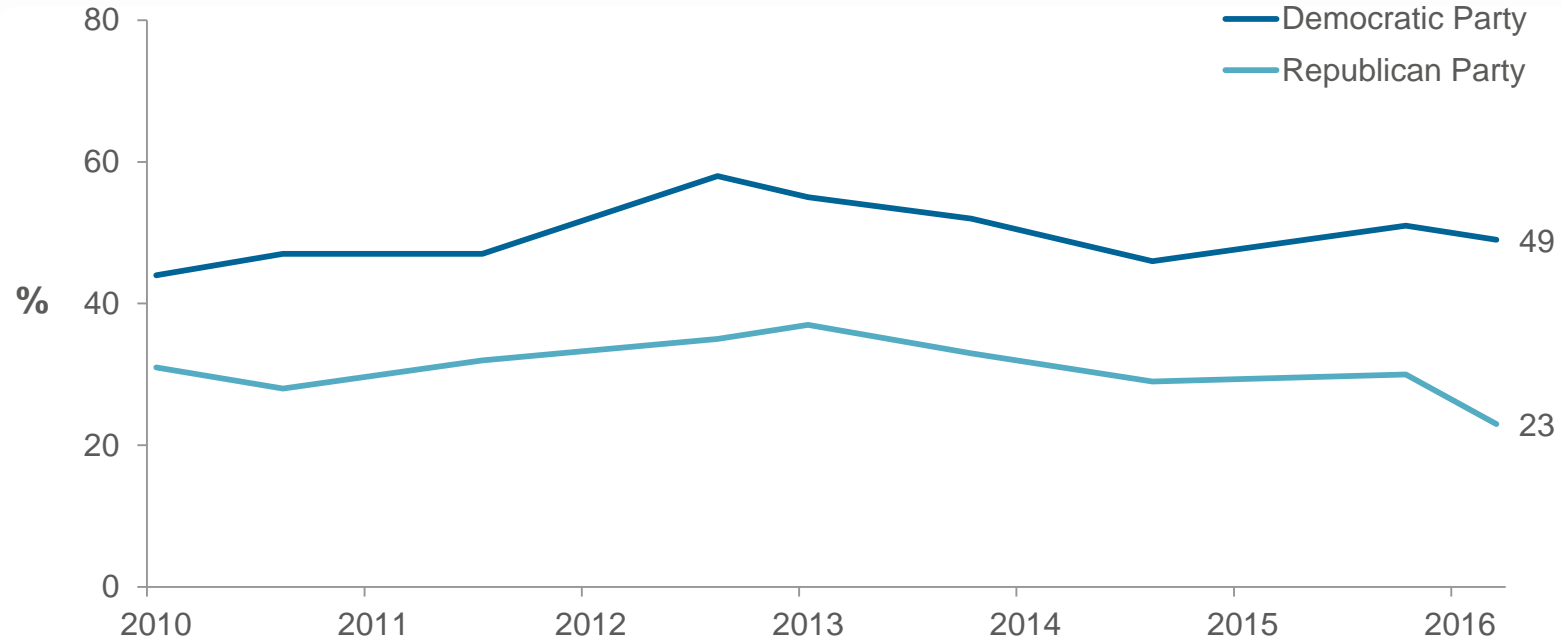
Confirmation of Merrick Garland

From what you've seen and heard so far, do you think the Senate should or should not confirm Merrick Garland?



**Pew Research Center, March 2016*

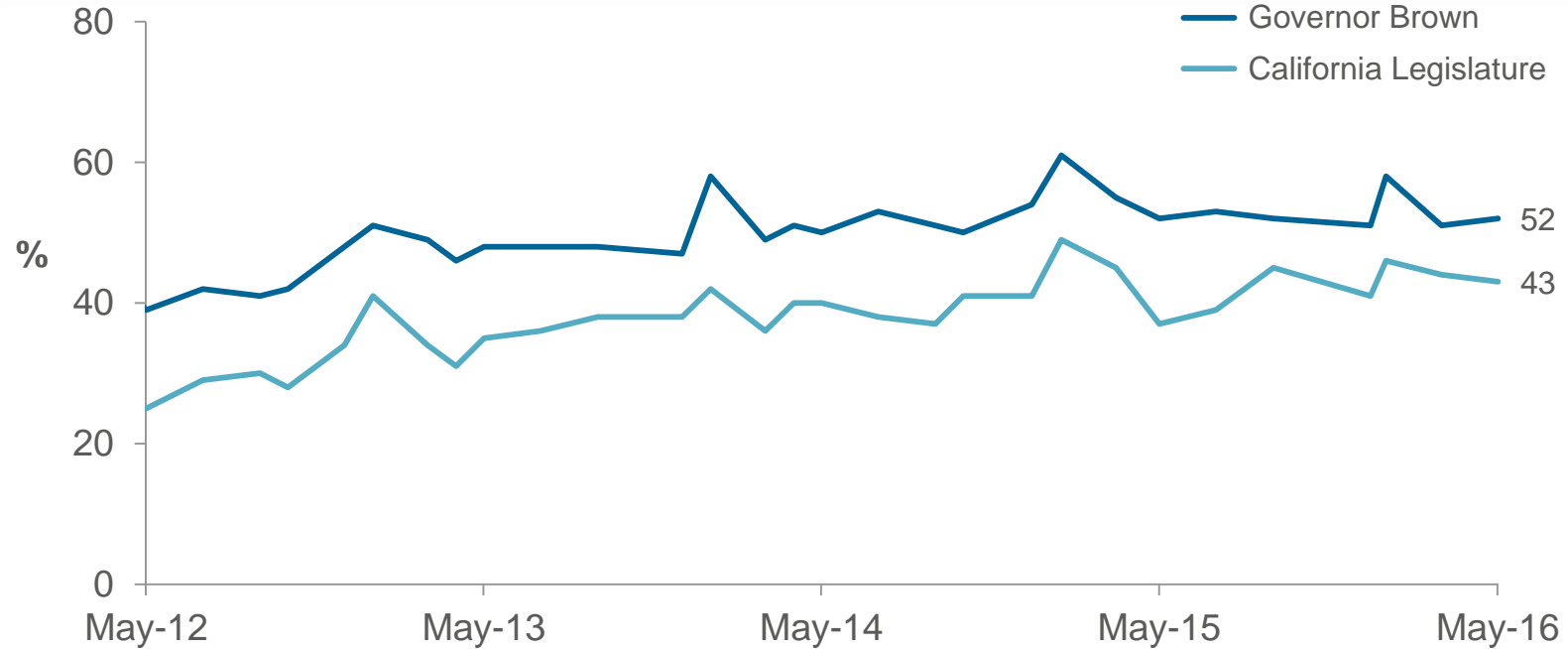
Favorability of political parties



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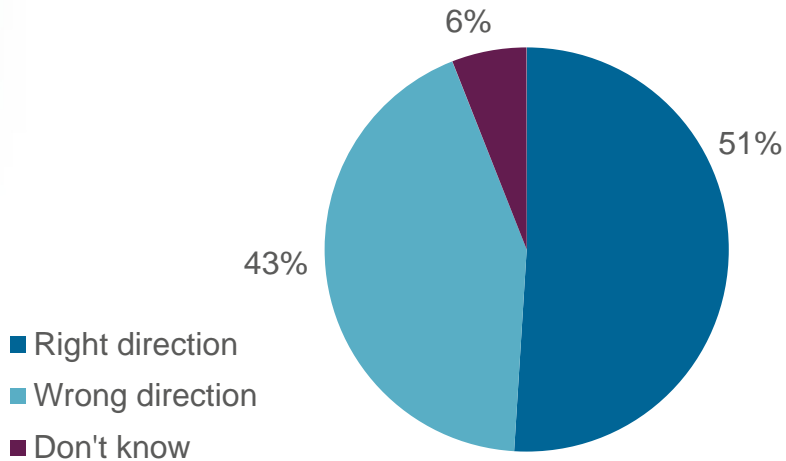
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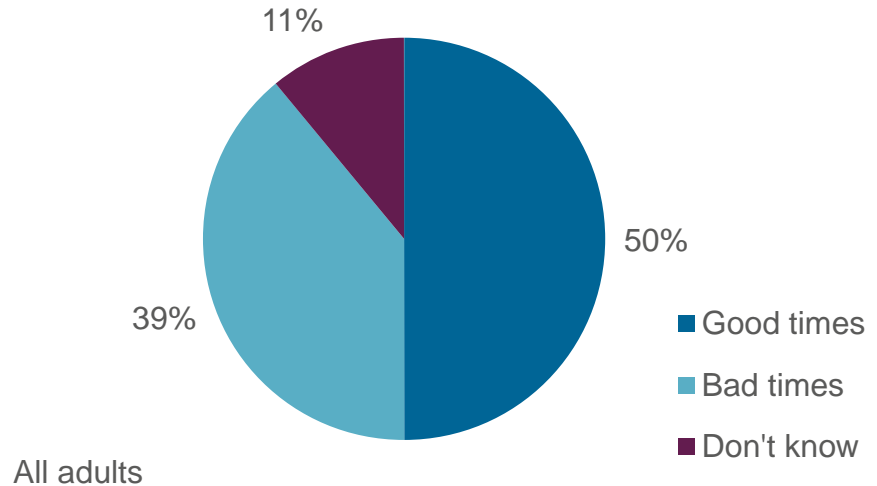


Outlook for the state

Do you think things in California are generally going in the right direction or the wrong direction?

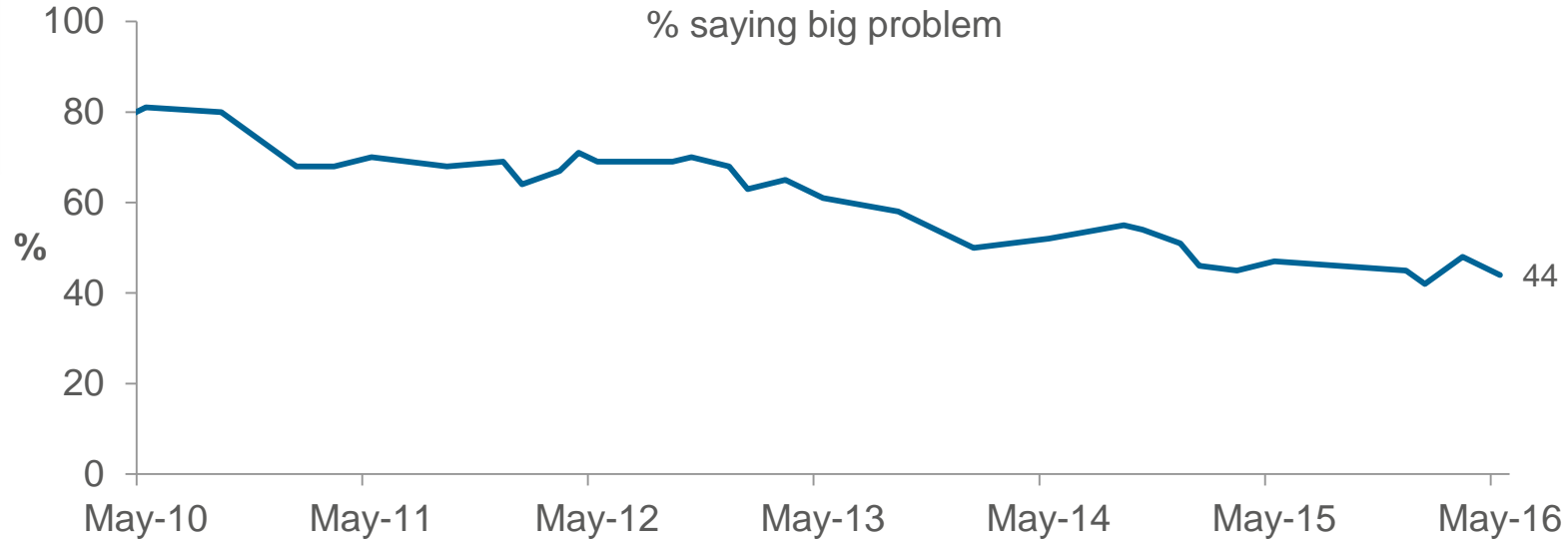


Turning to economic conditions in California, do you think that during the next 12 months we will have good times financially or bad times?



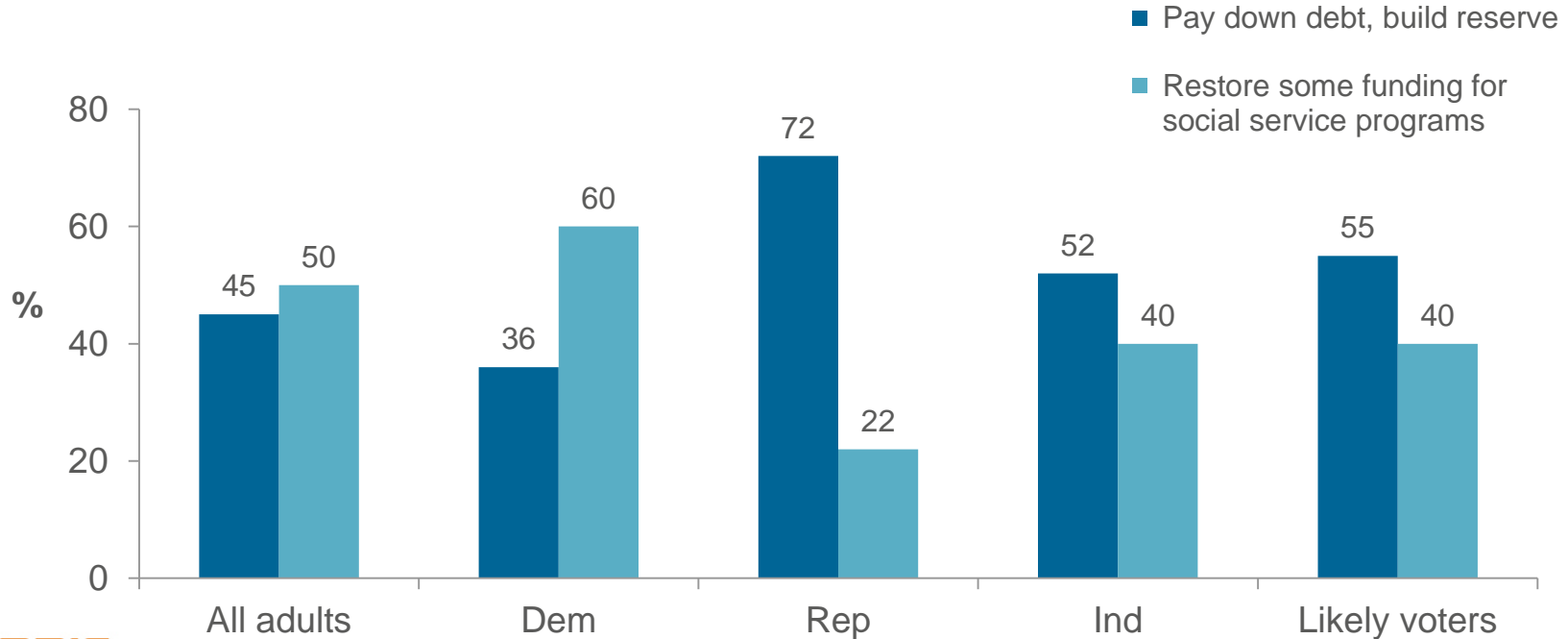
State budget situation

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?



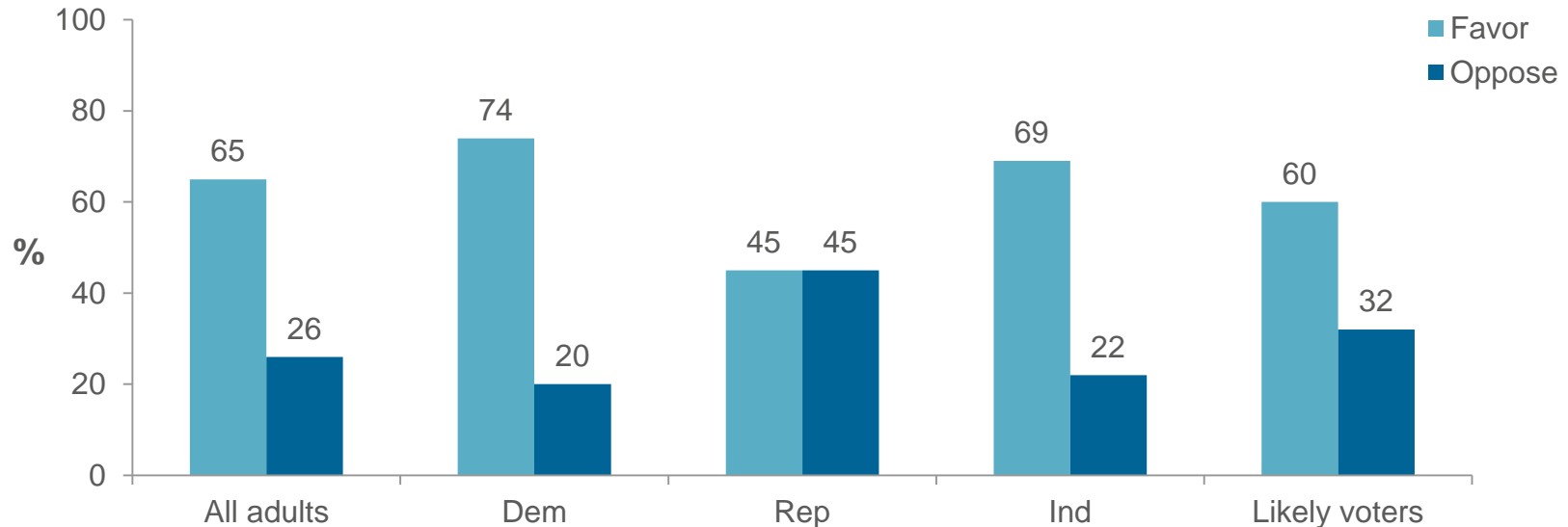
Use of surplus budget funds

The state is projected to have a budget surplus of several billion dollars. In general, how would you prefer to use this extra money?



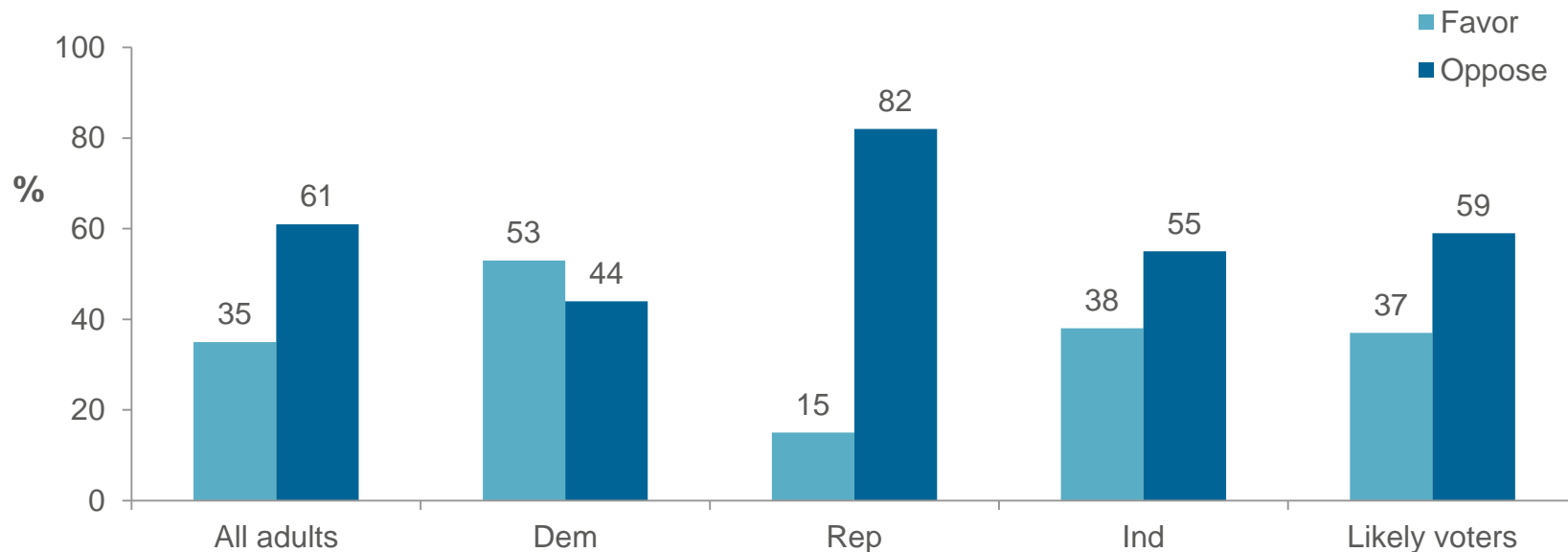
Governor's budget proposal

Governor Brown recently released a revised budget plan for the next fiscal year that will increase spending on K–12 and higher education, health and human services, prisons, and courts. The plan includes funds to pay down the state's debt and puts \$2 billion into the state's rainy day fund. In general, do you favor or oppose the governor's budget plan?

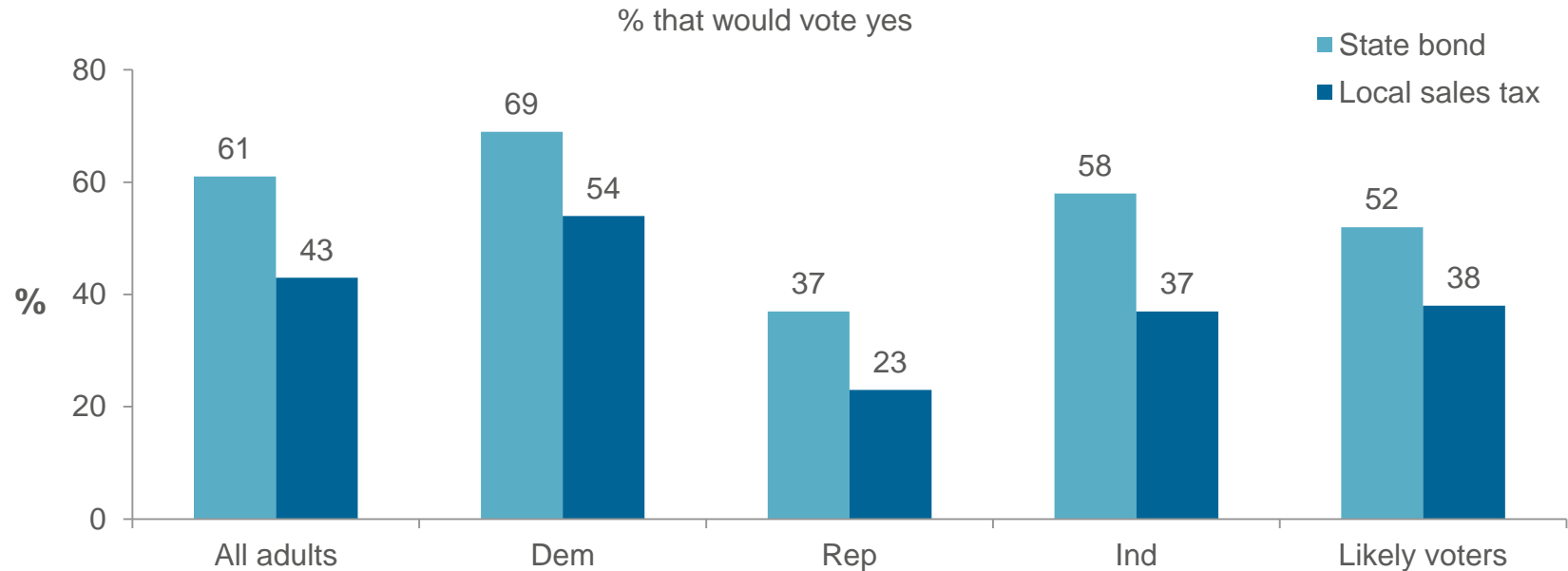


Governor's budget proposal with transportation funding

The proposed budget plan also includes a new fee on all vehicles and an increase in the state gasoline tax to fund transportation infrastructure projects. Knowing this, in general, do you favor or oppose the governor's budget plan?

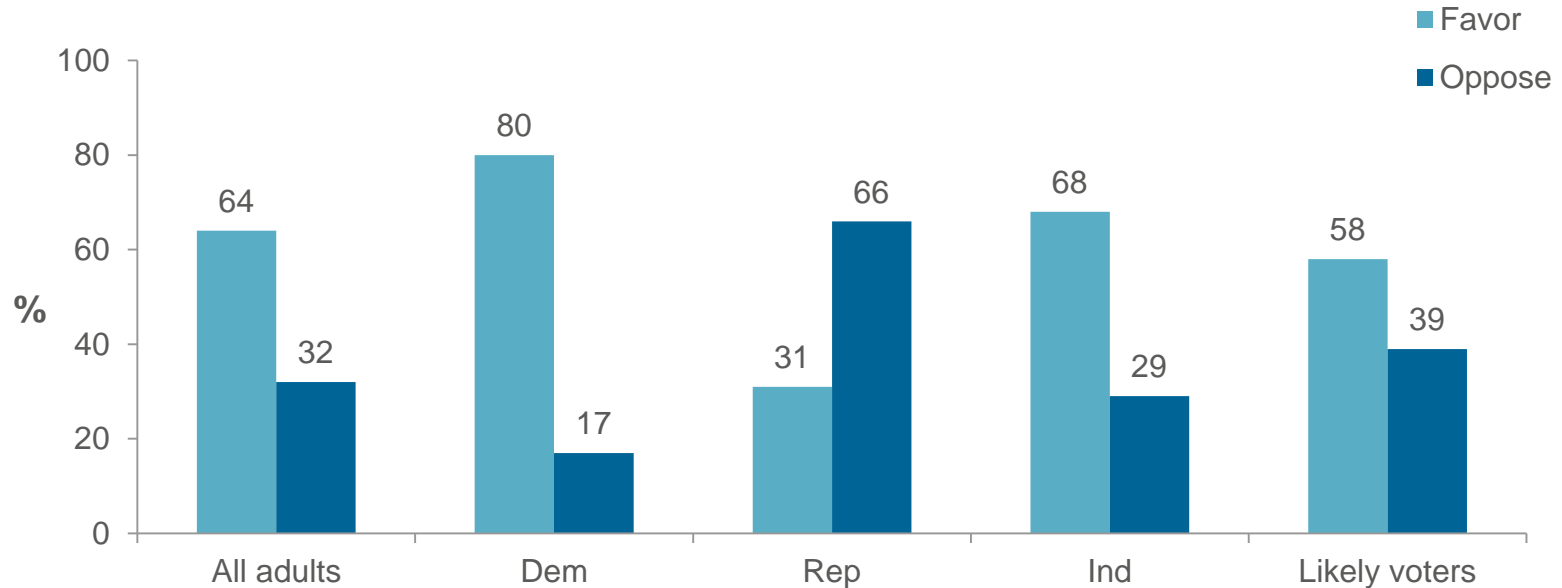


Support for surface transportation funding



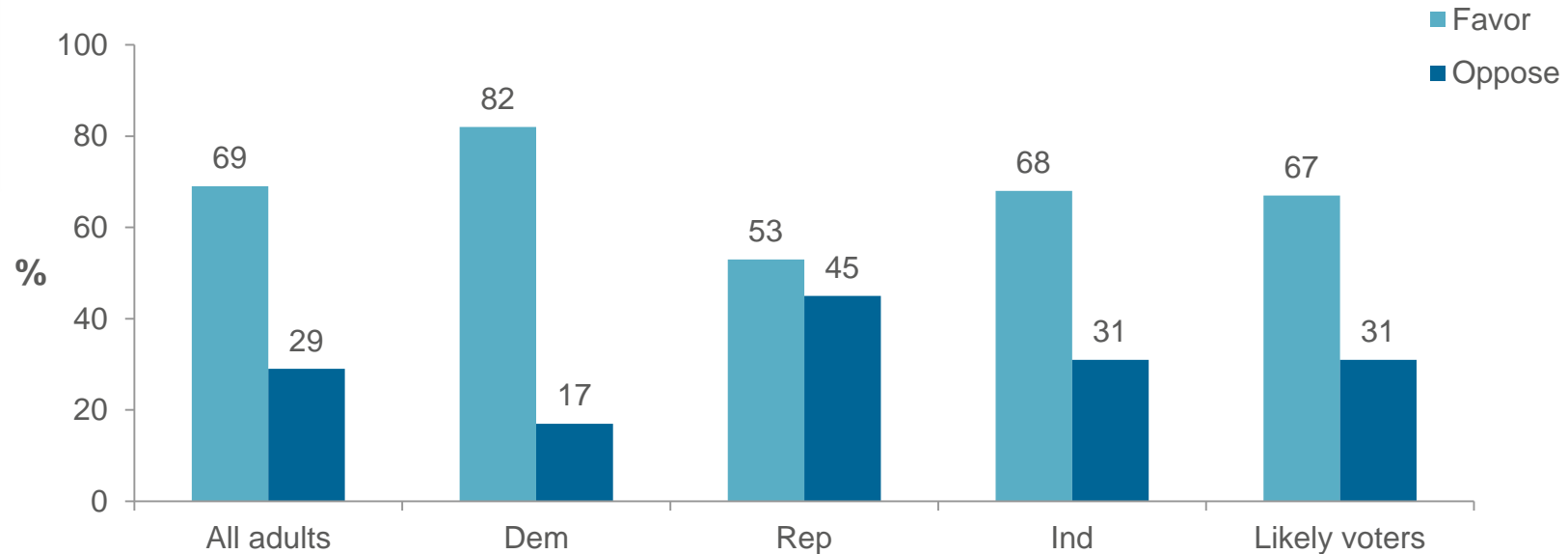
Extending the Proposition 30 income tax increase

As you may know, voters passed Proposition 30 in November 2012. It increased taxes on earnings over \$250,000 until 2018 and sales taxes by one-quarter cent until 2016. Do you favor or oppose extending for 12 years the tax increase on earnings over \$250,000 to fund education and healthcare?

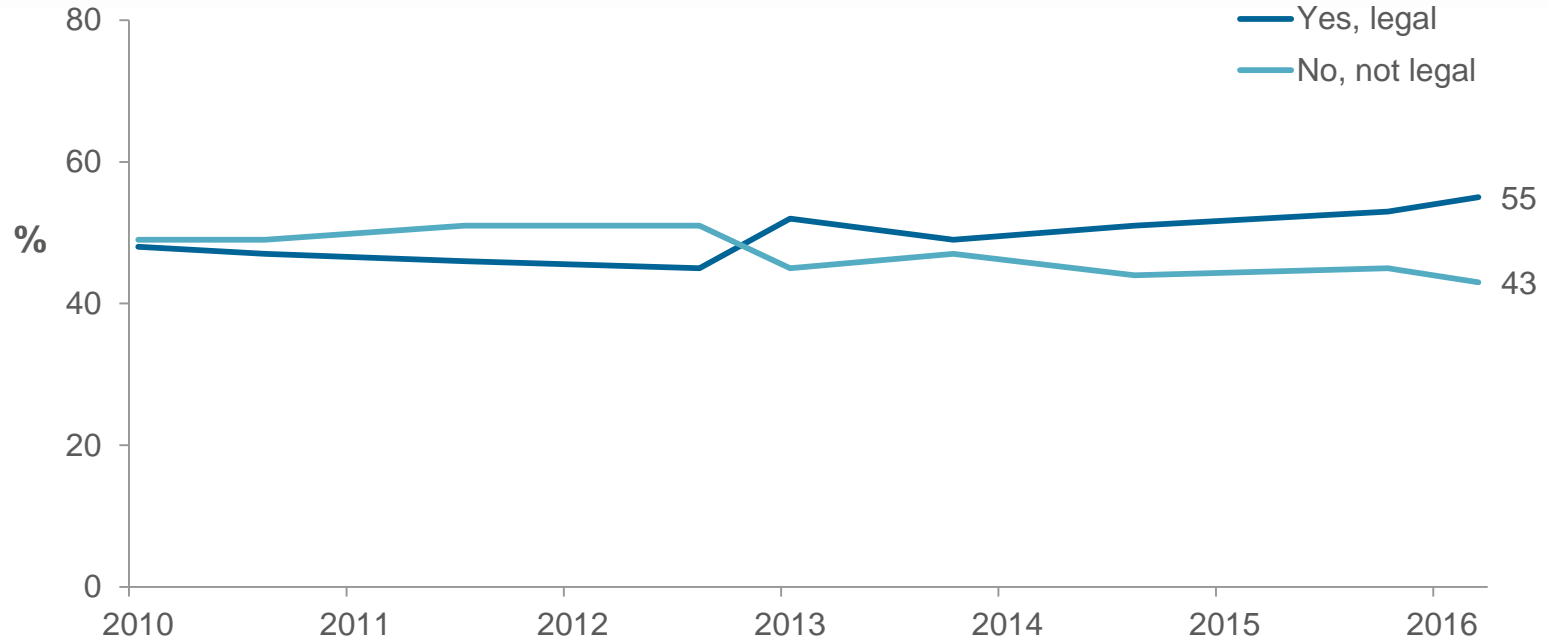


Increasing the cigarette tax to fund health care

In general, would you favor or oppose increasing the state tax on the purchase of cigarettes to fund health care?

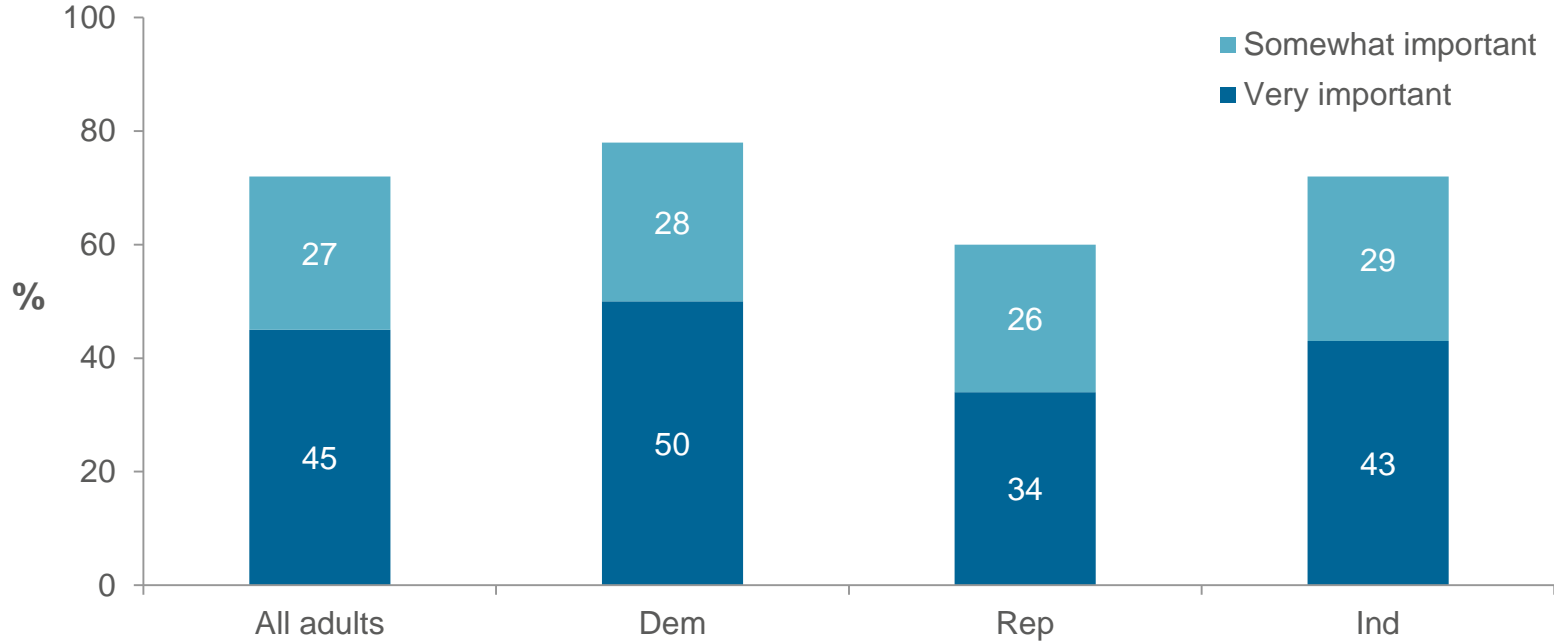


Marijuana legalization



Use of funds generated by marijuana legalization

How important is it to you that this revenue be spent on substance abuse prevention and treatment. Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?



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- There are striking partisan differences in satisfaction with candidate choices in presidential and senate primaries
- Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders are in a tight race in the Democratic presidential primary; both lead Donald Trump in potential November matchups
- Democrats Kamala Harris and Loretta Sanchez lead the top-two U.S. Senate primary; nearly one in three are undecided
- Half of Californians view the Democratic Party favorably; one in four view the Republican Party favorably
- Fewer than half see the state budget as a big problem, but a partisan divide persists
- Californians and likely voters favor extending the Proposition 30 income tax increase, increasing the cigarette tax, and legalizing marijuana

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