

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
 - 325,000+ Californians since 1998
 - 150+ general, issue, and regional surveys

Californians and Their Government

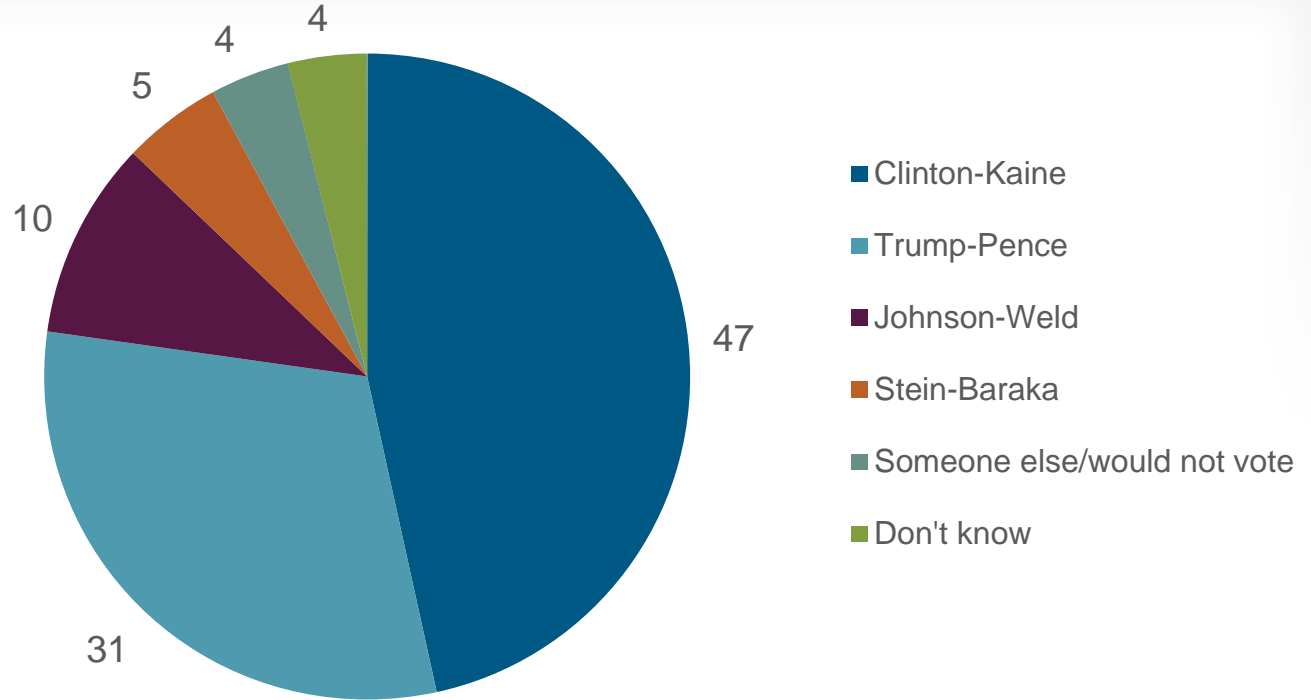
- General series funded by The James Irvine Foundation
- Telephone interviews, September 9–18, 2016
 - 50% landline, 50% cell phone
 - 1,702 adults, $\pm 3.5\%$ margin of error
 - 1,055 likely voters, $\pm 4.0\%$ margin of error
- Views on the presidential and US Senate races as well as on four ballot propositions
- Views on the initiative process and perceptions of immigration policy proposals

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Presidential election preferences

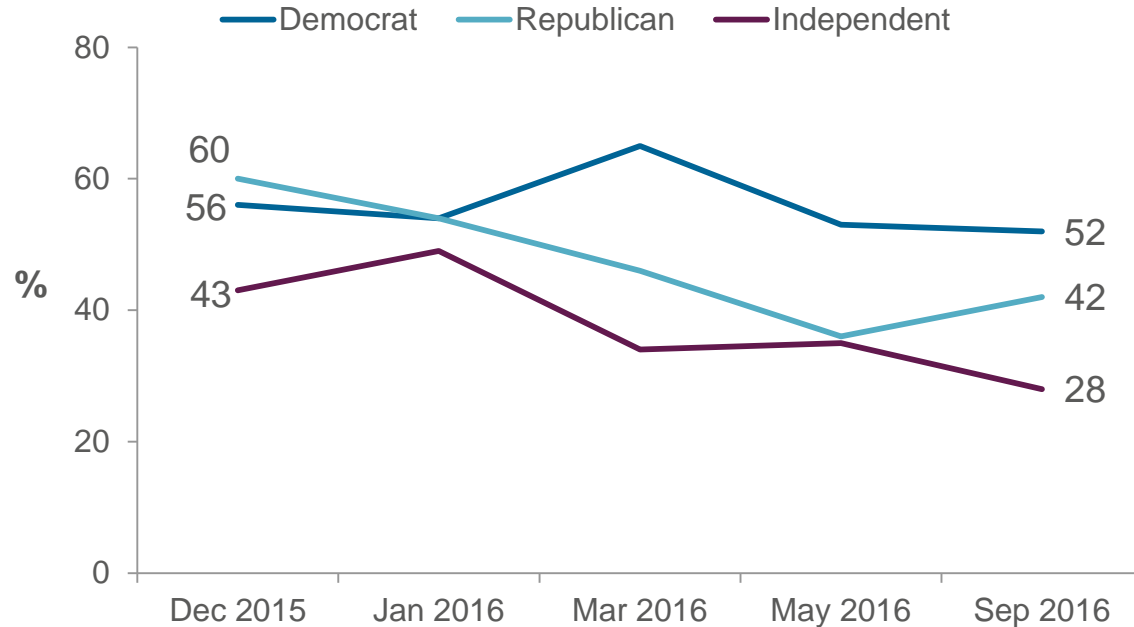
If the November 8th presidential election were being held today, would you vote for...?



% likely voters

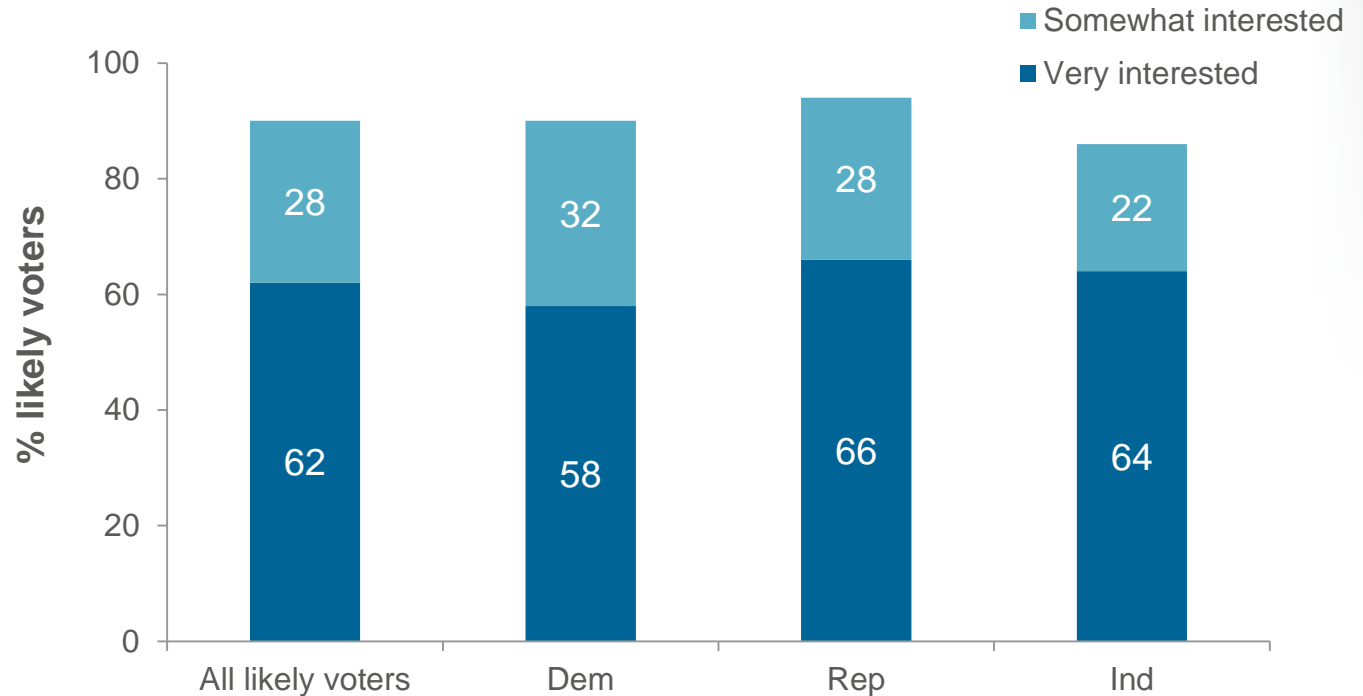
Satisfaction with choices of presidential candidates

In general, would you say you are satisfied or not satisfied with your choices of candidates in the election for US president in 2016?



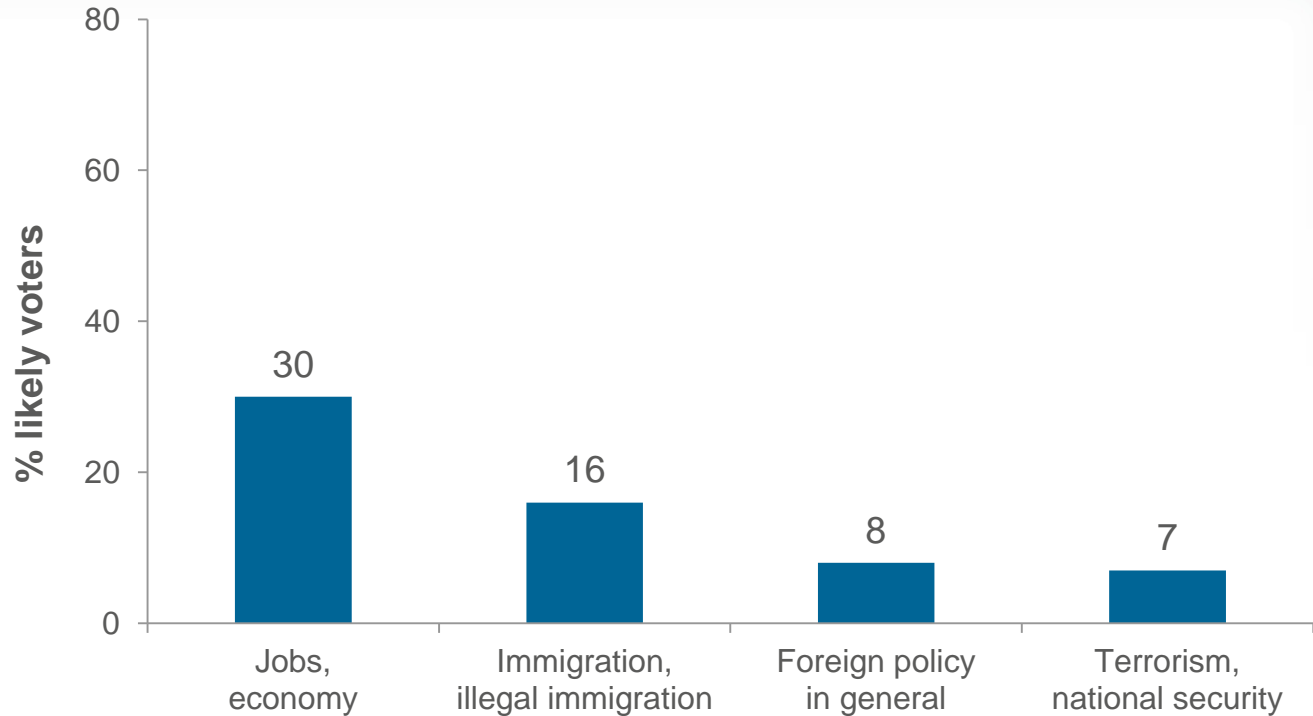
Interest in presidential debates

How interested, if at all, are you in the upcoming presidential debates: very interested, somewhat interested, not so interested or not at all interested?



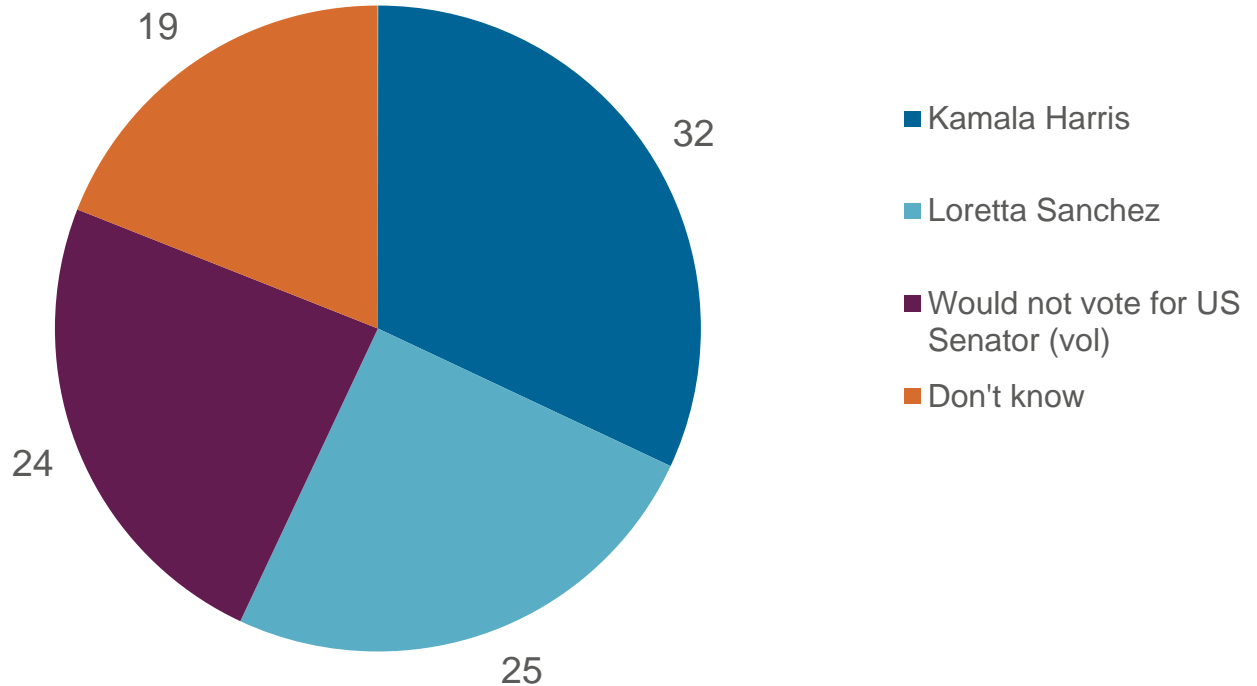
Issue for presidential candidates to discuss in debates

Next, there will be a series of presidential debates leading up to the November 8th election. Which one issue would you most like to hear the presidential candidates talk about during the presidential debates?



US Senate election preferences

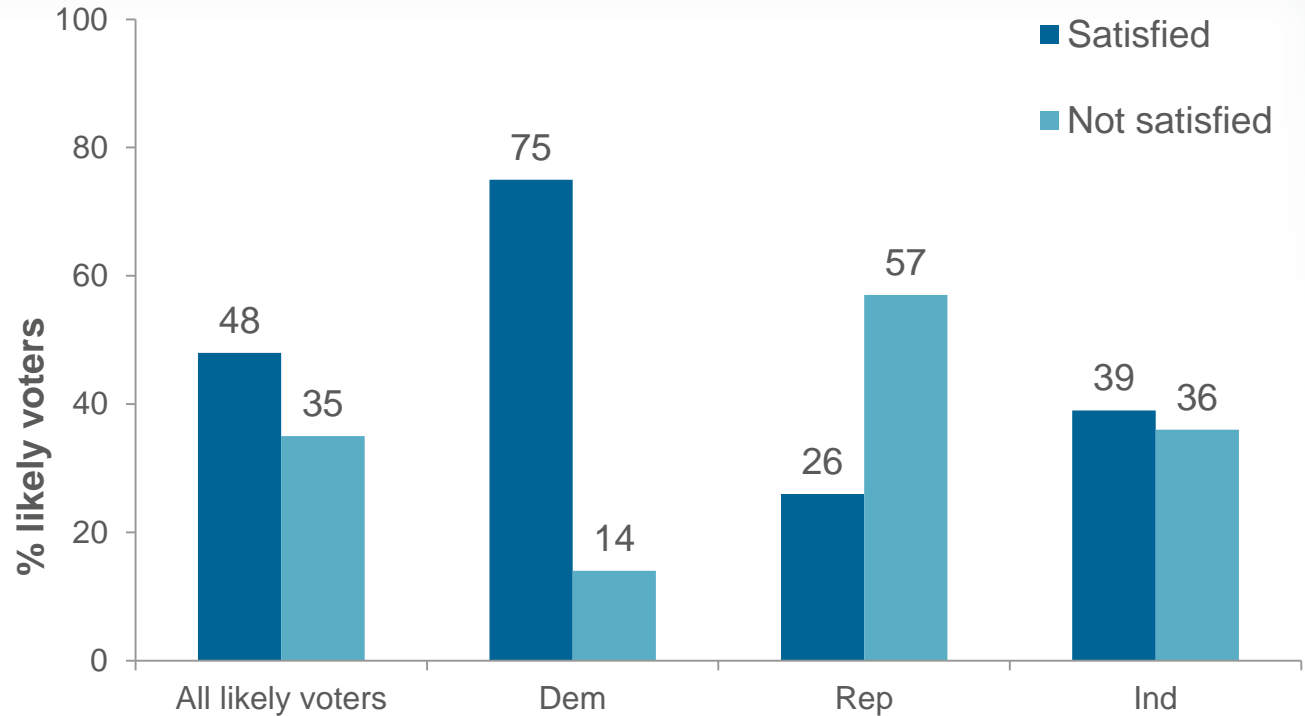
If the November 8th US Senate election were being held today, would you vote for...?



% likely voters

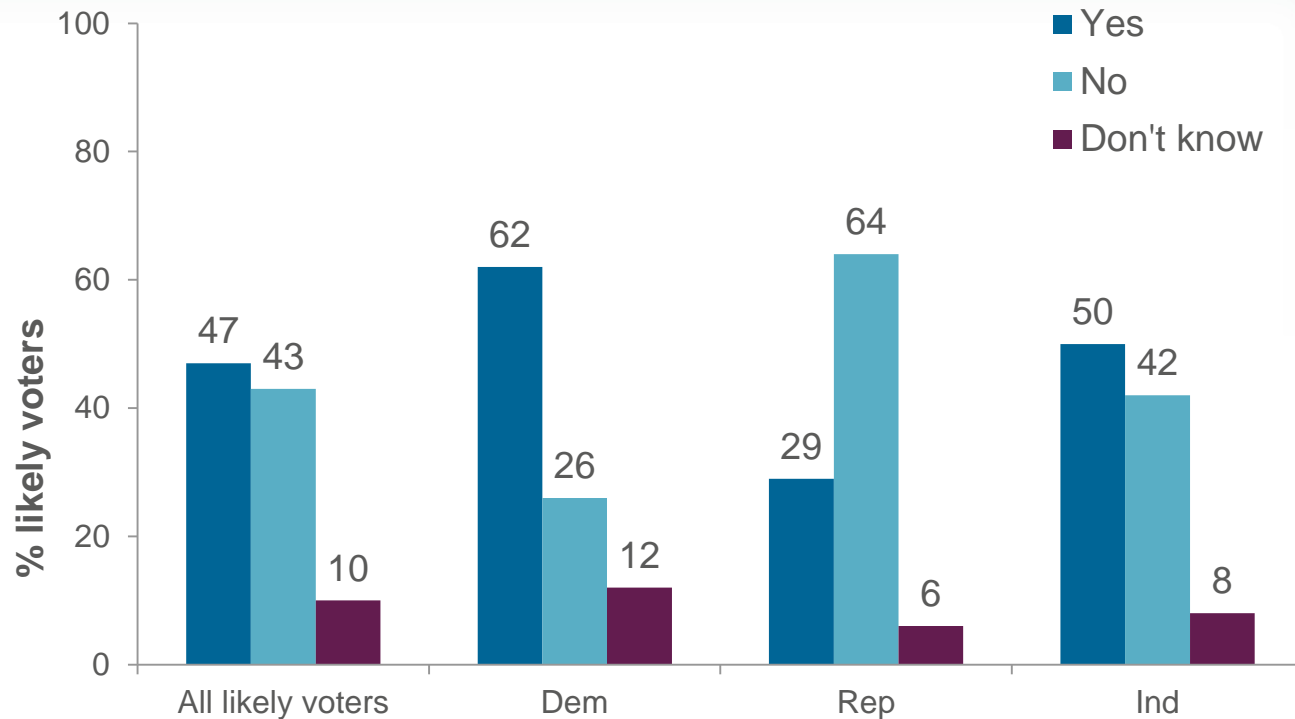
Satisfaction with US Senate candidates

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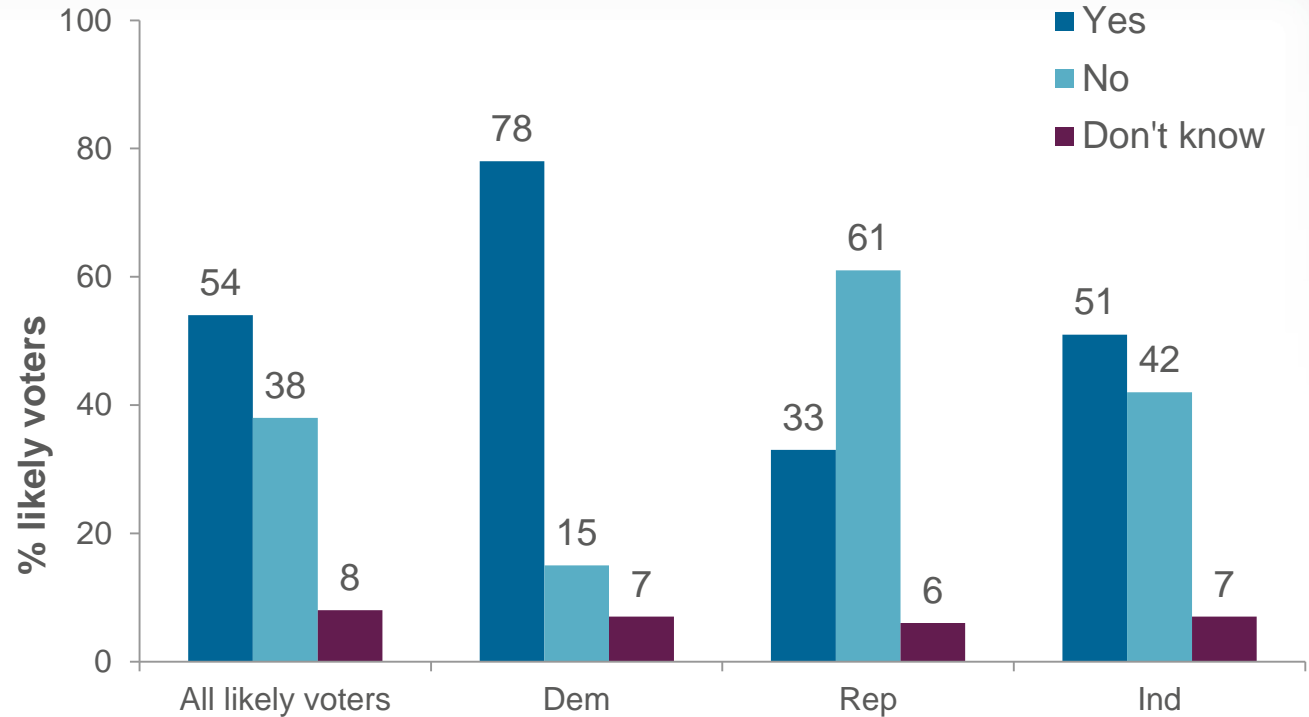
Proposition 51: School bonds

Proposition 51 is called the “School Bonds. Funding for K–12 School and Community College Facilities. Initiative Statute”...If the election were held today, would you vote yes or no on Proposition 51?



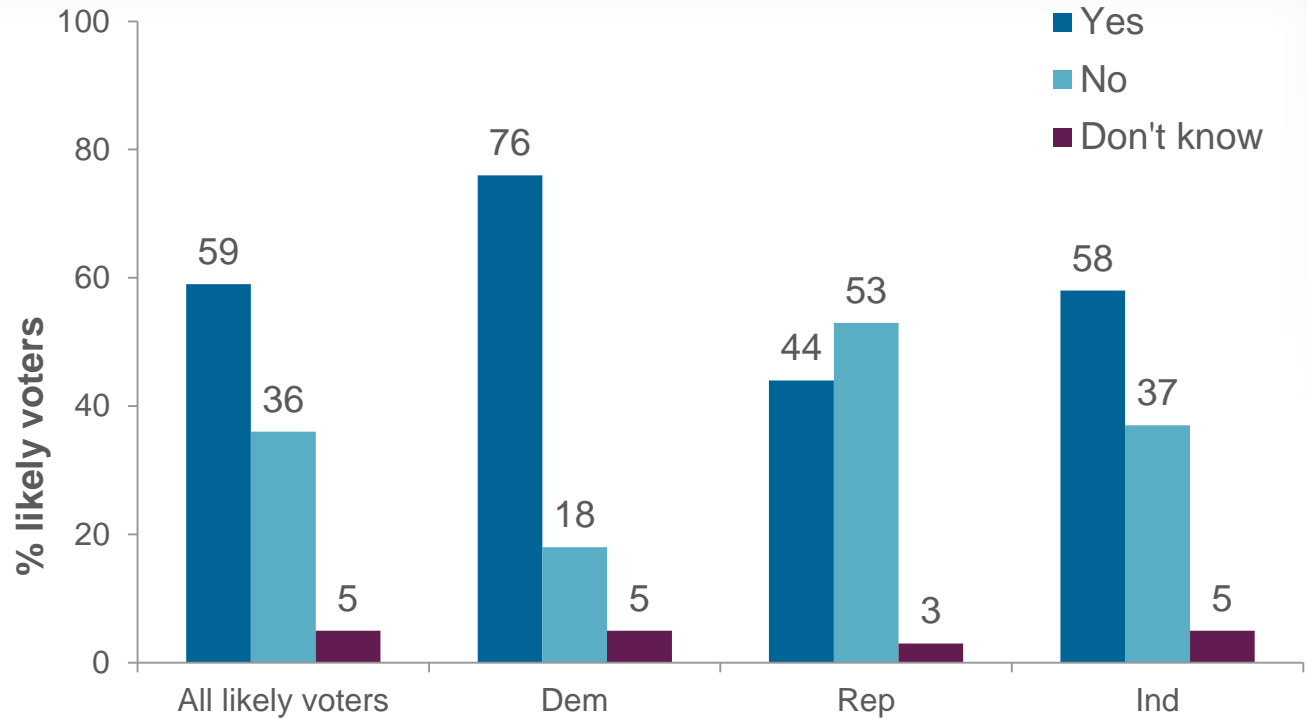
Proposition 55: Extension of tax on high incomes

Proposition 55 is called the “Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare. Initiative Constitutional Amendment”...If the election were held today, would you vote yes or no on Proposition 55?



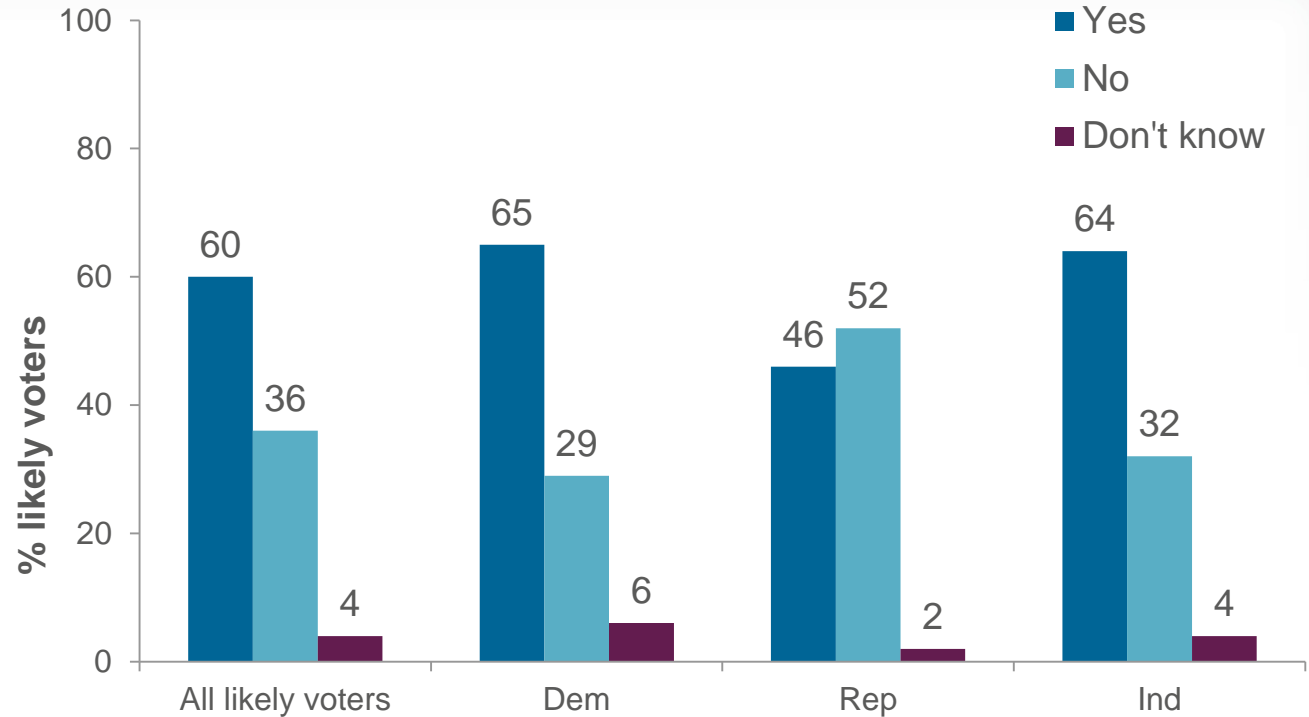
Proposition 56: Cigarette tax increase

Proposition 56 is called the “Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute”...If the election were held today, would you vote yes or no on Proposition 56?



Proposition 64: Marijuana legalization

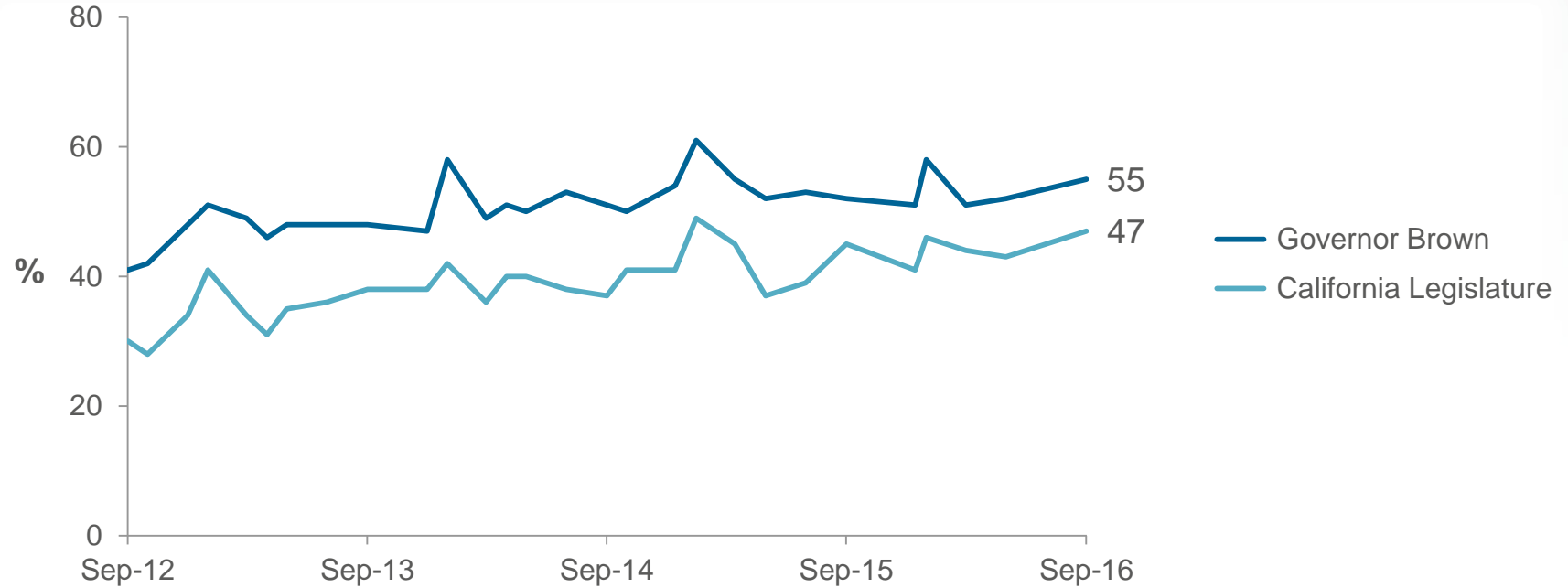
Proposition 64 is called the “Marijuana Legalization Initiative Statute”...If the election were held today, would you vote yes or no on Proposition 64?



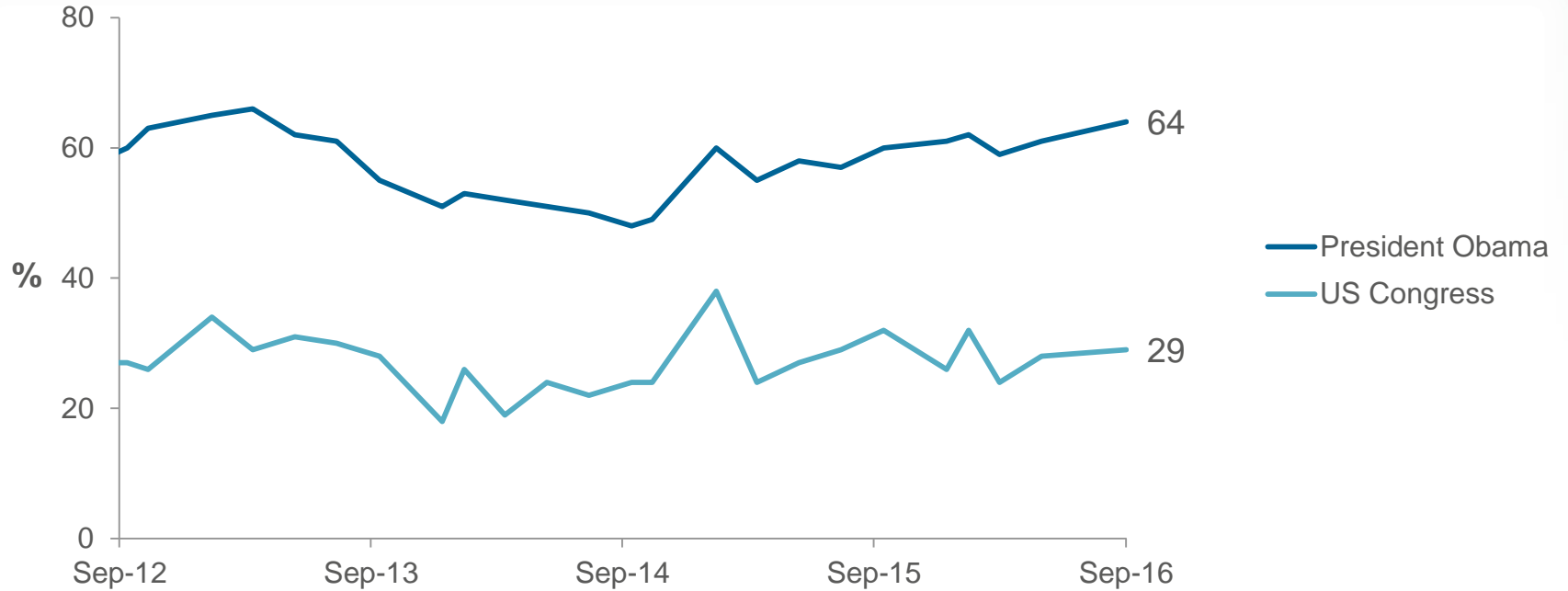
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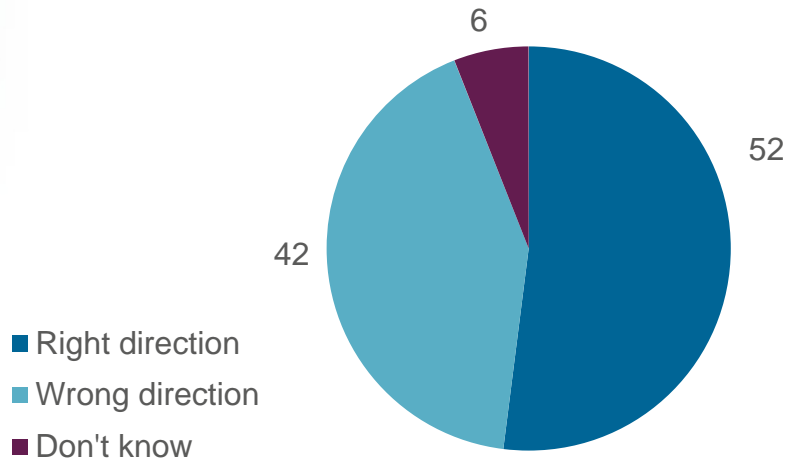


Approval of federal elected officials

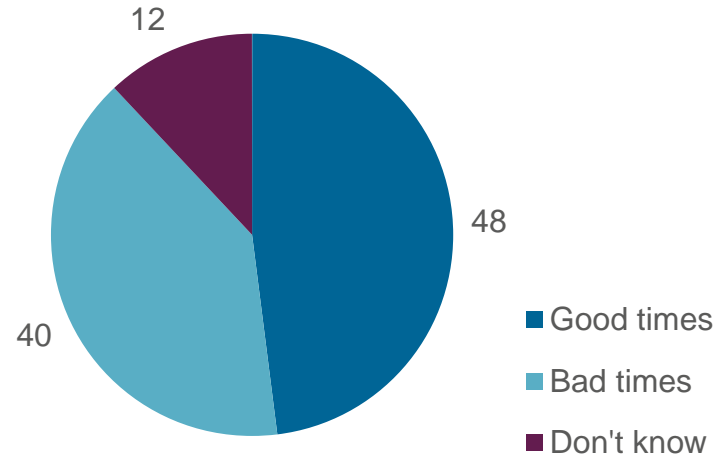


Outlook for the state

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



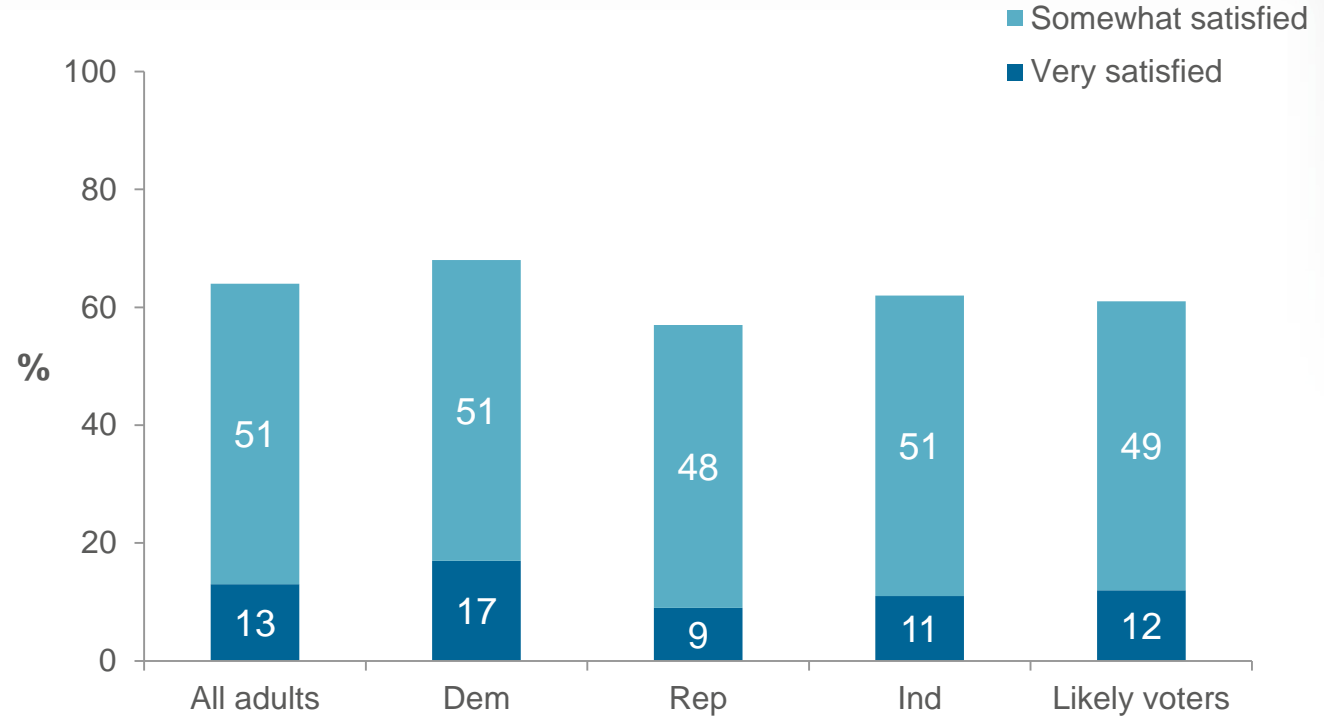
Turning to economic conditions in California, do you think that during the next 12 months we will have good times financially or bad times?



% all adults

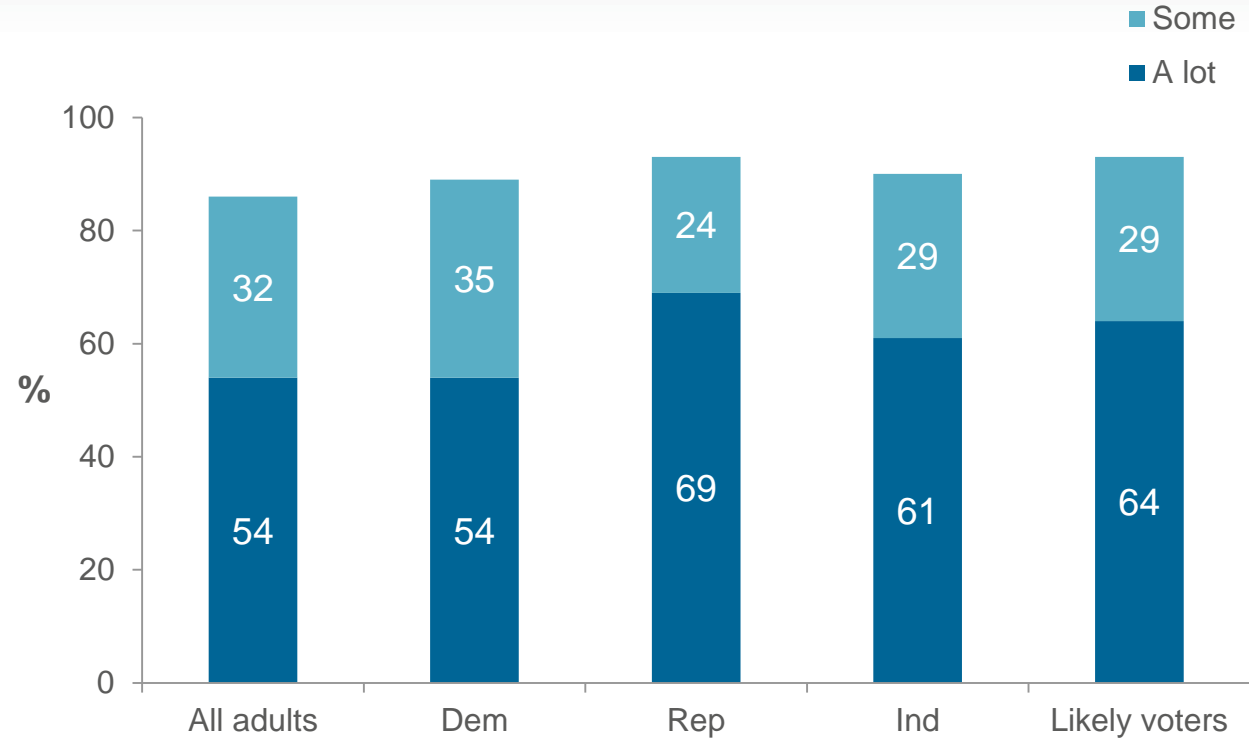
Satisfaction with the initiative process

Generally speaking, would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or not satisfied with the way the initiative process is working in California today?



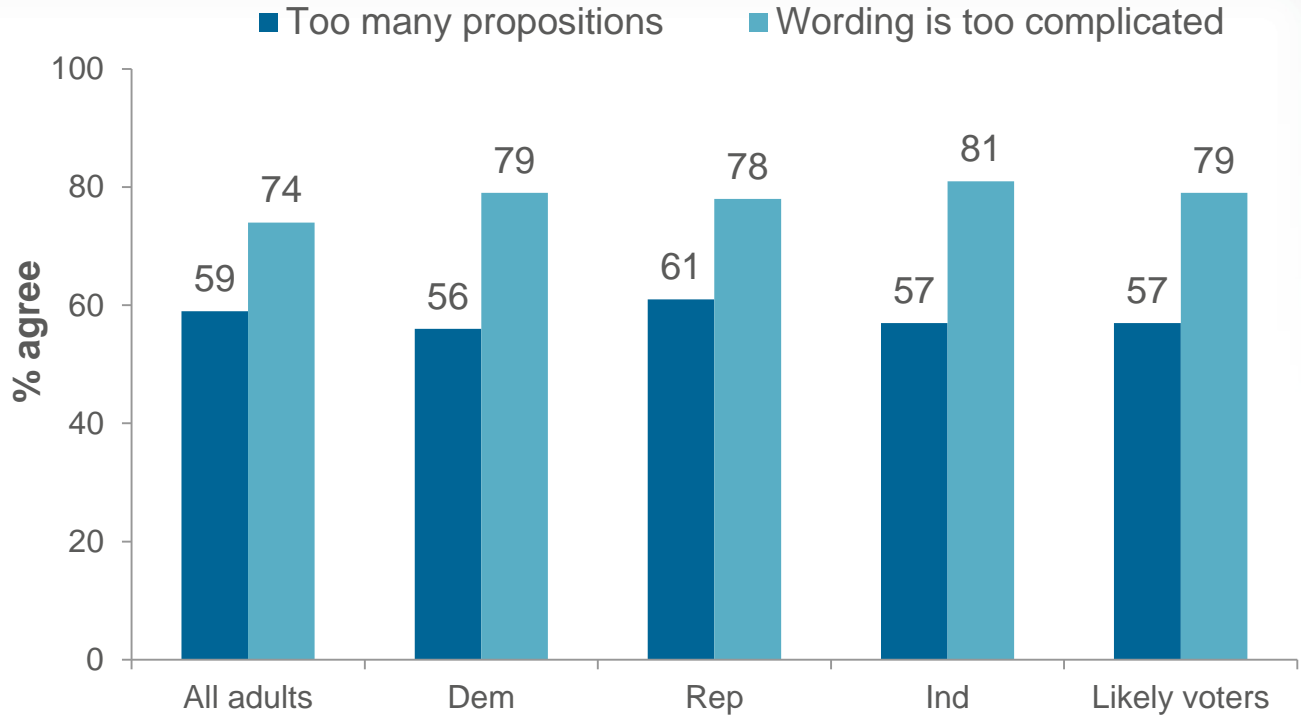
Special interests and the initiative process

Overall, how much would you say that the initiative process in California today is controlled by special interests—a lot, some, or not at all?



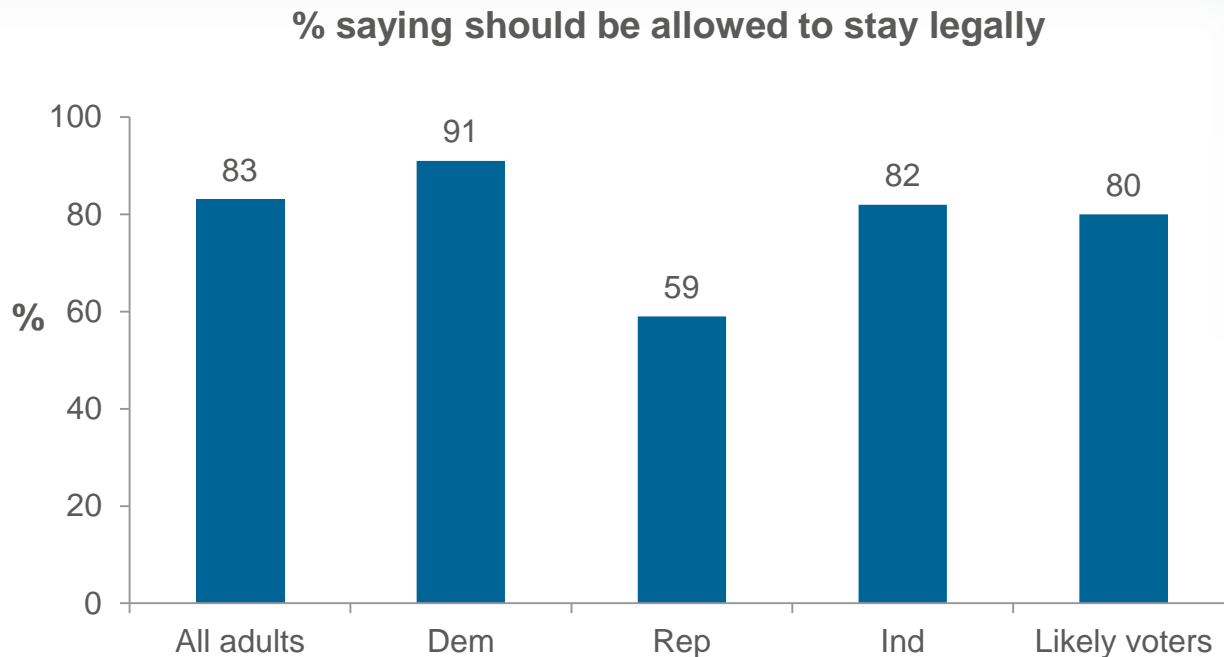
Problems with the initiative process

For the following items, please say if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree.



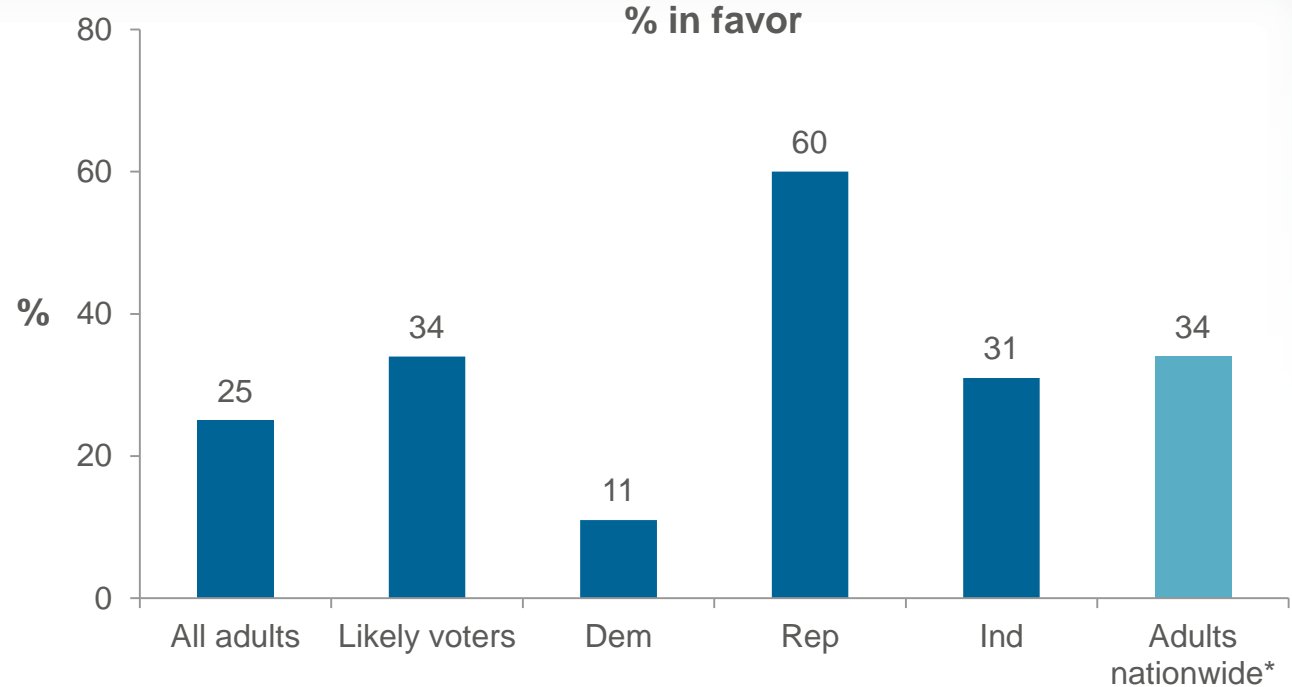
Immigration reform

Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented immigrants who are living in the US?—
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 wall along border with Mexico

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



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- Hillary Clinton leads Donald Trump by a wide margin; most likely voters are not satisfied with their choice of candidates
- Six in ten likely voters are very interested in the upcoming debates
- Kamala Harris leads Loretta Sanchez by 7 points; one in four likely voters say they will not vote in this race
- Californians are optimistic about the direction of the state and have positive perceptions of its elected officials—but there is a partisan divide
- While most Californians are satisfied with the initiative process, majorities say the process is controlled by special interests
- Most Californians say there should be a way for undocumented immigrants to stay in US legally and oppose building a wall along border

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