

PPIC Statewide Survey: Californians and Their Government

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- November 2016 election
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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

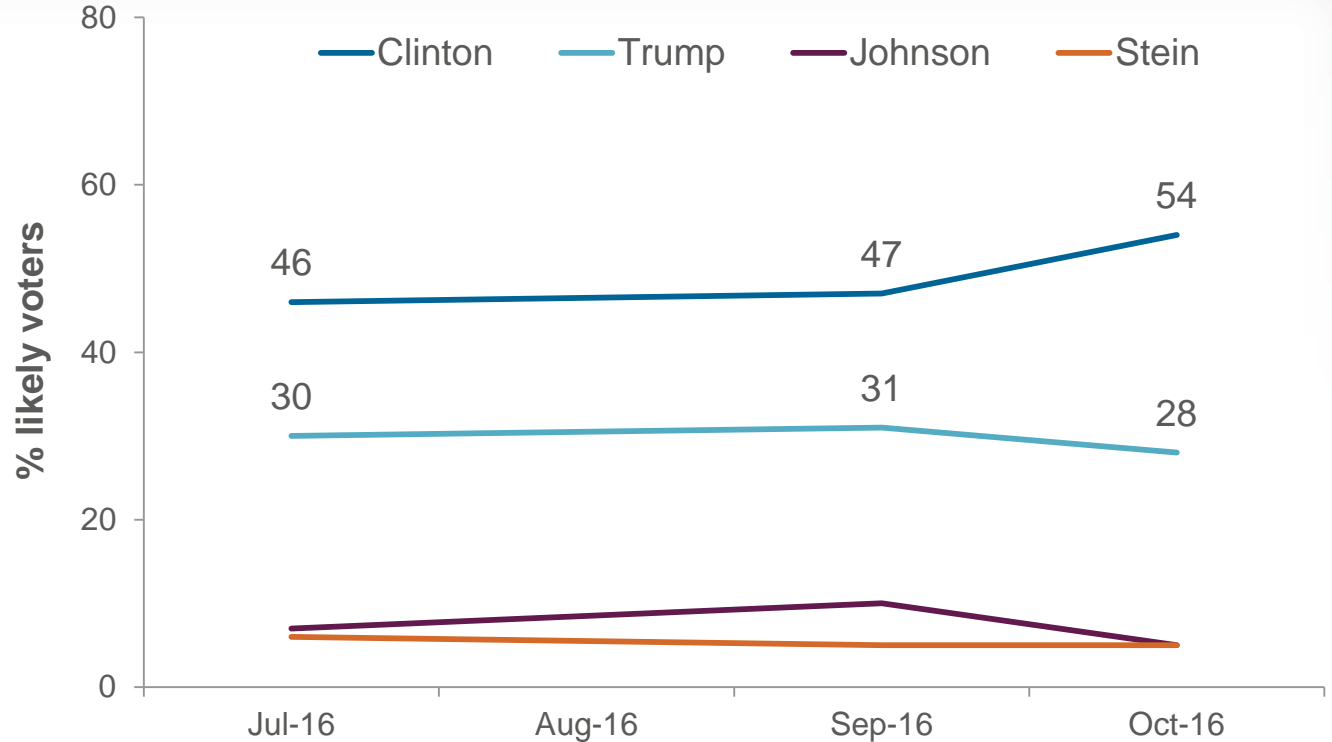
- General series funded by The James Irvine Foundation
- Telephone interviews, October 14–23, 2016
 - 50% landline, 50% cell phone
 - 1,704 adults, $\pm 3.4\%$ margin of error
 - 1,024 likely voters, $\pm 4.3\%$ margin of error
- Views on the presidential and US Senate races as well as on four ballot propositions
- Attitudes toward political parties and trust in government

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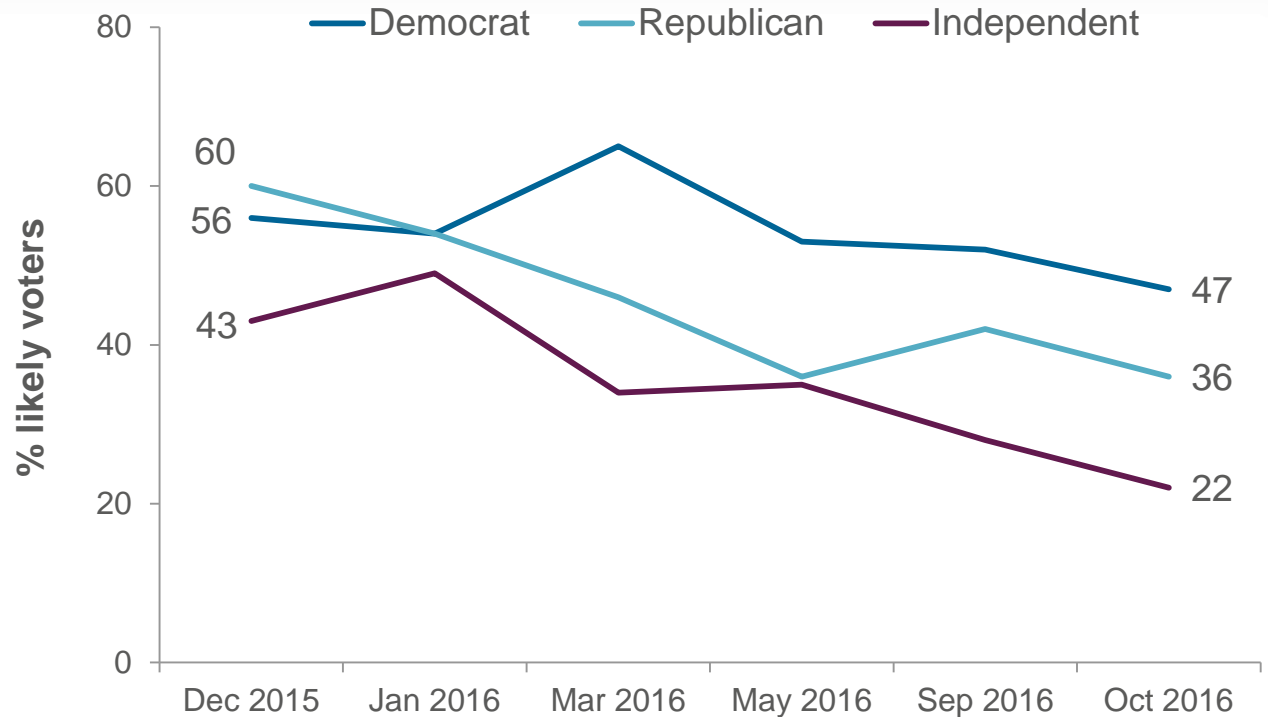
Presidential election preferences

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



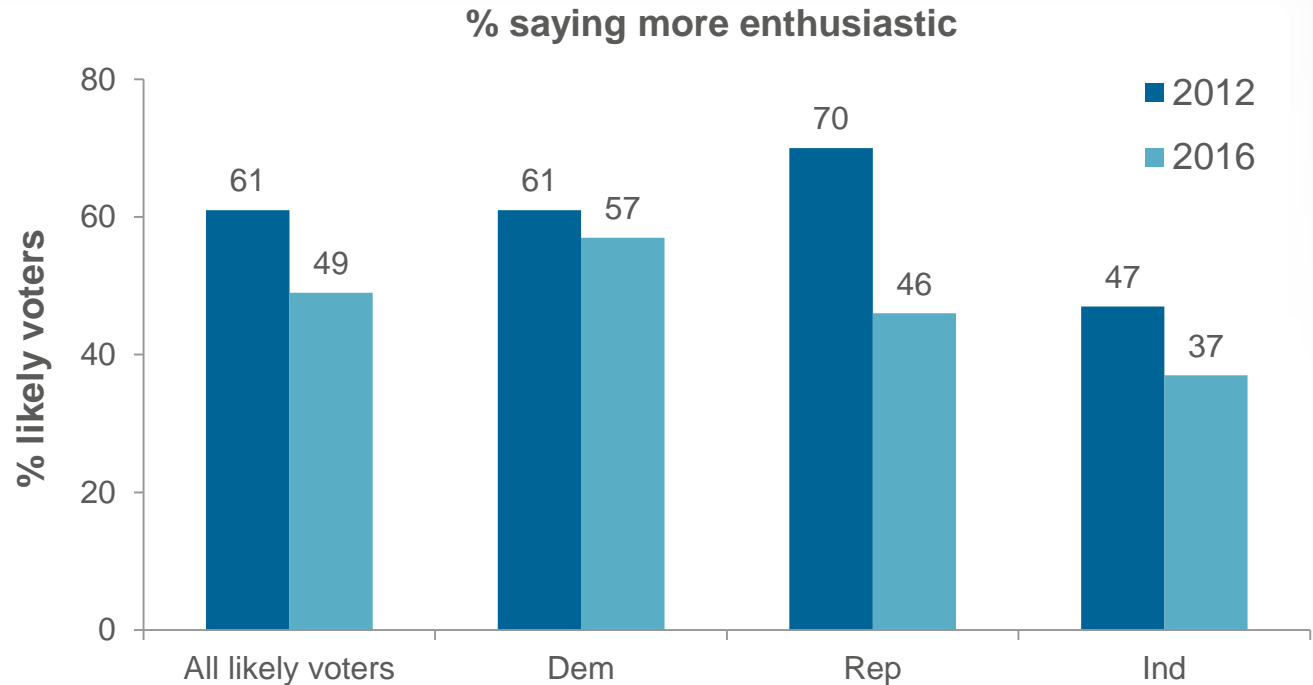
Satisfaction with presidential candidates

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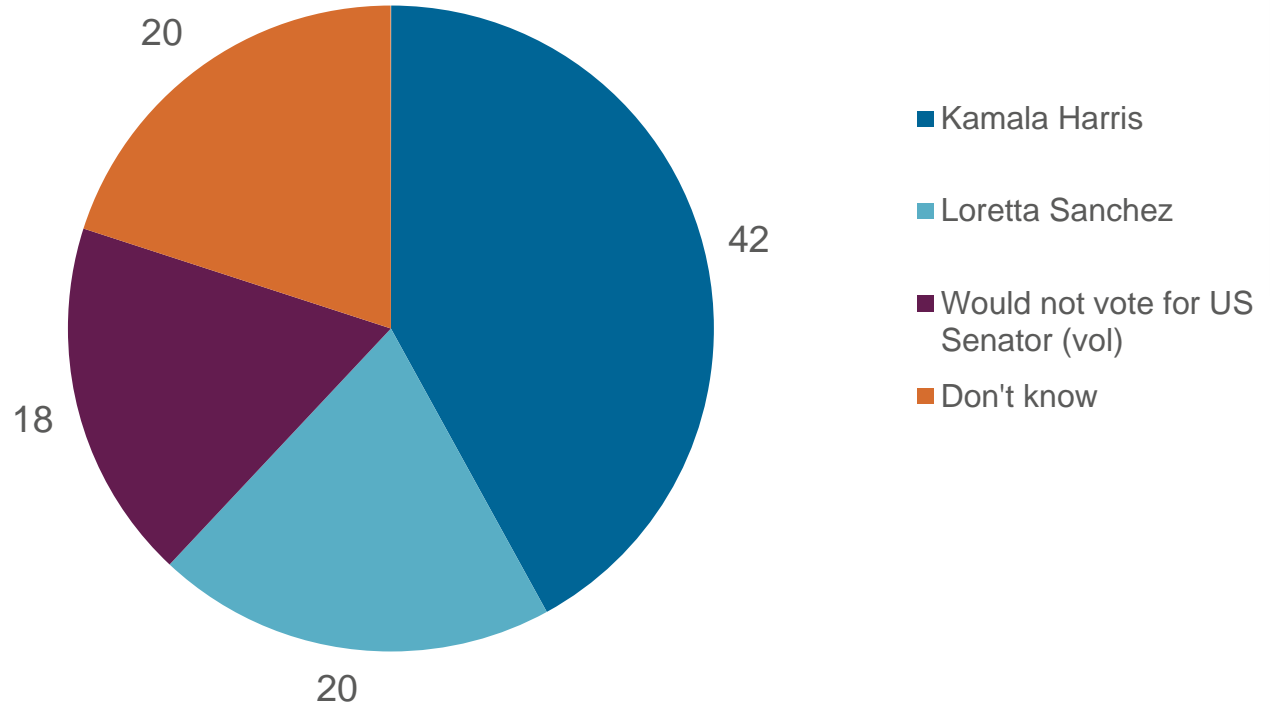
Enthusiasm about voting

Thinking about the presidential election that will be held this November, are you more enthusiastic about voting than usual or less enthusiastic?



US Senate election preferences

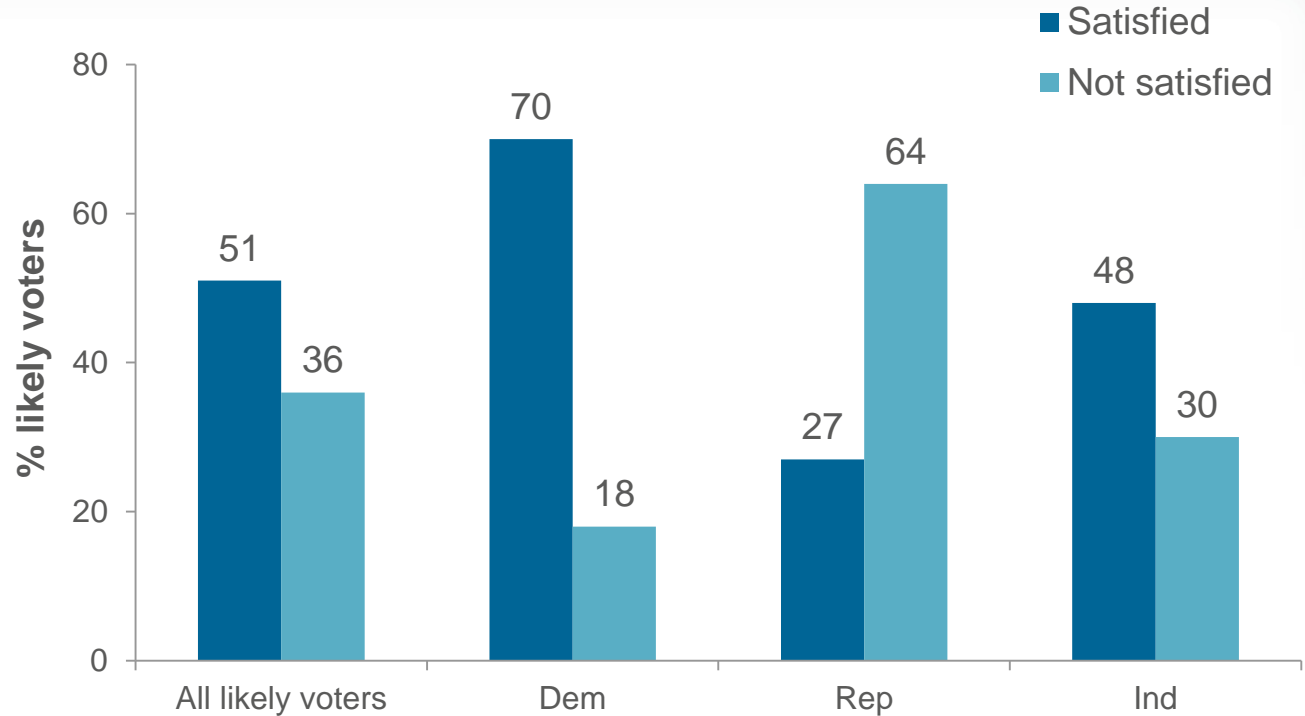
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% likely voters

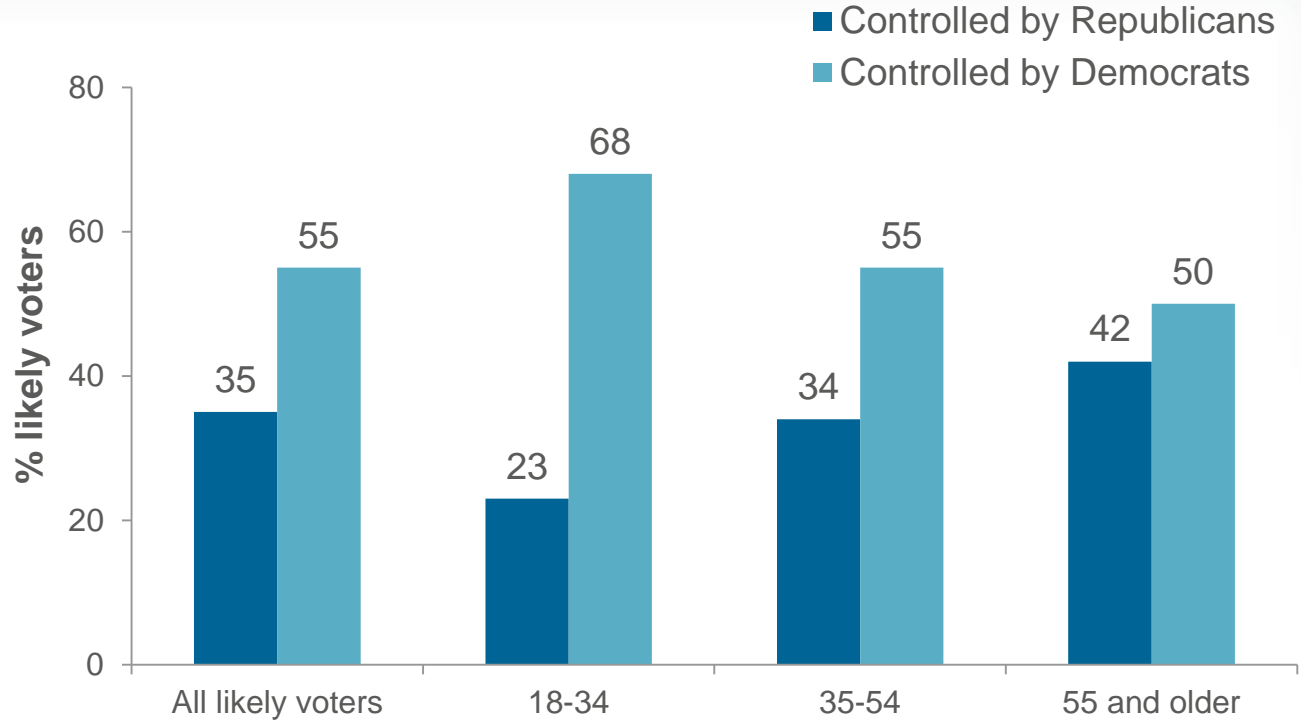
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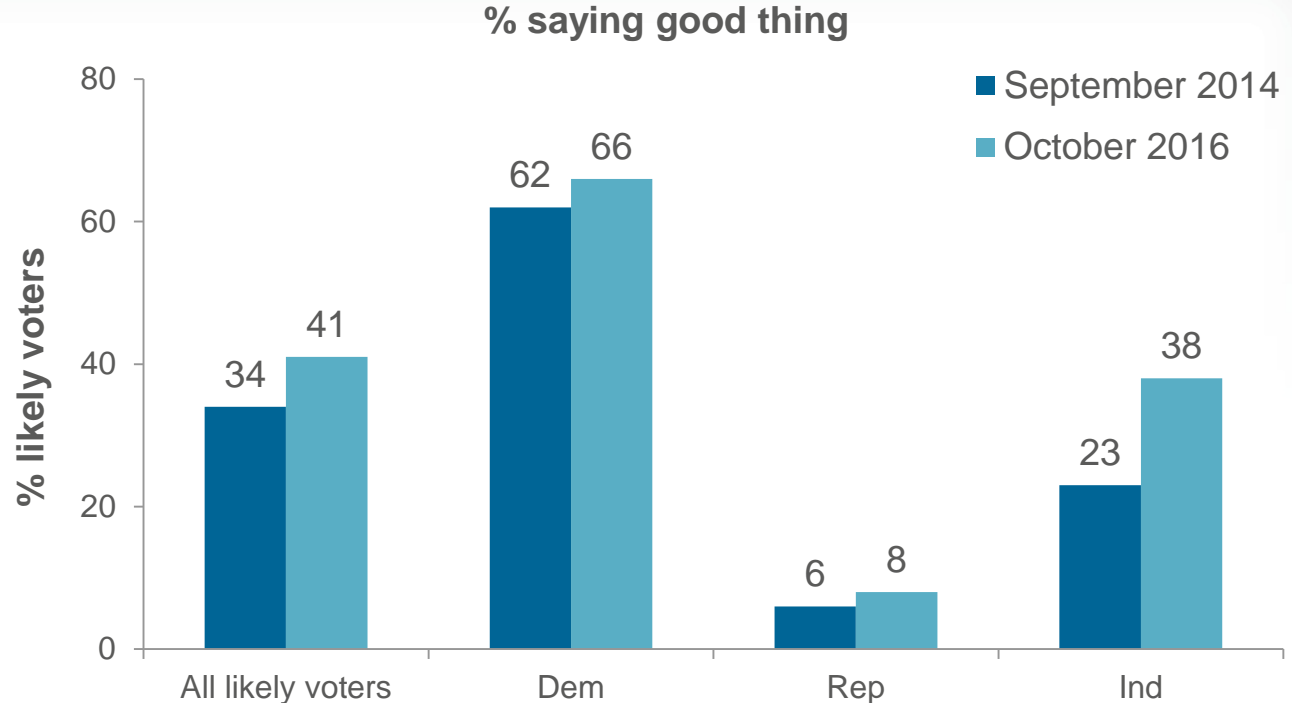
Control of the US Congress

What is your preference for the outcome of this year's congressional elections: a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

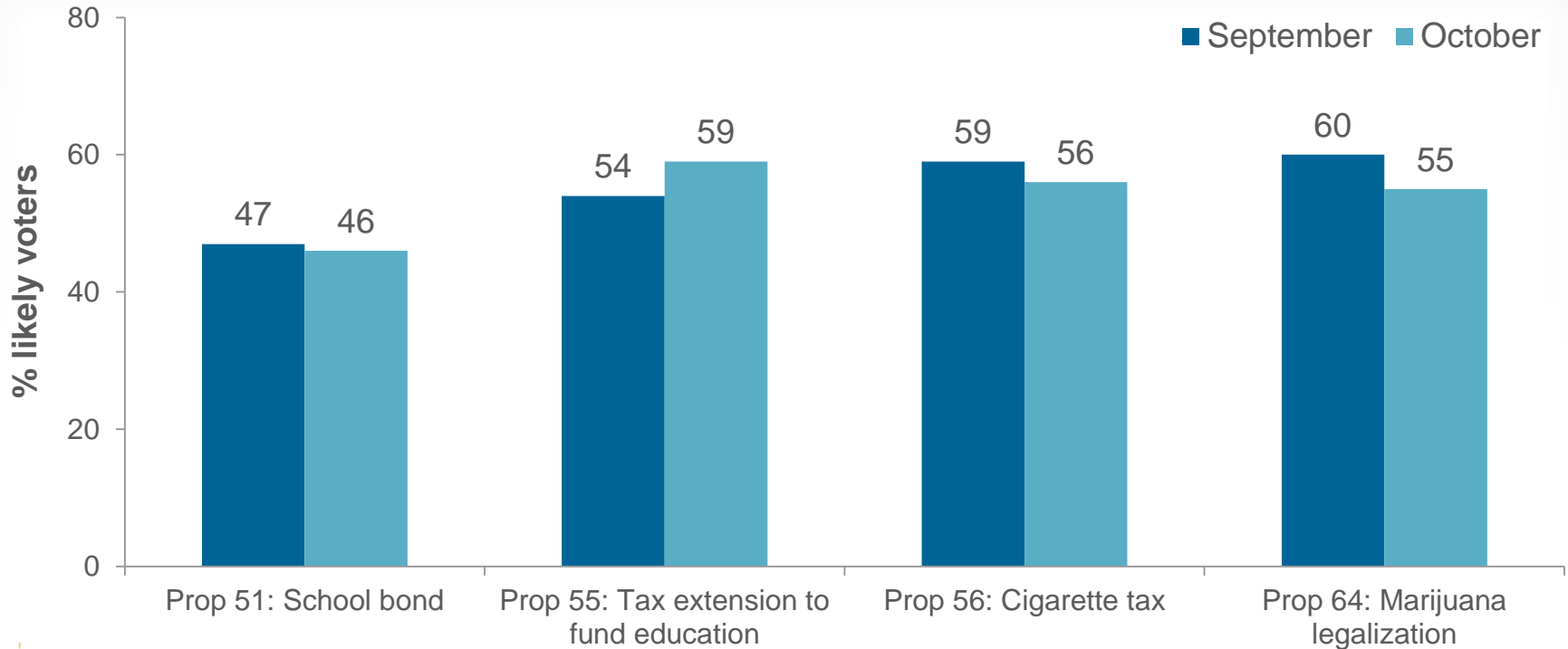


Supermajority in the California Legislature

If the Democrats in the state legislature gained a two-thirds majority as a result of the November 2016 election, do you think that this would be a good thing or a bad thing for California, or does it make no difference?

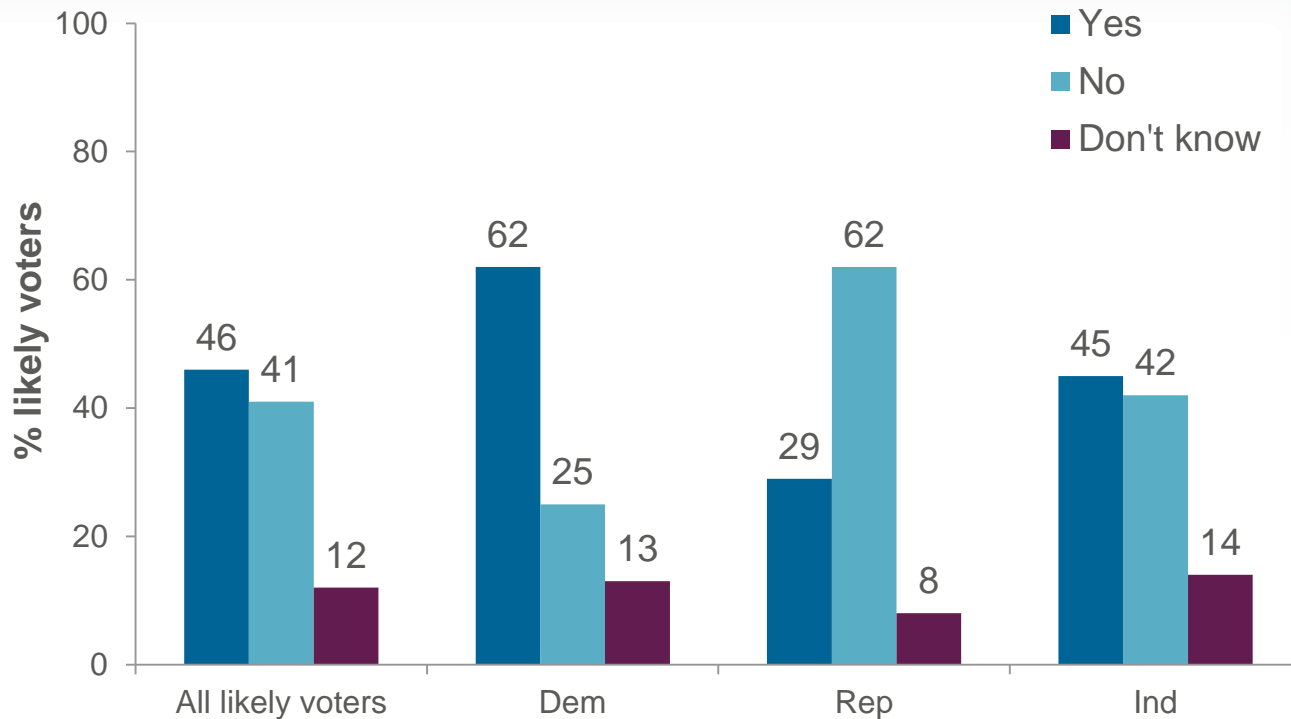


Support for four ballot propositions



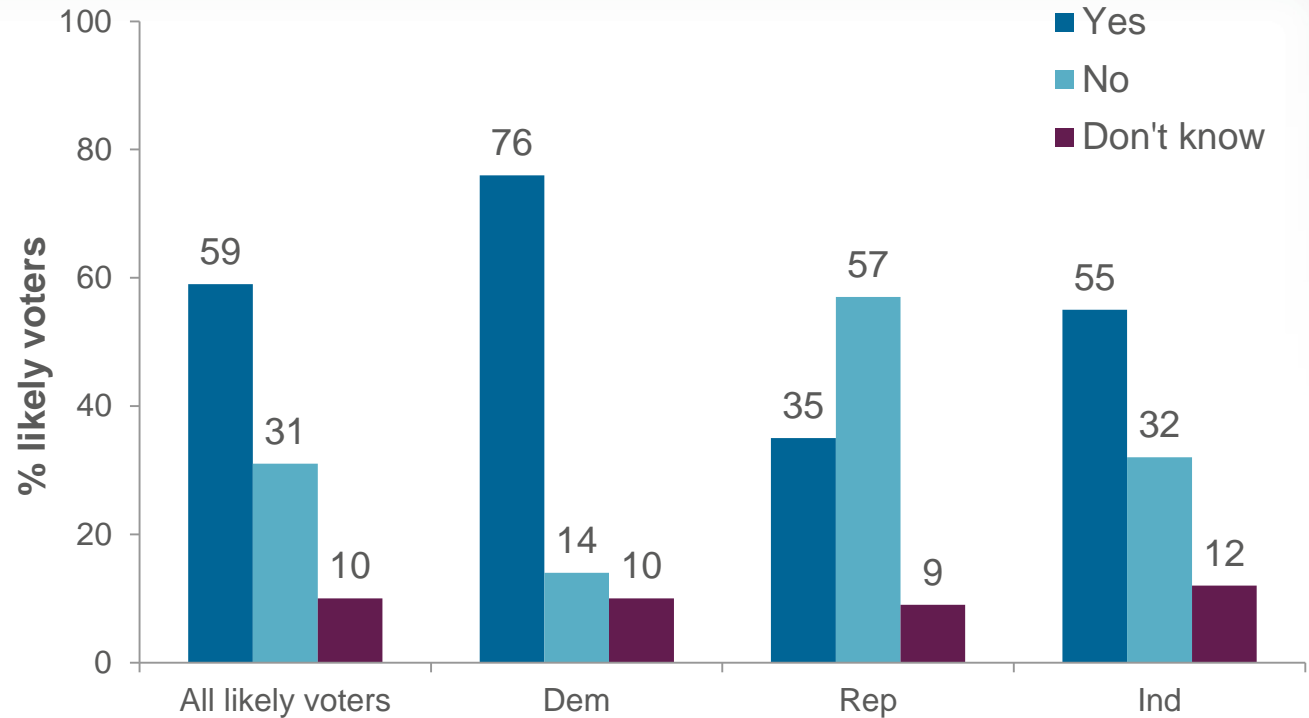
Proposition 51: School bonds

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?



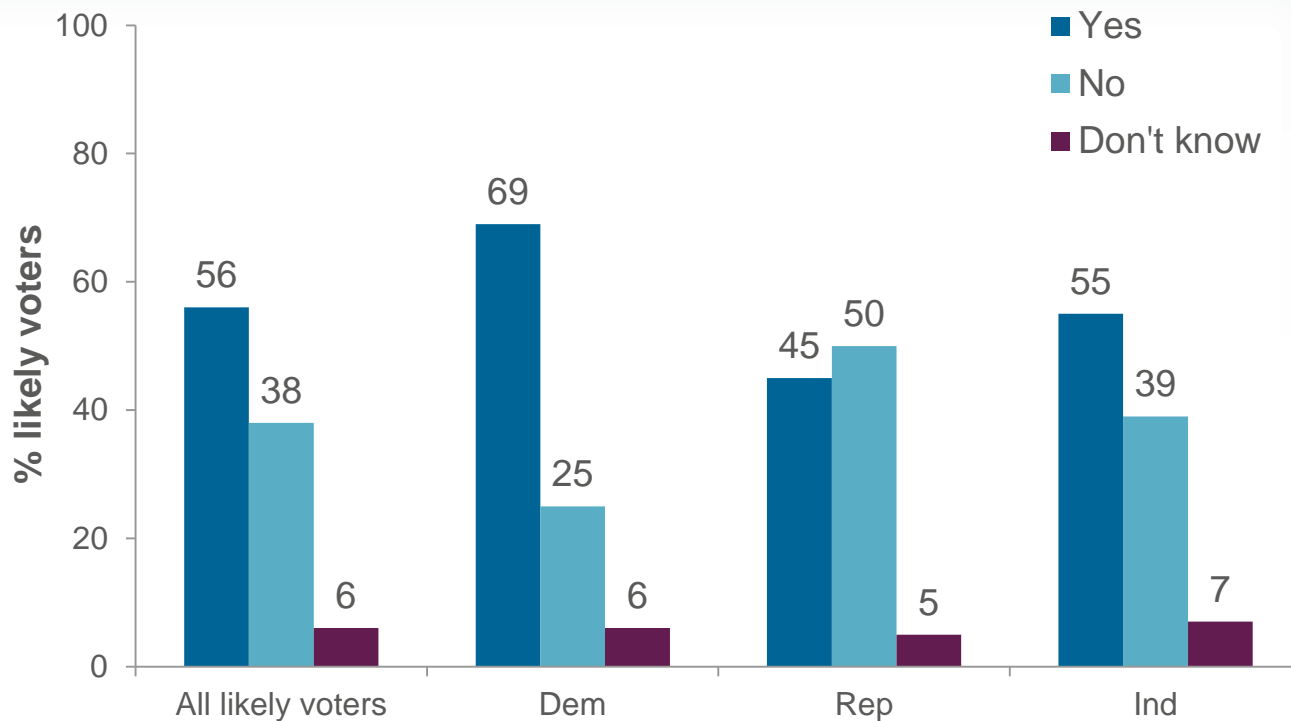
Proposition 55: Tax extension on high incomes

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?



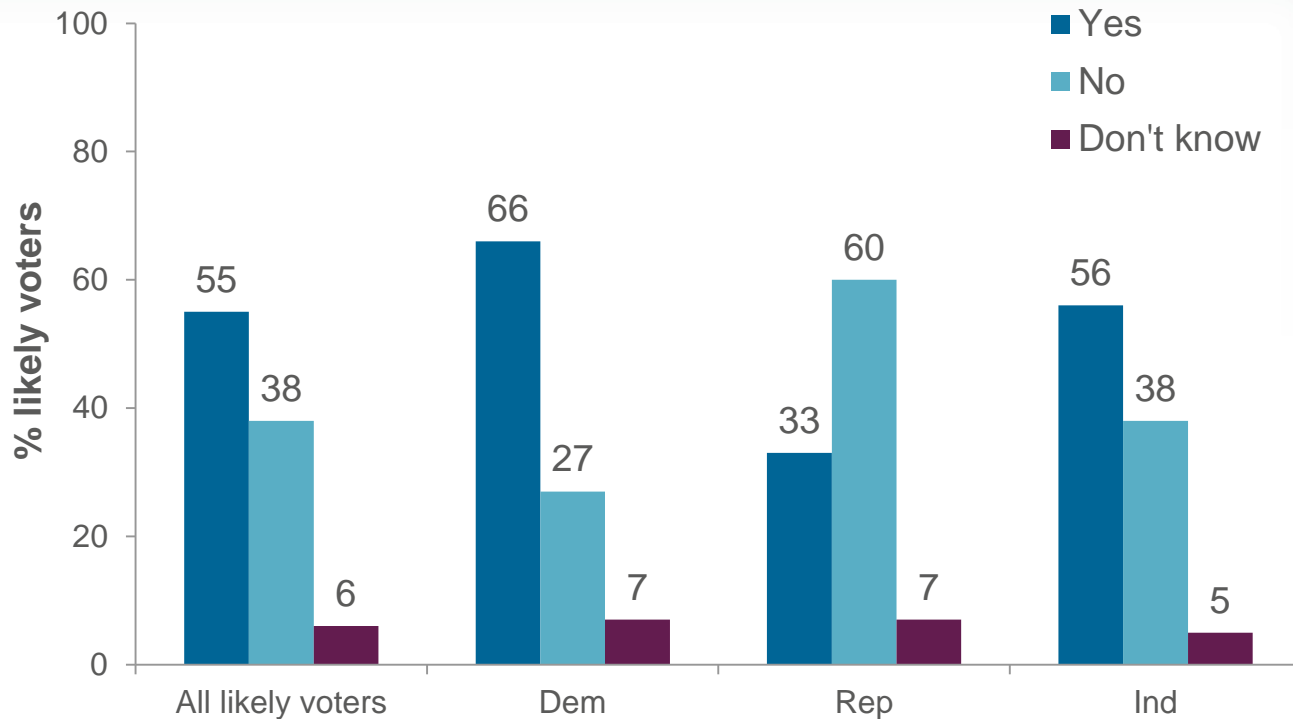
Proposition 56: Cigarette tax increase

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

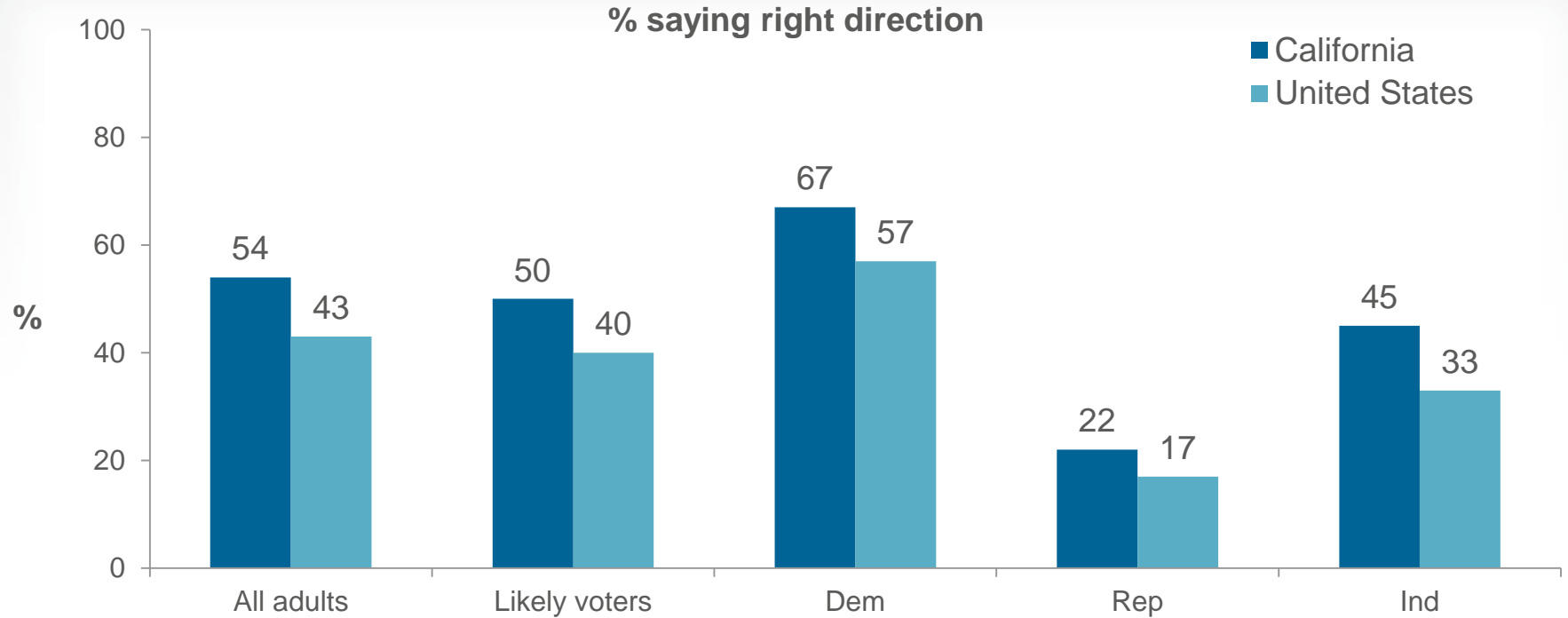
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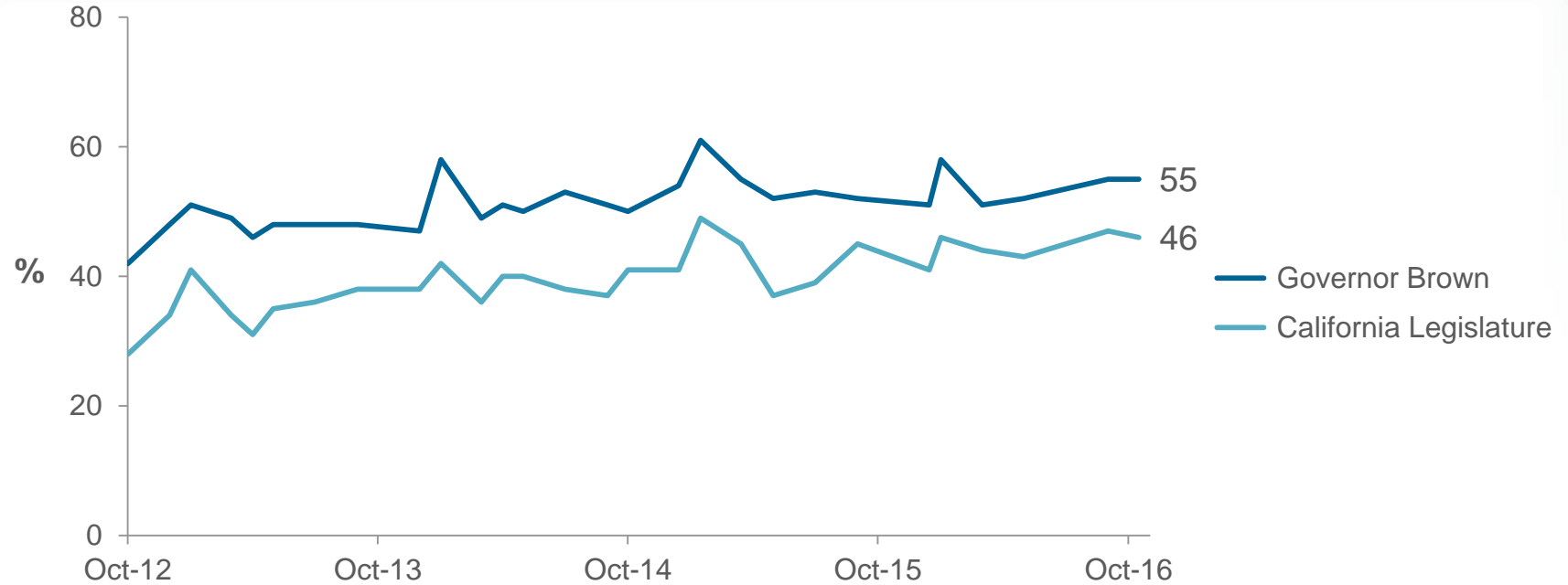
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Outlook for California and the nation

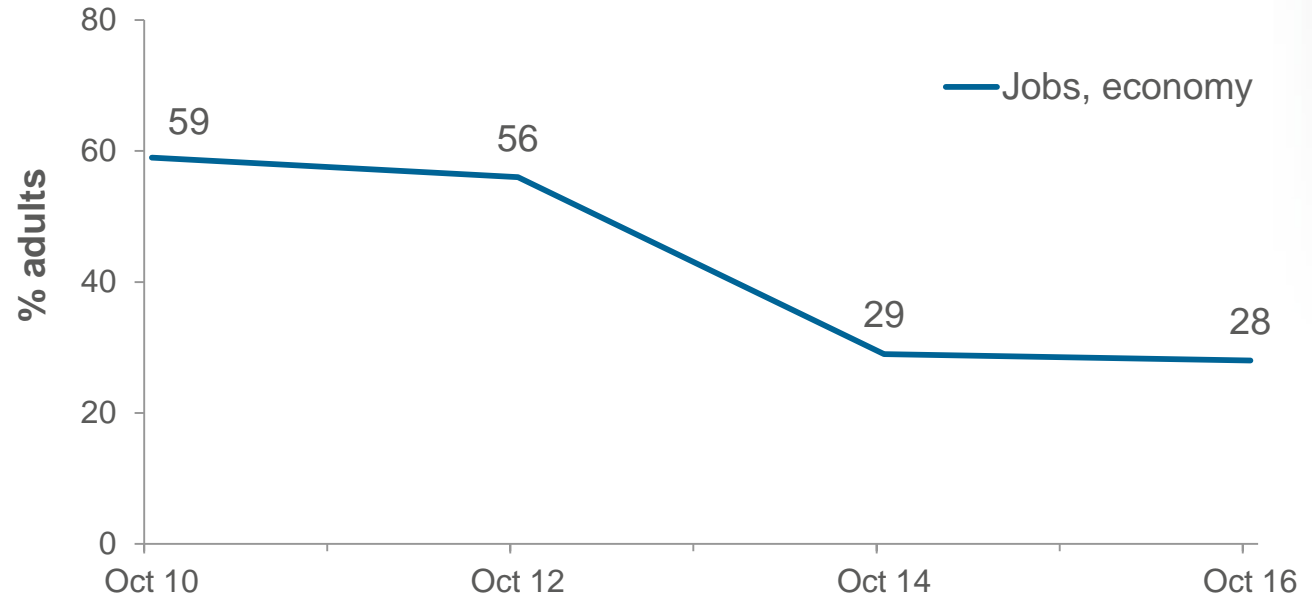


Approval of state elected officials

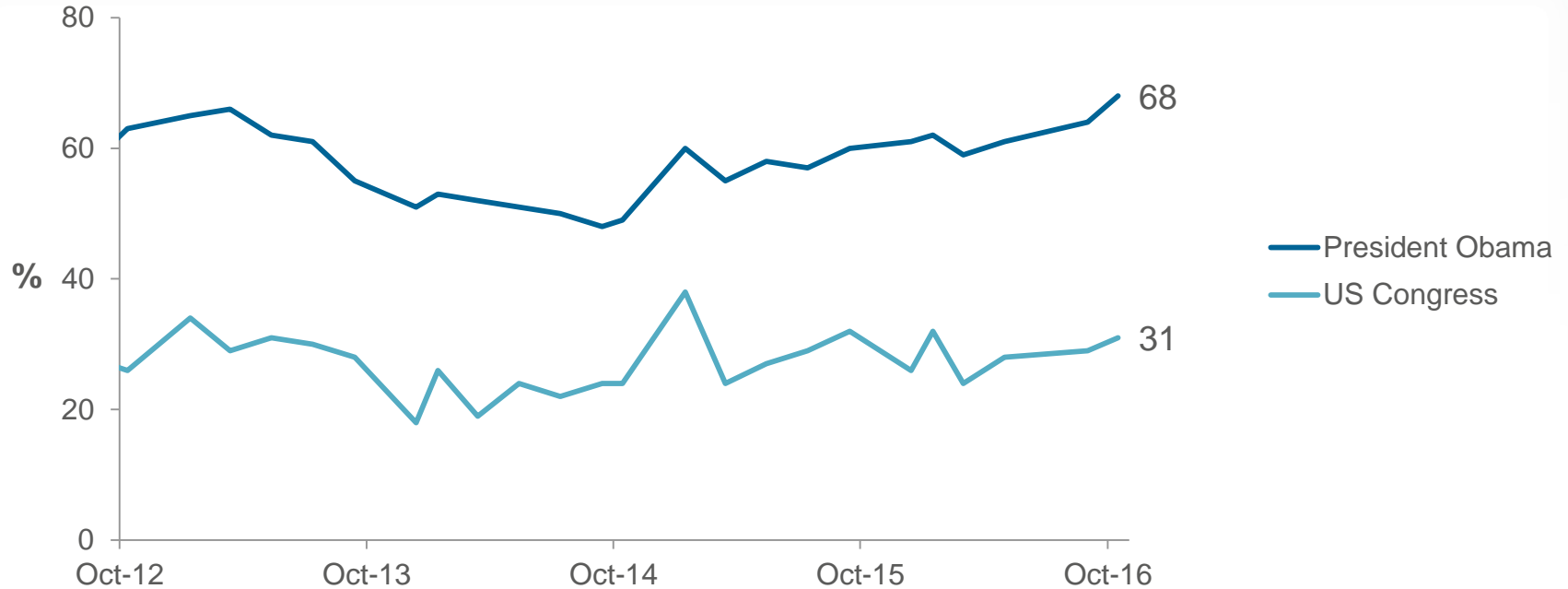


Most important issue facing California

Thinking about the state as a whole, what do you think is the most important issue facing people in California today?

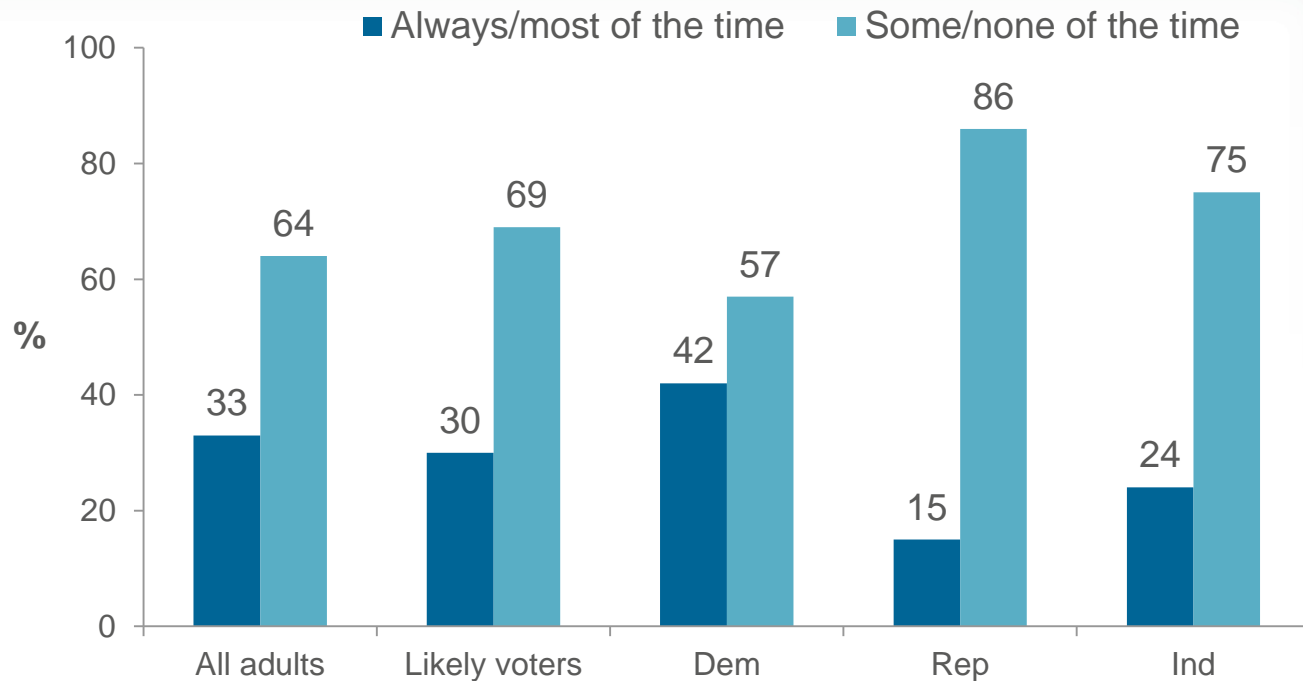


Approval of federal elected officials



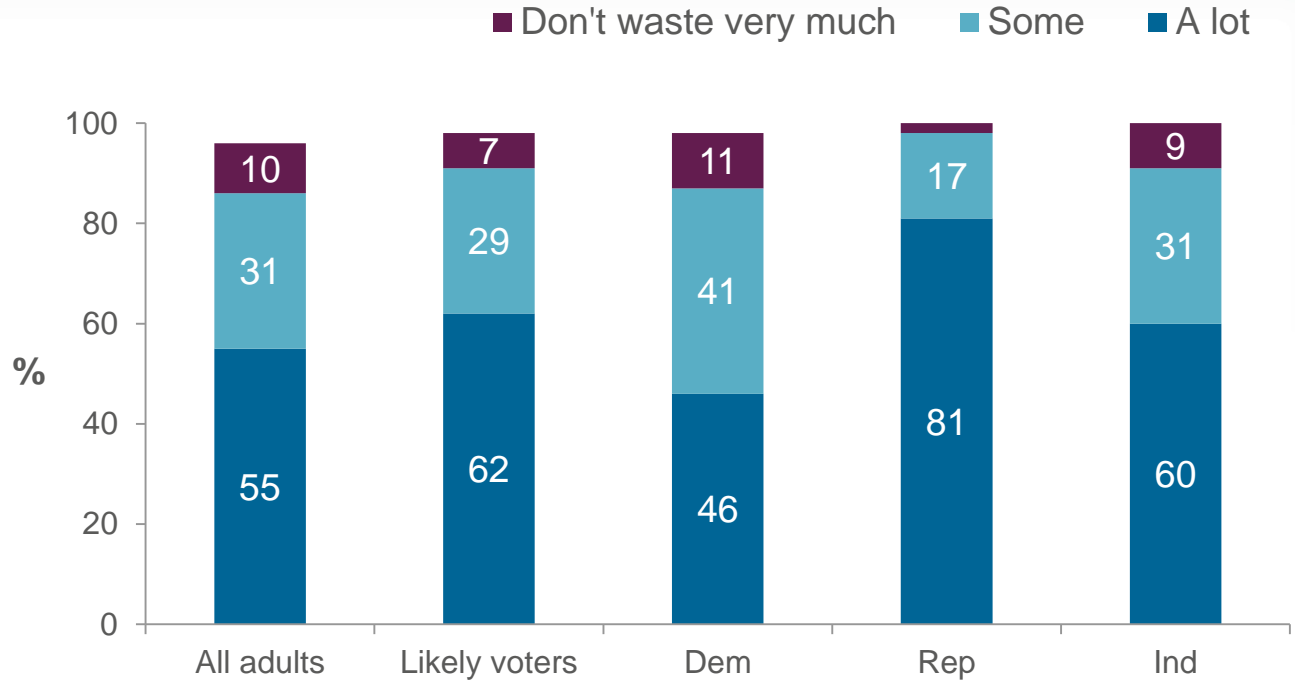
Trust in federal government

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?



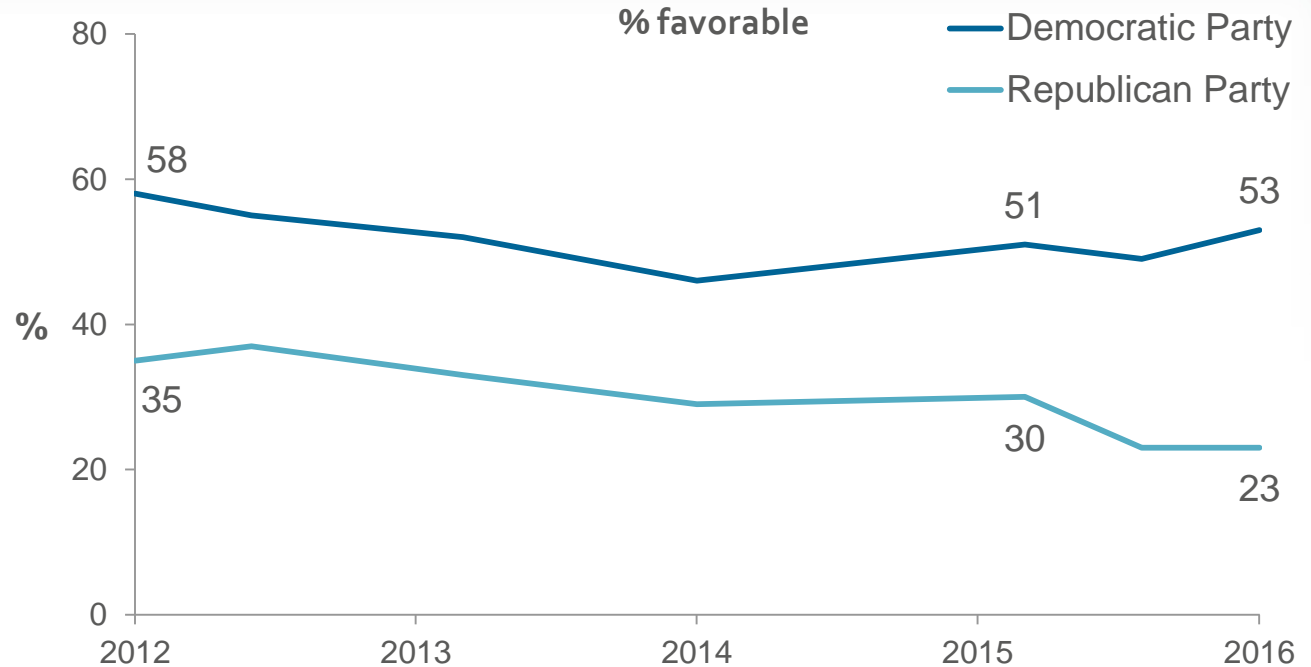
Federal government waste

Do you think the people in the federal government waste a lot of the money we pay in taxes, waste some of it, or don't waste very much of it?



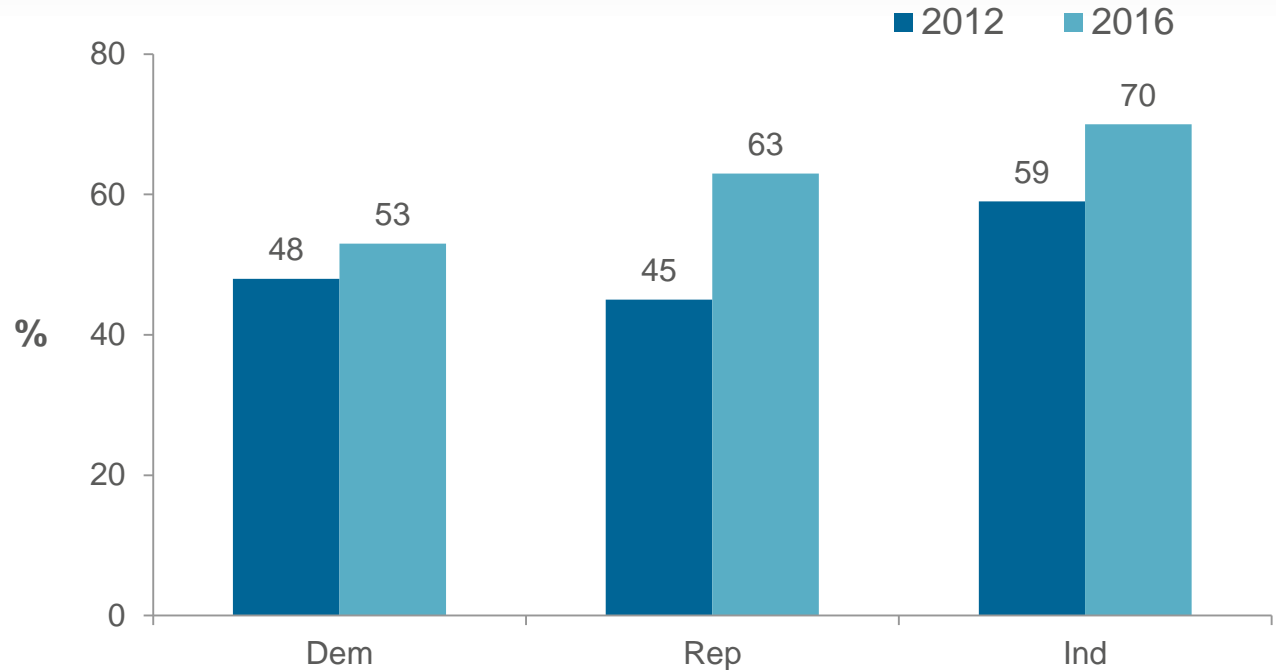
Favorability of political parties

Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of the...?



Third major party

In your view, do the Republican and Democratic Parties do an adequate job representing the American people, or do they do such a poor job that a third major party is needed?



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Conclusions

- Hillary Clinton has widened her lead over Donald Trump; enthusiasm about voting for president varies across parties.
- Kamala Harris leads Loretta Sanchez by 22 points; half of Republicans say they are undecided or will not vote for US senator.
- Support for the Prop 51 school bond has not reached a majority, but majority support has held for three other ballot propositions.
- Most likely voters prefer Democratic control of Congress; a plurality say a two-thirds Democratic majority in the state legislature would be a good thing.
- Favorable opinions have held steady for the Democratic Party but declined for the Republican Party this year. Most say that a third major party is needed.

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