

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
 - 304,000+ Californians since 1998
 - 140+ general, issue, and regional surveys



Californians and Their Government

- General series funded by The James Irvine Foundation
- November election
 - Gubernatorial race
 - Propositions 1, 2, 45, and 47
- State and national issues
 - Approval ratings, overall mood
 - State budget, drought, public safety
- Telephone interviews, October 12 to 19
 - 1,704 adults, $\pm 3.5\%$ margin of error
 - 976 likely voters, $\pm 4.6\%$ margin of error



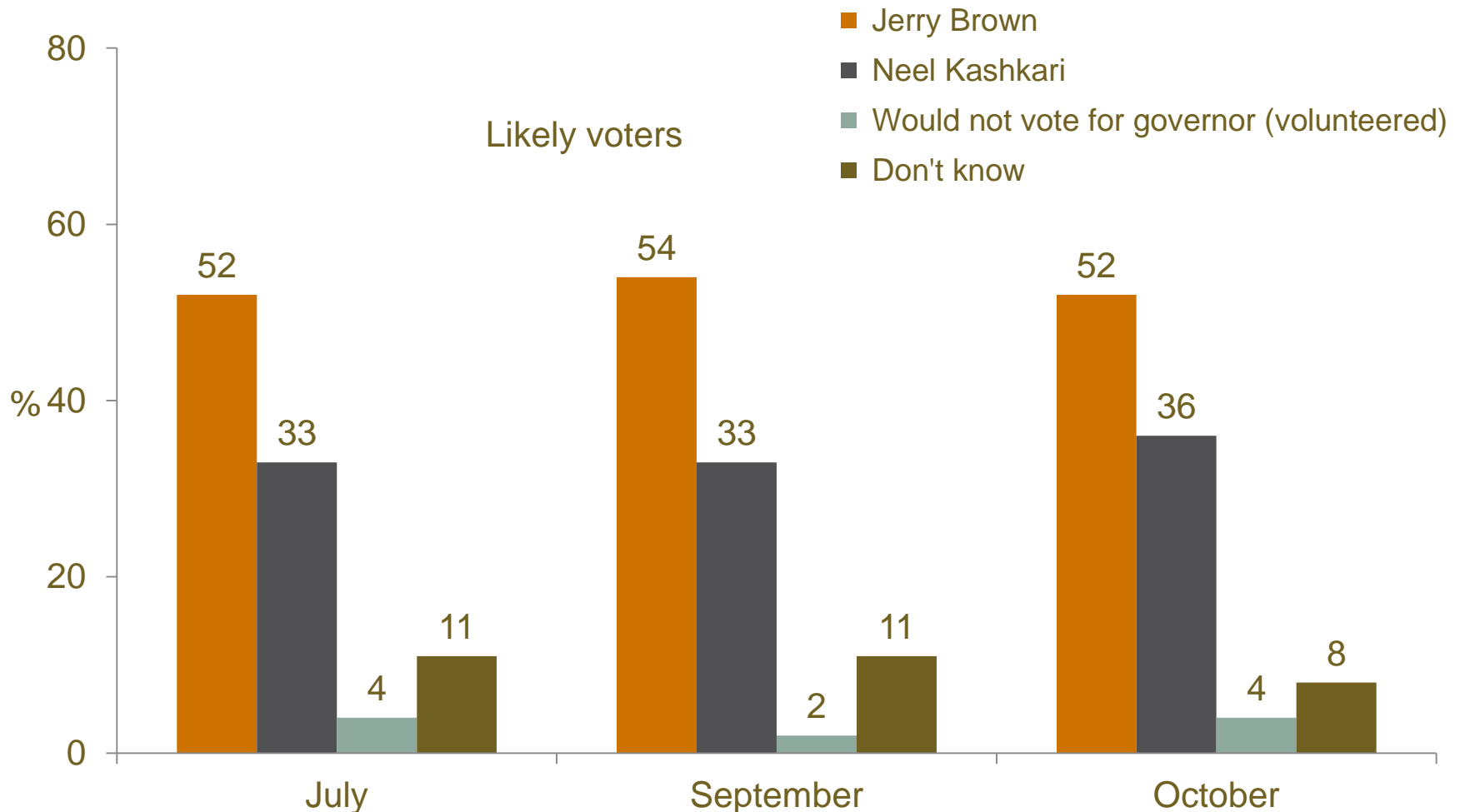
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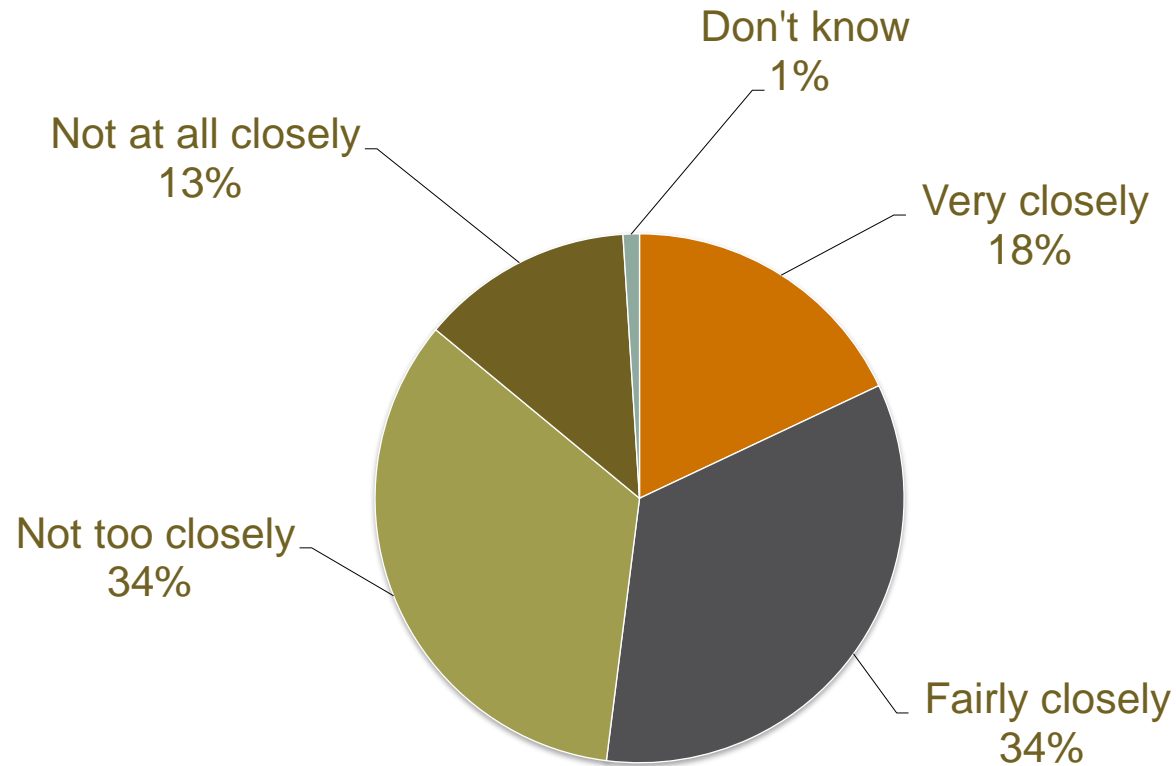
Gubernatorial election

If the November 4 election for governor were being held today, would you vote for Jerry Brown, a Democrat, or Neel Kashkari, a Republican?



Attention to governor's race

How closely are you following news about candidates for the 2014 governor's election—very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

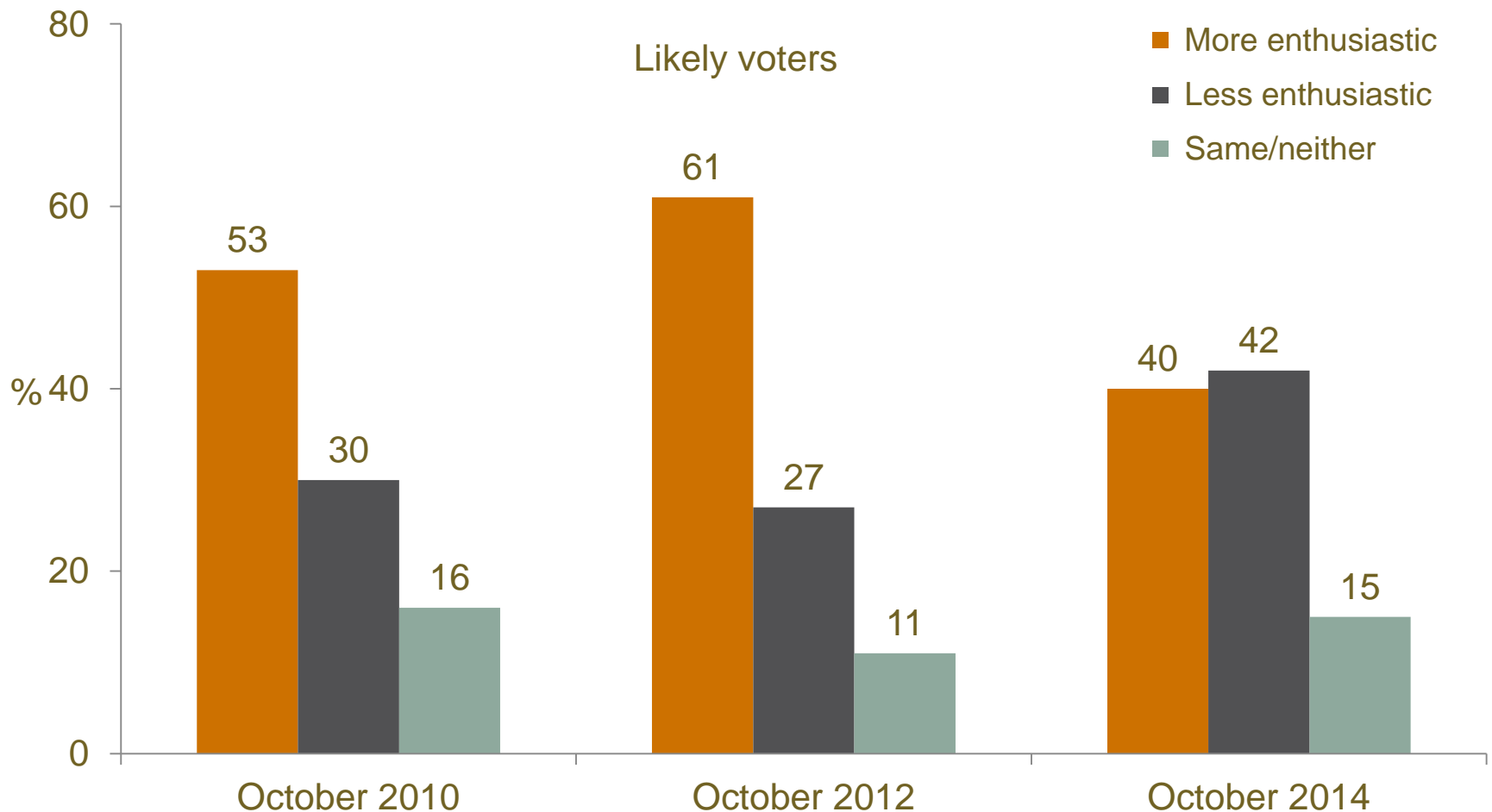


Likely voters



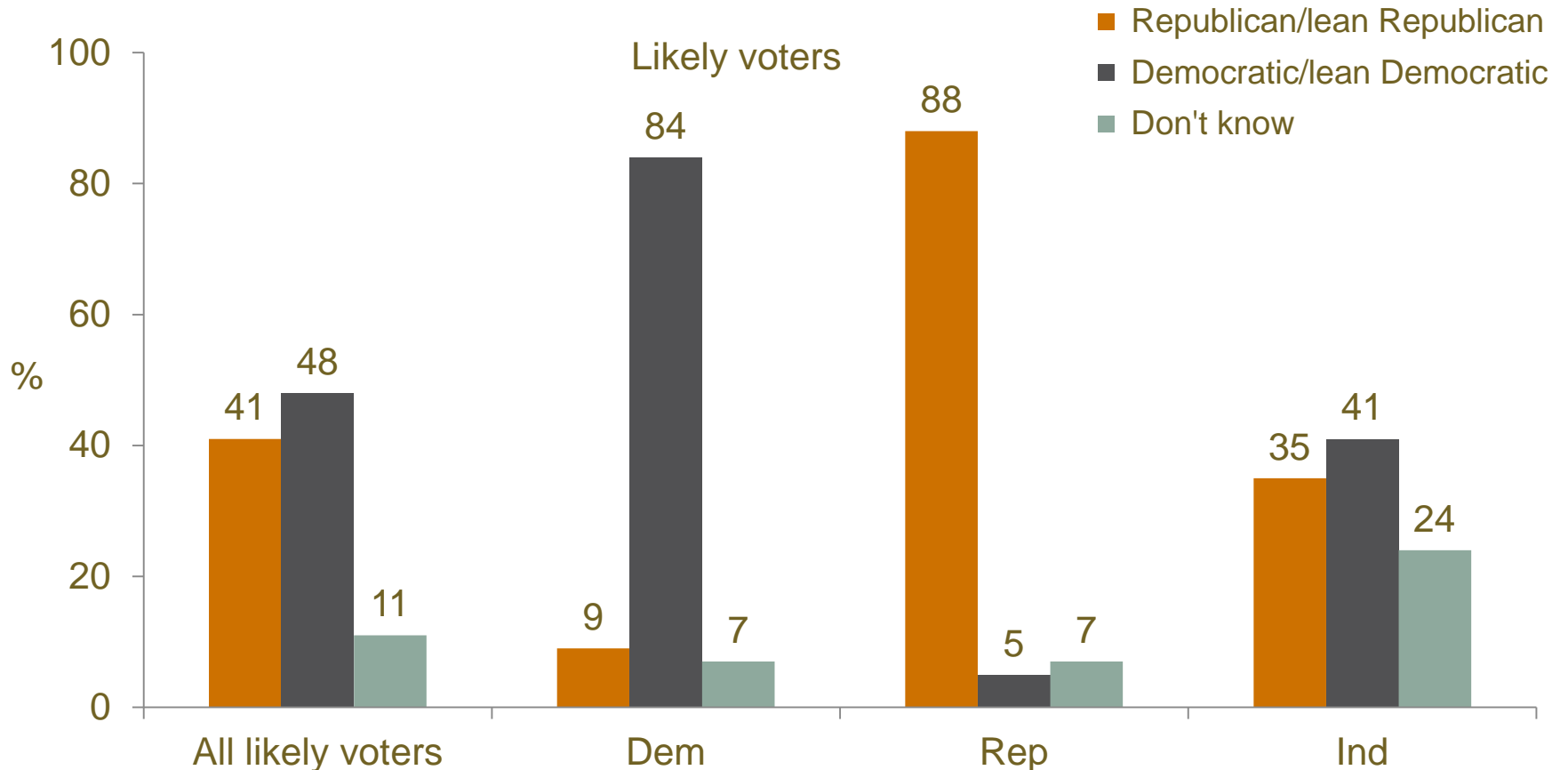
Voter enthusiasm

Thinking about the November 4 election, are you more enthusiastic about voting than usual, or less enthusiastic?



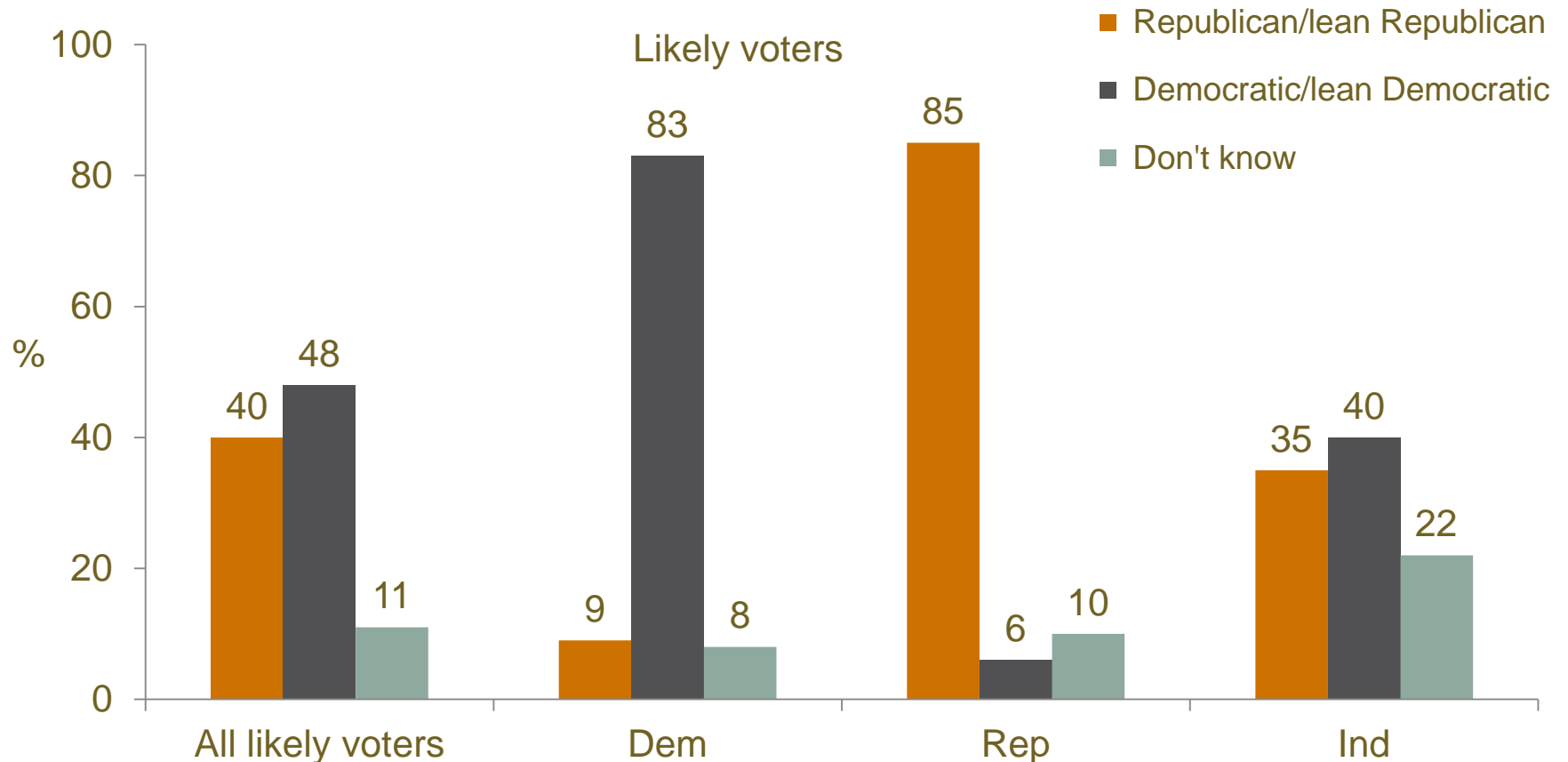
U.S. House of Representative race

If the 2014 election for U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district?

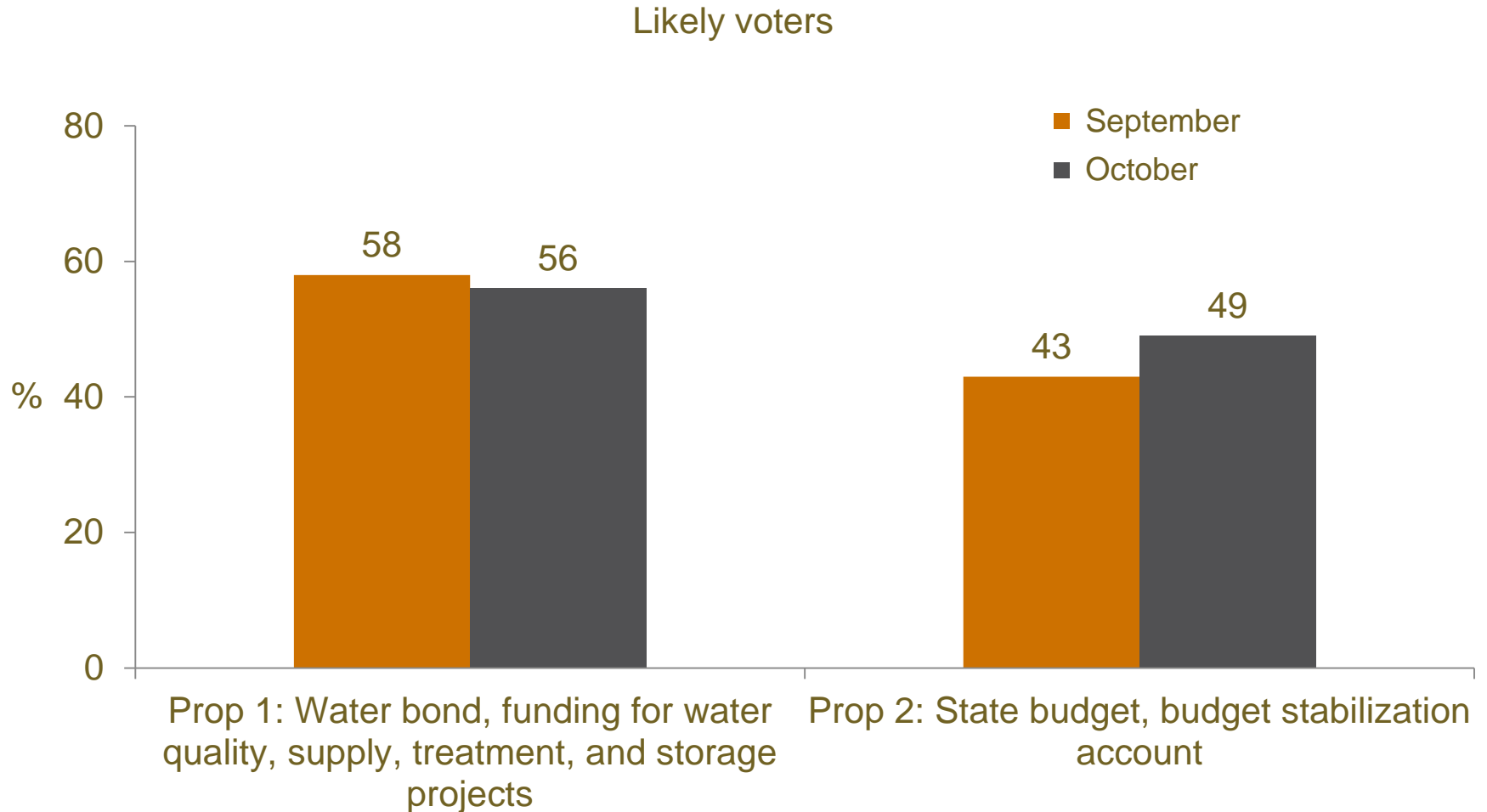


California Assembly race

If the 2014 election for the California State Assembly were being held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district?



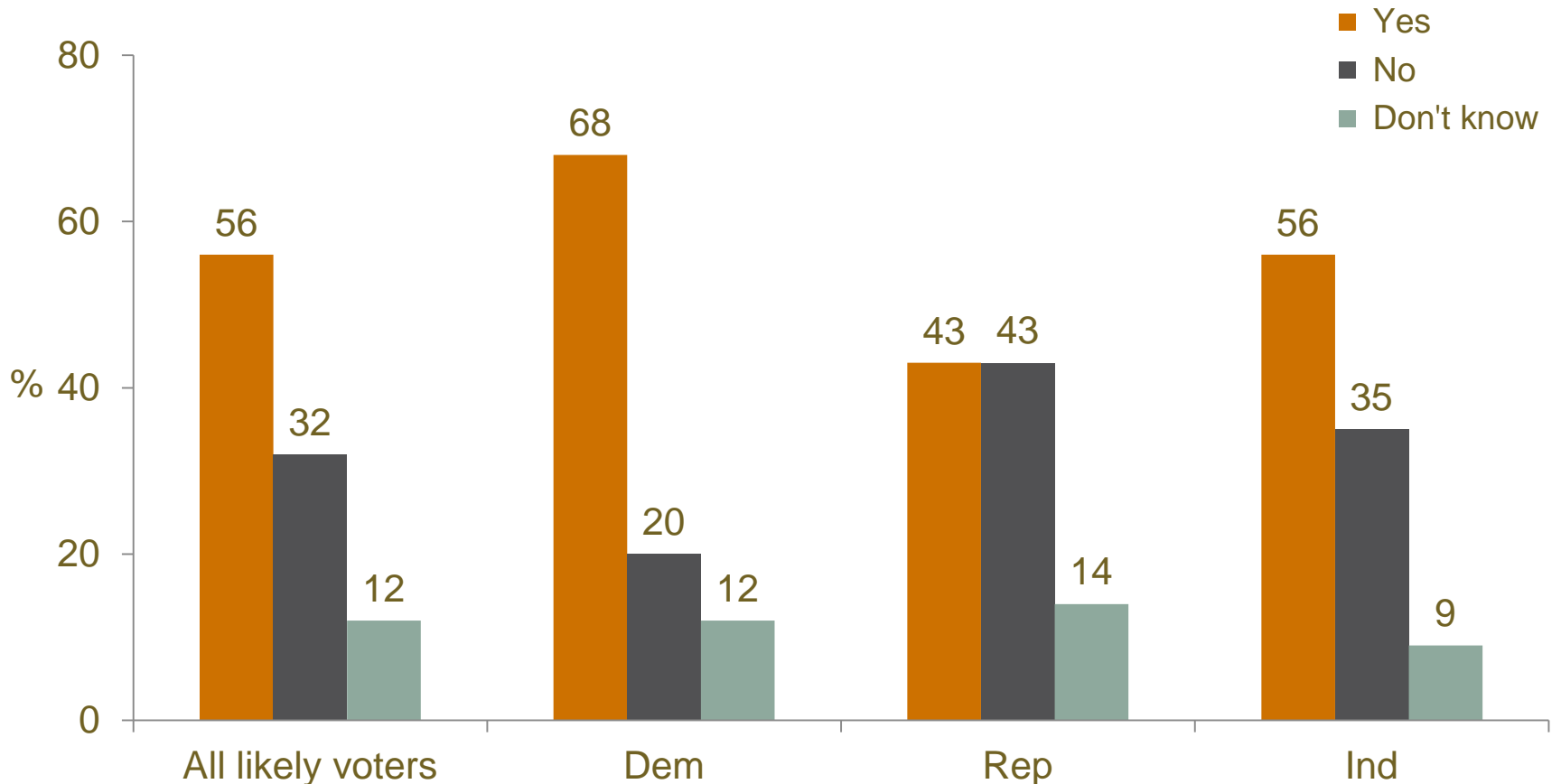
Support for Propositions 1 and 2



Partisan support for water bond

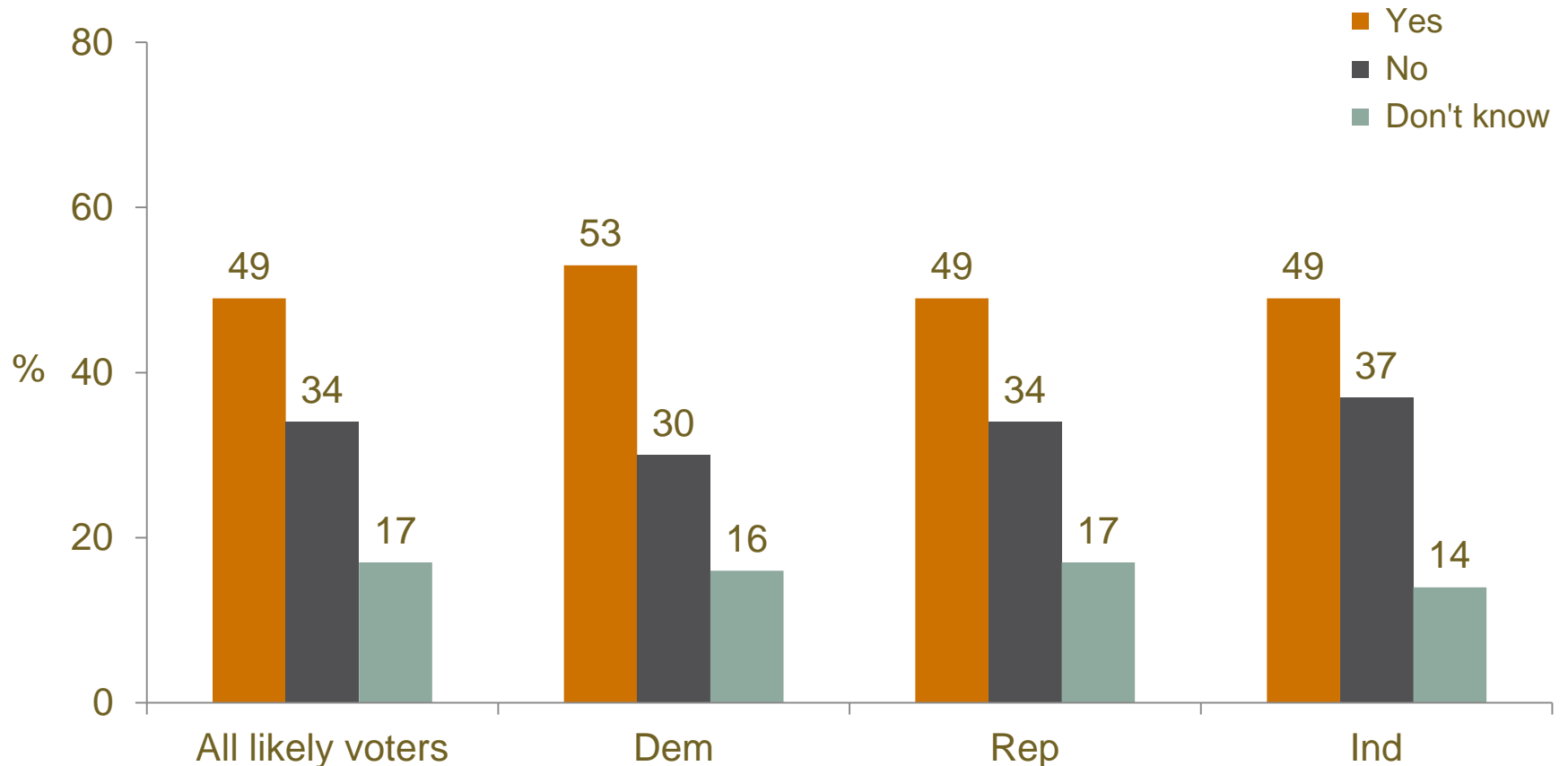
Proposition 1 is called the “Water Bond. Funding for Water Quality, Supply, Treatment, and Storage Projects.”

If the election were being held today would you vote yes or no on Proposition 1?

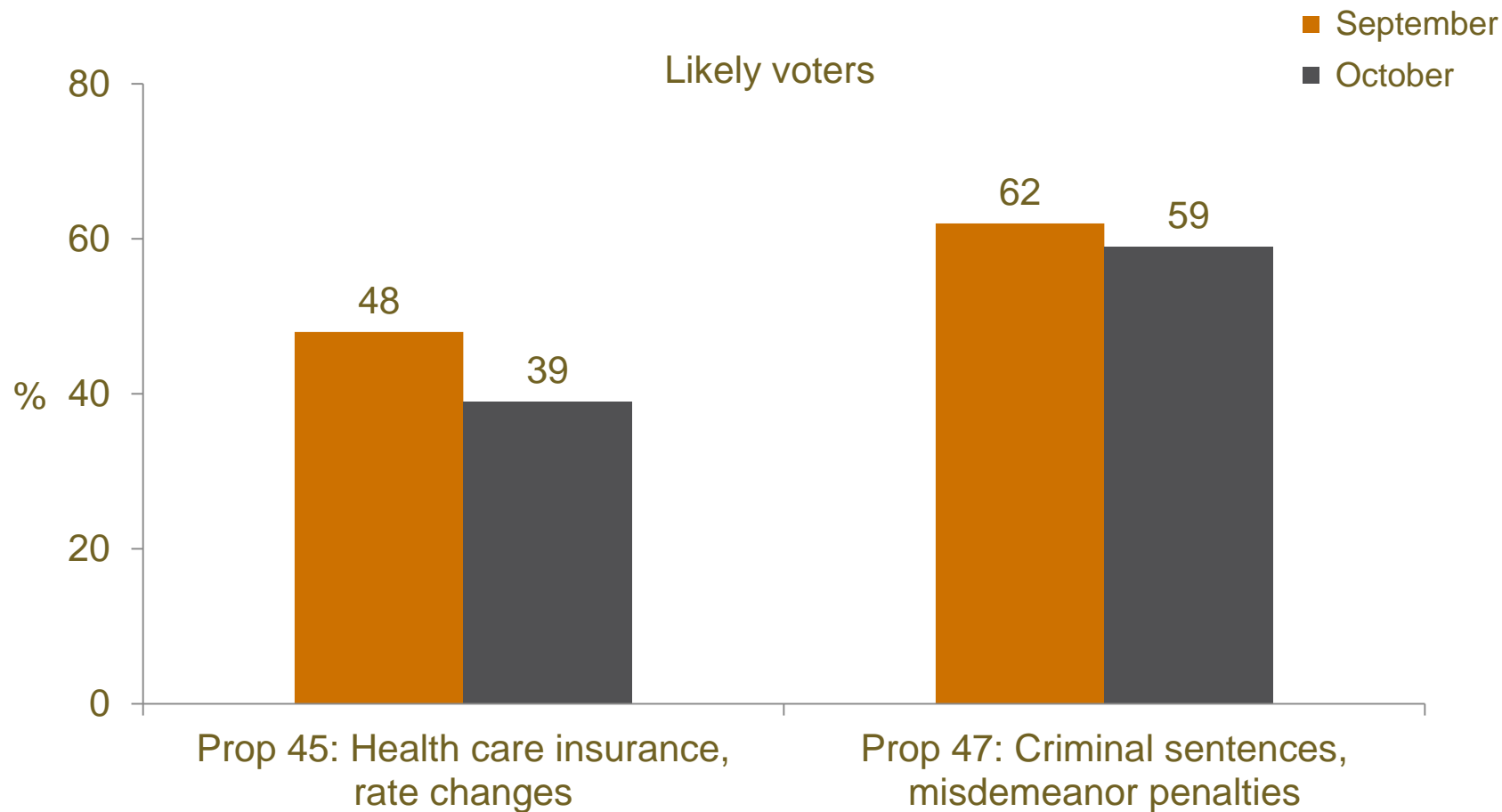


Partisan support for budget stabilization account

Proposition 2 is called the “State Budget. Budget Stabilization Account Legislative Constitutional Amendment.” If the election were being held today would you vote yes or no on Proposition 2?

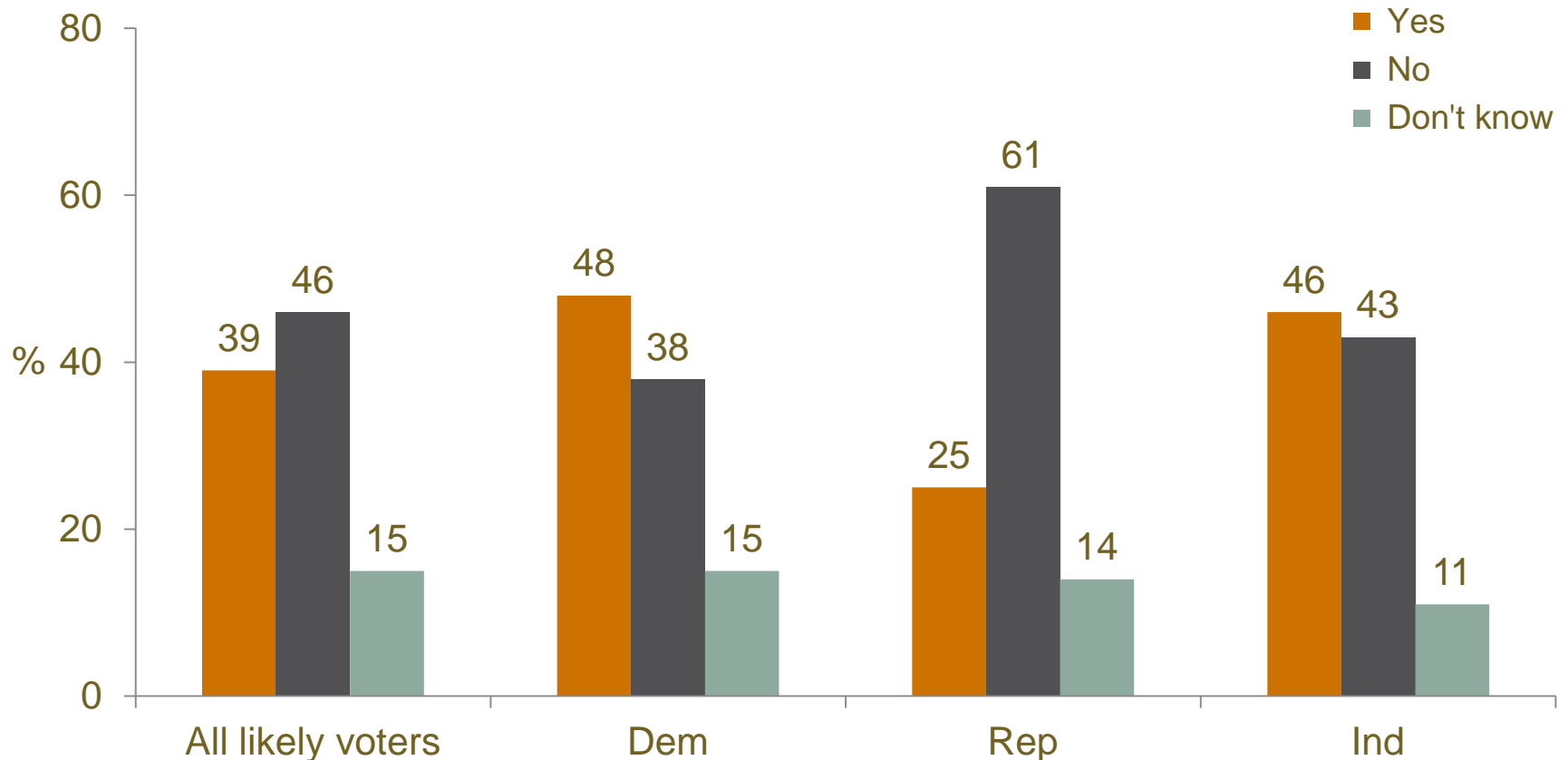


Support for Propositions 45 and 47



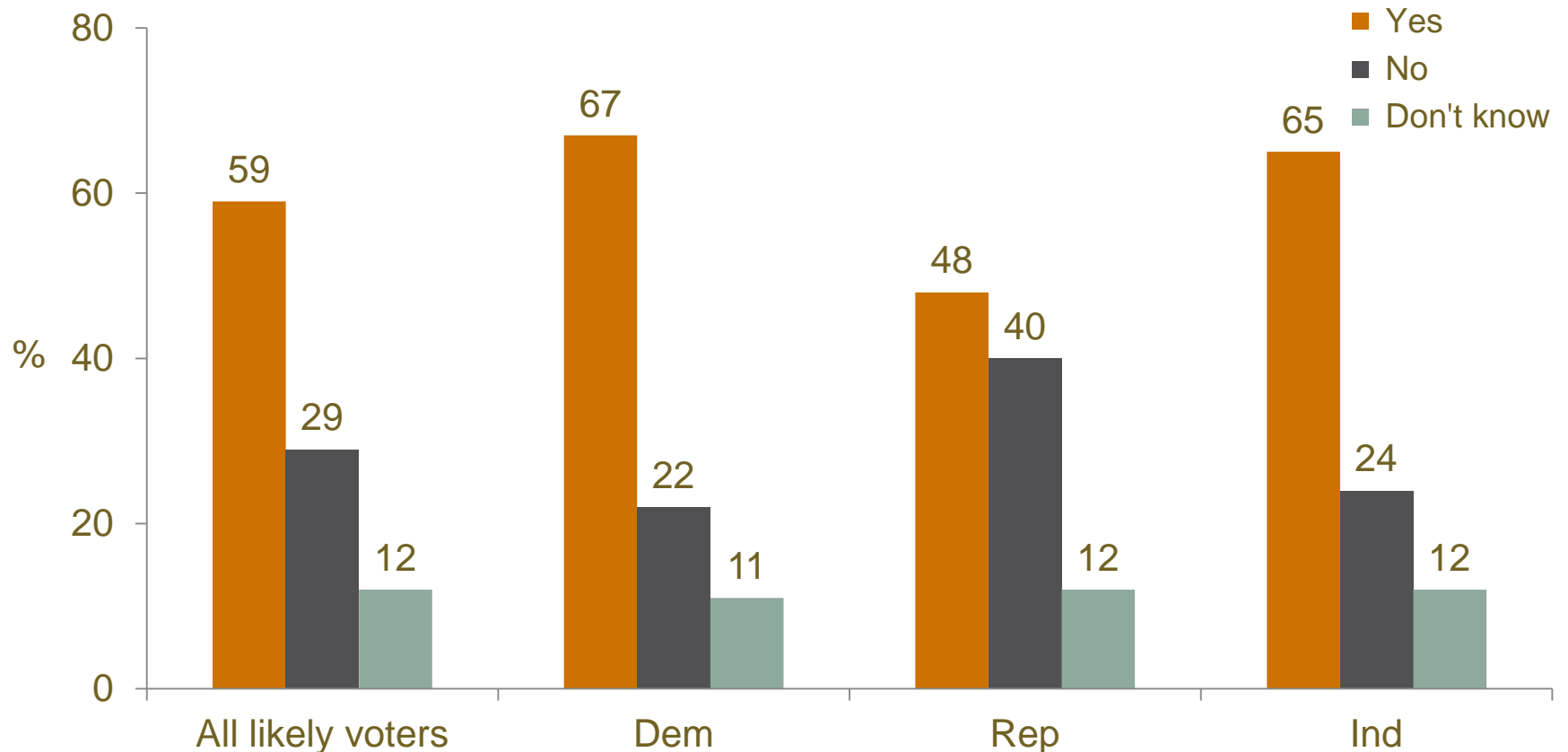
Partisan support for regulating health insurance rate changes

Proposition 45 is called the “Healthcare Insurance. Rate Changes. Initiative Statute.”
If the election were being held today would you vote yes or no on Proposition 45?



Partisan support for sentencing reform

Proposition 47 is called is called the “Criminal Sentences. Misdemeanor Penalties. Initiative Statute.” If the election were being held today would you vote yes or no on Proposition 47?



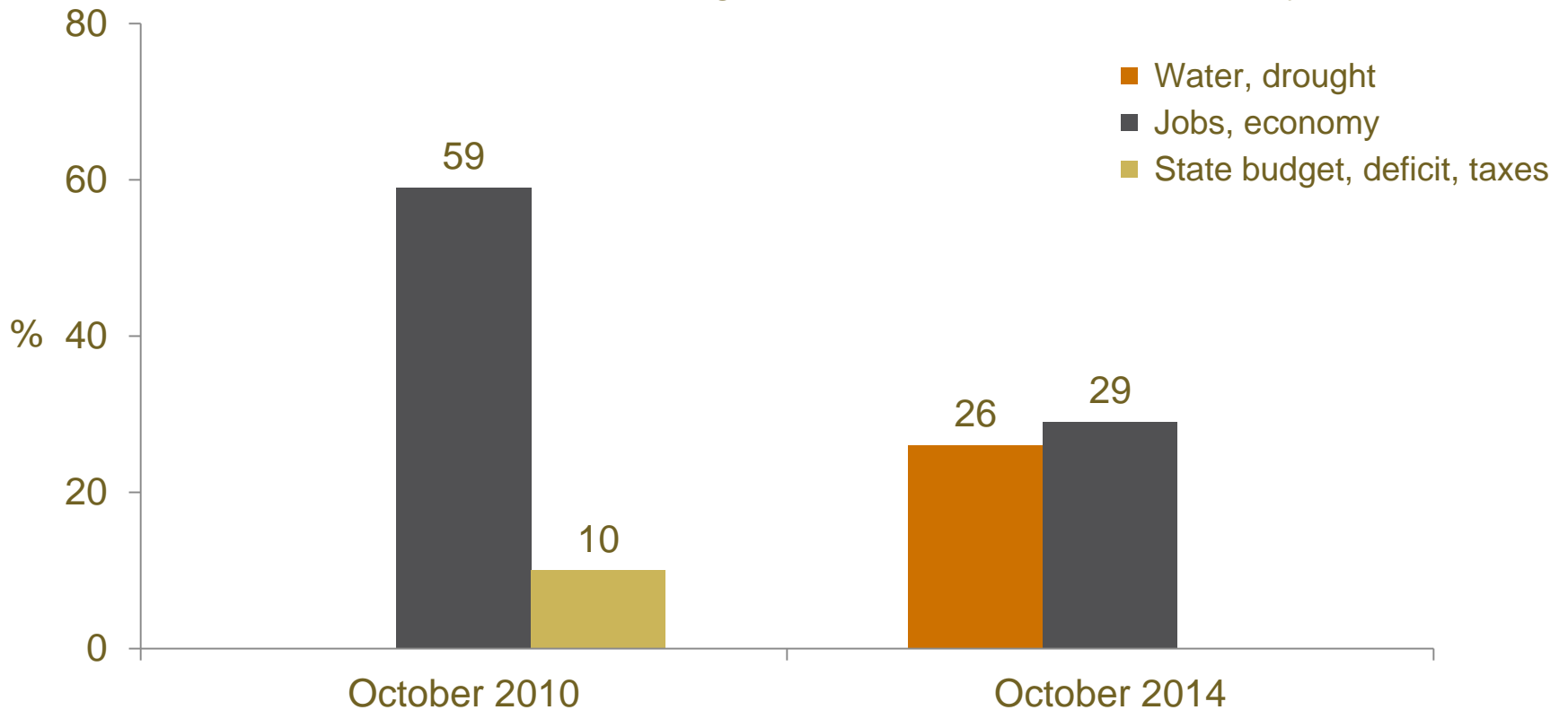
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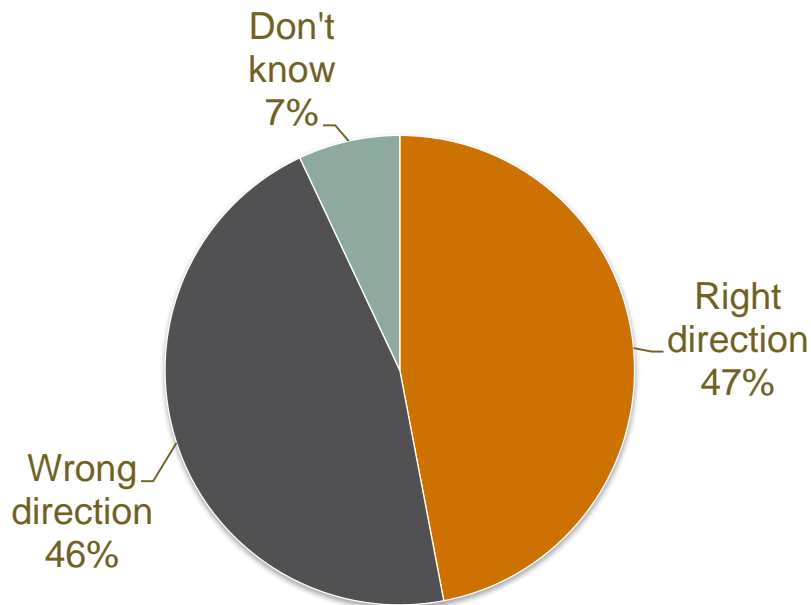
Most important issue

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

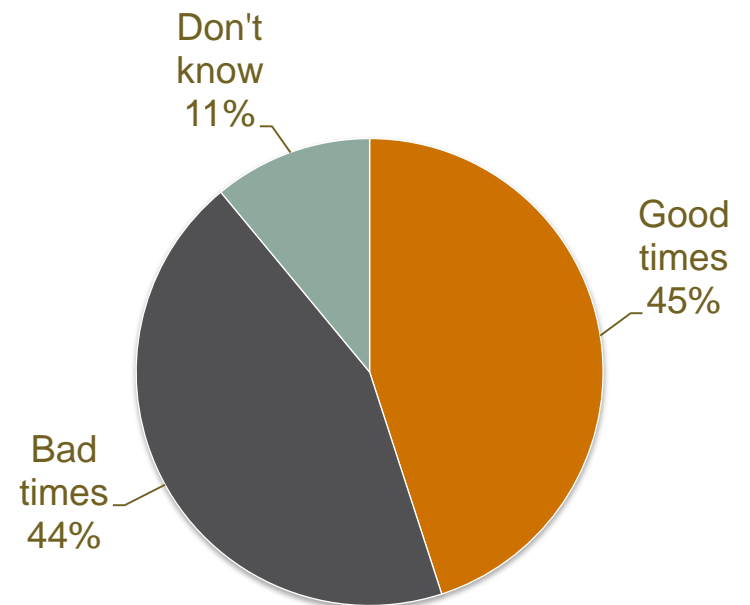


Outlook for the state

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



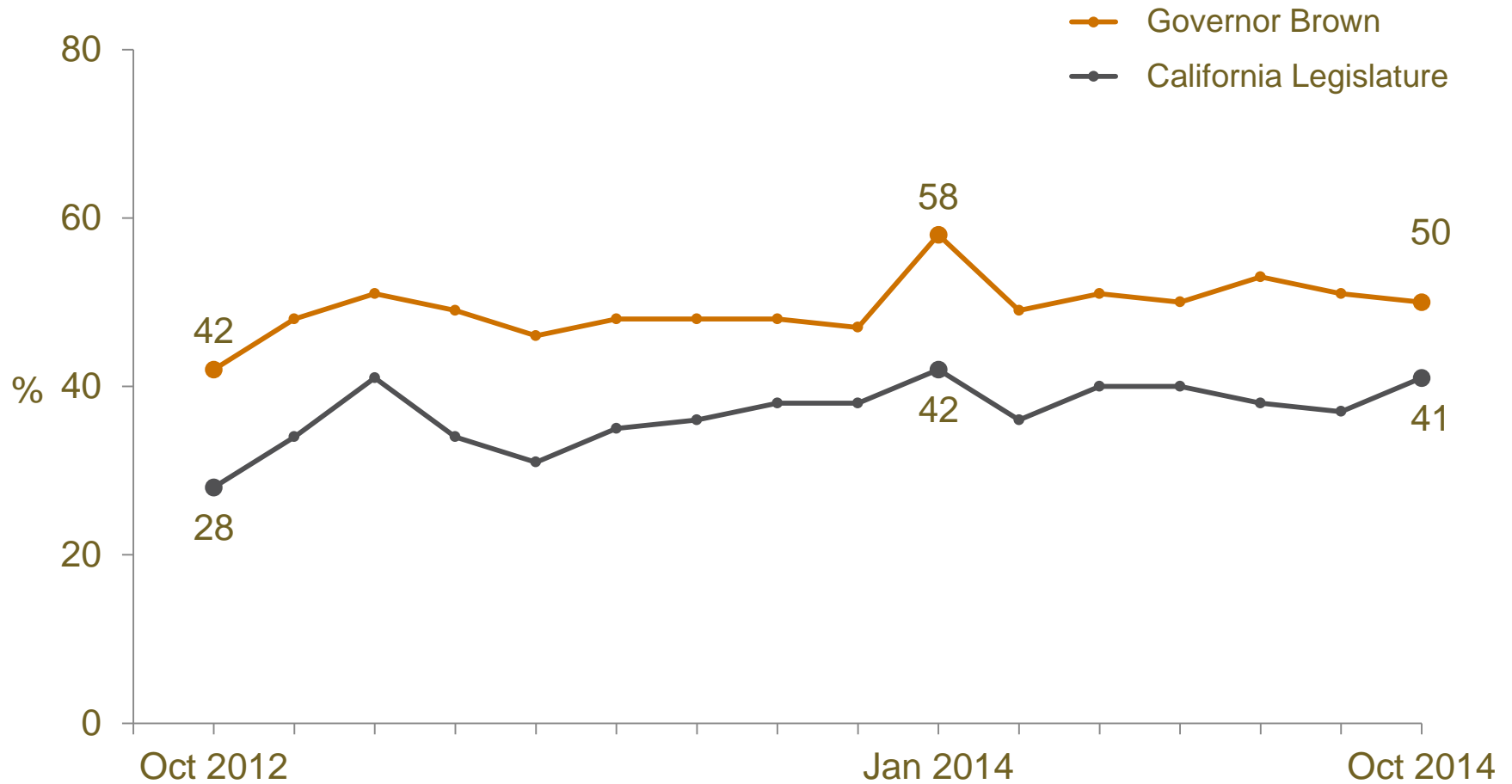
Turning to economic conditions in California, do you think that during the next 12 months we will have good times financially or bad times?



All adults

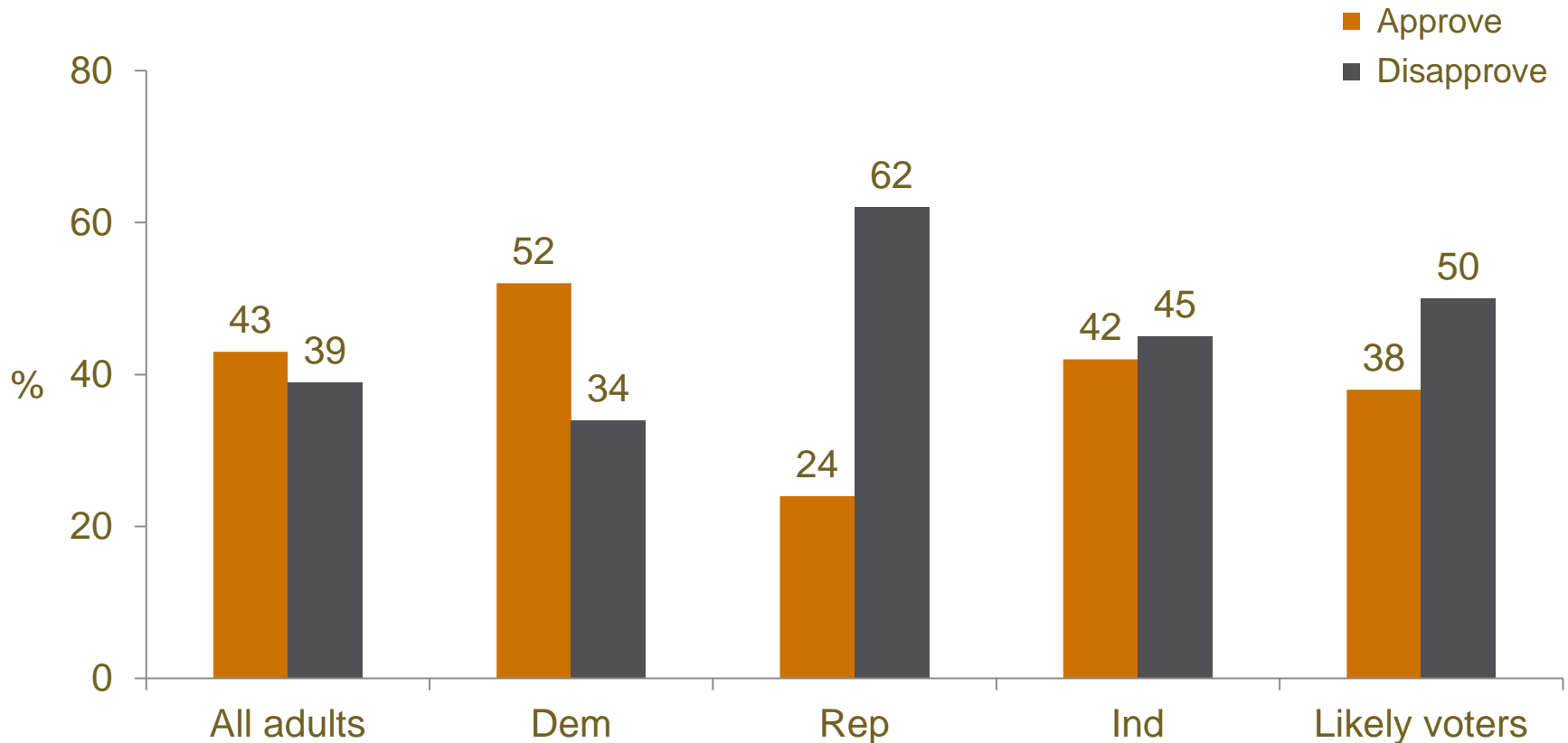


Approval of state elected officials

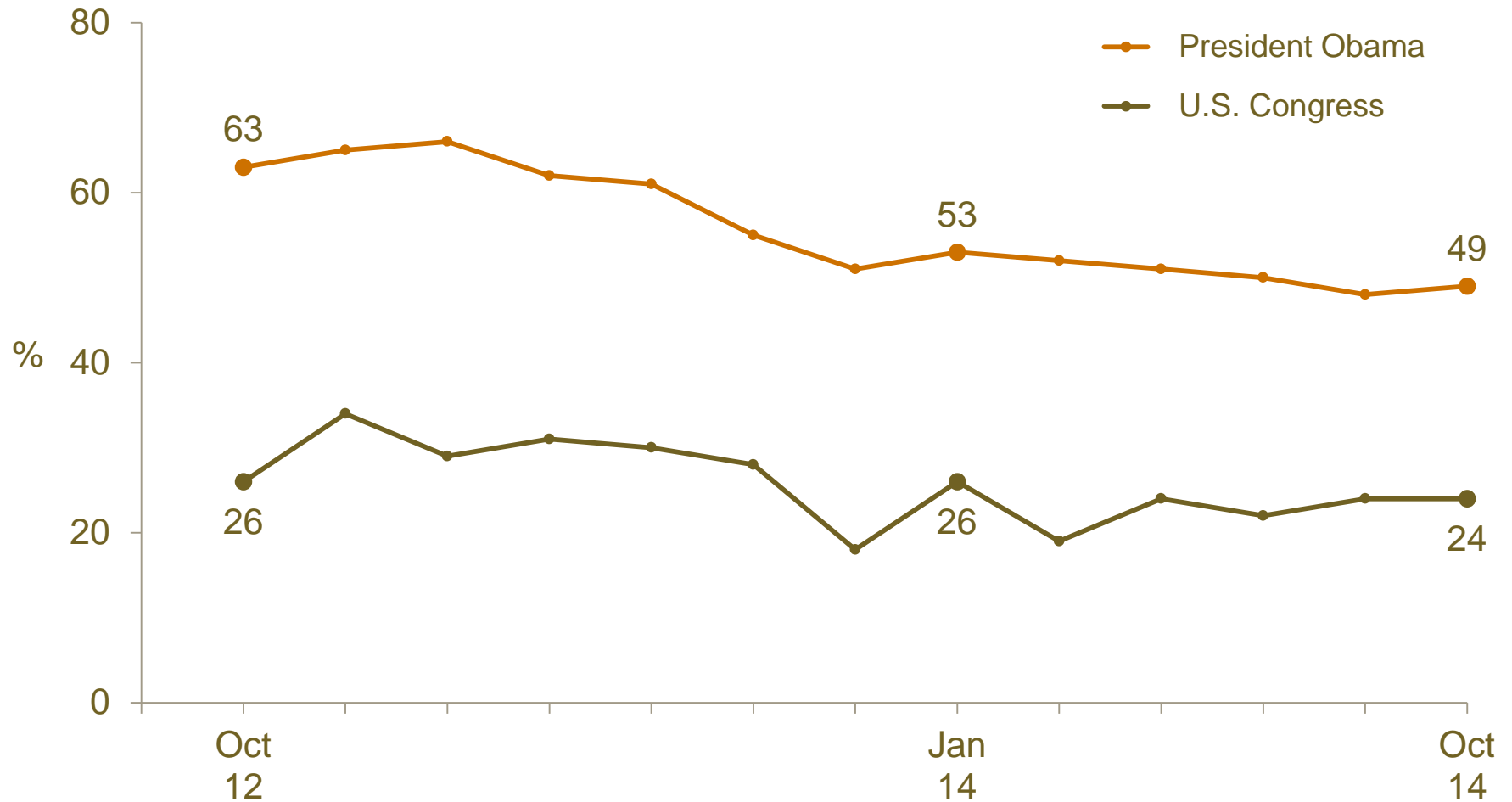


Approval ratings of state legislators

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job that the state legislators representing your assembly and senate districts are doing at this time?

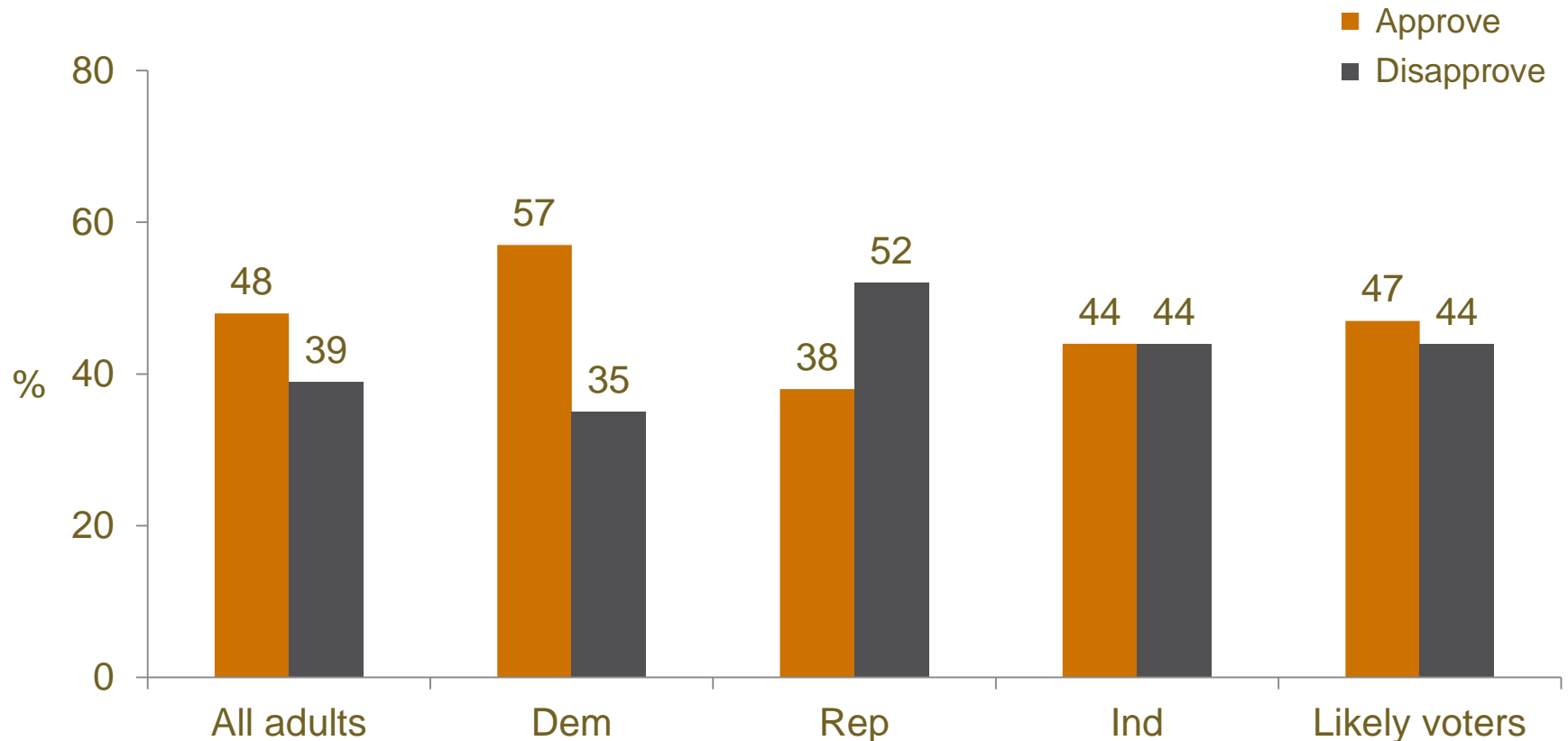


Approval of federal elected officials



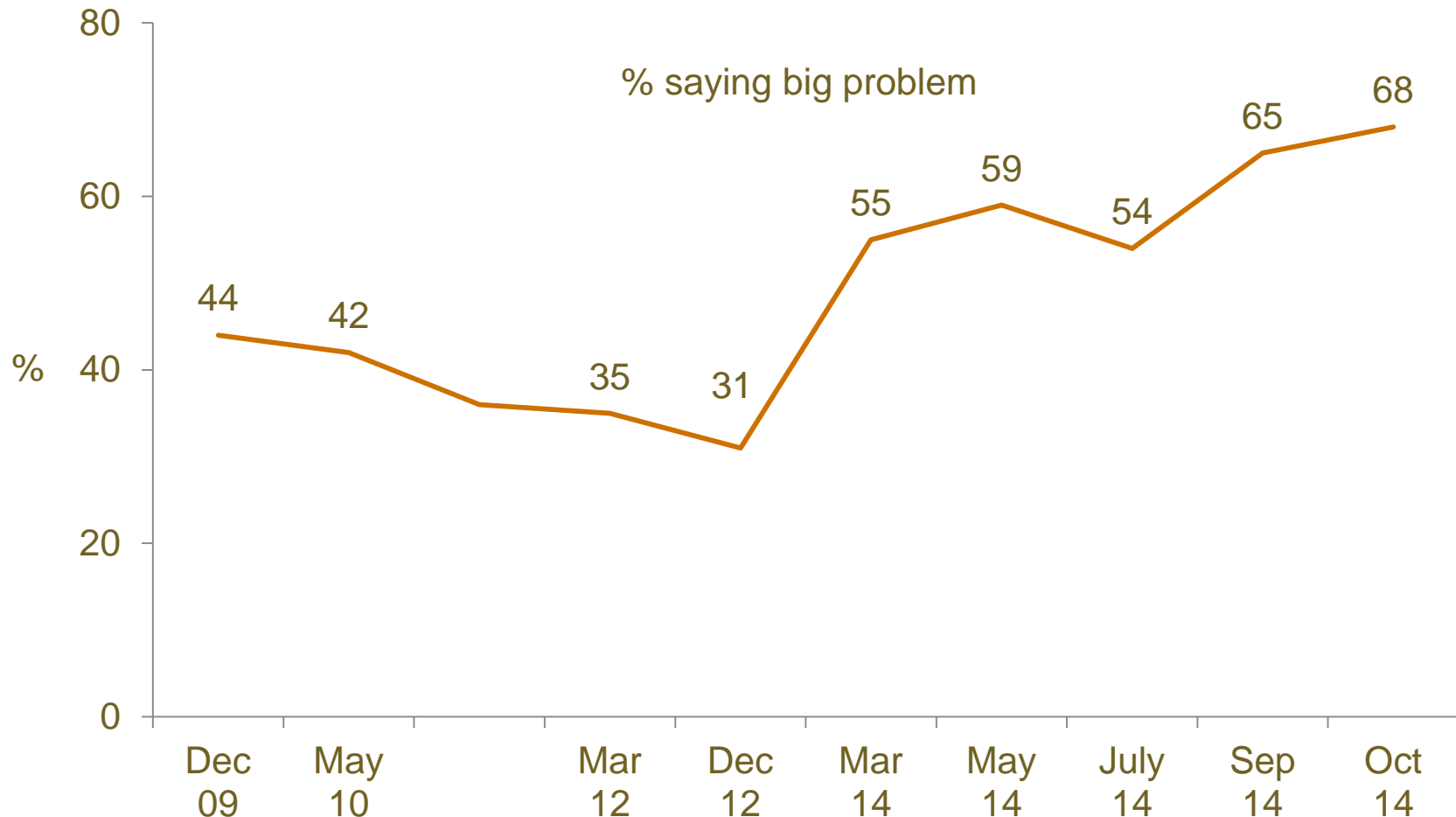
Approval ratings of representative to the U.S. House

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way your own representative to the U.S. House of Representatives in Congress is handling his or her job?



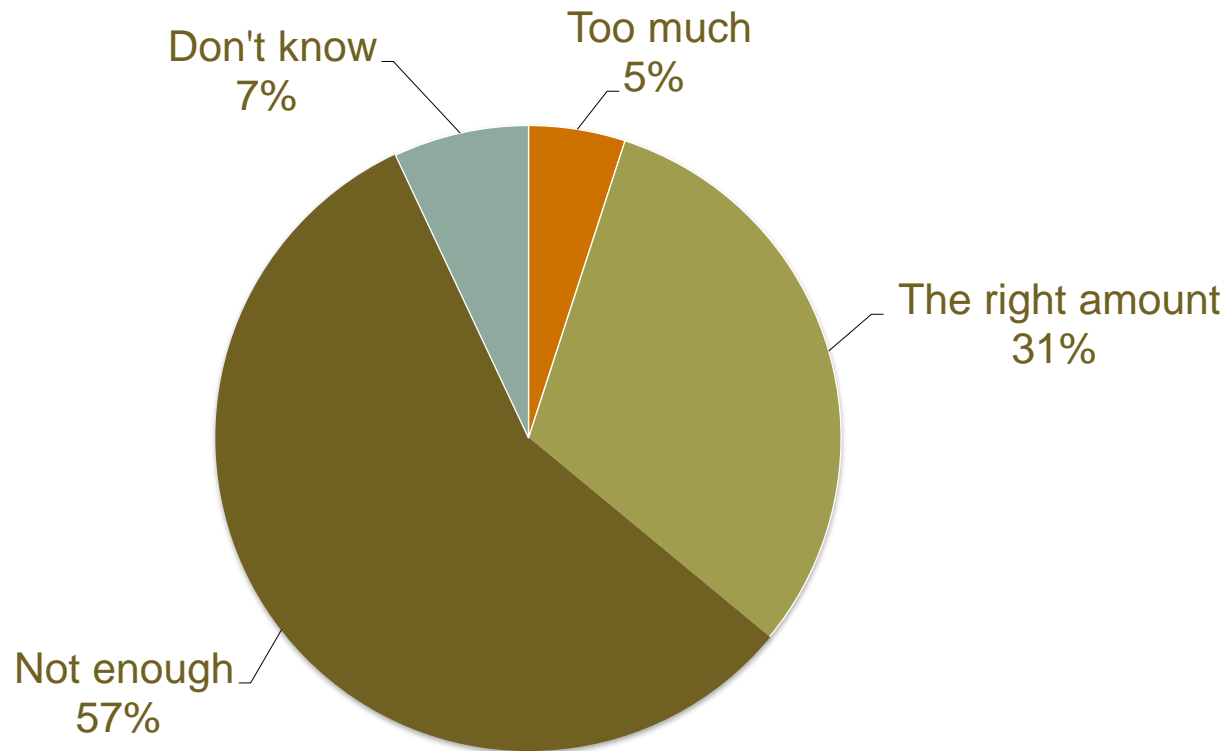
Seriousness of water supply problem

Would you say that the supply of water is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem in your part of California?



Government response to drought

Overall, do you think that the state and local governments are doing too much, the right amount, or not enough to respond to the current drought in California?

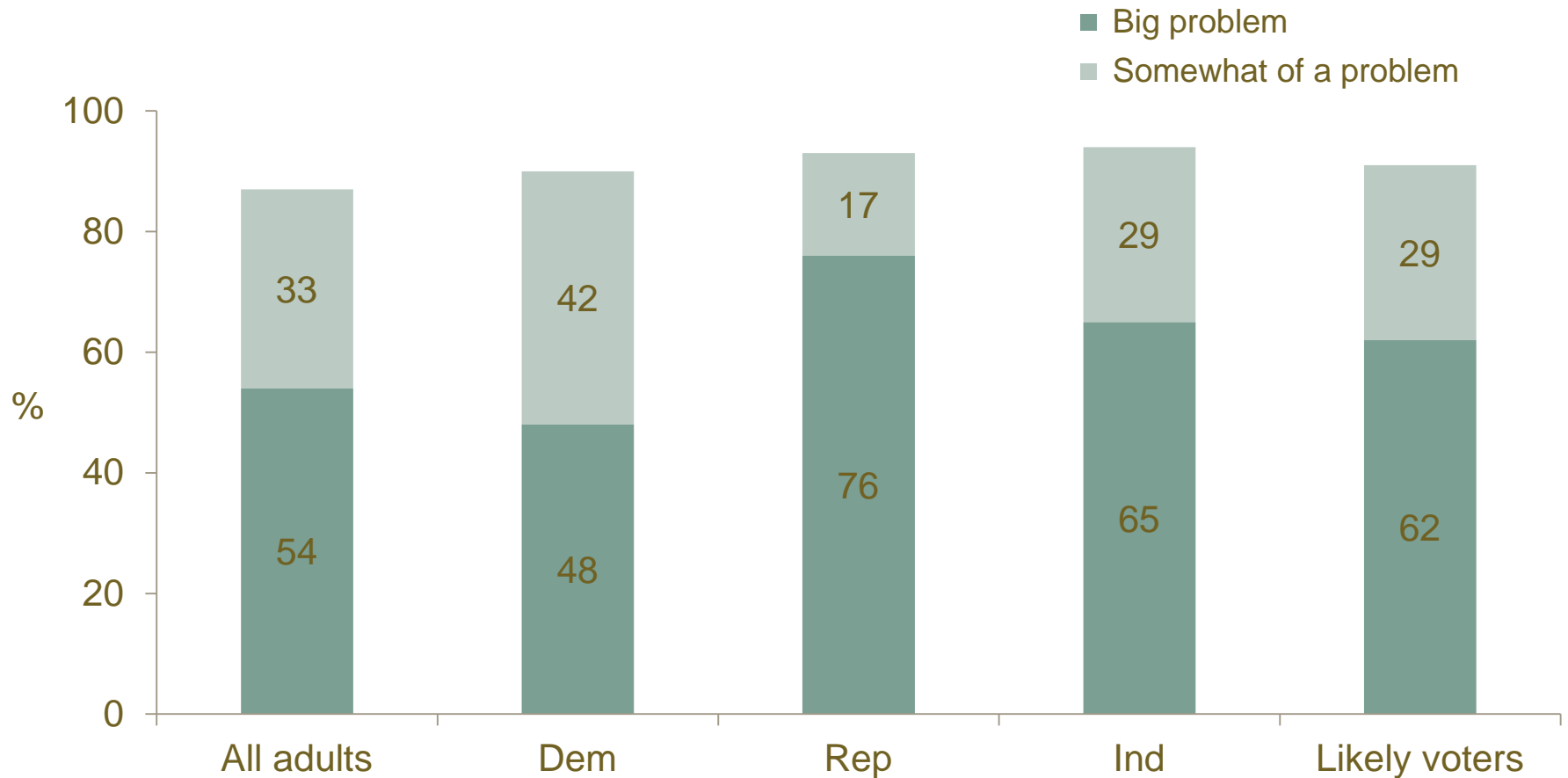


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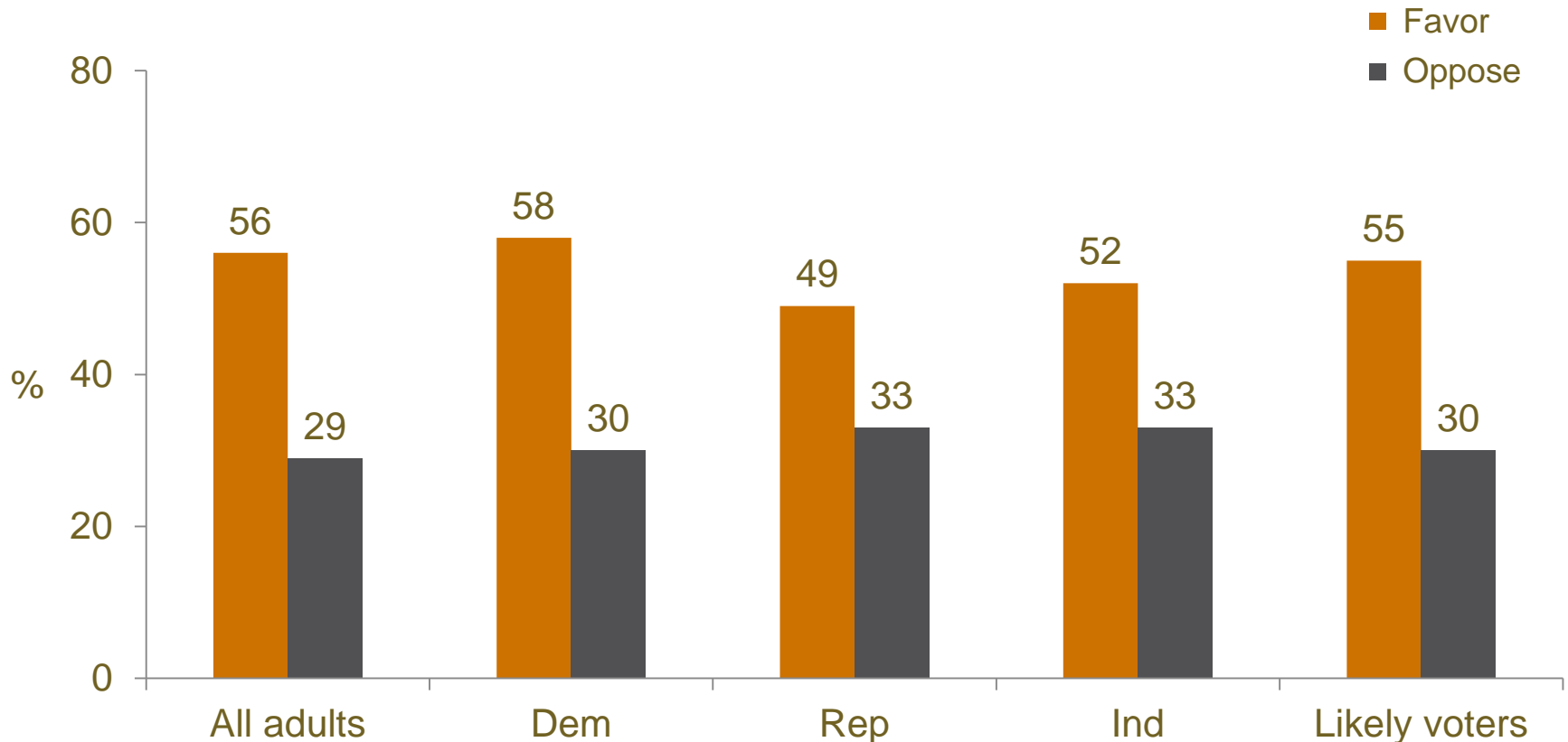
Seriousness of state budget situation

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?



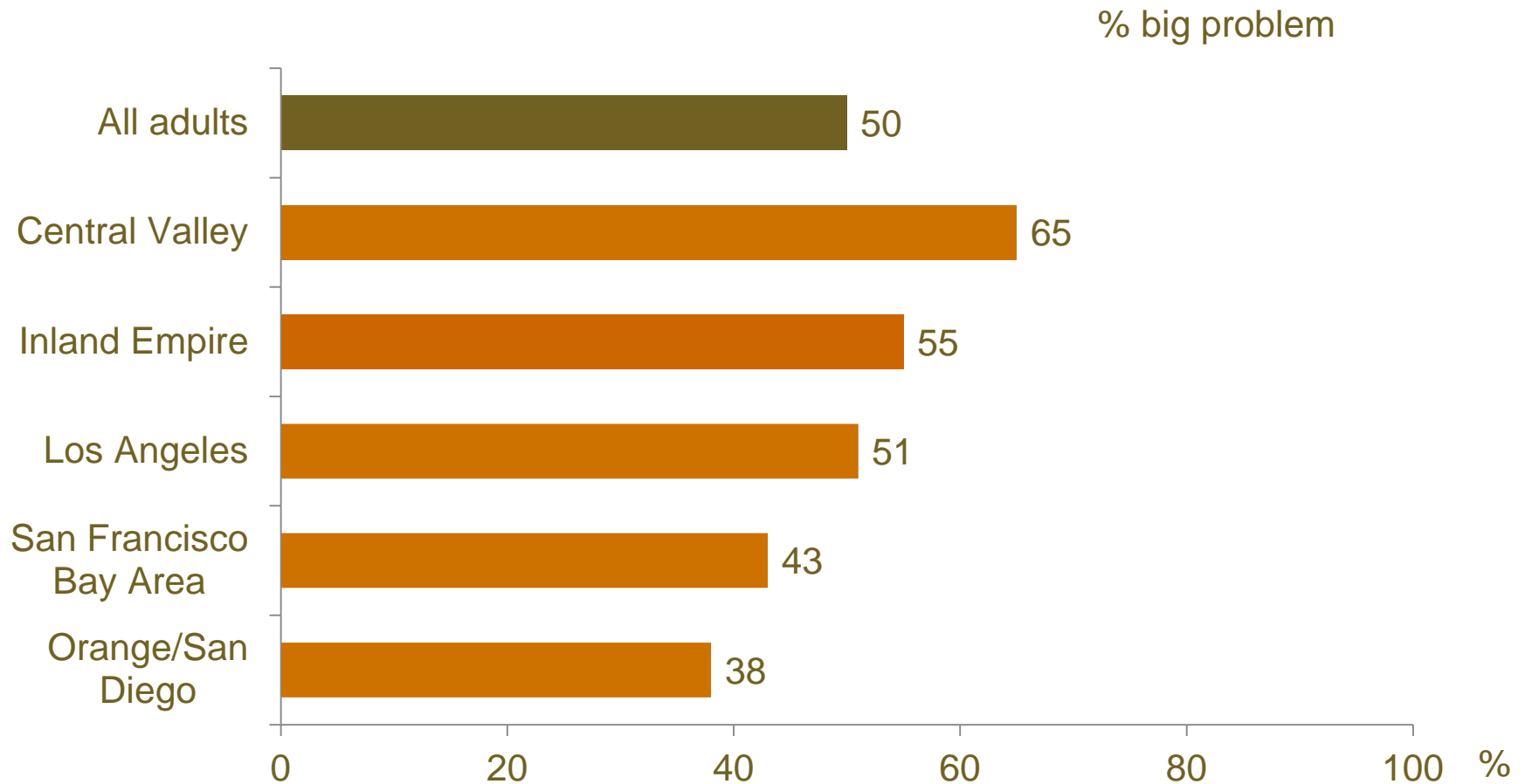
Support for a rainy day fund

Fiscal reforms have been proposed to address the structural issues in the state budget and local budget issues. Do you favor or oppose increasing the size of the state's rainy day fund and requiring above-average revenues to be deposited into it for use during economic downturns?



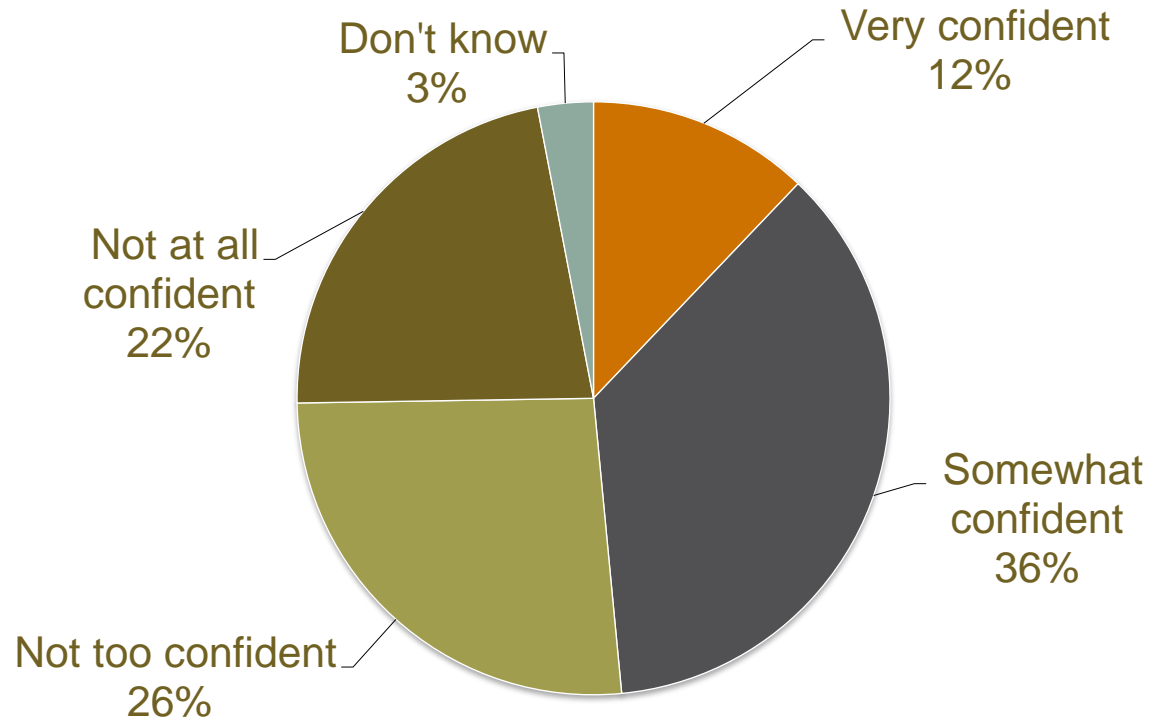
Levels of crime in California

In your opinion, how much of a problem is crime in California today? Is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem?



Public safety realignment

As you may know, state funding is being provided to shift some of the lower-risk inmates from state prisons to county jails to reduce prison overcrowding and lower state costs. How confident are you that your local government is able to take on this responsibility?

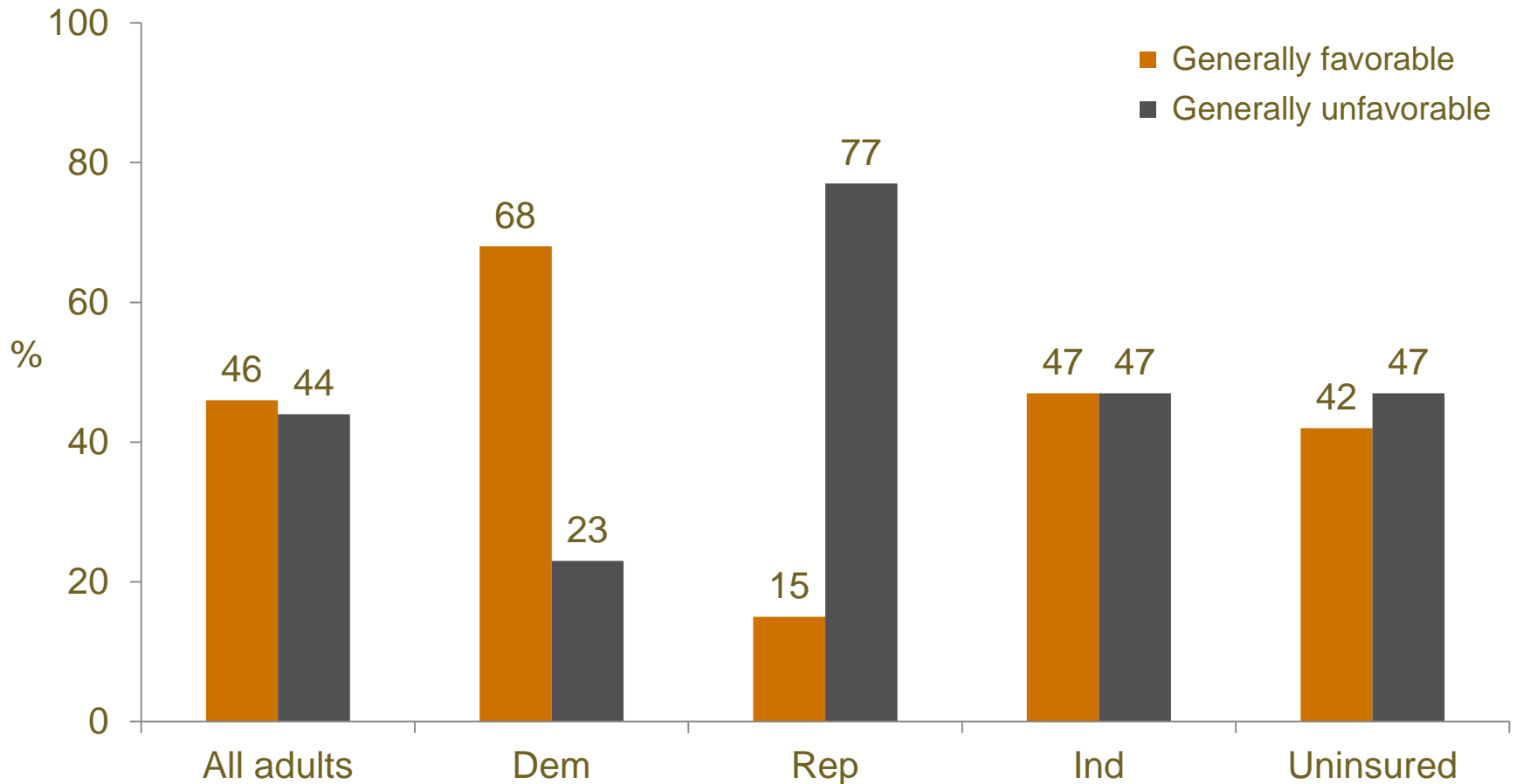


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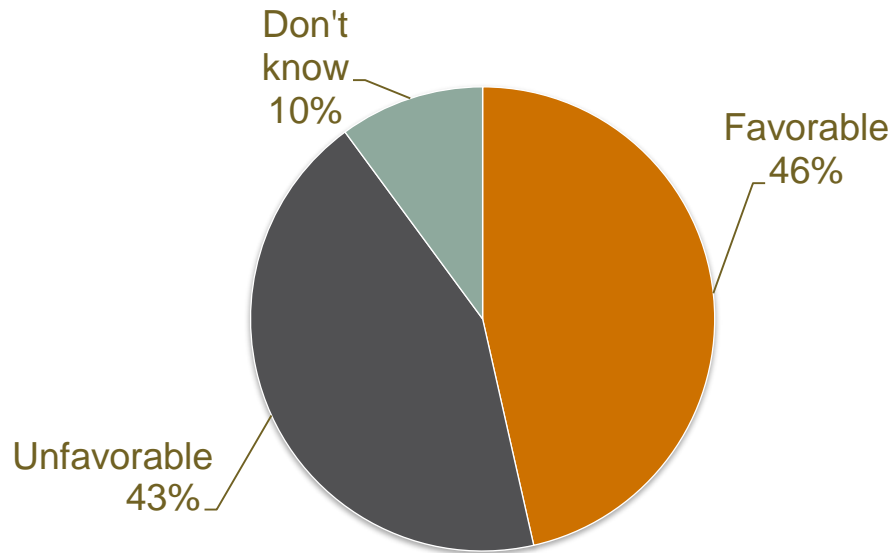
Health care reform

As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it?

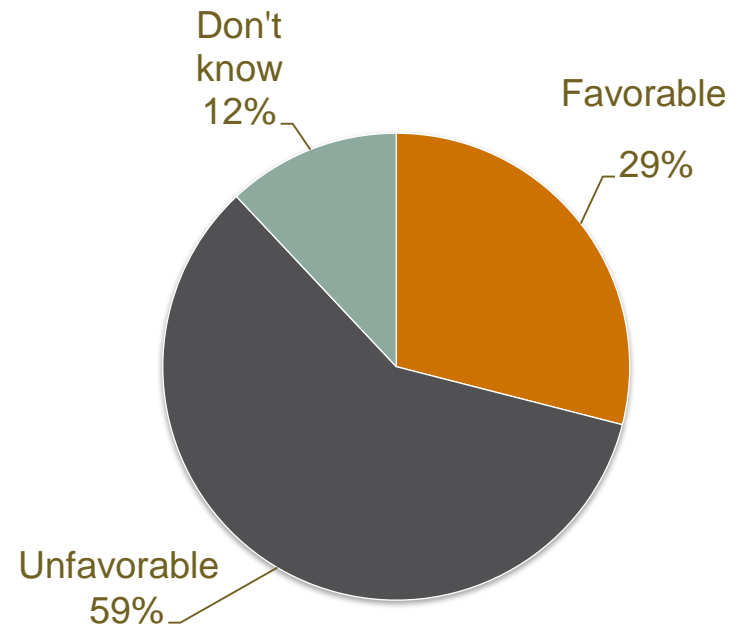


Party favorability

Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of _____?



Democratic Party



Republican Party

All adults

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Conclusions

- Governor Brown leads in the gubernatorial race
- Majorities support the water bond (Prop. 1) and sentencing reform (Prop. 47)
- About half support the rainy day fund (Prop. 2),
- Support has declined for health care insurance measure (Prop. 45)
- Top issues: state budget/the economy, and water/drought
- Record-high share say water supply is a big problem
- Favorability of both major parties has declined



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