

Californians and Their Government

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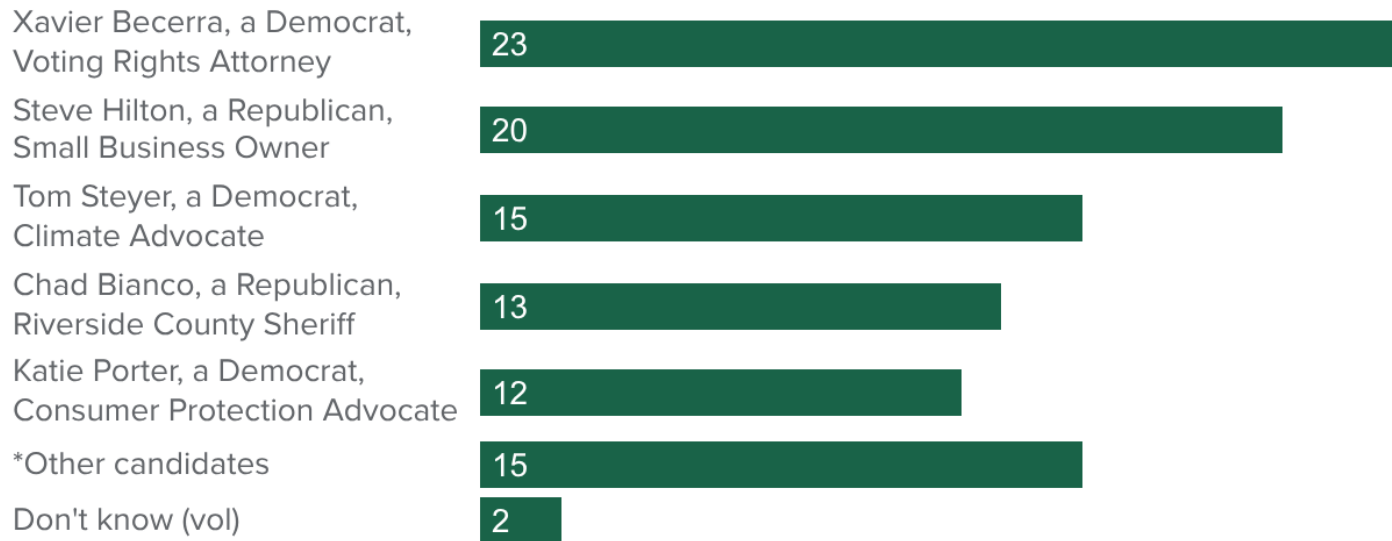
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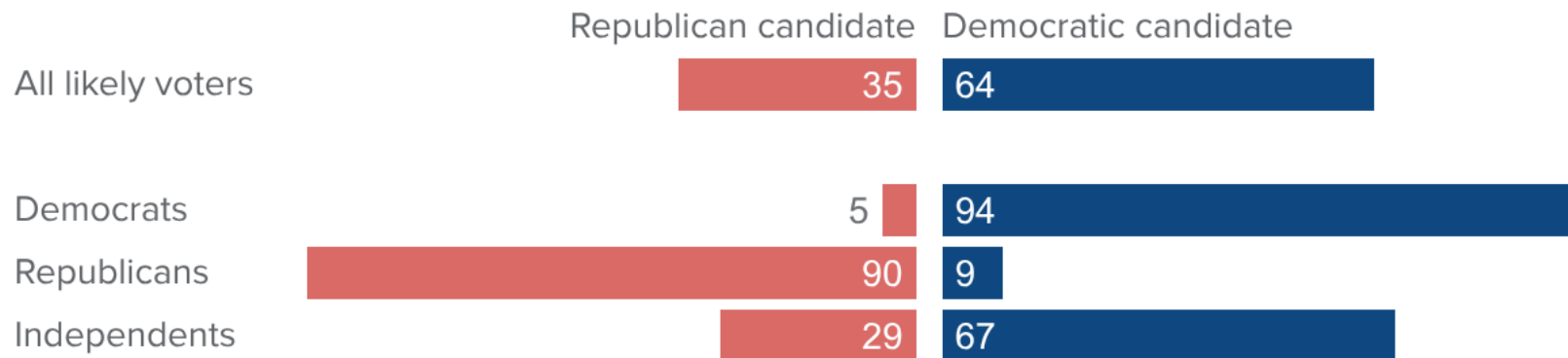
- The PPIC Statewide Survey has been conducted since April 1998
- Californians and their Government series on state and national issues; perceptions, attitudes, policy preferences, ballot choices
- 2026 Elections, State Budget, State Issues, National Issues
- Conducted online, May 14–18, 2026, using Ipsos KnowledgePanel
 - 1,707 adults, $\pm 3.2\%$ margin of error
 - 986 likely voters, $\pm 4.1\%$ margin of error

Becerra and Hilton lead in the governor's primary

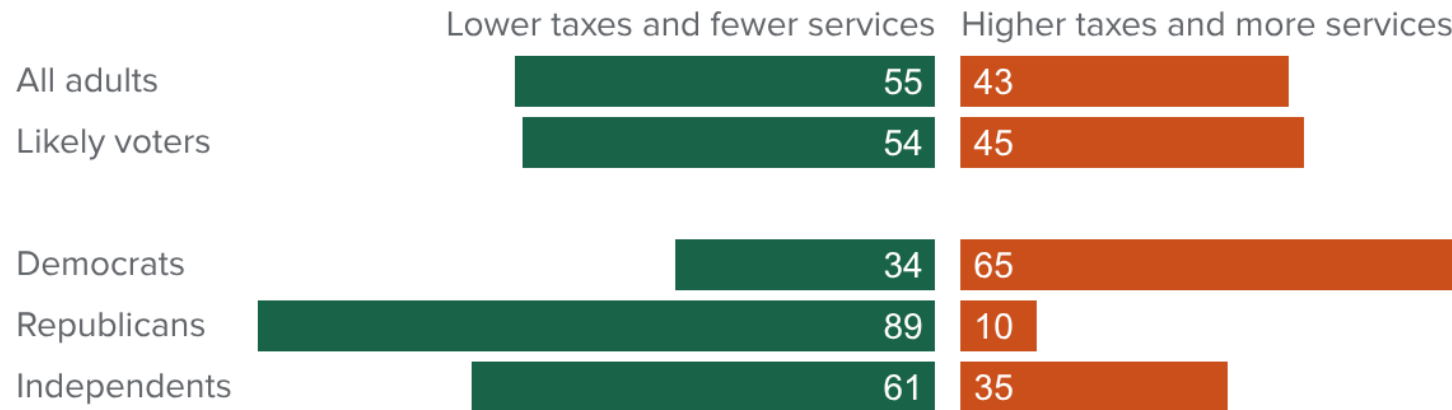
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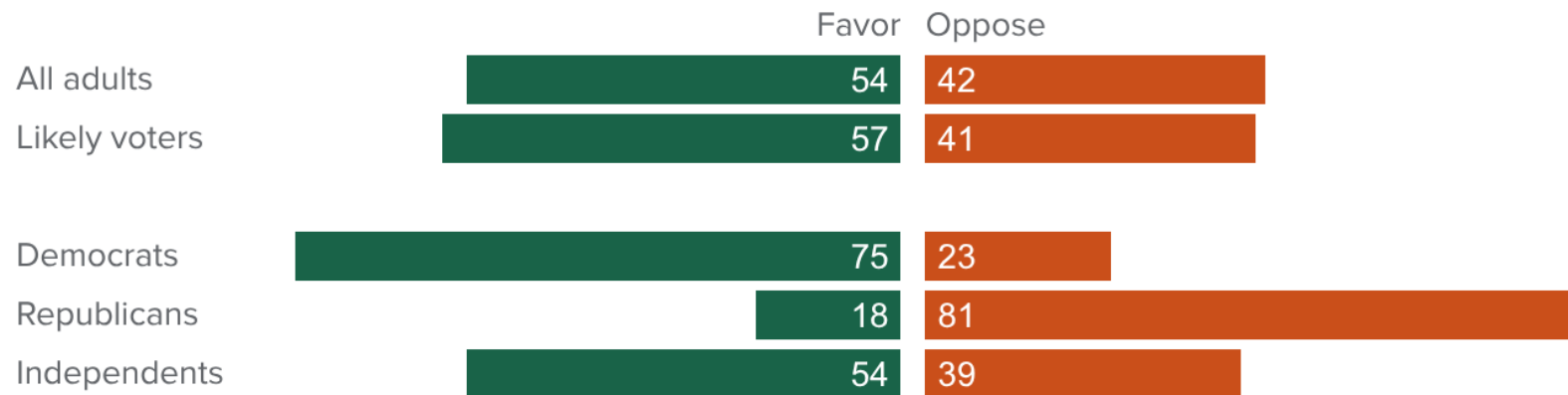
Most likely voters would vote for Democrats if the 2026 House of Representatives election were held today



Most Californians prefer paying lower taxes and having fewer government services



Majorities favor Governor Newsom's revised budget plan

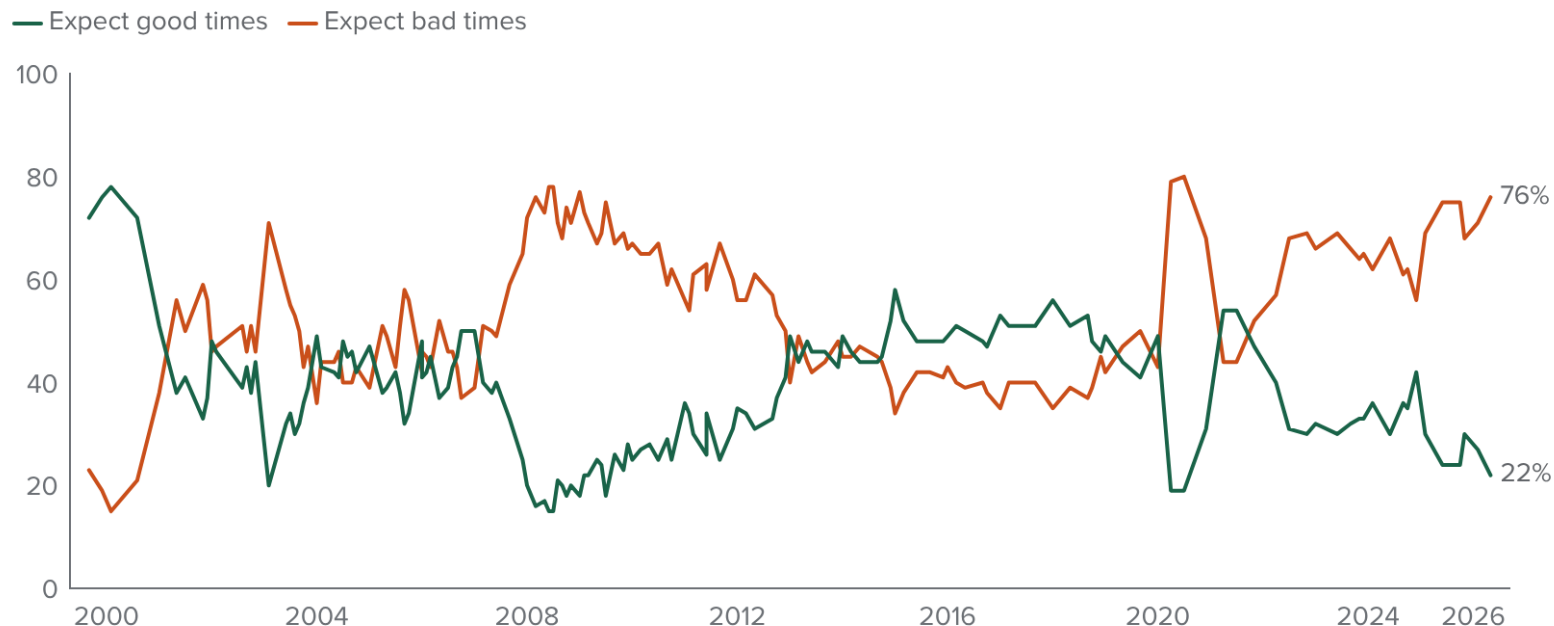


Californians name cost of living as the most important issue facing the state

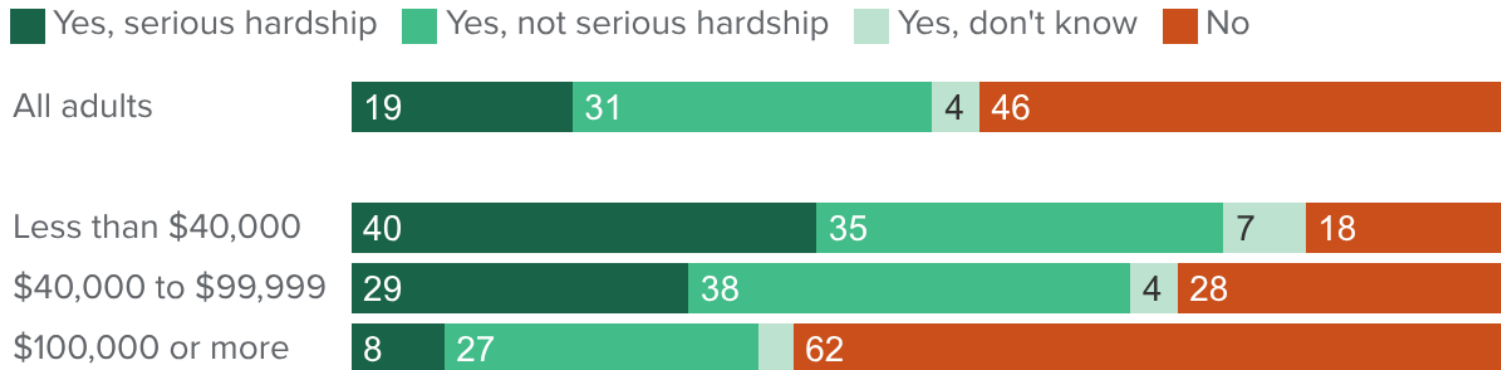
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Three in four Californians expect bad economic times for the state in the year ahead

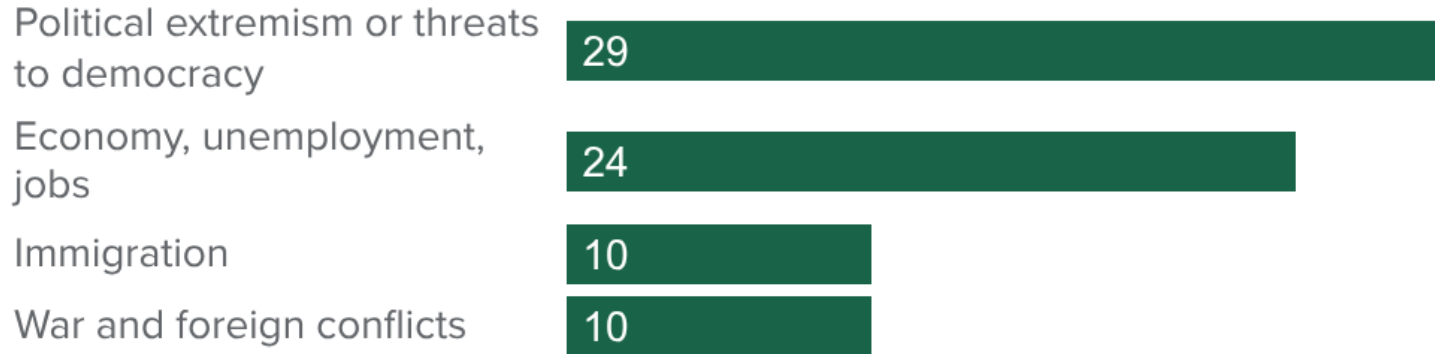


A majority say recent price increases have caused financial hardship in their household

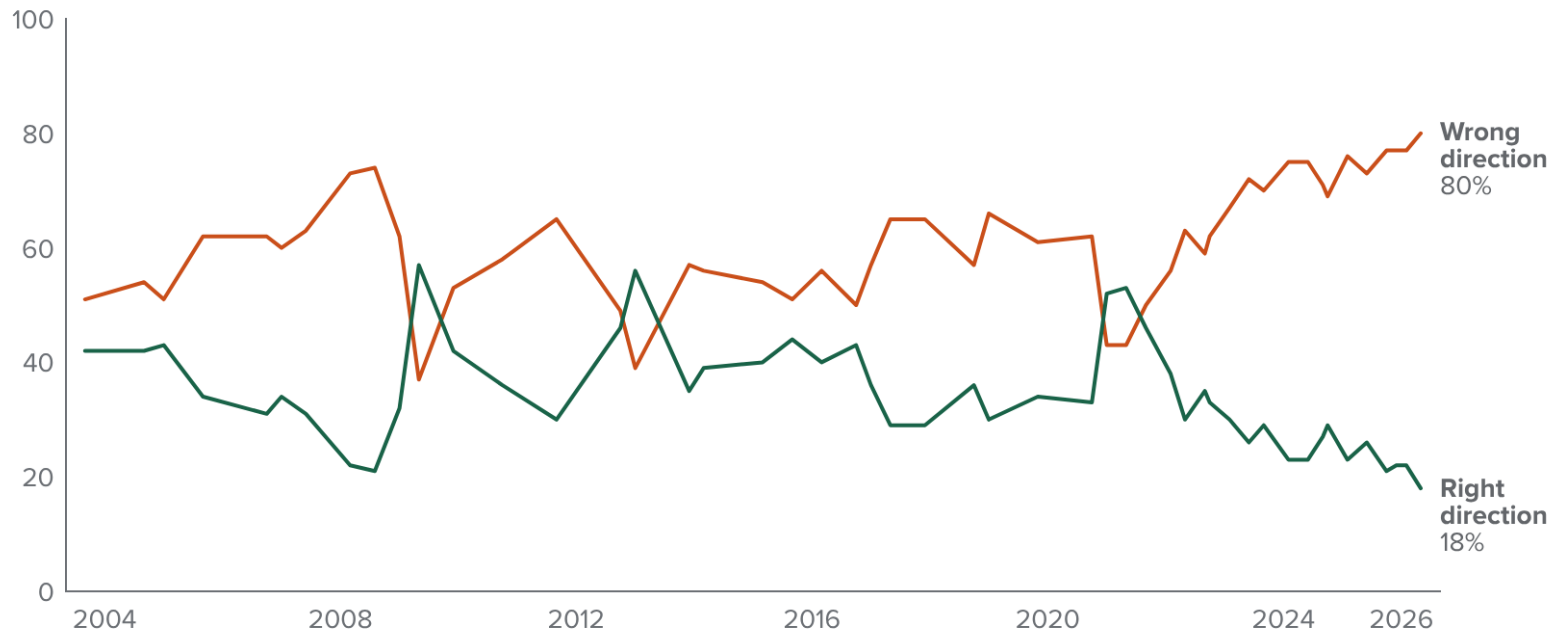


Political extremism and the economy are viewed as top problems facing the United States

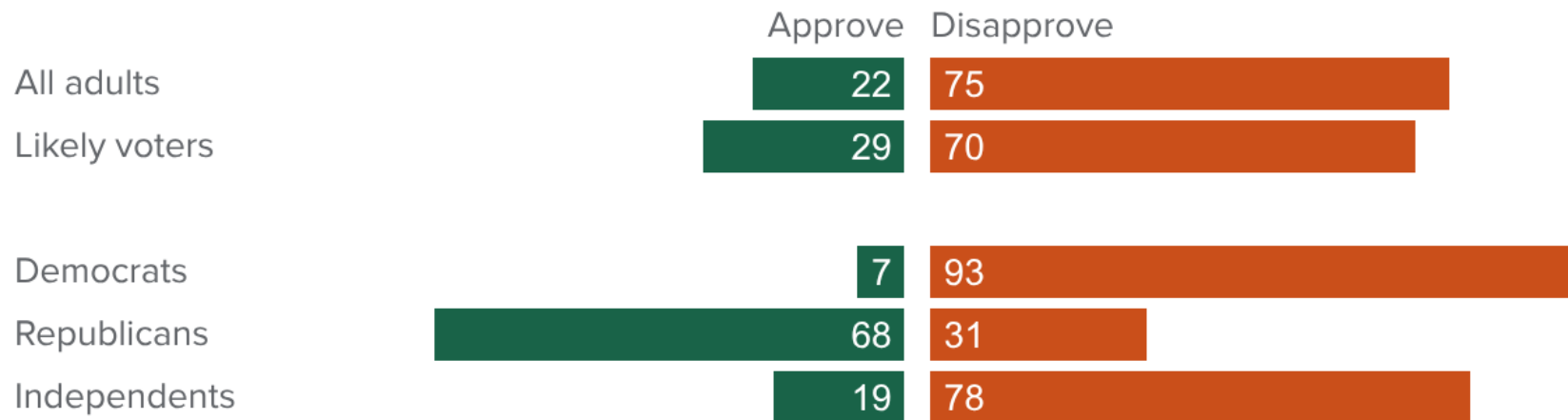
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A record-high share of Californians think things in the nation are headed in the wrong direction



Most disapprove of US military action against Iran



Other topics

- Support for citizens' initiatives, including billionaire wealth tax
- Confidence in elections in California and the US
- Views on dealing with structural budget deficits
- Approval of governor and California Legislature
- Approval of president, US Congress, and US Supreme Court
- Views of ICE and immigration policies, Iran conflict, tariffs

Notes on the use of these slides

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