

Californians and the Environment

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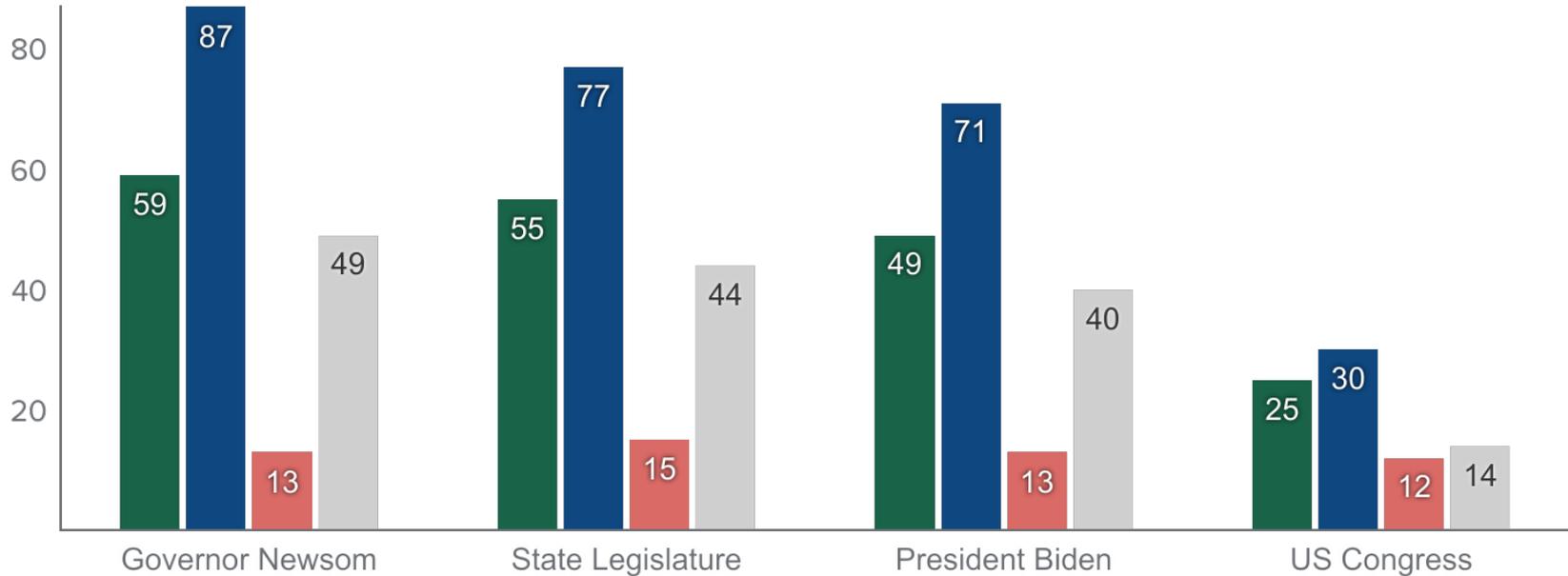
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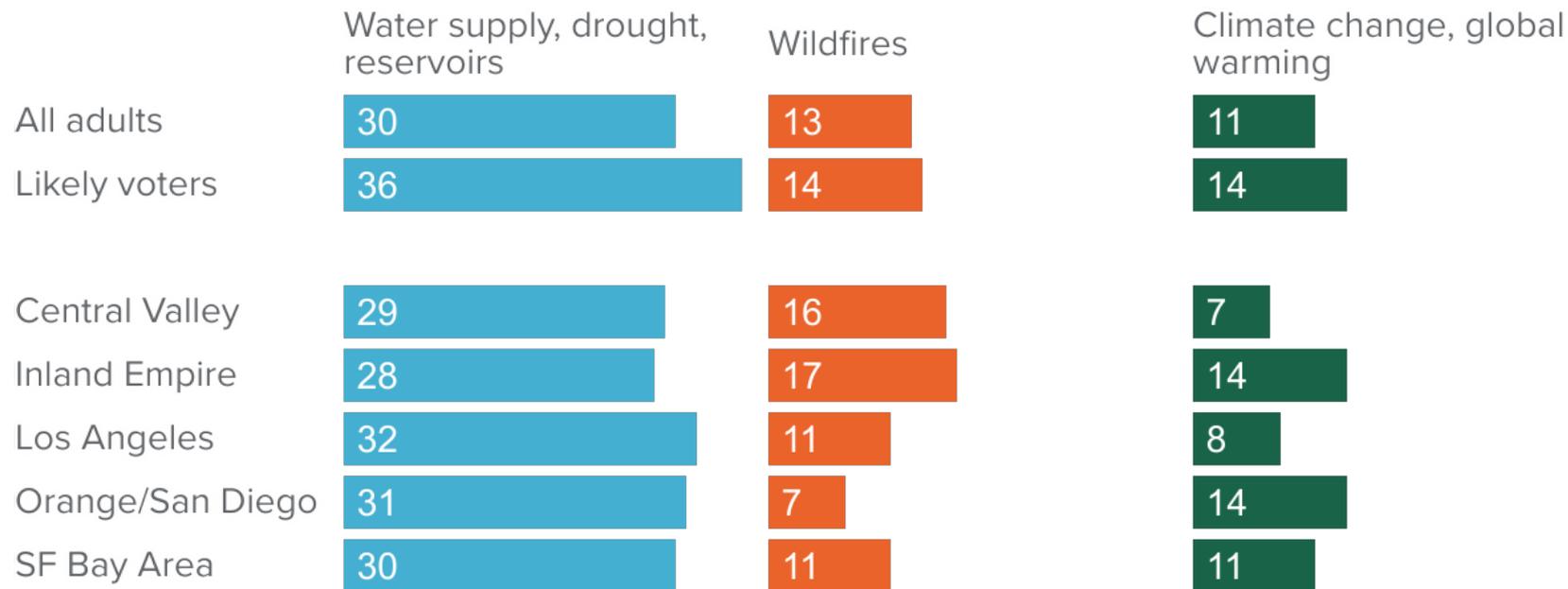
- PPIC's 22nd annual survey on environmental issues
- Conducted online July 8–July 15, 2022
- Uses Ipsos KnowledgePanel
 - 1,648 adults, $\pm 3.4\%$ margin of error
 - 1,132 likely voters, $\pm 4.1\%$ margin of error

Partisans are divided on approval of officials' handling of environmental issues

■ All adults ■ Democrats ■ Republicans ■ Independents



Water and drought named as top environmental issue facing Californians



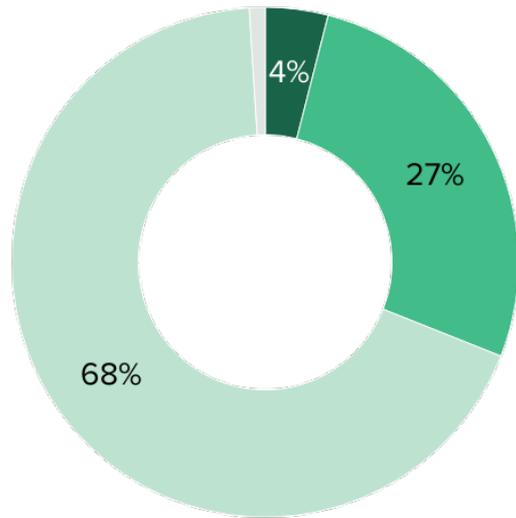
Most Californians say the supply of water is a big problem

■ Big problem ■ Somewhat of a problem ■ Not much of a problem

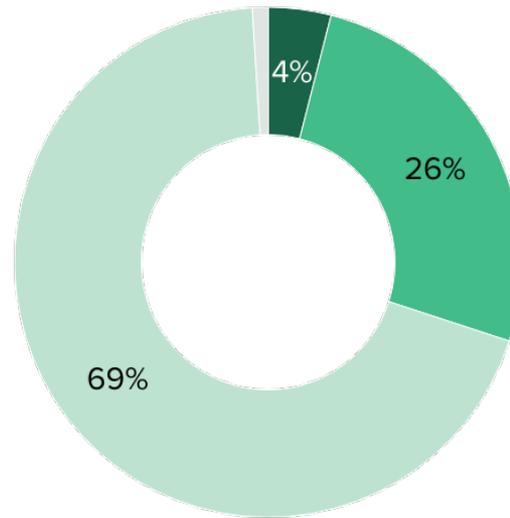


Most say government and other people are not doing enough in response to the drought

■ Too much ■ The right amount ■ Not enough ■ Don't know



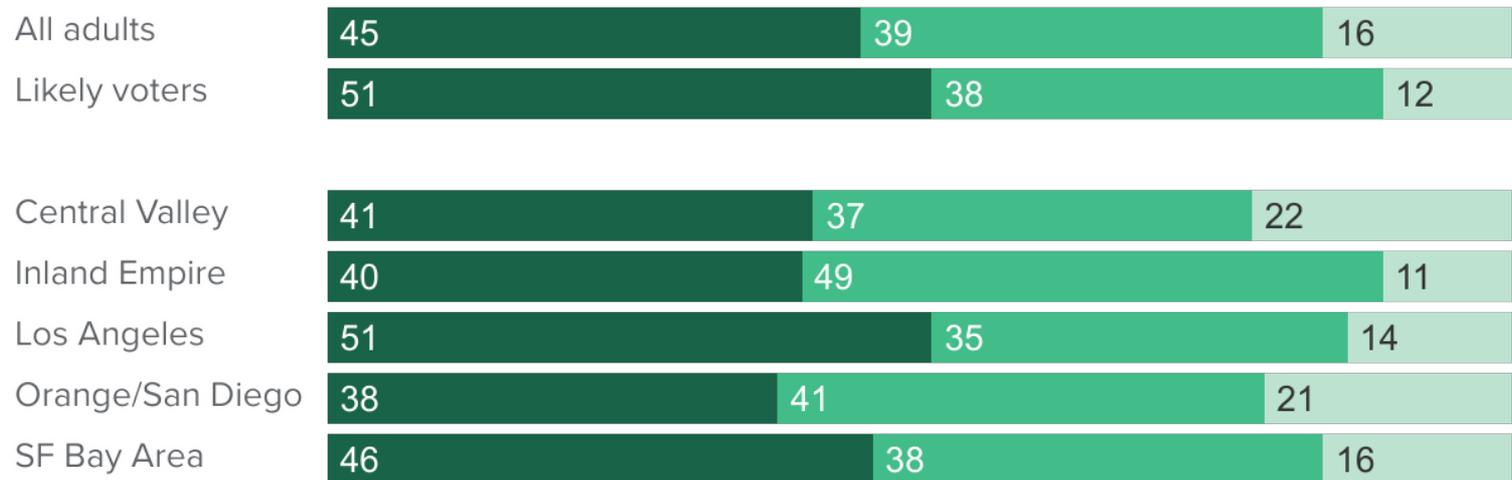
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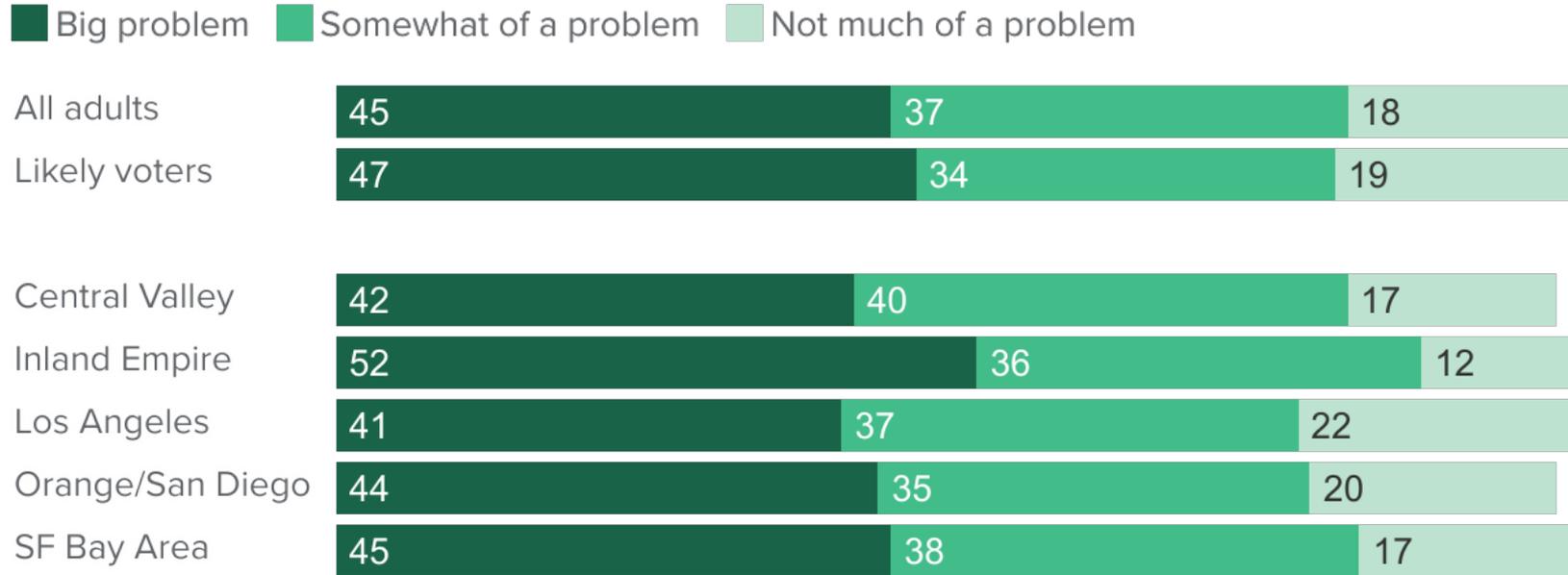
People in their part of California

An overwhelming majority have done at least a little to reduce water use

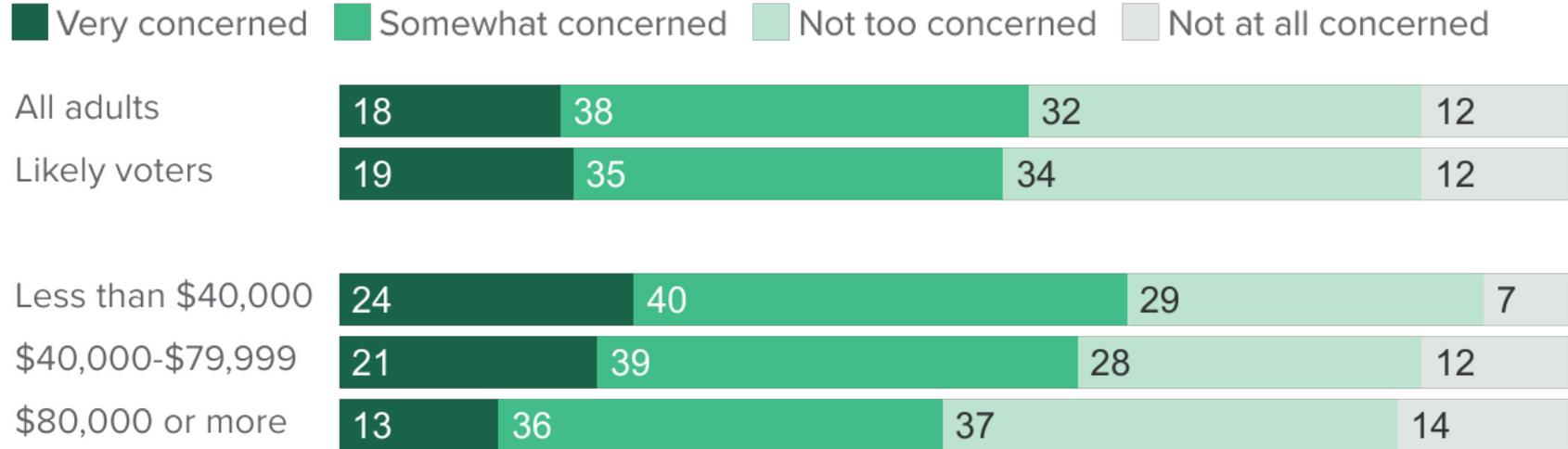
■ Yes, done a lot to reduce water use ■ Yes, done a little to reduce water use ■ No, have not taken steps



Most say the threat of wildfires is a big problem in their part of California

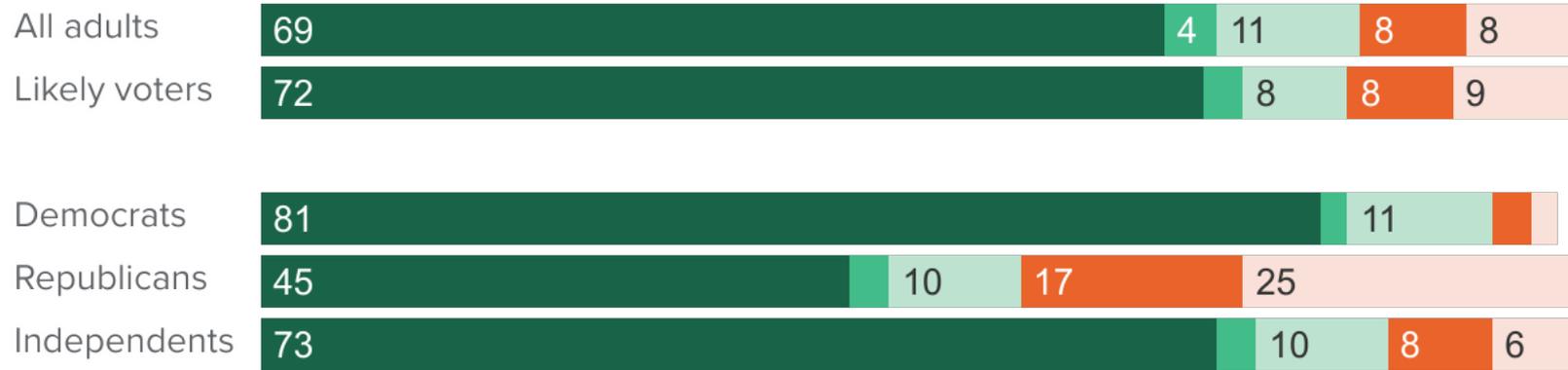


A majority of adults are concerned about power shutoffs to prevent wildfires



Majorities say the effects of climate change have already begun, but partisan views vary

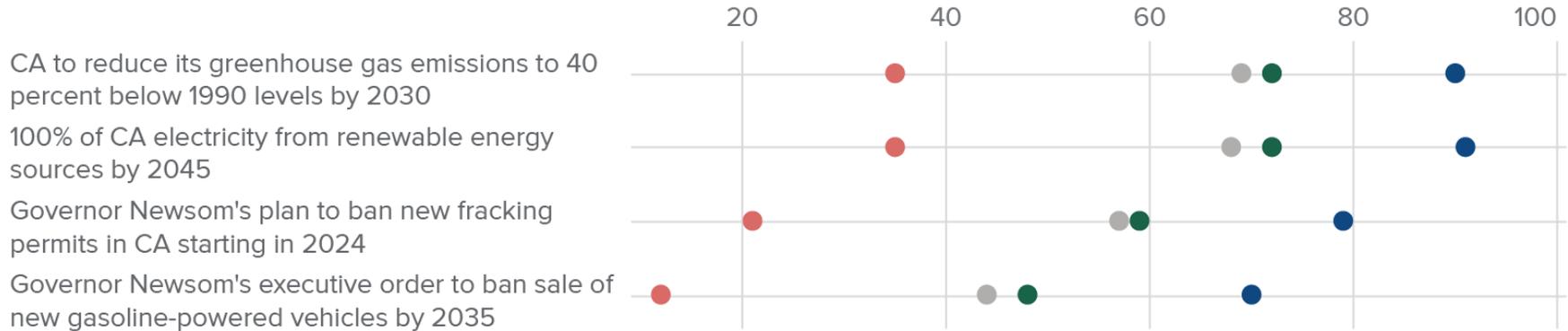
■ Has already begun ■ Start within a few years ■ Start within lifetime ■ Will not happen in lifetime, but will affect future generations ■ Will never happen



Support for climate change policies differs by party

% in favor

● All adults ● Democrats ● Independents ● Republicans

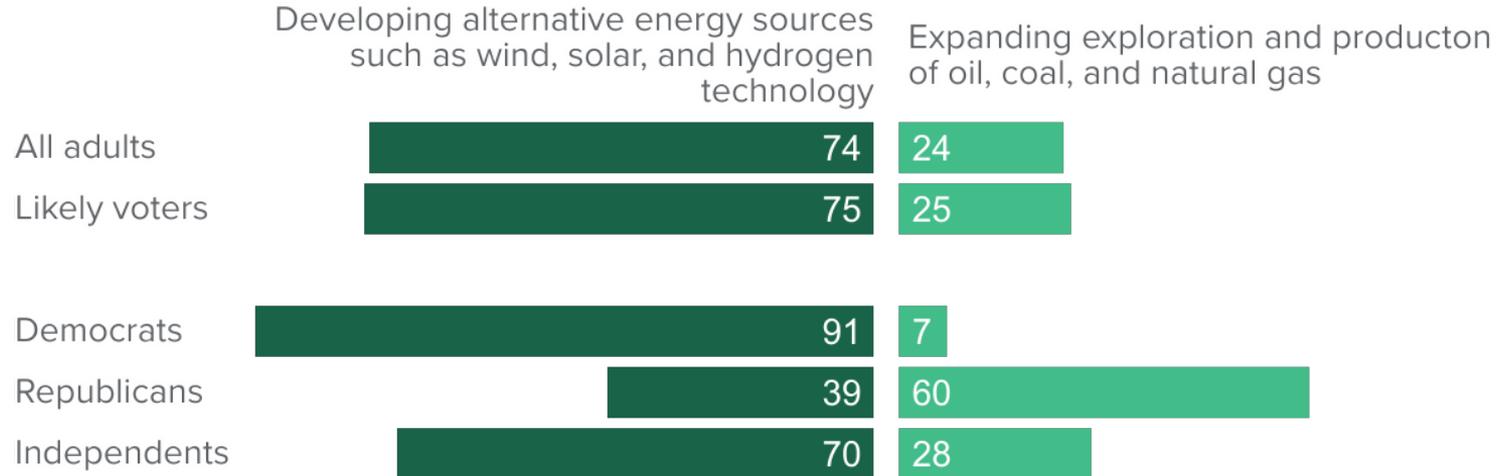


A majority has faced financial hardship over gasoline prices

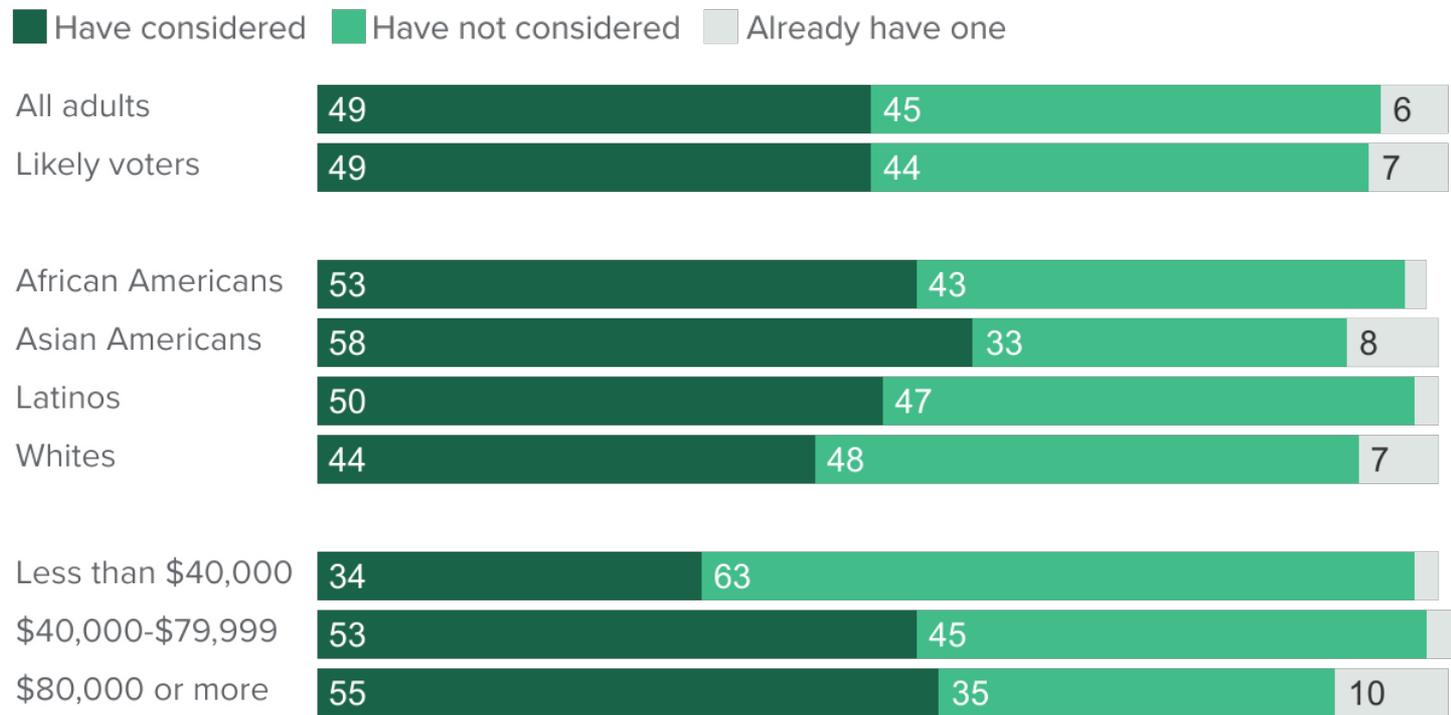
■ Yes, caused severe hardship ■ Yes, caused moderate hardship ■ No, have not caused hardship



Most adults prioritize developing alternative energy sources over expanding fossil fuels



About half have considered purchasing an electric vehicle



Other topics

- Ocean, coast, and marine life
- Water pollution
- Possible impacts of climate change
- Coastal energy proposals
- Air pollution
- Trust in government in handling environmental issues

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