

Californians and Education

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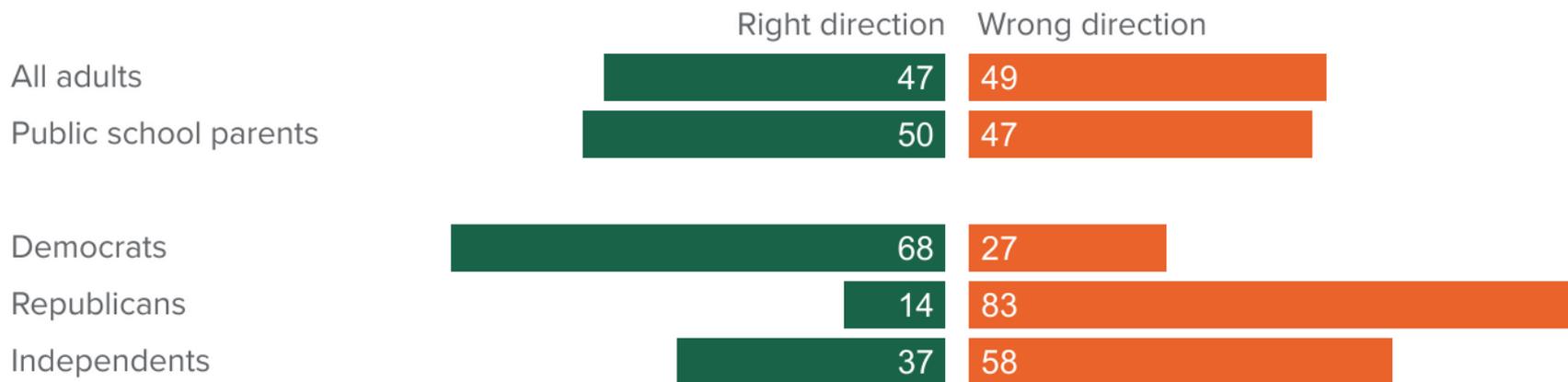
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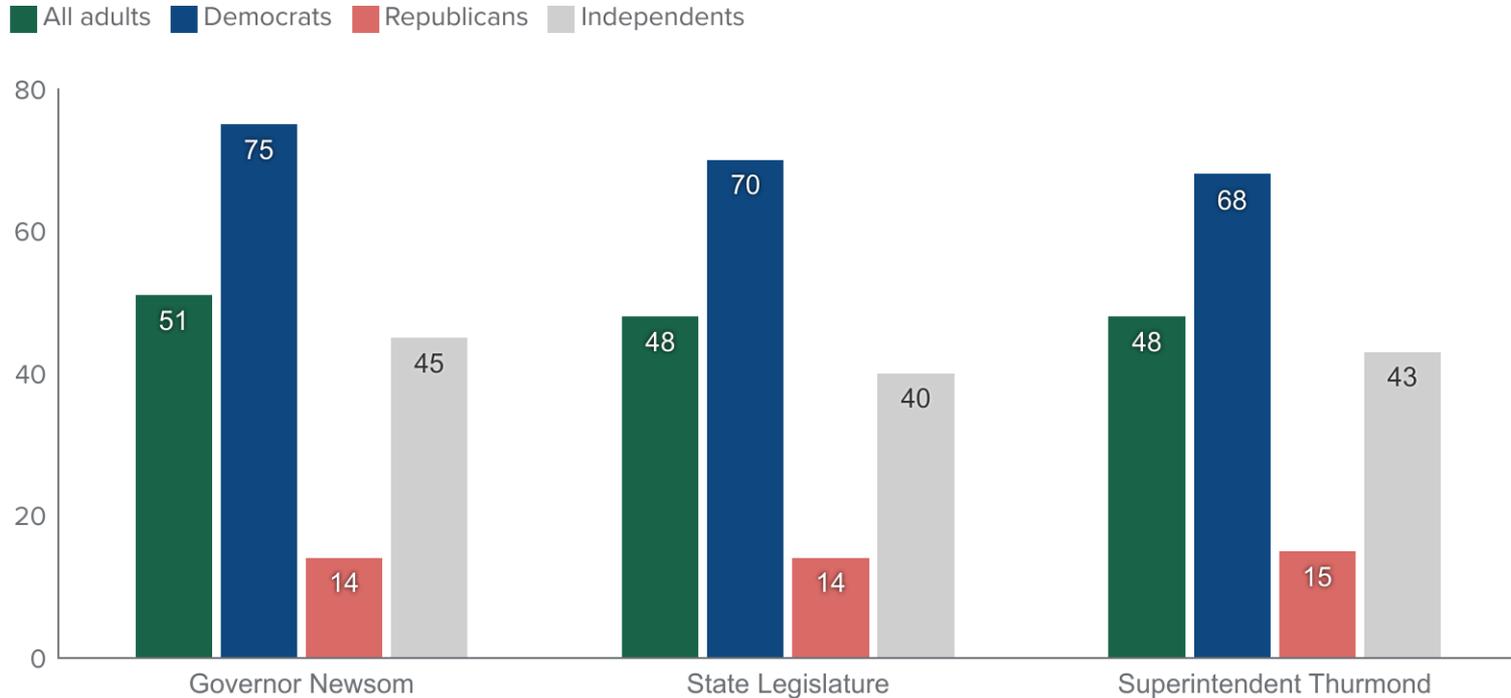
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- The PPIC Statewide Survey is in its 26th year
- PPIC's 19th annual survey on K–12 issues
- Conducted online, March 19–25, 2024, using Ipsos KnowledgePanel
 - 1,605 adults, $\pm 3.3\%$ margin of error
 - 1,089 likely voters, $\pm 3.9\%$ margin of error
 - 338 parents of children 18 or younger, $\pm 6.7\%$ margin of error
 - 269 parents of school-aged children, $\pm 7.5\%$ margin of error
 - 252 public school parents, $\pm 7.7\%$ margin of error

Californians are divided about the general direction of the state's K–12 education system

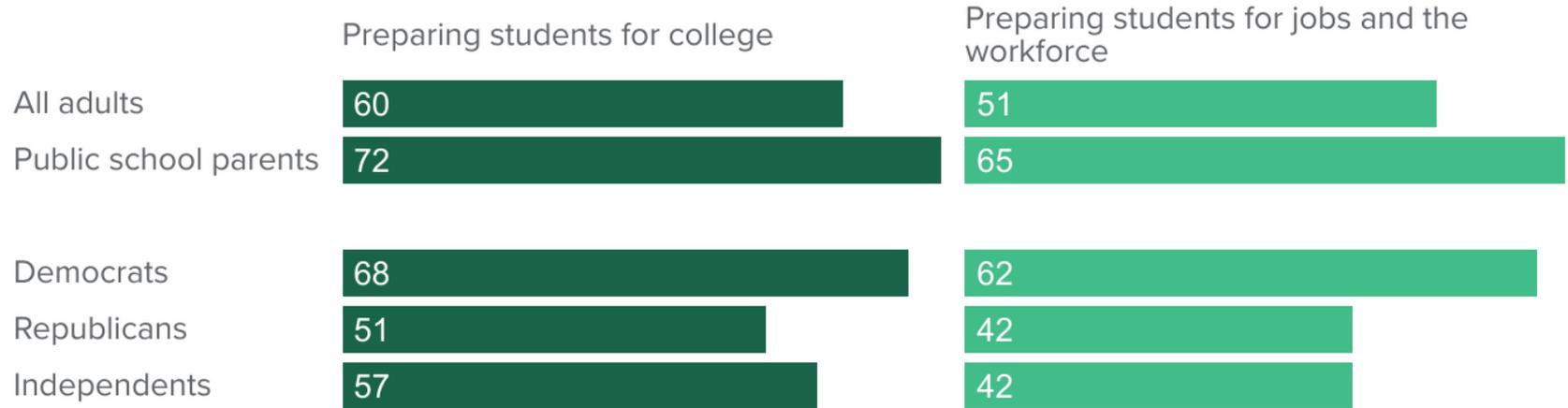


Half of adults approve of state leaders' handling of the K–12 public education system



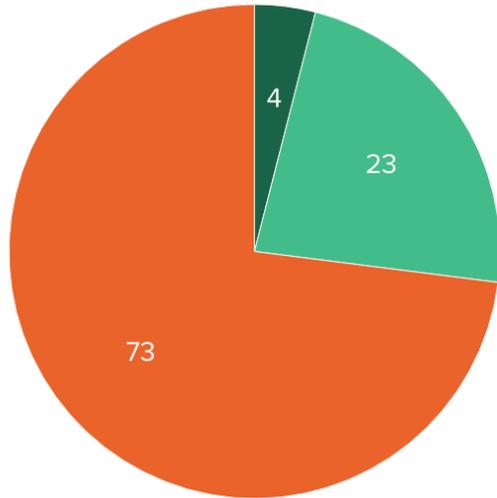
Majorities say local schools are doing well in preparing students for college and jobs

% excellent/good job in . . .

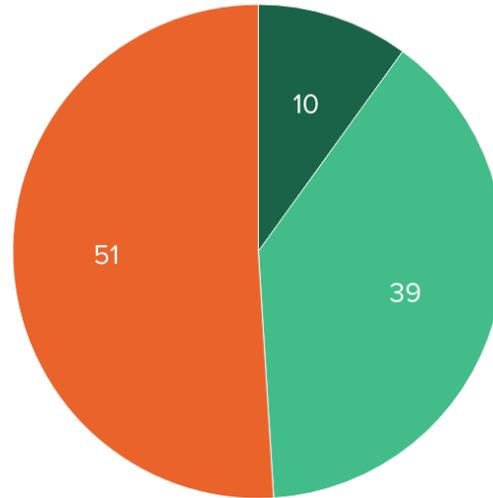


Most parents of school-aged children say local students fell behind during the pandemic; half say this about their own child

■ Got ahead ■ Stayed on track ■ Fell behind

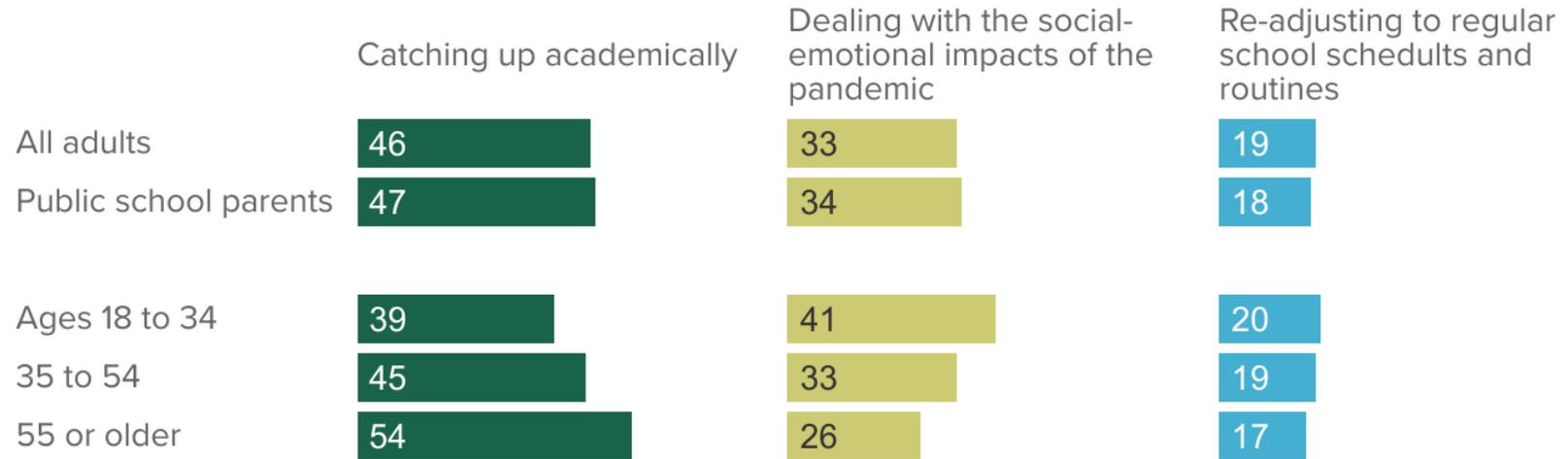


Children in your local public schools



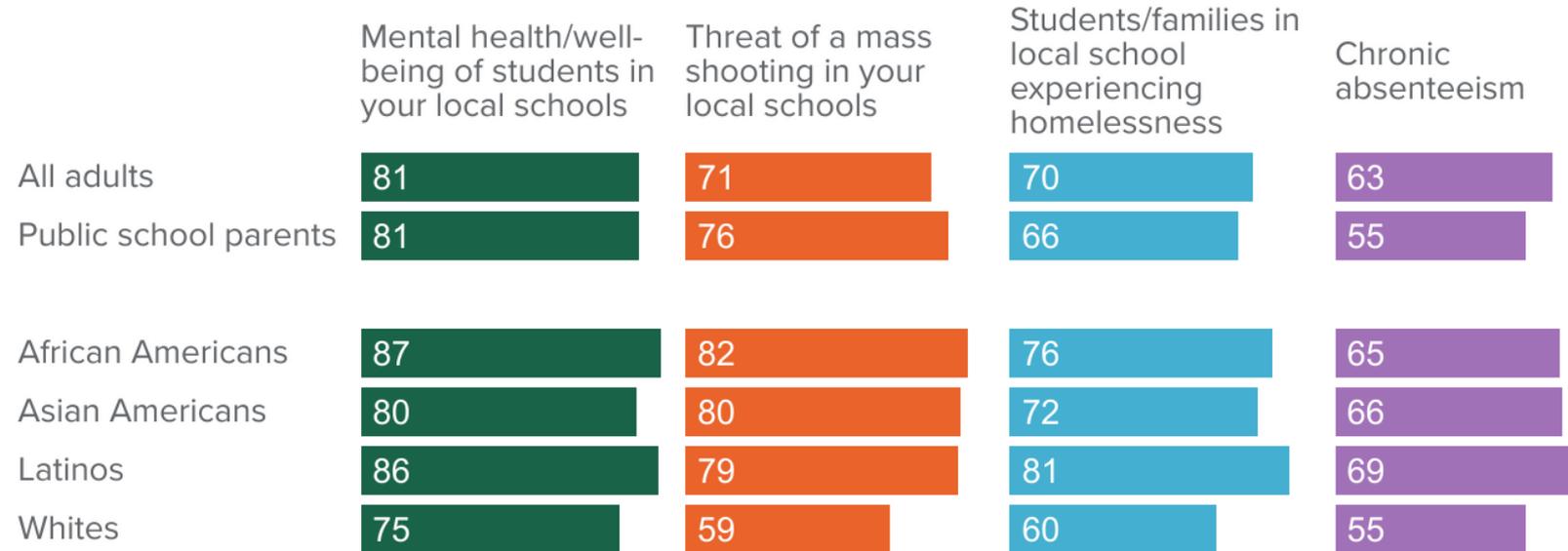
Your own school-aged child

Californians are most likely to see catching up academically as the biggest pandemic challenge

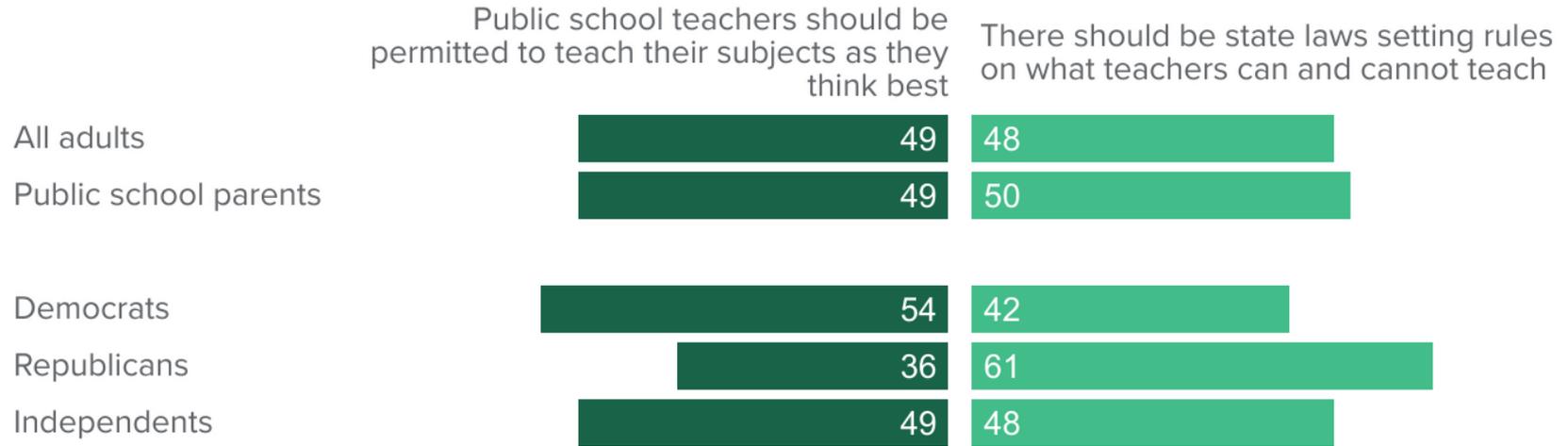


Most are concerned about mental health and other school-related issues

% very/somewhat concerned

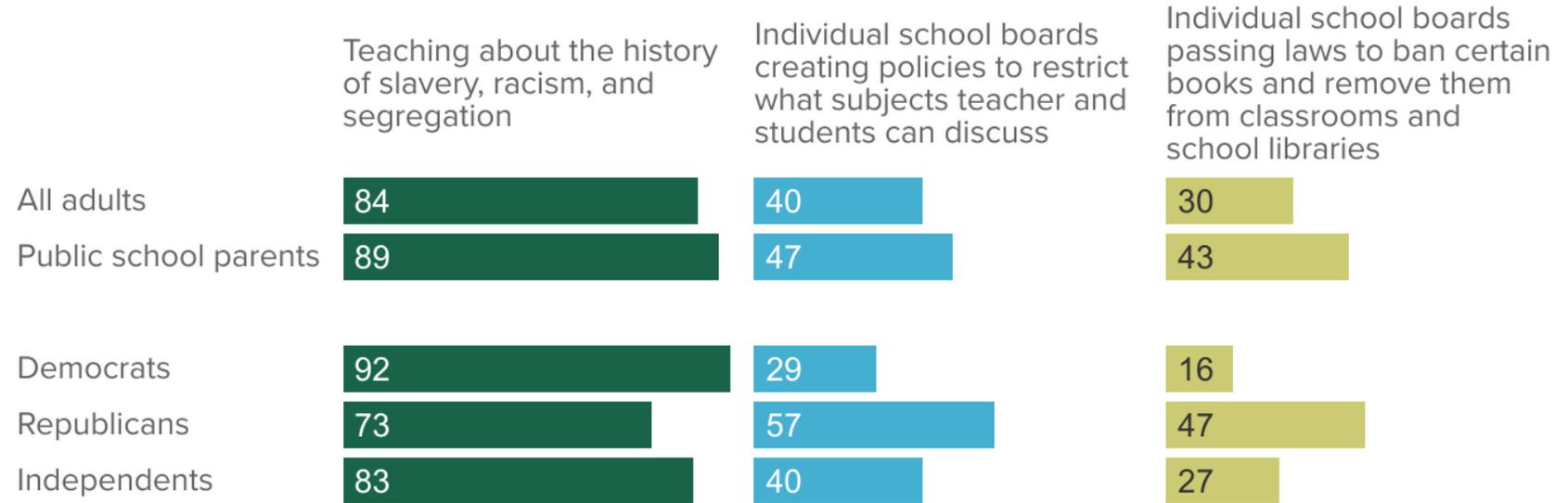


Californians are divided over whether teachers should be allowed to teach as they think best



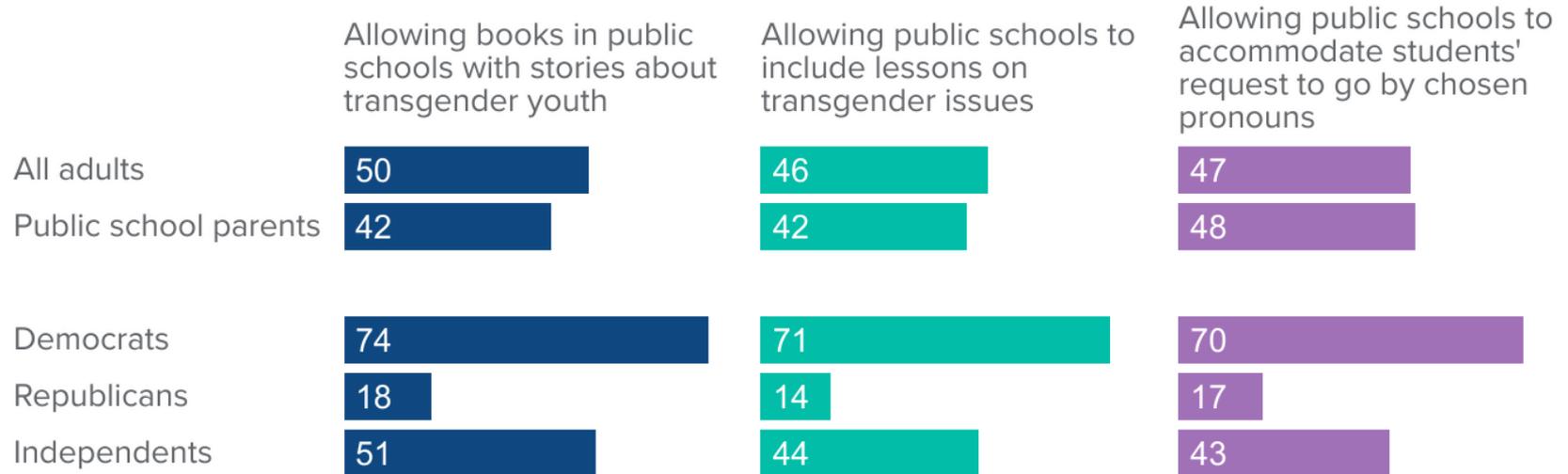
Most favor teaching about the history of racism; far fewer support subject and book restrictions

% support

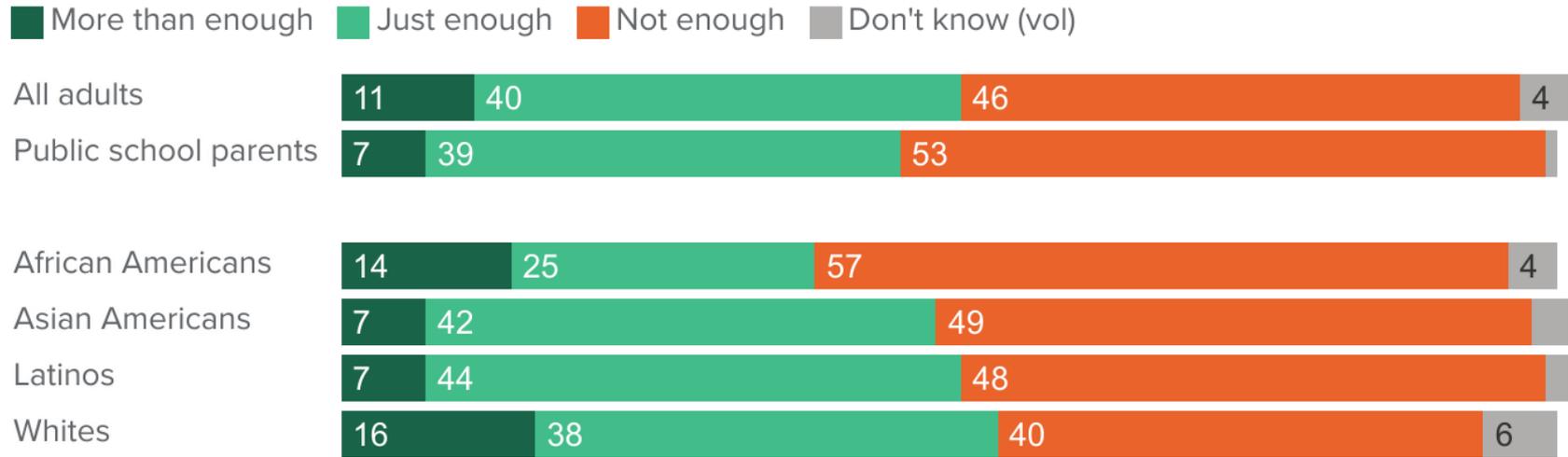


Half or fewer Californians support allowing books and lessons on transgender issues

% support



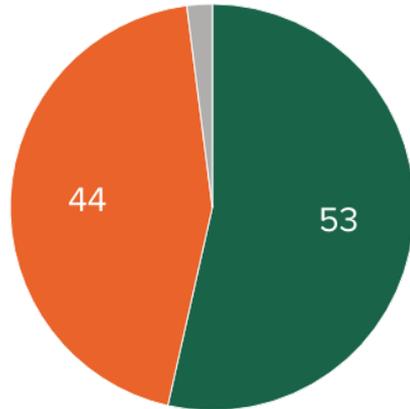
More than half of adults say the level of public school funding is adequate or more than enough



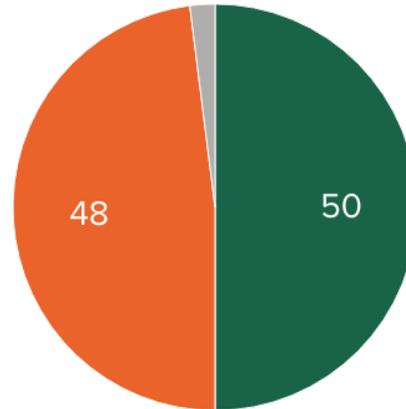
About half of likely voters support state and local bond measures for school construction

Among likely voters

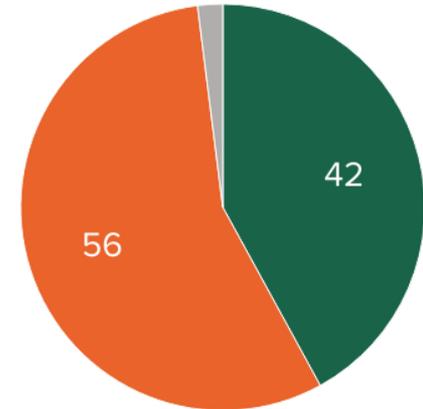
■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know (vol)



State bond measure to pay for school construction projects



Local bond measure to pay for school construction projects



Local ballot measure to increase parcel taxes

Two in three say the state should fund voluntary preschool for all four-year-olds



Other topics

- Quality of K–12 education
- Local Control Funding Formula
- Concerns about teacher salaries, quality, and shortages
- Lower-income students and English language learners
- Importance of kindergarten and kindergarten readiness
- November 2024 US Senate, House, and presidential elections

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