

# Californians and the Environment

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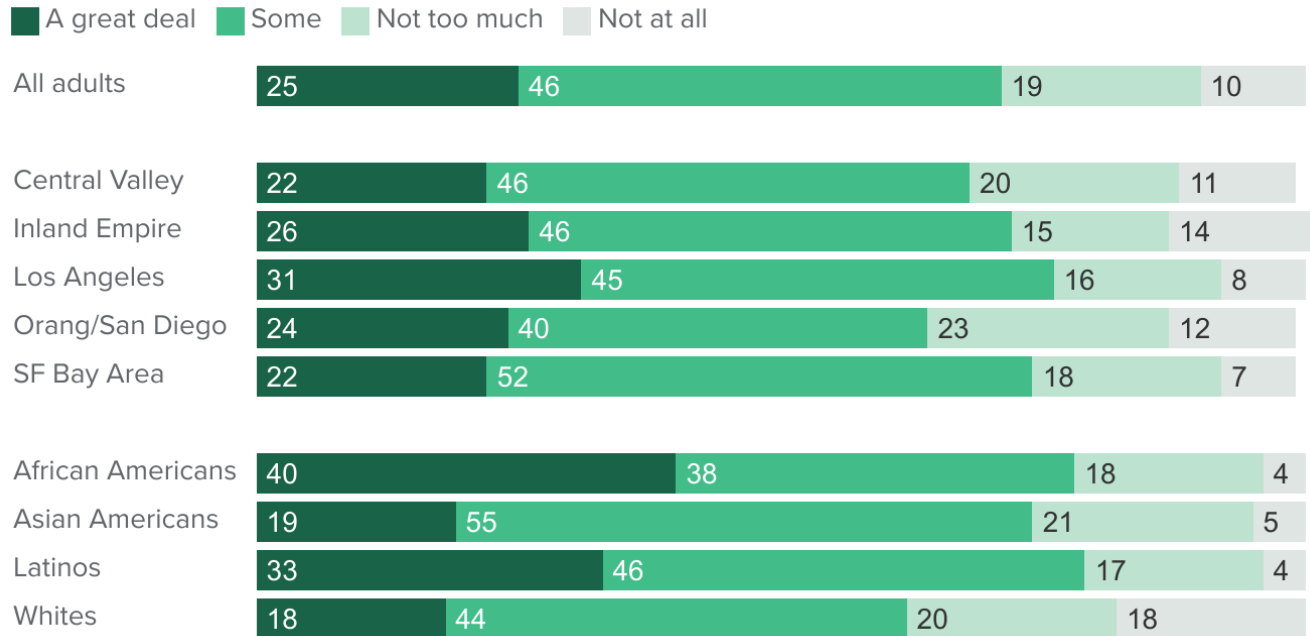
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- 25th anniversary of the PPIC Statewide Survey
- PPIC's 23rd annual survey on environmental issues
- Conducted online and via telephone, June 7–29, 2023, using the SSRS Opinion Panel
  - 1,724 adults,  $\pm 3.1\%$  margin of error
  - 1,092 likely voters,  $\pm 3.8\%$  margin of error

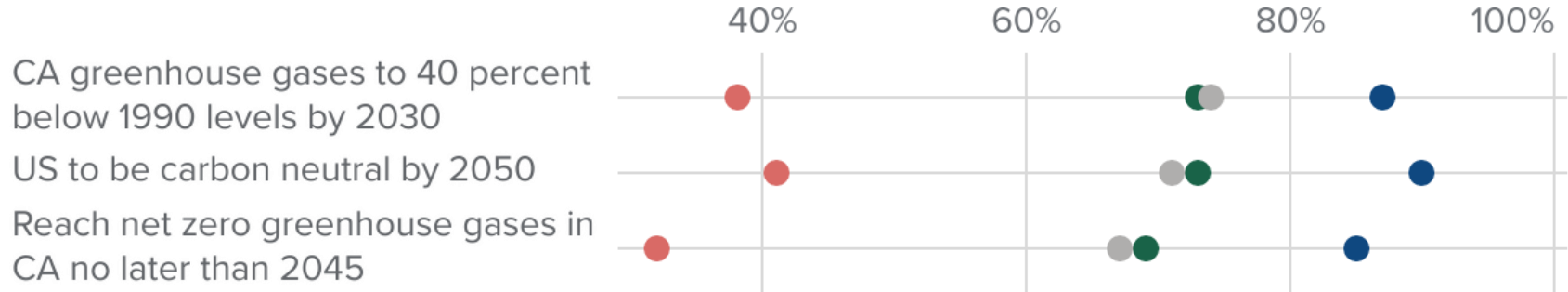
# Most say climate change is affecting their local community



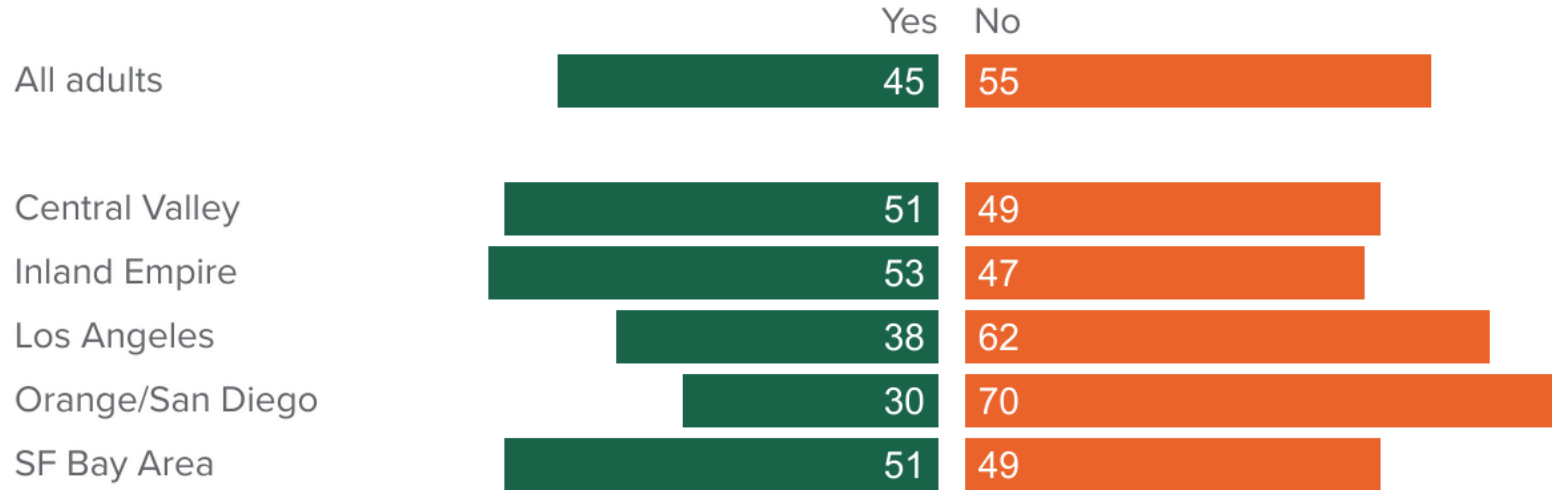
# Majorities favor state and federal goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

% in favor

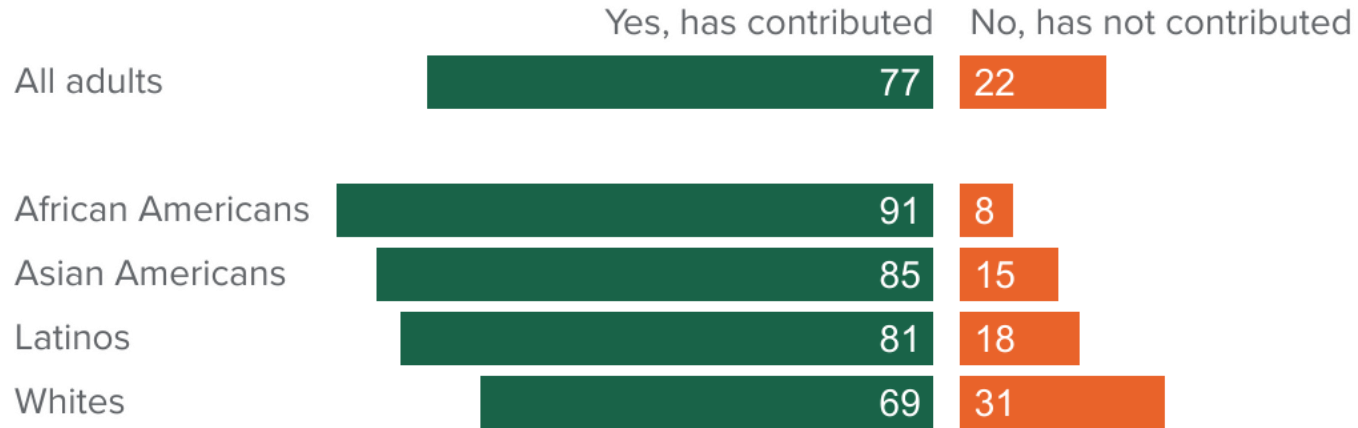
● All adults ● Democrats ● Republicans ● Independents



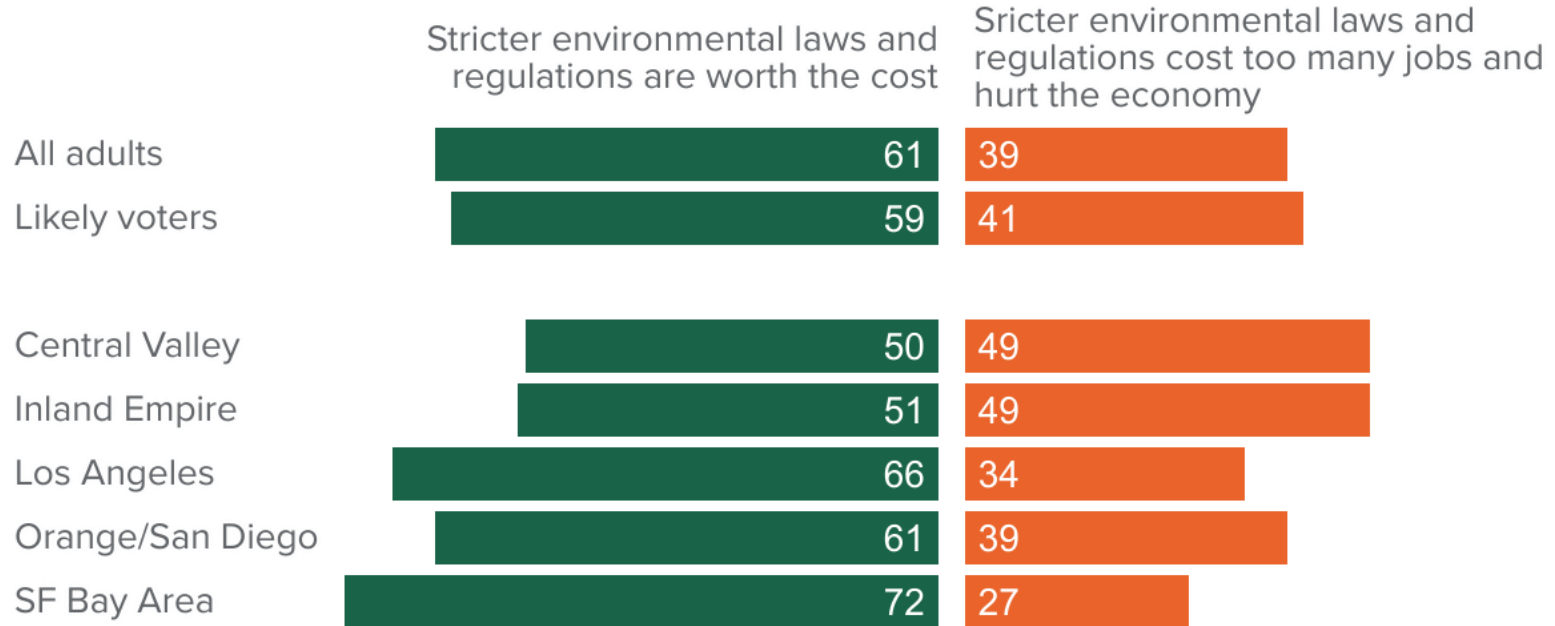
# Extreme weather has most affected the Central Valley, the Inland Empire, and the Bay Area



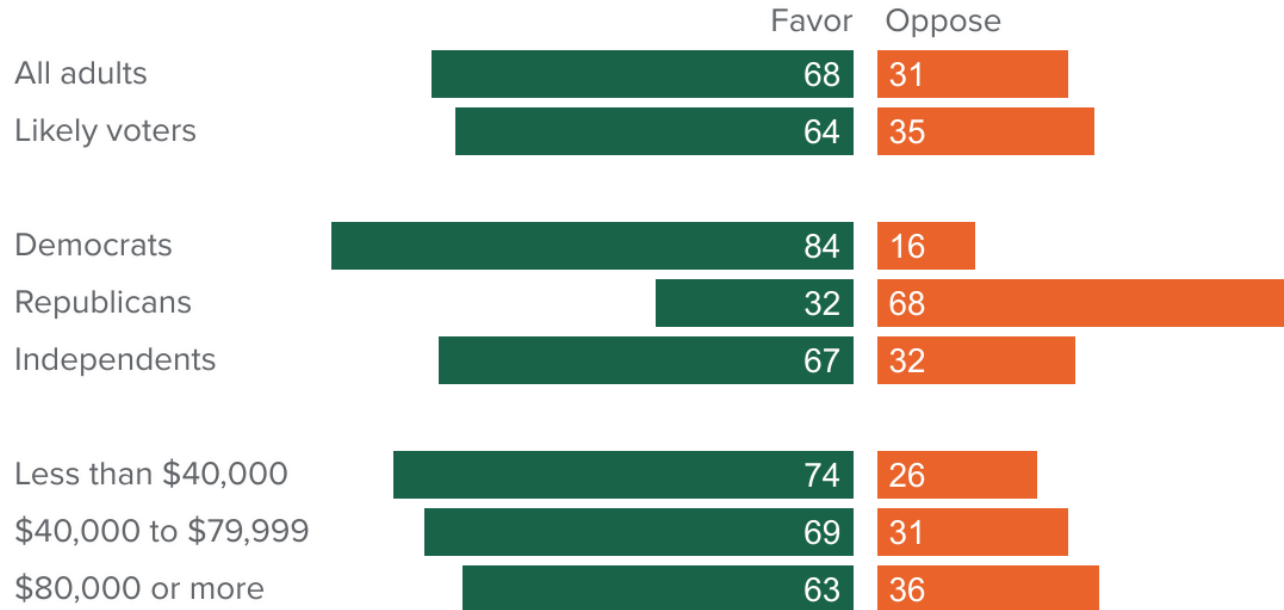
# Most adults think climate change contributes to the state's recent extreme weather events



# Majorities say stricter environmental laws are worth the cost

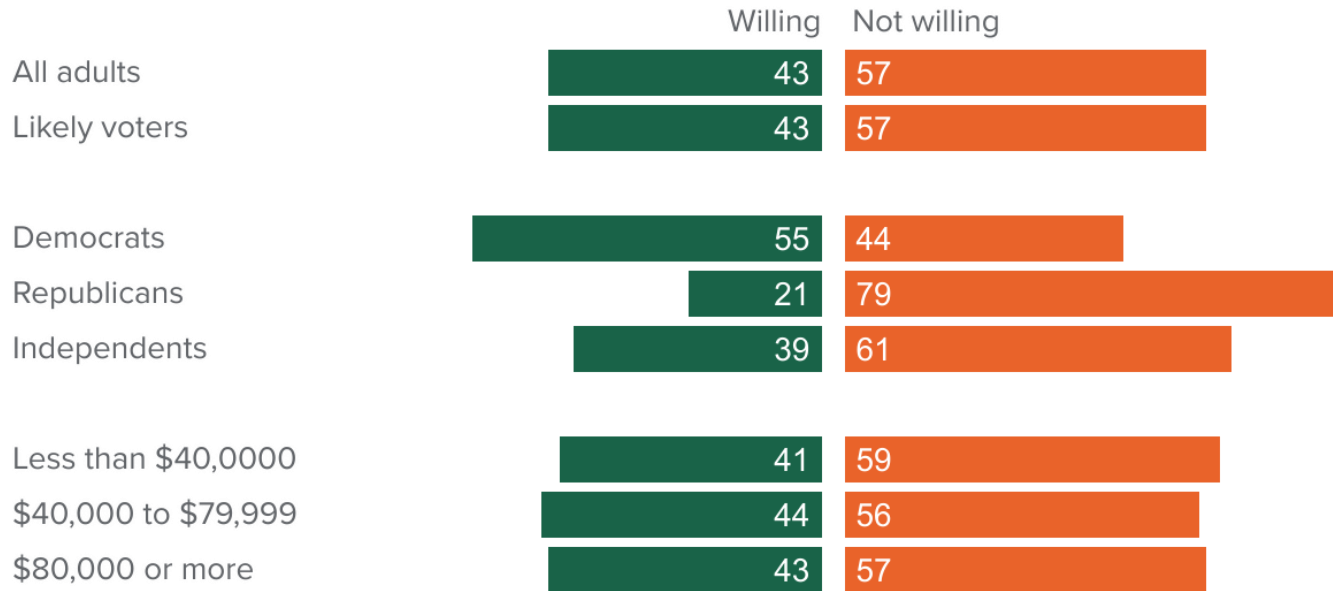


# Many favor law that requires 100% of state electricity to come from renewable sources by 2045



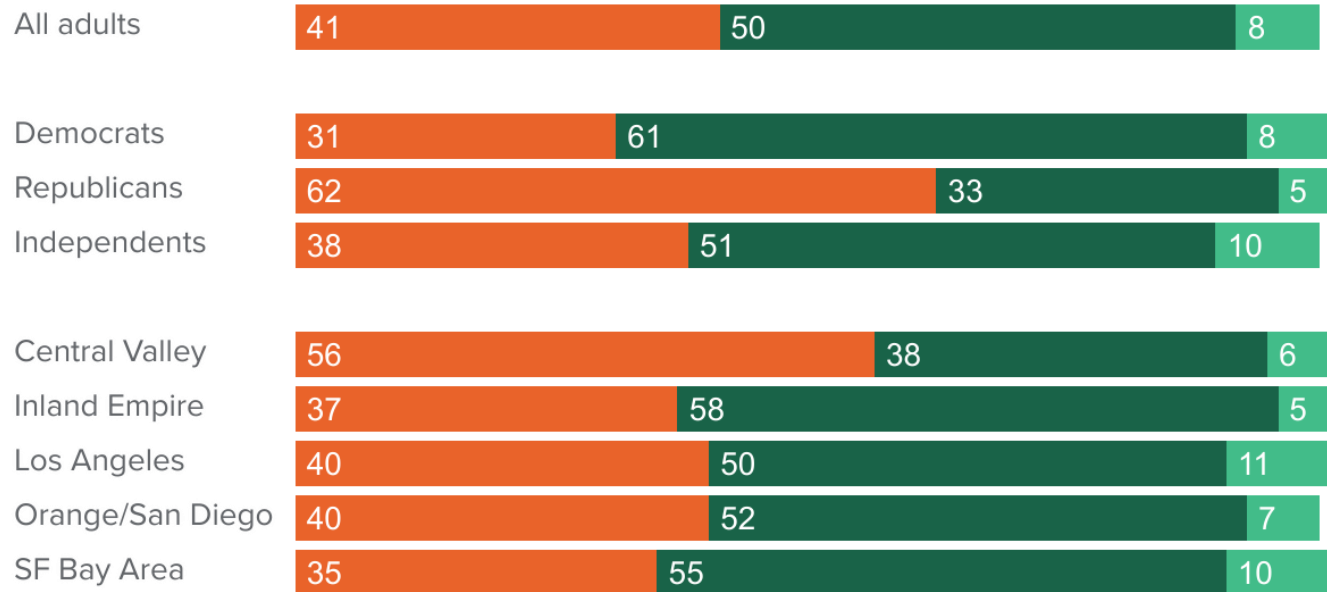


# ... however, most are unwilling to pay more for electricity from renewable sources



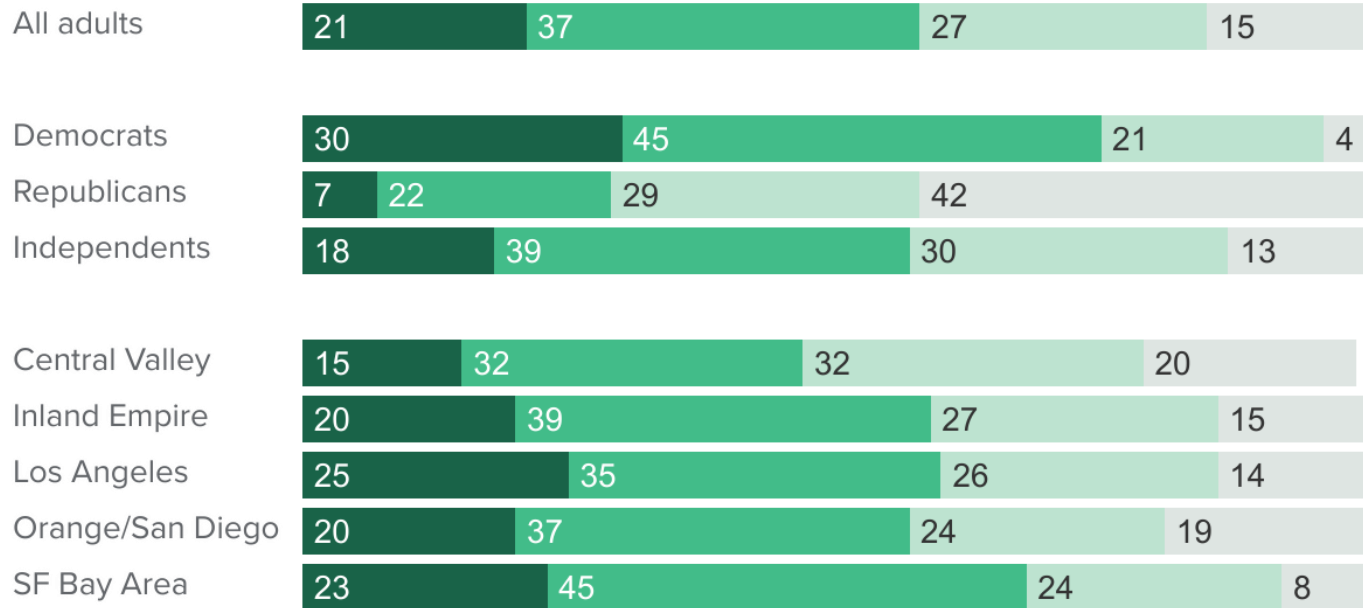
# About half of adults have considered getting an electric vehicle, or already own one

Have not considered   Have considered   Already have one



# A majority think electric vehicles help address climate change

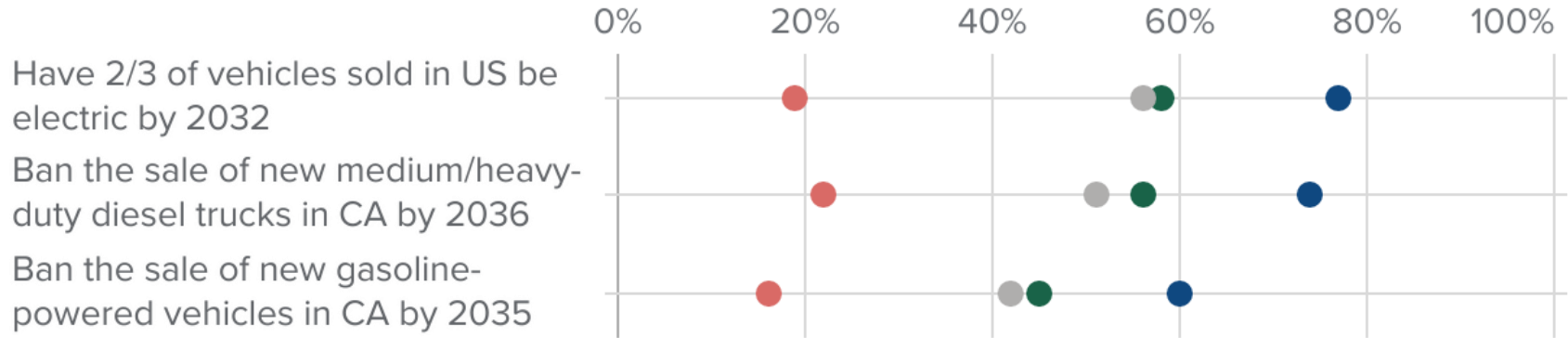
■ A great deal ■ A fair amount ■ Only a little ■ Not at all



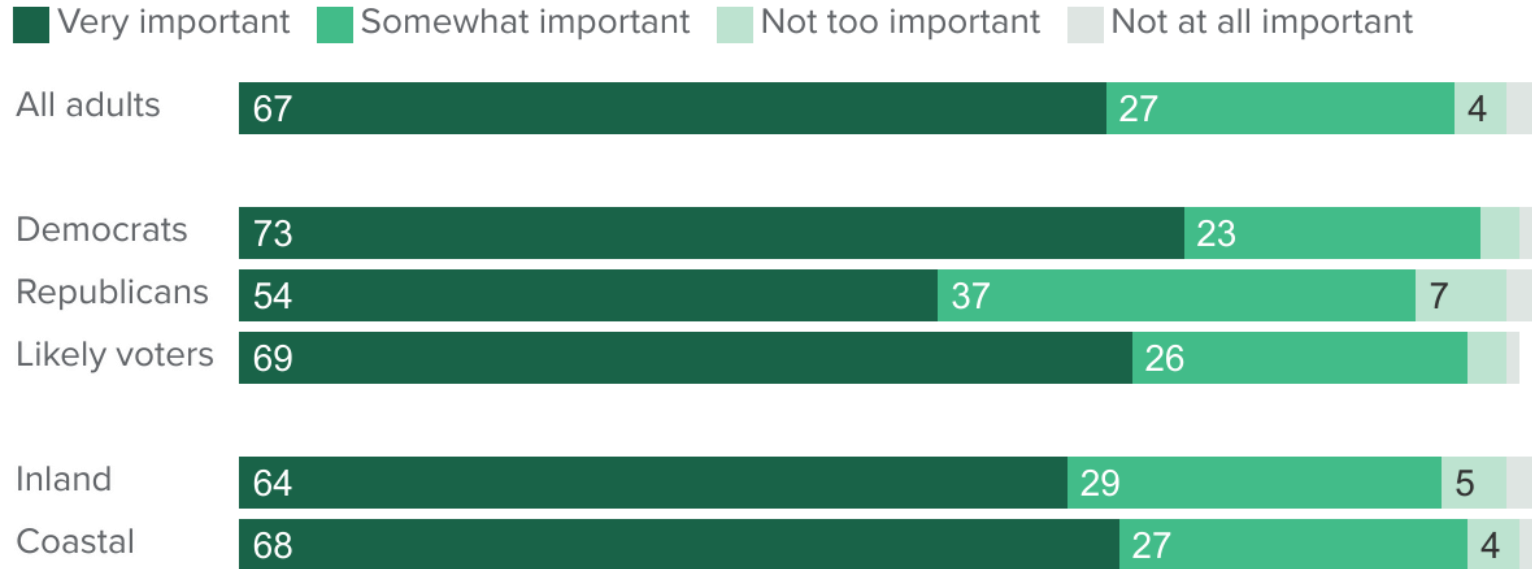
# Partisans are divided on vehicle-related environment goals

% in favor

● All adults ● Democrats ● Republicans ● Likely voters



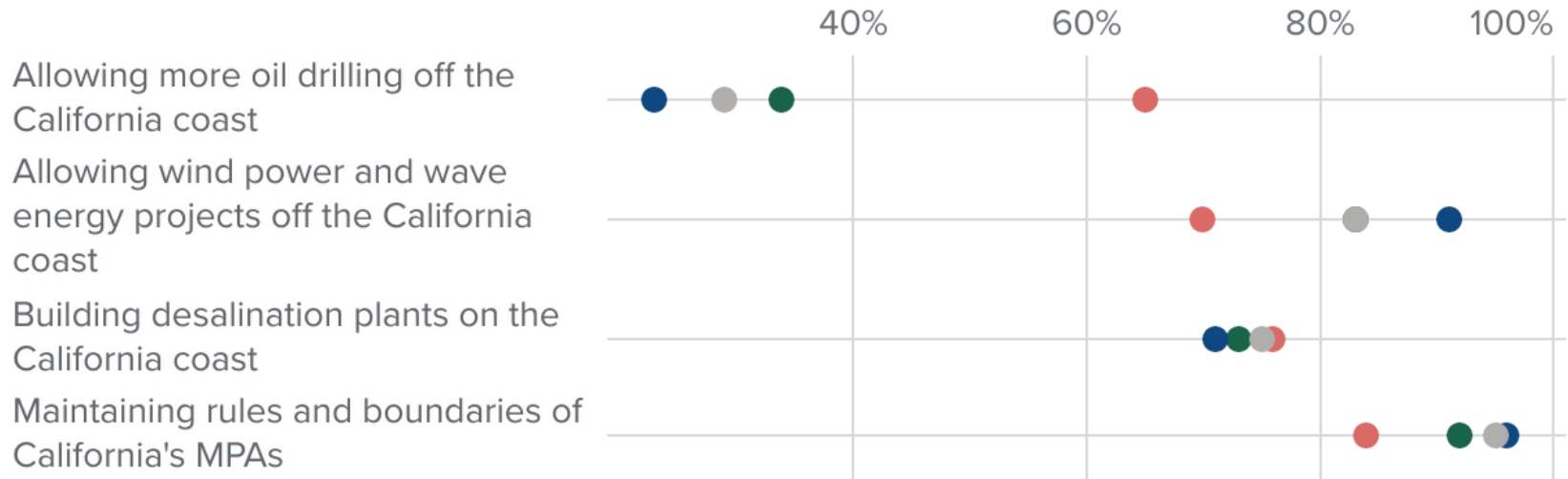
# Californians see ocean and beach conditions as very important to the economy and quality of life



# Few support more oil drilling, while most support other ocean-related proposals

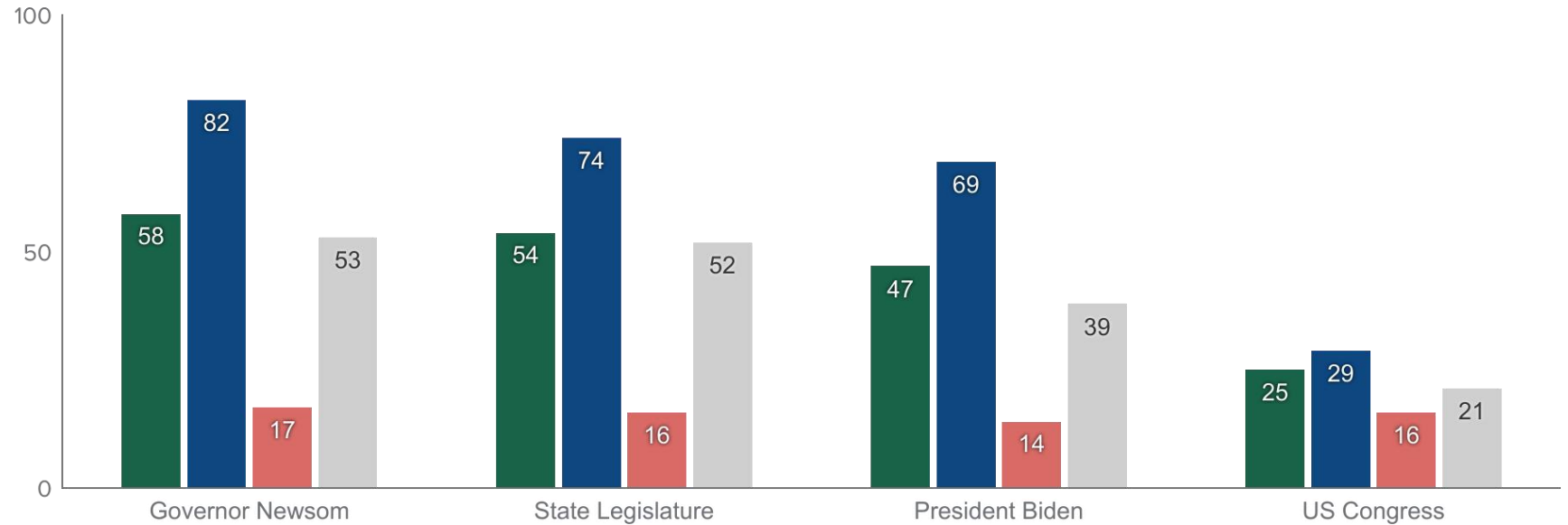
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# Partisans are divided on approval of most officials' handling of environmental issues

■ All adults ■ Democrats ■ Republicans ■ Independents



## Other topics

- Air pollution
- Views on cap-and-trade
- Ocean and beach-related concerns
- Trust in the state and federal governments when it comes to handling environmental issues
- Opinions on land use and housing situations
- Opinions on voting on environmental issues



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