

PPIC Statewide Survey: Californians and the Environment

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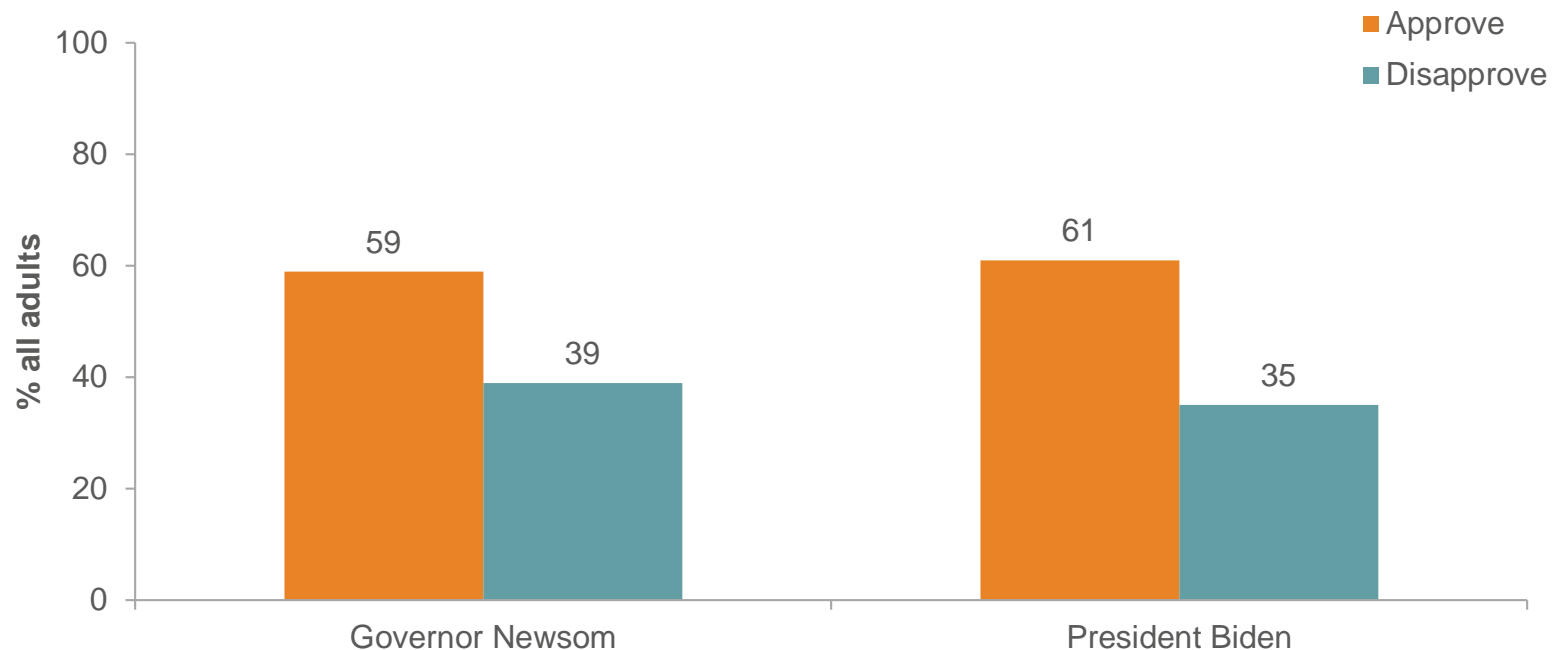
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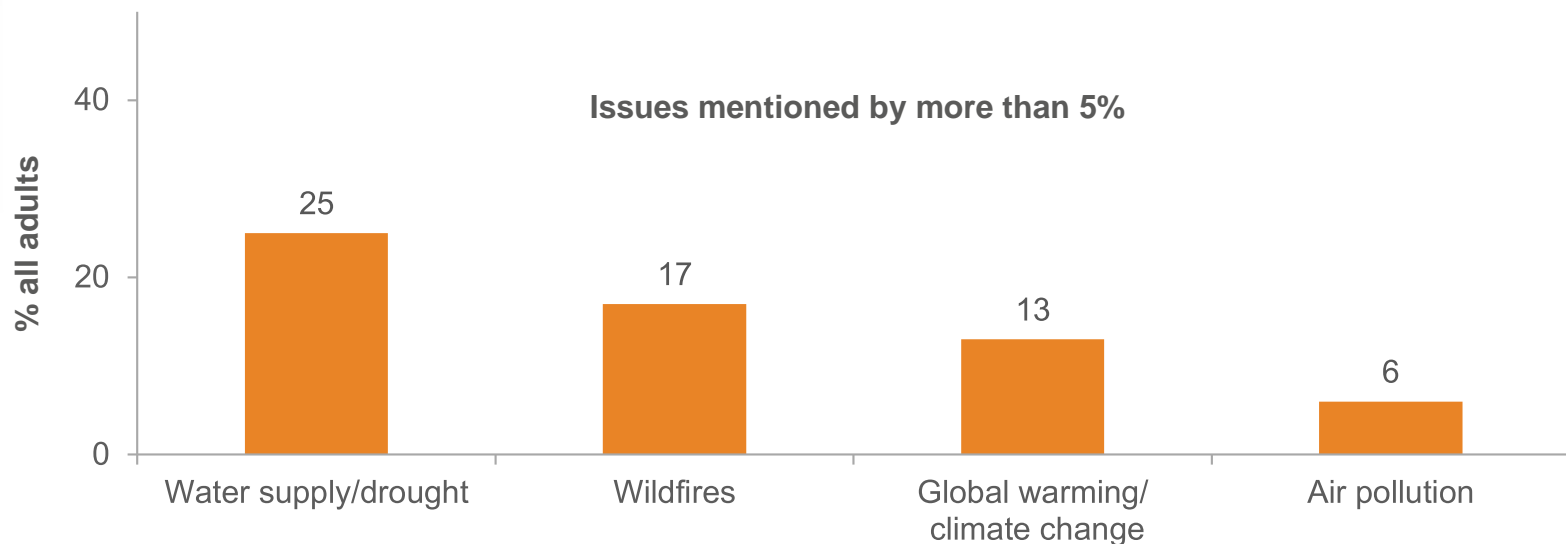
- PPIC's 21st annual survey on environmental issues
- Conducted online, July 6–14, 2021, using Ipsos KnowledgePanel
 - 1,569 adults, $\pm 3.4\%$ margin of error
 - 937 likely voters, $\pm 4.2\%$ margin of error

A majority approve of how federal and state officials are handling environmental issues



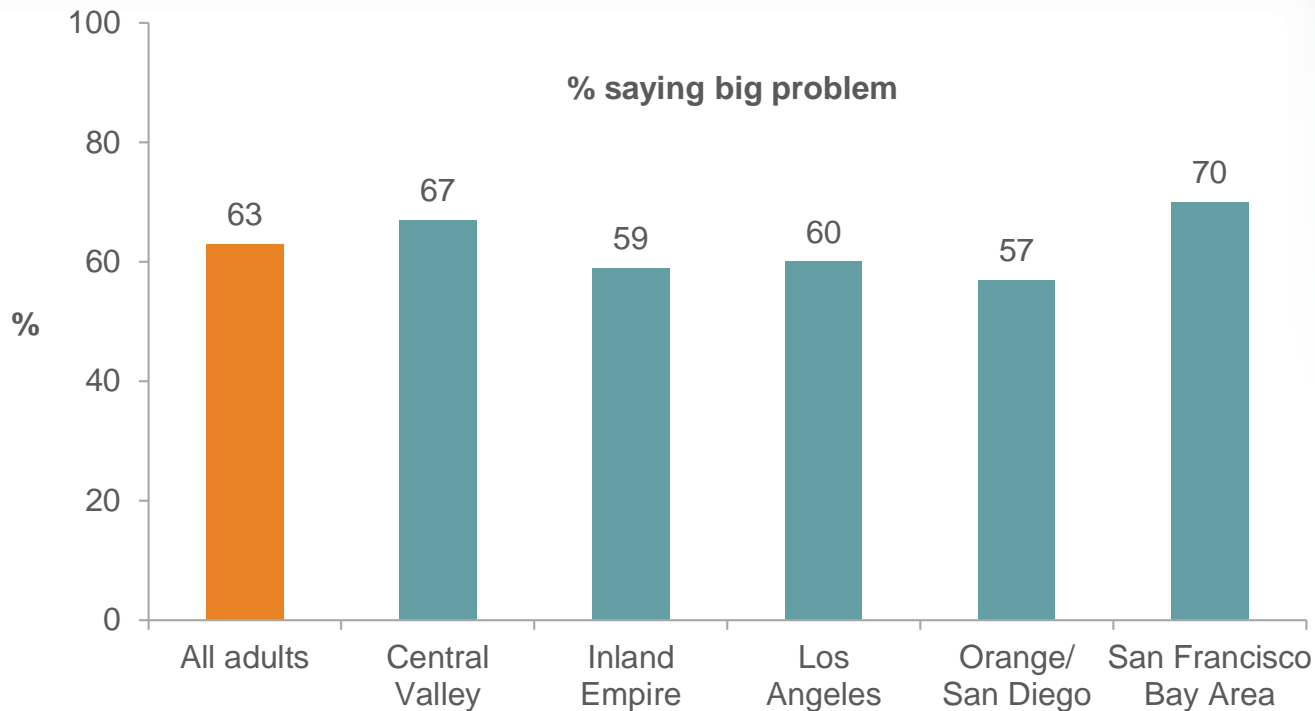
Water supply, wildfires, and climate change are top concerns to Californians

Next, what do you think is the most important environmental issue facing California today?



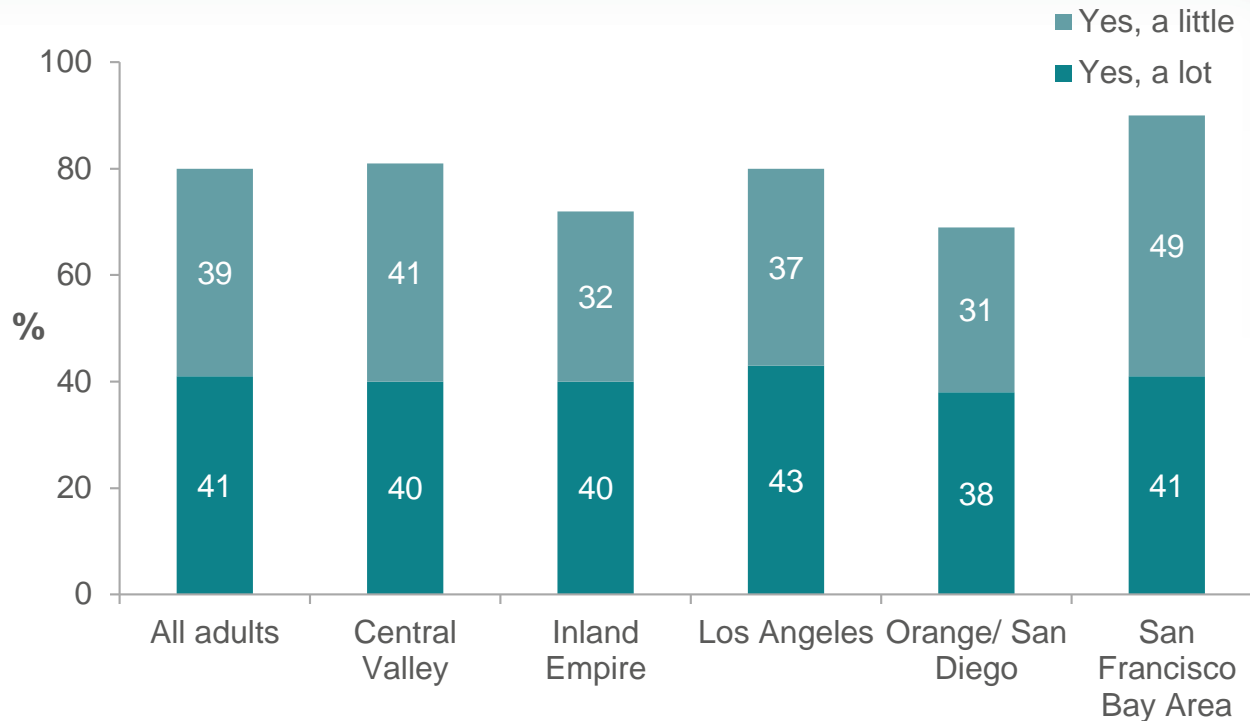
Water supply is considered a big problem to majorities across California

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?



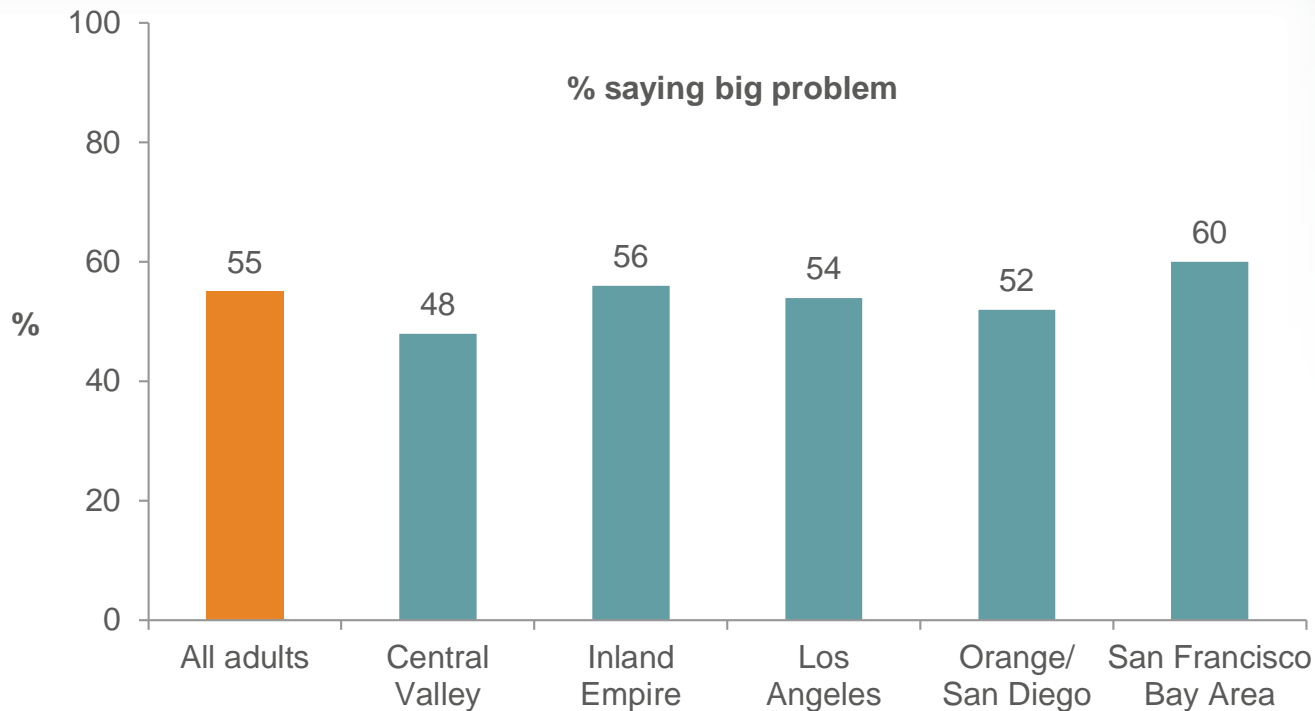
Across regions, Californians are taking steps to reduce water use

Would you say that you and your family have taken steps to reduce water use recently in response to the current drought?
If yes: Have you done a lot or a little to reduce water use?



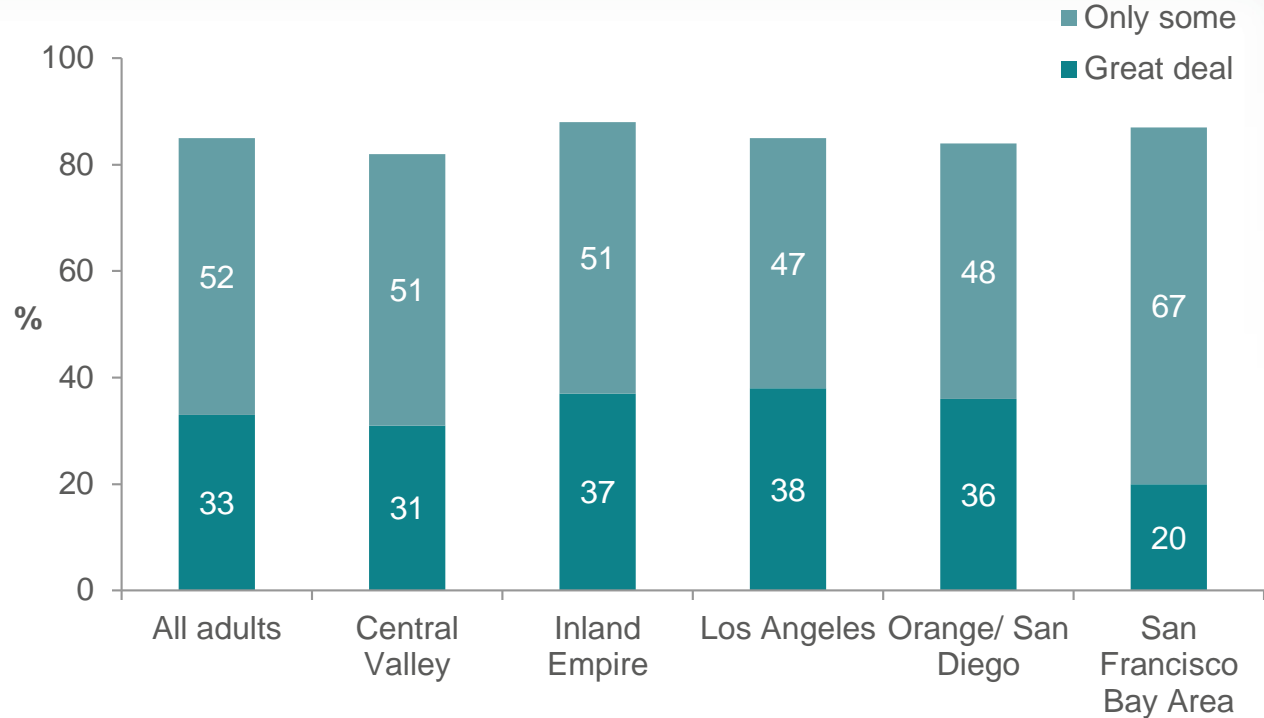
Wildfires are a big problem to about half of residents across regions

How much of a problem is the threat of wildfires in your part of California—is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem?



Californians have some confidence in government readiness to respond to wildfires

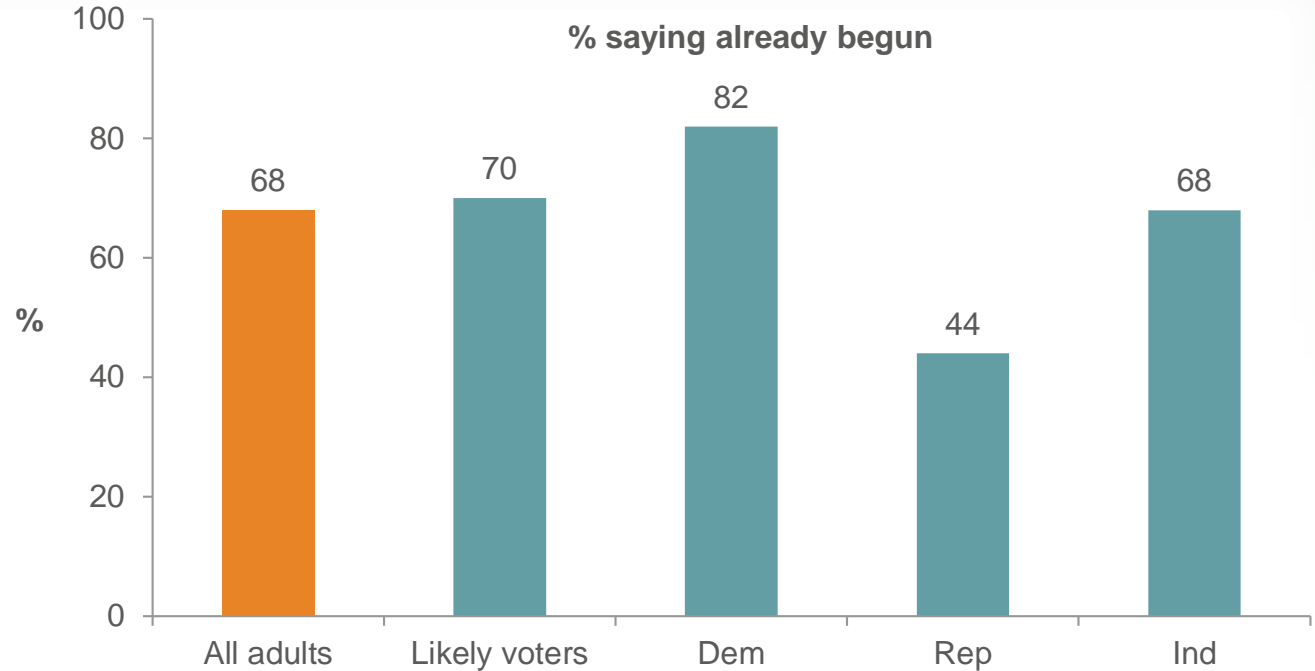
How much confidence do you have in the government in terms of its readiness to respond to wildfires in your part of California – do you have a great deal, only some, or hardly any confidence at all?



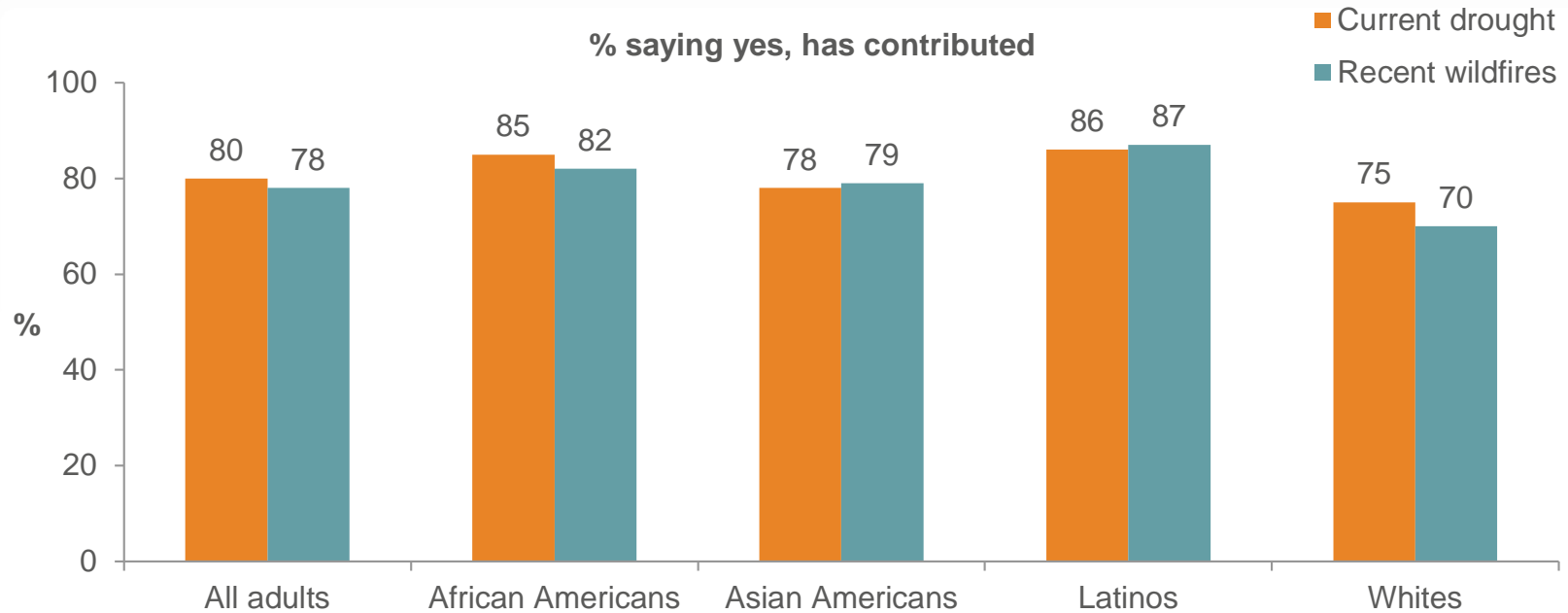
Democrats and independents say the effects of climate change are happening now

When will the effects of climate change begin?

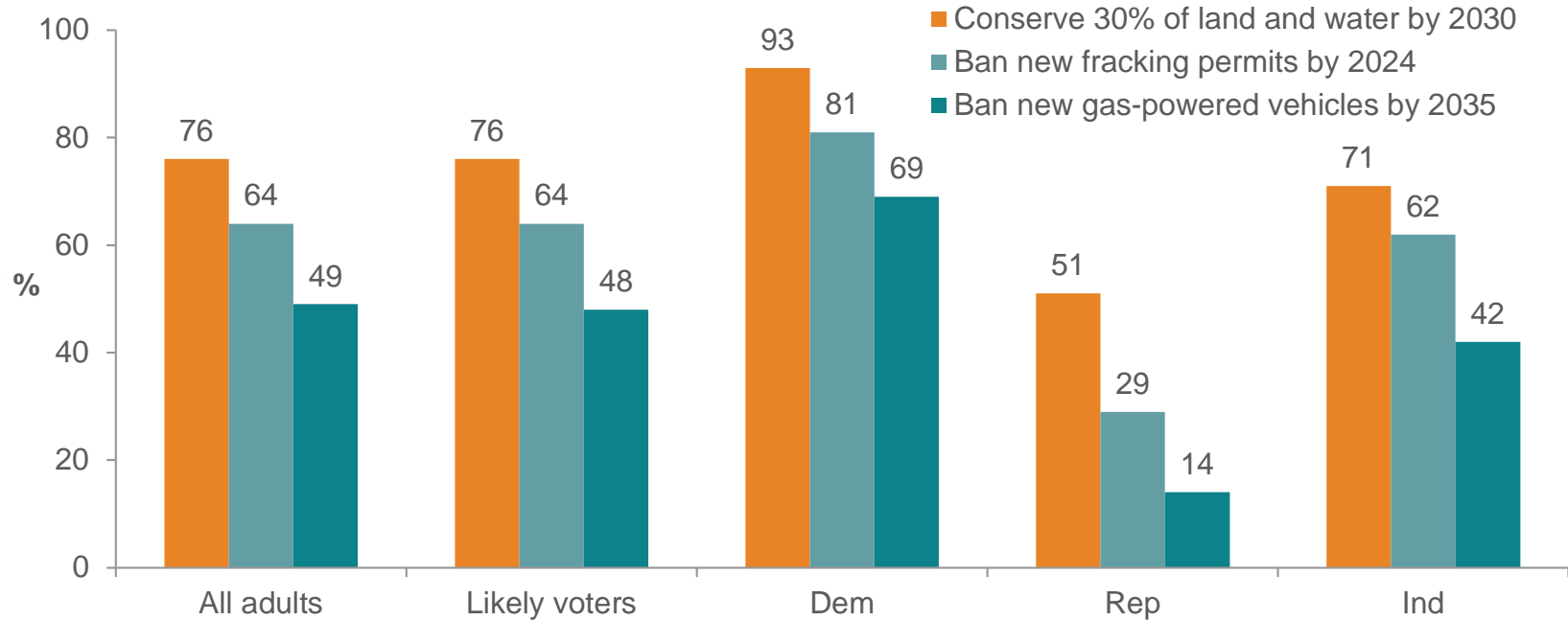
- have already begun
- within a few years
- within your lifetime
- not within your lifetime, but will affect future generations
- will never happen



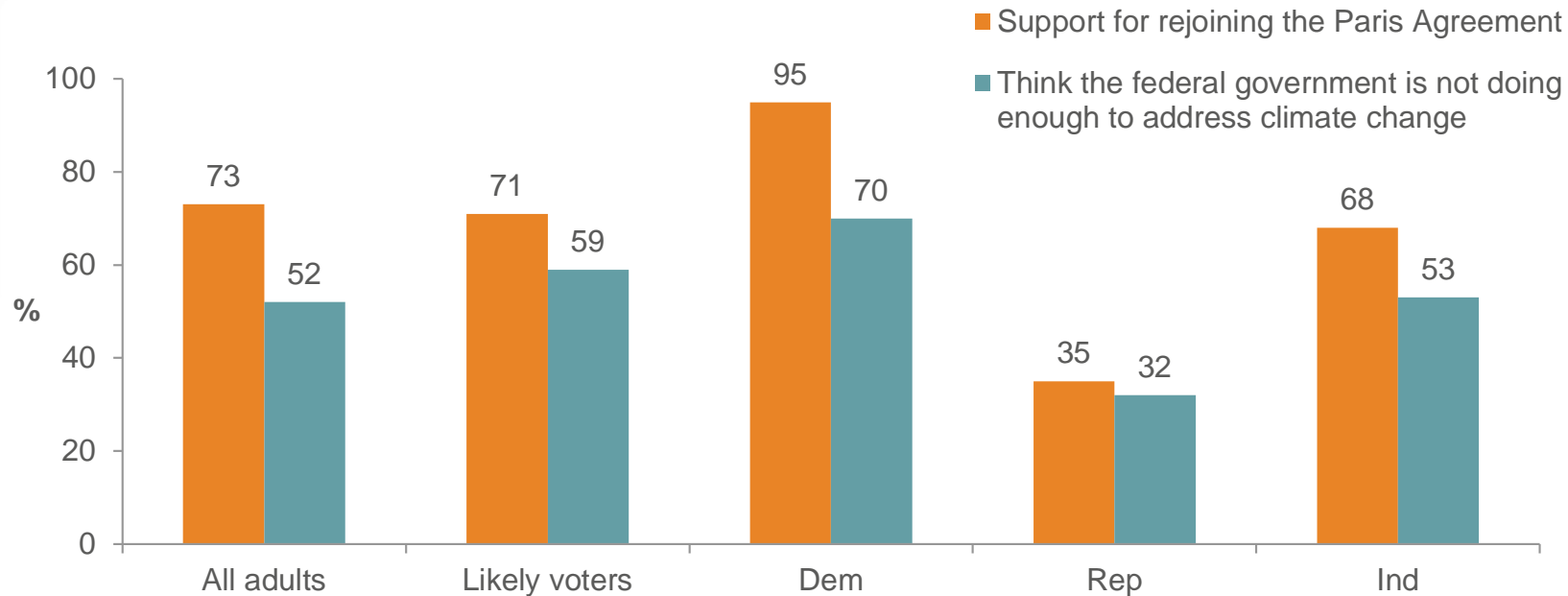
Majorities say climate change has contributed to drought and wildfires



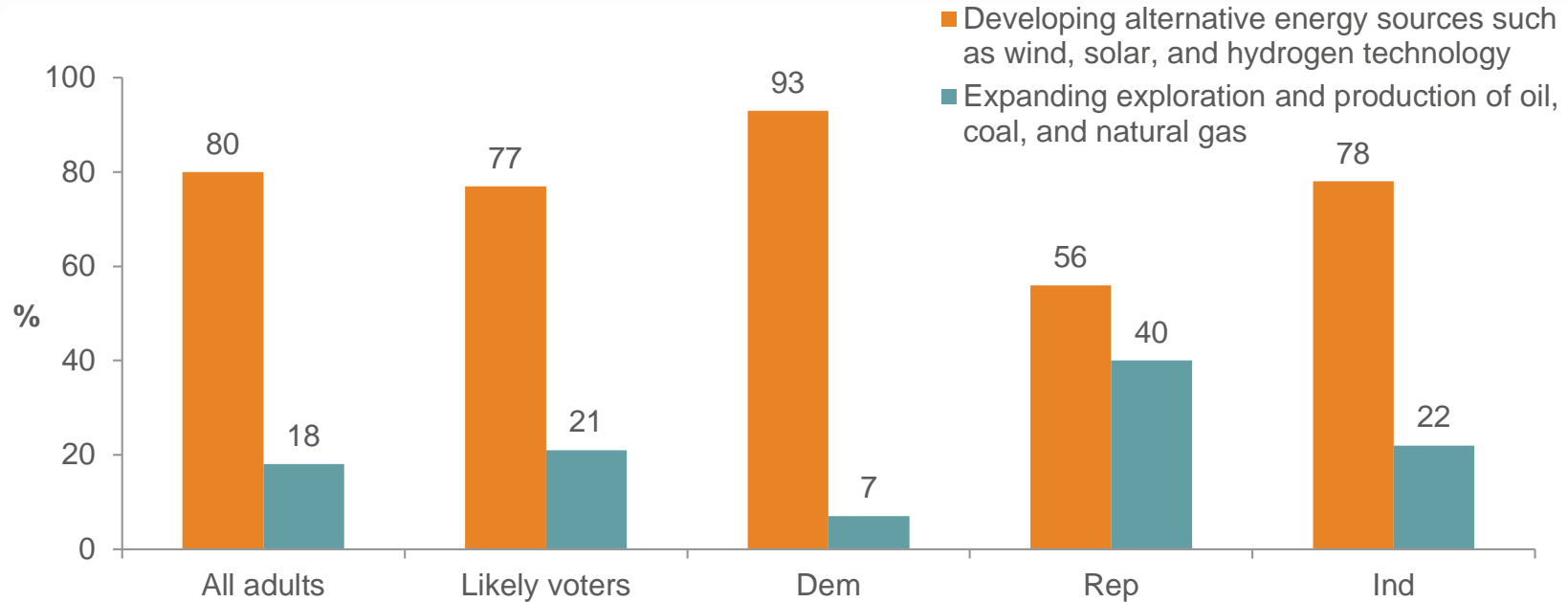
Support for California's climate change policies varies by policy and party



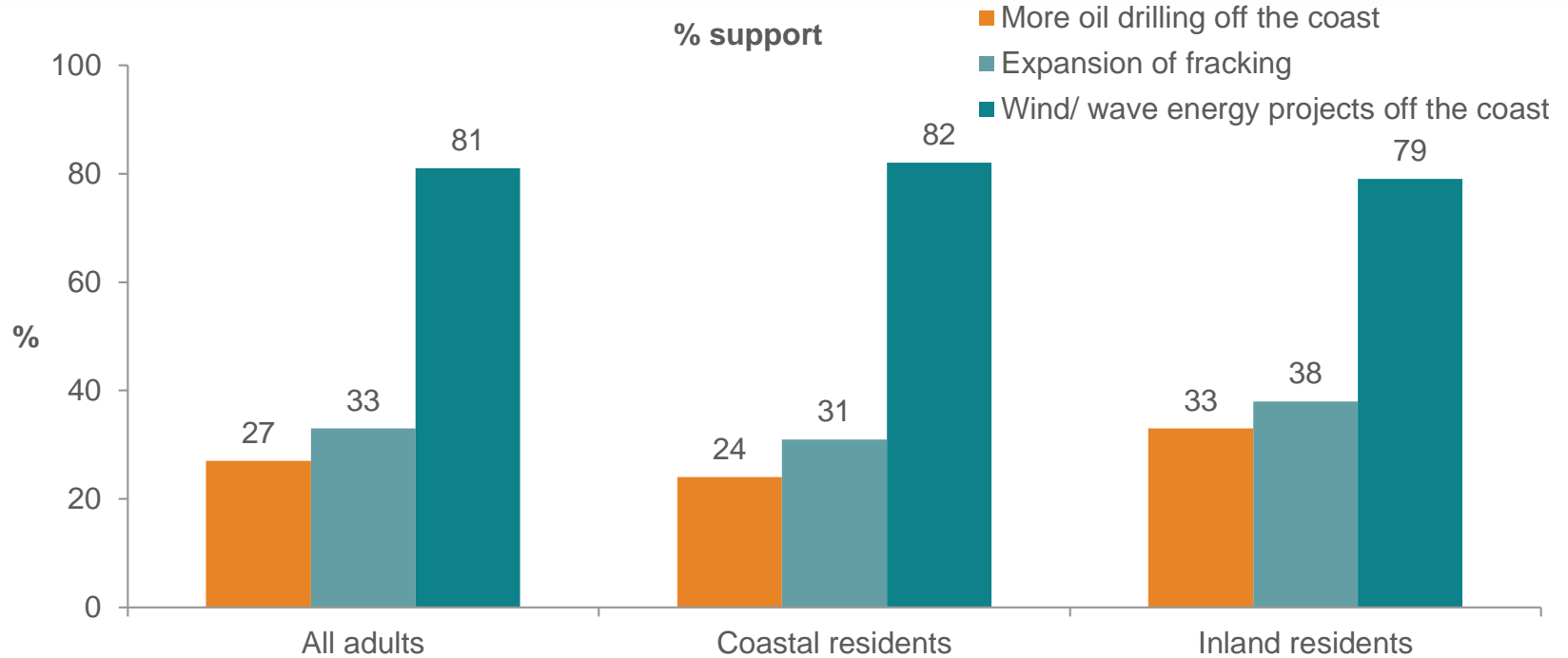
Democrats and independents support rejoining the Paris Agreement



Bipartisan support for prioritizing alternative energy sources



Californians support coastal wind projects but oppose more oil drilling



Other topics

- Ocean, coast, and marine life
- California as a global leader on climate change
- Perceived impacts of climate change policies
- Trust in government handling of environmental issues
- Air pollution

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