

# PPIC Statewide Survey: Californians and Education

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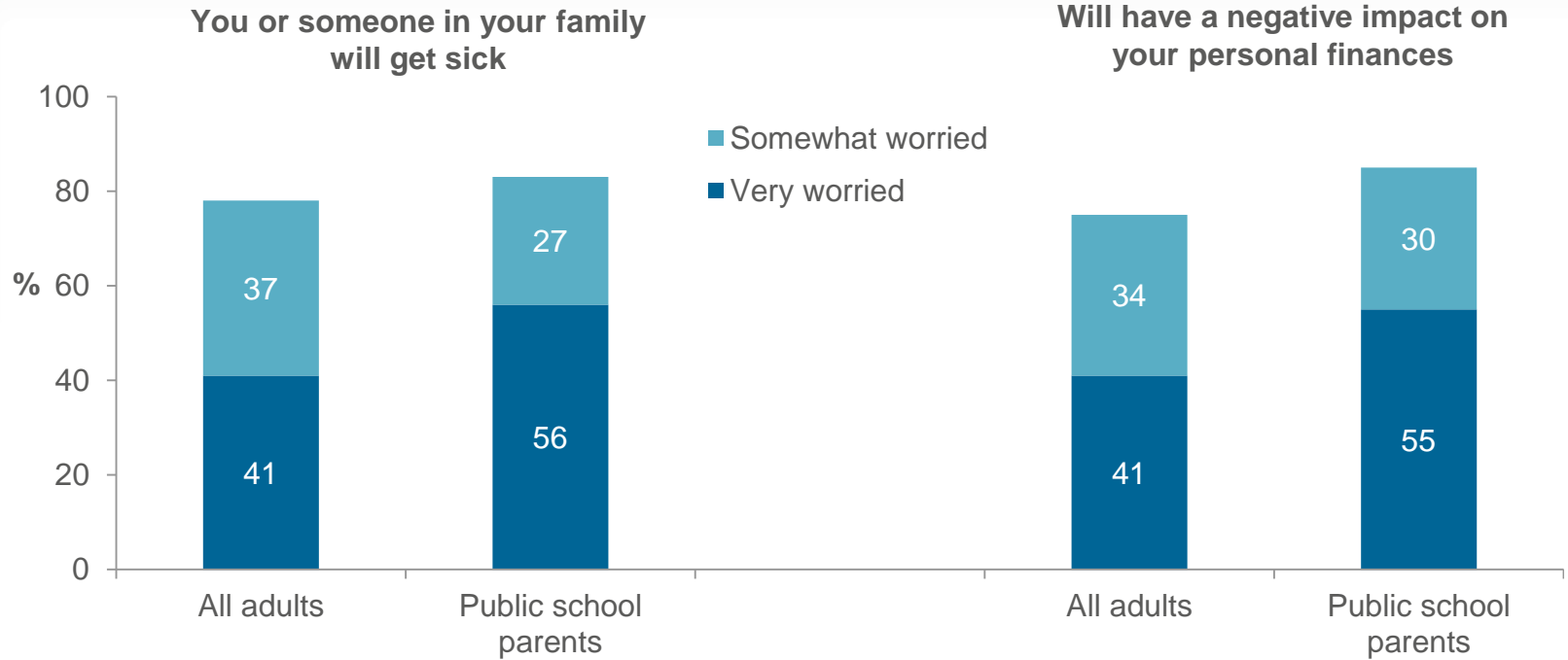
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# Californians and education

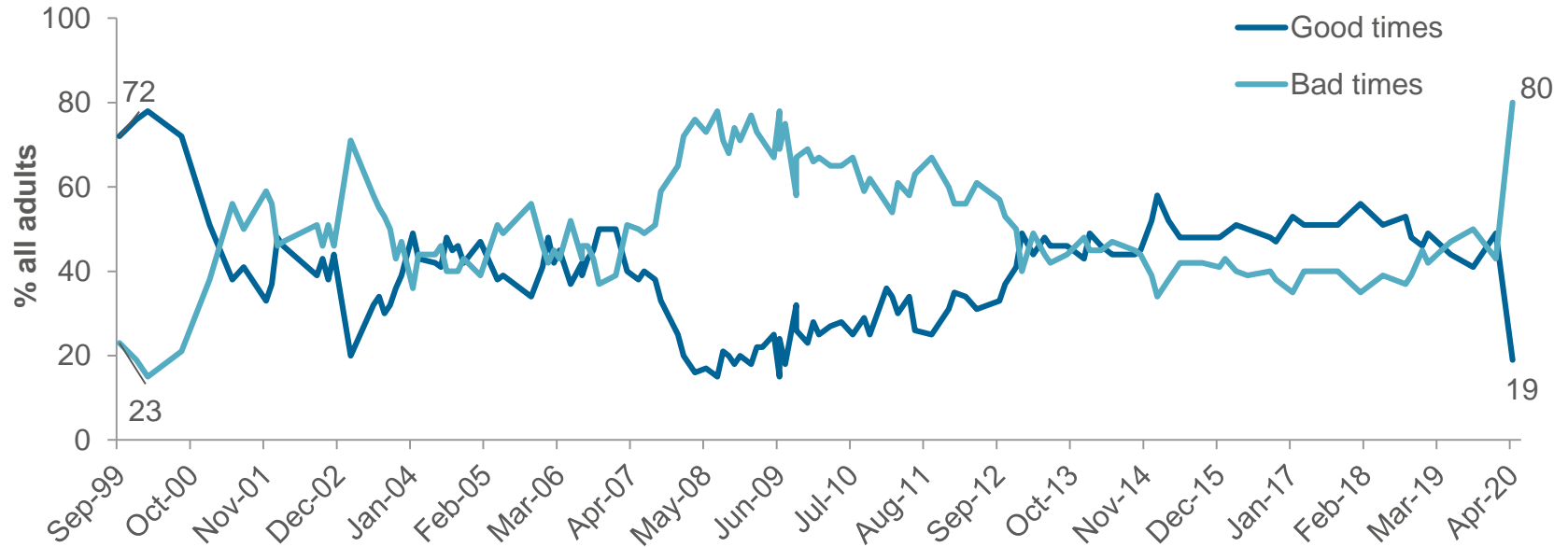
- PPIC's 16th annual survey on K–12 issues
- Conducted online, April 1–9, 2020
- Uses Ipsos KnowledgePanel
  - 1,633 adults,  $\pm 3.3\%$  margin of error
  - 1,091 likely voters,  $\pm 3.7\%$  margin of error
  - 377 parents of children 18 or younger,  $\pm 6.7\%$  margin of error
  - 272 public school parents,  $\pm 7.8\%$  margin of error

# Worries about the coronavirus



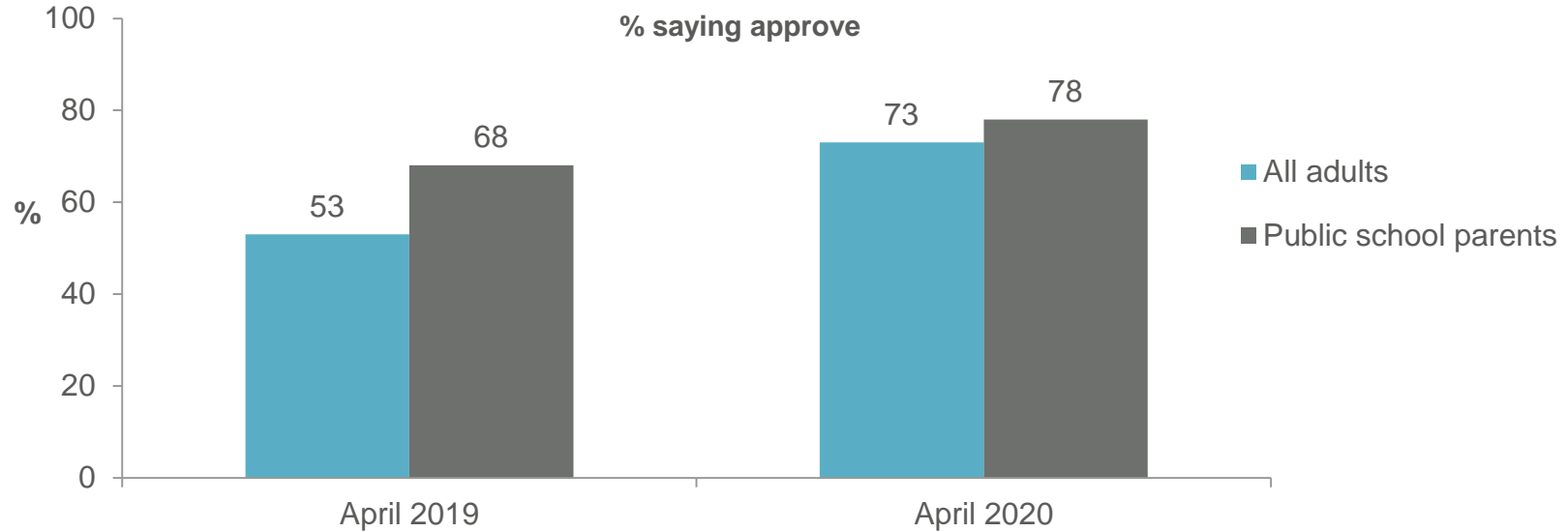
# Consumer confidence

Turning to economic conditions in California, do you think that during the next 12 months we will have good times financially or bad times?



# Approval of Governor Newsom's handling of K-12 public education

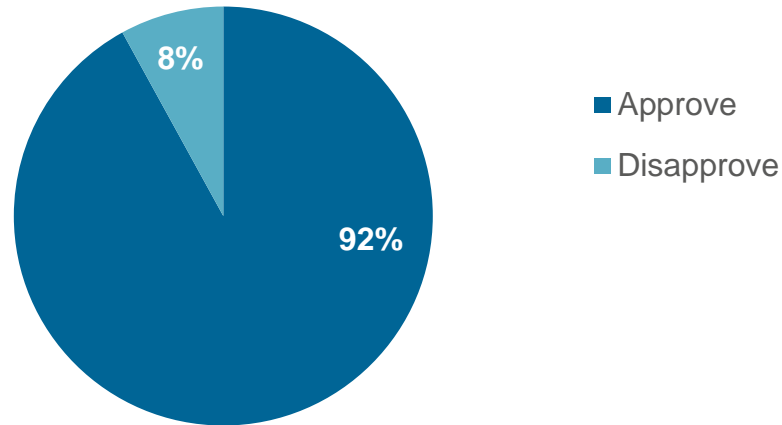
Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Governor Newsom is handling the state's kindergarten through 12th grade public education system?



# Approval of local school district handling school closures

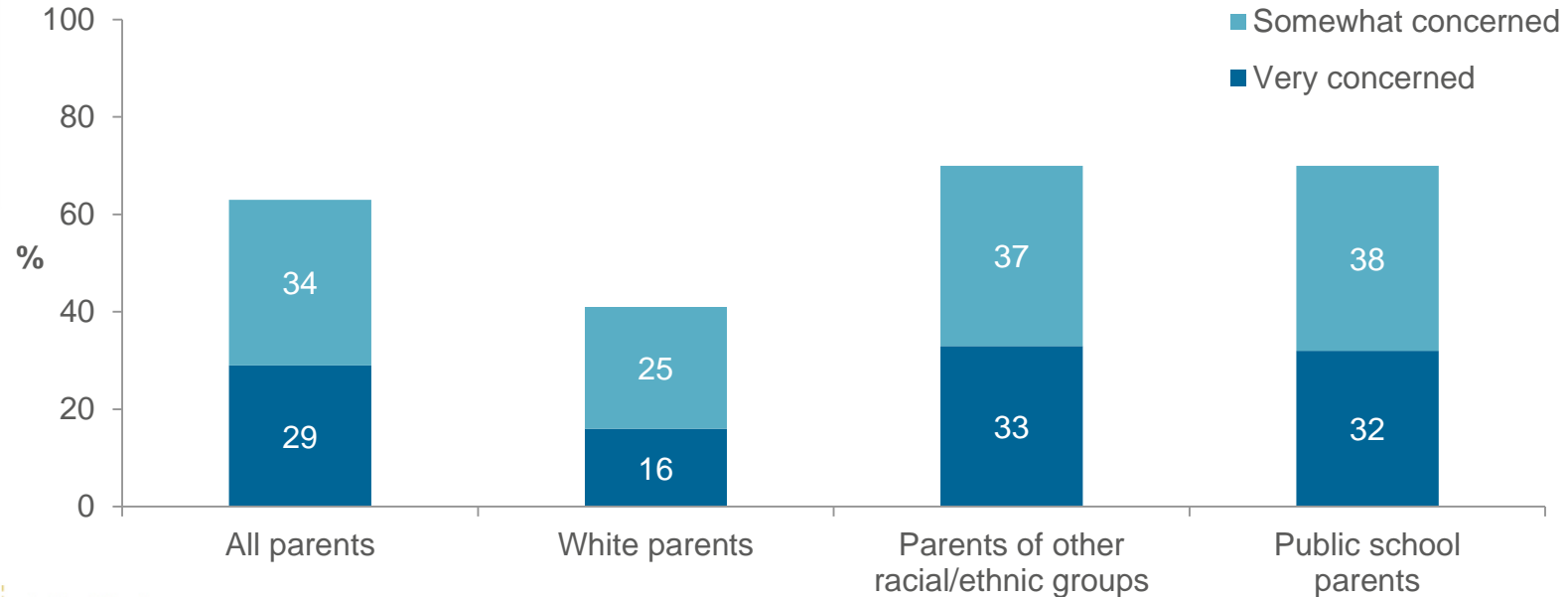
Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that your local school district is handling school closures because of the coronavirus outbreak?

% public school parents



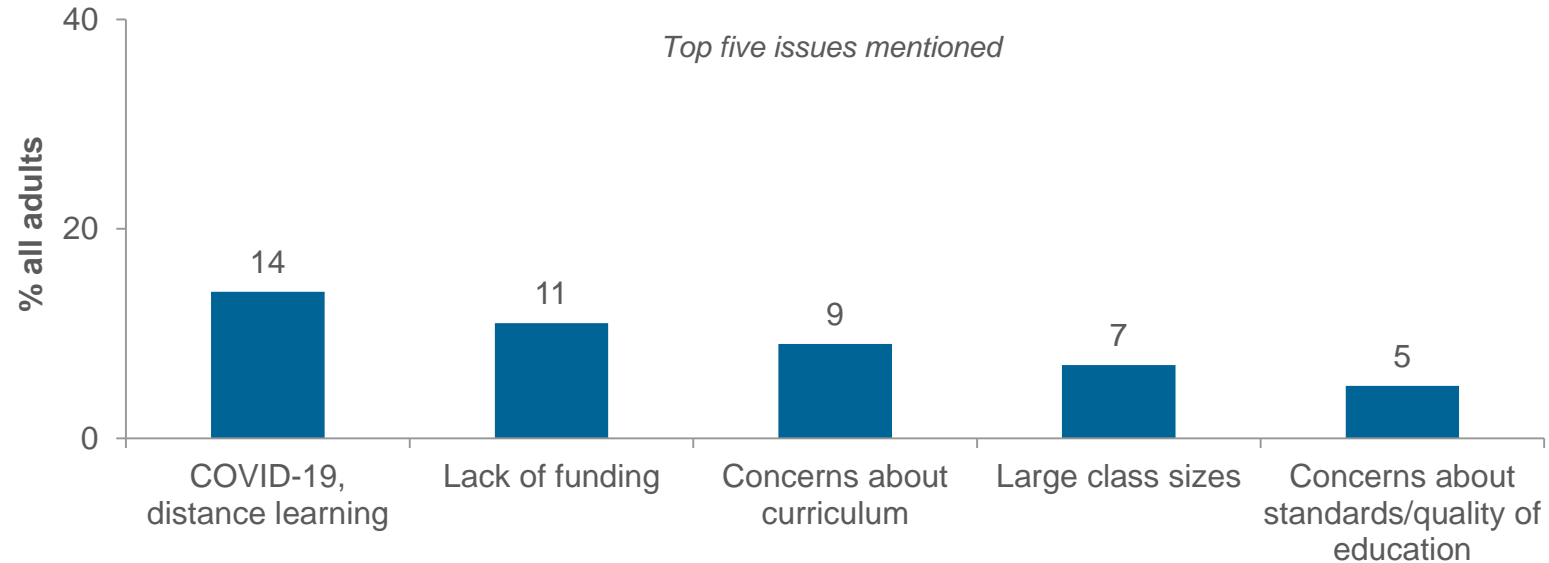
# Concern about providing productive learning at home

How concerned are you about providing productive learning in your home during local school closures because of the coronavirus outbreak?



# Top issues facing public schools

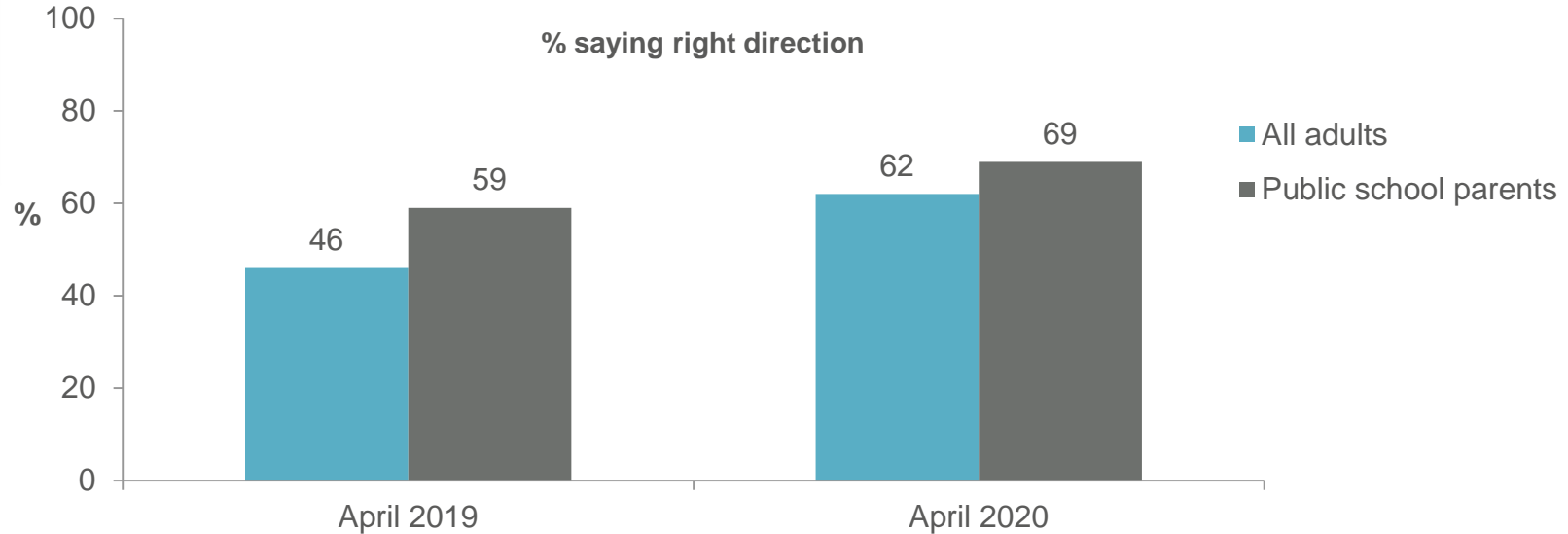
What do you think is the most important issue facing K–12 public schools today?





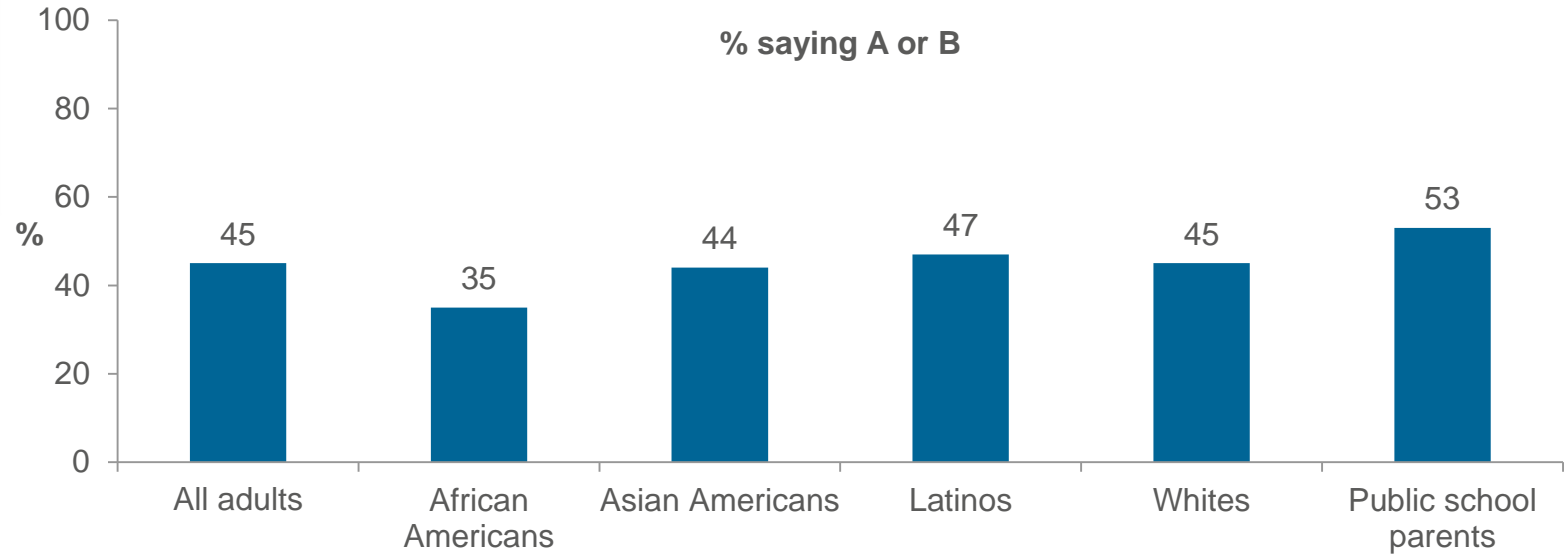
# Direction of public schools

Thinking about the kindergarten through 12th grade public education system overall in California today, do you think it is generally going in the right direction or the wrong direction?



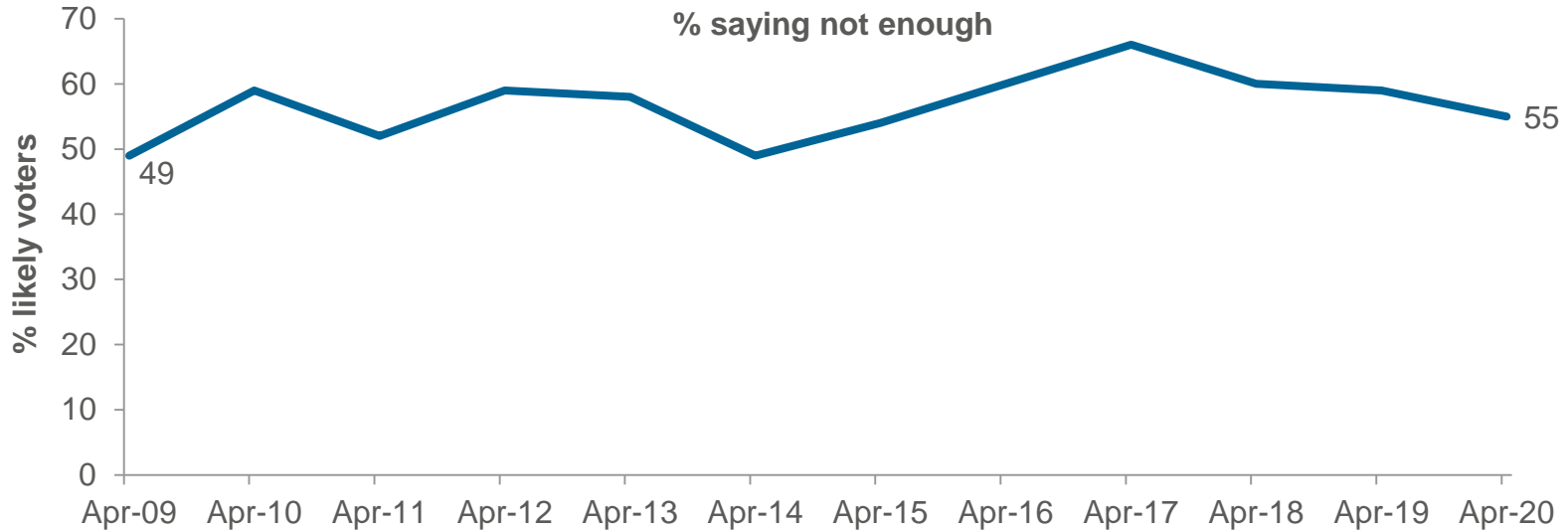
# Grading local public schools

Overall, how would you rate the quality of public schools in your neighborhood today? If you had to give your local public schools a grade, would it be A, B, C, D, or F?



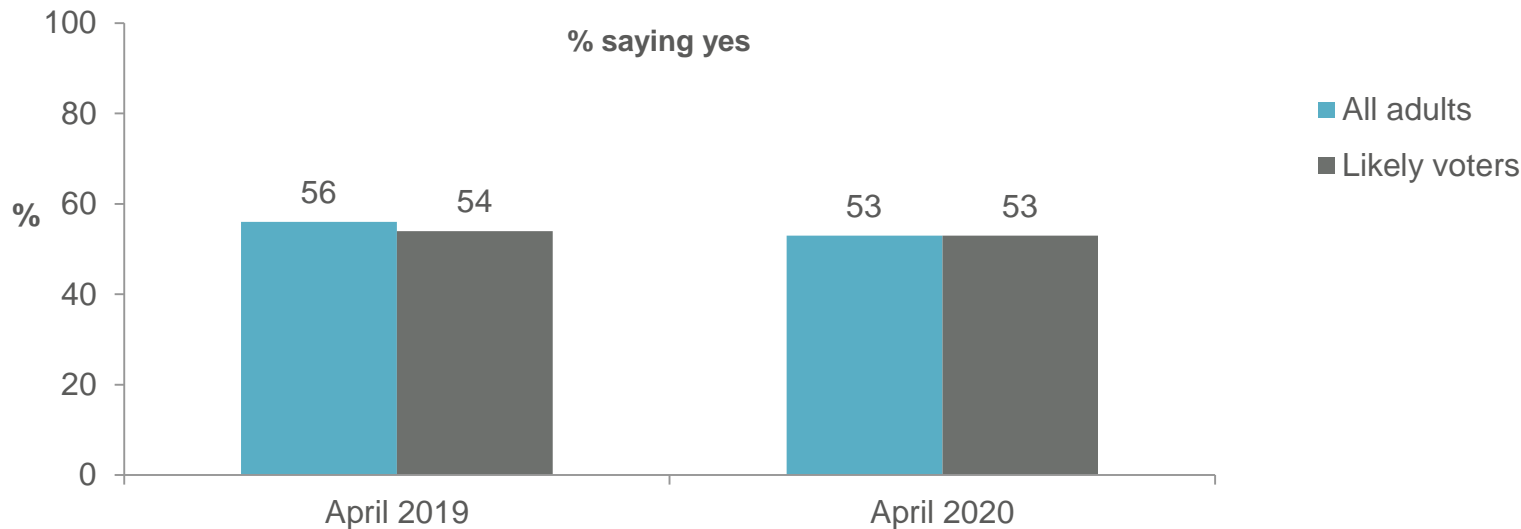
# Level of state funding for local schools

Do you think the current level of state funding for your local public schools is more than enough, just enough, or not enough?



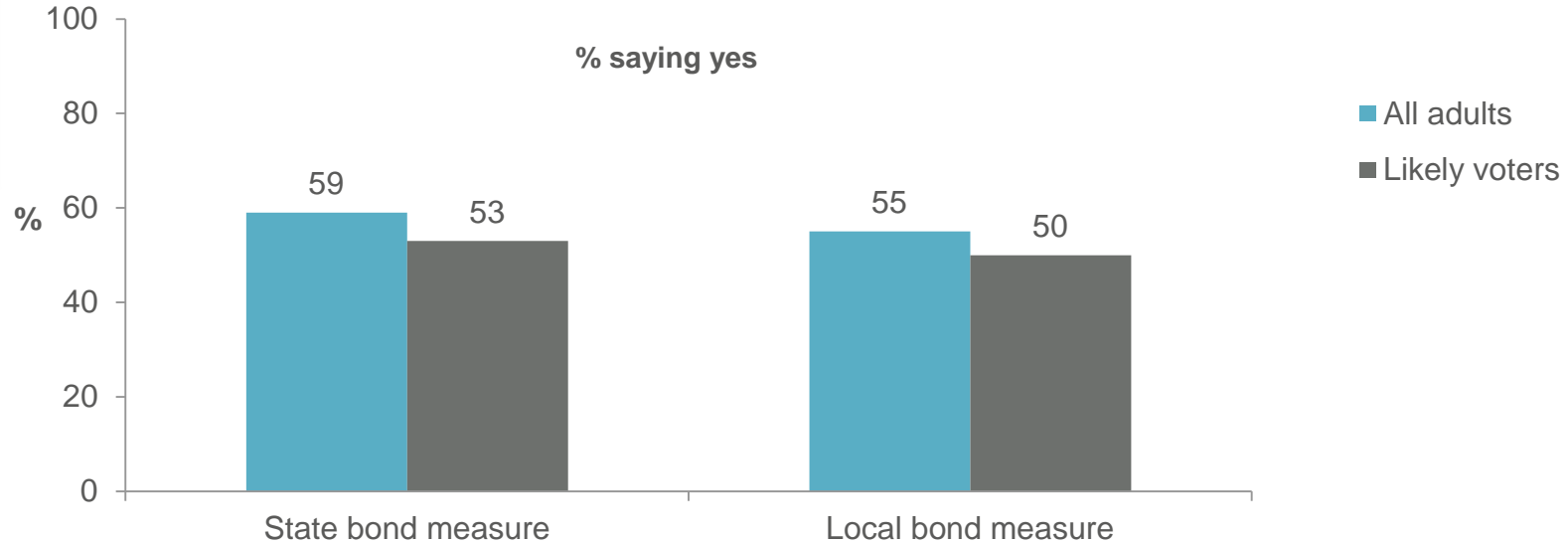
# Support for a “split roll” property tax that directs revenue to schools

As you may know, under Proposition 13 passed by the California voters in 1978, residential and commercial property taxes are both strictly limited. What if there was a state ballot measure to have commercial properties taxed according to their current market value and direct some of this new tax revenue to state funding for K–12 public schools? Would you vote yes or no?



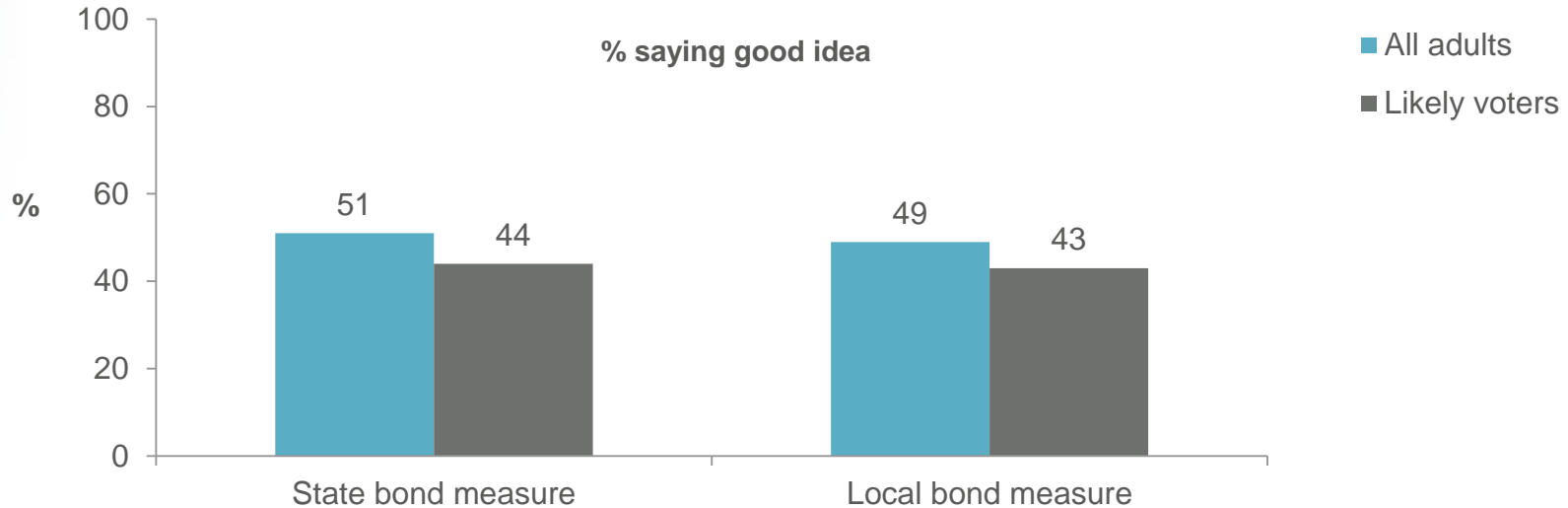
# Support for school construction bonds

If the state ballot had a bond measure to pay for school construction projects, would you vote yes or no? If your local school district had a bond measure to pay for school construction projects, would you vote yes or no?



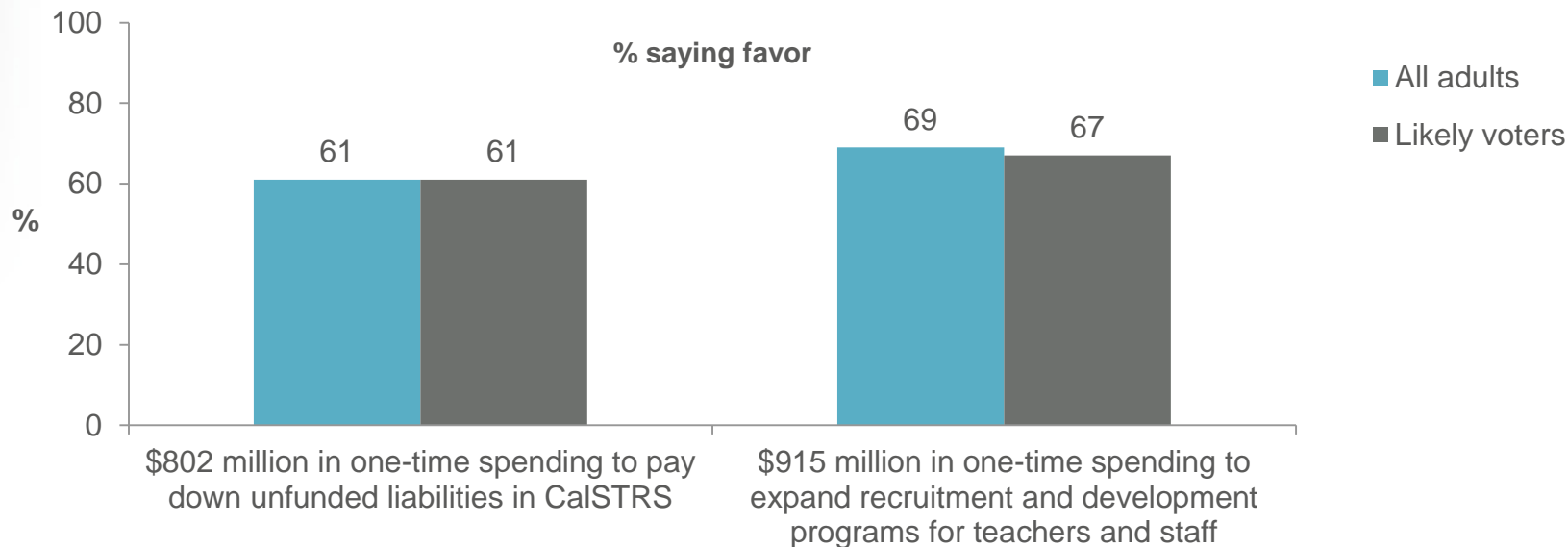
# Timing of school construction bonds

Generally speaking, do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea for the state government to issue bonds to pay for school construction projects at this time? Generally speaking, do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea for local school districts to issue bonds to pay for school construction projects at this time?



# Support for Governor Newsom's K-12 budget proposals

Governor Newsom's budget proposal allocates....Do you favor or oppose this proposal?



# Other topics

- Lower-income students and English language learners
- School teachers
- California's charter schools
- Common Core and the Local Control Funding Formula
- Early childhood education
- College and career pathways



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