

PPIC Statewide Survey: Californians & Their Government

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- 2018 California election
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PPIC Statewide Survey mission

- Provide timely, relevant, nonpartisan data on political, social, and economic opinions
- Inform and improve state policymaking, raise awareness, encourage discussion
- Provide a voice for all Californians in important state policy debates
 - 350,000+ Californians interviewed since 1998
 - 170+ general, issue, and regional surveys

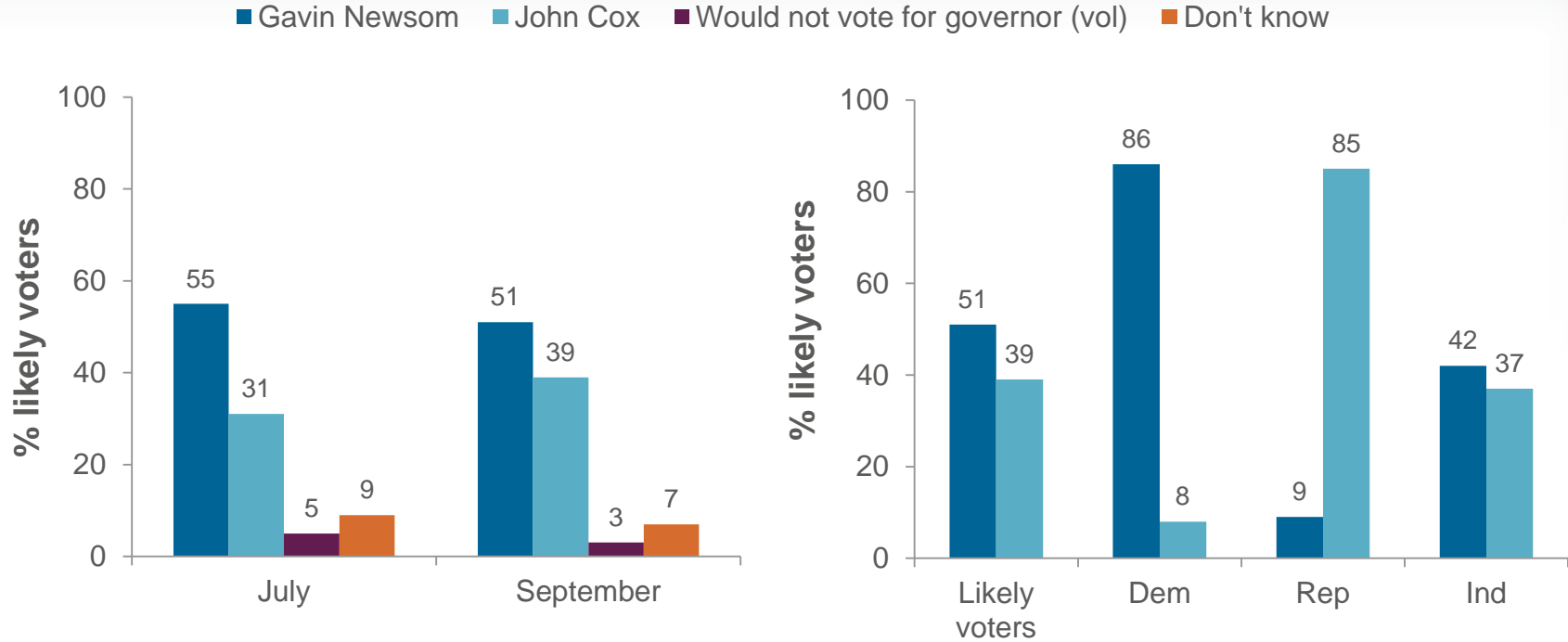
Californians and Their Government

- General series funded by the James Irvine Foundation and the PPIC Donor Circle
- Telephone interviews, September 9–18, 2018
 - 70% cell phone, 30% landline
 - 1,710 adults, $\pm 3.4\%$ margin of error
 - 964 likely voters, $\pm 4.8\%$ margin of error
- Views on gubernatorial and US Senate elections and ballot measures
- Opinions on state and federal elected officials, immigration policy, abortion and the Supreme Court, and the role of state government

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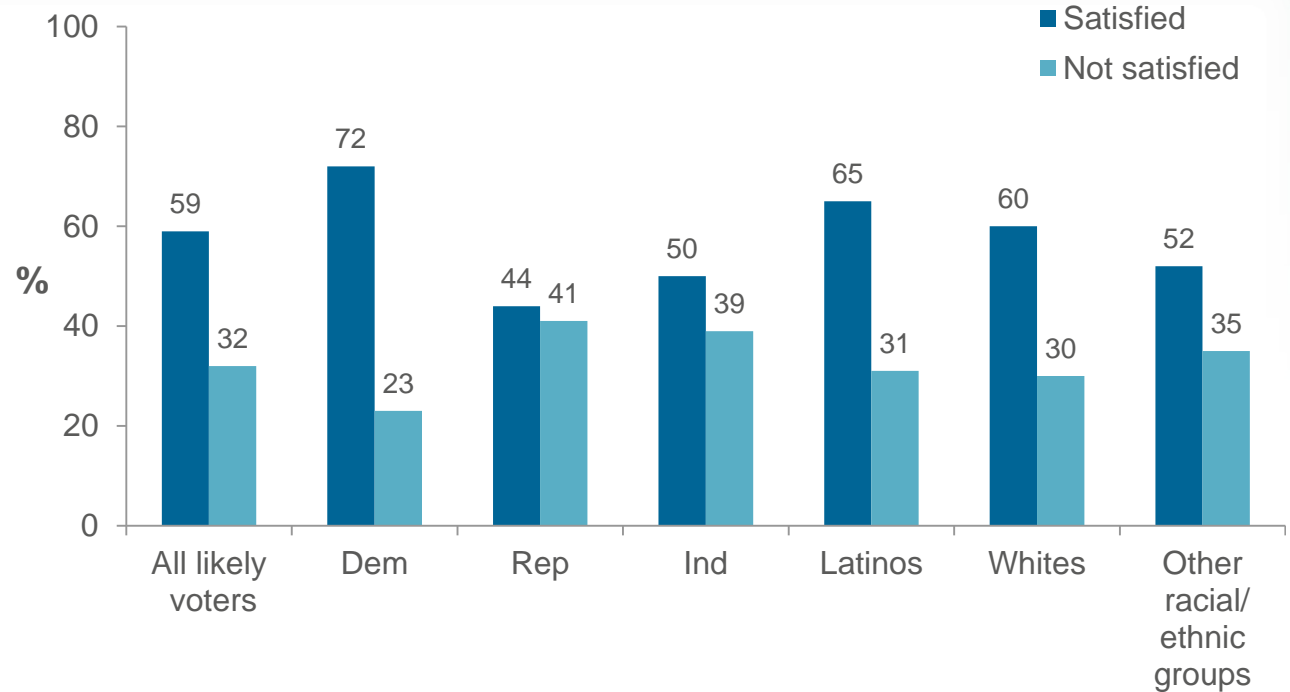
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Gubernatorial election

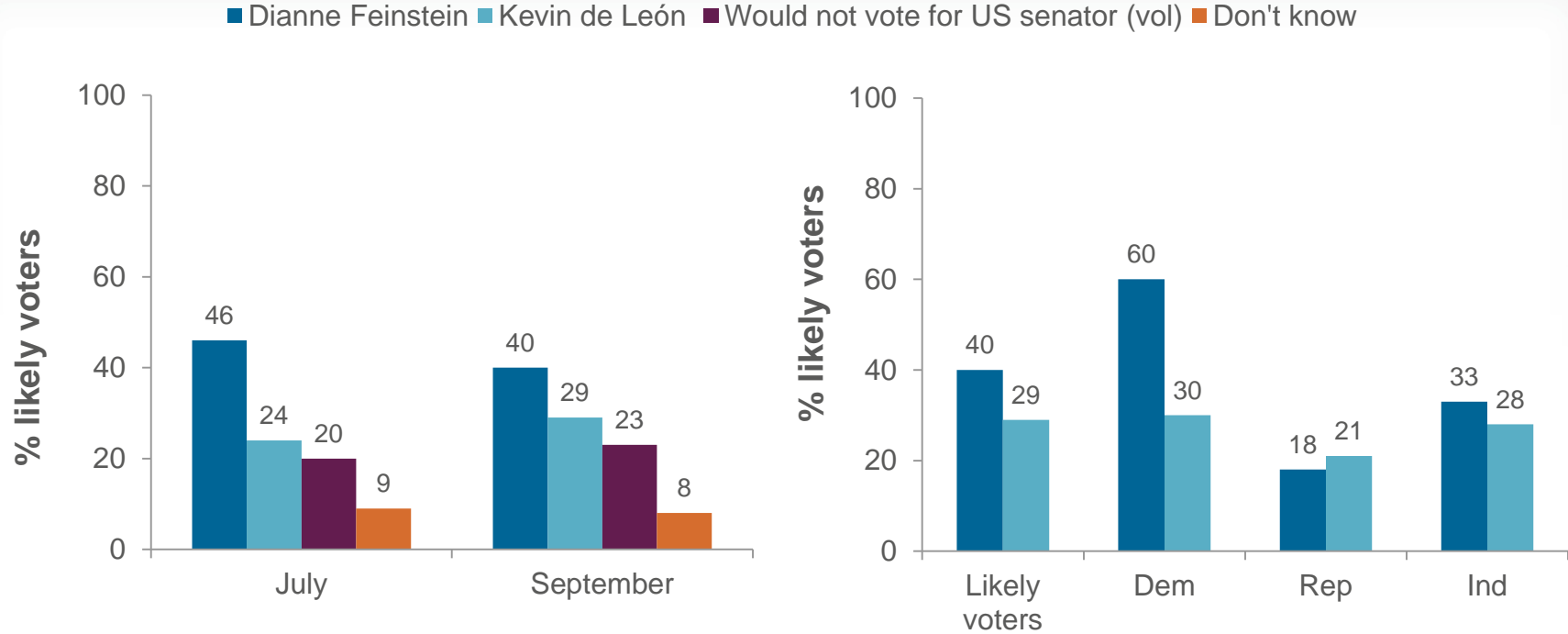


Satisfaction with gubernatorial candidates

In general, would you say you are satisfied or not satisfied with your choices of candidates in the election for governor on November 6th?

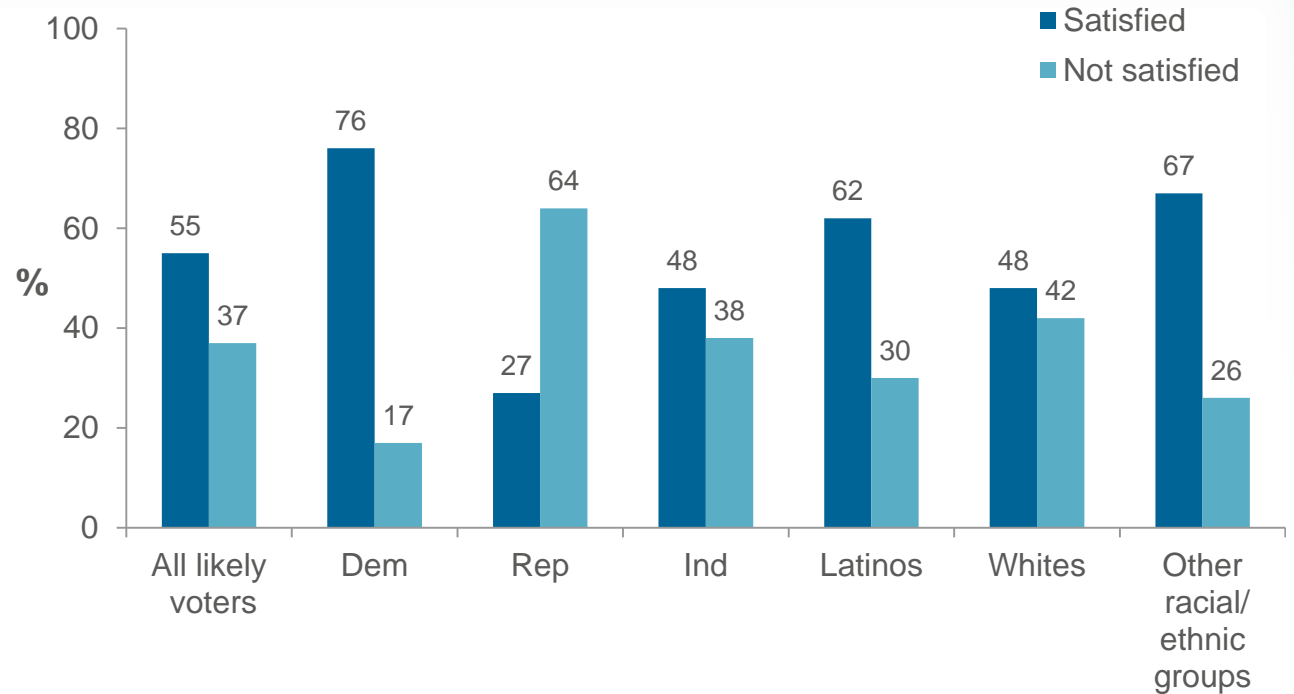


US Senate election



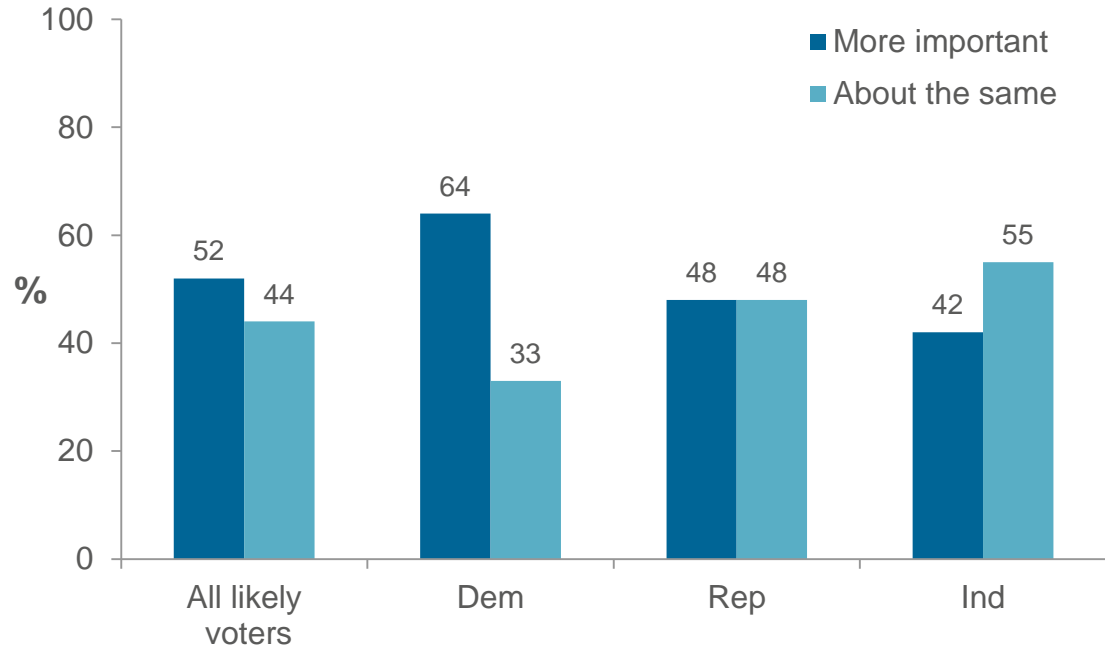
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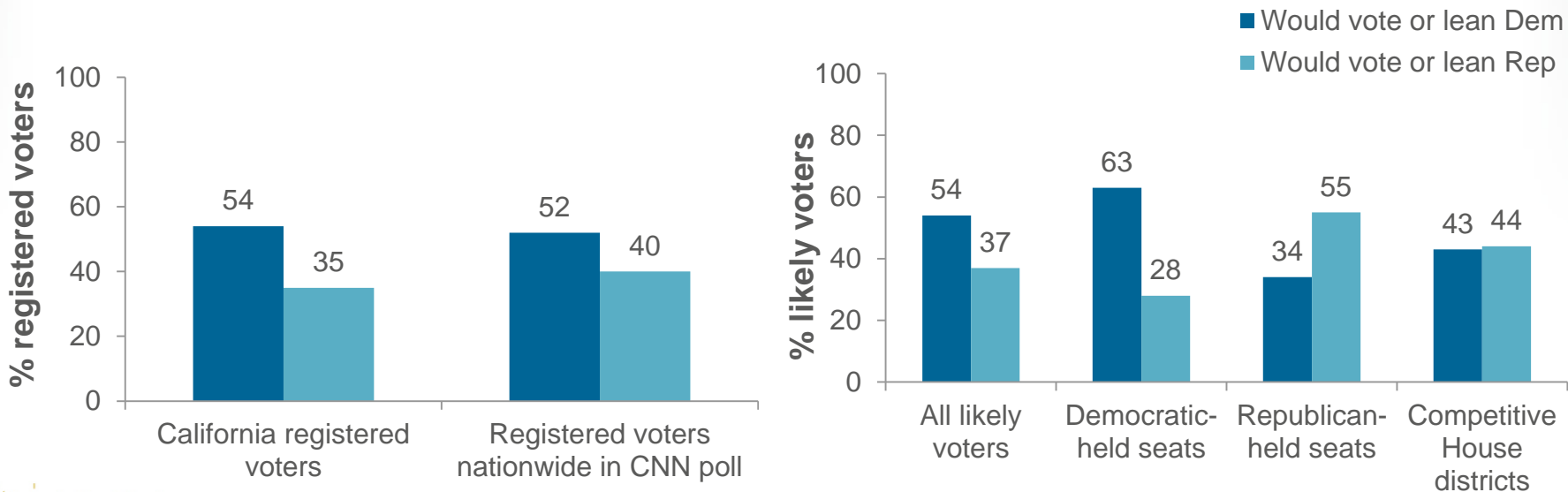
Importance of 2018 midterms

Is voting this year more important to you than in past midterm elections, less important, or about the same?



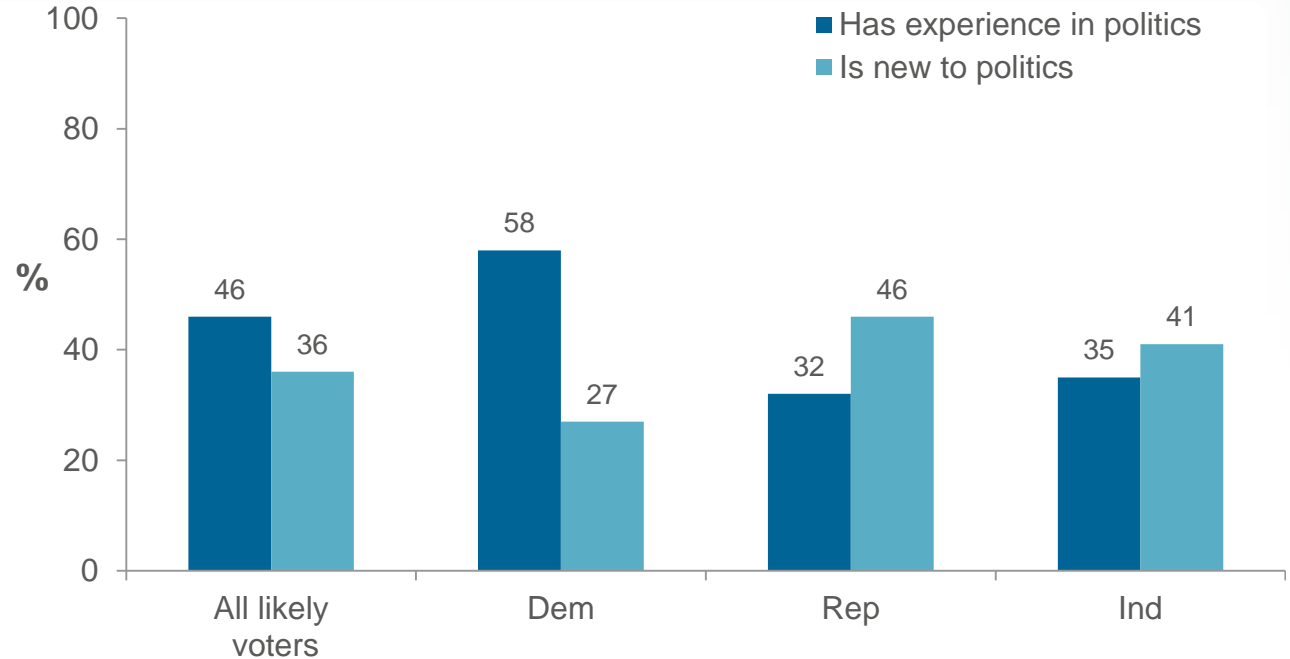
November 2018 House races

If the 2018 election for US House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district? (*If other/unsure: As of today, do you lean more toward the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?*)



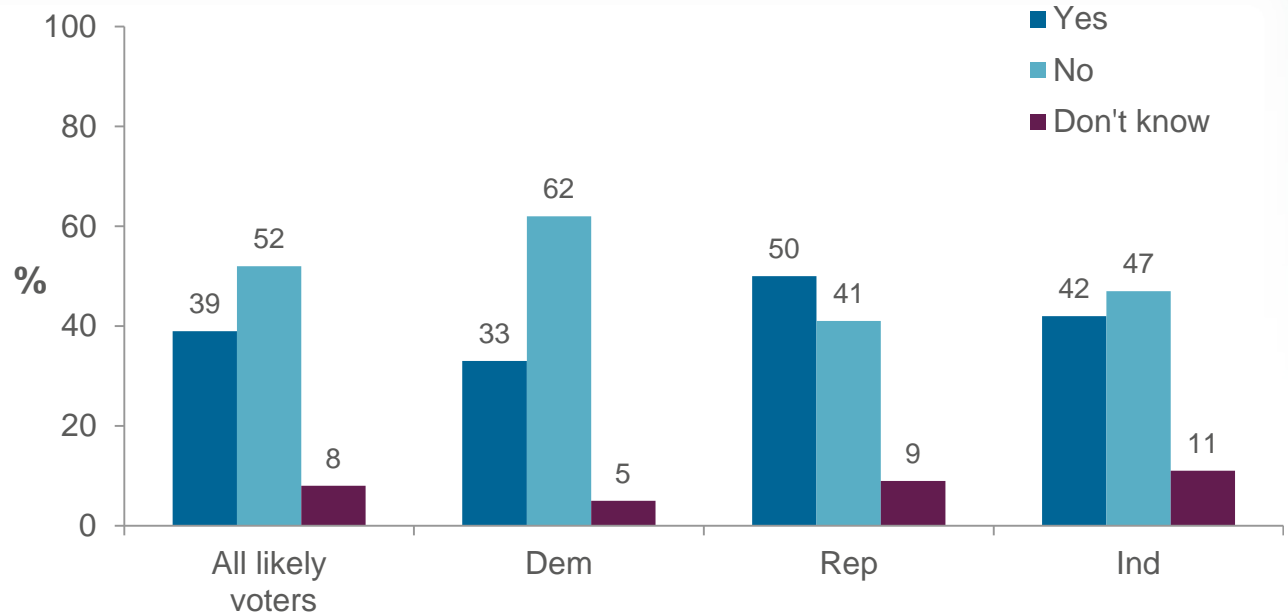
Level of political experience preferred

Would you prefer to elect a representative to Congress who has experience in politics, or is new to politics?



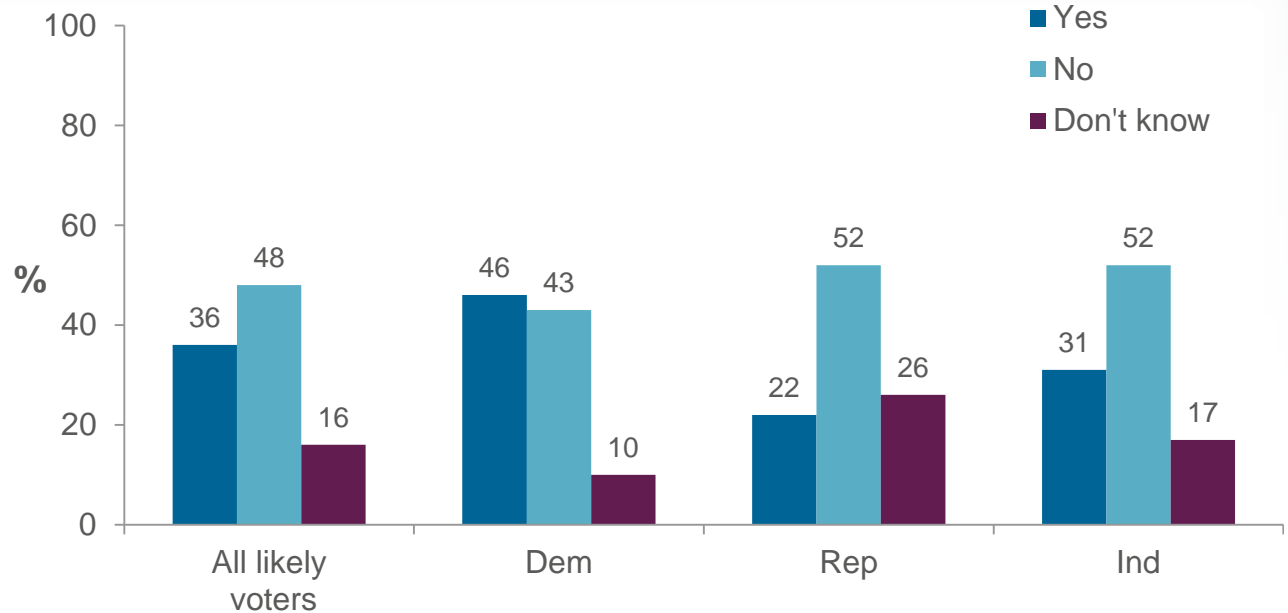
Proposition 6: Repealing the gas tax increase

Proposition 6 is called the “Eliminates Certain Road Repair and Transportation Funding. Requires Certain Fuel Taxes and Vehicle Fees be Approved by the Electorate. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.”... If the election were held today, would you vote yes or no on Proposition 6?



Proposition 10: Expanding local rent control authority

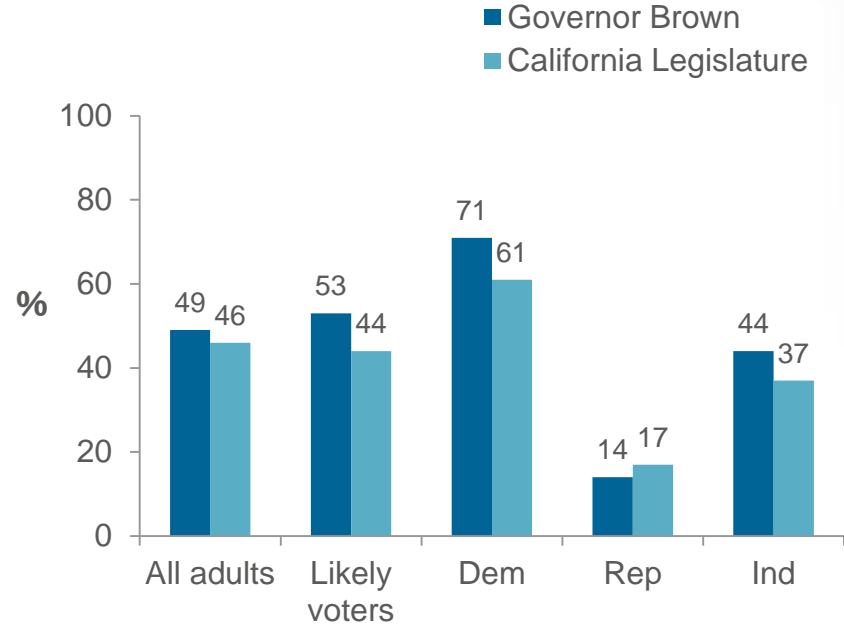
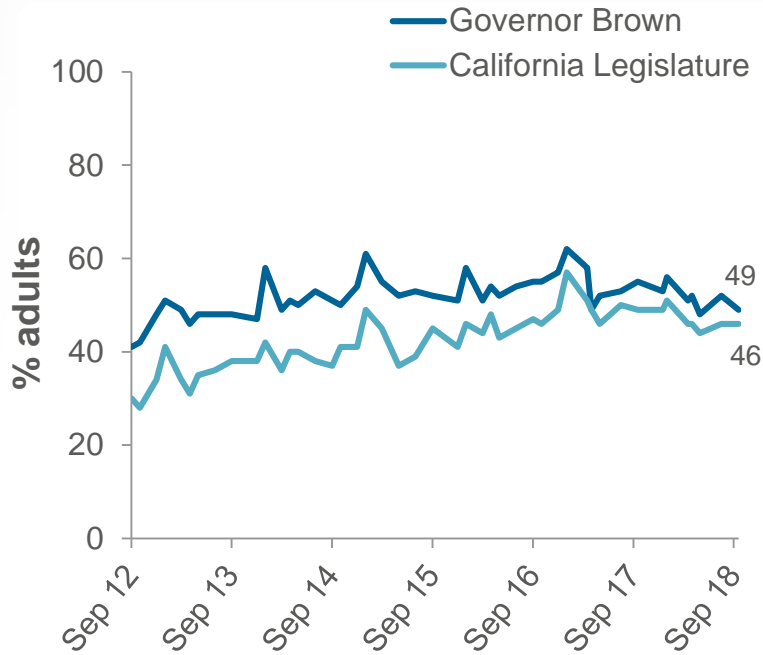
Proposition 10 is called the “Expands Local Governments Authority to Enact Rent Control on Residential Property. Initiative Statute.”... If the election were held today, would you vote yes or no on Proposition 10?



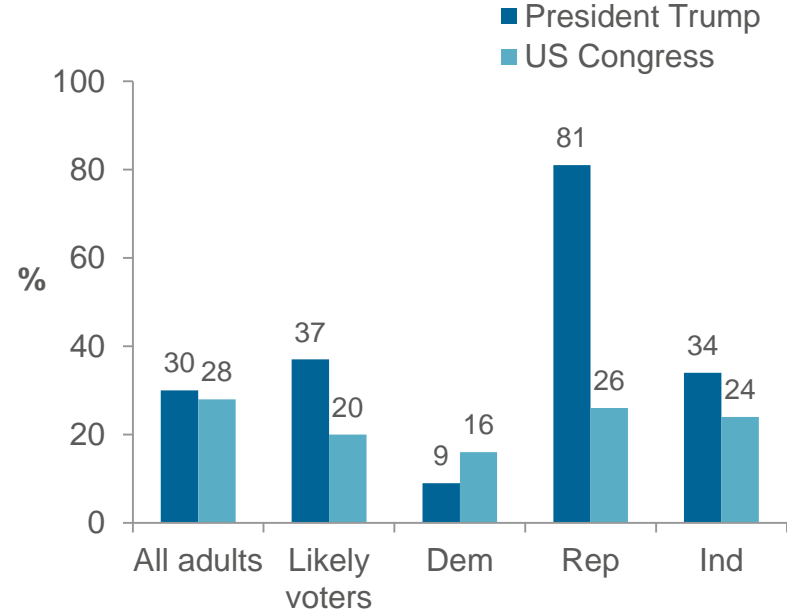
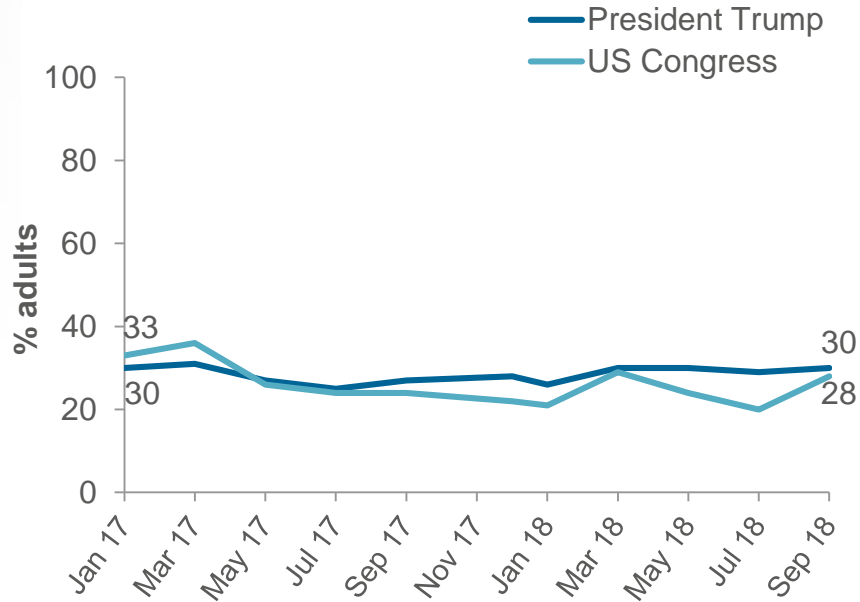
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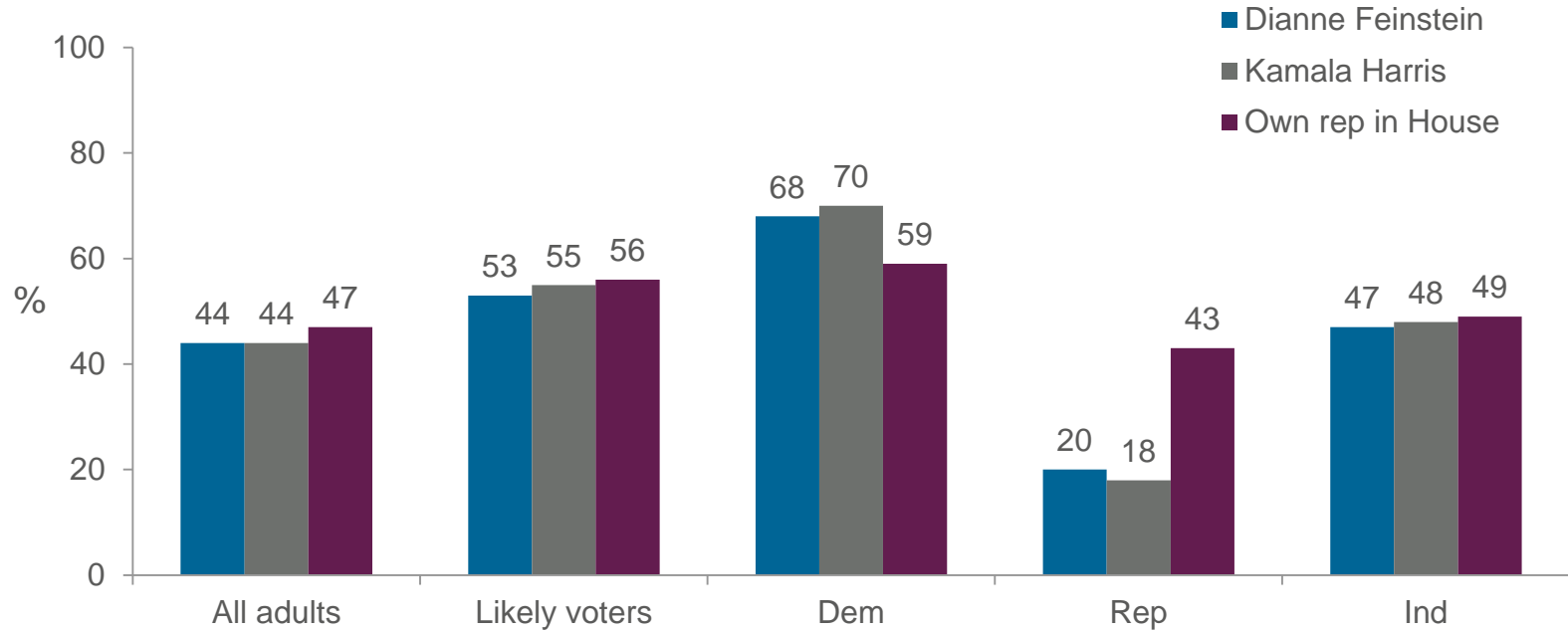
Approval of state elected officials



Approval of President Trump and Congress

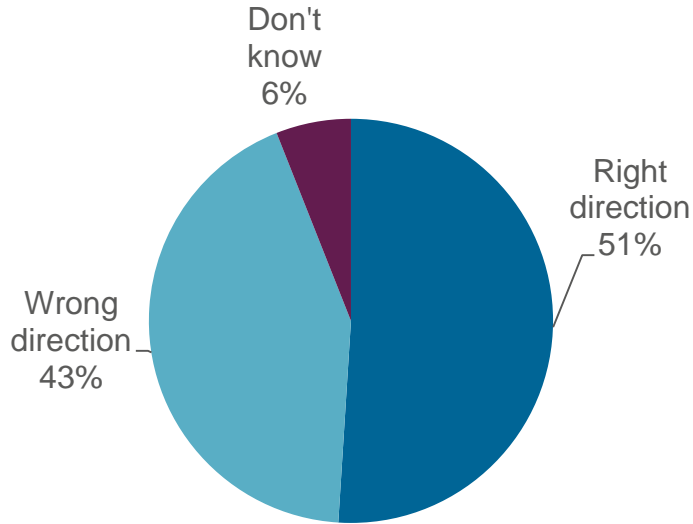


Approval of federal elected officials

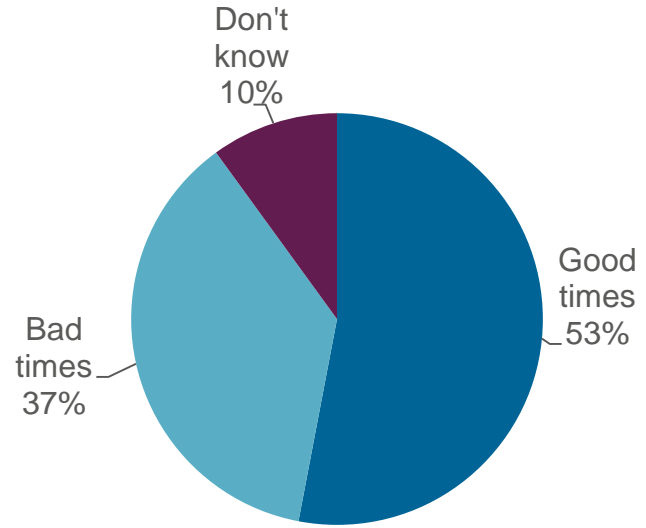


Outlook for the state

Do you think things in California are generally going in the right direction or the wrong direction?



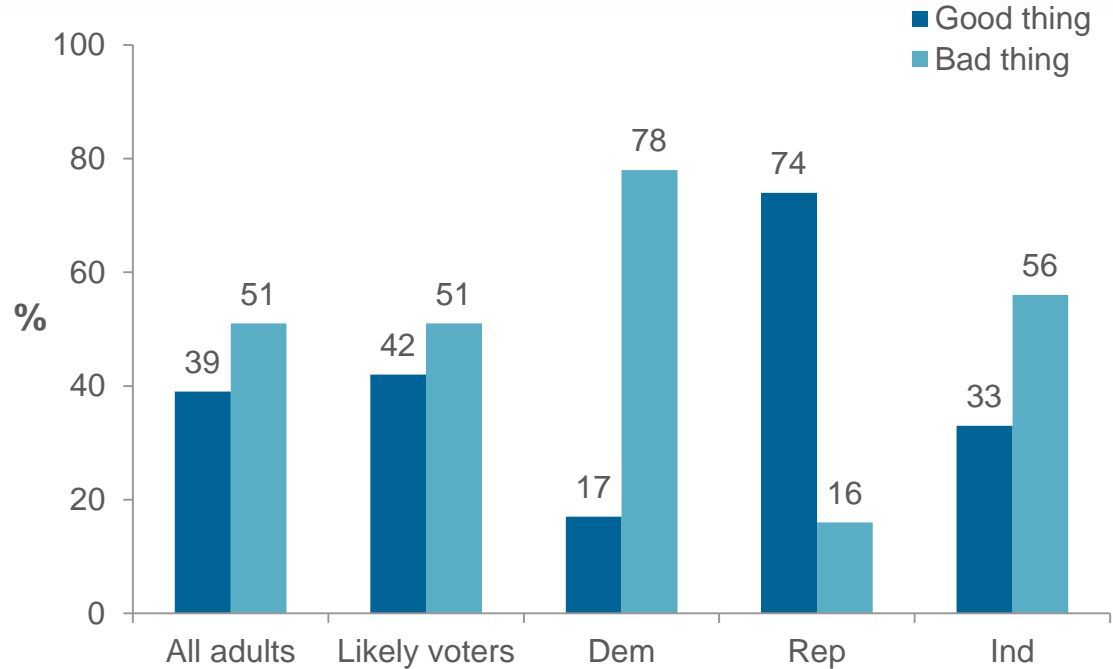
Turning to economic conditions in California, do you think that during the next 12 months we will have good times financially or bad times?



All adults

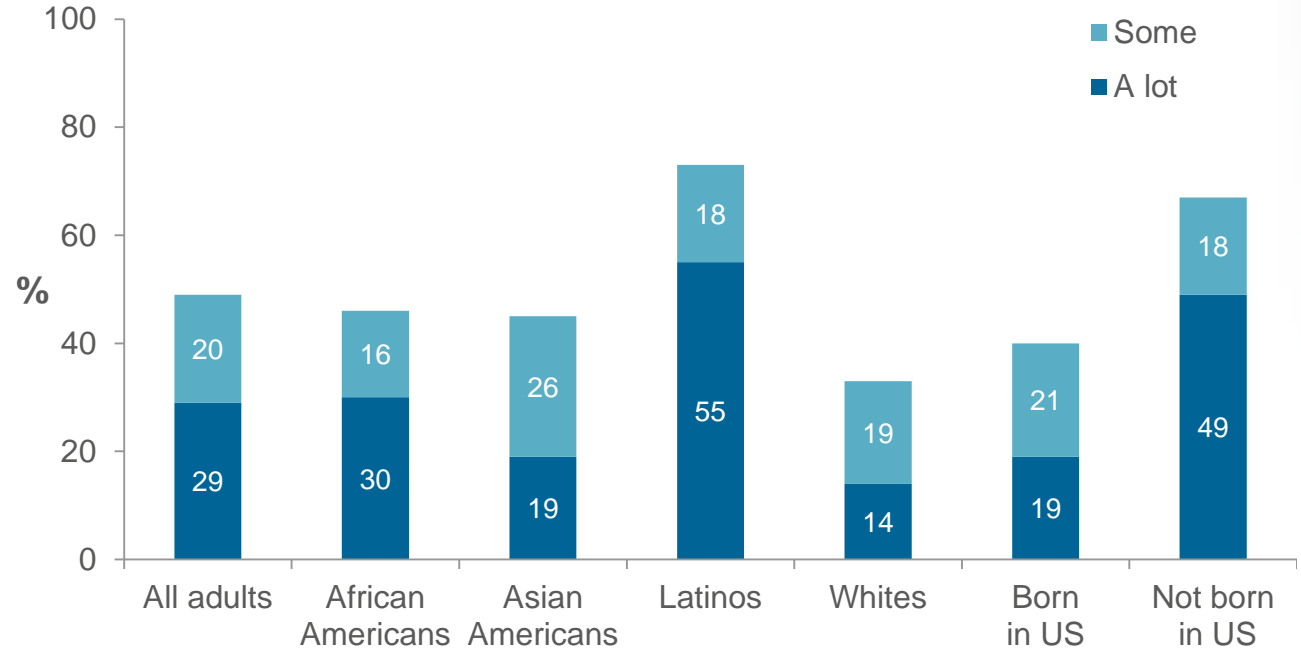
Federal crackdown on undocumented immigrants

Do you think the federal crackdown on undocumented immigrants is a good thing for the country or a bad thing for the country?



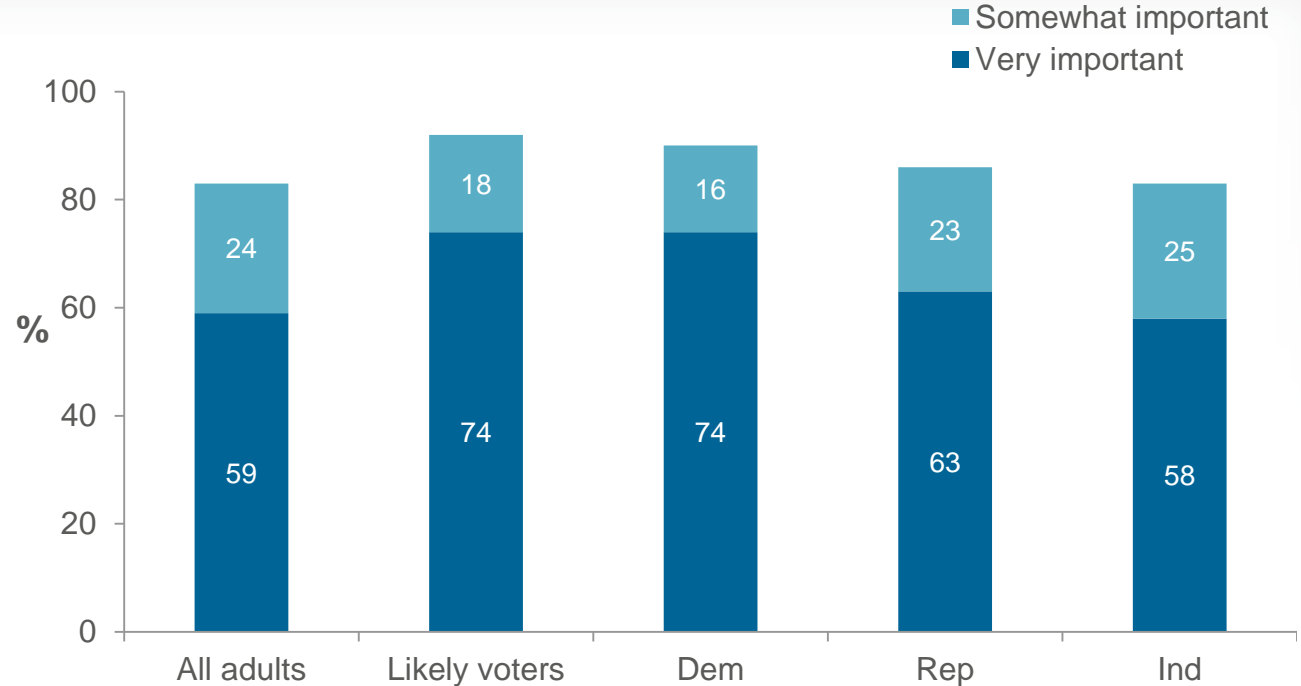
Concern about increased federal immigration enforcement

When it comes to increased federal immigration enforcement, how much do you worry that someone that you know could be deported?



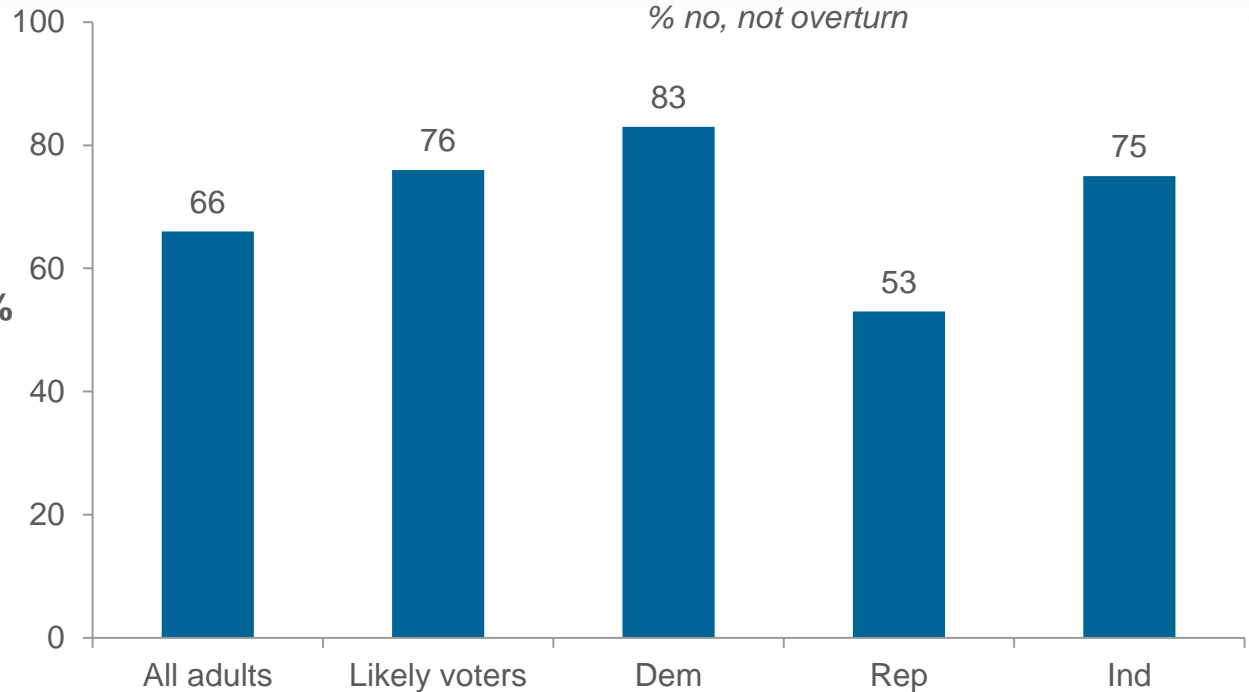
Importance of Supreme Court justice choice

How important is the choice of the next Supreme Court justice to you personally—very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?



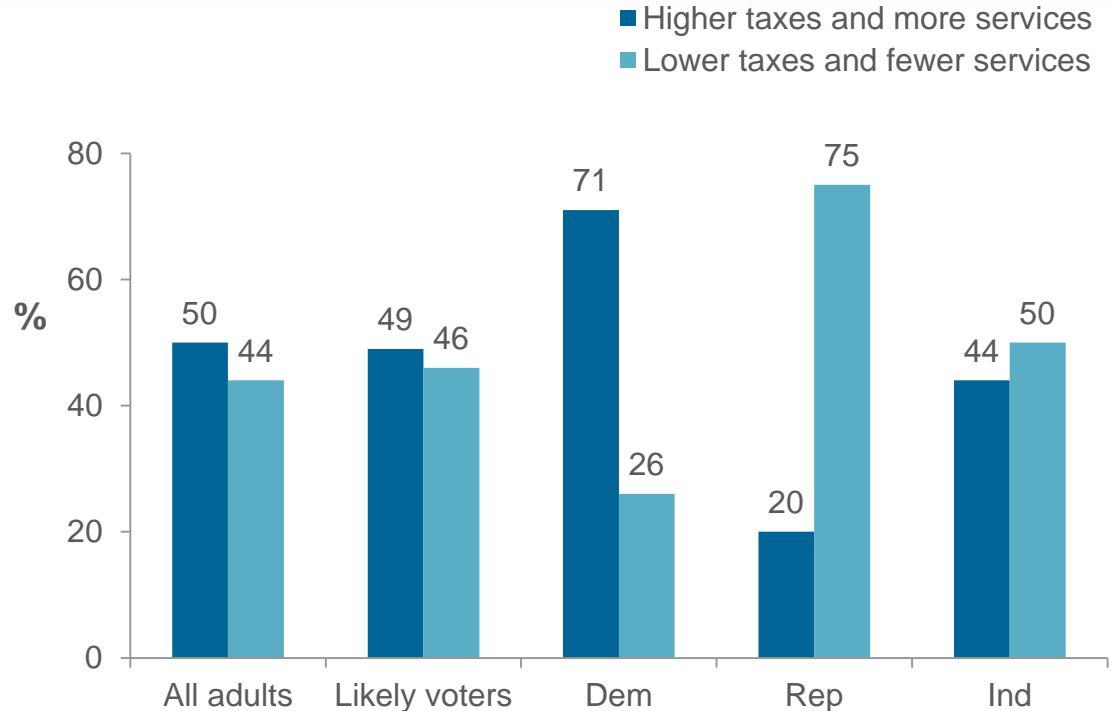
Opposition to overturning *Roe v. Wade*

As you may know, the 1973 Supreme Court case *Roe v. Wade* established a women's constitutional right to have an abortion. Would you like to see the Supreme Court overturn its *Roe v. Wade* decision, or not?



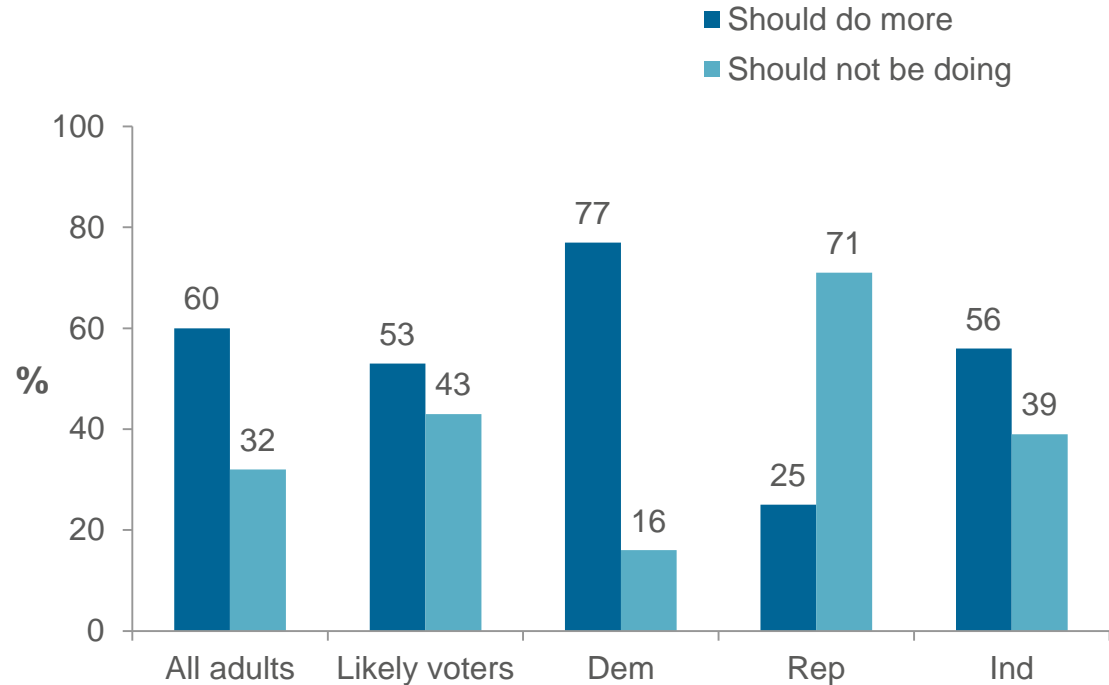
Preference for size of state government

In general, which of the following statements do you agree with more?
I'd rather pay higher taxes and have a state government that provides more services, or I'd rather pay lower taxes and have a state government that provides fewer services.



State government's role in reducing income inequality

Should the state government be doing more to reduce the gap between the rich and the poor in California, or is this something that the state government should not be doing?



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- Gavin Newsom leads John Cox and Dianne Feinstein leads Kevin de León by double digits, although their leads have shrunk since July
- Half of likely voters consider this midterm election as more important than past midterms; a slight majority would vote for the Democratic candidate in their district
- Proposition 6, which would repeal the gas tax increase, and Proposition 10, which would expand rent control authority, are both opposed by about half of likely voters
- Governor Brown and the California Legislature are viewed much more positively than President Trump and Congress
- Half of Californians think the federal immigration crackdown is a bad thing for the country; half worry that someone they know could be deported
- There is bipartisan agreement regarding the importance of the choice of the next Supreme Court justice; most do not want the court to overturn *Roe v. Wade*

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