

PPIC Statewide Survey: Californians and the Environment

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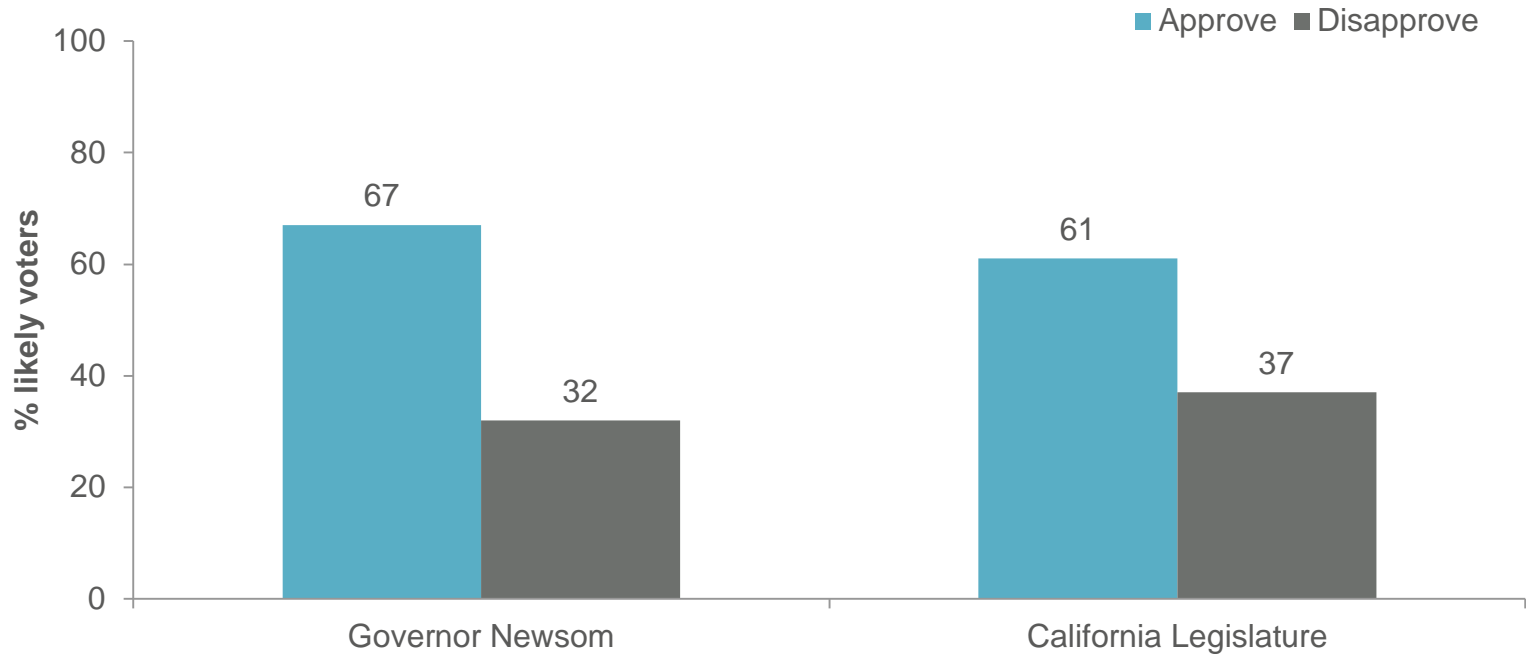
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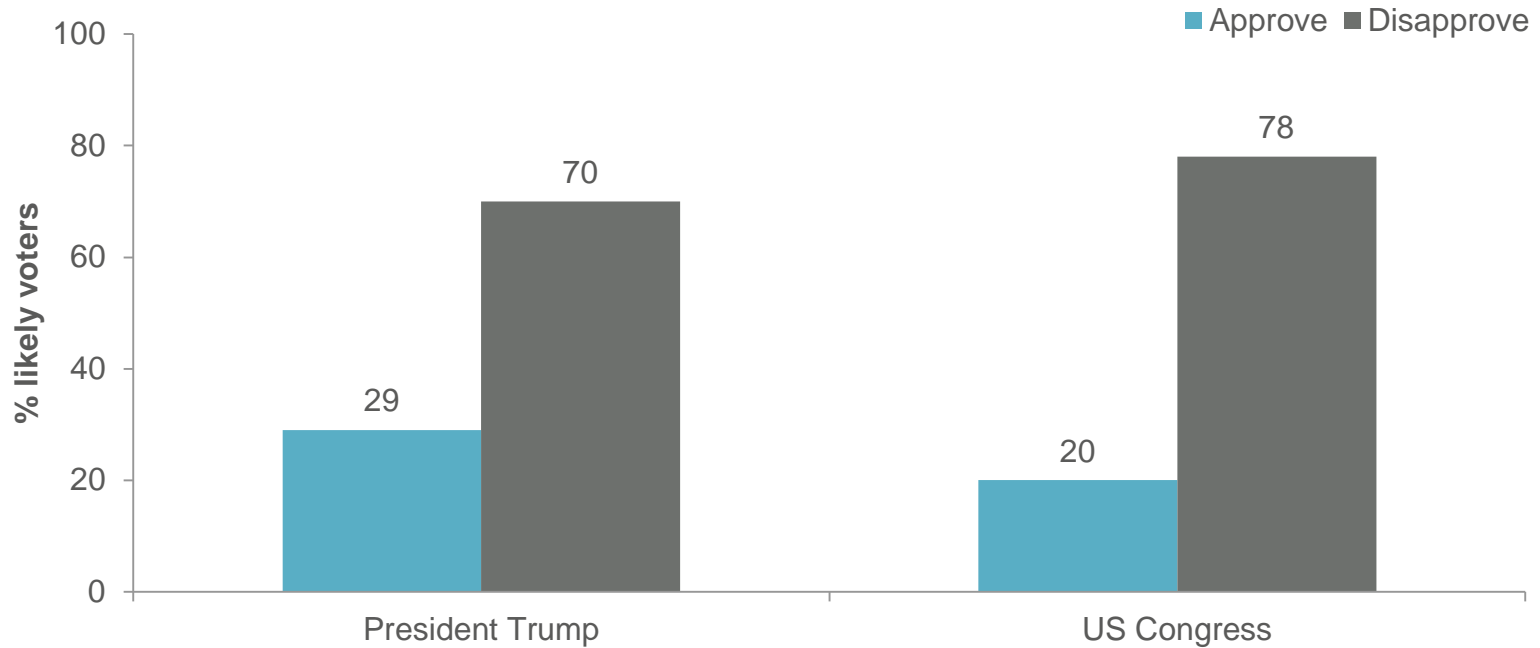
Californians and the environment

- PPIC's 20th annual survey on environmental issues
- Conducted online, July 8–17, 2020, using Ipsos KnowledgePanel
 - 1,561 adults, $\pm 3.4\%$ margin of error
 - 1,032 likely voters, $\pm 3.9\%$ margin of error

Approval ratings of state elected officials on environmental issues

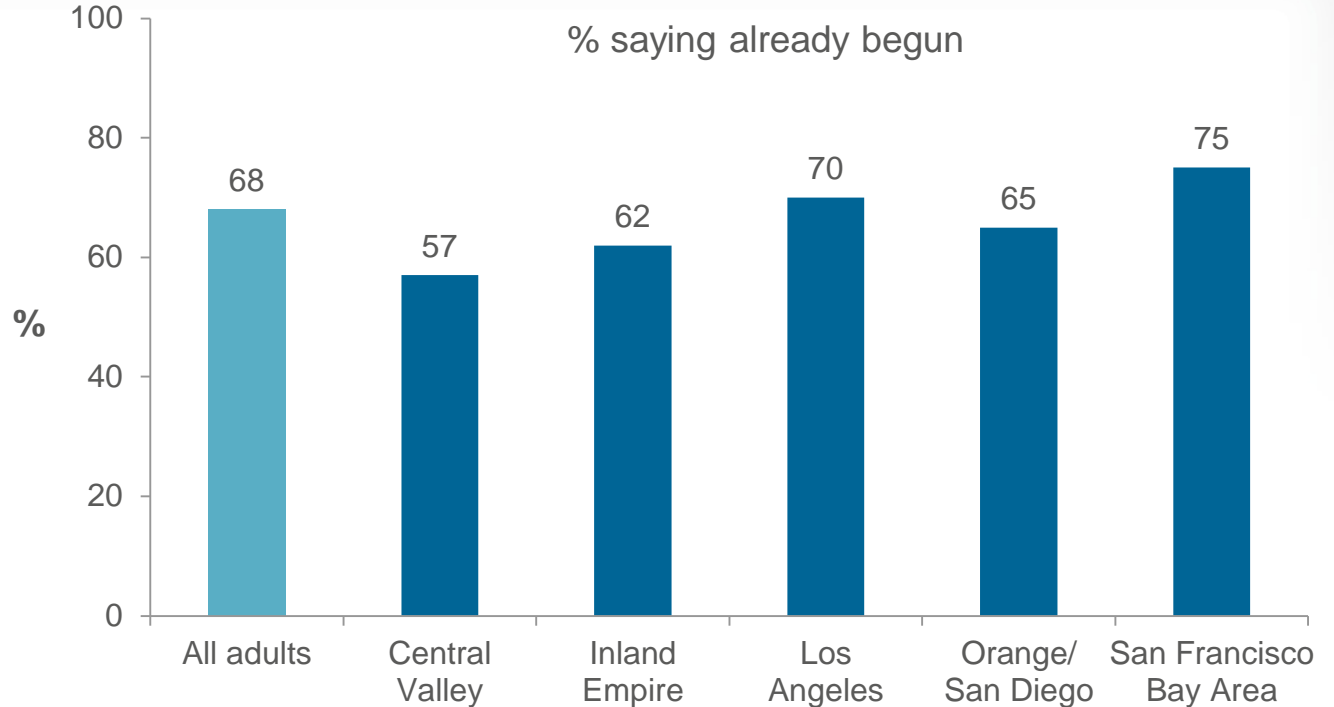


Approval ratings of federal elected officials on environmental issues



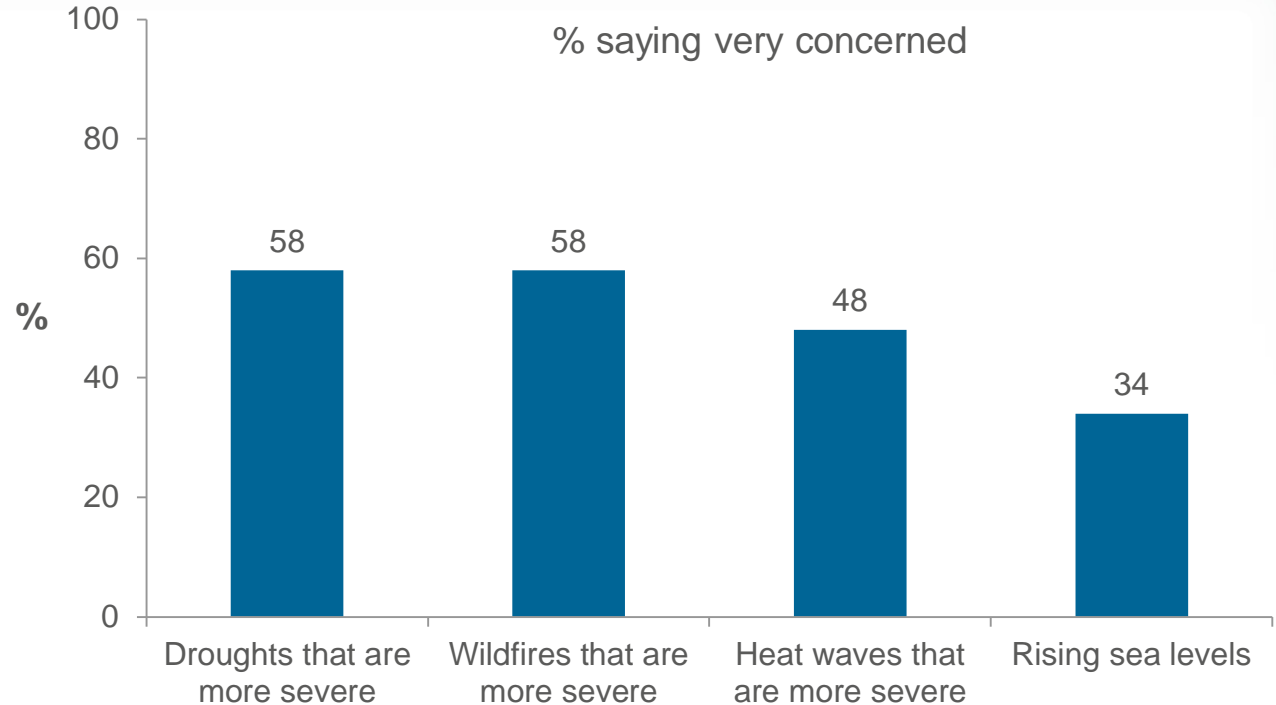
Effects of global warming

Which of the following statements reflects your view of when the effects of global warming will begin to happen?



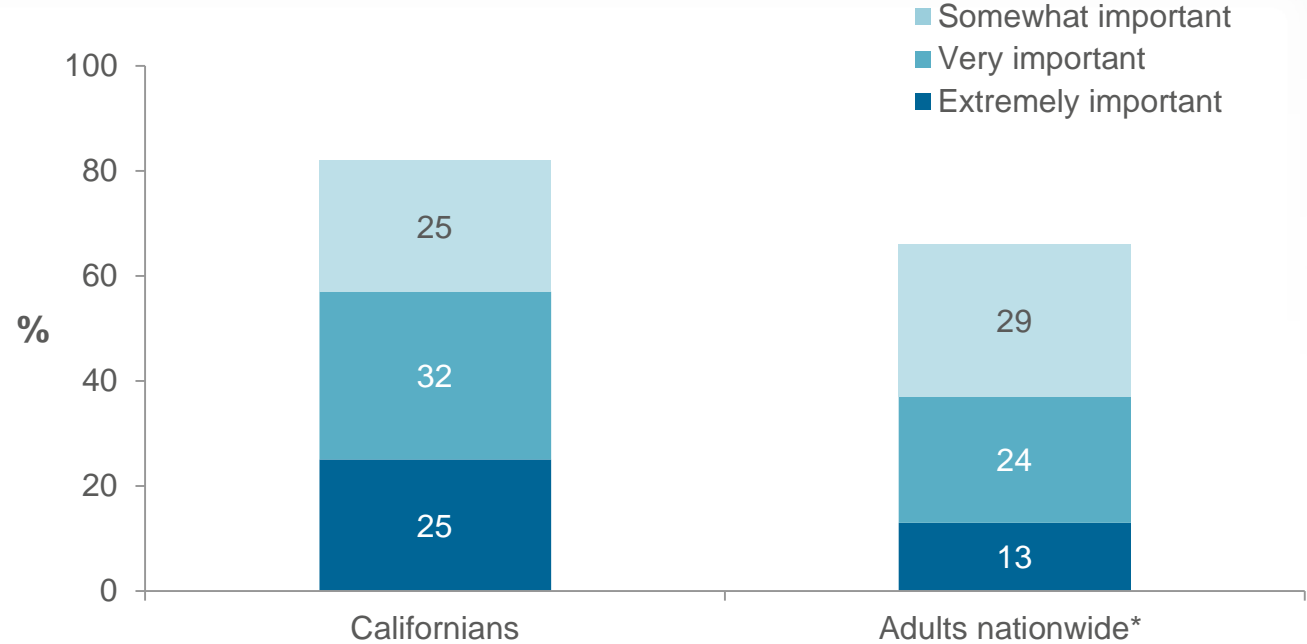
Concern about possible effects of global warming

Thinking about the possible impacts of global warming in California, how concerned are you about...?



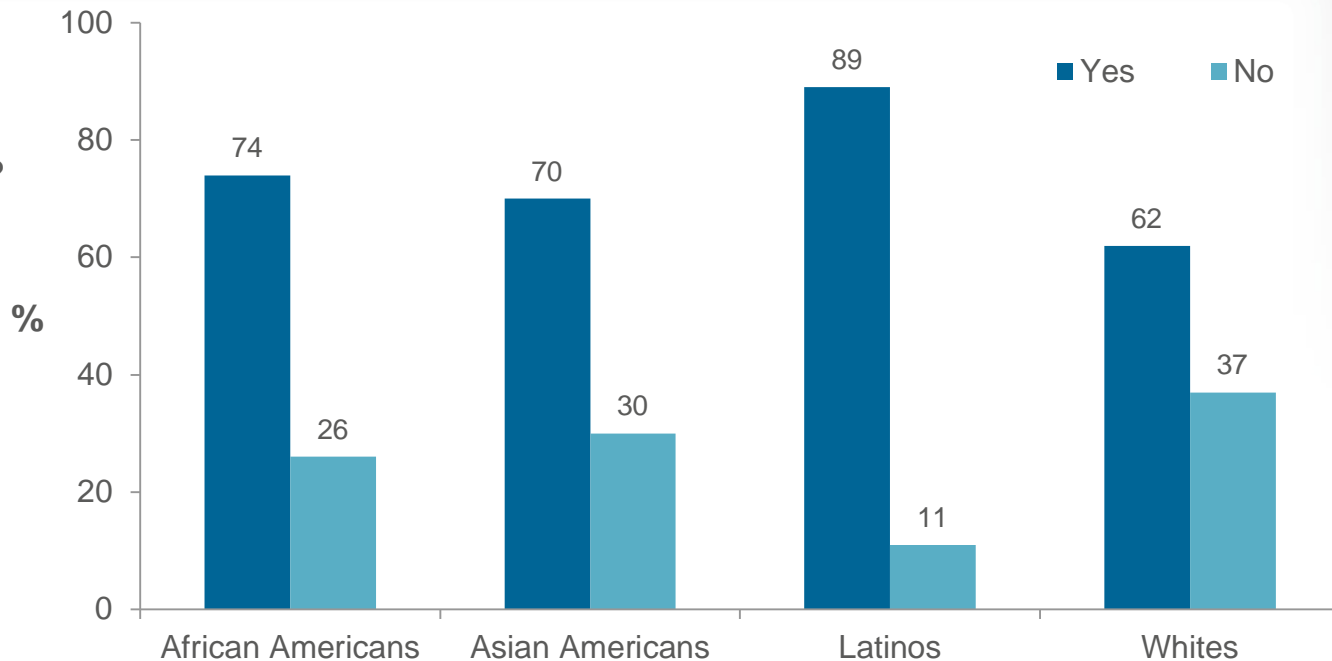
Personal significance of global warming

How important is the issue of global warming to you personally?

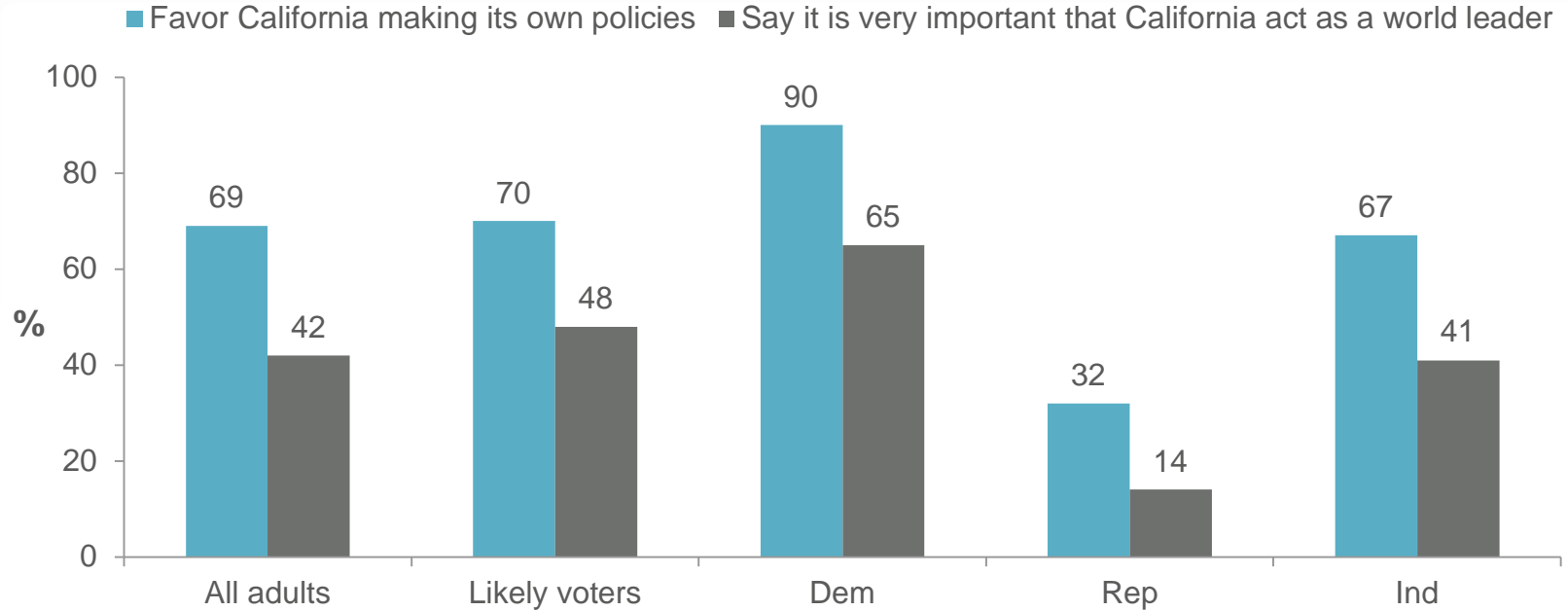


Willingness to make major lifestyle changes to address global warming

Would you be willing to make major lifestyle changes to address the issue of global warming?

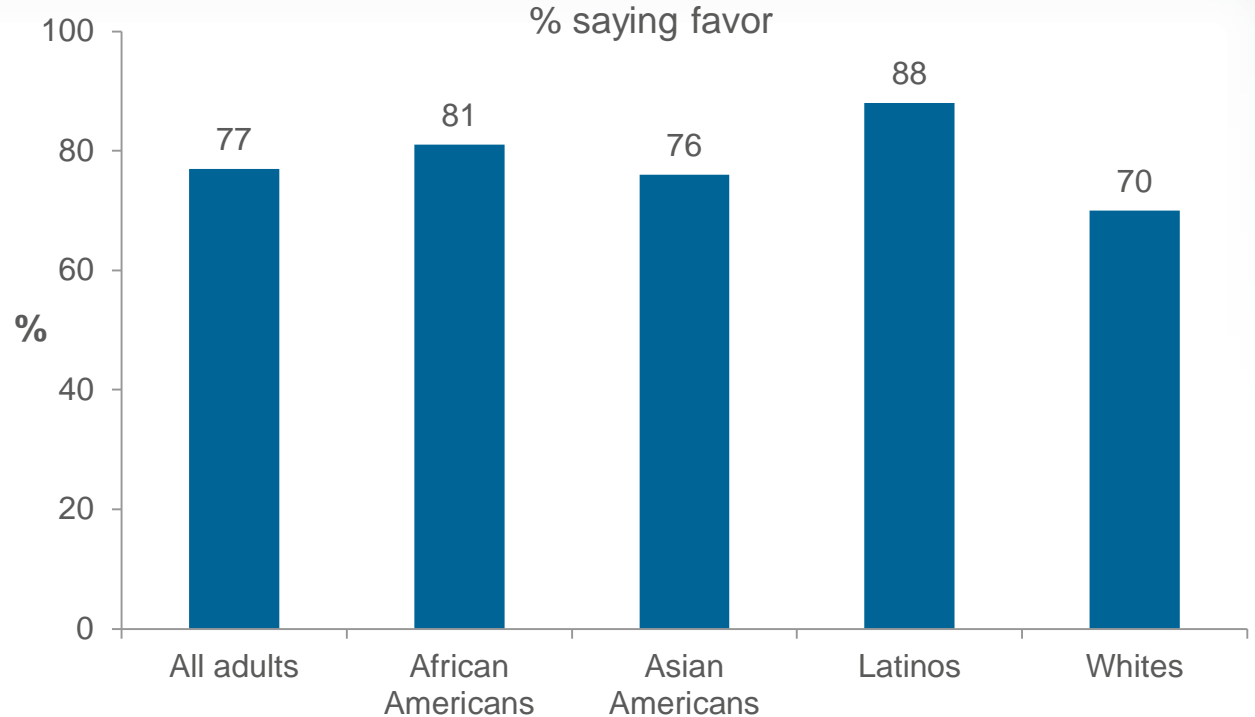


Importance of state leadership on climate change

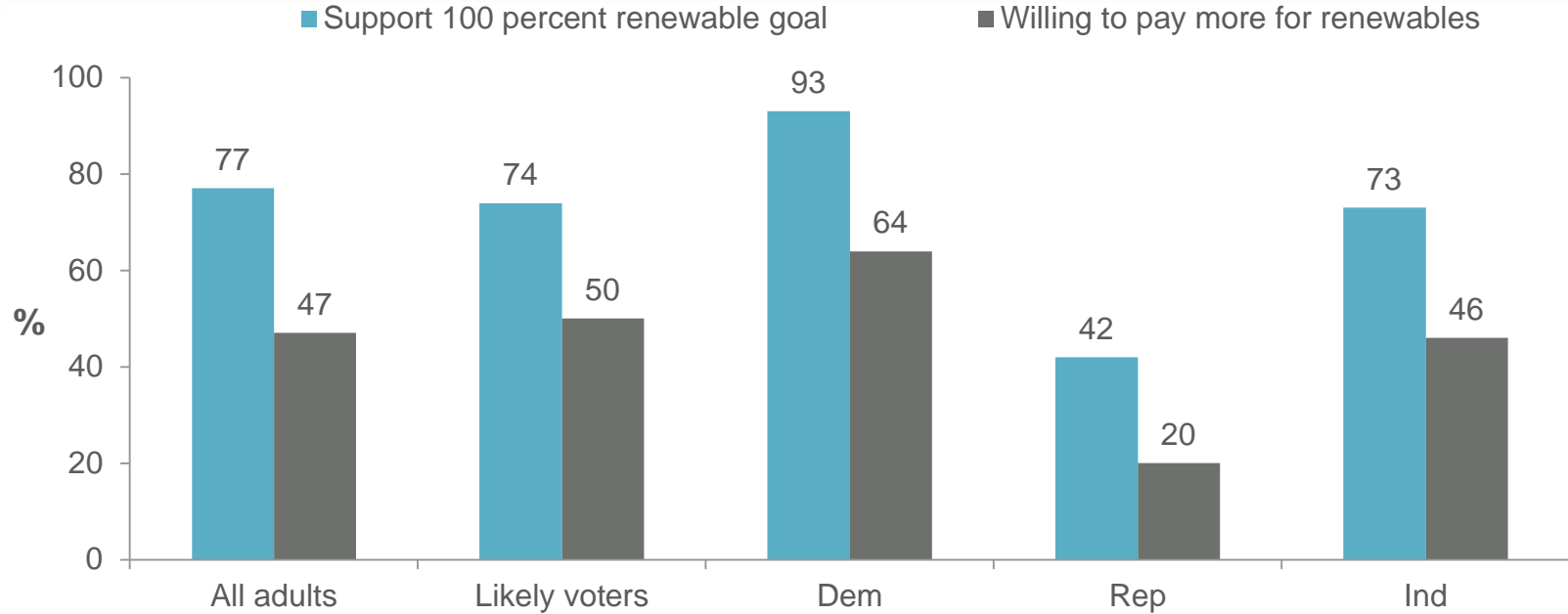


SB 32's emission-reduction goal

To address global warming, do you favor or oppose the state law that requires California to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 40 percent below 1990 levels by the year 2030?

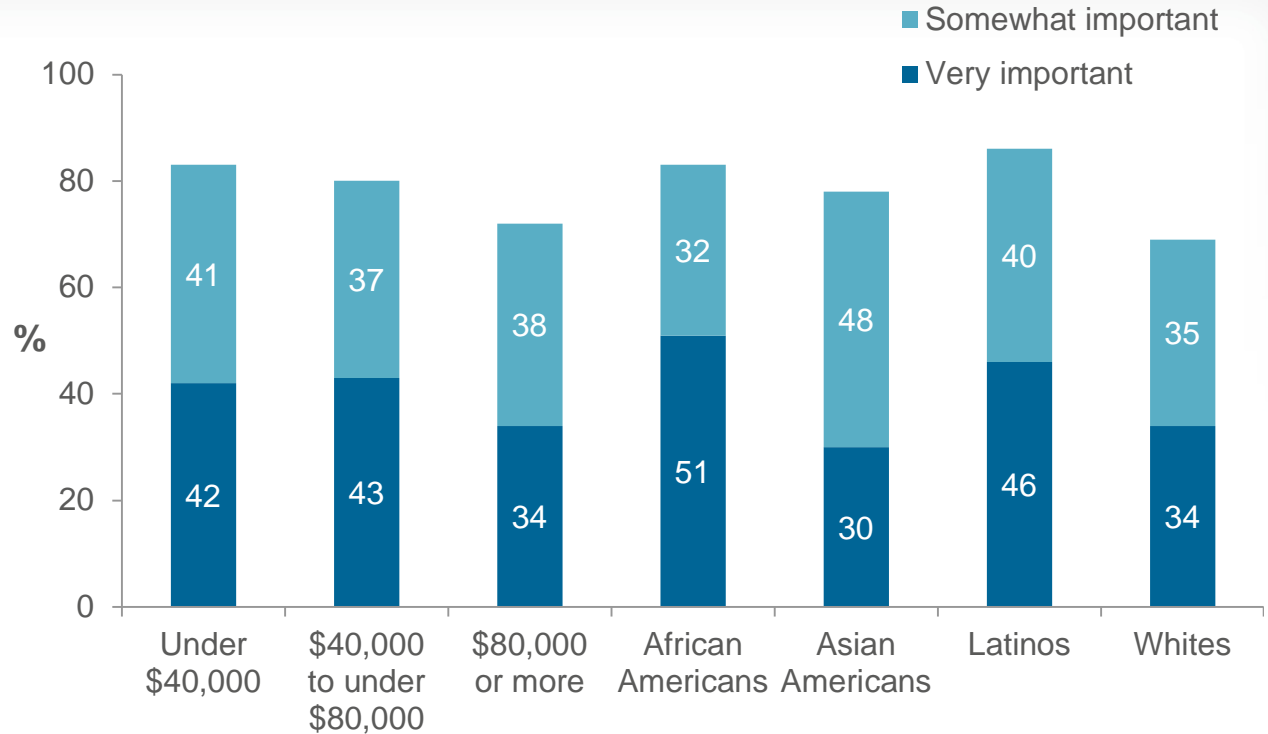


Renewable energy



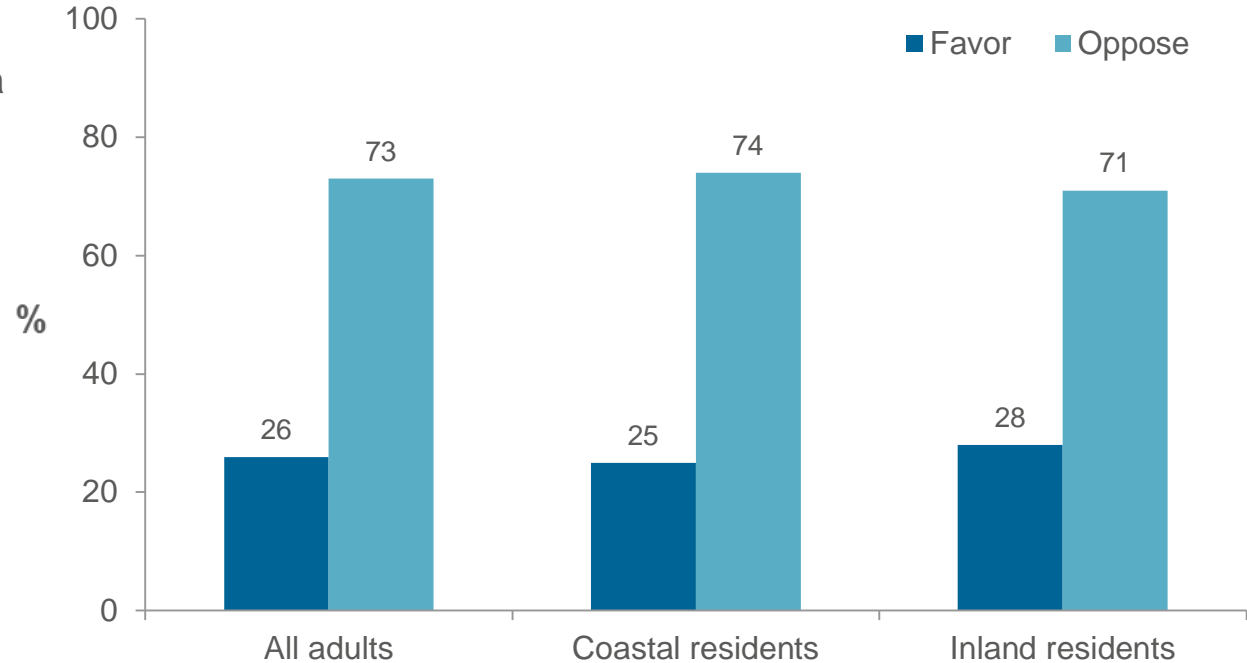
Cap and trade: spending in lower-income areas

How important to you is it that some of the cap-and-trade revenues are spent on projects to improve environmental conditions in lower-income and disadvantaged communities?



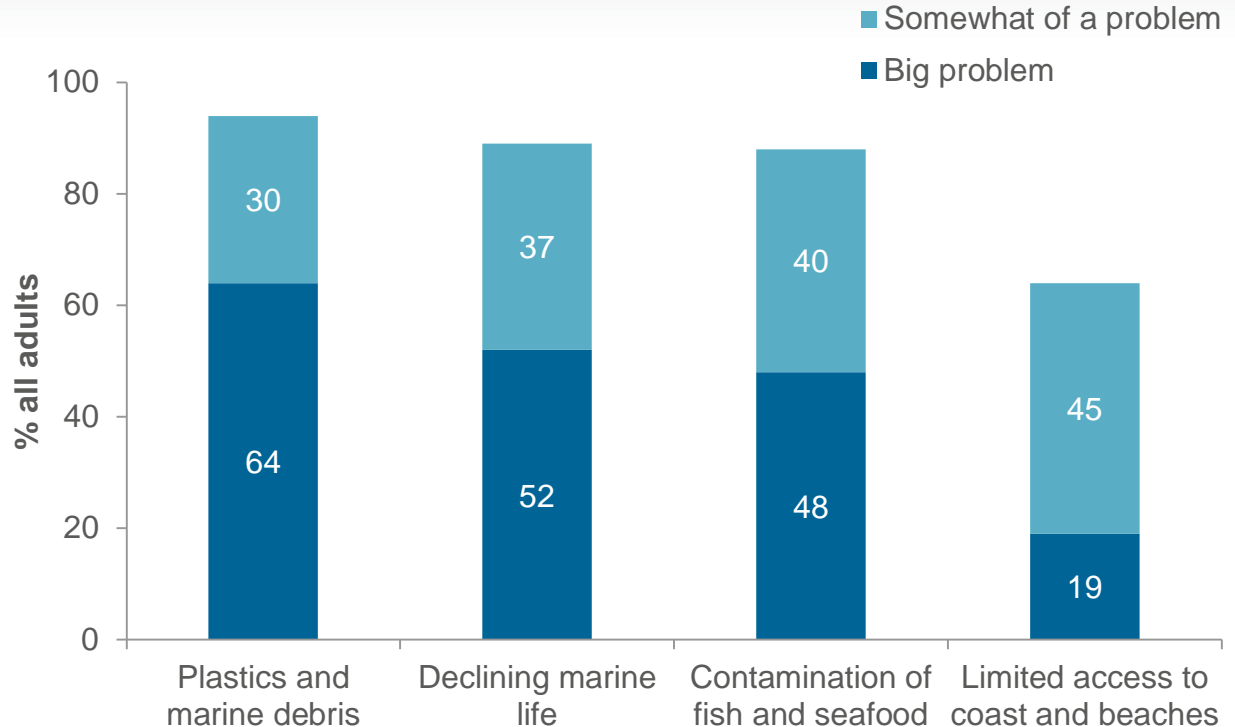
Allowing more oil drilling off the coast

How about allowing more oil drilling off the California coast? Do you favor or oppose this proposal?



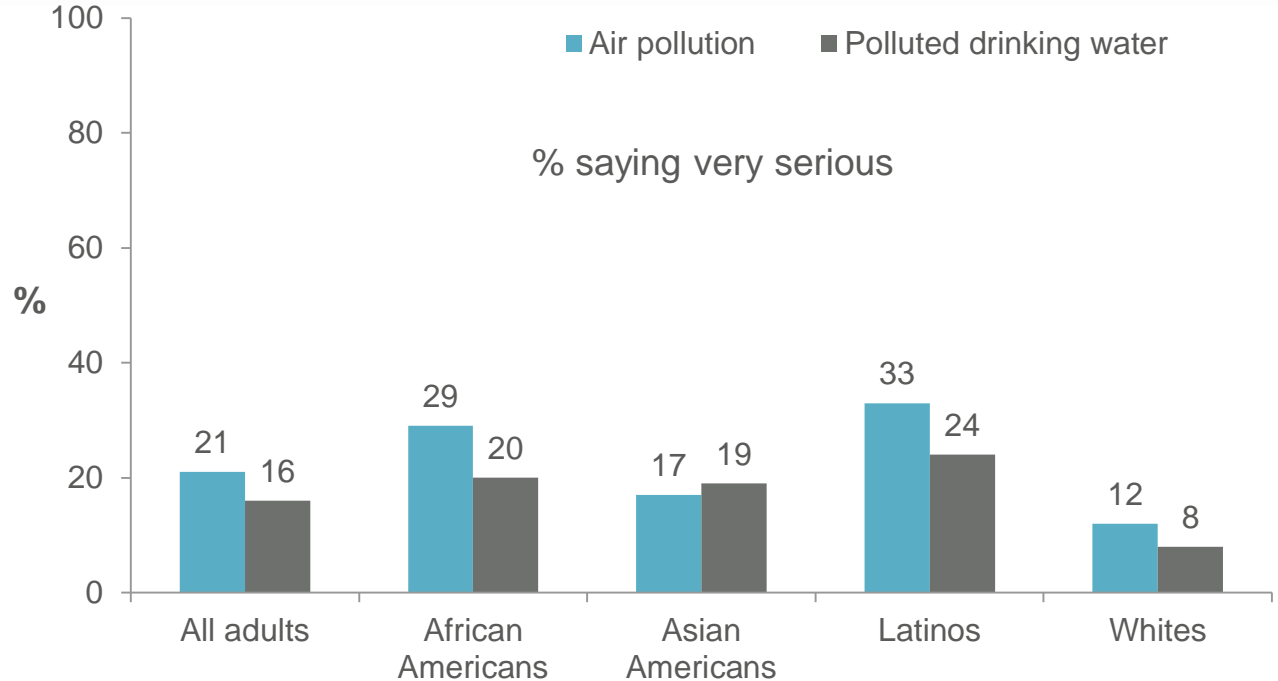
Seriousness of coastal issues

Next, I am going to list some specific problems that some people say affect our ocean and marine life in California today. After each, please indicate whether you think it is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem in the part of the California coast that is closest to you.



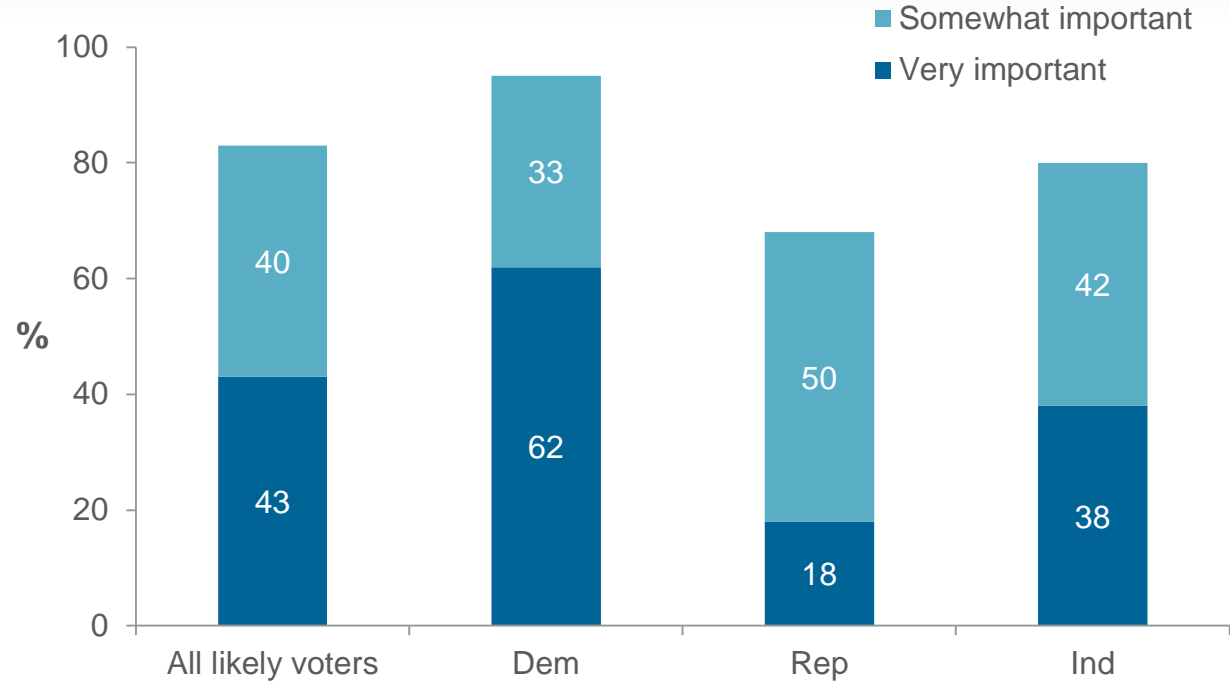
Air pollution and polluted drinking water as health threats

How serious a health threat is... in your part of California to you and your immediate family – do you think it is a very serious, somewhat serious, or not too serious of a health threat?



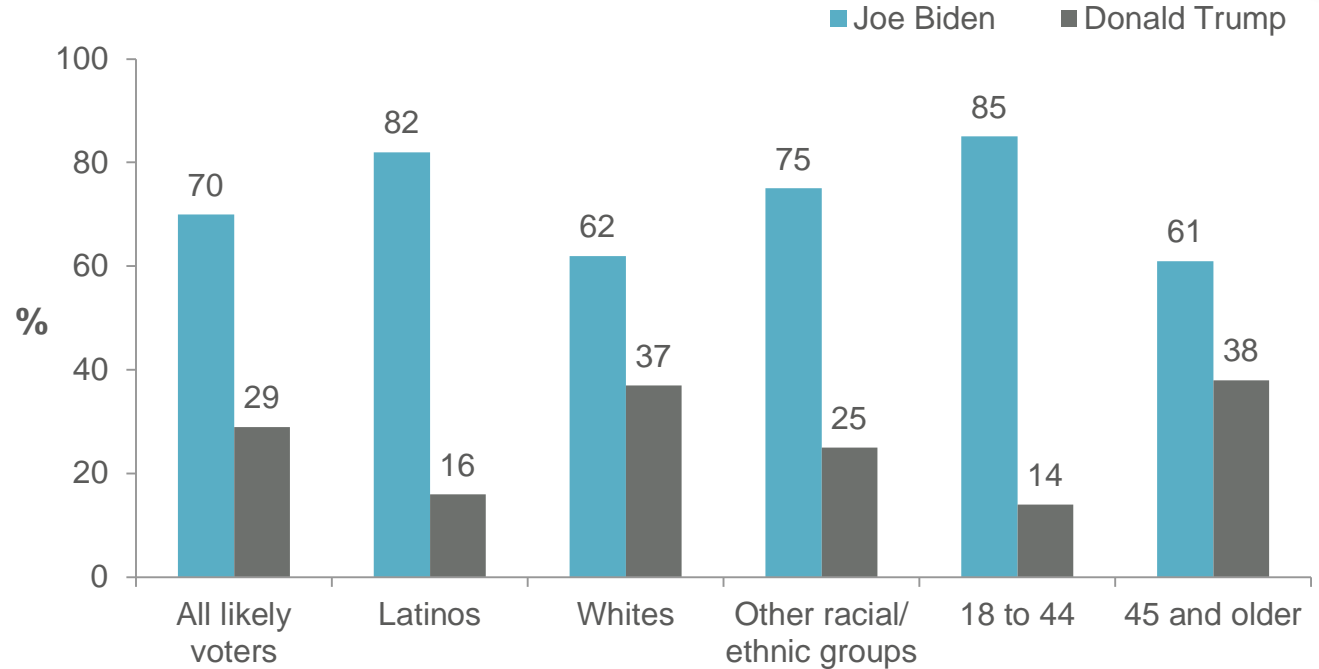
Importance of presidential candidates' positions on the environment

In thinking about the presidential election in November, how important to you are the candidates' positions on the environment in determining your vote?



Preferred candidate for handling US environmental issues

Regardless of your choice in the November 2020 presidential election, which of these candidates would do a better job handling environmental issues in the US?



Other topics

- Ocean, coast, and marine life
- Water, air, and wildfires
- Perceived impacts of climate change policies
- Attitudes toward government
- COVID-19 crisis and the environment
- Economic recession

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