

PPIC Statewide Survey: Californians and Their Government

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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

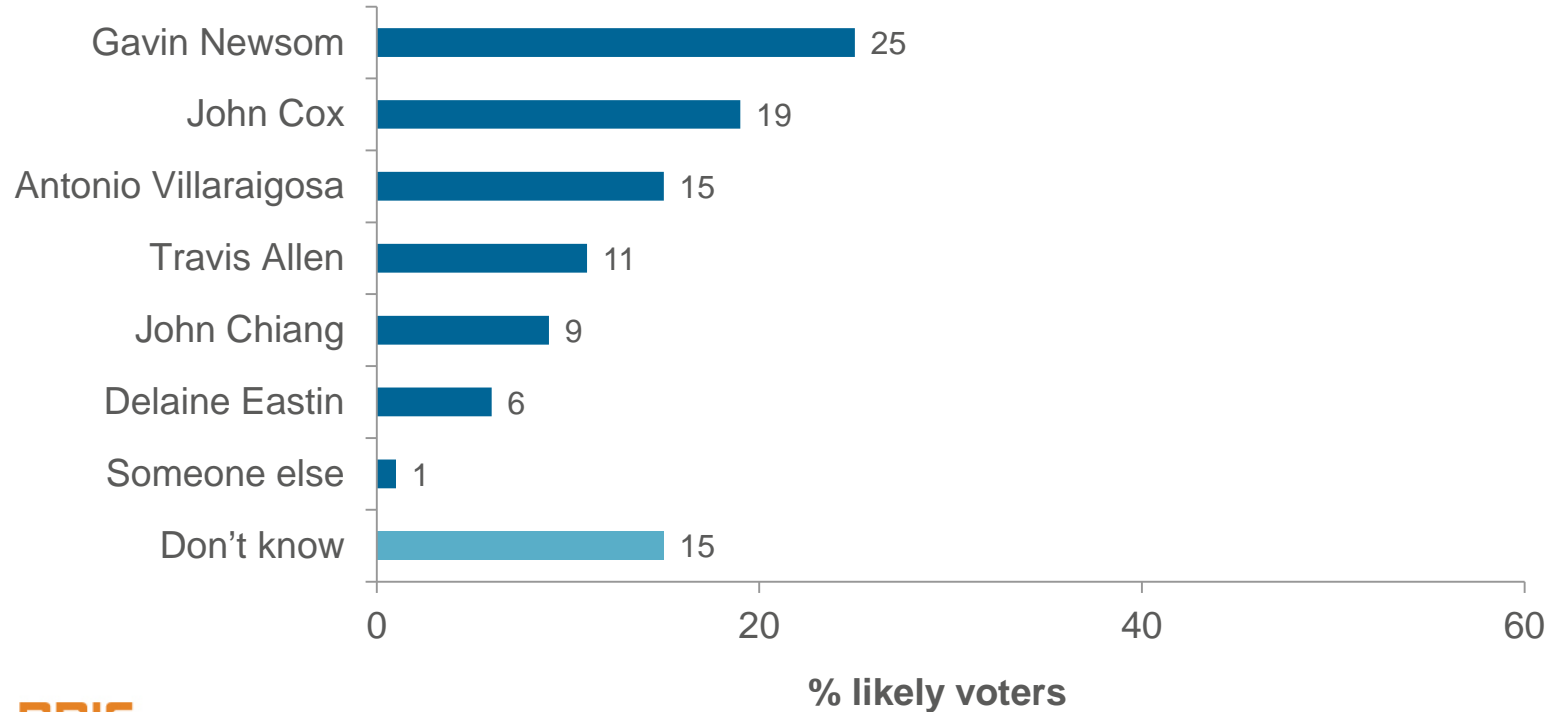
Californians and Their Government

- General series funded by the James Irvine Foundation and the PPIC Donor Circle
- Telephone interviews, May 11–20, 2018
 - 70% cell phone, 30% landline
 - 1,702 adults, $\pm 3.1\%$ margin of error
 - 901 likely voters, $\pm 4.1\%$ margin of error
- Views on gubernatorial, US Senate, and congressional elections
- Opinions on state and federal elected officials, the state budget, immigration policy, and health care policy

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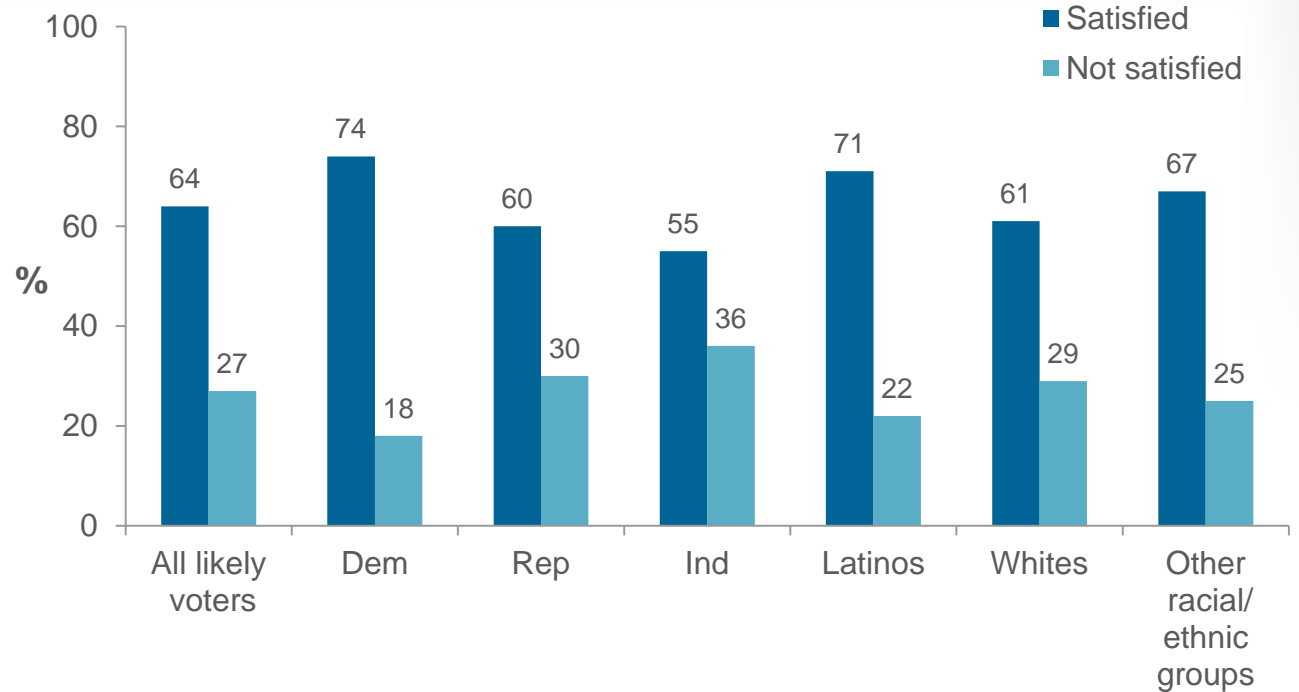
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Gubernatorial candidate preference



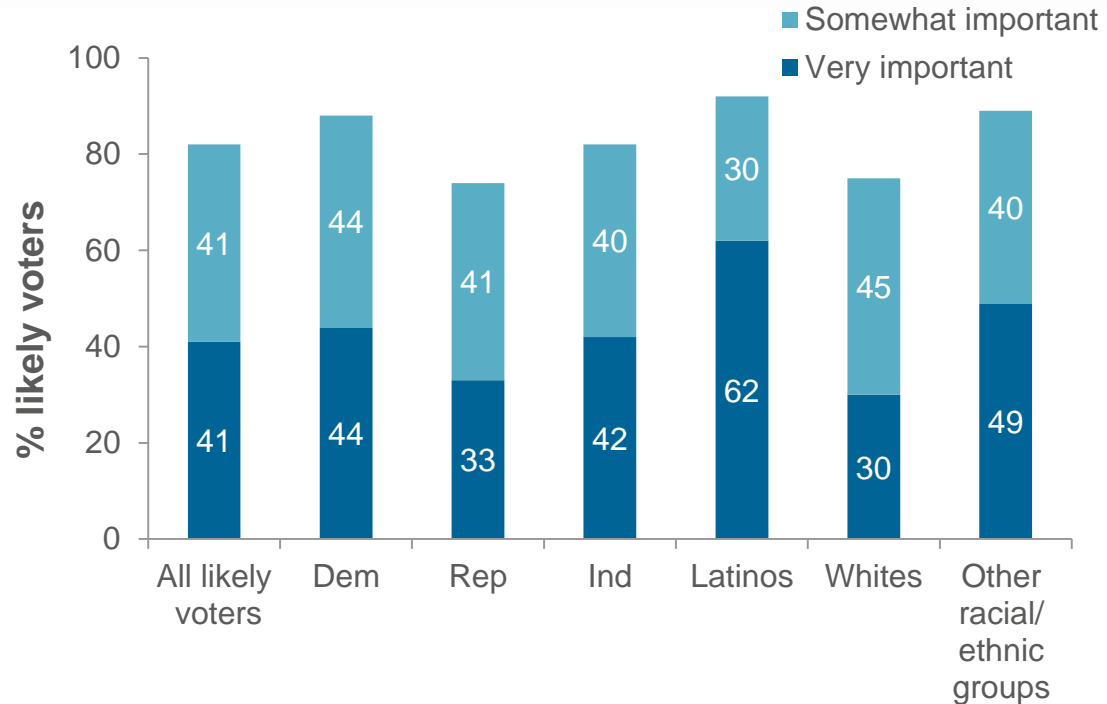
Satisfaction with gubernatorial candidates

In general, would you say you are satisfied or not satisfied with your choices of candidates in the primary election for governor this June?



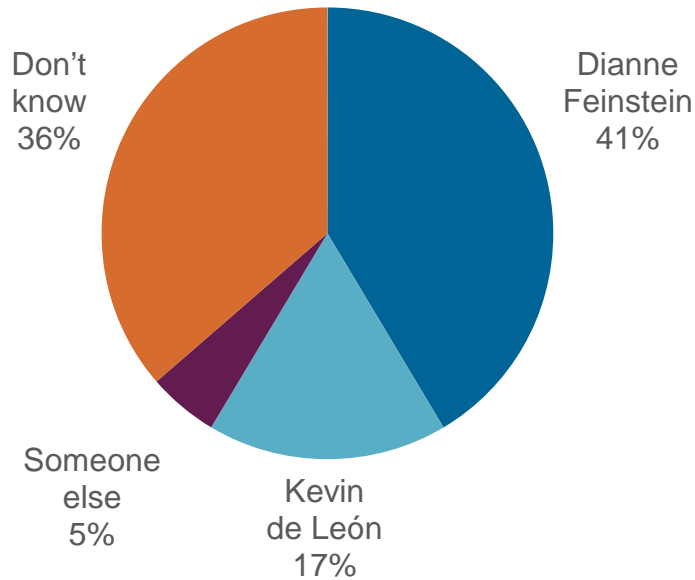
Importance of gubernatorial debates

In deciding who to vote for in the election for governor, how important to you are the candidates' performances in public debates?

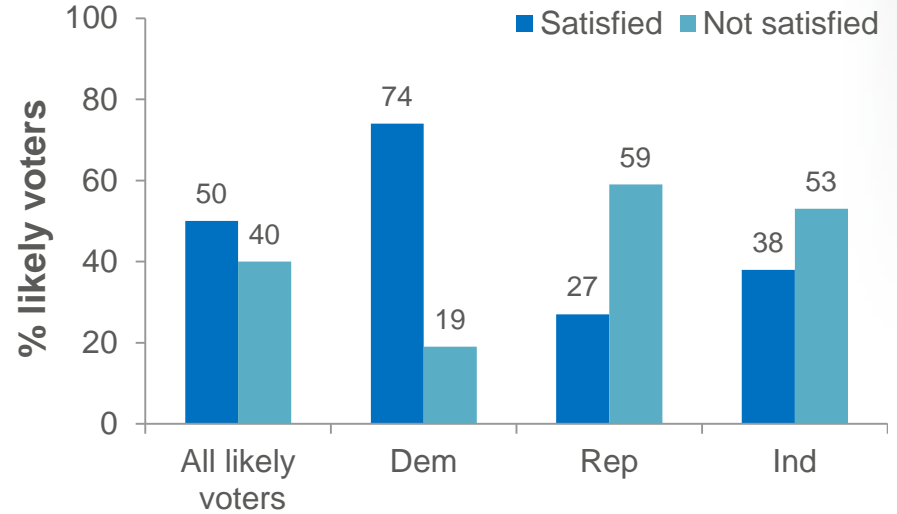


US Senate race

Candidate preference

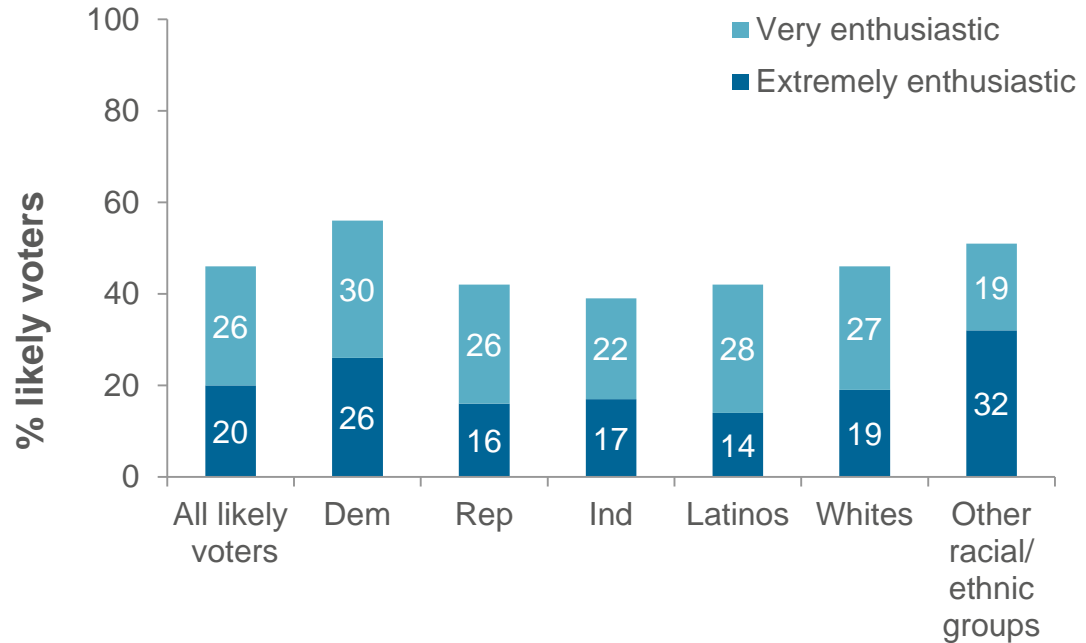


Satisfaction with choice of candidates



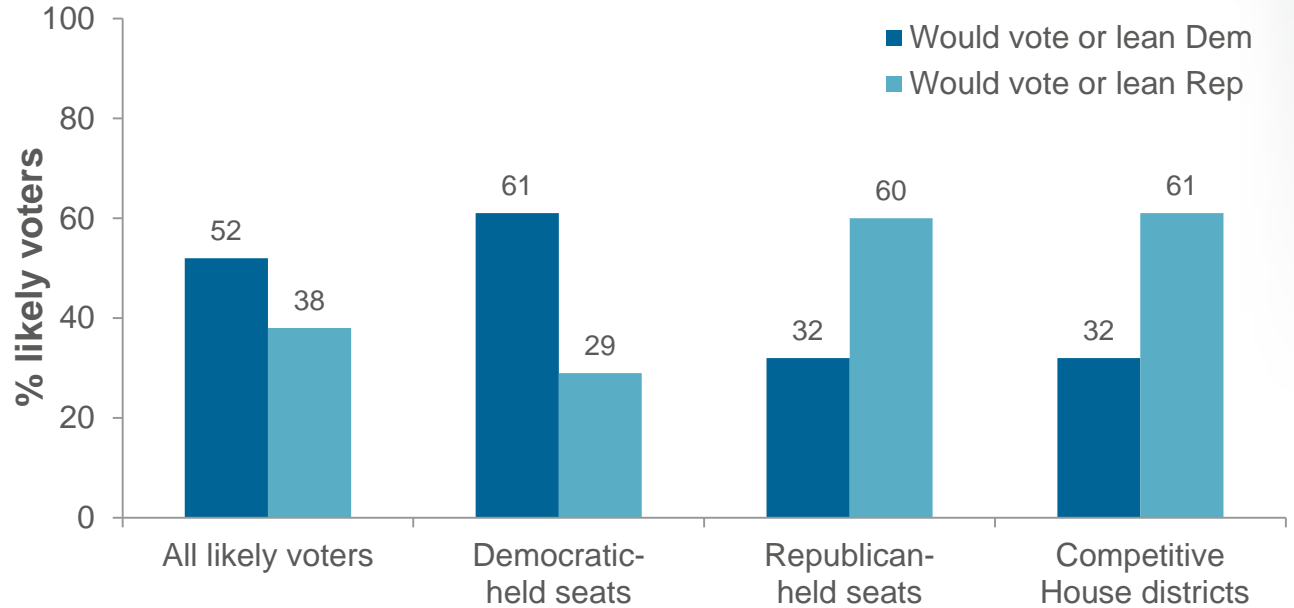
Enthusiasm about voting in congressional races

How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting for Congress this year?



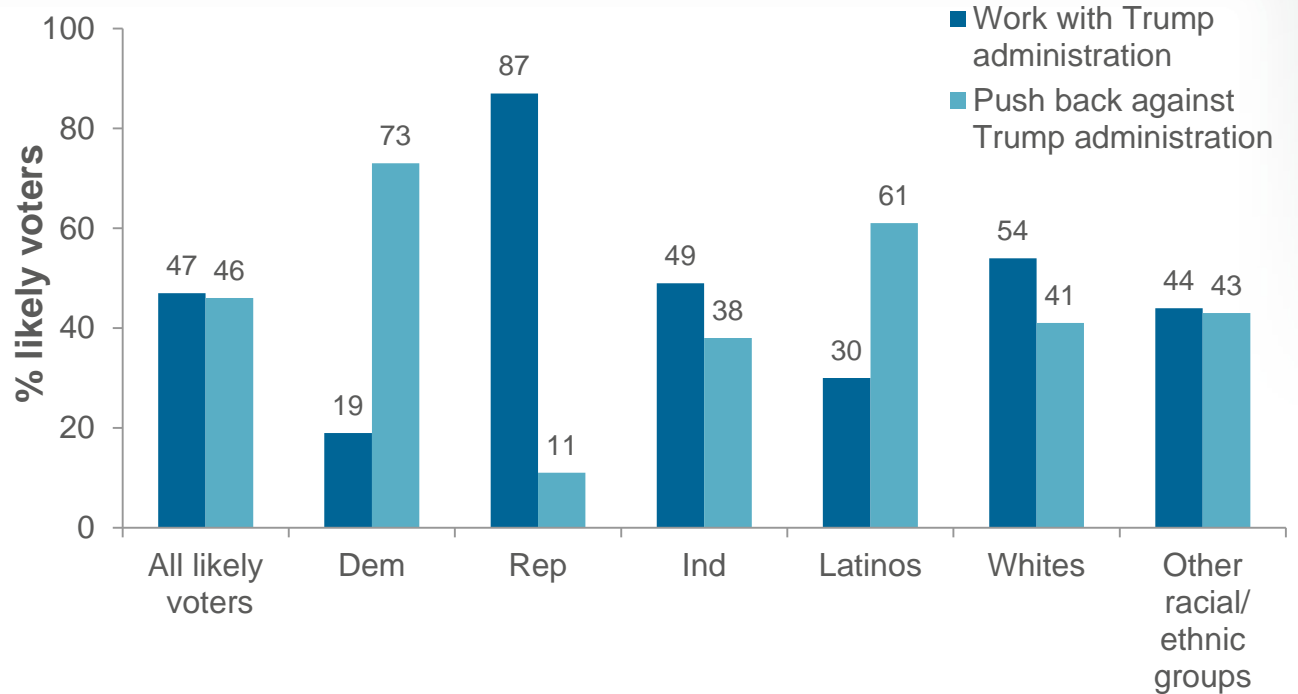
Preferences in November House races

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?)*



Congressional candidates and President Trump

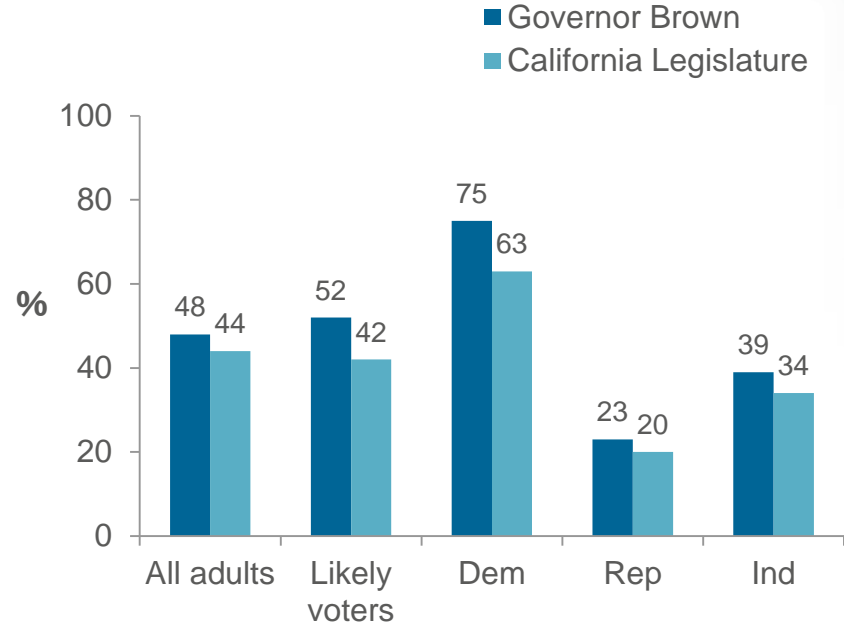
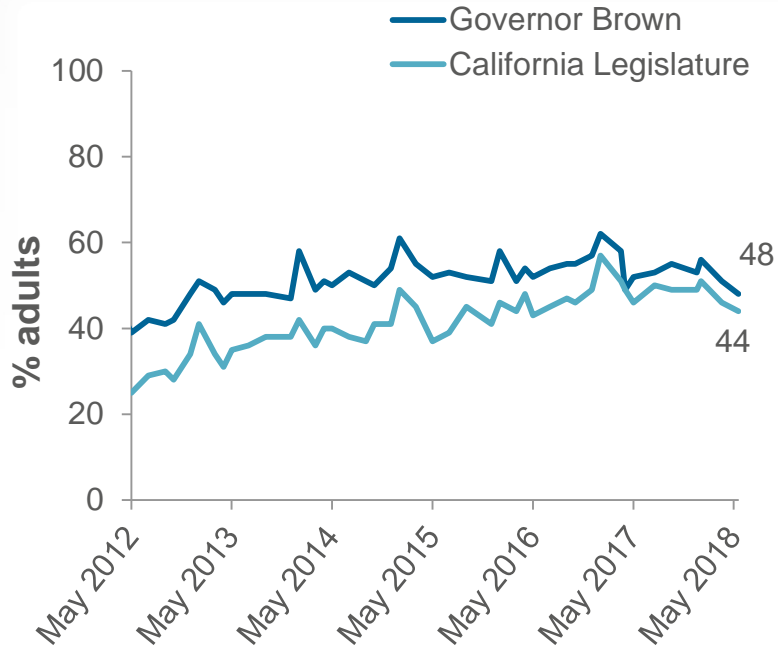
Which of the following is more important to you in candidates for US Congress—that they work with the Trump administration or that they push back against the Trump administration?



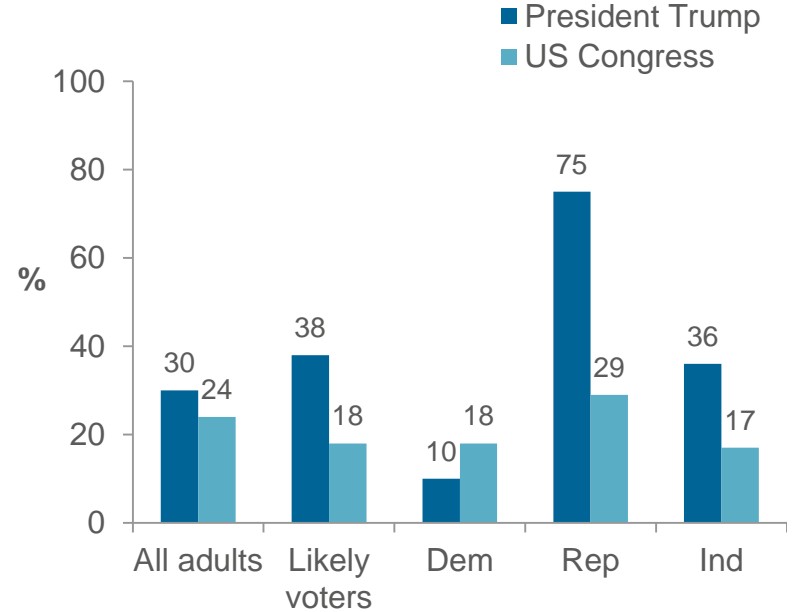
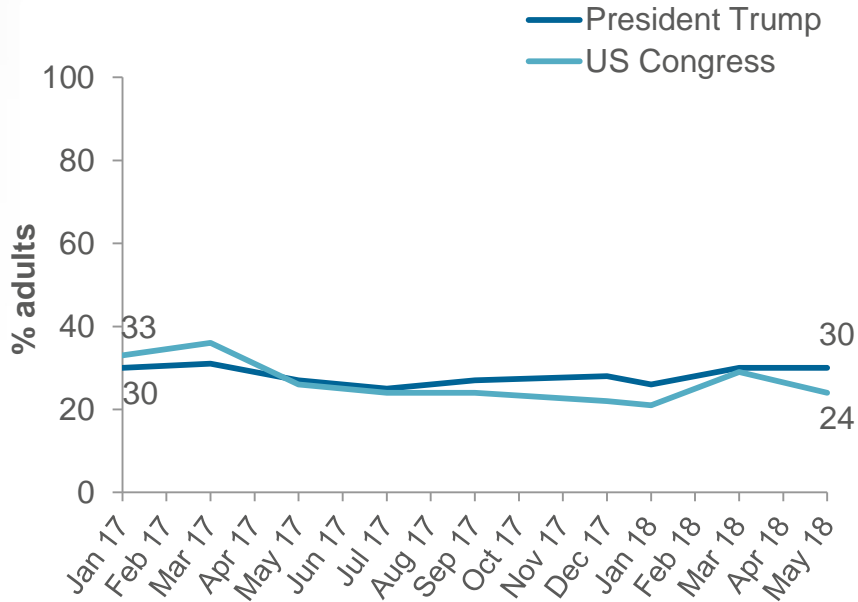
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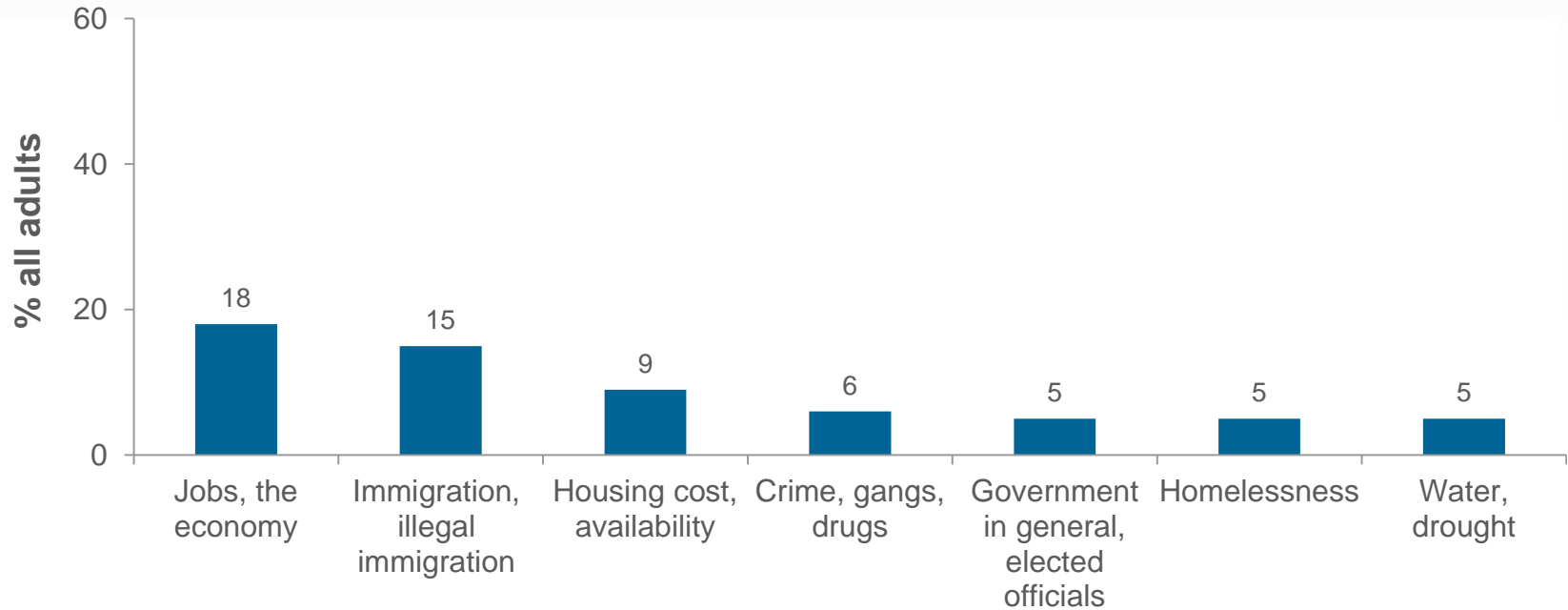
Approval of state elected officials



Approval of federal elected officials

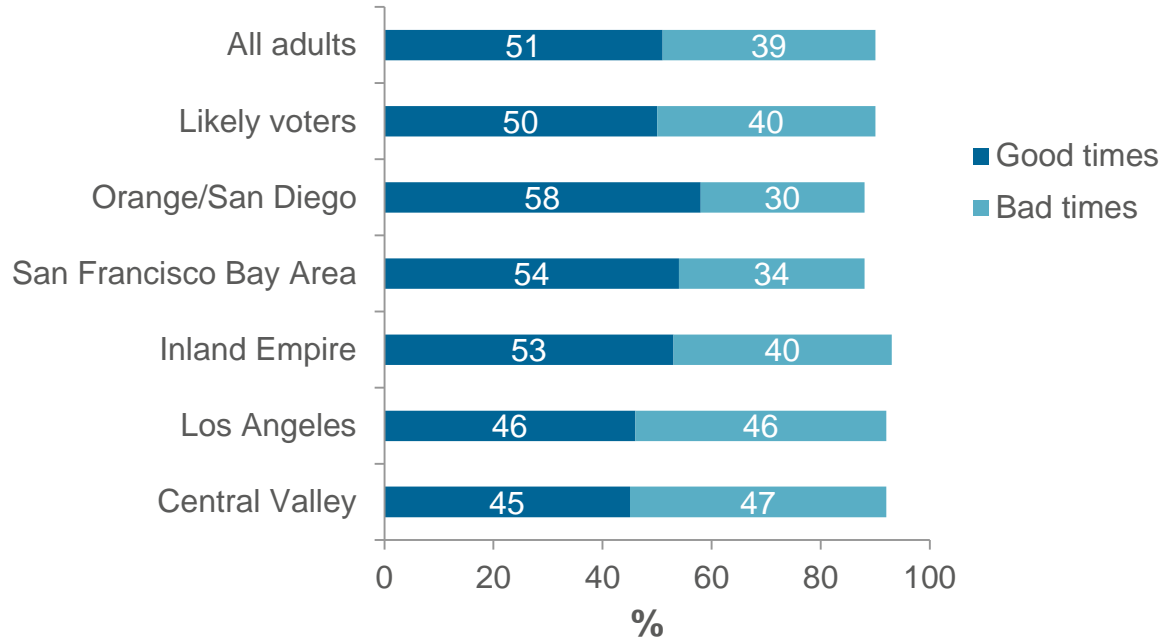


Most important issue in California



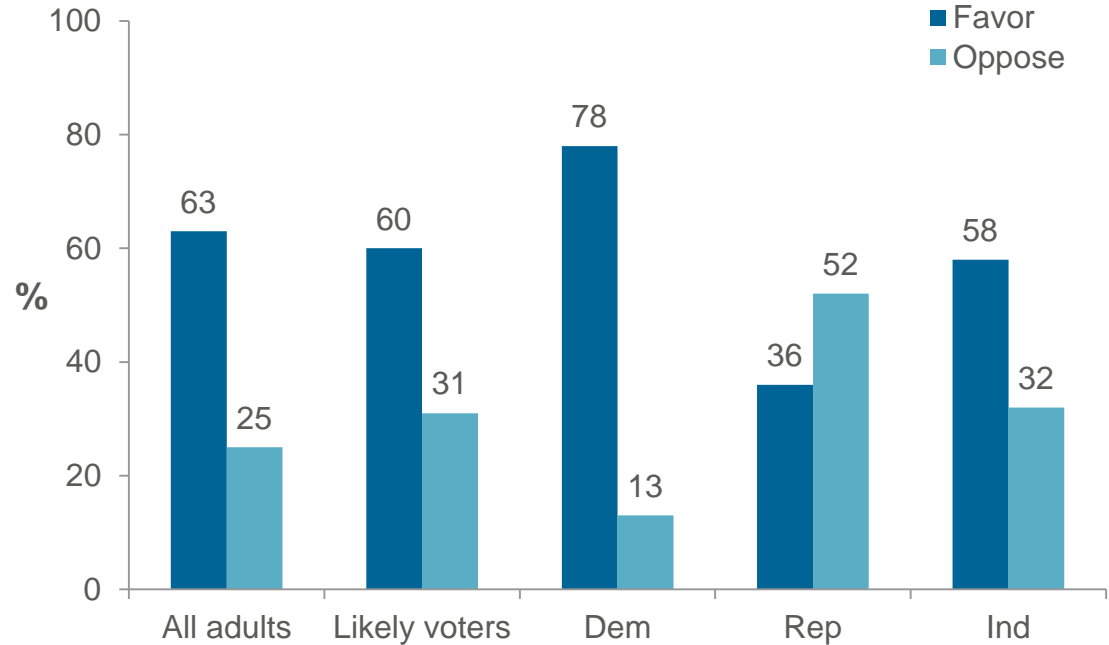
Economic outlook for the state

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



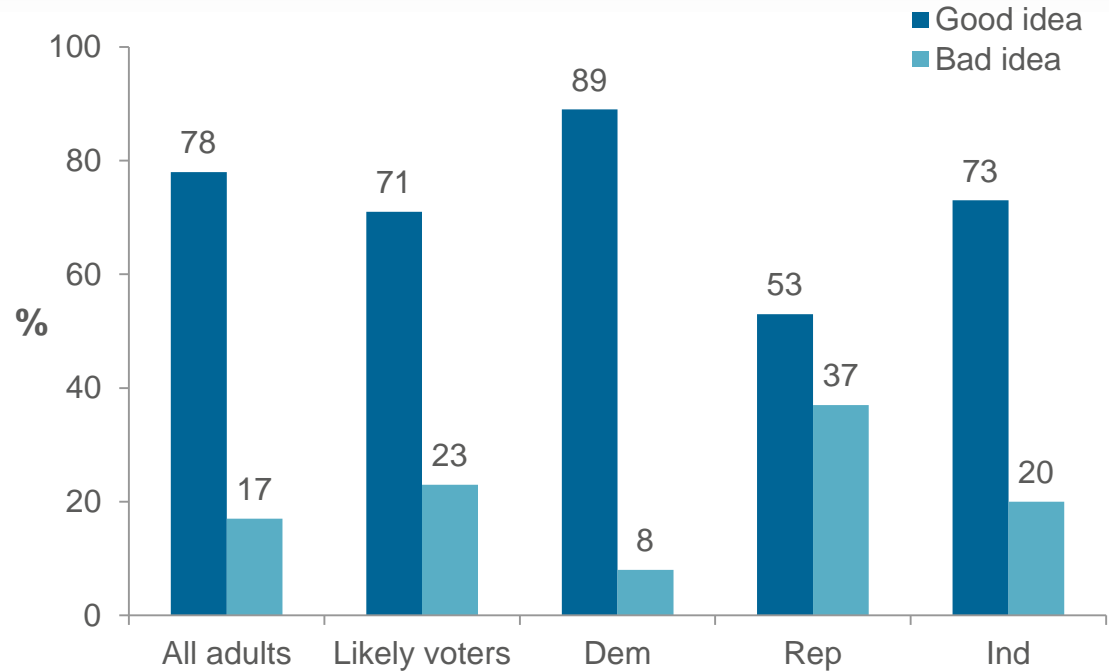
Governor Brown's budget proposal

Governor Brown recently released a revised budget plan for the next fiscal year.... In general, do you favor or oppose the governor's budget plan?



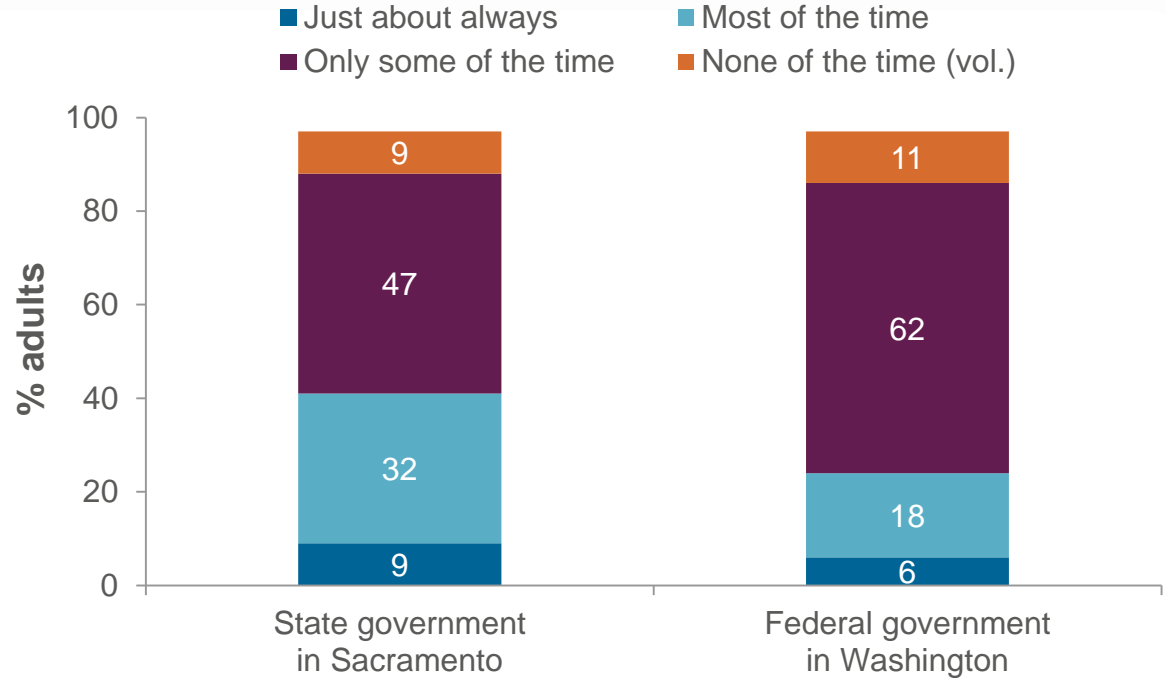
One-time spending in budget proposal

The nearly \$4 billion in one-time general fund spending is focused in three areas with \$2 billion dollars going to infrastructure projects, \$359 million dollars to address homelessness, and \$312 million dollars for mental health programs. In general, do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?



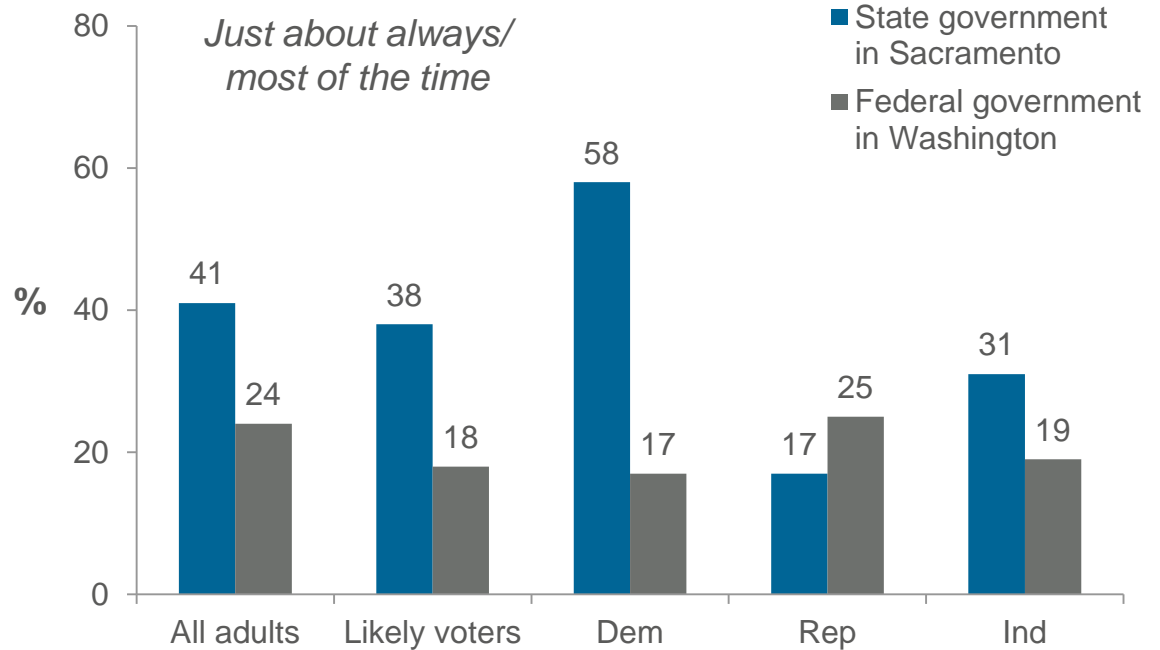
Trust in government

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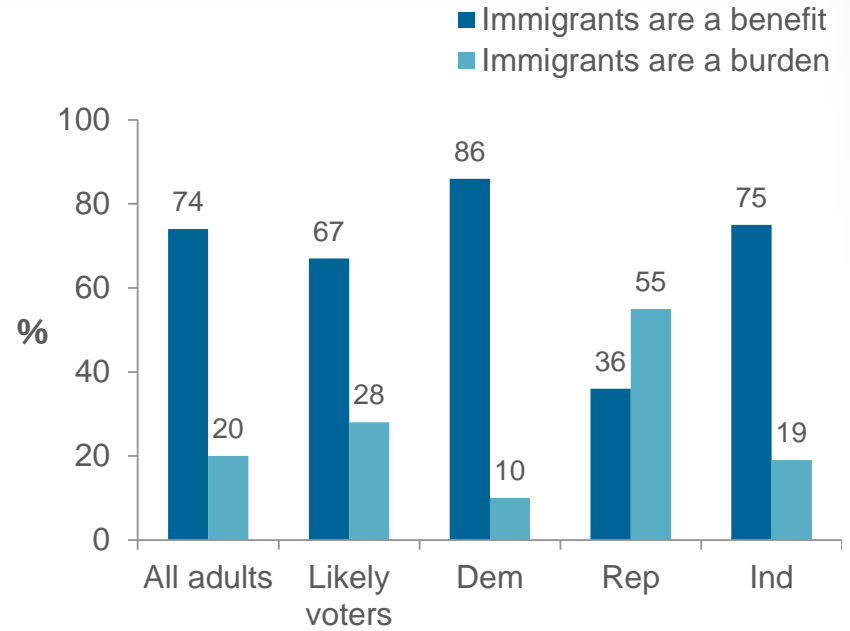
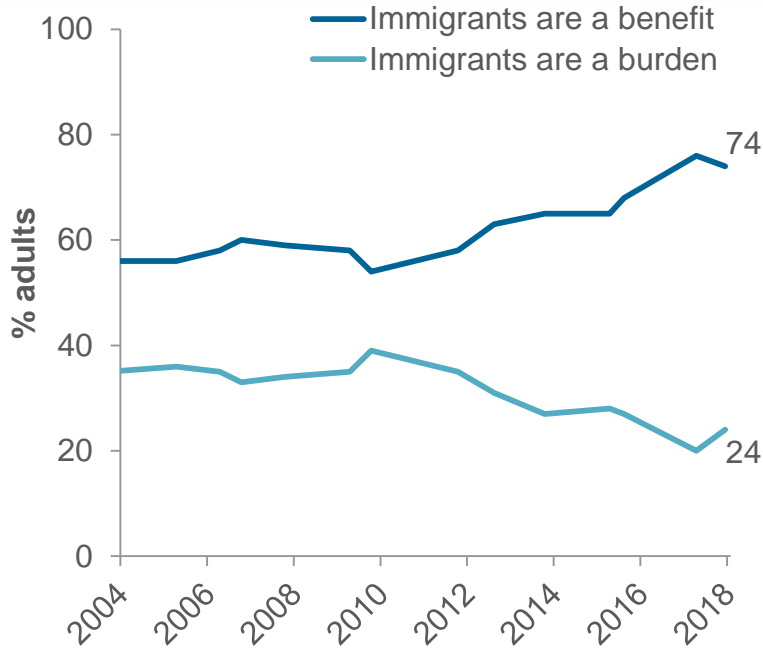


Partisan breakdown of trust in government

How much of the time do you think you can trust the _____ to do what is right—just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

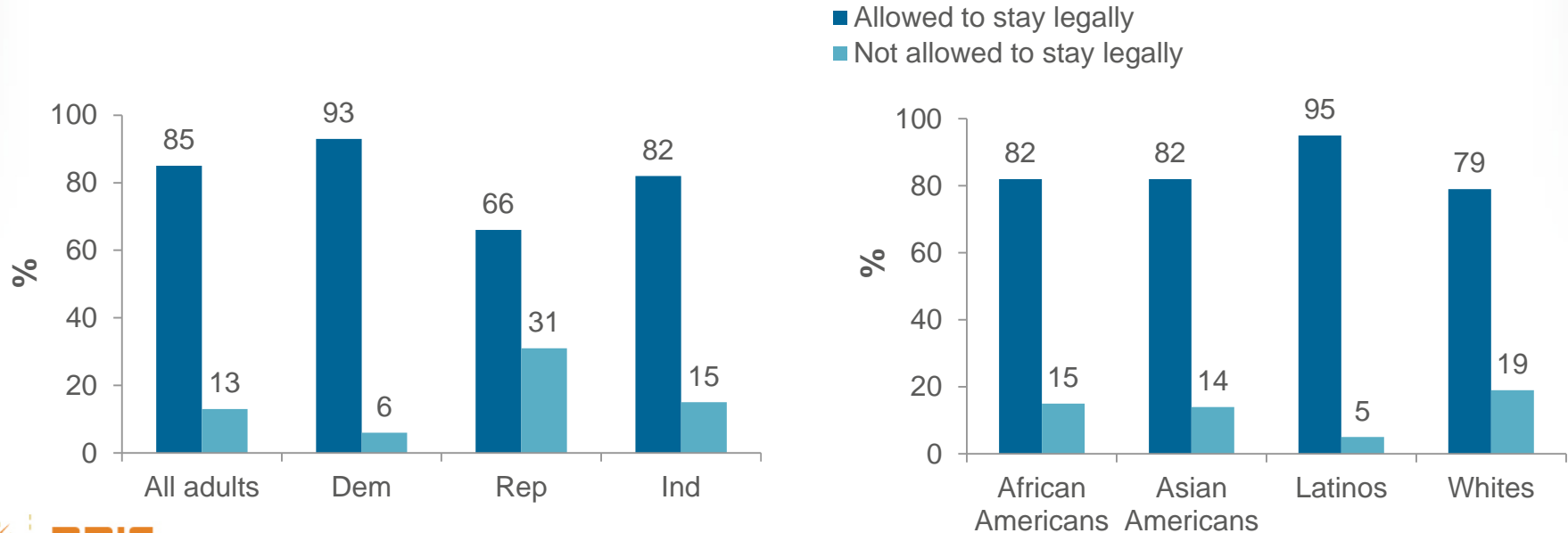


Perception of immigrants

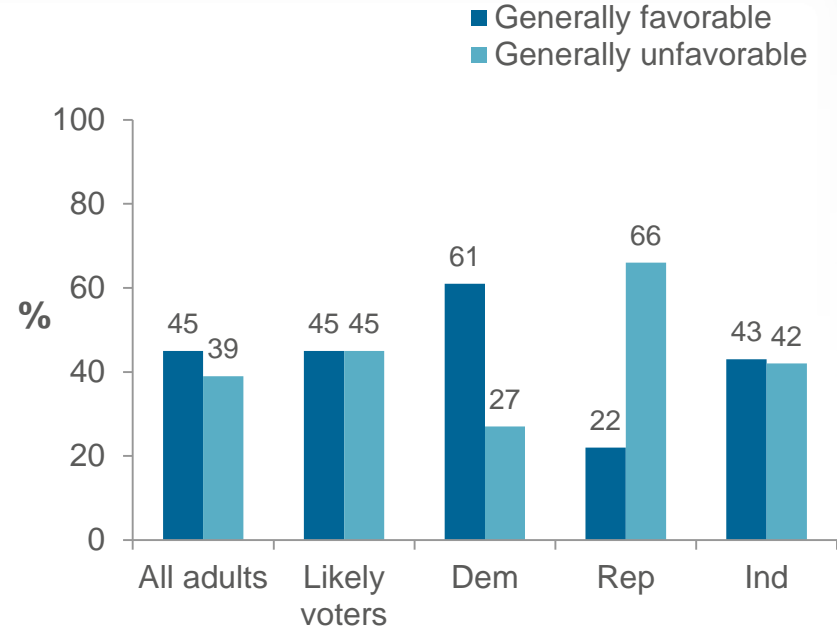
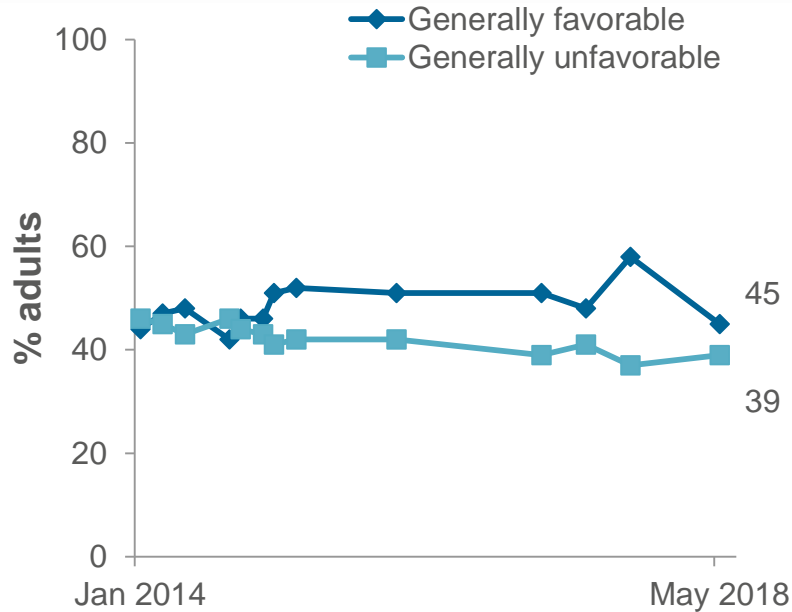


Policy preference on undocumented immigrants

Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented immigrants who are living in the US: There should be a way for them to stay in the country legally, if certain requirements are met or they should not be allowed to stay in this country legally?

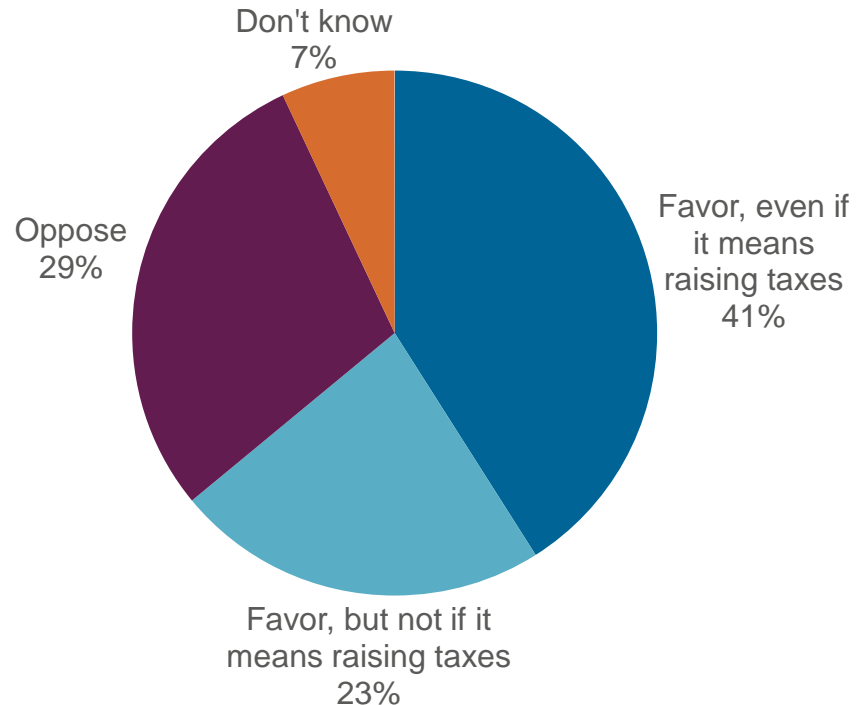


Affordable Care Act



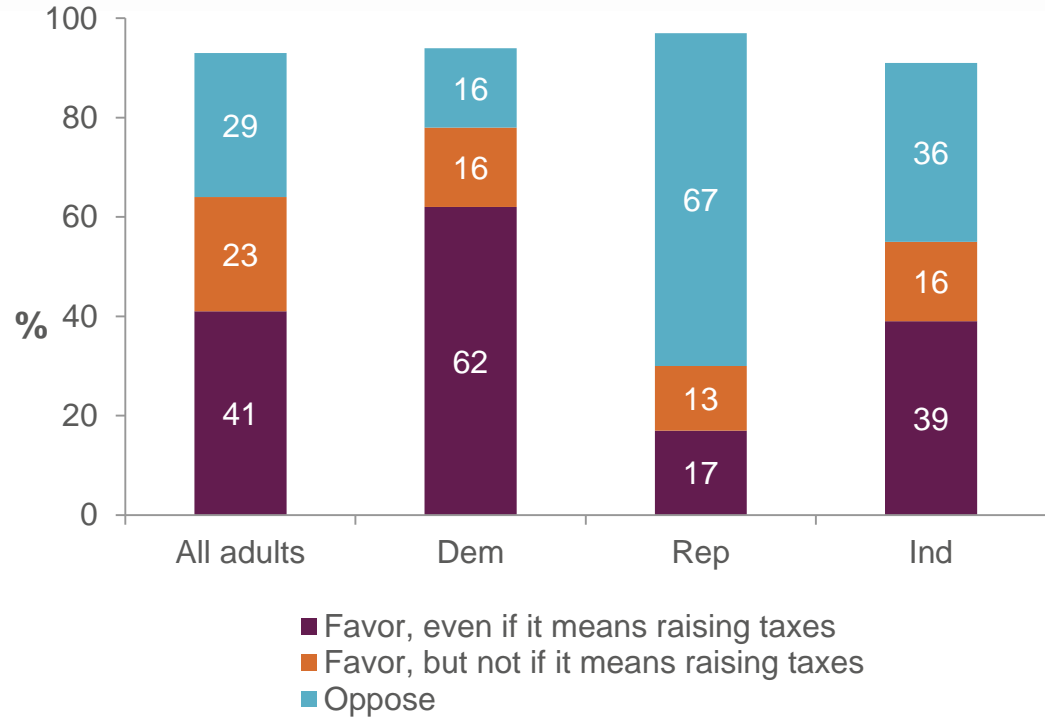
Single-payer health care in California

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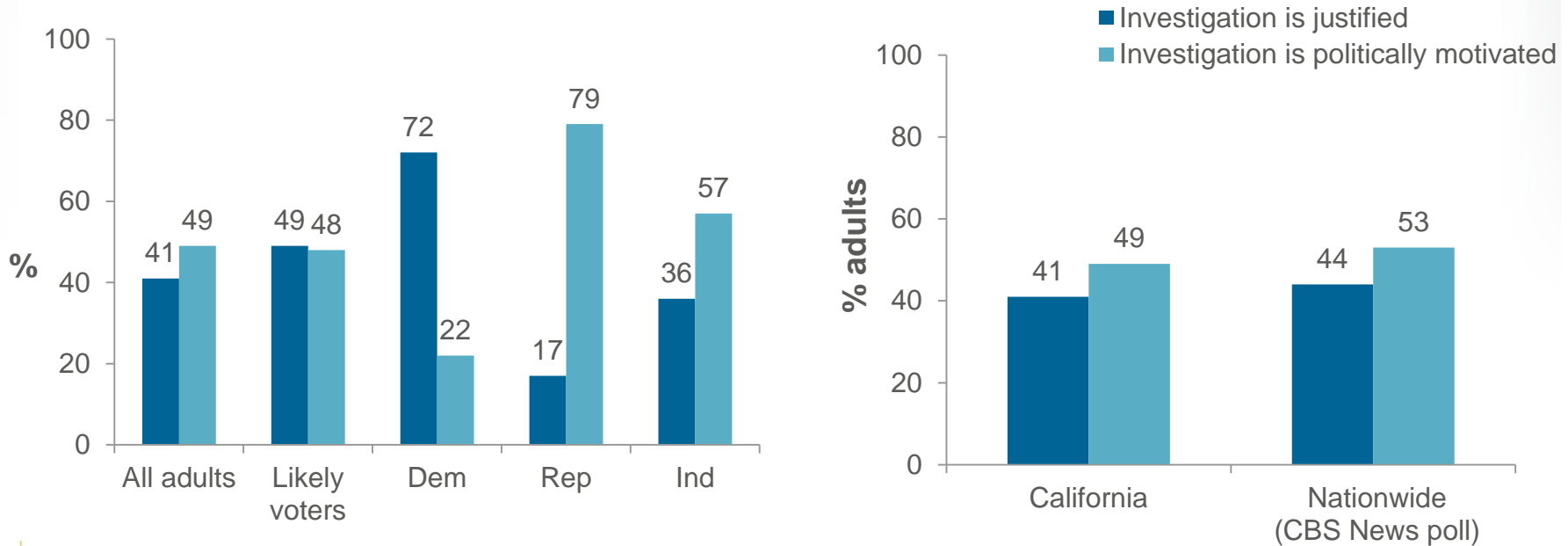
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Motivation for Russia investigation

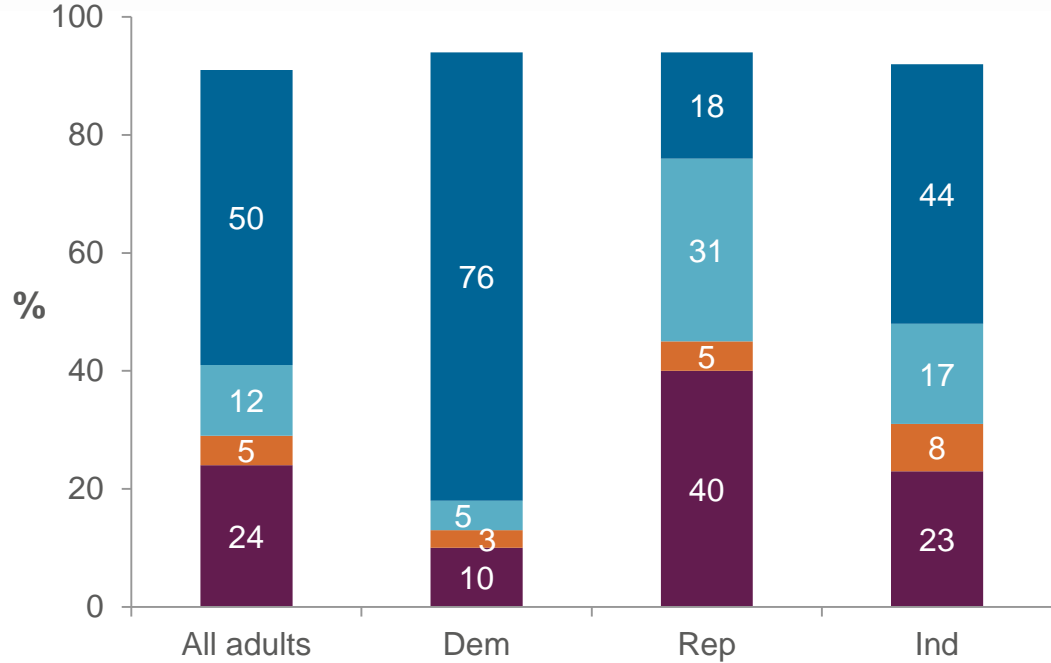
As you may know, there is an investigation into dealings between Trump associates and Russia. Do you think the investigation is justified, or is the investigation politically motivated?



Russian involvement in the 2016 election

Do you think the Russian government tried to influence the outcome of the 2016 US presidential election, or not?

- Yes, and Trump campaign members intentionally helped
- Yes, but Trump campaign members didn't intentionally help
- Yes, don't know if campaign members intentionally helped
- No



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- Newsom remains the top choice, while Cox and Villaraigosa vie for the second spot on November's general election ballot
- Feinstein continues to lead de León; most Republicans and independents are undecided
- Governor Brown's final budget receives positive reviews and overwhelming majorities like his idea of additional one-time spending
- Californians distrust the state and federal government; they have even less trust in the federal government
- Majorities across the state continue to view immigrants as a benefit, amid local tensions about federal and state roles in immigration enforcement
- Californians are divided on the motivation of the Russia investigation, but a growing share think the Russian government tried to influence the election

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