

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
 - 330,000+ Californians interviewed since 1998
 - 160+ general, issue, and regional surveys

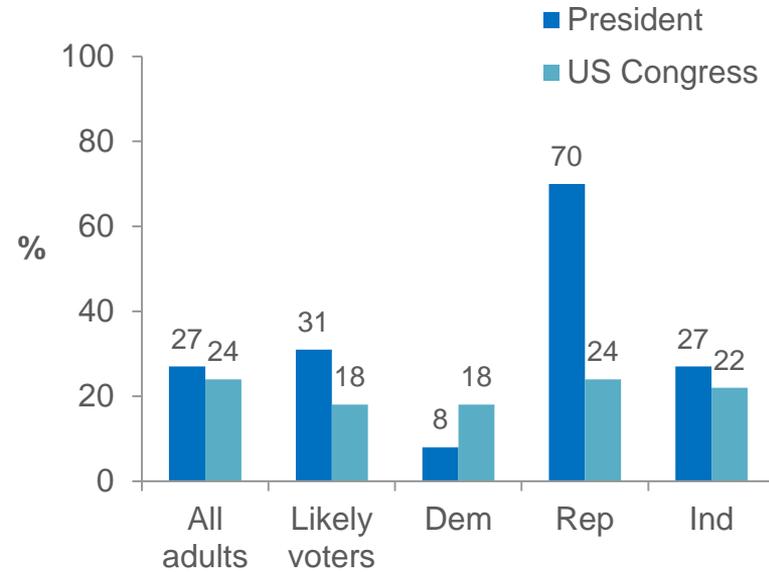
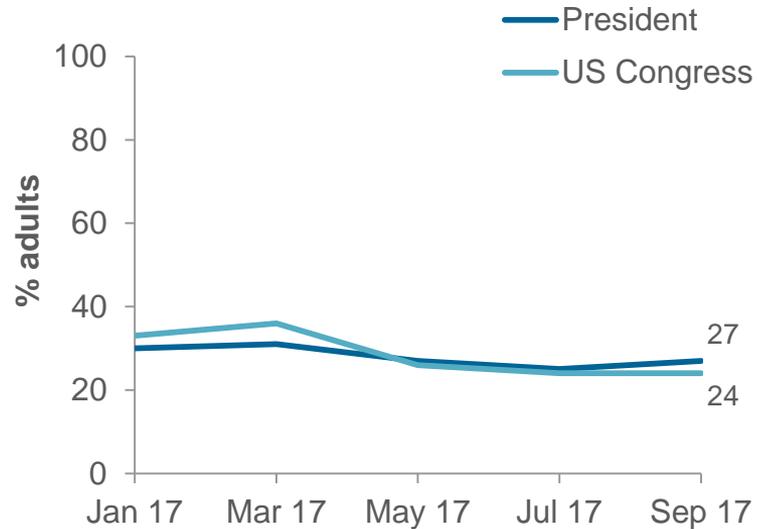
Californians and Their Government

- General series funded by the James Irvine Foundation, the California Endowment, and the PPIC Donor Circle
- Telephone interviews, September 10–19, 2017
 - 63% cell phone, 37% landline
 - 1,734 adults, $\pm 3.1\%$ margin of error
 - 1,103 likely voters, $\pm 3.8\%$ margin of error
- Views on federal elected officials and federal policy issues
- Opinions on state elected officials, housing policy, and California elections

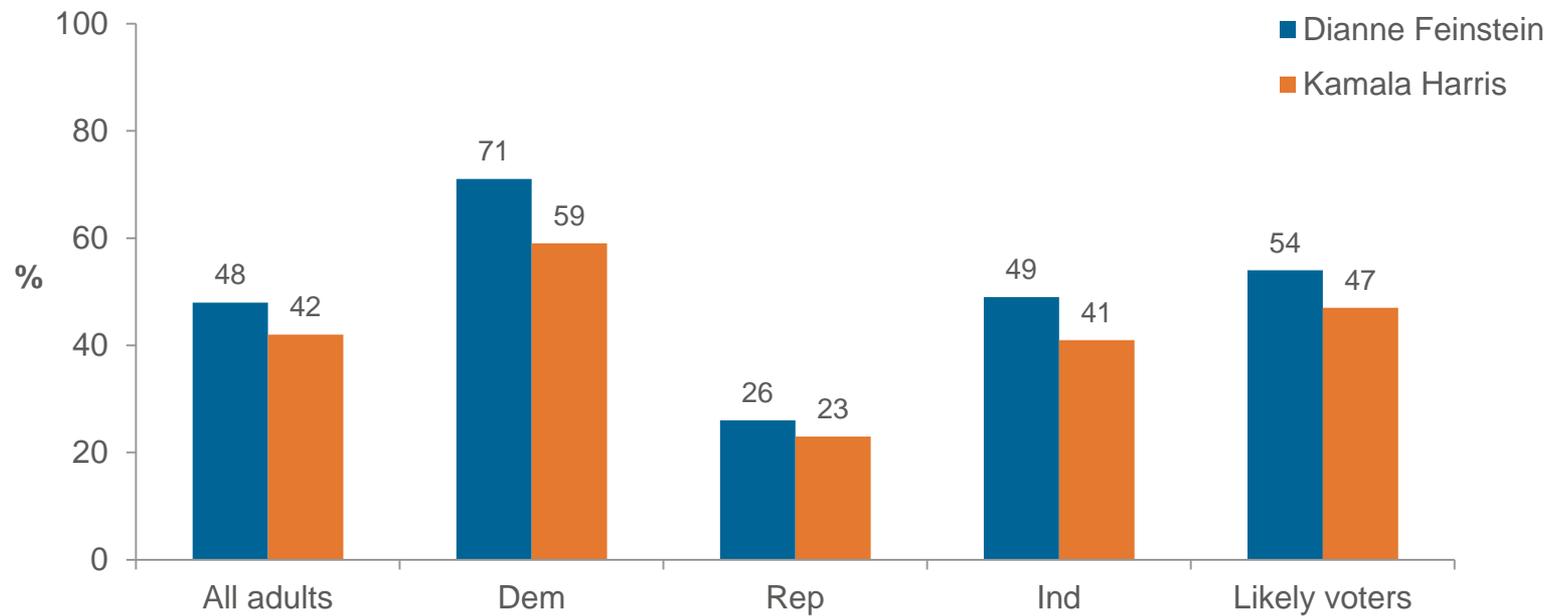
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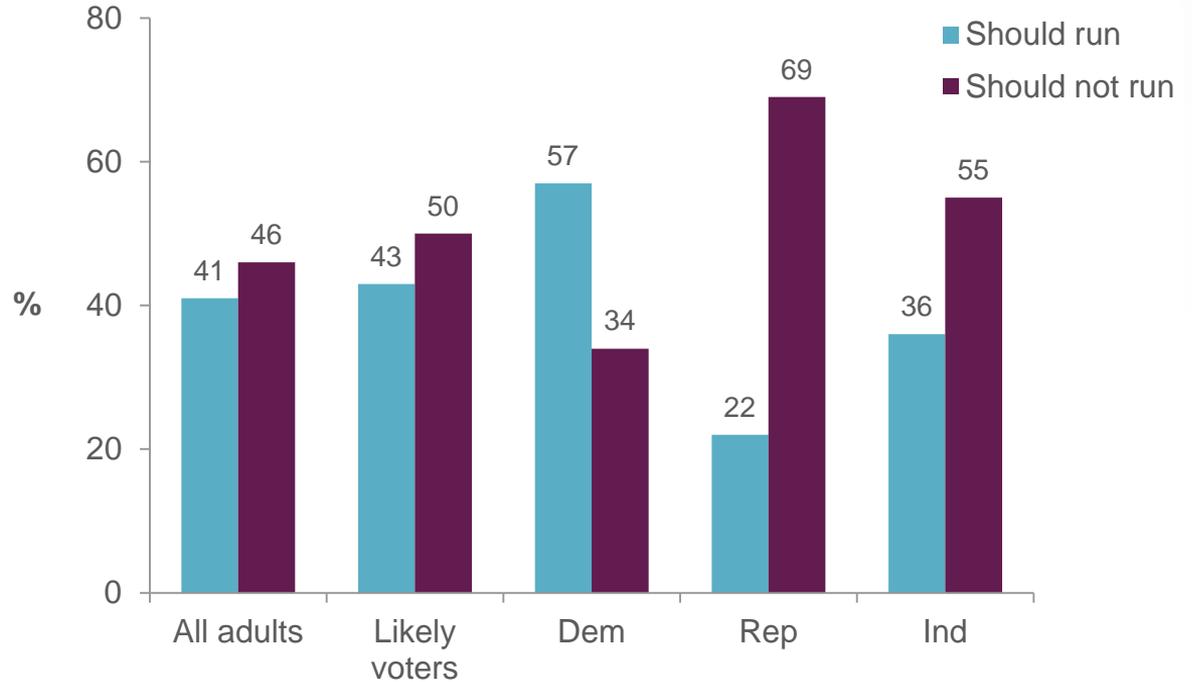


Approval of US Senators



Dianne Feinstein in 2018

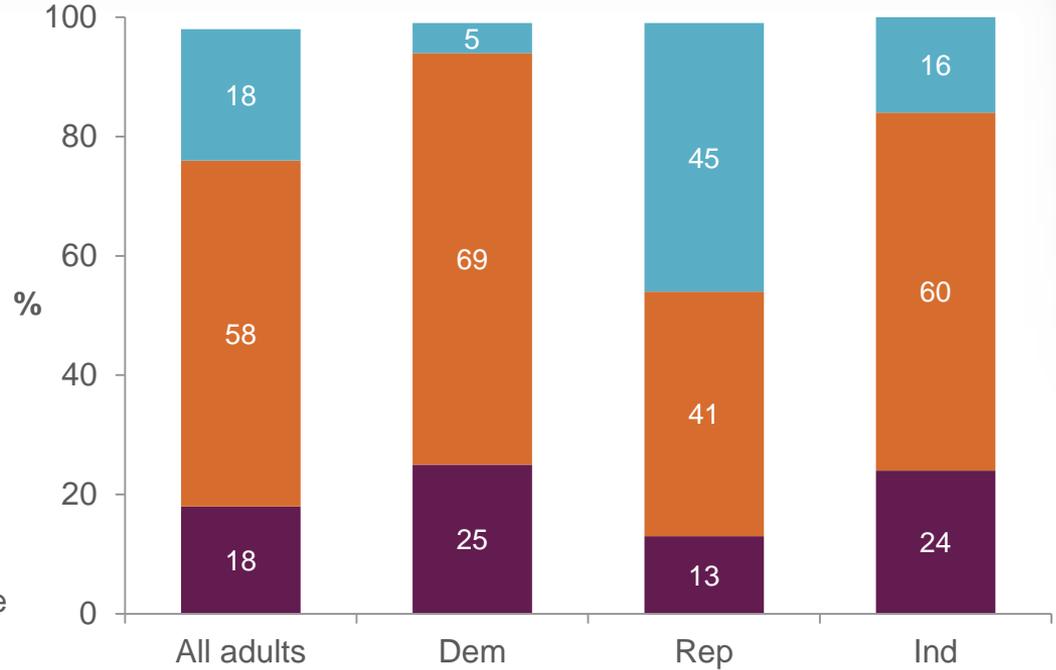
Do you think Dianne Feinstein should run for reelection as US Senator next year or not?



Republicans and the Affordable Care Act

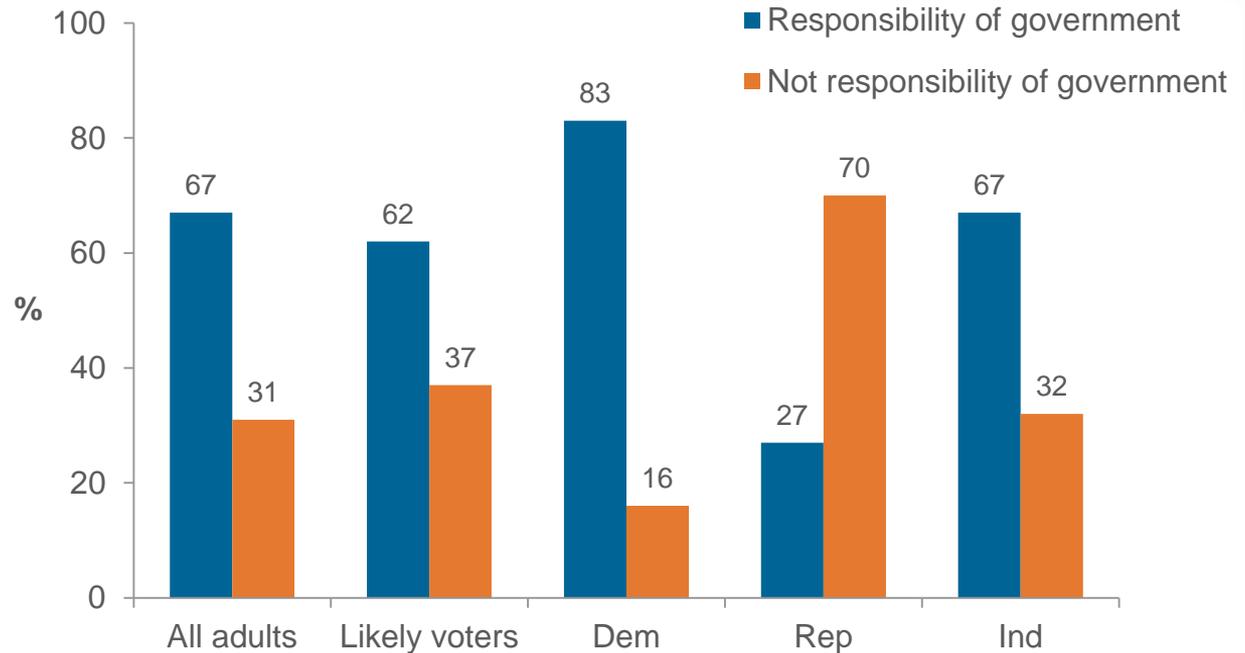
Which comes closer to your view:
Republicans in Congress should continue working on their own plan to repeal and replace the ACA; Republicans in Congress should work with Democrats to make improvements; or Republicans in Congress should move on from health care?

- Should continue working on plan
- Should work with Democrats
- Should move on from health care



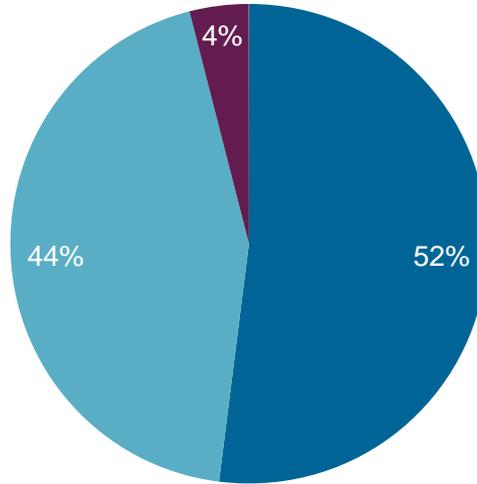
Role of federal government in health care coverage

Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage or is that not the responsibility of the federal government?



How should health insurance be provided?

Should health insurance be provided through a single national health insurance system run by the government or continue to be provided through a mix of private insurance companies and government programs?

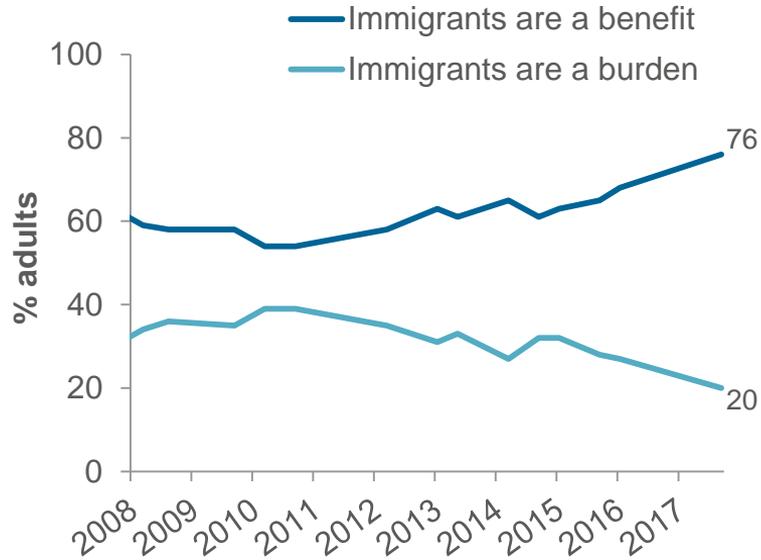


- Single national health insurance system run by government
- Mix of private insurance companies and government programs
- Don't know

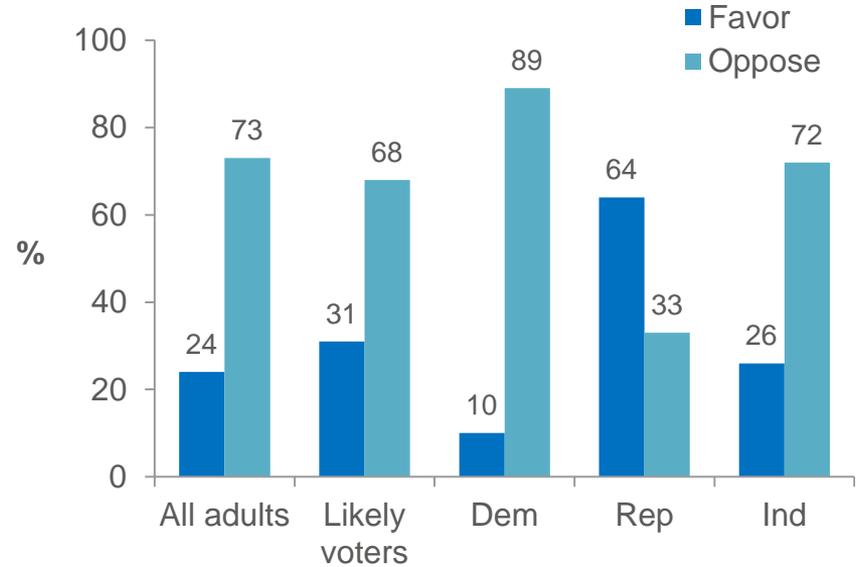
Among those who think it is government's responsibility

Immigrants and immigration policy

Perception of immigrants in California

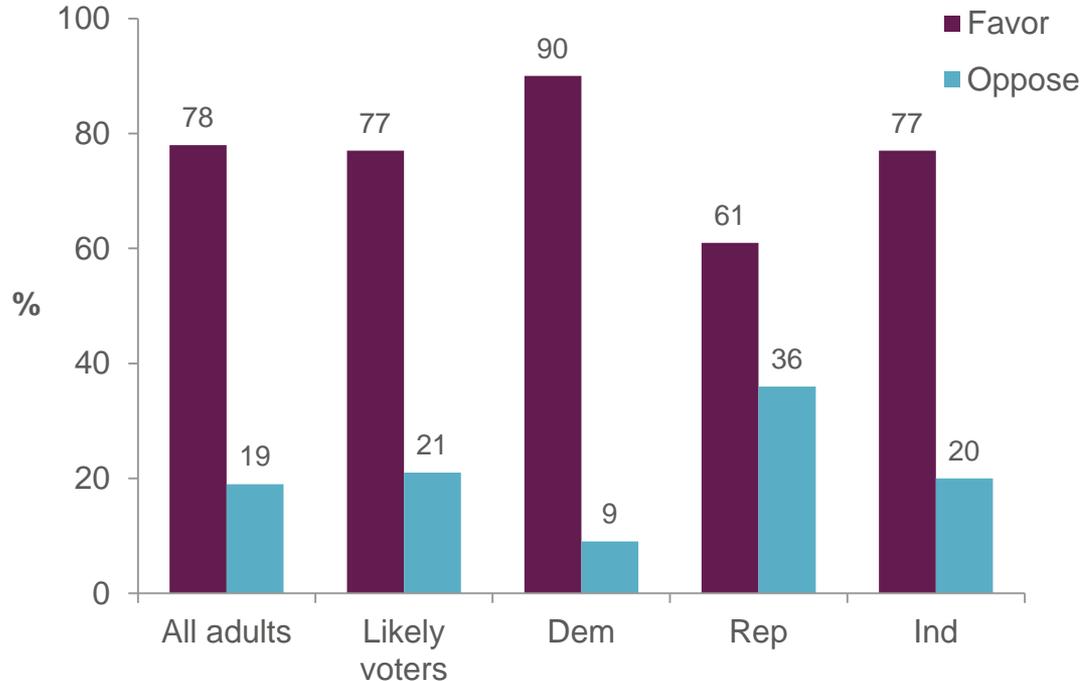


Support for a wall along the border with Mexico



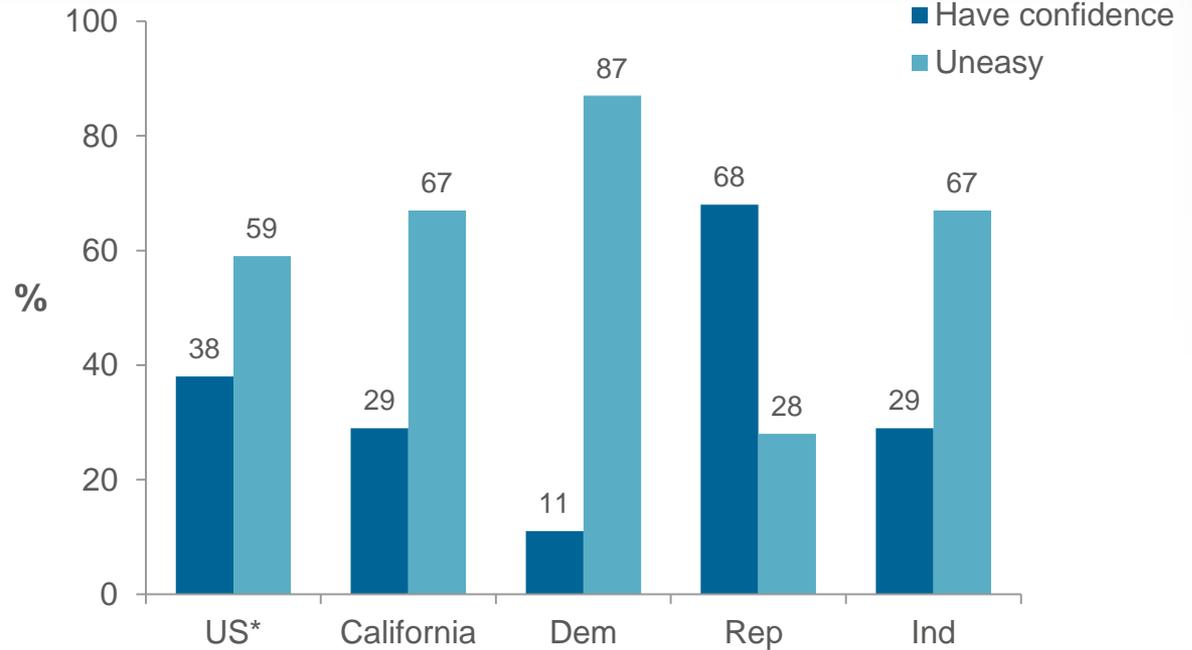
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

Thinking about undocumented immigrants brought to the US as children, do you favor or oppose the protections given by 'DACA'—Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals—which includes protection from deportation and a work permit, if they pass a background check?



President Trump and North Korea

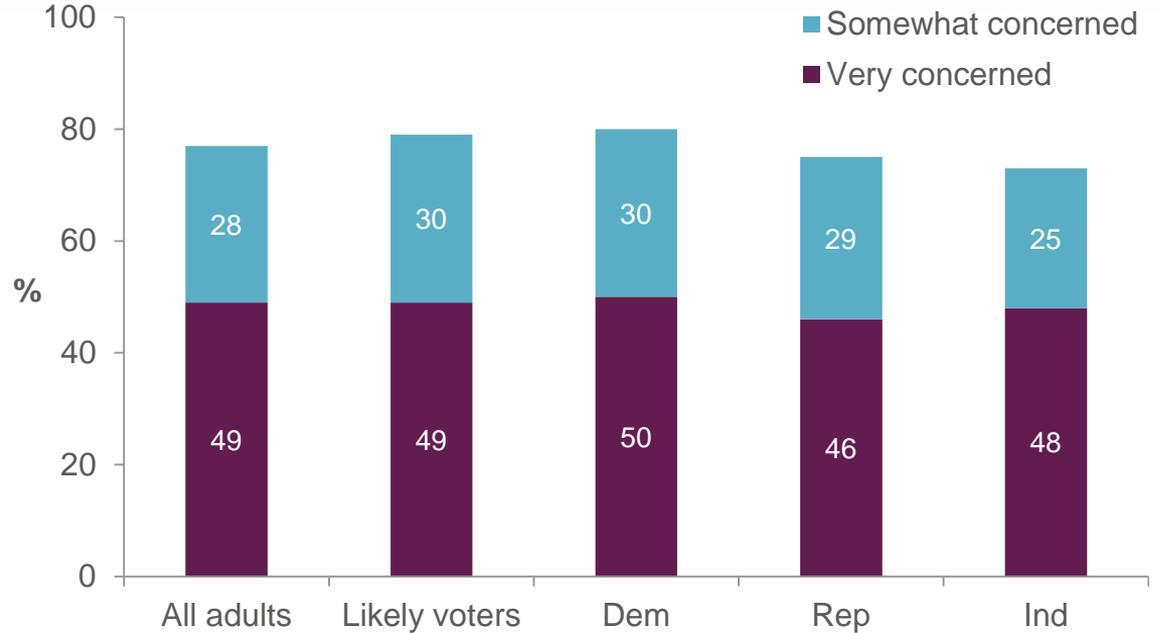
Do you have confidence in Donald Trump's ability to handle the situation with North Korea's nuclear program, or are you uneasy about his approach?



*August CBS News poll

Concern over North Korea's missile program

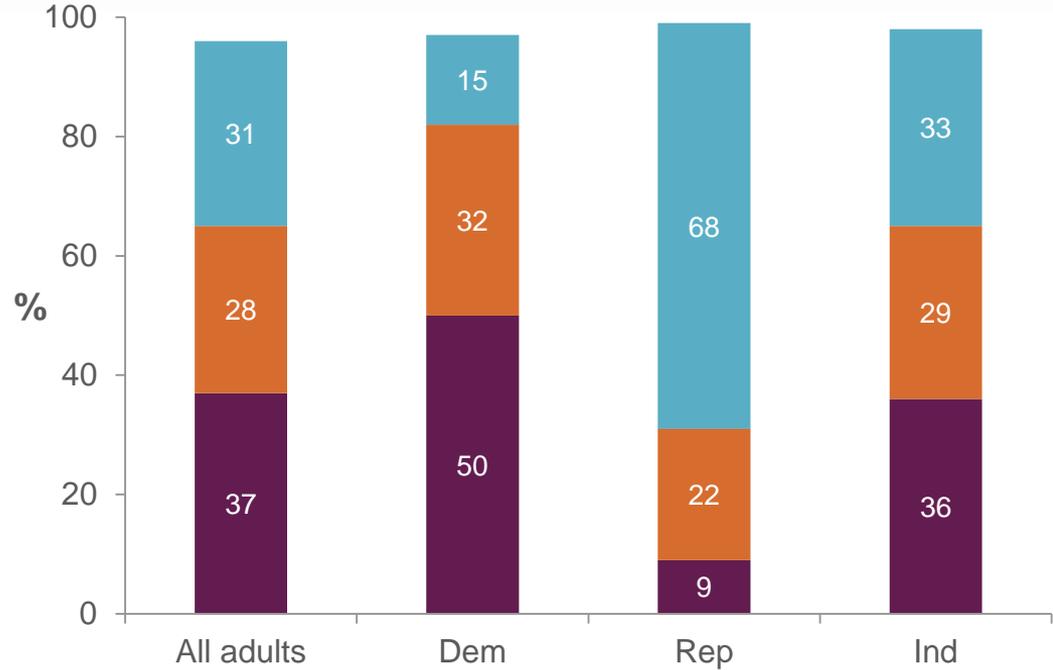
How concerned are you about the possibility of North Korea having a nuclear missile that could reach California—are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?



Perception of Russian involvement in the US election

Which best describes your view of possible Russian interference in the 2016 election?

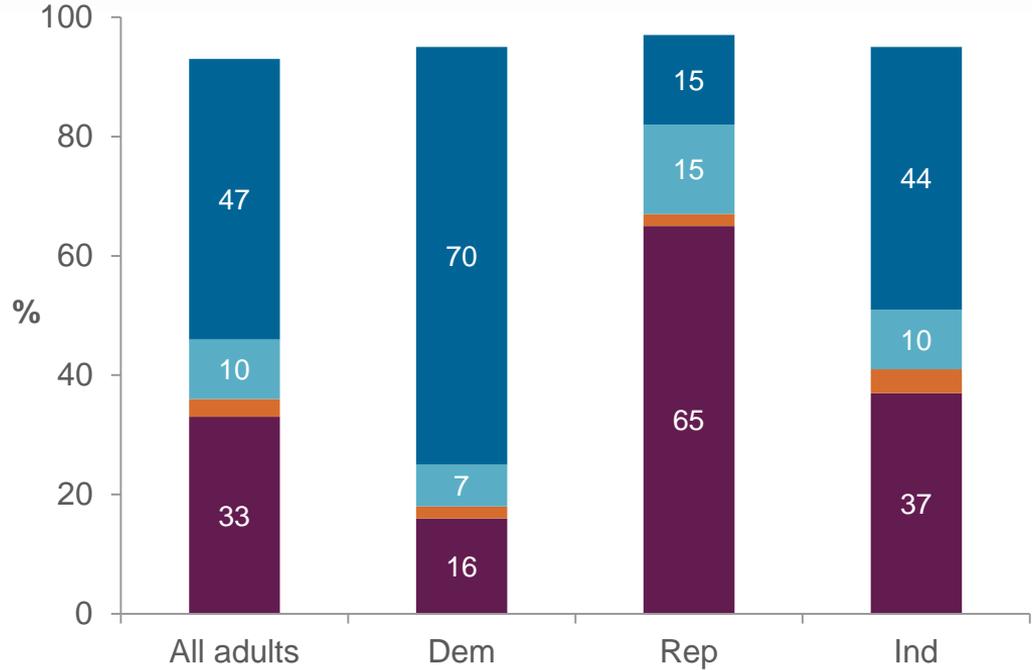
- Political distraction
- Serious, but not as serious as other issues
- Critical issue of national security



Perception of Russian involvement in the US election

Do you think the Russian government tried to influence the outcome of last fall's US presidential election, or not?

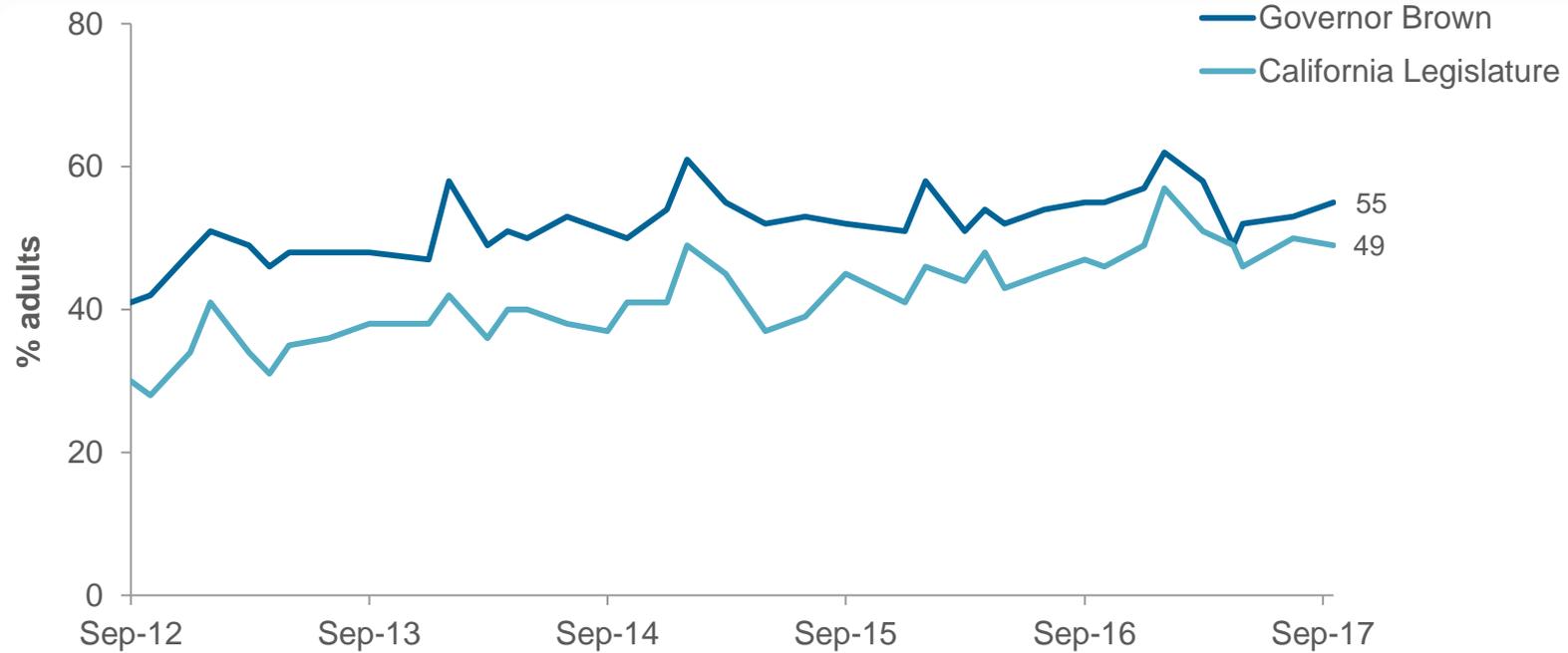
- Yes, and Trump campaign members intentionally helped
- Yes, but Trump campaign members didn't intentionally help
- Yes, don't know if campaign members intentionally helped
- No



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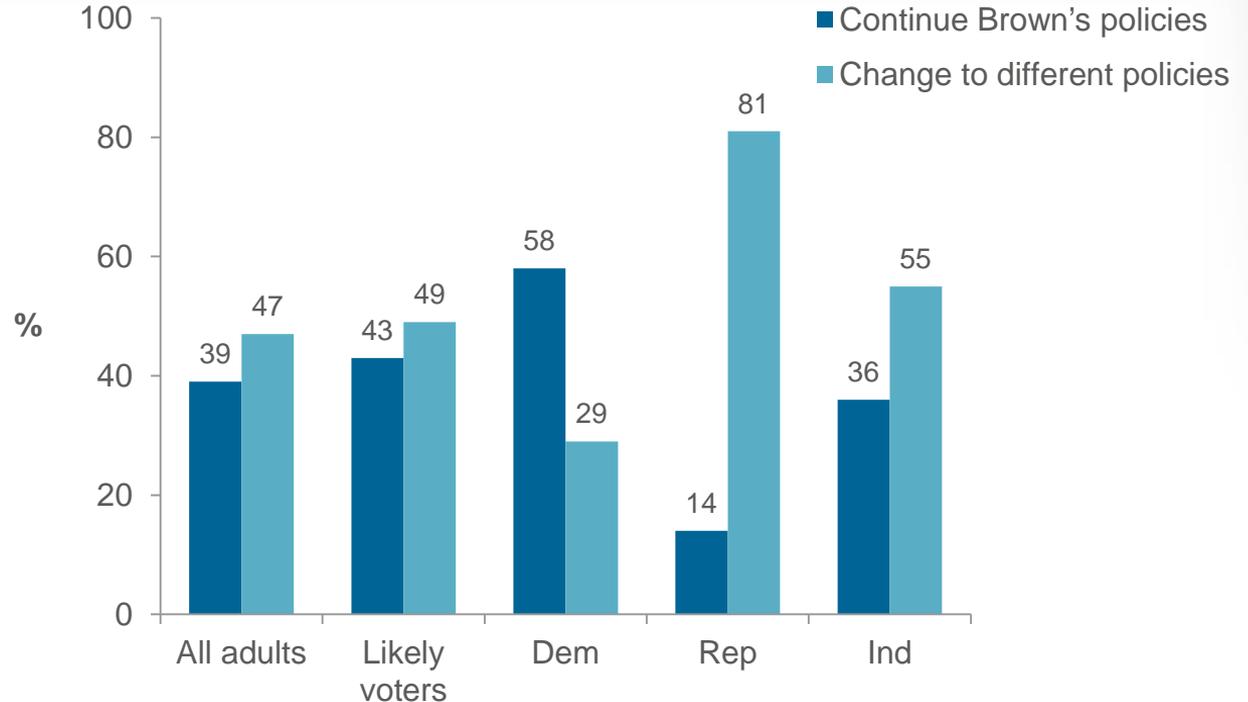
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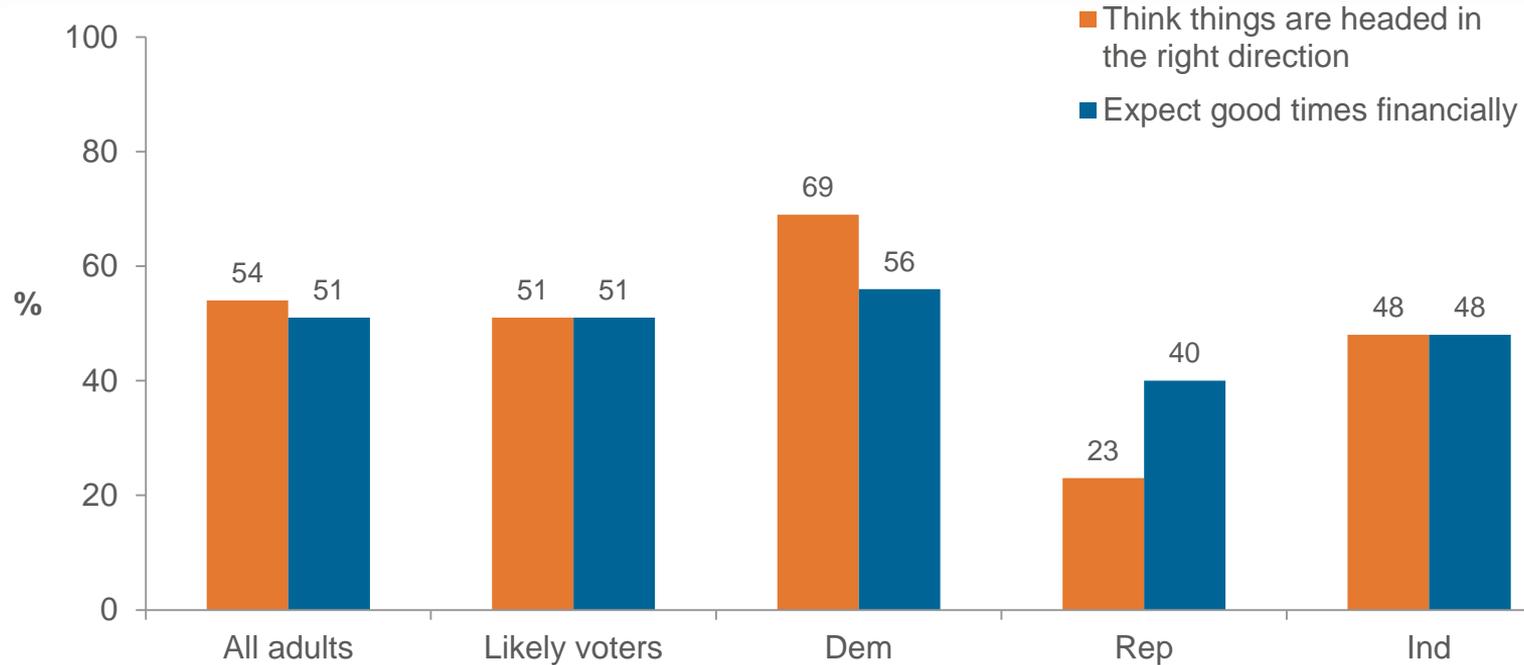


Policies of California's next governor

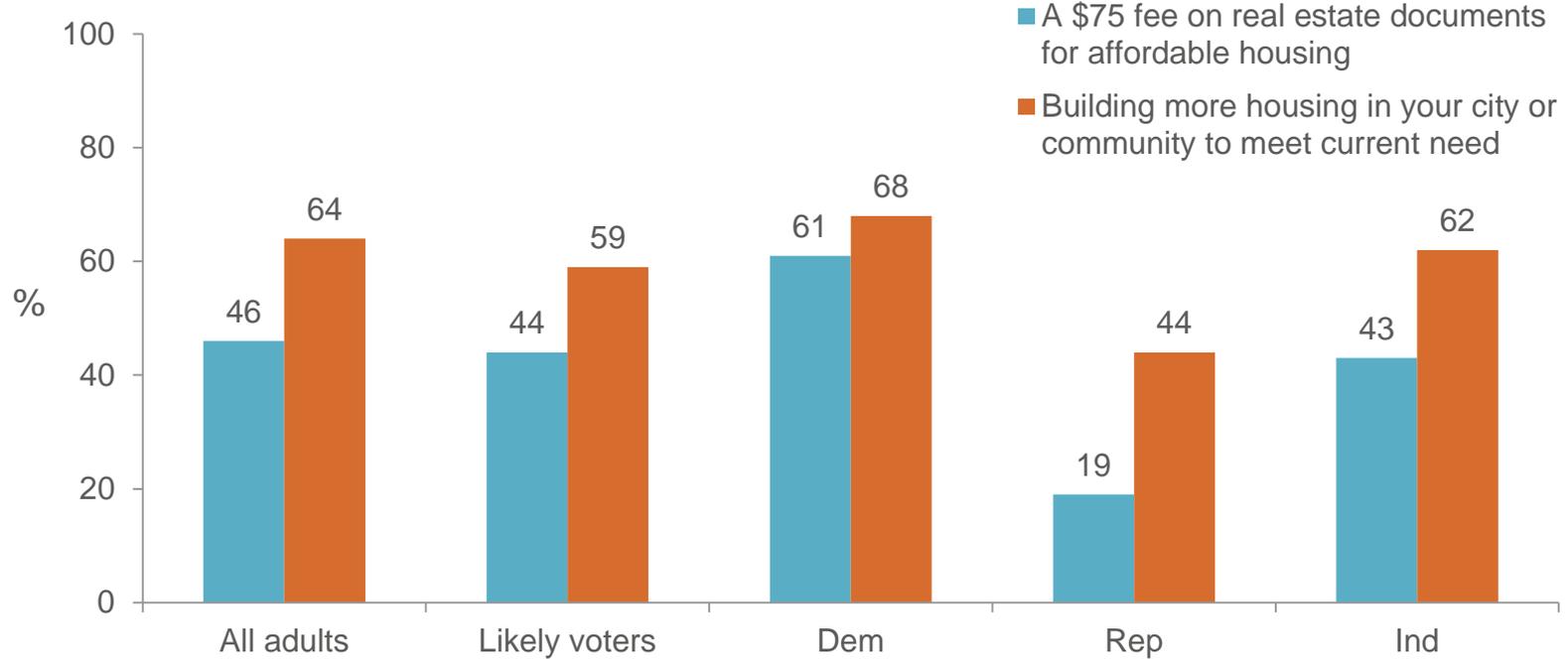
Would you rather see the next California governor elected in November 2018 generally continue Jerry Brown's policies or mostly change to different policies?



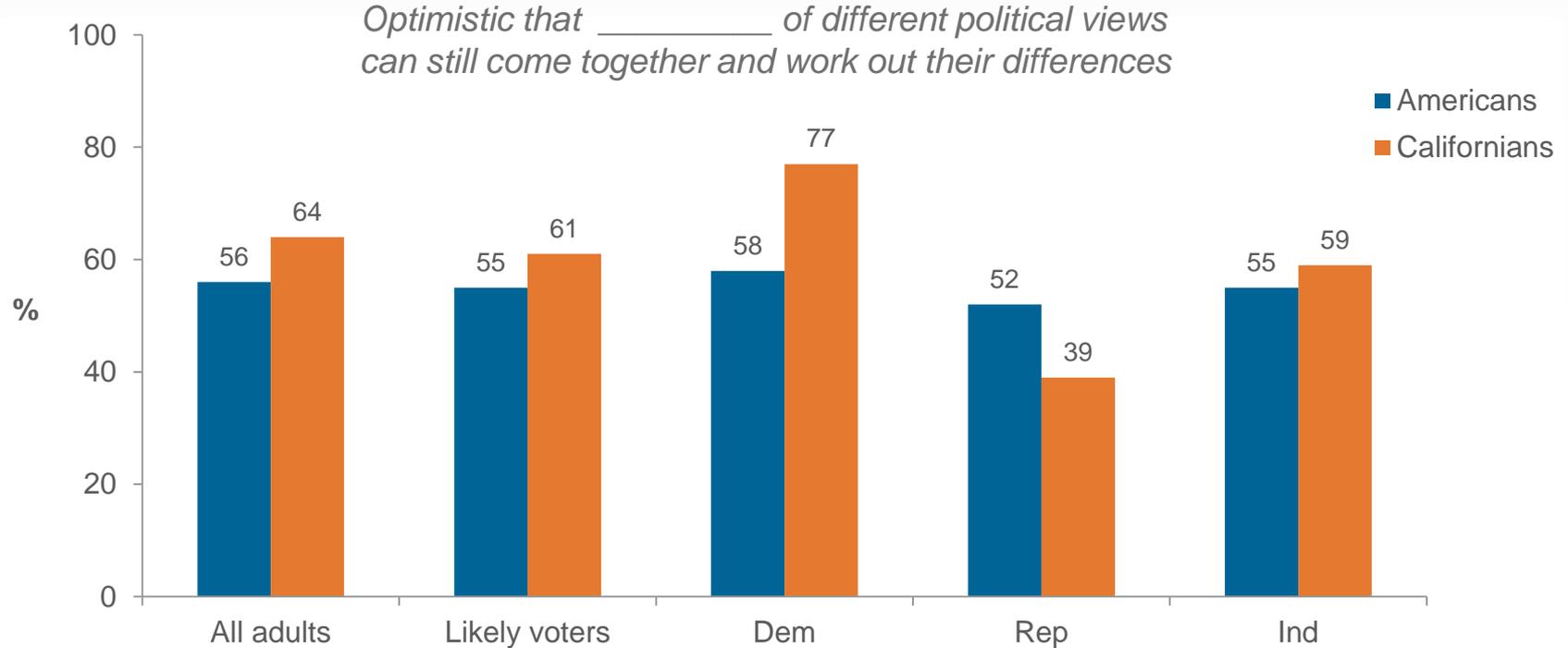
Outlook for the state



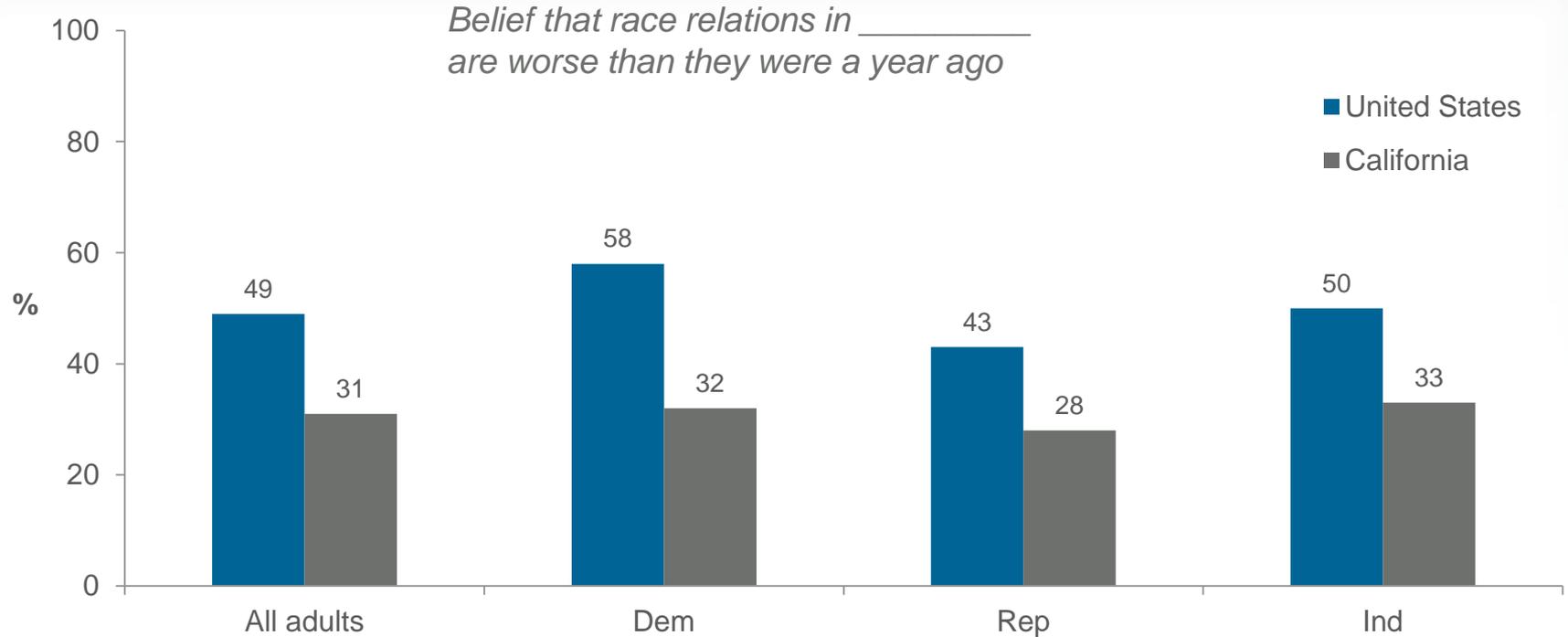
Housing affordability



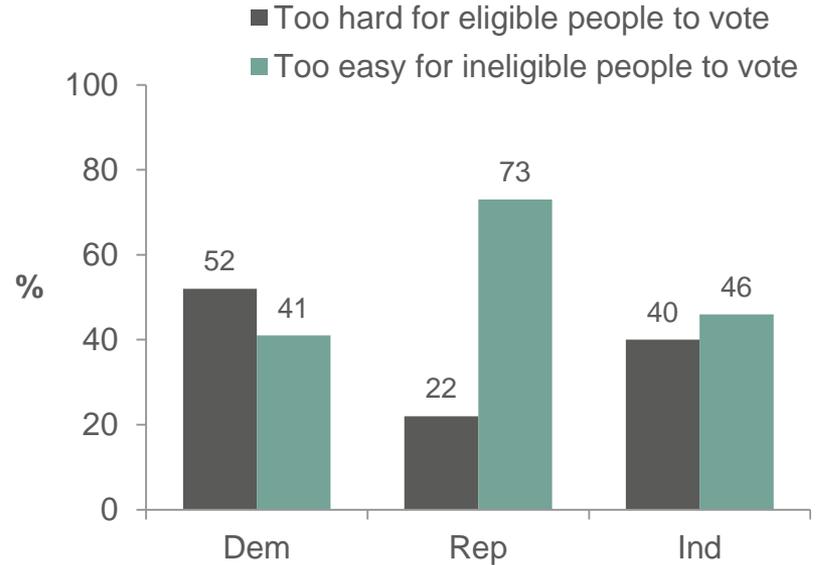
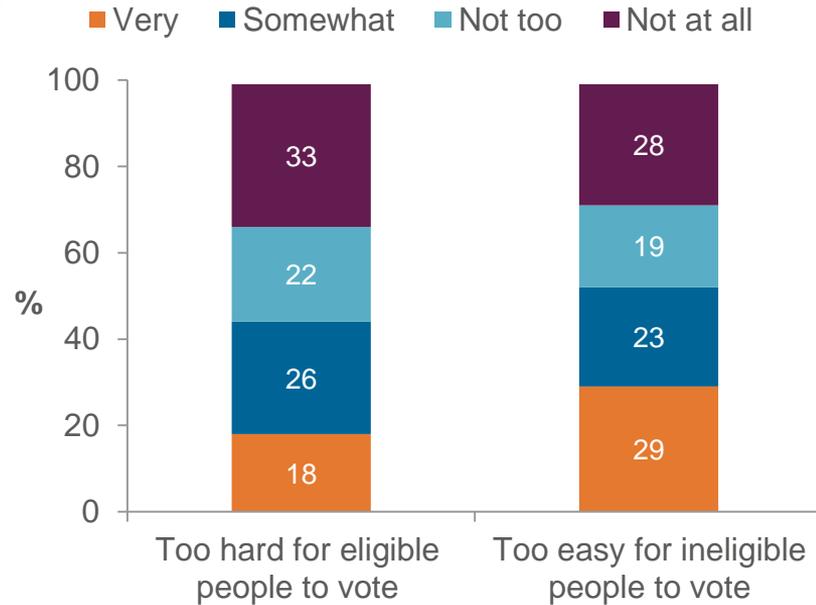
Political divisions in the nation and state



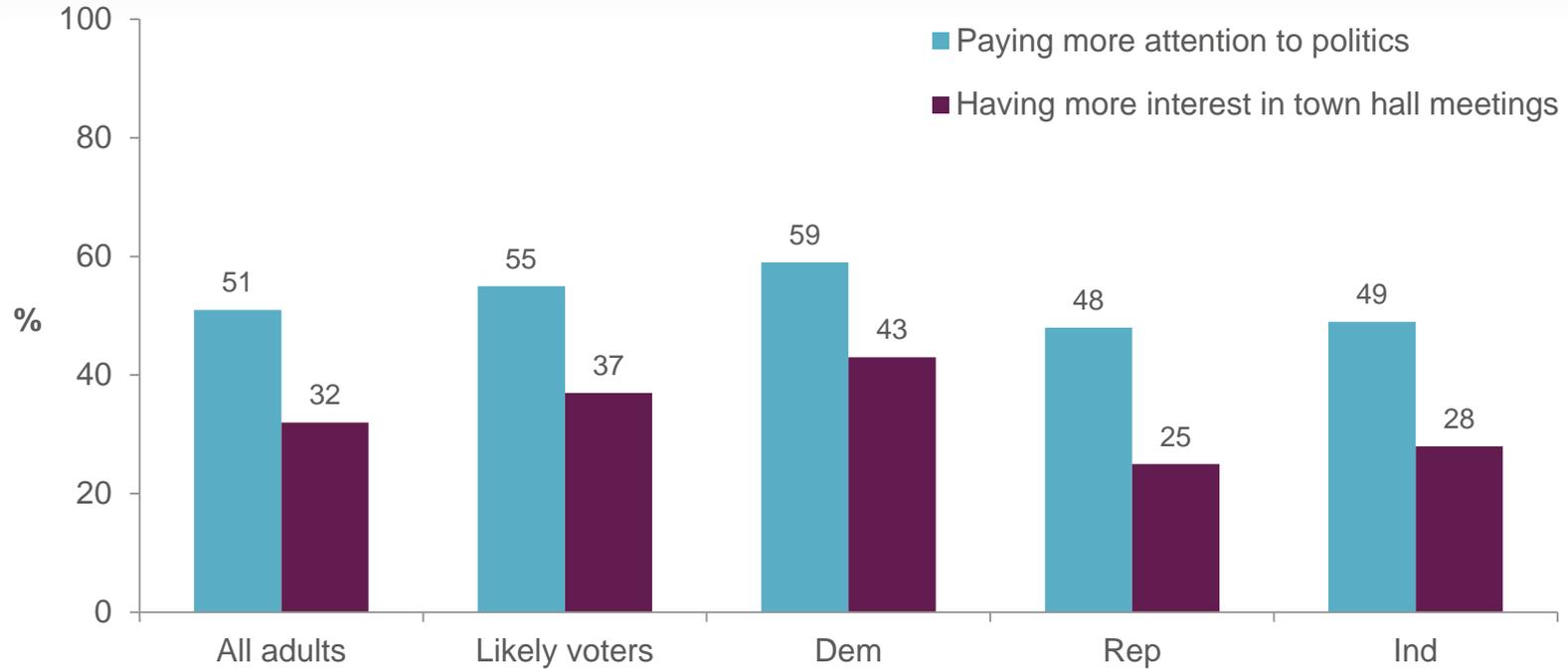
Race relations in the nation and state



Concern about voting in California elections



Political engagement since the election



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- A record-high share of Californians have a favorable opinion of the Affordable Care Act, and most want Republicans to work with Democrats to improve the law.
- A record-high three in four Californians view immigrants as a benefit. There is bipartisan support for DACA protections.
- Most give positive ratings to state elected officials, but about half of adults and likely voters want change from the next governor.
- Californians perceive race relations as having gotten worse in the United States over the last year; fewer say this about race relations in the state.

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