

# PPIC Statewide Survey: Californians & Their Government

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- PPIC Statewide Surveys
- 2018 California election
- State and national issues
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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

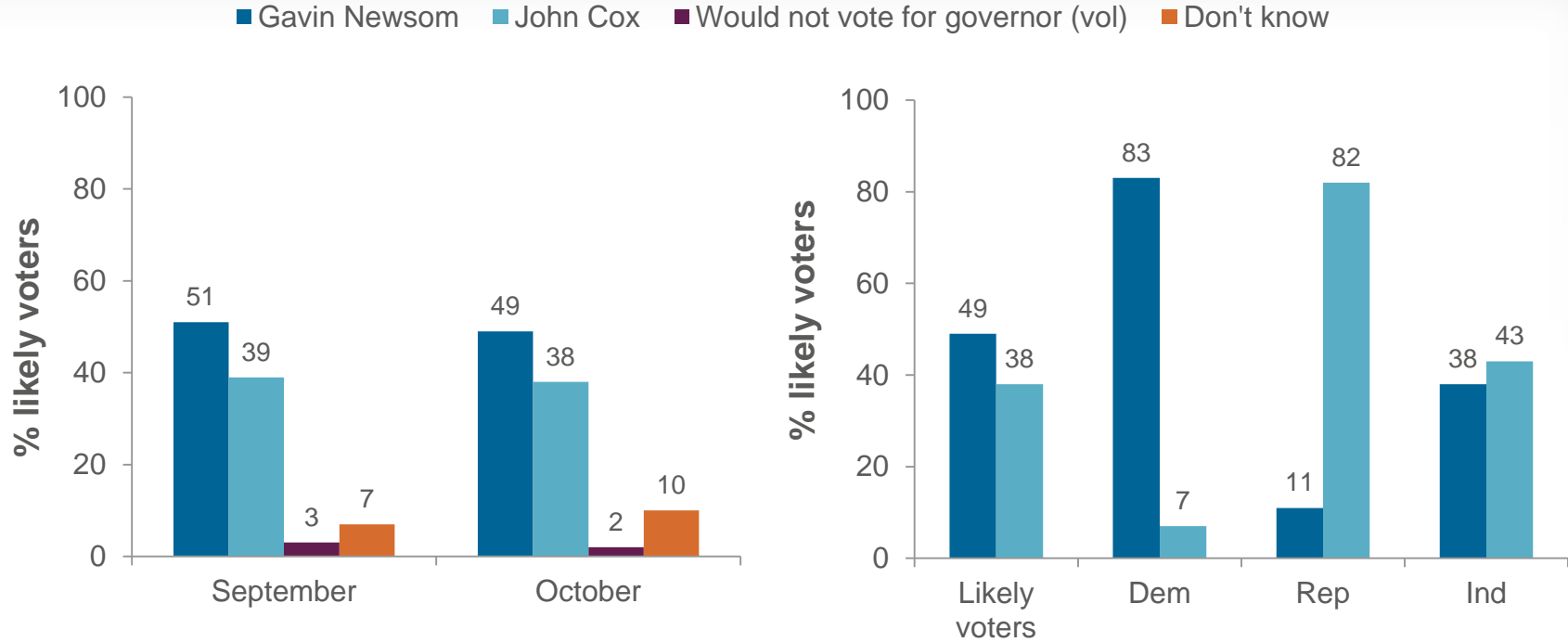
# Californians and Their Government

- General series funded by the James Irvine Foundation and the PPIC Donor Circle
- Telephone interviews, October 12–21, 2018
  - 70% cell phone, 30% landline
  - 1,704 adults,  $\pm$  3.3% margin of error
  - 989 likely voters,  $\pm$  4.2% margin of error
- Views on gubernatorial and US Senate elections and ballot measures
- Opinions on state and federal elected officials, immigration policy, health care policy, and the role of government

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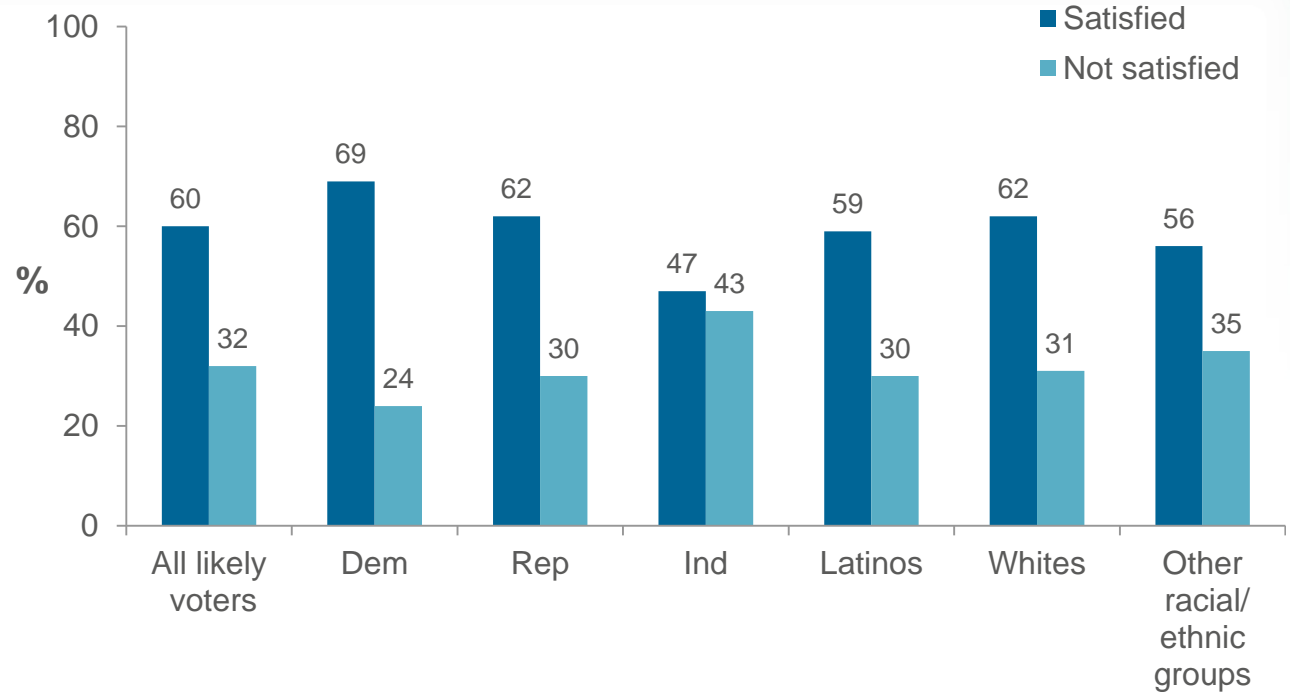
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# Gubernatorial election

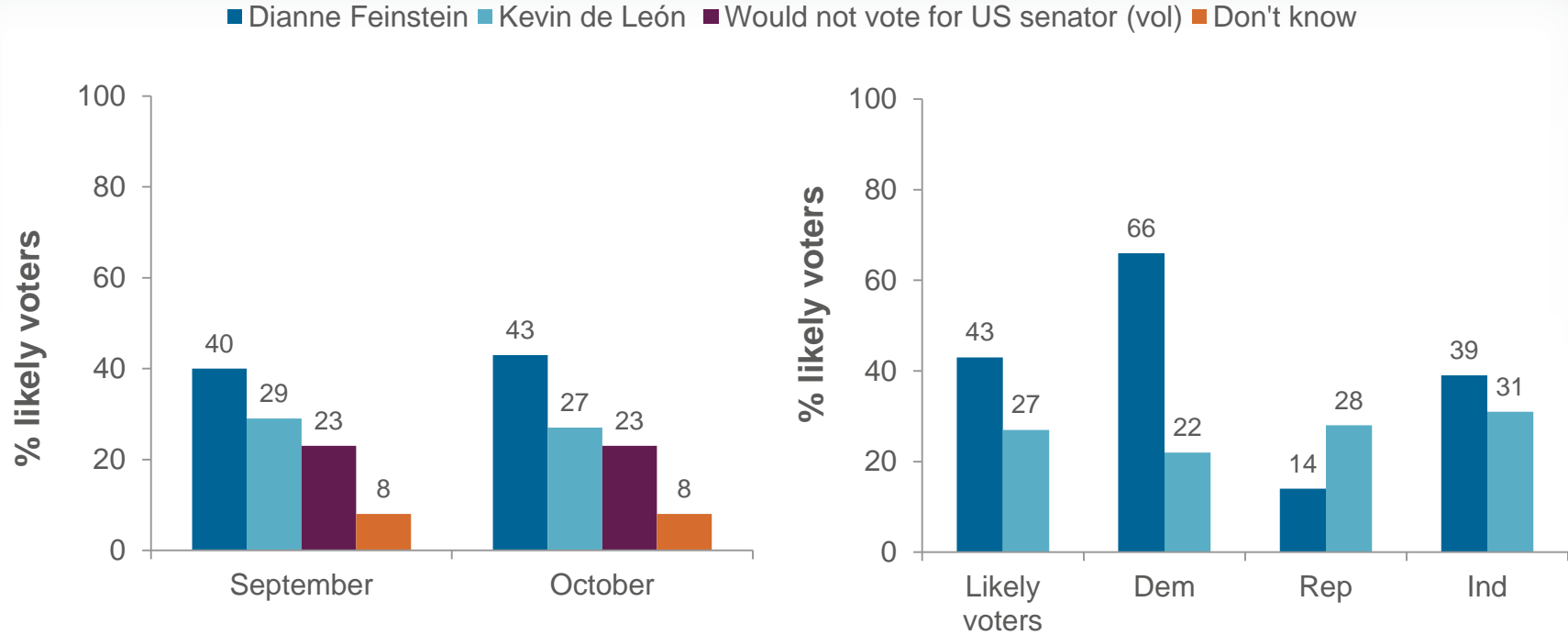


# Satisfaction with gubernatorial candidates

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



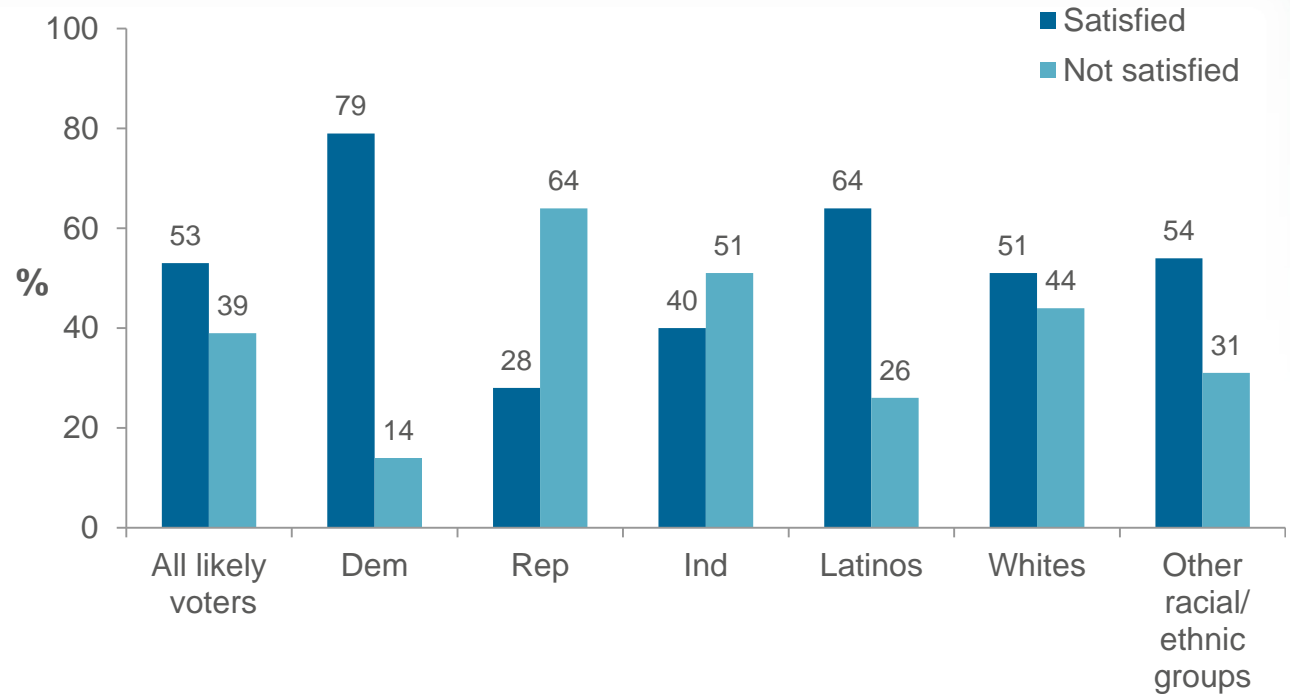
# US Senate election





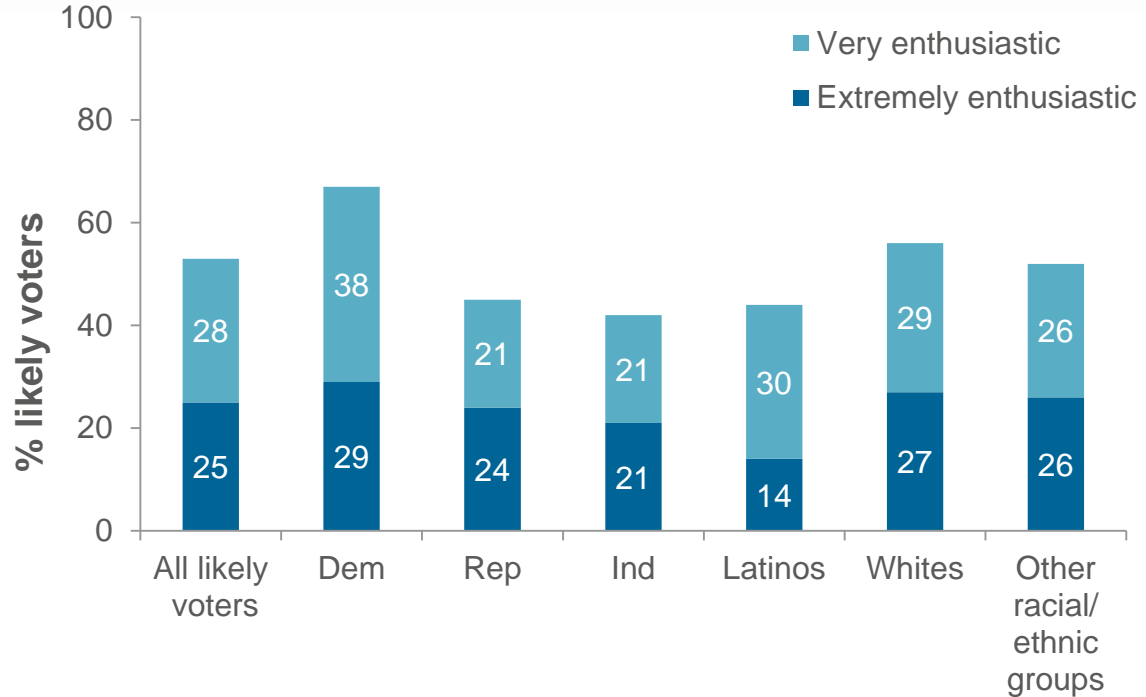
# Satisfaction with US Senate candidates

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



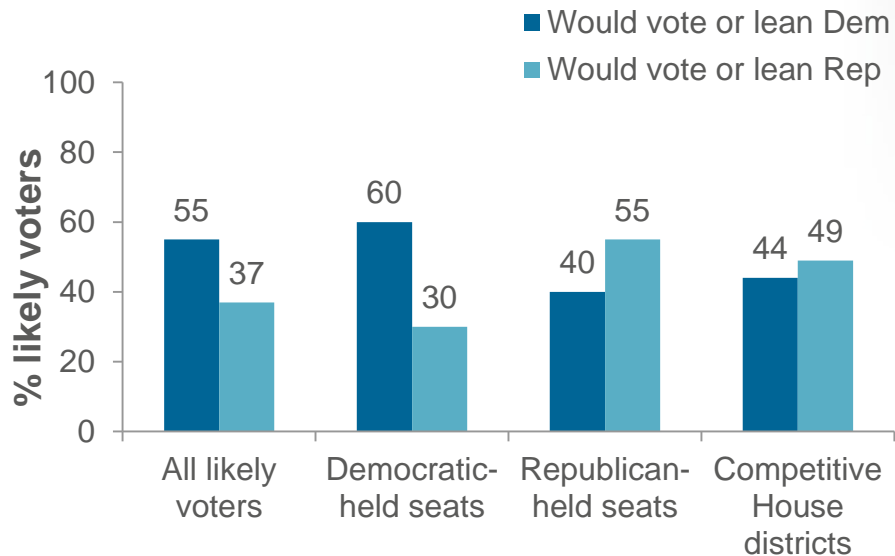
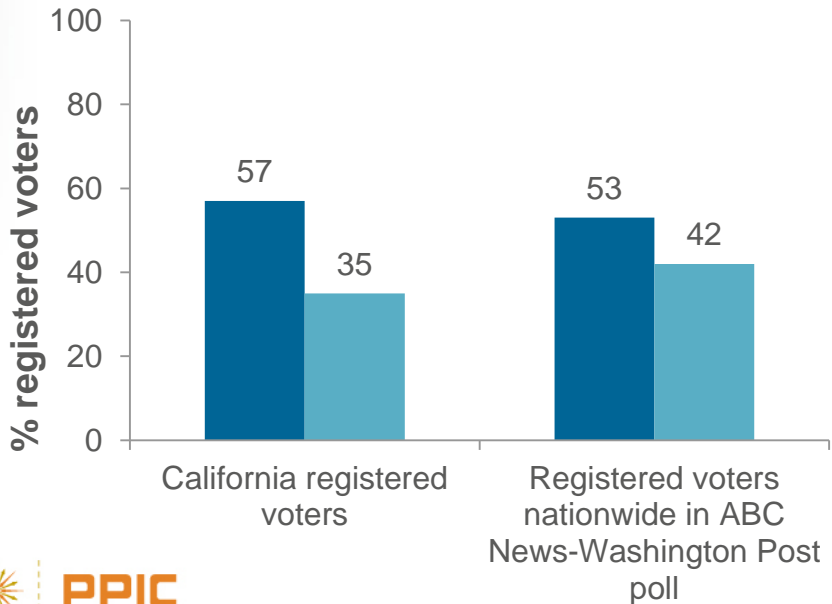
# Enthusiasm about voting in congressional races

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



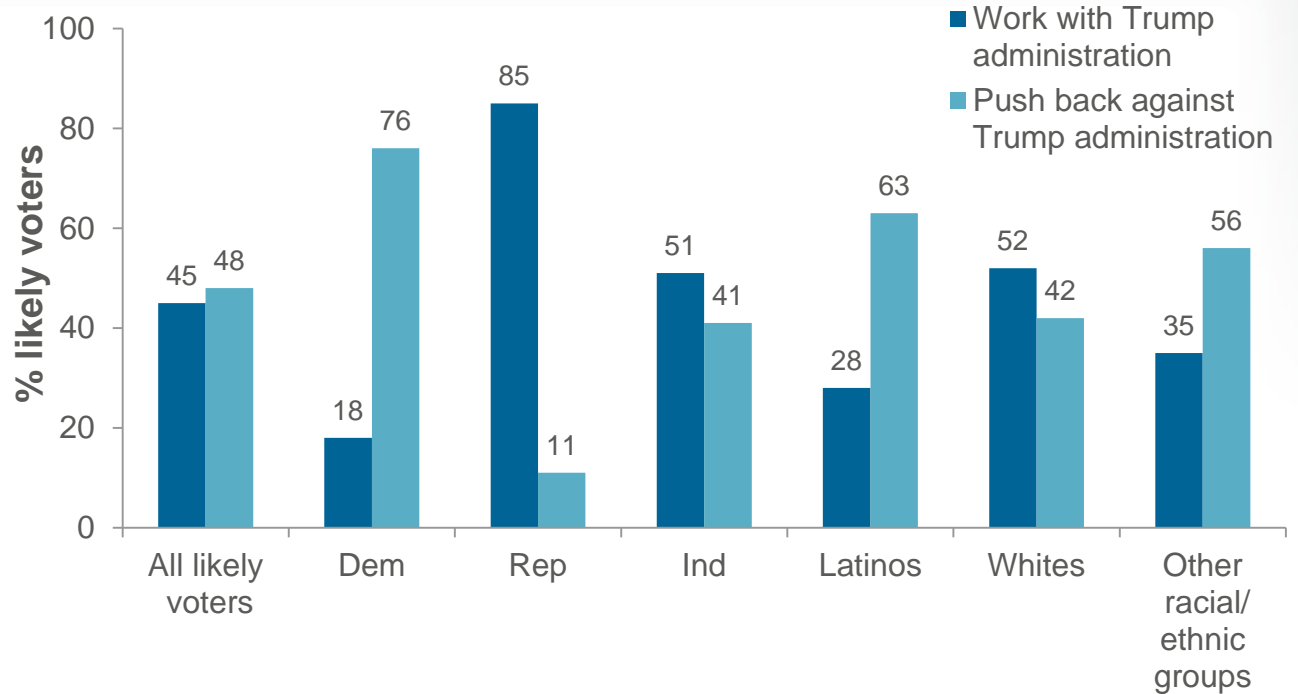
# November 2018 House races

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?)*



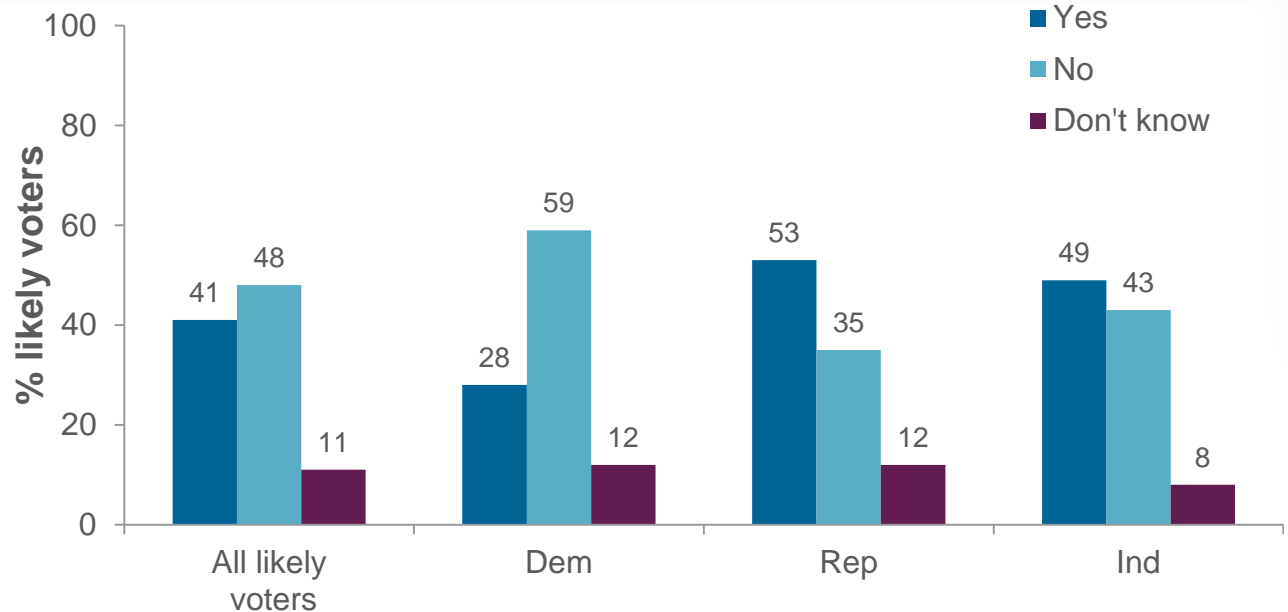
# Congressional candidates and President Trump

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?



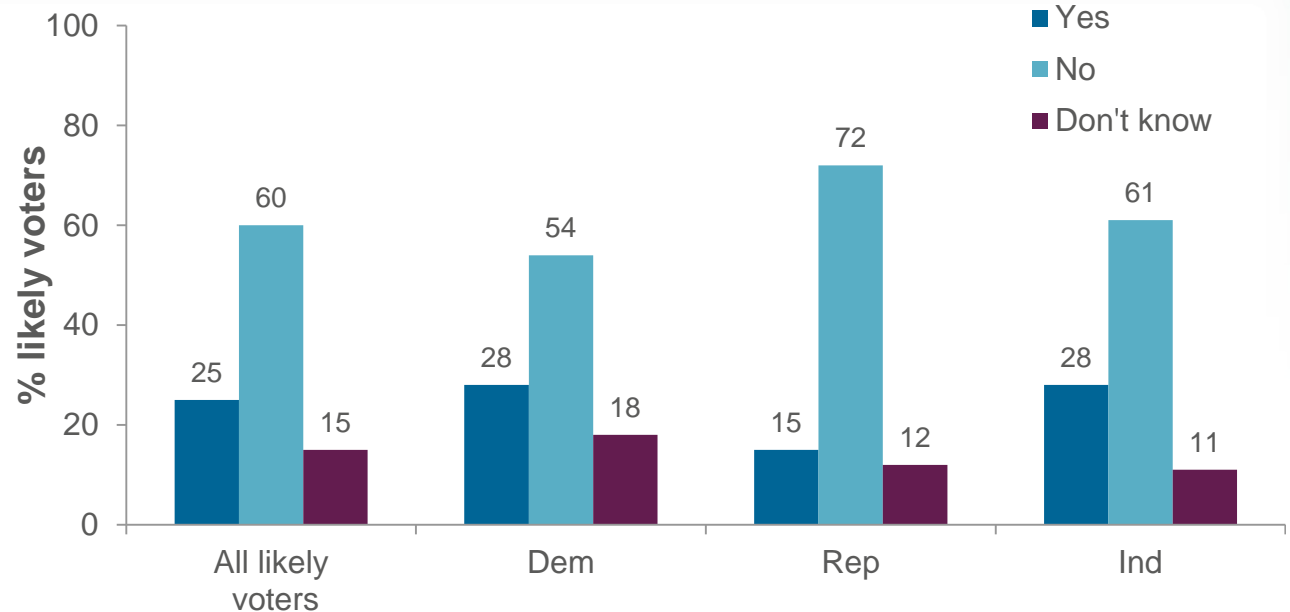
# Proposition 6: Repealing the gas tax increase

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

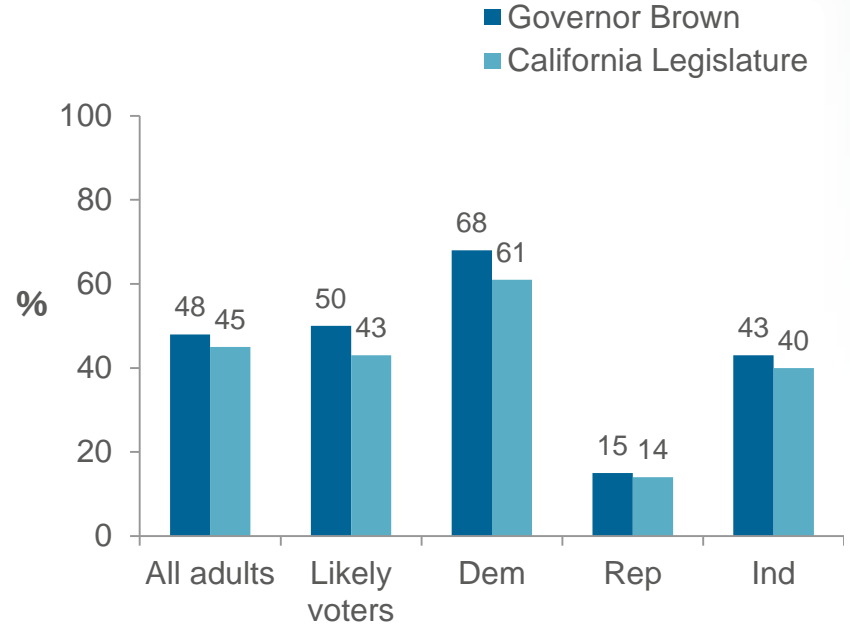
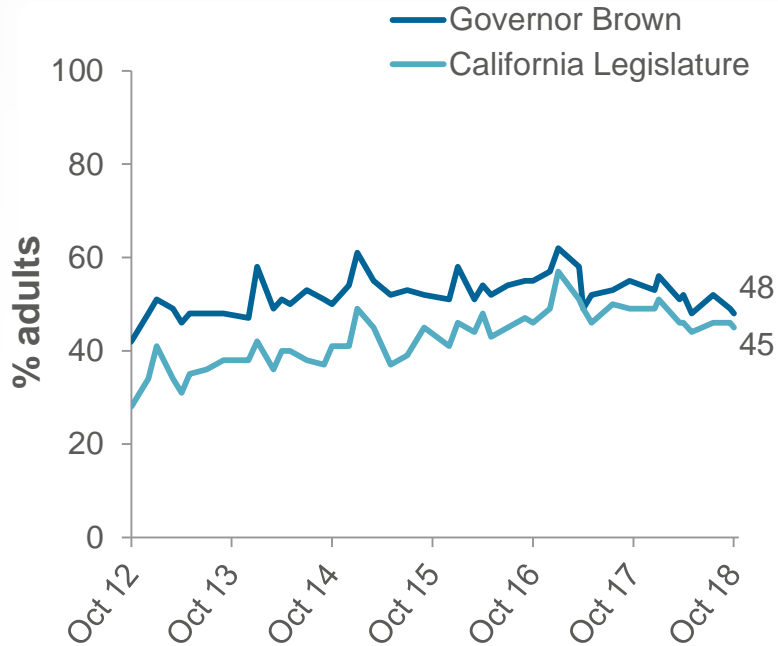
Proposition 10 is called the “Expands Local Governments’ Authority to Enact Rent Control on Residential Property. Initiative Statute.”... If the election were held today, would you vote yes or no on Proposition 10?



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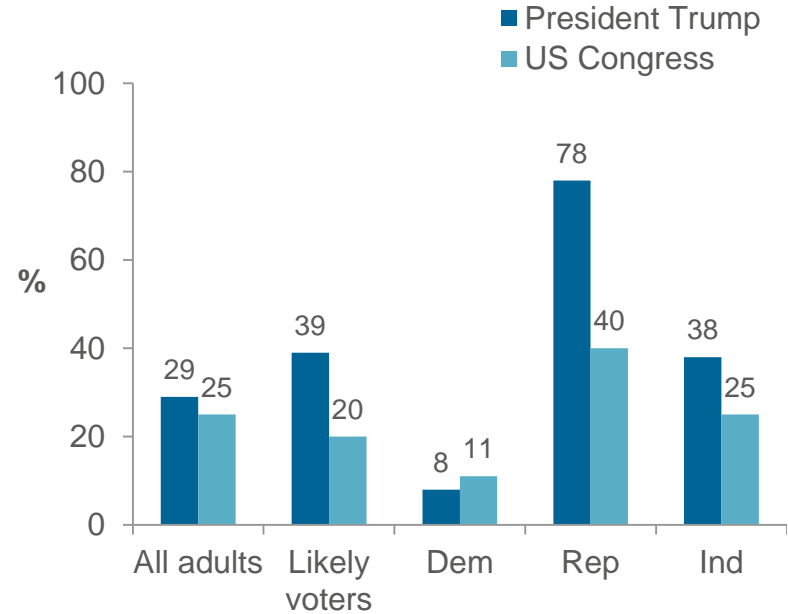
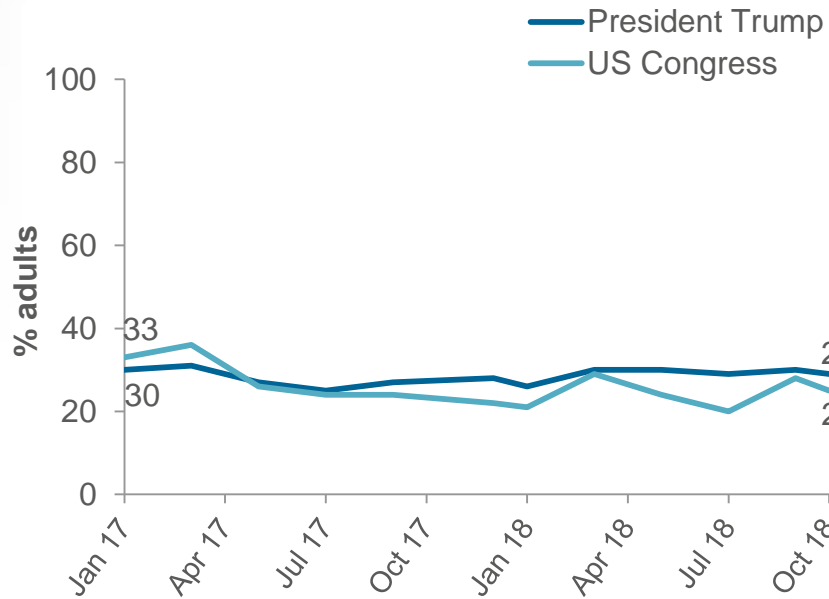
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# Approval of state elected officials

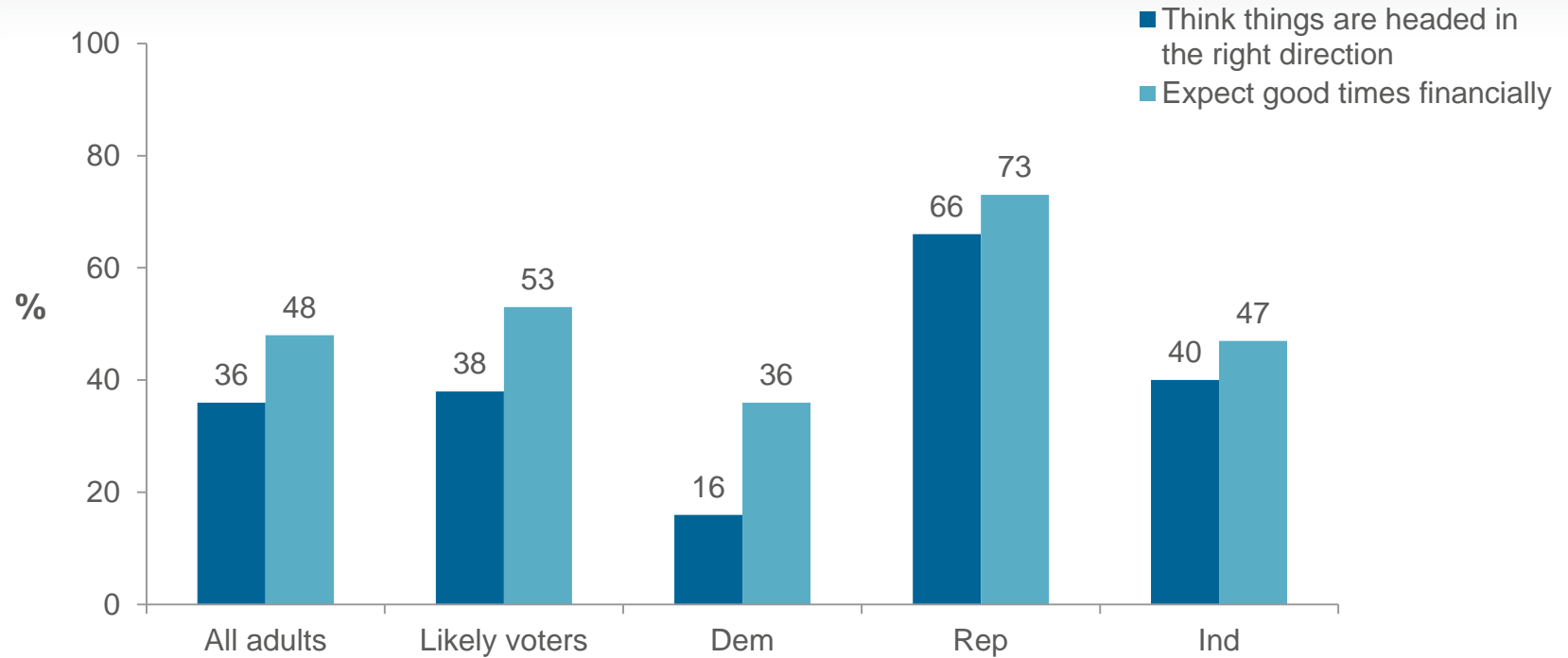




# Approval of President Trump and Congress

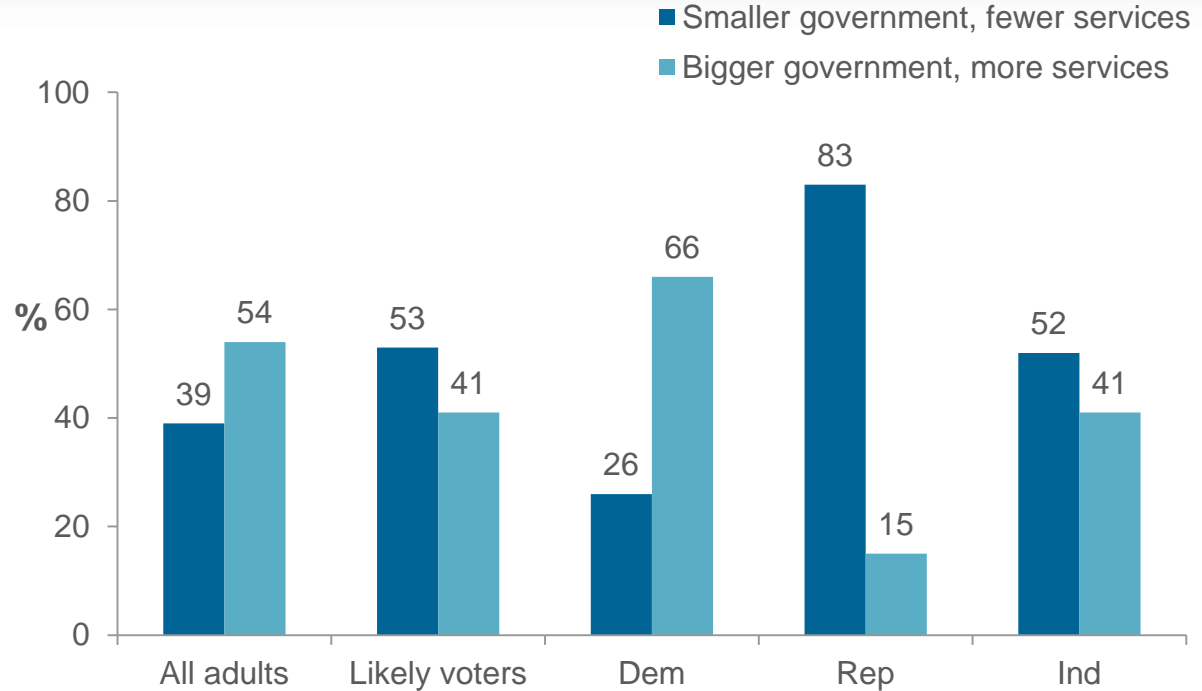


# Outlook for the nation



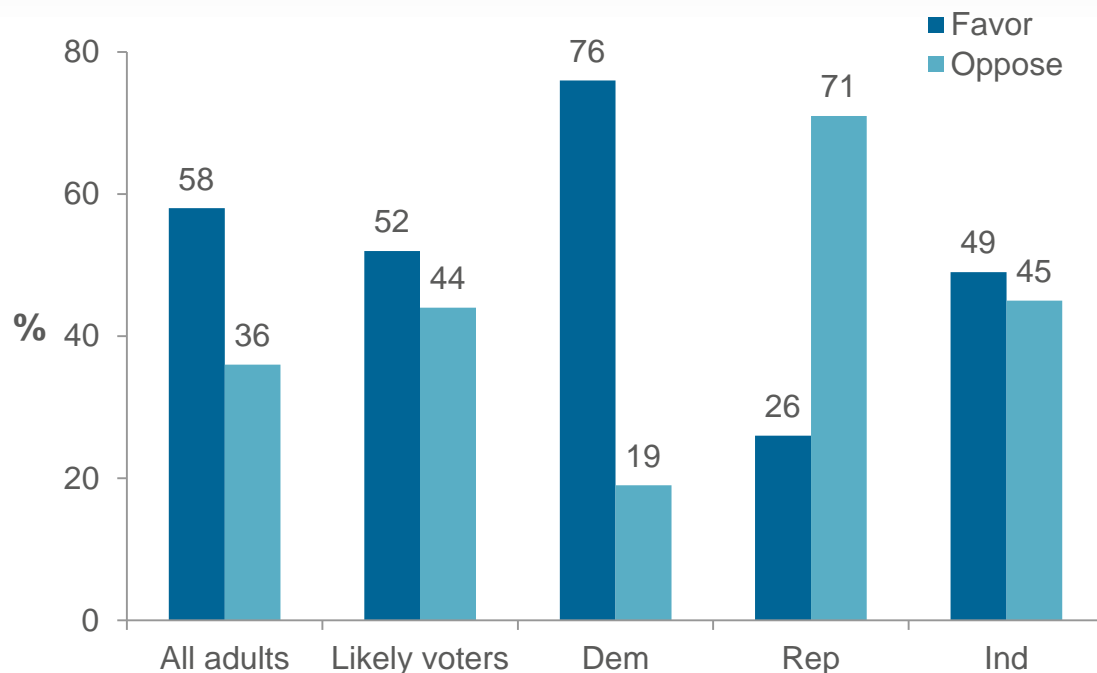
# Role of government

If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?



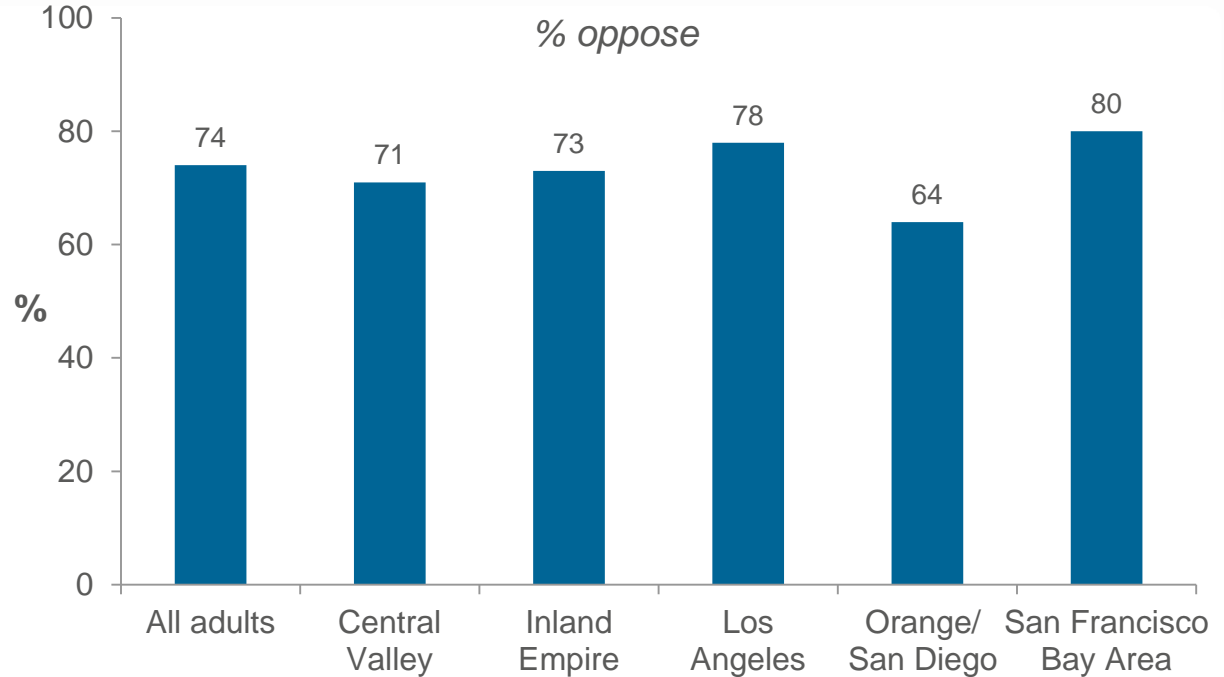
# State and local action to protect undocumented immigrants

Do you favor or oppose the California state and local governments making their own policies and taking actions, separate from the federal government, to protect the legal rights of undocumented immigrants in California?

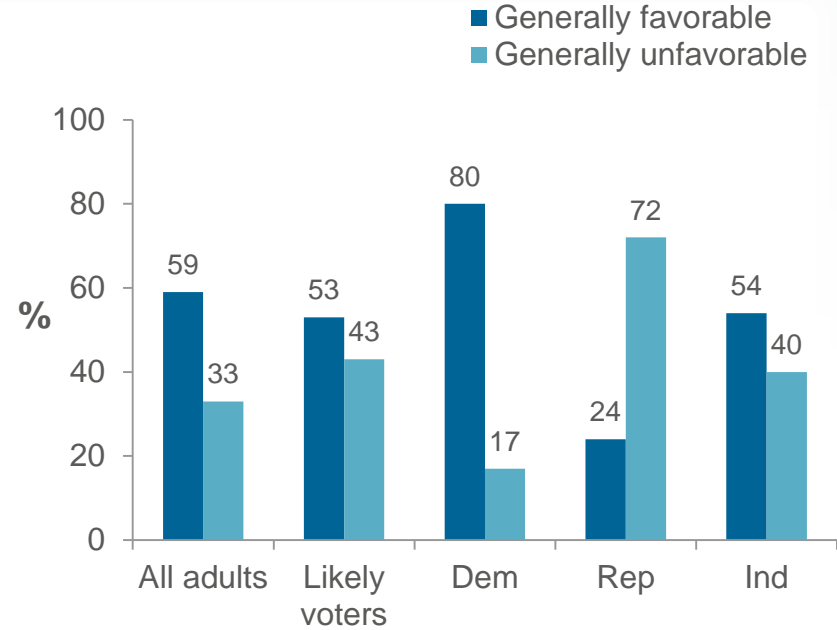
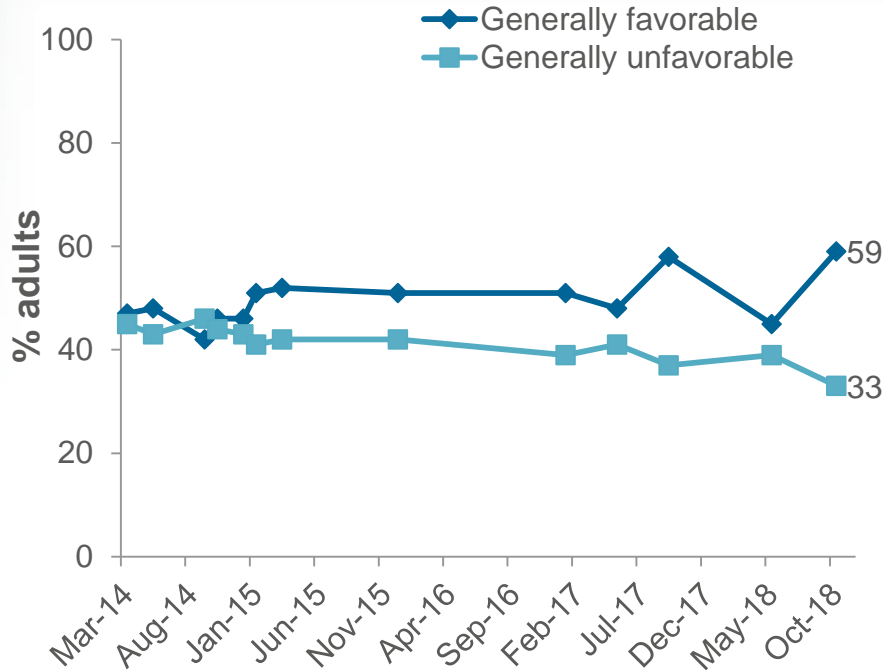


# Opposition to building a wall along Mexican border

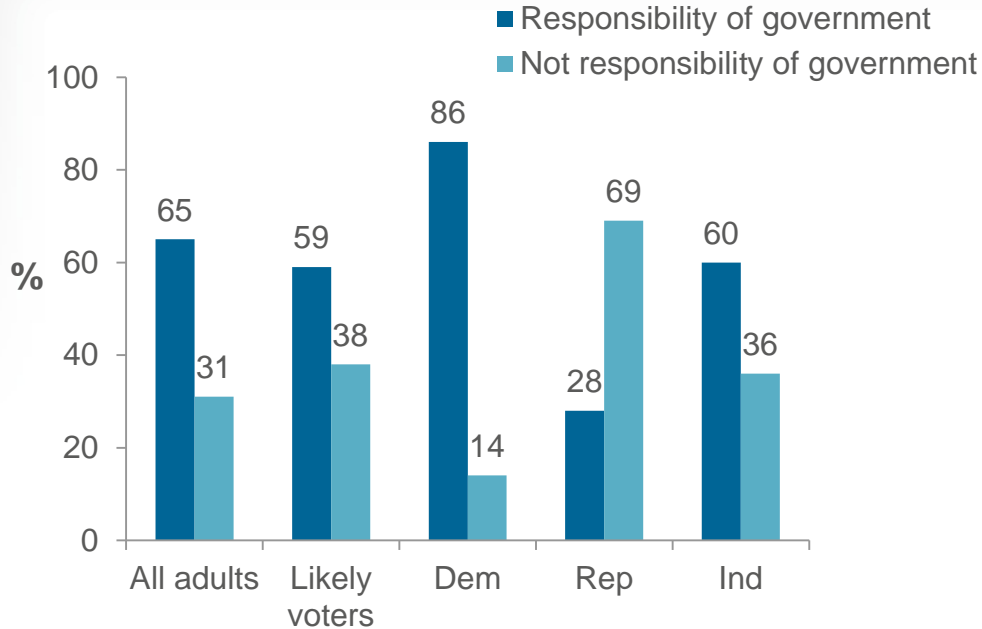
All in all, would you favor or oppose building a wall along the entire border with Mexico?



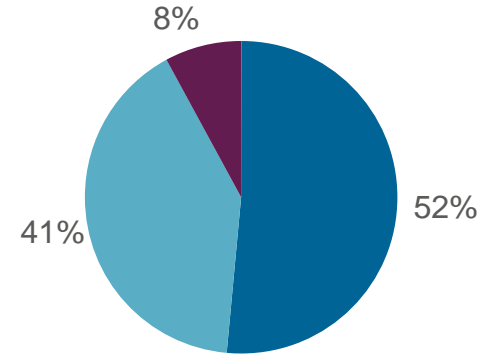
# Affordable Care Act



# Federal government's role in health care coverage

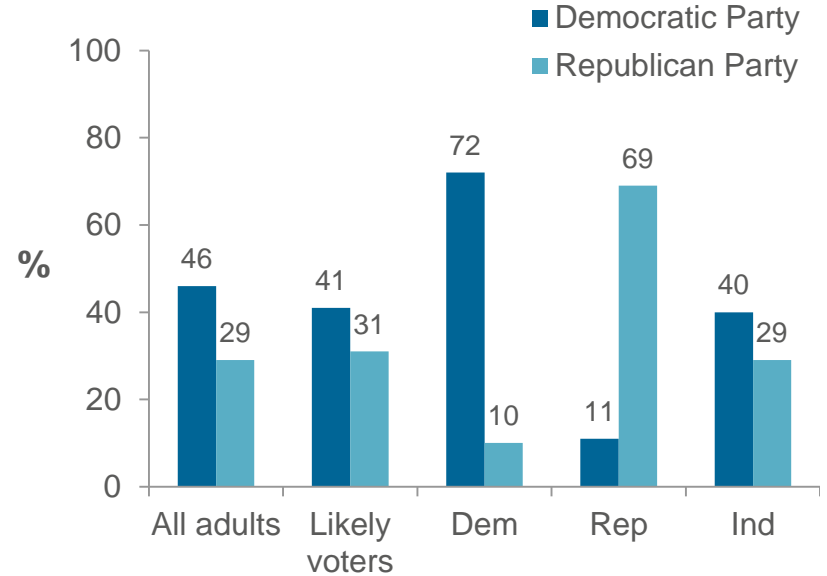
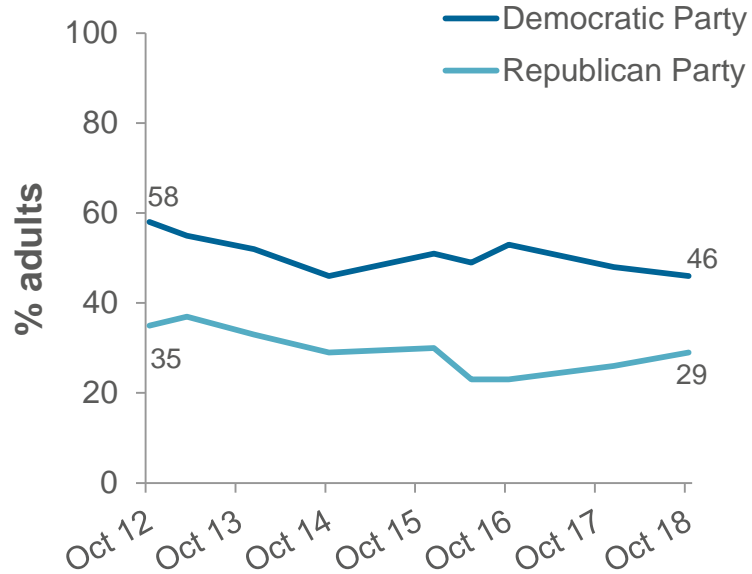


- Single national health insurance system run by government
- Mix of private insurance companies and government programs
- Don't know



Among those who think it is government's responsibility

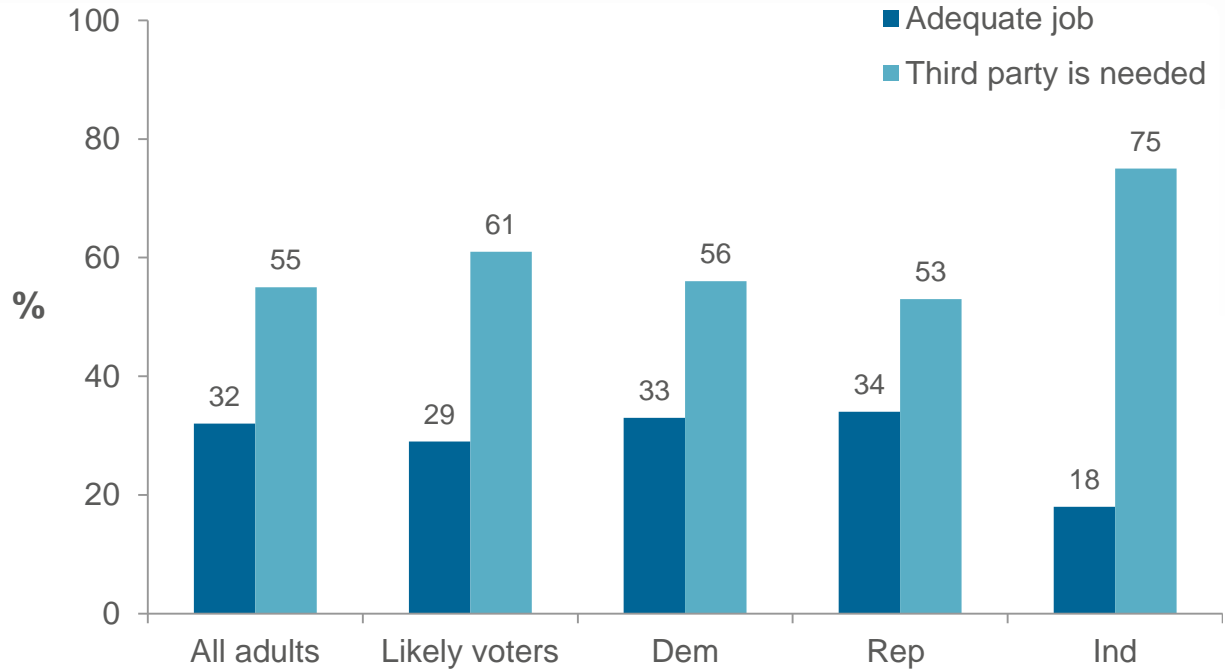
# Favorability of major political parties





# Need for a third major party

In your view, do the Republican and Democratic parties do an adequate job representing the American people, or do they do such a poor job that a third major party is needed?



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- Gavin Newsom remains ahead of John Cox in the governor's race; Dianne Feinstein continues to lead Kevin de León in the US Senate race, with half of Republicans undecided or planning not to vote
- A majority of likely voters favor the Democratic candidate in their US House district
- Proposition 6, which would repeal the gas tax increase, and Proposition 10, which would expand local rent control authority, are trailing among likely voters
- Governor Brown and the California Legislature are viewed much more positively than are President Trump and Congress
- Californians continue to support state and local governments making their own policies to protect undocumented immigrants
- Fewer than half have a favorable view of the Democratic Party and less than a third have a favorable view of the Republican Party; most say that a third major party is needed

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