








# California Voter Attitudes Toward Key 2025 Policy Issues

*Key Findings of a Statewide Survey Conducted January 9-19, 2025*



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# Survey Methodology

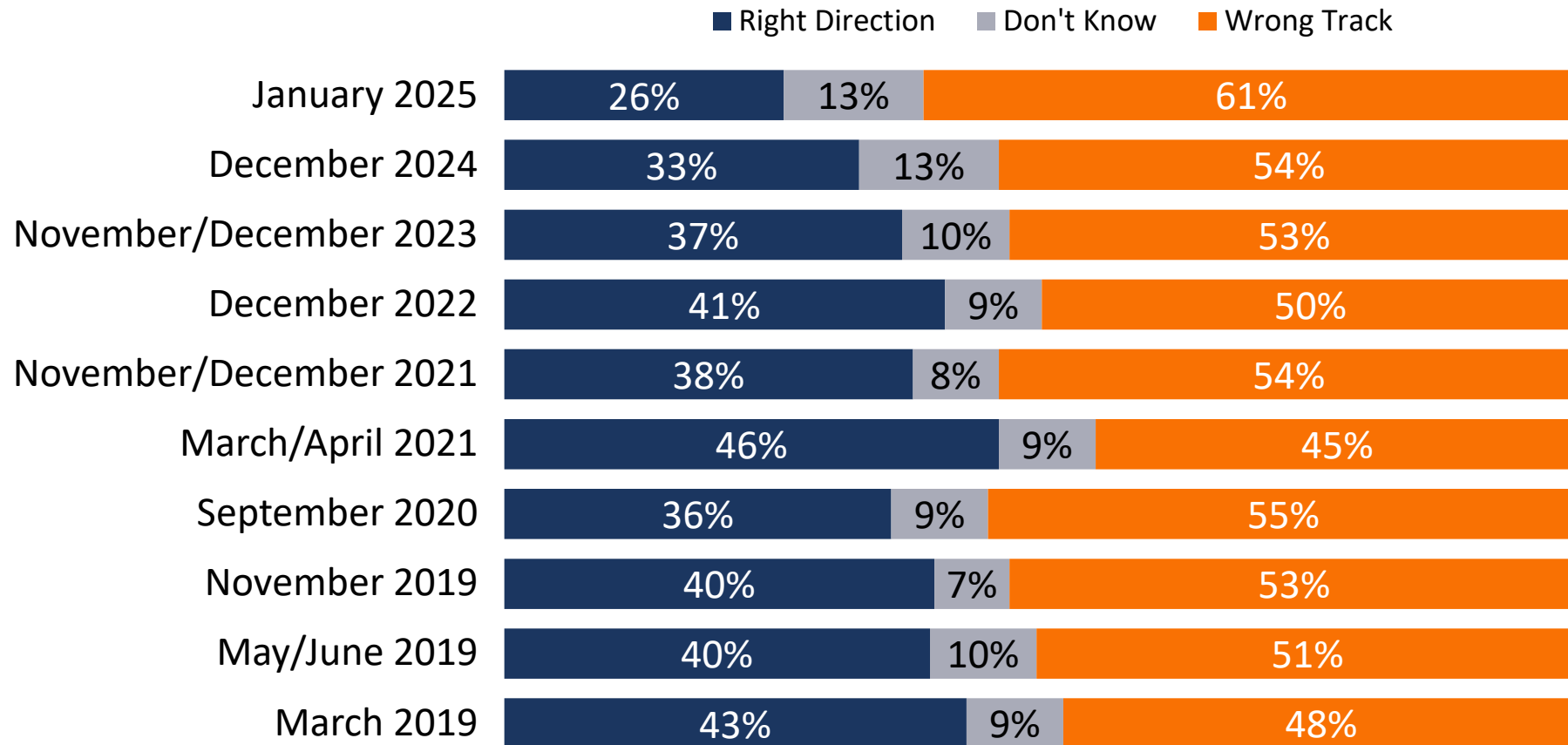
Dates	January 9-19, 2025
Survey Type	Dual-mode Voter Survey
Research Population	California Voters
Total Interviews	1184 voters including oversamples to reach 337 voters under age 35 and 391 Latino voters
Margin of Sampling Error	±3.1% at the 95% Confidence Level
Contact Methods	<div> Telephone Calls</div> <div> Email Invitations</div> <div> Text Invitations</div>
Data Collection Modes	<div> Telephone Interviews</div> <div> Online Interviews</div>
Survey Tracking	2017-2022
Languages	English and Spanish

*(Note: Not All Results Will Sum to 100% Due to Rounding)*

# Issue Context

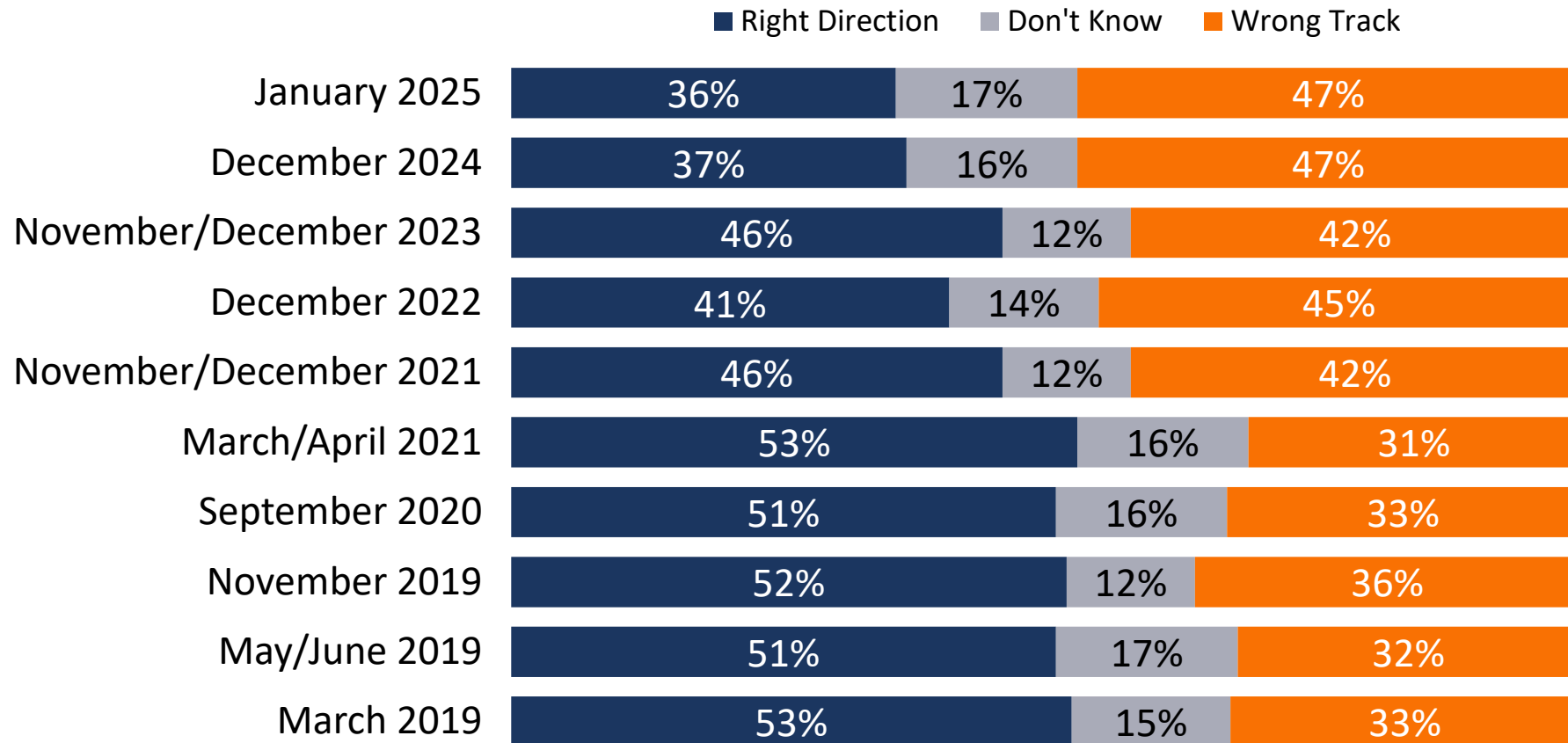
# A majority of voters feel negative about the direction of the state.

*Would you say that things in the State of California are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?*



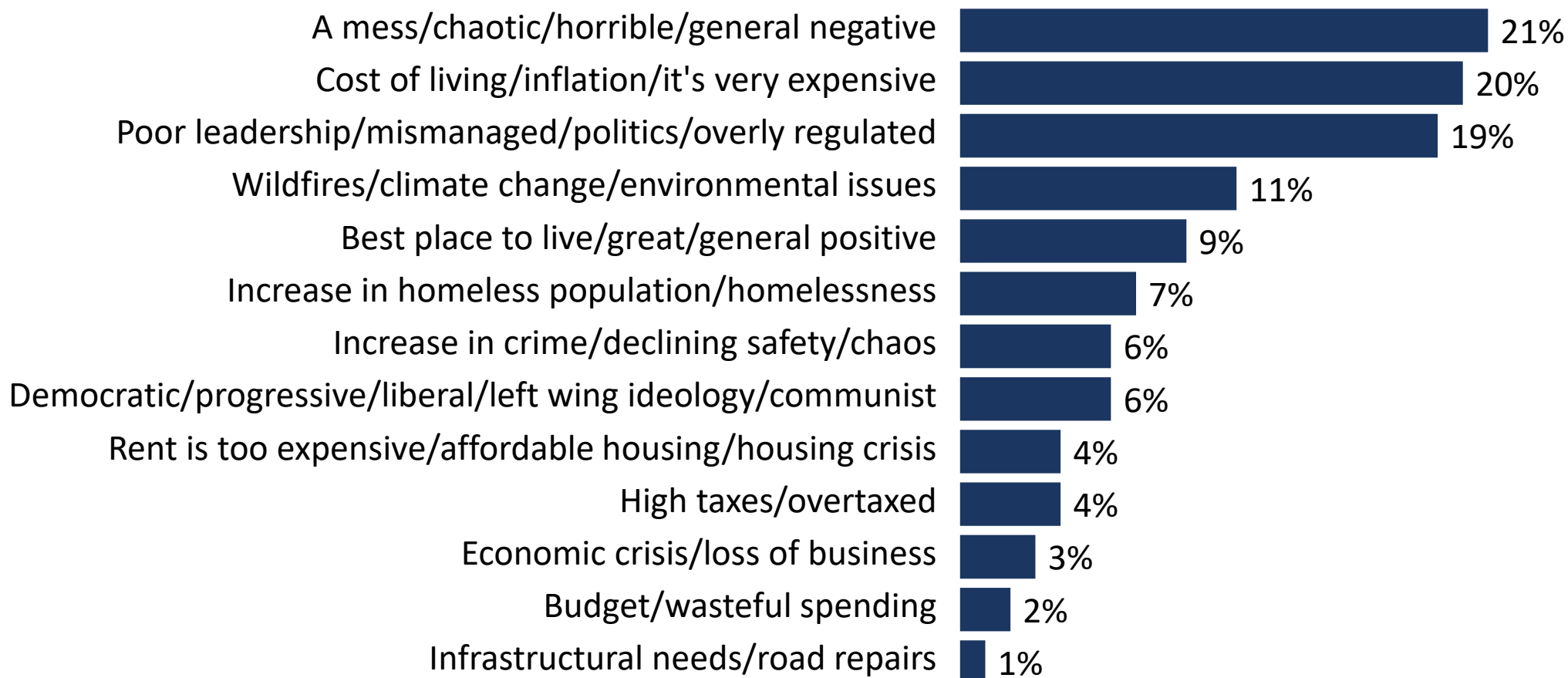
# Voters are also growing less optimistic about their local community.

*Would you say that things in your city are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?*



# They most commonly describe California as chaotic, expensive, and mismanaged.

*If you had to describe how things are going in California in just two or three words or phrases, what would it be?  
(Open-ended; Asked of Split Sample B Only, n=592)*

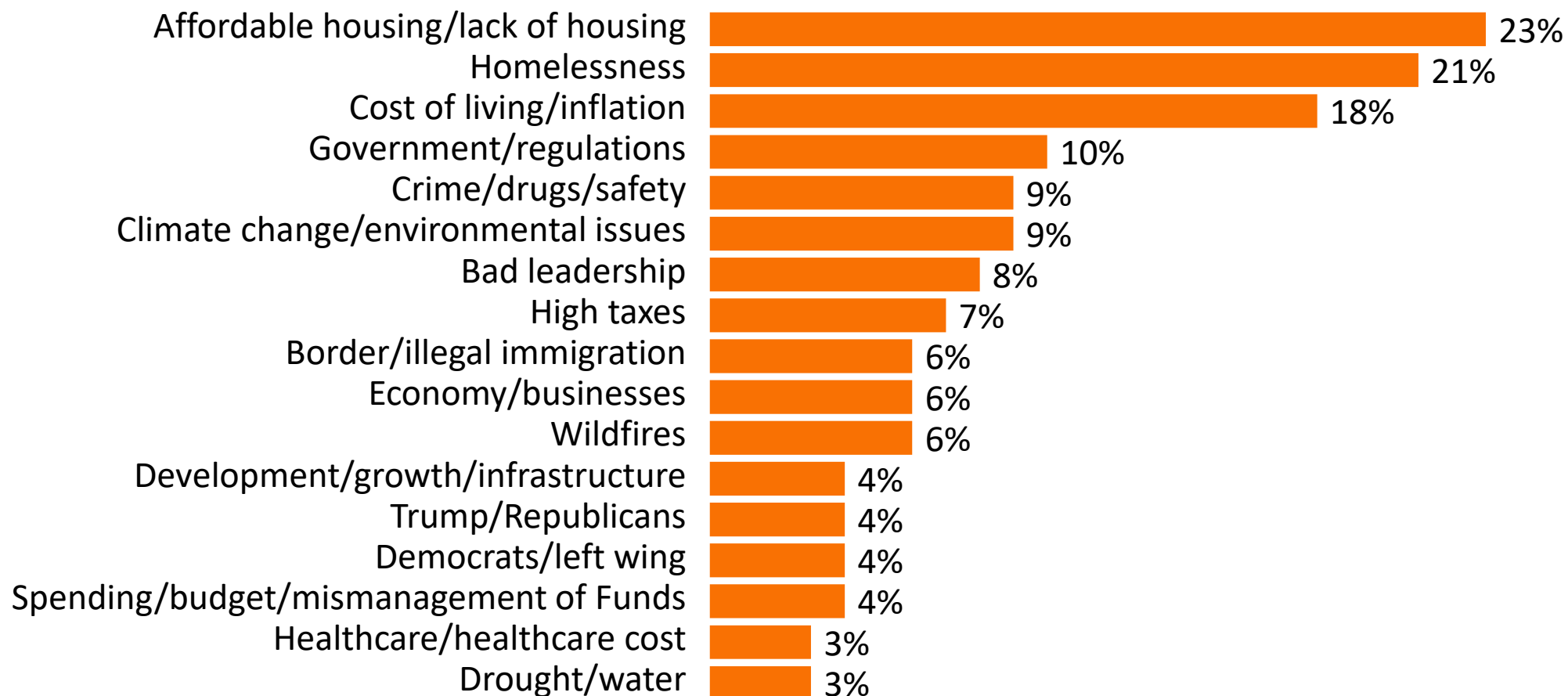


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# Housing affordability, homelessness, and the cost of living are volunteered as the top problems facing the state.

*In a few words of your own, what do you see as the most important problem facing California?*

*(Open-ended; Asked of Split Sample A Only, n=592)*





# Verbatim Comments Describing Top Problems Facing California

Progress moving forward with climate change, community and statewide outlook for the people of California. I don't care for the leniency with lawbreakers that has been voted in. No consequences for irresponsible behavior is a great downfall in CA.

Too expensive, tech companies need to be sanctioned, rents are too high.

Good efforts to protect the environment, not adequate balance between what it costs to provide social services and benefit, a humane approach to serving everyone regardless of who they are.

The extremely wealthy are not sufficiently taxed.

Horrible, no lack of planning, homelessness is insane, crime and theft is insane!

Great potential squandered through mismanagement.

Displacement and no rent control lots of gentrification not a lot of resources.

Financial disaster, homeless failure, rampant government corruption.

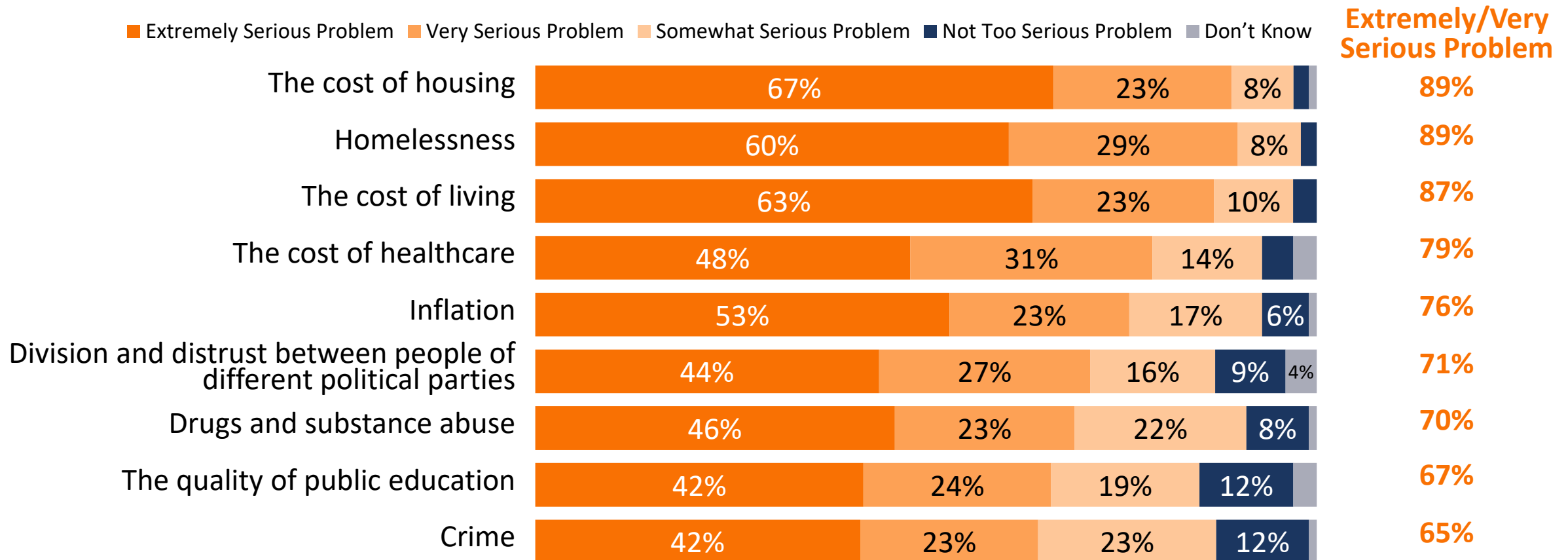
Cost of living becoming too high. Taxes, insurance, utilities. Not enough focus on middle class living. Wasting tax dollars.

Lack of enforcement against crimes, homeless everywhere, out-of-control prices.

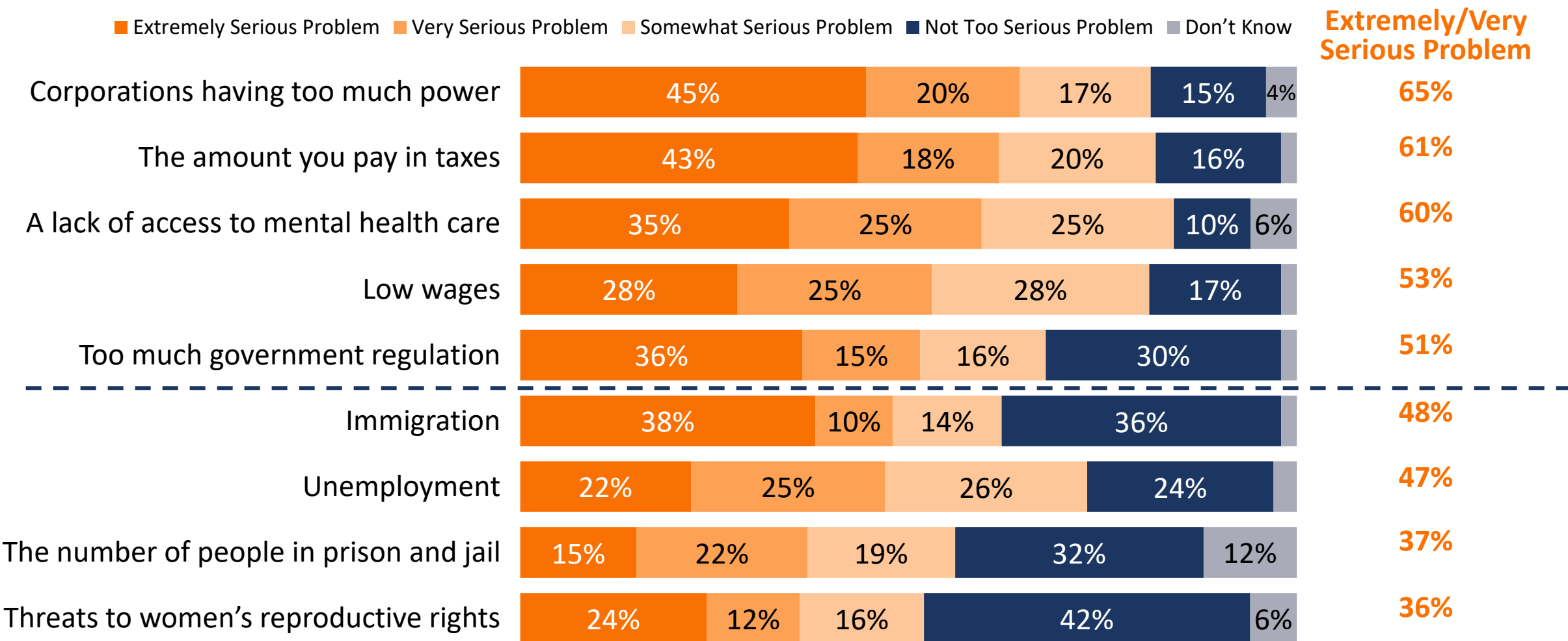
Illegal immigration is a huge economic drain, homeless/RV encampments are too common.

# When voters are asked to rank individual issues, homelessness, the cost of housing and the cost of living remain the top concerns.

*Please consider the following issues that some people suggest are problems facing California. Please indicate whether you think it is an extremely serious problem, a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, or a not too serious problem for residents of California.*



# Voters are least concerned about the number of people in prison and jail and threats to reproductive rights.



# Concern about the crime, the cost of housing and cost of living have increased notably since 2020.

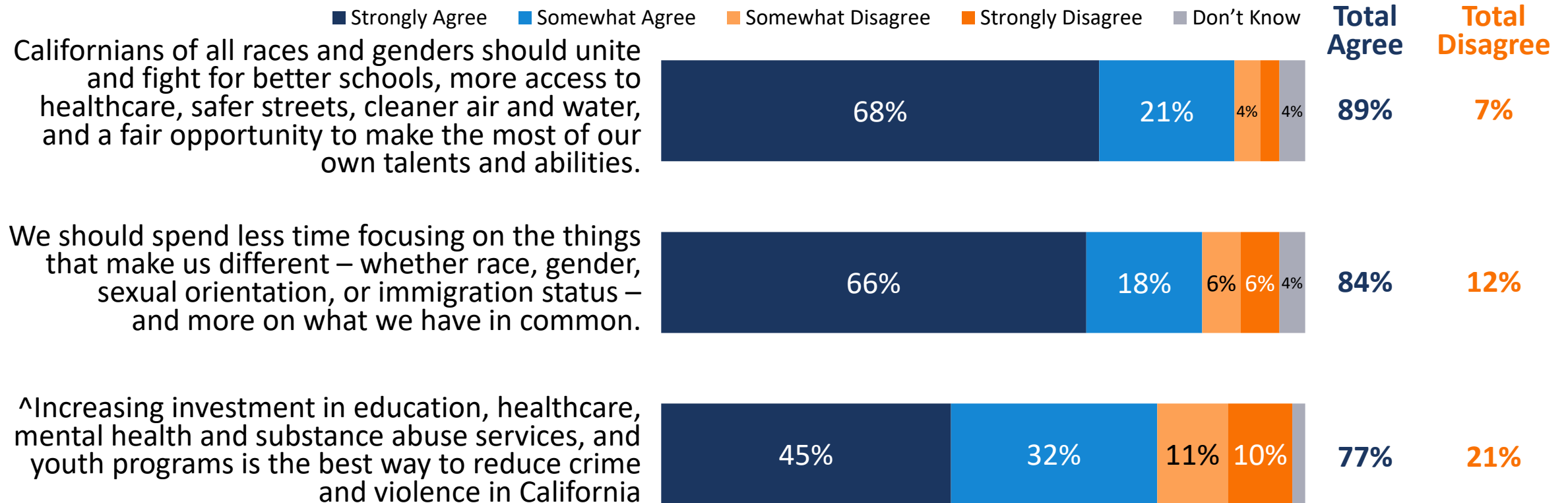
Issue	Extremely/Very Serious Problem				
	July 2018	June 13-21, 2020	June 20-25, 2020	January 2025	Difference from Last Ask
Crime	45%	--	--	65%	+20%
The cost of housing	78%	72%	71%	89%	+18%
The cost of living	73%	71%	69%	87%	+18%
*The quality of public education	51%	52%	--	67%	+15%
Homelessness	72%	75%	76%	89%	+13%
Too much government regulation	44%	--	--	51%	+7%
The cost of healthcare	72%	72%	73%	79%	+6%
The amount you pay in taxes	55%	--	--	61%	+6%
Low wages	58%	47%	--	53%	+6%
Division and distrust between people of different political parties	69%	--	--	71%	+2%
Drug and substance abuse	70%	--	--	70%	0%
A lack of access to mental health care	66%	--	--	60%	-6%
Unemployment	49%	68%	63%	47%	-16%
The number of people in prison and jail	63%	--	--	37%	-26%

Q6 a-f, h-m & o-p . Please consider the following issues that some people suggest are problems facing (SPLIT SAMPLE C ONLY: California) (SPLIT SAMPLE D ONLY: your area). Please indicate whether you think it is an extremely serious problem, a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, or a not too serious problem for residents of (SPLIT SAMPLE C ONLY: California) (SPLIT SAMPLE D ONLY: your area). Split Sample;

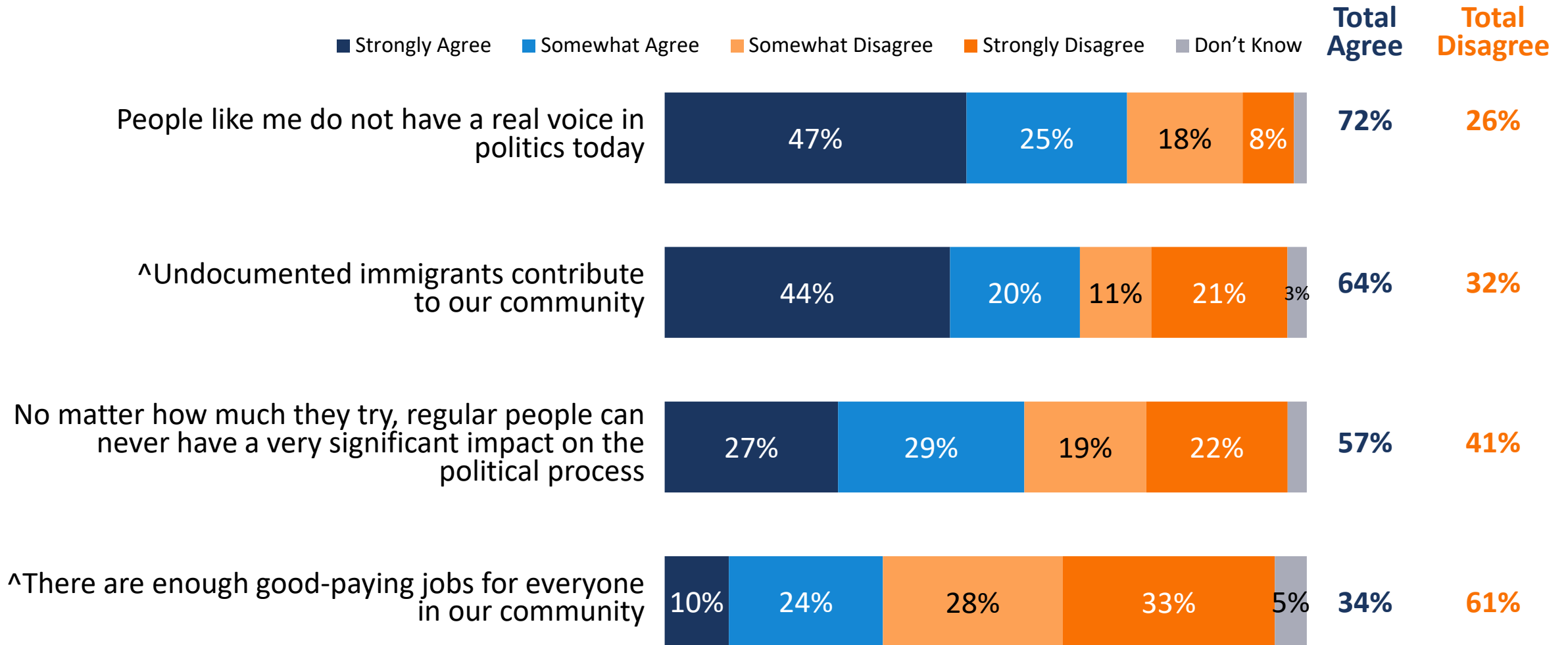
\*Wording Slightly Different in Previous Survey

# Voters strongly agree that Californians should unite across groups to create opportunity and we should spend more time focusing on what we have in common.

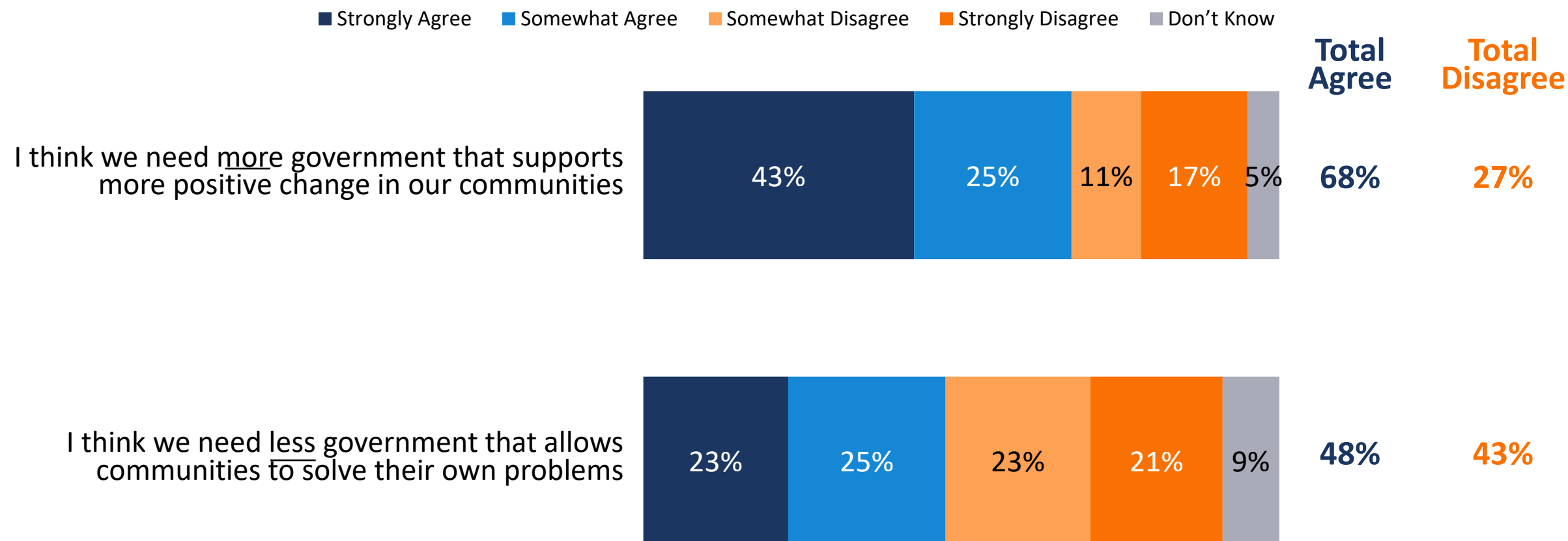
*Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following statements.*



# Nearly three-quarters say they do not have a real voice in politics today.



# Voters are more likely to say we need more government intervention rather than less government.



# Today, even Democrats in California feel like they lack a real voice in politics.

Statement	All Voters	Total Agree		
		Party		
		Dems	Inds	Reps
Californians of all races and genders should unite and fight for better schools, more access to healthcare, safer streets, cleaner air and water, and a fair opportunity to make the most of our own talents and abilities.	89%	93%	89%	82%
We should spend less time focusing on the things that make us different – whether race, gender, sexual orientation, or immigration status – and more on what we have in common.	84%	87%	78%	84%
^Increasing investment in education, healthcare, mental health and substance abuse services, and youth programs is the best way to reduce crime and violence in California	77%	89%	75%	58%
People like me do not have a real voice in politics today	72%	61%	80%	83%
I think we need <u>more</u> government that supports more positive change in our communities	68%	83%	64%	45%
^Undocumented immigrants contribute to our community	64%	85%	62%	30%
No matter how much they try, regular people can never have a very significant impact on the political process	57%	50%	64%	60%
I think we need <u>less</u> government that allows communities to solve their own problems	48%	30%	53%	74%
^There are enough good-paying jobs for everyone in our community	34%	31%	30%	44%



# Voters under age 35 are least likely to think there are enough jobs for everyone in the community.

Statement	All Voters	Total Agree			
		Age			
		18-49	50-64	65+	Under Age 35
Californians of all races and genders should unite and fight for better schools, more access to healthcare, safer streets, cleaner air and water, and a fair opportunity to make the most of our own talents and abilities.	89%	91%	84%	89%	94%
We should spend less time focusing on the things that make us different – whether race, gender, sexual orientation, or immigration status – and more on what we have in common.	84%	81%	85%	89%	76%
^Increasing investment in education, healthcare, mental health and substance abuse services, and youth programs is the best way to reduce crime and violence in California	77%	78%	74%	78%	81%
People like me do not have a real voice in politics today	72%	75%	67%	71%	74%
I think we need <u>more</u> government that supports more positive change in our communities	68%	76%	55%	62%	81%
^Undocumented immigrants contribute to our community	64%	69%	59%	59%	77%
No matter how much they try, regular people can never have a very significant impact on the political process	57%	55%	60%	55%	54%
I think we need <u>less</u> government that allows communities to solve their own problems	48%	48%	50%	47%	49%
^There are enough good-paying jobs for everyone in our community	34%	30%	37%	40%	25%

# Voters across racial and ethnic groups rank the statements similarly.

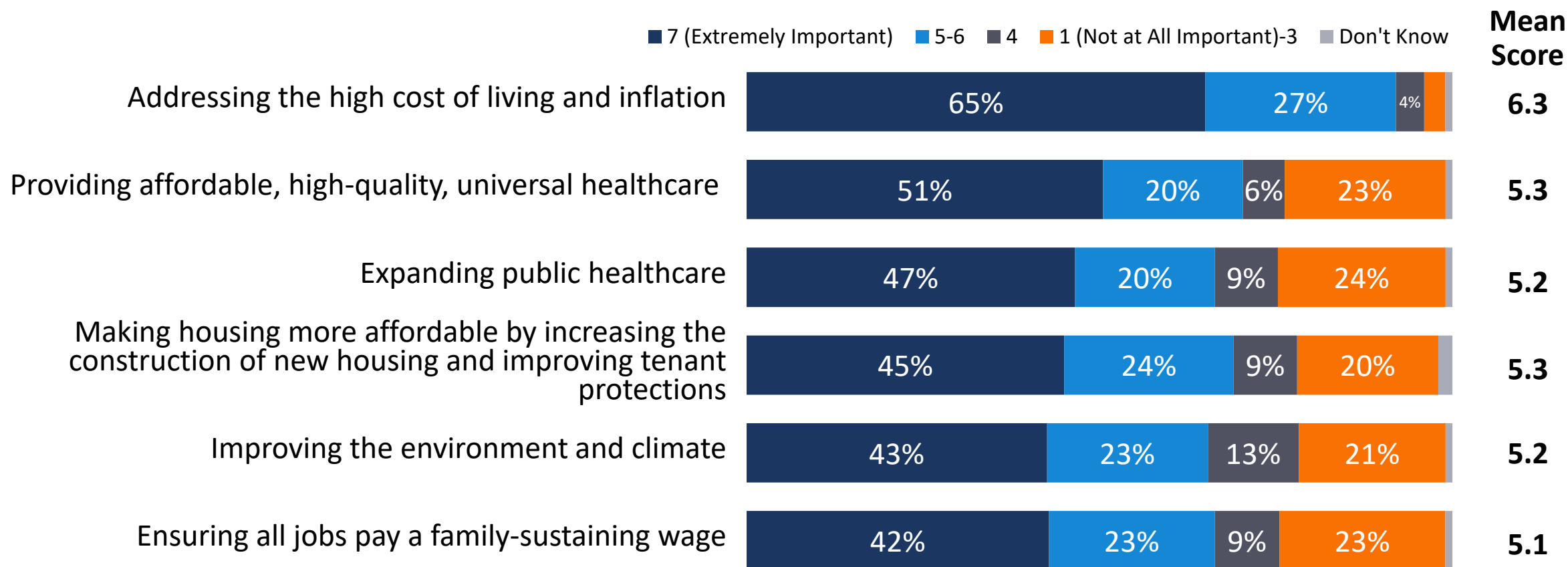
Statement	All Voters	Total Agree				
		Race/Ethnicity				
		Whites	Latinos	African Americans	Asians/ Pacific Islanders	All Voters of Color
Californians of all races and genders should unite and fight for better schools, more access to healthcare, safer streets, cleaner air and water, and a fair opportunity to make the most of our own talents and abilities.	<b>89%</b>	91%	87%	94%	92%	88%
We should spend less time focusing on the things that make us different – whether race, gender, sexual orientation, or immigration status – and more on what we have in common.	<b>84%</b>	86%	83%	88%	87%	82%
^Increasing investment in education, healthcare, mental health and substance abuse services, and youth programs is the best way to reduce crime and violence in California	<b>77%</b>	77%	79%	88%	72%	77%
People like me do not have a real voice in politics today	<b>72%</b>	69%	73%	63%	82%	75%
I think we need <u>more</u> government that supports more positive change in our communities	<b>68%</b>	62%	76%	71%	77%	74%
^Undocumented immigrants contribute to our community	<b>64%</b>	62%	72%	71%	62%	68%
No matter how much they try, regular people can never have a very significant impact on the political process	<b>57%</b>	51%	64%	42%	62%	61%
I think we need <u>less</u> government that allows communities to solve their own problems	<b>48%</b>	50%	46%	34%	43%	45%
^There are enough good-paying jobs for everyone in our community	<b>34%</b>	34%	35%	27%	29%	33%

# White working-class voters increasingly feel that they do not have an impact on the political process.

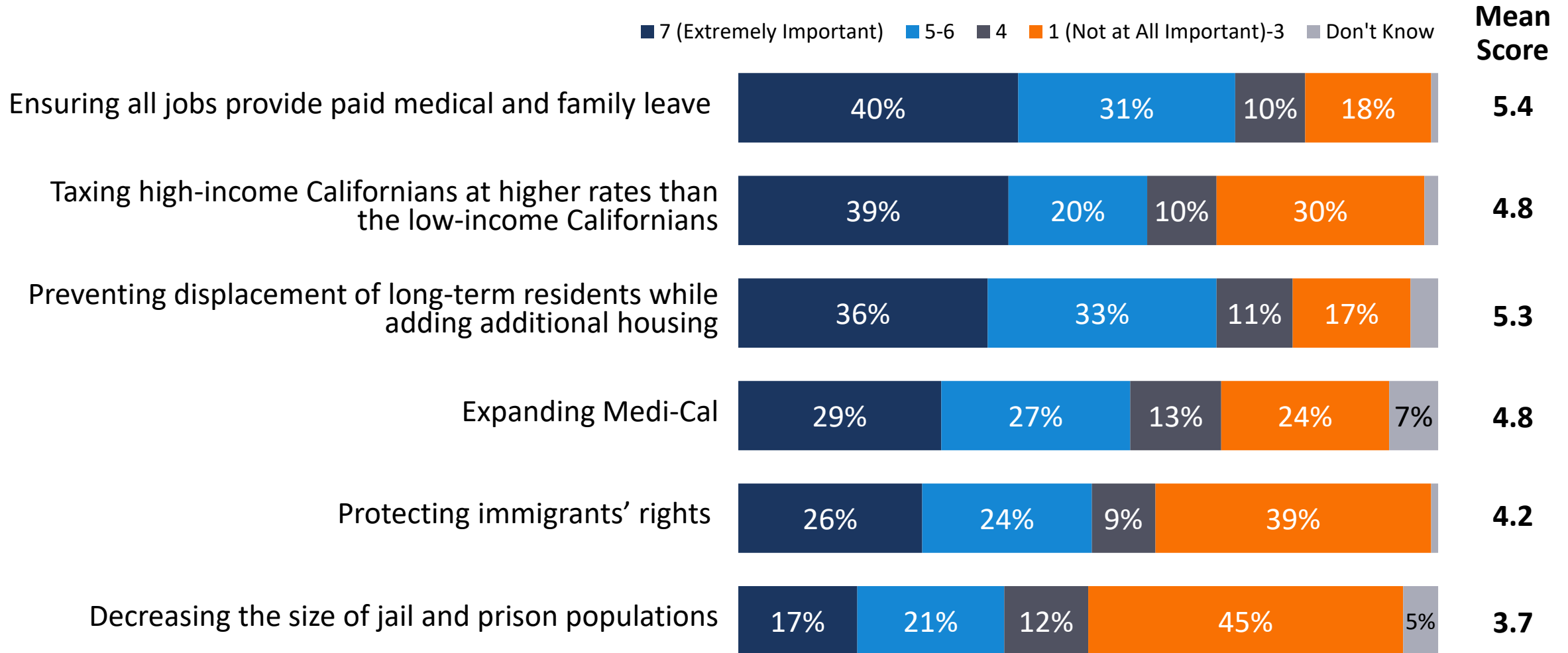
Statement	Total Agree		
	2017 (White Working Class Voters Survey)	2025 (White Working Class Voters Only)	Diff. (2017-2025)
No matter how much they try, regular people can never have a very significant impact on the political process	39%	62%	<b>+23%</b>
People like me do not have a real voice in politics today	55%	75%	<b>+20%</b>
We should spend less time focusing on the things that make us different – whether race, gender, sexual orientation, or immigration status – and more on what we have in common.	82%	85%	<b>+3%</b>
^There are enough good-paying jobs for everyone in our community	24%	23%	<b>-1%</b>
Californians of all races and genders should unite and fight for better schools, more access to healthcare, safer streets, cleaner air and water, and a fair opportunity to make the most of our own talents and abilities.	93%	89%	<b>-4%</b>
^Undocumented immigrants contribute to our community	70%	60%	<b>-10%</b>
I think we need <u>more</u> government that supports more positive change in our communities	80%	71%	<b>-9%</b>
I think we need <u>less</u> government that allows communities to solve their own problems	61%	51%	<b>-10%</b>

# Voters place the greatest priority on addressing the high cost of living.

Here is a list of goals some people have suggested that California should work toward. Please indicate how important you personally think it is that California should pursue each goal. Please use a seven-point scale, where one means **NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT** and seven means **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**. You can use any number from one to seven.



# On average, decreasing the size of jail and prison populations ranks lowest as a priority.



# Democrats are more likely than others to prioritize all items, including decreasing the size of jail and prison populations.

Goal	All Voters	Extremely Important		
		Party		
		Dems	Inds	Reps
Addressing the high cost of living and inflation	65%	63%	63%	73%
Providing affordable, high-quality, <u>universal</u> healthcare	51%	71%	45%	22%
Expanding public healthcare	47%	64%	45%	17%
Making housing more affordable by increasing the construction of new housing and improving tenant protections	45%	58%	45%	23%
Improving the environment and climate	43%	59%	38%	19%
Ensuring all jobs pay a family-sustaining wage	42%	56%	39%	22%
Ensuring all jobs provide paid medical and family leave	40%	45%	41%	29%
Taxing high-income Californians at higher rates than the low-income Californians	39%	59%	32%	13%
Preventing displacement of long-term residents while adding additional housing	36%	41%	33%	27%
Expanding Medi-Cal	29%	41%	21%	19%
Protecting immigrants' rights	26%	37%	25%	8%
Decreasing the size of jail and prison populations	17%	25%	15%	7%

# Younger voters place greater priority on a wide range of policy goals.

Goal	All Voters	Mean Score			
		Age			
		18-49	50-64	65+	Under Age 35
Addressing the high cost of living and inflation	65%	73%	65%	48%	70%
Providing affordable, high-quality, <u>universal</u> healthcare	51%	58%	43%	43%	61%
Expanding public healthcare	47%	55%	35%	38%	58%
Making housing more affordable by increasing the construction of new housing and improving tenant protections	45%	54%	34%	37%	52%
Improving the environment and climate	43%	45%	38%	41%	50%
Ensuring all jobs pay a family-sustaining wage	42%	54%	31%	29%	52%
Ensuring all jobs provide paid medical and family leave	40%	48%	34%	27%	57%
Taxing high-income Californians at higher rates than the low-income Californians	39%	41%	35%	40%	46%
Preventing displacement of long-term residents while adding additional housing	36%	36%	34%	35%	38%
Expanding Medi-Cal	29%	34%	28%	21%	40%
Protecting immigrants' rights	26%	30%	21%	22%	33%
Decreasing the size of jail and prison populations	17%	20%	17%	11%	22%



# Latino and Black voters are most likely to view universal healthcare as important.

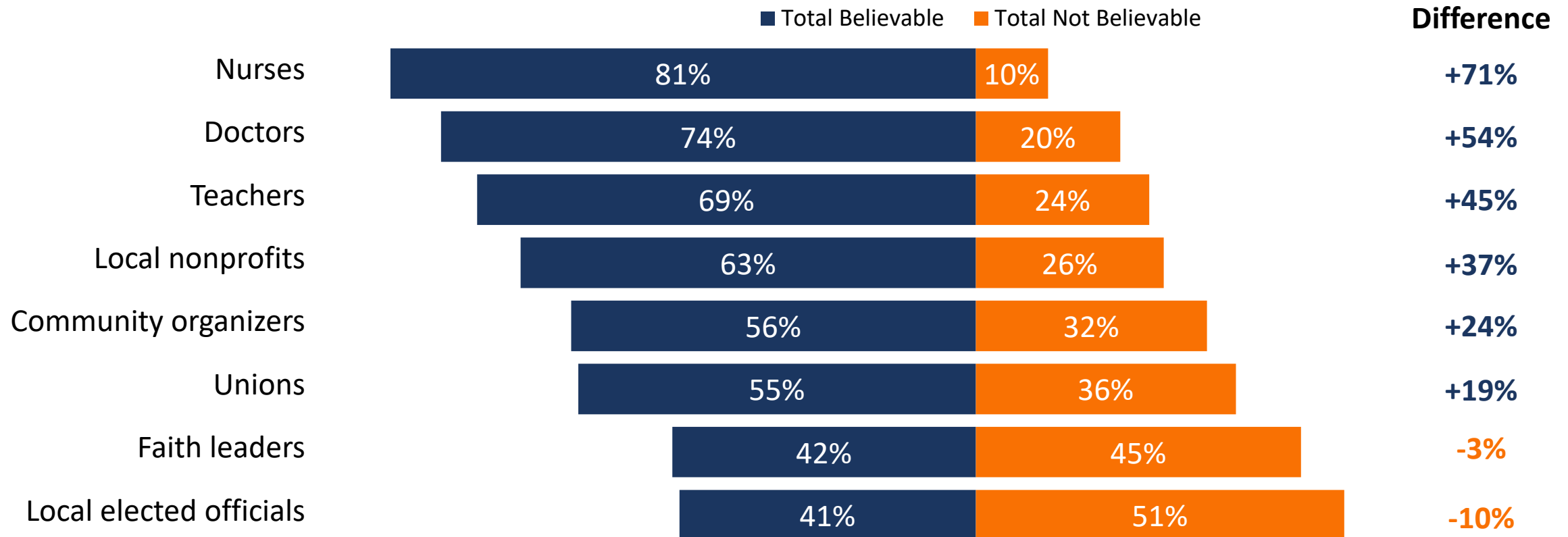
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		Race/Ethnicity				
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Providing affordable, high-quality, <u>universal</u> healthcare	51%	45%	64%	65%	43%	58%
Expanding public healthcare	47%	41%	58%	67%	39%	52%
Making housing more affordable by increasing the construction of new housing and improving tenant protections	45%	39%	57%	61%	44%	53%
Improving the environment and climate	43%	41%	49%	57%	42%	45%
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Expanding Medi-Cal	29%	25%	40%	36%	32%	35%
Protecting immigrants' rights	26%	25%	36%	27%	14%	27%
Decreasing the size of jail and prison populations	17%	16%	16%	35%	21%	18%

Q8. Here is a list of goals some people have suggested that California should work toward. Please indicate how important you personally think it is that California should pursue each goal. Please use a seven-point scale, where one means **NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT** and seven means **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**. You can use any number from one to seven. Split Sample



# Nurses, doctors, and teachers are the most credible messengers when it comes to these issues.

*Here are some types of people and organizations that might speak out about the social issues we have been discussing. Please indicate whether you would consider that person or organization to be a believable source of information or not about these issues. You can also indicate if you have never heard of the person or organization — or have heard of them, but do not have enough information to offer an opinion.*



# Nurses and doctors are effective messengers across partisan lines and age groups.

Person/Organization	All Voters	Total Believable						
		Party			Age			
		Dems	Inds	Reps	18-49	50-64	65+	Under Age 35
Nurses	<b>81%</b>	88%	81%	70%	84%	76%	82%	88%
Doctors	<b>74%</b>	84%	71%	60%	75%	76%	71%	79%
Teachers	<b>69%</b>	84%	71%	40%	69%	68%	69%	77%
Local nonprofits	<b>63%</b>	78%	60%	39%	63%	63%	63%	72%
Community organizers	<b>56%</b>	76%	48%	28%	62%	48%	49%	68%
Unions	<b>55%</b>	72%	50%	29%	56%	51%	54%	66%
Faith leaders	<b>42%</b>	33%	39%	62%	38%	46%	47%	34%
Local elected officials	<b>41%</b>	54%	37%	22%	43%	37%	40%	49%

Q28. Here are some types of people and organizations that might speak out about the social issues we have been discussing. Please indicate whether you would consider that person or organization to be a believable source of information or not about these issues. You can also indicate if you have never heard of the person or organization — or have heard of them, but do not have enough information to offer an opinion. Split Sample

# Latinos are less likely than others to view faith leaders as believable.

Person/Organization	All Voters	Total Believable				
		Race/Ethnicity				
		Whites	Latinos	African Americans	Asians/ Pacific Islanders	All Voters of Color
Nurses	81%	83%	81%	71%	83%	80%
Doctors	74%	75%	74%	75%	72%	75%
Teachers	69%	70%	71%	73%	70%	69%
Local nonprofits	63%	65%	65%	70%	65%	62%
Community organizers	56%	58%	54%	66%	44%	54%
Unions	55%	53%	65%	64%	48%	56%
Faith leaders	42%	42%	38%	52%	42%	41%
Local elected officials	41%	39%	43%	32%	36%	43%

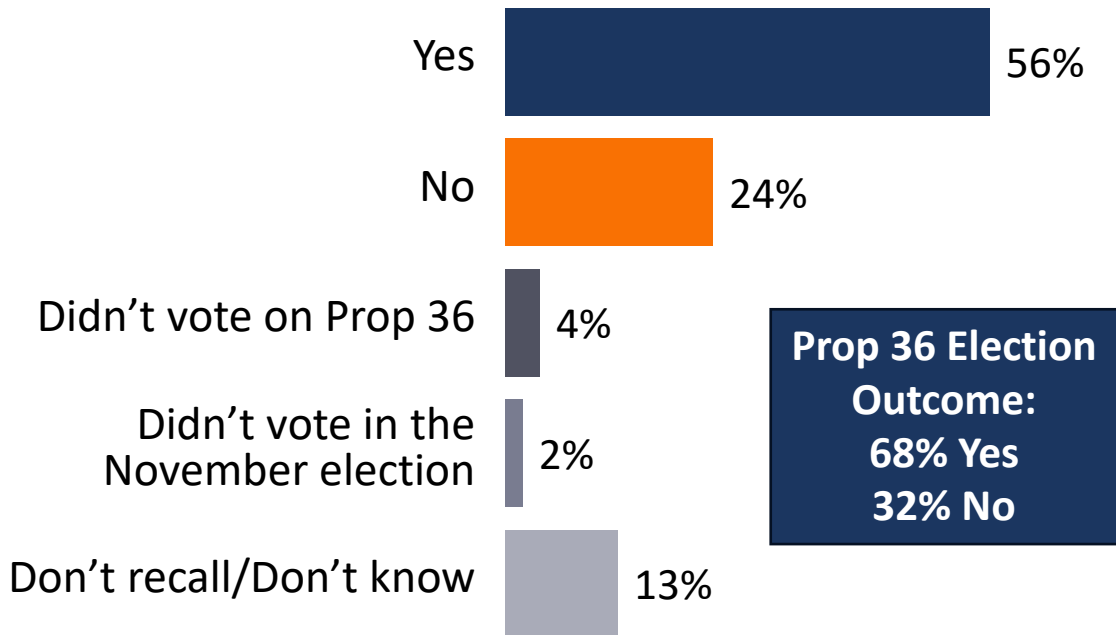
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# **Attitudes Toward Criminal Justice and Safety**

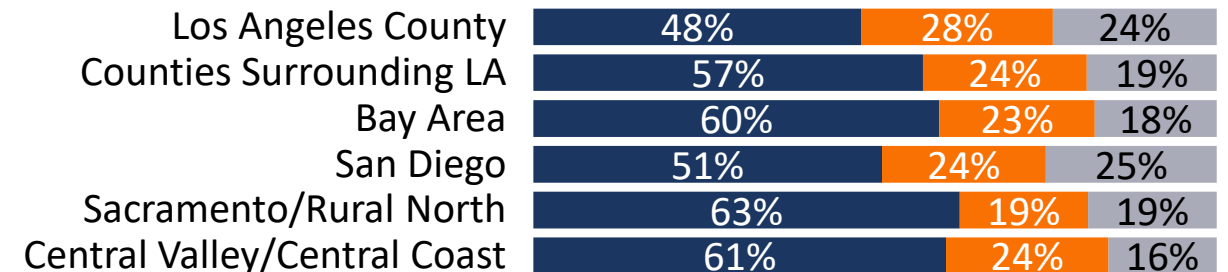
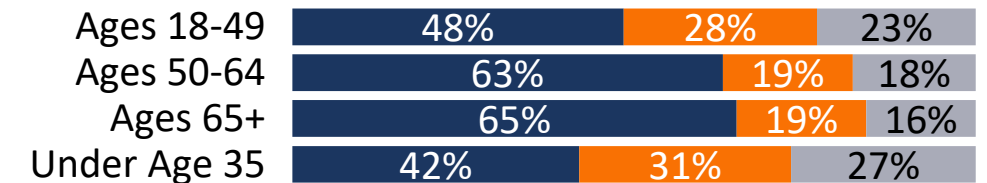
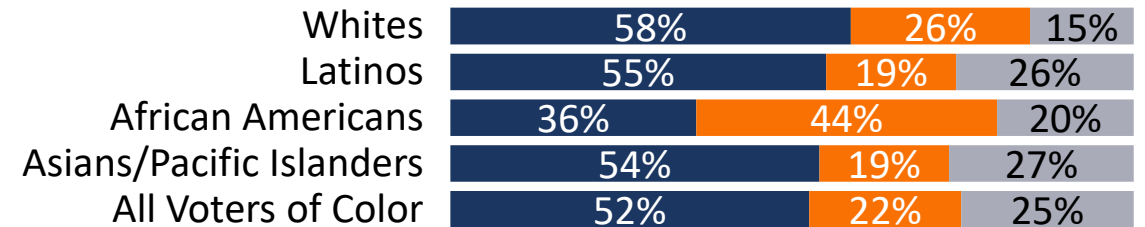
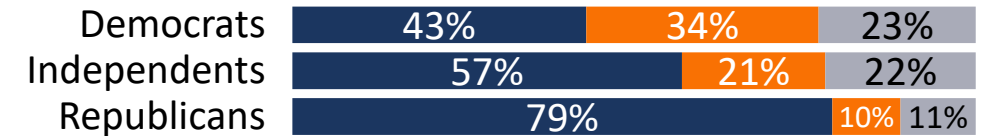
# A majority indicates they voted in favor of Prop 36.

*In November 2024, California voters approved Proposition 36.*

*Prop 36 made drug possession and theft of amounts under \$950 felonies rather than misdemeanors, if the person committing those offenses has two prior convictions for those crimes.*



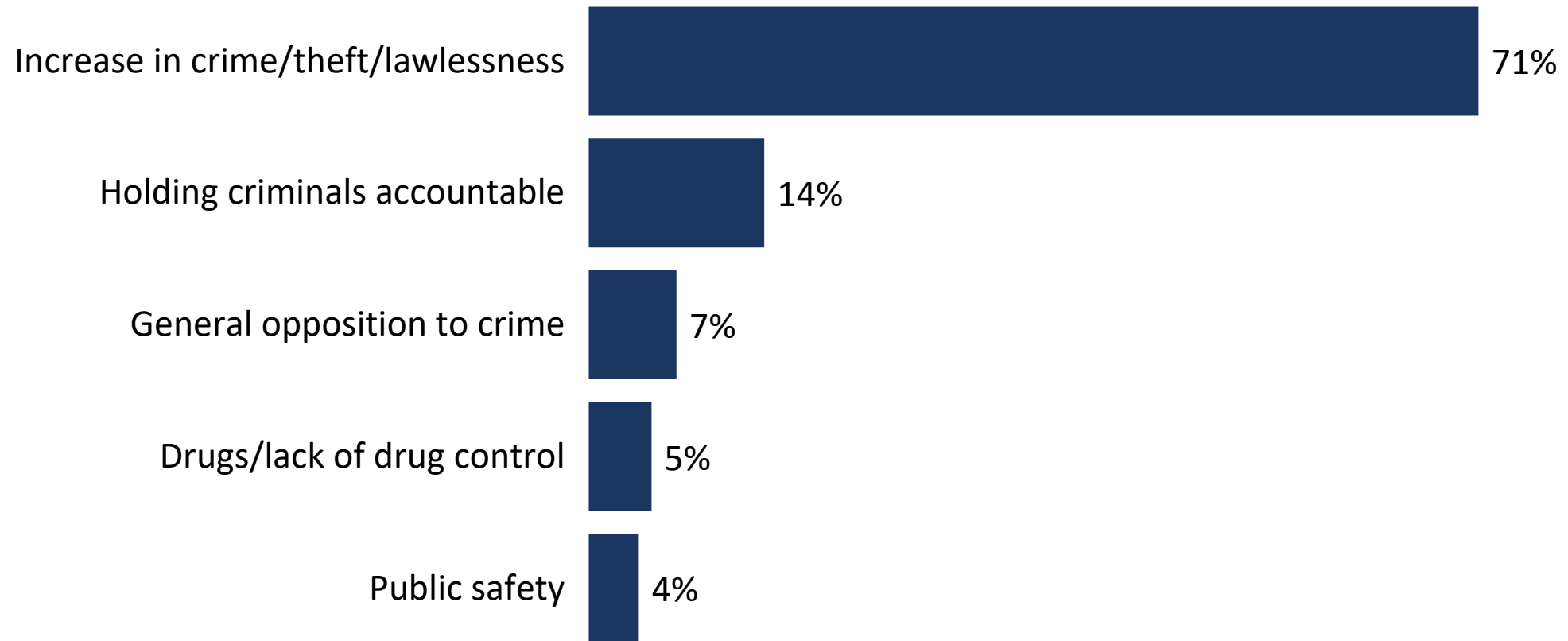
■ Yes ■ No ■ Didn't Vote on Prop 36/Didn't Vote/Don't Recall/Don't Know



# Concern about crime motivated the “yes” vote on Prop 36.

*In a few words of your own, why did you vote **YES** on Prop 36?*

*(Open-ended; Asked of Prop 36 Yes Voters Only, n=662)*



# Verbatim Comments Describing Support for Prop 36

This state, and LA County in particular, has gotten very hands-off on consequences of crime. We need to make people accountable for their actions. California needs to move more to the right, not the left.

Out-of-control theft putting small business and their employees in harm's way and financial jeopardy.

Because drug offenders should be punished. They're more likely to commit other crimes as well.

No excuse for law enforcement to not arrest and prosecute.

The punishment has to be way more harsh, even than what they voted on 36. I see this theft almost everyday in California.

Stop smash-and-grabs that harm retailers.

I believe there need to be stronger penalties on criminals, especially those who commit the same crime multiple times.

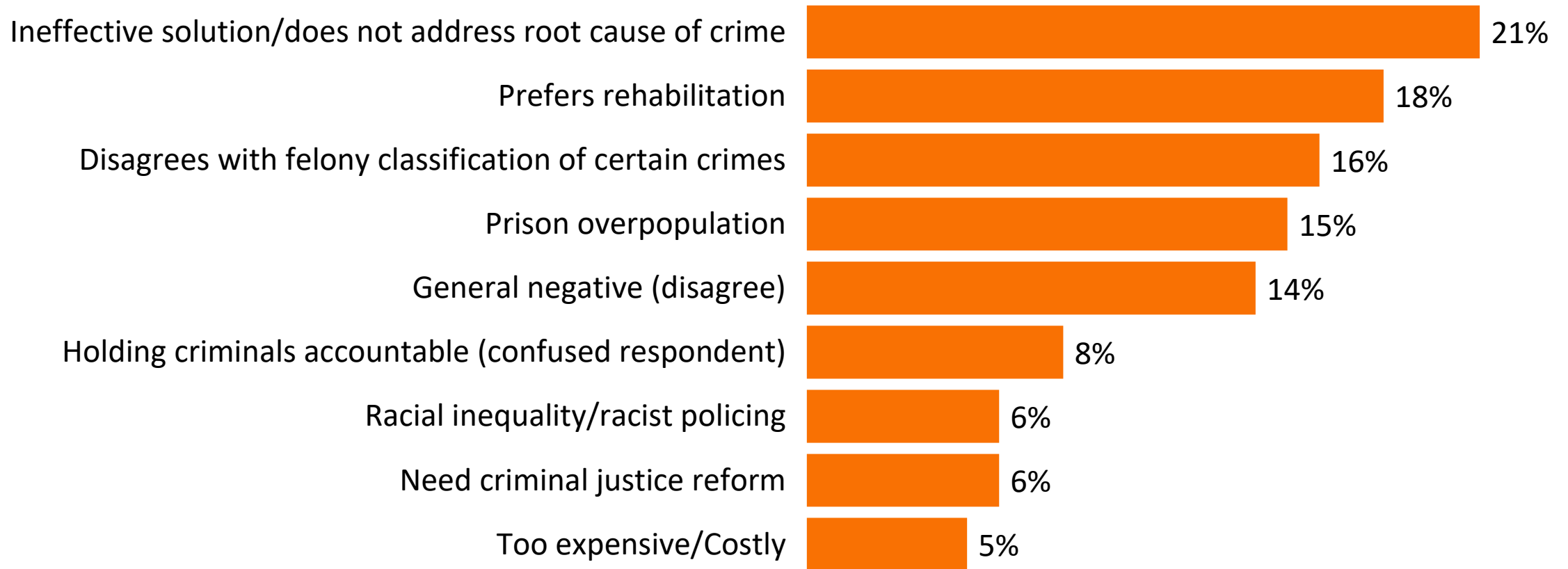
To lower crime! The previous bill was stupid. Increased drug use, deaths and created a crime epidemic.

We can't encourage lawlessness without repercussion, especially if folks are habitual offenders.

For the drug treatment portion of the proposition.

# Those who opposed Prop 36 say it is ineffective and favored rehabilitation.

*In a few words of your own, why did you vote **NO** on Prop 36?  
(Open-ended; Asked of Prop 36 No Voters Only, n=285)*





# Verbatim Comments Describing Opposition to Prop 36

I used to teach a class in the jail. Inmates are usually from low income, low education backgrounds, they're born with two strikes against them. They're just trying to get by the best they know how.

I oppose making a petty crime a felony.

Being tougher on crime hasn't worked for the past 40 years and is a waste of resources

It's not addressing underlying economic issues.

Filling the jails isn't the answer.

There should be more research done on why people are stealing and have possession of drugs to begin with. Is it that it is hard for people to get by? Probably.

I don't believe drug use should be criminalized, but I do believe in theft felonies.

The amount was set lower to arrest a person which isn't going to stop them from stealing. I feel like they might not learn from their mistakes.

The law is unjust and discriminatory.

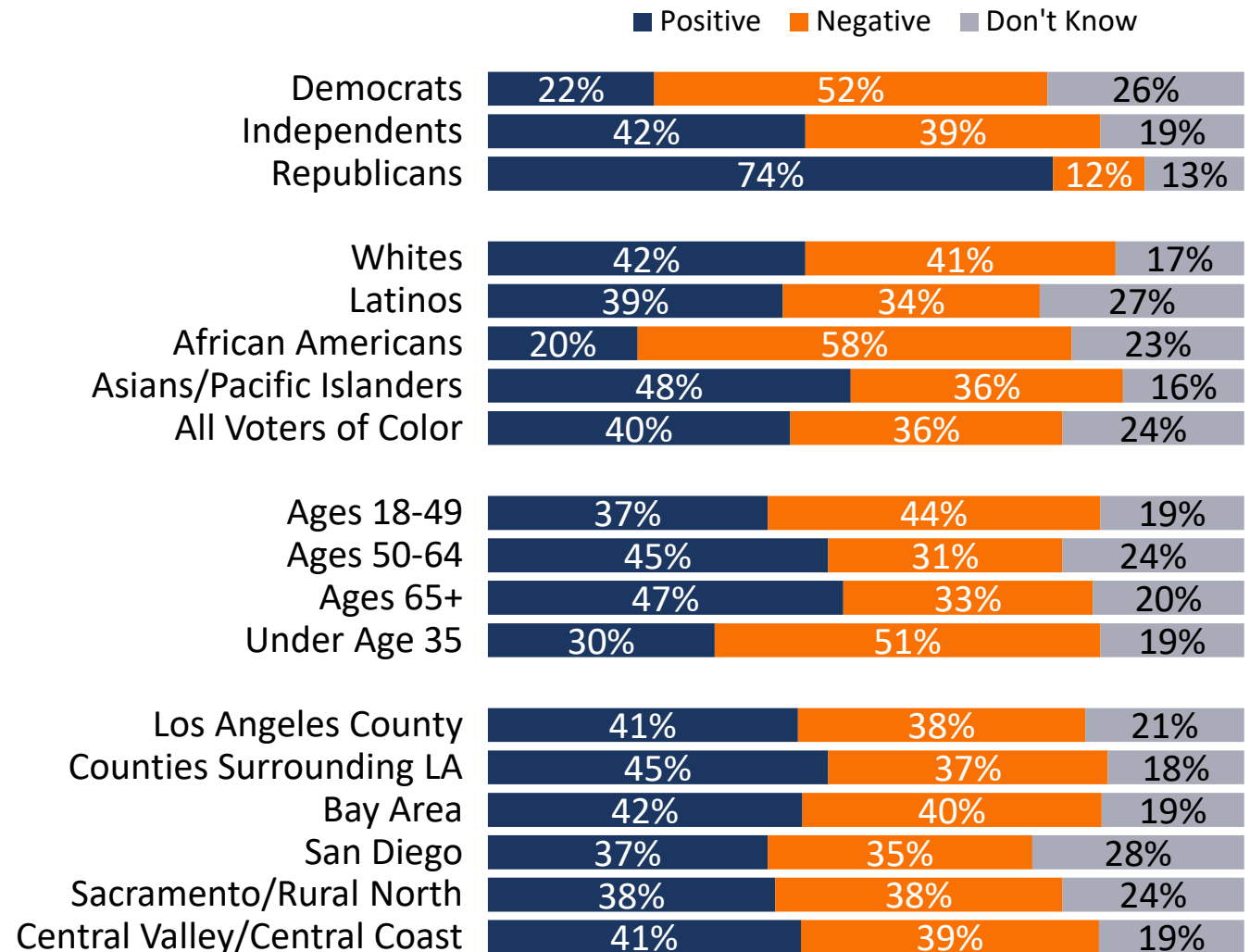
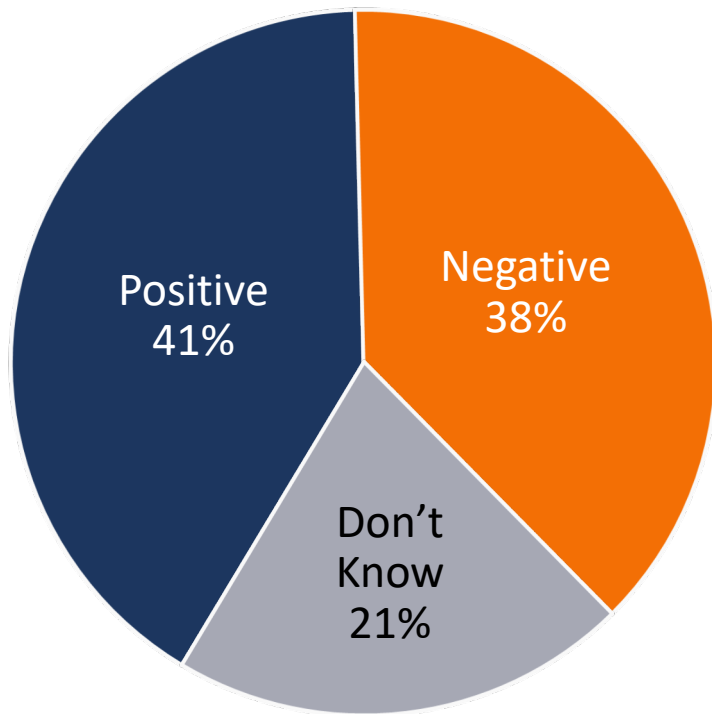
I don't think this should be a felony that's going to cause long-term prison sentences instead, they should have rehab available.

We need prison reform more than we need to punish people more strictly.

The law targets minorities and low economic populations.

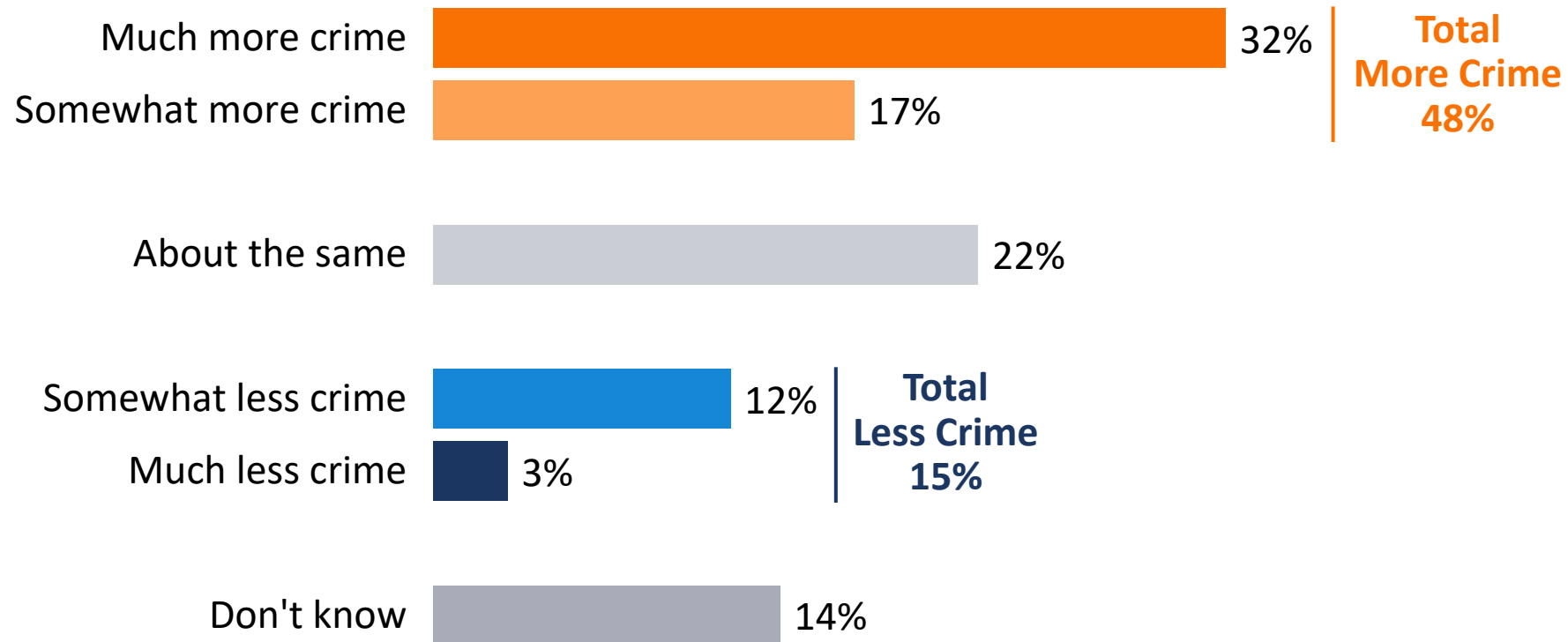
# Voters were split on whether they viewed Prop 36's impact on prison population as a good thing or a bad thing.

*Did you consider the fact that Prop 36 may increase the prison and jail population in California a positive outcome or a negative outcome?*



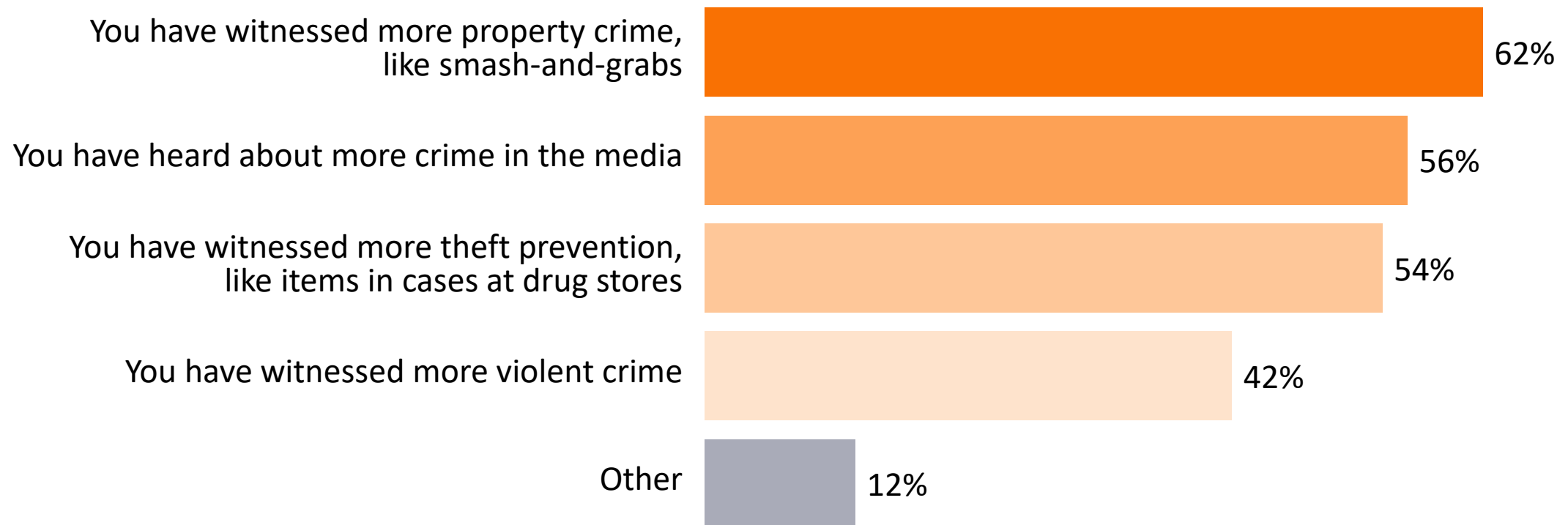
# Nearly half say crime has increased in the past year.

*From what you know, is there: more crime in California than there was a year ago, less crime in California than there was a year ago, or is crime about the same?*

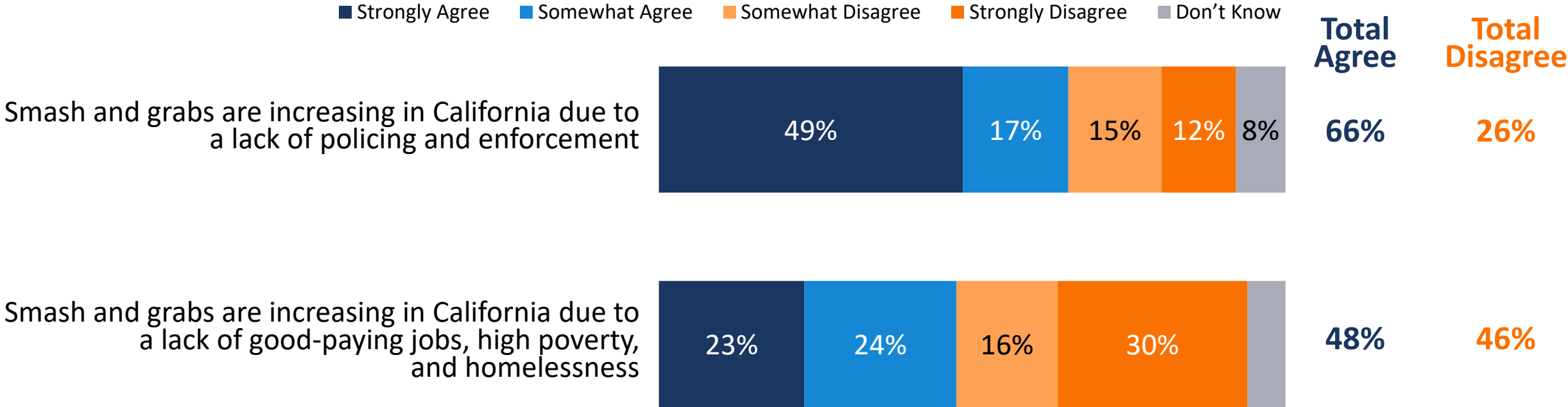


# They primarily say they witnessed it themselves, heard about it in the media, and witnessed more prevention efforts.

*Which of the following is most important in leading you to think that crime in California has increased:  
(Multiple Responses Accepted; Asked if Believe There is More Crime, n=573)*



# Voters are more likely to attribute smash-and-grabs to a lack of enforcement than to societal factors.



Voters under age 35 are more likely to attribute smash and grabs to societal factors (66%) than a lack of enforcement (50%), while older voters hold the opposing view.

# A majority agrees that we have *safer* communities when there are more people in jail or prison.

*Here is a pair of statements. Please indicate which statement comes closest to your personal opinion, even if neither is exactly right:*

We have safer communities when there are more people in jail or prison, because it will take criminals off the street and discourage others from committing crimes

55%

Having too many people in jail and prison causes many of the problems that lead to unsafe communities such as homelessness, poverty, and drug and mental health challenges

33%

Don't know

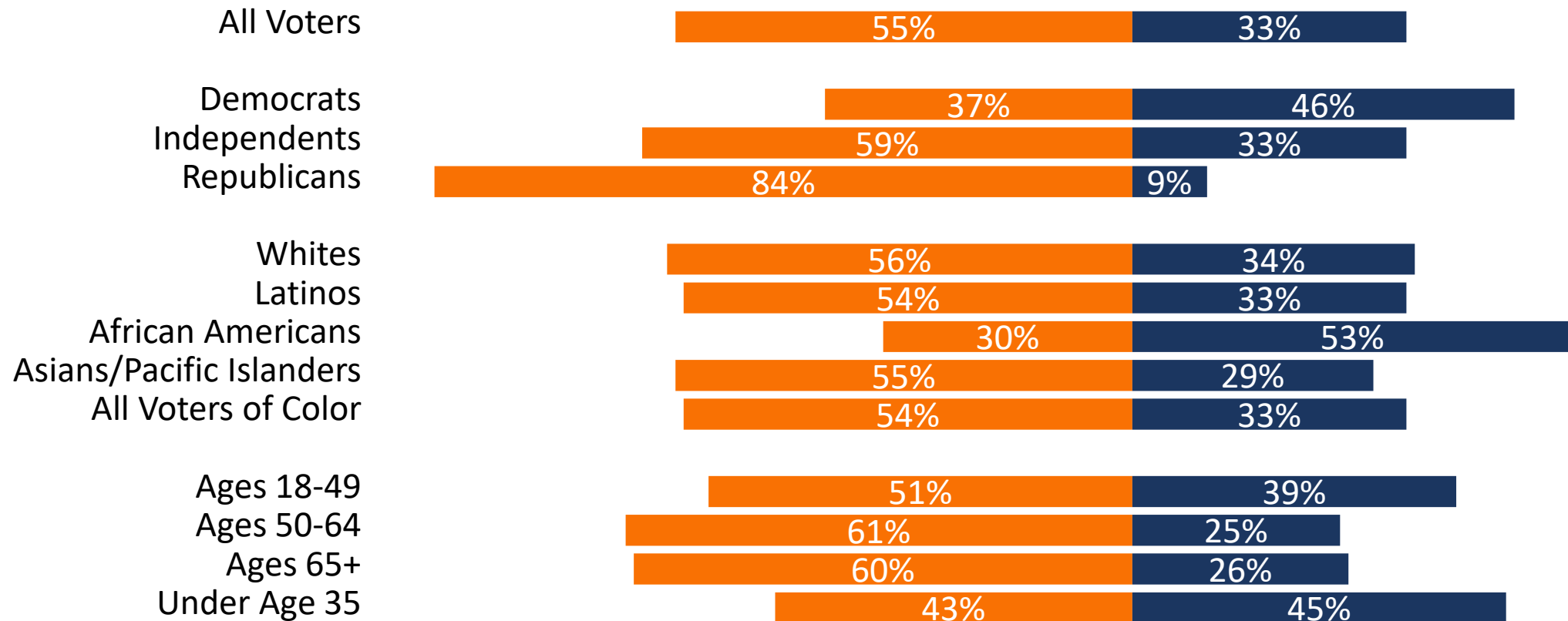
12%

# Voters under age 35 are most closely divided on the impact of increasing the prison population.

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OR

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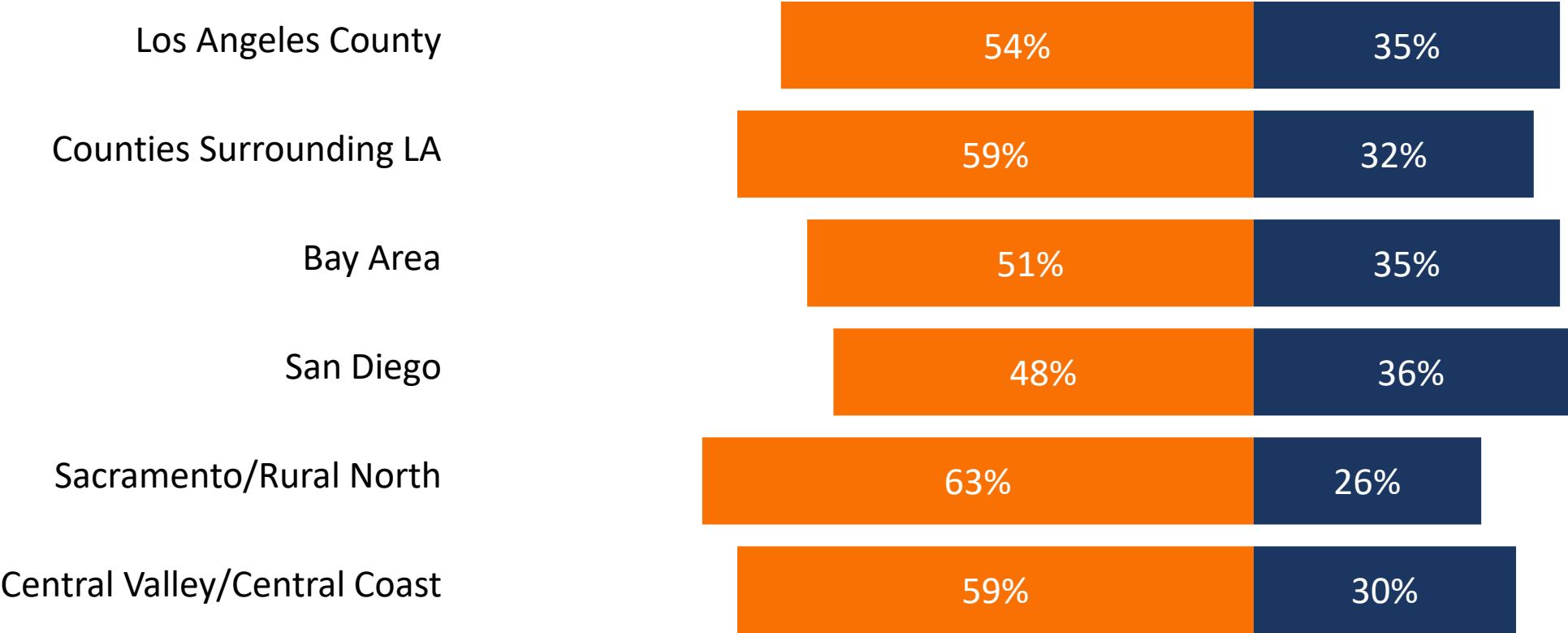


# Majorities across the state share the view that communities are safer when there are more people in jail or prison.

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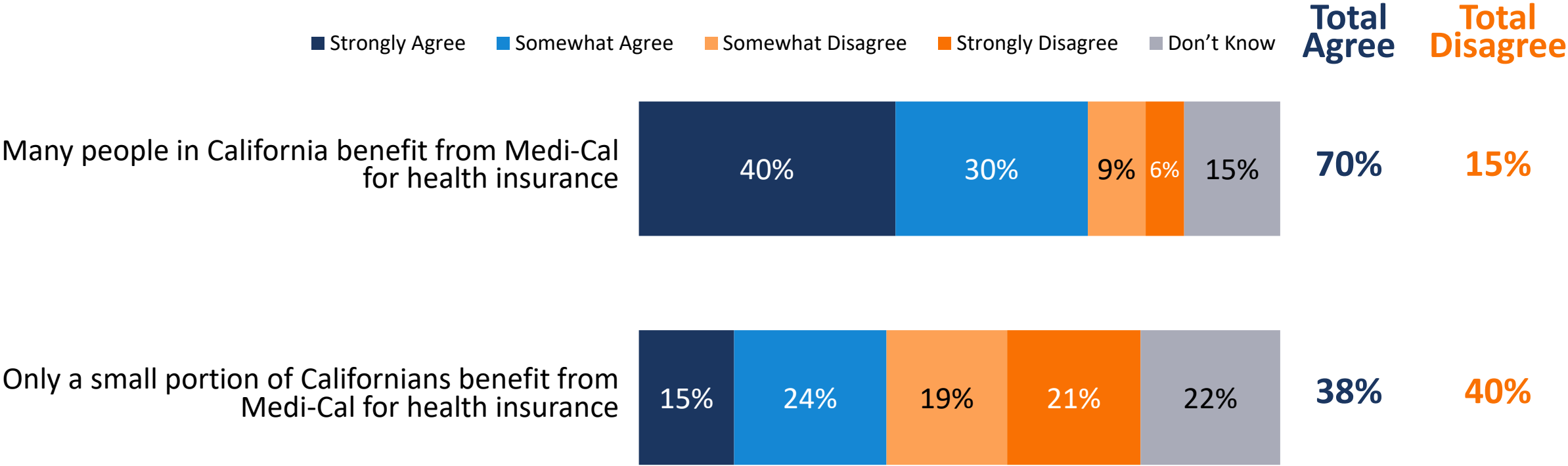
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# Views on Health and Health Insurance

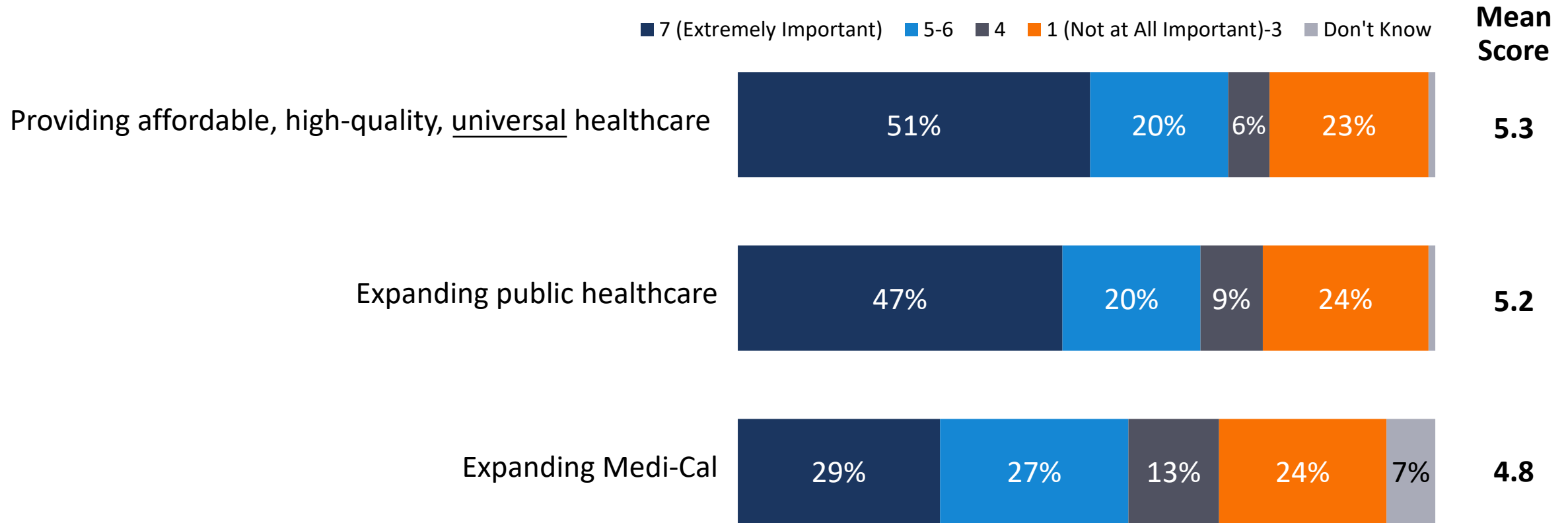
# Seven in ten agree that many people in California benefit from Medi-Cal for health insurance.



Majorities across partisan lines agree that many people benefit from Medi-Cal. Republicans are slightly more likely to say that only a small portion of Californians benefit from Medi-Cal than are Democrats and independents.

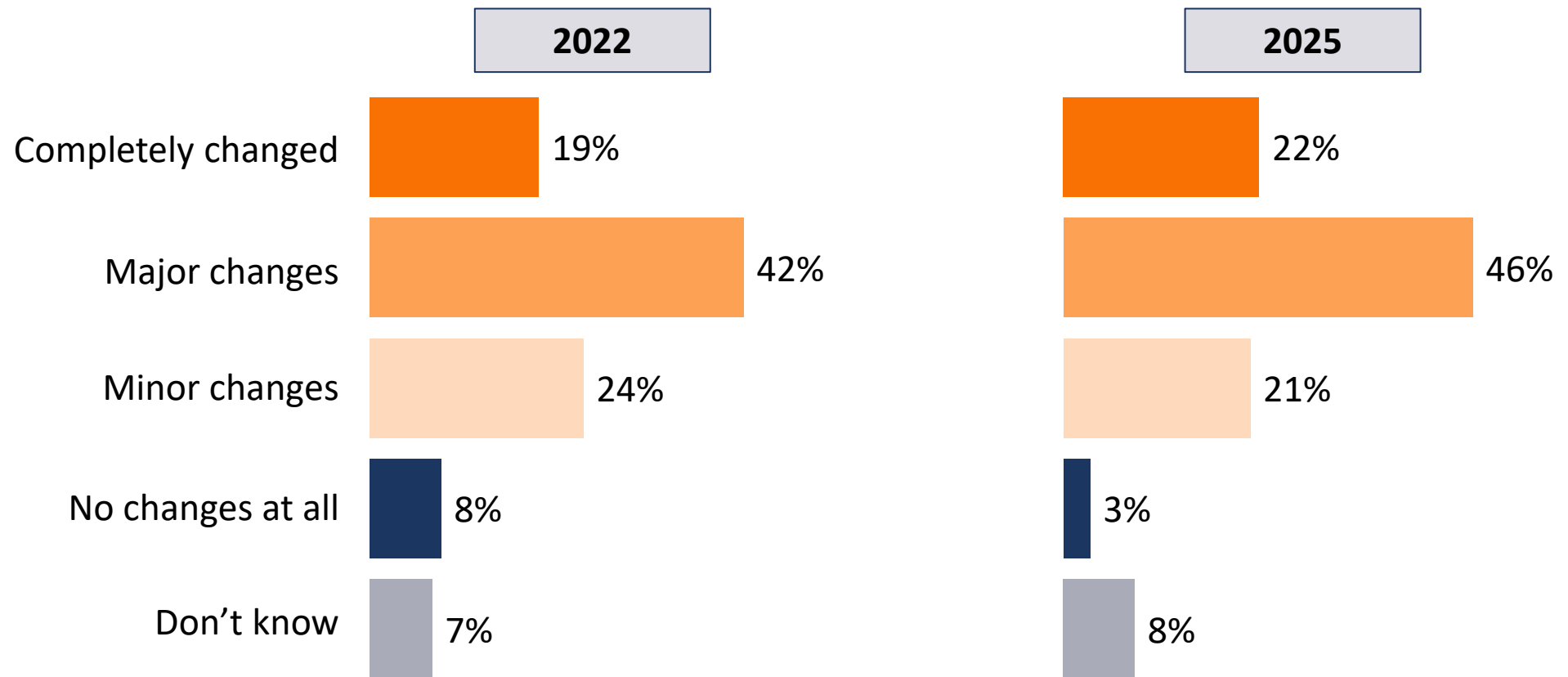
# Majorities say it is important to provide universal healthcare, expand public healthcare, and to expand Medi-Cal.

*Here is a list of goals some people have suggested that California should work toward. Please indicate how important you personally think it is that California should pursue each goal. Please use a seven-point scale, where one means **NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT** and seven means **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**. You can use any number from one to seven.*



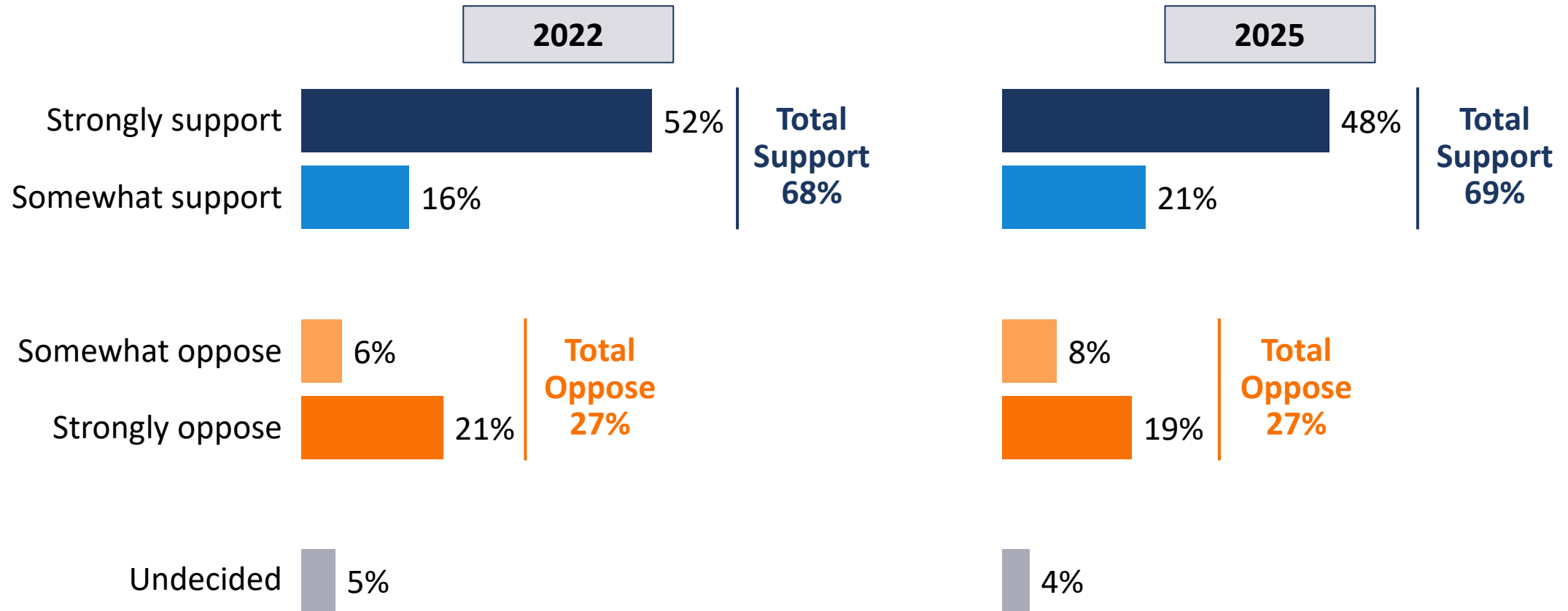
# Consistent with 2022 survey data, approximately two-thirds say the system needs major changes, at a minimum.

*In thinking about improvements to the way healthcare is delivered in California, do you think it needs to be completely changed, needs major changes, needs minor changes, or should not be changed at all?*

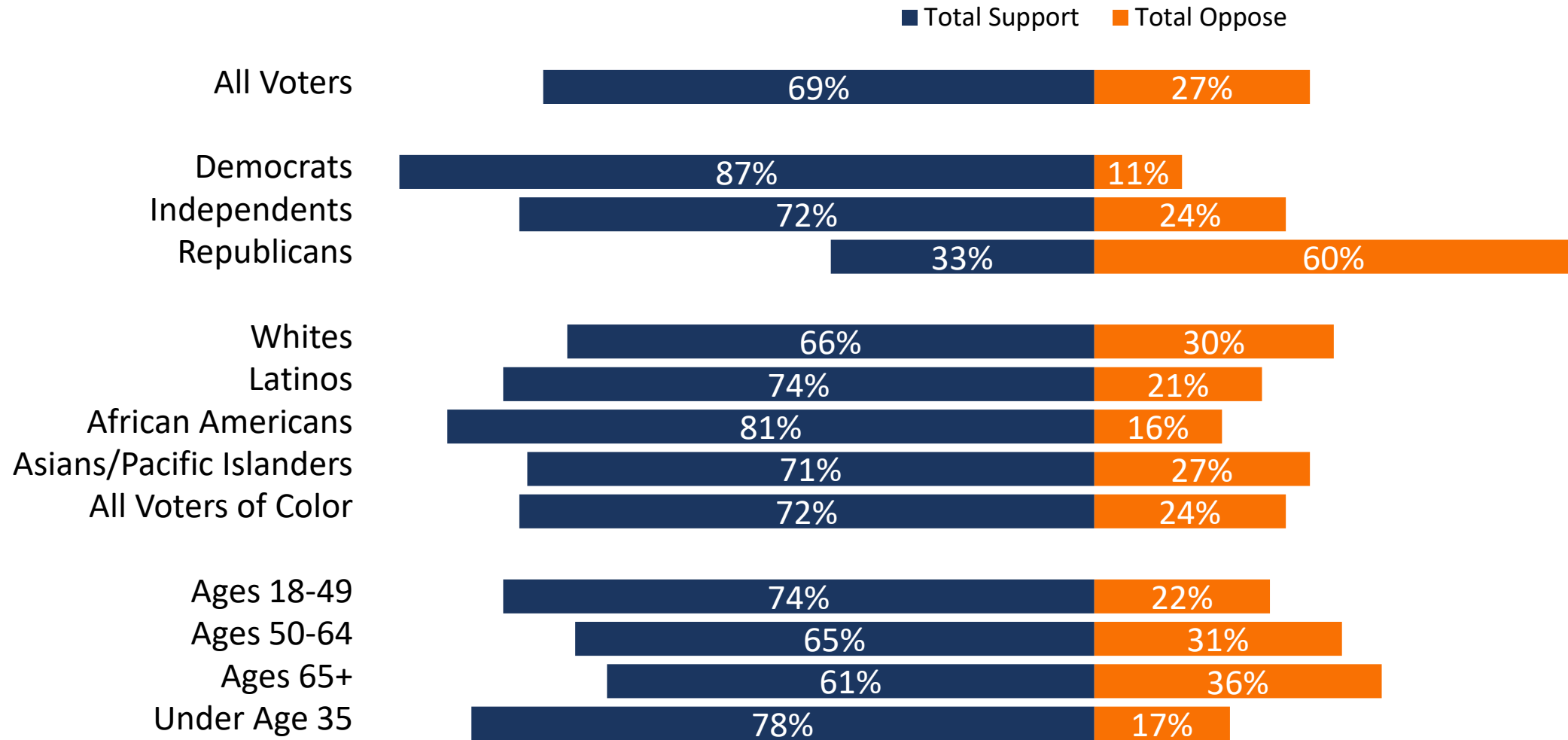


# Two-thirds of voters continue to support a public healthcare system for everyone in California.

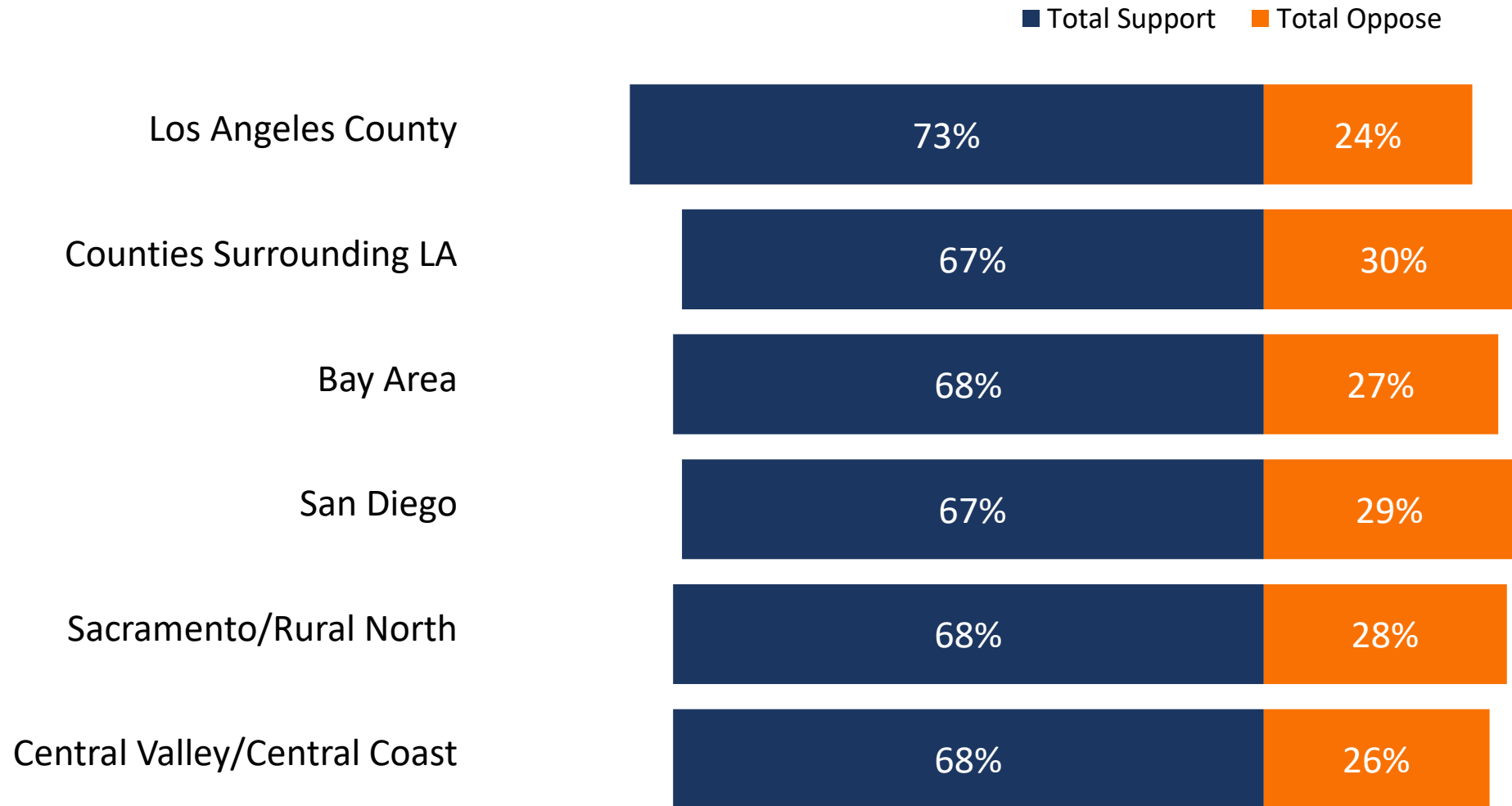
*In general, would you support or oppose establishing a public healthcare system to provide health coverage to everyone in California?*



# Strong support for public healthcare cuts across Democrats, independents, racial and ethnic groups and age groups.

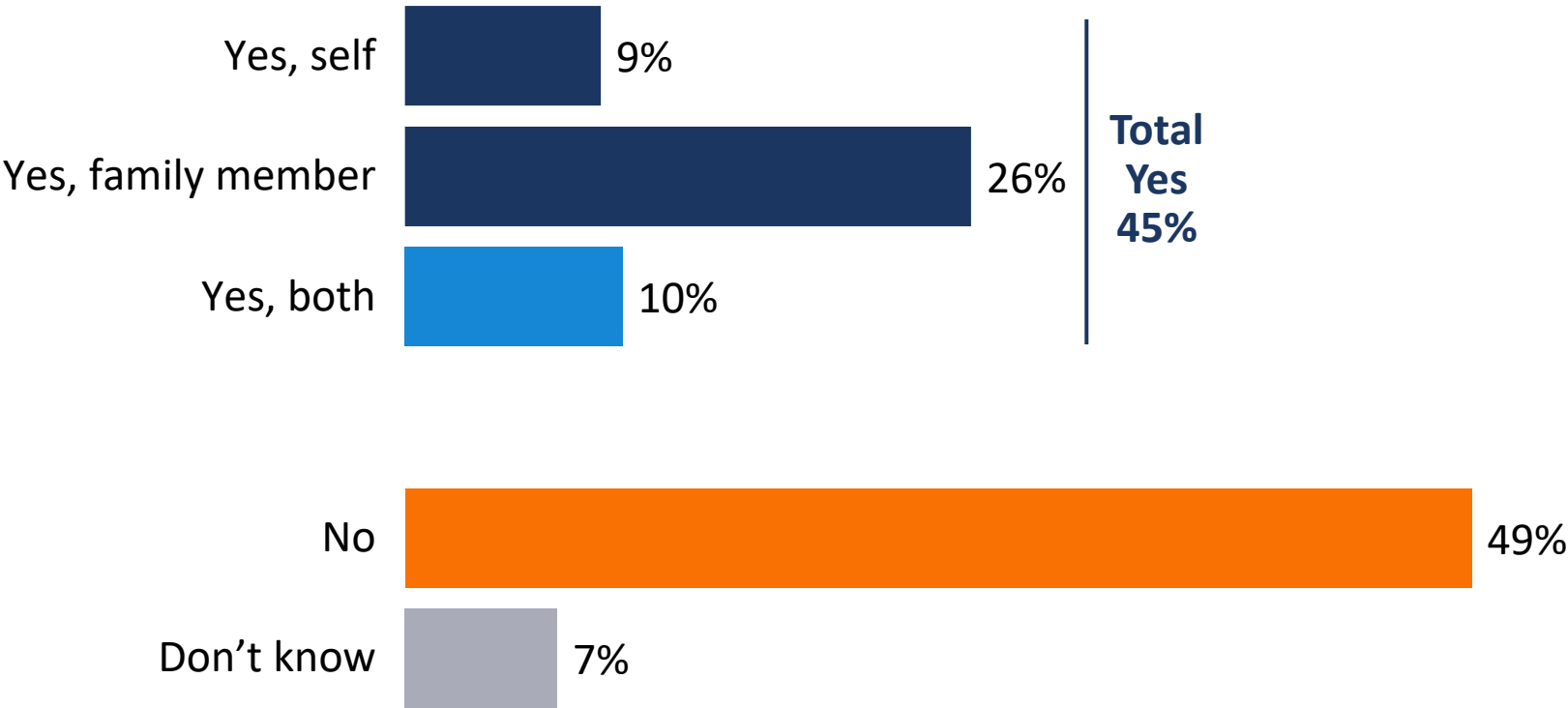


# Additionally, voters across regions of the state favor a public healthcare system.



# Nearly half say they or a family member benefit from Medi-Cal.

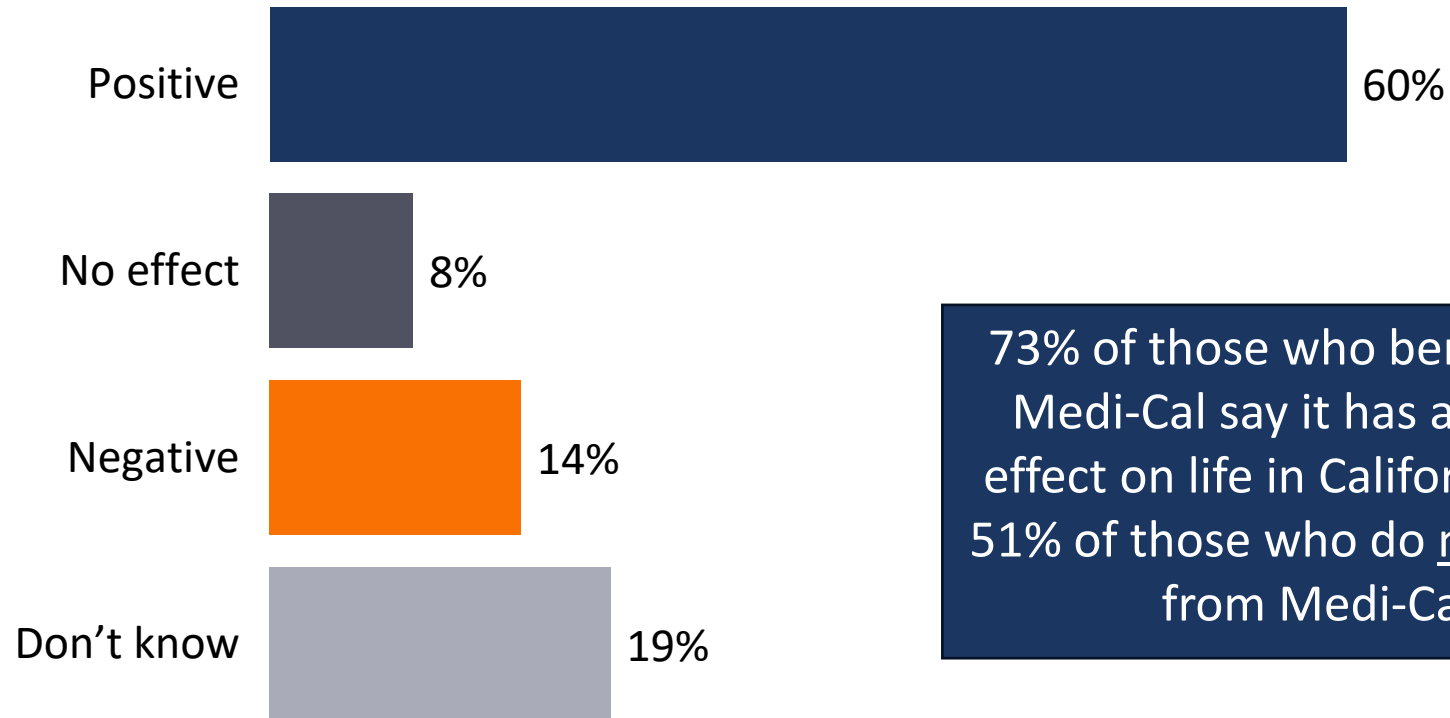
*Do you or someone in your immediate family benefit from publicly funded Medi-Cal?*





# Three in five voters say Medi-Cal has a positive effect on life in California.

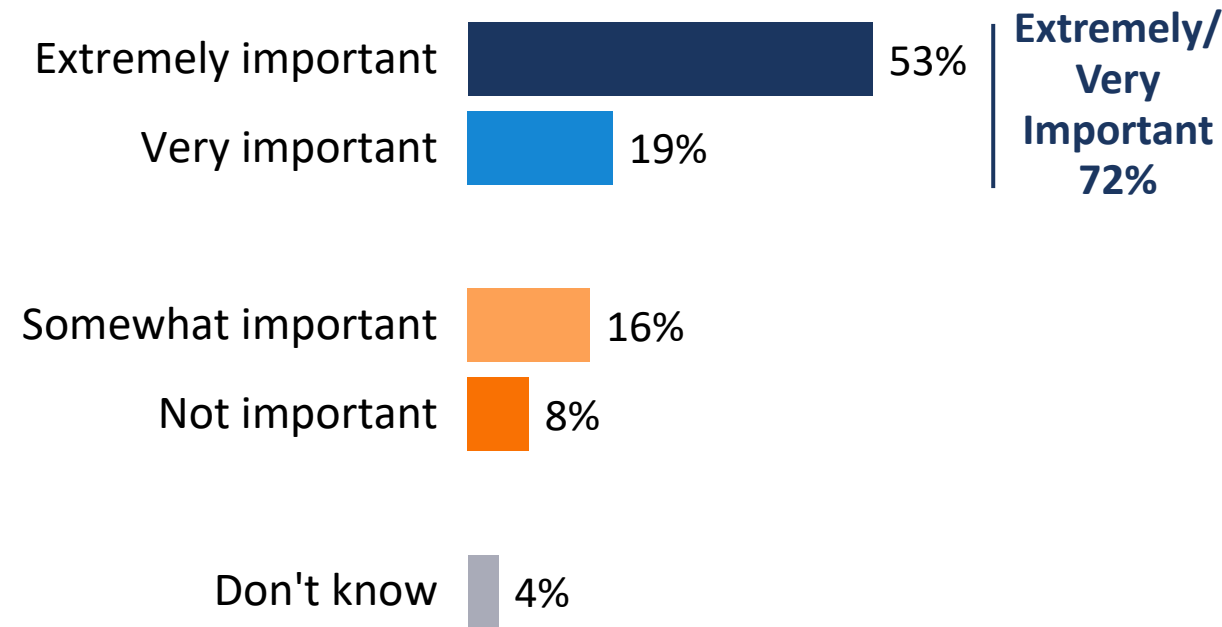
*Do you think Medi-Cal has a positive effect on life in California, a negative effect on life in California, or has no effect on life in California?*



73% of those who benefit from Medi-Cal say it has a positive effect on life in California, as do 51% of those who do not benefit from Medi-Cal.

# Nearly three-quarters say it is important to preserve Medi-Cal.

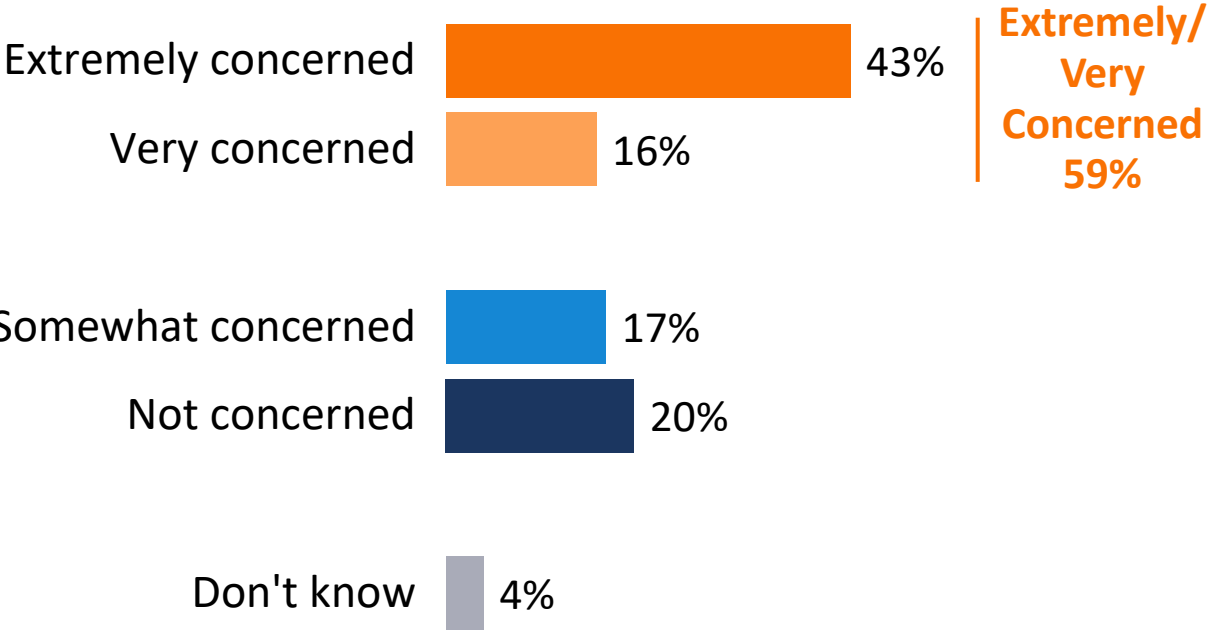
*Medi-Cal is California’s version of the federal Medicaid healthcare program. It serves low-income individuals, including families, seniors, people with disabilities, and more. Today, more than a third of Californians, nearly 15 million people, are enrolled in Medi-Cal. Knowing this, how important is it to preserve Medi-Cal?*



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Liberal Independents
African Americans

# A majority is very concerned about the impact of Medi-Cal funding cuts.

*Medi-Cal is a federally funded program and the federal government contributes more than three times what the state does to healthcare programs. If the federal government makes cuts to healthcare, as President Donald Trump is likely to propose to do, California will be forced to cut back Medi-Cal health coverage and other programs. How concerned are you about the effect that cutting Medi-Cal would have on Californians?*



Demographic Groups Disproportionately Likely to be “Extremely Concerned”
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Progressives
Democratic Women
LGBTQIA+
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Democratic Men
Liberals
Liberal Independents
Household Income <\$50,000
<20 Years in CA

# Attitudes Toward Immigration

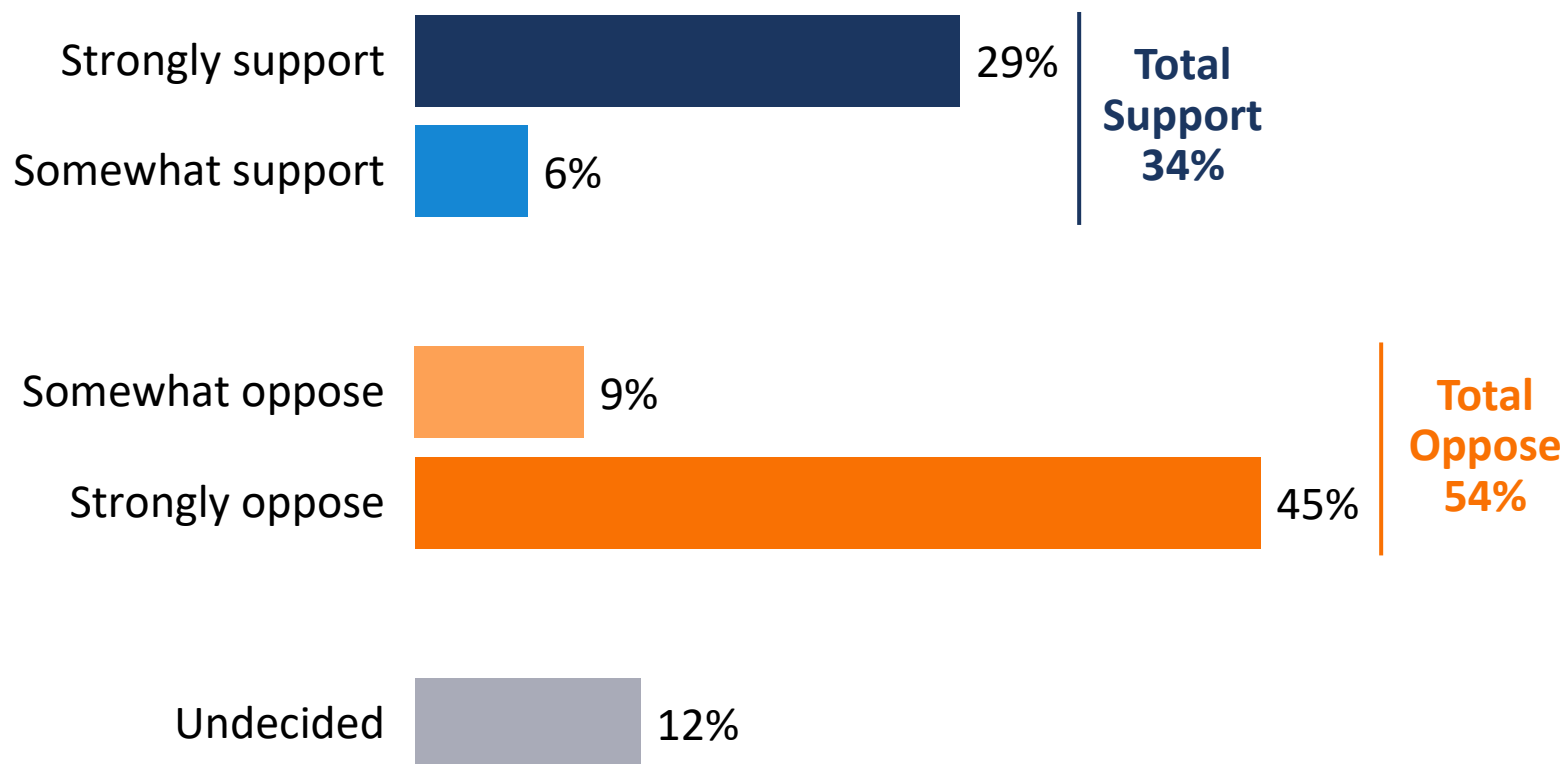
# Voters most commonly describe immigrants as hard workers.

What are one or two words or phrases that come to mind when you think of  
**(Half Sample: undocumented)** immigrants in California?  
 (Open-ended)

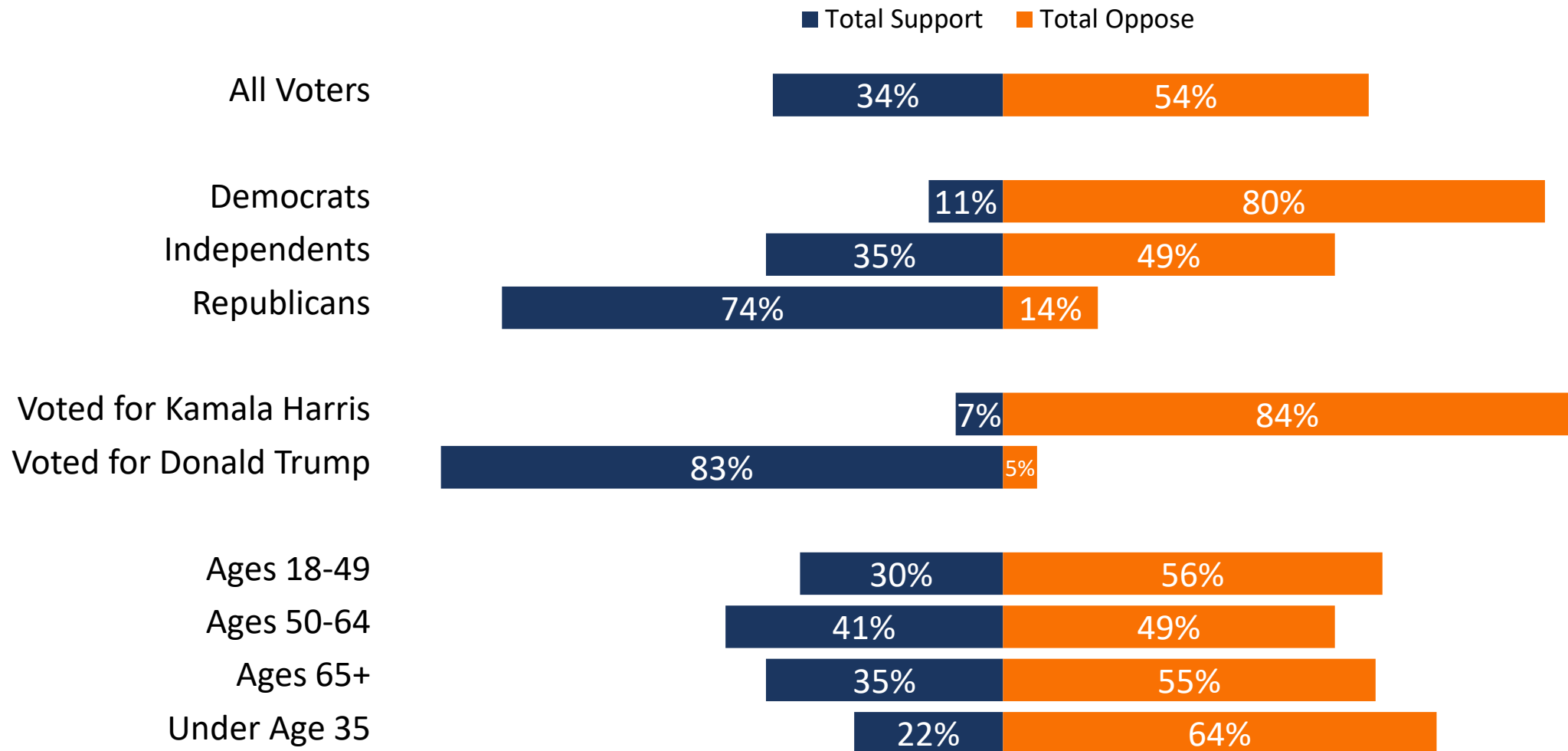
Word/Phrase	Undocumented Immigrants	Immigrants
Hard working/hard workers/farm workers/doing job we don't want to do	24%	21%
Illegal immigrants bad/legal immigrants good	15%	15%
Crime/drugs	10%	5%
Too many/out of control/open borders	9%	10%
Cheap source of labor/good for the economy/stealing jobs	9%	9%
Want a better life/better life	7%	4%
Draining social programs/resources	7%	4%
Unfair treatment	6%	3%
Tax drain/they pay no taxes	5%	3%
Contributors/part of the community	4%	6%
At risk/in danger/homeless/impoverished	4%	2%
Necessary/needed/important	3%	6%
General negative	2%	3%
Not a problem/not a big issue	2%	1%
Determined/relentless	2%	1%
General positive/good people	1%	3%
Country built on illegal immigration/we are all immigrants	1%	4%
Democrats/Trump/culture war	1%	1%

# Only one-third of California voters support Trump's plan to deport all undocumented immigrants.

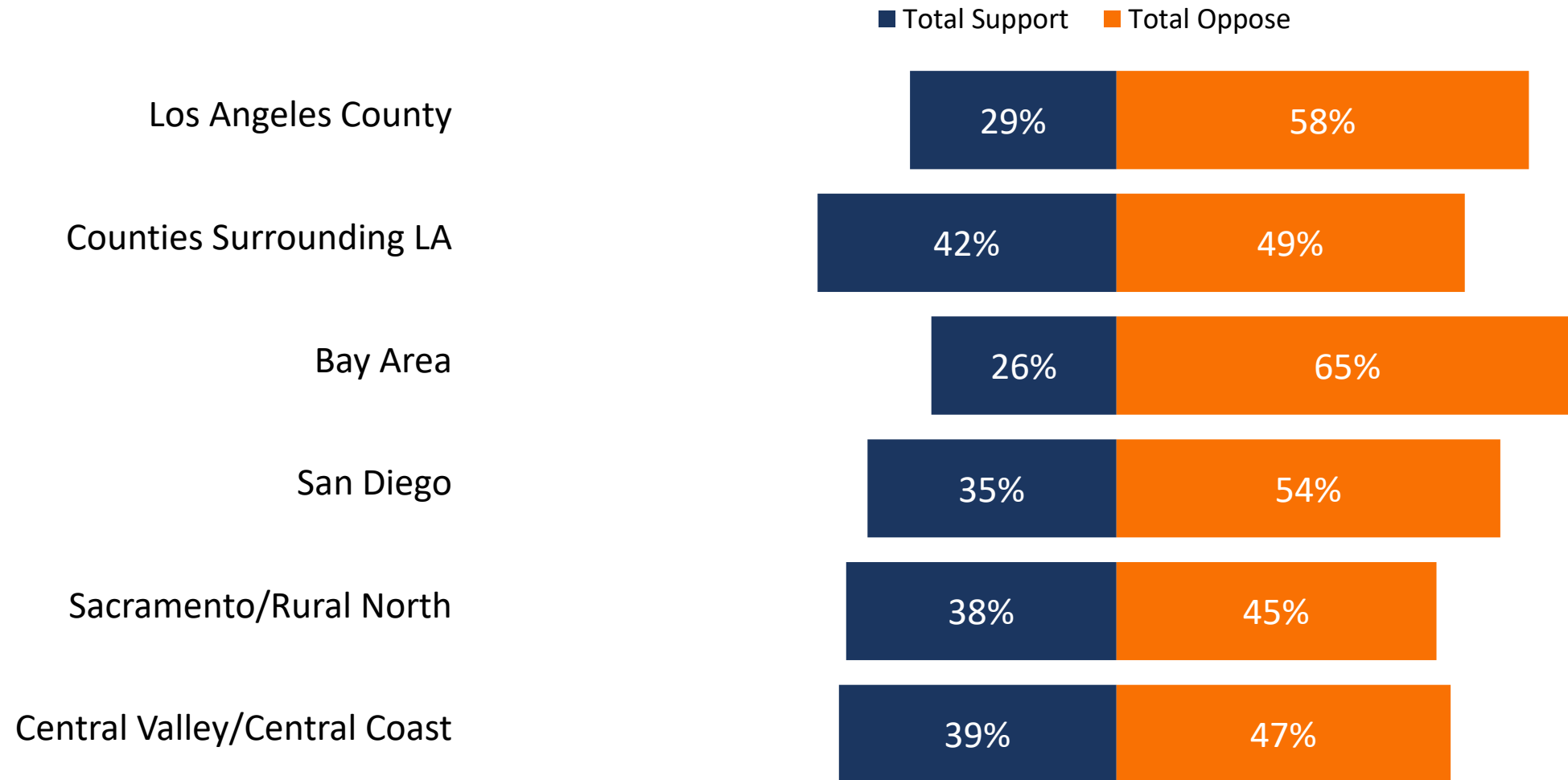
*President Trump has declared that he plans to deport all undocumented immigrants in the United States. Do you support or oppose this plan?*



# Support for this plan is highly partisan, with very few Democrats or Harris voters in favor of it.



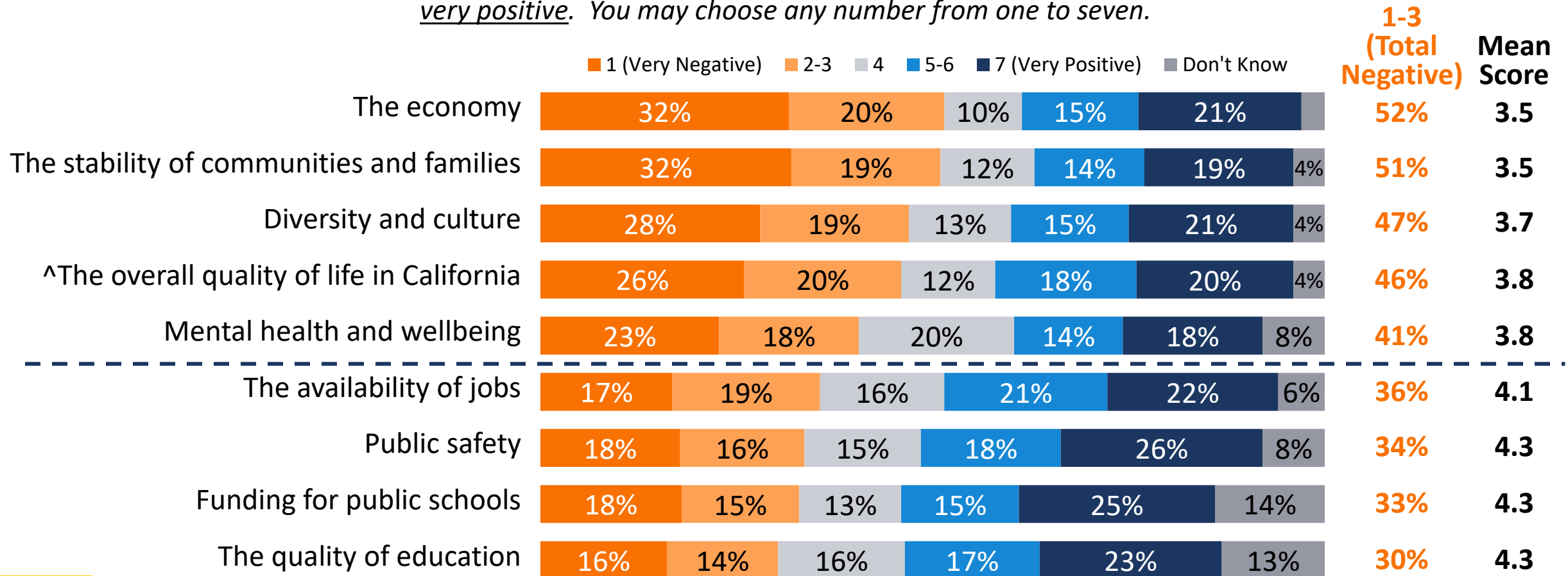
# The strongest support for the plan comes from the state's more ideologically conservative regions.





# Voters say the plan would have the most negative impact on the economy and the stability of communities and families.

Here is a list of aspects of life in California that could be affected by Donald Trump's plan to deport all undocumented immigrants. Please indicate if you think deporting all undocumented immigrants would have a positive or negative effect on that aspect of life in California, using a scale of one to seven, where "one" means very negative and "seven" means very positive. You may choose any number from one to seven.



# Voters under age 35 are more likely to perceive negative impacts than are older voters.

Aspect	All Voters	1-3 (Total Negative)						
		Party			Age			
		Dems	Inds	Reps	18-49	50-64	65+	<i>Under Age 35</i>
The economy	<b>53%</b>	68%	51%	26%	60%	46%	42%	65%
The stability of communities and families	<b>50%</b>	70%	44%	23%	57%	41%	45%	62%
Diversity and culture	<b>47%</b>	59%	48%	25%	55%	36%	41%	63%
^The overall quality of life in California	<b>46%</b>	66%	37%	21%	50%	41%	42%	57%
Mental health and wellbeing	<b>40%</b>	57%	32%	20%	48%	35%	29%	53%
The availability of jobs	<b>36%</b>	51%	28%	18%	38%	34%	31%	42%
Public safety	<b>34%</b>	44%	34%	16%	40%	26%	29%	44%
Funding for public schools	<b>33%</b>	41%	33%	18%	37%	27%	29%	39%
The quality of education	<b>31%</b>	42%	24%	18%	32%	28%	31%	36%

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# AAPI voters are somewhat less likely to perceive negative impacts to the economy than are others.

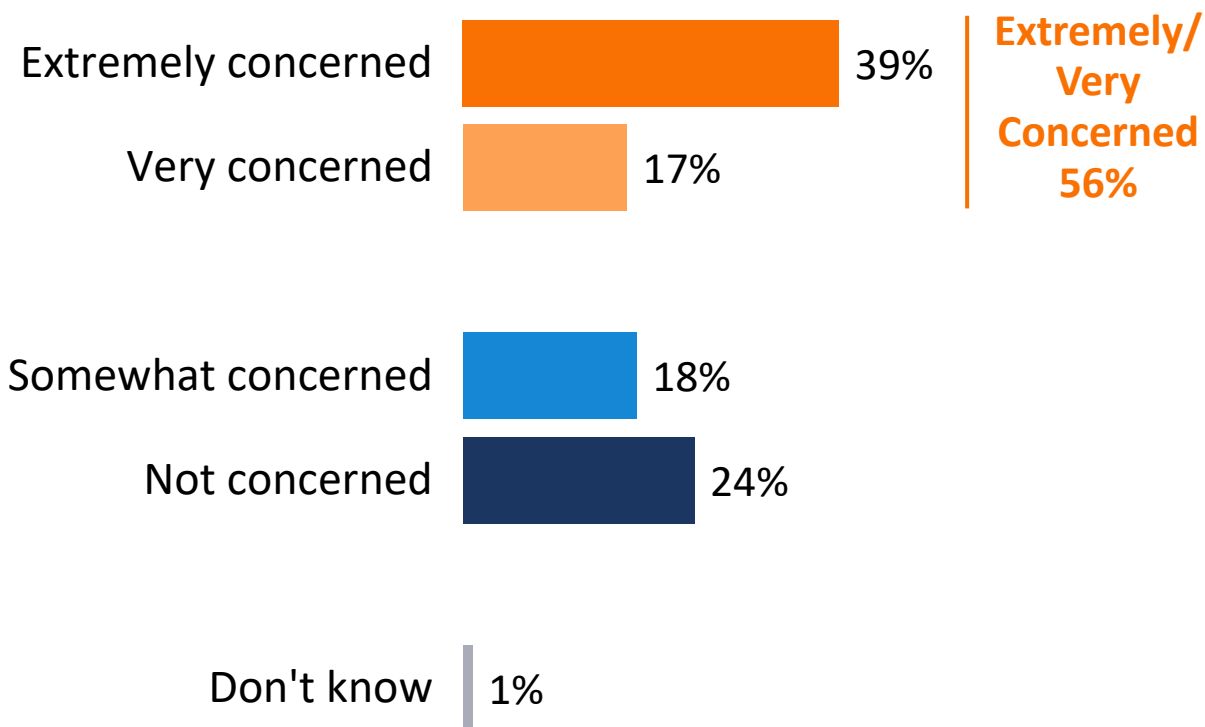
Aspect	All Voters	1-3 (Total Negative)				
		Race/Ethnicity				
		Whites	Latinos	African Americans	Asians/ Pacific Islanders	All Voters of Color
The economy	53%	53%	56%	54%	43%	53%
The stability of communities and families	50%	50%	50%	55%	55%	51%
Diversity and culture	47%	46%	49%	56%	50%	49%
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# A majority of voters is very concerned about family separation.

*How concerned are you about the separation of families if mass deportation were to occur:*

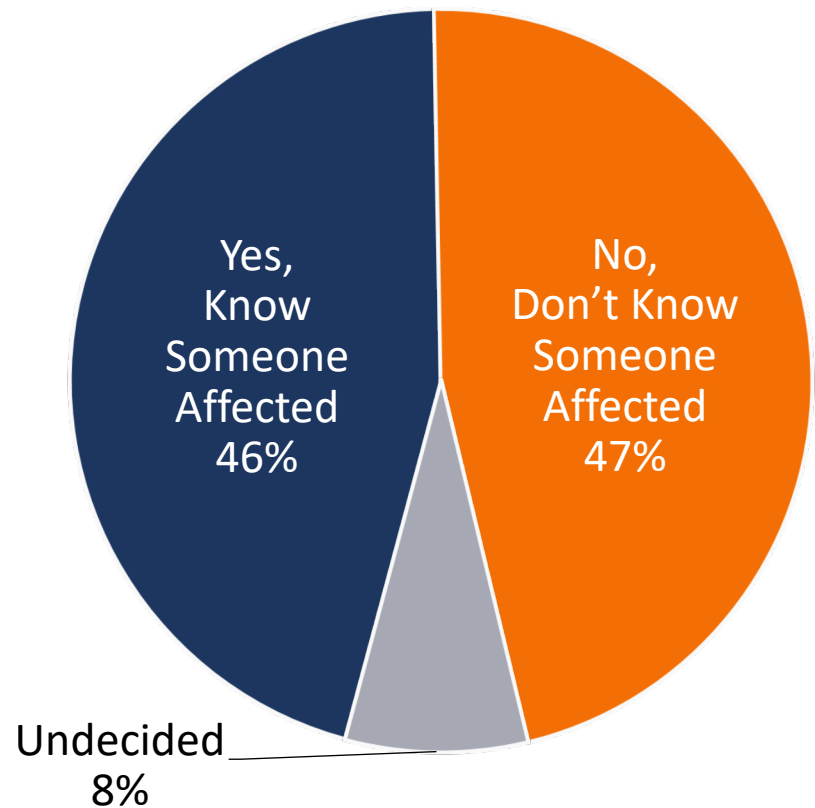


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# Nearly half of California voters know someone who could be affected by this plan.

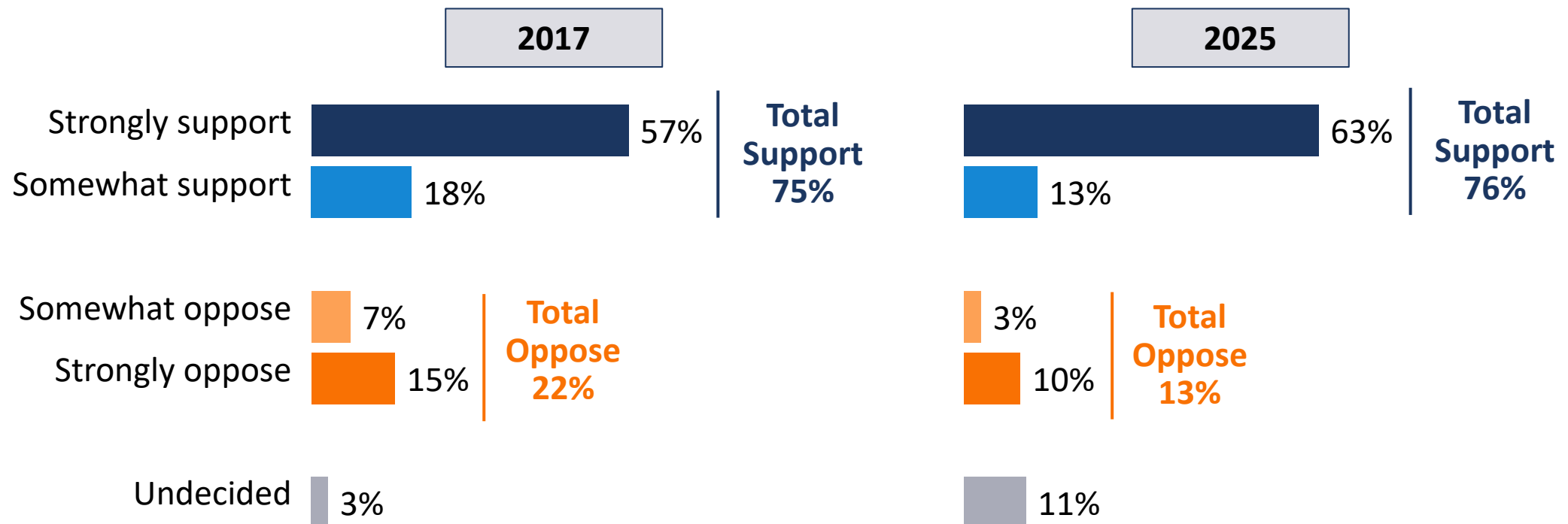
*Do you know someone who could be affected by a plan to deport all undocumented immigrants?*



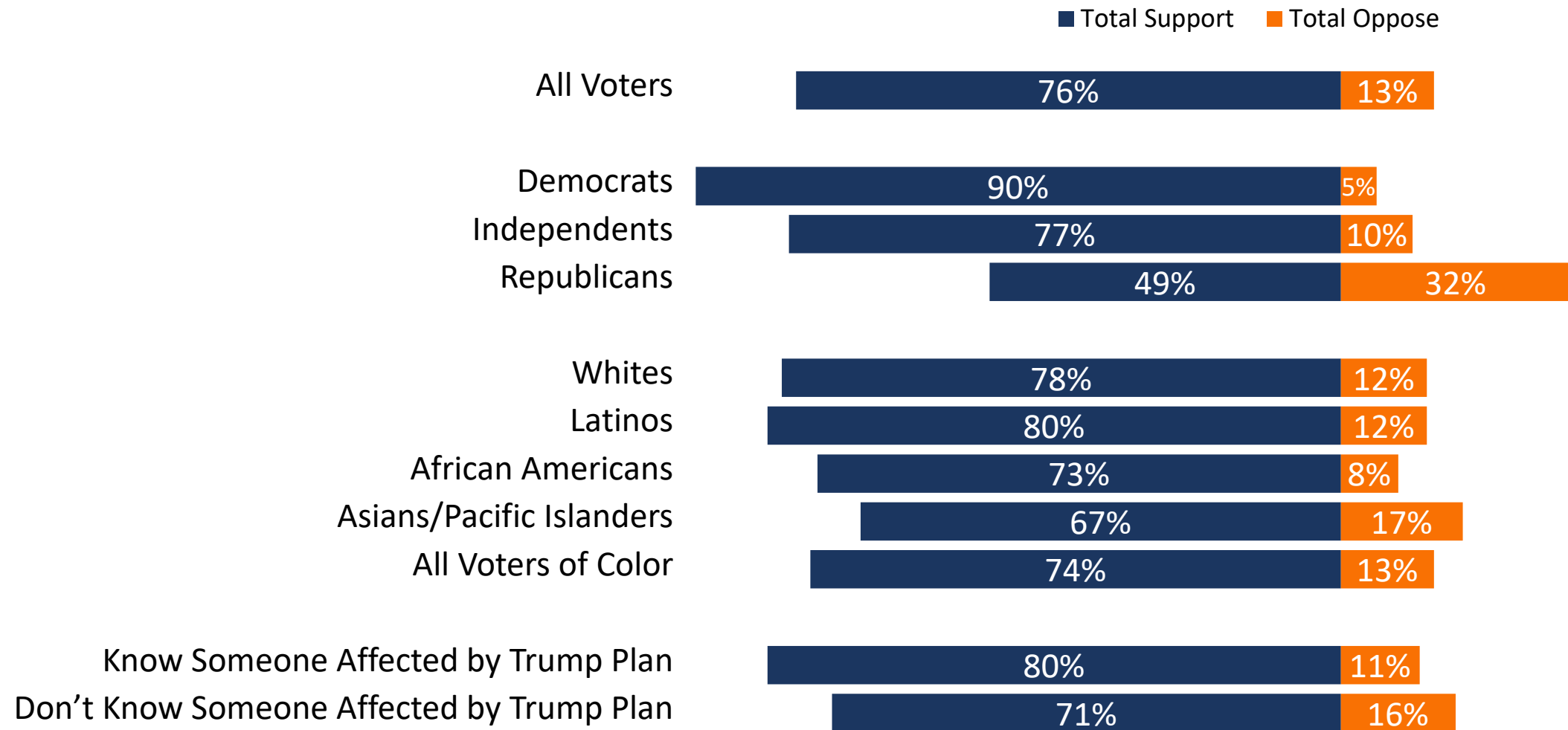
**58% of Latino voters know someone who would be affected by this plan as do 56% of voters under age 35.**

# As in 2017, three-quarters of voters favor creating a path to citizenship for DACA individuals.

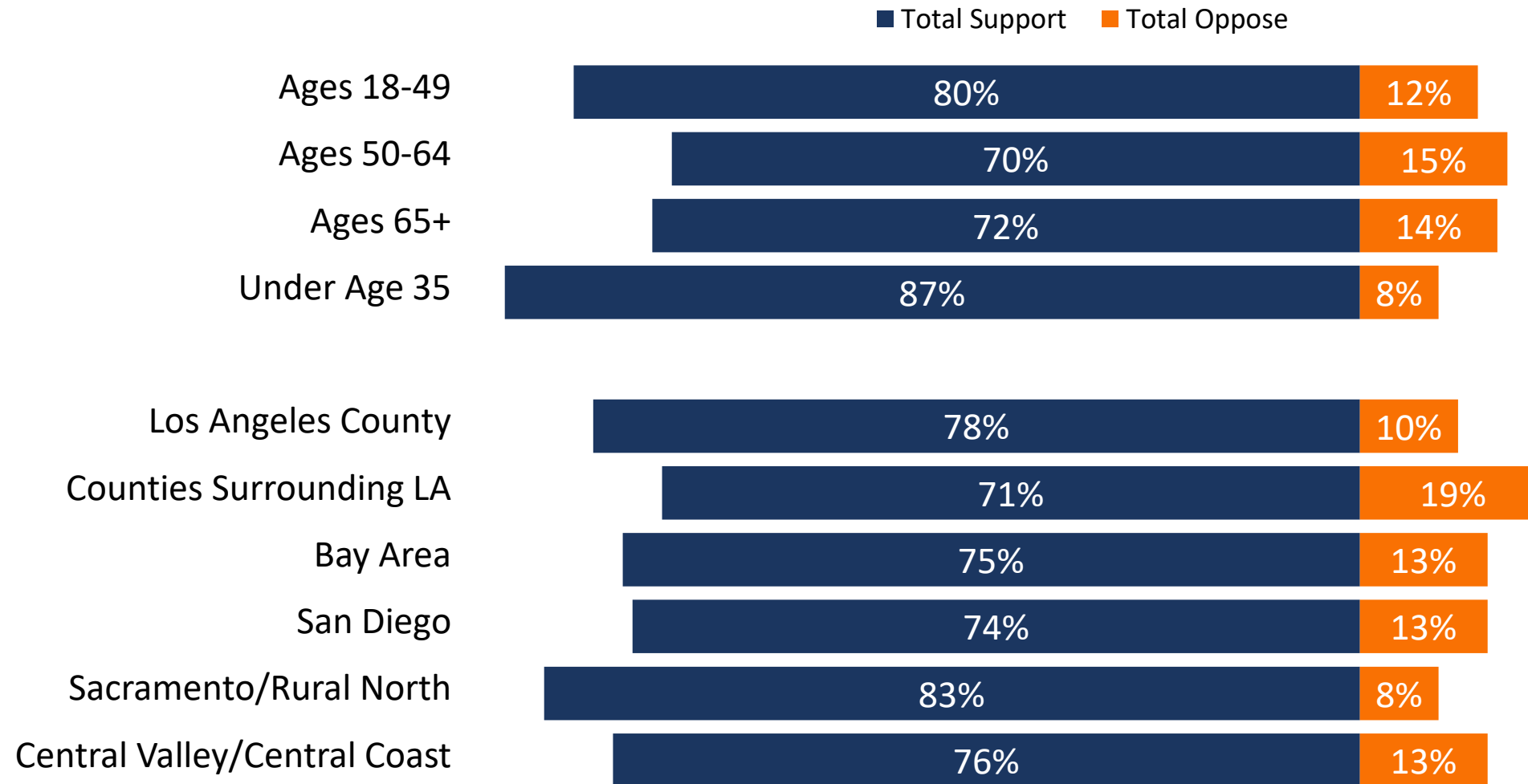
*Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, is a temporary immigration policy which allows individuals who came to the US illegally before the age of 16 with their parents to remain in the United States. To qualify, these individuals have to be currently enrolled in school; have obtained a GED; or be an honorably discharged veteran. Additionally, they cannot have a criminal record or be considered a threat to national security and public safety. DACA is not a path to citizenship. Some people have proposed creating a path to citizenship for DACA individuals. Would you support or oppose this proposal to create a path to citizenship for them?*



# Support for a path to citizenship for DACA individuals cuts across major subgroups, including half of Republicans.



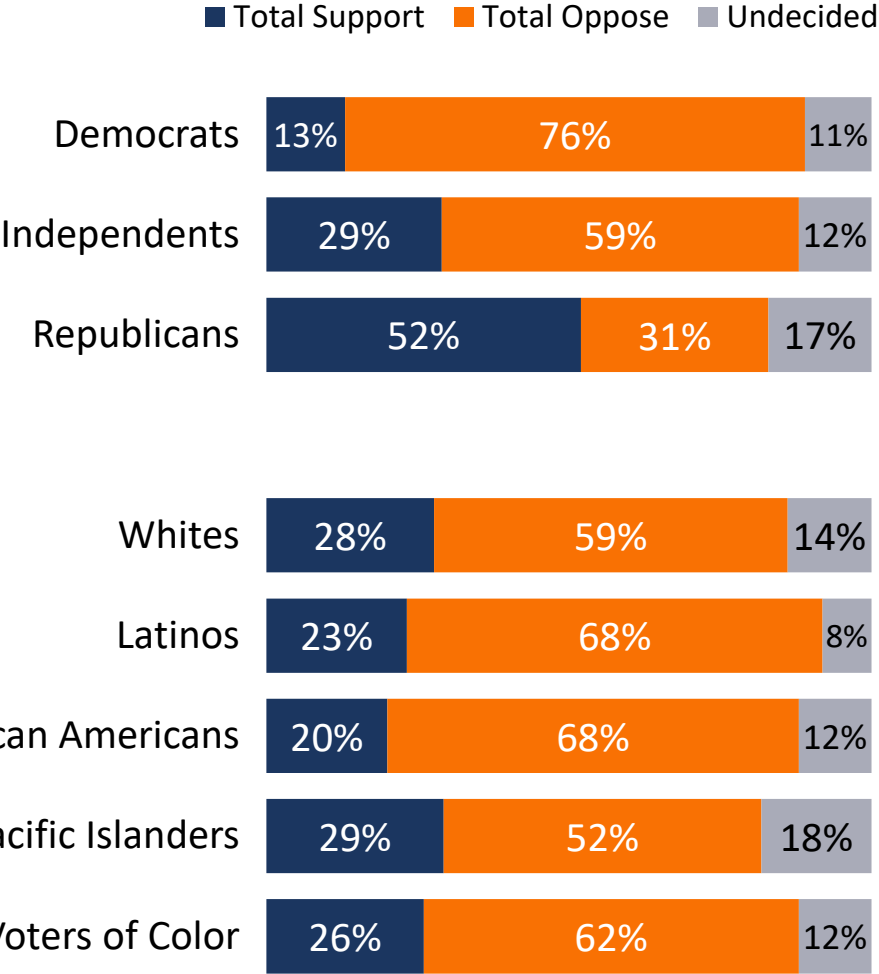
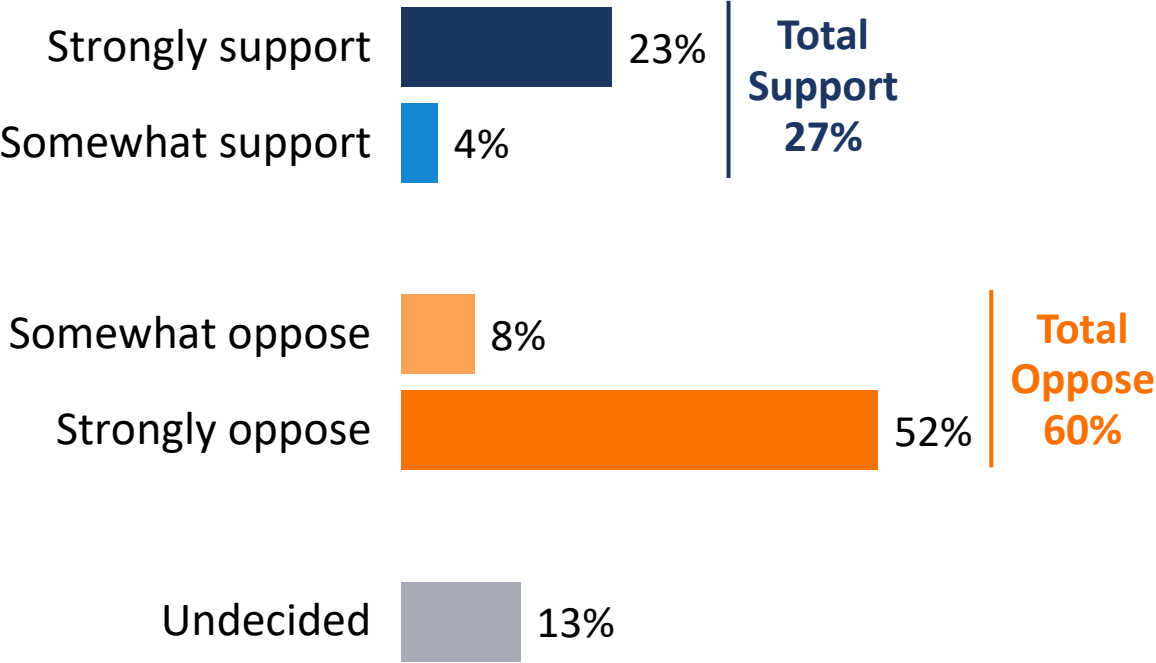
# Support also cuts across the state.





# Only one-quarter of California voters favor the plan to end birthright citizenship for the children of undocumented immigrants.

*The United States of America is one of a number of nations that have a system called “birthright citizenship,” in which any person born in the United States is automatically a citizen of the country. President Trump has proposed ending birthright citizenship to prevent the children of undocumented immigrants who are born in the United States from becoming citizens. Do you support or oppose this proposal?*



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- Voters feel negative about the direction of the state; they are particularly concerned about the high cost of living, the cost of housing and homelessness.
- Additionally, voters report high rates of disempowerment; they do not feel like they have a real voice in politics and most don't think they can have a meaningful impact.
- At the same time, there is a widespread consensus that, in principle, Californians should unite across race and gender to create more opportunity for all.
- Concern about crime is widespread, has increased in the last few years, and drives support for a more punitive approach; this perception motivated support for Prop 36, and voters say that taking criminals off the streets and placing them in jail makes communities safer.
  - These perceptions cut across many major demographic groups, with the exception of voters under age 35 who tend to take a more progressive stance.
- Voters have a widely positive view on the impact of Medi-Cal and continue to offer consistent support for expanding public healthcare.
- California voters also express widespread support for immigrant communities; a majority opposes deportation of undocumented immigrants, only one-quarter back ending birthright citizenship and more than three-quarters support a path to citizenship for DACA individuals.



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