California Voter Attitudes Toward Health Policy Issues

Key Findings of a Statewide Voter Survey Conducted September 26-October 4, 2026

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Survey Methodology

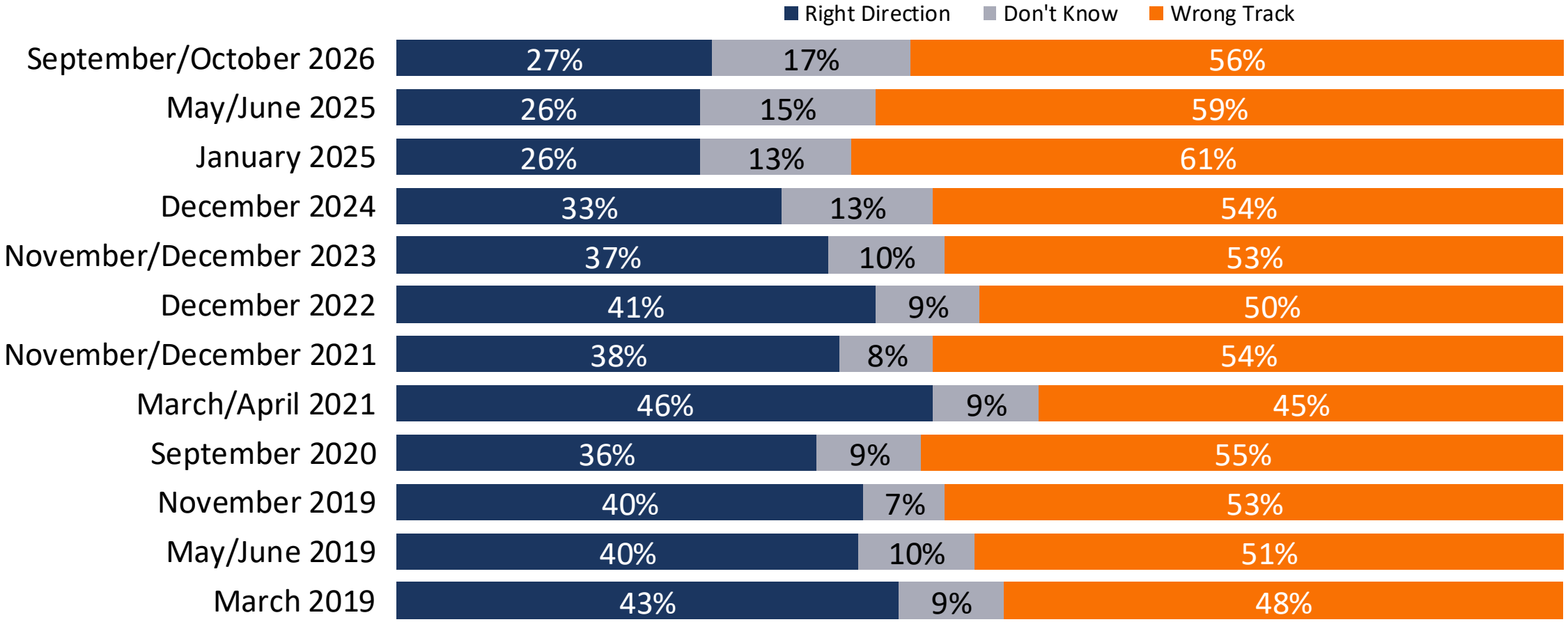
Dates	September 26-October 4, 2026
Survey Type	Dual-mode Voter Survey
Research Population	California Voters
Total Interviews	810
Margin of Sampling Error	(Full Sample) ±3.5% at the 95% Confidence Level (Half Sample) ±4.9% at the 95% Confidence Level
Contact Methods	 Telephone Calls  Email Invitations  Text Invitations
Data Collection Modes	Telephone Interviews  Online Interviews
Survey Tracking	2021-2025
Languages	English and Spanish

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

Issue Context

A majority of voters say California is off on the wrong track.

First, would you say things in California are headed in the right direction, or do you feel they are off on the wrong track?

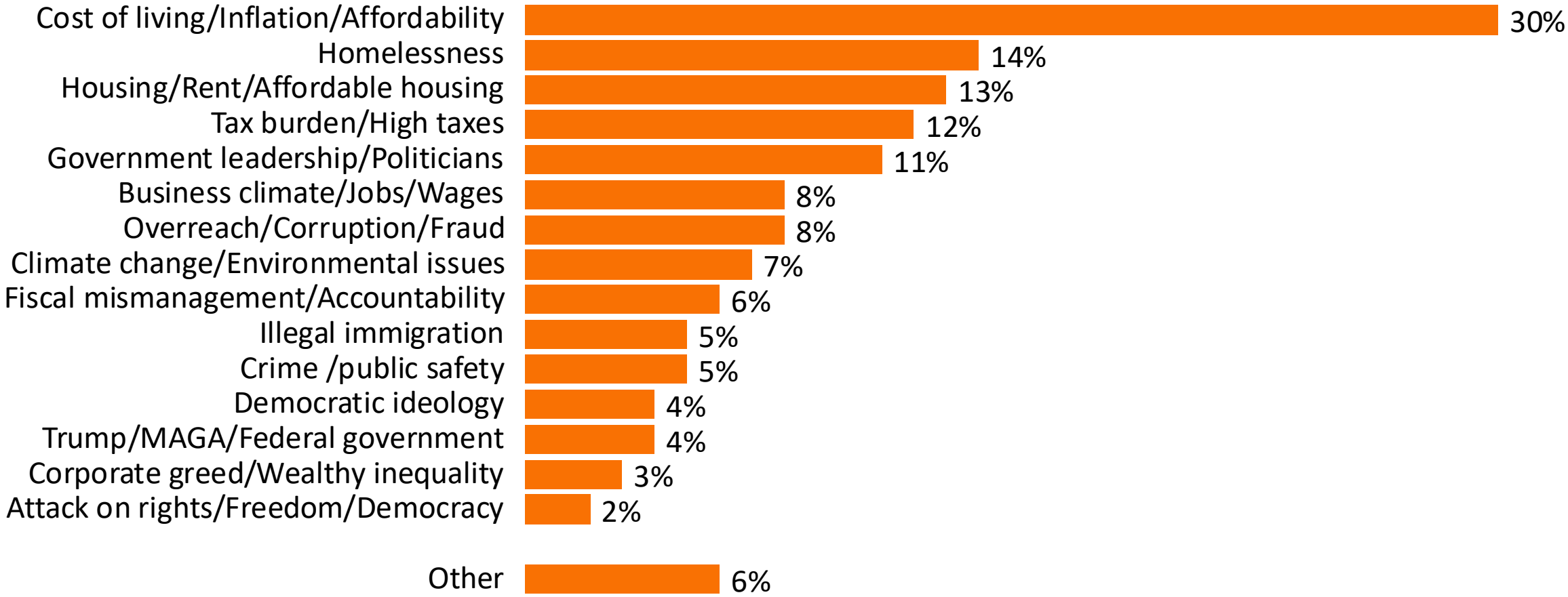


Q1.

Cost of living is the most frequently mentioned problem facing California.

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

(Open-ended)



Q2. Split Sample

Verbatim Comments Describing Top Issue Facing California

Lack of good paying jobs

Housing affordability, houseless individuals, gas and food prices

That many authority figures prioritize working amongst each other rather than for the people and are becoming desensitized to those who are less fortunate.

Loss of local control, increased taxation, fraud that the state has failed to control, the housing issue that benefits the building industry, affordable caused by California government, sanctuary policies, under employment of young workers, an education system that is failing our children, unelected officials created mandates, lack of trust in the voting system and the fact that the registration of voters will not be audited.

Government accountability

Extremely high cost of living and considerably strict gun laws that don't affect anyone except people who can legally own them.

Small business costs

The Democratic Party does not support public safety. They also do not have the financial interests of the public in mind, ridiculous spending and endless taxes that help nobody.

Lack of affordability, in housing, medical care, and general cost of living. The rich are too rich, and everyone else is too poor.

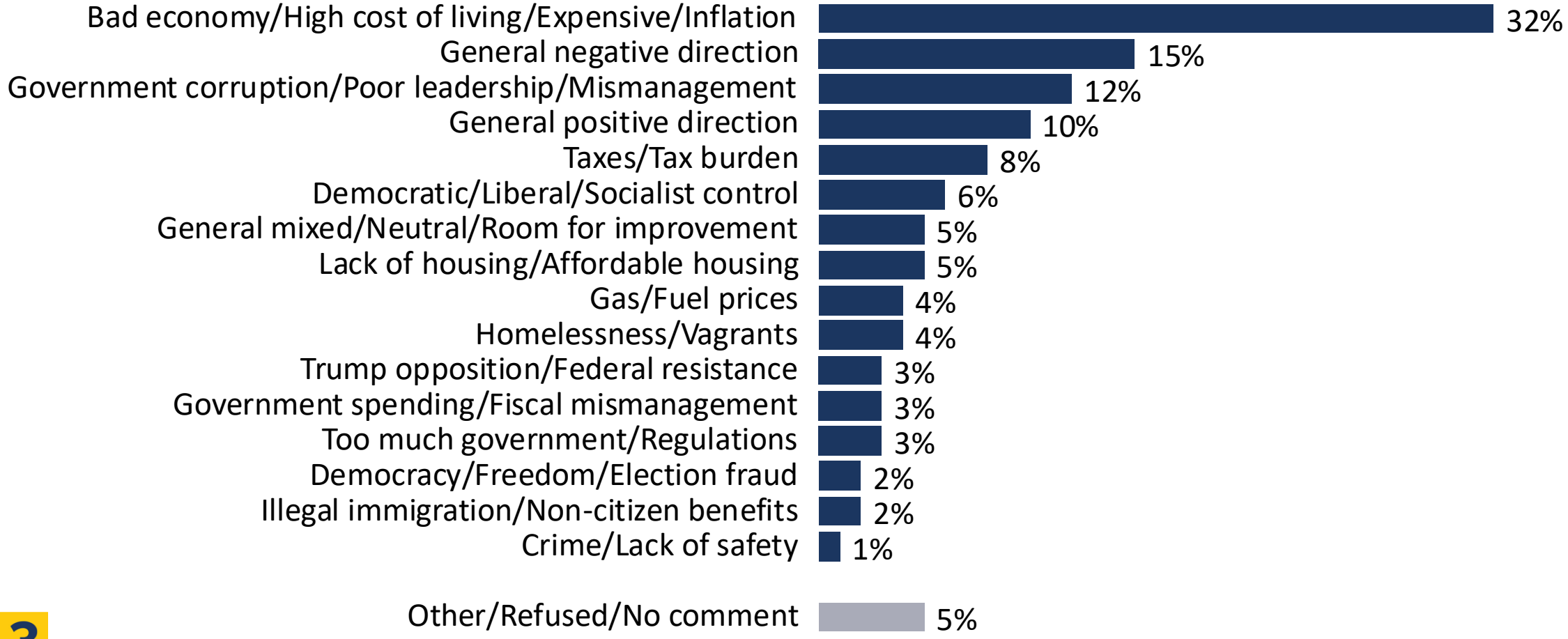
Important to get people into the governor, and all the offices that will take the need of Californians seriously.

Q2. In a few words of your own, what do you see as the most important problem facing California? Split Sample

Similarly, one-third point to the high cost of living when describing how things are going in California.

Next, 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)



Q3. Split Sample

Verbatim Comments Describing California

Way to expensive. I know we are trail blazers, but we are being priced out of everything. I'm 57 and have never owned a home, and lost hope that I ever will. Really sad I was born and raised here, and cannot afford to live here.

Gas prices, cost of living, housing. Didn't like all migrants getting free health care but strongly oppose Trump.

Heightened daily expenses and anxiety. Distrust in government officials.

Progressive, environmentally responsible, politically left leaning.

Why has the cost of living in California gone up so much but there are no improvements in quality of life?

Slow, and there's a LOT that we still need to do, but we're still better off than most of the country.

Homeless out reach is useless and people are getting rich and are doing nothing at all.

Run down and dangerous with pathetic public education.

Functional and prosperous multicultural society, but devastating housing shortage.

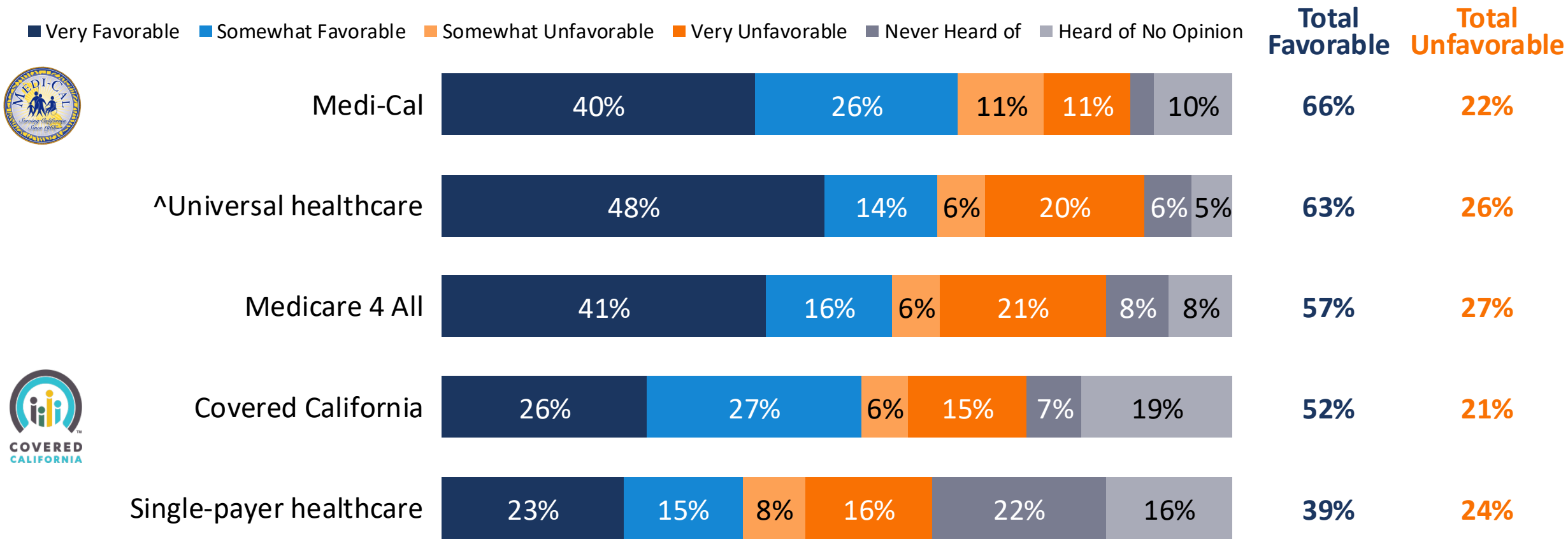
It's getting better because there is more attention to fighting NIMBYism and building homes.

Destroying everything with data centers and unfair politics like gerrymandering.

Q3. Next, if you had to describe how things are going in California in just two or three words or phrases, what would it be? Split Sample

Voters have a favorable opinion of Medi-Cal, universal healthcare, Medicare 4 All and Covered California.

Next, here are some names of programs. For each one, please indicate whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that program. You can also indicate if you have never heard of that program — or have heard of them, but do not have enough information to offer an opinion.



Q4. ^Not Part of Split Sample

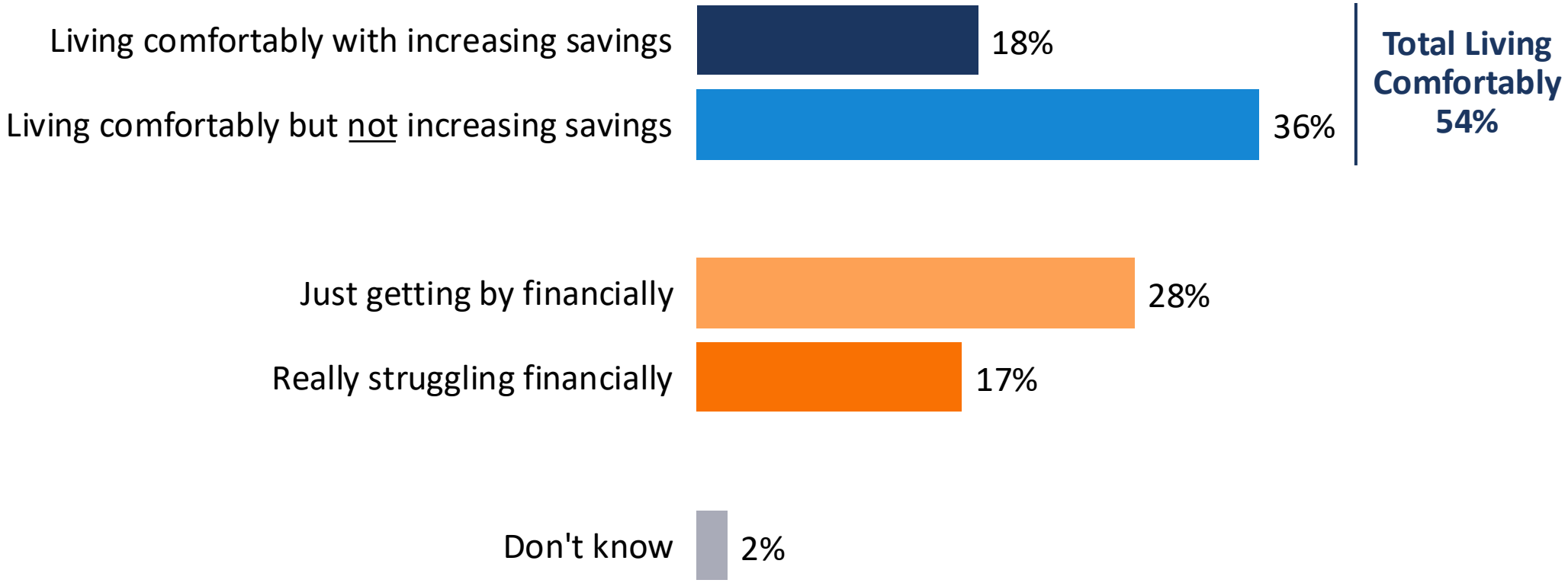
Relative to prior years, views of universal healthcare have improved.

Program	Total Favorable			
	May 2022	May/June 2025	September/October 2026	Difference (2025-2026)
^Universal healthcare	57%	57%	63%	+6%
Medi-Cal	65%	64%	66%	+2%
Covered California	52%	54%	52%	-2%

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Two in five Californians are just getting by financially or really struggling.

Which of the following best describes your current financial situation:



Q8.

A majority of Latino voters and voters under age 50 say they are just getting by or really struggling.

Demographic Group	Living Comfortably With Increasing Savings	Living Comfortably but Not Increasing Savings	Just Getting by Financially	Really Struggling Financially
All Voters	**18%**	**36%**	**28%**	**17%**
Gender				
Men	19%	40%	28%	11%
Women	18%	31%	27%	22%
Age				
18-49	15%	31%	31%	20%
50-64	17%	39%	24%	18%
65+	26%	41%	23%	9%
Race/Ethnicity				
White Voters	24%	37%	28%	10%
Latino Voters	10%	36%	24%	29%
African American Voters	23%	39%	29%	9%
Asian/Pacific Islander Voters	16%	38%	30%	7%
All Voters of Color	13%	36%	28%	21%

Q8. Which of the following best describes your current financial situation:

Voters with higher household incomes are more financially secure.

Demographic Group	Living Comfortably With Increasing Savings	Living Comfortably but Not Increasing Savings	Just Getting by Financially	Really Struggling Financially
Household Income				
<$50,000	3%	12%	45%	39%
$50,001-$75,000	8%	38%	41%	13%
$75,001-$100,000	7%	41%	29%	20%
$100,001-$125,000	15%	48%	18%	18%
$125,001-$150,000	30%	35%	23%	11%
$150,001+	37%	44%	17%	1%
Party				
Democrats	21%	37%	26%	16%
Independents	11%	33%	26%	25%
Republicans	23%	36%	33%	8%

Q8. Which of the following best describes your current financial situation:

Those in the counties around LA, Sacramento and Rural North and Central California are most likely to be just getting by or struggling.

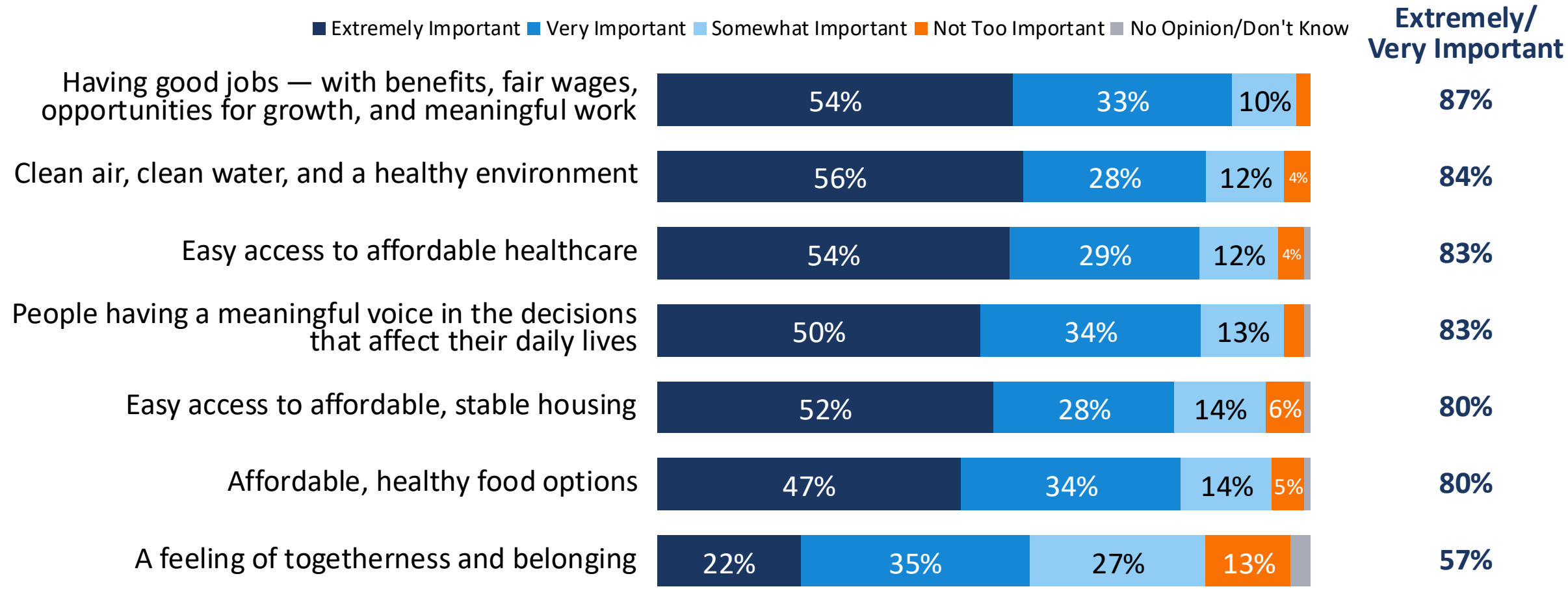
Demographic Group	Living Comfortably With Increasing Savings	Living Comfortably but Not Increasing Savings	Just Getting by Financially	Really Struggling Financially
Region				
Los Angeles County	15%	37%	25%	22%
Counties Surrounding Los Angeles	17%	29%	34%	19%
Bay Area	22%	43%	20%	14%
San Diego	19%	48%	18%	11%
Sacramento/Rural North	17%	30%	35%	15%
Central Valley/Central Coast	22%	29%	36%	12%

Q8. Which of the following best describes your current financial situation:

Perspectives on Community Health

Voters rank having good jobs and a clean, healthy environment, access as the most important elements to making California communities healthy.

Next, here is a list of factors that may contribute to making California communities healthy. For each one please indicate whether you consider this factor to be extremely, very, somewhat, or not too important to making California communities healthy.



Q6.

There is a notable partisan disparity on the importance of togetherness and belonging.

Factor	Extremely/Very Important			
	All Voters	Party		
		Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Having good jobs — with benefits, fair wages, opportunities for growth, and meaningful work	**87%**	93%	89%	76%
Clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment	**84%**	95%	87%	60%
Easy access to affordable healthcare	**83%**	95%	84%	59%
People having a meaningful voice in the decisions that affect their daily lives	**83%**	88%	83%	76%
Easy access to affordable, stable housing	**80%**	92%	82%	55%
Affordable, healthy food options	**80%**	88%	81%	64%
A feeling of togetherness and belonging	**57%**	71%	56%	35%

Q6. Next, here is a list of factors that may contribute to making California communities healthy. For each one please indicate whether you consider this factor to be extremely, very, somewhat, or not too important to making California communities healthy.

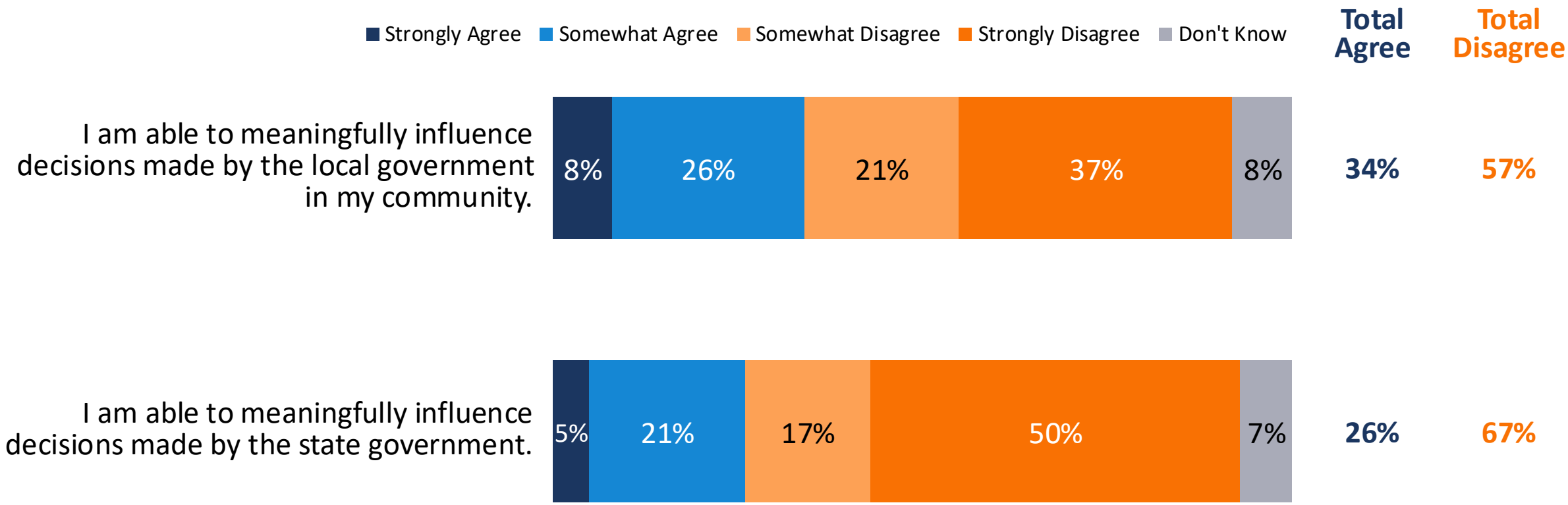
Perspectives vary modestly by race and ethnicity.

Factor	Extremely/Very Important						
	All Voters	Race/Ethnicity					
		White Voters	Latino Voters	African American Voters	Asian/ Pacific Islander Voters	All Voters of Color
Having good jobs — with benefits, fair wages, opportunities for growth, and meaningful work	**87%**	89%	88%	87%	83%	87%
Clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment	**84%**	82%	89%	78%	86%	87%
Easy access to affordable healthcare	**83%**	83%	86%	81%	79%	84%
People having a meaningful voice in the decisions that affect their daily lives	**83%**	84%	81%	90%	84%	83%
Easy access to affordable, stable housing	**80%**	79%	84%	86%	74%	81%
Affordable, healthy food options	**80%**	76%	87%	85%	77%	84%
A feeling of togetherness and belonging	**57%**	53%	64%	70%	60%	62%

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Voters widely feel that they have little influence over their local government, and even less so over their state government.

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



Q7.

Democrats are more likely than others to feel they have influence over government decisions.

Demographic Group	Total Agree	
	I am able to meaningfully influence decisions made by the local government in my community.	I am able to meaningfully influence decisions made by the state government.
All Voters	**34%**	**26%**
Party		
Democrats	46%	41%
Independents	28%	17%
Republicans	20%	10%
Race/Ethnicity		
White Voters	31%	24%
Latino Voters	45%	34%
African American Voters	47%	40%
Asian/Pacific Islander Voters	25%	14%
All Voters of Color	39%	29%

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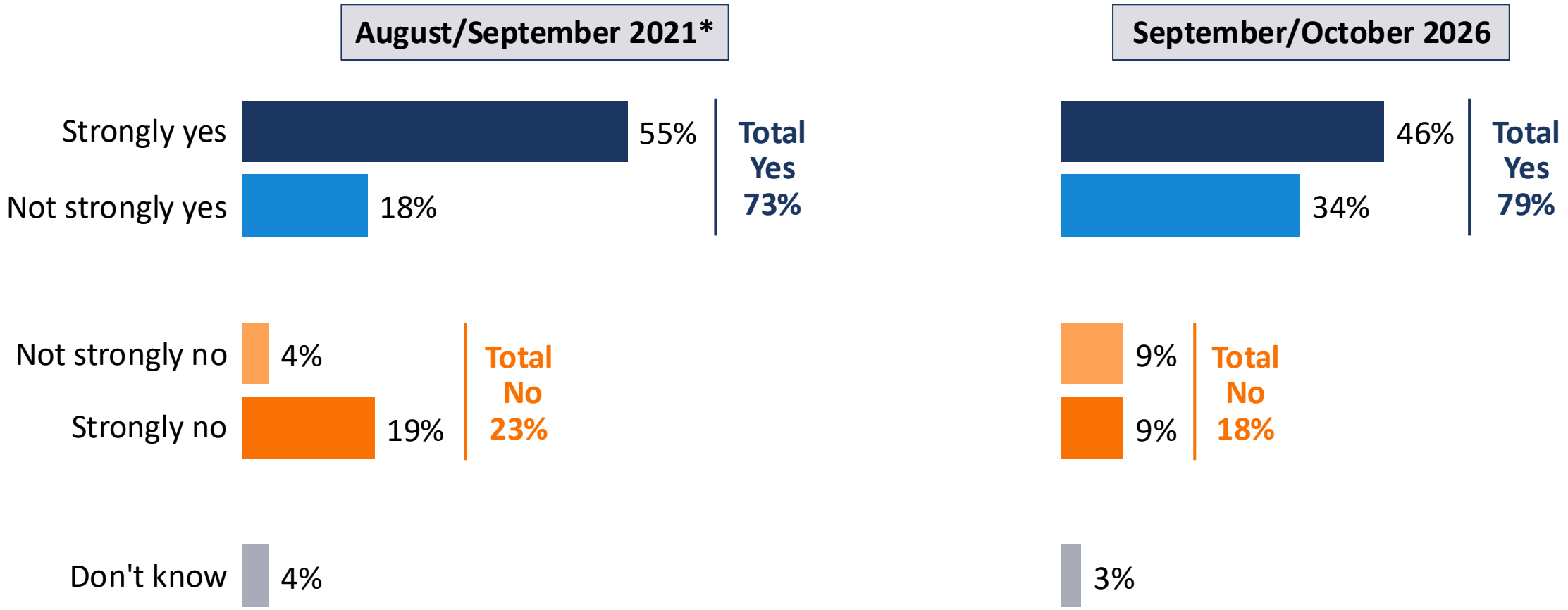
Voters in the Bay Area are most likely to feel they can meaningfully influence their local government.

Demographic Group	Total Agree	
	I am able to meaningfully influence decisions made by the local government in my community.	I am able to meaningfully influence decisions made by the state government.
Region		
Los Angeles County	33%	29%
Counties Surrounding Los Angeles	32%	26%
Bay Area	**40%**	23%
San Diego	39%	30%
Sacramento/Rural North	30%	25%
Central Valley/Central Coast	33%	24%

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Four in five Californians report getting the healthcare they need.

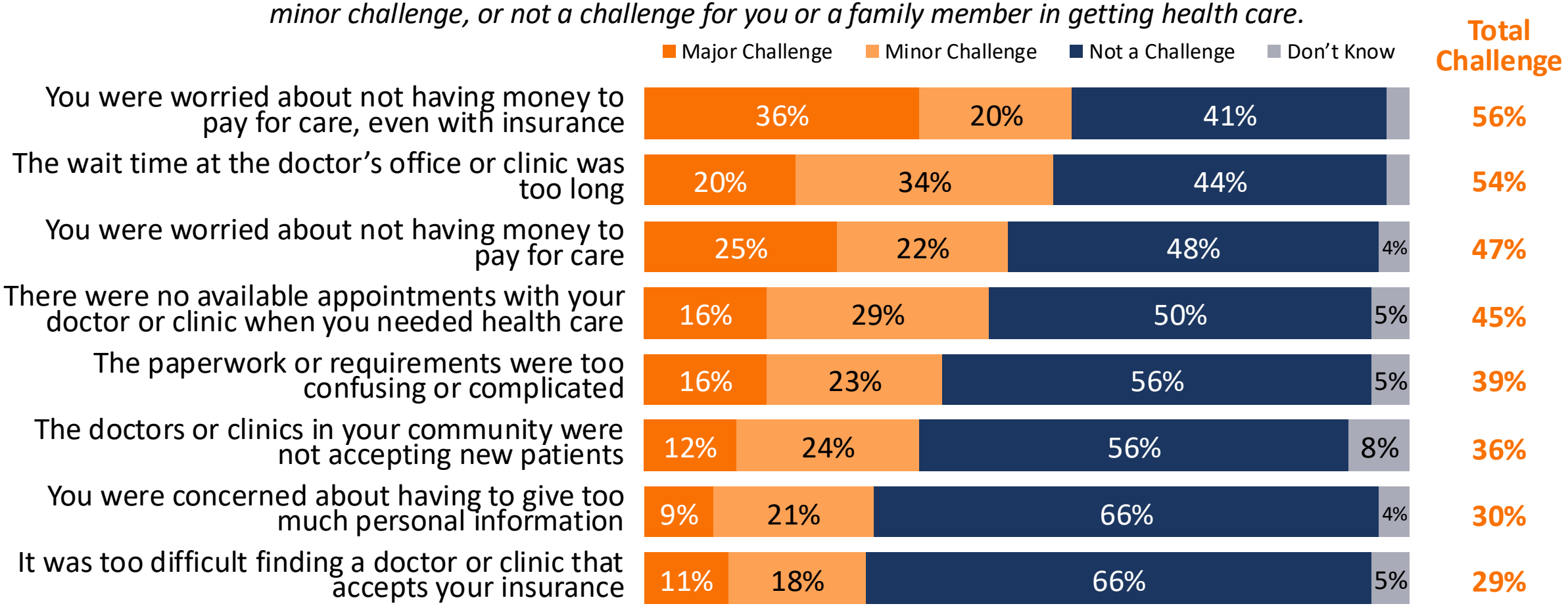
First, generally speaking, would you say that you and your family are currently getting the health care you need?



*Q9. *California Resident Survey*

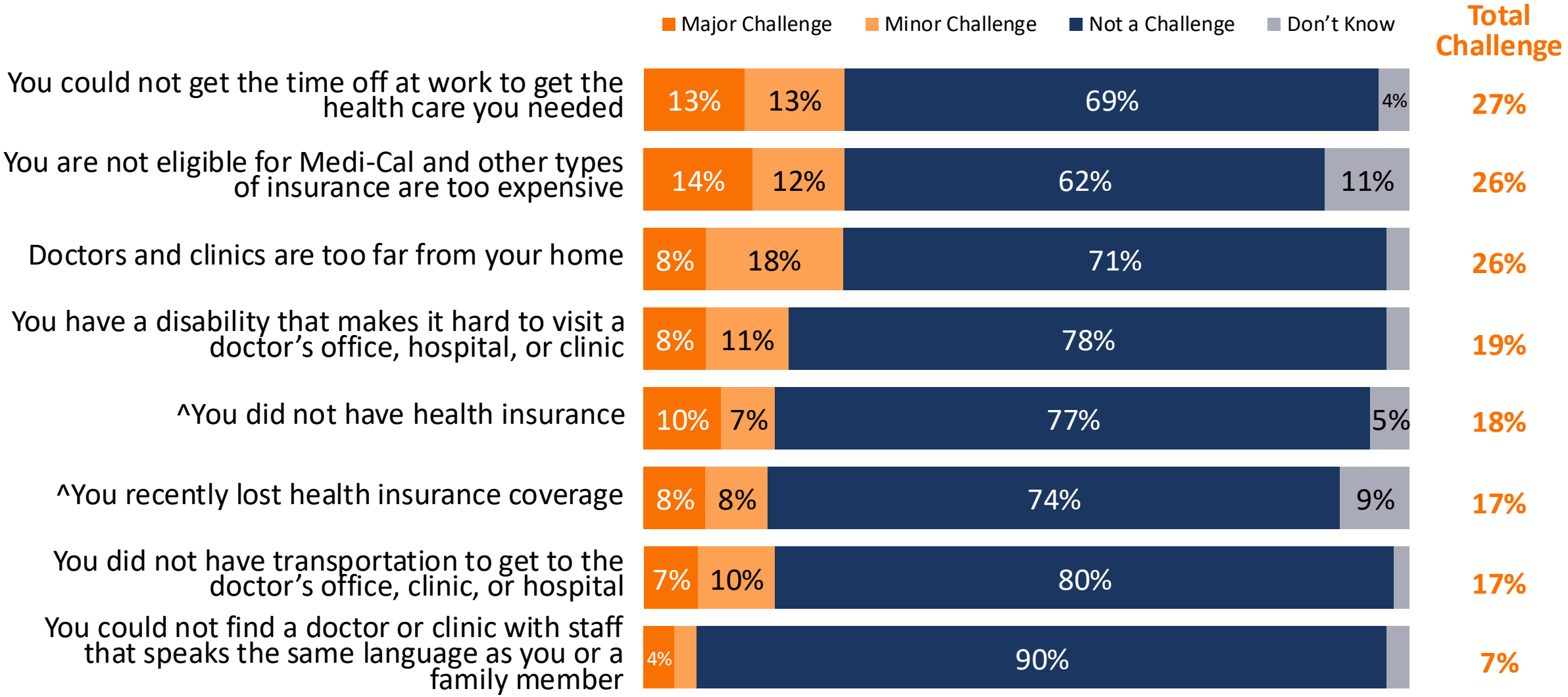
The most common challenges Californians experience are not having enough money to pay for care and long wait times.

Now, here are some reasons that some people who live in California have been unable to get access to the health care they needed. For each one, please indicate if this has been a major challenge, minor challenge, or not a challenge for you or a family member in getting health care.



Q10. Split Sample

For the majority of California voters, language barriers are not a challenge.



Q10. Now, here are some reasons that some people who live in California have been unable to get access to the health care they needed. For each one, please indicate if this has been a major challenge, minor challenge, or not a challenge for you or a family member in getting health care. ^Not Part of Split Sample

Republican voters are much less likely to express concern about cost compared to Democrats and independents.

Reason	Total Challenge			
	All Voters	Party		
		Dems	Inds	Reps
You were worried about not having money to pay for care, even with insurance	**56%**	**61%**	**62%**	**38%**
The wait time at the doctor's office or clinic was too long	**54%**	54%	61%	44%
You were worried about not having money to pay for care	**47%**	51%	49%	37%
There were no available appointments with your doctor or clinic when you needed health care	**45%**	42%	49%	46%
The paperwork or requirements were too confusing or complicated	**39%**	48%	33%	29%
The doctors or clinics in your community were not accepting new patients	**36%**	30%	43%	37%
You were concerned about having to give too much personal information	**30%**	33%	30%	26%
It was too difficult finding a doctor or clinic that accepts your insurance	**29%**	25%	38%	25%
You could not get the time off at work to get the health care you needed	**27%**	25%	38%	16%
You are not eligible for Medi-Cal and other types of insurance are too expensive	**26%**	29%	26%	22%
Doctors and clinics are too far from your home	**26%**	30%	25%	21%
You have a disability that makes it hard to visit a doctor's office, hospital, or clinic	**19%**	19%	22%	13%
^You did not have health insurance	**18%**	19%	21%	12%
^You recently lost health insurance coverage	**17%**	17%	19%	14%
You did not have transportation to get to the doctor's office, clinic, or hospital	**17%**	16%	29%	4%
You could not find a doctor or clinic with staff that speaks the same language as you or a family member	**7%**	11%	4%	5%

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Those who do not have insurance coverage and those with private insurance worry most about paying for care, even with insurance.

Reason	Total Challenge					
		Insurance Status				
	All Voters	Private Insurance Through Employer	Private Insurance Through Covered California	Public Insurance	Have Coverage	Do Not Have Coverage
You were worried about not having money to pay for care, even with insurance	**56%**	59%	54%	48%	55%	68%
The wait time at the doctor's office or clinic was too long	**54%**	57%	58%	47%	53%	62%
You were worried about not having money to pay for care	**47%**	44%	51%	50%	47%	56%
There were no available appointments with your doctor or clinic when you needed health care	**45%**	50%	46%	40%	46%	49%
The paperwork or requirements were too confusing or complicated	**39%**	37%	64%	33%	37%	51%
The doctors or clinics in your community were not accepting new patients	**36%**	35%	27%	37%	35%	43%
You were concerned about having to give too much personal information	**30%**	21%	27%	40%	29%	38%
It was too difficult finding a doctor or clinic that accepts your insurance	**29%**	29%	20%	28%	28%	34%

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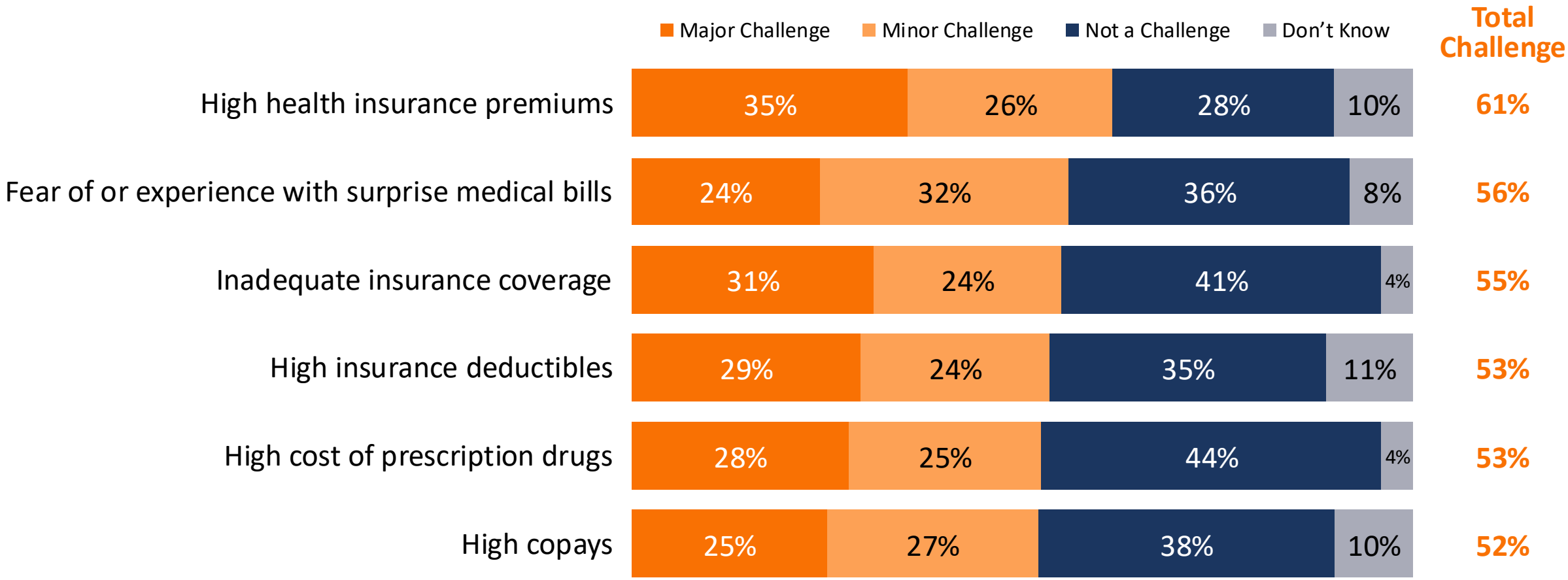
Nearly half of those without coverage and those using Covered California say they are not eligible for Medi-Cal and other types are too expensive.

Reason	Total Challenge					
		Insurance Status				
	All Voters	Private Insurance Through Employer	Private Insurance Through Covered California	Public Insurance	Have Coverage	Do Not Have Coverage
You could not get the time off at work to get the health care you needed	**27%**	35%	16%	17%	27%	27%
You are not eligible for Medi-Cal and other types of insurance are too expensive	**26%**	25%	**42%**	25%	26%	**43%**
Doctors and clinics are too far from your home	**26%**	23%	28%	33%	27%	15%
You have a disability that makes it hard to visit a doctor's office, hospital, or clinic	**19%**	13%	6%	28%	18%	14%
^You did not have health insurance	**18%**	17%	8%	18%	17%	34%
^You recently lost health insurance coverage	**17%**	17%	13%	18%	17%	23%
You did not have transportation to get to the doctor's office, clinic, or hospital	**17%**	15%	0%	20%	16%	23%
You could not find a doctor or clinic with staff that speaks the same language as you or a family member	**7%**	7%	0%	8%	7%	13%

Q10. Now, here are some reasons that some people who live in California have been unable to get access to the health care they needed. For each one, please indicate if this has been a major challenge, minor challenge, or not a challenge for you or a family member in getting health care. ^Not Part of Split Sample

Among specific healthcare costs, high insurance premiums pose the most common challenge.

Now, here are some specific healthcare costs. For each one, please indicate if this cost has been a major challenge, minor challenge, or not a challenge for you or a family member in getting the health care you need.

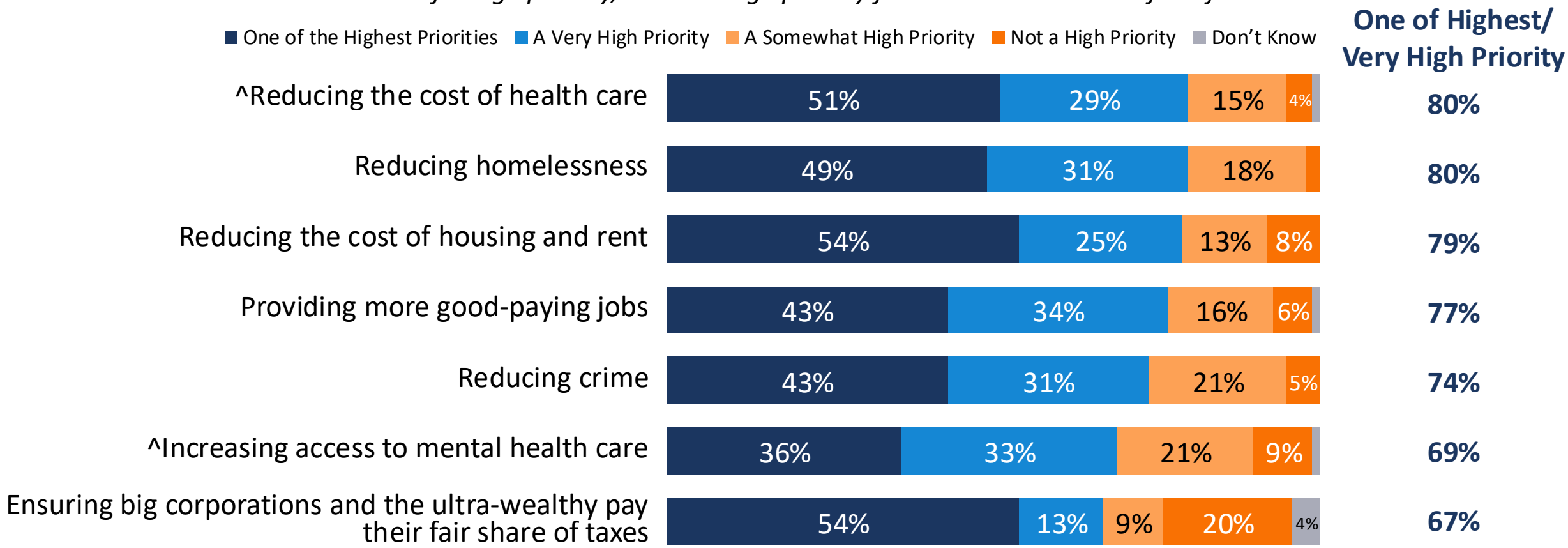


Q11. Split Sample

Priorities for the Next Governor and Views on Healthcare Policy

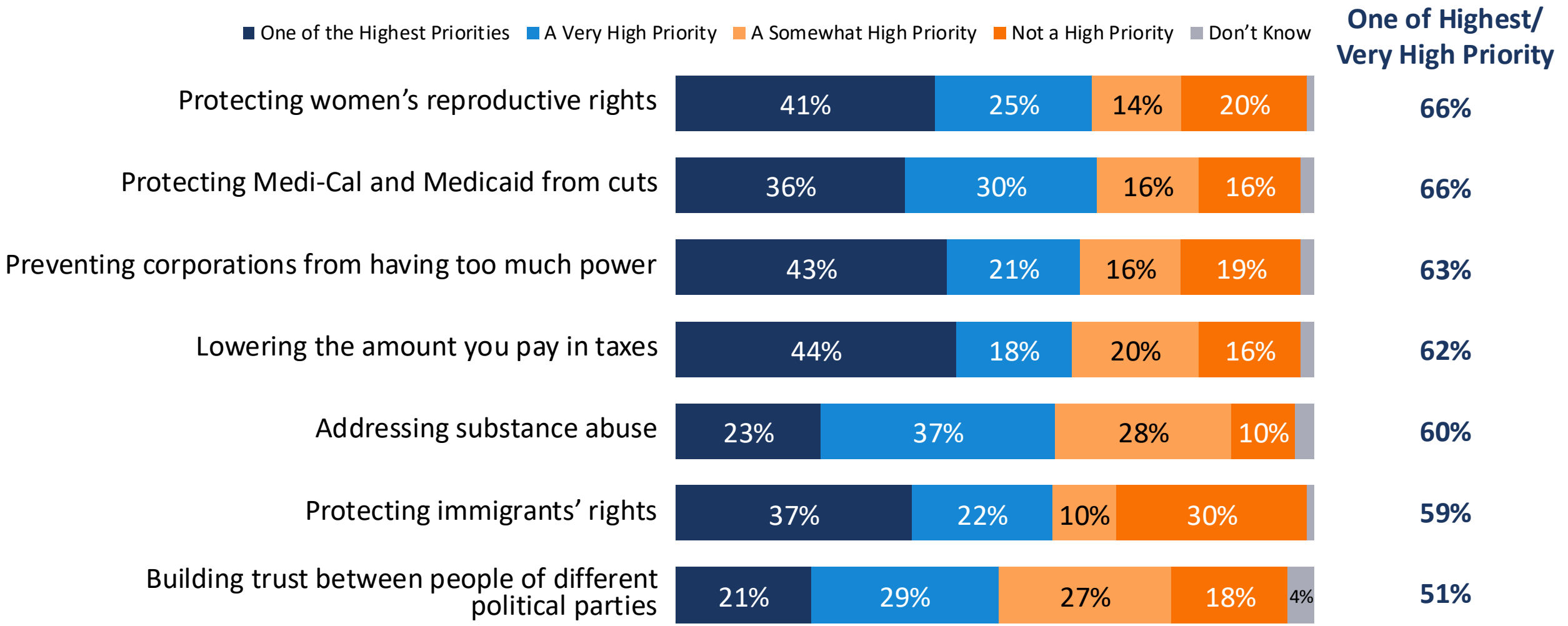
Voters prioritize reducing the cost of healthcare, reducing homelessness, and reducing the cost of housing.

Next, here is a list of some issues people have mentioned that they would like the next Governor of California to address. For each one, please indicate whether you think it should be one of the highest priorities, a very high priority, somewhat of a high priority, or not a high priority for the next Governor of California.



Q5. ^Not Part of Split Sample

Protecting Medi-Cal and Medicaid from cuts is a priority for two-thirds of voters.



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Reducing the cost of healthcare is a top priority for Democrats.

Issue	One of the Highest/Very High Priority			
	All Voters	Party		
		Dems	Inds	Reps
^Reducing the cost of health care	**80%**	**90%**	80%	62%
Reducing homelessness	**80%**	83%	77%	77%
Reducing the cost of housing and rent	**79%**	88%	76%	65%
Providing more good-paying jobs	**77%**	82%	**82%**	61%
Reducing crime	**74%**	66%	74%	**89%**
^Increasing access to mental health care	**69%**	79%	70%	49%
Ensuring big corporations and the ultra-wealthy pay their fair share of taxes	**67%**	81%	80%	26%
Protecting women's reproductive rights	**66%**	85%	66%	32%
Protecting Medi-Cal and Medicaid from cuts	**66%**	88%	61%	35%
Preventing corporations from having too much power	**63%**	79%	65%	32%
Lowering the amount you pay in taxes	**62%**	51%	58%	89%
Addressing substance abuse	**60%**	61%	65%	51%
Protecting immigrants' rights	**59%**	86%	52%	20%
Building trust between people of different political parties	**51%**	53%	50%	47%

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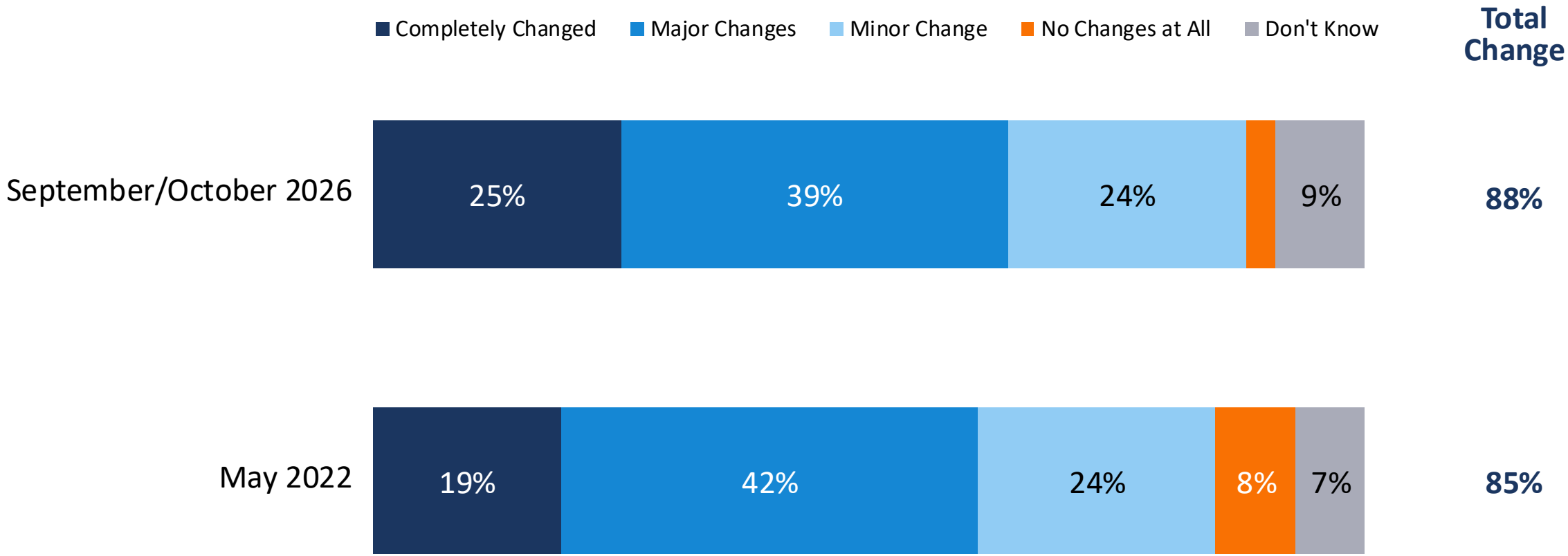
Voters across racial and ethnic lines view reducing the cost of healthcare as one of the top priorities.

Issue	Extremely/Very Important						
	All Voters	Race/Ethnicity					
		White Voters	Latino Voters	African American Voters	Asian/ Pacific Islander Voters	All Voters of Color
^Reducing the cost of health care	**80%**	77%	83%	77%	84%	82%
Reducing homelessness	**80%**	76%	87%	90%	77%	85%
Reducing the cost of housing and rent	**79%**	77%	83%	82%	79%	81%
Providing more good-paying jobs	**77%**	70%	87%	65%	77%	83%
Reducing crime	**74%**	67%	81%	82%	75%	80%
^Increasing access to mental health care	**69%**	64%	76%	66%	74%	74%
Ensuring big corporations and the ultra-wealthy pay their fair share of taxes	**67%**	57%	76%	65%	82%	75%
Protecting women's reproductive rights	**66%**	66%	69%	77%	55%	67%
Protecting Medi-Cal and Medicaid from cuts	**66%**	66%	74%	87%	48%	69%
Preventing corporations from having too much power	**63%**	61%	73%	81%	40%	65%
Lowering the amount you pay in taxes	**62%**	57%	68%	91%	68%	67%
Addressing substance abuse	**60%**	54%	72%	49%	52%	63%
Protecting immigrants' rights	**59%**	55%	70%	44%	62%	66%
Building trust between people of different political parties	**51%**	41%	58%	51%	66%	60%

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More than four in five say that there needs to be a change to the way health care is delivered in California.

Next, in thinking about improvements to the way health care 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?



Q14.

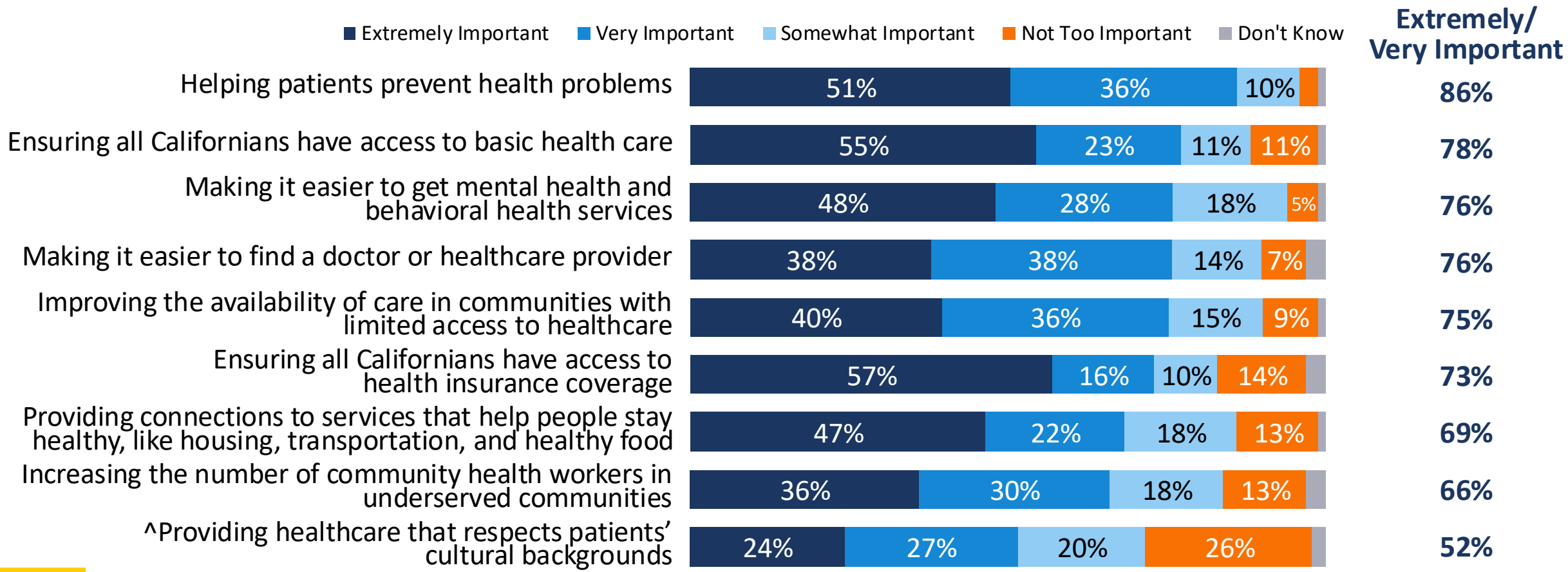
Majorities across partisan lines think there needs to be at least major changes to the healthcare system.

Response	All Voters	Party		
		Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Completely changed	**25%**	30%	19%	21%
Major changes	**39%**	39%	46%	32%
Minor changes	**24%**	22%	22%	31%
No changes at all	**3%**	2%	2%	5%
Don't know	**9%**	7%	12%	10%

Q14. Next, in thinking about improvements to the way health care 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?

Helping patients prevent health problems and ensuring all Californians have access to basic healthcare are most important for California's healthcare system.

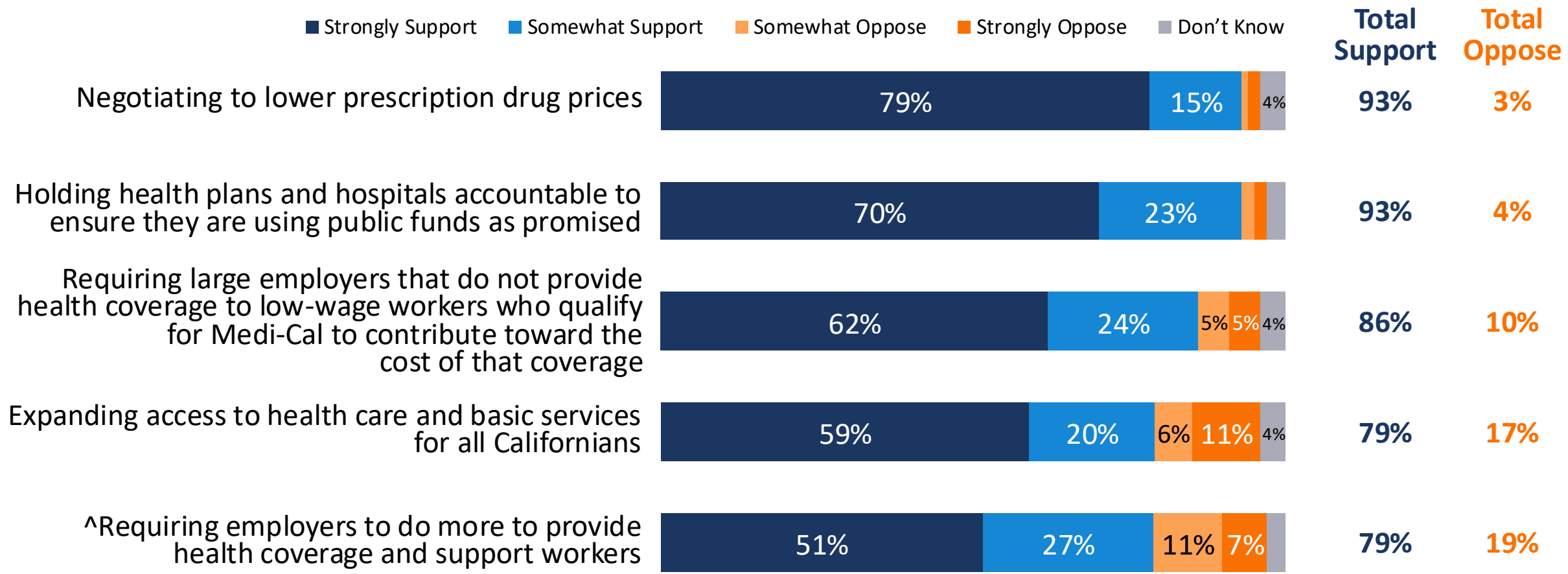
Now, here is a list of characteristics that health care leaders might aim for in designing an improved way of delivering health care to people who live in California. After hearing each one, please tell me how important it is to you that health care in California has that characteristic: extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not important?



Q15. ^Not Part of Split Sample

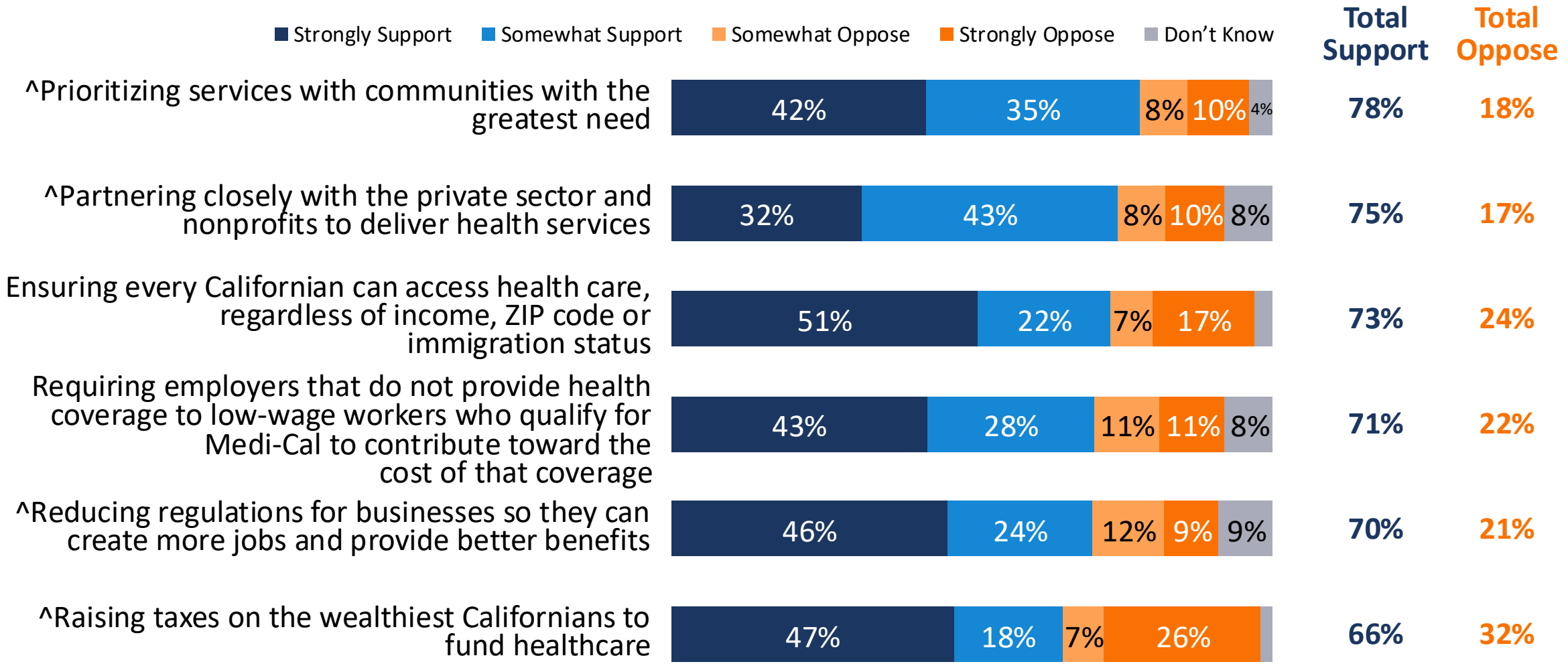
Nine in ten support negotiating to lower drug prices and holding health plans accountable to ensure funds are used as promised.

First, here are some proposals that the state government may adopt to address healthcare access in California. For each one please indicate if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose it.



Q17. ^Not Part of Split Sample

Approximately three-quarters support prioritizing services in communities with the greatest need.



Q17. First, here are some proposals that the state government may adopt to address healthcare access in California. For each one please indicate if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose it. ^Not Part of Split Sample

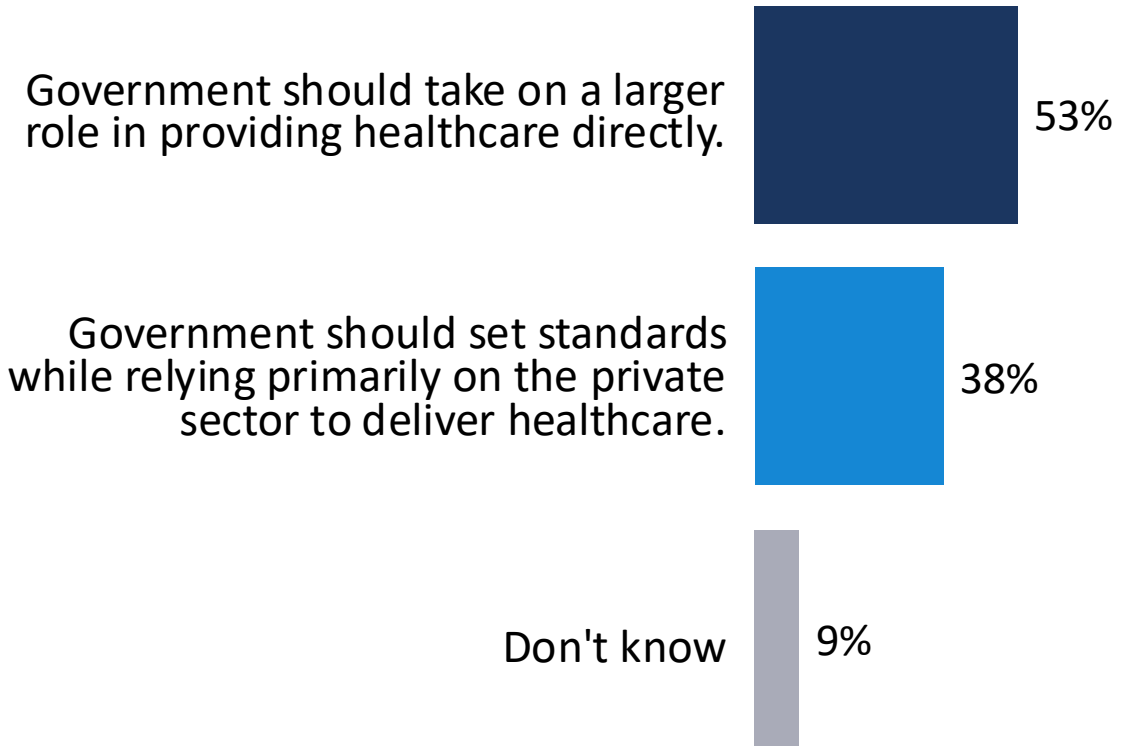
The top priorities cut across partisan affiliation.

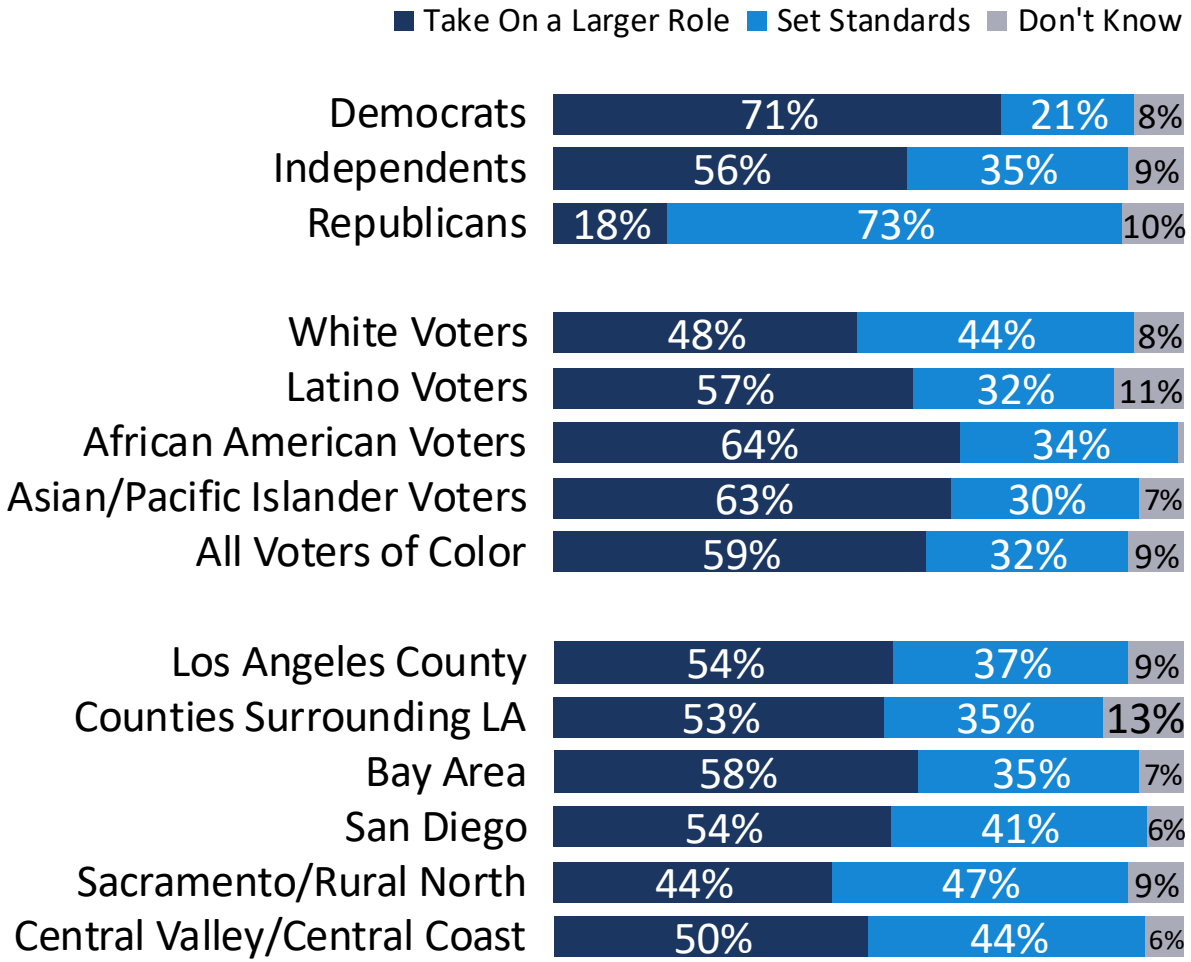
Proposal	Total Support			
	All Voters	Party		
		Dems	Inds	Reps
Negotiating to lower prescription drug prices	**93%**	96%	92%	90%
Holding health plans and hospitals accountable to ensure they are using public funds as promised	**93%**	97%	88%	92%
Requiring large employers that do not provide health coverage to low-wage workers who qualify for Medi-Cal to contribute toward the cost of that coverage	**86%**	93%	88%	70%
Expanding access to health care and basic services for all Californians	**79%**	98%	79%	44%
^Requiring employers to do more to provide health coverage and support workers	**79%**	91%	79%	56%
^Prioritizing services with communities with the greatest need	**78%**	92%	77%	53%
^Partnering closely with the private sector and nonprofits to deliver health services	**75%**	83%	73%	63%
Ensuring every Californian can access health care, regardless of income, ZIP code or immigration status	**73%**	95%	77%	31%
Requiring employers that do not provide health coverage to low-wage workers who qualify for Medi-Cal to contribute toward the cost of that coverage	**71%**	86%	76%	36%
^Reducing regulations for businesses so they can create more jobs and provide better benefits	**70%**	60%	68%	91%
^Raising taxes on the wealthiest Californians to fund healthcare	**66%**	87%	68%	24%

Q17. First, here are some proposals that the state government may adopt to address healthcare access in California. For each one please indicate if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose it. ^Not Part of Split Sample

A slim majority say that government should take a larger role in providing healthcare directly.

Next, which of the following two statements comes closer to your opinion? Please choose just one even if it's hard to decide.

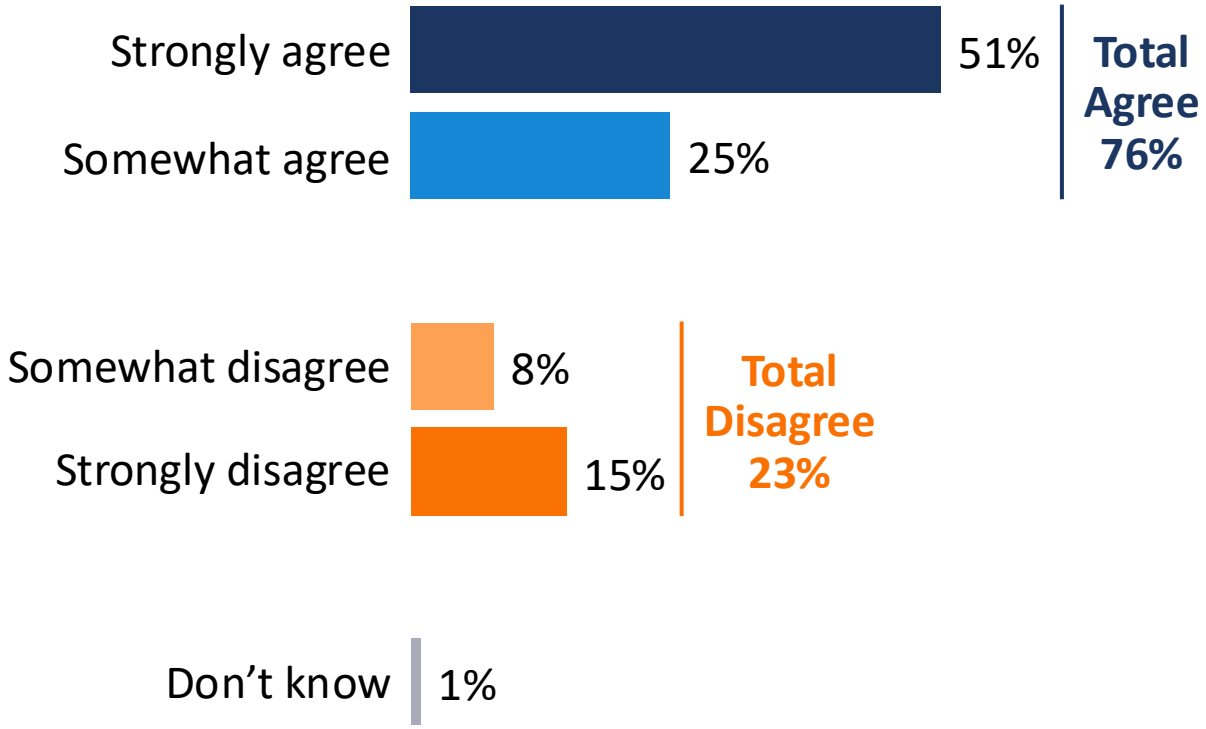




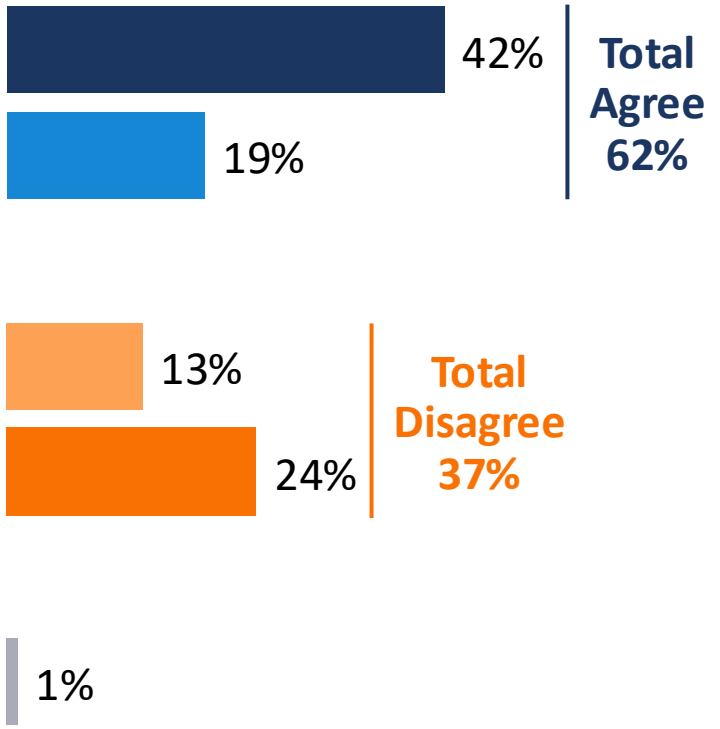
Q18.

Three quarters agree that the state government should ensure all Californians have access to high-quality care; 62% agree when the statement is inclusive of immigration status.

California state government has a responsibility to make sure all Californians have the opportunity to get high-quality affordable health care. (Half Sample)



California state government has a responsibility to make sure all Californians, regardless of immigration status, have the opportunity to get high-quality affordable health care. (Half Sample)



Q12 & Q13. Next, do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Split Sample

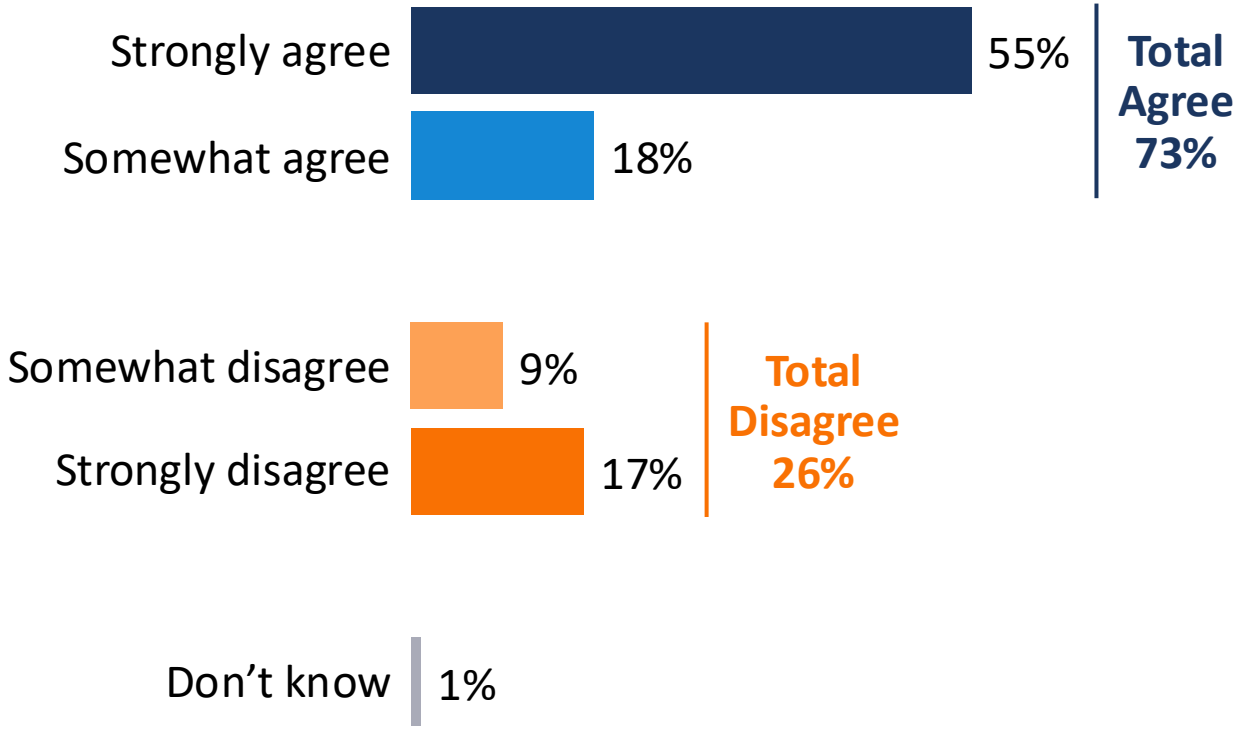
Democrats support the two statements at similar rates; while independents and Republicans are less supportive of the more inclusive statement.

Demographic Group	Total Agree	
	All Californians	All Californians – Regardless of Immigration Status
All Voters	**76%**	**62%**
Party		
Democrats	92%	89%
Independents	77%	60%
Republicans	46%	16%
Race/Ethnicity		
White Voters	76%	55%
Latino Voters	82%	75%
African American Voters	87%	71%
Asian/Pacific Islander Voters	64%	69%
All Voters of Color	78%	71%

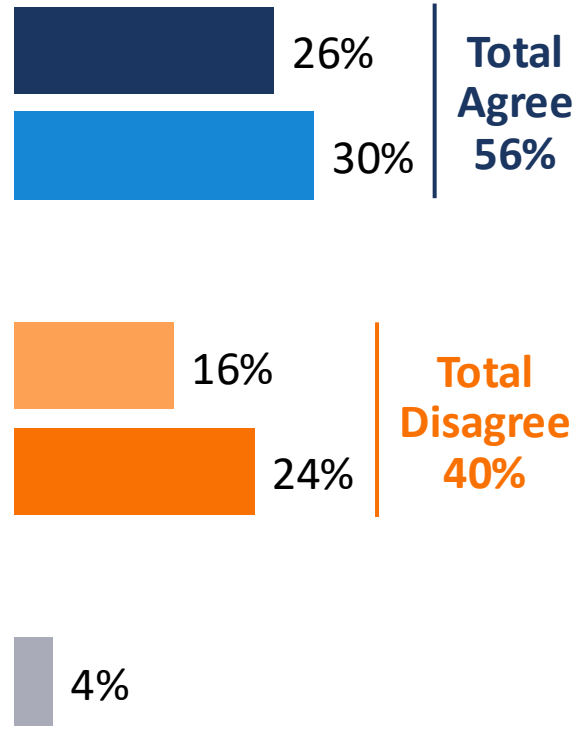
Q12 & Q13. Next, do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Split Sample

Three-quarters agree that CA should guarantee access to everyone; a majority agree that those who can afford it should contribute toward their care.

California should guarantee health care access for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. (Half Sample)



California should guarantee health care coverage for everyone, but people who can afford it should contribute toward their care. (Half Sample)



Q16 a & b. Next, please indicate if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement. Split Sample

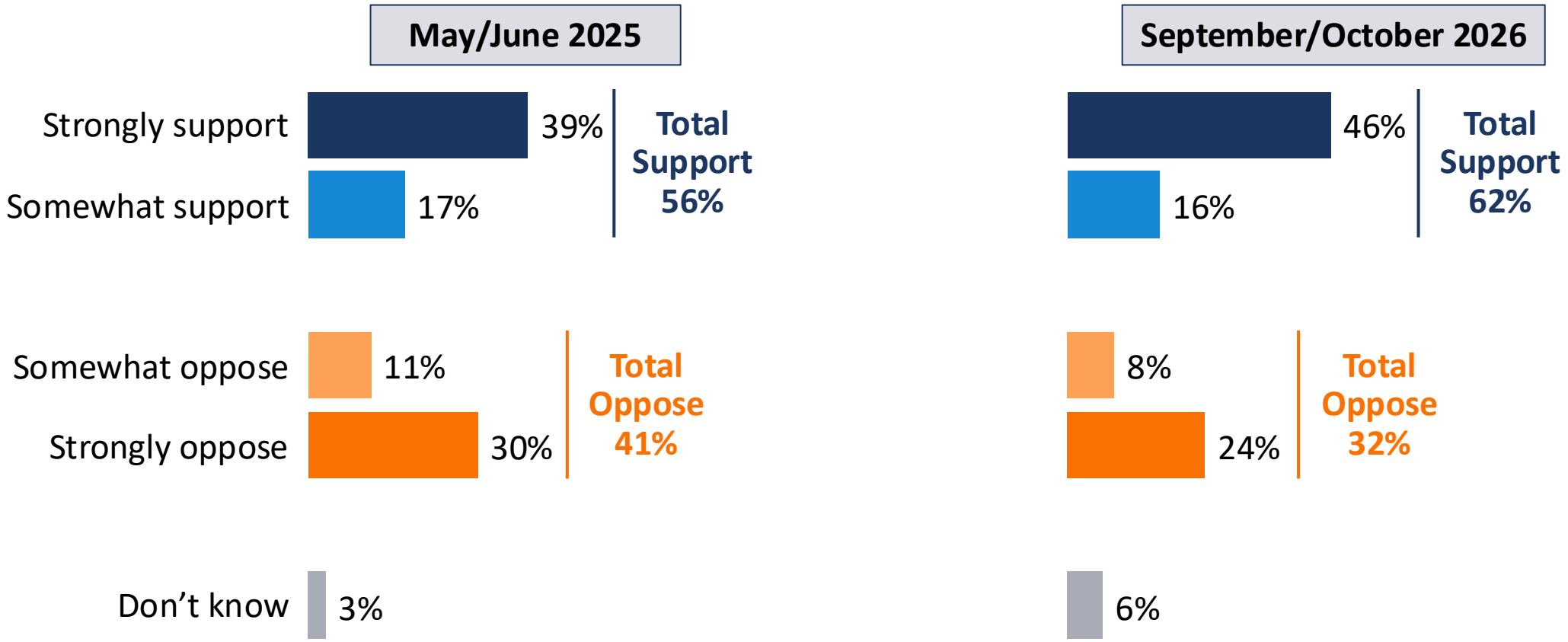
Views on Medi-Cal and Covered California

Medi-Cal Background Provided

Medi-Cal is California's version of the federal Medicaid healthcare program. Over the last decade, California has expanded access to Medi-Cal to include all low-income Californians, including families, seniors, people with disabilities, and more, regardless of their immigration status. Today, more than a third of Californians, nearly 15 million people, are enrolled in Medi-Cal, including 1.6 million undocumented Californians.

Q19. Do you support or oppose California's current Medi-Cal policy that provides healthcare coverage to all low-income Californians, regardless of immigration status?

Three in five support providing Medi-Cal coverage for all low-income Californians, regardless of immigration status.



Q19. Do you support or oppose California's current Medi-Cal policy that provides healthcare coverage to all low-income Californians, regardless of immigration status?

Democrats are strongly supportive, as are AAPI and Latino voters.

Demographic Group	Total Support	Total Oppose	Don't Know
All Voters	**62%**	**32%**	**6%**
Party			
Democrats	85%	10%	5%
Independents	61%	31%	8%
Republicans	21%	73%	6%
Race/Ethnicity			
White Voters	58%	36%	6%
Latino Voters	69%	22%	9%
African American Voters	58%	32%	10%
Asian/Pacific Islander Voters	71%	25%	4%
All Voters of Color	68%	25%	7%

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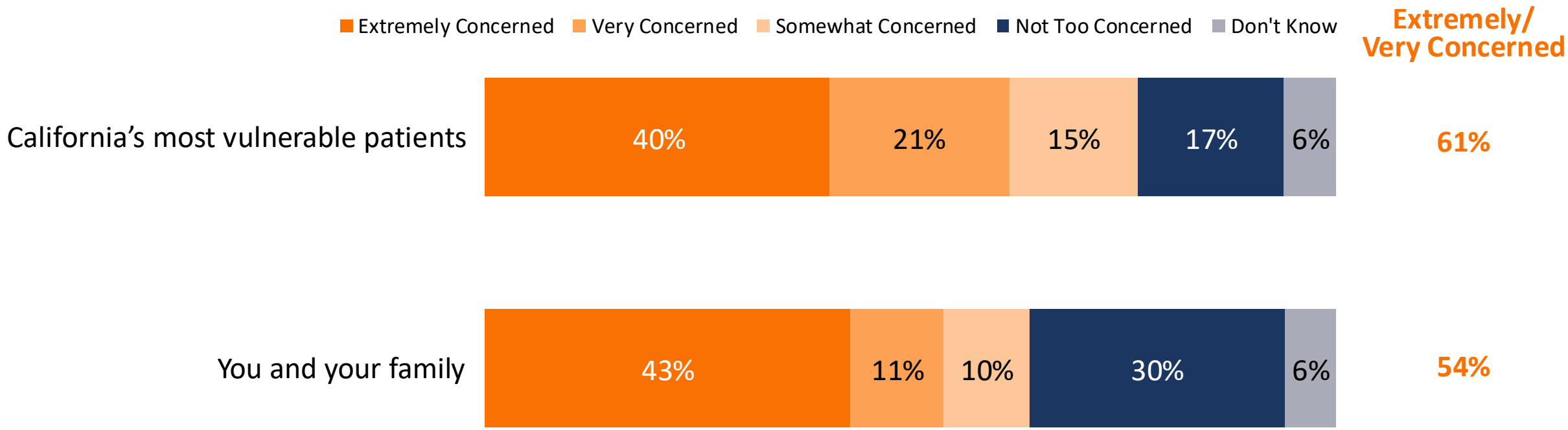
Majority support cuts across the state.

Demographic Group	Total Support	Total Oppose	Don't Know
Region			
Los Angeles County	67%	30%	3%
Counties Surrounding Los Angeles	66%	29%	5%
Bay Area	65%	28%	7%
San Diego	60%	35%	5%
Sacramento/Rural North	51%	39%	10%
Central Valley/Central Coast	51%	38%	11%
Insurance Status			
Private Insurance Through Employer	62%	31%	7%
Private Insurance Through Covered California	43%	49%	8%
Public Insurance	61%	35%	4%
Have Coverage	61%	33%	6%
Do Not Have Coverage	78%	19%	3%

Q19. Do you support or oppose California's current Medi-Cal policy that provides healthcare coverage to all low-income Californians, regardless of immigration status?

A majority are concerned about the impact of cuts to Medi-Cal and Covered California.

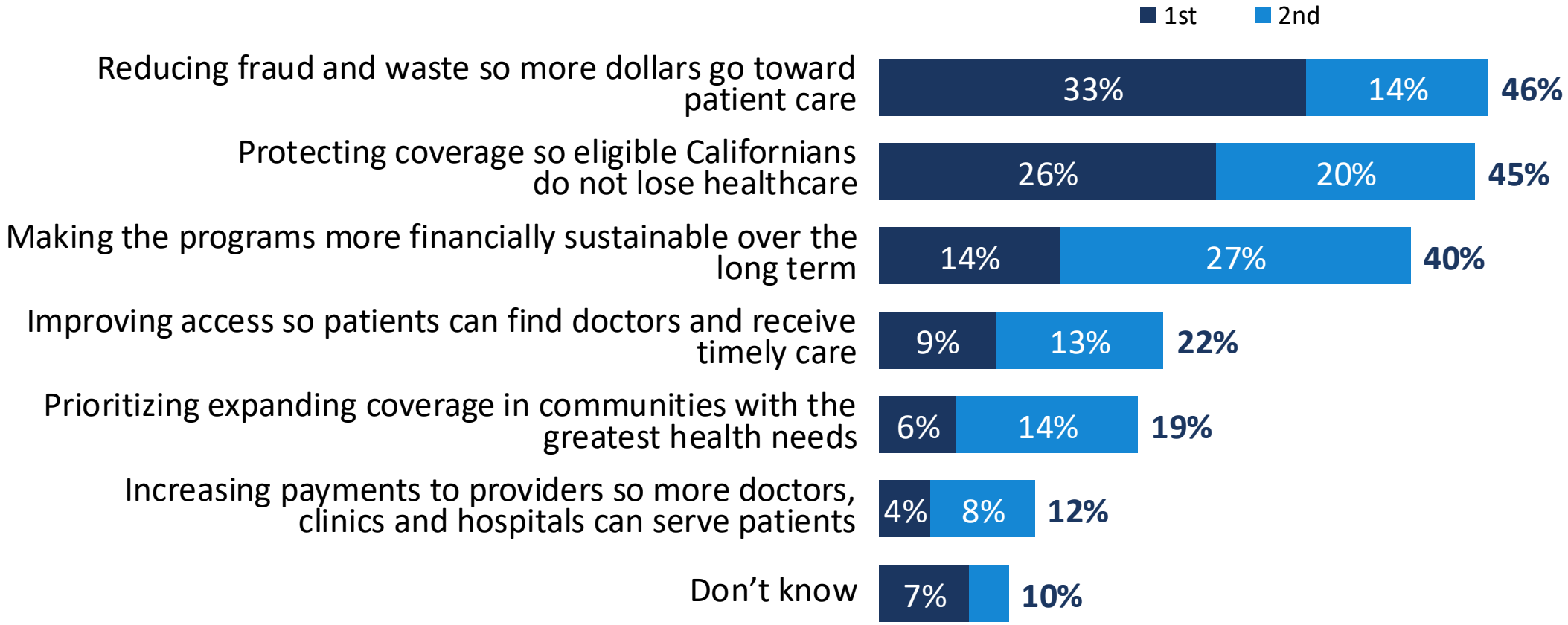
*Next, there have recently been federal and state policy changes that reduced funding for Medicaid (Medi-Cal) and Covered California. How concerned are you that the federal or state budget cuts to Medi-Cal and Covered California could reduce funding for healthcare services that **(SPLIT SAMPLE A:** California's most vulnerable patients) (**SPLIT SAMPLE B:** you and your family) rely on?*



Q20 Split A & Split B.

Voters prioritize reducing fraud and protecting coverage.

Next, here are some potential priorities for Medi-Cal and Covered California over the next four years. Which is most important, in your opinion?



Q21.

Protecting coverage is the top priority for Democrats, while reducing fraud is highest for independents and Republicans.

Potential Priority	1st Priority			
	All Voters	Party		
		Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Reducing fraud and waste so more dollars go toward patient care	**33%**	14%	**35%**	**67%**
Protecting coverage so eligible Californians do not lose healthcare	**26%**	**40%**	19%	9%
Making the programs more financially sustainable over the long term	**14%**	16%	14%	10%
Improving access so patients can find doctors and receive timely care	**9%**	11%	10%	4%
Prioritizing expanding coverage in communities with the greatest health needs	**6%**	9%	6%	2%
Increasing payments to providers so more doctors, clinics and hospitals can serve patients	**4%**	4%	6%	2%
Don't know	**7%**	5%	10%	6%

Q21. Next, here are some potential priorities for Medi-Cal and Covered California over the next four years. Which is most important, in your opinion?

African American voters rank protecting coverage as the top priority.

Potential Priority	1st Priority					
	All Voters	Race/Ethnicity				
		White Voters	Latino Voters	African American Voters	Asian/ Pacific Islander Voters	All Voters of Color
Reducing fraud and waste so more dollars go toward patient care	**33%**	37%	29%	20%	31%	28%
Protecting coverage so eligible Californians do not lose healthcare	**26%**	31%	21%	34%	23%	24%
Making the programs more financially sustainable over the long term	**14%**	10%	20%	20%	16%	19%
Improving access so patients can find doctors and receive timely care	**9%**	6%	7%	10%	17%	10%
Prioritizing expanding coverage in communities with the greatest health needs	**6%**	6%	7%	9%	3%	6%
Increasing payments to providers so more doctors, clinics and hospitals can serve patients	**4%**	3%	7%	4%	4%	5%
Don't know	**7%**	7%	9%	3%	6%	7%

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Q21. Next, here are some potential priorities for Medi-Cal and Covered California over the next four years. Which is most important, in your opinion?

Reducing fraud is a particularly high priority among voters in Sacramento and the Rural North.

Potential Priority	1st Priority						
	All Voters	Region					
		Los Angeles County	Counties Surrounding Los Angeles	Bay Area	San Diego	Sacramento/ Rural North	Central Valley/ Central Coast
Reducing fraud and waste so more dollars go toward patient care	**33%**	32%	33%	30%	32%	44%	35%
Protecting coverage so eligible Californians do not lose healthcare	**26%**	26%	27%	27%	35%	22%	19%
Making the programs more financially sustainable over the long term	**14%**	17%	12%	14%	10%	11%	18%
Improving access so patients can find doctors and receive timely care	**9%**	10%	8%	11%	11%	8%	7%
Prioritizing expanding coverage in communities with the greatest health needs	**6%**	4%	8%	7%	4%	6%	10%
Increasing payments to providers so more doctors, clinics and hospitals can serve patients	**4%**	6%	3%	4%	3%	1%	7%
Don't know	**7%**	5%	10%	6%	6%	8%	4%

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Q21. Next, here are some potential priorities for Medi-Cal and Covered California over the next four years. Which is most important, in your opinion?

Those who do not have health insurance are more likely to prioritize protecting coverage.

Potential Priority	1st Priority					
	All Voters	Insurance Status				
		Private Insurance Through Employer	Private Insurance Through Covered California	Public Insurance	Have Coverage	Do Not Have Coverage
Reducing fraud and waste so more dollars go toward patient care	**33%**	33%	50%	36%	35%	21%
Protecting coverage so eligible Californians do not lose healthcare	**26%**	24%	28%	28%	26%	39%
Making the programs more financially sustainable over the long term	**14%**	15%	10%	11%	13%	22%
Improving access so patients can find doctors and receive timely care	**9%**	13%	4%	6%	10%	4%
Prioritizing expanding coverage in communities with the greatest health needs	**6%**	5%	0%	9%	6%	6%
Increasing payments to providers so more doctors, clinics and hospitals can serve patients	**4%**	3%	2%	6%	4%	4%
Don't know	**7%**	6%	5%	4%	5%	4%

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Conclusions

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- Cost of living and the economy are top issues for California voters, along with homelessness and housing, taxes and concern about government mismanagement.
- When asked to rate a series of priorities for the next administration, reducing the cost of healthcare, reducing homelessness, and reducing the cost of housing and rent rose to the top of the list.
- Voters widely agree that California state government has a responsibility to make sure all Californians have the opportunity to get high-quality health care; and three in five agree that all Californians should have access to healthcare, regardless of their immigration status.
- There is a widely shared sense that major changes are needed for the healthcare system, especially helping patients prevent health problems, ensuring all Californians have basic healthcare, and making it easier to find a doctor and get mental health care.
- Additionally, voters offer widespread support for a range of potential healthcare policies, with particularly strong support for negotiating lower prescription drug prices, holding health plans and hospitals accountable to ensure they are using public funds as promised, and requiring large employers that do not provide health coverage to low-wage workers who qualify for Medi-Cal to contribute toward the cost of that coverage.
- Three in five support providing Medi-Cal to all Californians, regardless of their immigration status and a majority are concerned about the impact of cuts to Medi-Cal and Covered California – both to vulnerable populations and their own families.

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