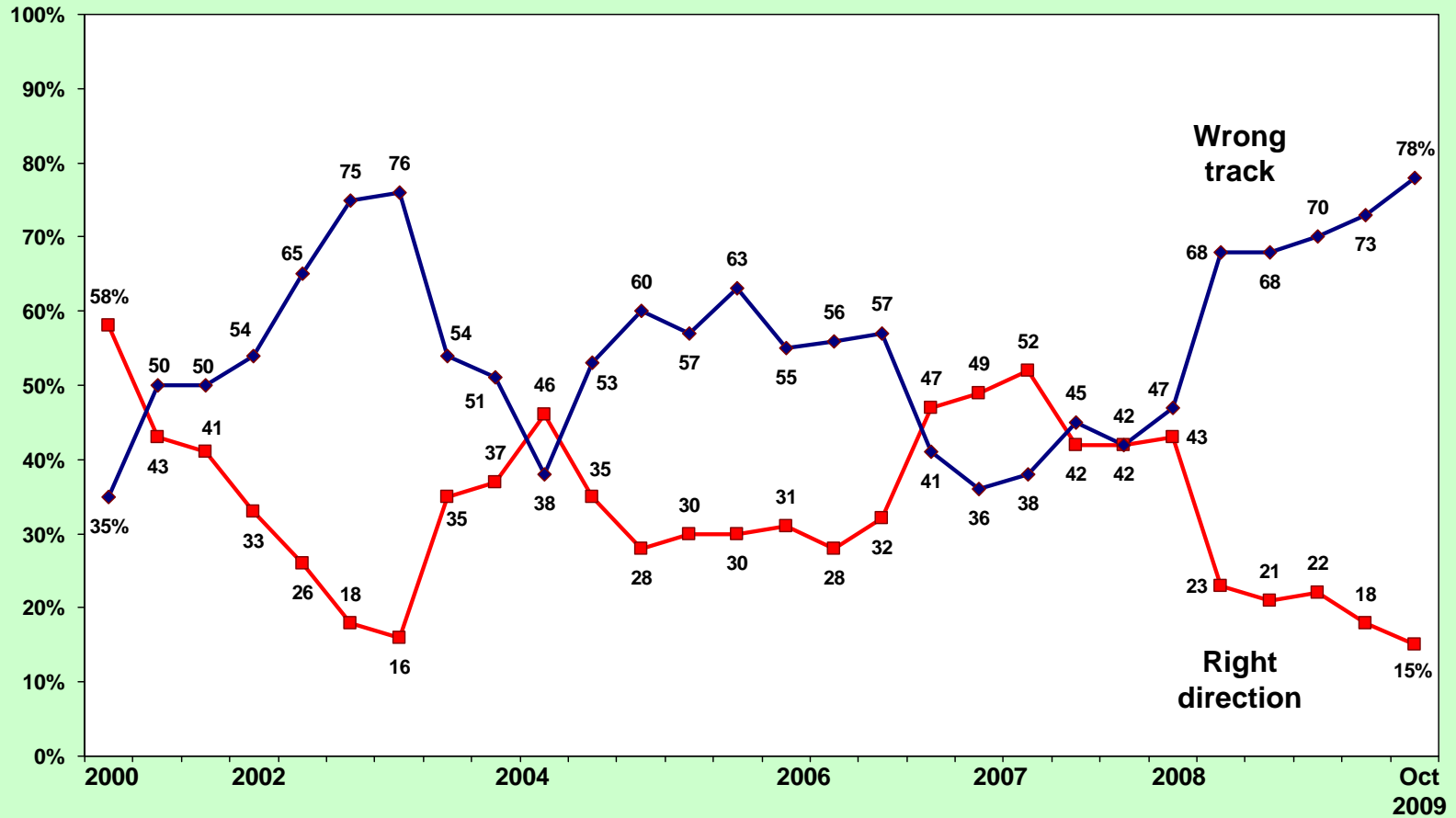


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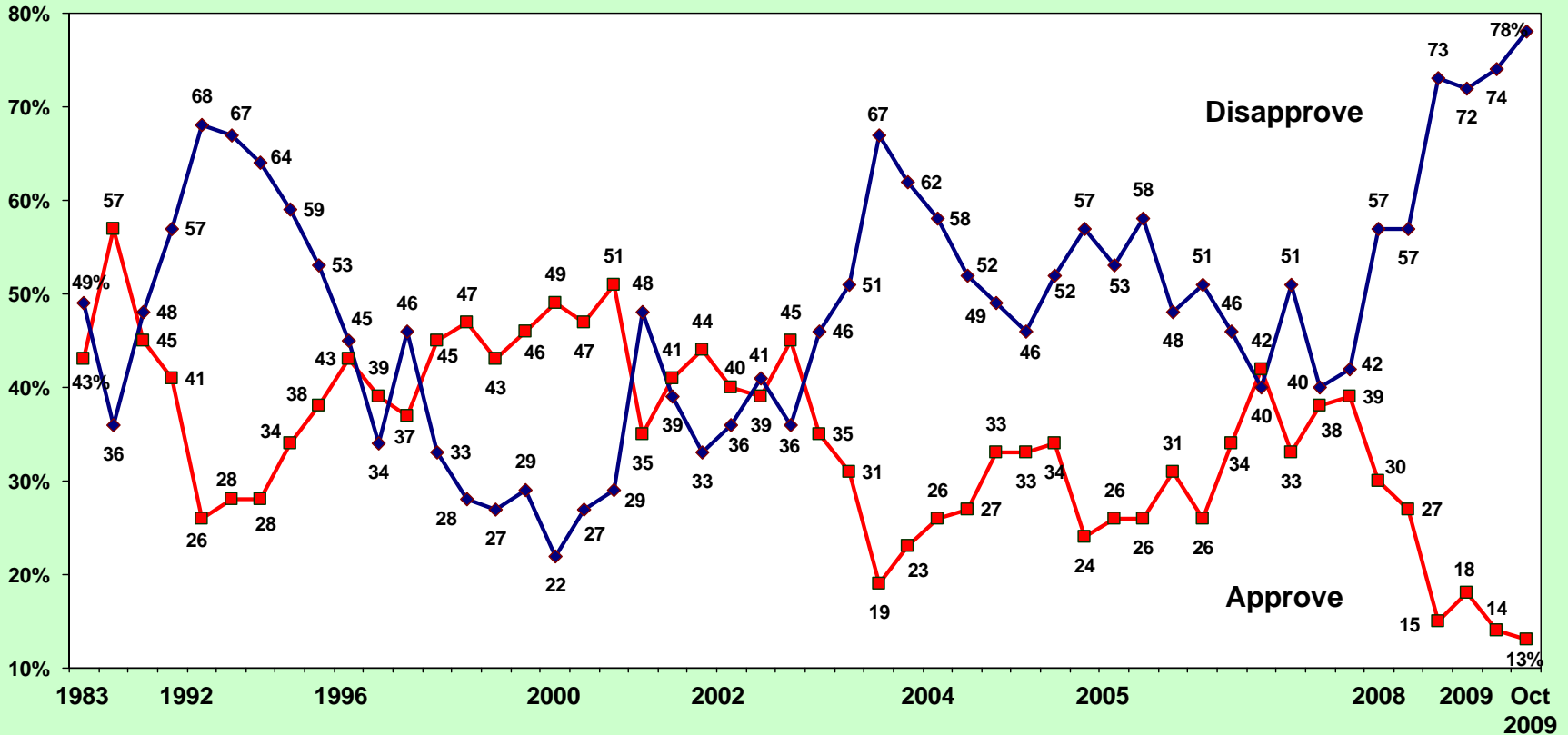
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# Very negative voter appraisals of the overall direction California is heading



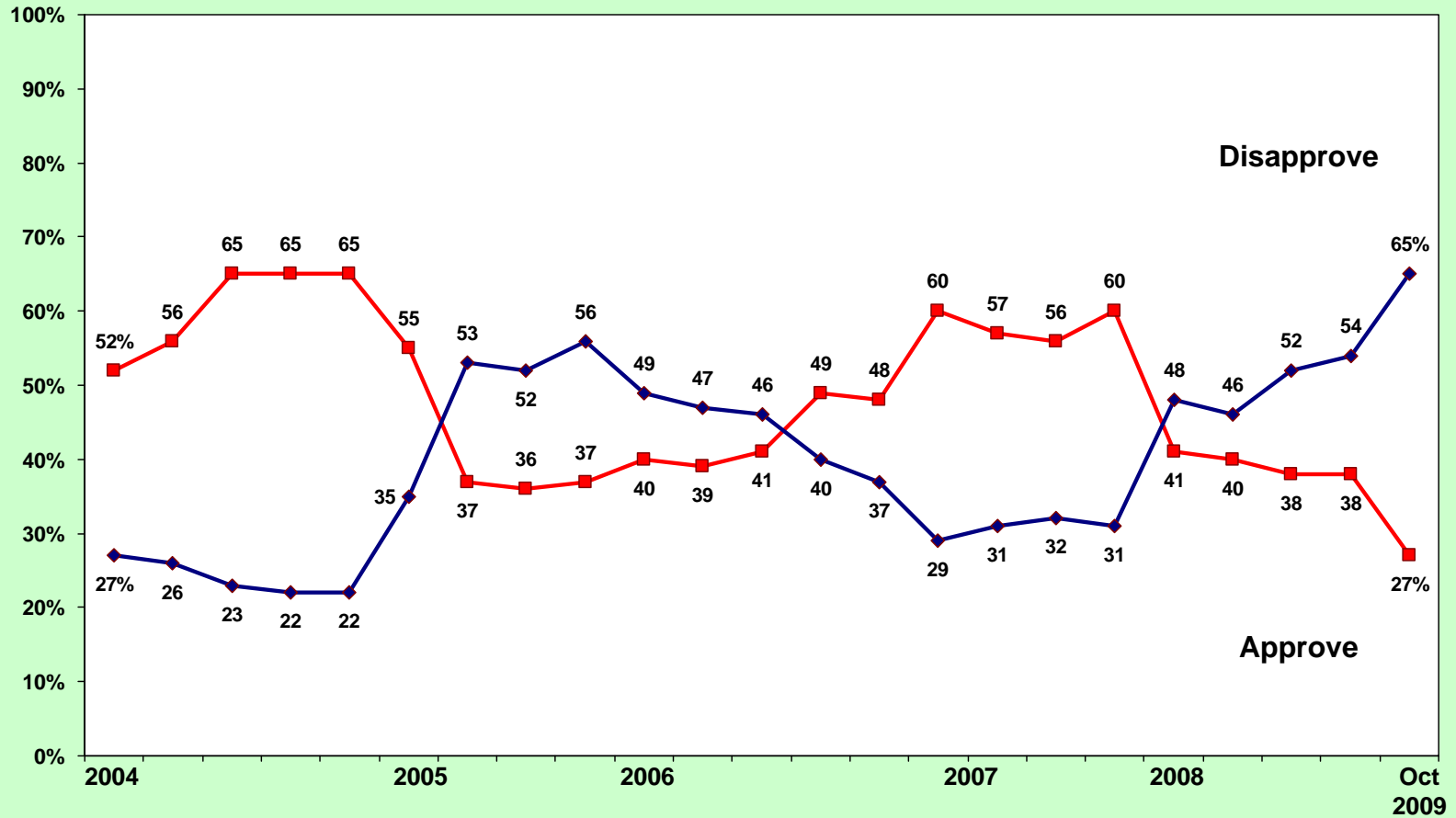
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# Voter appraisals of the job the state legislature is doing are at an all-time low



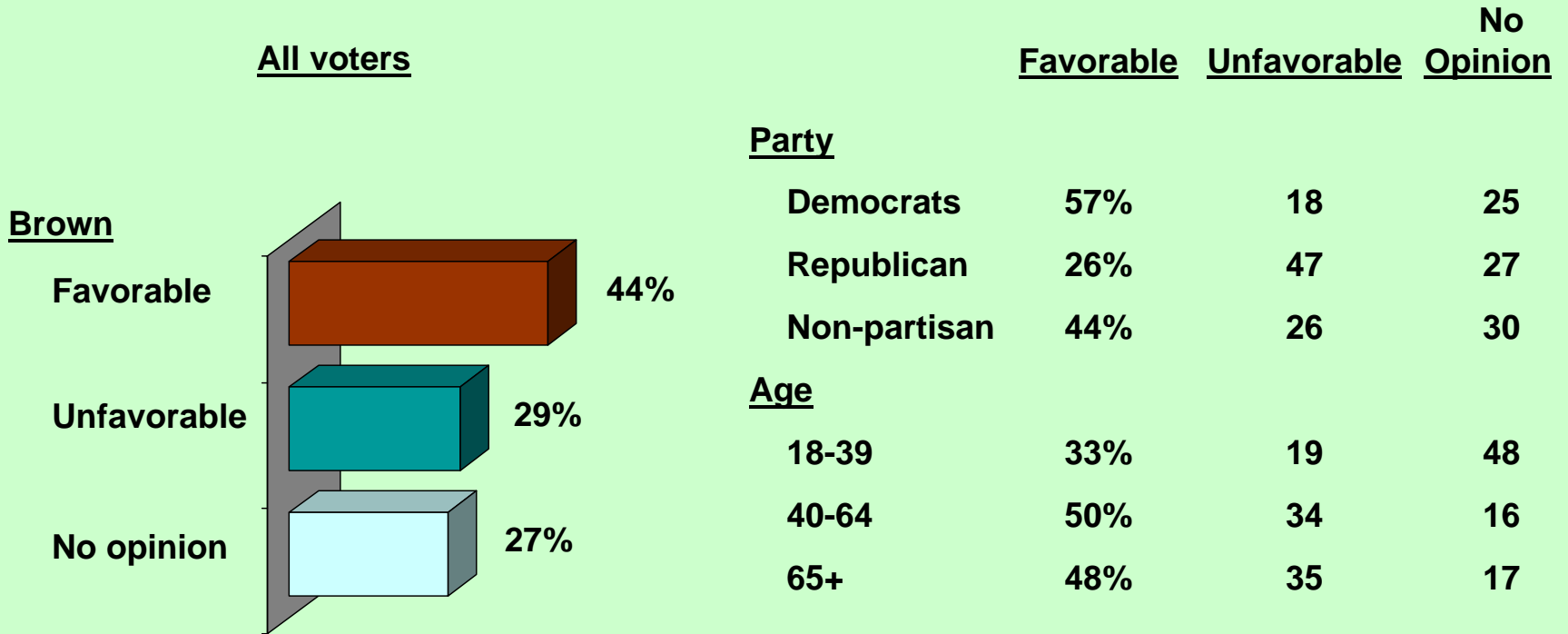
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# Voter appraisals of Governor Schwarzenegger's job performance are at a personal low



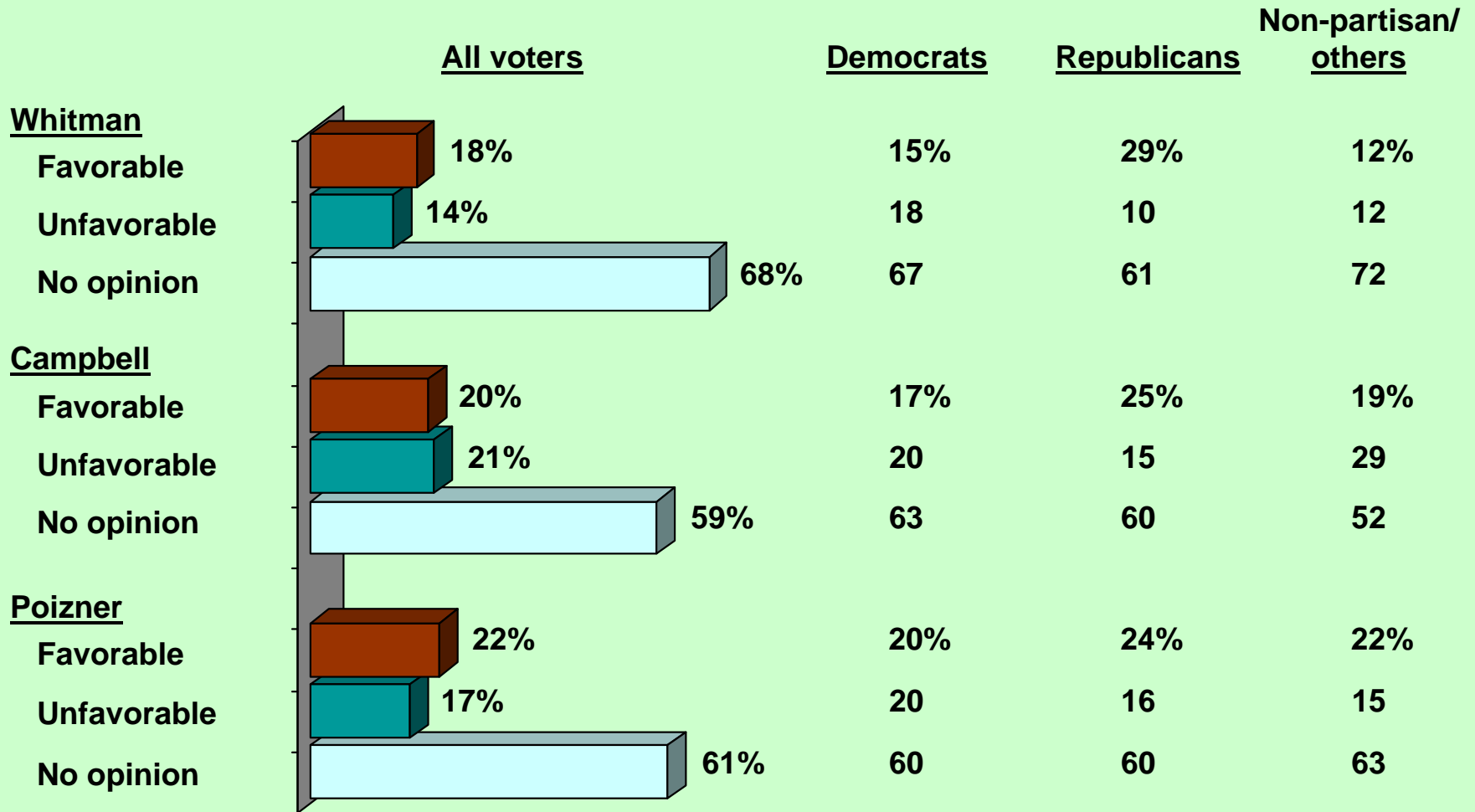
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# Democrat Jerry Brown is well-known and is viewed more positively than negatively by state voters



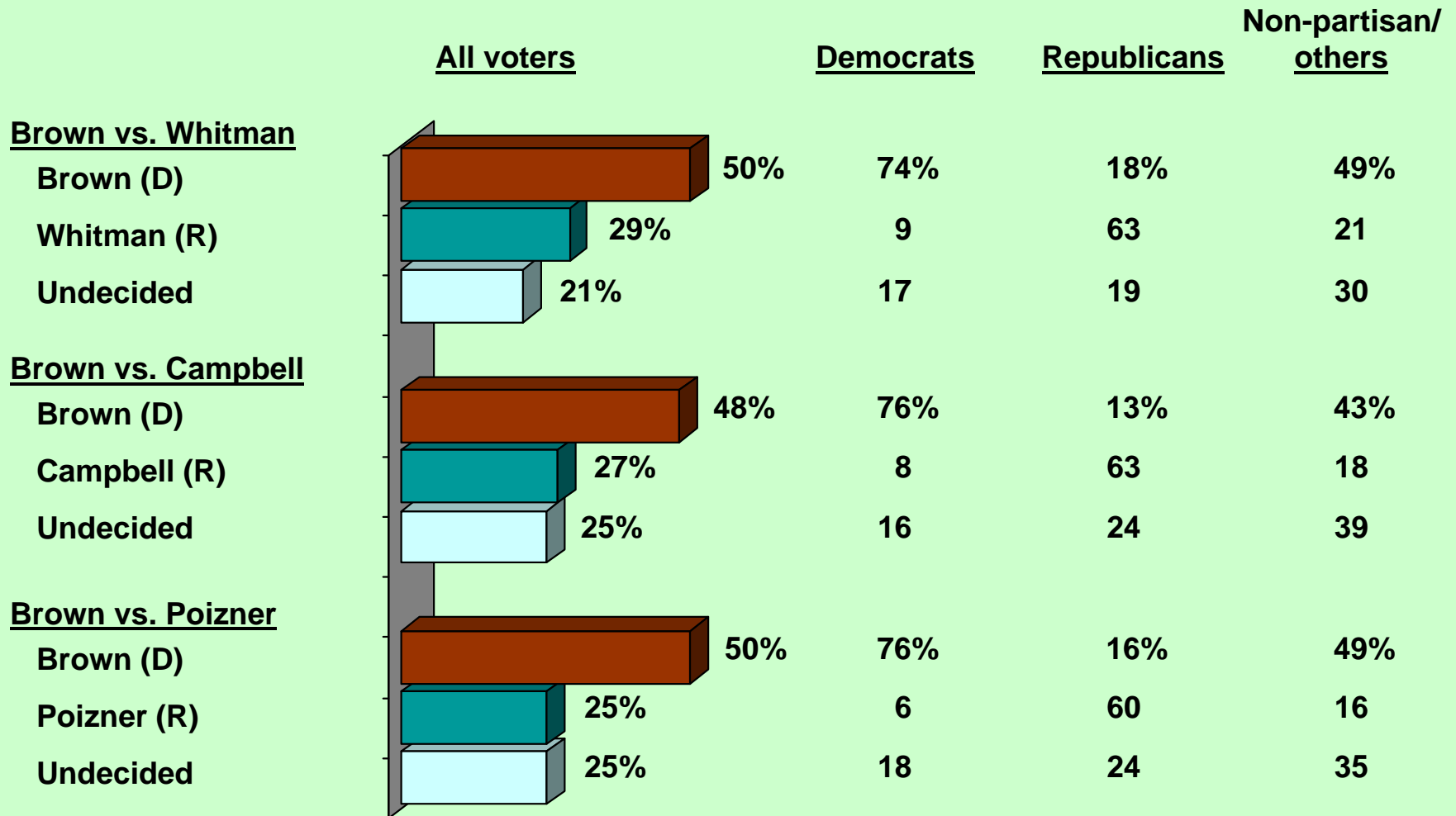
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## By contrast, most voters have no opinion about each of the three Republican gubernatorial candidates



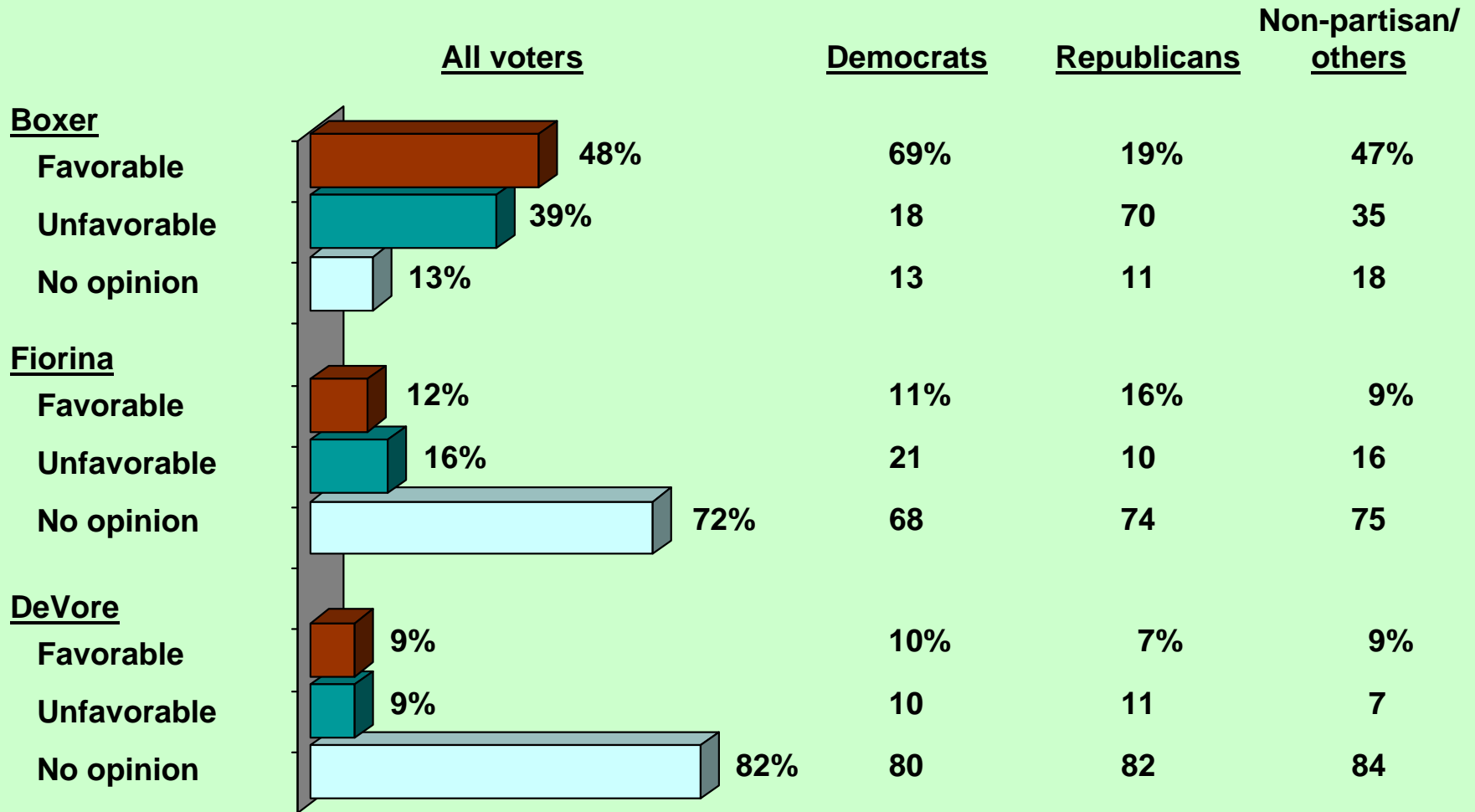
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## Brown holds big early leads over each potential GOP challenger in general election match-ups



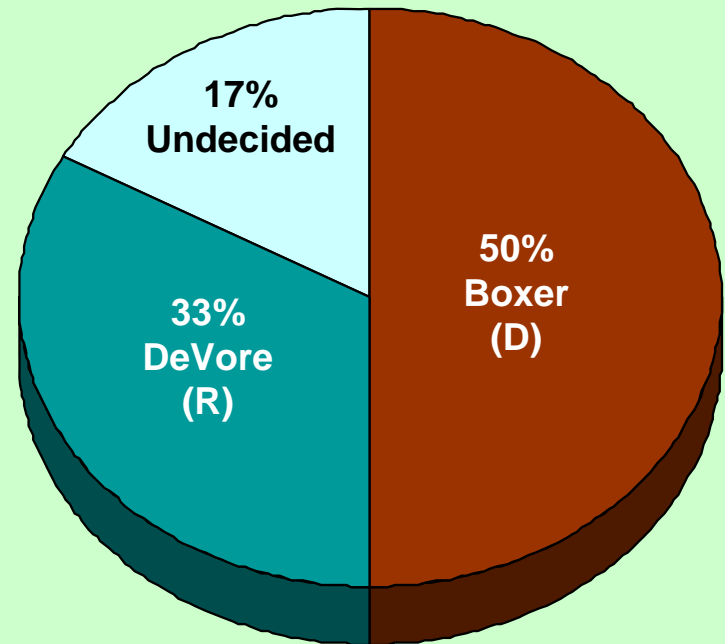
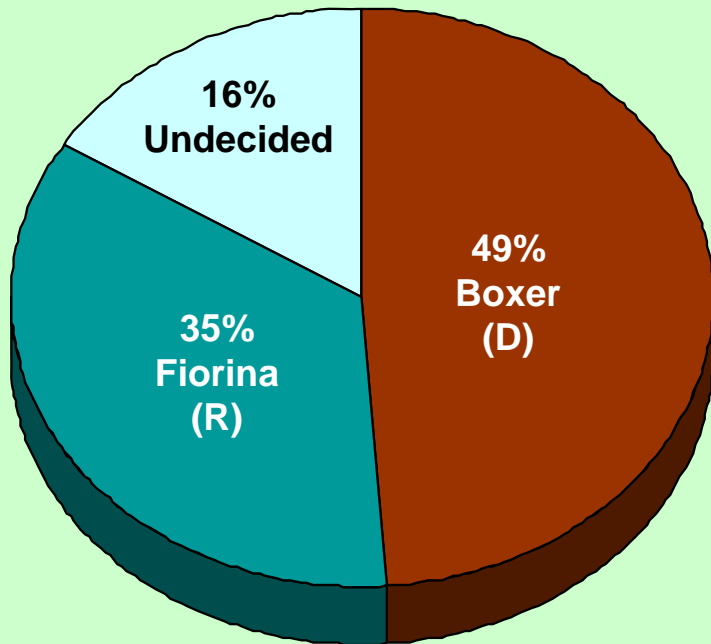
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## Huge disparity in voter recognition of the Democratic and Republican Senate candidates



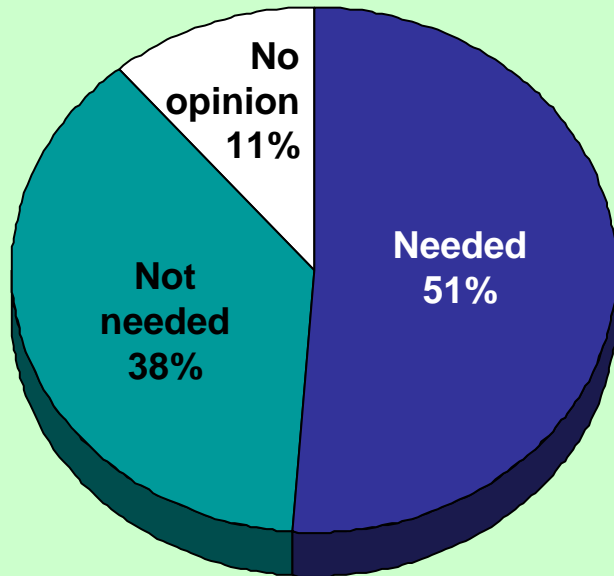
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# Incumbent Barbara Boxer holds early leads over each GOP challenger in general election pairings for U.S. Senate

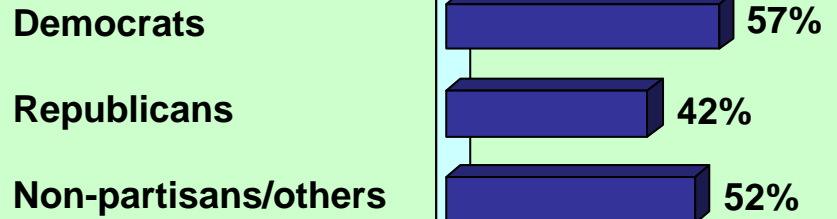


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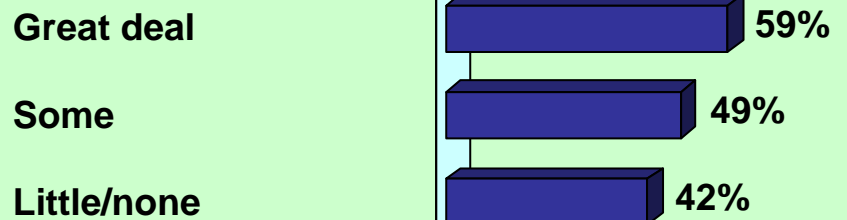
# By a 51% to 38% margin voters believe “fundamental changes” need to be made to our state constitution



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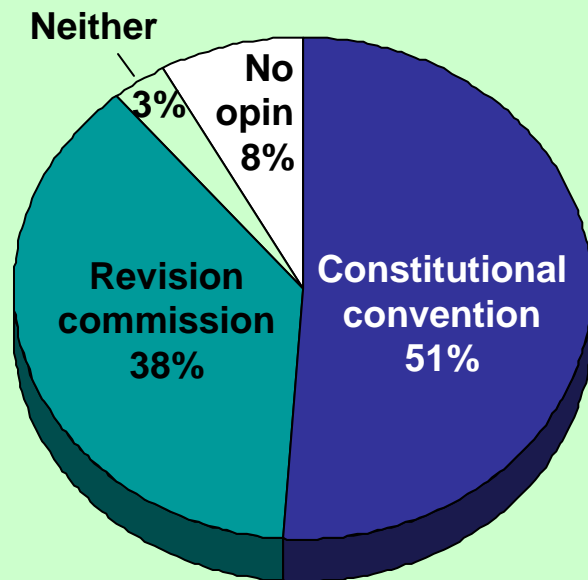


## Attention paid to CA gov't



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# Constitutional convention is preferred over a revision commission to do the work of constitutional reform

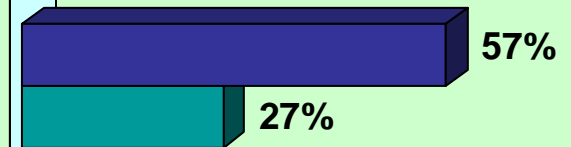


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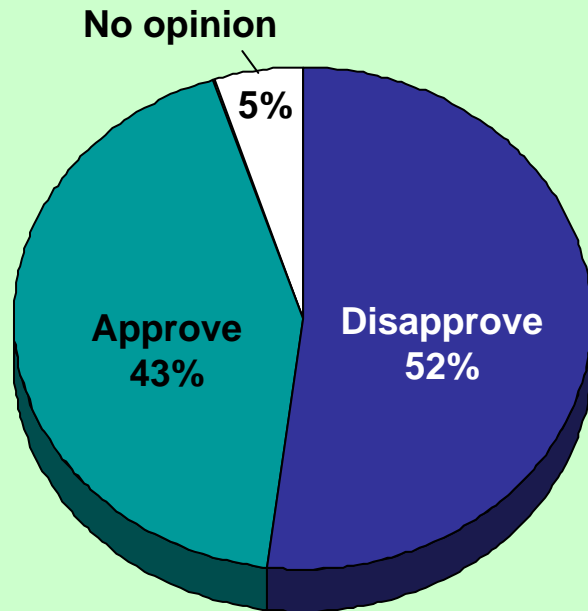


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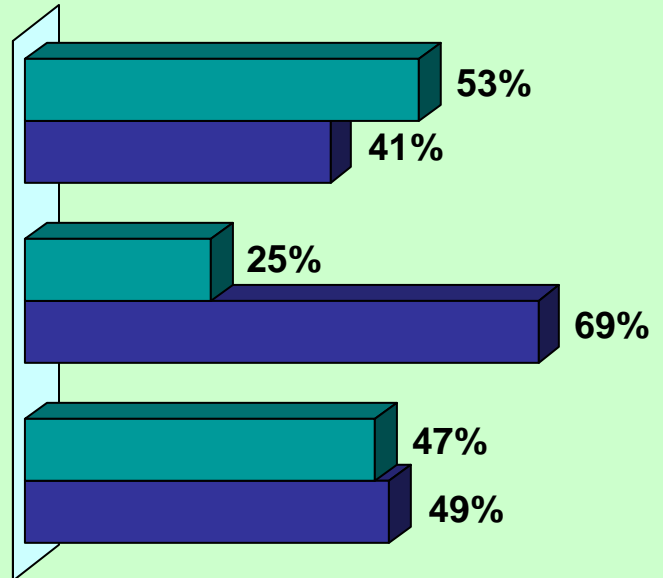
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# Most voters oppose reducing the 2/3 vote requirement to pass state budgets to a simple majority vote; Big partisan differences



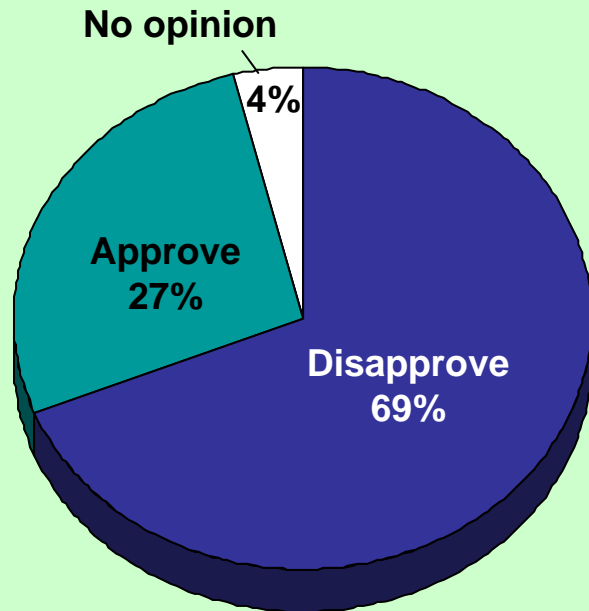
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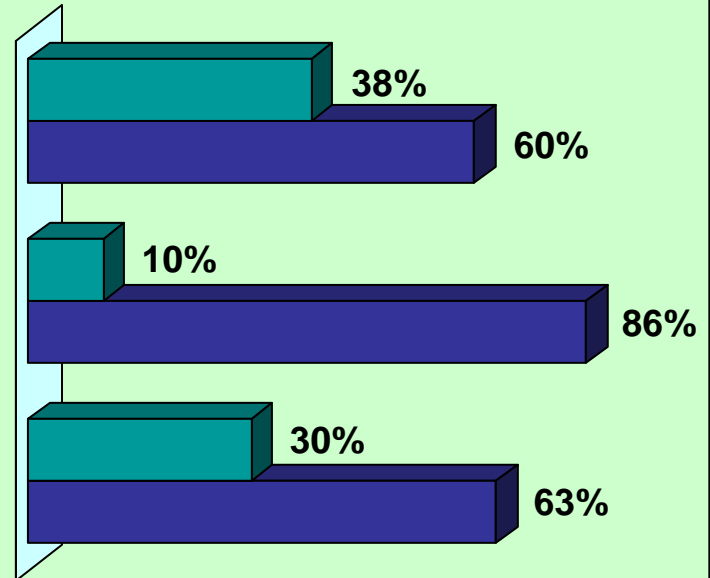
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# Continuing strong opposition to amend Proposition 13 to allow the legislature to increase taxes with a simple majority vote



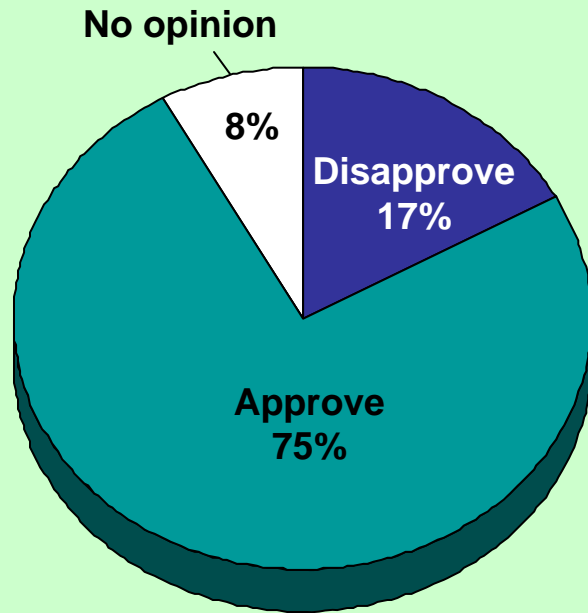
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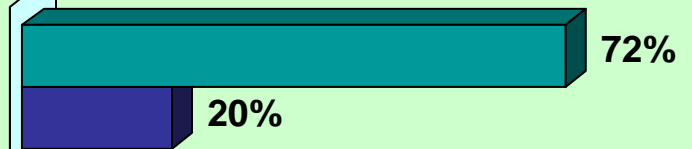
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# Broad support for requiring initiative sponsors to identify funding sources or areas to be cut when initiatives require additional spending

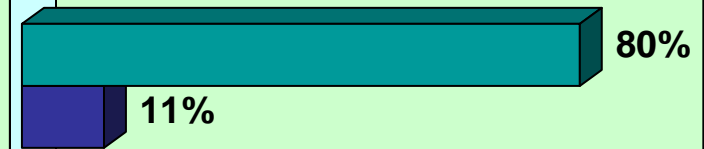


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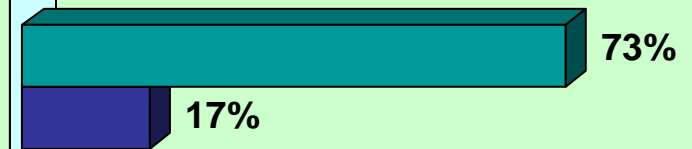
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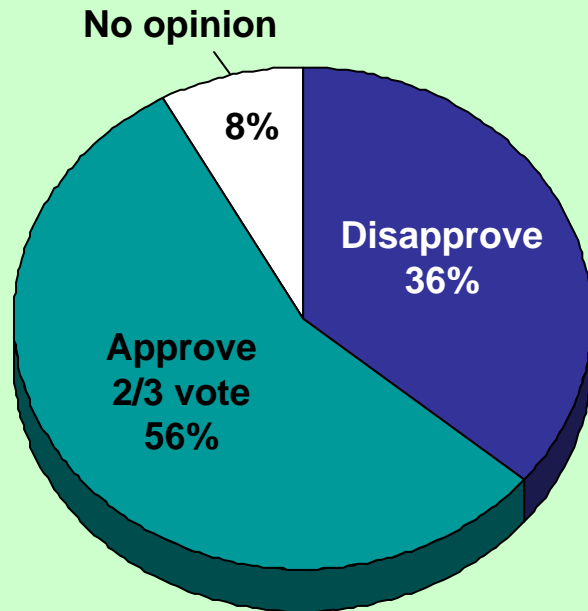


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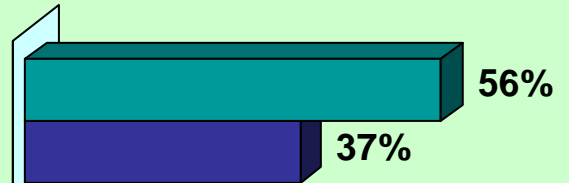
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# Most voters support requiring a two-thirds rather than a majority vote of the people to approve amendments to the state constitution

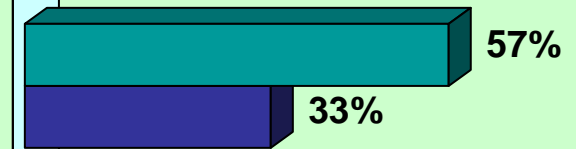


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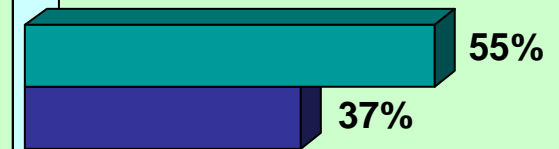
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