

# THE FIELD POLL

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### **CALIFORNIA VOTERS REMAIN SUPPORTIVE OF HEALTH CARE LAW Optimism About the State's Ability to Implement the Law; Many Believe the Proposed Health Insurance Exchange will be Helpful in Providing More Insurance Choices.**

By Mark DiCamillo and Mervin Field

California voters remain highly supportive of the nation's health care law according to a new TCWF-Field Health Policy Poll released today in Sacramento. The poll finds 52% of registered voters in this state supporting the law and 37% opposed. This is similar to a 52%-38% support-oppose ratio found by *The Field Poll* last April shortly after the law was enacted. Support for the law remains considerably greater here than nationally<sup>1</sup>.

As found in national polls, the views of voters here are highly partisan, with Democrats strongly supportive and Republicans strongly opposed. Non-partisans back the law by a three to two margin.

#### **Other highlights of the poll**

The views of the large and rapidly expanding ethnic voting population are contributing to the law's greater acceptance here than nationally, with ethnic voters much more supportive of the law than white non-Hispanics.

Opinions about the law are also directly tied to how voters feel the law will affect themselves and their families.

When asked what actions the Congress should take with regard to the law, a majority of Californians (52%) favors either leaving it as is or expanding the law to do more. Forty percent favor repealing all or parts of the law.

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<sup>1</sup> *Recent national polls about the law:*

- 42% favorable vs. 46% unfavorable, Kaiser Family Foundation survey of 1,202 U.S. adults, March 2011.
- 46% good thing vs. 44% bad thing, Gallup Poll of 1,038 U.S. adults, March 2011.

Californians also express optimism when asked about the state's ability to implement the health law. Six in ten (60%) think the state will be successful in its efforts to carry out the law. Large majorities believe the state will be able to achieve many of its main goals, such as expanding state-sponsored health programs to enable more low income residents to have health insurance, providing residents with more insurance choices, and regulating the insurance market so Californians have better consumer protections.

Nearly three in four insured Californians (72%) believe that having a choice of more than one health insurance plan is very important to them. Yet, fewer than half (46%) say they are very satisfied with the choices they now have. Three fourths (76%) hold out hope that the creation of the state's proposed health insurance exchange will be very or somewhat helpful in providing residents with more insurance alternatives.

### **Survey sponsorship and commentary**

The 2011 TCWF-Field Health Policy survey was conducted from February 8-24, 2011 among 1,194 registered voters statewide. This is the fifth in a series of health policy surveys conducted annually among this state's voters by *The Field Poll* under a grant from The California Wellness Foundation.

"This survey demonstrates what California voters' views are about different aspects of the health care law," said Gary Yates, President and CEO of The California Wellness Foundation. "It is the Foundation's hope that policymakers take this information into account as they make decisions."

There are many reasons why support for the law is greater in California than elsewhere, said Mark DiCamillo, Director of *The Field Poll*.

"The first relates to the fact that views about the law are highly partisan, and that there are considerably more Democrats than Republicans in California than nationally. Secondly, the state's independent or non-partisan voters, who are swing voters on many partisan issues, back the law 48% to 33%, a much greater level of support than is found among independents nationally. Third, there is strong support for the law among the state's ethnic voters, who comprise more than a third of the electorate here, a larger share than is found nationally."

### **Who benefits from the law**

The poll finds that opinions about the law are directly tied to whether voters feel the law will benefit themselves and their families. One in seven voters (14%) say they or their families have already benefited from the law and another 20% expect to be better off once the law is fully implemented. These voters overwhelmingly back the law. Another 40% of voters feel the law will have no effect on their own situation and these voters also are supportive five to three. By contrast, there is strong opposition to the law among the approximately one in four voters who expect the law to have a negative impact on themselves or their families.

The populations that voters believe are most likely to benefit from the health care law are low-income residents (66%), the uninsured (60%), children (57%), and young adults (50%). On the other hand, more voters think that doctors, insurance companies and small businesses will be worse off than better off under the law.

### **Voter views about California's implementation of the law**

Six in ten Californians (60%) expect that the state will be successful in its efforts to implement the law, while 37% think it will be unsuccessful. Views about this are highly partisan and are directly tied to a voter's support or opposition to the law.

Majorities of voters are optimistic about the state's ability to achieve a number of specific goals of the law. For example, by a 73% to 26% margin Californians believe the state will be successful in expanding state-sponsored health programs to enable more low income residents to have health insurance. About six in ten voters think the state will be successful in providing residents with more insurance choices (61%) and in regulating the insurance market so Californians have better consumer protections (60%).

Slightly smaller majorities also expect the state to be successful in obtaining the federal funding needed to implement the law (59%) and in limiting rate increases of insurance companies (56%).

Nearly three in four insured Californians (72%) attach high importance to having a choice of more than one health insurance plan, but just 46% say they are currently very satisfied with the choices they now have. Californians hold out hope that the proposal to set up an online health insurance exchange, where individuals and workers looking for coverage can go to comparison shop for insurance, will be beneficial in this regard. Statewide, three in four voters (76%) believe the creation of the health exchange will be very or somewhat helpful in providing residents with more insurance alternatives.

### **Updating Californians' views about the health care system**

Californians continue to have mixed views about the way the current health care system is working, with 49% satisfied and 44% dissatisfied. This is generally similar to a 50% satisfied vs. 42% dissatisfied ratio found last year. Residents whose families have been continuously insured over the past two years are much more satisfied with the way the health care system is working than those who are either uninsured now or whose family members have been without health coverage over the past two years.

A plurality of voters (41%) say they would prefer to get their health insurance coverage through their employer. About one in four (26%) would rather obtain coverage from the government, while a similar proportion (25%) would rather have personal responsibility for this.

Views about this differ significantly along partisan lines. Democrats prefer either having employer-provided or government-provided coverage. Very few want personal responsibility for this. Republicans favor either employer-provided coverage or having personal responsibility, but very few want government-provided coverage.

### **Views about Medicare and Medi-Cal**

Eight in ten California voters (80%) say that Medicare, the government health program for people age 65 or older and those with certain long-term disabilities, is important to them or their families, and 78% think the program has been successful in meeting its goals.

Only about half of voters (51%) say that Medi-Cal, California's health program that provides insurance and long-term care to low-income adults and children, is important to their families, although about two in three (64%) say the program has been successful in meeting its goals.

### **Information About the Survey**

The 2010 TCWF-Field Health Policy Survey is the fifth in a series of health policy surveys conducted annually among California voters by *The Field Poll*. Each survey is made possible through a grant from The California Wellness Foundation. This year's findings are based on a survey of 1,194 California registered voters.

Interviewing was conducted by telephone in English and Spanish using live interviewers February 8-24, 2011 from Field Research Corporation's central location telephone interviewing center. Up to six attempts were made to reach and interview each randomly selected voter on different days and times of day during the interviewing period. Interviews were completed on either a voter's landline phone or a cell phone depending on the source of the telephone listings from the voter file. In this survey 21% of all interviews were completed through a cell phone contact.

Sampling error estimates applicable to any probability-based survey depend upon its sample size. According to statistical theory, 95% of the time results from the overall sample are subject to a maximum sampling error of +/- 2.9 percentage points. The maximum sampling error is based on percentages in the middle of the sampling distribution (percentages around 50%). Percentages at either end of the distribution (percentages around 10% or around 90%) have a smaller margin of error. While there are other potential sources of error in surveys besides sampling error, the overall design and execution of the survey minimized the potential for these other sources of error. The maximum sampling error will be larger for analyses based on subgroups of the overall sample.

### **About The California Wellness Foundation**

The California Wellness Foundation is a private, independent foundation created in 1992, with a mission to improve the health of the people of California by making grants for health promotion, wellness education and disease prevention. The Foundation prioritizes eight issues for funding: diversity in the health professions, environmental health, healthy aging, mental health, teenage pregnancy prevention, violence prevention, women's health, and work and health. It also responds to timely issues or special projects outside these funding priorities.

For more information, visit the Foundation's website, [www.calwellness.org](http://www.calwellness.org). Contact: Gary L. Yates, president and CEO, or Cecilia Laiché, communications officer at (818) 702-1900.

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**The 2011 TCWF–Field Health Policy Survey**

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**Voter Views About the Nation’s Health  
Care Law and its Implementation and  
Impact in California  
(Chart Pack)**

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# About the 2011 TCWF–Field Health Policy Survey

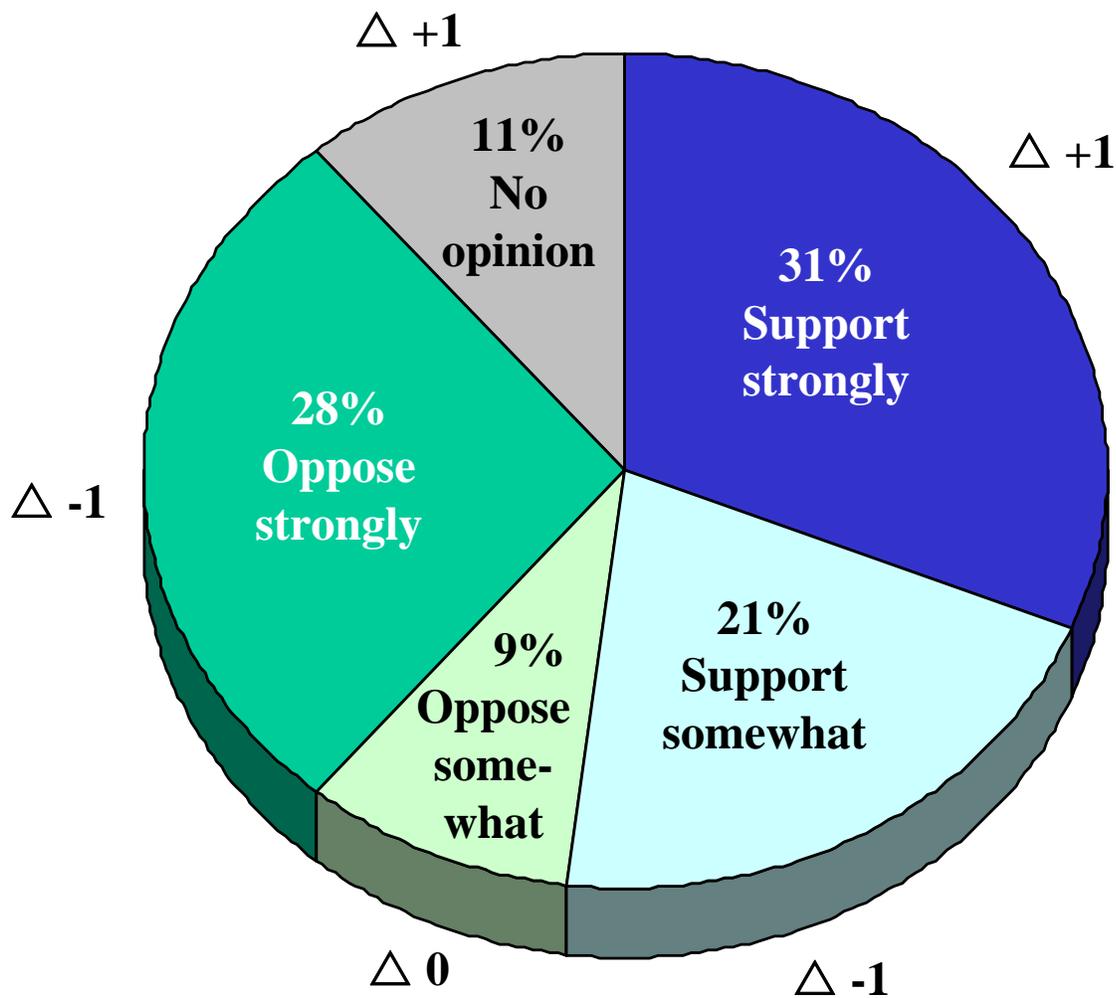
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<b>Population Surveyed:</b>	California registered voters.
<b>Number of Interviews:</b>	1,194 telephone interviews completed using live interviewers.
<b>Data Collection Period:</b>	February 8–24, 2011.
<b>Languages of Administration:</b>	English and Spanish.
<b>Sampling Error:</b>	Statewide findings have a sampling error of +/- 2.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

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**“Overall, do you support or oppose the nation’s new health care law?”**

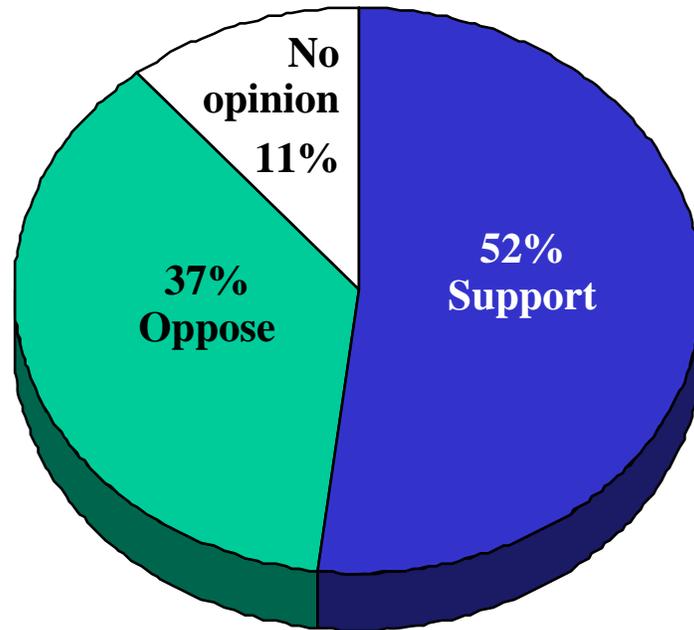


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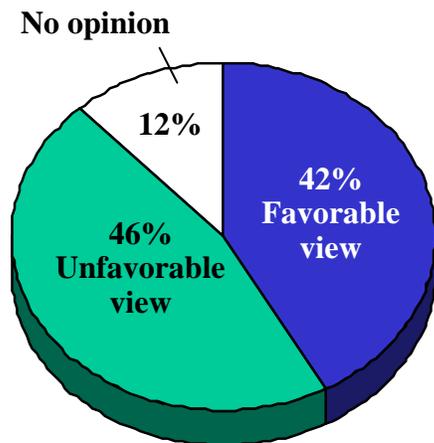
Table 1b

# Comparing California to U.S. public opinion about the health care law

## California



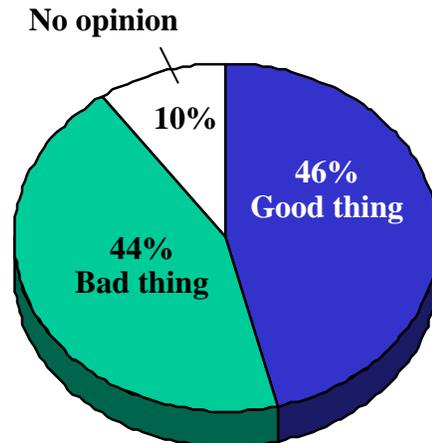
## The U.S.



### Kaiser Family Foundation

(March 2011)

(n = 1,202 U.S. adults)



### Gallup Poll

(March 2011)

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Table 1c

# Opinions of the health care law across political subgroups

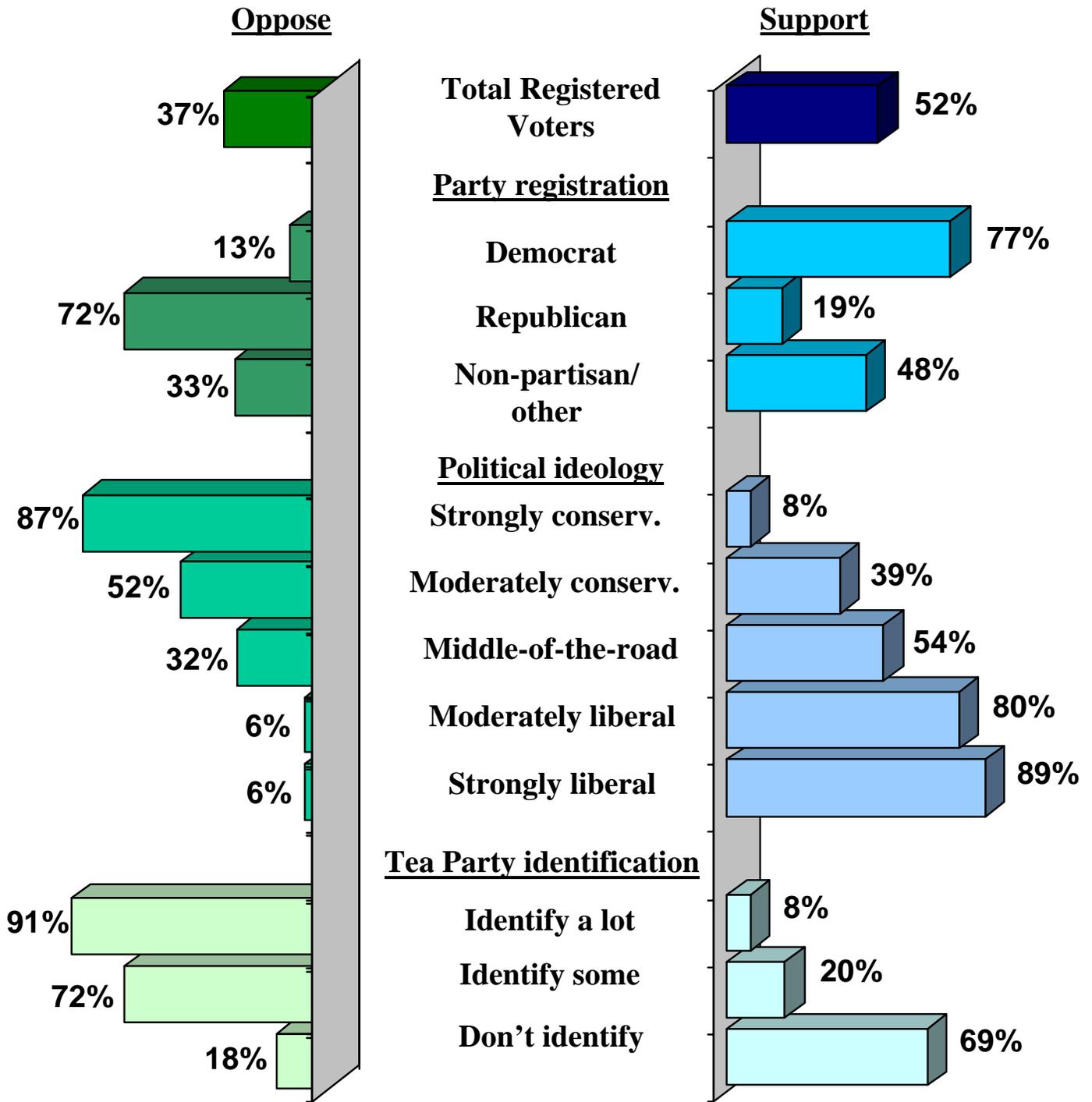
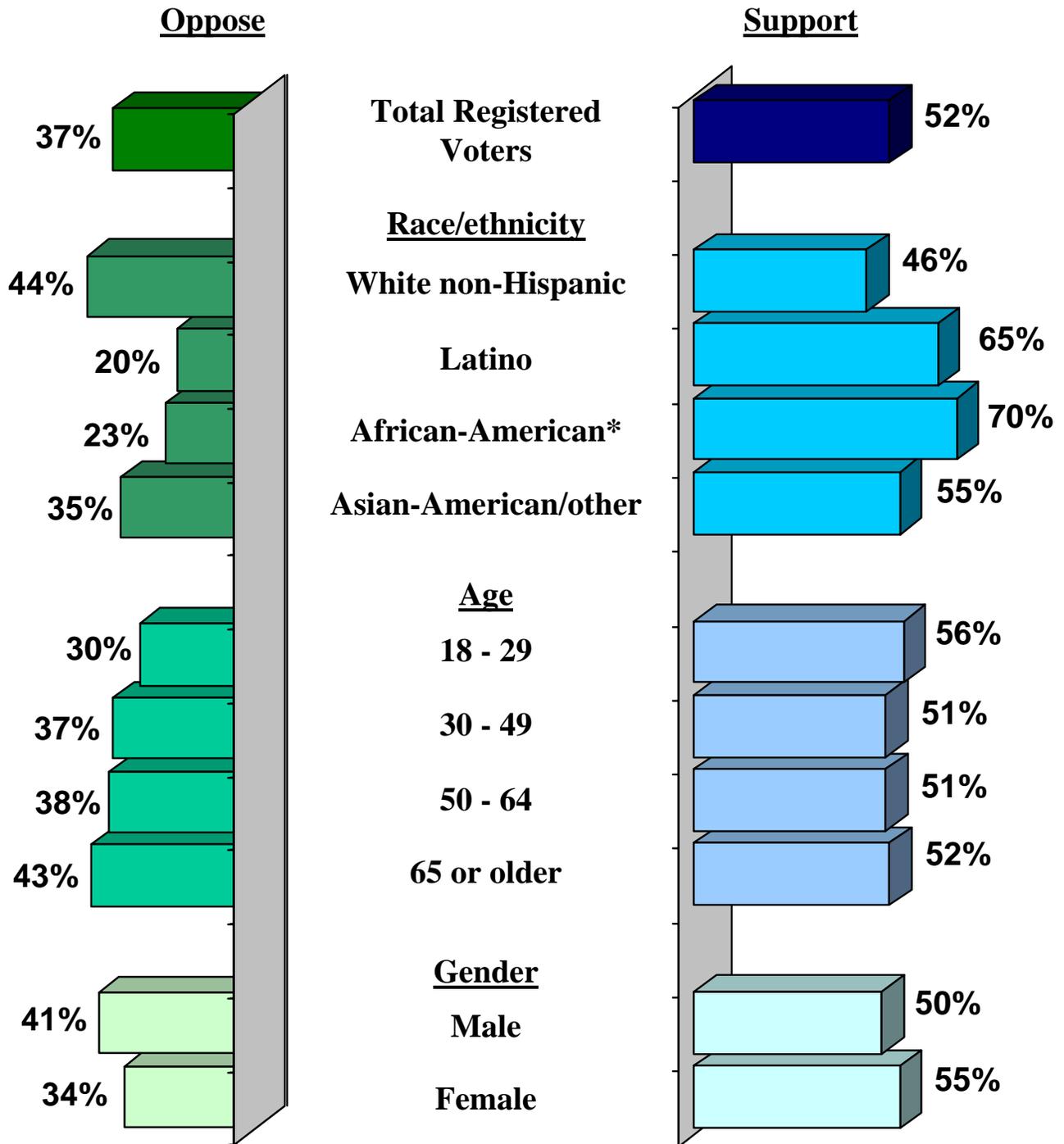


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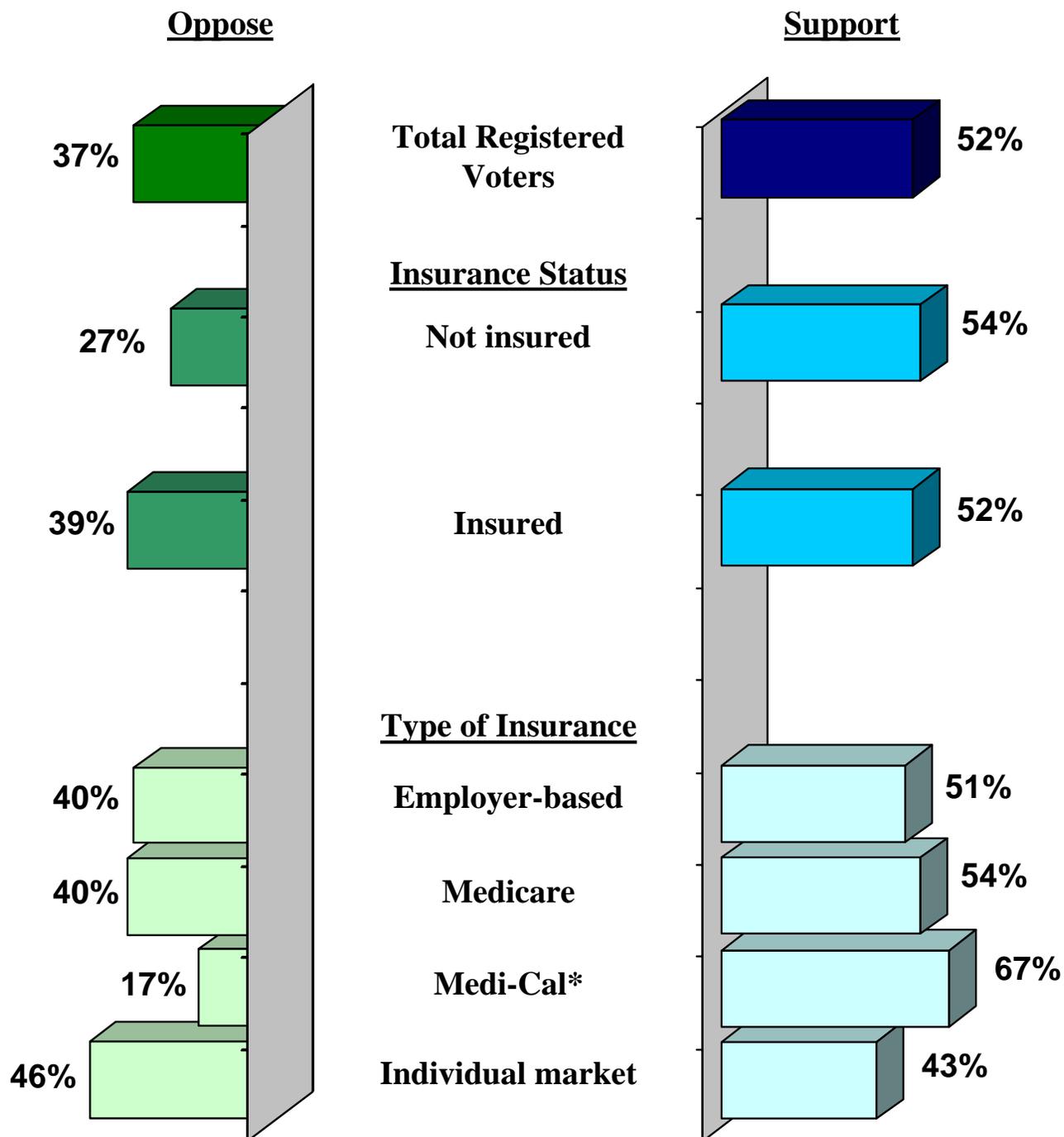
# Opinions of the health care law across demographic subgroups



\* Small sample base.

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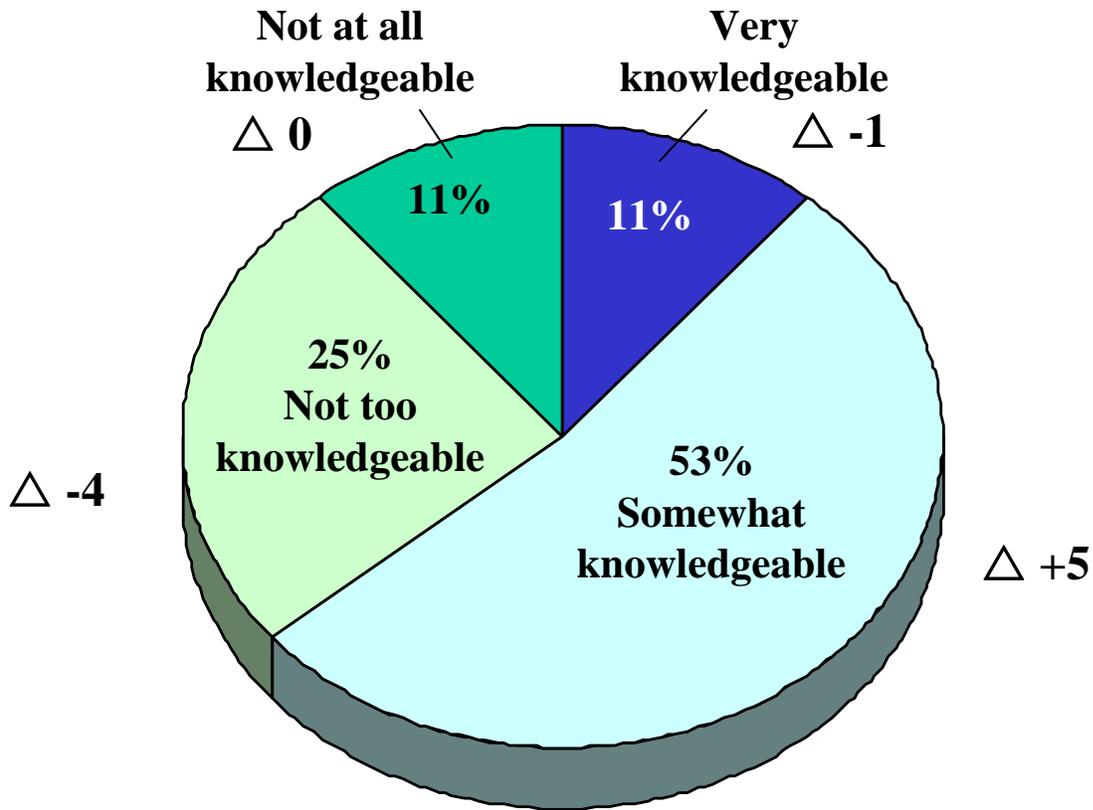
## Opinions of the health care law by insurance status and type of coverage



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Table 2a

# Californians' level of knowledge about the specifics of the nation's health care law



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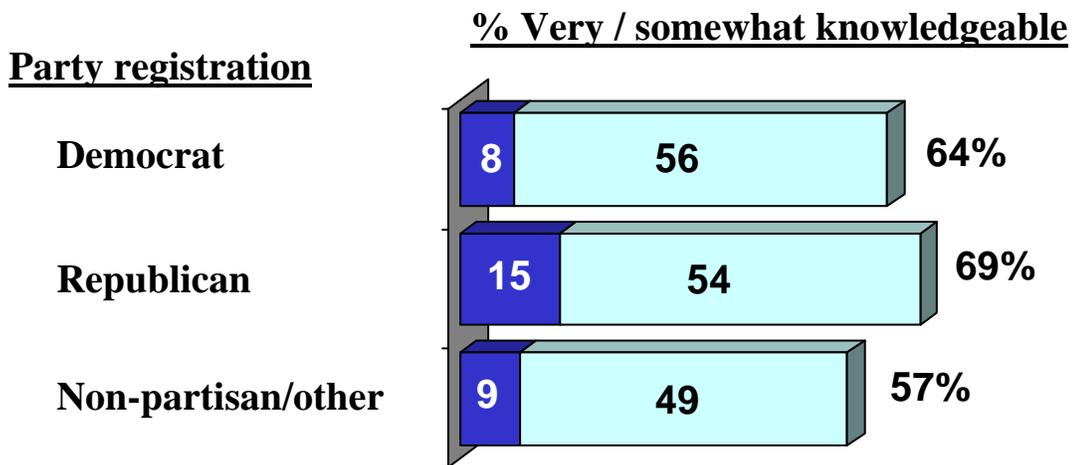


Table 2b

# Opinions of the health care law by stated level of knowledge about the law

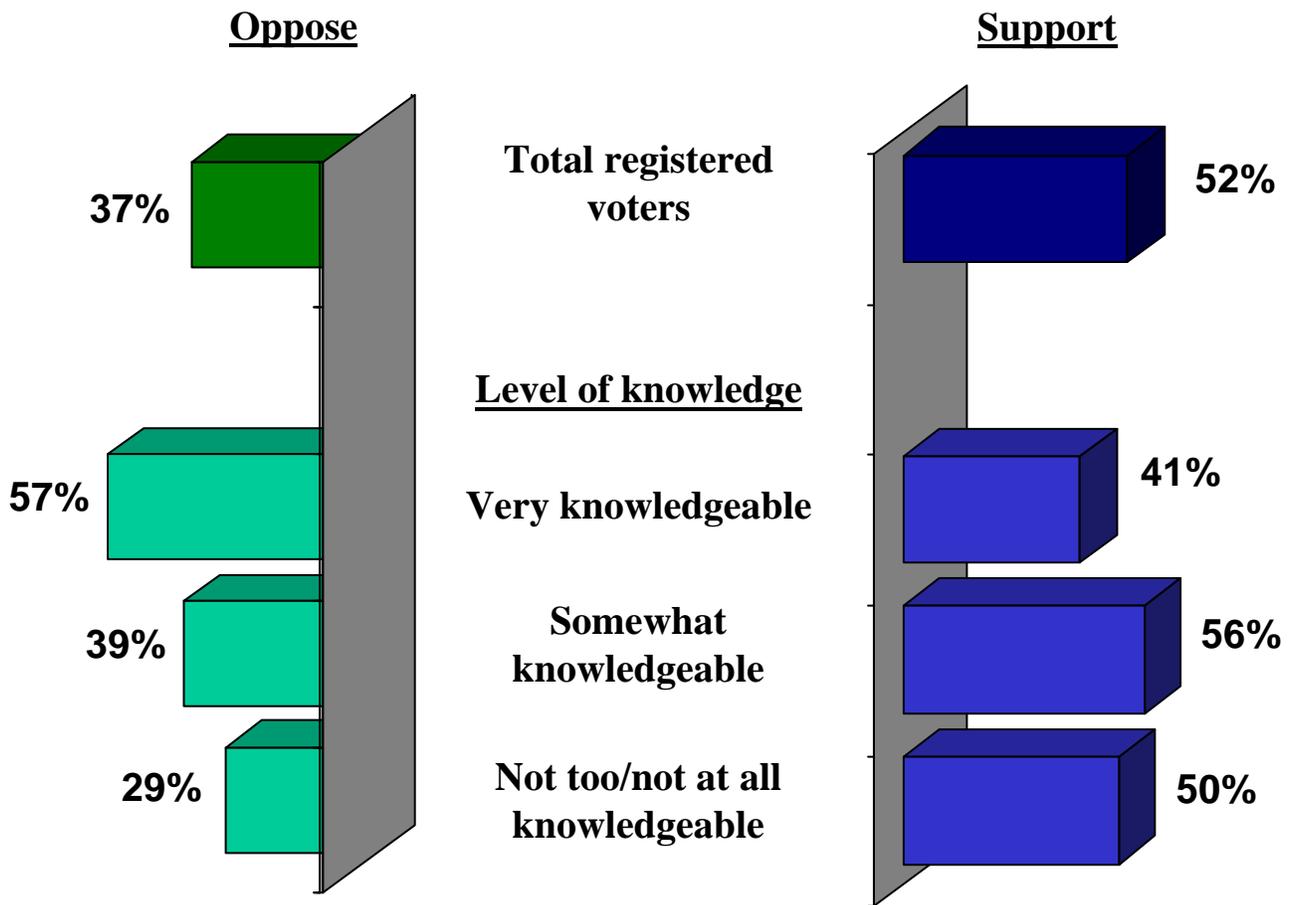
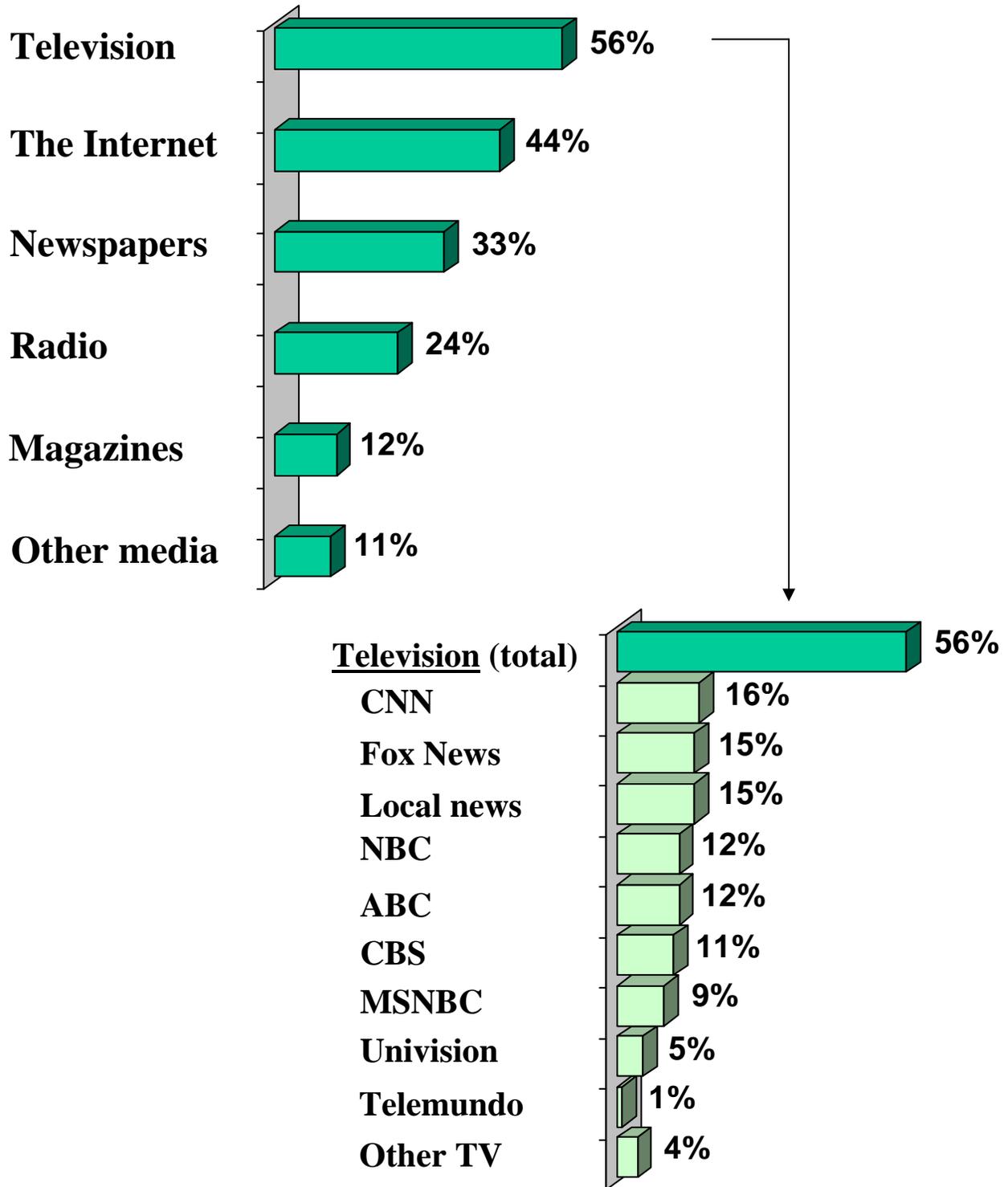


Table 3a

# Where Californians say they have gotten most of their news about the health care law



(Percentages add to more than 100% or subtotal due to multiple mentions.)

Table 3b

## Opinions of the health care law by media source

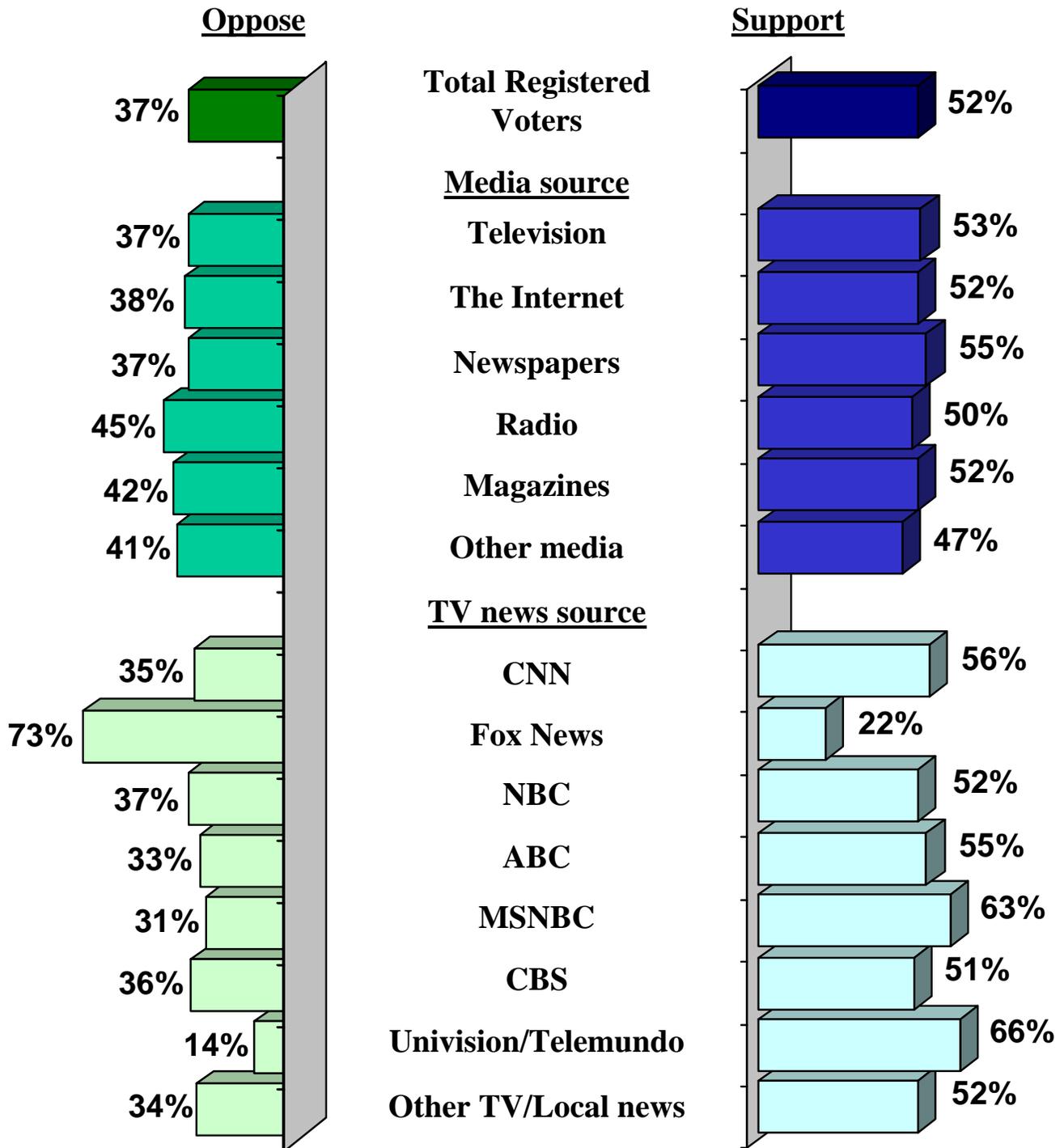


Table 4a

## Expected impact of health reform law on California voters and their families

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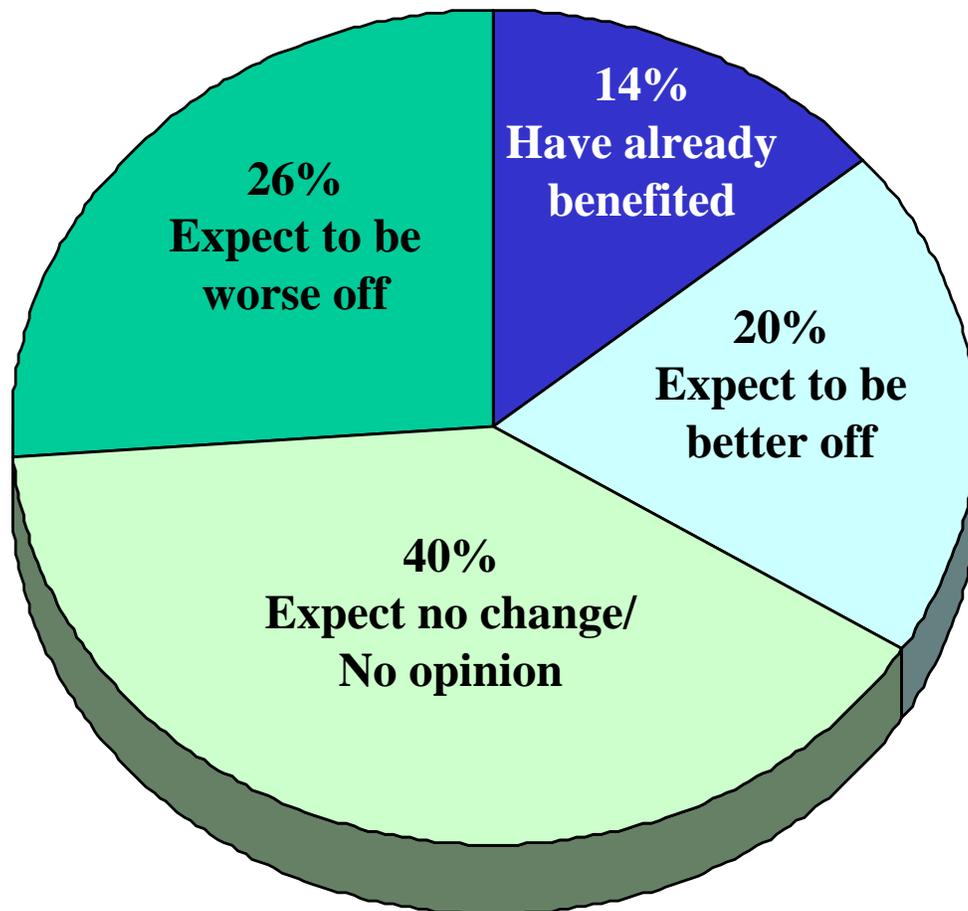
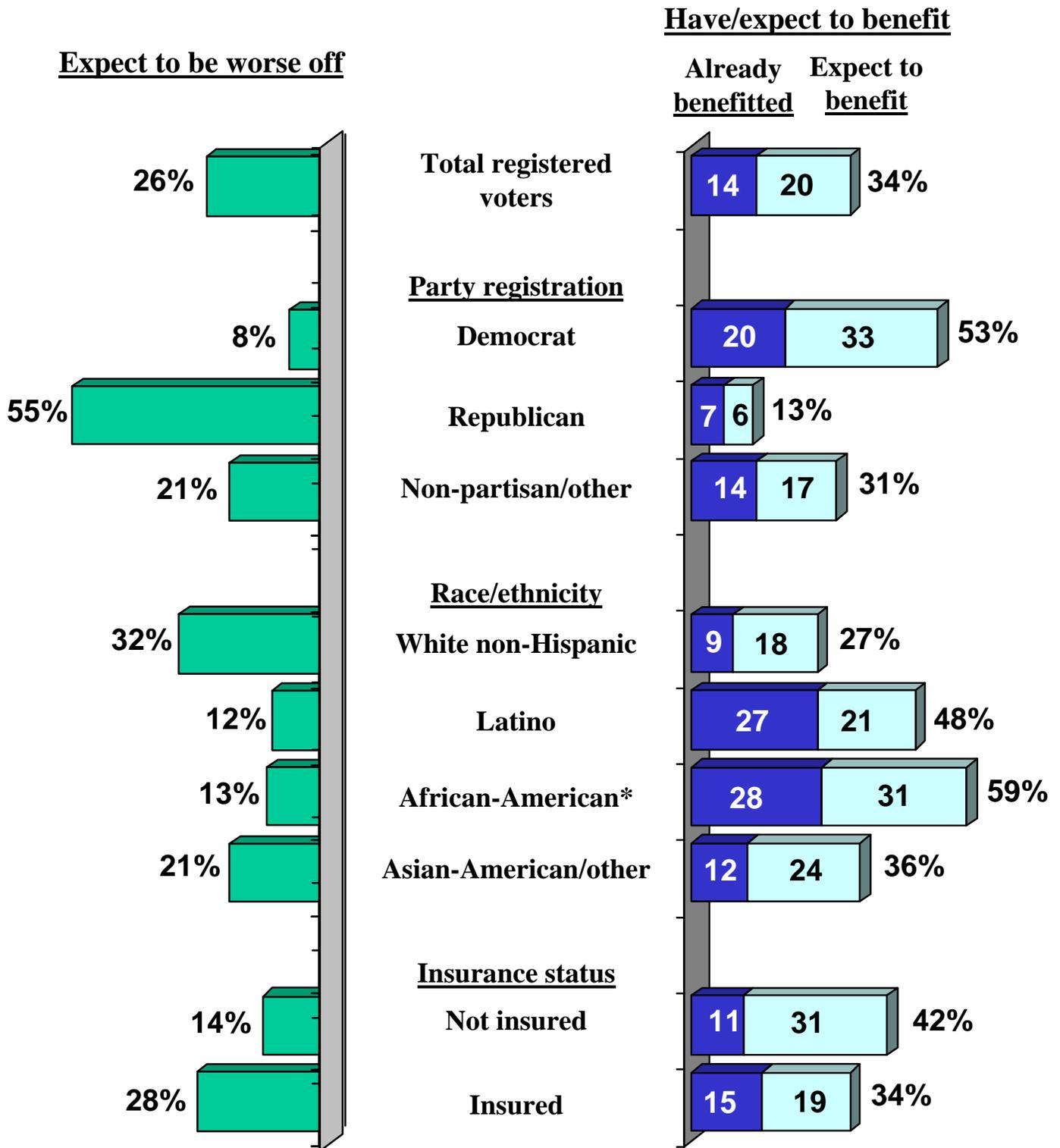


Table 4b

## Expected impact of health reform law on voters and their families – across subgroups



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Table 4c

# Relationship between opinion of health care law and expected impact on voters and their families

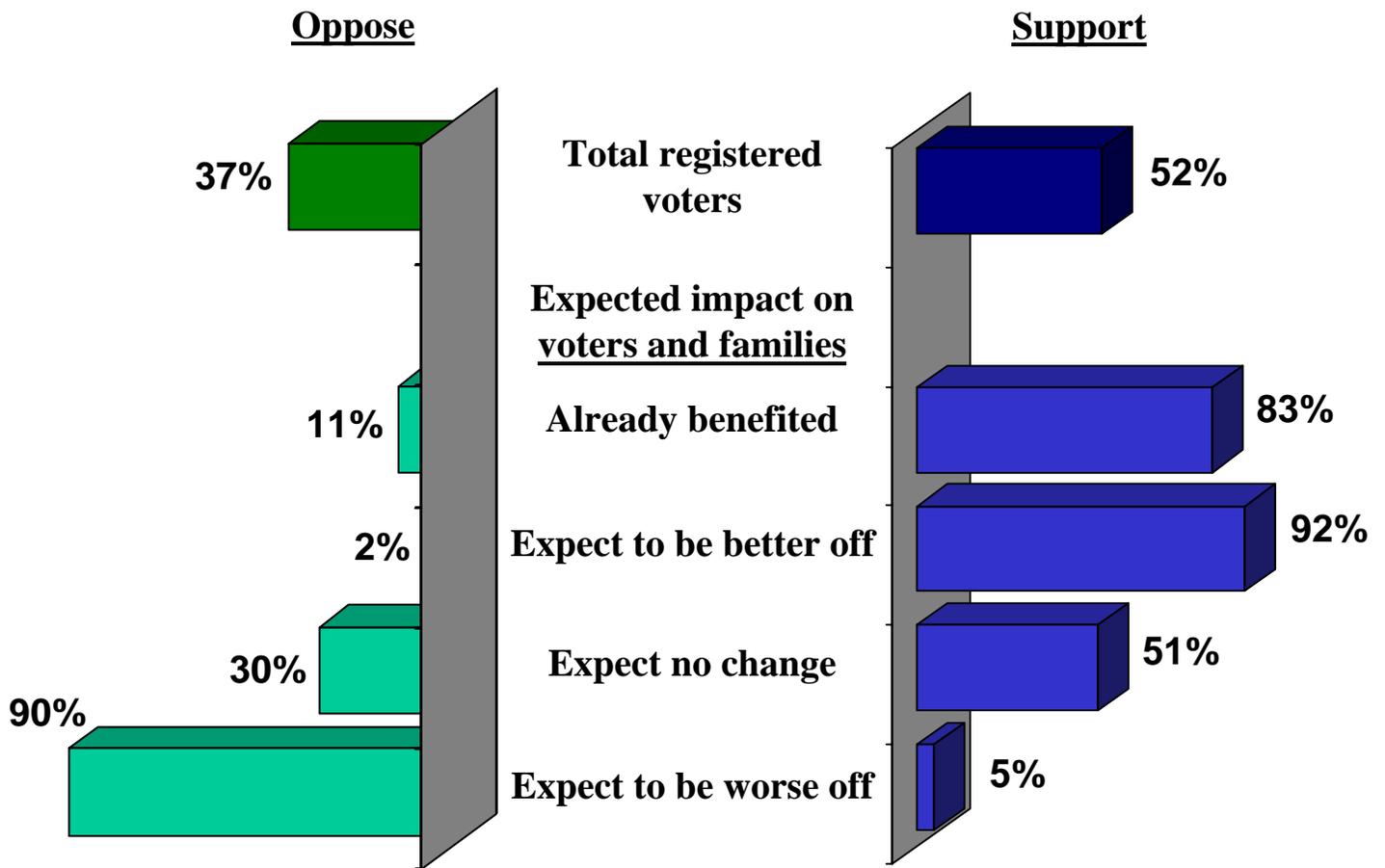
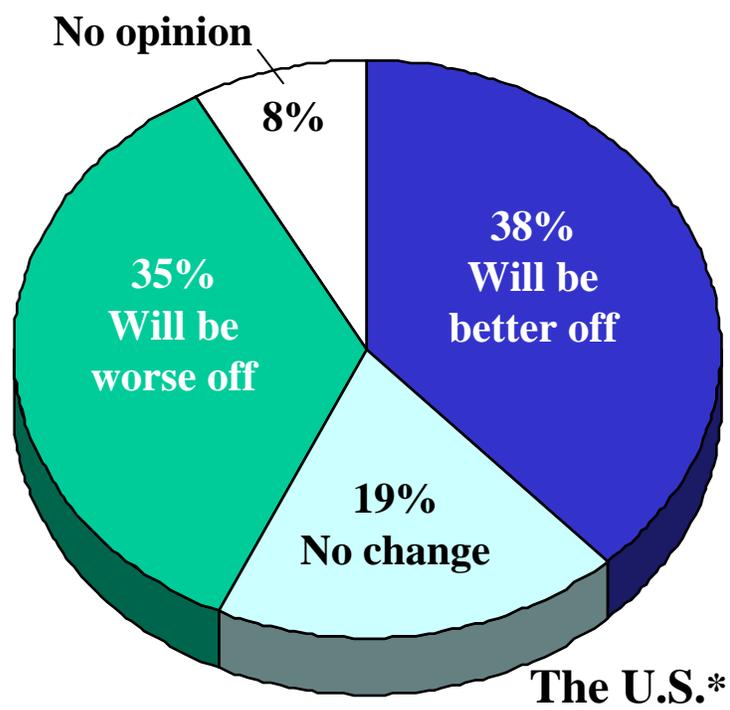
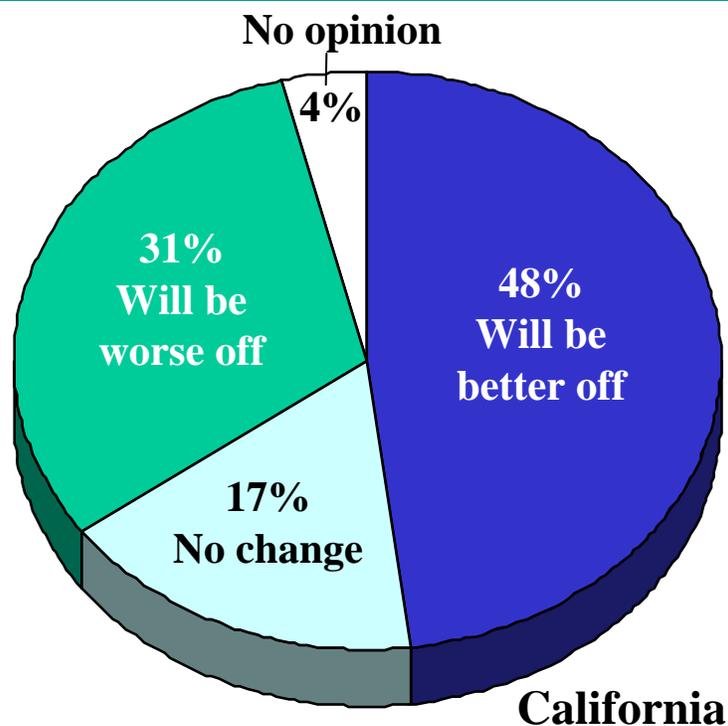


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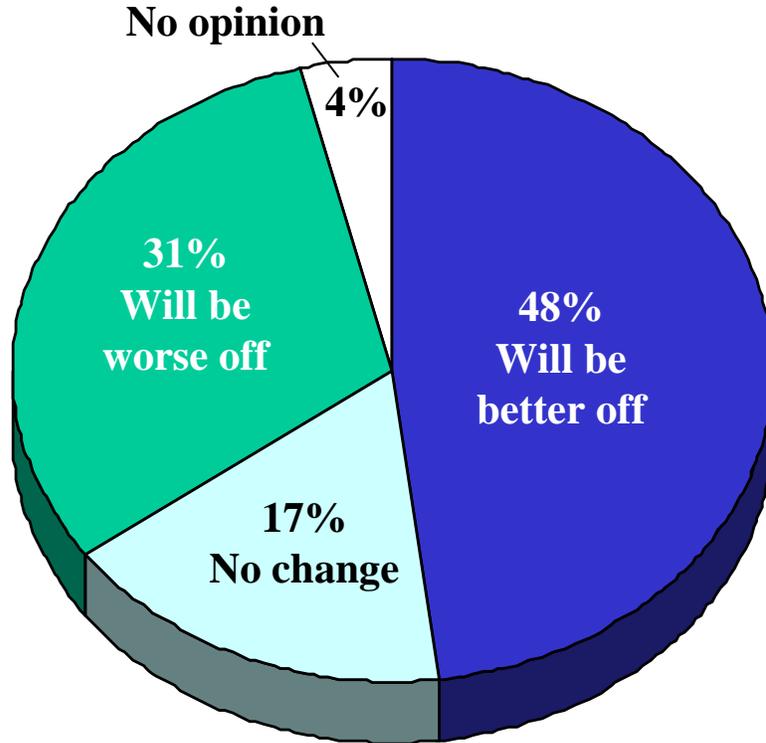
## Comparing California and U.S. public opinion about the impact of the health reform law on the country overall



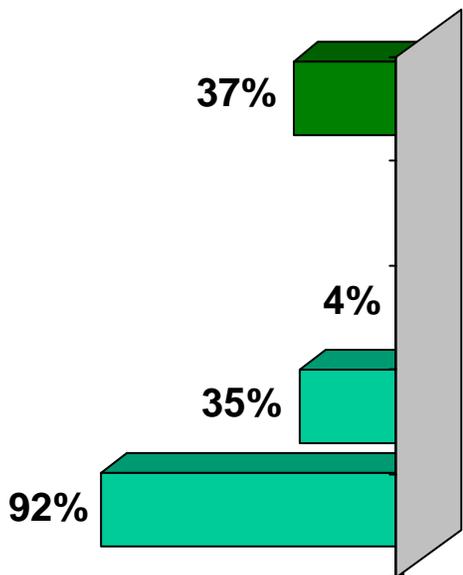
\* Kaiser Family Foundation survey of 1,202 U.S. adults, March 2011.

Table 5b

# Expected impact of health reform law on the U.S. and its relationship to voter support or opposition of the health reform law



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% Support the health reform law

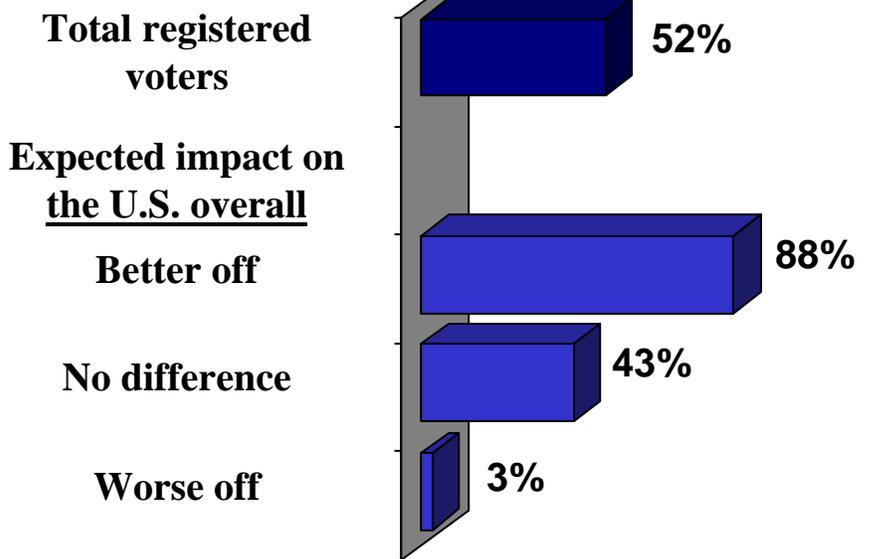


Table 6a

## What California voters would like Congress to do about the health care law

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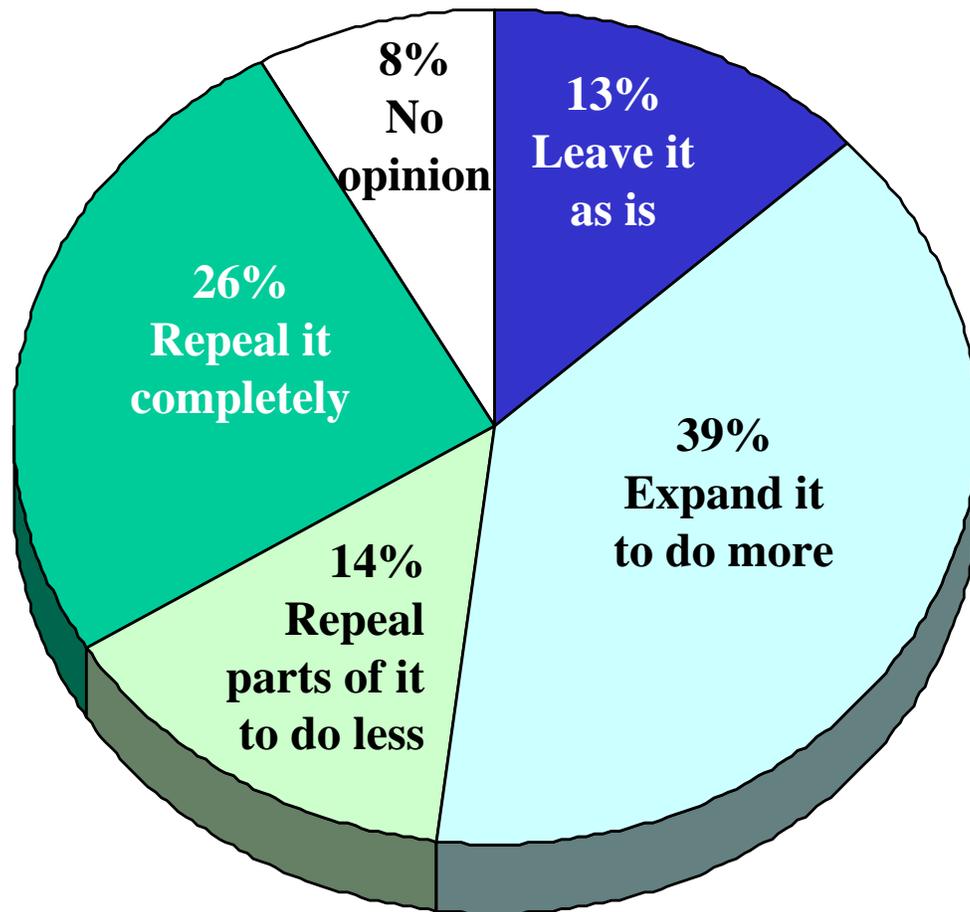
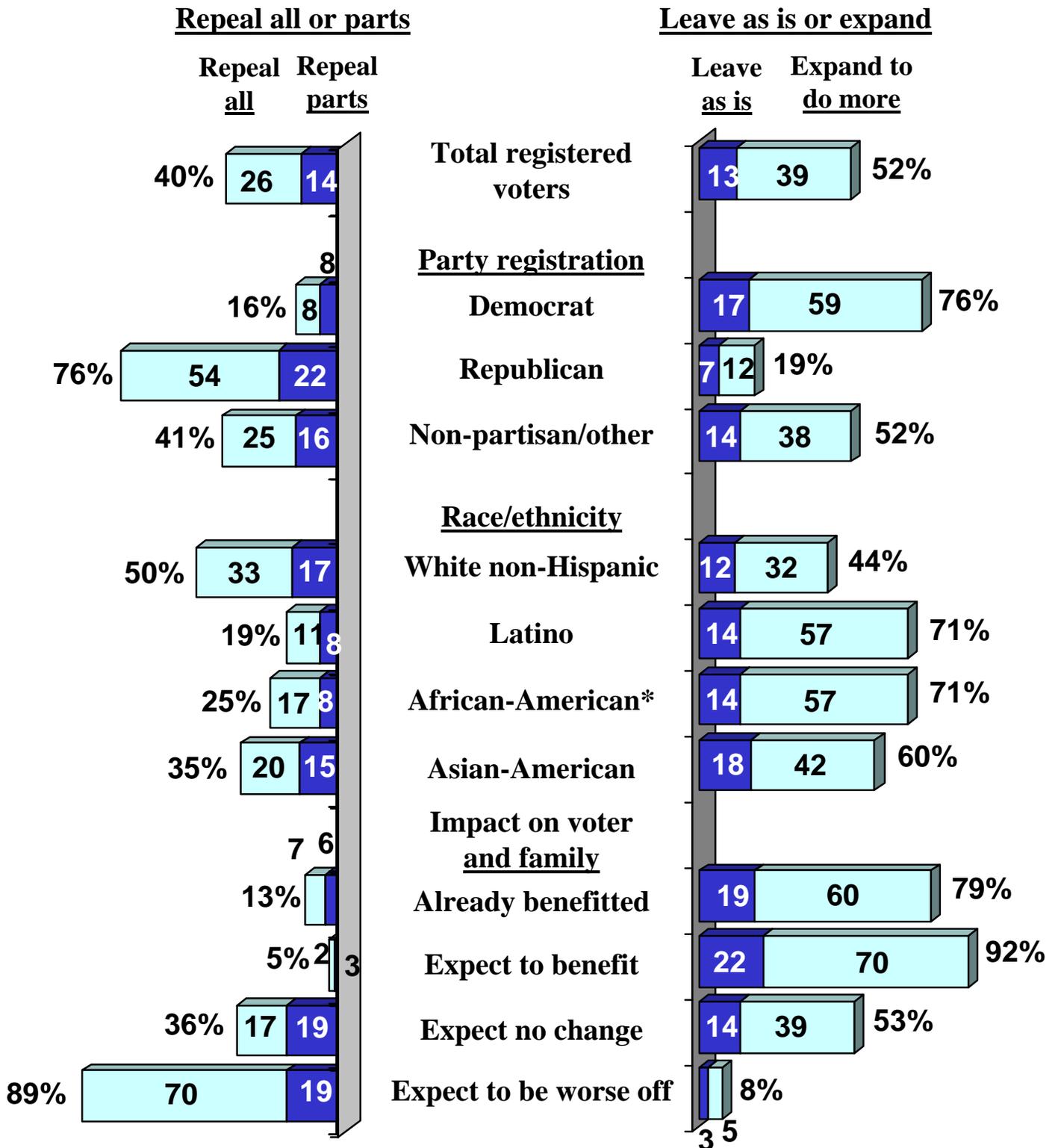


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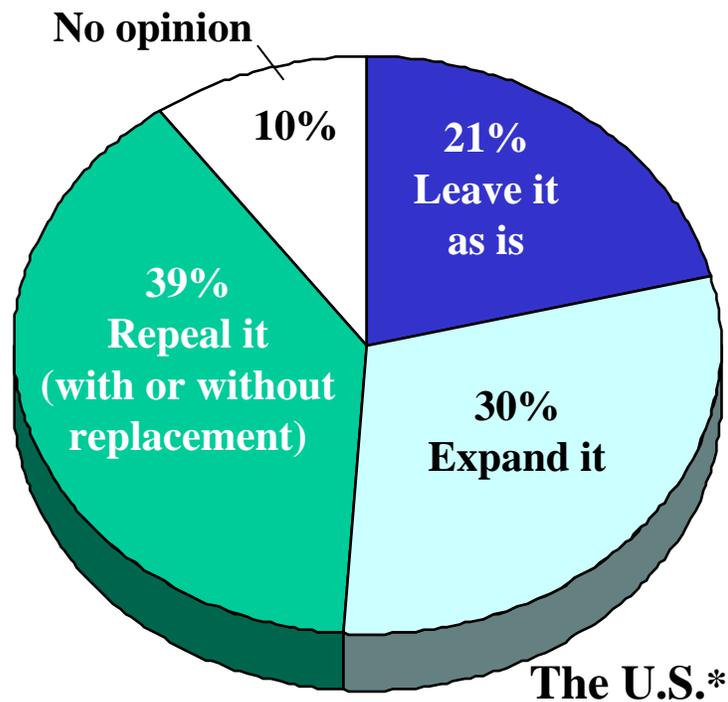
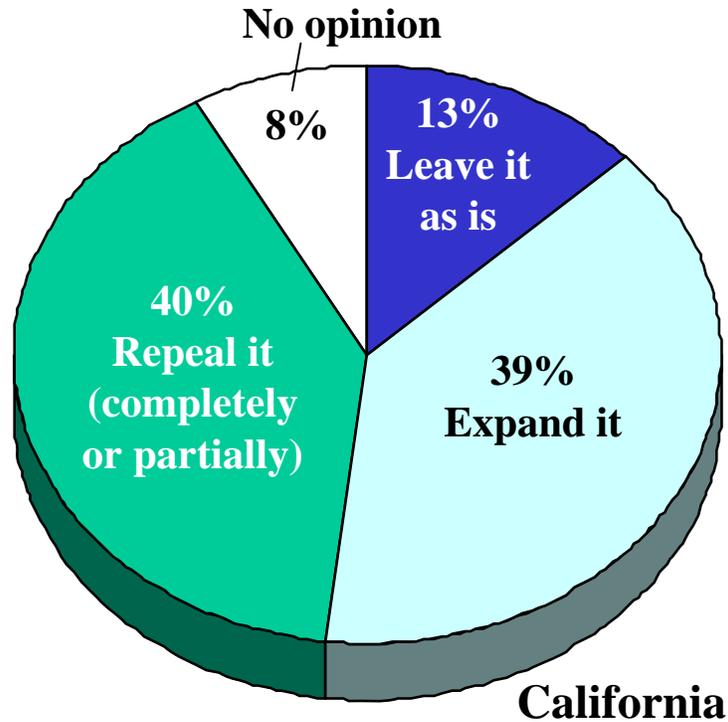
# What California voters would like the Congress to do about the health care law - by subgroups



\* Small sample base.

**Table 7**

**Comparing California and U.S. public opinion about what Congress should do about the new health care law**



\* Kaiser Family Foundation survey of 1,202 U.S. adults, March 2011.

Table 8

# Do you approve or disapprove of Congress cutting off funding as a way to stop some or all of health reform from being put into place

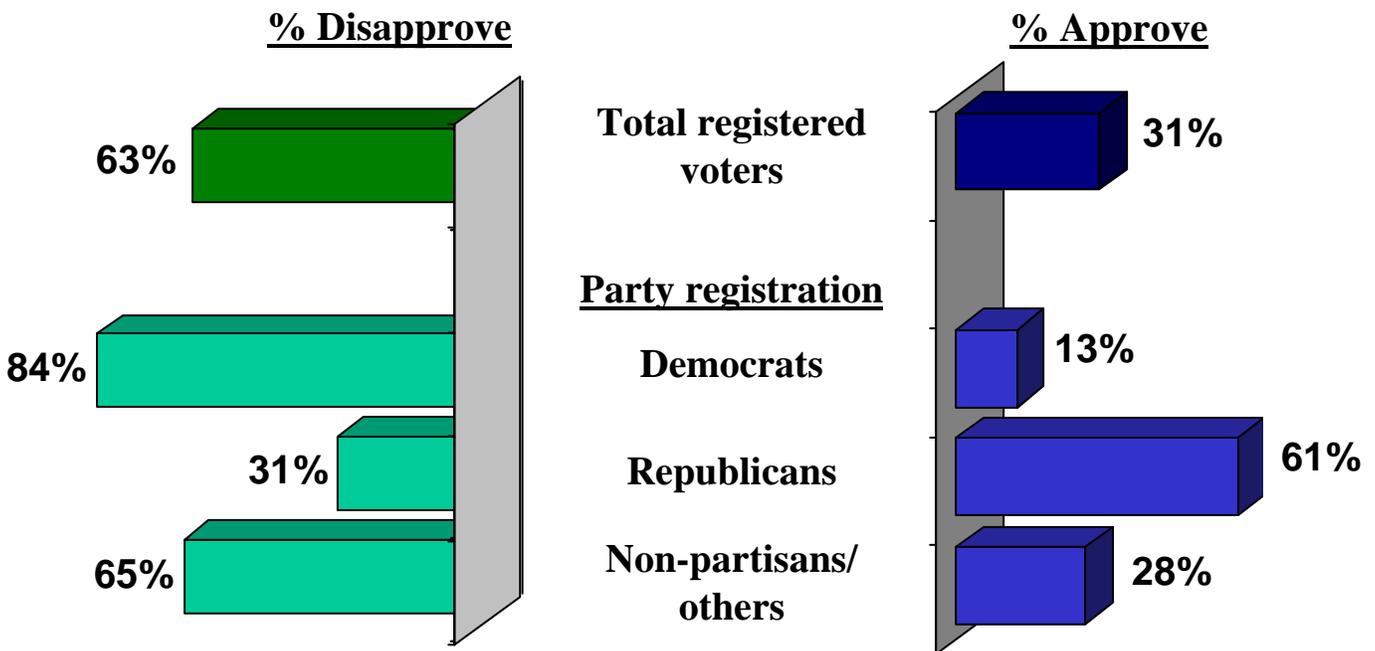
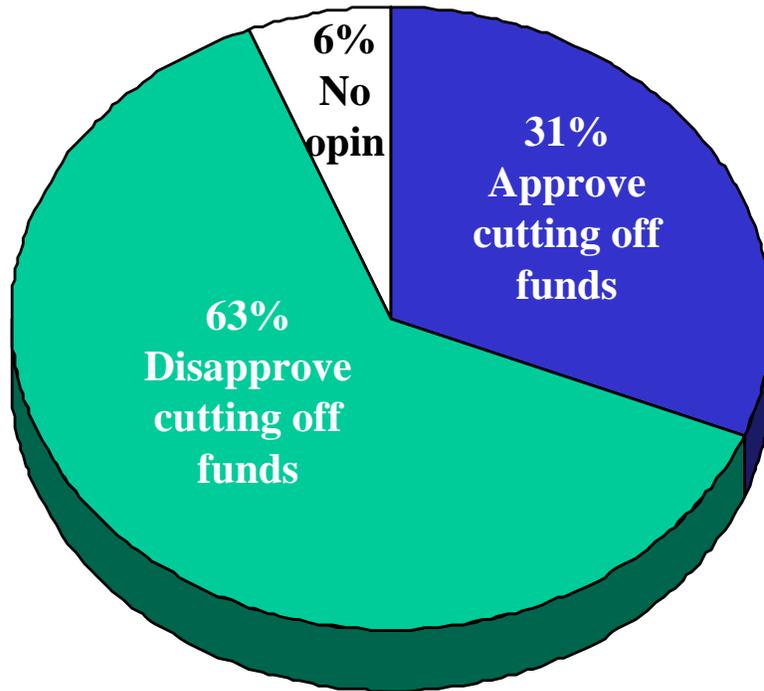
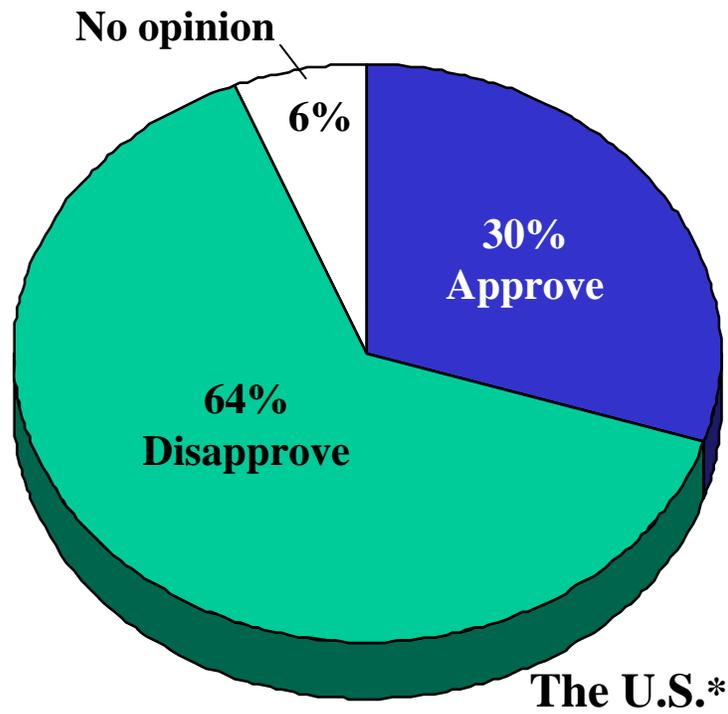
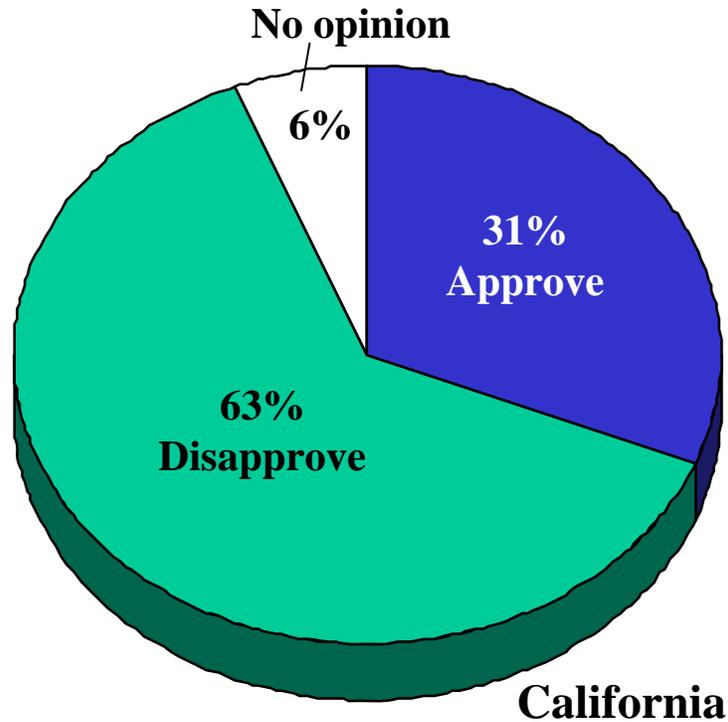


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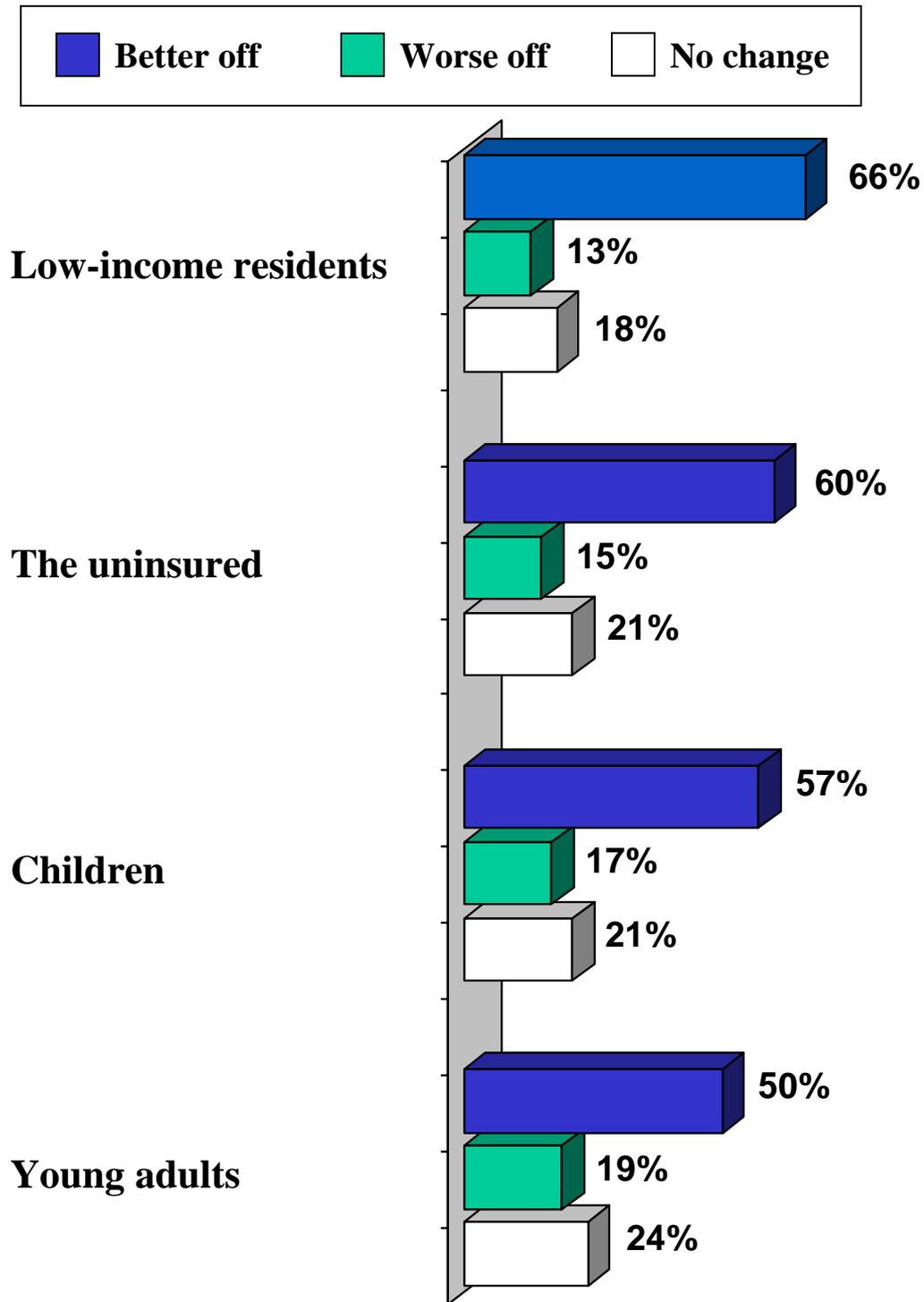
# Comparing California and U.S. public opinion about Congress cutting off funding as a way to derail health reform



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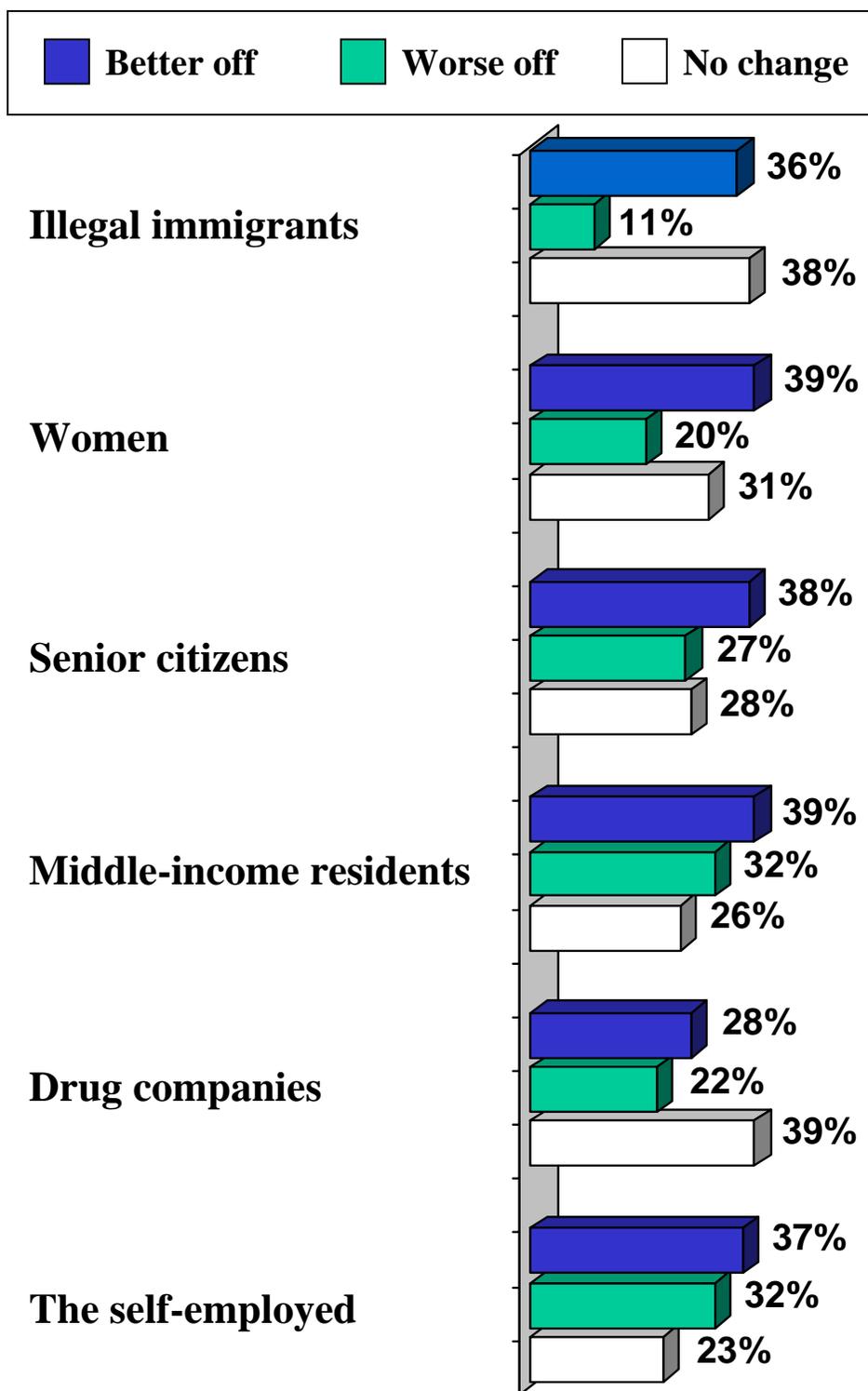
## Groups that majorities of California voters believe will be better off because of the health care law



Note: Differences between 100% and the sum of each category's percentages equal the proportions with no opinion.

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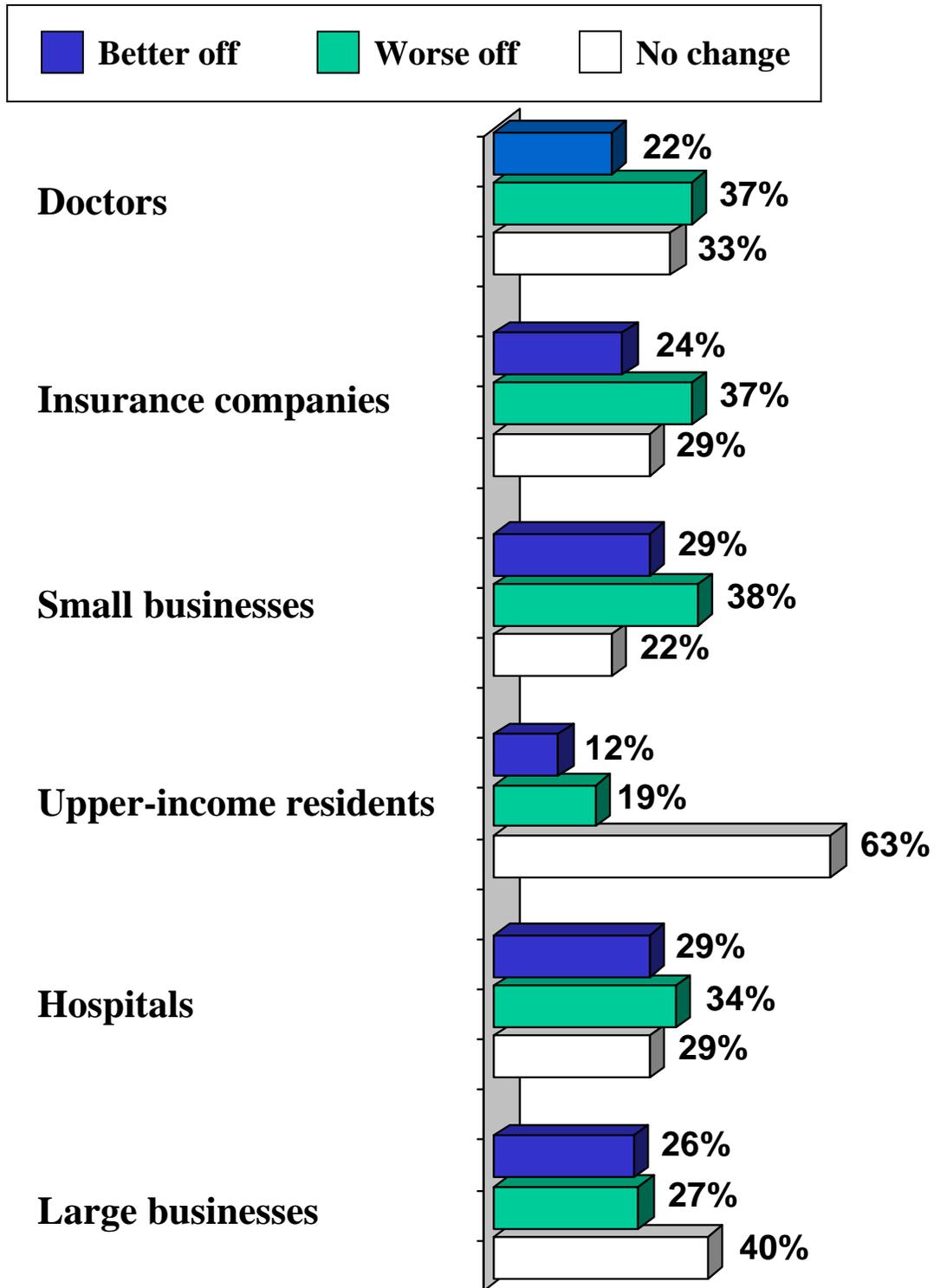
## Groups that pluralities of California voters believe will be better off because of the health care law



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Table 10c

## Groups that more California voters believe will be worse off than better off because of the health care law



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Table 11a

# Will California be successful in its efforts to fully implement the health care law

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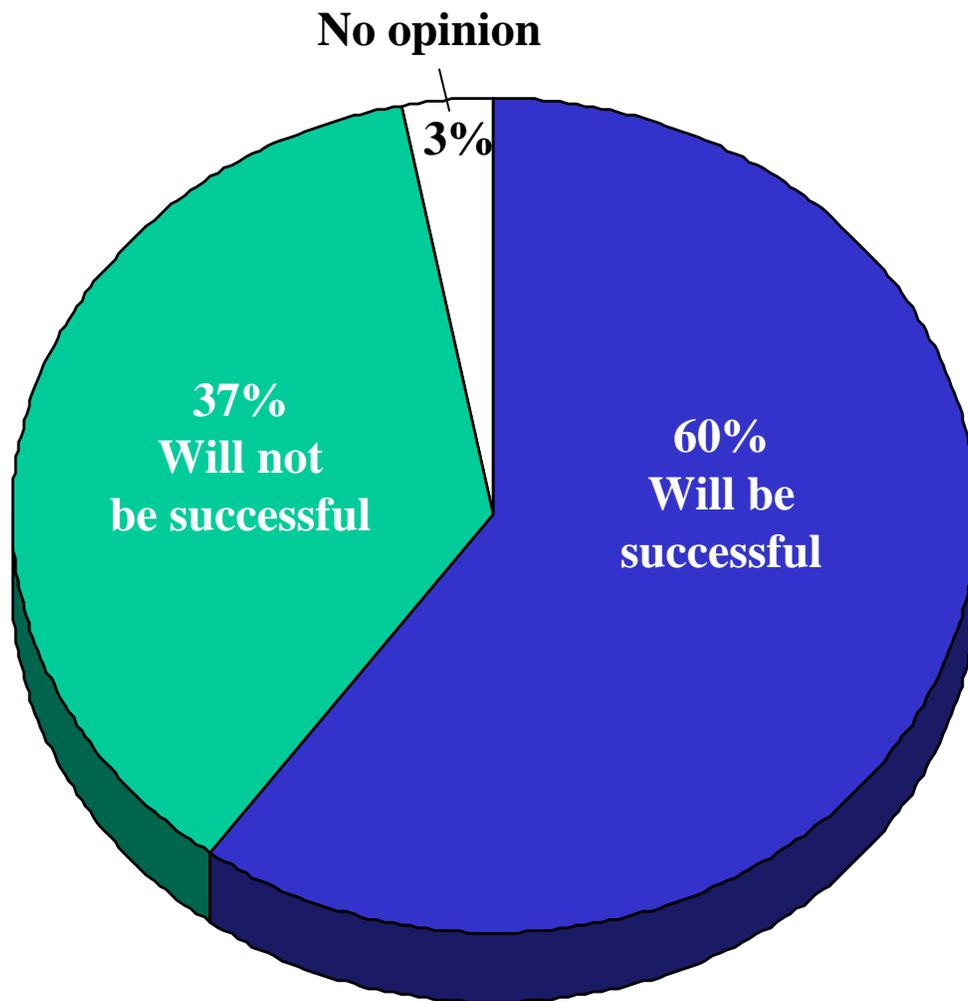


Table 11b

**Views of whether California will be successful in implementing the health care law – by party and overall opinion of the law**

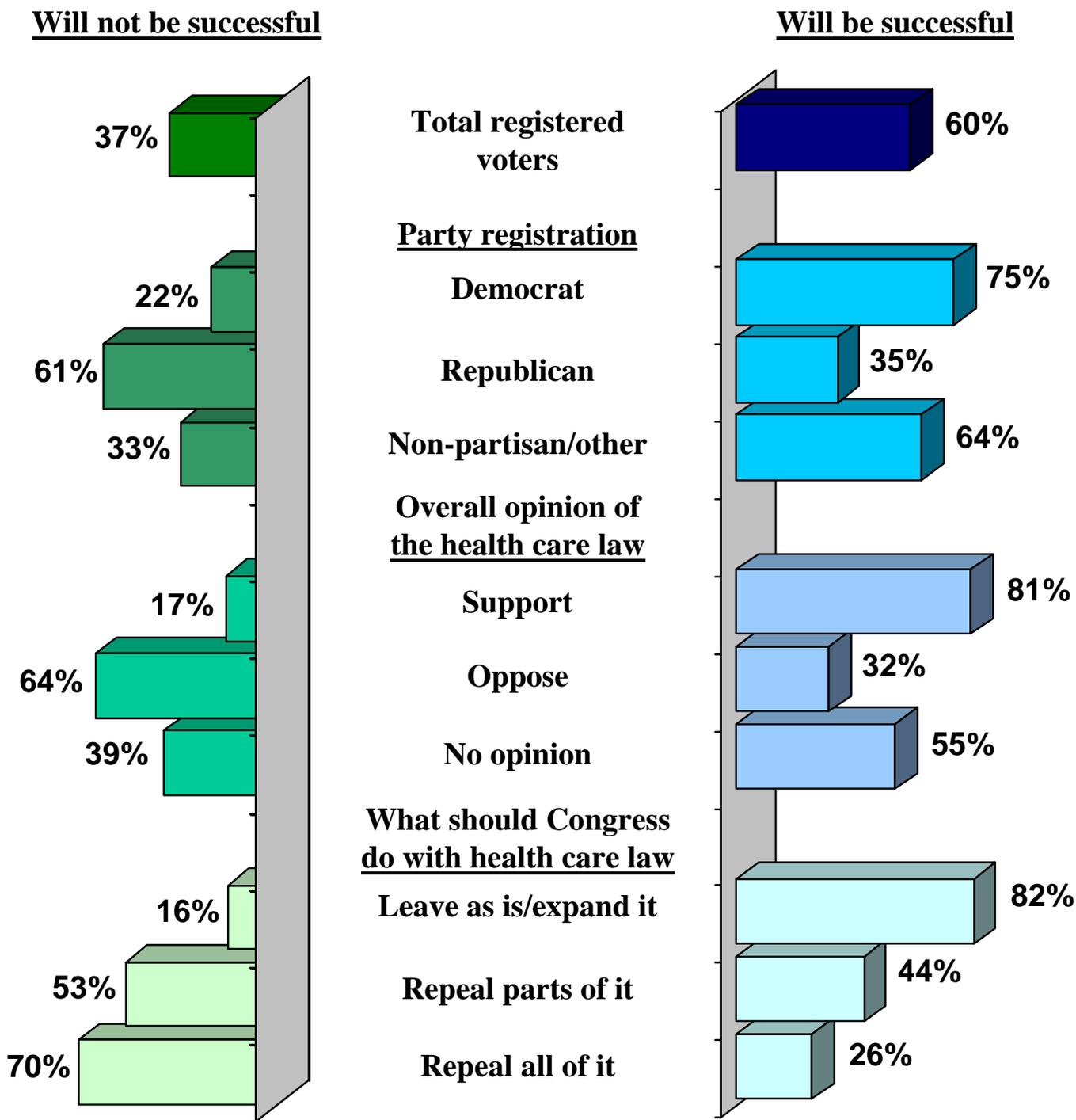


Table 12

## Extent to which California will be successful in achieving specific goals of the health care law

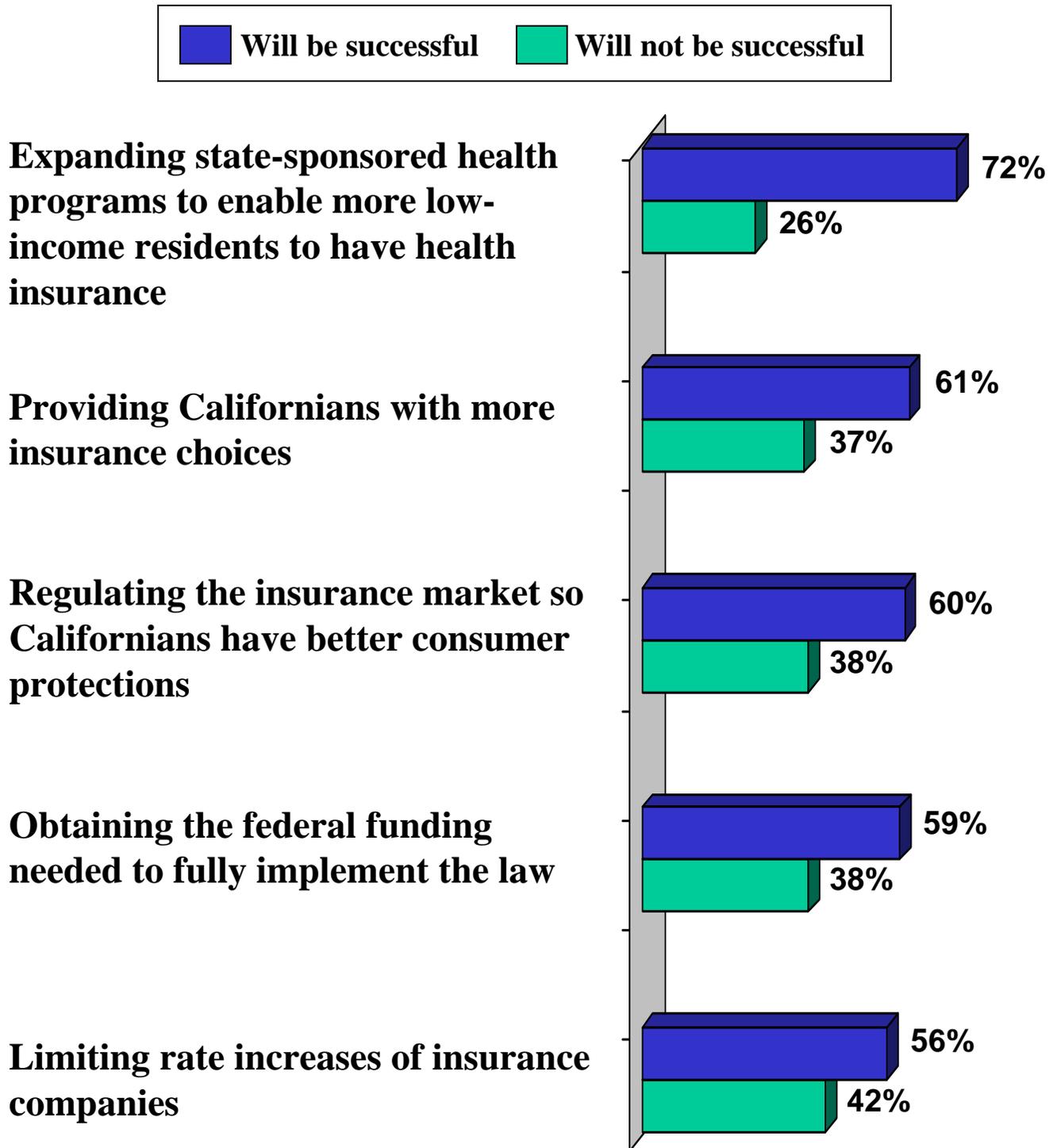
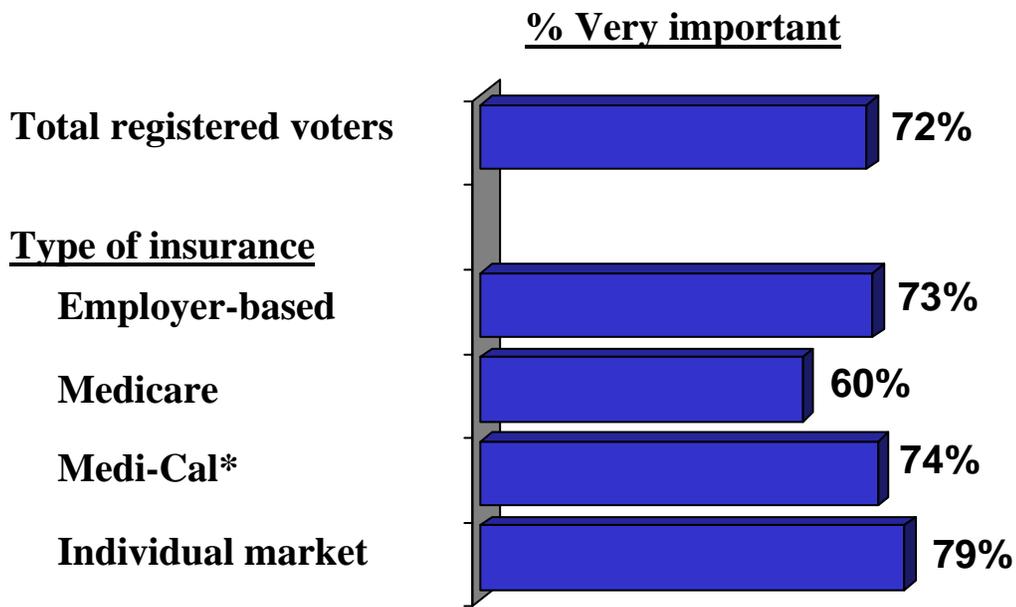
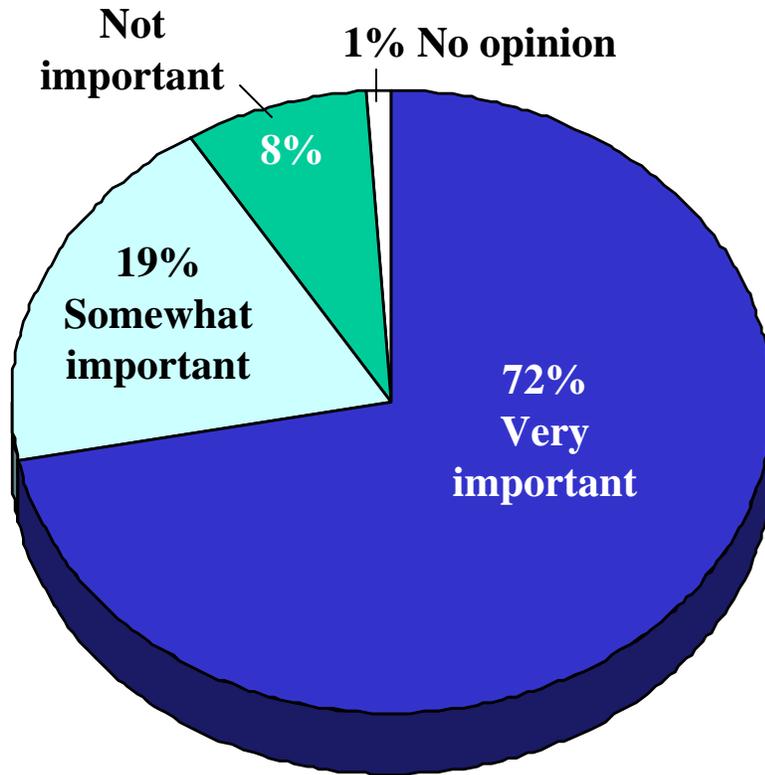


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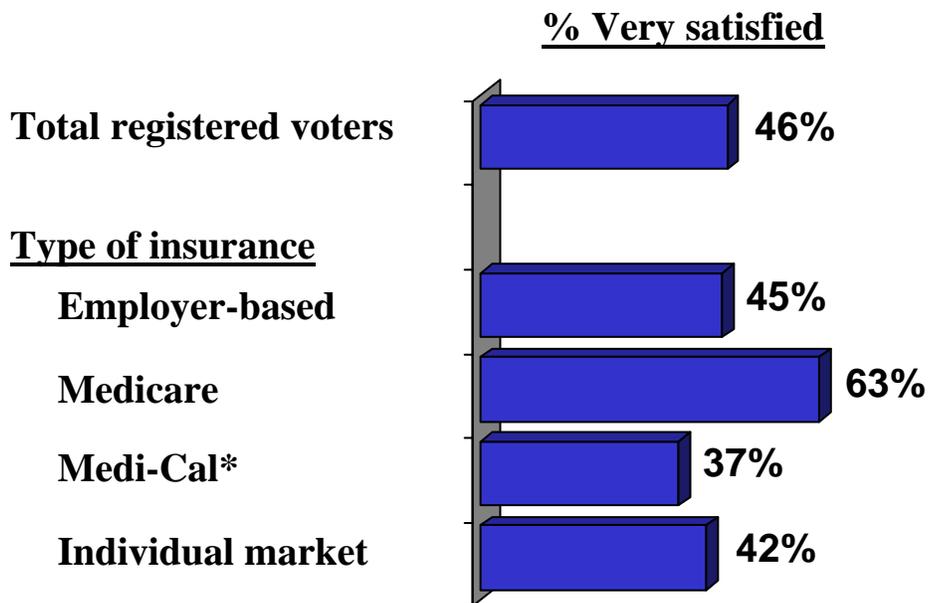
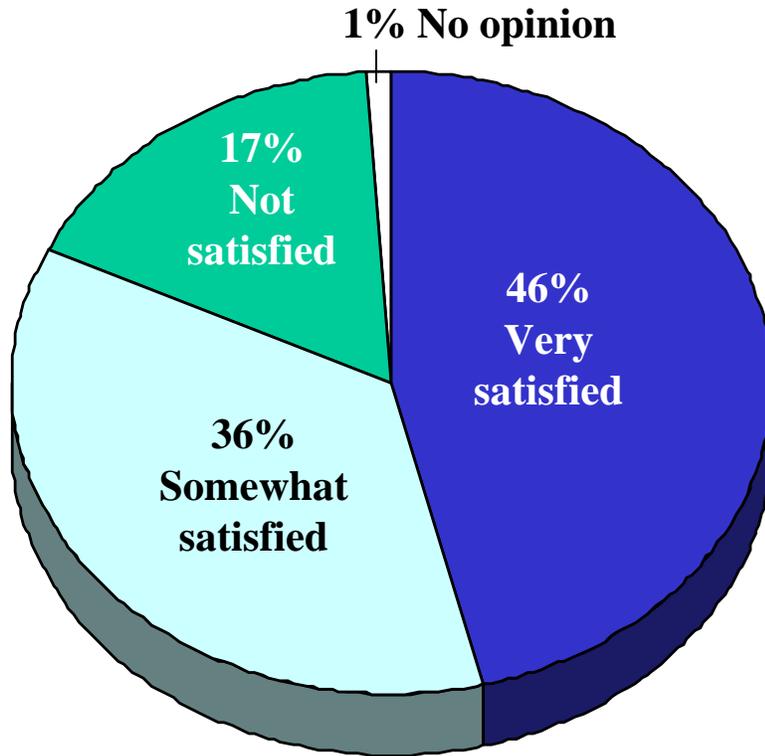
## Importance of having a choice of more than one health insurance plan



\* Small sample base.

**Table 14**

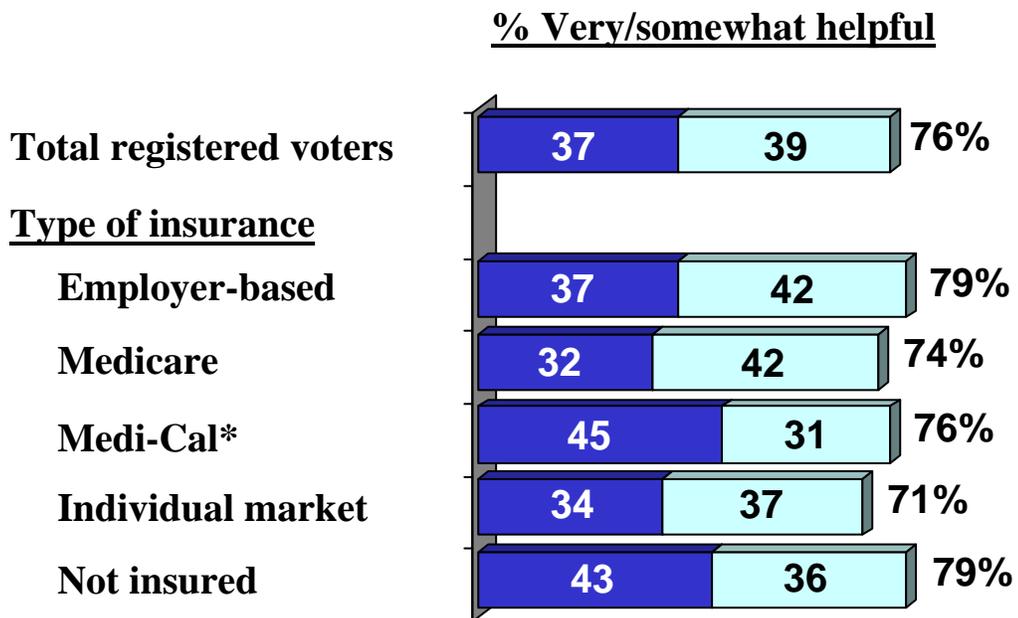
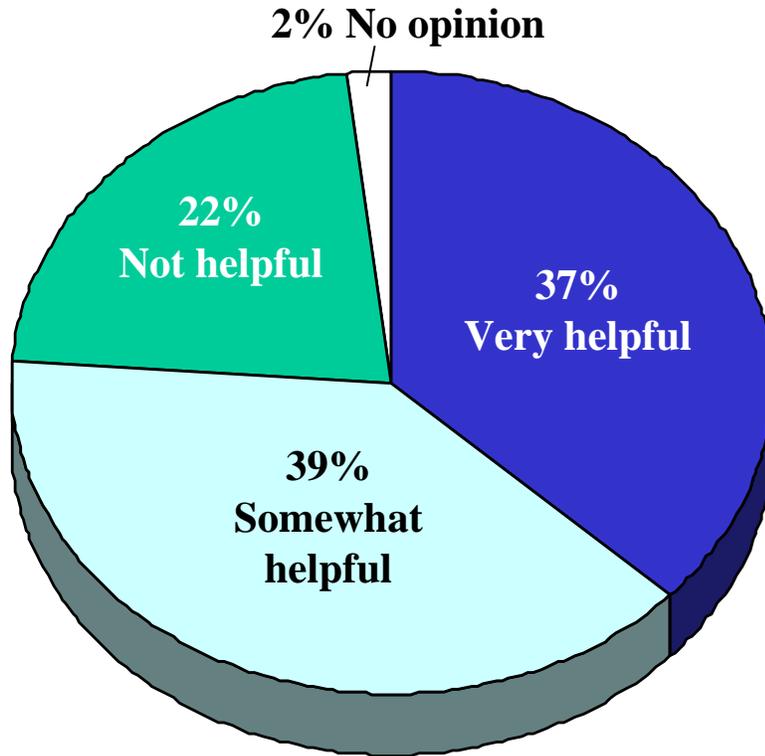
# Satisfaction with the choices you now have in choosing a health insurance plan



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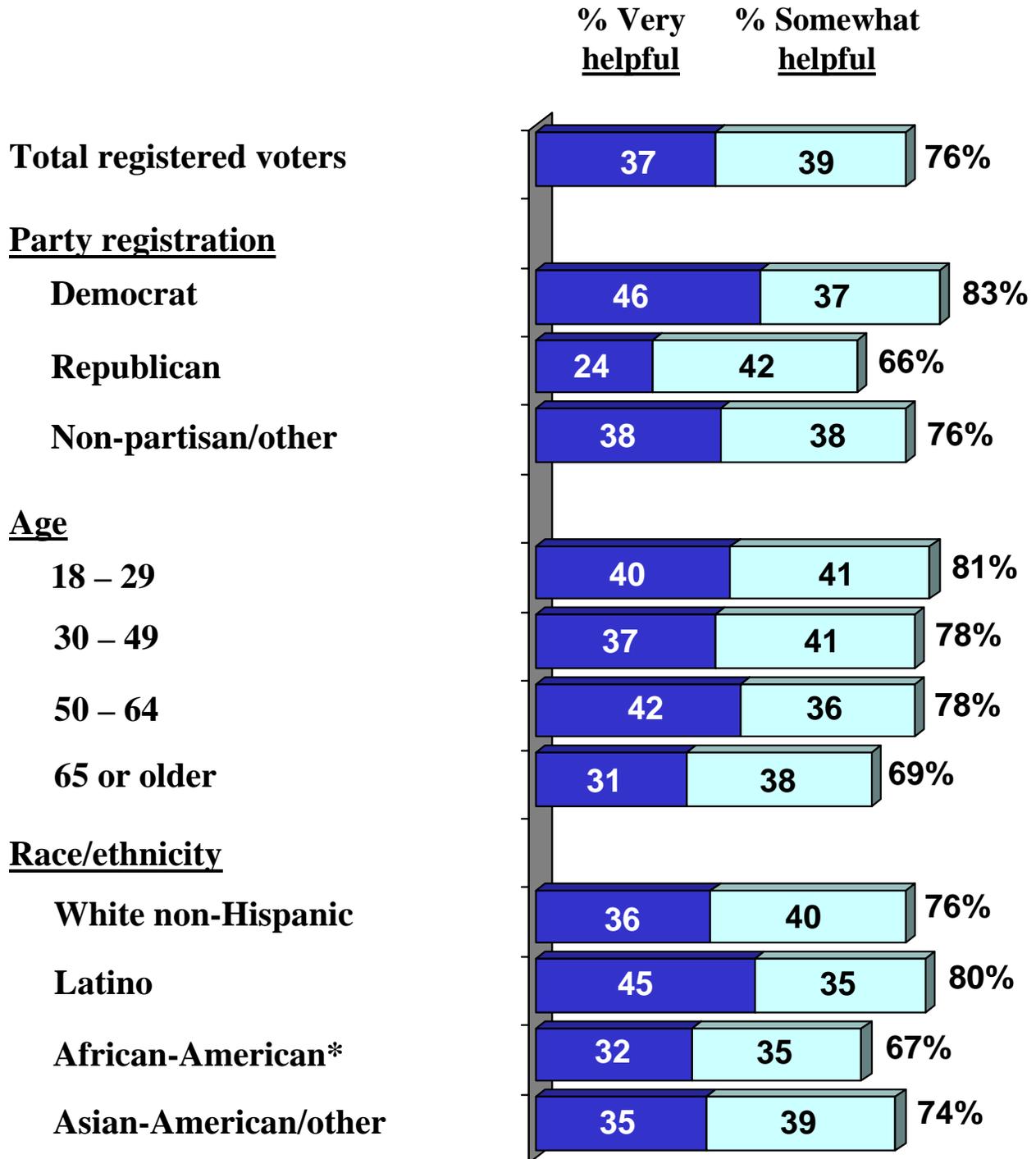
# How helpful an online health insurance exchange would be as a way for Californians to buy health insurance



\* Small sample base.

Table 15b

## Perceived helpfulness of an online health insurance exchange by subgroup



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Table 16

**What kinds of insurance plans do California voters expect will be available on the new health insurance exchange**

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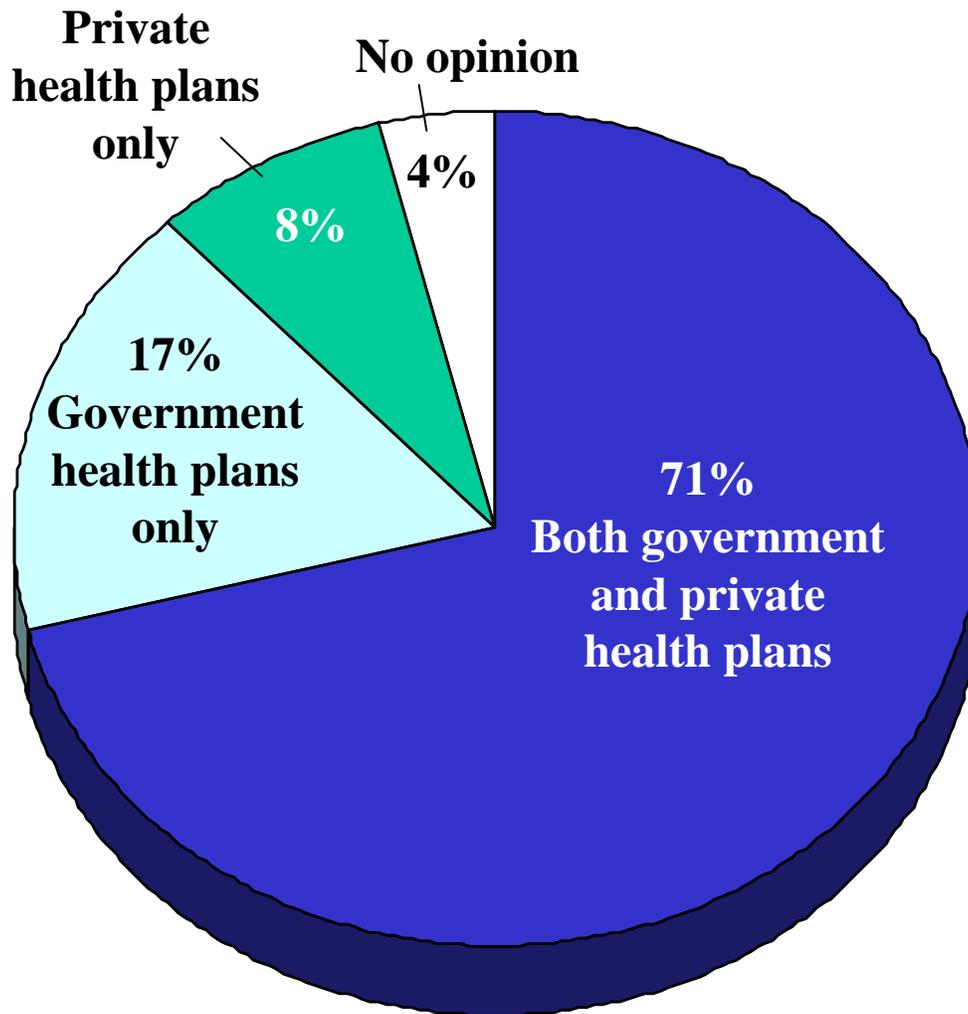


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# Updating California voter satisfaction with the way the health care system is working

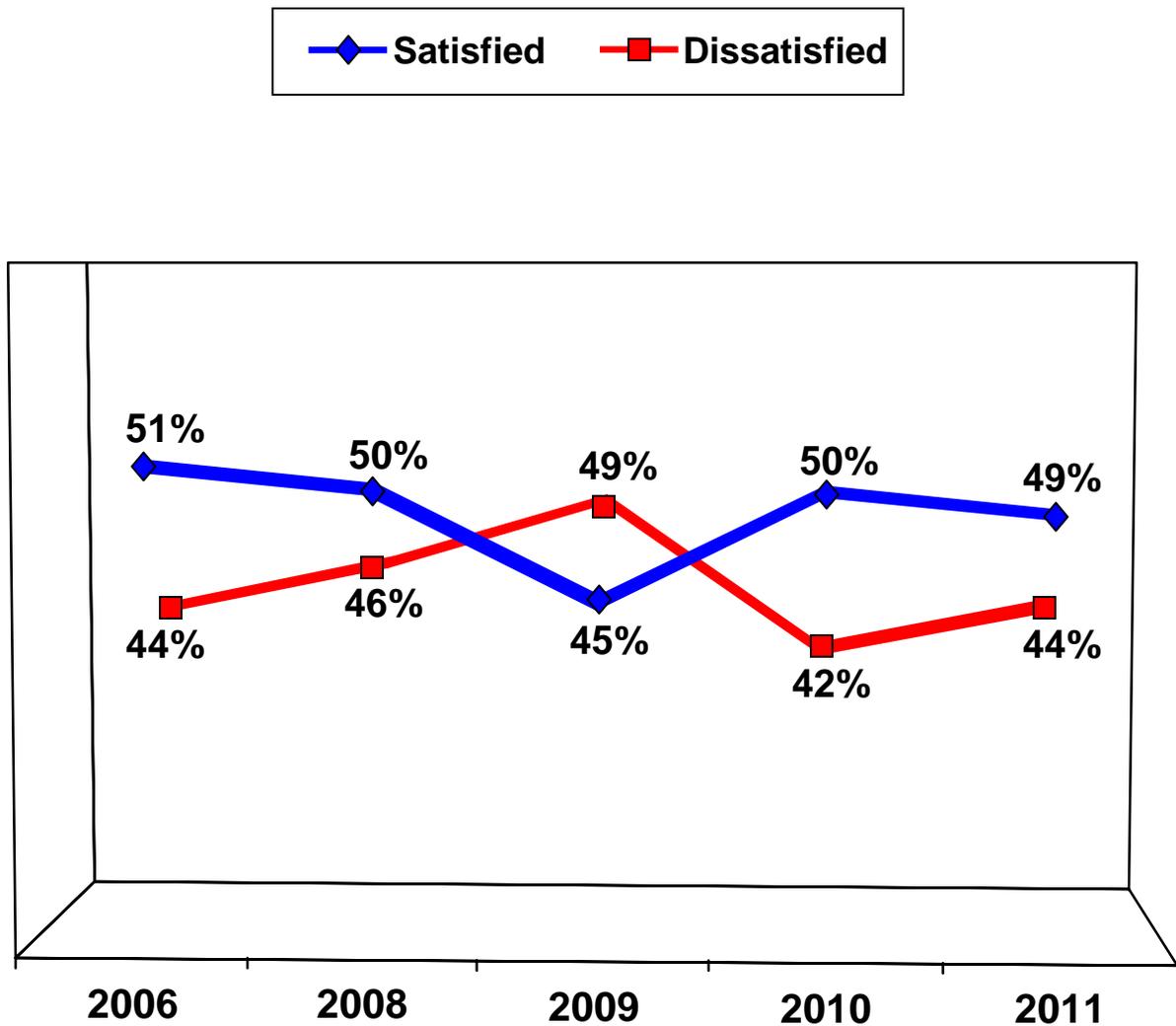
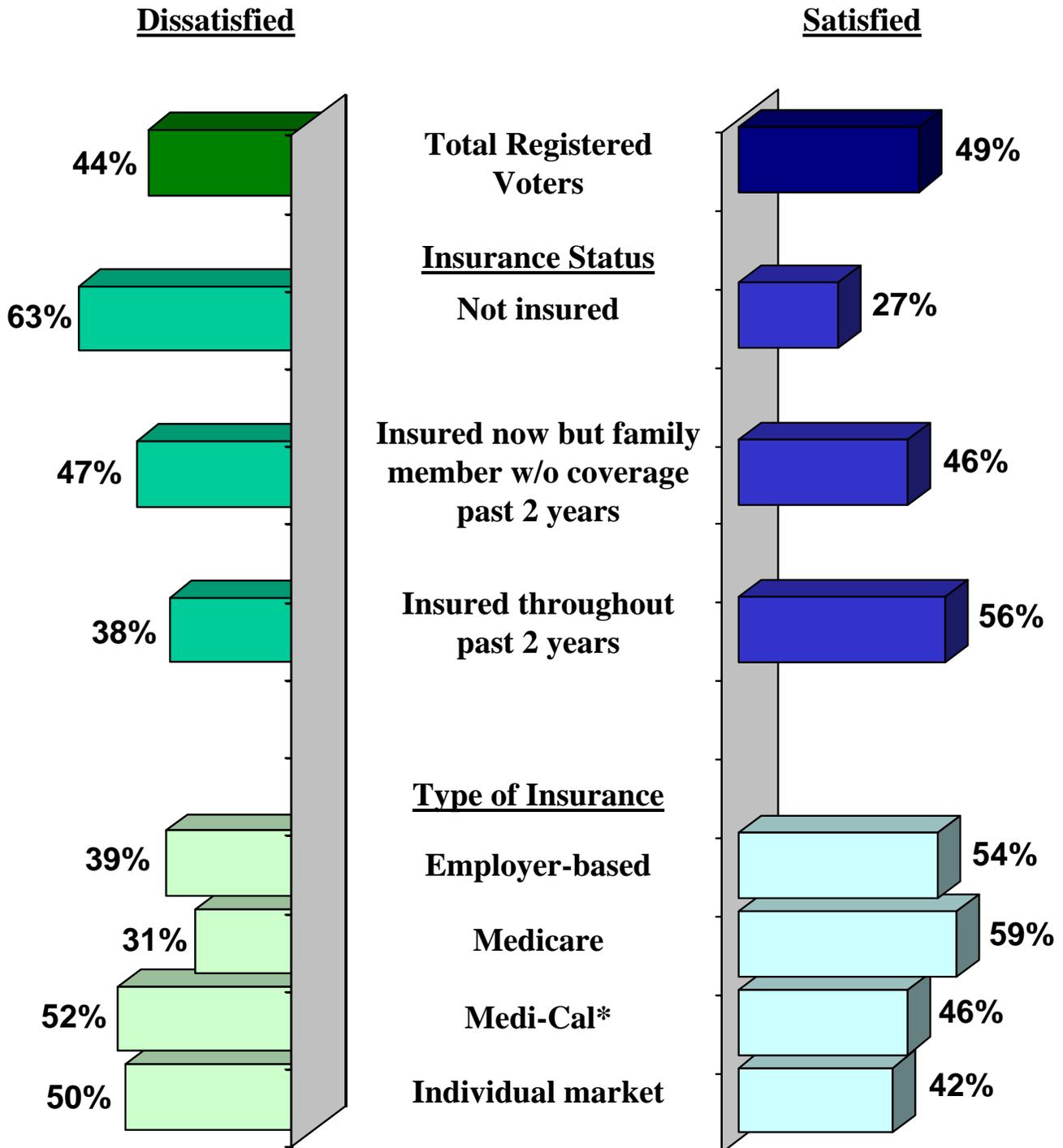


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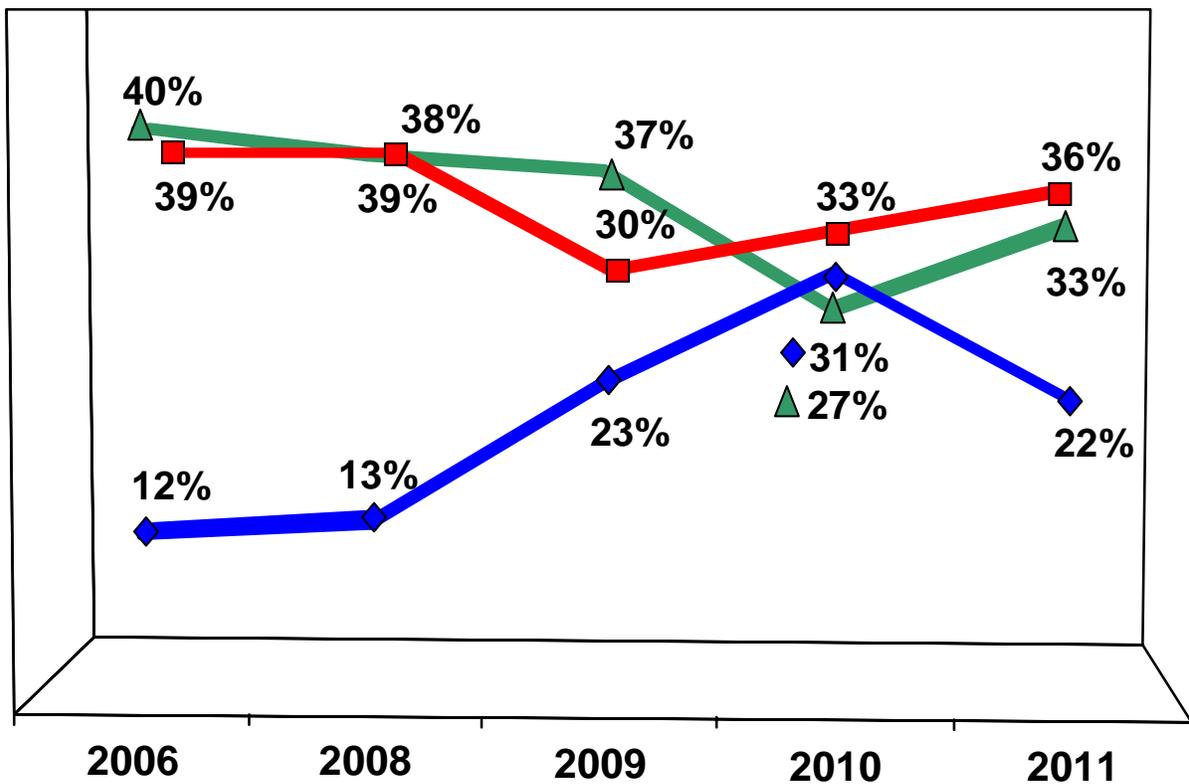
# Satisfaction with the way the health care system is working by health insurance status and type of insurance



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Table 18a

# Updating California voter views about the health care system five years from now



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Table 18b

# Views about the health care system five years from now by party registration

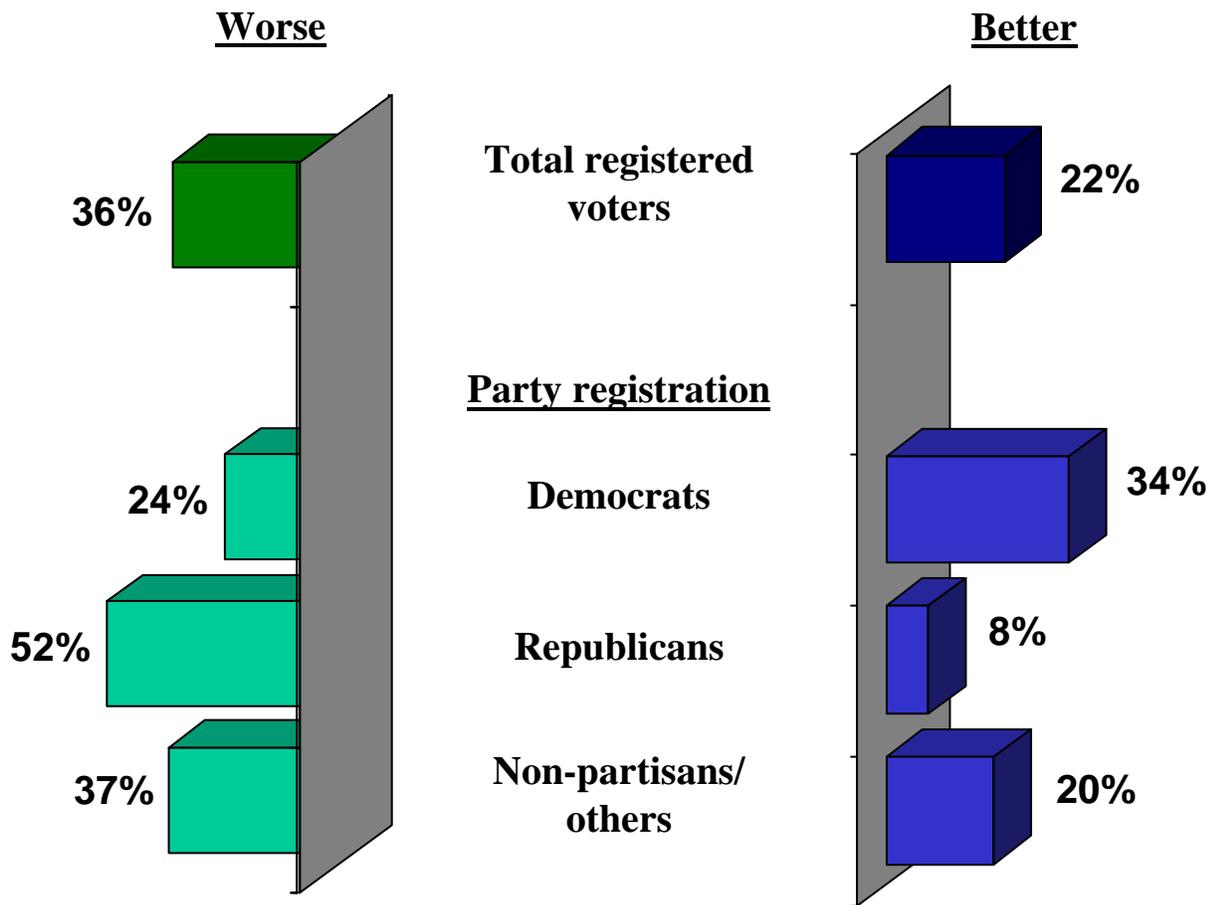


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# Updating from whom California voters would rather obtain their health insurance coverage

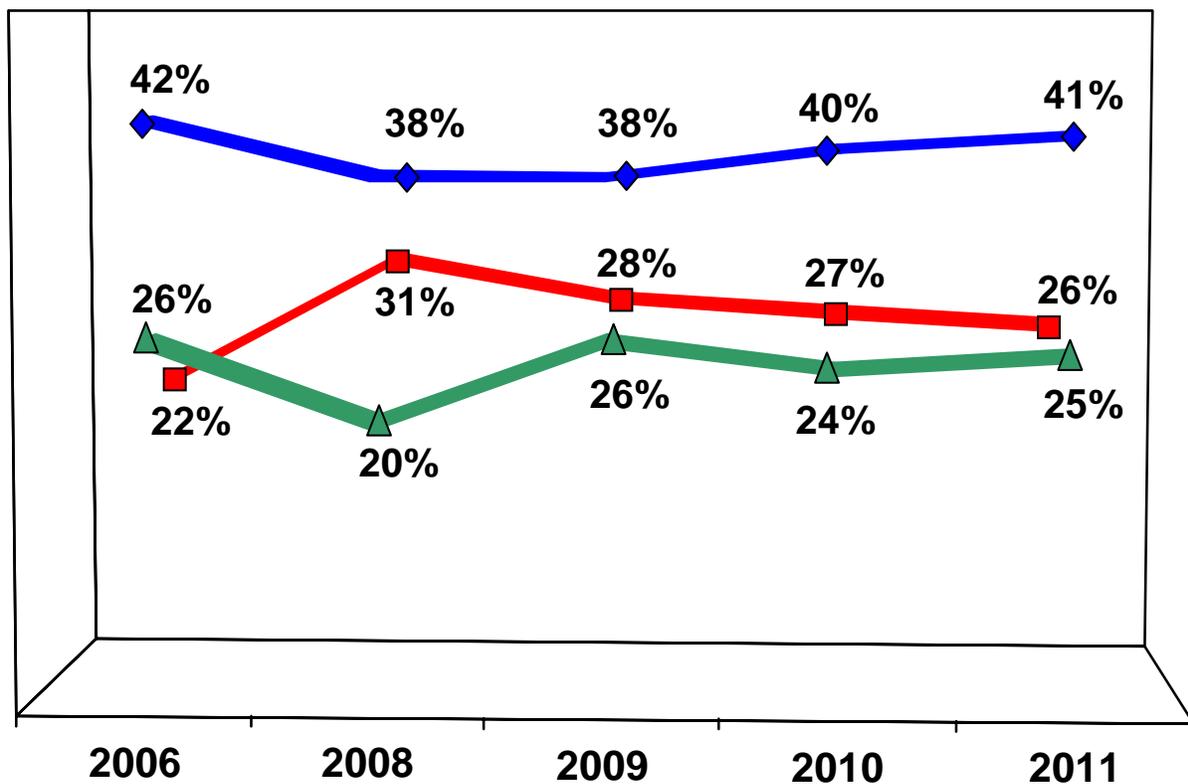


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# From whom Californians would rather obtain their health coverage by political party



## Party registration

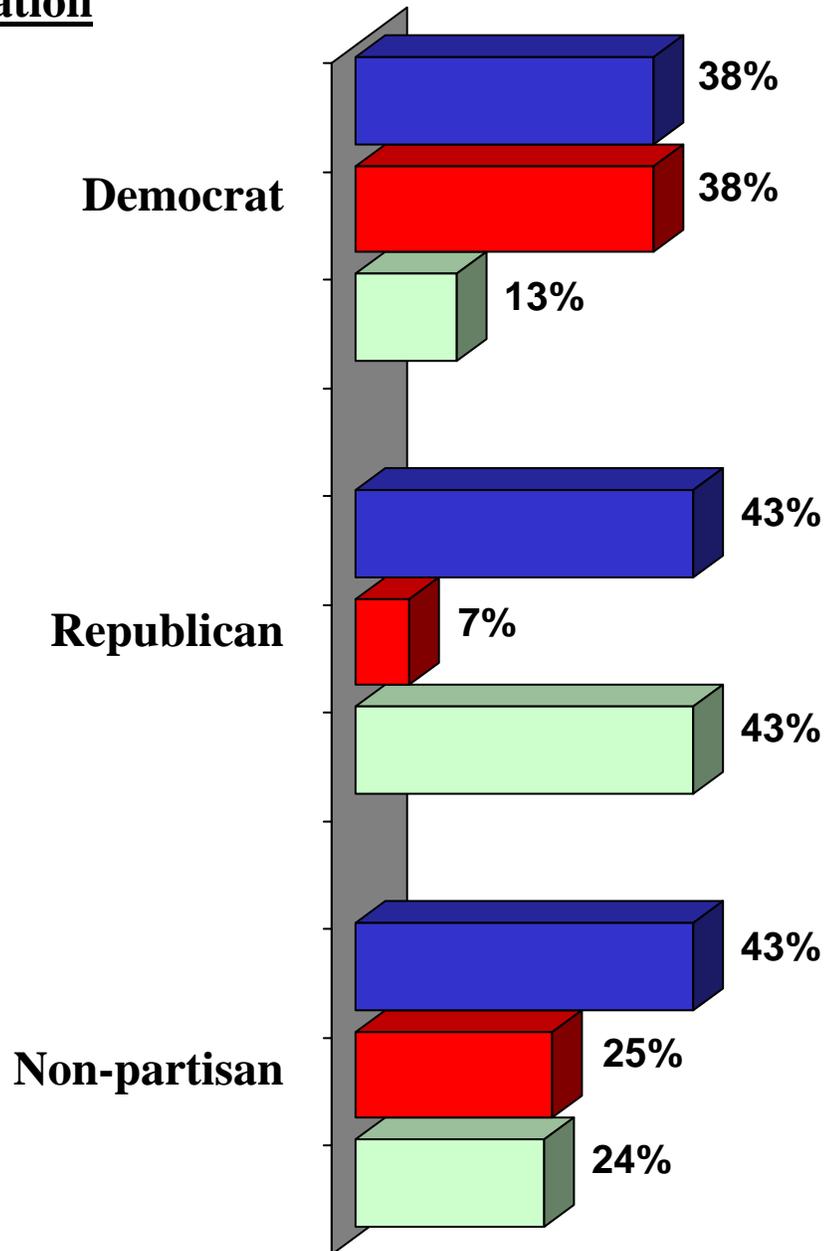
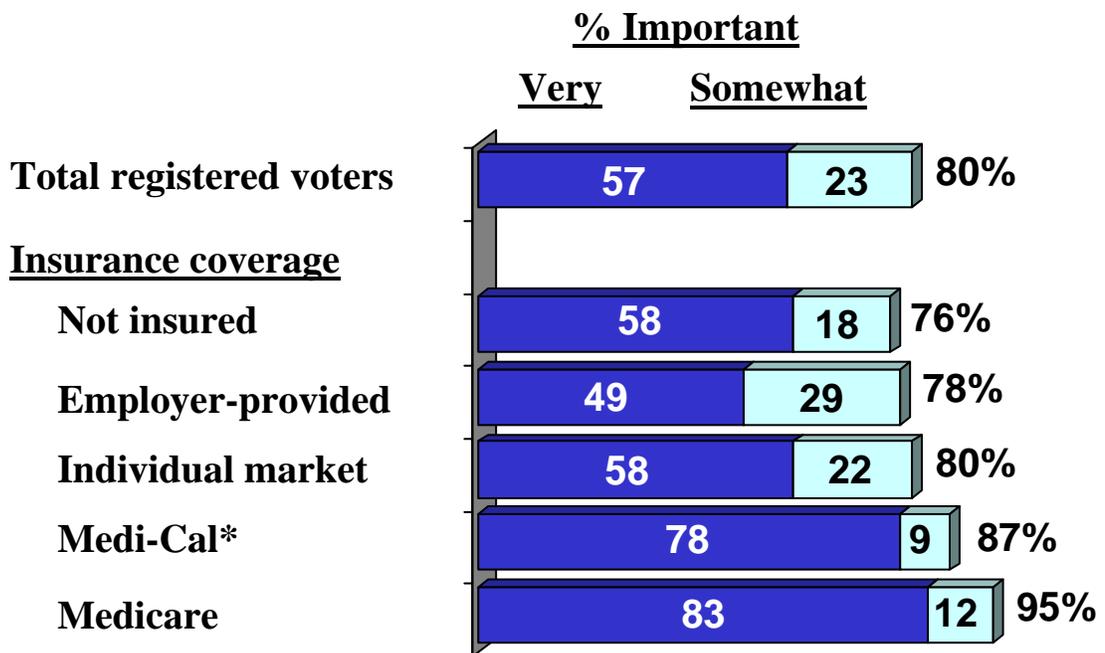
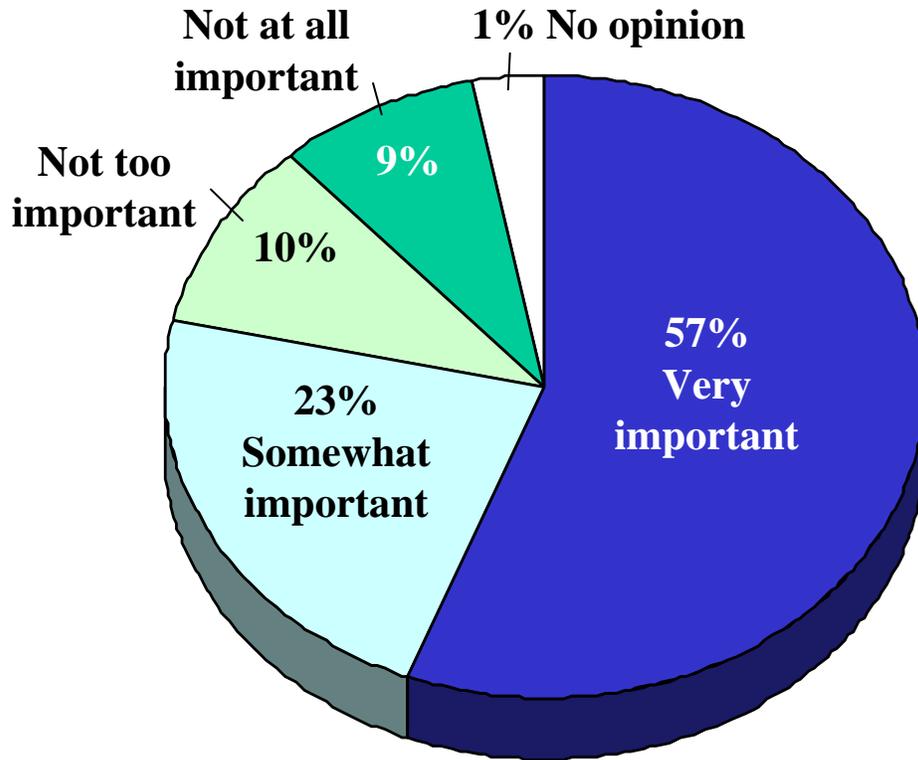


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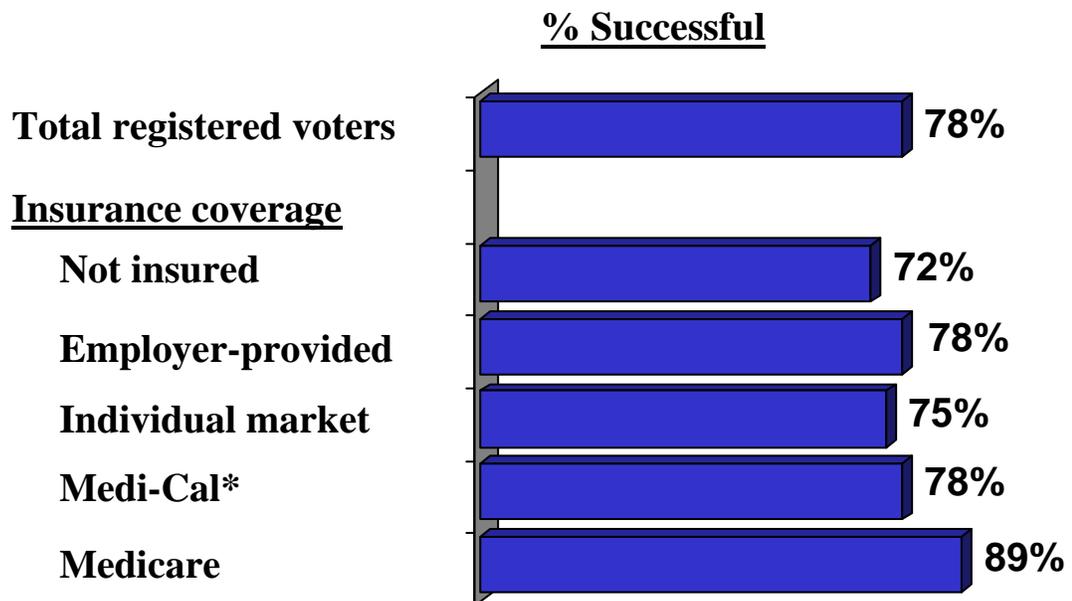
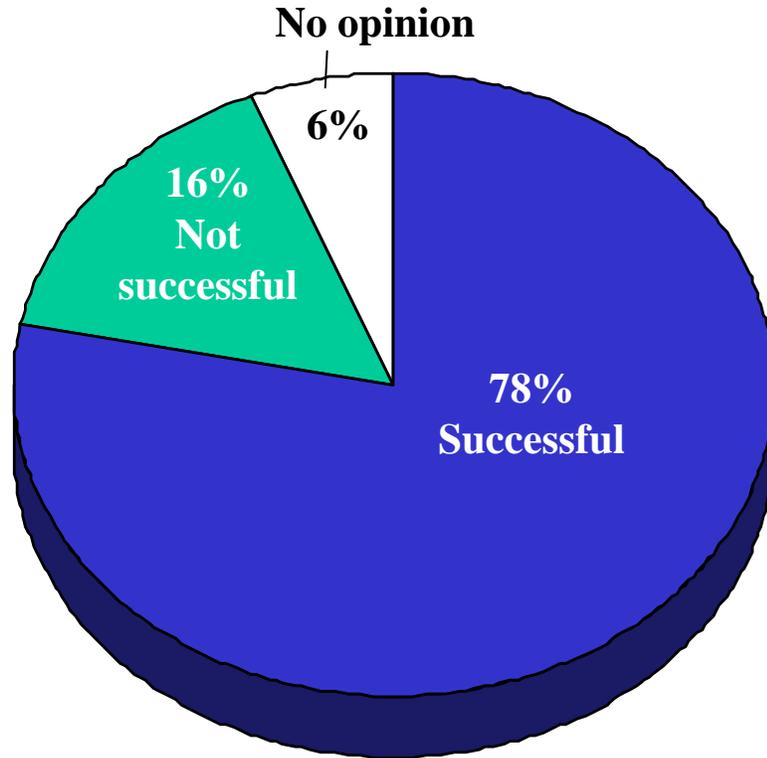
## How important is Medicare to you and your family



\* Small sample base.

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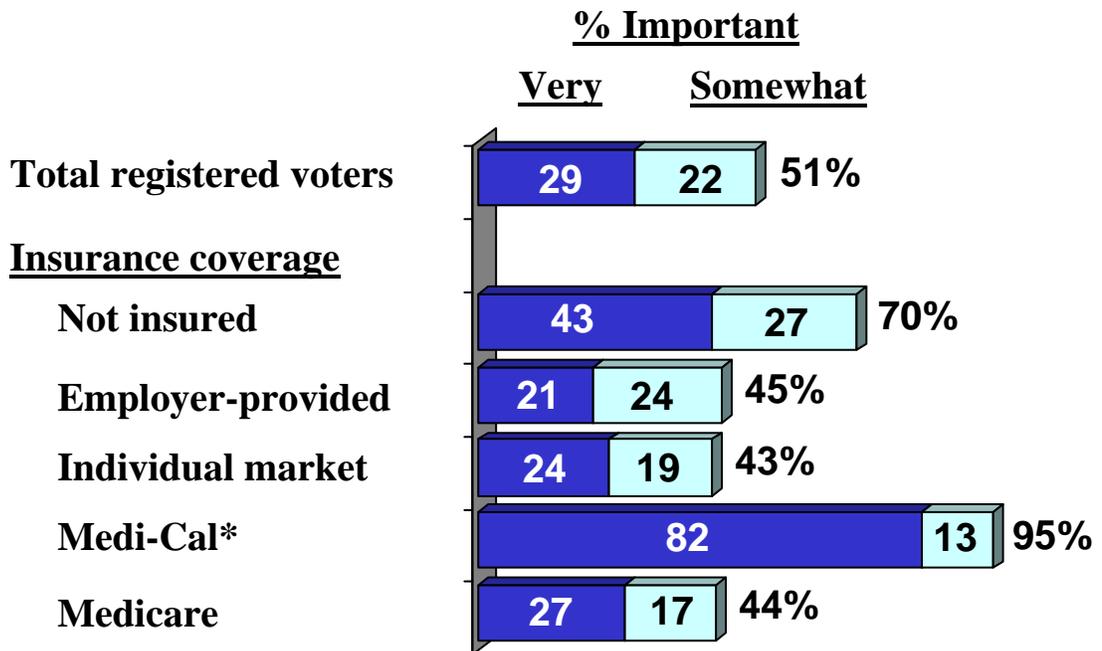
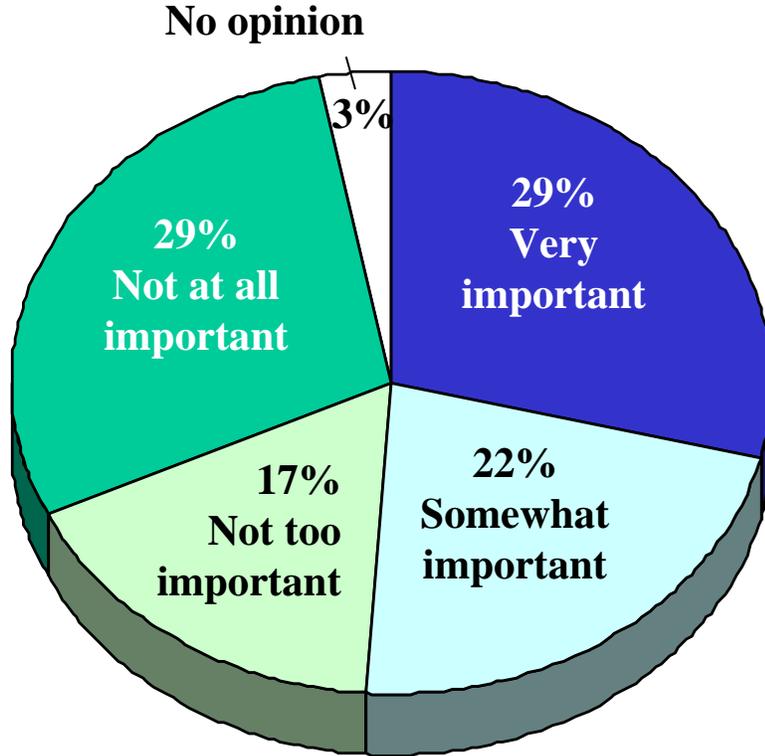
## Has Medicare been successful in meeting its goals



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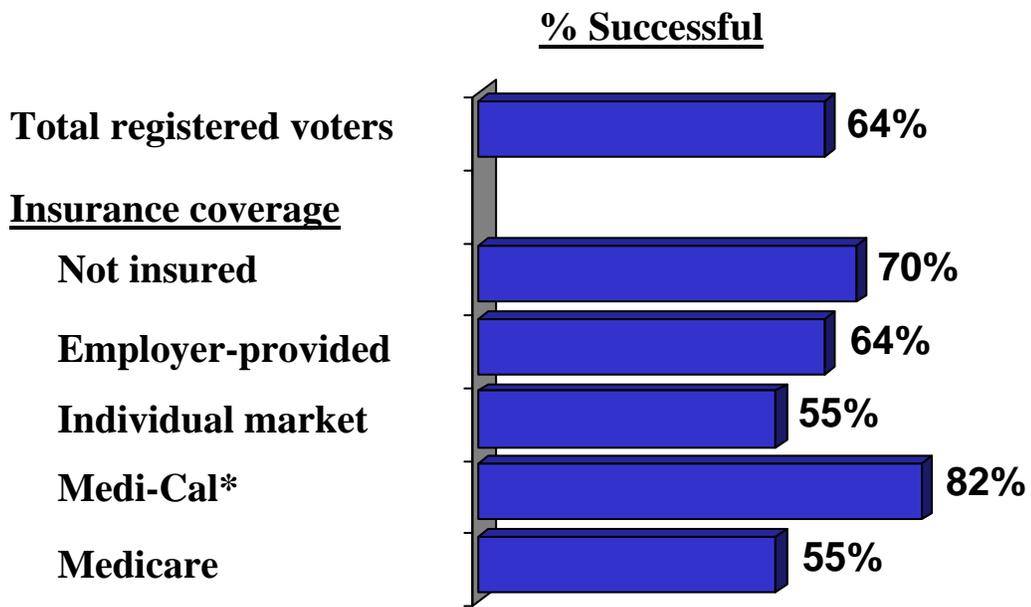
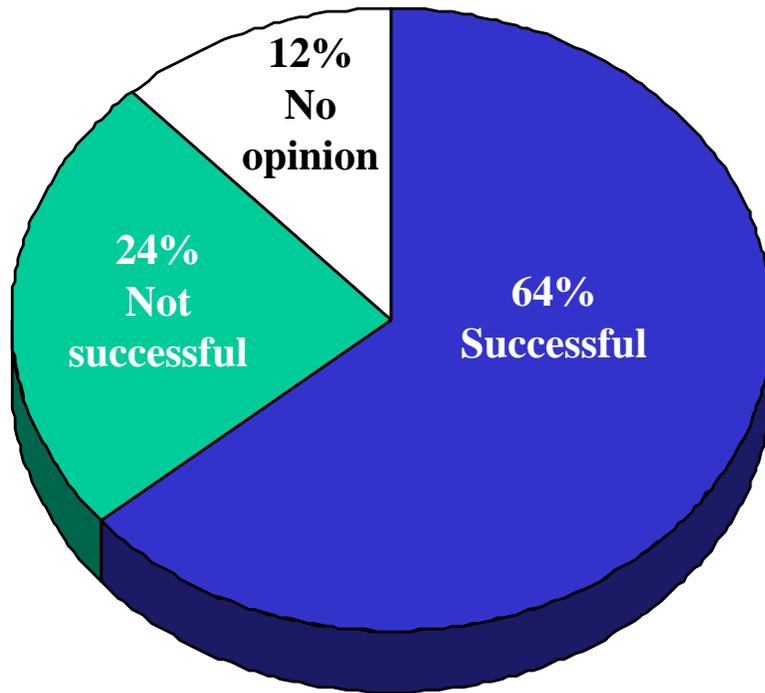
## How important is Medi-Cal to you and your family



\* Small sample base.

Table 23

## Has Medi-Cal been successful in meeting its goals



\* Small sample base.

# THE FIELD POLL

THE INDEPENDENT AND NON-PARTISAN SURVEY  
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THE CALIFORNIA POLL BY MERVIN FIELD

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**2011 TCWF-Field Health Policy Poll  
- Topline Findings -**

(n = 1,194 reg. CA voters)

1.	How satisfied are you with the way the health care system is working in California? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied?	<u>SATISFIED</u> ..... 49% VERY SATISFIED ..... 16 SOMEWHAT SATISFIED ..... 33 <u>DISSATISFIED</u> ..... 44 SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED ..... 22 VERY DISSATISFIED..... 22 NO OPINION..... 7
2.	Looking ahead, do you think that five years from now California's health care system will be better off, worse off or just about the same as now?	BETTER OFF ..... 22% WORSE OFF ..... 36 SAME AS NOW ..... 33 NO OPINION..... 9
3.	Do you think you and your family would be better off if you were to get health insurance coverage through an employer, from the government or having personal responsibility for getting your own coverage?	EMPLOYER PROVIDED ..... 41% GOVERNMENT PROVIDED..... 26 PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY ..... 25 NO OPINION..... 8

As you know, last year the Congress passed and President Obama signed a health reform law that changes the nation's health care system.

4.	How knowledgeable would you say you are about the specific changes to the nation's health care system contained in the new law – very knowledgeable, somewhat knowledgeable, not too knowledgeable, or not at all knowledgeable?	VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE..... 11% SOMEWHAT KNOWLEDGEABLE ..... 53 NOT TOO KNOWLEDGEABLE ..... 25 NOT AT ALL KNOWLEDGEABLE ..... 11 NO OPINION..... *
5.	Overall, do you support or oppose the nation's new health care law? (IF SUPPORT OR OPPOSE, ASK:) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?	<u>SUPPORT</u> ..... 52% SUPPORT STRONGLY ..... 31 SUPPORT SOMEWHAT ..... 21 <u>OPPOSE</u> ..... 37 OPPOSE SOMEWHAT..... 9 OPPOSE STRONGLY ..... 28 NO OPINION..... 11
6.	So far, would you say you and your family have personally benefited from the new health reform law or not?	HAVE BENEFITTED ..... 14% HAVE NOT ..... 80 NO OPINION..... 6

7. Once the health care law is fully enacted, do you think (ITEMS READ IN RANDOM ORDER AFTER ITEM A) will be better off, worse off, or don't you think it will make much difference?

(BOTH FORMS) READ FIRST→	BETTER OFF	WORSE OFF	NO DIFFERENCE	NO OPIN/NA
a. you and your family.....	30%	26	39	5

**FORM A** (n = 582)

( ) b. the country as a whole.....	48%	31	17	4
( ) c. the state of California.....	41%	32	20	7
( ) d. small businesses .....	29%	38	22	11
( ) e. the self-employed .....	37%	32	22	9
( ) f. large businesses.....	25%	27	40	8
( ) g. low-income residents.....	66%	13	18	3
( ) h. middle-income residents.....	39%	32	26	3
( ) i. upper-income residents.....	12%	19	63	6
( ) j. senior citizens .....	38%	27	28	7

**FORM B** (n = 612)

( ) k. young adults.....	50%	19	24	6
( ) l. the uninsured .....	60%	15	21	4
( ) m. illegal immigrants .....	36%	11	38	15
( ) n. doctors.....	22%	37	33	8
( ) o. insurance companies.....	24%	37	28	11
( ) p. children.....	57%	17	21	5
( ) q. hospitals .....	29%	34	29	8
( ) r. drug companies .....	28%	22	39	11
( ) s. women.....	39%	20	21	10

8. What would you prefer that the new Congress do about the health care law – leave it as is, expand it so that the law does more, repeal parts of it so that the law does less, or repeal it completely?	LEAVE IT AS IS.....	13%
	EXPAND IT TO DO MORE .....	39
	REPEAL PARTS TO DO LESS.....	14
	REPEAL IT COMPLETELY.....	26
	NO OPINION.....	8

9. Some lawmakers who oppose the health reform law say that if Congress isn't able to repeal the law, they should try to stop it from being put into place by cutting off funding to implement it. Whether or not you like the health reform law, do you approve or disapprove of cutting off funding as a way to stop some or all of health reform from being put into place?	APPROVE OF CUTTING FUNDS.....	31%
	DISAPPROVE OF CUTTING FUNDS .....	63
	NO OPINION.....	6

10. I am going to read some of the goals of the health care law and for each please tell me how successful you think the law will be in achieving this goal. (ITEMS READ ITEMS IN RANDOM ORDER)

	SUCCESSFUL	NOT SUCCESSFUL	NO OPINION
<b>FORM A</b> (n = 582)			
( ) a. reducing the number of people who are uninsured.....	67%	30	3
( ) b. making it easier for small businesses to offer health coverage to their employees.....	58%	37	5
( ) c. making it easier for young adults to obtain health insurance.....	71%	26	3
( ) d. prohibiting health insurance companies from denying coverage to people because of a pre-existing medical condition.....	73%	22	5
( ) e. prohibiting health insurance companies from dropping their coverage of people who are seriously ill.....	68%	27	5
( ) f. getting nearly all Americans covered under some form of health insurance.....	68%	30	2
( ) g. closing the donut hole or gap in Medicare prescription drug coverage for seniors.....	60%	31	9

<b>FORM B</b> (n = 612)			
( ) h. helping low- and moderate-income persons who don't have insurance through their jobs purchase health coverage in the individual market.....	67%	29	4
( ) i. getting nearly all large or medium-sized businesses to offer health insurance to their workers.....	65%	31	4
( ) j. reducing the number of persons at risk of facing serious financial hardships because of a medical condition or injury.....	69%	28	3
( ) k. reducing the number of people who postpone or go without needed medical care or prescription drugs because they can't afford it.....	67%	29	4
( ) l. helping to control the rising costs of health care.....	55%	44	1
( ) m. making it easier for people to take proactive steps to improve their own health.....	59%	39	2

11. I am going to read some things that some critics of the health care law say will happen if the new health care law is fully enacted. For each, please tell me how likely you think it is that this will occur as a result of the health care law? (ITEMS READ IN RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>VERY LIKELY</u>	<u>SOMEWHAT LIKELY</u>	<u>NOT LIKELY</u>	<u>NO OPIN</u>
( ) a. Employers will see their costs to provide insurance to their employees increase at a faster rate.....	34%	31	31	4
( ) b. It will weaken the U.S. economy.....	29%	18	51	2
( ) c. It will result in too much government involvement in the health care system.....	41%	26	31	2
( ) d. It will weaken the financial condition of Medicare.....	26%	25	42	7
( ) e. It will force people to buy health insurance even if they don't want to.....	40%	30	28	2
( ) f. It will result in taxpayers subsidizing the cost of health insurance for people who are in this country illegally.....	37%	25	33	5
( ) g. It will increase the size of the federal deficit.....	41%	26	30	3
( ) h. It will lead to too much government involvement in making end-of-life decisions for persons close to death or on life support.....	26%	20	52	2
( ) i. It will increase the number of taxpayer-subsidized abortions being performed.....	22%	23	49	6
( ) j. It will force many people to change their health plans or their doctors even if they don't want to.....	31%	25	42	2

While the new health care law was passed by the federal government, much of the responsibility of implementing the law will be done by the state government.

12. Overall, how successful to do you think the state of California will be in fully implementing the health care law – very successful, somewhat successful not too successful or not at all successful?	<u>SUCCESSFUL</u> .....	60%
	VERY SUCCESSFUL.....	13
	SOMEWHAT SUCCESSFUL.....	47
	<u>NOT SUCCESSFUL</u> .....	37
	NOT TOO SUCCESSFUL.....	24
	NOT AT ALL SUCCESSFUL.....	13
	NO OPINION.....	3

13. I am going to read some of the specific goals that California is hoping to achieve when implementing the health care law. Please tell me how successful you think they will be in achieving each goal. (ITEMS READ IN RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>SUCCESSFUL</u>	<u>NOT SUCCESSFUL</u>	<u>NO OPINION</u>
( ) a. expanding the state's government-sponsored health programs to enable low-income residents who can't afford it to have health insurance.....	72	26	2
( ) b. regulating the health insurance market so that the average Californian has better consumer protections.....	60	37	3
( ) c. obtaining the federal funding needed to fully implement the law.....	59	37	3
( ) d. providing Californians with more health insurance choices.....	61	37	2
( ) e. limiting the rate increases that insurance companies charge to their customers each year.....	56	42	2

Another way that California is implementing the health care law is to set up a new online health insurance exchange, where individuals and workers without coverage or looking for coverage can go to comparison shop to buy health insurance.

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| 14. | How helpful do you think this kind of online exchange will be in allowing residents to buy a health plan that best fits their needs – very helpful, somewhat helpful, not too helpful or not at all helpful?  | VERY HELPFUL ..... 37%<br>SOMEWHAT HELPFUL ..... 39<br>NOT TOO HELPFUL ..... 13<br>NOT AT ALL HELPFUL ..... 9<br>NO OPINION ..... 2  |
| 15. | What kinds of health plans do you expect will be available to residents when shopping for health insurance on the new health exchange -- only health plans that are administered and run by the government, only health plans that are administered and run by private health insurance companies, or both government-run and privately-run health plans? | ONLY GOVERNMENT-RUN PLANS ..... 17%<br>ONLY PRIVATELY-RUN PLANS ..... 8<br>BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE PLANS 71<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 4  |
| 16. | How important for you and your family is <u>Medicare</u> , the government health program for people 65 or older and certain people with long-term disabilities? Is it very important for you and your family, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important?  | <u>IMPORTANT</u> ..... 80%<br>VERY IMPORTANT ..... 57<br>SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT ..... 23<br><u>NOT IMPORTANT</u> ..... 19<br>NOT TOO IMPORTANT ..... 10<br>NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT ..... 9<br>NO OPINION ..... 1        |
| 17. | Overall, how successful do you think <u>Medicare</u> has been in meeting its goals – very successful, somewhat successful, not too successful or not at all successful?   | <u>SUCCESSFUL</u> ..... 78%<br>VERY SUCCESSFUL ..... 29<br>SOMEWHAT SUCCESSFUL ..... 49<br><u>NOT SUCCESSFUL</u> ..... 16<br>NOT TOO SUCCESSFUL ..... 12<br>NOT AT ALL SUCCESSFUL ..... 4<br>NO OPINION ..... 6  |
| 18. | How important for you and your family is <u>Medi-Cal</u> , the government health program that provides health insurance and long-term care to certain low-income adults and children? Is it very important for you and your family, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important?  | <u>IMPORTANT</u> ..... 51%<br>VERY IMPORTANT ..... 29<br>SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT ..... 22<br><u>NOT IMPORTANT</u> ..... 46<br>NOT TOO IMPORTANT ..... 17<br>NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT ..... 29<br>NO OPINION ..... 3       |
| 19. | Overall, how successful do you think <u>Medi-Cal</u> has been in meeting its goals – very successful, somewhat successful, not too successful or not at all successful?   | <u>SUCCESSFUL</u> ..... 64%<br>VERY SUCCESSFUL ..... 15<br>SOMEWHAT SUCCESSFUL ..... 49<br><u>NOT SUCCESSFUL</u> ..... 24<br>NOT TOO SUCCESSFUL ..... 17<br>NOT AT ALL SUCCESSFUL ..... 7<br>NO OPINION ..... 12 |
| 20. | Do you currently have any kind of health care coverage? This would include health insurance through your or your spouse's employer or union, a plan you buy independently, or through a government plan such as Medicare, Medi-Cal or through Tri-Care.   | YES ..... 86%<br>NO ..... 13<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 1   |

<b>IF YES OR DON'T KNOW, ASK:</b>		<b>(among insured voters)</b>	
21.	Is your main source of health insurance coverage through your or your spouse's employer or union, through a policy that you or your spouse purchased independently from an insurance provider, are you covered under Medicare, or are you covered through Medi-Cal or Medicaid, or through Tri-Care, the military insurance program? <b>(ANSWER MAY BE A MULTIPLE)</b>	YOUR/SPOUSE'S EMPLOYER/UNION.....	58%
		POLICY BOUGHT INDEPENDENTLY .....	15
		MEDICARE.....	19
		MEDI-CAL/MEDICAID .....	8
		MILITARY INSURANCE/TRI-CARE .....	3
		OTHER .....	5
		DON'T KNOW .....	2
<b>IF MEDICARE, ASK:</b>		<b>19%</b>	
22.	Is your Medicare coverage through a managed care plan, also referred to as Medicare Advantage, or do you receive your coverage through the traditional fee-for-service Medicare program?	THROUGH A MANAGED CARE PLAN/ MEDICARE ADVANTAGE .....	7%
		TRADITIONAL MEDICARE PROGRAM .....	8
		DON'T KNOW .....	4
23.	Have you or has anyone close to you been without health insurance coverage at any time in the past two years?	YES .....	39%
		NO .....	60
		NO OPINION.....	1
24.	How important is it to you to have a choice of more than one health insurance plan – very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important?	VERY IMPORTANT .....	72%
		SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT .....	19
		NOT TOO IMPORTANT .....	4
		NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT .....	4
		NO OPINION.....	1
25.	How satisfied are you with the choices you now have in choosing a health insurance plan – very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not too satisfied or not at all satisfied?	VERY SATISFIED.....	46%
		SOMEWHAT SATISFIED .....	36
		NOT TOO SATISFIED .....	12
		NOT AT ALL SATISFIED .....	5
		NO OPINION.....	1

26a. From which of the following media sources have you gotten most of your news about the changes to the health care system from the new law – television, newspapers, radio, magazines, the Internet or someplace else?

**(IF ANY MENTIONED, ASK:) From which other sources have you gotten a lot of news about the health care reform law? (RE-READ REMAINING CATEGORIES IF NECESSARY) (ANSWER CAN BE A MULTIPLE)**

Television.....	56%
Newspapers .....	33
Radio .....	24
Magazines.....	12
The Internet.....	44
-or- Someplace else .....	11
NONE (VOLUNTEERED) .....	1
NO OPINION .....	*

\* less than 1%.

**IF TELEVISION MENTIONED, ASK:**

26b.	Where have you gotten most of your <u>television</u> news about the health care law – local news programming, ABC, CBS or NBC network news, CNN, MSNBC, Fox cable news, Univision, Telemundo, or someplace else? (ANSWER CAN BE A MULTIPLE)	
		<u>56%</u>
	Local news programming .....	15%
	ABC network news .....	12
	CBS network news .....	11
	NBC network news .....	12
	CNN cable news .....	16
	MSNBC cable news.....	9
	The Fox News cable channel.....	15
	Univision.....	5
	Telemundo.....	1
	-or- Someplace else .....	4
	NO OPINION.....	1