

REFORMING THE RECALL?

CALIFORNIA VOTERS' PERSPECTIVES ON THE PROCESS

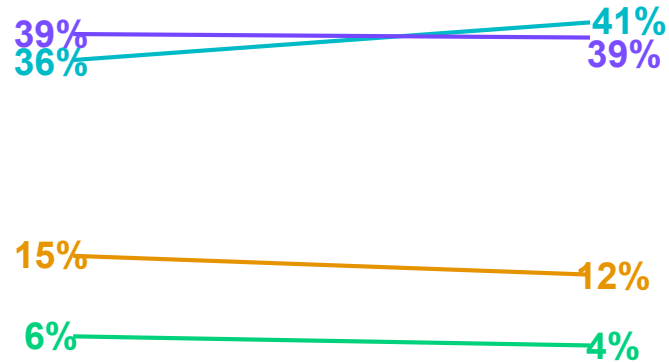
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The Recall Electorate Was Not Representative

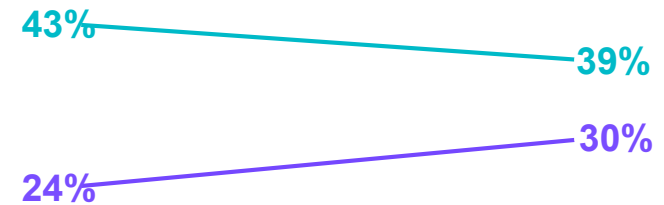
DIVERSE VOTERS UNDERREPRESENTED



Total Registered Voters in Survey Voted in Recall Replacement Race

-- White (non-Hispanic) -- Latino
-- Black Voters -- Asian-American

LOW-INCOME VOTERS UNDERREPRESENTED



Total Registered Voters in Survey Voted in Recall Replacement Race

-- Under \$50,000 -- Over \$100,000

Note that our sample was drawn to reflect California's citizen aged voting population

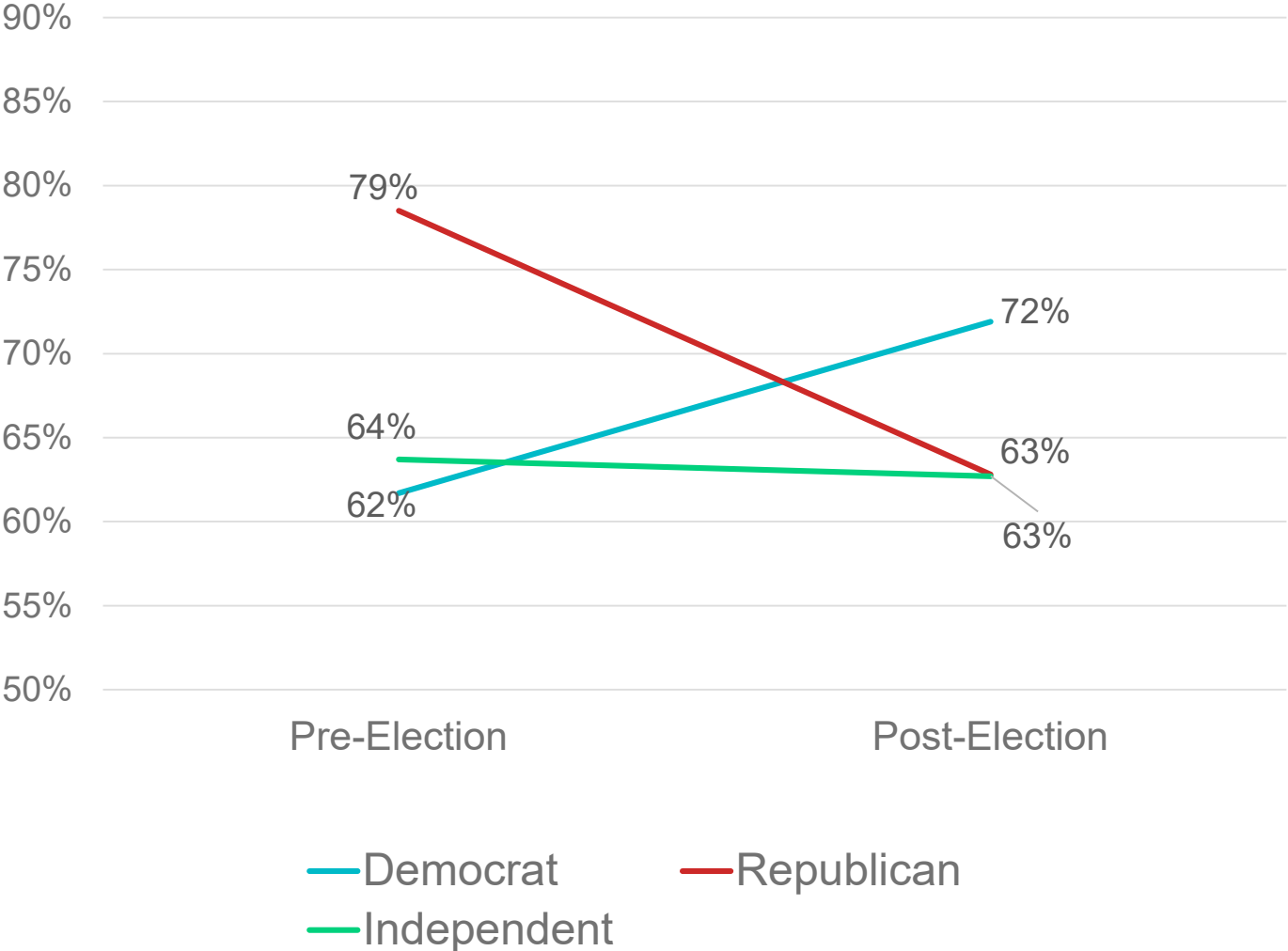
Even More Support for Reform Than in 2003

	September 2003 PPIC Statewide Survey	September 2021 Yankelovich Center Survey
Needs Major Changes	34%	40%
Needs Minor Changes	24%	28%
Okay the way it is	35%	24%
Don't know	7%	8%

Generally speaking, and regardless of how you feel about this year's election, do you think the recall election process in California needs major changes, minor changes, or is it basically okay the way it is?

Views of the Process Depend on Outcome

Percent "Somewhat" or "Very" Satisfied with the Recall Process



Voters Want to Keep the Recall Overall, But Also Want to Consider Changes

Regardless of how you feel about the outcome of this year's election, do you feel that the recall should continue to be allowed under our state constitution?

Yes, continue to allow recalls in the future	73%
No, remove the recall from our state constitution	27%

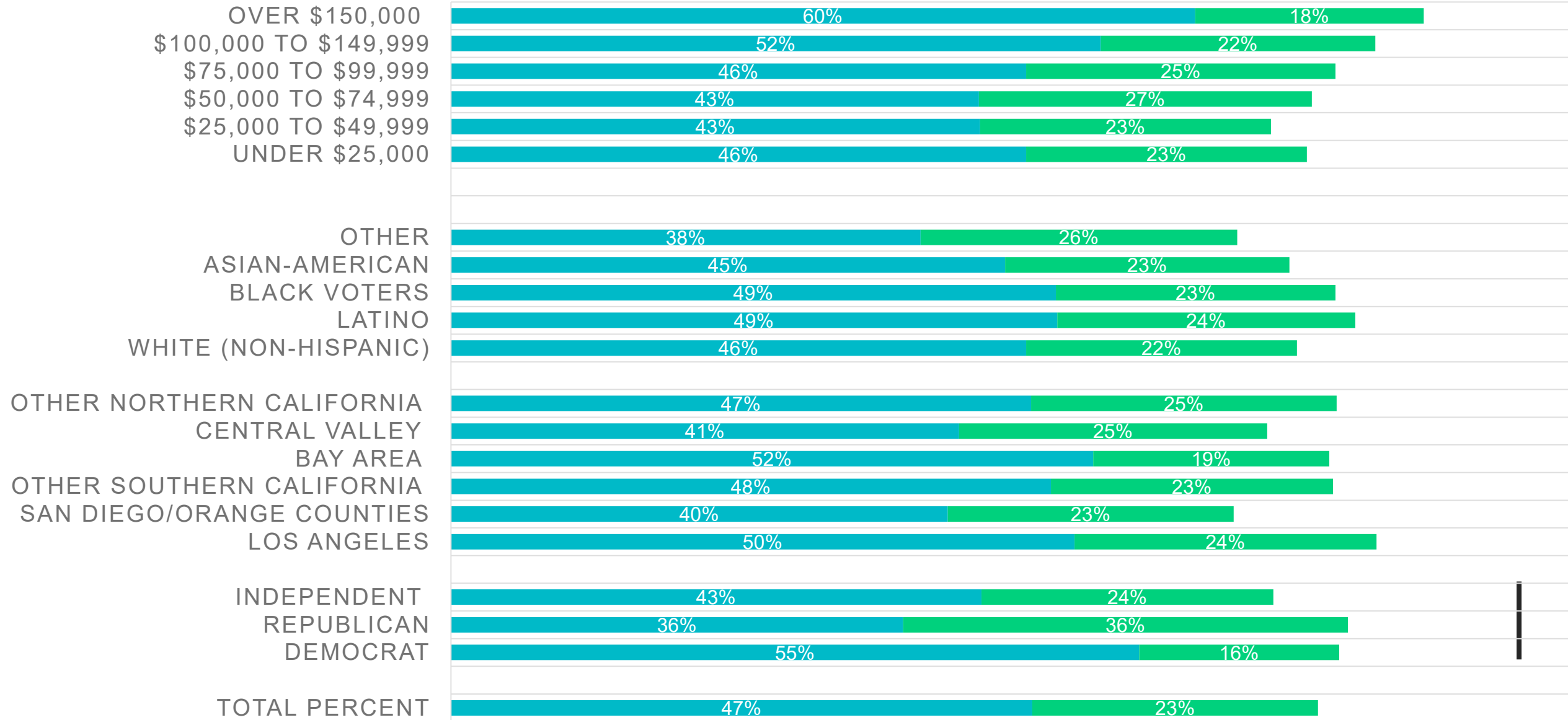
“Do you think that the state legislature should create an independent commission that would consider changes to the recall process and submit proposals to voters in the November, 2022 election?”

Yes, create a commission to consider recall changes	52%
No, do not create a commission to consider recall changes	29%
Don't know	19%

STRONG SUPPORT FOR “MAJOR CHANGES” TO THE RECALL PROCESS

■ Likely to support major changes to the recall process

■ Not likely to support major changes to the recall process



Voters May Support Reforming the Process of Choosing a Replacement Candidate

California's constitution states that a majority vote – 50% plus one – of those casting a ballot in a recall election is required to remove the officeholder facing the recall. If a recall is successful, then the officeholder will be replaced by the candidate who wins a plurality – the most votes of any candidate – in the replacement election. Would you support a constitutional amendment to change the process for electing the replacement for any recalled officeholder?

Yes, I'd support changing the process for electing the replacement for any recalled officeholder	48%
No, I would keep the constitution as it is	37%
Don't know	15%

VOTERS FAVOR MANY, BUT NOT ALL, PROPOSED REFORMS

■ Support ■ Oppose

RECALL ONLY WHEN "CONCERNS ABOUT CORRUPTION OR CRIMINAL ACTS"

66%

26%

INCREASE SIGNATURES FROM 12% TO 20%

54%

35%

HOLD A TOP TWO RUN-OFF IN REPLACEMENT RACE

53%

33%

HOLD A SECOND REPLACEMENT ELECTION ONLY IF RECALL SUCCEEDS

49%

37%

PROHIBIT PAYMENTS PER SIGNATURE

51%

32%

REPLACE RECALLED GOVERNOR WITH LT. GOVERNOR

43%

41%

LET GOVERNOR RUN IN REPLACEMENT RACE

39%

46%

DELAY RECALL UNTIL THE NEXT EVEN YEAR ELECTION

36%

46%

