



# Everything You Were Told About the CA Primaries is Wrong

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“It would be helpful if anyone bothered to look at the numbers before inventing a narrative about the primaries.”

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# Conventional Wisdom

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- “Turnout will be abysmal – everyone is sick of politics.”
- “Republicans are way more motivated to vote than Democrats.”
- “These midterms will follow historical patterns: Democrats are sure to lose seats.”

# Turnout was much closer to 2018 than 2014 - Statewide

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Year	Registered	Voted	Turnout %
2022	21,941,212*	7,176,771	32.71%
2018	19,023,417	7,141,987	37.54%
2014	17,722,006	4,461,346	25.17%

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# Turnout in Orange County

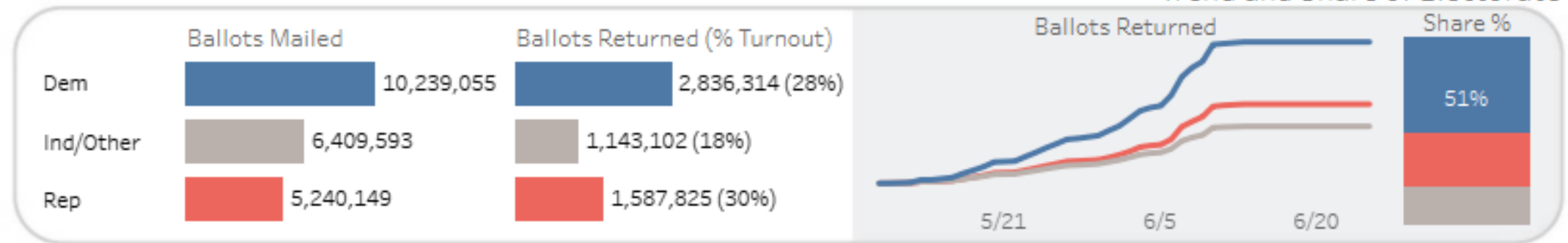
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Year	Registered	Voted	Turnout %
2022	1,809,947*	636,497	35.17%
2018	1,482,036	635,224	42.86%
2014	1,411,232	340,187	24.11%

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# Republicans are more motivated to vote... aren't they???

Ballots Mailed and Returned



Democratic CA registration advantage vs. Rep: 22.84%

Statewide Primary Results as of 6/26:

Governor: 57.9% vs. 33.8% (24 pt gap)

Senate: 59.3% vs. 36.7% (22.6 pt gap)

# Yeah, well... I bet Republicans have momentum in swing districts!

2018 Candidate	2022 Candidate	2022 D Total: Primary	2018 D Total: Primary	Difference
McNerney	Harder	51.34%	53.20%	-1.86%
Harder	Gray	48.17%	47.90%	0.27%
Cox	Salas	45.37%	37.20%	8.17%
Hill	Smith	49.66%	48.20%	1.46%
Peacock	Rollins	46.61%	39.20%	7.41%
Rouda	Chen	43.15%	46.00%	-2.85%
Porter	Porter	51.71%	48.30%	3.41%
Levin	Levin	51.44%	50.80%	0.64%
Cisneros	Mahmood	40.87%	45.00%	-4.13%

Note: the districts are not exactly the same, due to redistricting; but they are close enough to establish a pattern: Ds did NOT underperform in the primaries in 2022

# State of Key Races

2022 District #	Current Elected Running	Challenger (D)	Challenger (R)	PVI / Cook Rating	Total D Votes	Total R Votes	Difference
9	Josh Harder		Tom Patti (San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors)		44470	42147	2323
13	OPEN	Adam Gray (CA Asm)	John Duarte (Farmer)	D +4 (Lean D)	36064	38798	-2734
22	David Valadao	Rudy Salas (CA Asm)		D +6 (Toss-up)	24092	29006	-4914
27	Mike Garcia	Christy Smith (Fmr. CA Asm)		D +4 (Toss-up)	60607	61428	-821
41	Ken Calvert	Will Rollins (Lawyer)		R +4 (Likely R)	69272	79364	-10092
45	Michelle Steel	Jay Chen (Vet, Comm College Trustee)		D +3 (Toss-up)	58718	77370	-18652
47	Katie Porter		Scott Baugh (CA Asm)	D +3 (Lean D)	86742	81019	5723
49	Mike Levin		Brian Maryott (San Juan Capistrano Council)	D +3 (Likely D)	96859	91452	5407
Lower Probability Races							
3	OPEN	Dr. Kermit Jones (Vet)	Kevin Kiley (CA Asm)	R +4 (Likely R)	100173	126385	-26212
5	Tom McClintock	Mike Barkley (Vet)		R +9 (Solid R)	63909	120406	-56497
40	Young Kim	Asif Mahmood (Doctor)		R +2 (Likely R)	74537	107831	-33294





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(It's a big, beautiful world)