The Links Between Voting and Health in California

A new study from the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research looks at voter registration, voting frequency and other measures and finds links between health, neighborhood cohesion and voting.

Nearly 9 in 10 U.S.-born and naturalized adults in California are registered to vote.

"Always" voters are...

- Always vote: 44%
- Sometimes vote: 34%
- Frequently vote: 17%
- Never vote: 5%

50% of registered voters...

- Have high cohesion: 49.5%
- Have low cohesion: 27.5%
- Feel safe all the time: 43%
- Feel mostly unsafe: 23.2%

NONREGISTERED CITIZENS

Top 5 groups not registered because they thought they were ineligible:

- Gen X (age 38–53): 21.6%
- Less than high school education: 20.7%
- Lowest-income (0–99 FPL): 19.9%
- Speak English very well/well (Nonnative): 18.4%
- Latino: 17.9%

The rate of nonvoters who said they "Didn't know how/where to register" was highest among Asians and limited-English speakers.

Top 5 reasons for not registering:

- Too busy: 16.4%
- Not interested or not motivated: 14.4%
- Not eligible: 14%
- Don't like candidates/don't like politics: 12.4%
- Doesn't make a difference: 10.1%

Source: 2017–2018 California Health Interview Survey