

Trends in California's Voter Turnout

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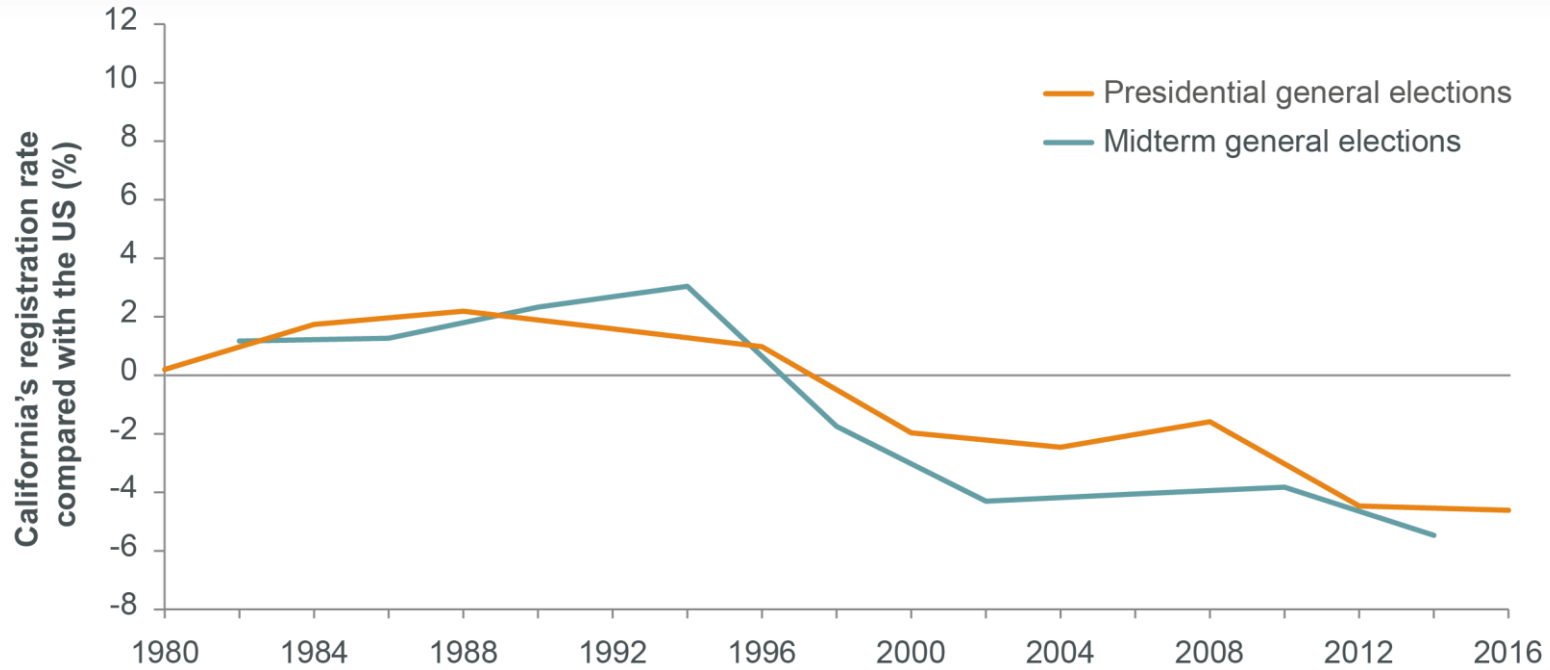
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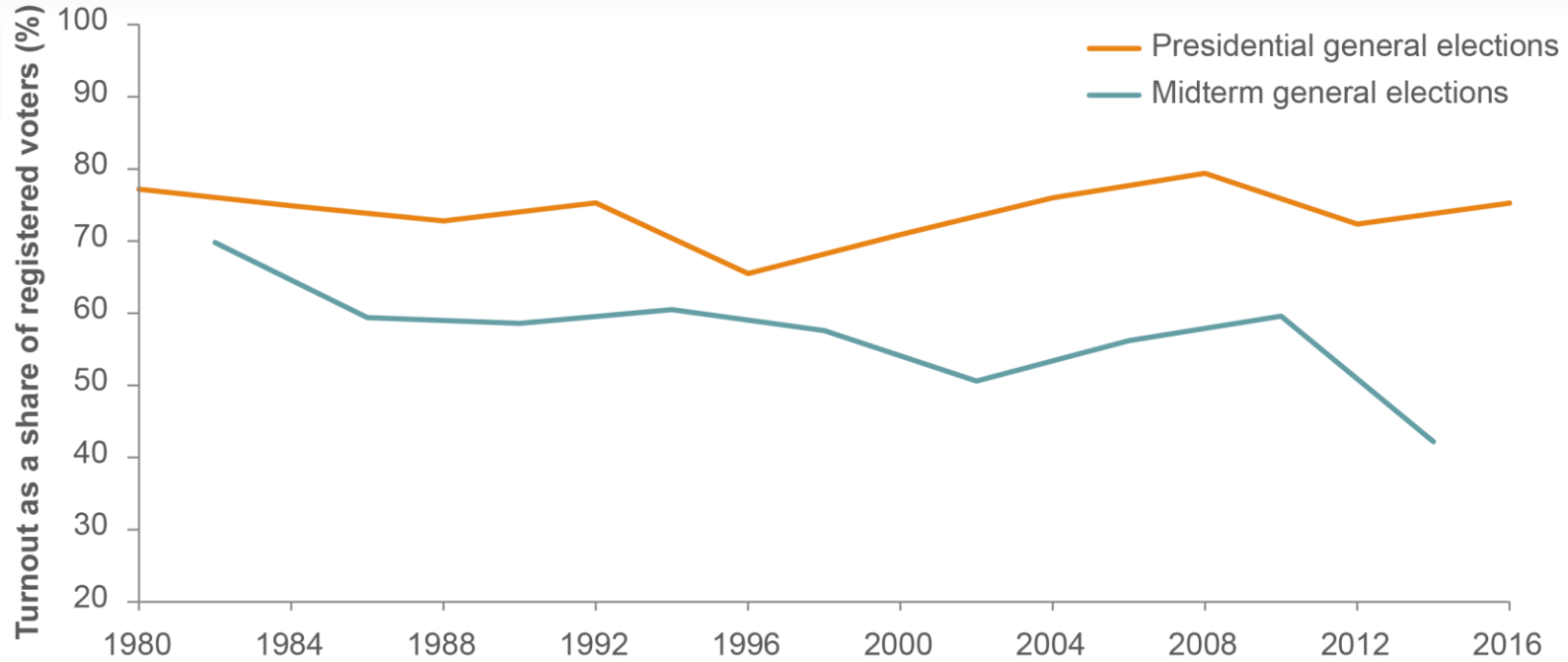
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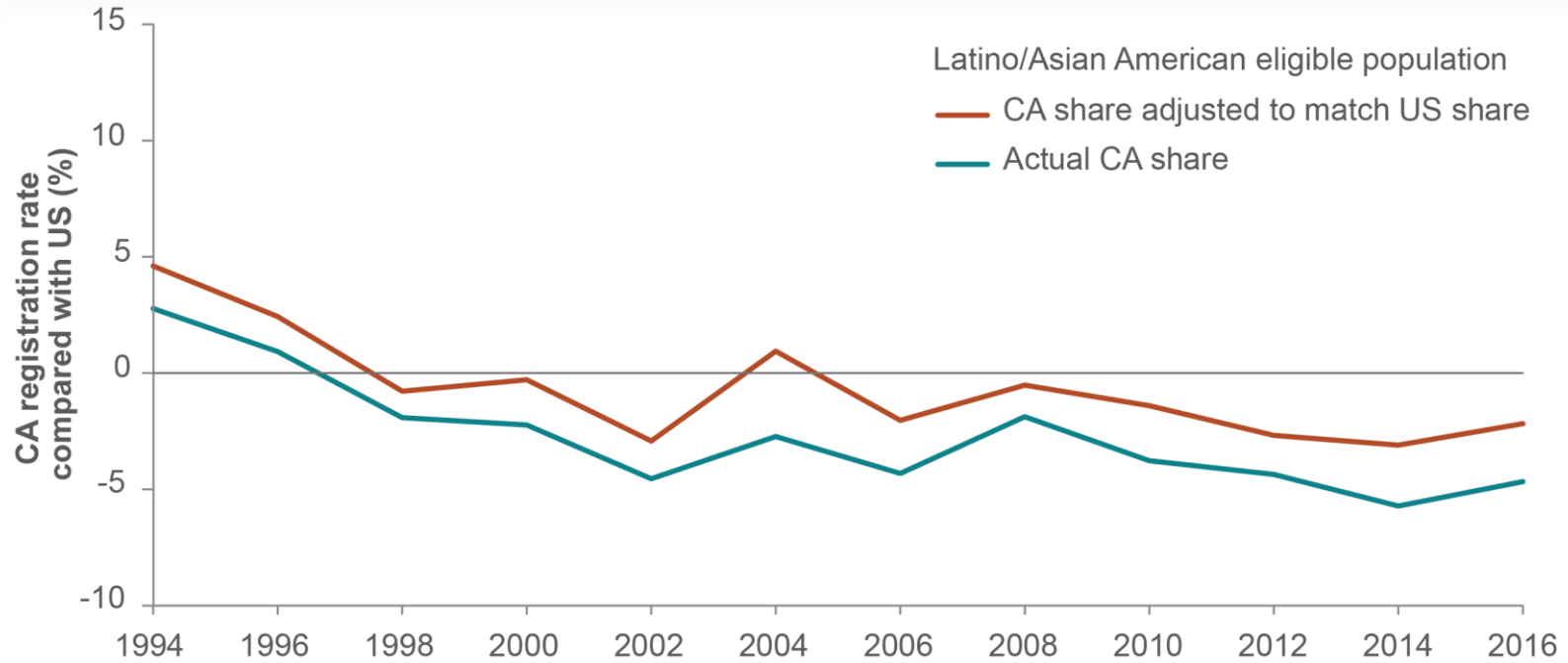
California's registration rate has declined compared to other states



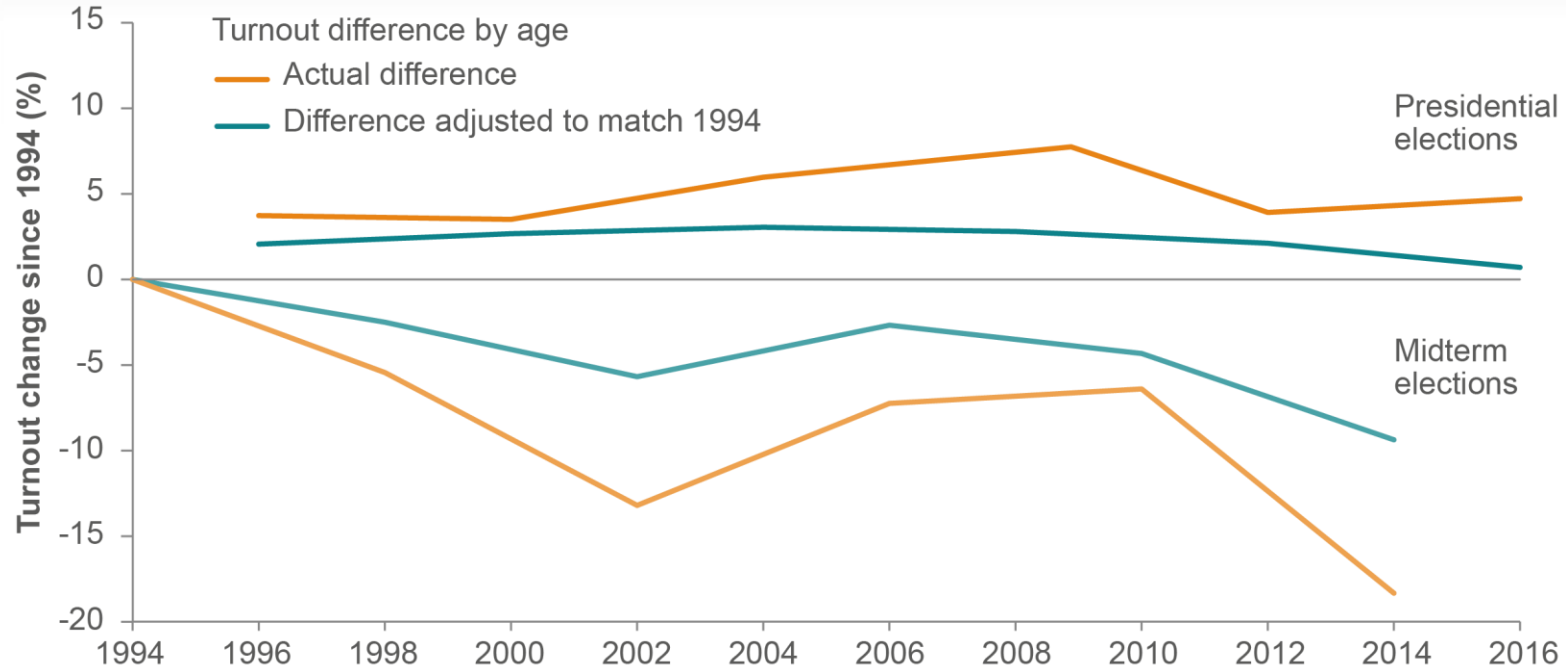
Midterm turnout is down among registered Californians



Growing Latino and Asian American populations explain much of the registration decline



Declining midterm turnout is largely due to the changing behavior of young voters



Thinking beyond registration

- California has passed many laws to ease registration
 - Online registration
 - Pre-registration
 - Conditional registration
 - Automated voter registration
- Lower registration among Latinos and Asian Americans may largely disappear
 - But current low registration likely reflects low engagement
 - Goal moving forward: mobilization
 - New vote center law might help but also presents challenges

Notes on the use of these slides

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