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PPIC Statewide Survey mission

- Provide timely, relevant, nonpartisan data on political, social, and economic opinions
- Inform and improve state policymaking, raise awareness, encourage discussion
- Provide a voice for all Californians in important state policy debates
  - 330,000+ Californians since 1998
  - 160+ general, issue, and regional surveys
Californians and Their Government

- General series funded by the James Irvine Foundation
- Federal issues
  - Approval ratings and trust in government
  - Immigration policy, terrorism, government regulation
- State issues
  - Approval ratings and overall mood
  - State and local tax system, water policy, and high-speed rail
- Telephone interviews, March 5–14, 2017
  - 65% cell phone, 35% landline
  - 1,706 adults, ± 3.3% margin of error
  - 1,069 likely voters, ± 4.2% margin of error
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Approval of federal elected officials

- All adults
  - President Trump: 31%
  - US Congress: 36%
  - Own House rep: 51%

- Dem
  - President Trump: 8%
  - US Congress: 23%
  - Own House rep: 56%

- Rep
  - President Trump: 82%
  - US Congress: 48%
  - Own House rep: 46%

- Ind
  - President Trump: 36%
  - US Congress: 28%
  - Own House rep: 46%

- Likely voters
  - President Trump: 35%
  - US Congress: 27%
  - Own House rep: 49%
Approval of US Senators

- Dianne Feinstein
- Kamala Harris

- All adults: 49%, 46%
- Dem: 67%, 64%
- Rep: 25%, 25%
- Ind: 53%, 46%
- Likely voters: 51%, 49%
Undocumented immigrants

Which comes closest to your view about undocumented immigrants who are living in the US?

- Required to leave
- Allowed to stay, no path to citizenship
- Allowed to stay and apply for citizenship

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Building a border wall

All in all, would you favor or oppose building a wall along the entire border with Mexico?

- **All adults**
  - Favor: 25%
  - Oppose: 72%

- **Dem**
  - Favor: 6%
  - Oppose: 92%

- **Rep**
  - Favor: 28%
  - Oppose: 68%

- **Ind**
  - Favor: 26%
  - Oppose: 73%

- **Likely voters**
  - Favor: 29%
  - Oppose: 69%
How much of a problem is terrorism and security in California today? Is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem?
In general, how well do you think the US government is doing in reducing the threat of terrorism—very well, fairly well, not too well, or not at all well?

- **All adults**: 38% fairly well, 19% very well
- **Dem**: 41% fairly well, 12% very well
- **Rep**: 53% fairly well, 17% very well
- **Ind**: 38% fairly well, 16% very well
- **Likely voters**: 44% fairly well, 14% very well
President Trump’s handling of terrorism, travel ban

- 37% of all adults approve of his handling of terrorism and homeland security issues.
- 37% of all adults approve of his revised travel ban.
- 10% of Democrats approve of his handling of terrorism and homeland security issues.
- 17% of Democrats approve of his revised travel ban.
- 80% of Republicans approve of his handling of terrorism and homeland security issues.
- 85% of Republicans approve of his revised travel ban.
- 45% of Independents approve of his handling of terrorism and homeland security issues.
- 42% of Independents approve of his revised travel ban.
- 38% of likely voters approve of his handling of terrorism and homeland security issues.
- 40% of likely voters approve of his revised travel ban.
Government regulation of business is necessary

Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost
Trustworthiness of President Trump

Please tell me which of the following best reflects your impression of Donald Trump so far. Does Donald Trump impress you as trustworthy or not trustworthy?

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How much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government in Washington today to do what is right—just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

- **All adults**: 29% just about always/most of the time, 69% some/none of the time
- **Dem**: 18% just about always/most of the time, 81% some/none of the time
- **Rep**: 29% just about always/most of the time, 68% some/none of the time
- **Ind**: 22% just about always/most of the time, 78% some/none of the time
- **Likely voters**: 20% just about always/most of the time, 79% some/none of the time
Would you say the federal government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves, or that it is run for the benefit of all of the people?

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Governor Brown
California Legislature

% Approval

Mar-12 Mar-13 Mar-14 Mar-15 Mar-16 Mar-17

58
51
Outlook for the state

- All adults: 55% (Think things are headed in the right direction), 51% (Expect good times financially)
- Dem: 71% (Think things are headed in the right direction), 49% (Expect good times financially)
- Rep: 24% (Think things are headed in the right direction), 44% (Expect good times financially)
- Ind: 48% (Think things are headed in the right direction), 52% (Expect good times financially)
- Likely voters: 53% (Think things are headed in the right direction), 50% (Expect good times financially)
Overall, how fair do you think our present state and local tax system is—would you say it is very fair, moderately fair, not too fair, or not at all fair?

- Very fair: 6%
- Moderately fair: 3%
- Not too fair: 24%
- Not at all fair: 18%
- Don't know: 6%

All adults
When you combine all of the taxes you pay to state and local governments, do you feel that you pay much more than you should, somewhat more than you should, about the right amount, or less than you should?
Importance of water and flood management infrastructure

% very important

- Spending more money on water and flood management infrastructure
- Building tunnels in the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta

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Thinking ahead, how important is the high-speed rail system for the future quality of life and economic vitality of California—is it very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?
As you may know, California voters passed a $10 billion state bond in 2008. Do you favor or oppose building a high-speed rail system in California?
Seriousness of violence and street crime

How much of a problem are violence and street crime in your local community today?

- **All adults**: 35% somewhat of a problem, 25% big problem
- **Central Valley**: 38% somewhat of a problem, 32% big problem
- **San Francisco Bay Area**: 43% somewhat of a problem, 19% big problem
- **Los Angeles**: 35% somewhat of a problem, 29% big problem
- **Orange/San Diego**: 26% somewhat of a problem, 20% big problem
- **Inland Empire**: 33% somewhat of a problem, 26% big problem
How would you rate the job your local police are doing in controlling crime in your community?

- **All adults**
  - Poor: 24%
  - Good: 30%
  - Fair: 35%
  - Fair: 30%
  - Excellent: 10%

- **African Americans**
  - Poor: 14%
  - Good: 24%
  - Fair: 28%
  - Fair: 31%
  - Excellent: 10%

- **Latinos**
  - Poor: 25%
  - Good: 28%
  - Fair: 37%
  - Fair: 31%
  - Excellent: 9%

- **Whites**
  - Poor: 36%
  - Good: 17%
  - Fair: 38%
  - Fair: 30%
  - Excellent: 8%

- **Others**
  - Poor: 32%
  - Good: 27%
  - Fair: 31%
  - Fair: 30%
  - Excellent: 10%
Equal treatment in the criminal justice system

Do you think blacks and other minorities receive equal treatment as whites in the criminal justice system or not?

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About one in three Californians approve of President Trump; slightly more approve his approach to terrorism and the travel ban

Just under half approve of Senators Feinstein and Harris

Most believe that undocumented immigrants should be allowed to stay; most oppose building a border wall

Six in 10 Californians view state spending on water and flood management infrastructure as very important; half view Delta tunnels as very important

Most Californians give excellent or good ratings to their local police, but a growing majority believe that racial disparities exist in criminal justice system
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