PPIC Statewide Survey: Californians and Their Government

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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 interviewed since 1998
  - 160+ general, issue, and regional surveys
Californians and Their Government

- General series funded by the James Irvine Foundation
- Telephone interviews, May 12–22, 2017
  - 65% cell phone, 35% landline
  - 1,707 adults, ± 3.2% margin of error
  - 1,019 likely voters, ± 4.2% margin of error
- Views on President Trump and federal policy issues
- Attitudes toward the state budget, economic issues, and housing
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Increasing pessimism about US direction and economy

Do you think things in the United States are going in the right direction or the wrong direction?

Do you think that during the next 12 months the United States will have good times financially or bad times?
Do you think the Russian government tried to influence the outcome of last fall’s US presidential election, or not?

- Yes, and Trump campaign members intentionally helped: 47%
- Yes, but Trump campaign members didn't intentionally help: 7%
- Yes, don't know if campaign members intentionally helped: 29%
- No: 13%

By Party:
- All adults: 70%
- Dem: 13%
- Rep: 59%
- Ind: 42%
Opinion on ACA and the House health care bill

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- 2010 health reform law
- House bill

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Do you favor or oppose having guaranteed health insurance coverage in which all Californians would get their insurance through a single state government health plan? (if favor, ask: “Do you favor it even if it means raising taxes?”)
When it comes to increased federal immigration enforcement, do you think it will have a positive impact, a negative impact, or not much of an impact on businesses, jobs, and the economy in your part of California?
Increased immigration enforcement: personal impact

When it comes to increased federal immigration enforcement, how much do you worry that someone that you know could be deported?
The California Legislature is considering a “sanctuary state” law that would limit assistance and cooperation between state and local government agencies and federal immigration enforcement, to the fullest extent possible consistent with federal and state law. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?
President Trump and international affairs

- Confidence in Donald Trump's ability to handle North Korea nuclear situation
- Opinion that Donald Trump has a clear plan for situation in Syria

*Question on North Korea from April CBS News poll. Question on Syria from April Pew Research Center poll.
If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

- All adults: 39% for smaller government, 54% for bigger government
- Likely voters: 47% for smaller government, 46% for bigger government
- Dem: 24% for smaller government, 67% for bigger government
- Rep: 79% for smaller government, 16% for bigger government
- Ind: 51% for smaller government, 43% for bigger government
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Approval of state elected officials

- Governor Brown
- California Legislature

% adults over time from May-12 to May-17.
Governor’s budget proposal

Perception that the state budget situation is a big problem

Support for Governor Brown’s revised budget proposal

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How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape, or poor shape financially?

- **All adults**: 33% excellent shape, 40% good shape
- **Likely voters**: 7% excellent shape, 21% good shape
- **African Americans**: 7% excellent shape, 39% good shape
- **Asian Americans**: 4% excellent shape, 39% good shape
- **Latinos**: 4% excellent shape, 25% good shape
- **Whites**: 11% excellent shape, 39% good shape
The cost of your housing is a financial strain
Housing affordability is a big problem in your part of California

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Support for two housing proposals

- Would vote yes on an affordable housing bond
- Favor changing environmental regulations and local permitting process

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Poverty and inequality

Poverty is a big problem in your part of California
The gap between the rich and poor is getting larger in your part of California

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In general, do you think the use of marijuana should be legal, or not?

- Yes, legal
- No, not legal

% adults


56
41
Implementing marijuana legalization

- Federal government should not enforce marijuana laws in states that have legalized use
- Favor retail sales of recreational marijuana in your city or community

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<td>Favor retail sales</td>
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- Californians are increasingly pessimistic about the direction of the country, and few approve of the president or Congress.
- Most Californians disapprove of the House health care bill, and half expect negative effects from increased immigration enforcement.
- A solid majority favor the governor’s budget plan, and fewer see the state budget situation as a big problem than in past years.
- Most see housing affordability as a big problem and perceive rising income inequality. Majorities support state actions to address these issues.
Notes on the use of these slides

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