Californians and Their Government
October 2016
Time Trends – All Respondents

Methodology Note:

Findings for October 2016 are based on a survey of 1,704 California adult residents, with 50 percent interviewed on landline telephones (852 interviews) and 50 percent interviewed on cell phones (852 interviews). Interviews took an average of 18 minutes to complete. Interviewing took place on weekend days and weekday nights October 14–23, 2016.

The sampling error for October 2016, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ±3.4 percent at the 95 percent confidence level for the total unweighted sample of 1,704 adults. This means that 95 times out of 100, the results will be within 3.4 percentage points of what they would be if all adults in California were interviewed. Sampling error is only one type of error to which surveys are subject. Results may also be affected by factors such as question wording, question order, and survey timing.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this survey, please contact surveys@ppic.org
Q2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Jerry Brown is handling his job as governor of California?

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Q35. In your view, do the Republican and Democratic parties do an adequate job representing the American people, or do they do such a poor job that a third major party is needed?

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Q36. Next, in general, do you think the use of marijuana should be legal, or not?

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Q36a. Keeping in mind that all of your answers in the survey are confidential, have you ever tried marijuana? IF YES, ASK: have you used marijuana in the last 12 months?

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