

# Californians and their Government

## May 2016

### Time Trends – Likely Voters

#### Methodology Note:

Findings for May 2016 are based on a survey of 1,704 California adult residents, with 50 percent interviewed on landline telephones (853 interviews) and 50 percent interviewed on cell phones (851 interviews). Interviews took an average of 19 minutes to complete. Interviewing took place on weekend days and weekday nights May 13–22, 2016.

The May 2016 sampling error for the 996 likely voters, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is  $\pm 4.3$  percent. The sampling error for unweighted likely voter subgroups is larger. For the 552 Democratic Primary likely voters, it is  $\pm 5.7$  percent; for the 284 Republican Primary likely voters, it is  $\pm 7.4$  percent. 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.

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Q2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Jerry Brown is handling his job as governor of California?

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	50%	39%	10%	985
Apr 2016	56%	35%	9%	993
Mar 2016	53%	36%	11%	1031
Jan 2016	60%	31%	9%	1036
Dec 2015	54%	35%	11%	1097
Sep 2015	55%	35%	10%	1054
Jul 2015	55%	37%	9%	1054
Jun 2015	54%	36%	10%	1041
Apr 2015	53%	37%	11%	1063
Mar 2015	56%	36%	8%	1056
Jan 2015	58%	33%	9%	1006
Dec 2014	57%	34%	9%	1050
Oct 2014	54%	37%	9%	966
Sep 2014	55%	36%	9%	908
Jul 2014	56%	34%	9%	971
May 2014	54%	35%	11%	1029
Apr 2014	56%	31%	13%	1068
Mar 2014	52%	35%	13%	1080
Jan 2014	60%	32%	8%	1138
Dec 2013	49%	38%	13%	1077
Sep 2013	49%	39%	12%	1092
Jul 2013	54%	31%	15%	1267
May 2013	48%	40%	11%	1117
Apr 2013	49%	41%	10%	1124
Mar 2013	48%	39%	13%	1132
Jan 2013	50%	36%	14%	1110
Dec 2012	49%	40%	11%	1433
Oct 2012	45%	43%	12%	1331
Sep 2012	42%	47%	11%	1322
Aug 2012	46%	42%	11%	1551
May 2012	42%	43%	14%	1248
Apr 2012	47%	40%	12%	1196
Mar 2012	46%	38%	16%	1160
Jan 2012	44%	38%	17%	1297
Dec 2011	46%	36%	17%	1288
Nov 2011	47%	38%	15%	1622
Sep 2011	45%	35%	20%	1350
Jul 2011	48%	35%	17%	1631
Jun 2011	46%	28%	25%	1400
Apr 2011	46%	32%	21%	1640
Mar 2011	41%	25%	34%	1363
Feb 2011	41%	17%	43%	1552
Jan 2011	47%	20%	33%	1380

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Q3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the California Legislature is handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	38%	49%	13%	982
Apr 2016	40%	51%	9%	993
Mar 2016	38%	50%	12%	1029
Jan 2016	41%	48%	11%	1034
Dec 2015	38%	48%	14%	1100
Sep 2015	39%	47%	15%	1056
Jul 2015	32%	54%	13%	1055
Jun 2015	30%	52%	18%	1043
Apr 2015	36%	55%	9%	1061
Mar 2015	39%	50%	11%	1059
Jan 2015	41%	47%	13%	1003
Dec 2014	39%	51%	10%	1046
Oct 2014	37%	51%	13%	969
Sep 2014	32%	54%	14%	901
Jul 2014	31%	56%	13%	972
May 2014	36%	54%	11%	1027
Apr 2014	29%	56%	15%	1074
Mar 2014	32%	57%	12%	1084
Jan 2014	33%	57%	10%	1145
Dec 2013	32%	56%	12%	1077
Sep 2013	32%	57%	10%	1095
Jul 2013	33%	55%	12%	1272
May 2013	29%	59%	12%	1125
Apr 2013	29%	64%	7%	1129
Mar 2013	25%	61%	14%	1130
Jan 2013	31%	55%	14%	1115
Dec 2012	26%	61%	13%	1434
Oct 2012	21%	68%	11%	1329
Sep 2012	22%	68%	10%	1325
Aug 2012	21%	69%	10%	1560
May 2012	17%	71%	11%	1248
Apr 2012	15%	73%	12%	1199
Mar 2012	21%	66%	14%	1162
Jan 2012	17%	71%	12%	1297
Dec 2011	16%	69%	15%	1293
Nov 2011	17%	70%	13%	1634
Sep 2011	17%	71%	12%	1363
Jul 2011	15%	74%	11%	1639
Jun 2011	17%	72%	11%	1404
Apr 2011	14%	74%	12%	1644
Mar 2011	16%	70%	14%	1360
Feb 2011	20%	63%	17%	1558
Jan 2011	18%	68%	14%	1390
Nov 2010	9%	82%	9%	1673
Oct 2010	10%	86%	3%	1238
Sep 2010	11%	85%	4%	1214
Jul 2010	10%	82%	8%	1462
May 2010	11%	80%	8%	1247
Apr 2010	11%	79%	9%	1540
Mar 2010	9%	85%	6%	1235
Jan 2010	12%	80%	7%	1299
Dec 2009	10%	83%	7%	1077
Nov 2009	10%	80%	10%	1630

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Q3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the California Legislature is handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Sep 2009	16%	76%	8%	1339
Jul 2009	10%	84%	6%	1563
May 2009	12%	80%	8%	1213
Apr 2009	16%	74%	10%	1596
Mar 2009	11%	80%	10%	1136
Feb 2009	14%	75%	10%	1564
Jan 2009	15%	76%	9%	1387
Nov 2008	20%	69%	11%	1633
Oct 2008	22%	70%	8%	1280
Sep 2008	16%	76%	9%	1277
Aug 2008	20%	74%	6%	1183
May 2008	23%	65%	12%	1224
Apr 2008	22%	66%	12%	1517
Mar 2008	25%	64%	11%	1219
Jan 2008	27%	61%	12%	1226
Dec 2007	35%	54%	10%	1146
Oct 2007	32%	54%	14%	1574
Sep 2007	29%	59%	11%	1158
Jun 2007	35%	47%	18%	1106
May 2007	36%	51%	14%	1127
Apr 2007	35%	51%	14%	1510
Mar 2007	39%	47%	14%	1233
Jan 2007	37%	49%	14%	1274
Oct 2006	26%	61%	13%	1188
Sep 2006	32%	55%	13%	1207
Aug 2006	27%	61%	12%	1105
May 2006	23%	61%	15%	1093
Mar 2006	23%	65%	12%	1002
Jan 2006	25%	63%	12%	1256
Jan 2006	23%	60%	17%	1443
Oct 2005	21%	65%	14%	1161
Sep 2005	28%	60%	12%	1111
Aug 2005	23%	64%	13%	1052
May 2005	24%	63%	12%	1237
Jan 2005	33%	57%	11%	1230
Oct 2004	40%	46%	14%	1210
Sep 2004	37%	51%	12%	1191
Aug 2004	37%	52%	11%	1183
Jun 2004	38%	51%	11%	1346
May 2004	35%	52%	13%	1098
Jan 2004	34%	50%	16%	977
Aug 2003	22%	68%	10%	1067
Jun 2003	29%	58%	13%	1032
Feb 2003	29%	55%	16%	1071
Sep 2002	40%	45%	15%	1029
Jan 2002	46%	43%	11%	967
Dec 2001	50%	36%	14%	939
Jan 2001	56%	32%	12%	1085
Sep 2000	56%	34%	11%	1089

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Q4. Do you think things in California are GENERALLY going in  
 the right direction or the wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	45%	51%	4%	986
Mar 2016	45%	50%	5%	1032
Jan 2016	49%	47%	4%	1037
Dec 2015	44%	50%	6%	1106
Sep 2015	43%	52%	6%	1062
Jun 2015	40%	52%	8%	1042
Mar 2015	49%	47%	5%	1057
Jan 2015	49%	45%	5%	1009
Dec 2014	47%	48%	5%	1055
Oct 2014	40%	54%	6%	970
Sep 2014	43%	52%	6%	913
May 2014	44%	50%	6%	1035
Mar 2014	41%	53%	6%	1085
Jan 2014	47%	48%	5%	1143
Dec 2013	41%	55%	4%	1077
Sep 2013	40%	54%	6%	1100
Jun 2013	39%	53%	9%	1433
May 2013	41%	54%	4%	1121
Mar 2013	37%	57%	6%	1132
Jan 2013	45%	49%	6%	1115
Dec 2012	39%	56%	5%	1430
Oct 2012	34%	60%	6%	1330
Sep 2012	29%	66%	5%	1325
May 2012	27%	68%	5%	1246
Mar 2012	32%	59%	9%	1161
Jan 2012	29%	66%	5%	1297
Dec 2011	24%	68%	8%	1294
Sep 2011	25%	69%	7%	1359
Jun 2011	22%	68%	9%	1485
Jun 2011	27%	66%	7%	1401
Mar 2011	27%	63%	10%	1361
Feb 2011	32%	56%	12%	1566
Jan 2011	32%	61%	7%	1393
Oct 2010	12%	77%	11%	1227
Sep 2010	13%	77%	9%	1210
Jul 2010	8%	86%	5%	1462
May 2010	13%	82%	5%	1249
Mar 2010	13%	83%	4%	1234
Jan 2010	15%	80%	5%	1299
Dec 2009	11%	82%	7%	1075
Nov 2009	12%	83%	5%	1626
Sep 2009	18%	77%	6%	1340
Jul 2009	9%	87%	5%	1569
Jun 2009	16%	74%	9%	1500
May 2009	17%	76%	7%	1216
Mar 2009	17%	77%	7%	1135
Feb 2009	13%	80%	7%	1564
Jan 2009	16%	78%	6%	1387
Nov 2008	24%	66%	10%	1635
Oct 2008	20%	70%	10%	1274
Sep 2008	21%	67%	11%	1282
Aug 2008	24%	68%	8%	1179
Jun 2008	22%	69%	9%	1412

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Q4. Do you think things in California are GENERALLY going in  
 the right direction or the wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2008	24%	67%	9%	1220
Mar 2008	24%	66%	9%	1215
Jan 2008	35%	55%	10%	1224
Dec 2007	38%	50%	13%	1146
Sep 2007	41%	51%	9%	1154
Jun 2007	44%	47%	9%	1104
May 2007	47%	45%	7%	1122
Mar 2007	44%	48%	8%	1233
Jan 2007	55%	38%	7%	1271
Oct 2006	44%	47%	10%	1183
Sep 2006	45%	46%	9%	1208
Aug 2006	42%	49%	9%	1102
Jul 2006	45%	48%	7%	1346
May 2006	34%	59%	8%	1096
Mar 2006	36%	55%	9%	1007
Feb 2006	34%	58%	8%	1232
Jan 2006	36%	57%	7%	1252
Jan 2006	28%	64%	8%	1447
Oct 2005	29%	62%	10%	1156
Sep 2005	27%	64%	9%	1108
Aug 2005	34%	58%	8%	1055
Jul 2005	39%	50%	11%	1461
May 2005	37%	56%	7%	1238
Apr 2005	34%	56%	10%	1472
Jan 2005	48%	42%	10%	1229
Oct 2004	47%	43%	11%	1210
Sep 2004	47%	42%	12%	1197
Aug 2004	46%	43%	11%	1179
Jul 2004	47%	42%	12%	1447
Jun 2004	46%	43%	11%	1342
May 2004	48%	41%	11%	1100
Feb 2004	32%	54%	15%	1006
Jan 2004	44%	40%	16%	972
Nov 2003	31%	55%	14%	1183
Oct 2003	18%	74%	8%	1128
Sep 2003	17%	75%	8%	1143
Aug 2003	17%	74%	9%	1065
Jul 2003	25%	66%	9%	1153
Jun 2003	22%	68%	10%	1033
Feb 2003	22%	69%	9%	1070
Nov 2002	45%	47%	8%	914
Oct 2002	40%	50%	10%	1048
Sep 2002	48%	43%	8%	1035
Aug 2002	37%	53%	10%	966
Feb 2002	50%	42%	7%	948
Jan 2002	55%	38%	7%	968
Dec 2001	55%	36%	9%	945
Jan 2001	63%	29%	8%	1092
Oct 2000	56%	34%	9%	1088
Aug 2000	63%	30%	8%	1011
Feb 2000	64%	28%	8%	1007
Jan 2000	66%	27%	7%	977
Dec 1999	60%	34%	6%	907

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Q4. Do you think things in California are GENERALLY going in  
 the right direction or the wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Sep 1999	59%	35%	6%	906
Jan 1999	66%	28%	7%	1049
Oct 1998	63%	30%	7%	1103
Sep 1998	58%	35%	7%	1046
May 1998	56%	36%	9%	936
Apr 1998	55%	37%	8%	990

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Q5. Turning to economic conditions in California, do you think  
 that during the next 12 months we will have good times  
 financially or bad times?

	good times	bad times	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	45%	43%	12%	983
Mar 2016	46%	45%	9%	1030
Jan 2016	44%	46%	11%	1034
Dec 2015	47%	43%	10%	1106
Sep 2015	46%	44%	10%	1060
Jun 2015	44%	44%	11%	1041
Mar 2015	49%	39%	12%	1055
Jan 2015	54%	36%	10%	1001
Dec 2014	51%	40%	9%	1047
Oct 2014	42%	47%	11%	970
Sep 2014	44%	46%	10%	906
May 2014	44%	46%	10%	1033
Mar 2014	42%	48%	10%	1084
Jan 2014	46%	47%	8%	1139
Dec 2013	38%	52%	10%	1076
Sep 2013	44%	46%	10%	1095
Jun 2013	46%	44%	10%	1431
May 2013	45%	46%	9%	1117
Mar 2013	41%	52%	8%	1131
Jan 2013	44%	44%	11%	1110
Dec 2012	37%	55%	8%	1428
Oct 2012	34%	53%	12%	1329
Sep 2012	29%	63%	9%	1321
May 2012	27%	65%	9%	1242
Mar 2012	28%	62%	11%	1165
Jan 2012	27%	65%	8%	1294
Dec 2011	22%	68%	10%	1288
Sep 2011	19%	74%	7%	1357
Jun 2011	20%	70%	10%	1483
Jun 2011	29%	63%	8%	1401
Mar 2011	26%	65%	8%	1362
Feb 2011	31%	57%	12%	1558
Jan 2011	28%	63%	9%	1392
Oct 2010	20%	65%	14%	1220
Sep 2010	24%	62%	13%	1206
Jul 2010	19%	74%	7%	1461
May 2010	22%	71%	7%	1243
Mar 2010	21%	72%	7%	1230
Jan 2010	17%	76%	7%	1299
Dec 2009	20%	73%	6%	1078
Nov 2009	17%	75%	7%	1627
Sep 2009	22%	71%	7%	1337
Jul 2009	13%	81%	6%	1568
Jun 2009	18%	77%	5%	1502
May 2009	19%	75%	6%	1217
Mar 2009	15%	79%	6%	1136
Feb 2009	13%	83%	4%	1565
Jan 2009	13%	82%	5%	1389
Nov 2008	17%	75%	9%	1636
Oct 2008	15%	77%	8%	1277
Sep 2008	17%	72%	11%	1281
Aug 2008	17%	75%	8%	1182

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Q5. Turning to economic conditions in California, do you think  
 that during the next 12 months we will have good times  
 financially or bad times?

	good times	bad times	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2008	14%	80%	7%	1454
Jun 2008	12%	82%	6%	1422
May 2008	16%	75%	9%	1220
Mar 2008	12%	80%	8%	1221
Jan 2008	18%	74%	9%	1227
Dec 2007	23%	68%	9%	1150
Sep 2007	29%	62%	9%	1157
Jun 2007	43%	47%	10%	1106
May 2007	41%	47%	12%	1122
Mar 2007	41%	49%	11%	1233
Jan 2007	52%	37%	11%	1274
Oct 2006	52%	35%	13%	1186
Sep 2006	48%	40%	12%	1209
Aug 2006	45%	43%	12%	1100
Jul 2006	42%	43%	15%	1351
May 2006	39%	48%	12%	1093
Mar 2006	50%	38%	12%	1000
Feb 2006	46%	42%	12%	1232
Jan 2006	49%	40%	11%	1252
Jan 2006	43%	45%	12%	1446
Oct 2005	35%	54%	11%	1159
Sep 2005	33%	57%	10%	1110
Aug 2005	42%	47%	12%	1054
Jul 2005	45%	39%	16%	1459
May 2005	44%	45%	11%	1241
Apr 2005	38%	51%	11%	1470
Jan 2005	47%	38%	15%	1227
Oct 2004	45%	40%	15%	1209
Sep 2004	48%	39%	14%	1195
Aug 2004	46%	40%	14%	1181
Jul 2004	50%	39%	12%	1445
Jun 2004	42%	45%	12%	1336
May 2004	43%	43%	14%	1099
Feb 2004	42%	45%	13%	1007
Jan 2004	51%	34%	15%	979
Nov 2003	40%	45%	15%	1183
Oct 2003	34%	44%	22%	1119
Sep 2003	31%	51%	18%	1133
Aug 2003	27%	56%	17%	1057
Jul 2003	29%	62%	9%	1153
Jun 2003	25%	66%	9%	1025
Feb 2003	15%	76%	9%	1075
Nov 2002	45%	46%	9%	913
Oct 2002	35%	53%	12%	1046
Sep 2002	40%	50%	10%	1036
Aug 2002	35%	53%	12%	969
Feb 2002	46%	47%	7%	950
Jan 2002	46%	48%	6%	971
Dec 2001	35%	59%	6%	947

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Q5. Turning to economic conditions in California, do you think  
 that during the next 12 months we will have good times  
 financially or bad times?

	good times	bad times	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Jan 2001	52%	36%	12%	1090
Aug 2000	78%	16%	7%	1013
Feb 2000	81%	11%	8%	1012
Dec 1999	79%	15%	6%	910
Sep 1999	76%	19%	5%	914

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Q7c. And, were you previously registered with a major party or  
 have you always been a decline-to-state or independent voter?

	previously registered	always been a decline-to- state or independent voter	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	50%	49%	1%	180
Oct 2014	52%	42%	5%	219
May 2012	47%	50%	3%	276
Mar 2012	42%	56%	2%	255
May 2009	56%	41%	3%	210
Mar 2008	55%	42%	2%	152
Dec 2007	50%	49%	1%	169
Sep 2007	52%	47%	1%	221
Jul 2007	54%	43%	3%	211
Jun 2007	52%	46%	3%	188
May 2007	44%	54%	2%	162
Mar 2007	59%	40%	1%	216

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Q7d. And what party were you previously registered with? [DO NOT READ LIST; SINGLE RECORD]

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	Green Party	Libertarian	American Independent	other (SPECIFY)	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	44%	41%	0%	6%	2%	6%	2%	100
Oct 2014	57%	37%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	125
May 2012	50%	42%	0%	1%	0%	7%	1%	147
Mar 2012	38%	48%	1%	1%	1%	6%	6%	134
May 2009	51%	40%	3%	0%	0%	4%	2%	114
Mar 2008	52%	39%	3%	0%	0%	6%	0%	84
Dec 2007	38%	53%	0%	1%	4%	3%	1%	86
Sep 2007	47%	48%	1%	0%	0%	3%	0%	127
Jul 2007	59%	35%	0%	0%	2%	4%	0%	118
Jun 2007	39%	50%	0%	1%	1%	6%	4%	102
May 2007	48%	49%	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%	74
Mar 2007	44%	52%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	131

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Q7e. Would you join a political party if it was a good reflection of your political views or do you prefer to be unaffiliated with any specific party?

	join a political party	remain unaffiliated	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	41%	53%	6%	182
Oct 2014	27%	65%	8%	218
May 2012	31%	67%	2%	276
Mar 2012	24%	75%	1%	260
May 2009	35%	61%	3%	210
Mar 2008	34%	65%	1%	151
Dec 2007	25%	72%	3%	168
Sep 2007	32%	66%	2%	223
Jul 2007	28%	71%	1%	211
Jun 2007	32%	65%	3%	188
May 2007	31%	68%	1%	162
Mar 2007	31%	68%	1%	216

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Q8a. If the 2016 Democratic primary for president were being held today, and these were the candidates, who would you vote for?

	Hillary Clinton	Bernie Sanders	someone else (specify)	[VOL] would not vote in presidential primary	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	46%	44%	4%	1%	4%	549
Mar 2016	48%	41%	7%	0%	4%	524

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Q9. In general, would you say you are satisfied or not satisfied with your choices of candidates in the election for U.S. President in 2016?

	satisfied	not satisfied	[VOL] both	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	42%	55%	1%	2%	985
Mar 2016	51%	45%	2%	2%	1034
Jan 2016	52%	42%	3%	3%	1037
Dec 2015	53%	42%	1%	3%	1106

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Q10. How closely are you following news about candidates for the 2016 presidential election - very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

	very closely	fairly closely	not too closely	not at all closely	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	55%	34%	9%	3%	0%	990
Apr 2016	57%	35%	6%	1%	0%	997
Mar 2016	52%	37%	9%	2%	1%	1039
Jan 2016	45%	37%	14%	3%	0%	1043
Oct 2014	18%	34%	34%	13%	1%	974
Sep 2014	12%	40%	28%	19%	0%	915
Jul 2014	11%	42%	31%	15%	1%	983
May 2014	8%	31%	41%	19%	1%	1037
Apr 2014	9%	23%	40%	27%	1%	1077
Mar 2014	7%	23%	39%	29%	2%	1089
Jan 2014	7%	21%	50%	21%	0%	1151
Dec 2013	5%	17%	40%	37%	1%	1080
Oct 2012	58%	35%	6%	1%	0%	1335
Sep 2012	53%	37%	9%	1%	0%	1331
Aug 2012	40%	44%	12%	3%	0%	1568
May 2012	42%	44%	12%	2%	0%	1255
Apr 2012	43%	42%	12%	3%	0%	1206
Mar 2012	41%	42%	14%	2%	0%	1167
Jan 2012	36%	49%	13%	3%	0%	1305
Dec 2011	40%	42%	14%	3%	0%	1298
Oct 2010	39%	50%	9%	2%	0%	1238
Sep 2010	30%	51%	16%	2%	0%	1219
Jul 2010	22%	48%	23%	7%	0%	1466
May 2010	21%	46%	27%	6%	0%	1251
Mar 2010	17%	46%	28%	8%	0%	1238
Jan 2010	11%	34%	42%	12%	1%	1302
Dec 2009	10%	33%	36%	20%	1%	1078
Nov 2008	62%	30%	5%	2%	1%	1640
Oct 2008	54%	37%	7%	2%	0%	1282
Sep 2008	52%	39%	7%	1%	0%	1283
Aug 2008	39%	49%	10%	2%	1%	1184
Jul 2008	42%	44%	12%	2%	0%	1456
May 2008	47%	43%	7%	2%	0%	1229
Mar 2008	50%	42%	7%	1%	0%	1222
Jan 2008	44%	44%	10%	2%	0%	1233
Dec 2007	26%	52%	19%	3%	0%	1153
Sep 2007	29%	54%	14%	3%	0%	1164
Jul 2007	30%	49%	17%	4%	0%	1416
Jun 2007	21%	52%	23%	4%	0%	1115
May 2007	30%	48%	17%	5%	0%	1130
Mar 2007	25%	44%	25%	6%	0%	1239
Oct 2006	19%	55%	20%	5%	0%	1191
Sep 2006	17%	57%	20%	6%	0%	1213
Aug 2006	15%	49%	28%	8%	1%	1106
Jul 2006	19%	49%	24%	7%	0%	1353
May 2006	18%	50%	24%	6%	1%	1093
Apr 2006	16%	44%	29%	11%	0%	1267
Mar 2006	13%	39%	34%	14%	0%	1008
Oct 2004	61%	34%	4%	1%	1%	1217
Sep 2004	51%	39%	8%	3%	0%	1204
Aug 2004	48%	41%	9%	2%	0%	1188
Feb 2004	33%	47%	14%	6%	0%	1015
Jan 2004	22%	40%	25%	13%	0%	982

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Q10. How closely are you following news about candidates for the 2016 presidential election - very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

	very closely	fairly closely	not too closely	not at all closely	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Sep 2003	49%	43%	6%	1%	0%	1149
Aug 2003	45%	44%	8%	2%	0%	1068
Oct 2002	22%	53%	20%	4%	0%	1051
Sep 2002	28%	52%	16%	4%	0%	1036
Aug 2002	22%	54%	19%	4%	0%	974
Feb 2002	13%	43%	35%	9%	0%	958
Jan 2002	12%	39%	33%	15%	1%	976
Jan 2001	72%	21%	5%	2%	0%	1095
Oct 2000	56%	34%	8%	2%	0%	1090
Sep 2000	48%	39%	10%	3%	0%	1095
Aug 2000	41%	44%	11%	4%	0%	1014
Feb 2000	21%	55%	20%	4%	0%	1014
Jan 2000	14%	51%	29%	6%	0%	985
Dec 1999	16%	52%	26%	5%	0%	910
Sep 1999	20%	57%	20%	3%	0%	914
Jan 1999	19%	59%	19%	3%	0%	1054
Oct 1998	13%	50%	30%	7%	0%	1111
Sep 1998	9%	45%	35%	11%	1%	1046
May 1998	13%	49%	32%	7%	0%	952
Apr 1998	9%	43%	39%	9%	0%	993

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Q13. ...If the June primary for US Senator were being held today, and these were the candidates, who would you vote for?

	Tom Del Beccaro, a Republican	Kamala Harris, a Democrat	Loretta Sanchez, a Democrat	Duf Sundheim, a Republican	Ron Unz, a Republican	someone else (specify)	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	8%	27%	19%	3%	6%	6%	31%	976
Mar 2016	9%	26%	17%	6%	N/A*	11%	31%	1026

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\*Candidate Ron Unz entered the race after the March 2016 survey was completed

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Q14. In general, would you say you are satisfied or not satisfied with your choices of candidates in the election for U.S. Senate in 2016?

	satisfied	not satisfied	[VOL] both	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	57%	21%	1%	21%	980
Mar 2016	47%	30%	1%	23%	1035

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Q15. Next, do you think the state budget situation in California - that is, the balance between government spending and revenues - is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem for the people of California today?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not a problem	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	51%	33%	13%	3%	989
Mar 2016	55%	33%	9%	3%	1036
Jan 2016	46%	39%	12%	4%	1041
Dec 2015	50%	35%	10%	6%	1113
Jun 2015	52%	35%	11%	2%	1045
Mar 2015	50%	34%	12%	3%	1063
Jan 2015	56%	35%	7%	2%	1009
Dec 2014	55%	35%	8%	2%	1056
Oct 2014	62%	29%	6%	3%	974
Sep 2014	62%	29%	6%	2%	913
May 2014	58%	34%	5%	2%	1036
Jan 2014	56%	36%	6%	2%	1150
Sep 2013	66%	28%	4%	2%	1101
May 2013	67%	27%	4%	1%	1128
Mar 2013	72%	23%	4%	1%	1137
Jan 2013	71%	23%	4%	1%	1116
Dec 2012	74%	21%	3%	1%	1437
Oct 2012	80%	18%	1%	1%	1336
Sep 2012	83%	15%	1%	1%	1331
May 2012	83%	14%	2%	2%	1256
Apr 2012	80%	16%	2%	1%	1207
Mar 2012	78%	17%	3%	1%	1167
Jan 2012	78%	20%	2%	1%	1305
Dec 2011	83%	14%	2%	2%	1297
Sep 2011	81%	16%	1%	2%	1362
Jun 2011	82%	15%	3%	1%	1409
Mar 2011	83%	14%	2%	1%	1372
Jan 2011	83%	16%	0%	1%	1398
Sep 2010	90%	9%	1%	0%	1219
May 2010	88%	11%	1%	1%	1251
Mar 2010	87%	12%	1%	1%	1237
Jan 2010	83%	15%	0%	1%	1301
Dec 2009	88%	10%	1%	0%	1078
Sep 2009	85%	12%	1%	1%	1342
May 2009	83%	16%	1%	1%	1219
Mar 2009	85%	13%	1%	2%	1138
Jan 2009	82%	16%	1%	1%	1391
Oct 2008	80%	17%	1%	1%	1284
Sep 2008	84%	14%	1%	1%	1283
Aug 2008	84%	14%	1%	1%	1186
May 2008	76%	22%	1%	1%	1229
Mar 2008	79%	18%	2%	2%	1221
Jan 2008	74%	23%	2%	2%	1234
May 2007	46%	46%	5%	3%	1127
Jan 2007	49%	42%	5%	4%	1277
May 2006	64%	30%	2%	3%	1097
Jan 2006	68%	27%	3%	2%	1257

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Q16. As you may know, voters passed Proposition 30 in November 2012... Do you favor or oppose extending for 12 years the tax increase on earnings over \$250,000 dollars to fund education and healthcare?

	favor	oppose	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	58%	39%	2%	988
Apr 2016	62%	35%	2%	995
Mar 2016	58%	38%	4%	1038

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Q20. The state is projected to have a budget surplus of several billion dollars. In general, how would you prefer to use this extra money?

	pay down debt and build up reserve	restore funding for social services	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	55%	40%	6%	982
Jan 2016	54%	42%	4%	1023
Jun 2015	53%	42%	5%	1036
Jan 2015	59%	38%	3%	1001
May 2014	57%	39%	5%	1027
Jan 2014	61%	36%	3%	1142
May 2013	62%	32%	6%	1119
Jan 2013	60%	34%	6%	1107

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Q24. On another topic, overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Barack Obama is handling his job as president of the United States?

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	52%	46%	2%	982
Mar 2016	53%	46%	1%	1035
Jan 2016	60%	39%	1%	1038
Dec 2015	56%	43%	2%	1107
Sep 2015	53%	44%	3%	1063
Jul 2015	51%	47%	2%	1058
Jun 2015	49%	46%	5%	1041
Mar 2015	49%	48%	3%	1055
Jan 2015	50%	48%	3%	1006
Oct 2014	44%	53%	3%	969
Sep 2014	46%	51%	3%	909
Jul 2014	47%	50%	3%	977
May 2014	50%	48%	1%	1036
Mar 2014	49%	48%	3%	1086
Jan 2014	46%	51%	2%	1145
Dec 2013	48%	50%	2%	1076
Sep 2013	51%	46%	2%	1094
Jul 2013	54%	41%	4%	1266
May 2013	53%	45%	2%	1119
Mar 2013	57%	40%	2%	1132
Jan 2013	56%	41%	3%	1115
Oct 2012	54%	45%	1%	1332
Sep 2012	53%	46%	1%	1325
Aug 2012	50%	47%	2%	1562
May 2012	54%	42%	4%	1250
Mar 2012	55%	43%	2%	1157
Jan 2012	49%	49%	2%	1301
Dec 2011	48%	47%	5%	1287
Sep 2011	47%	50%	3%	1359
Jul 2011	48%	47%	5%	1631
Mar 2011	52%	44%	5%	1366
Oct 2010	49%	47%	4%	1233
Sep 2010	48%	48%	4%	1219
Jul 2010	50%	46%	4%	1462
May 2010	53%	43%	4%	1245
Apr 2010	56%	40%	4%	1536
Mar 2010	52%	43%	5%	1229
Jan 2010	55%	41%	5%	1294
Dec 2009	54%	40%	5%	1076
Sep 2009	58%	38%	4%	1339
Jul 2009	58%	35%	6%	1566
May 2009	66%	26%	8%	1213
Apr 2009	64%	27%	9%	1596
Mar 2009	63%	28%	9%	1132
Feb 2009	64%	20%	15%	1559

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Q25. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S.  
 Congress is handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	15%	82%	3%	985
Mar 2016	14%	83%	2%	1038
Jan 2016	19%	78%	3%	1040
Dec 2015	14%	81%	5%	1111
Sep 2015	17%	79%	4%	1065
Jul 2015	17%	78%	6%	1057
Jun 2015	20%	74%	6%	1045
Mar 2015	16%	80%	4%	1057
Jan 2015	24%	71%	5%	1008
Oct 2014	16%	79%	5%	970
Sep 2014	16%	80%	5%	907
Jul 2014	15%	83%	2%	976
May 2014	14%	82%	4%	1034
Mar 2014	9%	87%	4%	1091
Jan 2014	15%	82%	3%	1150
Dec 2013	10%	86%	4%	1078
Sep 2013	18%	79%	3%	1086
Jul 2013	18%	77%	4%	1268
May 2013	19%	77%	5%	1124
Mar 2013	16%	81%	3%	1132
Jan 2013	21%	73%	6%	1113
Oct 2012	15%	81%	4%	1332
Sep 2012	17%	78%	5%	1325
Aug 2012	15%	81%	4%	1562
May 2012	16%	78%	5%	1252
Mar 2012	17%	79%	4%	1163
Jan 2012	14%	82%	4%	1300
Dec 2011	9%	88%	3%	1293
Sep 2011	15%	79%	6%	1360
Jul 2011	17%	78%	5%	1638
Mar 2011	22%	69%	9%	1365
Oct 2010	26%	71%	3%	1233
Sep 2010	21%	74%	5%	1214
May 2010	26%	68%	6%	1250
Mar 2010	14%	82%	4%	1231
Jan 2010	29%	65%	6%	1296
Dec 2009	29%	66%	5%	1076
Sep 2009	34%	60%	6%	1338
May 2009	39%	53%	7%	1216
Mar 2009	35%	58%	7%	1134
Jan 2009	30%	64%	6%	1389
Oct 2008	18%	78%	4%	1281
Sep 2008	26%	67%	7%	1280
Aug 2008	22%	72%	6%	1180
Mar 2008	30%	63%	7%	1220
Dec 2007	23%	72%	5%	1147
Sep 2007	28%	66%	6%	1160
Jun 2007	30%	62%	9%	1106
Jan 2007	37%	51%	12%	1276
Sep 2006	31%	63%	6%	1207
Mar 2006	31%	62%	7%	1004
Oct 2005	37%	55%	8%	1164

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Q27. Which comes closer to your view about how to handle  
 undocumented immigrants who are living in the U.S.?

	allowed to stay legally	not allowed to stay legally	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	75%	22%	3%	982
Jan 2016	78%	21%	1%	1032

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Q29. On another topic, do you approve or disapprove of the way  
 the Supreme Court is handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	46%	44%	10%	977
Aug 2005	50%	38%	12%	1052

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Q31. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of  
 the Democratic Party?

	favorable	unfavorable	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	42%	54%	4%	984
Dec 2015	47%	49%	4%	1099
Oct 2014	44%	50%	6%	964
Dec 2013	47%	50%	3%	1072
Mar 2013	53%	44%	3%	1132
Oct 2012	53%	44%	3%	1327
Sep 2011	44%	50%	6%	1350
Oct 2010	44%	51%	6%	1230
Mar 2010	41%	53%	6%	1222

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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Q32. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of  
 the Republican Party?

	favorable	unfavorable	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	23%	75%	3%	980
Dec 2015	33%	64%	4%	1096
Oct 2014	30%	64%	6%	960
Dec 2013	32%	65%	4%	1073
Mar 2013	34%	62%	4%	1131
Oct 2012	38%	58%	4%	1324
Sep 2011	30%	63%	7%	1357
Oct 2010	31%	62%	7%	1225
Mar 2010	31%	62%	7%	1220

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Q33. In general, do you think the use of marijuana should be legal, or not?

	yes, legal	no, not legal	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	60%	37%	3%	985
Jun 2015	56%	41%	3%	1041
Mar 2015	55%	43%	3%	1060
Oct 2014	50%	45%	4%	972
Mar 2014	53%	44%	3%	1085
Sep 2013	60%	38%	2%	1098
Mar 2012	49%	47%	4%	1164
Sep 2011	48%	48%	4%	1358
Sep 2010	51%	45%	4%	1215
May 2010	49%	48%	3%	1247

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Q34a. 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?

	yes have tried marijuana, used in the past year	yes, have tried marijuana, not in the past year	no, have not tried marijuana	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2016	19%	33%	47%	0%	977
Jun 2015	13%	34%	52%	0%	1035
Mar 2015	14%	38%	48%	1%	1048

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding