

Californians and Their Government

March 2016

Time Trends – All Respondents

Methodology Note:

Findings for March 2016 are based on a survey of 1,710 California adult residents, with 50 percent interviewed on landline telephones (852 interviews) and 50 percent interviewed on cell phones (858 interviews). Interviews took an average of 20 minutes to complete. Interviewing took place on weekend days and weekday nights March 6–15, 2016.

The sampling error for March 2016, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 3.6 percent at the 95 percent confidence level for the total unweighted sample of 1,710 adults. This means that 95 times out of 100, the results will be within 3.6 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.

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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
Mar 2016	51%	29%	19%	1693
Jan 2016	58%	26%	16%	1693
Dec 2015	51%	29%	20%	1677
Sep 2015	52%	29%	19%	1693
Jul 2015	53%	27%	20%	1678
Jun 2015	52%	27%	21%	1681
Apr 2015	50%	27%	23%	1693
Mar 2015	55%	28%	17%	1686
Jan 2015	61%	23%	16%	1694
Dec 2014	54%	28%	18%	1683
Oct 2014	50%	28%	22%	1685
Sep 2014	51%	28%	21%	1679
Jul 2014	53%	28%	19%	1684
May 2014	50%	30%	20%	1680
Apr 2014	51%	26%	23%	1682
Mar 2014	49%	28%	23%	1679
Jan 2014	58%	26%	16%	1689
Dec 2013	47%	28%	25%	1688
Sep 2013	48%	31%	22%	1686
Jul 2013	48%	27%	26%	2090
May 2013	48%	31%	21%	1687
Apr 2013	46%	31%	22%	1687
Mar 2013	49%	31%	20%	1686
Jan 2013	51%	28%	21%	1696
Dec 2012	48%	35%	17%	1985
Oct 2012	42%	37%	21%	1993
Sep 2012	41%	36%	23%	1986
Aug 2012	42%	35%	23%	2461
May 2012	39%	36%	24%	1989
Apr 2012	43%	32%	25%	1983
Mar 2012	40%	33%	27%	1984
Jan 2012	46%	31%	23%	1987
Dec 2011	42%	30%	28%	1982
Nov 2011	44%	30%	26%	2476
Sep 2011	41%	28%	31%	1985
Jul 2011	42%	28%	29%	2481
Jun 2011	42%	24%	33%	1990
Apr 2011	40%	29%	31%	2479
Mar 2011	34%	24%	42%	1984
Feb 2011	34%	17%	49%	2470
Jan 2011	41%	19%	39%	1969

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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
Mar 2016	44%	39%	18%	1692
Jan 2016	46%	39%	15%	1692
Dec 2015	41%	40%	19%	1678
Sep 2015	45%	38%	17%	1691
Jul 2015	39%	45%	16%	1688
Jun 2015	37%	43%	20%	1694
Apr 2015	42%	43%	15%	1695
Mar 2015	45%	39%	16%	1693
Jan 2015	49%	36%	15%	1689
Dec 2014	41%	42%	17%	1681
Oct 2014	41%	42%	17%	1686
Sep 2014	37%	42%	20%	1673
Jul 2014	38%	46%	16%	1683
May 2014	40%	44%	16%	1684
Apr 2014	40%	44%	17%	1693
Mar 2014	36%	45%	19%	1685
Jan 2014	42%	44%	14%	1698
Dec 2013	38%	43%	19%	1688
Sep 2013	38%	45%	17%	1693
Jul 2013	36%	45%	19%	2096
May 2013	35%	50%	16%	1697
Apr 2013	31%	53%	15%	1699
Mar 2013	34%	49%	17%	1689
Jan 2013	41%	42%	17%	1700
Dec 2012	34%	51%	15%	1992
Oct 2012	28%	55%	17%	1995
Sep 2012	30%	53%	17%	1989
Aug 2012	29%	54%	17%	2480
May 2012	25%	57%	18%	1990
Apr 2012	25%	58%	16%	1992
Mar 2012	25%	54%	21%	1989
Jan 2012	28%	56%	16%	1988
Dec 2011	25%	55%	20%	1987
Nov 2011	25%	55%	19%	2490
Sep 2011	26%	56%	18%	1998
Jul 2011	23%	59%	18%	2496
Jun 2011	23%	58%	19%	1998
Apr 2011	21%	60%	19%	2487
Mar 2011	24%	54%	21%	1982
Feb 2011	24%	52%	24%	2483
Jan 2011	26%	55%	19%	1990
Nov 2010	14%	72%	14%	2486
Oct 2010	16%	77%	7%	1989
Sep 2010	16%	75%	9%	1990
Jul 2010	15%	68%	17%	2487
May 2010	16%	72%	12%	1993
Apr 2010	16%	69%	14%	2493
Mar 2010	14%	72%	14%	1996
Jan 2010	18%	71%	11%	1989
Dec 2009	17%	70%	13%	2000
Nov 2009	18%	68%	15%	2491
Sep 2009	21%	68%	11%	1998

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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
Jul 2009	17%	71%	11%	2484
May 2009	21%	65%	14%	1994
Apr 2009	23%	63%	14%	2493
Mar 2009	18%	68%	14%	1995
Feb 2009	21%	65%	14%	2494
Jan 2009	21%	67%	12%	1994
Nov 2008	24%	60%	16%	2482
Oct 2008	25%	63%	12%	1996
Sep 2008	21%	67%	11%	1990
Aug 2008	26%	63%	11%	1991
May 2008	26%	57%	17%	1991
Apr 2008	26%	58%	16%	2495
Mar 2008	30%	55%	15%	1988
Jan 2008	34%	53%	13%	1988
Dec 2007	41%	47%	12%	1992
Oct 2007	33%	50%	17%	2490
Sep 2007	34%	51%	15%	1988
Jun 2007	39%	40%	21%	1987
May 2007	37%	44%	19%	1994
Apr 2007	38%	44%	18%	2483
Mar 2007	41%	42%	17%	1989
Jan 2007	40%	44%	15%	2006
Oct 2006	30%	52%	18%	1993
Sep 2006	34%	50%	16%	1994
Aug 2006	31%	53%	16%	1995
May 2006	26%	54%	20%	1988
Mar 2006	25%	59%	16%	1988
Jan 2006	29%	57%	14%	2000
Jan 2006	24%	54%	22%	2481
Oct 2005	25%	56%	19%	1993
Sep 2005	32%	53%	15%	1992
Aug 2005	27%	56%	17%	1993
May 2005	26%	58%	16%	1992
Jan 2005	37%	50%	13%	1993
Oct 2004	43%	41%	16%	2005
Sep 2004	40%	46%	14%	1988
Aug 2004	42%	45%	13%	1990
Jun 2004	40%	44%	16%	2498
May 2004	40%	43%	17%	1986
Jan 2004	36%	45%	19%	1981
Aug 2003	28%	58%	14%	1979
Jun 2003	39%	44%	17%	1976
Feb 2003	36%	45%	19%	1967
Sep 2002	45%	36%	18%	1967
Jan 2002	49%	35%	16%	1942
Dec 2001	53%	29%	18%	1952
Jul 2001	45%	38%	18%	1966
Jan 2001	58%	27%	15%	1960
Sep 2000	56%	31%	12%	1980

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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
Mar 2016	50%	43%	8%	1700
Jan 2016	54%	41%	5%	1696
Dec 2015	51%	43%	6%	1690
Sep 2015	48%	46%	6%	1701
Jun 2015	45%	46%	8%	1694
Mar 2015	50%	41%	8%	1691
Jan 2015	57%	36%	8%	1699
Dec 2014	50%	42%	8%	1699
Oct 2014	47%	46%	7%	1690
Sep 2014	43%	48%	8%	1685
May 2014	45%	48%	7%	1693
Mar 2014	45%	48%	7%	1693
Jan 2014	53%	41%	6%	1697
Dec 2013	45%	46%	8%	1694
Sep 2013	43%	48%	9%	1697
Jun 2013	45%	42%	13%	2463
May 2013	46%	48%	7%	1692
Mar 2013	44%	48%	8%	1697
Jan 2013	51%	40%	9%	1701
Dec 2012	44%	50%	6%	1984
Oct 2012	39%	53%	8%	1998
Sep 2012	33%	60%	7%	1991
May 2012	30%	63%	7%	1990
Mar 2012	34%	56%	10%	1987
Jan 2012	37%	57%	6%	1988
Dec 2011	30%	61%	9%	1993
Sep 2011	30%	61%	8%	1993
Jun 2011	28%	60%	12%	2483
Jun 2011	29%	61%	10%	1993
Mar 2011	31%	59%	11%	1985
Feb 2011	34%	55%	12%	2486
Jan 2011	38%	54%	8%	1992
Oct 2010	16%	73%	12%	1977
Sep 2010	20%	69%	11%	1981
Jul 2010	15%	79%	6%	2489
May 2010	18%	77%	6%	1996
Mar 2010	19%	76%	4%	1997
Jan 2010	19%	74%	7%	1993
Dec 2009	19%	75%	6%	1999
Nov 2009	17%	76%	7%	2488
Sep 2009	22%	72%	6%	2001
Jul 2009	14%	79%	6%	2493
Jun 2009	19%	70%	11%	2490
May 2009	24%	68%	8%	1997
Mar 2009	22%	71%	7%	1995
Feb 2009	18%	75%	7%	2494
Jan 2009	18%	75%	7%	1993
Nov 2008	23%	66%	11%	2493
Oct 2008	20%	71%	10%	1987
Sep 2008	21%	68%	11%	1999
Aug 2008	23%	68%	9%	1990
Jun 2008	22%	69%	9%	2484

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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%	65%	11%	1986
Mar 2008	26%	63%	11%	1992
Jan 2008	36%	54%	10%	1989
Dec 2007	36%	52%	11%	1991
Sep 2007	41%	50%	9%	1983
Jun 2007	44%	46%	10%	1981
May 2007	46%	46%	8%	1986
Mar 2007	45%	47%	9%	1986
Jan 2007	55%	37%	8%	2003
Oct 2006	44%	46%	10%	1991
Sep 2006	45%	45%	10%	1996
Aug 2006	42%	47%	11%	1993
Jul 2006	42%	47%	11%	2489
May 2006	35%	57%	8%	1997
Mar 2006	35%	56%	9%	1994
Feb 2006	32%	58%	10%	1990
Jan 2006	37%	56%	7%	1995
Jan 2006	29%	60%	11%	2492
Oct 2005	30%	60%	10%	1987
Sep 2005	31%	60%	9%	1991
Aug 2005	34%	57%	9%	1995
Jul 2005	38%	51%	12%	2488
May 2005	35%	57%	8%	1993
Apr 2005	35%	53%	11%	2491
Jan 2005	46%	41%	13%	1994
Oct 2004	44%	44%	11%	2003
Sep 2004	47%	40%	13%	1990
Aug 2004	44%	42%	13%	1985
Jul 2004	43%	43%	14%	2491
Jun 2004	44%	44%	13%	2484
May 2004	43%	44%	14%	1991
Feb 2004	35%	51%	14%	1970
Jan 2004	43%	40%	17%	1975
Nov 2003	32%	52%	15%	1984
Oct 2003	22%	67%	11%	1979
Sep 2003	24%	67%	9%	1971
Aug 2003	22%	66%	12%	1979
Jul 2003	31%	57%	12%	1978
Jun 2003	30%	57%	13%	1978
Feb 2003	28%	60%	11%	1967
Nov 2002	49%	41%	10%	1966
Oct 2002	46%	45%	10%	1960
Sep 2002	54%	37%	9%	1971
Aug 2002	44%	48%	9%	1971
Feb 2002	56%	36%	9%	2016
Jan 2002	59%	32%	9%	1942
Dec 2001	58%	33%	9%	1966
Nov 2001	60%	29%	11%	1966
Jul 2001	44%	47%	9%	1986
May 2001	44%	48%	8%	1981
Jan 2001	62%	29%	9%	1973
Oct 2000	59%	32%	9%	1978

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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
Aug 2000	62%	30%	8%	1972
Feb 2000	65%	27%	8%	2021
Jan 2000	66%	26%	8%	1979
Dec 1999	62%	31%	7%	1985
Sep 1999	61%	34%	5%	1988
Jan 1999	63%	28%	9%	1964
Oct 1998	62%	30%	8%	1992
Sep 1998	57%	34%	8%	1995
May 1998	56%	34%	9%	1983
Apr 1998	55%	36%	9%	1972

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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
Mar 2016	51%	40%	9%	1695
Jan 2016	49%	43%	8%	1693
Dec 2015	48%	41%	11%	1689
Sep 2015	48%	42%	9%	1700
Jun 2015	48%	42%	10%	1695
Mar 2015	52%	38%	10%	1686
Jan 2015	58%	34%	8%	1691
Dec 2014	52%	39%	9%	1684
Oct 2014	45%	44%	11%	1694
Sep 2014	44%	45%	10%	1687
May 2014	44%	47%	9%	1689
Mar 2014	46%	45%	10%	1693
Jan 2014	49%	45%	6%	1692
Dec 2013	43%	48%	9%	1692
Sep 2013	46%	44%	10%	1694
Jun 2013	46%	42%	12%	2468
May 2013	48%	44%	8%	1685
Mar 2013	44%	49%	8%	1691
Jan 2013	49%	40%	11%	1695
Dec 2012	41%	50%	9%	1987
Oct 2012	37%	53%	11%	1995
Sep 2012	33%	57%	10%	1983
May 2012	31%	61%	8%	1986
Mar 2012	34%	56%	10%	1994
Jan 2012	35%	56%	9%	1988
Dec 2011	31%	60%	9%	1986
Sep 2011	25%	67%	8%	1993
Jun 2011	26%	63%	11%	2479
Jun 2011	34%	58%	8%	1995
Mar 2011	30%	61%	8%	1987
Feb 2011	34%	54%	11%	2481
Jan 2011	36%	56%	7%	1989
Oct 2010	25%	62%	13%	1971
Sep 2010	29%	59%	12%	1984
Jul 2010	25%	67%	7%	2487
May 2010	28%	65%	8%	1990
Mar 2010	27%	65%	8%	1991
Jan 2010	25%	67%	8%	1990
Dec 2009	28%	66%	6%	1995
Nov 2009	23%	69%	8%	2487
Sep 2009	26%	67%	7%	1996
Jul 2009	18%	75%	7%	2493
Jun 2009	24%	69%	7%	2498
May 2009	25%	67%	8%	1998
Mar 2009	22%	71%	6%	1999
Feb 2009	22%	73%	6%	2496
Jan 2009	18%	77%	5%	1998
Nov 2008	20%	71%	10%	2489
Oct 2008	18%	74%	8%	1995
Sep 2008	20%	68%	11%	1996
Aug 2008	21%	71%	8%	1995

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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	15%	78%	6%	2498
Jun 2008	15%	78%	7%	2495
May 2008	17%	73%	10%	1988
Mar 2008	16%	76%	9%	1998
Jan 2008	20%	72%	9%	1991
Dec 2007	25%	65%	10%	1993
Sep 2007	33%	59%	8%	1992
Jun 2007	40%	49%	10%	1987
May 2007	38%	50%	12%	1990
Mar 2007	40%	51%	9%	1989
Jan 2007	50%	39%	11%	2009
Oct 2006	50%	37%	13%	1994
Sep 2006	45%	43%	12%	1999
Aug 2006	43%	46%	12%	1993
Jul 2006	39%	46%	15%	2494
May 2006	37%	52%	12%	1994
Mar 2006	45%	43%	12%	1989
Feb 2006	42%	45%	13%	1995
Jan 2006	48%	42%	11%	1997
Jan 2006	41%	46%	13%	2487
Oct 2005	34%	56%	10%	1990
Sep 2005	32%	58%	10%	1993
Aug 2005	38%	51%	11%	1994
Jul 2005	42%	43%	15%	2489
May 2005	39%	49%	12%	1990
Apr 2005	38%	51%	11%	2492
Jan 2005	47%	39%	13%	1992
Oct 2004	42%	43%	14%	2007
Sep 2004	46%	40%	14%	1990
Aug 2004	45%	40%	15%	1989
Jul 2004	48%	40%	12%	2488
Jun 2004	41%	46%	13%	2479
May 2004	42%	44%	14%	1991
Feb 2004	43%	44%	13%	1974
Jan 2004	49%	36%	15%	1983
Nov 2003	39%	47%	14%	1985
Oct 2003	36%	43%	22%	1965
Sep 2003	32%	50%	18%	1959
Aug 2003	30%	53%	17%	1967
Jul 2003	34%	55%	10%	1977
Jun 2003	32%	58%	10%	1972
Feb 2003	20%	71%	10%	1978
Nov 2002	44%	46%	10%	1964
Oct 2002	38%	51%	12%	1960
Sep 2002	43%	46%	10%	1976
Aug 2002	39%	51%	10%	1976
Feb 2002	46%	47%	7%	2021
Jan 2002	48%	46%	6%	1950
Dec 2001	37%	56%	7%	1969
Nov 2001	33%	59%	9%	1970
Jul 2001	41%	50%	9%	1983

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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 2001	38%	56%	6%	1984
Jan 2001	51%	38%	11%	1975
Aug 2000	72%	21%	7%	1970
Feb 2000	78%	15%	7%	2028
Dec 1999	76%	19%	6%	1992
Sep 1999	72%	23%	5%	1997

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Q13 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
Mar 2016	48%	36%	11%	5%	1705
Jan 2016	42%	40%	14%	5%	1697
Dec 2015	45%	36%	11%	8%	1697
Jun 2015	47%	36%	12%	5%	1702
Mar 2015	45%	36%	11%	8%	1699
Jan 2015	46%	39%	11%	4%	1703
Dec 2014	51%	39%	8%	3%	1695
Oct 2014	54%	33%	7%	6%	1698
Sep 2014	55%	32%	7%	6%	1695
May 2014	52%	38%	5%	4%	1698
Jan 2014	50%	40%	7%	3%	1704
Sep 2013	58%	33%	5%	4%	1700
May 2013	61%	30%	6%	2%	1703
Mar 2013	65%	27%	5%	2%	1701
Jan 2013	63%	28%	6%	3%	1703
Dec 2012	68%	26%	4%	2%	1997
Oct 2012	70%	25%	2%	2%	2005
Sep 2012	69%	24%	2%	4%	1998
May 2012	69%	23%	3%	5%	2002
Apr 2012	71%	22%	3%	3%	2004
Mar 2012	67%	24%	5%	4%	2000
Jan 2012	64%	30%	4%	2%	2001
Dec 2011	69%	24%	3%	4%	2001
Sep 2011	68%	27%	2%	3%	1999
Jun 2011	70%	24%	4%	2%	2004
Mar 2011	68%	24%	4%	3%	1999
Jan 2011	68%	26%	3%	3%	2002
Sep 2010	80%	17%	2%	2%	2002
May 2010	81%	15%	1%	3%	2001
Mar 2010	77%	19%	2%	2%	2001
Jan 2010	75%	21%	2%	2%	2000
Dec 2009	78%	18%	2%	2%	1999
Sep 2009	78%	18%	2%	2%	2002
May 2009	74%	22%	2%	3%	2004
Mar 2009	75%	20%	2%	3%	2001
Jan 2009	75%	20%	2%	2%	2000
Oct 2008	74%	22%	2%	2%	2003
Sep 2008	78%	19%	1%	2%	2001
Aug 2008	73%	21%	4%	2%	1999
May 2008	67%	27%	4%	3%	2000
Mar 2008	68%	26%	3%	4%	1998
Jan 2008	64%	30%	3%	3%	1997
May 2007	44%	43%	6%	6%	1996
Jan 2007	45%	42%	7%	6%	2011
May 2006	58%	31%	5%	6%	1998
Jan 2006	61%	30%	4%	4%	2002

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Q15 Regardless of how you feel personally about the issue, do you favor or oppose having California voters decide whether to extend the Proposition 30 tax increases with a state proposition in the November 2016 election?

	favor	oppose	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	66%	26%	8%	1706
Mar 2015	66%	28%	6%	1692

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Q16 Would you say traffic congestion on freeways and major roads is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem in your region of California?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not a problem in your part of ...	don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	58%	25%	17%	0%	1710
Jul 2006	64%	23%	12%	1%	2500
Nov 2004	59%	26%	13%	1%	2501
Jul 2004	64%	22%	13%	1%	2504
Jun 2004	63%	26%	11%	0%	2503
Jul 2003	62%	26%	12%	1%	1986
Nov 2002	51%	30%	19%	0%	1973
Jun 2002	61%	24%	15%	1%	1976
Nov 2001	53%	27%	19%	0%	1973
May 2001	60%	23%	17%	0%	1986
Jun 2000	44%	32%	24%	0%	1968

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Q17 Thinking ahead, how important is spending more money on the maintenance of California's roads, highways, and bridges for the future quality of life and economic vitality of California?

	very important	somewhat important	not too important	not at all important	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	62%	30%	5%	3%	0%	1704
Mar 2015	53%	35%	8%	2%	1%	1699

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Q18 Which of the following types of surface transportation projects do you think should have the top priority for additional state funding?

	freeways and highways	public bus and transit systems	carpool lanes	local streets and roads	[VOL] other (specify)	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	33%	34%	6%	24%	1%	1%	1708
Jan 2006	38%	29%	7%	24%	1%	2%	2000

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Q19 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	moderately fair	not too fair	not at all fair	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	8%	48%	25%	16%	3%	1702
Mar 2015	3%	47%	31%	16%	2%	1697
Mar 2014	3%	47%	32%	15%	3%	1698
Jan 2012	7%	50%	27%	14%	3%	1996
Jan 2011	4%	53%	28%	13%	2%	2000
Jan 2010	4%	49%	26%	19%	3%	1997
Jun 2003	6%	60%	19%	12%	3%	1983

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Q20 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?

	much more	somewhat more	about the right amount	less than you should	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	32%	24%	37%	4%	3%	1701
Mar 2015	32%	25%	36%	5%	2%	1698
Mar 2014	30%	30%	35%	3%	3%	1697
Jan 2012	21%	25%	47%	6%	2%	2000
Jan 2011	26%	27%	39%	5%	2%	1991
Jan 2010	31%	25%	35%	6%	3%	1994
Jan 2004	22%	24%	47%	5%	2%	1986
Jun 2003	22%	25%	47%	4%	1%	1971
Feb 2003	27%	24%	44%	3%	2%	1963

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Q21 Where do you think California currently ranks in state and local tax burden per capita? Compared to other states, is California

	near the top	above average	average	below average	near the bottom	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	36%	27%	17%	5%	6%	9%	1709
Mar 2015	37%	25%	19%	6%	4%	8%	1705
Mar 2014	36%	24%	21%	5%	2%	11%	1699
May 2006	29%	28%	22%	6%	4%	11%	1998

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Q22 On another topic, would you say that the supply of water is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem in your part of California?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not much of a problem	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	57%	23%	19%	0%	1708
Sep 2015	70%	19%	10%	1%	1707
Jul 2015	68%	20%	12%	1%	1701
Jun 2015	69%	20%	10%	1%	1705
Mar 2015	66%	19%	14%	1%	1705
Jan 2015	59%	25%	15%	1%	1702
Dec 2014	60%	21%	18%	1%	1700
Oct 2014	68%	17%	13%	1%	1703
Sep 2014	65%	22%	12%	1%	1701
Jul 2014	54%	25%	21%	1%	1704
May 2014	59%	26%	15%	1%	1699
Mar 2014	55%	20%	23%	1%	1700
Dec 2012	31%	28%	39%	2%	2001
Mar 2012	30%	31%	37%	2%	1999
May 2010	42%	27%	29%	2%	2000
Dec 2009	44%	29%	25%	2%	2003

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Q23a Overall, do you think that the people in your part of California are doing too much, the right amount, or not enough to respond to the current drought in California?

	too much	the right amount	not enough	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	10%	38%	49%	3%	1705
Sep 2015	8%	41%	48%	4%	1700
Jul 2015	7%	35%	52%	6%	1694
Jun 2015	7%	28%	60%	5%	1702
Mar 2015	6%	24%	66%	4%	1699

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Q24 Do you favor or oppose building a high-speed rail system in California? [if oppose, ask: "What if the high-speed rail system cost less, would you favor or oppose building it?"]

	favor	oppose, but would favor if it cost less	oppose, even if it cost less	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	52%	14%	30%	4%	1698
Mar 2015	47%	17%	31%	5%	1699
Mar 2014	53%	16%	26%	5%	1696
Mar 2013	48%	14%	36%	2%	1698
Mar 2012	51%	45%	0%	4%	1996

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Q25 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?

	very important	somewhat important	not too important	not at all important	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	34%	29%	17%	18%	1%	1706
Mar 2015	28%	36%	18%	17%	1%	1703
Mar 2014	35%	32%	16%	16%	1%	1699
Mar 2013	36%	31%	15%	17%	1%	1698
Mar 2012	33%	26%	17%	21%	2%	1999

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Q26 In general, how important is California's public higher education system to the quality of life and economic vitality of the state over the next 20 years—very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

	very important	somewhat important	not too important	not at all important	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	80%	14%	3%	2%	1%	1706
Sep 2015	80%	15%	2%	2%	1%	1705
Dec 2014	76%	19%	3%	1%	1%	1702
Dec 2012	85%	11%	1%	1%	1%	1998
Nov 2011	73%	23%	2%	1%	1%	2502
Nov 2010	77%	20%	2%	1%	1%	2496
Nov 2009	72%	24%	2%	1%	1%	2502
Nov 2008	72%	23%	2%	1%	2%	2498
Oct 2007	76%	20%	2%	1%	1%	2502

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Q27 Do you think that a college education is necessary for a person to be successful in today's work world, or do you think that there are many ways to succeed in today's work world without a college education?

	college is necessary	many ways to succeed without a college education	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	59%	39%	2%	1705
Nov 2011	58%	39%	3%	2495
Nov 2010	63%	35%	3%	2488
Nov 2009	66%	31%	3%	2498
Nov 2008	68%	30%	3%	2497
Oct 2007	64%	34%	1%	2497

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Q28 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
Mar 2016	59%	38%	3%	1699
Jan 2016	62%	37%	1%	1696
Dec 2015	61%	36%	3%	1691
Sep 2015	60%	36%	4%	1700
Jul 2015	57%	38%	4%	1687
Jun 2015	58%	38%	4%	1689
Mar 2015	55%	41%	4%	1689
Jan 2015	60%	38%	3%	1696
Oct 2014	49%	46%	5%	1685
Sep 2014	48%	48%	4%	1685
Jul 2014	50%	46%	4%	1686
May 2014	51%	45%	4%	1696
Mar 2014	52%	44%	4%	1684
Jan 2014	53%	43%	4%	1696
Dec 2013	51%	45%	4%	1690
Sep 2013	55%	42%	3%	1690
Jul 2013	61%	33%	6%	2089
May 2013	62%	34%	4%	1687
Mar 2013	66%	32%	3%	1695
Jan 2013	65%	29%	6%	1701
Oct 2012	63%	35%	2%	1994
Sep 2012	60%	37%	2%	1992
Aug 2012	57%	38%	5%	2483
May 2012	56%	39%	5%	1996
Mar 2012	59%	36%	5%	1984
Jan 2012	54%	42%	4%	1993
Dec 2011	53%	43%	5%	1978
Sep 2011	51%	43%	6%	1995
Jul 2011	52%	42%	7%	2484
Mar 2011	56%	38%	6%	1989
Oct 2010	55%	40%	5%	1978
Sep 2010	52%	43%	5%	1993
Jul 2010	56%	38%	6%	2476
May 2010	59%	37%	4%	1994
Apr 2010	61%	34%	5%	2489
Mar 2010	58%	35%	6%	1987
Jan 2010	61%	34%	5%	1987
Dec 2009	61%	33%	6%	1992
Sep 2009	63%	32%	5%	2000
Jul 2009	65%	27%	7%	2487
May 2009	72%	20%	8%	1995
Apr 2009	70%	21%	9%	2489
Mar 2009	71%	20%	9%	1991
Feb 2009	70%	16%	15%	2477

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Q29 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
Mar 2016	24%	70%	6%	1706
Jan 2016	32%	63%	5%	1694
Dec 2015	26%	67%	7%	1697
Sep 2015	32%	62%	7%	1702
Jul 2015	29%	63%	9%	1690
Jun 2015	27%	68%	5%	1701
Mar 2015	24%	69%	7%	1694
Jan 2015	38%	55%	7%	1700
Oct 2014	24%	68%	8%	1689
Sep 2014	24%	66%	10%	1682
Jul 2014	22%	72%	6%	1690
May 2014	24%	69%	7%	1697
Mar 2014	19%	74%	7%	1695
Jan 2014	26%	69%	5%	1702
Dec 2013	18%	76%	6%	1693
Sep 2013	28%	65%	8%	1682
Jul 2013	30%	62%	7%	2092
May 2013	31%	62%	6%	1696
Mar 2013	29%	67%	4%	1696
Jan 2013	34%	59%	7%	1700
Oct 2012	26%	67%	7%	2000
Sep 2012	27%	67%	7%	1989
Aug 2012	27%	66%	7%	2485
May 2012	22%	69%	8%	1993
Mar 2012	24%	68%	8%	1992
Jan 2012	25%	69%	5%	1993
Dec 2011	20%	75%	5%	1988
Sep 2011	27%	64%	9%	1996
Jul 2011	25%	65%	10%	2495
Mar 2011	30%	58%	12%	1988
Oct 2010	31%	64%	5%	1988
Sep 2010	26%	66%	8%	1990
May 2010	31%	61%	8%	1997
Mar 2010	24%	68%	8%	1992
Jan 2010	36%	55%	9%	1991
Dec 2009	38%	54%	8%	1994
Sep 2009	39%	54%	7%	2000
May 2009	47%	43%	10%	1998
Mar 2009	43%	47%	10%	1993
Jan 2009	37%	56%	7%	1997
Oct 2008	23%	71%	6%	1993
Sep 2008	29%	63%	9%	1991
Aug 2008	27%	64%	9%	1990
Mar 2008	33%	55%	12%	1992
Dec 2007	31%	62%	7%	1992
Sep 2007	33%	57%	10%	1990
Jun 2007	33%	54%	13%	1989
Jan 2007	42%	44%	13%	2006
Sep 2006	37%	54%	9%	1994
Mar 2006	35%	54%	11%	1992
Oct 2005	42%	46%	11%	1996

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Q30 Do you think things in the United States are generally going
 in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	40%	56%	4%	1702
Sep 2015	44%	51%	5%	1690
Mar 2015	40%	54%	6%	1690
Mar 2014	39%	56%	5%	1691
Dec 2013	35%	57%	7%	1693
Jan 2013	56%	39%	5%	1701
Oct 2012	46%	49%	5%	1998
Sep 2011	30%	65%	5%	1989
Oct 2010	36%	58%	6%	1982
Dec 2009	42%	53%	5%	1997
May 2009	57%	37%	6%	2000
Jan 2009	32%	62%	6%	1993
Aug 2008	21%	74%	5%	1994
Mar 2008	22%	73%	6%	1997
Jun 2007	31%	63%	6%	1982
Jan 2007	34%	60%	6%	2003
Oct 2006	31%	62%	7%	1992
Sep 2005	34%	62%	5%	2002
Jan 2005	43%	51%	5%	1997
Sep 2004	42%	54%	4%	1995
Sep 2003	42%	51%	7%	1979

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Q31 Turning to economic conditions, do you think that during the next 12 months the United States will have good times financially or bad times?

	good times	bad times	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	48%	42%	10%	1702
Sep 2015	48%	45%	7%	1695
Mar 2015	53%	41%	6%	1686
Mar 2014	45%	48%	7%	1689
Dec 2013	43%	48%	9%	1693
Oct 2012	45%	46%	10%	1997
Sep 2011	29%	65%	6%	1995
Sep 2010	35%	58%	7%	1985
Dec 2009	35%	58%	8%	1999
May 2009	33%	61%	6%	2001
Jan 2009	24%	71%	5%	1995
Aug 2008	23%	70%	7%	1992
Mar 2008	18%	76%	5%	1998
Jun 2007	39%	53%	8%	1993
Jan 2007	47%	46%	8%	2006
Oct 2006	44%	46%	9%	1996
Sep 2005	30%	63%	7%	2002
Jan 2005	48%	43%	9%	1996
Sep 2004	47%	41%	12%	1996
Sep 2003	47%	42%	11%	1974

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Q32 Do you think the gap between the rich and the poor in the U.S. is getting larger, getting smaller, or has it stayed the same?

	getting larger	getting smaller	stayed the same	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	69%	3%	25%	3%	1706
Mar 2015	72%	4%	21%	3%	1699
Mar 2014	73%	3%	21%	3%	1696

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Q33 Should the government do more to reduce the gap between the rich and the poor in this country, or is this something the government should not be doing?

	should do more	should not be doing	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	68%	29%	3%	1704
Sep 2015	68%	29%	4%	1696
Mar 2015	61%	34%	5%	1691
Mar 2014	61%	33%	6%	1695

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Q33a Which comes closer to your view? [rotate] (1) In today's economy, everyone has a fair chance to get ahead in the long run. [or] (2) In today's economy, it's mainly just a few people at the top who have a chance to get ahead.

	everyone has a fair chance	just a few people at the top have a chance	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	48%	48%	4%	1702
Mar 2015	49%	48%	3%	1688
Mar 2014	49%	47%	4%	1687

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Q34 [rotate questions 34 to 35a] If you had to choose, would you rather have, a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

	Smaller government, fewer services	Bigger government, more services	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	39%	57%	4%	1696
Feb 2002	48%	47%	5%	2010

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Q35a [rotate questions 34 to 35a] Please indicate which statement comes closest to your own view, even if neither is exactly right

	government regulation is necessary	government regulation does more harm than good	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	60%	34%	6%	1700
Mar 2012	48%	43%	8%	1992
Aug 2008	57%	34%	9%	1987
Sep 2004	54%	42%	5%	1995
Feb 2000	46%	49%	5%	2026
May 1998	53%	43%	3%	2004

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