

# Californians and Their Government

## March 2017

### Time Trends – Likely Voters

#### Methodology Note:

Findings for March 2017 are based on a survey of 1,706 California adult residents, with 65 percent interviewed on cell phones (1,106 interviews) and 35 percent interviewed on landline telephones (600 interviews). Live landline and cell phone interviews were conducted in English and Spanish according to the respondents' preferences. Interviews took an average of 18 minutes to complete. Interviewing took place on weekend days and weekday nights March 5–14, 2017.

The March 2017 sampling error for the 1,069 likely voters, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is  $\pm 4.2$  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.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this survey, please contact [surveys@ppic.org](mailto:surveys@ppic.org)

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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 2017	61%	32%	7%	1061
Jan 2017	62%	31%	7%	1102
Dec 2016	59%	33%	8%	1112
Oct 2016	56%	32%	12%	1020
Sep 2016	55%	38%	7%	1050
Jul 2016	53%	36%	11%	1048
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
Mar 2017	48%	41%	11%	1057
Jan 2017	50%	38%	11%	1101
Dec 2016	45%	44%	11%	1115
Oct 2016	43%	43%	14%	1016
Sep 2016	42%	48%	9%	1050
Jul 2016	42%	48%	10%	1045
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

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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 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
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

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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 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. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of  
 the job that the state legislators representing  
 your assembly and senate districts are doing at  
 this time?

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2017	52%	38%	11%	1057
Sep 2016	49%	40%	11%	1050
Jan 2016	45%	44%	11%	1036
Sep 2015	47%	38%	15%	1060
Jan 2015	48%	37%	15%	1007
Oct 2014	38%	50%	12%	970
May 2014	43%	44%	13%	1032
Jan 2014	45%	45%	10%	1142
Sep 2013	40%	49%	12%	1096
May 2013	38%	49%	13%	1124
Jan 2013	39%	42%	20%	1113
Sep 2012	35%	50%	16%	1321
Jan 2012	32%	55%	14%	1300
Sep 2011	31%	57%	12%	1356
Mar 2011	34%	50%	16%	1362
Sep 2010	30%	63%	7%	1215
Mar 2010	27%	58%	15%	1231
Dec 2009	25%	63%	12%	1076
Sep 2009	30%	57%	13%	1338
Mar 2009	29%	57%	15%	1135
Sep 2008	35%	52%	13%	1279
Mar 2008	43%	42%	15%	1218
Dec 2007	50%	39%	11%	1146
Sep 2007	39%	45%	15%	1158
Mar 2007	46%	39%	15%	1234
Sep 2006	44%	41%	15%	1209
May 2006	41%	45%	14%	1097
Oct 2005	38%	43%	19%	1162
Aug 2005	39%	44%	17%	1054
May 2005	48%	37%	14%	637
Oct 2004	47%	35%	18%	1206
Dec 2001	61%	28%	11%	945

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Q5. 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 2017	53%	43%	4%	1066
Jan 2017	58%	38%	4%	1102
Oct 2016	50%	45%	5%	1021
Sep 2016	45%	52%	3%	1051
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

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Q5. 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
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
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



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Q5. 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
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
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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Q6. 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 2017	50%	41%	10%	1060
Jan 2017	51%	34%	15%	1100
Oct 2016	46%	40%	14%	1019
Sep 2016	47%	42%	11%	1048
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

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Q6. 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 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
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

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Q6. 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 2002	46%	48%	6%	971
Dec 2001	35%	59%	6%	947
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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Q7. 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 2017	4%	49%	26%	19%	2%	1066
Mar 2016	5%	49%	24%	19%	3%	1034
Mar 2015	3%	47%	29%	19%	2%	1056
Mar 2014	3%	44%	32%	19%	2%	1091
Jan 2012	4%	49%	29%	16%	1%	1301
Jan 2011	4%	50%	27%	17%	2%	1397
Jan 2010	3%	50%	26%	19%	2%	1300
Jun 2003	4%	58%	21%	14%	3%	1033

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Q8. 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 2017	34%	25%	36%	2%	2%	1063
Mar 2016	34%	27%	36%	2%	1%	1034
Mar 2015	35%	23%	35%	5%	2%	1060
Mar 2014	31%	27%	36%	4%	2%	1088
Jan 2012	20%	27%	44%	8%	1%	1305
Jan 2011	26%	26%	38%	8%	2%	1394
Jan 2010	31%	25%	35%	8%	2%	1298
Jan 2004	21%	26%	46%	5%	1%	977
Jun 2003	26%	24%	44%	5%	2%	1035
Feb 2003	27%	25%	43%	3%	2%	1079

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Q9. Overall, do you think the state and local tax system is in need of major changes, minor changes, or do you think it is fine the way it is?

	major changes	minor changes	fine the way it is	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2017	44%	39%	14%	2%	1067
Jun 2015	54%	31%	11%	4%	1045
Mar 2015	53%	31%	12%	4%	1061
Dec 2014	47%	39%	12%	2%	1054
Mar 2014	56%	31%	11%	3%	1090
Sep 2011	68%	21%	8%	4%	1360
Jan 2011	65%	24%	8%	2%	1398
Jan 2010	62%	27%	9%	3%	1302

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Q11. The governor has proposed to improve the reliability of water supplies by building tunnels in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. How important is this proposal 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 2017	47%	25%	8%	9%	11%	1058
Mar 2016	45%	27%	8%	12%	9%	1031

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Q12. California voters passed a \$10 billion dollar state bond in 2008 for a high-speed rail system from Anaheim to the Central Valley and San Francisco... Do you favor or oppose building a high-speed rail system in California?\*

	favor	oppose, but would favor if it cost less	oppose, even if it cost less	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2017	41%	17%	37%	6%	1057
Mar 2016	44%	15%	38%	3%	1032
Mar 2015	48%	13%	35%	4%	1060
Mar 2014	45%	15%	35%	4%	1088
Mar 2013	43%	12%	42%	3%	1137
Mar 2012	43%	53%	0%	4%	1166

\*See the full survey report for the complete March 2017 question text. Similar questions were asked in previous years.

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Q13. 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 2017	28%	29%	16%	25%	2%	1067
Mar 2016	26%	29%	17%	27%	1%	1037
Mar 2015	25%	33%	17%	24%	1%	1064
Mar 2014	29%	30%	17%	23%	1%	1090
Mar 2013	32%	27%	16%	24%	1%	1135
Mar 2012	30%	23%	19%	26%	2%	1168

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Q14. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of  
 the way that Donald Trump is handling his job  
 as president?

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2017	35%	62%	3%	1058
Jan 2017	34%	55%	11%	1094

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Q15. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of  
 the way that Dianne Feinstein is handling her  
 job as U.S. senator?

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2017	51%	39%	10%	1062
Jan 2016	56%	39%	5%	1037
Sep 2015	53%	37%	9%	1063
Jan 2015	54%	38%	9%	1005
Sep 2014	55%	40%	6%	911
Jan 2014	49%	45%	6%	1147
Sep 2013	51%	42%	8%	1100
Jan 2013	55%	35%	10%	1113
Sep 2012	50%	43%	7%	1323
Jan 2012	47%	42%	11%	1302
Sep 2011	48%	44%	8%	1358
Mar 2011	51%	42%	7%	1364
Sep 2010	49%	44%	7%	1210
May 2010	53%	39%	8%	1248
Jan 2010	50%	41%	9%	1297
Sep 2009	53%	37%	10%	1337
Mar 2009	54%	37%	9%	1136
Sep 2008	51%	41%	8%	1279
Mar 2008	49%	38%	13%	1217
Sep 2007	52%	38%	10%	1161
Mar 2007	59%	31%	10%	1233
Sep 2006	53%	35%	11%	1210
Mar 2006	56%	34%	10%	1006
Oct 2005	55%	33%	13%	1162
May 2005	56%	31%	12%	1239
Oct 2004	58%	28%	14%	1214
Feb 2004	57%	31%	12%	1008
Sep 2003	57%	29%	14%	1146
Oct 2002	54%	30%	16%	1050
Feb 2002	58%	31%	11%	957
Feb 2000	59%	29%	12%	1007
Dec 1999	57%	34%	9%	907

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Q17. 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 2017	27%	68%	6%	1059
Jan 2017	25%	68%	7%	1098
Oct 2016	17%	77%	6%	1024
Sep 2016	16%	81%	3%	1054
Jul 2016	17%	80%	3%	1051
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

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Q17. 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
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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Q18. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of  
 the way your own representative to the U.S.  
 House of Representatives in Congress is  
 handling his or her job?

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2017	49%	38%	13%	1061
Sep 2016	47%	44%	9%	1054
Jan 2016	51%	40%	8%	1035
Sep 2015	51%	38%	11%	1063
Jan 2015	51%	37%	11%	1003
Oct 2014	47%	44%	9%	970
May 2014	48%	39%	13%	1033
Jan 2014	48%	42%	10%	1147
Sep 2013	47%	38%	15%	1098
May 2013	50%	40%	10%	1122
Jan 2013	52%	31%	17%	1112
Sep 2012	48%	36%	16%	1323
Jan 2012	47%	41%	12%	1301
Sep 2011	49%	41%	10%	1357
Mar 2011	50%	37%	13%	1363
Sep 2010	47%	42%	11%	1215
Mar 2010	44%	42%	15%	1232
Dec 2009	49%	40%	11%	1075
Sep 2009	57%	30%	13%	1336
Mar 2009	55%	31%	14%	1136
Sep 2008	52%	33%	15%	1279
Mar 2008	52%	32%	16%	1218
Dec 2007	51%	40%	9%	1148
Sep 2007	54%	32%	14%	1159
Mar 2007	59%	25%	16%	1229
Sep 2006	60%	25%	15%	1208
Mar 2006	59%	25%	16%	1007
Oct 2005	57%	26%	17%	1162

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Q20. All in all, would you favor or oppose  
 building a wall along the entire border with  
 Mexico?

	favor	oppose	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2017	29%	69%	2%	1064
Sep 2016	34%	64%	3%	1054
May 2016	33%	65%	2%	984

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Q21. On another topic, 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?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not much of a problem	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2017	24%	35%	39%	2%	1067
Jan 2016	40%	38%	21%	1%	1042
Sep 2009	20%	40%	37%	2%	1340
Aug 2008	24%	41%	32%	3%	1184
Aug 2005	27%	43%	27%	3%	1058
Aug 2004	23%	43%	30%	3%	1189
Aug 2003	19%	41%	37%	3%	1068
Aug 2002	20%	45%	33%	3%	972
Jan 2002	24%	47%	27%	2%	975
Dec 2001	32%	43%	23%	2%	949

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Q22. In general, how well do you think the U.S. government is doing in reducing the threat of terrorism - very well, fairly well, not too well, or not at all well?

	very well	fairly well	not too well	not at all well	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2017	14%	44%	22%	16%	3%	1066
Jan 2016	16%	43%	20%	20%	1%	1039

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Q22a. What concerns you more about the government's anti-terrorism policies-- [1] that they have not gone far enough to protect the country [or] [2] that they have gone too far in restricting the average person's civil liberties?

	not gone far enough	gone too far	[VOL] neither	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2017	39%	50%	8%	3%	1058
Jan 2006	42%	43%	10%	5%	1255
Aug 2005	47%	35%	12%	6%	1047

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Q23. [ROTATE] [1] Government regulation of  
 business is necessary to protect the public  
 interest; [OR] [2] Government regulation of  
 business does more harm than good.

	government regulation of business is necessary to protect the public interest	government regulation of business does more harm than good	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2017	56%	39%	5%	1059
Mar 2016	57%	40%	3%	1032
Mar 2012	44%	50%	6%	1163
Aug 2008	56%	38%	7%	1176
Sep 2004	54%	42%	4%	1201
Feb 2000	46%	50%	4%	1012
May 1998	52%	46%	2%	950

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Q24. [ROTATE] [1] Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy [OR] [2] Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost.

	Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy	Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2017	34%	61%	5%	1062
Mar 2014	42%	53%	5%	1083
Mar 2012	47%	47%	6%	1165
Feb 2004	32%	60%	8%	1005
Feb 2002	35%	61%	3%	953
Jun 2000	37%	58%	5%	913
Jan 2000	32%	64%	4%	980
May 1998	37%	59%	4%	948

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Q25. Next, 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?

	just about always	most of the time	only some of the time	[VOL] none of the time	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2017	2%	18%	69%	10%	1%	1067
Oct 2016	4%	26%	57%	12%	0%	1020
Jun 2015	3%	18%	69%	9%	1%	1044
May 2014	3%	16%	68%	11%	1%	1035
Dec 2013	2%	14%	71%	12%	1%	1078
Oct 2012	5%	20%	68%	6%	0%	1334
Dec 2011	1%	8%	77%	13%	0%	1297
Oct 2010	3%	23%	63%	10%	1%	1237
May 2009	3%	28%	61%	7%	1%	1218
Oct 2008	2%	18%	69%	11%	1%	1281
Mar 2008	2%	18%	71%	8%	1%	1218
Sep 2007	2%	16%	71%	10%	1%	1162
Mar 2007	3%	21%	70%	6%	1%	1239
Oct 2006	4%	19%	64%	12%	1%	1190
Oct 2005	4%	22%	64%	10%	1%	1166
Jan 2005	4%	26%	62%	7%	1%	1234
Feb 2004	4%	21%	61%	12%	2%	1013
Feb 2003	4%	31%	61%	3%	1%	1079
Dec 2002	4%	29%	61%	5%	1%	1089
Aug 2002	6%	28%	61%	4%	1%	971
Jan 2002	5%	36%	56%	1%	1%	976
Oct 2000	3%	29%	63%	4%	1%	1088
Jan 2000	3%	28%	63%	5%	1%	984
Dec 1999	4%	27%	64%	4%	0%	910
Sep 1998	4%	27%	64%	4%	0%	1046
May 1998	3%	22%	60%	14%	1%	950
Apr 1998	2%	23%	63%	11%	0%	991

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Q26. 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?

	a few big interests	benefit of all of the people	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2017	79%	17%	4%	1060
Oct 2016	72%	23%	6%	1011
Jun 2015	76%	19%	5%	1032
May 2014	79%	14%	7%	1028
Dec 2013	80%	16%	4%	1065
Oct 2012	73%	23%	5%	1321
Dec 2011	85%	11%	5%	1287
Oct 2010	73%	20%	7%	1215
May 2009	68%	26%	6%	1213
Oct 2008	78%	16%	6%	1275
Mar 2008	76%	19%	5%	1213
Sep 2007	77%	17%	6%	1150
Mar 2007	75%	19%	6%	1229
Feb 2004	73%	20%	8%	996
Jan 2002	62%	30%	8%	961
Oct 2000	65%	27%	7%	1082
Sep 1998	73%	22%	6%	1035

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Q27. Do you think the people in the FEDERAL government waste a lot of the money we pay in taxes, waste some of it, or don't waste very much of it?

	a lot	some	don't waste very much	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2017	65%	28%	5%	3%	1066
Oct 2016	62%	29%	7%	1%	1022
Jun 2015	66%	28%	4%	1%	1045
May 2014	67%	28%	3%	2%	1037
Dec 2013	69%	26%	3%	2%	1078
Oct 2012	60%	33%	5%	1%	1336
May 2012	68%	26%	4%	2%	1256
Dec 2011	70%	26%	3%	1%	1295
Oct 2010	67%	27%	5%	1%	1235
May 2009	65%	31%	3%	1%	1218
Oct 2008	77%	20%	3%	0%	1282
Mar 2008	71%	26%	2%	1%	1219
Sep 2007	71%	26%	2%	1%	1161
Mar 2007	71%	26%	2%	1%	1239
Oct 2006	69%	28%	2%	2%	1190
Oct 2005	69%	27%	3%	2%	1160
Feb 2004	65%	31%	3%	2%	1015
Jan 2002	59%	37%	4%	0%	977
Jan 2000	60%	36%	3%	1%	985
Sep 1998	65%	31%	3%	0%	1046

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding



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Q28. On another topic, how much of a problem are violence and street crime in your local community today - a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not much of a problem	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2017	20%	35%	44%	0%	1069
Jan 2016	15%	34%	51%	0%	1043
Jan 2015	22%	34%	44%	0%	1010
Sep 2013	18%	30%	52%	1%	1101
Feb 2011	16%	34%	49%	0%	1574

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Q29. How would you rate the job your local police are doing in controlling crime in your community: excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	excellent	good	fair	poor	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2017	35%	38%	20%	7%	0%	1068
Jan 2016	31%	40%	21%	7%	1%	1041
Jan 2015	27%	43%	22%	7%	1%	1009

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Q30. Do you think blacks and other minorities  
 receive equal treatment as whites in the  
 criminal justice system or not?

	receive equal treatment	do not receive equal treatment	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2017	29%	67%	4%	1061
Jan 2016	32%	63%	5%	1029
Jan 2015	40%	55%	6%	1004

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding