

# Californians and Their Government

## September 2016

### Time Trends – Likely Voters

#### Methodology Note:

Findings for September 2016 are based on a survey of 1,702 California adult residents, with 50 percent interviewed on landline telephones (851 interviews) and 50 percent interviewed on cell phones (851 interviews). Interviews took an average of 18 minutes to complete. Interviewing took place on weekend days and weekday nights September 9–18, 2016.

The September 2016 sampling error for the 1,055 likely voters, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is  $\pm 4.5$  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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Q1. First, 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
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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Q2. 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 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
Jul 2010	10%	82%	8%	1462
May 2010	11%	80%	8%	1247
Apr 2010	11%	79%	9%	1540
Mar 2010	9%	85%	6%	1235

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Q2. 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
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
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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Q3. 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
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
Oct 2004	47%	35%	18%	1206
Dec 2001	61%	28%	11%	945

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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 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
Nov 2008	24%	66%	10%	1635
Oct 2008	20%	70%	10%	1274
Sep 2008	21%	67%	11%	1282

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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 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
Jan 2001	63%	29%	8%	1092
Oct 2000	56%	34%	9%	1088
Aug 2000	63%	30%	8%	1011

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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
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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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
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
Jan 2009	13%	82%	5%	1389
Nov 2008	17%	75%	9%	1636
Oct 2008	15%	77%	8%	1277

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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
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
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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Q8. If the November 8th presidential election were being held today, would you vote for...?

	Democratic ticket of Clinton and Kaine	Republican ticket of Trump and Pence	Libertarian ticket of Johnson and Weld	Green party ticket of Stein and Baraka	[VOL] someone else	[VOL] would not vote for president	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Sep 2016	47%	31%	10%	5%	2%	2%	4%	1045
Jul 2016	46%	30%	7%	6%	2%	2%	7%	1043

Note: In our July survey, we did not include vice-presidential candidates in the question.  
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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
Sep 2016	42%	56%	1%	0%	1051
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
Sep 2016	61%	33%	5%	1%	0%	1053
Jul 2016	53%	38%	7%	2%	0%	1055
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

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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
Aug 2004	48%	41%	9%	2%	0%	1188
Feb 2004	33%	47%	14%	6%	0%	1015
Jan 2004	22%	40%	25%	13%	0%	982
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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Q14. If the November 8th election for the U.S. Senate were being held today, would you vote for...?

	Kamala Harris, a Democrat	Loretta Sanchez, a Democrat	[VOL] neither/would not vote for US Senator	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Sep 2016	32%	25%	24%	19%	1054
Jul 2016	38%	20%	28%	14%	1049
May 2016	34%	26%	24%	15%	982

Note: Our May survey was conducted before the June primary election.  
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Q15. 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
Sep 2016	48%	35%	1%	16%	1049
May 2016	57%	21%	1%	21%	980
Mar 2016	47%	30%	1%	23%	1035

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Q24. Generally speaking, would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or not satisfied with the way the initiative process is working in California today?

	very satisfied	somewhat satisfied	not satisfied	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Sep 2016	12%	49%	33%	7%	1052
Dec 2015	11%	51%	31%	7%	1109
Sep 2014	12%	54%	31%	3%	353
Mar 2013	7%	55%	33%	4%	1132
Sep 2012	12%	48%	35%	5%	1329
Sep 2011	15%	47%	35%	3%	1363
Oct 2010	6%	46%	43%	4%	1235
Oct 2008	9%	55%	32%	4%	1283
Aug 2006	10%	61%	27%	2%	1108
Aug 2005	9%	60%	26%	4%	1056
Aug 2004	12%	58%	26%	4%	1185
Oct 2000	10%	57%	28%	5%	1090

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Q25. Overall, how much would you say that the initiative process  
 in California today is controlled by special interests - a lot, some,  
 or not at all?

	a lot	some	not at all	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Sep 2016	64%	29%	4%	3%	1053
Dec 2015	66%	28%	3%	4%	1113
Sep 2014	65%	27%	5%	4%	915
May 2013	63%	32%	4%	1%	1128
Sep 2012	68%	27%	2%	3%	1329
Sep 2011	70%	24%	4%	2%	1361
Sep 2005	65%	32%	1%	2%	623
Jan 2001	59%	35%	3%	3%	1095

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Q26. There are too many propositions on the state ballot - (Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree)

	strongly agree	somewhat agree	somewhat disagree	strongly disagree	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Sep 2016	24%	33%	25%	15%	4%	1052
Dec 2015	33%	28%	26%	8%	4%	1110
May 2013	39%	28%	20%	10%	4%	554
Sep 2008	30%	29%	26%	12%	3%	1279
Sep 2006	29%	29%	25%	13%	4%	1212
Sep 2005	33%	28%	24%	13%	3%	1117
Aug 2004	30%	30%	25%	11%	4%	1186

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Q27. The ballot wording for citizens' initiatives is often too complicated and confusing for voters to understand what happens if the initiative passes - (Do you strongly agree...?)

	strongly agree	somewhat agree	somewhat disagree	strongly disagree	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Sep 2016	43%	36%	13%	6%	2%	1054
May 2013	52%	31%	9%	6%	2%	575
Sep 2008	55%	29%	8%	6%	2%	1282
Sep 2006	52%	27%	13%	6%	1%	1212
Sep 2005	53%	29%	11%	5%	2%	1118
Aug 2004	48%	32%	10%	8%	2%	1188
Oct 1998	48%	34%	10%	5%	3%	1111

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Q28. Do you favor or oppose raising the top rate of the state income tax paid by the wealthiest Californians?

	favor	oppose	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Sep 2016	59%	37%	4%	1051
Mar 2014	56%	40%	4%	1088
Oct 2012	64%	33%	2%	1332
Sep 2012	59%	39%	2%	1328
May 2012	65%	33%	2%	1252
Jan 2012	68%	31%	2%	1302
May 2010	62%	36%	3%	1249
Jan 2009	69%	28%	2%	1392
May 2008	64%	33%	2%	1228
Jan 2008	70%	27%	2%	1230
Jan 2006	66%	32%	2%	1255
May 2005	68%	29%	3%	1241
Jan 2005	65%	32%	2%	1233
Jan 2004	69%	28%	3%	979

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Q29. Do you favor or oppose increasing state taxes on the purchase of cigarettes?

	favor	oppose	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Sep 2016	64%	34%	2%	1054
Sep 2015	66%	32%	2%	1064
Jun 2015	67%	30%	3%	1046
Dec 2014	68%	30%	2%	1055
May 2014	68%	31%	1%	1037
Jan 2013	69%	30%	1%	1114
May 2012	63%	33%	4%	1253
Mar 2012	63%	34%	2%	1163
Jan 2006	70%	29%	1%	1256

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Q30. If the state ballot had a bond measure to  
 pay for school construction projects, would you  
 vote yes or no?

	yes	no	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Sep 2016	61%	33%	6%	1052
Apr 2016	63%	32%	4%	994
Apr 2015	55%	40%	5%	1066

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Q31. 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
Sep 2016	54%	45%	1%	1050
Jul 2016	56%	42%	2%	1048
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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Q32. 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
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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Q32. 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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Q33. 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
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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Q34. 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
Sep 2016	80%	18%	2%	1048
May 2016	75%	22%	3%	982
Jan 2016	78%	21%	1%	1032

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Q35. 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
Sep 2016	34%	64%	3%	1054
May 2016	33%	65%	2%	984

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Q36. Next, 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
Sep 2016	61%	37%	2%	1053
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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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?

	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
Sep 2016	19%	32%	49%	0%	1039
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