PPIC Statewide Survey: Californians and Their Government

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Californians and Their Government

- PPIC Survey series on state and national issues since 1999
- Public perceptions, attitudes, and policy preferences
- Telephone interviews, March 14–23, 2021
  - 75% cell phone, 25% landline
  - 1,706 adults, ± 3.3% margin of error
  - 1,174 likely voters, ± 3.9% margin of error
Approval of state elected officials

Governor Newsom
California Legislature

% adults

All adults
Likely voters
Dem
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Ind

%
Recall of Governor Newsom

There is an effort under way to remove Governor Gavin Newsom from office in a recall election. If a special election to recall Governor Newsom were held today, would you vote yes to remove Newsom as governor or no to keep Newsom as governor?
Recently, the California Legislature passed and Governor Newsom signed into law a $7.6 billion COVID relief package that includes a one-time $600 payment to qualifying lower income Californians, as well as $2.1 billion in immediate relief for small businesses, and over $400 million in stipends for state subsidized child care and preschool. Do you favor or oppose this relief package?
State and local tax burden

Where do you think California currently ranks in state and local tax burden per capita? Compared to other states, is California’s tax burden per capita near the top, above average, average, below average, or near the bottom?

- All adults: 24% above average, 46% near the top
- Likely voters: 27% above average, 53% near the top
- Under $40,000: 24% above average, 34% near the top
- $40,000 to under $80,000: 26% above average, 48% near the top
- $80,000 or more: 23% above average, 59% near the top
Does the cost of your housing make you and your family seriously consider moving away from the part of California you live in now?

Does it make you consider moving elsewhere in California, or outside of the state?

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<th>Age Group</th>
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<th>Yes, outside of the state</th>
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<td>55 and older</td>
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Approval of federal elected officials

- President Biden: 65% approve, 30% disapprove
- Senator Feinstein: 47% approve, 36% disapprove
- Senator Padilla: 44% approve, 19% disapprove
- US Congress: 42% approve, 51% disapprove
- Own House rep: 55% approve, 31% disapprove
As you may know, in response to the coronavirus outbreak Congress passed and President Biden signed into law a bill that would provide $1.9 trillion in economic aid to businesses, individuals, and state and local governments. All in all, do you favor or oppose this bill?
Attitudes toward getting COVID-19 vaccine

When it becomes available to you, will you definitely get the vaccine, probably get it, probably not get it, or definitely not get it?

- **January 2021**
  - Definitely not get: 5%
  - Probably not get: 25%
  - Probably get: 33%
  - Definitely get: 43%

- **All adults**
  - Definitely not get: 7%
  - Probably not get: 18%
  - Probably get: 28%
  - Definitely get: 28%

- **African Americans**
  - Definitely not get: 12%
  - Probably not get: 6%
  - Probably get: 28%
  - Definitely get: 36%

- **Asian Americans**
  - Definitely not get: 21%
  - Probably not get: 34%
  - Probably get: 40%
  - Definitely get: 3%

- **Latinos**
  - Definitely not get: 6%
  - Probably not get: 24%
  - Probably get: 29%
  - Definitely get: 16%

- **Whites**
  - Definitely not get: 12%
  - Probably not get: 26%
  - Probably get: 26%
  - Definitely get: 13%
Policies impacting undocumented immigrants

- Support path to citizenship
- Support providing health care coverage

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<td>Ind</td>
<td>81</td>
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When it comes to racial discrimination, which do you think is the bigger problem for the country today?

- People not seeing racial discrimination where it really does exist
- People seeing racial discrimination where it really does not exist

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Other topics

- State budget and taxes
- Economic situation
- Views on the amount of taxes Californians pay
- Concern about getting the coronavirus
- Rating of state’s vaccine distribution
- Political divisions and race relations
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