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PPIC Statewide Survey mission

- Provide timely, relevant, nonpartisan data on political, social, and economic opinions
- Inform and improve state policymaking, raise awareness, encourage discussion
- Provide a voice for all Californians in important state policy debates
  - 360,000+ Californians interviewed since 1998
  - 180+ general, issue, and regional surveys
Californians and Their Government

- General series funded by the James Irvine Foundation and the PPIC Donor Circle
- Telephone interviews, November 3–12, 2019
  - 70% cell phone, 30% landline
  - 1,711 adults, ± 3.3% margin of error
  - 1,008 likely voters, ± 4.3% margin of error
- Views on state elected officials, wildfires, power shutoffs, homelessness, and potential state ballot measures
- Opinions on federal elected officials, the impeachment inquiry, health care policy, and the 2020 Democratic primary
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Approval of state elected officials

Governor Newsom
California Legislature

% adults

Jan 19  Mar 19  May 19  Jul 19  Sep 19  Nov 19

48
44
44
44
48
48

% adults

All adults  Likely voters  Dem  Rep  Ind

48
48
69
14
42
44
39
14
36
59

Governor Newsom
California Legislature
How concerned have you been about the threat of … where you live? Have you been very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

- Somewhat concerned: 29%
- Very concerned: 34%
- Somewhat concerned: 27%
- Very concerned: 32%

Concern about wildfires and power shutoffs
When it comes to handling the issue of power shutoffs to prevent wildfires, how much confidence do you have in your local utility provider—a great deal, quite a lot, some, or very little?

![Confidence in local utility provider chart]

- **Central Valley**
  - Great deal: 25
  - Quite a lot: 13
  - Some: 26
  - Very little: 30
  - None at all (vol): 5

- **Inland Empire**
  - Great deal: 24
  - Quite a lot: 20
  - Some: 29
  - Very little: 23
  - None at all (vol): 4

- **Los Angeles**
  - Great deal: 20
  - Quite a lot: 18
  - Some: 31
  - Very little: 28
  - None at all (vol): 3

- **Orange/San Diego**
  - Great deal: 24
  - Quite a lot: 23
  - Some: 27
  - Very little: 21
  - None at all (vol): 4

- **San Francisco Bay Area**
  - Great deal: 9
  - Quite a lot: 16
  - Some: 34
  - Very little: 34
  - None at all (vol): 5
Approval of governor’s handling of wildfires and power shutoffs

% saying approve

- All adults: 46%
- Central Valley: 40%
- Inland Empire: 54%
- Los Angeles: 50%
- Orange/San Diego: 41%
- San Francisco Bay Area: 47%
Do you think that California is divided into haves and have nots, or do you think that California is not divided that way?

% saying divided

- All adults: 63
- African Americans: 84
- Asian Americans: 64
- Latinos: 58
- Whites: 64
Haves or have nots

If you had to choose, which of these groups are you in—the haves or have nots?

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<th>Income Range</th>
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<td>41%</td>
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<td>65%</td>
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Do you think that in California today all people have an equal opportunity to get ahead, or that the government should do more to make sure that all Californians have an equal opportunity to get ahead?

- All adults: 41% People have equal opportunity, 52% Government should do more
- Under $40,000: 36% People have equal opportunity, 59% Government should do more
- $40,000 to under $80,000: 41% People have equal opportunity, 54% Government should do more
- $80,000 or more: 47% People have equal opportunity, 45% Government should do more
Concern about presence of homeless people

How concerned are you about the presence of homeless people in your local community? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

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In the last 12 months, do you think that the presence of homeless people in your local community has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?
A new state policy could require local governments to construct enough shelter beds so that any homeless person requesting to come indoors can do so. In general, do you favor or oppose this proposal?
Proposition 13 is called the “Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020. Initiative Statute”…. If the election were held today, would you vote yes or no on Proposition 13?
Possible November 2020 ballot initiatives

% would vote yes

- Tax commercial properties according to their current market value
- Raise state income tax paid by the wealthiest Californians and corporations

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<td>55</td>
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<td>62</td>
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Approval of federal elected officials

- President Trump
- US Congress

% adults

Jan 17 Mar 17 May 17 Jul 17 Sep 17 Nov 17 Jan 18 Mar 18 May 18 Jul 18 Sep 18 Nov 18 Jan 19 Mar 19 May 19 Jul 19 Sep 19 Nov 19

33 30 33
33 28

% adults

All adults Likely voters Dem Rep Ind

33 39 8 84
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Democrats’ handling of impeachment inquiry

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Democrats in Congress are handling the current impeachment inquiry into Donald Trump?

**% saying approve**

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Support for the impeachment of Donald Trump

Based on what you know at this point, do you think that Donald Trump should or should not be impeached and removed from office?

% saying yes, should be

All adults | Likely voters | Dem | Rep | Ind
---|---|---|---|---
57 | 53 | 83 | 11 | 51

% adults

Californians | Adults nationwide (Gallup poll)
---|---
57 | 51
39 | 48

Yes, should be | No, should not be
Outlook for the nation

- All adults: 61% think things are headed in the wrong direction, 47% expect good times financially.
- Likely voters: 63% think things are headed in the wrong direction, 50% expect good times financially.
- Dem: 81% think things are headed in the wrong direction, 29% expect good times financially.
- Rep: 78% think things are headed in the wrong direction, 38% expect good times financially.
- Ind: 60% think things are headed in the wrong direction, 44% expect good times financially.
Federal government’s role in health care coverage

Responsibility of government
- All adults: 63% responsibility, 35% not responsibility
- Likely voters: 55% responsibility, 43% not responsibility
- Democrats: 82% responsibility, 17% not responsibility
- Republicans: 19% responsibility, 80% not responsibility
- Independents: 60% responsibility, 35% not responsibility

Single national insurance system run by government: 44%
Mix of private insurance and government programs: 8%
Don't know: 8%

Among those who think it is government’s responsibility
Do you favor or oppose a government-administered health plan, sometimes called a public option, that would compete with private health insurance plans and be available to all Americans?

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Favorability of major political parties

- Democratic Party
- Republican Party

Graph showing favorability over time from Oct 12 to Nov 19.

Bar chart showing favorability among all adults, likely voters, Democrats, Republicans, and Independents.
In your view, do the Republican and Democratic Parties do an adequate job representing the American people, or do they do such a poor job that a third major party is needed?
Top issue for candidates to talk about during debates

Which one issue would you most like to hear the presidential candidates talk about between now and the March primary?

- Health care: 21%
- Environment, global warming: 14%
- Jobs, economy: 13%
- Immigration, illegal immigration: 12%
- Education, schools, teachers: 5%

Democratic primary likely voters
What's more important to you—that Democrats nominate the presidential candidate whose positions on the issues come closest to yours, or the candidate who seems most likely to defeat Donald Trump in November 2020?
Preferred candidate for 2020 Democratic primary

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<td>Bernie Sanders</td>
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<td>Kamala Harris</td>
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<td>Pete Buttigieg</td>
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<td>Andrew Yang</td>
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<td>Someone else*</td>
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*Respondents were read nine candidate names and also had the option of naming someone else."
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Many Californians are concerned about wildfires and power shutoffs; the governor and local utility providers get mixed reviews for their handling of the issue.

Majorities across regions are very concerned about homeless people in their community, and many have noticed an increase in the local homeless population.

Fewer than half support the state school bond on the March ballot, while majorities favor a tax on the wealthy for school funding that could be on the November ballot.

Most favor impeaching President Trump and are divided about the way Democrats in Congress are handling the inquiry.

Most expect good economic times next year—but they also think the nation is headed in the wrong direction.

Biden, Warren, and Sanders lead in the Democratic presidential primary. Likely voters most want to hear the candidates talk about health care and the environment.
Notes on the use of these slides

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