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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
  - 350,000+ Californians interviewed since 1998
  - 170+ general, issue, and regional surveys
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Telephone interviews, May 19–28, 2019
- 70% cell phone, 30% landline
- 1,713 adults, ± 3.3% margin of error
- 1,123 likely voters, ± 4.1% margin of error

Views on state elected officials, the state budget, housing policy, and vaccines

Opinions on federal elected officials, the Mueller report, possible impeachment, and the 2020 presidential election
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Approval of state elected officials

Governor Newsom
California Legislature

% adults

Jan-19 44 49
Mar-19 45 46
May-19 39 45

% adults

All adults 45 39
Likely voters 47 34
Dem 67 54
Rep 13 11
Ind 40 32
Governor’s handling of PG&E bankruptcy

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Governor Newsom is handling the PG&E bankruptcy and utilities’ responsibilities for wildfire damage costs?

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% all adults
Rising electricity bills

How concerned are you about rising electricity bills because of utilities’ responsibilities for wildfire damage costs? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?
How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape, or poor shape financially?
Financial strain of housing costs

Does the cost of your housing place a financial strain on you and your family today?

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Support for housing policy proposals

- Reducing state regulations by changing CEQA
- Requiring local governments to approve new housing before receiving transportation funding
- Requiring local governments to change zoning for new development from single to multi-family housing near transit/job centers

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State budget and homelessness

All adults

Likely voters

Dem

Rep

Ind

% saying big problem

State budget situation
Homelessness in their part of California

%
Governor's budget proposals

- Support for overall plan
- Support for proposal to address homelessness

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%
Do you think parents should be required to vaccinate their children for diseases like measles, mumps, and rubella, or do you think parents should be able to decide whether or not to vaccinate their children?

- **All adults**: 73% should be required, 26% should be able to decide
- **African Americans**: 53% should be required, 47% should be able to decide
- **Asian Americans**: 74% should be required, 24% should be able to decide
- **Latinos**: 73% should be required, 26% should be able to decide
- **Whites**: 74% should be required, 24% should be able to decide
How concerned are you that the recent outbreak of measles will become more widespread—very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?
Local violence and street crime

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?
Police treatment of racial and ethnic groups

Do you think the police in your community treat all racial and ethnic groups fairly most of the time, almost always, always, or never?

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% adults

President Trump
US Congress

Jan 17 May 17 Sep 17 Jan 18 May 18 Sep 18 Jan 19 May 19

% adults

President Trump
US Congress

All adults Likely voters Dem Rep Ind
From what you have heard or read about it, do you think the Mueller investigation cleared Trump of all wrongdoing, or did it not clear him of all wrongdoing?
Based on what you know, do you think Congress should or should not begin impeachment proceedings that could lead to Trump being removed from office?
Given what you have heard or read, do you think interference by Russia undermined the legitimacy of the 2016 presidential election, or did it not rise to that level?

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<td>Rep</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>86%</td>
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<td>Ind</td>
<td>37%</td>
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Possible interference in the 2020 election

Do you think possible interference by Russia and other countries does or does not threaten the legitimacy of the 2020 presidential election?

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2020 Census and elections

% saying very important

- Participating in the 2020 Census
- Voting in 2020 elections

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All adults: 100% of 21% (75% + 25%), 75% say very important for the Census, 89% say very important for Voting.

HS only: 100% of 21% (71% + 29%), 71% say very important for the Census, 88% say very important for Voting.

Some college: 100% of 21% (75% + 25%), 75% say very important for the Census, 88% say very important for Voting.

College graduate: 100% of 21% (79% + 21%), 79% say very important for the Census, 93% say very important for Voting.
Confidentiality of census answers

How concerned are you, if at all, that the Census Bureau will not keep answers to the 2020 Census confidential?
If the 2020 presidential election were held today, would you definitely vote to reelect Donald Trump, probably vote to reelect Trump, probably vote for someone else, or definitely vote for someone else?
Which of the following is more important to you in a presidential candidate—experience and a proven record or new ideas and a different approach?
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?
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- Eight in ten Californians are concerned that their electricity bills could increase as a result of wildfire damages
- Californians across party lines view homelessness where they live as a big problem
- Many Californians believe that vaccinations for measles and other diseases are very safe and should be required
- Most Californians believe that the Mueller investigation did not clear Trump of wrongdoing—but they are more divided on impeaching the president
- For the 2020 presidential primary, Republicans overwhelmingly want to reelect Trump, while most Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents are divided about what they are looking for in a candidate
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