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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
Californians and Their Government

- General series funded by the James Irvine Foundation and the PPIC Donor Circle
- Telephone interviews, November 11–20, 2018
  - 70% cell phone, 30% landline
  - 1,704 adults, ± 3.3% margin of error
  - 1,094 likely voters, ± 4.1% margin of error
- Opinions on state elected officials, fiscal choices, and policy priorities
- Opinions on federal elected officials, immigration policy, and the role of government
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Outlook for the state

Think things are headed in the right direction
Expect good times financially

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- All adults: 54% think things are headed in the right direction, 46% expect good times financially.
- Likely voters: 50% think things are headed in the right direction, 46% expect good times financially.
- Democrats: 72% think things are headed in the right direction, 53% expect good times financially.
- Republicans: 16% think things are headed in the right direction, 30% expect good times financially.
- Independents: 53% think things are headed in the right direction, 47% expect good times financially.
Approval of state elected officials

Governor Brown
California Legislature

% adults

%  
0  20  40  60  80  100
Jan 11  Jan 12  Jan 13  Jan 14  Jan 15  Jan 16  Jan 17  Jan 18

51 47

51 47 52 43 68 66 18 13 48 42

All adults  Likely voters  Dem  Rep  Ind

Governor Brown
California Legislature

51 52 68 18 48 47 66 13 42
From what you know so far, overall do you approve or disapprove of Governor-Elect Gavin Newsom’s plans and policies for California?
Should Newsom continue Jerry Brown’s policies?

Would you rather see Gavin Newsom as the next California governor generally continue Jerry Brown’s policies or mostly change to different policies?

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Income inequality in California

Do you think that California is divided into haves and have-nots, or do you think that California is not divided that way?

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Haves or have-nots?

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

- All adults
  - Haves: 40%
  - Have-nots: 45%
- African Americans
  - Haves: 35%
  - Have-nots: 56%
- Asian Americans
  - Haves: 43%
  - Have-nots: 31%
- Latinos
  - Haves: 27%
  - Have-nots: 61%
- Whites
  - Haves: 52%
  - Have-nots: 36%
Government and income inequality

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), 53% (government should do more)
- Likely voters: 42% (people have equal opportunity), 50% (government should do more)
- Dem: 30% (people have equal opportunity), 65% (government should do more)
- Rep: 69% (people have equal opportunity), 20% (government should do more)
- Ind: 44% (people have equal opportunity), 47% (government should do more)
Overall, do you think that in 2025 California will be a better place to live than it is now or a worse place to live than it is now, or will there be no change?
When children today in California grow up, do you think they will be better off or worse off financially than their parents?

- All adults: 40% better off, 50% worse off
- African Americans: 32% better off, 62% worse off
- Asian Americans: 51% better off, 39% worse off
- Latinos: 54% better off, 38% worse off
- Whites: 28% better off, 62% worse off
Preferences for using the budget surplus

The state is projected to have a budget surplus of several billion dollars. In general, how would you prefer to use this extra money?

- Pay down debt and build up reserve
- Increase state funding for education, health and human services
- One-time state spending for transportation, water, and infrastructure

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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?
Next, there are several policy choices that the governor and legislature could make in the next few years. Each of them would require a significant amount of new state funding. Please tell me if each of the following should be a:
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In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way that things are going in the United States at this time?

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Confidence in President Trump

How much confidence do you have in President Trump to make the right decisions for the country’s future—a great deal of confidence, a good amount, just some, or none at all?
Approval of President Trump and Congress
As you may know, as a result of the recent election, control of the US House of Representatives will switch from the Republicans to the Democrats. Do you think that this switch is a good thing, a bad thing, or doesn’t it make any difference?

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Which of the following is more important to you for your own representative to the US House of Representatives in Congress—that they work with the Trump administration or that they push back against the Trump administration?
Perception of immigrants

- **Graph 1:** Percentage of adults likely voters who perceive immigrants as a benefit or a burden (2004-2018)
  - Line graph showing an increase in the percentage of adults who see immigrants as a benefit from 2004 to 2018.
  - The percentage who see immigrants as a burden decreases.

- **Graph 2:** Percentage of adults likely voters, Democrats, Republicans, and Independents who perceive immigrants as a benefit or a burden
  - Bar graph showing the percentage for each group in different years:
    - All adults: 2004-2018
    - Likely voters:
      - Republican: 2004-2018
      - Independent: 2004-2018
      - Democrat: 2004-2018
    - Democrats: 2004-2018
    - Republicans: 2004-2018
    - Independents: 2004-2018

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**Note:** The data suggests a growing perception among adults in recent years that immigrants are a benefit, especially among Republicans and Independents.
Policy preference on undocumented immigrants

Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented immigrants who are living in the US: There should be a way for them to stay in the country legally, if certain requirements are met or they should not be allowed to stay in this country legally?

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Please indicate which statement comes closest to your own view, even if neither is exactly right—government regulation of business is necessary to protect the public interest, or government regulation of business does more harm than good?
Please indicate which statement comes closest to your own view, even if neither is exactly right—stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy, or stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost?
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- Based on what they have heard so far, four in ten Californians approve of Governor-Elect Newsom’s plans and policies
- As Newsom makes plans for his administration, nearly half of Californians say they want him to take a different policy direction from Governor Brown
- Majorities of Californians place a high priority on new state spending on universal health coverage and tuition-free community college; fewer prioritize high-speed rail
- Californians say that improving jobs and the economy is the most important priority for the future; many believe that children will be worse off than their parents
- Most Californians say the election outcome of Democratic control of the House is a good thing, and about half have no confidence at all in President Trump
- Overwhelming majorities view immigrants as a benefit and think there should be a way for undocumented immigrants to stay in the country legally
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