

Californians and Their Government February 2024

Time Trends – All Respondents

Methodology Note:

Findings are based on a survey of 1,628 California adult residents, conducted online using the Ipsos KnowledgePanel. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish according to the respondents' preferences. The median time to complete the survey was 20 minutes. Interviewing took place from February 6-13, 2024.

The sampling error, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 3.3 percent at the 95 percent confidence level for the total unweighted sample of 1,628 adults. This means that 95 times out of 100, the results will be within 3.3 percentage points of what they would be if all adults in California were interviewed. The sampling error for unweighted subgroups is larger. 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

Note:

For questions related to the 2024 election (Q18–Q29), please refer to the Public Time Trends–Likely Voters document.

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Q2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Gavin Newsom is handling his job as governor of California?

	approve	disapprove	Have not heard enough to have an opinion (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	47%	50%		2%	1613
Dec 2023	52%	46%		2%	1645
Sep 2023	53%	45%		2%	1655
Jul 2023	58%	42%		0%	1722
Jun 2023	55%	43%		2%	1566
Feb 2023	58%	40%		2%	1535
Oct 2022	54%	33%		14%	1690
Sep 2022	52%	35%		13%	1692
May 2022	53%	35%		12%	1689
Mar 2022	56%	35%		9%	1666
Feb 2022	56%	34%		10%	1631
Sep 2021	53%	39%		8%	1692
May 2021	55%	35%		10%	1694
Mar 2021	54%	36%		10%	1694
Jan 2021	54%	36%		10%	1692
Oct 2020	58%	33%		9%	1690
Sep 2020	59%	30%		10%	1694
Jun 2020	65%	26%		9%	1693
Feb 2020	53%	33%		14%	1687
Jan 2020	51%	34%		15%	1683
Nov 2019	48%	33%		18%	1679
Sep 2019	44%	32%		24%	1683
Jul 2019	45%	31%		25%	1679
May 2019	45%	29%		26%	1691
Mar 2019	45%	26%	16%	13%	1699
Jan 2019	44%	23%	23%	10%	1684

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Q3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that the California Legislature is
 handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	43%	54%	3%	1619
Dec 2023	45%	52%	3%	1651
Sep 2023	46%	52%	2%	1657
Jul 2023	52%	47%	0%	1722
Jun 2023	49%	49%	2%	1563
Feb 2023	49%	48%	3%	1534
Oct 2022	49%	37%	14%	1693
Sep 2022	49%	39%	12%	1691
May 2022	49%	38%	13%	1697
Mar 2022	49%	39%	12%	1655
Feb 2022	47%	39%	14%	1626
Sep 2021	50%	40%	10%	1692
May 2021	49%	36%	16%	1687
Mar 2021	52%	36%	12%	1693
Jan 2021	51%	35%	14%	1692
Oct 2020	51%	35%	14%	1688
Sep 2020	50%	36%	14%	1691
Jun 2020	56%	32%	13%	1695
Feb 2020	51%	37%	11%	1687
Jan 2020	47%	40%	14%	1683
Nov 2019	44%	41%	15%	1682
Sep 2019	43%	40%	17%	1691
Jul 2019	42%	41%	17%	1687
May 2019	39%	44%	17%	1701
Mar 2019	46%	37%	17%	1692
Jan 2019	49%	37%	14%	1689
Dec 2018	47%	39%	15%	1685
Nov 2018	46%	38%	16%	1694
Oct 2018	45%	37%	18%	1691
Sep 2018	46%	37%	17%	1690
Jul 2018	46%	38%	15%	1703
May 2018	44%	38%	18%	1692
Apr 2018	46%	40%	14%	1697
Mar 2018	46%	38%	16%	1690
Jan 2018	51%	33%	16%	1694
Dec 2017	49%	36%	15%	1697
Nov 2017	48%	36%	16%	1690
Sep 2017	49%	39%	12%	1726
Jul 2017	50%	34%	17%	1697
May 2017	46%	38%	15%	1691
Apr 2017	49%	36%	15%	1696
Mar 2017	51%	33%	16%	1685
Jan 2017	57%	30%	13%	1686
Dec 2016	49%	38%	13%	1697
Oct 2016	46%	33%	20%	1684
Sep 2016	47%	37%	16%	1690
Jul 2016	45%	40%	15%	1687
May 2016	43%	37%	20%	1690
Apr 2016	48%	38%	14%	1694
Mar 2016	44%	39%	18%	1692
Jan 2016	46%	39%	15%	1692
Dec 2015	41%	40%	19%	1678

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Q3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
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 handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2015	45%	38%	17%	1691
Jul 2015	39%	45%	16%	1688
Jun 2015	37%	43%	20%	1694
Apr 2015	42%	43%	15%	1695
Mar 2015	45%	39%	16%	1693
Jan 2015	49%	36%	15%	1689
Dec 2014	41%	42%	17%	1681
Oct 2014	41%	42%	17%	1686
Sep 2014	37%	42%	20%	1673
Jul 2014	38%	46%	16%	1683
May 2014	40%	44%	16%	1684
Apr 2014	40%	44%	17%	1693
Mar 2014	36%	45%	19%	1685
Jan 2014	42%	44%	14%	1698
Dec 2013	38%	43%	19%	1688
Sep 2013	38%	45%	17%	1693
Jul 2013	36%	45%	19%	2096
May 2013	35%	50%	16%	1697
Apr 2013	31%	53%	15%	1699
Mar 2013	34%	49%	17%	1689
Jan 2013	41%	42%	17%	1700
Dec 2012	34%	51%	15%	1992
Oct 2012	28%	55%	17%	1995
Sep 2012	30%	53%	17%	1989
Aug 2012	29%	54%	17%	2480
May 2012	25%	57%	18%	1990
Apr 2012	25%	58%	16%	1992
Mar 2012	25%	54%	21%	1989
Jan 2012	28%	56%	16%	1988
Dec 2011	25%	55%	20%	1987
Nov 2011	25%	55%	19%	2490
Sep 2011	26%	56%	18%	1998
Jul 2011	23%	59%	18%	2496
Jun 2011	23%	58%	19%	1998
Apr 2011	21%	60%	19%	2487
Mar 2011	24%	54%	21%	1982
Feb 2011	24%	52%	24%	2483
Jan 2011	26%	55%	19%	1990
Nov 2010	14%	72%	14%	2486
Oct 2010	16%	77%	7%	1989
Sep 2010	16%	75%	9%	1990
Jul 2010	15%	68%	17%	2487
May 2010	16%	72%	12%	1993
Apr 2010	16%	69%	14%	2493
Mar 2010	14%	72%	14%	1996
Jan 2010	18%	71%	11%	1989
Dec 2009	17%	70%	13%	2000
Nov 2009	18%	68%	15%	2491
Sep 2009	21%	68%	11%	1998
Jul 2009	17%	71%	11%	2484
May 2009	21%	65%	14%	1994
Apr 2009	23%	63%	14%	2493

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Q3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that the California Legislature is
 handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Mar 2009	18%	68%	14%	1995
Feb 2009	21%	65%	14%	2494
Jan 2009	21%	67%	12%	1994
Nov 2008	24%	60%	16%	2482
Oct 2008	25%	63%	12%	1996
Sep 2008	21%	67%	11%	1990
Aug 2008	26%	63%	11%	1991
May 2008	26%	57%	17%	1991
Apr 2008	26%	58%	16%	2495
Mar 2008	30%	55%	15%	1988
Jan 2008	34%	53%	13%	1988
Dec 2007	41%	47%	12%	1992
Oct 2007	33%	50%	17%	2490
Sep 2007	34%	51%	15%	1988
Jun 2007	39%	40%	21%	1987
May 2007	37%	44%	19%	1994
Apr 2007	38%	44%	18%	2483
Mar 2007	41%	42%	17%	1989
Jan 2007	40%	44%	15%	2006
Oct 2006	30%	52%	18%	1993
Sep 2006	34%	50%	16%	1994
Aug 2006	31%	53%	16%	1995
May 2006	26%	54%	20%	1988
Mar 2006	25%	59%	16%	1988
Jan 2006	29%	57%	14%	2000
Jan 2006	24%	54%	22%	2481
Oct 2005	25%	56%	19%	1993
Sep 2005	32%	53%	15%	1992
Aug 2005	27%	56%	17%	1993
May 2005	26%	58%	16%	1992
Jan 2005	37%	50%	13%	1993
Oct 2004	43%	41%	16%	2005
Sep 2004	40%	46%	14%	1988
Aug 2004	42%	45%	13%	1990
Jun 2004	40%	44%	16%	2498
May 2004	40%	43%	17%	1986
Jan 2004	36%	45%	19%	1981
Aug 2003	28%	58%	14%	1979
Jun 2003	39%	44%	17%	1976
Feb 2003	36%	45%	19%	1967
Sep 2002	45%	36%	18%	1967
Jan 2002	49%	35%	16%	1942
Dec 2001	53%	29%	18%	1952
Jul 2001	45%	38%	18%	1966
Jan 2001	58%	27%	15%	1960
Sep 2000	56%	31%	12%	1980

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Q4. Do you think that Governor Newsom and the state legislature will be able to work together and accomplish a lot in the next year, or not?

	yes, will be able to work together	no, will not be able to work together	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	56%	41%	3%	1618
Feb 2023	61%	37%	2%	1535
Feb 2022	58%	34%	8%	1635
Jan 2021	62%	28%	10%	1695
Jan 2020	58%	31%	11%	1693
Jan 2019	67%	22%	11%	1693
Jan 2018	60%	28%	12%	1698
Jan 2017	66%	22%	11%	1694
Jan 2016	57%	32%	11%	1696
Jan 2015	59%	31%	10%	1702
Jan 2014	57%	34%	10%	1700
Jan 2013	57%	33%	11%	1702
Jan 2012	44%	47%	9%	1999
Jan 2011	58%	29%	12%	1991
May 2010	19%	73%	8%	1998
Jan 2010	28%	65%	7%	2000
Jan 2009	39%	53%	8%	1995
Jan 2008	50%	42%	7%	1994
Jun 2007	49%	40%	11%	1994
Jan 2007	62%	29%	9%	2009
Mar 2006	30%	58%	12%	1738
Jan 2006	43%	48%	9%	1998

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Q5. Do you think things in California are
 generally going in the right direction or the
 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	41%	57%	2%	1621
Dec 2023	41%	58%	1%	1650
Nov 2023	41%	57%	2%	2241
Sep 2023	44%	55%	1%	1660
Jun 2023	45%	54%	1%	1567
Feb 2023	49%	49%	2%	1537
Oct 2022	47%	48%	5%	1689
Sep 2022	50%	44%	6%	1696
May 2022	45%	50%	6%	1693
Feb 2022	50%	45%	5%	1632
Sep 2021	47%	43%	10%	1686
May 2021	56%	38%	6%	1696
Jan 2021	51%	44%	6%	1698
Oct 2020	55%	39%	5%	1690
Sep 2020	51%	45%	4%	1688
Jun 2020	58%	37%	5%	1691
Jan 2020	50%	46%	4%	1695
Sep 2019	46%	48%	6%	1696
Jan 2019	55%	40%	5%	1699
Dec 2018	54%	41%	5%	1688
Sep 2018	51%	43%	6%	1694
Jan 2018	57%	38%	6%	1700
Dec 2017	53%	41%	6%	1695
Sep 2017	54%	42%	5%	1732
Mar 2017	55%	39%	6%	1699
Jan 2017	58%	35%	7%	1695
Oct 2016	54%	39%	7%	1699
Sep 2016	52%	42%	6%	1697
May 2016	51%	43%	6%	1697
Mar 2016	50%	43%	8%	1700
Jan 2016	54%	41%	5%	1696
Dec 2015	51%	43%	6%	1690
Sep 2015	48%	46%	6%	1701
Jun 2015	45%	46%	8%	1694
Mar 2015	50%	41%	8%	1691
Jan 2015	57%	36%	8%	1699
Dec 2014	50%	42%	8%	1699
Oct 2014	47%	46%	7%	1690
Sep 2014	43%	48%	8%	1685
May 2014	45%	48%	7%	1693
Mar 2014	45%	48%	7%	1693
Jan 2014	53%	41%	6%	1697
Dec 2013	45%	46%	8%	1694
Sep 2013	43%	48%	9%	1697
Jun 2013	45%	42%	13%	2463
May 2013	46%	48%	7%	1692
Mar 2013	44%	48%	8%	1697
Jan 2013	51%	40%	9%	1701
Dec 2012	44%	50%	6%	1984
Oct 2012	39%	53%	8%	1998
Sep 2012	33%	60%	7%	1991
May 2012	30%	63%	7%	1990

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Q5. Do you think things in California are
 generally going in the right direction or the
 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Mar 2012	34%	56%	10%	1987
Jan 2012	37%	57%	6%	1988
Dec 2011	30%	61%	9%	1993
Sep 2011	30%	61%	8%	1993
Jun 2011	28%	60%	12%	2483
Jun 2011	29%	61%	10%	1993
Mar 2011	31%	59%	11%	1985
Feb 2011	34%	55%	12%	2486
Jan 2011	38%	54%	8%	1992
Oct 2010	16%	73%	12%	1977
Sep 2010	20%	69%	11%	1981
Jul 2010	15%	79%	6%	2489
May 2010	18%	77%	6%	1996
Mar 2010	19%	76%	4%	1997
Jan 2010	19%	74%	7%	1993
Dec 2009	19%	75%	6%	1999
Nov 2009	17%	76%	7%	2488
Sep 2009	22%	72%	6%	2001
Jul 2009	14%	79%	6%	2493
Jun 2009	19%	70%	11%	2490
May 2009	24%	68%	8%	1997
Mar 2009	22%	71%	7%	1995
Feb 2009	18%	75%	7%	2494
Jan 2009	18%	75%	7%	1993
Nov 2008	23%	66%	11%	2493
Oct 2008	20%	71%	10%	1987
Sep 2008	21%	68%	11%	1999
Aug 2008	23%	68%	9%	1990
Jun 2008	22%	69%	9%	2484
May 2008	24%	65%	11%	1986
Mar 2008	26%	63%	11%	1992
Jan 2008	36%	54%	10%	1989
Dec 2007	36%	52%	11%	1991
Sep 2007	41%	50%	9%	1983
Jun 2007	44%	46%	10%	1981
May 2007	46%	46%	8%	1986
Mar 2007	45%	47%	9%	1986
Jan 2007	55%	37%	8%	2003
Oct 2006	44%	46%	10%	1991
Sep 2006	45%	45%	10%	1996
Aug 2006	42%	47%	11%	1993
Jul 2006	42%	47%	11%	2489
May 2006	35%	57%	8%	1997
Mar 2006	35%	56%	9%	1994
Feb 2006	32%	58%	10%	1990
Jan 2006	37%	56%	7%	1995
Jan 2006	29%	60%	11%	2492
Oct 2005	30%	60%	10%	1987
Sep 2005	31%	60%	9%	1991
Aug 2005	34%	57%	9%	1995
Jul 2005	38%	51%	12%	2488
May 2005	35%	57%	8%	1993
Apr 2005	35%	53%	11%	2491

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Q5. Do you think things in California are
 generally going in the right direction or the
 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jan 2005	46%	41%	13%	1994
Oct 2004	44%	44%	11%	2003
Sep 2004	47%	40%	13%	1990
Aug 2004	44%	42%	13%	1985
Jul 2004	43%	43%	14%	2491
Jun 2004	44%	44%	13%	2484
May 2004	43%	44%	14%	1991
Feb 2004	35%	51%	14%	1970
Jan 2004	43%	40%	17%	1975
Nov 2003	32%	52%	15%	1984
Oct 2003	22%	67%	11%	1979
Sep 2003	24%	67%	9%	1971
Aug 2003	22%	66%	12%	1979
Jul 2003	31%	57%	12%	1978
Jun 2003	30%	57%	13%	1978
Feb 2003	28%	60%	11%	1967
Nov 2002	49%	41%	10%	1966
Oct 2002	46%	45%	10%	1960
Sep 2002	54%	37%	9%	1971
Aug 2002	44%	48%	9%	1971
Feb 2002	56%	36%	9%	2016
Jan 2002	59%	32%	9%	1942
Dec 2001	58%	33%	9%	1966
Nov 2001	60%	29%	11%	1966
Jul 2001	44%	47%	9%	1986
May 2001	44%	48%	8%	1981
Jan 2001	62%	29%	9%	1973
Oct 2000	59%	32%	9%	1978
Aug 2000	62%	30%	8%	1972
Feb 2000	65%	27%	8%	2021
Jan 2000	66%	26%	8%	1979
Dec 1999	62%	31%	7%	1985
Sep 1999	61%	34%	5%	1988
Jan 1999	63%	28%	9%	1964
Oct 1998	62%	30%	8%	1992
Sep 1998	57%	34%	8%	1995
May 1998	56%	34%	9%	1983
Apr 1998	55%	36%	9%	1972

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Q6. How much of the time do you think you can trust the state government in Sacramento today to do that is right—just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

	just about always	most of the time	only some of the time	none of the time (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	6%	34%	58%	1%	2%	1622
Feb 2023	8%	38%	53%	0%	1%	1538
Sep 2021	12%	35%	43%	8%	3%	1698
May 2018	9%	32%	47%	9%	3%	1696
Jun 2015	6%	25%	61%	6%	2%	1701
Dec 2014	7%	25%	61%	5%	2%	1699
May 2014	5%	25%	59%	8%	2%	1696
Dec 2013	5%	20%	63%	8%	3%	1694
May 2013	7%	25%	60%	6%	2%	1700
Oct 2012	4%	23%	63%	8%	2%	2006
Dec 2011	4%	19%	65%	9%	2%	1997
Jun 2011	5%	22%	65%	7%	1%	2000
Oct 2010	3%	15%	67%	12%	3%	1993
Sep 2009	4%	19%	67%	9%	2%	2000
May 2009	4%	19%	65%	9%	3%	2002
Aug 2008	5%	27%	58%	7%	2%	1994
Mar 2008	4%	28%	59%	6%	4%	1998
Sep 2007	5%	24%	64%	5%	2%	1999
Mar 2007	4%	28%	61%	5%	2%	1999
Aug 2006	7%	24%	63%	4%	2%	2000
Aug 2005	5%	25%	62%	5%	3%	2001
May 2005	6%	23%	63%	6%	2%	1996
Jan 2005	5%	25%	63%	5%	2%	2000
May 2004	5%	27%	60%	5%	2%	1993
Jan 2004	5%	22%	64%	6%	2%	1983
Oct 2003	4%	23%	66%	4%	3%	1992
Sep 2003	7%	21%	61%	9%	2%	1980
Jun 2003	5%	29%	60%	4%	3%	1981
Feb 2003	7%	29%	58%	4%	2%	1986
Dec 2002	7%	28%	59%	4%	1%	1976
Aug 2002	5%	32%	57%	4%	2%	1982
Jan 2002	5%	42%	49%	1%	3%	1958
Jan 2001	7%	40%	50%	2%	2%	1982
Jan 1999	4%	34%	60%	1%	2%	1972

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Q7. Would you say the state government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves, or that it is run for the benefit of all of the people?

	a few big interests	benefit of all of the people	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	70%	27%	2%	1617
Feb 2023	67%	31%	2%	1535
Jun 2015	62%	30%	8%	1675
Dec 2014	67%	28%	5%	1682
May 2014	60%	32%	7%	1684
Dec 2013	65%	25%	10%	1683
May 2013	61%	31%	8%	1686
Oct 2012	67%	26%	7%	1988
Dec 2011	67%	25%	9%	1981
Jun 2011	67%	26%	7%	1990
Oct 2010	75%	17%	9%	1968
Sep 2009	73%	20%	7%	1980
May 2009	68%	23%	8%	1994
Aug 2008	67%	24%	9%	1983
Mar 2008	63%	26%	11%	1988
Sep 2007	69%	24%	7%	1982
Mar 2007	64%	28%	9%	1982
Aug 2006	66%	27%	7%	1989
Aug 2005	65%	26%	9%	1990
May 2005	67%	25%	8%	1989
Jan 2004	65%	25%	10%	1970
Jan 2002	54%	38%	8%	1934
Jan 2001	60%	31%	9%	1974
Jan 1999	64%	29%	6%	1960

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Q8. Do you think the people in the state government waste a lot of the money we pay in taxes, wastes some of it, or don't waste much of it?

	a lot	some	don't waste very much	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	48%	43%	8%	1%	1619
Feb 2023	45%	46%	8%	1%	1538
Jun 2015	52%	36%	9%	3%	1702
Dec 2014	54%	35%	8%	2%	1699
May 2014	48%	41%	6%	5%	1699
Dec 2013	54%	34%	6%	5%	1697
May 2013	54%	32%	10%	4%	1704
Oct 2012	60%	32%	6%	3%	2004
May 2012	57%	31%	8%	4%	2000
Dec 2011	57%	32%	7%	4%	1998
Jun 2011	54%	39%	5%	2%	2001
Oct 2010	66%	26%	6%	3%	1994
Sep 2009	62%	31%	5%	2%	2004
May 2009	63%	30%	5%	3%	1998
Aug 2008	60%	32%	6%	3%	1998
Mar 2008	57%	33%	6%	4%	1996
Sep 2007	53%	36%	8%	4%	2001
Mar 2007	55%	35%	7%	3%	1998
Aug 2006	58%	35%	4%	3%	2000
Aug 2005	61%	31%	6%	3%	2000
May 2005	55%	35%	7%	3%	1999
Jan 2004	56%	35%	5%	4%	1986
Jun 2003	52%	39%	7%	2%	1983
Feb 2003	55%	35%	6%	3%	1988
Jan 2002	38%	52%	7%	2%	1959
Jan 2001	47%	43%	8%	2%	1982
Jan 1999	52%	41%	5%	2%	1972

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Q9. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	36%	62%	2%	1622
Dec 2023	33%	65%	2%	1657
Nov 2023	33%	64%	3%	2242
Sep 2023	32%	66%	2%	1666
Jun 2023	30%	69%	2%	1571
Feb 2023	32%	66%	2%	1538
Nov 2022	30%	69%	1%	2300
Jul 2022	31%	68%	1%	1646
Apr 2022	40%	57%	4%	1584
Nov 2021	47%	52%	1%	2288
Jul 2021	54%	44%	1%	1564
Apr 2021	54%	44%	2%	1597
Dec 2020	31%	68%	1%	2321
Jul 2020	19%	80%	1%	1558
Apr 2020	19%	79%	1%	1631
Jan 2020	49%	43%	8%	1694
Sep 2019	41%	50%	10%	1694
May 2019	44%	47%	9%	1702
Jan 2019	49%	42%	9%	1697
Dec 2018	46%	45%	9%	1687
Oct 2018	48%	39%	12%	1693
Sep 2018	53%	37%	10%	1689
May 2018	51%	39%	10%	1694
Jan 2018	56%	35%	10%	1695
Sep 2017	51%	40%	9%	1728
Mar 2017	51%	40%	9%	1696
Jan 2017	53%	35%	12%	1691
Oct 2016	47%	38%	15%	1696
Sep 2016	48%	40%	12%	1693
May 2016	50%	39%	11%	1691
Mar 2016	51%	40%	9%	1695
Jan 2016	49%	43%	8%	1693
Dec 2015	48%	41%	11%	1689
Sep 2015	48%	42%	9%	1700
Jun 2015	48%	42%	10%	1695
Mar 2015	52%	38%	10%	1686
Jan 2015	58%	34%	8%	1691
Dec 2014	52%	39%	9%	1684
Oct 2014	45%	44%	11%	1694
Sep 2014	44%	45%	10%	1687
May 2014	44%	47%	9%	1689
Mar 2014	46%	45%	10%	1693
Jan 2014	49%	45%	6%	1692
Dec 2013	43%	48%	9%	1692
Sep 2013	46%	44%	10%	1694
Jun 2013	46%	42%	12%	2468
May 2013	48%	44%	8%	1685
Mar 2013	44%	49%	8%	1691
Jan 2013	49%	40%	11%	1695
Dec 2012	41%	50%	9%	1987
Oct 2012	37%	53%	11%	1995

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Q9. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2012	33%	57%	10%	1983
May 2012	31%	61%	8%	1986
Mar 2012	34%	56%	10%	1994
Jan 2012	35%	56%	9%	1988
Dec 2011	31%	60%	9%	1986
Sep 2011	25%	67%	8%	1993
Jun 2011	26%	63%	11%	2479
Jun 2011	34%	58%	8%	1995
Mar 2011	30%	61%	8%	1987
Feb 2011	34%	54%	11%	2481
Jan 2011	36%	56%	7%	1989
Oct 2010	25%	62%	13%	1971
Sep 2010	29%	59%	12%	1984
Jul 2010	25%	67%	7%	2487
May 2010	28%	65%	8%	1990
Mar 2010	27%	65%	8%	1991
Jan 2010	25%	67%	8%	1990
Dec 2009	28%	66%	6%	1995
Nov 2009	23%	69%	8%	2487
Sep 2009	26%	67%	7%	1996
Jul 2009	18%	75%	7%	2493
Jun 2009	24%	69%	7%	2498
May 2009	25%	67%	8%	1998
Mar 2009	22%	71%	6%	1999
Feb 2009	22%	73%	6%	2496
Jan 2009	18%	77%	5%	1998
Nov 2008	20%	71%	10%	2489
Oct 2008	18%	74%	8%	1995
Sep 2008	20%	68%	11%	1996
Aug 2008	21%	71%	8%	1995
Jul 2008	15%	78%	6%	2498
Jun 2008	15%	78%	7%	2495
May 2008	17%	73%	10%	1988
Mar 2008	16%	76%	9%	1998
Jan 2008	20%	72%	9%	1991
Dec 2007	25%	65%	10%	1993
Sep 2007	33%	59%	8%	1992
Jun 2007	40%	49%	10%	1987
May 2007	38%	50%	12%	1990
Mar 2007	40%	51%	9%	1989
Jan 2007	50%	39%	11%	2009
Oct 2006	50%	37%	13%	1994
Sep 2006	45%	43%	12%	1999
Aug 2006	43%	46%	12%	1993
Jul 2006	39%	46%	15%	2494
May 2006	37%	52%	12%	1994
Mar 2006	45%	43%	12%	1989
Feb 2006	42%	45%	13%	1995
Jan 2006	48%	42%	11%	1997
Jan 2006	41%	46%	13%	2487
Oct 2005	34%	56%	10%	1990
Sep 2005	32%	58%	10%	1993

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Q9. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Aug 2005	38%	51%	11%	1994
Jul 2005	42%	43%	15%	2489
May 2005	39%	49%	12%	1990
Apr 2005	38%	51%	11%	2492
Jan 2005	47%	39%	13%	1992
Oct 2004	42%	43%	14%	2007
Sep 2004	46%	40%	14%	1990
Aug 2004	45%	40%	15%	1989
Jul 2004	48%	40%	12%	2488
Jun 2004	41%	46%	13%	2479
May 2004	42%	44%	14%	1991
Feb 2004	43%	44%	13%	1974
Jan 2004	49%	36%	15%	1983
Nov 2003	39%	47%	14%	1985
Oct 2003	36%	43%	22%	1965
Sep 2003	32%	50%	18%	1959
Aug 2003	30%	53%	17%	1967
Jul 2003	34%	55%	10%	1977
Jun 2003	32%	58%	10%	1972
Feb 2003	20%	71%	10%	1978
Nov 2002	44%	46%	10%	1964
Oct 2002	38%	51%	12%	1960
Sep 2002	43%	46%	10%	1976
Aug 2002	39%	51%	10%	1976
Feb 2002	46%	47%	7%	2021
Jan 2002	48%	46%	6%	1950
Dec 2001	37%	56%	7%	1969
Nov 2001	33%	59%	9%	1970
Jul 2001	41%	50%	9%	1983
May 2001	38%	56%	6%	1984
Jan 2001	51%	38%	11%	1975
Aug 2000	72%	21%	7%	1970
Feb 2000	78%	15%	7%	2028
Dec 1999	76%	19%	6%	1992
Sep 1999	72%	23%	5%	1997

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Q10. Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect the economy in your local area to be
 [ROTATE 1 TO 5 AND 5 TO 1] [1] much stronger, [2] somewhat stronger, [3] about the same, [4]
 somewhat weaker, or [5] much weaker than it is now?

	much stronger	somewhat stronger	about the same	somewhat weaker	much weaker	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	2%	13%	46%	23%	15%	1%	1625
Dec 2023	2%	11%	46%	27%	12%	1%	1653
Sep 2023	1%	11%	49%	25%	13%	0%	1667

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Q11. Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect your personal financial situation to be
 [ROTATE TOP 1 TO 5 AND 5 TO 1] [1] much stronger, [2] somewhat stronger, [3] about the same,
 [4] somewhat weaker, or [5] much weaker than it is now?

	much stronger	somewhat stronger	about the same	somewhat weaker	much weaker	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	4%	17%	52%	17%	10%	1%	1626
Dec 2023	4%	16%	54%	18%	7%	1%	1656
Sep 2023	3%	16%	55%	19%	6%	0%	1666

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Q12. Compared to 6 months ago, are you NOW
 [ROTATE] [1] more or [2] less comfortable
 making a major purchase, like a home or car?

	more comfortable	less comfortable	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	25%	74%	2%	1620
Dec 2023	25%	74%	1%	1649
Sep 2023	24%	75%	1%	1659

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Q14. Thinking of the last 6 months, have you,
 someone in your family or someone else you
 know personally lost their job as a result of
 economic conditions?

	yes	no	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	21%	79%	1%	1626
Dec 2023	20%	79%	1%	1656
Sep 2023	20%	80%	0%	1664

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Q15. Now look ahead at the next six months. How likely is it that you, someone in your family or someone else you know personally will lose their job in the next six months as a result of economic conditions?

	extremely likely	very likely	somewhat likely	not very likely	not at all likely	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	3%	6%	28%	44%	18%	1%	1624
Dec 2023	4%	6%	26%	41%	22%	2%	1656
Sep 2023	2%	4%	30%	43%	20%	1%	1665

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Q30. Do you think the state budget situation in California—that is, the balance between government spending and revenues—is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem for the people of California today?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not a problem	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	40%	48%	10%	2%	1617
Jun 2023	36%	52%	10%	2%	1571
Feb 2023	34%	51%	13%	2%	1533
May 2022	35%	38%	18%	8%	1695
Feb 2022	39%	36%	19%	7%	1633
May 2021	36%	37%	19%	7%	1696
Jan 2021	38%	41%	12%	9%	1702
Jun 2020	46%	38%	10%	6%	1698
Jan 2020	42%	37%	14%	6%	1705
May 2019	45%	36%	12%	7%	1700
Jan 2019	40%	38%	18%	4%	1701
Jan 2018	43%	35%	15%	7%	1701
May 2017	43%	37%	13%	7%	1702
Jan 2017	37%	45%	13%	5%	1698
May 2016	44%	37%	13%	6%	1702
Mar 2016	48%	36%	11%	5%	1705
Jan 2016	42%	40%	14%	5%	1697
Dec 2015	45%	36%	11%	8%	1697
Jun 2015	47%	36%	12%	5%	1702
Mar 2015	45%	36%	11%	8%	1699
Jan 2015	46%	39%	11%	4%	1703
Dec 2014	51%	39%	8%	3%	1695
Oct 2014	54%	33%	7%	6%	1698
Sep 2014	55%	32%	7%	6%	1695
May 2014	52%	38%	5%	4%	1698
Jan 2014	50%	40%	7%	3%	1704
Sep 2013	58%	33%	5%	4%	1700
May 2013	61%	30%	6%	2%	1703
Mar 2013	65%	27%	5%	2%	1701
Jan 2013	63%	28%	6%	3%	1703
Dec 2012	68%	26%	4%	2%	1997
Oct 2012	70%	25%	2%	2%	2005
Sep 2012	69%	24%	2%	4%	1998
May 2012	69%	23%	3%	5%	2002
Apr 2012	71%	22%	3%	3%	2004
Mar 2012	67%	24%	5%	4%	2000
Jan 2012	64%	30%	4%	2%	2001
Dec 2011	69%	24%	3%	4%	2001
Sep 2011	68%	27%	2%	3%	1999
Jun 2011	70%	24%	4%	2%	2004
Mar 2011	68%	24%	4%	3%	1999
Jan 2011	68%	26%	3%	3%	2002
Sep 2010	80%	17%	2%	2%	2002
May 2010	81%	15%	1%	3%	2001
Mar 2010	77%	19%	2%	2%	2001
Jan 2010	75%	21%	2%	2%	2000
Dec 2009	78%	18%	2%	2%	1999
Sep 2009	78%	18%	2%	2%	2002
May 2009	74%	22%	2%	3%	2004
Mar 2009	75%	20%	2%	3%	2001
Jan 2009	75%	20%	2%	2%	2000

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Q30. Do you think the state budget situation in California—that is, the balance between government spending and revenues—is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem for the people of California today?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not a problem	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Oct 2008	74%	22%	2%	2%	2003
Sep 2008	78%	19%	1%	2%	2001
Aug 2008	73%	21%	4%	2%	1999
May 2008	67%	27%	4%	3%	2000
Mar 2008	68%	26%	3%	4%	1998
Jan 2008	64%	30%	3%	3%	1997
May 2007	44%	43%	6%	6%	1996
Jan 2007	45%	42%	7%	6%	2011
May 2006	58%	31%	5%	6%	1998
Jan 2006	61%	30%	4%	4%	2002

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Q31. Thinking about these four areas of state spending, I'd like you to name the one you think should have the highest priority when it comes to state government spending, K--12 public education, higher education, health and human services, prisons and corrections?

	K-12 public education	higher education	health and human services	prisons and correction	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	38%	8%	45%	7%	1%	1615
Feb 2023	43%	7%	42%	7%	2%	1534
Mar 2022	37%	10%	43%	7%	3%	1654
Mar 2021	39%	12%	40%	6%	3%	1689
Jan 2020	39%	13%	39%	6%	2%	1670
Jan 2019	46%	16%	32%	4%	3%	1682
Jan 2017	44%	19%	30%	4%	2%	1690
Jan 2016	49%	20%	26%	3%	2%	1690
Jan 2015	53%	20%	18%	6%	2%	1694

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Q28. In general, which of the following statements do you agree with more—[ROTATE]
 [1] I'd rather pay higher taxes and have a state government that provides more services, [OR]
 [2] I'd rather pay lower taxes and have a state government that provides fewer services?

	higher taxes and more services	lower taxes and fewer services	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2023	45%	52%	2%	1528
Mar 2022	51%	44%	5%	1642
Mar 2021	52%	44%	4%	1672
Jan 2020	53%	43%	4%	1673
Dec 2018	51%	45%	5%	1660
Sep 2018	50%	44%	6%	1666
Jan 2017	52%	43%	5%	1678
Dec 2015	48%	45%	7%	1665
Dec 2014	50%	44%	6%	1660
Sep 2014	47%	46%	6%	1666
Jan 2014	51%	44%	5%	1666
May 2013	48%	44%	8%	1653
Dec 2012	55%	40%	6%	1953
May 2012	58%	37%	5%	1965
Jan 2012	51%	41%	8%	1971
Jan 2011	49%	46%	4%	1965
Mar 2010	46%	45%	9%	1958
Sep 2009	51%	39%	10%	1951
May 2009	48%	43%	9%	1973
Jan 2009	51%	42%	7%	1979
May 2008	49%	43%	8%	1964
Jan 2008	46%	45%	9%	1955
May 2007	52%	39%	9%	1946
Jan 2007	53%	40%	8%	1977
May 2006	55%	38%	7%	1984
Jan 2006	61%	31%	8%	1978
May 2005	46%	46%	8%	1974
Jan 2005	49%	44%	7%	1973
May 2004	51%	42%	8%	1976
Jan 2004	43%	48%	9%	1957
Sep 2003	43%	47%	10%	1941
Jun 2003	49%	45%	6%	1952
Feb 2003	49%	45%	6%	1940

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Q36. As you may know, the state government currently has an annual general fund budget of around \$208.7 billion dollars and faces a \$38.9-billion-dollar gap between spending and revenues. How would you prefer to deal with the state's budget gap—mostly through spending cuts, mostly through tax increases, through a mix of spending cuts and tax increases, or do you think that it is okay for the state to borrow money and run a budget deficit?

	mostly through spending cuts	mostly through tax increases	through a mix of spending cuts and tax increases	okay to borrow money and run a budget deficit	other (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	41%	9%	39%	6%		4%	1616
Oct 2012	37%	11%	39%	7%	1%	6%	1996
Sep 2012	33%	12%	39%	6%	3%	7%	1988
May 2012	35%	12%	39%	5%	2%	7%	1986
Apr 2012	34%	12%	43%	5%	1%	5%	1998
Mar 2012	34%	11%	37%	8%	3%	7%	1993
Jan 2012	35%	13%	40%	6%	1%	4%	1997
Dec 2011	30%	11%	41%	9%	3%	6%	1993
Jun 2011	36%	9%	40%	8%	3%	4%	1992
Mar 2011	37%	9%	38%	7%	2%	8%	1991
Jan 2011	36%	9%	42%	7%	1%	5%	2000
Sep 2010	40%	7%	40%	7%	2%	5%	1990
May 2010	39%	7%	42%	6%	2%	4%	1990
Mar 2010	39%	6%	38%	8%	3%	6%	1992
Jan 2010	37%	9%	41%	6%	3%	4%	1995
Dec 2009	39%	8%	37%	8%	2%	5%	1994
Jan 2009	33%	8%	44%	7%	4%	5%	1998
Oct 2008	37%	8%	38%	9%	2%	7%	2001
Sep 2008	36%	7%	43%	5%	3%	6%	1988
Aug 2008	35%	8%	41%	8%	3%	5%	1994
May 2008	33%	8%	43%	6%	3%	6%	1990
Mar 2008	30%	8%	42%	9%	3%	7%	1992
Jan 2008	37%	8%	41%	7%	3%	5%	1988
Dec 2007	42%	7%	36%	7%	3%	5%	1996
May 2005	29%	11%	43%	7%	3%	7%	1996
Jan 2005	34%	11%	40%	6%	3%	5%	1997
Jan 2004	28%	7%	50%	8%	2%	5%	1983
Sep 2003	31%	8%	42%	8%	4%	7%	1973
Feb 2003	32%	7%	43%	9%	3%	6%	1986

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Q37. How much of a problem is poverty in your part of California? Is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not much of a problem	Not a problem at all	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	43%	46%	11%		1%	1626
Jun 2023	42%	48%	9%		1%	1576
Sep 2015	62%	30%	6%		2%	1706
May 2014	68%	25%	7%		0%	1700
Jan 2006	57%	30%	9%	3%	2%	2003

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Q38. How much do you think government policies and programs can do to reduce poverty in California—a lot, some, not much, or nothing at all?

	a lot	some	not much	nothing at all	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	26%	40%	24%	9%	1%	1623
Jan 2020	45%	31%	15%	7%	2%	1702

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Q39. Would you favor or oppose the federal government providing a guaranteed income, sometimes called a "Universal Basic Income," of about \$1,000 a month for all adult citizens, whether or not they work?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	47%	51%	2%	1621
Nov 2023	46%	52%	2%	2227
Nov 2022	48%	52%	0%	2286
Nov 2021	48%	52%	0%	2270
Dec 2020	50%	50%	0%	2299

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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Q40. Do you favor or oppose a policy that would increase the current minimum wage from \$15 per hour to \$16 in 2024 and subsequently by \$1 each year until it reaches \$18?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	65%	34%	1%	1621
Nov 2023	70%	29%	2%	2233

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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Q41. Do you think the gap between the rich and the poor in your part of California is getting larger, getting smaller, or has it stayed the same?

	getting larger	getting smaller	has stayed the same	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	70%	7%	21%	2%	1627
Jun 2023	70%	5%	24%	1%	1574
Nov 2022	71%	5%	23%	1%	2303
Nov 2021	69%	6%	25%	1%	2282
May 2021	62%	5%	29%	4%	1692
Dec 2020	69%	6%	25%	0%	2321
Jan 2020	63%	3%	32%	2%	1703
Mar 2019	67%	5%	26%	3%	1702
May 2017	61%	2%	33%	4%	1702

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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Q42. Which comes closer to your view? In today's economy, everyone has a fair chance to get ahead in the long run OR In today's economy, it's mainly just a few people at the top who have a chance to get ahead.

	everyone has a fair chance	just a few people at the top have a chance	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	31%	67%	2%	1621
Mar 2016	48%	48%	4%	1702
Mar 2015	49%	48%	3%	1688
Mar 2014	49%	47%	4%	1687

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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Q43. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that Joe Biden is handling his job as
 president of the United States?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	42%	56%	2%	1610
Dec 2023	47%	52%	1%	1636
Sep 2023	49%	49%	2%	1646
Jul 2023	50%	50%	0%	1718
Jun 2023	51%	47%	2%	1559
Feb 2023	53%	45%	2%	1523
Oct 2022	53%	43%	4%	1694
Sep 2022	53%	42%	4%	1683
May 2022	50%	44%	5%	1693
Mar 2022	50%	47%	3%	1664
Feb 2022	53%	43%	3%	1630
Sep 2021	58%	38%	4%	1695
May 2021	66%	30%	5%	1694
Mar 2021	65%	30%	5%	1696
Jan 2021	70%	24%	7%	1693

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Q44. How much confidence do you have in President Biden to make the right decisions for the country's future—a great deal of confidence, a good amount, just some, or none at all?

	great deal of confidence	a good amount	just some	none at all	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	12%	25%	27%	35%	1%	1619
Feb 2023	12%	32%	28%	27%	1%	1533
Jan 2021	28%	30%	20%	20%	2%	1698

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Q45. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that the U.S. Congress is handling its
 job?

	Approve	Disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	19%	78%	3%	1618
Dec 2023	21%	75%	3%	1644
Sep 2023	23%	74%	3%	1655
Jul 2023	27%	73%	1%	1719
Jun 2023	24%	72%	4%	1555
Feb 2023	27%	70%	3%	1523
Oct 2022	37%	57%	7%	1690
Sep 2022	39%	55%	6%	1686
May 2022	32%	59%	9%	1692
Mar 2022	37%	57%	5%	1661
Feb 2022	32%	60%	8%	1633
Sep 2021	41%	52%	7%	1686
May 2021	43%	49%	8%	1692
Mar 2021	42%	51%	6%	1700
Jan 2021	42%	51%	7%	1693
Oct 2020	36%	57%	7%	1687
Sep 2020	31%	63%	6%	1684
Jun 2020	38%	55%	7%	1683
Feb 2020	38%	56%	6%	1688
Jan 2020	38%	55%	7%	1684
Nov 2019	28%	64%	8%	1690
Sep 2019	33%	58%	9%	1680
Jul 2019	25%	65%	9%	1696
May 2019	30%	63%	7%	1690
Mar 2019	36%	56%	8%	1690
Jan 2019	34%	59%	7%	1690
Dec 2018	29%	62%	9%	1686
Oct 2018	25%	64%	11%	1689
Sep 2018	28%	61%	10%	1694
Jul 2018	20%	71%	9%	1697
May 2018	24%	66%	10%	1684
Mar 2018	29%	65%	6%	1697
Jan 2018	21%	72%	7%	1698
Dec 2017	22%	70%	8%	1700
Sep 2017	24%	70%	6%	1726
Jul 2017	24%	68%	8%	1702
May 2017	26%	66%	8%	1695
Mar 2017	36%	55%	9%	1692
Jan 2017	33%	58%	9%	1689
Oct 2016	31%	59%	10%	1703
Sep 2016	29%	65%	6%	1699
Jul 2016	28%	66%	6%	1696
May 2016	28%	67%	6%	1696
Mar 2016	24%	70%	6%	1706
Jan 2016	32%	63%	5%	1694
Dec 2015	26%	67%	7%	1697
Sep 2015	32%	62%	7%	1702
Jul 2015	29%	63%	9%	1690
Jun 2015	27%	68%	5%	1701
Mar 2015	24%	69%	7%	1694
Jan 2015	38%	55%	7%	1700
Oct 2014	24%	68%	8%	1689

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Q45. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that the U.S. Congress is handling its
 job?

	Approve	Disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2014	24%	66%	10%	1682
Jul 2014	22%	72%	6%	1690
May 2014	24%	69%	7%	1697
Mar 2014	19%	74%	7%	1695
Jan 2014	26%	69%	5%	1702
Dec 2013	18%	76%	6%	1693
Sep 2013	28%	65%	8%	1682
Jul 2013	30%	62%	7%	2092
May 2013	31%	62%	6%	1696
Mar 2013	29%	67%	4%	1696
Jan 2013	34%	59%	7%	1700
Oct 2012	26%	67%	7%	2000
Sep 2012	27%	67%	7%	1989
Aug 2012	27%	66%	7%	2485
May 2012	22%	69%	8%	1993
Mar 2012	24%	68%	8%	1992
Jan 2012	25%	69%	5%	1993
Dec 2011	20%	75%	5%	1988
Sep 2011	27%	64%	9%	1996
Jul 2011	25%	65%	10%	2495
Mar 2011	30%	58%	12%	1988
Oct 2010	31%	64%	5%	1988
Sep 2010	26%	66%	8%	1990
May 2010	31%	61%	8%	1997
Mar 2010	24%	68%	8%	1992
Jan 2010	36%	55%	9%	1991
Dec 2009	38%	54%	8%	1994
Sep 2009	39%	54%	7%	2000
May 2009	47%	43%	10%	1998
Mar 2009	43%	47%	10%	1993
Jan 2009	37%	56%	7%	1997
Oct 2008	23%	71%	6%	1993
Sep 2008	29%	63%	9%	1991
Aug 2008	27%	64%	9%	1990
Mar 2008	33%	55%	12%	1992
Dec 2007	31%	62%	7%	1992
Sep 2007	33%	57%	10%	1990
Jun 2007	33%	54%	13%	1989
Jan 2007	42%	44%	13%	2006
Sep 2006	37%	54%	9%	1994
Mar 2006	35%	54%	11%	1992
Oct 2005	42%	46%	11%	1996

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Q46. Do you think that President Biden and the U.S. Congress will be able to work together and accomplish a lot in the next year, or not?

	yes, will be able to work together	no, will not be able to work together	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	25%	72%	3%	1619
Feb 2023	27%	70%	3%	1530
Feb 2022	36%	59%	5%	1636
Jan 2021	69%	26%	5%	1699
Jan 2020	18%	78%	4%	1701
Jan 2019	25%	72%	3%	1703
Jan 2018	29%	67%	4%	1700
Jan 2017	50%	44%	6%	1692
Jan 2015	35%	61%	4%	1703
Jan 2014	37%	60%	3%	1704
Jan 2013	51%	44%	5%	1703
Jan 2012	35%	62%	3%	1998
Jan 2010	56%	38%	6%	1999
May 2009	74%	19%	6%	1999
Jan 2009	81%	14%	5%	1995
Jun 2007	28%	68%	5%	1998
Jan 2007	38%	56%	6%	2012

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Q47. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that the U.S. Supreme Court is
 handling its job?

	Approve	Disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	32%	65%	3%	1616
Sep 2023	30%	68%	3%	1656
Feb 2023	37%	59%	3%	1525
Jan 2017	57%	32%	11%	1687
May 2016	45%	42%	13%	1689
Aug 2005	52%	33%	14%	1991

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Q48. Do you think things in the United States
 are generally going in the right direction or the
 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	23%	75%	2%	1618
Sep 2023	29%	70%	1%	1658
Jun 2023	26%	72%	2%	1568
Feb 2023	30%	67%	2%	1528
Oct 2022	33%	62%	5%	1696
Sep 2022	35%	59%	6%	1687
May 2022	30%	63%	6%	1685
Feb 2022	38%	56%	6%	1624
Sep 2021	46%	50%	5%	1687
May 2021	53%	43%	4%	1698
Jan 2021	52%	43%	6%	1699
Oct 2020	33%	62%	5%	1690
Nov 2019	34%	61%	5%	1677
Jan 2019	30%	66%	3%	1686
Oct 2018	36%	57%	7%	1693
Dec 2017	29%	65%	6%	1692
May 2017	29%	65%	6%	1689
Jan 2017	36%	57%	7%	1689
Oct 2016	43%	50%	7%	1697
Mar 2016	40%	56%	4%	1702
Sep 2015	44%	51%	5%	1690
Mar 2015	40%	54%	6%	1690
Mar 2014	39%	56%	5%	1691
Dec 2013	35%	57%	7%	1693
Jan 2013	56%	39%	5%	1701
Oct 2012	46%	49%	5%	1998
Sep 2011	30%	65%	5%	1989
Oct 2010	36%	58%	6%	1982
Dec 2009	42%	53%	5%	1997
May 2009	57%	37%	6%	2000
Jan 2009	32%	62%	6%	1993
Aug 2008	21%	74%	5%	1994
Mar 2008	22%	73%	6%	1997
Jun 2007	31%	63%	6%	1982
Jan 2007	34%	60%	6%	2003
Oct 2006	31%	62%	7%	1992
Sep 2005	34%	62%	5%	2002
Jan 2005	43%	51%	5%	1997
Sep 2004	42%	54%	4%	1995
Sep 2003	42%	51%	7%	1979

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Q49. How much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government in Washington today to do that is right—just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

	just about always	most of the time	only some of the time	none of the time (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	3%	24%	71%	1%	1%	1619
Feb 2023	2%	30%	66%	0%	1%	1532
May 2022	5%	20%	60%	12%	3%	1693
Sep 2021	10%	28%	52%	8%	2%	1700
Jan 2021	7%	33%	49%	9%	2%	1696
Jun 2020	6%	18%	64%	9%	2%	1695
Jan 2020	5%	19%	66%	8%	2%	1700
May 2018	6%	18%	62%	11%	3%	1693
Mar 2017	7%	22%	62%	7%	2%	1701
Oct 2016	7%	26%	55%	9%	2%	1699
Jun 2015	8%	19%	65%	7%	1%	1697
May 2014	5%	21%	64%	8%	1%	1698
Dec 2013	6%	18%	65%	10%	2%	1696
Oct 2012	7%	24%	63%	5%	1%	1999
Dec 2011	6%	14%	69%	10%	1%	1998
Oct 2010	5%	25%	60%	9%	2%	1992
May 2009	6%	30%	56%	6%	2%	2000
Oct 2008	4%	18%	66%	11%	2%	1999
Mar 2008	5%	22%	64%	7%	2%	1994
Sep 2007	4%	19%	67%	8%	2%	1996
Mar 2007	5%	23%	64%	5%	2%	1999
Oct 2006	5%	21%	62%	10%	2%	1997
Oct 2005	6%	23%	59%	9%	3%	1997
Jan 2005	6%	26%	59%	7%	1%	1999
Feb 2004	5%	25%	57%	10%	3%	1985
Feb 2003	7%	31%	56%	3%	2%	1982
Dec 2002	7%	30%	57%	5%	1%	1975
Aug 2002	7%	30%	58%	4%	1%	1979
Jan 2002	7%	39%	52%	1%	1%	1954
Oct 2000	4%	29%	62%	4%	1%	1980
Jan 2000	7%	26%	62%	5%	1%	1986
Dec 1999	6%	26%	63%	5%	1%	1992
Sep 1998	5%	28%	63%	4%	0%	1998
May 1998	3%	21%	59%	16%	1%	2001
Apr 1998	3%	23%	62%	12%	0%	1980

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Q50. Would you say the federal government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves, or that it is run for the benefit of all of the people?

	a few big interests	benefit of all of the people	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	80%	18%	2%	1617
Feb 2023	82%	16%	2%	1528
May 2022	73%	22%	5%	1687
Jan 2020	77%	18%	5%	1675
Mar 2017	70%	25%	5%	1694
Oct 2016	64%	28%	8%	1688
Jun 2015	72%	23%	5%	1684
May 2014	70%	23%	7%	1686
Dec 2013	73%	22%	6%	1681
Oct 2012	67%	28%	5%	1983
Dec 2011	73%	21%	6%	1986
Oct 2010	68%	24%	7%	1971
May 2009	59%	34%	7%	1994
Oct 2008	74%	20%	6%	1991
Mar 2008	67%	26%	7%	1986
Sep 2007	71%	23%	7%	1983
Mar 2007	70%	24%	7%	1988
Feb 2004	67%	25%	8%	1959
Jan 2002	57%	34%	9%	1931
Oct 2000	64%	29%	7%	1971
Sep 1998	70%	25%	6%	1984

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Q51. Do you think the people in the federal government waste a lot of the money we pay in taxes, wastes some of it, or don't waste much of it?

	a lot	some	don't waste very much	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	58%	35%	6%	1%	1620
Feb 2023	55%	40%	3%	2%	1534
May 2022	54%	32%	10%	4%	1691
Jan 2020	63%	29%	6%	3%	1699
Mar 2017	61%	27%	8%	3%	1701
Oct 2016	55%	31%	10%	4%	1700
Jun 2015	61%	30%	7%	2%	1702
May 2014	58%	33%	6%	3%	1700
Dec 2013	61%	30%	5%	4%	1694
Oct 2012	57%	35%	7%	2%	2005
May 2012	67%	24%	6%	3%	2000
Dec 2011	63%	30%	5%	2%	1996
Oct 2010	63%	29%	5%	3%	1991
May 2009	57%	35%	6%	3%	1998
Oct 2008	74%	21%	3%	2%	1999
Mar 2008	63%	30%	4%	3%	1996
Sep 2007	65%	29%	5%	2%	1995
Mar 2007	68%	26%	4%	2%	1999
Oct 2006	65%	28%	4%	3%	1996
Oct 2005	67%	27%	3%	3%	1994
Feb 2004	61%	32%	5%	2%	1989
Jan 2002	54%	39%	5%	2%	1956
Jan 2000	59%	35%	5%	2%	1987
Sep 1998	64%	31%	4%	1%	2000

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Q52. Turning to economic conditions, do you think that during the next 12 months the United States will have good time financially or bad times?

	good times	bad times	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	34%	63%	3%	1620
Sep 2023	31%	66%	3%	1665
Jun 2023	22%	76%	2%	1569
Feb 2023	24%	74%	2%	1533
Sep 2022	28%	66%	7%	1694
May 2022	22%	70%	8%	1691
Feb 2022	38%	54%	8%	1631
Sep 2021	44%	47%	9%	1694
May 2021	55%	39%	5%	1694
Jan 2021	45%	49%	6%	1697
Sep 2020	35%	58%	7%	1687
Jun 2020	23%	70%	6%	1693
Nov 2019	47%	43%	10%	1692
Oct 2018	48%	42%	10%	1695
May 2017	39%	50%	11%	1697
Jan 2017	52%	39%	8%	1692
Oct 2016	46%	39%	15%	1693
Mar 2016	48%	42%	10%	1702
Sep 2015	48%	45%	7%	1695
Mar 2015	53%	41%	6%	1686
Mar 2014	45%	48%	7%	1689
Dec 2013	43%	48%	9%	1693
Oct 2012	45%	46%	10%	1997
Sep 2011	29%	65%	6%	1995
Sep 2010	35%	58%	7%	1985
Dec 2009	35%	58%	8%	1999
May 2009	33%	61%	6%	2001
Jan 2009	24%	71%	5%	1995
Aug 2008	23%	70%	7%	1992
Mar 2008	18%	76%	5%	1998
Jun 2007	39%	53%	8%	1993
Jan 2007	47%	46%	8%	2006
Oct 2006	44%	46%	9%	1996
Sep 2005	30%	63%	7%	2002
Jan 2005	48%	43%	9%	1996
Sep 2004	47%	41%	12%	1996
Sep 2003	47%	42%	11%	1974

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Q56. How satisfied are you with the way democracy is working in the United States? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not too satisfied, or not at all satisfied?

	very satisfied	somewhat satisfied	not too satisfied	not at all satisfied	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	4%	34%	38%	22%	2%	1618
Sep 2023	5%	38%	40%	16%	2%	1655
Oct 2022	7%	38%	29%	23%	2%	1701
Feb 2022	12%	41%	24%	20%	2%	1632

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Q58. On another topic, please indicate which statement comes closest to your own view— even if neither is exactly right. Immigrants today are a benefit to California because of their hard work and job skills OR Immigrants today are a burden to California because they use public services?

	immigrants are a benefit to California	immigrants are a burden to California	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	60%	38%	2%	1609
Jun 2023	66%	32%	2%	1560
Jan 2021	78%	18%	4%	1662
Sep 2019	71%	22%	6%	1644
Dec 2018	72%	23%	5%	1655
May 2018	74%	20%	6%	1661
Sep 2017	76%	20%	3%	1709
Jan 2016	68%	27%	5%	1670
Sep 2015	65%	28%	7%	1681
Jan 2015	63%	32%	6%	1673
Sep 2014	61%	32%	7%	1666
Mar 2014	65%	27%	7%	1671
May 2013	61%	33%	6%	1678
Jan 2013	63%	31%	6%	1683
Mar 2012	58%	35%	8%	1966
Sep 2010	54%	39%	7%	1959
Mar 2010	54%	39%	7%	1968
Sep 2009	58%	35%	7%	1970
Aug 2008	58%	36%	7%	1970
Mar 2008	59%	34%	7%	1974
Dec 2007	61%	32%	6%	1976
Jun 2007	60%	32%	8%	1973
Mar 2007	60%	33%	7%	1977
Sep 2006	58%	35%	7%	1982
Sep 2005	56%	36%	7%	1980
Feb 2004	56%	35%	9%	1954
Dec 2001	54%	36%	10%	1952
Feb 2000	54%	34%	11%	2006
Apr 1998	46%	42%	12%	1958

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Q69. When it comes to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, do you think that the U.S. is providing: too much support to Ukraine, not enough support to Ukraine, or about the right amount of support to Ukraine? or are you not sure?

	too much support	not enough support	about the right amount of support	Not sure/Don't know	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	25%	22%	25%	28%	1616
Dec 2023	29%	16%	36%	20%	1652
May 2022	13%	20%	35%	32%	1691

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Q71. Do you have a [ROTATE] (1) favorable or
 an (2) unfavorable impression of the
 Democratic Party?

	favorable	unfavorable	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	42%	55%	3%	1600
Sep 2023	46%	51%	2%	1639
Feb 2023	50%	49%	2%	1513
Jul 2022	48%	49%	3%	1613
Sep 2021	51%	42%	7%	1676
Oct 2020	47%	46%	7%	1686
Nov 2019	47%	45%	9%	1675
Oct 2018	46%	41%	12%	1671
Dec 2017	48%	42%	10%	1681
Oct 2016	53%	37%	9%	1692
May 2016	49%	44%	7%	1687
Dec 2015	51%	40%	9%	1676
Oct 2014	46%	43%	10%	1680
Dec 2013	52%	39%	9%	1683
Mar 2013	55%	36%	8%	1686
Oct 2012	58%	35%	7%	1991
Sep 2011	47%	42%	12%	1984
Oct 2010	47%	43%	10%	1969
Mar 2010	44%	44%	12%	1972

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Q72. Do you have a [ROTATE] (1) favorable or
 an (2) unfavorable impression of the Republican
 Party?

	favorable	unfavorable	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	23%	75%	3%	1604
Sep 2023	22%	76%	2%	1639
Feb 2023	23%	75%	2%	1521
Jul 2022	28%	70%	2%	1611
Sep 2021	28%	64%	9%	1670
Oct 2020	35%	58%	7%	1681
Nov 2019	31%	58%	11%	1670
Oct 2018	29%	61%	11%	1669
Dec 2017	26%	64%	10%	1692
Oct 2016	23%	69%	8%	1684
May 2016	23%	70%	7%	1684
Dec 2015	30%	61%	9%	1668
Oct 2014	29%	59%	12%	1676
Dec 2013	33%	57%	11%	1684
Mar 2013	37%	56%	7%	1681
Oct 2012	35%	56%	9%	1983
Sep 2011	32%	56%	12%	1991
Oct 2010	28%	60%	12%	1964
Mar 2010	31%	56%	13%	1967

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Q73. 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?

	adequate job	third party is needed	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2024	25%	72%	4%	1603
Sep 2023	26%	71%	3%	1636
Feb 2023	28%	68%	4%	1516
Oct 2020	35%	57%	8%	1662
Nov 2019	34%	54%	12%	1651
Oct 2018	32%	55%	13%	1646
Dec 2017	29%	60%	11%	1675
Oct 2016	32%	58%	10%	1679
Dec 2015	33%	57%	10%	1668
Oct 2014	29%	58%	13%	1669
Dec 2013	37%	49%	13%	1664
Mar 2013	39%	51%	10%	1680
Oct 2012	44%	48%	8%	1972
Sep 2011	37%	51%	12%	1959
Oct 2010	35%	53%	12%	1963
Mar 2010	36%	53%	11%	1969
Sep 2008	41%	52%	8%	1977
Oct 2006	38%	53%	10%	1992
Sep 2004	48%	46%	7%	1988

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

