

# Californians and Their Government

## March 2021

### Time Trends – All Respondents

#### Methodology Note:

Findings for March 2021 are based on a survey of 1,706 California adult residents, with 75 percent interviewed on cell phones (1,269 interviews) and 25 percent interviewed on landline telephones (437 interviews). Live landline and cell phone interviews were conducted in English and Spanish according to the respondents' preferences. Interviews took an average of 19 minutes to complete. Interviewing took place on weekend days and weekday nights March 14-23, 2021.

The sampling error for March 2021, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is  $\pm 3.3$  percent at the 95 percent confidence level for the total unweighted sample of 1,706 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. 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.

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Q1. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Gavin Newsom is handling his job as governor of California?

	approve	disapprove	(VOL) have not heard enough to have an opinion	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	54%	36%	0%	10%	1694
Jan 2021	54%	36%	0%	10%	1692
Oct 2020	58%	33%	0%	9%	1690
Sep 2020	59%	30%	0%	10%	1694
May 2020	65%	26%	0%	9%	1693
Feb 2020	53%	33%	0%	14%	1687
Jan 2020	51%	34%	0%	15%	1683
Nov 2019	48%	33%	0%	18%	1679
Sep 2019	44%	32%	0%	24%	1683
Jul 2019	45%	31%	0%	25%	1679
May 2019	45%	29%	0%	26%	1691
Mar 2019	45%	26%	16%	13%	1699
Jan 2019	44%	23%	23%	10%	1684

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Q4. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of  
 the way that the California Legislature is  
 handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	52%	36%	12%	1693
Jan 2021	51%	35%	14%	1692
Oct 2020	51%	35%	14%	1688
Sep 2020	50%	36%	14%	1691
May 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
Sep 2015	45%	38%	17%	1691
Jul 2015	39%	45%	16%	1688
Jun 2015	37%	43%	20%	1694

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Q4. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of  
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 handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
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

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Q4. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of  
 the way that the California Legislature is  
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	approve	disapprove	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
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
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

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Q4. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of  
 the way that the California Legislature is  
 handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
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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Q5. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job that the state legislators representing your assembly and senate districts are doing at this time?

	approve	disapprove	(VOL) mixed	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	53%	34%	0%	13%	1697
Sep 2020	52%	34%	0%	14%	1692
Feb 2020	53%	34%	0%	13%	1691
Sep 2019	46%	35%	0%	19%	1678
Mar 2019	51%	33%	0%	17%	1691
Sep 2018	47%	33%	0%	20%	1691
Mar 2018	49%	37%	0%	14%	1701
Mar 2017	53%	32%	0%	16%	1686
Sep 2016	52%	32%	0%	15%	1691
Jan 2016	49%	35%	0%	16%	1693
Sep 2015	47%	33%	0%	20%	1696
Jan 2015	53%	31%	0%	16%	1693
Oct 2014	43%	39%	0%	18%	1691
May 2014	43%	40%	0%	17%	1692
Jan 2014	48%	37%	0%	15%	1695
Sep 2013	42%	39%	0%	19%	1692
May 2013	43%	40%	0%	17%	1698
Jan 2013	45%	34%	0%	20%	1700
Sep 2012	36%	42%	0%	21%	1987
Jan 2012	36%	47%	0%	17%	1991
Sep 2011	35%	48%	0%	17%	1991
Mar 2011	36%	43%	0%	22%	1985
Sep 2010	31%	56%	0%	13%	1995
Mar 2010	27%	53%	0%	20%	1987
Dec 2009	30%	53%	0%	18%	1996
Sep 2009	34%	53%	0%	14%	1995
Mar 2009	32%	48%	0%	20%	1994
Sep 2008	34%	50%	0%	16%	1991
Mar 2008	42%	40%	0%	18%	1988
Dec 2007	51%	36%	0%	13%	1994
Sep 2007	41%	40%	0%	19%	1993
Mar 2007	47%	35%	0%	18%	1992
Sep 2006	45%	36%	0%	18%	1998
May 2006	39%	42%	3%	17%	1995
Oct 2005	38%	39%	5%	18%	1996
Aug 2005	38%	40%	5%	17%	1994
May 2005	47%	35%	3%	15%	998
Oct 2004	49%	31%	0%	20%	1999
Dec 2001	61%	23%	0%	16%	1965

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Q6. Would you say that California is in an economic recession, or not? IF YES ASK: Do you think it is in a serious, a moderate, or a mild recession?

	yes, serious recession	yes, moderate recession	yes, mild recession	(VOL) yes, don't know	no, not in an economic recession	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	25%	24%	10%	2%	34%	5%	1698
Jan 2021	32%	28%	10%	2%	23%	6%	1695
Sep 2020	31%	29%	11%	1%	23%	4%	1699
May 2020	34%	25%	9%	3%	24%	5%	1696
Dec 2013	22%	33%	11%	30%	0%	4%	1697
Oct 2012	40%	32%	8%	18%	0%	2%	2000
Sep 2012	42%	27%	10%	18%	0%	3%	2000
May 2012	41%	32%	8%	16%	0%	2%	2001
Mar 2012	41%	31%	9%	16%	0%	2%	2000
Jan 2012	43%	34%	9%	13%	0%	2%	1999
Dec 2011	43%	31%	8%	14%	0%	4%	1999
Sep 2011	50%	32%	7%	10%	0%	2%	2000
Jun 2011	47%	34%	7%	10%	0%	2%	2003
Mar 2011	47%	28%	8%	12%	0%	5%	1997
Jan 2011	48%	31%	7%	12%	0%	2%	2002
Oct 2010	54%	28%	5%	10%	0%	2%	1997
Sep 2010	52%	29%	8%	8%	0%	2%	1999
May 2010	55%	28%	7%	9%	0%	1%	2002
Mar 2010	59%	25%	7%	7%	0%	2%	2000
Jan 2010	62%	24%	5%	8%	0%	2%	1999
Dec 2009	60%	26%	5%	7%	0%	2%	2003
Sep 2009	57%	31%	5%	6%	0%	1%	2005
May 2009	53%	32%	5%	7%	0%	3%	2003
Mar 2009	63%	26%	4%	5%	0%	2%	2004
Jan 2009	59%	26%	5%	7%	0%	3%	1997
Oct 2008	39%	30%	10%	17%	0%	4%	1997
Aug 2008	34%	32%	12%	17%	0%	5%	2001
Mar 2008	26%	32%	14%	22%	0%	6%	2002



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Q7. How concerned are you, if at all, about not having enough money to pay your rent or mortgage:  
very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned about this?

	very concerned	somewhat concerned	not too concerned	not at all concerned	(VOL) already behind	(VOL) don't know
Mar 2021	25%	25%	20%	29%	0%	1%
Oct 2010	39%	23%	15%	22%	0%	1%
Mar 2010	41%	23%	14%	21%	1%	0%
Dec 2009	45%	20%	14%	21%	0%	1%
May 2009	39%	22%	14%	25%	0%	1%
Mar 2009	39%	23%	16%	21%	0%	0%

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Q7. How concerned are you, if at all, about not having enough money to pay your rent or mortgage:  
very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned about this?

	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	1701
Oct 2010	1994
Mar 2010	1998
Dec 2009	1999
May 2009	2003
Mar 2009	1999

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Q8. Overall, how fair do you think our present state and local tax system is—would you say it is very fair, moderately fair, not too fair, or not at all fair?

	very fair	moderately fair	not too fair	not at all fair	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	8%	43%	24%	21%	3%	1699
Mar 2019	7%	37%	25%	27%	3%	1699
Mar 2017	6%	49%	24%	18%	3%	1702
Mar 2016	8%	48%	25%	16%	3%	1702
Mar 2015	3%	47%	31%	16%	2%	1697
Mar 2014	3%	47%	32%	15%	3%	1698
Jan 2012	7%	50%	27%	14%	3%	1996
Jan 2011	4%	53%	28%	13%	2%	2000
Jan 2010	4%	49%	26%	19%	3%	1997
Jun 2003	6%	60%	19%	12%	3%	1983

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Q9. When you combine all of the taxes you pay to state and local governments, do you feel that you pay much more than you should, somewhat more than you should, about the right amount, or less than you should?

	much more	somewhat more	about the right amount	less than you should	(VOL) don't pay taxes	(VOL) don't know
Mar 2021	30%	27%	36%	4%	0%	3%
Mar 2019	39%	21%	33%	4%	0%	3%
Mar 2018	37%	19%	35%	6%	0%	3%
Mar 2017	35%	23%	37%	2%	0%	3%
Mar 2016	32%	24%	37%	4%	0%	3%
Mar 2015	32%	25%	36%	5%	0%	2%
Mar 2014	30%	30%	35%	3%	0%	3%
Jan 2012	21%	25%	47%	6%	0%	2%
Jan 2011	26%	27%	39%	5%	0%	2%
Jan 2010	31%	25%	35%	6%	0%	3%
Jan 2004	22%	24%	47%	5%	0%	2%
Jun 2003	22%	25%	47%	4%	1%	1%
Feb 2003	26%	23%	44%	3%	1%	2%

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	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	1696
Mar 2019	1695
Mar 2018	1698
Mar 2017	1698
Mar 2016	1701
Mar 2015	1698
Mar 2014	1697
Jan 2012	2000
Jan 2011	1991
Jan 2010	1994
Jan 2004	1986
Jun 2003	1984
Feb 2003	1984

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Q10. 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?

	near the top	above average	average	below average	near the bottom	(VOL) don't know
Mar 2021	46%	24%	16%	4%	3%	8%
Mar 2019	48%	22%	12%	3%	4%	10%
Mar 2018	49%	23%	13%	3%	4%	7%
Mar 2016	36%	27%	17%	5%	6%	9%
Mar 2015	37%	25%	19%	6%	4%	8%
Mar 2014	36%	24%	21%	5%	2%	11%
May 2007	34%	32%	22%	6%	2%	4%
May 2006	29%	28%	22%	6%	4%	11%

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	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	1698
Mar 2019	1702
Mar 2018	1702
Mar 2016	1709
Mar 2015	1705
Mar 2014	1699
May 2007	441
May 2006	1998

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Q11. 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	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
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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Q12. Which of the following statements do you agree with more; [1] rather pay higher taxes and have a state government that provides more services, [OR] [2] rather pay lower taxes and have a state government that provides less services.

	higher taxes and more services	lower taxes and fewer services	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
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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Q13. How much of a problem is housing affordability in your part of California? Is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not a problem	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	61%	29%	9%	1%	1705
Feb 2020	63%	25%	11%	1%	1698
Mar 2019	68%	21%	10%	1%	1704
Oct 2018	65%	24%	9%	2%	1703
May 2017	59%	28%	12%	1%	1704

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Q14. Does the cost of your housing make you and your family seriously consider moving away from the part of California you live now?

	Yes, elsewhere in California	Yes, outside of the state	Yes, other	No	Don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	8%	33%	2%	56%	1%	1703
Feb 2020	10%	32%	2%	56%	0%	1699
Mar 2019	9%	35%	3%	52%	0%	1699
Sep 2017	10%	33%	1%	55%	1%	1714
Nov 2004	8%	15%	1%	75%	1%	2498

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Q16. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of  
 the way that Joe Biden is handling his job as  
 president?

	approve	disapprove	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	65%	30%	5%	1696
Jan 2021	70%	24%	7%	1693

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Q17. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of  
the way Dianne Feinstein is handling her job as  
US Senator?

	approve	disapprove	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	47%	36%	18%	1695
Sep 2020	44%	39%	17%	1691
Feb 2020	51%	35%	14%	1693
Sep 2019	40%	37%	22%	1687
Mar 2019	47%	36%	17%	1696
Sep 2018	44%	35%	20%	1691
Mar 2018	45%	37%	17%	1697
Sep 2017	48%	36%	15%	1725
Mar 2017	49%	32%	19%	1695
Jan 2016	56%	31%	13%	1691
Sep 2015	52%	30%	18%	1700
Jan 2015	54%	30%	15%	1694
Sep 2014	47%	33%	20%	1686
Jan 2014	52%	36%	13%	1698
Sep 2013	49%	33%	17%	1697
Jan 2013	54%	25%	21%	1699
Sep 2012	51%	34%	16%	1989
Jan 2012	47%	35%	18%	1994
Sep 2011	46%	37%	17%	1994
Mar 2011	48%	34%	19%	1988
Sep 2010	44%	39%	17%	1984
May 2010	50%	35%	15%	1997
Jan 2010	51%	32%	17%	1988
Sep 2009	54%	32%	13%	1999
Mar 2009	56%	28%	17%	2001
Sep 2008	48%	37%	15%	1989
Mar 2008	44%	33%	23%	1987
Sep 2007	49%	32%	19%	1993
Mar 2007	54%	27%	19%	1990
Sep 2006	51%	30%	19%	1997
Mar 2006	51%	28%	21%	1992
Oct 2005	50%	27%	23%	1993
May 2005	52%	27%	21%	1995
Oct 2004	51%	26%	23%	2009
Feb 2004	50%	24%	26%	1971
Sep 2003	51%	24%	25%	1977
Oct 2002	49%	25%	26%	1960
Feb 2002	57%	25%	18%	2027
Feb 2000	58%	23%	19%	2012
Dec 1999	57%	26%	17%	1984

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Q19. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?				
	approve	disapprove	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	42%	51%	6%	1700
Jan 2021	42%	51%	7%	1693
Oct 2020	36%	57%	7%	1687
Sep 2020	31%	63%	6%	1684
May 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
Sep 2014	24%	66%	10%	1682
Jul 2014	22%	72%	6%	1690
May 2014	24%	69%	7%	1697
Mar 2014	19%	74%	7%	1695

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Q19. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?				
	approve	disapprove	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
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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Q20. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of  
 the way your own representative to the U.S.  
 House of Representatives in Congress is  
 handling his or her job?

	approve	disapprove	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	55%	31%	13%	1699
Sep 2020	55%	30%	15%	1688
Feb 2020	55%	32%	13%	1692
Sep 2019	49%	33%	18%	1678
Mar 2019	52%	31%	17%	1694
Sep 2018	47%	32%	20%	1689
Mar 2018	52%	34%	14%	1699
Mar 2017	51%	32%	17%	1694
Sep 2016	51%	36%	13%	1695
Jan 2016	54%	33%	13%	1689
Sep 2015	51%	34%	15%	1700
Jan 2015	56%	29%	14%	1695
Oct 2014	48%	39%	14%	1687
May 2014	48%	36%	16%	1691
Jan 2014	51%	37%	11%	1701
Sep 2013	47%	35%	19%	1694
May 2013	53%	34%	12%	1693
Jan 2013	56%	27%	18%	1699
Sep 2012	48%	33%	19%	1983
Jan 2012	46%	39%	15%	1992
Sep 2011	48%	37%	15%	1993
Mar 2011	50%	32%	18%	1988
Sep 2010	43%	39%	17%	1991
Mar 2010	45%	37%	18%	1993
Dec 2009	51%	34%	16%	1992
Sep 2009	56%	30%	14%	1996
Mar 2009	55%	24%	20%	1997
Sep 2008	49%	31%	19%	1991
Mar 2008	47%	30%	23%	1986
Dec 2007	51%	37%	13%	1995
Sep 2007	50%	30%	19%	1989
Mar 2007	55%	24%	21%	1985
Sep 2006	55%	25%	21%	1995
Mar 2006	52%	24%	24%	1994
Oct 2005	53%	24%	24%	1993

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Q23. How concerned, if at all, are you that you will get the coronavirus and require hospitalization?  
 Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

	very concerned	somewhat concerned	not too concerned	not at all concerned	(VOL) have already been hospitalized due to coronavirus	(VOL) don't know
Mar 2021	18%	29%	24%	28%	1%	0%
Jan 2021	25%	35%	20%	18%	2%	1%
Sep 2020	28%	33%	21%	18%	0%	0%
May 2020	24%	34%	23%	19%	0%	1%

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	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	1703
Jan 2021	1698
Sep 2020	1702
May 2020	1701

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Q24. Which comes closer to your view about  
 where the U.S. stands in the coronavirus  
 outbreak: [ROTATE] [1] the worst is behind us  
 [OR] [2] the worst is yet to come?

	the worst is behind us	the worst is yet to come	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	74%	21%	4%	1700
Jan 2021	58%	37%	6%	1698
Sep 2020	51%	42%	7%	1697
May 2020	46%	48%	6%	1695

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Q25a. When it becomes available to you, will you definitely get the coronavirus vaccine, probably get it, probably not get it or definitely not get it?

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	definitely get the vaccine	probably get the vaccine	probably not get the vaccine	definitely not get the vaccine	already got the vaccine (Q25=1,2,3)	(VOL) don't know
Mar 2021	28%	18%	7%	14%	33%	1%
Jan 2021	43%	25%	11%	13%	5%	2%
Oct 2020	26%	31%	20%	20%	0%	2%

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	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	1697
Jan 2021	1697
Oct 2020	1683

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Q26. Overall, do you think the state government is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of distributing COVID-19 vaccines to people in California?

	excellent	good	fair	poor	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	14%	38%	29%	15%	4%	1698
Jan 2021	7%	29%	31%	26%	7%	1694

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Q27. Would you favor or oppose providing a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants in the U.S. if they met certain requirements including a waiting period, paying fines and back taxes, and passing criminal background checks?

	favor	oppose	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	85%	13%	3%	1699
Mar 2015	80%	19%	2%	1699
Sep 2014	82%	17%	2%	652
Mar 2014	86%	13%	2%	1697
Jan 2014	83%	16%	1%	1697
Sep 2013	85%	14%	1%	1691

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Q28. Do you favor or oppose providing health  
 care coverage for undocumented immigrants in  
 California?

	favor	oppose	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	66%	31%	3%	1697
Dec 2015	54%	42%	3%	1690
Mar 2007	43%	53%	5%	1989

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Q29. These days, do you feel [ROTATE] [1]  
 (optimistic) [OR] [2] (pessimistic) that  
 Americans of different political views can still  
 come together and work out their differences?

	optimistic	pessimistic	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	49%	46%	5%	1698
Sep 2020	47%	49%	4%	1695
Feb 2020	49%	48%	3%	1690
Jan 2019	58%	40%	3%	1702
Sep 2017	56%	40%	3%	1730

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Q30. What is your opinion with regard to race relations in the United States today? Would you say things are [ROTATE 1 AND 2] [1] (better), [2] (worse); or about the same than they were a year ago?

	better	worse	about the same	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	19%	43%	36%	2%	1701
Sep 2020	9%	59%	31%	1%	1698
Jan 2019	20%	45%	34%	1%	1702
Sep 2017	14%	49%	35%	2%	1732

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Q32. Do you think the police in your community treat all racial and ethnic groups fairly almost always, most of the time, only some of the time, or almost never?

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	almost always	most of the time	only some of the time	almost never	(VOL) always	(VOL) never
Mar 2021	25%	29%	25%	13%	2%	1%
Sep 2020	24%	29%	28%	11%	3%	1%
Feb 2020	30%	31%	21%	8%	3%	2%
May 2019	30%	31%	20%	9%	4%	1%

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Q32. Do you think the police in your community treat all racial and ethnic groups fairly almost always, most of the time, only some of the time, or almost never?

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	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	6%	1699
Sep 2020	5%	1699
Feb 2020	6%	1690
May 2019	5%	1704

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