

Californians and Their Government

May 2022

Time Trends – All Respondents

Methodology Note:

Findings are based on a survey of 1,702 California adult residents, with 74 percent interviewed on cell phone (1,267 interviews) and 26 percent interviewed on landline telephones (435 interviews). Live landline and cell phone interviews were conducted in English and Spanish according to the respondents' preferences. The sample included 556 respondents reached by calling back respondents who had previously completed an interview in PPIC Statewide Surveys in the last six months. Interviews took an average of 20 minutes to complete. Interviewing took place on weekdays and weekday nights from May 12–22, 2022.

The sampling error, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 3.9 percent at the 95 percent confidence level for the total unweighted sample of 1,702 adults. This means that 95 times out of 100, the results will be within 3.9 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 midterm elections (Q23-Q25) and citizens' initiative process (Q31-Q34), 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	(VOL) have not heard enough to have an opinion	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
May 2022	53%	35%	0%	12%	1689
Mar 2022	56%	35%	0%	9%	1666
Feb 2022	56%	34%	0%	10%	1631
Sep 2021	53%	39%	0%	8%	1692
May 2021	55%	35%	0%	10%	1694
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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Q3. 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 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
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

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Q3. 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
Dec 2015	41%	40%	19%	1678
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

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Q3. 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
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
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

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Q3. 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
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 things in California are
 generally going in the right direction or the
 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
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
May 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

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Q4. Do you think things in California are
 generally going in the right direction or the
 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
Sep 2012	33%	60%	7%	1991
May 2012	30%	63%	7%	1990
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

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Q4. Do you think things in California are
 generally going in the right direction or the
 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
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
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

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Q4. Do you think things in California are
 generally going in the right direction or the
 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
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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Q5. Thinking about your own personal finances. Would you say that you and your family are financially better off, worse off, or just about the same as a year ago?

	better off	worse off	same	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
May 2022	15%	37%	48%	1%	1698
Nov 2021	20%	18%	62%	0%	2289
May 2021	20%	24%	56%	1%	1694
Dec 2020	16%	24%	59%	0%	2323
May 2020	16%	29%	54%	0%	1692
Nov 2019	23%	22%	54%	1%	1706
Dec 2013	22%	24%	54%	1%	1697
Dec 2011	15%	35%	49%	1%	1998
Dec 2009	9%	53%	36%	1%	2000
Sep 2002	30%	23%	45%	1%	1976
Dec 2001	21%	25%	53%	1%	1971
Jan 2001	38%	14%	48%	0%	1978
Sep 2000	42%	10%	47%	0%	1993
Sep 1999	36%	12%	52%	0%	2001
Jan 1999	31%	14%	55%	1%	1971
Oct 1998	35%	11%	53%	1%	2003
Sep 1998	33%	12%	54%	1%	1998
May 1998	36%	13%	50%	0%	2002
Apr 1998	37%	12%	51%	0%	1982

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Q6. Have recent price increases caused any financial hardships for you or others in your household, or not? IF YES ASK: Has that been a serious hardship, or not?

	yes, serious	yes, not serious	no	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
May 2022	36%	31%	32%	1%	1699
Mar 2022	35%	32%	33%	0%	1670

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Q7. Some people think that California is divided into economic groups, the haves and have-nots, while others think it is not divided that way. Do you think that California is divided into haves and have-nots, or do you think that California is not divided?

	divided into haves and have-nots	not divided that way	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2022	71%	25%	4%	1689
Oct 2020	64%	32%	4%	1690
Nov 2019	63%	31%	6%	1693
Dec 2018	67%	30%	3%	1687
Dec 2015	67%	29%	5%	1690
Dec 2014	68%	28%	4%	1686
Dec 2013	66%	30%	4%	1693
Dec 2011	63%	34%	4%	1994
Sep 2002	61%	34%	5%	1968
Jan 1999	56%	41%	3%	1969

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Q8. If you had to choose, which of these groups are you in; the
 haves or have-nots?

	haves	have-nots	[VOL] neither	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
May 2022	39%	45%	10%	6%	1671
Oct 2020	44%	43%	10%	4%	1681
Nov 2019	41%	44%	9%	6%	1670
Dec 2018	40%	45%	9%	6%	1669
Dec 2015	40%	44%	12%	5%	1676
Dec 2014	40%	46%	9%	5%	1670
Dec 2013	40%	45%	9%	5%	1671
Dec 2011	39%	48%	8%	4%	1982
Sep 2002	60%	32%	0%	8%	1948
Jan 1999	57%	35%	0%	8%	1950

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Q9. 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	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
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
May 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

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Q9. 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	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
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
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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Q12. 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
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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Q13. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that Joe Biden is handling Russia's
 invasion of Ukraine?

	approve	disapprove	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
May 2022	47%	41%	12%	1692
Mar 2022	52%	43%	5%	1664

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Q14. 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
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
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

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Q14. 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
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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Q15. Do you think things in the United States
are generally going in the right direction or the
wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
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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Q16. Turning to economic conditions, do you think that during the next 12 months the United States will have good times financially or bad times?

	good times	bad times	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
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
May 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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Q17. How much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government in Washington today to do what 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	(VOL) none of the time	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
May 2022	5%	20%	60%	12%	3%	1693
Sep 2021	10%	28%	52%	8%	2%	1700
Jan 2021	7%	33%	49%	9%	2%	1696
May 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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Q18. 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	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
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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Q19. Do you think the people in the federal government waste a lot of the money we pay in taxes, waste some of it, or don't waste very much of it?

	a lot	some	don't waste very much	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
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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Q21. Thinking about undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as children, do you favor or oppose the protections given by 'DACA' 'Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals', which includes protection from deportation and a work permit?

	favor	oppose	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
May 2022	81%	15%	4%	1695
Jan 2021	86%	11%	3%	1684
Jan 2020	85%	13%	2%	1692
Jan 2018	85%	13%	2%	1698
Sep 2017	78%	19%	3%	1723

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Q22. 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
May 2022	82%	15%	3%	1693
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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Q26. Given Russia's invasion of Ukraine, do you support or oppose the United States and its European allies imposing economic sanctions on Russia?

	support, even if higher energy prices	support, but not if higher energy prices	support, but don't know	oppose	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
May 2022	49%	16%	6%	20%	8%	1681
Mar 2022	56%	16%	4%	19%	5%	1653

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