

Californians and the Environment

July 2023

Time Trends – All Respondents

Methodology Note:

Findings for July 2023 are based on a survey of 1,724 California adult residents, conducted online using the SSRS Opinion Panel, along with a supplemental address-based sampling (ABS) sample that allowed respondents to complete the survey online or via telephone. Of the total 1,724 interviews, 1,658 were completed online and 66 interviews were completed over the phone. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish according to the respondents' preferences. The median time to complete the survey was 20 minutes via web, and 42 minutes via telephone. Interviewing took place from June 7–29, 2023.

The sampling error for July 2023, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 3.1 percent at the 95 percent confidence level for the total unweighted sample of 1,724 adults. This means that 95 times out of 100, the results will be within 3.1 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.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this survey, please contact surveys@ppic.org

Note:

For questions asked only of likely voters (Q82, Q83), please refer to the Time Trends – Likely Voters document.

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Q1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Governor Newsom is handling his job as governor of California?

	Approve	Disapprove	Have not heard enough to have an opinion (vol)	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	58%	42%		0%	1722
Jun 2023	55%	43%		2%	1567
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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Q2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way
 that Governor Newsom is handling
 environmental issues in California?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	58%	40%	1%	1718
Jul 2022	59%	39%	2%	1639
Jul 2021	59%	39%	2%	1559
Jul 2020	69%	29%	1%	1555
Jul 2019	45%	30%	25%	1681

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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	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	52%	47%	0%	1722
Jun 2023	49%	49%	2%	1565
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

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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	Unweighted n
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
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

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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	Unweighted n
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
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

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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	Unweighted n
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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Q5. How much of the time can you trust the state government to do what is right when it comes to handling environmental issues in California?

	Just about always	Most of the time	Only some of the time	Never (vol)	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	8%	40%	52%	0%	0%	1723
Jul 2022	7%	43%	49%	0%	0%	1642
Jul 2021	7%	41%	51%	0%	1%	1565
Jul 2020	9%	44%	47%	0%	0%	1556
Jul 2005	8%	29%	55%	5%	3%	2497

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Q4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way
 that the California Legislature is handling
 environmental issues in California?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	54%	45%	1%	1719
Jul 2022	55%	42%	3%	1641
Jul 2021	53%	45%	2%	1564
Jul 2020	62%	36%	3%	1553
Jul 2019	45%	38%	17%	1691
Jul 2018	43%	41%	16%	1704
Jul 2017	51%	33%	16%	1697
Jul 2016	48%	36%	15%	1688
Jul 2015	42%	45%	13%	1693
Jul 2014	38%	44%	17%	1685
Jul 2013	38%	41%	21%	2089
Aug 2012	36%	44%	21%	2476
Jul 2011	31%	44%	24%	2489

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Q7. Which of these statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	Stricter environmental laws and regulations in California cost too many jobs and hurt the economy	Stricter environmental laws and regulations in California are worth the cost	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	39%	61%	0%	1721
Jul 2021	37%	62%	2%	1566
Jul 2020	38%	61%	1%	1557
Mar 2013	45%	49%	6%	1700

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Q8. With which one of these statements about the environment
 and the economy do you most agree?

	Protection of the environment should be given priority, even at the risk of curbing economic growth	Economic growth should be given priority, even if the environment suffers to some extent	Equal priority (vol)	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	68%	31%	0%	0%	1720
Jul 2021	66%	32%	0%	1%	1562

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Q9. Would you say that the supply of water is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem in your part of California?

	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not much of a problem	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	51%	36%	12%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	68%	24%	7%	0%	1645
Jul 2021	63%	29%	8%	0%	1567
Jul 2020	38%	43%	18%	1%	1558
Jul 2019	30%	27%	41%	1%	1704
Jul 2018	48%	24%	25%	2%	1708
Mar 2018	45%	23%	31%	1%	1705
Jul 2017	37%	27%	34%	1%	1705
Jul 2016	62%	24%	13%	1%	1703
Mar 2016	57%	23%	19%	0%	1708
Sep 2015	70%	19%	10%	1%	1707
Jul 2015	68%	20%	12%	1%	1701
Jun 2015	69%	20%	10%	1%	1705
Mar 2015	66%	19%	14%	1%	1705
Jan 2015	59%	25%	15%	1%	1702
Dec 2014	60%	21%	18%	1%	1700
Oct 2014	68%	17%	13%	1%	1703
Sep 2014	65%	22%	12%	1%	1701
Jul 2014	54%	25%	21%	1%	1704
May 2014	59%	26%	15%	1%	1699
Mar 2014	55%	20%	23%	1%	1700
Dec 2012	31%	28%	39%	2%	2001
Mar 2012	30%	31%	37%	2%	1999
May 2010	42%	27%	29%	2%	2000
Dec 2009	44%	29%	25%	2%	2003

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Q11. Do you think that pollution of drinking water is a more serious health threat in lower-income areas than other areas in your part of California, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	73%	27%	0%	1723
Jul 2022	69%	29%	2%	1645
Jul 2021	69%	30%	1%	1566
Jul 2020	70%	29%	1%	1557
Jul 2019	58%	30%	11%	1701
Jul 2016	59%	31%	10%	1701

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Q12. How serious a health threat is pollution of drinking water in your part of California to you and your immediate family?

	Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	21%	30%	49%	0%	1723
Jul 2022	16%	31%	52%	1%	1645
Jul 2021	17%	33%	49%	1%	1565
Jul 2020	16%	31%	52%	1%	1557

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Q17. Next, would you say that air pollution is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem in your part of California?

	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not much of a problem	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	35%	46%	20%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	31%	47%	22%	0%	1644
Jul 2021	35%	46%	19%	0%	1565
Jul 2020	36%	46%	17%	0%	1556
Jul 2019	27%	35%	38%	1%	1705
Jul 2018	29%	37%	33%	1%	1710
Jul 2017	24%	38%	36%	1%	1708
Jul 2016	25%	35%	39%	1%	1703
Jul 2015	24%	34%	41%	1%	1701
Jul 2014	27%	33%	39%	0%	1703
Jul 2013	28%	34%	36%	1%	2102
Aug 2012	25%	39%	35%	1%	2500
Jul 2011	29%	37%	33%	1%	2504
Jul 2010	25%	38%	36%	1%	2501
Jul 2009	23%	40%	36%	1%	2498
Jul 2008	34%	37%	29%	0%	2504
Jul 2007	35%	37%	27%	1%	2495
Jul 2006	41%	34%	24%	1%	2501
Feb 2006	58%	31%	9%	1%	2002
Jul 2005	38%	35%	27%	1%	2501
Nov 2004	30%	37%	31%	1%	2501
Jul 2004	35%	42%	23%	0%	2503
Jun 2004	39%	35%	26%	1%	2504
Jul 2003	31%	45%	23%	1%	1988
Nov 2002	27%	33%	39%	1%	1973
Jun 2002	34%	38%	28%	1%	1976
May 2001	30%	34%	36%	0%	1986
Jun 2000	28%	39%	33%	1%	1968

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Q18. Do you think that air pollution is a more serious health threat in lower-income areas than other areas in your part of California, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	58%	42%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	59%	40%	1%	1645
Jul 2021	57%	41%	1%	1567
Jul 2020	55%	44%	1%	1557
Jul 2019	49%	44%	7%	1703
Jul 2018	56%	38%	6%	1705
Jul 2017	55%	39%	5%	1705
Jul 2016	50%	45%	6%	1698
Jul 2015	48%	47%	5%	1695
Jul 2013	48%	46%	5%	2097
Aug 2012	47%	46%	6%	2498
Jul 2011	50%	45%	6%	2497
Jul 2010	41%	52%	6%	2496
Jul 2009	48%	46%	6%	2498
Jul 2008	48%	46%	5%	2500
Jul 2007	50%	42%	8%	2495
Jul 2006	47%	45%	7%	2498

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Q19. How serious a health threat is air pollution in your part of California to you and your immediate family?						
	Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not at all serious (vol)	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	22%	39%	38%	0%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	16%	43%	40%	0%	1%	1644
Jul 2021	18%	47%	35%	0%	0%	1567
Jul 2020	21%	42%	37%	0%	0%	1559
Jul 2019	22%	30%	44%	2%	1%	1704
Jul 2016	21%	32%	45%	1%	1%	1703
Jul 2015	19%	30%	48%	2%	1%	1700
Jul 2013	22%	30%	45%	3%	1%	2103
Aug 2012	18%	31%	46%	4%	0%	2499
Jul 2011	19%	34%	43%	3%	1%	2503
Jul 2010	17%	33%	46%	3%	1%	2500
Jul 2009	17%	31%	47%	3%	1%	2501
Jul 2008	21%	38%	38%	3%	1%	2504
Jul 2007	25%	34%	36%	3%	1%	2496
Jul 2006	23%	37%	36%	3%	1%	2499
Jul 2005	21%	36%	39%	4%	1%	2500
Jul 2004	20%	39%	40%	0%	1%	2502
Jul 2003	18%	40%	40%	0%	1%	1987

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Q20. Next, how much of a problem is the threat of wildfires in your part of California? Is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem?

	A big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not much of a problem	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	44%	34%	21%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	45%	37%	18%	0%	1645
Nov 2021	51%	36%	13%	0%	2291
Jul 2021	55%	30%	15%	0%	1567
Dec 2020	53%	34%	12%	0%	2325
Jul 2020	48%	36%	16%	0%	1559
Mar 2019	40%	30%	29%	0%	1705

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Q21. How serious is the threat of wildfires in your part of California to your personal and economic wellbeing?					
	Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	30%	36%	34%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	27%	41%	32%	0%	1645
Nov 2021	25%	41%	34%	0%	2291
Jul 2021	34%	36%	30%	0%	1567
Dec 2020	28%	36%	37%	0%	2324

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Q22. Do you think that climate change has contributed to California's recent wildfires or not?

	Yes, has contributed	No, has not contributed	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	75%	25%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	76%	23%	1%	1645
Jul 2021	78%	22%	1%	1567
Jul 2020	71%	28%	2%	1558
Jul 2019	63%	32%	5%	1704

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Q23. How much confidence do you have in the government in terms of its readiness to respond to wildfires in your part of California?

	A great deal	Only some	Hardly any	None (vol)	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	32%	53%	14%	0%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	30%	57%	13%	0%	1%	1644
Nov 2021	34%	48%	17%	0%	0%	2290
Jul 2021	33%	52%	14%	0%	0%	1566
Dec 2020	41%	45%	14%	0%	0%	2324
Jul 2020	35%	56%	9%	0%	0%	1554
Dec 2007	40%	43%	11%	5%	2%	1995

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Q24. On another topic, which of the following statements reflects your view of when the effects of climate change will begin to happen?

	They have already begun to happen	They will start happening within a few years	They will start happening within your lifetime	They will not happen within your lifetime, but they will affect future generations	They will never happen	Don't know
Jul 2023	64%	6%	12%	11%	8%	0%
Jul 2022	69%	4%	11%	8%	8%	0%
Jul 2021	68%	5%	9%	9%	8%	1%
Jul 2020	68%	4%	11%	9%	7%	1%
Jul 2019	63%	4%	7%	11%	11%	4%
Jul 2018	67%	5%	5%	10%	8%	5%
Jul 2017	66%	5%	5%	11%	8%	4%
Jul 2016	64%	5%	6%	14%	8%	2%
Jul 2015	62%	6%	5%	13%	10%	4%
Jul 2014	62%	4%	7%	12%	12%	3%
Jul 2013	63%	5%	6%	11%	11%	4%
Aug 2012	60%	5%	6%	14%	12%	3%
Jul 2011	61%	4%	7%	11%	12%	5%
Jul 2010	54%	6%	8%	14%	16%	3%
Jul 2009	61%	5%	6%	11%	14%	3%
Jul 2008	64%	5%	8%	10%	10%	3%
Jul 2007	66%	4%	7%	11%	7%	5%
Jul 2006	63%	6%	7%	10%	8%	5%
Jul 2005	57%	5%	9%	15%	9%	6%

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	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	1722
Jul 2022	1640
Jul 2021	1563
Jul 2020	1559
Jul 2019	1695
Jul 2018	1695
Jul 2017	1696
Jul 2016	1687
Jul 2015	1689
Jul 2014	1693
Jul 2013	2091
Aug 2012	2490
Jul 2011	2497
Jul 2010	2495
Jul 2009	2497
Jul 2008	2501
Jul 2007	2483
Jul 2006	2498
Jul 2005	2497

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Q25. Compared to other issues, would you say addressing global climate change is...?

	A top concern to you personally	One of several important concerns to you	Not an important concern to you	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	26%	56%	18%	0%	1723
Jul 2022	24%	57%	19%	0%	1644
Jul 2021	25%	56%	19%	0%	1566

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Q27. How serious of a threat is climate change to the economy and quality of life for California's future?						
	Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not at all serious	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	43%	37%	13%	7%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	47%	33%	11%	8%	1%	1643
Jul 2021	50%	33%	9%	7%	0%	1566
Jul 2020	48%	32%	12%	8%	0%	1558
Jul 2019	57%	22%	9%	10%	2%	1702
Jul 2018	56%	24%	9%	9%	2%	1703
Jul 2017	58%	23%	7%	10%	2%	1703
Jul 2016	54%	27%	11%	7%	1%	1698
Jul 2015	52%	27%	8%	9%	3%	1693
Dec 2014	53%	23%	11%	12%	2%	1696
Jul 2014	49%	31%	9%	10%	1%	1698
Jul 2013	50%	27%	11%	9%	3%	2096
Aug 2012	45%	30%	11%	12%	1%	2495
Jul 2011	47%	28%	12%	11%	2%	2497
Jul 2010	44%	29%	11%	14%	3%	2493
Jul 2009	47%	28%	10%	14%	2%	2495
Jul 2008	52%	27%	9%	9%	2%	2500
Jul 2007	54%	28%	8%	7%	3%	2491
Jul 2006	49%	30%	9%	8%	3%	2499
Jul 2005	39%	36%	12%	10%	3%	2499

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Q28. How about increased flooding? Are you...?						
	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	33%	36%	23%	8%	0%	1724
Jul 2013	28%	28%	24%	18%	1%	2101
Jul 2011	28%	29%	23%	19%	1%	2501
Jul 2009	27%	28%	22%	21%	2%	2496
Jul 2007	37%	28%	18%	15%	2%	2494
Jul 2005	27%	33%	23%	15%	1%	2498

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Q29. How about increased rising sea levels? Are you...?						
	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	33%	36%	21%	10%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	26%	37%	25%	12%	0%	1645
Jul 2021	25%	40%	24%	10%	0%	1566
Jul 2020	34%	40%	17%	10%	0%	1557
Jul 2019	42%	29%	12%	15%	2%	1702
Jul 2017	35%	34%	13%	16%	2%	1706
Jul 2014	32%	32%	19%	16%	2%	1700

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Q30. How about heat waves that are more severe? Are you...?						
	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	56%	29%	11%	4%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	49%	34%	13%	4%	0%	1644
Jul 2021	52%	31%	11%	5%	0%	1568
Jul 2020	48%	33%	12%	6%	0%	1556
Jul 2019	49%	28%	10%	12%	1%	1701
Jul 2014	44%	29%	15%	12%	1%	1700

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Q31. How about droughts that are more severe? Are you...?						
	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	63%	26%	8%	3%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	65%	25%	8%	3%	0%	1645
Jul 2021	63%	26%	7%	3%	0%	1568
Jul 2020	58%	30%	8%	4%	0%	1557
Jul 2015	50%	34%	7%	7%	1%	1693
Jul 2014	64%	23%	5%	8%	1%	1700
Jul 2013	49%	29%	11%	10%	1%	2100
Jul 2011	45%	30%	13%	11%	1%	2501
Jul 2009	55%	26%	7%	10%	1%	2496
Jul 2007	60%	25%	6%	7%	2%	2492
Jul 2005	41%	37%	12%	9%	2%	2500

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Q32. How about wildfires that are more severe? Are you...?						
	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	62%	28%	7%	3%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	57%	30%	10%	3%	0%	1644
Jul 2021	63%	27%	7%	3%	0%	1567
Jul 2020	58%	31%	8%	4%	0%	1557
Jul 2019	71%	15%	5%	7%	1%	1697
Jul 2018	62%	23%	7%	7%	1%	1700
Jul 2014	61%	25%	6%	8%	1%	1698
Jul 2013	57%	25%	9%	8%	1%	2101
Jul 2011	56%	25%	9%	10%	1%	2500
Jul 2009	59%	21%	8%	11%	1%	2497

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Q33. How important is it for the state government to pass regulations and spend money now on efforts to prepare for the future effects of climate change, such as flooding, storms, and wildfires? Is it:

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	62%	27%	11%	0%	1723
Jul 2015	61%	25%	13%	1%	1692
Jul 2013	53%	29%	16%	1%	2099

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Q34. How important is it for the state government to pass regulations and spend money now on efforts to reduce climate change? Is it:

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	57%	27%	16%	0%	1722
Jul 2013	48%	31%	20%	1%	2096

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Q35. Next, to address climate change, do you favor or oppose the state law that requires California to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 40 percent below 1990 levels by the year 2030?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	73%	26%	1%	1721
Jul 2022	72%	26%	2%	1636
Jul 2021	74%	23%	3%	1560
Jul 2020	77%	21%	1%	1554
Jul 2019	67%	24%	9%	1698
Jul 2018	67%	22%	11%	1703
Jul 2017	72%	21%	7%	1702

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Q36. Do you favor or oppose the state law that requires 100 percent of the state's electricity to come from renewable energy sources by the year 2045?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	68%	31%	1%	1722
Jul 2022	72%	27%	2%	1637
Jul 2021	70%	28%	1%	1563
Jul 2020	77%	21%	2%	1556
Jul 2019	71%	24%	6%	1701
Jul 2018	72%	21%	7%	1707

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Q38. Do you favor or oppose the state banning
 the sale of all new gasoline-powered vehicles in
 California by 2035?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	45%	54%	1%	1723
Jul 2022	48%	50%	2%	1637
Jul 2021	49%	49%	2%	1567

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Q40. How much, if anything, have you heard about the state government policy called "cap-and-trade" that sets limits on greenhouse gas emissions?

	A lot	A little	Nothing at all	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	10%	39%	50%	0%	1723
Jul 2021	9%	38%	54%	0%	1567
Jul 2020	8%	37%	54%	0%	1558
Jul 2019	10%	31%	59%	0%	1704
Jul 2018	12%	34%	53%	0%	1711
Jul 2017	11%	32%	56%	0%	1707
Jul 2016	12%	33%	55%	1%	1703
Jul 2014	13%	32%	55%	0%	1704
Jul 2013	12%	33%	54%	1%	2103
Aug 2012	12%	30%	57%	0%	2499
Jul 2010	18%	27%	54%	0%	2500

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Q41. In the system called “cap and trade,” the California state government issues permits limiting the amount of greenhouse gases companies can put out. Companies that do not use all their permits can sell them to other companies. The idea is that many companies will find ways to put out less greenhouse gases, because that will be cheaper than buying permits.

Do you favor or oppose the cap-and-trade system?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	66%	33%	1%	1721
Jul 2021	66%	31%	3%	1559
Jul 2020	62%	34%	3%	1552
Jul 2019	53%	34%	13%	1684
Jul 2018	50%	35%	15%	1703
Jul 2017	56%	33%	11%	1697
Jul 2016	54%	32%	13%	1694
Jul 2014	51%	40%	9%	1698
Aug 2012	53%	36%	11%	2477
Jul 2011	54%	36%	11%	2491
Jul 2010	50%	40%	10%	2480
Jul 2009	49%	40%	11%	2486

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Q42. Next, how important to you is it that some of the cap-and-trade revenues are spent on projects to improve environmental conditions in lower-income and disadvantaged communities?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	41%	37%	13%	8%	0%	1723
Jul 2021	39%	39%	12%	8%	1%	1562
Jul 2020	39%	39%	13%	8%	2%	1552
Jul 2018	51%	29%	8%	10%	3%	1698
Jul 2017	54%	27%	7%	10%	2%	1693
Jul 2016	51%	30%	15%	0%	3%	1692
Jul 2013	52%	31%	15%	0%	2%	2083

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Q43. Next, do you favor or oppose the California state government making its own policies, separate from the federal government, to address the issue of climate change?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	68%	31%	0%	1720
Jul 2022	66%	32%	2%	1639
Jul 2021	67%	31%	2%	1564
Jul 2020	69%	29%	2%	1552
Jul 2019	64%	31%	5%	1698
Jul 2018	65%	28%	7%	1702
Jul 2017	66%	28%	6%	1701
Jan 2017	63%	33%	4%	1696
Jul 2016	67%	26%	6%	1695
Jul 2015	64%	28%	8%	1686
Jul 2014	65%	30%	5%	1692
Jul 2013	60%	32%	8%	2095
Aug 2012	63%	31%	7%	2483
Jul 2011	57%	33%	10%	2490
Jul 2010	57%	35%	8%	2489
Jul 2009	58%	34%	8%	2489
Jul 2008	66%	28%	6%	2499
Jul 2007	67%	26%	6%	2490
Jul 2006	65%	27%	8%	2496
Jul 2005	54%	37%	9%	2488

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Q44. When it comes to efforts to fight climate change, how important is it to you that California acts as a leader around the world?						
	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	47%	27%	13%	13%	0%	1722
Jul 2022	41%	30%	14%	15%	1%	1640
Jul 2021	43%	28%	15%	13%	1%	1566
Jul 2020	42%	32%	13%	12%	0%	1555
Jul 2019	53%	25%	7%	14%	1%	1703
Jul 2018	54%	24%	9%	12%	1%	1706
Jul 2017	58%	23%	7%	11%	1%	1706

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Q45. Next, do you think that California doing things to reduce climate change in the future would cause there to be more jobs for people around the state, would cause there to be fewer jobs, or wouldn't affect the number of jobs for people around the state?

	More jobs	Fewer jobs	Wouldn't affect the number of jobs	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	41%	31%	28%	0%	1723
Jul 2022	40%	26%	32%	3%	1641
Jul 2021	41%	25%	31%	3%	1566
Jul 2020	39%	28%	30%	2%	1556
Jul 2019	48%	19%	21%	12%	1697
Jul 2018	48%	18%	23%	11%	1705
Jul 2017	50%	22%	19%	9%	1698
Jul 2016	40%	20%	29%	10%	1694
Dec 2015	45%	19%	27%	9%	1693
Jul 2015	38%	24%	26%	13%	1693
Dec 2014	43%	21%	29%	7%	1692
Jul 2014	39%	26%	27%	8%	1692
Jul 2013	45%	24%	21%	10%	2092
Aug 2012	42%	25%	25%	8%	2485
Jul 2011	47%	23%	20%	10%	2496
Sep 2010	44%	22%	25%	10%	1994
Jul 2010	45%	23%	24%	8%	2492

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Q46. Do you think that California doing things to reduce climate change in the future would cause gasoline prices at the pump around the state to (increase), or to (decrease), or wouldn't affect gasoline prices at the pump around the state?

	Increase gasoline prices	Decrease gasoline prices	Wouldn't affect gasoline prices	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	57%	27%	15%	1%	1724
Jul 2021	57%	21%	19%	2%	1564
Jul 2020	52%	27%	19%	3%	1556
Jul 2019	58%	15%	17%	9%	1700
Jul 2018	56%	16%	17%	11%	1703
Jul 2017	54%	18%	19%	9%	1699
Jul 2016	59%	14%	20%	7%	1696

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Q47. In order to help reduce climate change,
 would you be willing or not willing to pay more
 for electricity if it were generated by renewable
 sources like solar or wind energy?

	Willing	Not willing	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	43%	57%	0%	1722
Jul 2022	44%	55%	1%	1643
Jul 2021	45%	55%	1%	1563
Jul 2020	47%	52%	1%	1555
Jul 2019	51%	45%	4%	1692
Jul 2018	50%	44%	6%	1700
Jul 2017	51%	45%	4%	1691
Jul 2016	56%	40%	4%	1697

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Q48. Would you say that you have or have not seriously considered getting an electric vehicle the next time you buy or lease a vehicle, or do you already have one?

	Have considered	Have not considered	Already have one	Don't drive/don't have a car/won't be buying another vehicle (vol)	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	50%	41%	8%	0%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	49%	45%	6%	0%	0%	1643
Jul 2016	47%	39%	8%	4%	1%	1691
Jul 2015	48%	41%	5%	5%	1%	1690
Jul 2013	51%	35%	6%	6%	2%	2086

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Q50. Do you think that ocean and beach pollution along the California coast is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem in California today?

	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not a problem	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	50%	44%	6%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	40%	49%	10%	1%	1644
Jul 2021	48%	43%	8%	1%	1566
Jul 2020	45%	48%	7%	0%	1558
Jul 2017	46%	37%	16%	2%	1708
Feb 2006	50%	35%	10%	5%	1999
Nov 2003	53%	34%	9%	3%	1994
Jun 2002	50%	34%	10%	6%	1975
Jun 2000	53%	36%	7%	4%	1968

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Q51. How about overfishing, or depleting the fishing stock, by commercial fishing? Do you think this is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem in the part of the California coast that is closest to you?

	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not a problem	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	45%	43%	12%	0%	1723
Jul 2019	35%	35%	25%	5%	1701
Feb 2006	32%	33%	24%	11%	2002
Nov 2003	36%	35%	20%	9%	1992

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Q52. How about plastics and marine debris? Do you think this is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem in the part of the California coast that is closest to you?

	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not a problem	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	71%	26%	3%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	58%	37%	5%	0%	1643
Jul 2021	61%	32%	6%	0%	1565
Jul 2020	64%	30%	5%	0%	1558
Jul 2019	72%	18%	9%	2%	1705

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Q53. How about declining marine life? Do you think this is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem in the part of the California coast that is closest to you?

	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not a problem	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	60%	34%	6%	0%	1724
Jul 2020	52%	37%	9%	1%	1558
Jul 2017	45%	32%	17%	6%	1707

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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Q54. Next, how important is the condition of oceans and beaches to the economy and quality of life for California's future?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	67%	27%	4%	2%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	58%	33%	6%	1%	1%	1643
Jul 2021	64%	31%	4%	2%	0%	1565
Jul 2020	61%	32%	4%	1%	1%	1558
Jul 2019	77%	18%	2%	3%	1%	1704
Jul 2018	74%	21%	2%	2%	1%	1708
Jul 2017	73%	22%	2%	2%	1%	1708

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Q55. How about allowing more oil drilling off the California coast? Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	34%	66%	1%	1722
Jul 2022	32%	67%	1%	1639
Jul 2021	27%	72%	2%	1562
Jul 2020	26%	73%	1%	1552
Jul 2019	28%	67%	5%	1697
Jul 2018	27%	67%	6%	1709
Jul 2017	25%	69%	5%	1704
Jul 2016	36%	59%	6%	1698
Jul 2015	38%	56%	6%	1701
Jul 2014	46%	51%	3%	1703
Jul 2013	41%	54%	5%	2100
Aug 2012	48%	48%	4%	2497
Jul 2011	46%	49%	5%	2501
Jul 2010	36%	59%	5%	1247
Jul 2009	51%	43%	6%	2495
Jul 2008	51%	45%	5%	2499
Jul 2007	41%	52%	7%	2488
Jul 2006	42%	51%	7%	2499
Feb 2006	31%	64%	5%	1999
Jul 2005	41%	53%	6%	2495
Jul 2004	44%	50%	7%	2498
Jul 2003	39%	54%	6%	1984

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Q56. How about allowing wind power and wave energy projects off the California coast? Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	83%	17%	0%	1722
Jul 2022	81%	17%	2%	1640
Jul 2021	81%	15%	3%	1563
Jul 2020	77%	20%	3%	1553
Jul 2019	72%	19%	9%	1698
Jul 2017	73%	19%	8%	1702

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Q57. How about building desalination plants on
 the California coast? Do you favor or oppose
 this proposal?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	73%	26%	1%	1719
Jul 2022	72%	23%	4%	1640
Jul 2021	68%	27%	5%	1566
Jul 2020	66%	28%	6%	1554
Jul 2017	67%	26%	7%	1700
Feb 2006	56%	33%	11%	1997

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Q58. How about Maintaining the rules and boundaries of national marine sanctuaries and California Marine Protected Areas—or MPAs—to protect fish, wildlife, and their habitat off the California coast? Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	92%	8%	0%	1722
Jul 2020	89%	9%	2%	1553
Jul 2018	88%	8%	4%	1707

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Q59. Do you approve or disapprove of the way
 President Biden is handling his job as president
 of the United States?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	50%	50%	0%	1718
Jun 2023	51%	47%	2%	1561
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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Q60. Do you approve or disapprove of the way
 that President Biden is handling environmental
 issues in the United States?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	47%	52%	1%	1717
Jul 2022	49%	48%	3%	1632
Jul 2021	61%	35%	4%	1560

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Q61. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?				
	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	27%	73%	1%	1719
Jun 2023	24%	72%	4%	1557
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

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Q61. Do you approve or disapprove of the way
 the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know	Unweighted n
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
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

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Q61. Do you approve or disapprove of the way
 the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know	Unweighted n
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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Q62. Do you approve or disapprove of the way
 the U.S. Congress is handling environmental
 issues in the United States?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	25%	74%	1%	1720
Jul 2022	25%	71%	4%	1635
Jul 2021	35%	62%	3%	1558
Jul 2020	20%	78%	3%	1546
Jul 2019	25%	63%	12%	1693
Jul 2018	23%	66%	10%	1694
Jul 2017	26%	63%	11%	1699
Jul 2016	31%	59%	10%	1692
Jul 2015	33%	55%	12%	1693
Jul 2014	24%	65%	11%	1685
Jul 2013	29%	59%	12%	2089
Aug 2012	27%	61%	12%	2487
Jul 2011	25%	60%	15%	2494

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Q63. How much of the time can you trust the federal government to do what is right when it comes to handling environmental issues in the United States?						
	Just about always	Most of the time	Only some of the time	Never (vol)	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	6%	25%	68%	0%	0%	1722
Jul 2022	5%	24%	69%	0%	1%	1641
Jul 2021	4%	29%	65%	1%	2%	1561
Jul 2020	2%	22%	74%	0%	1%	1550
Jul 2005	8%	24%	56%	10%	3%	2499

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Q64. As you may know, the Biden Administration has set a goal to become carbon neutral by 2050, meaning the country would release no more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere than it removes. Do you favor or oppose the U.S. taking steps to become carbon neutral by 2050?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	73%	26%	1%	1719
Jul 2022	74%	23%	3%	1639

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Q66. Would you choose to live:

	In a condo or townhome if it were convenient to use public transit to commute and travel locally	in a single-family detached home, even if it means that you need to drive a car to commute and drive locally	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	29%	71%	1%	1723
Nov 2004	26%	70%	4%	2488

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Q67. Would you choose to live:

	In a mixed-use neighborhood if it means you can walk to stores, schools, and services	In a residential-only neighborhood, even if it means you have to drive to stores, schools, and services	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	56%	44%	0%	1723
Nov 2004	48%	49%	3%	2488
Nov 2002	47%	50%	3%	1965

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Q68. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your views — even if neither is exactly right?

	The state government should ease current land use and environmental restrictions to increase the supply of housing	The state government should maintain current land use and environmental restrictions even if it increases the cost of new housing	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	55%	44%	1%	1716
Nov 2001	43%	53%	4%	1969

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Q69. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your views — even if neither is exactly right?

	The state government should require local governments to build their "fair share" of new housing that is affordable for the workforce in the region	Local governments should decide how much and what kinds of new housing to build in their communities	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	59%	41%	0%	1716
Nov 2004	44%	51%	5%	2496

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