

Californians and Their Government

January 2019

Time Trends – Likely Voters

Methodology Note:

Findings for January 2019 are based on a survey of 1,707 California adult residents, with 70 percent interviewed on cell phones (1,195 interviews) and 30 percent interviewed on landline telephones (512 interviews). Live landline and cell phone interviews were conducted in English and Spanish according to the respondents' preferences. Interviews took an average of 18 minutes to complete. Interviewing took place on weekend days and weekday nights January 20-29, 2019.

The January 2019 sampling error for the 1,154 likely voters, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 4.0 percent. 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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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
Jan 2019	46%	43%	11%	1147
Dec 2018	43%	47%	10%	1084
Nov 2018	44%	48%	8%	1090
Oct 2018	43%	48%	10%	985
Sep 2018	44%	46%	10%	957
Jul 2018	46%	46%	8%	1014
May 2018	42%	48%	10%	895
Apr 2018	42%	49%	9%	864
Mar 2018	45%	46%	8%	924
Jan 2018	50%	41%	9%	1036
Dec 2017	46%	44%	10%	1065
Nov 2017	45%	45%	10%	1083
Sep 2017	44%	47%	9%	1098
Jul 2017	45%	42%	13%	1088
May 2017	41%	46%	12%	1012
Apr 2017	44%	45%	11%	1033
Mar 2017	48%	41%	11%	1057
Jan 2017	50%	38%	11%	1101
Dec 2016	45%	44%	11%	1115
Oct 2016	43%	43%	14%	1016
Sep 2016	42%	48%	9%	1050
Jul 2016	42%	48%	10%	1045
May 2016	38%	49%	13%	982
Apr 2016	40%	51%	9%	993
Mar 2016	38%	50%	12%	1029
Jan 2016	41%	48%	11%	1034
Dec 2015	38%	48%	14%	1100
Sep 2015	39%	47%	15%	1056
Jul 2015	32%	54%	13%	1055
Jun 2015	30%	52%	18%	1043
Apr 2015	36%	55%	9%	1061
Mar 2015	39%	50%	11%	1059
Jan 2015	41%	47%	13%	1003
Dec 2014	39%	51%	10%	1046
Oct 2014	37%	51%	13%	969
Sep 2014	32%	54%	14%	901
Jul 2014	31%	56%	13%	972
May 2014	36%	54%	11%	1027
Apr 2014	29%	56%	15%	1074
Mar 2014	32%	57%	12%	1084
Jan 2014	33%	57%	10%	1145
Dec 2013	32%	56%	12%	1077
Sep 2013	32%	57%	10%	1095
Jul 2013	33%	55%	12%	1272

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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 2013	29%	59%	12%	1125
Apr 2013	29%	64%	7%	1129
Mar 2013	25%	61%	14%	1130
Jan 2013	31%	55%	14%	1115
Dec 2012	26%	61%	13%	1434
Oct 2012	21%	68%	11%	1329
Sep 2012	22%	68%	10%	1325
Aug 2012	21%	69%	10%	1560
May 2012	17%	71%	11%	1248
Apr 2012	15%	73%	12%	1199
Mar 2012	21%	66%	14%	1162
Jan 2012	17%	71%	12%	1297
Dec 2011	16%	69%	15%	1293
Nov 2011	17%	70%	13%	1634
Sep 2011	17%	71%	12%	1363
Jul 2011	15%	74%	11%	1639
Jun 2011	17%	72%	11%	1404
Apr 2011	14%	74%	12%	1644
Mar 2011	16%	70%	14%	1360
Feb 2011	20%	63%	17%	1558
Jan 2011	18%	68%	14%	1390
Nov 2010	9%	82%	9%	1673
Oct 2010	10%	86%	3%	1238
Sep 2010	11%	85%	4%	1214
Jul 2010	10%	82%	8%	1462
May 2010	11%	80%	8%	1247
Apr 2010	11%	79%	9%	1540
Mar 2010	9%	85%	6%	1235
Jan 2010	12%	80%	7%	1299
Dec 2009	10%	83%	7%	1077
Nov 2009	10%	80%	10%	1630
Sep 2009	16%	76%	8%	1339
Jul 2009	10%	84%	6%	1563
May 2009	12%	80%	8%	1213
Apr 2009	16%	74%	10%	1596
Mar 2009	11%	80%	10%	1136
Feb 2009	14%	75%	10%	1564
Jan 2009	15%	76%	9%	1387
Nov 2008	20%	69%	11%	1633
Oct 2008	22%	70%	8%	1280
Sep 2008	16%	76%	9%	1277
Aug 2008	20%	74%	6%	1183
May 2008	23%	65%	12%	1224
Apr 2008	22%	66%	12%	1517

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	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2008	25%	64%	11%	1219
Jan 2008	27%	61%	12%	1226
Dec 2007	35%	54%	10%	1146
Oct 2007	32%	54%	14%	1574
Sep 2007	29%	59%	11%	1158
Jun 2007	35%	47%	18%	1106
May 2007	36%	51%	14%	1127
Apr 2007	35%	51%	14%	1510
Mar 2007	39%	47%	14%	1233
Jan 2007	37%	49%	14%	1274
Oct 2006	26%	61%	13%	1188
Sep 2006	32%	55%	13%	1207
Aug 2006	27%	61%	12%	1105
May 2006	23%	61%	15%	1093
Mar 2006	23%	65%	12%	1002
Jan 2006	25%	63%	12%	1256
Jan 2006	23%	60%	17%	1443
Oct 2005	21%	65%	14%	1161
Sep 2005	28%	60%	12%	1111
Aug 2005	23%	64%	13%	1052
May 2005	24%	63%	12%	1237
Jan 2005	33%	57%	11%	1230
Oct 2004	40%	46%	14%	1210
Sep 2004	37%	51%	12%	1191
Aug 2004	37%	52%	11%	1183
Jun 2004	38%	51%	11%	1346
May 2004	35%	52%	13%	1098
Jan 2004	34%	50%	16%	977
Aug 2003	22%	68%	10%	1067
Jun 2003	29%	58%	13%	1032
Feb 2003	29%	55%	16%	1071
Sep 2002	40%	45%	15%	1029
Jan 2002	46%	43%	11%	967
Dec 2001	50%	36%	14%	939
Jan 2001	56%	32%	12%	1085
Sep 2000	56%	34%	11%	1089

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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	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Jan 2019	65%	25%	10%	1151
Jan 2018	58%	33%	9%	1039
Jan 2017	64%	25%	12%	1103
Jan 2016	53%	38%	9%	1038
Jan 2015	52%	39%	9%	1008
Jan 2014	51%	40%	9%	1147
Jan 2013	51%	40%	9%	1114
Jan 2012	32%	59%	8%	1302
Jan 2011	52%	34%	14%	1393
May 2010	14%	80%	6%	1248
Jan 2010	20%	74%	6%	1301
Jan 2009	35%	56%	8%	1387
Jan 2008	44%	47%	9%	1231
Jun 2007	49%	41%	10%	1112
Jan 2007	60%	30%	10%	1276
Mar 2006	31%	57%	11%	847
Jan 2006	41%	51%	8%	1254

*January 2011 to January 2018 trend wording was "Do you think that Governor Brown and the state legislature will be able to work together and accomplish a lot in the next year, or not?"

*January 2006 to May 2010 trend wording was "Do you think that Governor Schwarzenegger and the state legislature will be able to work together and accomplish a lot in the next year, or not?"

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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	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Jan 2019	51%	45%	3%	1149
Dec 2018	50%	46%	4%	1079
Sep 2018	50%	47%	3%	957
Jan 2018	54%	43%	3%	1039
Dec 2017	49%	47%	4%	1062
Sep 2017	51%	45%	4%	1103
Mar 2017	53%	43%	4%	1066
Jan 2017	58%	38%	4%	1102
Oct 2016	50%	45%	5%	1021
Sep 2016	45%	52%	3%	1051
May 2016	45%	51%	4%	986
Mar 2016	45%	50%	5%	1032
Jan 2016	49%	47%	4%	1037
Dec 2015	44%	50%	6%	1106
Sep 2015	43%	52%	6%	1062
Jun 2015	40%	52%	8%	1042
Mar 2015	49%	47%	5%	1057
Jan 2015	49%	45%	5%	1009
Dec 2014	47%	48%	5%	1055
Oct 2014	40%	54%	6%	970
Sep 2014	43%	52%	6%	913
May 2014	44%	50%	6%	1035
Mar 2014	41%	53%	6%	1085
Jan 2014	47%	48%	5%	1143
Dec 2013	41%	55%	4%	1077
Sep 2013	40%	54%	6%	1100
Jun 2013	39%	53%	9%	1433
May 2013	41%	54%	4%	1121
Mar 2013	37%	57%	6%	1132
Jan 2013	45%	49%	6%	1115
Dec 2012	39%	56%	5%	1430
Oct 2012	34%	60%	6%	1330
Sep 2012	29%	66%	5%	1325
May 2012	27%	68%	5%	1246
Mar 2012	32%	59%	9%	1161
Jan 2012	29%	66%	5%	1297
Dec 2011	24%	68%	8%	1294
Sep 2011	25%	69%	7%	1359
Jun 2011	22%	68%	9%	1485
Jun 2011	27%	66%	7%	1401
Mar 2011	27%	63%	10%	1361
Feb 2011	32%	56%	12%	1566

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Jan 2011	32%	61%	7%	1393
Oct 2010	12%	77%	11%	1227
Sep 2010	13%	77%	9%	1210
Jul 2010	8%	86%	5%	1462
May 2010	13%	82%	5%	1249
Mar 2010	13%	83%	4%	1234
Jan 2010	15%	80%	5%	1299
Dec 2009	11%	82%	7%	1075
Nov 2009	12%	83%	5%	1626
Sep 2009	18%	77%	6%	1340
Jul 2009	9%	87%	5%	1569
Jun 2009	16%	74%	9%	1500
May 2009	17%	76%	7%	1216
Mar 2009	17%	77%	7%	1135
Feb 2009	13%	80%	7%	1564
Jan 2009	16%	78%	6%	1387
Nov 2008	24%	66%	10%	1635
Oct 2008	20%	70%	10%	1274
Sep 2008	21%	67%	11%	1282
Aug 2008	24%	68%	8%	1179
Jun 2008	22%	69%	9%	1412
May 2008	24%	67%	9%	1220
Mar 2008	24%	66%	9%	1215
Jan 2008	35%	55%	10%	1224
Dec 2007	38%	50%	13%	1146
Sep 2007	41%	51%	9%	1154
Jun 2007	44%	47%	9%	1104
May 2007	47%	45%	7%	1122
Mar 2007	44%	48%	8%	1233
Jan 2007	55%	38%	7%	1271
Oct 2006	44%	47%	10%	1183
Sep 2006	45%	46%	9%	1208
Aug 2006	42%	49%	9%	1102
Jul 2006	45%	48%	7%	1346
May 2006	34%	59%	8%	1096
Mar 2006	36%	55%	9%	1007
Feb 2006	34%	58%	8%	1232
Jan 2006	36%	57%	7%	1252
Jan 2006	28%	64%	8%	1447
Oct 2005	29%	62%	10%	1156
Sep 2005	27%	64%	9%	1108
Aug 2005	34%	58%	8%	1055

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	right direction	wrong direction	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2005	39%	50%	11%	1461
May 2005	37%	56%	7%	1238
Apr 2005	34%	56%	10%	1472
Jan 2005	48%	42%	10%	1229
Oct 2004	47%	43%	11%	1210
Sep 2004	47%	42%	12%	1197
Aug 2004	46%	43%	11%	1179
Jul 2004	47%	42%	12%	1447
Jun 2004	46%	43%	11%	1342
May 2004	48%	41%	11%	1100
Feb 2004	32%	54%	15%	1006
Jan 2004	44%	40%	16%	972
Nov 2003	31%	55%	14%	1183
Oct 2003	18%	74%	8%	1128
Sep 2003	17%	75%	8%	1143
Aug 2003	17%	74%	9%	1065
Jul 2003	25%	66%	9%	1153
Jun 2003	22%	68%	10%	1033
Feb 2003	22%	69%	9%	1070
Nov 2002	45%	47%	8%	914
Oct 2002	40%	50%	10%	1048
Sep 2002	48%	43%	8%	1035
Aug 2002	37%	53%	10%	966
Feb 2002	50%	42%	7%	948
Jan 2002	55%	38%	7%	968
Dec 2001	55%	36%	9%	945
Jan 2001	63%	29%	8%	1092
Oct 2000	56%	34%	9%	1088
Aug 2000	63%	30%	8%	1011
Feb 2000	64%	28%	8%	1007
Jan 2000	66%	27%	7%	977
Dec 1999	60%	34%	6%	907
Sep 1999	59%	35%	6%	906
Jan 1999	66%	28%	7%	1049
Oct 1998	63%	30%	7%	1103
Sep 1998	58%	35%	7%	1046
May 1998	56%	36%	9%	936
Apr 1998	55%	37%	8%	990

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Q6. 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	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Jan 2019	45%	45%	10%	1148
Dec 2018	46%	44%	10%	1080
Oct 2018	47%	39%	14%	983
Sep 2018	55%	38%	7%	953
May 2018	50%	40%	10%	897
Jan 2018	56%	34%	10%	1036
Sep 2017	51%	42%	7%	1099
Mar 2017	50%	41%	10%	1060
Jan 2017	51%	34%	15%	1100
Oct 2016	46%	40%	14%	1019
Sep 2016	47%	42%	11%	1048
May 2016	45%	43%	12%	983
Mar 2016	46%	45%	9%	1030
Jan 2016	44%	46%	11%	1034
Dec 2015	47%	43%	10%	1106
Sep 2015	46%	44%	10%	1060
Jun 2015	44%	44%	11%	1041
Mar 2015	49%	39%	12%	1055
Jan 2015	54%	36%	10%	1001
Dec 2014	51%	40%	9%	1047
Oct 2014	42%	47%	11%	970
Sep 2014	44%	46%	10%	906
May 2014	44%	46%	10%	1033
Mar 2014	42%	48%	10%	1084
Jan 2014	46%	47%	8%	1139
Dec 2013	38%	52%	10%	1076
Sep 2013	44%	46%	10%	1095
Jun 2013	46%	44%	10%	1431
May 2013	45%	46%	9%	1117
Mar 2013	41%	52%	8%	1131
Jan 2013	44%	44%	11%	1110
Dec 2012	37%	55%	8%	1428
Oct 2012	34%	53%	12%	1329
Sep 2012	29%	63%	9%	1321
May 2012	27%	65%	9%	1242
Mar 2012	28%	62%	11%	1165
Jan 2012	27%	65%	8%	1294
Dec 2011	22%	68%	10%	1288
Sep 2011	19%	74%	7%	1357
Jun 2011	20%	70%	10%	1483
Jun 2011	29%	63%	8%	1401

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Q6. 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	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2011	26%	65%	8%	1362
Feb 2011	31%	57%	12%	1558
Jan 2011	28%	63%	9%	1392
Oct 2010	20%	65%	14%	1220
Sep 2010	24%	62%	13%	1206
Jul 2010	19%	74%	7%	1461
May 2010	22%	71%	7%	1243
Mar 2010	21%	72%	7%	1230
Jan 2010	17%	76%	7%	1299
Dec 2009	20%	73%	6%	1078
Nov 2009	17%	75%	7%	1627
Sep 2009	22%	71%	7%	1337
Jul 2009	13%	81%	6%	1568
Jun 2009	18%	77%	5%	1502
May 2009	19%	75%	6%	1217
Mar 2009	15%	79%	6%	1136
Feb 2009	13%	83%	4%	1565
Jan 2009	13%	82%	5%	1389
Nov 2008	17%	75%	9%	1636
Oct 2008	15%	77%	8%	1277
Sep 2008	17%	72%	11%	1281
Aug 2008	17%	75%	8%	1182
Jul 2008	14%	80%	7%	1454
Jun 2008	12%	82%	6%	1422
May 2008	16%	75%	9%	1220
Mar 2008	12%	80%	8%	1221
Jan 2008	18%	74%	9%	1227
Dec 2007	23%	68%	9%	1150
Sep 2007	29%	62%	9%	1157
Jun 2007	43%	47%	10%	1106
May 2007	41%	47%	12%	1122
Mar 2007	41%	49%	11%	1233
Jan 2007	52%	37%	11%	1274
Oct 2006	52%	35%	13%	1186
Sep 2006	48%	40%	12%	1209
Aug 2006	45%	43%	12%	1100
Jul 2006	42%	43%	15%	1351
May 2006	39%	48%	12%	1093
Mar 2006	50%	38%	12%	1000
Feb 2006	46%	42%	12%	1232
Jan 2006	49%	40%	11%	1252
Jan 2006	43%	45%	12%	1446

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Q6. 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	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Oct 2005	35%	54%	11%	1159
Sep 2005	33%	57%	10%	1110
Aug 2005	42%	47%	12%	1054
Jul 2005	45%	39%	16%	1459
May 2005	44%	45%	11%	1241
Apr 2005	38%	51%	11%	1470
Jan 2005	47%	38%	15%	1227
Oct 2004	45%	40%	15%	1209
Sep 2004	48%	39%	14%	1195
Aug 2004	46%	40%	14%	1181
Jul 2004	50%	39%	12%	1445
Jun 2004	42%	45%	12%	1336
May 2004	43%	43%	14%	1099
Feb 2004	42%	45%	13%	1007
Jan 2004	51%	34%	15%	979
Nov 2003	40%	45%	15%	1183
Oct 2003	34%	44%	22%	1119
Sep 2003	31%	51%	18%	1133
Aug 2003	27%	56%	17%	1057
Jul 2003	29%	62%	9%	1153
Jun 2003	25%	66%	9%	1025
Feb 2003	15%	76%	9%	1075
Nov 2002	45%	46%	9%	913
Oct 2002	35%	53%	12%	1046
Sep 2002	40%	50%	10%	1036
Aug 2002	35%	53%	12%	969
Feb 2002	46%	47%	7%	950
Jan 2002	46%	48%	6%	971
Dec 2001	35%	59%	6%	947
Jan 2001	52%	36%	12%	1090
Aug 2000	78%	16%	7%	1013
Feb 2000	81%	11%	8%	1012
Dec 1999	79%	15%	6%	910
Sep 1999	76%	19%	5%	914

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Q7. I'm going to name some of the largest areas for state spending. Please tell me the one that represents the most spending in the state budget...?

	K-12 public education	higher education	health and human services	prisons and corrections	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Jan 2019	20%	8%	35%	32%	4%	1145
Jan 2017	17%	8%	31%	36%	7%	1105
Jan 2016	17%	8%	29%	41%	5%	1039
Jan 2015	19%	5%	29%	42%	5%	1010
Jan 2014	21%	7%	30%	37%	4%	1151
Jan 2012	22%	4%	28%	40%	5%	1300
Jan 2011	22%	3%	29%	41%	4%	1398
Jan 2010	20%	2%	22%	48%	7%	1298
May 2008	26%	4%	29%	33%	8%	1230
May 2007	32%	7%	29%	23%	8%	1129
May 2005	32%	6%	25%	26%	10%	1240

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Q8. I'm going to name some of the largest areas for state revenues. Please tell me the one that represents the most revenue for the state budget...?

	personal income tax	sales tax	corporate tax	motor vehicle fees	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Jan 2019	34%	22%	24%	15%	5%	1151
Jan 2015	37%	25%	22%	11%	5%	1010
Jan 2014	31%	30%	18%	12%	9%	1150
Jan 2012	35%	31%	19%	10%	5%	1304
Jan 2011	33%	32%	18%	12%	5%	1398
Jan 2010	32%	32%	19%	10%	7%	1300
May 2008	35%	30%	21%	5%	8%	1229
May 2007	37%	25%	22%	7%	9%	1129
May 2005	35%	27%	17%	10%	9%	1241

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Q9. 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
Jan 2019	49%	15%	30%	4%	2%	1136
Jan 2017	49%	15%	28%	5%	3%	1096
Jan 2016	54%	18%	23%	3%	2%	1032
Jan 2015	57%	17%	19%	4%	3%	1002

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Q10. When it comes to the tough choices involved in the state budget this year,
 would you prefer ...?

	that the governor and legislature make all of the decisions	that California voters make some of the decisions about spending at the ballot box	[VOL] other specify	[VOL] both	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Jan 2019	18%	78%	1%	1%	1%	1149
Jan 2015	21%	76%	1%	1%	1%	1008
Sep 2014	18%	78%	1%	0%	2%	911
May 2014	18%	76%	2%	2%	2%	1035
Sep 2012	18%	78%	1%	1%	2%	1327
May 2012	15%	81%	0%	0%	3%	1251
Jun 2011	21%	76%	1%	2%	1%	1405

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Q11. Proposition 13 is the 1978 ballot measure that limits the property tax rate to 1 percent of assessed value at time of purchase and annual tax increases to no more than 2 percent until the property is sold. Do you feel this is good or bad?

	mostly a good thing	mostly a bad thing	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Jan 2019	64%	24%	11%	1145
Mar 2018	65%	23%	10%	928
Jan 2015	66%	25%	6%	1009
May 2014	63%	27%	7%	1035
May 2013	61%	26%	10%	1126
Dec 2012	64%	29%	6%	1439
Mar 2011	58%	27%	8%	1367
Sep 2009	58%	29%	10%	1342
May 2008	67%	24%	6%	1228
May 2005	56%	33%	10%	1240
Feb 2003	65%	24%	10%	1077

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Q12. Under Proposition 13, residential and commercial property taxes are both strictly limited. What do you think about having commercial properties taxed according to their current market value? Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

	favor	oppose	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Jan 2019	49%	43%	8%	1150
Jan 2018	46%	43%	11%	1033
Sep 2015	55%	39%	6%	1061
Jun 2015	50%	44%	6%	1046
Jan 2015	54%	39%	7%	1005
Jan 2014	59%	36%	5%	1146
May 2013	56%	38%	6%	1120
Dec 2012	58%	36%	6%	1436
Jan 2012	60%	34%	5%	1302

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Q13. 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
Jan 2019	43%	38%	16%	3%	1152
Jan 2018	49%	30%	18%	3%	1038
May 2017	49%	32%	14%	5%	1017
Jan 2017	38%	47%	10%	5%	1105
May 2016	51%	33%	13%	3%	989
Mar 2016	55%	33%	9%	3%	1036
Jan 2016	46%	39%	12%	4%	1041
Dec 2015	50%	35%	10%	6%	1113
Jun 2015	52%	35%	11%	2%	1045
Mar 2015	50%	34%	12%	3%	1063
Jan 2015	56%	35%	7%	2%	1009
Dec 2014	55%	35%	8%	2%	1056
Oct 2014	62%	29%	6%	3%	974
Sep 2014	62%	29%	6%	2%	913
May 2014	58%	34%	5%	2%	1036
Jan 2014	56%	36%	6%	2%	1150
Sep 2013	66%	28%	4%	2%	1101
May 2013	67%	27%	4%	1%	1128
Mar 2013	72%	23%	4%	1%	1137
Jan 2013	71%	23%	4%	1%	1116
Dec 2012	74%	21%	3%	1%	1437
Oct 2012	80%	18%	1%	1%	1336
Sep 2012	83%	15%	1%	1%	1331
May 2012	83%	14%	2%	2%	1256
Apr 2012	80%	16%	2%	1%	1207
Mar 2012	78%	17%	3%	1%	1167
Jan 2012	78%	20%	2%	1%	1305
Dec 2011	83%	14%	2%	2%	1297
Sep 2011	81%	16%	1%	2%	1362
Jun 2011	82%	15%	3%	1%	1409
Mar 2011	83%	14%	2%	1%	1372
Jan 2011	83%	16%	0%	1%	1398
Sep 2010	90%	9%	1%	0%	1219
May 2010	88%	11%	1%	1%	1251
Mar 2010	87%	12%	1%	1%	1237
Jan 2010	83%	15%	0%	1%	1301
Dec 2009	88%	10%	1%	0%	1078
Sep 2009	85%	12%	1%	1%	1342
May 2009	83%	16%	1%	1%	1219
Mar 2009	85%	13%	1%	2%	1138
Jan 2009	82%	16%	1%	1%	1391

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Q13. 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
Oct 2008	80%	17%	1%	1%	1284
Sep 2008	84%	14%	1%	1%	1283
Aug 2008	84%	14%	1%	1%	1186
May 2008	76%	22%	1%	1%	1229
Mar 2008	79%	18%	2%	2%	1221
Jan 2008	74%	23%	2%	2%	1234
May 2007	46%	46%	5%	3%	1127
Jan 2007	49%	42%	5%	4%	1277
May 2006	64%	30%	2%	3%	1097
Jan 2006	68%	27%	3%	2%	1257

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Q19. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that Donald Trump is handling his job
 as president?

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Jan 2019	36%	62%	2%	1145
Dec 2018	36%	61%	3%	1083
Oct 2018	39%	58%	3%	981
Sep 2018	37%	61%	2%	958
Jul 2018	34%	64%	2%	1012
May 2018	38%	58%	4%	889
Mar 2018	37%	61%	2%	920
Jan 2018	32%	67%	1%	1038
Dec 2017	34%	63%	3%	1058
Sep 2017	31%	66%	3%	1095
Jul 2017	34%	63%	3%	1085
May 2017	33%	63%	3%	1013
Mar 2017	35%	62%	3%	1058
Jan 2017	34%	55%	11%	1094

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Q20. Overall, from what you know so far, do you approve or disapprove of the way Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi is handling her job?

	approve	disapprove	(vol) never heard of her/ have not heard enough to have an opinion	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Jan 2019	50%	46%	2%	3%	1151
Sep 2009	44%	48%	0%	8%	1339
Mar 2009	43%	47%	0%	10%	1137
Sep 2008	38%	52%	0%	11%	1278
Mar 2008	43%	45%	0%	12%	1216
Sep 2007	44%	45%	0%	11%	1158
Jun 2007	43%	42%	0%	15%	1111
Mar 2007	53%	31%	0%	16%	1234

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Q22. 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 2019	23%	72%	5%	1146
Dec 2018	20%	74%	6%	1086
Oct 2018	20%	75%	6%	983
Sep 2018	20%	74%	7%	958
Jul 2018	14%	83%	3%	1015
May 2018	18%	78%	5%	891
Mar 2018	22%	74%	4%	925
Jan 2018	15%	81%	3%	1040
Dec 2017	15%	80%	4%	1068
Sep 2017	18%	79%	3%	1098
Jul 2017	17%	78%	5%	1091
May 2017	19%	76%	5%	1017
Mar 2017	27%	68%	6%	1059
Jan 2017	25%	68%	7%	1098
Oct 2016	17%	77%	6%	1024
Sep 2016	16%	81%	3%	1054
Jul 2016	17%	80%	3%	1051
May 2016	15%	82%	3%	985
Mar 2016	14%	83%	2%	1038
Jan 2016	19%	78%	3%	1040
Dec 2015	14%	81%	5%	1111
Sep 2015	17%	79%	4%	1065
Jul 2015	17%	78%	6%	1057
Jun 2015	20%	74%	6%	1045
Mar 2015	16%	80%	4%	1057
Jan 2015	24%	71%	5%	1008
Oct 2014	16%	79%	5%	970
Sep 2014	16%	80%	5%	907
Jul 2014	15%	83%	2%	976
May 2014	14%	82%	4%	1034
Mar 2014	9%	87%	4%	1091
Jan 2014	15%	82%	3%	1150
Dec 2013	10%	86%	4%	1078
Sep 2013	18%	79%	3%	1086
Jul 2013	18%	77%	4%	1268
May 2013	19%	77%	5%	1124
Mar 2013	16%	81%	3%	1132
Jan 2013	21%	73%	6%	1113
Oct 2012	15%	81%	4%	1332
Sep 2012	17%	78%	5%	1325
Aug 2012	15%	81%	4%	1562
May 2012	16%	78%	5%	1252

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Q22. 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 2012	17%	79%	4%	1163
Jan 2012	14%	82%	4%	1300
Dec 2011	9%	88%	3%	1293
Sep 2011	15%	79%	6%	1360
Jul 2011	17%	78%	5%	1638
Mar 2011	22%	69%	9%	1365
Oct 2010	26%	71%	3%	1233
Sep 2010	21%	74%	5%	1214
May 2010	26%	68%	6%	1250
Mar 2010	14%	82%	4%	1231
Jan 2010	29%	65%	6%	1296
Dec 2009	29%	66%	5%	1076
Sep 2009	34%	60%	6%	1338
May 2009	39%	53%	7%	1216
Mar 2009	35%	58%	7%	1134
Jan 2009	30%	64%	6%	1389
Oct 2008	18%	78%	4%	1281
Sep 2008	26%	67%	7%	1280
Aug 2008	22%	72%	6%	1180
Mar 2008	30%	63%	7%	1220
Dec 2007	23%	72%	5%	1147
Sep 2007	28%	66%	6%	1160
Jun 2007	30%	62%	9%	1106
Jan 2007	37%	51%	12%	1276
Sep 2006	31%	63%	6%	1207
Mar 2006	31%	62%	7%	1004
Oct 2005	37%	55%	8%	1164

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Q23. Do you think that President Trump 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	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Jan 2019	18%	79%	3%	1152
Jan 2018	27%	69%	4%	1039
Jan 2017	55%	39%	6%	1103
Jan 2015	18%	78%	4%	1011
Jan 2014	22%	75%	3%	1149
Jan 2013	37%	57%	5%	1115
Jan 2012	19%	77%	4%	1304
Jan 2010	48%	46%	6%	1302
May 2009	69%	24%	7%	1217
Jan 2009	79%	15%	5%	1387
Jun 2007	15%	81%	3%	1113
Jan 2007	30%	65%	5%	1278

*January 2009 to January 2015 trend wording was "Do you think that President Obama and the U.S. Congress will be able to work together and accomplish a lot in the next year, or not?"

*January 2007 to June 2007 trend wording was "Do you think that President Bush and the U.S. Congress will be able to work together and accomplish a lot in the next year, or not?"

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Q24. 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
Jan 2019	29%	68%	3%	1144
Oct 2018	38%	56%	6%	981
Dec 2017	27%	67%	7%	1061
May 2017	28%	64%	7%	1010
Jan 2017	37%	57%	6%	1101
Oct 2016	40%	55%	5%	1020
Mar 2016	34%	63%	3%	1034
Sep 2015	35%	61%	4%	1059
Mar 2015	34%	61%	5%	1054
Mar 2014	35%	61%	5%	1084
Dec 2013	32%	63%	4%	1075
Jan 2013	47%	49%	4%	1114
Oct 2012	42%	55%	3%	1332
Sep 2011	24%	72%	4%	1355
Oct 2010	35%	60%	5%	1229
Dec 2009	39%	56%	5%	1078
May 2009	52%	43%	5%	1217
Jan 2009	31%	64%	5%	1386
Aug 2008	22%	73%	5%	1180
Mar 2008	21%	75%	4%	1219
Jun 2007	26%	68%	6%	1107
Jan 2007	33%	63%	4%	1271
Oct 2006	31%	62%	6%	1188
Sep 2005	35%	60%	5%	1117
Jan 2005	43%	52%	4%	1233
Sep 2004	41%	56%	3%	1200
Sep 2003	43%	52%	5%	1146

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Q26. All in all, would you favor or oppose
 building a wall along the entire border with
 Mexico?

	favor	oppose	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Jan 2019	35%	62%	3%	1148
Oct 2018	34%	65%	2%	984
Mar 2018	36%	62%	3%	926
Sep 2017	31%	68%	1%	1099
Mar 2017	29%	69%	2%	1064
Sep 2016	34%	64%	3%	1054
May 2016	33%	65%	2%	984

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Q29. These days, do you feel (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
Jan 2019	48%	49%	3%	1154
Sep 2017	55%	44%	1%	1101

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Q31. 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) about the same; or worse than they were a year ago?

	better	about the same	worse	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Jan 2019	19%	33%	47%	1%	1151
Sep 2017	11%	37%	52%	1%	1102

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