

Californians and Their Government

March 2021

Time Trends – Likely Voters

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 March 2021 sampling error for the 1,174 likely voters, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 3.9 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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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	53%	42%	0%	5%	1164
Jan 2021	52%	43%	0%	5%	1123
Oct 2020	57%	39%	0%	4%	1179
Sep 2020	60%	37%	0%	3%	1163
May 2020	64%	31%	0%	6%	1043
Feb 2020	52%	39%	0%	9%	1043
Jan 2020	49%	42%	0%	9%	960
Nov 2019	48%	45%	0%	7%	1001
Sep 2019	43%	44%	0%	13%	1020
Jul 2019	47%	39%	0%	14%	1070
May 2019	47%	37%	0%	16%	1111
Mar 2019	45%	36%	14%	6%	1108
Jan 2019	43%	29%	21%	8%	1144

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Q3. Do you think the current effort to recall the
 governor is an appropriate use of the recall
 process, or not?

	yes	no	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	52%	42%	6%	1172
Oct 2003	50%	47%	4%	1136
Sep 2003	49%	45%	6%	1149
Aug 2003	52%	43%	5%	1068

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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	48%	42%	9%	1166
Jan 2021	46%	41%	12%	1118
Oct 2020	45%	42%	14%	1177
Sep 2020	45%	43%	12%	1157
May 2020	50%	39%	11%	1044
Feb 2020	49%	43%	8%	1042
Jan 2020	45%	45%	9%	961
Nov 2019	39%	51%	10%	1002
Sep 2019	38%	51%	11%	1025
Jul 2019	40%	48%	12%	1074
May 2019	34%	53%	13%	1116
Mar 2019	42%	45%	13%	1102
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

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	approve	disapprove	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
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
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

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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
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
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

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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	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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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	51%	40%	0%	9%	1166
Sep 2020	48%	41%	0%	11%	1159
Feb 2020	52%	39%	0%	10%	1043
Sep 2019	41%	45%	0%	14%	1020
Mar 2019	48%	40%	0%	12%	1100
Sep 2018	48%	39%	0%	14%	952
Mar 2018	46%	44%	0%	10%	929
Mar 2017	52%	38%	0%	11%	1057
Sep 2016	49%	40%	0%	11%	1050
Jan 2016	45%	44%	0%	11%	1036
Sep 2015	47%	38%	0%	15%	1060
Jan 2015	48%	37%	0%	15%	1007
Oct 2014	38%	50%	0%	12%	970
May 2014	43%	44%	0%	13%	1032
Jan 2014	45%	45%	0%	10%	1142
Sep 2013	40%	49%	0%	12%	1096
May 2013	38%	49%	0%	13%	1124
Jan 2013	39%	42%	0%	20%	1113
Sep 2012	35%	50%	0%	16%	1321
Jan 2012	32%	55%	0%	14%	1300
Sep 2011	31%	57%	0%	12%	1356
Mar 2011	34%	50%	0%	16%	1362
Sep 2010	30%	63%	0%	7%	1215
Mar 2010	27%	58%	0%	15%	1231
Dec 2009	25%	63%	0%	12%	1076
Sep 2009	30%	57%	0%	13%	1338
Mar 2009	29%	57%	0%	15%	1135
Sep 2008	35%	52%	0%	13%	1279
Mar 2008	43%	42%	0%	15%	1218
Dec 2007	50%	39%	0%	11%	1146
Sep 2007	39%	45%	0%	15%	1158
Mar 2007	46%	39%	0%	15%	1234
Sep 2006	44%	41%	0%	15%	1209
May 2006	41%	45%	3%	12%	1097
Oct 2005	38%	43%	6%	13%	1162
Aug 2005	39%	44%	5%	12%	1054
May 2005	48%	37%	3%	11%	637
Oct 2004	47%	35%	0%	18%	1206
Dec 2001	61%	28%	0%	11%	945

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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	26%	28%	9%	2%	32%	3%	1169
Jan 2021	35%	28%	8%	2%	22%	4%	1121
Sep 2020	34%	32%	10%	1%	20%	4%	1164
May 2020	38%	23%	8%	3%	24%	4%	1040
Dec 2013	22%	31%	10%	34%	0%	3%	1078
Oct 2012	43%	28%	8%	18%	0%	1%	1331
Sep 2012	48%	27%	9%	15%	0%	1%	1331
May 2012	48%	28%	7%	15%	0%	2%	1256
Mar 2012	48%	29%	7%	14%	0%	2%	1167
Jan 2012	51%	32%	6%	10%	0%	1%	1304
Dec 2011	53%	29%	4%	12%	0%	2%	1296
Sep 2011	53%	31%	5%	9%	0%	2%	1362
Jun 2011	54%	30%	6%	9%	0%	1%	1408
Mar 2011	58%	24%	6%	9%	0%	4%	1370
Jan 2011	57%	27%	5%	10%	0%	2%	1399
Oct 2010	61%	25%	4%	8%	0%	1%	1238
Sep 2010	59%	27%	5%	7%	0%	1%	1217
May 2010	59%	28%	5%	7%	0%	1%	1250
Mar 2010	64%	24%	5%	6%	0%	2%	1236
Jan 2010	67%	24%	4%	5%	0%	1%	1301
Dec 2009	67%	22%	4%	5%	0%	2%	1078
Sep 2009	60%	31%	3%	5%	0%	1%	1342
May 2009	60%	31%	4%	3%	0%	2%	1220
Mar 2009	70%	22%	3%	3%	0%	1%	1138
Jan 2009	62%	25%	4%	6%	0%	3%	1388
Oct 2008	39%	30%	9%	19%	0%	3%	1280
Aug 2008	30%	35%	10%	20%	0%	5%	1186
Mar 2008	24%	32%	14%	24%	0%	6%	1223

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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	19%	21%	22%	38%	0%	1%
Oct 2010	30%	22%	17%	30%	0%	1%
Mar 2010	33%	20%	17%	30%	1%	0%
Dec 2009	37%	18%	16%	28%	0%	1%
May 2009	29%	20%	17%	33%	0%	1%
Mar 2009	31%	23%	18%	28%	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	1172
Oct 2010	1235
Mar 2010	1237
Dec 2009	1077
May 2009	1220
Mar 2009	1136

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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	5%	45%	23%	25%	2%	1172
Mar 2019	5%	39%	25%	28%	3%	1109
Mar 2017	4%	49%	26%	19%	2%	1066
Mar 2016	5%	49%	24%	19%	3%	1034
Mar 2015	3%	47%	29%	19%	2%	1056
Mar 2014	3%	44%	32%	19%	2%	1091
Jan 2012	4%	49%	29%	16%	1%	1301
Jan 2011	4%	50%	27%	17%	2%	1397
Jan 2010	3%	50%	26%	19%	2%	1300
Jun 2003	4%	58%	21%	14%	3%	1033

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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	31%	29%	35%	4%	0%	1%
Mar 2019	40%	23%	32%	4%	0%	2%
Mar 2018	41%	20%	31%	5%	0%	2%
Mar 2017	34%	25%	36%	2%	0%	2%
Mar 2016	34%	27%	36%	2%	0%	1%
Mar 2015	35%	23%	35%	5%	0%	2%
Mar 2014	31%	27%	36%	4%	0%	2%
Jan 2012	20%	27%	44%	8%	0%	1%
Jan 2011	26%	26%	38%	8%	0%	2%
Jan 2010	31%	25%	35%	8%	0%	2%
Jan 2004	21%	26%	46%	5%	0%	1%
Jun 2003	26%	24%	44%	5%	0%	2%
Feb 2003	27%	25%	43%	3%	1%	1%

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	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	1169
Mar 2019	1105
Mar 2018	927
Mar 2017	1063
Mar 2016	1034
Mar 2015	1060
Mar 2014	1088
Jan 2012	1305
Jan 2011	1394
Jan 2010	1298
Jan 2004	977
Jun 2003	1035
Feb 2003	1079

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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	53%	27%	10%	3%	2%	5%
Mar 2019	55%	25%	9%	2%	3%	6%
Mar 2018	58%	23%	9%	2%	4%	4%
Mar 2016	46%	32%	13%	1%	1%	6%
Mar 2015	45%	26%	13%	4%	4%	7%
Mar 2014	41%	29%	15%	4%	2%	10%
May 2007	33%	34%	23%	4%	2%	3%
May 2006	33%	31%	17%	6%	2%	10%

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	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	1172
Mar 2019	1111
Mar 2018	930
Mar 2016	1038
Mar 2015	1064
Mar 2014	1091
May 2007	309
May 2006	1097

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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	44%	10%	37%	6%	3%	1161
Jan 2020	38%	12%	40%	7%	3%	945
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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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%	1148
Jan 2020	53%	44%	3%	953
Dec 2018	49%	47%	4%	1067
Sep 2018	49%	46%	5%	945
Jan 2017	49%	47%	4%	1092
Dec 2015	45%	48%	7%	1087
Dec 2014	45%	47%	7%	1035
Sep 2014	41%	53%	6%	898
Jan 2014	44%	51%	5%	1123
May 2013	44%	49%	7%	1095
Dec 2012	48%	47%	6%	1402
May 2012	49%	46%	5%	1233
Jan 2012	45%	48%	7%	1285
Jan 2011	41%	54%	4%	1373
Mar 2010	39%	53%	8%	1207
Sep 2009	47%	43%	10%	1306
May 2009	42%	49%	9%	1201
Jan 2009	47%	46%	7%	1379
May 2008	45%	47%	8%	1213
Jan 2008	44%	47%	9%	1208
May 2007	48%	44%	8%	1098
Jan 2007	49%	44%	6%	1256
May 2006	49%	44%	7%	1083
Jan 2006	56%	36%	8%	1239
May 2005	41%	51%	8%	1224
Jan 2005	41%	50%	9%	1212
May 2004	45%	47%	9%	1089
Jan 2004	39%	51%	10%	962
Sep 2003	38%	52%	10%	1127
Jun 2003	38%	54%	7%	1011
Feb 2003	40%	55%	6%	1047

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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	66%	26%	7%	1%	1174
Feb 2020	65%	26%	8%	1%	1047
Mar 2019	72%	21%	6%	1%	1111
Oct 2018	66%	23%	8%	2%	989
May 2017	66%	22%	11%	1%	1019

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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	6%	33%	2%	58%	1%	1172
Feb 2020	6%	30%	1%	62%	0%	1047
Mar 2019	8%	36%	2%	54%	0%	1108
Sep 2017	8%	32%	1%	58%	0%	1088
Nov 2004	5%	13%	1%	80%	0%	1477

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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	60%	38%	2%	1169
Jan 2021	65%	31%	4%	1123

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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	44%	47%	9%	1169
Sep 2020	46%	45%	9%	1160
Feb 2020	50%	43%	7%	1045
Sep 2019	44%	47%	9%	1023
Mar 2019	48%	45%	7%	1107
Sep 2018	53%	42%	6%	957
Mar 2018	54%	41%	4%	929
Sep 2017	54%	38%	7%	1099
Mar 2017	51%	39%	10%	1062
Jan 2016	56%	39%	5%	1037
Sep 2015	53%	37%	9%	1063
Jan 2015	54%	38%	9%	1005
Sep 2014	55%	40%	6%	911
Jan 2014	49%	45%	6%	1147
Sep 2013	51%	42%	8%	1100
Jan 2013	55%	35%	10%	1113
Sep 2012	50%	43%	7%	1323
Jan 2012	47%	42%	11%	1302
Sep 2011	48%	44%	8%	1358
Mar 2011	51%	42%	7%	1364
Sep 2010	49%	44%	7%	1210
May 2010	53%	39%	8%	1248
Jan 2010	50%	41%	9%	1297
Sep 2009	53%	37%	10%	1337
Mar 2009	54%	37%	9%	1136
Sep 2008	51%	41%	8%	1279
Mar 2008	49%	38%	13%	1217
Sep 2007	52%	38%	10%	1161
Mar 2007	59%	31%	10%	1233
Sep 2006	53%	35%	11%	1210
Mar 2006	56%	34%	10%	1006
Oct 2005	55%	33%	13%	1162
May 2005	56%	31%	12%	1239
Oct 2004	58%	28%	14%	1214
Feb 2004	57%	31%	12%	1008
Sep 2003	57%	29%	14%	1146
Oct 2002	54%	30%	16%	1050
Feb 2002	58%	31%	11%	957
Feb 2000	59%	29%	12%	1007
Dec 1999	57%	34%	9%	907

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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	33%	63%	3%	1169
Jan 2021	29%	66%	5%	1120
Oct 2020	26%	70%	3%	1177
Sep 2020	21%	75%	3%	1155
May 2020	31%	65%	4%	1034
Feb 2020	32%	63%	5%	1039
Jan 2020	30%	66%	4%	960
Nov 2019	21%	74%	4%	1006
Sep 2019	24%	71%	5%	1015
Jul 2019	17%	79%	4%	1080
May 2019	22%	73%	5%	1107
Mar 2019	29%	67%	5%	1102
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

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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	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
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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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	54%	37%	9%	1170
Sep 2020	56%	32%	12%	1157
Feb 2020	57%	34%	9%	1044
Sep 2019	51%	38%	11%	1021
Mar 2019	51%	37%	11%	1104
Sep 2018	56%	34%	10%	956
Mar 2018	53%	39%	9%	928
Mar 2017	49%	38%	13%	1061
Sep 2016	47%	44%	9%	1054
Jan 2016	51%	40%	8%	1035
Sep 2015	51%	38%	11%	1063
Jan 2015	51%	37%	11%	1003
Oct 2014	47%	44%	9%	970
May 2014	48%	39%	13%	1033
Jan 2014	48%	42%	10%	1147
Sep 2013	47%	38%	15%	1098
May 2013	50%	40%	10%	1122
Jan 2013	52%	31%	17%	1112
Sep 2012	48%	36%	16%	1323
Jan 2012	47%	41%	12%	1301
Sep 2011	49%	41%	10%	1357
Mar 2011	50%	37%	13%	1363
Sep 2010	47%	42%	11%	1215
Mar 2010	44%	42%	15%	1232
Dec 2009	49%	40%	11%	1075
Sep 2009	57%	30%	13%	1336
Mar 2009	55%	31%	14%	1136
Sep 2008	52%	33%	15%	1279
Mar 2008	52%	32%	16%	1218
Dec 2007	51%	40%	9%	1148
Sep 2007	54%	32%	14%	1159
Mar 2007	59%	25%	16%	1229
Sep 2006	60%	25%	15%	1208
Mar 2006	59%	25%	16%	1007
Oct 2005	57%	26%	17%	1162

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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	14%	28%	24%	33%	1%	0%
Jan 2021	22%	35%	24%	17%	2%	0%
Sep 2020	26%	33%	22%	19%	0%	0%
May 2020	21%	35%	25%	18%	0%	0%

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	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	1172
Jan 2021	1124
Sep 2020	1167
May 2020	1046

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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	79%	18%	3%	1170
Jan 2021	59%	38%	3%	1123
Sep 2020	47%	47%	6%	1163
May 2020	46%	46%	8%	1044

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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?						
	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	29%	11%	6%	12%	41%	0%
Jan 2021	50%	19%	9%	13%	7%	2%
Oct 2020	23%	31%	22%	20%	0%	3%

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	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	1167
Jan 2021	1124
Oct 2020	1171

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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	10%	35%	32%	20%	3%	1168
Jan 2021	6%	22%	33%	34%	5%	1121

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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	84%	15%	1%	1168
Mar 2015	73%	24%	2%	1058
Sep 2014	80%	19%	1%	350
Mar 2014	83%	15%	1%	1089
Jan 2014	82%	17%	1%	1145
Sep 2013	79%	19%	1%	1096

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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	58%	39%	2%	1168
Dec 2015	42%	55%	3%	1104
Mar 2007	32%	63%	5%	1234

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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	41%	56%	3%	1168
Sep 2020	41%	57%	2%	1164
Feb 2020	44%	54%	2%	1043
Jan 2019	48%	49%	3%	1154
Sep 2017	55%	44%	1%	1101

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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	15%	51%	33%	0%	1170
Sep 2020	8%	61%	30%	1%	1165
Jan 2019	19%	47%	33%	1%	1151
Sep 2017	11%	52%	37%	1%	1102

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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?

	almost always	most of the time	only some of the time	almost never	(VOL) always	(VOL) never
Mar 2021	25%	30%	28%	11%	2%	1%
Sep 2020	26%	28%	30%	10%	4%	1%
Feb 2020	31%	29%	23%	6%	3%	2%
May 2019	33%	32%	20%	7%	3%	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?

	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2021	3%	1171
Sep 2020	2%	1163
Feb 2020	6%	1043
May 2019	5%	1119

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