

Californians and Their Government

May 2022

Time Trends – Likely Voters

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 May 2022 sampling error for the 1,179 likely voters, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 4.9 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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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	52%	40%	0%	8%	1173
Mar 2022	50%	41%	0%	3%	1199
Feb 2022	57%	41%	0%	3%	1044
Sep 2021	53%	43%	0%	4%	1075
May 2021	54%	42%	0%	4%	1070
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. 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	47%	44%	9%	1175
Mar 2022	41%	51%	8%	1193
Feb 2022	44%	47%	9%	1042
Sep 2021	45%	47%	8%	1072
May 2021	43%	46%	11%	1067
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

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Q3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
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	approve	disapprove	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
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
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

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Q3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
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	approve	disapprove	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
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
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

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	approve	disapprove	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
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 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%	52%	3%	1174
Feb 2022	46%	50%	4%	1046
Sep 2021	45%	48%	6%	1071
May 2021	51%	44%	5%	1067
Jan 2021	46%	49%	5%	1124
Oct 2020	50%	46%	4%	1180
Sep 2020	48%	48%	3%	1156
May 2020	56%	41%	3%	1039
Jan 2020	49%	49%	3%	966
Sep 2019	41%	54%	5%	1026
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

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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	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
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

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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	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
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

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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
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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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%	36%	49%	0%	1176
Nov 2021	19%	17%	63%	0%	1541
May 2021	18%	24%	58%	0%	1069
Dec 2020	17%	22%	61%	0%	1552
May 2020	17%	25%	58%	1%	1043
Nov 2019	22%	22%	57%	0%	1015
Dec 2013	20%	23%	57%	0%	1078
Dec 2011	11%	36%	53%	0%	1295
Dec 2009	9%	52%	38%	1%	1077
Sep 2002	29%	26%	45%	0%	1035
Dec 2001	21%	27%	51%	0%	949
Jan 2001	38%	14%	47%	0%	1094
Sep 2000	43%	9%	48%	0%	1095
Sep 1999	34%	12%	54%	0%	914
Jan 1999	29%	15%	56%	0%	1054
Oct 1998	36%	11%	53%	0%	1110
Sep 1998	33%	12%	55%	0%	1046
May 1998	34%	13%	52%	0%	950
Apr 1998	37%	12%	52%	0%	992

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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	33%	27%	40%	1%	1178
Mar 2022	32%	29%	39%	0%	1202

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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	74%	23%	3%	1169
Oct 2020	67%	30%	3%	1176
Nov 2019	64%	32%	4%	1002
Dec 2018	68%	28%	4%	1081
Dec 2015	68%	28%	4%	1104
Dec 2014	67%	31%	2%	1046
Dec 2013	67%	30%	3%	1075
Dec 2011	61%	35%	4%	1291
Sep 2002	60%	37%	3%	1032
Jan 1999	57%	40%	3%	1051

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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	49%	36%	10%	5%	1155
Oct 2020	55%	32%	10%	3%	1169
Nov 2019	49%	34%	11%	5%	988
Dec 2018	50%	36%	10%	5%	1064
Dec 2015	50%	34%	12%	5%	1095
Dec 2014	49%	35%	13%	4%	1033
Dec 2013	52%	34%	11%	3%	1057
Dec 2011	46%	40%	9%	5%	1282
Sep 2002	69%	23%	0%	8%	1021
Jan 1999	65%	28%	0%	7%	1041

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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	39%	35%	22%	5%	1176
Feb 2022	40%	33%	23%	5%	1047
May 2021	41%	34%	21%	5%	1071
Jan 2021	44%	39%	11%	7%	1125
May 2020	52%	33%	9%	6%	1044
Jan 2020	46%	34%	16%	4%	971
May 2019	50%	31%	13%	6%	1115
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

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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	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
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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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	48%	49%	3%	1179
Mar 2022	46%	51%	2%	1200
Feb 2022	49%	49%	2%	1041
Sep 2021	55%	43%	2%	1078
May 2021	60%	37%	3%	1070
Mar 2021	60%	38%	2%	1169
Jan 2021	65%	31%	4%	1123

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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	50%	41%	9%	1176
Mar 2022	53%	44%	3%	1198

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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	20%	74%	6%	1177
Mar 2022	24%	73%	2%	1194
Feb 2022	19%	76%	5%	1046
Sep 2021	31%	63%	5%	1069
May 2021	31%	64%	5%	1067
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

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	approve	disapprove	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
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
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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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	23%	73%	4%	1166
Feb 2022	30%	66%	5%	1044
Sep 2021	39%	56%	5%	1074
May 2021	45%	52%	3%	1070
Jan 2021	46%	50%	4%	1123
Oct 2020	25%	72%	3%	1178
Nov 2019	34%	63%	4%	998
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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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	20%	75%	5%	1169
Feb 2022	34%	59%	7%	1042
Sep 2021	42%	49%	8%	1074
May 2021	51%	43%	6%	1068
Jan 2021	40%	55%	5%	1122
Sep 2020	31%	60%	9%	1153
May 2020	20%	73%	7%	1042
Nov 2019	50%	40%	10%	1004
Oct 2018	53%	39%	9%	984
May 2017	43%	46%	11%	1014
Jan 2017	54%	38%	8%	1101
Oct 2016	44%	39%	16%	1017
Mar 2016	45%	47%	9%	1032
Sep 2015	43%	50%	7%	1060
Mar 2015	50%	42%	8%	1050
Mar 2014	40%	51%	8%	1084
Dec 2013	38%	55%	7%	1074
Oct 2012	42%	48%	10%	1328
Sep 2011	20%	74%	6%	1357
Sep 2010	30%	63%	7%	1208
Dec 2009	26%	67%	7%	1076
May 2009	25%	70%	5%	1219
Jan 2009	17%	78%	5%	1388
Aug 2008	19%	74%	6%	1182
Mar 2008	13%	82%	4%	1222
Jun 2007	39%	54%	7%	1110
Jan 2007	47%	45%	8%	1274
Oct 2006	49%	42%	9%	1187
Sep 2005	30%	62%	8%	1117
Jan 2005	48%	43%	8%	1231
Sep 2004	47%	41%	12%	1200
Sep 2003	46%	44%	9%	1142

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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	2%	18%	63%	15%	1%	1175
Sep 2021	5%	25%	62%	8%	1%	1079
Jan 2021	5%	29%	53%	11%	1%	1122
May 2020	2%	15%	71%	11%	1%	1043
Jan 2020	3%	16%	71%	9%	1%	969
May 2018	3%	15%	68%	13%	1%	897
Mar 2017	2%	18%	69%	10%	1%	1067
Oct 2016	4%	26%	57%	12%	0%	1020
Jun 2015	3%	18%	69%	9%	1%	1044
May 2014	3%	16%	68%	11%	1%	1035
Dec 2013	2%	14%	71%	12%	1%	1078
Oct 2012	5%	20%	68%	6%	0%	1334
Dec 2011	1%	8%	77%	13%	0%	1297
Oct 2010	3%	23%	63%	10%	1%	1237
May 2009	3%	28%	61%	7%	1%	1218
Oct 2008	2%	18%	69%	11%	1%	1281
Mar 2008	2%	18%	71%	8%	1%	1218
Sep 2007	2%	16%	71%	10%	1%	1162
Mar 2007	3%	21%	70%	6%	1%	1239
Oct 2006	4%	19%	64%	12%	1%	1190
Oct 2005	4%	22%	64%	10%	1%	1166
Jan 2005	4%	26%	62%	7%	1%	1234
Feb 2004	4%	21%	61%	12%	2%	1013
Feb 2003	4%	31%	61%	3%	1%	1079
Dec 2002	4%	29%	61%	5%	1%	1089
Aug 2002	6%	28%	61%	4%	1%	971
Jan 2002	5%	36%	56%	1%	1%	976
Oct 2000	3%	29%	63%	4%	1%	1088
Jan 2000	3%	28%	63%	5%	1%	984
Dec 1999	4%	27%	64%	4%	0%	910
Sep 1998	4%	27%	64%	4%	0%	1046
May 1998	3%	22%	60%	14%	1%	950
Apr 1998	2%	23%	63%	11%	0%	991

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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	83%	14%	3%	1168
Jan 2020	81%	15%	4%	949
Mar 2017	79%	17%	4%	1060
Oct 2016	72%	23%	6%	1011
Jun 2015	76%	19%	5%	1032
May 2014	79%	14%	7%	1028
Dec 2013	80%	16%	4%	1065
Oct 2012	73%	23%	5%	1321
Dec 2011	85%	11%	5%	1287
Oct 2010	73%	20%	7%	1215
May 2009	68%	26%	6%	1213
Oct 2008	78%	16%	6%	1275
Mar 2008	76%	19%	5%	1213
Sep 2007	77%	17%	6%	1150
Mar 2007	75%	19%	6%	1229
Feb 2004	73%	20%	8%	996
Jan 2002	62%	30%	8%	961
Oct 2000	65%	27%	7%	1082
Sep 1998	73%	22%	6%	1035

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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	59%	32%	7%	2%	1170
Jan 2020	64%	29%	5%	2%	965
Mar 2017	65%	28%	5%	3%	1066
Oct 2016	62%	29%	7%	1%	1022
Jun 2015	66%	28%	4%	1%	1045
May 2014	67%	28%	3%	2%	1037
Dec 2013	69%	26%	3%	2%	1078
Oct 2012	60%	33%	5%	1%	1336
May 2012	68%	26%	4%	2%	1256
Dec 2011	70%	26%	3%	1%	1295
Oct 2010	67%	27%	5%	1%	1235
May 2009	65%	31%	3%	1%	1218
Oct 2008	77%	20%	3%	0%	1282
Mar 2008	71%	26%	2%	1%	1219
Sep 2007	71%	26%	2%	1%	1161
Mar 2007	71%	26%	2%	1%	1239
Oct 2006	69%	28%	2%	2%	1190
Oct 2005	69%	27%	3%	2%	1160
Feb 2004	65%	31%	3%	2%	1015
Jan 2002	59%	37%	4%	0%	977
Jan 2000	60%	36%	3%	1%	985
Sep 1998	65%	31%	3%	0%	1046

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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	78%	18%	5%	1176
Jan 2021	85%	13%	2%	1114
Jan 2020	81%	17%	2%	965
Jan 2018	81%	17%	2%	1036
Sep 2017	77%	21%	2%	1097

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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	80%	16%	3%	1173
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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Q23. If the 2022 election for U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for [ROTATE] [1] the Republican candidate [OR] [2] the Democratic candidate] in your district?

	Republican/ lean Republican	Democrat/ lean Democrat	(VOL) other	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
May 2022	35%	55%	0%	10%	1162
Mar 2022	42%	51%	0%	7%	1191
Oct 2020	37%	58%	0%	5%	1169
Sep 2020	33%	60%	0%	7%	1152
May 2020	34%	59%	0%	8%	1028
Oct 2018	37%	55%	0%	8%	973
Sep 2018	37%	54%	0%	9%	949
May 2018	38%	52%	0%	10%	891
Mar 2018	39%	53%	0%	8%	917
Oct 2014	41%	48%	0%	11%	954
Oct 2006	36%	48%	5%	11%	1184
Oct 2000	41%	47%	2%	11%	1089
Sep 2000	41%	47%	2%	10%	1091

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Q25. How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting for Congress this year—extremely enthusiastic, very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not at all enthusiastic?

	extremely enthusiastic	very enthusiastic	somewhat enthusiastic	not too enthusiastic	not at all enthusiastic	(VOL) don't know
May 2022	17%	21%	34%	15%	12%	1%
Oct 2018	25%	28%	28%	10%	8%	1%
May 2018	20%	26%	32%	14%	6%	1%

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	Unweighted n
May 2022	1178
Oct 2018	986
May 2018	899

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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	63%	10%	7%	14%	6%	1168
Mar 2022	70%	11%	3%	14%	2%	1189

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Q31. Overall, do you think public policy decisions made through the initiative process by California voters are probably better or probably worse than public policy decisions made by the governor and state legislature?

	probably better	probably worse	(VOL) same	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
May 2022	55%	29%	4%	11%	1165
May 2013	60%	29%	4%	7%	1115
Dec 2012	59%	24%	6%	11%	1431
Jun 2011	62%	23%	6%	9%	1406
Oct 2010	55%	30%	6%	10%	1229
Sep 2009	55%	29%	6%	11%	1336
Oct 2008	60%	25%	5%	10%	1279
Aug 2006	60%	24%	6%	10%	1105
Aug 2005	58%	26%	7%	10%	1054
Aug 2004	57%	25%	7%	11%	1183
Oct 2000	54%	25%	7%	15%	1082

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Q32. Overall, do you feel that passing Proposition 11 turned out to be mostly a good thing for California or mostly a bad thing?					
	mostly a good thing	mostly a bad thing	(VOL) mixed	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
May 2022	53%	19%	3%	25%	1167
Dec 2012	59%	21%	2%	17%	1432

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Q33. Overall, do you feel passing Proposition 13 turned out to be
 mostly a good thing for California or mostly a bad thing?

	mostly a good thing	mostly a bad thing	(VOL) mixed	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
May 2022	64%	21%	2%	12%	1176
Jan 2019	64%	24%	0%	11%	1145
Mar 2018	65%	23%	2%	10%	928
Jan 2015	66%	25%	2%	6%	1009
May 2014	63%	27%	3%	7%	1035
May 2013	61%	26%	4%	10%	1126
Dec 2012	64%	29%	1%	6%	1439
Mar 2011	58%	27%	6%	8%	1367
Sep 2009	58%	29%	3%	10%	1342
May 2008	67%	24%	2%	6%	1228
May 2005	56%	33%	2%	10%	1240
Feb 2003	65%	24%	2%	10%	1077

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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Q34. Overall, do you feel that passing Proposition 14 turned out to be mostly a good thing for California or mostly a bad thing?

	mostly a good thing	mostly a bad thing	(VOL) mixed	(VOL) don't know	Unweighted n
May 2022	62%	25%	1%	12%	1167
Dec 2017	60%	26%	3%	10%	1064
Dec 2012	59%	26%	2%	13%	1438

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding