

Californians and the Environment

July 2023

Time Trends – Likely Voters

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 July 2023 sampling error for the 1,092 likely voters, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 3.8 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. 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	59%	41%		0%	1091
Jun 2023	56%	43%		1%	1060
Feb 2023	57%	42%		1%	1049
Oct 2022	52%	45%		3%	1103
Sep 2022	55%	42%		4%	1056
May 2022	52%	40%		8%	1173
Mar 2022	50%	45%		5%	1199
Feb 2022	57%	41%		3%	1044
Sep 2021	53%	43%		4%	1075
May 2021	54%	42%		4%	1070
Mar 2021	53%	42%		5%	1164
Jan 2021	52%	43%		5%	1123
Oct 2020	57%	39%		4%	1179
Sep 2020	60%	37%		3%	1163
Jun 2020	64%	31%		6%	1043
Feb 2020	52%	39%		9%	1043
Jan 2020	49%	42%		9%	960
Nov 2019	48%	45%		7%	1001
Sep 2019	43%	44%		13%	1020
Jul 2019	47%	39%		14%	1070
May 2019	47%	37%		16%	1111
Mar 2019	45%	36%	14%	6%	1108
Jan 2019	43%	29%	21%	8%	1144

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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	59%	40%	1%	1091
Jul 2022	59%	39%	2%	1132
Jul 2021	59%	40%	1%	1115
Jul 2020	67%	32%	1%	1032
Jul 2019	46%	36%	18%	1070

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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%	48%	0%	1091
Jun 2023	50%	49%	1%	1060
Feb 2023	49%	50%	2%	1048
Oct 2022	43%	50%	7%	1105
Sep 2022	47%	47%	6%	1054
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
Jun 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

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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	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
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

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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	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
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

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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	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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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%	1091
Jul 2022	8%	41%	50%	0%	0%	1132
Jul 2021	6%	43%	50%	0%	0%	1117
Jul 2020	6%	46%	48%	0%	0%	1031
Jul 2005	5%	29%	59%	5%	2%	1464

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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	55%	44%	1%	1089
Jul 2022	53%	44%	2%	1131
Jul 2021	53%	45%	2%	1117
Jul 2020	61%	37%	1%	1032
Jul 2019	43%	45%	13%	1075
Jul 2018	43%	47%	11%	1014
Jul 2017	49%	40%	11%	1091
Jul 2016	42%	46%	13%	1048
Jul 2015	32%	55%	13%	1056
Jul 2014	33%	52%	16%	971
Jul 2013	34%	47%	18%	1268
Aug 2012	29%	54%	18%	1558
Jul 2011	24%	54%	23%	1636

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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	41%	59%	0%	1091
Jul 2021	37%	62%	1%	1117
Jul 2020	38%	62%	0%	1032
Mar 2013	49%	46%	5%	1135

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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	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	64%	35%	0%	1091
Jul 2021	66%	33%	1%	1115

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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	56%	35%	9%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	77%	19%	4%	0%	1132
Jul 2021	69%	25%	6%	0%	1117
Jul 2020	46%	40%	14%	0%	1032
Jul 2019	35%	31%	34%	0%	1084
Jul 2018	60%	25%	14%	1%	1017
Mar 2018	53%	22%	25%	0%	931
Jul 2017	42%	29%	28%	1%	1094
Jul 2016	71%	22%	7%	0%	1056
Mar 2016	68%	19%	12%	0%	1038
Sep 2015	77%	15%	7%	0%	1066
Jul 2015	76%	16%	8%	1%	1064
Jun 2015	73%	19%	8%	0%	1048
Mar 2015	76%	14%	10%	0%	1064
Jan 2015	70%	19%	10%	1%	1011
Dec 2014	66%	18%	15%	1%	1056
Oct 2014	72%	19%	9%	1%	975
Sep 2014	72%	21%	7%	0%	915
Jul 2014	61%	24%	15%	1%	983
May 2014	70%	20%	9%	1%	1036
Mar 2014	66%	17%	16%	1%	1089
Dec 2012	35%	30%	34%	2%	1440
Mar 2012	35%	35%	28%	2%	1168
May 2010	48%	28%	23%	2%	1248
Dec 2009	52%	26%	20%	2%	1078

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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	70%	30%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	65%	33%	3%	1131
Jul 2021	65%	33%	1%	1117
Jul 2020	68%	31%	0%	1032
Jul 2019	52%	34%	14%	1082
Jul 2016	48%	39%	13%	1055

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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	18%	26%	56%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	12%	25%	62%	1%	1131
Jul 2021	13%	30%	57%	0%	1117
Jul 2020	13%	27%	59%	0%	1032

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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	32%	45%	23%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	29%	44%	27%	0%	1130
Jul 2021	31%	46%	23%	0%	1116
Jul 2020	39%	42%	19%	0%	1032
Jul 2019	24%	37%	38%	0%	1085
Jul 2018	29%	37%	33%	0%	1020
Jul 2017	21%	42%	37%	0%	1095
Jul 2016	24%	36%	40%	0%	1056
Jul 2015	22%	36%	42%	0%	1063
Jul 2014	21%	34%	45%	0%	983
Jul 2013	21%	38%	41%	0%	1273
Aug 2012	20%	41%	39%	1%	1568
Jul 2011	24%	39%	37%	0%	1644
Jul 2010	22%	40%	38%	0%	1468
Jul 2009	21%	41%	38%	0%	1571
Jul 2008	30%	39%	30%	0%	1456
Jul 2007	33%	39%	27%	0%	1415
Jul 2006	38%	38%	23%	1%	1354
Feb 2006	58%	34%	8%	1%	1238
Jul 2005	36%	38%	25%	0%	1468
Nov 2004	28%	40%	31%	1%	1478
Jul 2004	33%	43%	23%	0%	1453
Jun 2004	36%	38%	25%	0%	1349
Jul 2003	28%	47%	25%	0%	1160
Nov 2002	26%	37%	37%	0%	917
Jun 2000	27%	41%	31%	0%	920

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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	56%	44%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	56%	43%	1%	1131
Jul 2021	54%	45%	1%	1117
Jul 2020	55%	44%	1%	1032
Jul 2019	44%	48%	8%	1084
Jul 2018	53%	41%	6%	1014
Jul 2017	45%	49%	6%	1093
Jul 2016	42%	52%	6%	1054
Jul 2015	42%	52%	6%	1060
Jul 2013	41%	53%	6%	1271
Aug 2012	40%	54%	7%	1567
Jul 2011	45%	50%	5%	1638
Jul 2010	36%	58%	6%	1465
Jul 2009	41%	52%	7%	1571
Jul 2008	40%	53%	6%	1453
Jul 2007	41%	50%	8%	1413
Jul 2006	39%	53%	8%	1352

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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	20%	37%	43%	0%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	12%	39%	47%	0%	1%	1130
Jul 2021	13%	45%	42%	0%	0%	1117
Jul 2020	19%	41%	39%	0%	0%	1032
Jul 2019	18%	33%	47%	2%	0%	1084
Jul 2016	19%	31%	49%	1%	0%	1056
Jul 2015	17%	26%	53%	3%	1%	1064
Jul 2013	15%	29%	52%	4%	0%	1273
Aug 2012	14%	31%	50%	5%	0%	1567
Jul 2011	16%	30%	50%	4%	1%	1644
Jul 2010	14%	31%	51%	4%	0%	1468
Jul 2009	15%	27%	53%	4%	1%	1572
Jul 2008	18%	35%	43%	3%	1%	1456
Jul 2007	25%	32%	38%	4%	1%	1414
Jul 2006	20%	36%	39%	3%	1%	1352
Jul 2005	19%	35%	40%	4%	1%	1467
Jul 2004	18%	38%	43%	0%	1%	1454
Jul 2003	15%	40%	44%	0%	0%	1159

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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	45%	34%	21%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	47%	34%	19%	0%	1131
Nov 2021	56%	32%	12%	0%	1542
Jul 2021	57%	28%	15%	0%	1117
Dec 2020	54%	34%	12%	0%	1552
Jul 2020	52%	32%	15%	0%	1032
Mar 2019	46%	29%	25%	1%	1112

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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	29%	34%	37%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	24%	38%	38%	0%	1131
Nov 2021	25%	38%	36%	0%	1542
Jul 2021	32%	33%	35%	0%	1117
Dec 2020	27%	33%	40%	0%	1552

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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	73%	27%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	77%	22%	1%	1131
Jul 2021	75%	24%	1%	1117
Jul 2020	69%	30%	1%	1032
Jul 2019	59%	37%	4%	1084

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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%	15%	0%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	29%	57%	14%	0%	0%	1131
Nov 2021	36%	46%	18%	0%	0%	1541
Jul 2021	31%	52%	17%	0%	0%	1117
Dec 2020	41%	45%	14%	0%	0%	1552
Jul 2020	36%	56%	8%	0%	0%	1031
Dec 2007	42%	44%	8%	3%	2%	1150

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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	67%	3%	10%	10%	9%	0%
Jul 2022	72%	3%	8%	8%	9%	0%
Jul 2021	70%	3%	9%	8%	10%	1%
Jul 2020	69%	2%	8%	10%	10%	0%
Jul 2019	64%	2%	8%	11%	13%	2%
Jul 2018	69%	3%	6%	10%	8%	4%
Jul 2017	66%	3%	4%	11%	12%	4%
Jul 2016	64%	5%	3%	13%	13%	2%
Jul 2015	59%	4%	4%	11%	17%	4%
Jul 2014	57%	3%	5%	12%	19%	3%
Jul 2013	61%	4%	6%	11%	15%	3%
Aug 2012	59%	3%	6%	11%	18%	3%
Jul 2011	57%	3%	8%	10%	18%	4%
Jul 2010	51%	4%	7%	13%	22%	3%
Jul 2009	58%	2%	6%	11%	19%	3%
Jul 2008	61%	4%	8%	10%	13%	3%
Jul 2007	64%	3%	6%	11%	11%	5%
Jul 2006	64%	4%	7%	10%	11%	5%
Jul 2005	59%	3%	9%	14%	11%	5%

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	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	1091
Jul 2022	1130
Jul 2021	1116
Jul 2020	1032
Jul 2019	1079
Jul 2018	1010
Jul 2017	1086
Jul 2016	1045
Jul 2015	1054
Jul 2014	974
Jul 2013	1264
Aug 2012	1558
Jul 2011	1638
Jul 2010	1466
Jul 2009	1568
Jul 2008	1453
Jul 2007	1404
Jul 2006	1352
Jul 2005	1465

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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	24%	54%	22%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	24%	55%	21%	0%	1131
Jul 2021	25%	53%	22%	0%	1117

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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%	34%	13%	10%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	54%	26%	11%	9%	0%	1130
Jul 2021	50%	30%	11%	9%	0%	1117
Jul 2020	51%	27%	11%	11%	0%	1032
Jul 2019	56%	18%	9%	15%	2%	1082
Jul 2018	57%	21%	9%	12%	1%	1014
Jul 2017	52%	24%	9%	14%	1%	1091
Jul 2016	51%	24%	11%	12%	1%	1052
Jul 2015	47%	22%	11%	16%	4%	1057
Dec 2014	46%	21%	14%	18%	1%	1054
Jul 2014	46%	25%	10%	17%	2%	978
Jul 2013	42%	27%	14%	14%	2%	1269
Aug 2012	40%	26%	13%	19%	1%	1564
Jul 2011	39%	29%	13%	18%	2%	1639
Jul 2010	36%	27%	15%	20%	3%	1462
Jul 2009	41%	26%	11%	20%	2%	1568
Jul 2008	47%	26%	11%	13%	2%	1452
Jul 2007	51%	26%	10%	11%	3%	1411
Jul 2006	46%	28%	10%	12%	3%	1352
Jul 2005	36%	34%	14%	14%	2%	1466

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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%	22%	9%	0%	1092
Jul 2013	23%	26%	27%	23%	1%	1272
Jul 2011	21%	27%	26%	25%	1%	1642
Jul 2009	23%	27%	21%	27%	2%	1570
Jul 2007	33%	28%	18%	19%	2%	1411
Jul 2005	22%	31%	27%	19%	1%	1465

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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%	33%	21%	13%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	25%	38%	22%	15%	0%	1131
Jul 2021	26%	39%	23%	12%	0%	1116
Jul 2020	35%	35%	19%	12%	0%	1032
Jul 2019	41%	24%	12%	21%	1%	1083
Jul 2017	35%	30%	12%	21%	1%	1093
Jul 2014	28%	29%	19%	24%	1%	980

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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	55%	27%	11%	6%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	50%	30%	14%	6%	0%	1131
Jul 2021	52%	30%	11%	7%	0%	1117
Jul 2020	47%	32%	13%	8%	0%	1032
Jul 2019	47%	24%	11%	17%	1%	1081
Jul 2014	36%	24%	20%	19%	1%	979

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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	62%	26%	8%	4%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	67%	22%	8%	4%	0%	1131
Jul 2021	65%	25%	6%	4%	0%	1117
Jul 2020	60%	26%	8%	5%	0%	1032
Jul 2015	52%	27%	8%	11%	2%	1058
Jul 2014	63%	18%	5%	13%	1%	979
Jul 2013	46%	29%	10%	13%	1%	1271
Jul 2011	42%	29%	12%	17%	1%	1642
Jul 2009	53%	23%	7%	15%	1%	1569
Jul 2007	60%	22%	7%	10%	1%	1410
Jul 2005	40%	35%	12%	11%	2%	1466

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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	65%	26%	6%	4%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	61%	27%	8%	4%	0%	1131
Jul 2021	66%	24%	6%	3%	0%	1116
Jul 2020	62%	26%	7%	4%	0%	1032
Jul 2019	68%	16%	5%	11%	0%	1080
Jul 2018	66%	20%	5%	10%	0%	1015
Jul 2014	55%	24%	7%	13%	1%	978
Jul 2013	52%	24%	10%	14%	0%	1272
Jul 2011	50%	27%	8%	14%	1%	1640
Jul 2009	56%	20%	8%	15%	1%	1571

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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%	24%	14%	0%	1092
Jul 2015	59%	18%	22%	1%	1056
Jul 2013	46%	29%	25%	1%	1272

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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%	23%	20%	0%	1091
Jul 2013	42%	28%	30%	0%	1270

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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	69%	30%	0%	1091
Jul 2022	70%	29%	1%	1132
Jul 2021	73%	26%	1%	1116
Jul 2020	76%	24%	1%	1031
Jul 2019	63%	31%	6%	1078
Jul 2018	66%	26%	7%	1017
Jul 2017	66%	28%	6%	1090

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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	64%	35%	1%	1092
Jul 2022	71%	28%	0%	1132
Jul 2021	69%	31%	0%	1116
Jul 2020	74%	26%	0%	1032
Jul 2019	66%	30%	4%	1082
Jul 2018	67%	25%	8%	1017

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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%	55%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	49%	49%	1%	1131
Jul 2021	48%	51%	1%	1117

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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	11%	43%	45%	0%	1092
Jul 2021	11%	47%	42%	0%	1117
Jul 2020	14%	46%	40%	0%	1032
Jul 2019	16%	41%	43%	0%	1084
Jul 2018	19%	43%	37%	0%	1020
Jul 2017	18%	39%	42%	0%	1095
Jul 2016	18%	42%	40%	1%	1056
Jul 2014	24%	39%	37%	0%	983
Jul 2013	18%	43%	38%	0%	1273
Aug 2012	21%	39%	40%	0%	1568
Jul 2010	27%	31%	42%	1%	1468

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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	64%	36%	1%	1091
Jul 2021	62%	36%	2%	1112
Jul 2020	62%	36%	2%	1031
Jul 2019	51%	35%	13%	1073
Jul 2018	50%	37%	13%	1014
Jul 2017	49%	38%	13%	1089
Jul 2016	46%	38%	16%	1050
Jul 2014	43%	50%	8%	980
Aug 2012	40%	49%	11%	1557
Jul 2011	47%	44%	9%	1634
Jul 2010	43%	48%	9%	1461
Jul 2009	44%	46%	10%	1566

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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	44%	35%	10%	11%	0%	1092
Jul 2021	43%	35%	11%	10%	0%	1115
Jul 2020	42%	36%	12%	10%	1%	1030
Jul 2018	46%	30%	8%	13%	3%	1012
Jul 2017	46%	29%	9%	13%	3%	1081
Jul 2016	46%	30%	22%	0%	2%	1048
Jul 2013	42%	33%	23%	0%	2%	1255

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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%	32%	0%	1091
Jul 2022	68%	31%	1%	1131
Jul 2021	67%	33%	1%	1117
Jul 2020	70%	29%	1%	1031
Jul 2019	61%	37%	2%	1083
Jul 2018	62%	34%	4%	1017
Jul 2017	63%	32%	6%	1091
Jan 2017	60%	37%	3%	1104
Jul 2016	65%	31%	5%	1050
Jul 2015	61%	33%	6%	1055
Jul 2014	59%	37%	4%	977
Jul 2013	62%	34%	5%	1270
Aug 2012	57%	38%	5%	1562
Jul 2011	61%	33%	6%	1635
Jul 2010	56%	38%	6%	1460
Jul 2009	57%	36%	7%	1568
Jul 2008	67%	28%	5%	1453
Jul 2007	69%	26%	5%	1411
Jul 2006	70%	25%	5%	1349
Jul 2005	59%	33%	8%	1460

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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	48%	23%	12%	17%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	44%	25%	12%	19%	1%	1130
Jul 2021	46%	25%	12%	17%	0%	1117
Jul 2020	48%	25%	11%	16%	0%	1032
Jul 2019	49%	22%	8%	20%	0%	1084
Jul 2018	51%	22%	10%	17%	0%	1017
Jul 2017	52%	20%	9%	17%	1%	1093

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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	40%	32%	28%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	41%	25%	32%	1%	1130
Jul 2021	42%	27%	29%	2%	1117
Jul 2020	43%	27%	28%	2%	1032
Jul 2019	45%	23%	23%	9%	1080
Jul 2018	51%	19%	21%	9%	1016
Jul 2017	49%	21%	21%	9%	1087
Jul 2016	35%	23%	30%	12%	1048
Dec 2015	40%	23%	28%	9%	1109
Jul 2015	34%	24%	29%	13%	1060
Dec 2014	47%	21%	23%	8%	1052
Jul 2014	34%	29%	29%	8%	976
Jul 2013	39%	26%	24%	11%	1268
Aug 2012	38%	31%	24%	7%	1556
Jul 2011	43%	30%	20%	7%	1639
Sep 2010	41%	26%	24%	9%	1214
Jul 2010	43%	28%	21%	8%	1463

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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	62%	22%	16%	0%	1092
Jul 2021	65%	17%	17%	1%	1116
Jul 2020	57%	23%	19%	1%	1032
Jul 2019	60%	11%	20%	9%	1083
Jul 2018	58%	12%	19%	11%	1017
Jul 2017	54%	14%	21%	10%	1089
Jul 2016	59%	10%	24%	7%	1050

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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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%	1090
Jul 2022	45%	54%	1%	1132
Jul 2021	47%	52%	1%	1116
Jul 2020	50%	50%	0%	1032
Jul 2019	50%	47%	3%	1076
Jul 2018	51%	45%	5%	1013
Jul 2017	48%	46%	5%	1083
Jul 2016	56%	39%	5%	1051

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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%	9%	0%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	49%	44%	7%	0%	0%	1131
Jul 2016	49%	39%	7%	4%	1%	1054
Jul 2015	45%	46%	5%	4%	1%	1063
Jul 2013	51%	35%	8%	5%	1%	1273

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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	49%	45%	6%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	39%	50%	10%	1%	1131
Jul 2021	48%	43%	8%	1%	1117
Jul 2020	49%	45%	6%	0%	1032
Jul 2017	46%	38%	14%	2%	1095
Feb 2006	48%	39%	10%	3%	1236
Nov 2003	50%	37%	9%	3%	1191
Jun 2000	48%	39%	8%	5%	920

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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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	44%	43%	13%	0%	1091
Jul 2019	30%	35%	29%	6%	1082
Feb 2006	31%	32%	26%	10%	1238
Nov 2003	35%	33%	23%	9%	1190

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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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%	27%	3%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	58%	35%	6%	1%	1131
Jul 2021	62%	30%	7%	1%	1117
Jul 2020	70%	26%	3%	0%	1032
Jul 2019	65%	23%	11%	2%	1085

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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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	58%	35%	7%	0%	1092
Jul 2020	55%	36%	9%	0%	1032
Jul 2017	48%	28%	18%	6%	1094

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	70%	25%	4%	1%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	62%	31%	5%	1%	1%	1131
Jul 2021	67%	28%	3%	2%	0%	1117
Jul 2020	65%	31%	3%	0%	0%	1032
Jul 2019	75%	21%	2%	1%	0%	1085
Jul 2018	76%	20%	2%	1%	0%	1020
Jul 2017	72%	23%	2%	1%	1%	1095

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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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%	65%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	34%	65%	1%	1129
Jul 2021	28%	71%	1%	1115
Jul 2020	27%	72%	1%	1032
Jul 2019	30%	66%	4%	1080
Jul 2018	28%	67%	5%	1020
Jul 2017	28%	67%	4%	1091
Jul 2016	35%	61%	4%	1053
Jul 2015	43%	53%	3%	1063
Jul 2014	51%	46%	3%	983
Jul 2013	43%	53%	4%	1271
Aug 2012	51%	46%	3%	1567
Jul 2011	49%	48%	4%	1641
Jul 2010	37%	59%	3%	718
Jul 2009	55%	41%	4%	1569
Jul 2008	51%	45%	4%	1453
Jul 2007	40%	55%	6%	1409
Jul 2006	42%	53%	5%	1352
Feb 2006	30%	67%	3%	1235
Jul 2005	42%	54%	4%	1464
Jul 2004	42%	54%	5%	1452
Jul 2003	37%	58%	5%	1156

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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%	1092
Jul 2022	85%	14%	1%	1132
Jul 2021	85%	13%	2%	1117
Jul 2020	81%	17%	1%	1031
Jul 2019	75%	18%	7%	1080
Jul 2017	76%	17%	7%	1093

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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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	76%	23%	1%	1090
Jul 2022	79%	18%	3%	1130
Jul 2021	77%	20%	3%	1117
Jul 2020	73%	24%	3%	1032
Jul 2017	68%	25%	7%	1088
Feb 2006	58%	31%	11%	1235

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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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%	1092
Jul 2020	92%	8%	1%	1032
Jul 2018	88%	9%	3%	1018

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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	55%	45%	0%	1090
Jun 2023	56%	43%	1%	1059
Feb 2023	56%	44%	0%	1041
Oct 2022	52%	47%	1%	1104
Sep 2022	53%	46%	1%	1051
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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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	51%	49%	0%	1091
Jul 2022	49%	48%	2%	1128
Jul 2021	61%	37%	2%	1116

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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	23%	77%	0%	1092
Jun 2023	21%	78%	1%	1057
Feb 2023	22%	77%	1%	1042
Oct 2022	29%	68%	3%	1105
Sep 2022	34%	62%	4%	1054
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
Jun 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

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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	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
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

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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	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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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	22%	78%	0%	1092
Jul 2022	18%	80%	2%	1129
Jul 2021	28%	70%	1%	1116
Jul 2020	20%	78%	2%	1028
Jul 2019	17%	76%	8%	1078
Jul 2018	16%	76%	8%	1011
Jul 2017	21%	70%	9%	1088
Jul 2016	17%	75%	8%	1046
Jul 2015	20%	70%	10%	1059
Jul 2014	16%	78%	5%	972
Jul 2013	18%	72%	10%	1264
Aug 2012	15%	74%	11%	1560
Jul 2011	18%	70%	12%	1638

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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	5%	21%	74%	0%	0%	1091
Jul 2022	2%	17%	80%	1%	1%	1131
Jul 2021	2%	22%	75%	1%	1%	1114
Jul 2020	2%	18%	79%	0%	1%	1032
Jul 2005	4%	22%	60%	13%	2%	1468

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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%	27%	0%	1090
Jul 2022	74%	24%	2%	1132

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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	28%	71%	1%	1090
Nov 2004	25%	71%	4%	1470

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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	54%	46%	0%	1092
Nov 2004	45%	52%	3%	1470
Nov 2002	44%	53%	3%	917

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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	56%	44%	0%	1087
Nov 2004	37%	59%	4%	1476

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Q82. If the 2024 Republican primary for president were being held today, and these were the candidates, who would you vote for?

	Liz Cheney, former Wyoming Congresswo man	Chris Christie, former governor of New Jersey	Ron DeSantis, Florida governor	Nikki Haley, former South Carolina governor	Kristi Noem, South Dakota governor	Mike Pence, former Vice President
Jul 2023	4%	3%	25%	3%	2%	7%
Jun 2023	7%	1%	21%	3%	2%	10%

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Q82. If the 2024 Republican primary for president were being held today, and these were the candidates, who would you vote for?

	Vivek Ramaswamy , entrepreneur and author	Donald Trump, former president	Tim Scott, US Senator	Someone else (specify)	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	1%	52%	5%	2%	1%	257
Jun 2023	1%	50%	2%	1%	2%	227

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Q83. If the 2024 presidential election were being held today, and these were the candidates, who would you vote for?

	Joe Biden	Donald Trump	Someone else (specify)	Neither/ Would not vote for President (vol)	Don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2023	57%	31%	11%	1%	0%	1089
Jun 2023	58%	25%	16%	0%	1%	1059

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