

Californians and their Government

September 2024

Time Trends—Likely Voters

Methodology Note:

Findings are based on a survey of 1,605 California adult residents, conducted online using the Ipsos KnowledgePanel. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish according to the respondents' preferences. The median time to complete the survey was 19 minutes. Interviewing took place from August 29—September 9, 2024.

These crosstabs are based on a subgroup of 1,071 likely voters. The sampling error, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 3.7 percent at the 95 percent confidence level for the unweighted sample of 1,071 likely voters. The sampling error for unweighted likely voter subgroups is larger. Sampling error is only one type of error to which surveys are subject. Results may also be affected by factors such as question wording, question order, and survey timing.

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

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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	Have not heard enough to have an opinion (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	51%	48%		1%	1069
Jun 2024	47%	52%		1%	1098
Feb 2024	48%	50%		1%	1071
Dec 2023	52%	47%		1%	1107
Sep 2023	56%	44%		1%	1139
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. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that the California Legislature is
 handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	48%	50%	1%	1068
Jun 2024	43%	56%	2%	1097
Feb 2024	42%	56%	2%	1074
Dec 2023	47%	51%	1%	1109
Sep 2023	48%	51%	1%	1143
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

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Q2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that the California Legislature is
 handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
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
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

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Q2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that the California Legislature is
 handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
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
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

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	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
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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Q3. Do you think things in California are
 generally going in the right direction or the
 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	46%	53%	1%	1070
Jun 2024	39%	59%	2%	1096
Feb 2024	44%	55%	1%	1073
Dec 2023	45%	55%	0%	1109
Nov 2023	47%	52%	1%	1392
Sep 2023	45%	54%	1%	1143
Jun 2023	46%	53%	0%	1058
Feb 2023	50%	49%	1%	1049
Oct 2022	43%	54%	3%	1098
Sep 2022	48%	49%	3%	1057
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
Jun 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

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Q3. Do you think things in California are
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 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
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
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

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Q3. Do you think things in California are
 generally going in the right direction or the
 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
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
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

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Q3. Do you think things in California are
 generally going in the right direction or the
 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
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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Q4. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	41%	57%	2%	1071
Jun 2024	35%	64%	1%	1097
Feb 2024	41%	58%	1%	1074
Dec 2023	37%	61%	2%	1112
Nov 2023	37%	60%	3%	1393
Sep 2023	37%	62%	2%	1145
Jun 2023	32%	67%	1%	1061
Feb 2023	34%	64%	2%	1049
Nov 2022	28%	71%	2%	1341
Jul 2022	30%	69%	1%	1132
Apr 2022	39%	59%	2%	1056
Nov 2021	46%	53%	1%	1541
Jul 2021	57%	42%	1%	1115
Apr 2021	55%	43%	2%	1102
Dec 2020	30%	69%	1%	1551
Jul 2020	17%	83%	0%	1031
Apr 2020	21%	78%	1%	1094
Jan 2020	50%	42%	8%	962
Sep 2019	37%	54%	10%	1022
May 2019	42%	48%	10%	1114
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

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Q4. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
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
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

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Q4. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
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
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

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Q4. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
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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Q5. How much of the time do you think you can trust the state government in Sacramento today to do that 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	none of the time (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	6%	38%	56%	0%	0%	1071
Feb 2024	6%	35%	58%	1%	1%	1075
Feb 2023	8%	39%	53%	0%	1%	1050
Sep 2021	7%	36%	46%	10%	1%	1078
May 2018	6%	32%	48%	13%	1%	901
Jun 2015	2%	25%	62%	9%	2%	1046
Dec 2014	5%	26%	61%	8%	0%	1058
May 2014	3%	24%	61%	11%	1%	1037
Dec 2013	2%	21%	64%	12%	1%	1077
May 2013	4%	17%	69%	10%	1%	1127
Oct 2012	2%	20%	68%	10%	1%	1337
Dec 2011	2%	13%	70%	14%	1%	1294
Jun 2011	2%	16%	72%	9%	1%	1405
Oct 2010	1%	14%	69%	15%	1%	1235
Sep 2009	2%	16%	71%	10%	1%	1341
May 2009	2%	14%	70%	13%	1%	1218
Aug 2008	3%	25%	63%	8%	1%	1184
Mar 2008	2%	24%	65%	6%	2%	1221
Sep 2007	3%	22%	69%	6%	1%	1163
Mar 2007	2%	28%	64%	5%	1%	1238
Aug 2006	3%	20%	72%	5%	1%	1107
Aug 2005	2%	22%	69%	6%	2%	1058
May 2005	4%	23%	65%	6%	1%	1239
Jan 2005	3%	25%	65%	6%	1%	1234
May 2004	3%	25%	66%	6%	1%	1102
Jan 2004	4%	22%	66%	7%	1%	979
Oct 2003	3%	22%	69%	5%	1%	1135
Sep 2003	3%	18%	66%	12%	2%	1147
Jun 2003	2%	29%	63%	5%	1%	1032
Feb 2003	3%	25%	66%	5%	1%	1081
Dec 2002	4%	26%	64%	5%	1%	1089
Aug 2002	3%	30%	61%	5%	1%	974
Jan 2002	3%	41%	54%	1%	1%	976
Jan 2001	5%	41%	50%	2%	1%	1095
Jan 1999	2%	35%	61%	1%	1%	1055

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Q6. Would you say the state 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	68%	30%	2%	1068
Feb 2024	70%	28%	2%	1073
Feb 2023	68%	31%	2%	1048
Jun 2015	65%	27%	8%	1024
Dec 2014	68%	26%	6%	1045
May 2014	68%	24%	8%	1026
Dec 2013	71%	22%	8%	1065
May 2013	70%	22%	8%	1115
Oct 2012	71%	22%	7%	1323
Dec 2011	75%	15%	10%	1282
Jun 2011	72%	22%	6%	1398
Oct 2010	79%	12%	9%	1216
Sep 2009	79%	15%	6%	1319
May 2009	76%	16%	7%	1212
Aug 2008	71%	20%	9%	1174
Mar 2008	68%	23%	9%	1215
Sep 2007	73%	20%	7%	1149
Mar 2007	65%	27%	8%	1225
Aug 2006	73%	20%	6%	1099
Aug 2005	71%	21%	9%	1050
May 2005	71%	21%	8%	1235
Jan 2004	68%	22%	10%	971
Jan 2002	57%	35%	8%	961
Jan 2001	60%	31%	9%	1088
Jan 1999	67%	27%	6%	1045

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Q7. Do you think the people in the state government waste a lot of the money we pay in taxes, wastes some of it, or don't waste much of it?

	a lot	some	don't waste very much	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	49%	45%	6%	0%	1071
Feb 2024	52%	42%	6%	1%	1074
Feb 2023	48%	46%	5%	1%	1050
Jun 2015	57%	35%	6%	2%	1046
Dec 2014	59%	34%	6%	1%	1055
May 2014	53%	39%	5%	3%	1038
Dec 2013	60%	33%	6%	1%	1080
May 2013	57%	34%	8%	2%	1129
Oct 2012	60%	33%	6%	2%	1336
May 2012	62%	30%	6%	1%	1256
Dec 2011	63%	30%	5%	2%	1297
Jun 2011	58%	37%	4%	1%	1406
Oct 2010	67%	25%	6%	2%	1235
Sep 2009	62%	31%	5%	2%	1341
May 2009	71%	25%	4%	1%	1216
Aug 2008	63%	31%	4%	2%	1185
Mar 2008	58%	35%	5%	2%	1221
Sep 2007	53%	39%	6%	2%	1164
Mar 2007	55%	38%	4%	3%	1239
Aug 2006	61%	34%	4%	1%	1107
Aug 2005	62%	32%	4%	2%	1058
May 2005	56%	36%	6%	2%	1241
Jan 2004	58%	35%	4%	2%	981
Jun 2003	58%	37%	5%	1%	1034
Feb 2003	60%	34%	4%	2%	1081
Jan 2002	41%	52%	5%	1%	977
Jan 2001	47%	44%	7%	2%	1094
Jan 1999	53%	43%	4%	0%	1054

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Q8. How would you describe your household's financial situation today? Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or not satisfied with your situation?

	very satisfied	somewhat satisfied	not satisfied	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	23%	51%	26%	0%	1070
Jun 2024	23%	46%	32%	0%	1097
Nov 2023	18%	58%	24%	0%	1393
Nov 2022	20%	56%	24%	0%	1342
Nov 2021	26%	54%	20%	0%	1538

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Q9. Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect your personal financial situation to be
 [ROTATE TOP 1 TO 5 AND 5 TO 1] [1] much stronger, [2] somewhat stronger, [3] about the same,
 [4] somewhat weaker, or [5] much weaker than it is now?

	much stronger	somewhat stronger	about the same	somewhat weaker	much weaker	don't know (vol)
Sep 2024	4%	19%	55%	16%	6%	0%
Feb 2024	3%	16%	53%	19%	10%	0%
Dec 2023	4%	16%	54%	19%	7%	0%
Sep 2023	3%	18%	56%	17%	6%	0%

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	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	1071
Feb 2024	1075
Dec 2023	1113
Sep 2023	1145

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Q13. In general, would you say you are
 satisfied or not satisfied with your choices of
 candidates in the election for US President in
 2024?

	satisfied	not satisfied	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	56%	43%	0%	1069
Apr 2024	36%	64%	0%	1084

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Q14. If the November 5th US Senate election were being held today, would you vote for: [randomize candidates]

	Adam Schiff, a Democrat, United States Representative	Steve Garvey, a Republican, Professional Baseball Representative	don't know (vol)	Neither/would not vote for US Senator (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	63%	35%	1%	1%	1068
Jun 2024	62%	37%	1%	0%	1095
Apr 2024	61%	37%	2%	0%	1084

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Q15. In general, would you say you are
 satisfied or not satisfied with your choices of
 candidates in the election for US Senate on
 November 5th?

	satisfied	not satisfied	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	59%	40%	1%	1071
Apr 2024	62%	35%	3%	1082
Feb 2024	62%	36%	2%	1075
Dec 2023	59%	38%	3%	1108

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Q16. If the 2024 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 candidate	Democratic candidate	Other (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	36%	62%		2%	1063
Jun 2024	36%	62%		2%	1091
Apr 2024	38%	60%		3%	1080
Feb 2024	36%	61%		3%	1069
Dec 2023	37%	62%		2%	1105
Oct 2022	39%	56%		5%	1097
Sep 2022	34%	60%		7%	1046
May 2022	35%	55%		10%	1162
Mar 2022	42%	51%		7%	1191
Oct 2020	37%	58%		5%	1169
Sep 2020	33%	60%		7%	1152
Jun 2020	34%	59%		8%	1028
Oct 2018	37%	55%		8%	973
Sep 2018	37%	54%		9%	949
May 2018	38%	52%		10%	891
Mar 2018	39%	53%		8%	917
Oct 2014	41%	48%		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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Q17. Thinking about the Congressional elections that will be held in November, are you more enthusiastic about voting than usual, or less enthusiastic?

	more enthusiastic	less enthusiastic	same/neither (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	52%	46%	2%	0%	1069
Dec 2023	47%	52%	1%	0%	1112

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Q18. Are you more interested or less interested in politics this year than you were in 2020—the last presidential election year?

	more interested	less interested	same (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	69%	29%	2%	0%	1071
Sep 2008	65%	8%	26%	0%	1282
Aug 2004	64%	7%	28%	1%	1189

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Q40. In general, do you think it is a good thing or a bad thing that a majority of voters can make laws and change public policies by passing initiatives?

	good thing	bad thing	Other (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	79%	19%		3%	1069
Jul 2022	71%	26%		3%	1130
Apr 2022	67%	31%		2%	1055
Mar 2013	72%	24%		4%	1135
Jun 2011	73%	23%		4%	1404
Aug 2006	74%	21%	1%	4%	1107
Aug 2005	70%	24%	2%	5%	1057
Aug 2004	72%	22%	2%	4%	1189
Oct 2000	68%	24%	1%	6%	1088

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Q41. Generally speaking, would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or not satisfied with the way the initiative process is working in California today?

	very satisfied	somewhat satisfied	not satisfied	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	9%	61%	28%	2%	1070
Apr 2022	6%	57%	35%	2%	1057
Oct 2020	12%	48%	32%	8%	1177
Sep 2016	12%	49%	33%	7%	1052
Dec 2015	11%	51%	31%	7%	1109
Sep 2014	12%	54%	31%	3%	353
Mar 2013	7%	55%	33%	4%	1132
Sep 2012	12%	48%	35%	5%	1329
Sep 2011	15%	47%	35%	3%	1363
Oct 2010	6%	46%	43%	4%	1235
Oct 2008	9%	55%	32%	4%	1283
Aug 2006	10%	61%	27%	2%	1108
Aug 2005	9%	60%	26%	4%	1056
Aug 2004	12%	58%	26%	4%	1185
Oct 2000	10%	57%	28%	5%	1090

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Q42. Do you think the citizens' initiative process in California is in need of major changes, minor changes, or that it is basically fine the way it is?

	major changes	minor changes	fine the way it is	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	31%	49%	16%	4%	1070
Apr 2022	33%	48%	15%	4%	1056
Mar 2013	36%	38%	19%	7%	1136
Oct 2012	40%	30%	23%	7%	1333
Jun 2011	37%	40%	17%	5%	1222
Oct 2010	49%	30%	15%	6%	1237
Sep 2008	30%	32%	32%	6%	1281
Sep 2006	37%	31%	27%	6%	1212
Sep 2005	28%	36%	29%	7%	1116
Sep 2004	33%	34%	23%	11%	1204
Oct 2000	31%	45%	19%	5%	1089

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Q43. Overall, how much would you say that the initiative process
 in California today is controlled by special interests—a lot, some,
 or not at all?

	a lot	some	not at all	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	49%	46%	2%	3%	1070
Apr 2022	56%	39%	2%	3%	1056
Oct 2020	63%	30%	2%	5%	1179
Sep 2016	64%	29%	4%	3%	1053
Dec 2015	66%	28%	3%	4%	1113
Sep 2014	65%	27%	5%	4%	915
May 2013	63%	32%	4%	1%	1128
Sep 2012	68%	27%	2%	3%	1329
Sep 2011	70%	24%	4%	2%	1361
Sep 2005	65%	32%	1%	2%	623
Jan 2001	59%	35%	3%	3%	1095

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Q44. Next, do you agree or disagree with these statements? Citizens' initiatives bring up important public policy issues that the governor and legislature have not adequately addressed.

	strongly agree	somewhat agree	somewhat disagree	strongly disagree	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	29%	58%	11%	2%	1%	1068
Sep 2005	36%	43%	13%	5%	4%	1117
Aug 2004	34%	45%	12%	4%	3%	1188
Oct 1998	25%	50%	14%	6%	4%	1108

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Q45. Next, do you agree or disagree with these statements? There are too many propositions on the state ballot.

	strongly agree	somewhat agree	somewhat disagree	strongly disagree	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	23%	46%	24%	6%	0%	1069
Oct 2022	20%	27%	27%	22%	5%	1098
Oct 2020	25%	30%	28%	15%	2%	1182
Sep 2016	24%	33%	25%	15%	4%	1052
Dec 2015	33%	28%	26%	8%	4%	1110
May 2013	39%	28%	20%	10%	4%	554
Sep 2008	30%	29%	26%	12%	3%	1279
Sep 2006	29%	29%	25%	13%	4%	1212
Sep 2005	33%	28%	24%	13%	3%	1117
Aug 2004	30%	30%	25%	11%	4%	1186

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Q46. Next, do you agree or disagree with these statements? The wording of citizens' initiatives on the state ballot is often too complicated and confusing for voters to understand what happens if the initiative passes.

	strongly agree	somewhat agree	somewhat disagree	strongly disagree	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	44%	43%	11%	2%	1%	1068
Nov 2022	37%	50%	9%	3%	1%	1341
Apr 2022	45%	46%	6%	2%	2%	1057
Oct 2020	45%	37%	11%	5%	3%	1180
Sep 2016	43%	36%	13%	6%	2%	1054
May 2013	52%	31%	9%	6%	2%	575
Sep 2008	55%	29%	8%	6%	2%	1282
Sep 2006	52%	27%	13%	6%	1%	1212
Sep 2005	53%	29%	11%	5%	2%	1118
Aug 2004	48%	32%	10%	8%	2%	1188
Oct 1998	48%	34%	10%	5%	3%	1111

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Q47. Generally speaking, would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or not satisfied with the information that is available to voters about citizens' initiatives on the state ballot?

	very satisfied	somewhat satisfied	not satisfied	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	9%	60%	29%	2%	1070
Nov 2022	11%	58%	30%	1%	1342

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Q48. Would you favor or oppose having the
 "yes" and "no" sides of initiative campaigns
 participate in town halls around the state that
 are organized and hosted by independent
 panels?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	79%	19%	2%	1066
Feb 2023	79%	18%	3%	1047

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Q49. Would you favor or oppose having the yes
 and no sides of the citizens' initiative campaigns
 participate in a series of televised debates?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	79%	20%	1%	1064
Nov 2022	82%	16%	2%	1340
May 2013	76%	22%	2%	549

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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Q50. Would you favor or oppose having an independent citizens' initiative commission that would hold public hearings on initiatives then make ballot recommendations in the Secretary of State's voter information guide?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	70%	28%	2%	1066
Nov 2022	76%	23%	1%	1340
Apr 2022	77%	20%	3%	1055
May 2013	69%	27%	4%	1127

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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Q51. Would you favor or oppose having voters
 renew initiatives after a certain number of years,
 by voting on them again?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	68%	30%	2%	1063
May 2013	64%	32%	4%	569
Dec 2012	66%	30%	3%	1437

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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Q52. Would you favor or oppose a new law that would allow electronic signature gathering over the internet to qualify an initiative, referendum, or recall for the state ballot?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	35%	63%	2%	1066
Oct 2022	31%	64%	5%	1105

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Q53. Would you favor or oppose giving initiative sponsors more time to qualify initiatives if they are using only volunteers to gather signatures rather than using paid gatherers?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	71%	27%	2%	1065
May 2013	75%	21%	4%	576

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Q54. As you may know, there is currently a period of time when the initiative sponsor and the legislature can meet to see if they can agree on a compromise that will be enacted as legislation rather than put on the ballot. Do you favor or oppose requiring the compromise legislation to go on the ballot?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	68%	30%	2%	1061
Feb 2023	66%	31%	3%	1049

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Q56. Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and
 lesbian couples to enter into same-sex
 marriages?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	74%	24%	2%	1064
Sep 2023	75%	25%	0%	1133
Feb 2023	75%	24%	1%	1039
Oct 2014	57%	36%	7%	964
Sep 2013	64%	32%	4%	1089
May 2013	59%	36%	5%	1118
Jan 2013	54%	40%	5%	1107
May 2012	56%	37%	7%	1063
Mar 2012	56%	38%	6%	1154
Sep 2011	53%	42%	5%	1351
Sep 2010	53%	42%	6%	1202
Mar 2010	49%	45%	5%	1221
Mar 2009	45%	49%	6%	1125
Oct 2008	47%	49%	5%	1274
Aug 2008	47%	47%	6%	1179
Jun 2007	46%	48%	6%	1106
Sep 2006	47%	46%	7%	1200
Aug 2005	46%	46%	8%	1050
Feb 2004	43%	51%	6%	1006
Jan 2000	38%	55%	7%	979

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Q57. Some people know a lot about state finance, and others do not, how much do you know about how state bonds are paid for in California?

	a lot	some	very little	nothing	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	5%	34%	44%	17%	0%	1071
May 2007	6%	41%	43%	9%	1%	1128
Jan 2004	8%	49%	34%	9%	0%	981
Sep 2002	13%	47%	34%	6%	0%	1035

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Q58. Do you think rent control—that is, the ability of local governments to set limits on how much rents can be increased each year—is a good thing or a bad thing?

	good thing	bad thing	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	65%	34%	1%	1069
Sep 2018	52%	41%	7%	958
May 2008	54%	38%	8%	1221
Mar 2008	53%	39%	8%	1218

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Q59. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that Joe Biden is handling his job as
 president of the United States?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	55%	45%	1%	1068
Jun 2024	50%	49%	1%	1095
Feb 2024	49%	50%	1%	1065
Dec 2023	53%	46%	1%	1103
Sep 2023	53%	46%	0%	1137
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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Q61. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Alex Padilla is handling his job as US Senator?

	approve	disapprove	Have not heard enough to have an opinion (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	54%	40%		6%	1067
Dec 2023	53%	41%		6%	1113
Jun 2023	56%	39%		5%	1060
Oct 2022	48%	31%		22%	1095
Mar 2022	39%	30%		31%	1196
Mar 2021	42%	25%	22%	11%	1167

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Q62. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way the Speaker of the House Mike Johnson is handling his job?

	approve	disapprove	Have not heard enough to have an opinion (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	34%	62%		4%	1070
Dec 2023	31%	63%	4%	2%	1112

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Q63. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that the U.S. Congress is handling its
 job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	20%	78%	3%	1066
Jun 2024	15%	83%	1%	1090
Feb 2024	12%	85%	2%	1072
Dec 2023	16%	83%	2%	1109
Sep 2023	18%	81%	1%	1142
Jul 2023	23%	77%	0%	1092
Jun 2023	21%	78%	1%	1056
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

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Q63. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that the U.S. Congress is handling its
 job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
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
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

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Q63. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that the U.S. Congress is handling its
 job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
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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Q64. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way the US Supreme Court is handling its
 job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	31%	68%	1%	1067
Feb 2024	32%	66%	1%	1072
Sep 2023	30%	69%	1%	1141
Feb 2023	36%	63%	1%	1045
Jan 2017	53%	36%	10%	1099
May 2016	46%	44%	10%	977
Aug 2005	50%	38%	12%	1052

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Q65. Do you think things in the United States
 are generally going in the right direction or the
 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	28%	70%	2%	1069
Jun 2024	25%	74%	1%	1090
Feb 2024	23%	76%	1%	1071
Sep 2023	28%	72%	0%	1140
Jun 2023	25%	74%	1%	1060
Feb 2023	30%	69%	1%	1044
Oct 2022	25%	71%	4%	1102
Sep 2022	33%	63%	4%	1053
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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Q66. Turning to economic conditions, do you think that during the next 12 months the United States will have good time financially or bad times?

	good times	bad times	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	43%	54%	3%	1071
Jun 2024	36%	62%	2%	1096
Feb 2024	40%	57%	3%	1075
Sep 2023	34%	63%	2%	1145
Jun 2023	23%	75%	2%	1061
Feb 2023	24%	75%	2%	1047
Sep 2022	32%	64%	4%	1057
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
Jun 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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Q67. 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	none of the time (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	4%	25%	70%	0%	1%	1070
Feb 2024	3%	20%	76%	1%	0%	1073
Feb 2023	3%	26%	71%	0%	1%	1048
May 2022	2%	18%	63%	15%	1%	1175
Sep 2021	5%	25%	62%	8%	1%	1079
Jan 2021	5%	29%	53%	11%	1%	1122
Jun 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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Q68. 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 the people	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	84%	15%	1%	1069
Feb 2024	87%	12%	1%	1074
Feb 2023	86%	13%	1%	1045
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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Q69. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	58%	39%	3%	0%	1071
Feb 2024	61%	35%	4%	1%	1075
Feb 2023	63%	35%	2%	1%	1049
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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Q70. Do you have a [ROTATE] (1) favorable or
 an (2) unfavorable impression of the
 Democratic Party?

	favorable	unfavorable	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	52%	48%	1%	1065
Feb 2024	44%	54%	2%	1067
Sep 2023	45%	54%	1%	1133
Feb 2023	50%	49%	0%	1039
Jul 2022	45%	53%	2%	1125
Sep 2021	48%	49%	2%	1067
Oct 2020	51%	47%	2%	1180
Nov 2019	46%	50%	3%	1007
Oct 2018	41%	54%	5%	976
Dec 2017	44%	53%	4%	1060
Oct 2016	50%	47%	3%	1021
May 2016	42%	54%	4%	984
Dec 2015	47%	49%	4%	1099
Oct 2014	44%	50%	6%	964
Dec 2013	47%	50%	3%	1072
Mar 2013	53%	44%	3%	1132
Oct 2012	53%	44%	3%	1327
Sep 2011	44%	50%	6%	1350
Oct 2010	44%	51%	6%	1230
Mar 2010	41%	53%	6%	1222

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Q71. Do you have a [ROTATE] (1) favorable or
 an (2) unfavorable impression of the Republican
 Party?

	favorable	unfavorable	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	27%	72%	1%	1069
Feb 2024	22%	77%	1%	1071
Sep 2023	24%	76%	1%	1138
Feb 2023	24%	75%	1%	1043
Jul 2022	26%	73%	1%	1125
Sep 2021	28%	69%	3%	1067
Oct 2020	33%	64%	3%	1179
Nov 2019	34%	62%	4%	1004
Oct 2018	31%	65%	4%	976
Dec 2017	26%	71%	3%	1066
Oct 2016	24%	72%	4%	1017
May 2016	23%	75%	3%	980
Dec 2015	33%	64%	4%	1096
Oct 2014	30%	64%	6%	960
Dec 2013	32%	65%	4%	1073
Mar 2013	34%	62%	4%	1131
Oct 2012	38%	58%	4%	1324
Sep 2011	30%	63%	7%	1357
Oct 2010	31%	62%	7%	1225
Mar 2010	31%	62%	7%	1220

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Q72. In your view, do the Republican and Democratic parties do an adequate job representing the American people, or do they do such a poor job that a third major party is needed?

	adequate job	third party is needed	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	31%	67%	2%	1056
Feb 2024	26%	72%	2%	1063
Sep 2023	27%	72%	1%	1126
Feb 2023	28%	70%	3%	1033
Oct 2020	29%	63%	8%	1154
Nov 2019	32%	57%	11%	973
Oct 2018	29%	61%	10%	951
Dec 2017	27%	64%	9%	1048
Oct 2016	28%	62%	10%	1003
Dec 2015	31%	58%	10%	1088
Oct 2014	24%	63%	13%	954
Dec 2013	32%	56%	12%	1053
Mar 2013	32%	59%	9%	1121
Oct 2012	42%	52%	7%	1310
Sep 2011	33%	57%	9%	1327
Oct 2010	34%	56%	10%	1215
Mar 2010	34%	55%	10%	1217
Sep 2008	41%	52%	7%	1265
Oct 2006	34%	56%	9%	1187
Sep 2004	48%	46%	6%	1196

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Q73. For future presidential elections, would you support or oppose changing to a system in which the president is elected by direct popular vote, instead of by the Electoral College?

	would support change to popular vote	would oppose change to popular vote	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2024	70%	28%	2%	1069
Oct 2008	70%	22%	8%	1281
Dec 2007	65%	29%	6%	1153
Oct 2004	64%	28%	9%	1217
Jan 2001	58%	37%	4%	1094

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

