

PPIC Statewide Survey, September 2021
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PPIC STATEWIDE SURVEY: *Californians and Their Government*
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 1,700 CALIFORNIA ADULT RESIDENTS; ENGLISH, SPANISH

Codebook Setup:

Variable Variable Label

Value Value Label

id

version Interview Version

1 Landline

2 Cellphone

county S2c. In which California county do you live?

1	Alameda	30	Orange
2	Alpine	31	Placer
3	Amador	32	Plumas
4	Butte	33	Riverside
5	Calaveras	34	Sacramento
6	Colusa	35	San Benito
7	Contra Costa	36	San Bernardino
8	Del Norte	37	San Diego
9	El Dorado	38	San Francisco
10	Fresno	39	San Joaquin
11	Glenn	40	San Luis Obispo
12	Humboldt	41	San Mateo
13	Imperial	42	Santa Barbara
14	Inyo	43	Santa Clara
15	Kern	44	Santa Cruz
16	Kings	45	Shasta
17	Lake	46	Sierra
18	Lassen	47	Siskiyou
19	Los Angeles	48	Solano
20	Madera	49	Sonoma
21	Marin	50	Stanislaus
22	Mariposa	51	Sutter
23	Mendocino	52	Tehama
24	Merced	53	Trinity
25	Modoc	54	Tulare
26	Mono	55	Tuolumne
27	Monterey	56	Ventura
28	Napa	57	Yolo
29	Nevada	58	Yub

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Q1. First, thinking about the state as a whole, what do you think is the most important issue facing people in California today?
[CODE RESPONSE; DO NOT READ LIST; SINGLE RECORD]

01	abortion
02	cost of living
03	crime; gangs; drugs
04	economy
05	education; schools, teachers
06	electricity costs, energy supply, energy crisis
07	environment; pollution; global warming
08	gasoline prices, oil prices
09	gay rights, gay marriages
10	government in general, problems with elected officials, political parties
11	government reform
12	government regulations
13	guns; gun control; mass shootings; school safety
14	health care; health insurance, health costs; prescription drug costs; Obamacare
15	homelessness
16	housing costs; housing availability, subprime housing crisis
17	immigration
18	illegal immigration
19	income/wealth inequality
20	infrastructure
21	jobs; unemployment
22	moral and family values
23	pension system reforms
24	political contributions, campaign finance
25	political redistricting, reapportionment
26	population growth; too much development; sprawl
27	poverty; the poor
28	race relations; racial and ethnic issues
29	sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual discrimination
30	state budget, deficit, state spending
31	taxes
32	terrorism; security issues
33	traffic; transportation
34	water; water quality; water availability, drought
35	welfare
36	women's rights
37	wildfires, fires
38	COVID-19, coronavirus
97	other [SPECIFY]
98	(volunteered) don't know
99	(volunteered) refuse

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Q2. Do you think things in California are generally going in the right direction or the wrong direction?

- 1 right direction
- 2 wrong direction
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

Q3. Would you say that California is in an economic recession, or not? (IF YES ASK: Do you think it is in a serious, a moderate, or a mild recession?)

- 1 yes, serious recession
- 2 yes, moderate recession
- 3 yes, mild recession
- 4 yes, (volunteered) don't know
- 5 no, not in an economic recession
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

Changing topics,

Q4. How closely are you following the news about the effort to recall Governor Newsom from office—very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

- 1 very closely
- 2 fairly closely
- 3 not too closely
- 4 not at all closely
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

Q5. On September 14th, there will be a special election on whether to recall Governor Newsom from office. On this ballot, voters will be asked two questions: first, whether Gavin Newsom should or should not be removed as governor, and second, who from a list of 46 candidates should succeed Gavin Newsom as governor if he is recalled.

If the election were held today, would you vote yes to recall or remove Gavin Newsom as governor, or no?

- 1 yes, should remove Newsom
- 2 no, should not remove Newsom
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

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Q6. Regardless of how you would vote on the first part of the recall ballot, which candidate would you vote for to succeed Gavin Newsom as Governor if he is recalled? If the election were held today, would you vote for [READ ROTATED LIST THEN ASK "or someone else?"] [ACCEPT ANSWER WHEN GIVEN]

- 1 Larry Elder, a Republican, Broadcaster/Author
- 2 Kevin Faulconer (FAL-KUH-NER); a Republican, Businessman/Educator
- 3 Caitlyn Jenner, a Republican Businessperson/Entrepreneur
- 4 John Cox, a Republican, Businessman/Accountant/Father
- 5 Kevin Kiley, a Republican, California Legislator
- 6 Someone else [SPECIFY]
- 97 no one/wouldn't vote (volunteered)
- 98 (volunteered) don't know
- 99 (volunteered) refuse

Q7. In general, would you say you are satisfied or not satisfied with your choices of replacement candidates in the recall election on September 14th?

- 1 satisfied
- 2 not satisfied
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

Q8. If Governor Newsom is recalled from office, do you think that things in California would get better, would get worse, or would it make no difference?

- 1 would get better
- 2 would get worse
- 3 would make no difference
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

Q9. Do you think the current effort to recall the governor is an appropriate use of the recall process, or not?

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

Q10. Thinking about the recall election that will be held this September, are you more enthusiastic about voting than usual, or less enthusiastic?

- 1 more enthusiastic
- 2 less enthusiastic
- 3 same/neither (volunteered)
- 4 can't vote (volunteered)
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

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Q11. And has the recall election made you feel better, worse, or no different about California politics?

- 1 better
- 2 worse
- 3 no different
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

Q12. How important to you is the outcome of the vote on the recall election—is it very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

- 1 very important
- 2 somewhat important
- 3 not too important
- 4 not at all important
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

Next,

Q13. How much confidence do you have in the system in which votes are cast and counted in California elections—a great deal, quite a lot, some, or very little?

- 1 great deal
- 2 quite a lot
- 3 some
- 4 very little
- 5 (volunteered) none
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

[ROTATE QUESTIONS 14 and 15]

Q14. How concerned are you that it is too hard for eligible people to vote in California elections? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

- 1 very concerned
- 2 somewhat concerned
- 3 not too concerned
- 4 not at all concerned
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

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Q15. How concerned are you that it is too easy for people who are not eligible to vote in California elections? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

- 1 very concerned
- 2 somewhat concerned
- 3 not too concerned
- 4 not at all concerned
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

Onto another topic,

Q16. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Gavin Newsom is handling his job as governor of California?

- 1 approve
- 2 disapprove
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

Q17. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Governor Newsom is handling the coronavirus outbreak?

- 1 approve
- 2 disapprove
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

Q18. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the California Legislature is handling its job?

- 1 approve
- 2 disapprove
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

Changing topics,

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

- 1 approve
- 2 disapprove
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

Q20. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that President Biden is handling the coronavirus outbreak?

- 1 approve
- 2 disapprove
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

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Q21. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

- 1 approve
- 2 disapprove
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

Next,

Q22. Do you think things in the United States are generally going in the right direction or the wrong direction?

- 1 right direction
- 2 wrong direction
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

Q23. Turning to economic conditions, do you think that during the next 12 months the United States will have good times financially or bad times?

- 1 good times
- 2 bad times
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

On another topic,

Q24. How much of a problem is homelessness in your part of California? Is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem?

- 1 big problem
- 2 somewhat of a problem
- 3 not much of a problem
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

Q25. How concerned are you about the presence of homeless people in your local community today? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

- 1 very concerned
- 2 somewhat concerned
- 3 not too concerned
- 4 not at all concerned
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

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Q26. In the last 12 months, do you think that the presence of homeless people in your local community has increased, decreased or stayed about the same?

- 1 increased
- 2 decreased
- 3 stayed the same
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
(volunteered) refuse

Changing topics,

Q27. Have you personally received the COVID-19 vaccine, or not? [IF YES ASK: Did you receive a single dose vaccine, the first of two doses, or have you received both doses of a two dose vaccine?]

- 1 yes, single dose vaccine [SKIP TO Q28 AND CODE Q27a PUNCH 5]
- 2 yes, first of two doses [SKIP TO Q28 AND CODE Q27a PUNCH 5]
- 3 yes, both doses of two doses [SKIP TO Q28 AND CODE Q27a PUNCH 5]
- 4 no
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

Q27a. The coronavirus vaccine is now available to all individuals 12 and older. Will you definitely get the coronavirus vaccine, probably get it, probably not get it or definitely not get it?

[IF Q27=1, 2, OR 3, CODE Q27a=5]

- 1 definitely get the vaccine
- 2 probably get the vaccine
- 3 probably not get the vaccine
- 4 definitely not get the vaccine
- 5 (volunteered) already got the vaccine [IF Q27=1, 2, OR 3, CODE Q27a=5]
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

Q28. Overall, do you think the state government is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of distributing COVID-19 vaccines to people in California?

- 1 excellent
- 2 good
- 3 fair
- 4 poor
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

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Q29. Do you favor or oppose requiring proof of the COVID-19 vaccine to be able to enter large outdoor gatherings or certain indoor spaces such as restaurants, bars, and gyms?

- 1 favor
- 2 oppose
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

On another topic,

[ROTATE QUESTIONS 30 and 31]

Q30. How much of the time do you think you can trust the **state** government in Sacramento to do what is right—just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

- 1 just about always
- 2 most of the time
- 3 only some of the time
- 4 (volunteered) none of the time
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

Q31. 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?

- 1 just about always
- 2 most of the time
- 3 only some of the time
- 4 (volunteered) none of the time
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

On another topic,

[ROTATE QUESTIONS 32 AND 33]

Q32. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of the Democratic Party?

- 1 favorable
- 2 unfavorable
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

Q33. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of the Republican Party?

- 1 favorable
- 2 unfavorable
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

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Q34. Next, some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you **absolutely certain** that you are registered to vote in California?

1	yes	[ASK Q34a]
2	no	[SKIP TO party]
8	(volunteered) don't know	[SKIP TO party]
9	(volunteered) refuse	[SKIP TO party]

Q34a. Are you registered as a Democrat, a Republican, another party, or are you registered as a decline-to-state or independent voter?
(INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY ARE REGISTERED AS "Non-Partisan" ENTER PUNCH <4> decline-to-state or Independent)

[IF RESPONDENT REFUSES, SAY "We understand and respect that this information is confidential, we ask only for nonpartisan research purposes and will keep all of this information absolutely anonymous"]

1	Democrat
2	Republican
3	another party (specify)
4	decline-to-state or independent
8	(volunteered) don't know
9	(volunteered) refuse

[CATI PROGRAMMING: DUMMY QUESTION TO COMBINE Q34 AND Q34a]

1	registered, Democrat	[ASK Q365]
2	registered, Republican	[SKIP TO Q35a]
3	registered, other	[SKIP TO Q36]
4	registered, decline to state/independent	[SKIP TO Q35b]
5	yes, don't know party	[SKIP TO Q35b]
6	not registered	[SKIP TO Q35b]
8	(volunteered) don't know	[SKIP TO Q35b]
9	(volunteered) refuse	[SKIP TO Q35b]

Q35. Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or not a very strong Democrat?

1	strong
2	not very strong
8	(volunteered) don't know
9	(volunteered) refuse

[SKIP TO Q36]

Q35a. Would you call yourself a strong Republican or not a very strong Republican?

1	strong
2	not very strong
8	(volunteered) don't know

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9 (volunteered) refuse

[SKIP TO Q36]

Q35b. Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or Democratic Party?

1 Republican Party
2 Democratic Party
3 neither (volunteered)
8 (volunteered) don't know
9 (volunteered) refuse

Q36. Next, would you consider yourself to be politically:
[READ LIST, ROTATE ORDER TOP TO BOTTOM]

1 very liberal
2 somewhat liberal
3 middle-of-the-road
4 somewhat conservative
5 very conservative
8 (volunteered) don't know
9 (volunteered) refuse

Q37. Generally speaking, how much interest would you say you have in politics—a great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or none?

1 great deal
2 fair amount
3 only a little
4 none
8 (volunteered) don't know
9 (volunteered) refuse

Q38. How often would you say you vote—always, nearly always, part of the time, seldom, or never?

1 always
2 nearly always
3 part of the time
4 seldom
5 never
8 (volunteered) don't know
9 (volunteered) refuse

Q39. Do you plan to vote in the recall election on September 14? [IF SOMEONE SAYS THEY ALREADY VOTED CODE THEM AS <PUNCH 1>]

1 yes [ASK Q39a]
2 no [SKIP TO D1]
8 don't know (volunteered) [SKIP TO D1]
9 refuse (volunteered) [SKIP TO D1]

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Q39a. Do you plan to vote at your local polling place, or by mail ballot? [INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY ALREADY VOTED BY MAIL/ABSENTEE BALLOT, CODE AS PUNCH <3> already voted]

- 1 local polling place
- 2 mail ballot
- 3 already voted (volunteered)
- 8 don't know (volunteered)
- 9 refuse (volunteered)

[IF RESPONDENT REFUSES ANY D1 TO D15, SAY: "We understand and respect that this information is confidential, we ask only for research purposes and will keep all of this information absolutely anonymous"]

D1. Finally, we have a few demographic questions. What is your age?
[IF NECESSARY: READ LIST]

RECORD AGE (code 18-98) [SKIP TO D2]
99 (volunteered) refuse [ASK D1a]

D1a. [IF REFUSE ON D1] Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of...? [READ LIST]

- 1 18 to 24
- 2 25 to 34
- 3 35 to 44
- 4 45 to 54
- 5 55 to 64
- 6 65 or older
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

D2. Do you own or rent your current residence?

- 1 own
- 2 rent
- 3 neither (volunteered)
- 9 (volunteered) don't know/refuse

D3. And how long have you lived at your current address? [IF UNDER 1 YEAR, CODE < 0 >] [PROBE: your best estimate is fine]

RECORD NUMBER OF YEARS (code 0-97) [SKIP TO D4]
98 (volunteered) don't know [ASK D3a]
99 (volunteered) refuse [ASK D3a]

D3a. [IF REFUSE ON D3] Could you please tell me if you have lived at your current address for fewer than five years, five years to under 10 years, 10 years to under 20 years, or 20 years or more?

- 1 fewer than five years
- 2 five years to under 10 years
- 3 10 years to under 20 years
- 4 20 years or more
- 5 (volunteered) all my life
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

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D4. Are you a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian of any children 18 or under?

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 9 don't know/(volunteered) refuse

D5. What is your current work status—full-time employed, part-time employed, not employed?

- 1 full-time employed [SKIP TO D5com]
- 2 part-time employed [SKIP TO D5com]
- 3 not-employed [ASK D5a]
- 8 disabled/on disability (volunteered) [SKIP TO D5com]
- 9 don't know/(volunteered) refuse [SKIP TO D5com]

D7. What was the last grade of school that you completed?
[IF NECESSARY: READ LIST; ENTER "ASSOCIATES DEGREE" AS PUNCH <3>
SOME COLLEGE]

- 1 some high school or less
- 2 high school graduate/GED
- 3 some college
- 4 college graduate
- 5 post graduate
- 6 (volunteered) trade school
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

D8. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

[IF NECESSARY: Such as Mexican-American, Latin American, Central or South American, or Spanish-American?]

- 1 yes, Hispanic
- 2 no, NOT Hispanic
- 9 don't know/refused (volunteered)

D8a. For classification purposes, we'd like to know what your racial background is. Are you white, black or African-American, Asian, Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian, American Indian or an Alaskan native, a member of another race, or a combination of these?

[ACCEPT UP TO TWO ANSWERS]

[IF RESP SAYS "Indian" PROBE: "is that American Indian or Asian Indian?"]

- 1 white
- 2 black/African-American
- 3 Asian
- 4 Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian
- 5 American Indian/Alaskan Native
- 6 Hispanic/Latino (volunteered)
- 7 other (specify)
- 9 don't know (volunteered)/refused

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D8com D8/D8a_1/D8a_2 combined

- 1 Asian, non-Hispanic
- 2 black, non-Hispanic
- 3 Hispanic or Latino, any race
- 4 white, non-Hispanic
- 5 other, non-Hispanic
- 6 multi-race, non-Hispanic
- 9 refuse

D9. Were you born in the United States?

- 1 yes [SKIP TO D10]
- 2 no [ASK D9a]
- 9 don't know/(volunteered) refuse [ASK D9a]

D9a. Are you a U.S. citizen or not?

- 1 yes, U.S. citizen
- 2 no, not a U.S. citizen
- 9 (volunteered) refuse

D10. Are you male or female?

- 1 Male
- 2 Female
- 3 (volunteered) other
- 8 (volunteered) don't know
- 9 (volunteered) refused

D11. Which of the following **categories** best describes your total annual household income before taxes, from all sources?

[PROBE: your best estimate is fine AND/OR REREAD LIST BEFORE ACCEPTING DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED"]

[IF RESPONDENT REFUSES, SAY "We understand and respect that this information is confidential, we ask only for research purposes and will keep all of this information absolutely anonymous"]

- 1 under \$20,000
- 2 \$20,000 to under \$40,000
- 3 \$40,000 to under \$60,000
- 4 \$60,000 to under \$80,000
- 5 \$80,000 to under \$100,000
- 6 \$100,000 to under \$200,000
- 7 \$200,000 or more
- 9 don't know/(volunteered) refuse

D12. Including yourself, how many adults 18 years of age or older live in your household?

- 1 one
- 2-12 [enter number]
- 99 don't know/(volunteered) refuse

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D12a. To make sure we understand which general area you live in, would you please give us your zip code? [IF RESPONDENT SAYS A ZIPCODE THAT DOES **NOT** BEGIN IN 9, SAY "I may have misheard you, could you possibly repeat your zip code to make sure I heard you correctly."

[IF RESPONDENT REFUSES, SAY "We understand and respect that this information is confidential, we ask only for research purposes and will keep all of this information absolutely anonymous"]

1 gave Zipcode
99998 don't know
99999 refuse

LANDLINE RESPONDENTS ONLY:

D13. Now thinking about your telephone use... Do you have a working cell phone?

1 yes, have cell phone [SKIP TO D15]
2 no, do not [ASK D13a]
9 don't know/(volunteered) refuse [ASK D13a]

ASK IF NO CELL PHONE AND MULTI-PERSON HOUSEHOLD (D13=2,9 AND D12>1):

D13a. Does anyone in your household have a working cell phone?

1 yes, someone in household has cell phone
2 no
99 don't know (volunteered)/refused

[SKIP TO D15]

CELL PHONE RESPONDENTS ONLY:

D14. Now thinking about your telephone use, is there at least one telephone INSIDE your home that is currently working and is not a cell phone?

1 yes, has a home telephone
2 no, no home telephone
9 don't know (volunteered)/refuse

[QUARTER SAMPLE:]

D15. Finally, would you be willing to talk about these questions with a reporter from a news organization in your region for a story about this survey?

1 yes [RECORD RESPONDENT'S FIRST NAME]
2 no
9 (volunteered) refuse

[LANDLINE RESPONDENTS, SKIP TO THANK YOU]

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[CELL RESPONDENTS ONLY]:

D16. That's the end of the survey. We'd like to send you \$5 for your time. Is there a mailing address where we can send you the money?

- 1 [gave mailing address]
- 2 respondent does not want the money (volunteered)

language Language

- 0 English
- 1 Spanish

gender Gender

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

likevote Likely Voters

- 0 Respondent not likely to vote
- 1 Respondent likely to vote

weight Final Weight