PPIC STATEWIDE SURVEY: *Californians and the Environment*

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1,700 CALIFORNIA ADULT RESIDENTS; ENGLISH, SPANISH

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1 Landline

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county S2c. In which California county do you live?

1 Alameda

2 Alpine

3 Amador

4 Butte

5 Calaveras

6 Colusa

7 Contra Costa

8 Del Norte

9 El Dorado

10 Fresno

11 Glenn

12 Humboldt

13 Imperial

14 Inyo

15 Kern

16 Kings

17 Lake

18 Lassen

19 Los Angeles

20 Madera

21 Marin

22 Mariposa

23 Mendocino

24 Merced

25 Modoc

26 Mono

27 Monterey

28 Napa

29 Nevada

30 Orange

31 Placer

32 Plumas

33 Riverside

34 Sacramento

35 San Benito

36 San Bernardino

37 San Diego

38 San Francisco

39 San Joaquin

40 San Luis Obispo

41 San Mateo

42 Santa Barbara

43 Santa Clara

44 Santa Cruz

45 Shasta

46 Sierra

47 Siskiyou

48 Solano

49 Sonoma

50 Stanislaus

51 Sutter

52 Tehama

53 Trinity

54 Tulare

55 Tuolumne

56 Ventura

57 Yolo

58 Yuba

Q1. First, 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 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Gavin Newsom is handling environmental issues in California?

1 approve

2 disapprove

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the California Legislature is handling its job?

1 approve

2 disapprove

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the California Legislature is handling environmental issues in California?

1 approve

2 disapprove

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q5. Next, 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?

1 big problem

2 somewhat of a problem

3 not much of a problem

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q6. 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?

1 yes

2 no

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Next,

Q7. We are interested in the part of California that you live in. Would you say that air pollution is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem in your part of California?

1 big problem

2 somewhat of a problem

3 not a problem

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q8. How serious a health threat is air pollution in your region to you and your immediate family—do you think it is a very serious, somewhat serious, or not too serious of a health threat?

1 very serious

2 somewhat serious

3 not too serious

4 not at all serious (volunteered)

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q9. 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?

1 yes

2 no

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q10. On another topic, which of the following statements reflects your view of **when** the effects of global warming will begin to happen—[rotate order] (1) they have already begun to happen; (2) they will start happening within a few years; (3) they will start happening within your lifetime; (4) they will not happen within your lifetime, but they will affect future generations; [or] (5) they will never happen?

1 already begun

2 within a few years

3 within your lifetime

4 not within lifetime, but will affect future

generations

5 will never happen

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q11. How serious of a threat is global warming to the economy and quality of life for California’s future—do you think that it is a very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not at all serious of a threat?

1 very serious

2 somewhat serious

3 not too serious

4 not at all serious

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Now I am going to name a few of the **possible** impacts of global warming in the future in California, and I would like you to tell me whether you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned about each one.

[ROTATE QUESTIONS 12 TO 13]

Q12.How about increased rising sea levels? (Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned about that as an impact of global warming in California’s future?)

1 very concerned

2 somewhat concerned

3 not too concerned

4 not at all concerned

8 [VOL] don’t know

9 [VOL] refuse

Q13.How about heat waves that are more severe? (Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned about that as an impact of global warming in California’s future?)

1 very concerned

2 somewhat concerned

3 not too concerned

4 not at all concerned

8 [VOL] don’t know

9 [VOL] refuse

Q14.How about wildfires that are more severe? (Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned about that as an impact of global warming in California’s future?)

1 very concerned

2 somewhat concerned

3 not too concerned

4 not at all concerned

8 [VOL] don’t know

9 [VOL] refuse

Next,

Q15. Do you think that global warming has contributed to California’s recent wildfires or not?

1 yes, has contributed

2 no, has not contributed

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q16. Recently, the California legislature passed and Governor Newsom signed into law a bill that will create a $21 billion dollar wildfire insurance fund to pay for future wildfire damages which will be paid for evenly by ratepayers and utility investors. Do you favor or oppose this spending plan?

1 favor

2 oppose

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q17.Next, to address global warming, 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?

1 favor

2 oppose

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q18.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?

1 favor

2 oppose

8 [VOL] don’t know

9 [VOL] refuse

Q19.Do you favor or oppose the California state government making its own policies, separate from the federal government, to address the issue of global warming?

1 favor

2 oppose

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q20. 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, or not important at all?

1 very important

2 somewhat important

3 not too important

4 not important at all

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q21. Do you think that California doing things to reduce global warming 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?

1 more jobs

2 fewer jobs

3 wouldn’t affect the number of jobs

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q22. Do you think that California doing things to reduce global warming 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?

1 increase gasoline prices

2 decrease gasoline prices

3 wouldn’t affect gasoline prices

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q23. In order to help reduce global warming, would you be willing or not willing to pay more for electricity if it were generated by renewable sources like solar or wind energy?

1 willing

2 not willing

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Next, officials in the state and federal governments are discussing

ways to address global warming. Please tell me if you favor or oppose the following plans to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

[ROTATE QUESTIONS 24 AND 25]

Q24.How about encouraging local governments to change land use and transportation planning so that people could drive less? (Do you favor or oppose this proposal?)

1 favor

2 oppose

8 [VOL] don’t know

9 [VOL] refuse

Q25.How about requiring all automakers to further reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases from new cars? (Do you favor or oppose this proposal?)

1 favor

2 oppose

8 [VOL] don’t know

9 [VOL] refuse

Next,

Q26. How much, if anything, have you heard about the state government policy called “cap-and-trade” that sets limits on greenhouse gas emissions? Have you heard a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

1 a lot

2 a little

3 nothing at all

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q27. 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?

1 favor

2 oppose

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q28. The state budget recently passed by the legislature and signed by the governor allocates $130 million dollars of the state’s Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund from the cap and trade program to support a clean drinking water fund. Do you favor or oppose this spending plan?

1 favor

2 oppose

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Next, I am going to list some specific problems that some people say

affect our ocean and marine life in California today. After each,

please tell me whether you think it is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem in the part of the California coast that is closest to you.

[ROTATE Q29 TO Q31]

Q29.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?)

1 big problem

2 somewhat of a problem

3 not a problem

8 [VOL] don’t know

9 [VOL] refuse

Q30.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?)

1 big problem

2 somewhat of a problem

3 not a problem

8 [VOL] don’t know

9 [VOL] refuse

Q31.How about urban development harming wildlife habitats and endangered species? (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?)

1 big problem

2 somewhat of a problem

3 not a problem

8 [VOL] don’t know

9 [VOL] refuse

Next,

Q32. How important is the condition of the ocean and beaches to the economy and quality of life for California’s future? Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

1 very important

2 somewhat important

3 not too important

4 not important at all

8 [VOL] don’t know

9 [VOL] refuse

Changing topics,

Please say if you favor or oppose the following proposals.

[ROTATE Q33 AND Q34]

Q33.How about allowing more oil drilling off the California coast? (Do you favor or oppose this proposal?)

1 favor

2 oppose

8 [VOL] don’t know

9 [VOL] refuse

Q34. How about allowing wind power and wave energy projects off the California coast? (Do you favor or oppose this proposal?)

1 favor

2 oppose

8 [VOL] don’t know

9 [VOL] refuse

On another topic,

Q35. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

1 approve

2 disapprove

8 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q36. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that President Trump is handling environmental issues in the United States?

1 approve

2 disapprove

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q37. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

1 approve

2 disapprove

8 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q38. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling environmental issues in the United States?

1 approve

2 disapprove

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q39. 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 Q39a]

2 no [SKIP TO party]

8 don’t know (volunteered) [SKIP TO party]

9 refuse (volunteered) [SKIP TO party]

Q39a. 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 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

[CATI PROGRAMMING: DUMMY QUESTION TO COMBINE Q39 AND Q39a]

1 registered, Democrat [ASK Q40]

2 registered, Republican [SKIP TO Q40a]

3 registered, other [SKIP TO Q41]

4 registered, decline to state/independent [SKIP TO Q40b]

5 yes, don’t know party [SKIP TO Q40b]

6 not registered [SKIP TO Q40b]

8 don’t know (volunteered) [SKIP TO Q40b]

9 refuse (volunteered) [SKIP TO Q40b]

Q40. Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or not a very strong Democrat?

1 strong

2 not very strong

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

[SKIP TO Q41]

Q40a. Would you call yourself a strong Republican or not a very strong Republican?

1 strong

2 not very strong

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

[SKIP TO Q41]

Q40b. Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or Democratic Party?

1 Republican Party

2 Democratic Party

3 neither (volunteered)

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

**[ASK IF PARTY=1 OR IF PARTY=4 AND Q40b=2]**

Q41. If the 2020 Democratic primary were being held today, for whom would you vote? [ASK IF NO CANDIDATE NAMED BUT WOULD VOTE: Which Candidate would you **lean** toward?]

[code, don’t read, single record]

1. Michael Bennet
2. Joe Biden
3. Bill de Blasio
4. Cory Booker
5. Pete Buttigieg
6. Julian Castro
7. John Delaney
8. Tulsi Gabbard
9. Kirsten Gillibrand
10. Kamala Harris
11. John Hickenlooper
12. Jay Inslee
13. Amy Klobuchar
14. Beto O’Rourke
15. Tim Ryan
16. Bernie Sanders
17. Eric Swalwell
18. Elizabeth Warren
19. Marianne Williamson
20. Andrew Yang
21. someone new
22. no one/none of them
23. anyone/any one of them

97 other (specify)

98 don’t know (volunteered)

99 refuse (volunteered)

Q42. How closely are you following the news about candidates for the 2020 presidential election—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 [VOL] don’t know

9 [VOL] refuse

Q43. In thinking about the presidential election in 2020, how important to you are the candidates’ positions on the environment in determining your vote—very important, somewhat important, or not too important?

1 very important

2 somewhat important

3 not too important

4 [VOL] not at all important

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

**[ASK IF PARTY=1 OR IF PARTY=4 AND Q40b=2]**

Q44. In thinking about the California Democratic presidential primary in March 2020, how important to you are the candidates’ positions on the policy proposed by some members of Congress called the Green New Deal in determining your vote—very important, somewhat important, or not too important?

1 very important

2 somewhat important

3 not too important

4 [VOL] not at all important

8 [VOL] don’t know

9 [VOL] refuse

Q45. 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 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q46.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 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q47. 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 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

[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 (vol) 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 (vol) refuse

D2. Do you own or rent your current residence?

1 own

2 rent

3 [VOL] neither

9 (vol) 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) [ASK D4]

98 (vol) don’t know [ASK D3a]

99 (vol) 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 [VOL] all my life

9 (vol) refuse

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

1 yes

2 no

9 (vol) don’t know/refuse

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

1 full-time employed

2 part-time employed

3 not-employed

5 retired

8 [VOL] disabled/on disability

9 [VOL] don’t know/refuse

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 [VOL] trade school

9 (vol) 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 (vol) don’t know/refused

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 [VOL] Hispanic/Latino

7 other [SPECIFY]

9 (vol) don’t know/refused

D8com D8/D8a\_1/D8b\_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 (vol)don’t know/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 (vol) refuse

D10. Are you a male or female?

1 Male

2 Female

3 (vol) other

8 (vol) don't know

9 (vol) 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 (vol) don’t know/refuse

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

1 one

2-12 [enter number]

99 [VOL] don’t know/refused

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? [INTERVIEWER: THIS INCLUDES SHARED CELL PHONES.]

1 yes, have cell phone [SKIP TO D15]

2 no, do not [ASK D13a]

9 (vol) don’t know/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 (vol) don’t know/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 (vol) don’t know/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 (vol) refuse

[LANDLINE RESPONDENTS, SKIP TO THANK YOU]

[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 [VOL] respondent does not want the money

language Language

0 English

1 Spanish

gender Gender

1 Male2 Female

likevote Likely Voters

0 Respondent not likely to vote

1 Respondent likely to vote

weight Final Weight