PPIC STATEWIDE SURVEY: *Californians and Their Government*

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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, which one issue facing California today do you think is the

most important for the governor and state legislature to work on in

2020?

[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

97 other [SPECIFY]

98 (vol) don’t know

99 (vol) refuse

Q2. 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 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q2a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Governor Newsom is

handling the PG&E bankruptcy and utilities’ responsibilities for

wildfire damage costs?

1 approve

2 disapprove

8 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the

California Legislature is handling its job?

1 approve

2 disapprove

8 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q4. Do you think that Governor Newsom and the state legislature will be

able to work together and accomplish a lot in the next year, or

not?

1 yes, will be able to work together

2 no, will not be able to work together

8 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q5. Do you think things in California are generally going in the right

direction or the wrong direction?

1 right direction

2 wrong direction

8 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q6. Turning to economic conditions in California, do you think that

during the next 12 months we will have good times financially or

bad times?

1 good times

2 bad times

8 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q7. 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 Q7a]

2 no [SKIP TO party]

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

9 refuse (volunteered) [SKIP TO party]

Q7a.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 Q7 AND Q7a]

1 registered, Democrat [ASK Q8]

2 registered, Republican [SKIP TO Q8a]

3 registered, other [SKIP TO Q11]

4 registered, decline to state/independent [SKIP TO Q8b]

5 yes, don’t know party [SKIP TO Q8b]

6 not registered [SKIP TO Q8b]

8 don’t know (volunteered) [SKIP TO Q8b]

9 refuse (volunteered) [SKIP TO Q8b]

Q8. 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 Q9]

Q8a.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 Q11]

Q8b.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)

Q8c.California voters like you will be able to choose between voting in

the Democratic presidential primary, or selecting a nonpartisan

ballot on March 3rd. Both ballots include state proposition

measures. Do you plan to vote in the Democratic primary or on the

nonpartisan ballot?

1 Democratic primary [ASK Q9]

2 nonpartisan ballot [SKIP TO Q11]

3 [vol] not planning to vote [SKIP TO Q11]

8 [vol] don’t know [SKIP TO Q11]

9 [vol] refuse [SKIP TO Q11]

[ASK Q9, Q9a, and Q10 IF PARTY=1 OR IF PARTY=4 AND Q8c=1]

Q9. If the March 3, 2020 Democratic primary for president were being

held today, and these were the candidates, who would you vote for?

[rotate names and then ask “or someone else?”]

1 Joe Biden

3 Pete Buttigieg [BOOT-uh-jidge]

5 Bernie Sanders

7 Elizabeth Warren

9 Amy Klobuchar [KLO-boo-char]

96 Michael Bloomberg (volunteered)

97 someone else (specify)

98 don’t know (volunteered)

99 refuse (volunteered)

[ASK IF NAMED ANY CANDIDATE (Q9=1-9, 96, 97)] [DO NOT DISPLAY CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q9]

Q9a. And, who would be your second choice for the Democratic nomination

for president?

[IF NEED BE: ROTATE NAMES IN SAME ORDER AS Q9 AND THEN ASK “or someone else?”]

1 Joe Biden

3 Pete Buttigieg [BOOT-uh-jidge]

5 Bernie Sanders

7 Elizabeth Warren

9 Amy Klobuchar [KLO-boo-char]

96 Michael Bloomberg (volunteered)

97 someone else (specify)

98 don’t know (volunteered)

99 refuse (volunteered)

Q10. Regardless of who you may vote for, who do you think has the best

chance of beating Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election:

[rotate names and then ask “or another Democratic candidate who

is running for president?”]?

1 Joe Biden

3 Pete Buttigieg [BOOT-uh-jidge]

5 Bernie Sanders

7 Elizabeth Warren

9 Amy Klobuchar [KLO-boo-char]

96 Michael Bloomberg (volunteered)

97 someone else (specify)

98 don’t know (volunteered)

99 refuse (volunteered)

Q11. If the 2020 presidential election were held today, would you

definitely vote to reelect Donald Trump, probably vote to reelect Trump, probably vote for someone else, or definitely vote for someone else?

1 definitely vote to reelect Donald Trump

2 probably vote to reelect Trump

3 probably vote for someone else

4 definitely vote for someone else

8 [VOL] don’t know

9 [VOL] refuse

Q12. In general, would you say you are satisfied or not satisfied with your choices of candidates in the presidential primary?

1 satisfied

2 not satisfied

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q13. 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 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Next, we have a few questions to ask you about Proposition 13 on the March ballot.

Q14. Proposition 13 is called the “Authorizes Bonds for Facility Repair, Construction, and Modernization at Public Preschools, K-to-12 Schools, Community Colleges, and Universities. Legislative Statute.” It authorizes $15 billion dollars in state general obligation bonds for construction and modernization of public education facilities. The fiscal impacts are increased state costs to repay bonds that are estimated at about $740 million dollars per year, including interest, over the next 35 years. If the election were being held today, would you vote yes or no on Proposition 13?

1 yes

2 no

8 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q15. How important to you is the outcome of the vote on Proposition 13—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 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Next,

Q16. Do you think the state budget situation in California—that is, the balance between government spending and revenues—is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem for the people of California today?

1 big problem

2 somewhat of a problem

3 not a problem

8 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q17. Thinking about these four areas of state spending, I’d like you to name the one you think should have the highest priority when it comes to state government spending, [ROTATE] [1] K-to-12 public education, [2] higher education, [3] health and human services, [OR] [4] prisons and corrections.

1 K-12 public education

2 higher education

3 health and human services

4 prisons and corrections

8 [VOL] don’t know

9 [VOL] refuse

Q18. In general, which of the following statements do you agree with more—[ROTATE] [1] I’d rather pay higher taxes and have a state government that provides more services, [OR] [2] I’d rather pay lower taxes and have a state government that provides fewer services?

1 higher taxes and more services

2 lower taxes and fewer services

8 [VOL] don’t know

9 [VOL] refuse

Q19. The state is projected to have a budget surplus of several billion dollars. In general, how would you prefer to use this extra money? [ROTATE] [1] Would you prefer to pay down state debt and build up the reserve [OR] [2] would you prefer to increase state funding for education, health, and human service programs [OR] [3] would you prefer one-time state spending for transportation, water, and infrastructure projects?

1 pay down the debt and build up the reserve

2 increase state funding for education, health and human services

3 one-time state spending for transportation, water, infrastructure

8 [VOL] don’t know

9 [VOL] refuse

Changing topics,

Q20. How much of a problem is poverty 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 [VOL] don’t know

9 [VOL] refuse

Q21. How much do you think government policies and programs can do to reduce poverty in California—a lot, some, not much, or nothing at all?

1 a lot

2 some

3 not much

4 nothing at all

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q22. Do you think the gap between the rich and the poor in your part of California is getting larger, getting smaller, or has it stayed the same?

1 getting larger

2 getting smaller

3 stayed the same

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

On another topic,

Q23. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

1 approve

2 disapprove

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q23a. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that President Trump is handling the situation with Iran?

1 approve

2 disapprove

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q24. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (PUH-LOW-SEE) is handling her job?

[IF NEEDED: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “NEVER HEARD OF” AND “CAN’T RATE”]

1 approve

2 disapprove

3 never heard of her/have not heard enough to have an opinion (volunteered)

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q25. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way the House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy is handling his job?

[IF NEEDED: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “NEVER HEARD OF” AND “CAN’T RATE”]

1 approve

2 disapprove

3 never heard of him/have not heard enough to have an opinion (volunteered)

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q26. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

1 approve

2 disapprove

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q27. Do you think that President Trump and the U.S. Congress will be able to work together and accomplish a lot in the next year, or not?

1 yes, will be able to work together

2 no, will not be able to work together

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Next,

Q28. 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 (vol) none of the time

8 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q29. 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?

1 a few big interests

2 benefit of all of the people

8 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q30. 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?

1 a lot

2 some

3 don’t waste very much

8 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q31. Next, based on what you know, do you think the House of Representatives should or should not have voted to impeach Donald Trump?

1 yes, should have

2 no, should not have

8 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q32. And, based on what you know at this point, do you support or oppose the U.S. Senate removing President Trump from office?

1 support

2 oppose

8 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Changing topics,

Q33. Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented

immigrants who are living in the US [ROTATE] [1] There should be a

way for them to stay in the country legally, if certain

requirements are met [OR] [2] They should not be allowed to stay

in this country legally?

1 allowed to stay legally

2 not allowed to stay legally

8 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q34. Thinking about undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as children, do you favor or oppose the protections given by “DACA” (DAH-CUH)—Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals—which includes protection from deportation and a work permit, if they pass a background check?

1 favor

2 oppose

8 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q35. All in all, would you favor or oppose building a wall along the entire border with Mexico?

1 favor

2 oppose

8 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) 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 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) 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 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) 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 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q39. Do you plan to vote in the primary election on March 3, 2020?

1 yes

2 no

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 refuse (volunteered) [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 refuse (volunteered)

D2. Do you own or rent your current residence?

1 own

2 rent

3 neither (volunteered)

9 don’t know (volunteered)/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 don’t know (volunteered) [ASK D3a]

99 refuse (volunteered) [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 all my life (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

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

1 yes

2 no

9 don’t know/refuse (volunteered)

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 disabled/on disability (volunteered)

9 don’t know/refuse (volunteered)

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 trade school (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

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/refused (volunteered)

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/refuse (volunteered) [ASK D9a]

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

1 yes, U.S. citizen

2 no, not a U.S. citizen

9 refuse (volunteered)

D10. Are you 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 don’t know/refuse (volunteered)

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/refuse (volunteered)

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/refuse (volunteered) [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 refuse (volunteered)

[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 respondent does not want the money (volunteered)

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