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, 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 (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

[ROTATE QUESTIONS 3 AND 3a]

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

is handling the coronavirus outbreak?

1 approve

2 disapprove

8 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q3a. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Gavin Newsom

is handling the issue of jobs and the economy?

1 approve

2 disapprove

8 (vol) don’t know

9 (vol) refuse

Q4. 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

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. 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, don’t know (volunteered)

5 no, not in an economic recession

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 Q9]

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 Q9]

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)

[ASK Q9, Q10, Q11, AND Q11a IF Q7=1]

Q9. If the November 3rd presidential election were being held today,

would you vote for [ROTATE] [1] Joe Biden, the Democrat, [or] [2]

Donald Trump, the Republican?

[If respondent says “none of these”, ASK, “Would you vote for

someone else, or would you not vote for president?]

1 Joe Biden, the Democrat

2 Donald Trump, the Republican

3 someone else (specify) (volunteered)

4 would not vote for president (volunteered)

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q10. 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)

Changing topics,

Q11. If the 2020 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? [ASK

IF ‘OTHER’ ‘DON’T KNOW’] As of today, do you lean more toward

[READ IN SAME ORDER AS ABOVE] [1] the Republican candidate [OR]

[2] the Democratic candidate?

1 Republican/lean Republican

2 Democrat/lean Democrat

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q11a. In response to the coronavirus outbreak, Governor Newsom directed

each county’s elections officials to send vote-by-mail ballots

for the November 3, 2020 General Election to all registered

voters. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?

1 good idea

2 bad idea

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

On another topic,

Q12. How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would

you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape,

or poor shape financially?

1 excellent

2 good

3 only fair

4 poor

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q13. And, thinking about your own personal finances. Would you say that

you and your family are financially better off, worse off, or just

about the same as a year ago?

1 better off

2 worse off

3 same

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

[question 14 not asked]

Changing topics,

Q15. How concerned, if at all, are you that you will get the

coronavirus and require hospitalization? 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

5 have already been hospitalized due to coronavirus

(volunteered)

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

[question 16 not asked]

Q17. Thinking about the restrictions on public activity because of the

coronavirus outbreak in your area, do you think there should be

[ROTATE] [1] more restrictions right now [OR] [2] fewer

restrictions right now [OR] [3] about the same number of

restrictions right now?

1 more restrictions right now

2 fewer restrictions right now

3 about the same number of restrictions right now

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Because of the coronavirus outbreak…

[ROTATE QUESTIONS 18 to 21]

Q18. Have you or anyone in your household been laid off or lost their

job, or not?

1 yes

2 no

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q19. Have you or anyone in your household had work hours reduced or pay

cut, or not?

1 yes

2 no

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

[question 20 not asked]

Q21. Have you or anyone in your household had difficulty paying the

rent or mortgage?

1 yes

2 no

3 don’t pay rent or mortgage (volunteered)

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Next,

Q22. 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 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q23. Governor Newsom recently released a revised budget plan for the

current and next fiscal year to close an estimated $54 billion dollar budget deficit. The plan includes proposed spending cuts to K-to-12 public education and community colleges, health and human services programs, and state employee compensation. It also includes cancelling the proposed expansion of some programs and spending increases since they were not enacted, borrowing from special funds, and tapping into the state’s reserve funds, including the entirety of the rainy day fund over the next three years, as well as using federal funds from the CARES Act. In general, do you favor or oppose the governor’s budget plan?

1 favor

2 oppose

3 haven’t heard anything about the budget (volunteered)

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q24. Do you think that tax increases should be included in the

governor’s budget plan?

1 yes

2 no

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Changing topics,

Q25. 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)

Q26. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that President

Trump is handling the coronavirus outbreak?

1 approve

2 disapprove

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q27. 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)

[question 28 not asked]

Next,

Q29. 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 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q30. 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 none of the time (volunteered)

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

On another topic,

Q31. Thinking about the decisions by a number of state governments to

impose significant restrictions on public activity because of the coronavirus outbreak, is your greater concern that state governments will [ROTATE] [1] lift the restrictions too quickly [OR] [2] not lift the restrictions quickly enough?

1. lift the restrictions too quickly
2. not lift the restrictions quickly enough

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q32. Which comes closer to your view about where the U.S. stands in the

coronavirus outbreak: [ROTATE] [1] the worst is behind us [OR] [2]

the worst is yet to come?

1. the worst is behind us
2. the worst is yet to come

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

[question 33 not asked]

Next,

Q34. Do you [ROTATE] [1] favor [OR] [2] oppose having a national health

plan, sometimes called Medicare-for-all, in which all Americans

would get their insurance from a single government plan?

1. favor
2. oppose

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

Q35. What do you think about being able to afford the cost of your

health care, including the cost of insurance and your out-of-pocket expenses, over the next few years? Is this something that you are very worried about, somewhat worried, not so worried, or not worried at all?

1. very worried
2. somewhat worried
3. not so worried
4. not worried at all

8 don’t know (volunteered)

9 refuse (volunteered)

[questions 36 and 37 not asked]

Q38. 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

Q39. 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

Q40. 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

Q41. Do you plan to vote in the presidential election on November 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)

D6. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or

health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time?

[READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan includes any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or Medi-CAL]?

1 yes, have insurance

2 no, do not have insurance

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