

Appendix 9: Responses by Age

T=Total
 1 = 18 to 24
 2 = 25 to 34
 3 = 35 to 44
 4 = 45 to 54
 5 = 55 to 64
 6 = 65 or Older

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| 1 | To begin with, all in all, on a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 is "extremely poorly", 10 is "extremely well," and 5 is exactly in the middle, how well or poorly would you say the system of democracy in California works these days? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Well | 21% | 23% | 29% | 20% | 20% | 19% | 17% | 38% | 15% | 43% | 49% | 30% | 42% | 43% |
| | Undecided | 18% | 37% | 17% | 16% | 12% | 18% | 17% | 15% | 24% | 11% | 12% | 15% | 14% | 15% |
| | Not well | 61% | 40% | 55% | 64% | 68% | 63% | 65% | 47% | 61% | 46% | 39% | 54% | 44% | 43% |
| 2a | Creating a formal review process to allow an initiative's proponents to amend an initiative following public input | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Desirable | 60% | 72% | 58% | 59% | 62% | 57% | 57% | 76% | 74% | 76% | 68% | 75% | 82% | 77% |
| | Undecided | 19% | 13% | 18% | 20% | 19% | 17% | 24% | 9% | 6% | 8% | 11% | 10% | 5% | 11% |
| | Undesirable | 21% | 16% | 24% | 20% | 19% | 26% | 19% | 16% | 21% | 16% | 21% | 15% | 14% | 12% |
| 2b | Allowing the Legislature to remove an initiative from the ballot by enacting it into law | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Desirable | 37% | 31% | 26% | 41% | 33% | 43% | 43% | 34% | 31% | 36% | 31% | 38% | 27% | 41% |
| | Undecided | 14% | 13% | 17% | 12% | 18% | 13% | 9% | 17% | 23% | 2% | 15% | 15% | 19% | 23% |
| | Undesirable | 49% | 56% | 57% | 47% | 49% | 44% | 49% | 49% | 46% | 62% | 54% | 47% | 53% | 36% |
| 2c | Allowing a simple majority of the State Legislature to place a countermeasure to an already qualified initiative on the ballot next to that initiative | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Desirable | 32% | 41% | 42% | 27% | 25% | 34% | 33% | 30% | 24% | 27% | 27% | 32% | 28% | 35% |
| | Undecided | 17% | 25% | 18% | 24% | 17% | 13% | 14% | 13% | 15% | 21% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 15% |
| | Undesirable | 50% | 34% | 40% | 49% | 58% | 54% | 53% | 58% | 61% | 52% | 63% | 57% | 61% | 51% |
| 2d | Allowing the Legislature to amend an initiative that has already passed, subject to a public review and the agreement of the initiative's proponents | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Desirable | 43% | 44% | 52% | 41% | 42% | 42% | 40% | 37% | 33% | 45% | 39% | 38% | 42% | 28% |
| | Undecided | 13% | 19% | 13% | 11% | 12% | 8% | 20% | 12% | 24% | 6% | 10% | 15% | 8% | 15% |
| | Undesirable | 44% | 38% | 35% | 48% | 46% | 50% | 40% | 51% | 42% | 49% | 52% | 48% | 51% | 57% |
| 2e | Allowing the Legislature to amend an initiative that has already passed, subject to a two-thirds vote, even if an initiative's proponents do not agree with the amendment | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Desirable | 25% | 32% | 30% | 31% | 16% | 20% | 29% | 18% | 15% | 20% | 20% | 17% | 17% | 16% |
| | Undecided | 15% | 16% | 15% | 19% | 13% | 15% | 13% | 9% | 6% | 6% | 5% | 10% | 10% | 14% |
| | Undesirable | 61% | 52% | 55% | 51% | 71% | 65% | 58% | 73% | 79% | 73% | 75% | 73% | 72% | 70% |
| 2f | Allowing an initiative's proponents to withdraw it after it qualifies for the ballot | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Desirable | 47% | 34% | 42% | 34% | 52% | 57% | 49% | 57% | 38% | 47% | 46% | 68% | 67% | 55% |
| | Undecided | 21% | 19% | 24% | 28% | 22% | 15% | 20% | 17% | 34% | 15% | 23% | 13% | 10% | 18% |
| | Undesirable | 32% | 47% | 33% | 38% | 26% | 28% | 30% | 26% | 28% | 38% | 31% | 19% | 23% | 27% |
| 2g | Allowing an initiative's proponents to withdraw it after it qualifies for the ballot | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Desirable | 88% | 86% | 87% | 88% | 91% | 89% | 88% | 84% | 82% | 91% | 79% | 84% | 83% | 88% |
| | Undecided | 6% | 9% | 4% | 8% | 6% | 5% | 7% | 7% | 6% | 4% | 11% | 8% | 6% | 6% |
| | Undesirable | 5% | 6% | 9% | 3% | 4% | 6% | 5% | 9% | 12% | 4% | 10% | 8% | 12% | 7% |

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| 2h | Requiring all ballot measures that require new expenditures to indicate how they will be paid for | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Desirable | 87% | 91% | 87% | 89% | 82% | 85% | 90% | 91% | 94% | 90% | 85% | 88% | 95% | 94% |
| | | Undecided | 7% | 3% | 2% | 8% | 13% | 7% | 4% | 5% | 6% | 4% | 8% | 7% | 1% | 3% |
| | | Undesirable | 6% | 6% | 11% | 3% | 6% | 7% | 6% | 4% | 0% | 6% | 7% | 6% | 3% | 3% |
| 2i | Requiring the ballot pamphlet to provide an analysis by the Legislative Analyst of how new initiative programs will likely be paid for | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Desirable | 67% | 71% | 62% | 59% | 72% | 74% | 61% | 67% | 77% | 67% | 59% | 62% | 72% | 72% |
| | | Undecided | 20% | 21% | 22% | 23% | 18% | 15% | 26% | 19% | 20% | 21% | 28% | 23% | 13% | 14% |
| | | Undesirable | 13% | 7% | 16% | 18% | 10% | 11% | 13% | 13% | 3% | 12% | 14% | 15% | 15% | 14% |
| 2j | Making the vote threshold needed to pass an initiative the same as any vote threshold that the initiative itself requires of the public in the future | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Desirable | 82% | 79% | 85% | 81% | 72% | 87% | 92% | 91% | 85% | 94% | 92% | 87% | 94% | 93% |
| | | Undecided | 9% | 6% | 2% | 11% | 21% | 5% | 3% | 4% | 12% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 2% | 5% |
| | | Undesirable | 8% | 15% | 13% | 8% | 7% | 8% | 5% | 5% | 3% | 4% | 7% | 9% | 3% | 1% |
| 2k | Increasing the number of Assembly districts from 80 to 120 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Desirable | 61% | 72% | 73% | 57% | 54% | 57% | 63% | 62% | 63% | 72% | 64% | 59% | 55% | 65% |
| | | Undecided | 17% | 19% | 11% | 18% | 17% | 17% | 17% | 17% | 17% | 11% | 17% | 16% | 18% | 18% |
| | | Undesirable | 23% | 9% | 16% | 25% | 29% | 26% | 20% | 21% | 20% | 17% | 19% | 24% | 26% | 17% |
| 2l | Expanding the size of districts and electing more than one legislative representative from each district | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Desirable | 48% | 63% | 57% | 43% | 38% | 49% | 48% | 49% | 59% | 60% | 58% | 38% | 43% | 49% |
| | | Undecided | 19% | 17% | 18% | 30% | 25% | 9% | 16% | 17% | 15% | 16% | 23% | 15% | 18% | 16% |
| | | Undesirable | 33% | 20% | 25% | 27% | 38% | 42% | 35% | 34% | 26% | 23% | 19% | 48% | 39% | 35% |
| 2m | Replacing the current State Senate and Assembly with a single house of 120 members | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Desirable | 32% | 19% | 40% | 28% | 35% | 31% | 35% | 42% | 52% | 44% | 50% | 47% | 31% | 40% |
| | | Undecided | 25% | 31% | 20% | 32% | 27% | 23% | 20% | 15% | 9% | 8% | 13% | 15% | 18% | 18% |
| | | Undesirable | 43% | 50% | 40% | 40% | 38% | 46% | 45% | 43% | 39% | 48% | 37% | 38% | 51% | 42% |
| 2n | Making the State Legislature part-time and paying legislators | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Desirable | 45% | 35% | 48% | 42% | 47% | 47% | 44% | 26% | 26% | 32% | 21% | 33% | 23% | 24% |
| | | Undecided | 13% | 3% | 14% | 24% | 10% | 13% | 14% | 9% | 11% | 11% | 10% | 3% | 10% | 13% |
| | | Undesirable | 42% | 61% | 39% | 34% | 43% | 41% | 42% | 64% | 63% | 57% | 69% | 64% | 67% | 63% |
| 2o | Reducing the length of the state legislative session and requiring legislators to spend more time in their districts | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Desirable | 57% | 64% | 58% | 61% | 58% | 54% | 50% | 46% | 57% | 47% | 51% | 41% | 45% | 43% |
| | | Undecided | 19% | 21% | 24% | 20% | 20% | 15% | 18% | 18% | 14% | 12% | 13% | 23% | 18% | 23% |
| | | Undesirable | 24% | 15% | 18% | 19% | 22% | 31% | 32% | 36% | 29% | 41% | 36% | 36% | 36% | 35% |
| 2p | Allowing voters to rank the candidates in order of preference, so that the winner can be decided without a second election | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Desirable | 61% | 56% | 68% | 63% | 64% | 54% | 61% | 57% | 65% | 62% | 62% | 51% | 59% | 52% |
| | | Undecided | 13% | 21% | 11% | 12% | 12% | 14% | 12% | 13% | 12% | 11% | 5% | 19% | 13% | 14% |
| | | Undesirable | 26% | 24% | 21% | 25% | 24% | 32% | 27% | 30% | 24% | 28% | 33% | 30% | 28% | 34% |
| 2q | Lengthening Assembly terms from 2 years to 4, and Senate terms from 4 years to 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Desirable | 46% | 55% | 52% | 36% | 34% | 52% | 54% | 81% | 71% | 81% | 79% | 80% | 88% | 82% |
| | | Undecided | 14% | 9% | 13% | 21% | 14% | 10% | 14% | 8% | 3% | 9% | 7% | 10% | 8% | 9% |
| | | Undesirable | 40% | 36% | 35% | 43% | 52% | 38% | 32% | 11% | 26% | 11% | 15% | 10% | 5% | 8% |

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| 2r | Requiring economic impact analyses of major legislation before passage | Desirable | 89% | 85% | 83% | 92% | 90% | 94% | 85% | 90% | 88% | 94% | 84% | 91% | 92% | 89% |
| | | Undecided | 8% | 15% | 10% | 3% | 8% | 5% | 11% | 5% | 9% | 4% | 5% | 4% | 5% | 5% |
| | | Undesirable | 3% | 0% | 6% | 5% | 2% | 1% | 4% | 5% | 3% | 2% | 11% | 4% | 3% | 5% |
| 2s | Establishing clear goals for each government program and assessing whether progress is being made toward these goals at least once every ten years | Desirable | 86% | 83% | 87% | 81% | 85% | 91% | 86% | 90% | 89% | 90% | 79% | 90% | 97% | 91% |
| | | Undecided | 8% | 9% | 6% | 10% | 13% | 5% | 7% | 6% | 3% | 4% | 11% | 7% | 3% | 5% |
| | | Undesirable | 6% | 9% | 6% | 10% | 2% | 4% | 7% | 5% | 9% | 6% | 10% | 3% | 0% | 4% |
| 2t | Requiring the Governor and the Legislature to adopt two-year instead of one-year budgets | Desirable | 57% | 47% | 42% | 52% | 63% | 58% | 67% | 73% | 52% | 75% | 72% | 70% | 77% | 79% |
| | | Undecided | 25% | 31% | 42% | 29% | 18% | 26% | 17% | 15% | 21% | 13% | 15% | 15% | 13% | 15% |
| | | Undesirable | 18% | 22% | 16% | 20% | 19% | 16% | 16% | 13% | 27% | 13% | 13% | 16% | 10% | 5% |
| 2u | Requiring the Governor and the Legislature to publish three and five year budget projections prior to the budget vote each year | Desirable | 81% | 72% | 80% | 77% | 86% | 76% | 87% | 83% | 62% | 88% | 89% | 80% | 84% | 88% |
| | | Undecided | 12% | 13% | 11% | 12% | 10% | 15% | 10% | 9% | 12% | 6% | 5% | 14% | 10% | 8% |
| | | Undesirable | 8% | 16% | 9% | 11% | 5% | 9% | 3% | 7% | 26% | 6% | 7% | 6% | 6% | 4% |
| 2v | Transferring from the state to local governments control and financing of services provided at the local level <i>and</i> requiring minimum standards for delivering them | Desirable | 66% | 68% | 65% | 70% | 65% | 64% | 68% | 73% | 78% | 79% | 67% | 74% | 74% | 69% |
| | | Undecided | 16% | 13% | 19% | 18% | 19% | 15% | 12% | 14% | 16% | 13% | 13% | 16% | 6% | 21% |
| | | Undesirable | 17% | 19% | 16% | 12% | 16% | 21% | 20% | 13% | 6% | 8% | 20% | 10% | 21% | 9% |
| 2w | Allowing local governments to raise taxes for local services in exchange for increased coordination of service delivery and public reporting of performance | Desirable | 55% | 48% | 64% | 45% | 53% | 57% | 59% | 63% | 63% | 67% | 59% | 59% | 60% | 70% |
| | | Undecided | 15% | 24% | 13% | 18% | 13% | 13% | 13% | 16% | 19% | 9% | 11% | 20% | 15% | 16% |
| | | Undesirable | 30% | 27% | 22% | 37% | 34% | 30% | 28% | 22% | 19% | 24% | 30% | 20% | 24% | 14% |
| 2x | Creating a stable source of funds for regional priorities by dedicating a portion of tax revenue from economic growth to those priorities | Desirable | 67% | 53% | 64% | 71% | 65% | 66% | 72% | 67% | 61% | 83% | 78% | 61% | 62% | 67% |
| | | Undecided | 22% | 33% | 23% | 14% | 20% | 22% | 23% | 21% | 13% | 12% | 7% | 31% | 24% | 27% |
| | | Undesirable | 12% | 13% | 13% | 14% | 15% | 12% | 5% | 11% | 26% | 5% | 16% | 8% | 14% | 5% |
| 2y | Direct any savings resulting from successful local management of state resources to those local governments, in exchange for monitoring their own performance and being accountable and innovative in their operations | Desirable | 75% | 74% | 70% | 75% | 77% | 75% | 77% | 76% | 77% | 76% | 67% | 76% | 75% | 84% |
| | | Undecided | 13% | 16% | 15% | 12% | 13% | 9% | 14% | 12% | 10% | 11% | 15% | 13% | 11% | 10% |
| | | Undesirable | 12% | 10% | 15% | 14% | 10% | 16% | 9% | 12% | 13% | 13% | 18% | 10% | 14% | 7% |
| 2z | Requiring state and local governments to identify policy goals and publish their progress toward meeting them | Desirable | 89% | 76% | 87% | 88% | 88% | 91% | 94% | 92% | 91% | 91% | 89% | 95% | 92% | 92% |
| | | Undecided | 7% | 21% | 7% | 3% | 5% | 6% | 6% | 5% | 9% | 6% | 3% | 2% | 6% | 7% |
| | | Undesirable | 4% | 3% | 7% | 8% | 7% | 2% | 0% | 3% | 0% | 2% | 8% | 2% | 2% | 1% |

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| 2aa | Requiring legislation creating new programs that cost \$25 million or more to indicate how they will be paid for | Desirable | 91% | 81% | 88% | 92% | 93% | 95% | 89% | 90% | 82% | 90% | 89% | 91% | 92% | 91% |
| | | Undecided | 5% | 11% | 8% | 2% | 6% | 3% | 6% | 5% | 12% | 2% | 5% | 8% | 3% | 4% |
| | | Undesirable | 4% | 8% | 4% | 6% | 1% | 3% | 6% | 5% | 6% | 8% | 7% | 1% | 5% | 5% |
| 2ab | Requiring legislation creating tax cuts that cost \$25 million or more to indicate how they will be paid for | Desirable | 84% | 86% | 85% | 82% | 86% | 79% | 85% | 84% | 82% | 86% | 87% | 79% | 85% | 89% |
| | | Undecided | 6% | 9% | 2% | 8% | 7% | 8% | 4% | 8% | 15% | 0% | 2% | 15% | 8% | 6% |
| | | Undesirable | 10% | 6% | 13% | 10% | 7% | 14% | 10% | 8% | 3% | 14% | 11% | 6% | 7% | 6% |
| 2ac | Requiring legislation creating new programs or tax cuts that cost \$25 million or more to indicate how they will be paid for | Desirable | 84% | 89% | 89% | 77% | 86% | 81% | 86% | 88% | 85% | 91% | 85% | 86% | 89% | 89% |
| | | Undecided | 8% | 8% | 2% | 8% | 8% | 12% | 7% | 7% | 9% | 0% | 5% | 11% | 6% | 7% |
| | | Undesirable | 8% | 3% | 9% | 15% | 6% | 8% | 7% | 6% | 6% | 9% | 10% | 2% | 6% | 4% |
| 2ad | Requiring that one-time revenue spikes only be spent on one-time projects, paying off debt, and filling the state rainy-day fund | Desirable | 80% | 73% | 63% | 81% | 79% | 84% | 89% | 84% | 79% | 85% | 82% | 81% | 90% | 85% |
| | | Undecided | 12% | 13% | 23% | 14% | 10% | 10% | 6% | 7% | 6% | 4% | 5% | 9% | 5% | 9% |
| | | Undesirable | 8% | 13% | 14% | 5% | 11% | 5% | 5% | 9% | 15% | 10% | 13% | 9% | 6% | 5% |
| 2ae | Increasing the size of the State's rainy-day fund from 5% to 10% of the State budget | Desirable | 66% | 48% | 51% | 71% | 69% | 65% | 75% | 67% | 60% | 69% | 59% | 71% | 74% | 63% |
| | | Undecided | 21% | 24% | 22% | 16% | 17% | 27% | 19% | 19% | 20% | 0% | 27% | 21% | 13% | 26% |
| | | Undesirable | 13% | 27% | 27% | 13% | 14% | 8% | 6% | 14% | 20% | 31% | 14% | 8% | 12% | 11% |
| 2af | Applying the sales tax to services as well as goods while reducing the sales tax rate | Desirable | 38% | 45% | 45% | 29% | 40% | 38% | 33% | 45% | 60% | 40% | 40% | 54% | 41% | 39% |
| | | Undecided | 17% | 21% | 20% | 22% | 14% | 14% | 18% | 14% | 11% | 22% | 12% | 11% | 17% | 14% |
| | | Undesirable | 45% | 33% | 34% | 49% | 45% | 48% | 48% | 41% | 29% | 38% | 48% | 34% | 42% | 47% |
| 2ag | Applying the sales tax to services as well as goods while keeping the current sales tax rate | Desirable | 23% | 26% | 28% | 19% | 29% | 25% | 15% | 20% | 32% | 15% | 20% | 20% | 18% | 18% |
| | | Undecided | 16% | 15% | 21% | 15% | 15% | 12% | 17% | 10% | 6% | 15% | 7% | 10% | 10% | 12% |
| | | Undesirable | 61% | 59% | 51% | 66% | 56% | 63% | 68% | 70% | 62% | 71% | 73% | 70% | 71% | 70% |
| 2ah | Limiting the current California state income tax deduction for home mortgage interest payments to \$25,000 per year | Desirable | 43% | 37% | 49% | 38% | 42% | 44% | 45% | 44% | 31% | 43% | 45% | 36% | 47% | 54% |
| | | Undecided | 21% | 47% | 24% | 24% | 10% | 16% | 28% | 17% | 31% | 20% | 16% | 13% | 16% | 15% |
| | | Undesirable | 36% | 16% | 27% | 38% | 48% | 40% | 28% | 40% | 38% | 38% | 40% | 51% | 37% | 31% |
| 2ai | Reassessing non-residential property more frequently than now | Desirable | 53% | 60% | 59% | 46% | 44% | 53% | 62% | 72% | 73% | 69% | 70% | 68% | 72% | 78% |
| | | Undecided | 20% | 28% | 17% | 31% | 16% | 17% | 21% | 13% | 18% | 10% | 13% | 10% | 11% | 16% |
| | | Undesirable | 27% | 12% | 24% | 23% | 40% | 31% | 17% | 16% | 9% | 20% | 16% | 22% | 17% | 5% |
| 2aj | Reassessing all property values more frequently while adjusting the current property tax exemption for inflation to about \$28,000 <i>and</i> allowing the exemption to rise with property values going forward | Desirable | 35% | 42% | 47% | 35% | 24% | 33% | 40% | 33% | 42% | 35% | 40% | 25% | 30% | 37% |
| | | Undecided | 25% | 33% | 24% | 35% | 22% | 21% | 25% | 20% | 19% | 15% | 19% | 20% | 21% | 21% |
| | | Undesirable | 40% | 25% | 29% | 31% | 54% | 47% | 35% | 47% | 38% | 50% | 41% | 55% | 49% | 43% |

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| 2ak | Allowing local electorates to raise the property tax rate above the current 1% rate cap | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Desirable | 28% | 29% | 31% | 26% | 26% | 28% | 30% | 28% | 44% | 31% | 29% | 21% | 26% | 31% |
| | Undecided | 11% | 14% | 15% | 16% | 9% | 10% | 7% | 13% | 15% | 16% | 11% | 9% | 16% | 13% |
| | Undesirable | 61% | 57% | 54% | 59% | 66% | 62% | 63% | 59% | 41% | 53% | 60% | 70% | 58% | 57% |
| 2al | Lowering local vote requirement to adopt taxes dedicated to specific purposes, to a simple majority so that it is the same as the vote requirement to adopt taxes for general purposes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Desirable | 46% | 47% | 46% | 45% | 46% | 46% | 46% | 42% | 42% | 51% | 35% | 38% | 44% | 47% |
| | Undecided | 17% | 19% | 13% | 22% | 16% | 15% | 15% | 16% | 24% | 7% | 23% | 14% | 15% | 19% |
| | Undesirable | 38% | 34% | 41% | 33% | 38% | 39% | 38% | 41% | 33% | 42% | 42% | 49% | 42% | 34% |
| 2am | Decreasing the super-majority vote required in the Legislature to raise taxes (about 67%) to 55% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Desirable | 32% | 29% | 32% | 30% | 27% | 36% | 36% | 50% | 59% | 48% | 52% | 38% | 51% | 56% |
| | Undecided | 9% | 9% | 13% | 12% | 12% | 4% | 9% | 8% | 19% | 6% | 10% | 5% | 8% | 5% |
| | Undesirable | 59% | 62% | 55% | 58% | 60% | 60% | 55% | 43% | 22% | 46% | 38% | 57% | 41% | 38% |
| 3 | If the Legislature is allowed to amend an initiative that has already passed, by what sort of majority should it be able to do so? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | A simple majority (50% plus 1) | 13% | 18% | 17% | 11% | 12% | 10% | 12% | 9% | 3% | 12% | 14% | 6% | 6% | 11% |
| | 55% | 18% | 21% | 17% | 16% | 16% | 25% | 14% | 27% | 41% | 16% | 27% | 29% | 26% | 25% |
| | A two-thirds majority | 69% | 62% | 66% | 73% | 72% | 65% | 74% | 65% | 56% | 71% | 59% | 65% | 68% | 65% |
| 4 | Some people think that the Legislature should contain fewer Legislators, even if that means that each Legislator represents more people. Suppose these people are at one end of a 1-to-7 scale, at point 1. Other people think that each Legislator should represent fewer people, even if that means that the Legislature contains more Legislators. Suppose these people are at the other end of the scale, at point 7. People who are exactly in the middle are at point 4, and of course other people have opinions at other points between 1 and 7. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or wouldn't you have any opinion about that? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Fewer legislators | 20% | 14% | 17% | 24% | 22% | 19% | 18% | 10% | 6% | 8% | 7% | 14% | 11% | 7% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 23% | 19% | 28% | 24% | 25% | 22% | 19% | 20% | 15% | 10% | 18% | 24% | 23% | 22% |
| | More legislators | 57% | 67% | 54% | 52% | 53% | 58% | 63% | 70% | 79% | 82% | 75% | 62% | 66% | 71% |
| 5 | On a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 is "not at all", 10 is "as much as could reasonably be expected," and 5 is exactly in the middle, how much or little would you say the California State Legislature is able to get important things done? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Not at all | 67% | 52% | 59% | 67% | 70% | 73% | 70% | 69% | 62% | 64% | 72% | 77% | 69% | 66% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 16% | 30% | 17% | 16% | 13% | 16% | 13% | 10% | 18% | 8% | 10% | 6% | 11% | 12% |
| | As could be expected | 17% | 18% | 24% | 16% | 17% | 11% | 17% | 21% | 21% | 28% | 18% | 17% | 20% | 22% |
| 6 | On another 0 to 10 scale, where 0 is "not at all", 10 is "completely", and 5 is exactly in the middle, to what extent is the ability of the State Legislature to get things done affected by tensions between the political parties? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Not at all | 27% | 39% | 20% | 24% | 34% | 21% | 28% | 21% | 26% | 18% | 25% | 30% | 16% | 15% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 8% | 6% | 4% | 10% | 12% | 6% | 8% | 6% | 6% | 2% | 7% | 8% | 1% | 9% |
| | Completely | 65% | 55% | 76% | 66% | 55% | 73% | 64% | 73% | 68% | 80% | 69% | 63% | 83% | 76% |

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| 7 | And, on another 0 to 10 scale, where 0 is completely at the local level, 10 is completely at the State level, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how much decision-making authority should there be at the local level versus the State level? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Local level | 42% | 51% | 40% | 41% | 39% | 47% | 36% | 43% | 62% | 44% | 51% | 44% | 45% | 24% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 32% | 31% | 27% | 34% | 31% | 20% | 46% | 29% | 21% | 28% | 31% | 30% | 23% | 39% |
| | State level | 27% | 17% | 33% | 25% | 30% | 33% | 17% | 27% | 18% | 28% | 18% | 26% | 32% | 36% |
| 8 | And, on the same scale, how much taxation power should there be at the local level versus State level? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Local level | 34% | 37% | 37% | 30% | 39% | 31% | 28% | 32% | 42% | 33% | 37% | 31% | 30% | 29% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 40% | 37% | 37% | 42% | 31% | 44% | 48% | 33% | 30% | 29% | 31% | 33% | 32% | 40% |
| | State level | 27% | 26% | 26% | 28% | 30% | 26% | 24% | 35% | 27% | 39% | 32% | 36% | 39% | 32% |
| 9 | On the same scale, where would you say the most important public policy decisions should be made? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Local level | 25% | 31% | 30% | 22% | 29% | 22% | 21% | 25% | 29% | 40% | 37% | 25% | 17% | 12% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 30% | 14% | 22% | 38% | 36% | 24% | 38% | 26% | 23% | 18% | 18% | 29% | 30% | 34% |
| | State level | 44% | 56% | 48% | 40% | 35% | 54% | 41% | 49% | 49% | 42% | 45% | 46% | 53% | 54% |
| 10 | On another 0 to 10 scale, where 0 is "completely by voters in referendums", 10 is "completely by the State Legislature", and 5 is exactly in the middle, how many of the State's major decisions should be made by voters in referendums versus by the State Legislature? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | By voters in referendums | 31% | 33% | 33% | 36% | 30% | 26% | 30% | 29% | 39% | 35% | 20% | 37% | 25% | 23% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 25% | 33% | 30% | 20% | 28% | 21% | 21% | 26% | 30% | 27% | 34% | 18% | 26% | 28% |
| | By the State Legislature | 45% | 33% | 38% | 44% | 42% | 53% | 49% | 45% | 30% | 39% | 46% | 45% | 49% | 49% |
| 11 | Some people think that decisions made at the local level reflect the will of the local community more closely than decisions made at the state level. Suppose these people are at one end of a 1-to-7 scale, at point 1. Other people think that decisions made at the local level are more dominated by powerful special interests than decisions made at the state level. Suppose these people are at the other end of the scale, at point 7. People who are exactly in the middle are at point 4, and of course other people have opinions at other points between 1 and 7. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or wouldn't you have any opinion about that? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Reflect local community | 47% | 59% | 41% | 43% | 49% | 51% | 40% | 56% | 61% | 60% | 57% | 55% | 55% | 53% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 25% | 19% | 29% | 21% | 27% | 25% | 28% | 23% | 19% | 21% | 17% | 28% | 22% | 28% |
| | Dominated by special interests | 28% | 22% | 29% | 36% | 23% | 25% | 31% | 21% | 19% | 19% | 27% | 17% | 23% | 19% |
| 13a | Replacing the current State Senate and Assembly with a single house would make it easier to pass important legislation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Agree strongly | 17% | 18% | 19% | 15% | 21% | 13% | 19% | 24% | 29% | 35% | 28% | 28% | 19% | 14% |
| | Agree somewhat | 35% | 38% | 36% | 35% | 28% | 48% | 24% | 39% | 41% | 37% | 31% | 36% | 44% | 42% |
| | Neither agree nor disagree | 20% | 26% | 21% | 22% | 22% | 14% | 19% | 15% | 18% | 9% | 14% | 16% | 13% | 21% |
| | Disagree somewhat | 16% | 6% | 12% | 20% | 18% | 14% | 21% | 13% | 6% | 13% | 21% | 11% | 13% | 15% |
| | Disagree strongly | 12% | 12% | 12% | 8% | 12% | 10% | 16% | 9% | 6% | 7% | 7% | 10% | 12% | 8% |
| 13b | Replacing the current State Senate and Assembly with a single house would deprive the system of important checks and balances | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Agree strongly | 31% | 32% | 28% | 29% | 32% | 32% | 34% | 29% | 45% | 22% | 17% | 29% | 31% | 31% |
| | Agree somewhat | 26% | 23% | 28% | 32% | 20% | 26% | 30% | 30% | 15% | 36% | 36% | 29% | 33% | 24% |
| | Neither agree nor disagree | 20% | 35% | 19% | 22% | 24% | 14% | 14% | 14% | 21% | 9% | 19% | 12% | 8% | 18% |
| | Disagree somewhat | 13% | 6% | 21% | 8% | 11% | 18% | 11% | 18% | 9% | 24% | 19% | 16% | 23% | 15% |
| | Disagree strongly | 9% | 3% | 5% | 8% | 13% | 9% | 10% | 10% | 9% | 9% | 10% | 14% | 5% | 13% |

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| 14a | Part-time legislators will tend to represent their districts more closely | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Agree strongly | 16% | 6% | 9% | 18% | 14% | 21% | 20% | 10% | 12% | 11% | 15% | 11% | 5% | 8% |
| | Agree somewhat | 27% | 44% | 33% | 25% | 22% | 26% | 22% | 22% | 21% | 30% | 24% | 16% | 25% | 19% |
| | Neither agree nor disagree | 18% | 12% | 26% | 17% | 18% | 16% | 19% | 16% | 12% | 13% | 13% | 11% | 18% | 26% |
| | Disagree somewhat | 20% | 26% | 24% | 22% | 19% | 15% | 22% | 26% | 29% | 17% | 31% | 31% | 20% | 26% |
| | Disagree strongly | 19% | 12% | 9% | 18% | 27% | 21% | 17% | 27% | 26% | 30% | 18% | 30% | 32% | 22% |
| 14b | Part-time legislators will be less likely to be career politicians. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Agree strongly | 30% | 21% | 28% | 20% | 33% | 41% | 27% | 25% | 15% | 41% | 13% | 30% | 30% | 19% |
| | Agree somewhat | 41% | 39% | 43% | 44% | 31% | 39% | 51% | 42% | 52% | 37% | 45% | 37% | 42% | 42% |
| | Neither agree nor disagree | 12% | 24% | 15% | 10% | 14% | 9% | 7% | 12% | 12% | 10% | 16% | 8% | 8% | 19% |
| | Disagree somewhat | 10% | 12% | 9% | 17% | 12% | 4% | 7% | 11% | 15% | 6% | 13% | 10% | 11% | 12% |
| | Disagree strongly | 7% | 3% | 4% | 8% | 10% | 8% | 7% | 10% | 6% | 6% | 13% | 15% | 9% | 7% |
| 14c | Part-time legislators will tend to be more open to corruption. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Agree strongly | 10% | 16% | 14% | 10% | 12% | 5% | 6% | 11% | 9% | 15% | 18% | 13% | 9% | 4% |
| | Agree somewhat | 17% | 23% | 14% | 17% | 17% | 14% | 19% | 20% | 19% | 13% | 23% | 23% | 20% | 20% |
| | Neither agree nor disagree | 34% | 42% | 40% | 34% | 27% | 36% | 31% | 34% | 56% | 43% | 24% | 25% | 31% | 41% |
| | Disagree somewhat | 22% | 13% | 26% | 22% | 17% | 29% | 20% | 21% | 9% | 17% | 19% | 21% | 26% | 24% |
| | Disagree strongly | 18% | 6% | 7% | 16% | 27% | 16% | 23% | 13% | 6% | 11% | 16% | 18% | 13% | 10% |
| 14d | Part-time legislators will tend to be less well informed about policy issues. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Agree strongly | 15% | 10% | 11% | 17% | 17% | 16% | 14% | 25% | 38% | 17% | 27% | 23% | 30% | 19% |
| | Agree somewhat | 30% | 32% | 31% | 38% | 21% | 26% | 38% | 29% | 21% | 34% | 19% | 34% | 28% | 32% |
| | Neither agree nor disagree | 20% | 29% | 20% | 15% | 29% | 15% | 13% | 20% | 21% | 19% | 18% | 20% | 19% | 22% |
| | Disagree somewhat | 20% | 23% | 27% | 15% | 18% | 25% | 16% | 16% | 15% | 13% | 21% | 16% | 16% | 12% |
| | Disagree strongly | 15% | 6% | 11% | 15% | 15% | 18% | 19% | 11% | 6% | 17% | 15% | 7% | 7% | 15% |
| 15a | Increasing State Legislators' terms will make them less responsive to their districts. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Agree strongly | 12% | 3% | 12% | 12% | 13% | 13% | 13% | 4% | 9% | 0% | 2% | 8% | 3% | 1% |
| | Agree somewhat | 29% | 36% | 26% | 38% | 28% | 28% | 21% | 13% | 9% | 16% | 15% | 11% | 16% | 11% |
| | Neither agree nor disagree | 21% | 33% | 16% | 22% | 19% | 19% | 23% | 17% | 18% | 14% | 23% | 15% | 10% | 24% |
| | Disagree somewhat | 26% | 24% | 35% | 18% | 26% | 26% | 30% | 39% | 41% | 47% | 32% | 42% | 38% | 35% |
| | Disagree strongly | 12% | 3% | 12% | 10% | 14% | 15% | 14% | 27% | 24% | 22% | 29% | 24% | 32% | 29% |
| 15b | Increasing State Legislators' terms will let them spend less time fundraising and campaigning and more time legislating. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Agree strongly | 26% | 33% | 30% | 23% | 18% | 26% | 31% | 43% | 63% | 43% | 40% | 32% | 48% | 44% |
| | Agree somewhat | 42% | 36% | 40% | 43% | 40% | 46% | 43% | 39% | 22% | 35% | 39% | 51% | 40% | 35% |
| | Neither agree nor disagree | 13% | 15% | 14% | 11% | 17% | 9% | 13% | 9% | 6% | 10% | 13% | 8% | 6% | 12% |
| | Disagree somewhat | 11% | 12% | 12% | 13% | 14% | 10% | 7% | 5% | 9% | 6% | 8% | 2% | 3% | 5% |
| | Disagree strongly | 8% | 3% | 5% | 10% | 11% | 9% | 7% | 4% | 0% | 6% | 0% | 7% | 2% | 4% |
| 16a | Arnold Schwarzenegger | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Extremely dissatisfied | 76% | 74% | 80% | 89% | 71% | 70% | 74% | 75% | 67% | 77% | 83% | 73% | 73% | 77% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 12% | 15% | 7% | 5% | 14% | 15% | 17% | 14% | 17% | 13% | 10% | 16% | 14% | 14% |
| | Extremely satisfied | 12% | 12% | 13% | 7% | 15% | 15% | 9% | 11% | 17% | 11% | 7% | 11% | 14% | 9% |

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| 16b | Jerry Brown | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Extremely dissatisfied | 30% | 30% | 33% | 25% | 34% | 30% | 31% | 25% | 18% | 26% | 19% | 30% | 28% | 24% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 20% | 23% | 23% | 26% | 21% | 15% | 18% | 21% | 32% | 26% | 26% | 22% | 11% | 19% |
| | Extremely satisfied | 49% | 47% | 44% | 49% | 45% | 56% | 51% | 54% | 50% | 49% | 55% | 48% | 61% | 57% |
| 16c | California State Senate | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Extremely dissatisfied | 69% | 56% | 56% | 63% | 80% | 74% | 70% | 68% | 52% | 64% | 67% | 74% | 72% | 68% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 19% | 30% | 22% | 23% | 16% | 12% | 19% | 18% | 26% | 14% | 23% | 13% | 16% | 23% |
| | Extremely satisfied | 12% | 15% | 22% | 14% | 5% | 14% | 11% | 13% | 22% | 21% | 10% | 13% | 12% | 10% |
| 16d | California State Assembly | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Extremely dissatisfied | 68% | 62% | 54% | 60% | 76% | 71% | 73% | 71% | 59% | 70% | 68% | 72% | 76% | 70% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 19% | 23% | 26% | 26% | 17% | 14% | 18% | 16% | 30% | 14% | 22% | 12% | 13% | 17% |
| | Extremely satisfied | 13% | 15% | 21% | 14% | 7% | 15% | 9% | 13% | 11% | 16% | 10% | 16% | 11% | 13% |
| 16e | California State Legislature | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Extremely dissatisfied | 72% | 58% | 62% | 67% | 78% | 77% | 72% | 70% | 61% | 73% | 70% | 70% | 75% | 67% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 18% | 27% | 21% | 19% | 14% | 15% | 21% | 18% | 25% | 15% | 20% | 15% | 15% | 21% |
| | Extremely satisfied | 10% | 15% | 18% | 14% | 7% | 8% | 7% | 12% | 14% | 12% | 10% | 15% | 10% | 11% |
| 16f | California's initiative/referendum process | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Extremely dissatisfied | 50% | 46% | 43% | 53% | 51% | 48% | 57% | 37% | 42% | 40% | 39% | 36% | 32% | 42% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 22% | 25% | 33% | 25% | 21% | 16% | 19% | 19% | 16% | 18% | 21% | 15% | 23% | 18% |
| | Extremely satisfied | 28% | 29% | 25% | 22% | 28% | 37% | 24% | 44% | 42% | 42% | 40% | 49% | 45% | 41% |
| 16g | California's State government | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Extremely dissatisfied | 72% | 65% | 66% | 73% | 77% | 75% | 67% | 64% | 61% | 67% | 66% | 74% | 64% | 52% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 15% | 19% | 18% | 17% | 10% | 15% | 17% | 19% | 21% | 13% | 16% | 13% | 22% | 26% |
| | Extremely satisfied | 13% | 16% | 16% | 10% | 13% | 10% | 16% | 17% | 18% | 21% | 18% | 14% | 13% | 22% |
| 16h | Your city/town and county's government | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Extremely dissatisfied | 37% | 31% | 36% | 45% | 34% | 40% | 32% | 28% | 33% | 26% | 35% | 22% | 29% | 27% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 20% | 17% | 25% | 20% | 17% | 18% | 23% | 20% | 21% | 15% | 23% | 24% | 19% | 15% |
| | Extremely satisfied | 43% | 52% | 39% | 35% | 49% | 41% | 45% | 52% | 45% | 59% | 42% | 55% | 52% | 58% |
| 16i | California's local governments generally | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Extremely dissatisfied | 39% | 37% | 40% | 48% | 40% | 40% | 29% | 30% | 39% | 35% | 41% | 28% | 30% | 16% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 29% | 26% | 25% | 22% | 26% | 37% | 35% | 32% | 23% | 23% | 26% | 41% | 34% | 34% |
| | Extremely satisfied | 32% | 37% | 35% | 29% | 34% | 23% | 37% | 38% | 39% | 42% | 33% | 31% | 36% | 49% |
| 18 | Some people think that local communities should be able to decide their own taxes and services, even if that means big differences between communities. Suppose these people are at one end of a 1-to-7 scale, at point 1. Other people think that taxes and services should be the same throughout the state, even if that means less local control. Suppose these people are at the other end of the scale, at point 7. People who are exactly in the middle are at point 4. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or wouldn't you have any opinion about that? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Local communities decide | 39% | 44% | 47% | 43% | 42% | 38% | 24% | 42% | 48% | 40% | 51% | 47% | 38% | 32% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 21% | 25% | 13% | 20% | 20% | 16% | 30% | 20% | 32% | 20% | 11% | 16% | 20% | 28% |
| | Same throughout the state | 41% | 31% | 40% | 37% | 38% | 46% | 46% | 38% | 19% | 40% | 38% | 37% | 42% | 39% |

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| 19 | Some people think that government should provide certain benefits and services, even if that means higher taxes. Suppose these people are at one end of a 1-to-7 scale, at point 1. Other people think that government should lower taxes, even if that means reduced benefits and services. Suppose these people are at the other end of the scale, at point 7. People who are exactly in the middle are at point 4. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or wouldn't you have any opinion about that? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Provide certain benefits and services, even if that means higher taxes | 46% | 44% | 57% | 44% | 42% | 44% | 45% | 57% | 73% | 71% | 55% | 45% | 53% | 59% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 18% | 15% | 15% | 16% | 17% | 16% | 23% | 15% | 18% | 8% | 18% | 14% | 16% | 19% |
| | Lower taxes, even if that means reducing benefits and services | 37% | 41% | 28% | 39% | 41% | 40% | 32% | 28% | 9% | 20% | 27% | 41% | 31% | 23% |
| 20 | Some people think that majorities should always have their way no matter how big the minorities are or how strongly they feel. Suppose these people are at one end of a 1-to-7 scale, at point 1. Other people think that minorities should have their way when they are large enough or feel strongly enough. Suppose these people are at the other end of the scale, at point 7. People who are exactly in the middle are at point 4. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or wouldn't you have any opinion about that? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Majorities always have their way | 34% | 39% | 42% | 29% | 35% | 41% | 23% | 37% | 38% | 27% | 38% | 28% | 42% | 45% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 33% | 21% | 14% | 37% | 31% | 29% | 54% | 33% | 25% | 29% | 31% | 41% | 36% | 26% |
| | Minorities have their way when they are big enough or feel strongly enough | 33% | 39% | 44% | 34% | 34% | 30% | 23% | 31% | 38% | 44% | 31% | 31% | 22% | 29% |
| 21 | Some people think that the best society is one in which nobody can tell anybody else what to do, even if there is a cost to others. Suppose these people are at one end of a 1-to-7 scale, at point 1. Other people think that the best society is one in which the community can decide together what people can and cannot do, even if some people object. Suppose these people are at the other end of the scale, at point 7. People who are exactly in the middle are at point 4. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or wouldn't you have any opinion about that? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nobody can tell anybody else what to do | 18% | 9% | 22% | 23% | 18% | 21% | 10% | 20% | 18% | 20% | 26% | 21% | 22% | 12% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 19% | 27% | 9% | 20% | 19% | 17% | 22% | 22% | 35% | 24% | 18% | 22% | 18% | 24% |
| | Community can decide | 64% | 64% | 70% | 57% | 63% | 62% | 68% | 58% | 47% | 56% | 56% | 56% | 60% | 64% |
| 22 | Some people think that the best government is one in which everyone gets to vote directly on making the laws. Suppose these people are at one end of a 1-to-7 scale, at point 1. Other people think that the best government is one in which everyone gets to vote for representatives who then vote on making the laws. Suppose these people are at the other end of the scale, at point 7. People who are exactly in the middle are at point 4. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or wouldn't you have any opinion about that? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Everyone votes on laws | 34% | 52% | 48% | 39% | 36% | 23% | 24% | 34% | 45% | 45% | 34% | 40% | 24% | 25% |
| | Exactly in the middle | 20% | 18% | 13% | 23% | 17% | 24% | 21% | 16% | 18% | 22% | 11% | 15% | 20% | 13% |
| | Representatives vote on laws | 46% | 30% | 39% | 39% | 47% | 54% | 55% | 50% | 36% | 33% | 54% | 45% | 56% | 61% |