

Responses by Gender

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T=Total (N=412)							
M=Male (N=179)							
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#	Question	(Before)			(After)		
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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%	18%	38%	43%	32%
	Exactly in the middle	18%	18%	18%	15%	14%	15%
	Not well	61%	59%	65%	47%	43%	53%
2a	Creating a formal review process to allow an initiative's proponents to amend an initiative following public input						
	Desirable	60%	58%	62%	76%	73%	79%
	Exactly in the middle	19%	22%	16%	9%	10%	7%
	Undesirable	21%	21%	22%	16%	17%	14%
2b	Allowing the Legislature to remove an initiative from the ballot by enacting it into law						
	Desirable	37%	36%	39%	34%	35%	34%
	Exactly in the middle	14%	12%	16%	17%	17%	16%
	Undesirable	49%	52%	46%	49%	48%	51%
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%	30%	35%	30%	30%	30%
	Exactly in the middle	17%	16%	19%	13%	13%	13%
	Undesirable	50%	54%	46%	58%	57%	58%
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%	40%	47%	37%	36%	39%
	Exactly in the middle	13%	12%	14%	12%	13%	11%
	Undesirable	44%	48%	39%	51%	51%	50%
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%	28%	20%	18%	21%	14%
	Exactly in the middle	15%	18%	11%	9%	10%	9%
	Undesirable	61%	54%	69%	73%	70%	78%
2f	Allowing an initiative's proponents to withdraw it after it qualifies for the ballot						
	Desirable	47%	48%	46%	57%	56%	58%
	Exactly in the middle	21%	21%	22%	17%	19%	14%
	Undesirable	32%	32%	32%	26%	25%	28%
2g	Allowing an initiative's proponents to withdraw it after it qualifies for the ballot						
	Desirable	88%	90%	86%	84%	82%	86%
	Exactly in the middle	6%	5%	8%	7%	7%	7%
	Undesirable	5%	5%	6%	9%	11%	7%
2h	Requiring all ballot measures that require new expenditures to indicate how they will be paid for						
	Desirable	87%	91%	81%	91%	92%	90%
	Exactly in the middle	7%	4%	11%	5%	4%	6%
	Undesirable	6%	5%	8%	4%	4%	5%
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%	66%	69%	67%	74%	59%
	Exactly in the middle	20%	19%	22%	19%	15%	25%
	Undesirable	12%	15%	9%	13%	11%	16%
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	83%	83%	82%	91%	90%	92%
	Exactly in the middle	9%	9%	10%	4%	4%	4%
	Undesirable	9%	8%	9%	5%	6%	3%
2k	Increasing the number of Assembly districts from 80 to 120						
	Desirable	61%	61%	60%	62%	61%	63%
	Exactly in the middle	17%	13%	22%	17%	16%	17%
	Undesirable	23%	26%	18%	21%	22%	20%
2l	Expanding the size of districts and electing more than one legislative representative from each district						
	Desirable	48%	45%	51%	49%	53%	43%
	Exactly in the middle	19%	19%	20%	17%	15%	19%
	Undesirable	33%	36%	29%	34%	32%	38%
2m	Replacing the current State Senate and Assembly with a single house of 120 members						
	Desirable	32%	35%	28%	42%	43%	42%
	Exactly in the middle	25%	23%	28%	15%	11%	19%
	Undesirable	43%	43%	44%	43%	46%	39%
2n	Making the State Legislature part-time and paying legislators						
	Desirable	45%	49%	39%	26%	32%	20%
	Exactly in the middle	13%	11%	16%	9%	7%	12%

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	Undesirable	42%	39%	45%	64%	61%	68%
2o	Reducing the length of the state legislative session and requiring legislators to spend more time in their districts						
	Desirable	57%	56%	57%	46%	48%	43%
	Exactly in the middle	19%	20%	19%	18%	18%	19%
	Undesirable	24%	24%	24%	36%	34%	38%
2p	Allowing voters to rank the candidates in order of preference, so that the winner can be decided without a second election						
	Desirable	61%	63%	59%	57%	58%	56%
	Exactly in the middle	13%	10%	17%	13%	9%	17%
	Undesirable	26%	28%	24%	30%	33%	27%
2q	Lengthening Assembly terms from 2 years to 4, and Senate terms from 4 years to 6						
	Desirable	46%	40%	53%	81%	79%	84%
	Exactly in the middle	14%	14%	14%	8%	10%	6%
	Undesirable	40%	46%	33%	11%	11%	10%
2r	Requiring economic impact analyses of major legislation before passage						
	Desirable	89%	90%	86%	90%	90%	90%
	Exactly in the middle	8%	7%	10%	5%	5%	6%
	Undesirable	3%	3%	4%	5%	6%	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%	86%	86%	90%	89%	90%
	Exactly in the middle	8%	7%	10%	6%	6%	6%
	Undesirable	6%	7%	4%	5%	5%	4%
2t	Requiring the Governor and the Legislature to adopt two-year instead of one-year budgets						
	Desirable	57%	57%	57%	73%	69%	77%
	Exactly in the middle	25%	22%	30%	15%	17%	11%
	Undesirable	18%	21%	14%	13%	14%	11%
2u	Requiring the Governor and the Legislature to publish three and five year budget projections prior to the budget vote each year						
	Desirable	81%	81%	80%	83%	84%	82%
	Exactly in the middle	12%	10%	14%	9%	9%	10%
	Undesirable	8%	9%	6%	7%	7%	8%
2v	Transferring from the state to local governments control and financing of services provided at the local level and requiring minimum standards for delivering them						
	Desirable	67%	70%	62%	73%	76%	69%
	Exactly in the middle	16%	16%	17%	14%	13%	15%
	Undesirable	18%	14%	22%	13%	11%	17%
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%	56%	53%	63%	64%	62%
	Exactly in the middle	15%	15%	15%	16%	13%	19%
	Undesirable	31%	30%	31%	22%	24%	19%
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%	66%	67%	67%	66%	69%
	Exactly in the middle	22%	22%	2%	21%	19%	25%
	Undesirable	12%	12%	12%	11%	15%	6%
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%	76%	74%	76%	77%	74%
	Exactly in the middle	13%	11%	15%	12%	8%	17%
	Undesirable	12%	13%	11%	12%	15%	9%
2z	Requiring state and local governments to identify policy goals and publish their progress toward meeting them						
	Desirable	89%	86%	92%	92%	91%	93%
	Exactly in the middle	7%	8%	5%	5%	5%	5%
	Undesirable	5%	6%	2%	8%	9%	7%
2aa	Requiring legislation creating new programs that cost \$25 million or more to indicate how they will be paid for						
	Desirable	91%	92%	89%	90%	91%	89%
	Exactly in the middle	5%	4%	7%	5%	4%	7%
	Undesirable	4%	5%	4%	5%	6%	4%
2ab	Requiring legislation creating tax cuts that cost \$25 million or more to indicate how they will be paid for						
	Desirable	84%	81%	87%	84%	82%	88%
	Exactly in the middle	6%	5%	8%	8%	7%	8%
	Undesirable	10%	14%	5%	8%	11%	4%
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%	81%	88%	88%	87%	89%
	Exactly in the middle	8%	9%	7%	7%	6%	8%
	Undesirable	8%	10%	5%	6%	8%	3%
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%	81%	76%	84%	86%	82%

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	Exactly in the middle	12%	9%	16%	7%	5%	9%
	Undesirable	8%	11%	5%	9%	9%	9%
2ae	Increasing the size of the State's rainy-day fund from 5% to 10% of the State budget						
	Desirable	66%	68%	63%	67%	74%	59%
	Exactly in the middle	21%	19%	23%	19%	13%	25%
	Undesirable	13%	13%	14%	14%	13%	16%
2af	Applying the sales tax to services as well as goods while reducing the sales tax rate						
	Desirable	38%	41%	34%	45%	49%	39%
	Exactly in the middle	17%	17%	18%	14%	15%	14%
	Undesirable	45%	42%	48%	41%	36%	46%
2ag	Applying the sales tax to services as well as goods while keeping the current sales tax rate						
	Desirable	24%	25%	22%	20%	23%	15%
	Exactly in the middle	16%	12%	21%	10%	8%	13%
	Undesirable	61%	63%	58%	70%	68%	72%
2ah	Limiting the current California state income tax deduction for home mortgage interest payments to \$25,000 per year						
	Desirable	43%	45%	40%	44%	42%	46%
	Exactly in the middle	21%	17%	26%	17%	16%	18%
	Undesirable	36%	38%	34%	40%	42%	36%
2ai	Reassessing non-residential property more frequently than now						
	Desirable	53%	53%	52%	72%	69%	75%
	Exactly in the middle	20%	17%	25%	13%	13%	13%
	Undesirable	27%	30%	23%	16%	18%	12%
2aj	Reassessing all property values more frequently while adjusting the current property tax exemption for inflation to about \$28,000 and allowing the exemption to rise with property values going forward						
	Desirable	3480%	38%	30%	33%	39%	26%
	Exactly in the middle	25%	21%	30%	20%	18%	21%
	Undesirable	40%	40%	40%	47%	43%	53%
2ak	Allowing local electorates to raise the property tax rate above the current 1% rate cap						
	Desirable	28%	27%	29%	28%	34%	22%
	Exactly in the middle	11%	12%	10%	13%	11%	16%
	Undesirable	61%	62%	60%	59%	56%	63%
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	47%	43%	49%	42%	43%	42%
	Exactly in the middle	17%	16%	17%	16%	14%	20%
	Undesirable	38%	41%	34%	41%	44%	38%
2am	Decreasing the super-majority vote required in the Legislature to raise taxes (about 67%) to 55%						
	Desirable	32%	33%	31%	43%	47%	37%
	Exactly in the middle	10%	8%	11%	8%	7%	9%
	Undesirable	60%	59%	58%	50%	46%	54%
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%	14%	11%	8%	7%	10%
	55%	18%	14%	23%	26%	22%	32%
	A two-thirds majority	68%	70%	66%	63%	69%	56%
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, each representing more people	20%	21%	18%	10%	9%	10%
	Exactly in the middle	23%	21%	25%	20%	21%	20%
	More legislators, each representing fewer people	57%	58%	57%	70%	70%	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%	65%	70%	69%	67%	72%
	Exactly in the middle	16%	15%	18%	10%	11%	9%
	As much as could reasonably be expected	17%	20%	13%	21%	21%	19%
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%	25%	29%	21%	19%	25%
	Exactly in the middle	8%	10%	7%	6%	6%	5%
	Completely	65%	65%	65%	73%	75%	70%
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?						
	Completely at the local level	41%	46%	36%	43%	47%	39%
	Exactly in the middle	32%	28%	36%	29%	26%	34%

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	Completely at the State level	27%	26%	27%	27%	28%	27%
8	And, on the same scale, how much taxation power should there be at the local level versus State level?						
	Completely at the local level	34%	39%	27%	32%	31%	34%
	Exactly in the middle	40%	34%	47%	33%	30%	37%
	Completely at the State level	27%	28%	25%	35%	39%	29%
9	On the same scale, where would you say the most important public policy decisions should be made?						
	Completely at the local level	25%	27%	23%	25%	27%	22%
	Exactly in the middle	30%	26%	36%	26%	23%	31%
	Completely at the State level	45%	47%	41%	49%	50%	47%
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?						
	Completely by voters in referendums	31%	32%	29%	29%	27%	31%
	Exactly in the middle	25%	22%	29%	26%	25%	28%
	Completely by the State Legislature	45%	47%	42%	45%	48%	41%