

Majority of Californians approve of Governor Newsom's handling of COVID-19, wildfires

Spectrum News/Ipsos poll finds that majority support state law mask mandate and closure of universities in response to pandemic

Topline Findings

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These are the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between October 7-15, 2020 on behalf of Spectrum News. For this survey, a sample of 1,400 adults age 18+ from California was interviewed online in English, including an oversample of 400 respondents in the Los Angeles media market, for a total of 824 interviews in that market. The poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.0 percentage points for all respondents and plus or minus 3.9 percentage points for respondents in the Los Angeles media market.

For full results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire:

Full Annotated Questionnaire

		California	Los Angeles
		(N=1,400)	(N=824)
1. Which of the following do you consider to be the	Healthcare	13%	13%
main problem facing California today? You may	Crime or violence	12%	14%
select up to three.	Immigration	13%	11%
	Unemployment	22%	22%
	Education	7%	8%
	Taxes	17%	18%
	Climate change/natural disasters	21%	22%
	COVID-19/coronavirus	50%	50%
	Racial injustice	14%	19%
	Opioid or drug addiction	5%	5%
	Affordable housing	26%	27%
	Gun control	5%	5%
	Homelessness	35%	37%
	Air quality	11%	7%
	Other	4%	3%
	None of these	2%	2%
2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way	Strongly approve	21%	20%
Gavin Newsom is handling his job as governor?	Somewhat approve	35%	36%
	Somewhat disapprove	14%	14%
	Strongly disapprove	18%	19%
	Don`t know	12%	11%
NETS	Approve	56%	56%
	Disapprove	32%	33%





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7. How would you rate how the following are handling the COVID-19 pandemic? The federal government Good 23 Excellent Scood 23 Just fair Poor Scood Don't know Aust fair/Poor 63 25	% 2 % 2	10% 22%
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Just fair 24		23%
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Just fair/Poor 44		<u>14%</u>
Your local/city Excellent 15		12%
government Good 38		39%
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		12%
6 months-1 year 36		31%
Longer than a year 34		35%
		8%
		8%
NETS Under 6 months 16		18%
6 months or longer 69		67%
9. How likely are you to vote in the upcoming Very likely 61		34%
presidential election? Somewhat likely 10		8%
		6%
Very unlikely 10		10%
I have already voted 10		8%
		4%
NETS Likely 71		72%
Unlikely 15		15%
10. Thinking about the upcoming presidential election, In-person on Election Day 16		19%
		7%
already voted), what would be your preferred method By mail or absentee ballot 51	% 4	19%
of voting this year? By dropping off your ballot at an	% 1	16%
election office or polling place		
		1%
		9%
11. Regardless of your In-person on Election Very confident 51		53%
plan to vote, how Day Somewhat confident 23		23%
confident are you that Not very confident 12		12%
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11. Regardless of your	In-person before Election	Very confident	45%	47%
plan to vote, how	Day	Somewhat confident	29%	28%
confident are you that		Not very confident	12%	12%
your vote will be counted		Not confident at all	7%	7%
if you voted		Don`t know	8%	5%
	NETS	Confident	74%	76%
		Not confident	19%	20%
	By mail or absentee	Very confident	36%	36%
	ballot	Somewhat confident	28%	29%
		Not very confident	20%	18%
		Not confident at all	10%	11%
		Don`t know	7%	5%
	NETS	Confident	63%	66%
		Not confident	30%	29%
	By dropping off your	Very confident	42%	43%
	ballot at an election office	Somewhat confident	30%	31%
	or polling place	Not very confident	14%	14%
		Not confident at all	6%	7%
		Don`t know	8%	6%
	NETS	Confident Not confident	72%	74%
			20%	20%
13. How likely are you to trust the outcome of the presidential election, regardless of who wins?		Very likely	31%	31%
		Somewhat likely	32%	32%
		Somewhat unlikely Very unlikely	14%	16%
			9%	8%
		Don`t know	14%	14%
NETS		Likely	64%	63%
		Unlikely	22%	24%
14. Have the following	The handling of the	Much more favorable	15%	15%
made you more or less	current vacancy in the	Somewhat more favorable	12%	13%
favorable towards	U.S. Supreme Court	No impact	20%	20%
President Donald Trump		Somewhat less favorable	10%	9%
ahead of this November's		Much less favorable	37%	38%
election?		Don`t know	5%	5%
	NETS	More favorable	27%	28%
	1.12.0	Less favorable	48%	47%
	The nomination of Amy	Much more favorable	15%	14%
	Coney Barrett to the U.S.	Somewhat more favorable	15%	15%
	Supreme Court	No impact		
			21%	23%
		Somewhat less favorable	9%	8%
		Much less favorable	34%	34%
		Don`t know	6%	6%
	NETS	More favorable	31%	29%
		Less favorable	43%	42%



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14. Have the following	The recent reporting on	Much more favorable	00/	440/
made you more or less favorable towards President Donald Trump	The recent reporting on Trump's tax returns		9%	11%
	Trump 3 tax returns	Somewhat more favorable	8%	8%
		No impact Somewhat less favorable	27%	25%
ahead of this November's			7%	9%
election?		Much less favorable	42%	42%
	A/ETO	Don't know	6%	6%
	NETS	More favorable	18%	19%
		Less favorable	50%	50%
	The national recovery	Much more favorable	13%	12%
	plan from the coronavirus	Somewhat more favorable	15%	14%
		No impact	17%	20%
		Somewhat less favorable	13%	13%
		Much less favorable	37%	36%
		Don`t know	5%	6%
	NETS	More favorable	28%	26%
		Less favorable	50%	49%
	Trump`s performance in	Much more favorable	11%	11%
	the first presidential	Somewhat more favorable	10%	10%
	debate	No impact	18%	17%
		Somewhat less favorable	11%	10%
		Much less favorable	44%	46%
		Don't know	5%	5%
	NETS	More favorable	21%	21%
		Less favorable	55%	57%
	Trump`s handling of jobs	Much more favorable	17%	16%
	and the economy	Somewhat more favorable	15%	16%
	-	No impact	15%	17%
		Somewhat less favorable	10%	11%
		Much less favorable	38%	36%
		Don't know	5%	5%
	NETS	More favorable	32%	32%
	7,270	Less favorable	48%	47%
	The fact that Trump	Much more favorable	10%	13%
	contracted COVID-19	Somewhat more favorable	10%	7%
		No impact	32%	32%
		Somewhat less favorable	9%	9%
		Much less favorable	34%	34%
		Don't know		
	NETS	More favorable	5% 20%	5% 20%
	INL 13	Less favorable		
	Trump`s public		43%	43%
	comments around mask	Much more favorable	11%	11%
	wearing and social	Somewhat more favorable	11%	11%
	distancing	No impact	19%	19%
		Somewhat less favorable	10%	9%
		Much less favorable	46%	45%
		Don't know	4%	5%
	NETS	More favorable	21%	22%
		Less favorable	56%	55%

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15. President Trump recently announced that he had		Major impact	30%	31%
tested positive for COVID-19. What impact, if any, do you think this announcement will have on the upcoming election?		Minor impact	32%	31%
		No impact	27%	29%
		Don't know	11%	10%
18. How much do you	There should be a state	Strongly agree	44%	46%
agree or disagree with the	law in California	Somewhat agree	26%	28%
following statements?	mandating that masks be	Somewhat disagree	12%	11%
	worn at all times in public	Strongly disagree	15%	12%
		Don`t know	4%	4%
	NETS	Agree	70%	74%
		Disagree	26%	23%
	There are an adequate	Strongly agree	18%	20%
	number of COVID-19	Somewhat agree	36%	34%
	testing sites in my	Somewhat disagree	17%	18%
	community	Strongly disagree	10%	9%
		Don't know	19%	19%
	NETS	Agree	54%	54%
		Disagree	27%	27%
	I feel comfortable dining	Strongly agree	16%	15%
	inside a restaurant	Somewhat agree	24%	22%
		Somewhat disagree	22%	21%
		Strongly disagree	34%	37%
		Don't know	5%	4%
	NETS	Agree	39%	38%
	,	Disagree	56%	58%
	I will take the first	Strongly agree	21%	19%
	generation COVID-19	Somewhat agree	24%	24%
	vaccine when it is	Somewhat disagree	18%	18%
	approved by the FDA	Strongly disagree	21%	21%
		Don't know	16%	18%
	NETS	Agree	44%	43%
		Disagree	40%	39%
	I am having trouble, or	Strongly agree	14%	20%
	have had trouble, paying	Somewhat agree	26%	27%
	my bills as a result of COVID-19	Somewhat disagree	24%	23%
		Strongly disagree	31%	26%
		Don't know	6%	5%
	NETS	Agree	40%	46%
	,	Disagree	55%	49%
	COVID-19 lockdowns in	Strongly agree	15%	15%
	my community have	Somewhat agree	22%	21%
	been too restrictive	Somewhat disagree	26%	29%
		Strongly disagree	29%	28%
		Don't know	7%	<u>20%</u> 7%
	NETS	Agree	37%	36%
	IVEIS	Disagree		
		Disagree	55%	57%



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18. How much do you		IF EMPLOYED	N=728	N=432
agree or disagree with the following statements?	I feel comfortable	Strongly agree	30%	32%
	returning to my	Somewhat agree	30%	25%
	workplace right now	Somewhat disagree	18%	20%
		Strongly disagree	18%	20%
		Don't know	5%	4%
	NETS	Agree	60%	57%
		Disagree	36%	40%
19. How much do you		IF CHILD AGE 5-17	N=337	N=220
agree or disagree with the	My child is falling behind	Strongly agree	20%	23%
following statements?	in school because of	Somewhat agree	34%	29%
	COVID-19	Somewhat disagree	19%	19%
		Strongly disagree	24%	24%
		Don't know	5%	5%
	NETS	Agree	53%	52%
		Disagree	42%	43%
	All colleges and	Strongly agree	37%	38%
	universities in California	Somewhat agree	29%	29%
	should be closed and	Somewhat disagree	15%	12%
	only offer virtual classes	Strongly disagree	11%	10%
		Don`t know	9%	11%
	NETS	Agree	65%	67%
		Disagree	26%	22%
	My local school district is handling the COVID-19 pandemic well	Strongly agree	19%	20%
		Somewhat agree	40%	40%
		Somewhat disagree	14%	12%
		Strongly disagree	9%	10%
		Don't know	19%	19%
	NETS	Agree	59%	60%
		Disagree	23%	21%
		IF CHILD AGE 5-17	N=337	N=220
	I feel that my child is, or	Strongly agree	20%	16%
	would be, safe attending school in-person	Somewhat agree	25%	21%
		Somewhat disagree	17%	19%
		Strongly disagree	34%	39%
		Don't know	4%	6%
	NETS	Agree	45%	37%
		Disagree	51%	58%
		IF CHILD AGE 5-17	N=337	N=220
	My child has the	Strongly agree	33%	34%
	necessary tools to learn	Somewhat agree	45%	42%
	in the current	Somewhat disagree	11%	12%
	environment	Strongly disagree	10%	10%
		Don't know	1%	2%
	NETS	Agree	78%	77%
	_	Disagree	21%	22%

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20a. Regarding COVID-19, which of the following are true to you? Select all that apply.		I have been tested and diagnosed with COVID-19	4%	4%
		A relative has been tested and diagnosed with COVID-19	15%	19%
		A friend or acquaintance has been tested and diagnosed with COVID-19	22%	25%
		A relative or friend has died from COVID-19	12%	13%
			7%	9%
			13%	12%
		None of the above	52%	48%
21. How much do you	Police using excessive	Strongly agree	39%	44%
agree or disagree with the	force against Black or	Somewhat agree	26%	24%
following statements?	African Americans is a widespread problem	Somewhat disagree	14%	13%
	widespread problem	Strongly disagree	14%	14%
		Don`t know	7%	5%
	NETS	Agree	65%	68%
		Disagree	28%	27%
	The recent protests	Strongly agree	15%	20%
	regarding racial justice will bring about positive change in our society	Somewhat agree	33%	33%
		Somewhat disagree	18%	14%
		Strongly disagree	21%	20%
		Don't know	13%	14%
	NETS	Agree	48%	52%
		Disagree	39%	34%
	Black Americans receive equal treatment to white	Strongly agree	17%	16%
		Somewhat agree	21%	17%
	Americans in this country	Somewhat disagree	21%	22%
		Strongly disagree	33%	36%
		Don't know	7%	9%
	NETS	Agree	38%	33%
	1.273	Disagree	55%	58%
	Racism is a significant	Strongly agree	30%	34%
	problem in California	Somewhat agree	33%	35%
		Somewhat disagree	19%	13%
		Strongly disagree	12%	11%
		Don't know	6%	7%
	NETS	Agree	63%	69%
		Disagree	31%	24%
	Lately, I do not feel safe	Strongly agree	12%	13%
	in my community	Somewhat agree		
	, 55	Somewhat disagree	26%	27%
		<u> </u>	33%	33%
		Strongly disagree Don`t know	23%	19%
	NETO		6%	9%
	NETS	Agree	38%	40%
		Disagree	56%	51%

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21. How much do you	I support reducing my	Strongly agree	20%	21%
agree or disagree with the following statements?	local police department's	Somewhat agree	23%	24%
	budget in order to	Somewhat disagree	16%	15%
	increase investment in	Strongly disagree	32%	30%
	social programs	Don't know	9%	9%
	NETS	Agree	43%	46%
		Disagree	48%	45%
	I support the Black Lives	Strongly agree	34%	37%
	Matter movement	Somewhat agree	27%	24%
		Somewhat disagree	8%	9%
		Strongly disagree	22%	21%
		Don`t know	9%	10%
	NETS	Agree	60%	60%
		Disagree	31%	30%
31. There are a number of	Reinstating affirmative	Strongly support	15%	17%
propositions included on	action in California, by	Somewhat support	23%	21%
the ballot in November.	repealing Proposition	Somewhat oppose	13%	14%
How much do you support or oppose the following	209, which banned it	Strongly oppose	15%	15%
proposals?	!	Don`t know	34%	33%
proposalo:	NETS	Support	38%	38%
		Oppose	28%	28%
	Increasing property taxes for large businesses to	Strongly support	26%	28%
		Somewhat support	29%	29%
	reflect their current	Somewhat oppose	14%	12%
	property value, instead of their purchase value	Strongly oppose	15%	13%
	their purchase value	Don`t know	16%	19%
	NETS	Support	55%	57%
		Oppose	29%	24%
	Charging repeat theft, when someone is caught for the 3rd time stealing something worth at least \$250, as a felony	Strongly support	28%	28%
		Somewhat support	33%	33%
		Somewhat oppose	15%	16%
		Strongly oppose	8%	9%
	Ψ200, as a relenty	Don`t know	15%	15%
	NETS	Support	61%	61%
		Oppose	24%	24%
	Expanding the list of	Strongly support	27%	29%
	violent crimes for which	Somewhat support	33%	29%
	early release from prison is not an option NETS	Somewhat oppose	15%	13%
		Strongly oppose	10%	11%
		Don`t know	16%	18%
		Support	59%	58%
		Oppose	25%	23%





31. There are a number of	Classifying app-based,	Strongly support	35%	33%
propositions included on	rideshare drivers as	Somewhat support	27%	26%
the ballot in November.	independent contractors	Somewhat oppose	13%	13%
How much do you support or oppose the following		Strongly oppose	10%	10%
proposals?		Don`t know	15%	17%
proposalo.	NETS	Support	62%	59%
		Oppose	23%	24%
	Changing zoning laws to	Strongly support	16%	15%
	allow for duplexes and triplexes to be built in neighborhoods previously zoned for single-family homes NETS	Somewhat support	27%	27%
		Somewhat oppose	21%	20%
		Strongly oppose	15%	18%
		Don`t know	21%	21%
		Support	43%	42%
		Oppose	36%	37%
32. Would you support or	aying oppose personally	Strongly support	14%	15%
oppose personally paying		Somewhat support	33%	27%
more in taxes in order to fund wildfire prevention efforts in California?	paying more in taxes in order to fund wildfire	Somewhat oppose	21%	20%
	prevention efforts in	Strongly oppose	21%	25%
	California?	Don`t know	11%	13%
	NETS	Support	47%	42%
		Oppose	41%	45%



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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between October 7-15, 2020, on behalf of Spectrum News. For this survey, a sample of 1,400 adults age 18+ from California was interviewed online in English, including an oversample of 400 respondents in the Los Angeles media market, for a total of 824 interviews in that market.

The sample for this study was randomly drawn from Ipsos' online panel (see link below for more info on "Access Panels and Recruitment"), partner online panel sources, and "river" sampling (see link below for more info on the Ipsos "Ampario Overview" sample method) and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing a sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the population of California using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2019 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Posthoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, and education.

Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online non-probability polls. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.0 percentage points for all respondents. Ipsos calculates a design effect (DEFF) for each study based on the variation of the weights, following the formula of Kish (1965). This study had a credibility interval adjusted for design effect of the following (n=1,400, DEFF=1.5, adjusted Confidence Interval=+/-4.5 percentage points).

The poll also has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.9 percentage points for respondents in the Los Angeles media market.

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