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Spectrum News/Ipsos – California Poll

Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®
A survey of California Residents (ages 18+)

Interview dates: August 26-31, 2021
Number of interviews: 2,083
Number of interviews among registered voters: 1,724

Margin of error: +/-2.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level
Margin of error among registered voters: +/-3.1

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Reduced bases are unweighted values.

*NOTE: * = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents*

Annotated Questionnaire:

S1. What state do you live in? [*Terminated if not California*]

	Total	Registered Voters
California	100%	100%

S2. Are you the parent of a child or children under the age of 18?

	Total	Registered Voters
Yes	27%	21%
No	72%	78%
Skipped	*	*

KIDAGE. In which of the following age groups are your children? Please select as many as apply.

Base: Parent	Total (N=431)	Registered Voters (N=296)
Under 4 years old	27%	20%
4 to 11 years old	49%	48%
12 to 17 years old	52%	55%
18 or older	12%	13%
Skipped	1%	1%



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1. Which of the following do you consider to be the main problem facing California today? You may select up to three.

	Total	Registered Voters	10/7/20-10/14/20
Homelessness	39%	41%	35%
Climate change/natural disasters (e.g., drought, wildfires)*	36%	38%	21%*
Affordable housing	36%	37%	26%
COVID-19/coronavirus	33%	32%	50%
Taxes	17%	19%	17%
Crime or violence	14%	13%	12%
Immigration	13%	13%	13%
The economy	11%	10%	N/A
Economic inequality	9%	9%	N/A
Healthcare	6%	6%	13%
Unemployment	6%	5%	22%
Racial injustice	6%	5%	13%
Air quality	6%	4%	10%
Education	5%	6%	7%
Opioid or drug addiction	5%	4%	5%
Gun control	5%	5%	5%
Other	5%	6%	4%
None of these	1%	1%	2%
Skipped	-	-	N/A

*Note that the 2020 survey did not include "(e.g., drought, wildfires)"

2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Gavin Newsom is handling his job as governor?

	Total	Registered Voters	10/7/20-10/14/20
Strongly approve	24%	25%	21%
Somewhat approve	32%	32%	35%
Somewhat disapprove	10%	10%	14%
Strongly disapprove	23%	27%	18%
Don't know	10%	6%	12%
Skipped	1%	1%	N/A
<i>Total Approve (net)</i>	56%	57%	56%
<i>Total Disapprove (net)</i>	33%	37%	32%



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3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Gavin Newsom is handling the following?

Total Approve Summary (Strongly + Somewhat approve)	Total	Registered Voters	10/7/20-10/14/20
COVID-19*			
Plans for sending children back to school	55%	56%	49%
Jobs and the economy	53%	54%	51%
Ongoing wildfires*			
Crime and public safety	44%	46%	52%
Droughts*			
Homelessness*			
Affordable housing*			

COVID-19

*Data held for future release.

Jobs and the economy	Total	Registered Voters	10/7/20-10/14/20
Strongly approve	20%	20%	17%
Somewhat approve	33%	34%	34%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	12%	18%
Strongly disapprove	21%	24%	17%
Don't know	12%	9%	13%
Skipped	1%	1%	N/A
<i>Total Approve (net)</i>	53%	54%	51%
<i>Total Disapprove (net)</i>	34%	36%	36%

Crime and public safety	Total	Registered Voters	10/7/20-10/14/20
Strongly approve	13%	14%	17%
Somewhat approve	31%	32%	35%
Somewhat disapprove	15%	16%	19%
Strongly disapprove	25%	27%	17%
Don't know	15%	11%	12%
Skipped	1%	1%	N/A
<i>Total Approve (net)</i>	44%	46%	52%
<i>Total Disapprove (net)</i>	39%	43%	36%

Plans for sending children back to school	Total	Registered Voters	10/7/20-10/14/20
Strongly approve	21%	23%	18%
Somewhat approve	33%	33%	31%
Somewhat disapprove	15%	15%	16%
Strongly disapprove	17%	19%	20%
Don't know	12%	10%	15%
Skipped	1%	1%	N/A
<i>Total Approve (net)</i>	55%	56%	49%
<i>Total Disapprove (net)</i>	32%	33%	36%



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3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Gavin Newsom is handling the following?

Homelessness

**Data held for future release.*

Affordable housing

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Ongoing wildfires

**Data held for future release.*

Droughts

**Data held for future release.*

4. Would you say you have a generally favorable or unfavorable impression of the following?

Favorable Summary	Total	Registered Voters
Gavin Newsom	58%	58%
Larry Elder	24%	26%
John Cox	19%	21%
Kevin Faulconer	18%	19%
Caitlyn Jenner	16%	14%
Kevin Kiley	12%	13%
Kevin Paffrath	12%	11%

Gavin Newsom	Total	Registered Voters
Very favorable	23%	25%
Somewhat favorable	21%	21%
Lean towards favorable	14%	12%
Lean towards unfavorable	6%	6%
Somewhat unfavorable	6%	6%
Very unfavorable	23%	26%
Never heard of them	5%	3%
Skipped	2%	2%
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	58%	58%
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	35%	38%



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4. Would you say you have a generally favorable or unfavorable impression of the following?

Larry Elder	Total	Registered Voters
Very favorable	10%	12%
Somewhat favorable	9%	8%
Lean towards favorable	5%	6%
Lean towards unfavorable	5%	5%
Somewhat unfavorable	7%	8%
Very unfavorable	25%	30%
Never heard of them	37%	29%
Skipped	2%	1%
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	24%	26%
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	37%	44%

John Cox	Total	Registered Voters
Very favorable	2%	3%
Somewhat favorable	9%	9%
Lean towards favorable	8%	10%
Lean towards unfavorable	7%	7%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%	10%
Very unfavorable	17%	21%
Never heard of them	46%	40%
Skipped	2%	1%
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	19%	21%
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	33%	38%

Caitlyn Jenner	Total	Registered Voters
Very favorable	1%	1%
Somewhat favorable	6%	5%
Lean towards favorable	8%	8%
Lean towards unfavorable	12%	12%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%	15%
Very unfavorable	41%	47%
Never heard of them	17%	10%
Skipped	2%	1%
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	16%	14%
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	66%	74%



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4. Would you say you have a generally favorable or unfavorable impression of the following?

Kevin Kiley	Total	Registered Voters
Very favorable	2%	2%
Somewhat favorable	5%	5%
Lean towards favorable	5%	5%
Lean towards unfavorable	4%	4%
Somewhat unfavorable	4%	4%
Very unfavorable	8%	9%
Never heard of them	70%	69%
Skipped	2%	1%
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	12%	13%
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	16%	17%

Kevin Faulconer	Total	Registered Voters
Very favorable	2%	3%
Somewhat favorable	6%	5%
Lean towards favorable	10%	11%
Lean towards unfavorable	6%	6%
Somewhat unfavorable	7%	8%
Very unfavorable	11%	13%
Never heard of them	56%	52%
Skipped	3%	2%
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	18%	19%
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	23%	27%

Kevin Paffrath	Total	Registered Voters
Very favorable	2%	2%
Somewhat favorable	4%	3%
Lean towards favorable	5%	6%
Lean towards unfavorable	3%	4%
Somewhat unfavorable	5%	5%
Very unfavorable	6%	7%
Never heard of them	72%	71%
Skipped	3%	2%
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	12%	11%
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	14%	16%



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5. How much trust do you have in each of the following to provide you with accurate information about coronavirus or COVID-19?

Total Trust Summary	Total	Registered Voters
The Centers for Disease Control, or CDC	73%	74%
Dr. Anthony Fauci	66%	68%
Joe Biden	61%	61%
Gavin Newsom	57%	57%
The California Department of Education	55%	55%
Donald Trump	20%	23%
Larry Elder	20%	22%

Gavin Newsom	Total	Registered Voters
A great deal	21%	23%
A fair amount	36%	34%
Not very much	20%	19%
None at all	22%	23%
Skipped	2%	1%
<i>A great deal/ A fair amount (net)</i>	57%	57%
<i>Not very much/None at all (net)</i>	41%	42%

Dr. Anthony Fauci	Total	Registered Voters
A great deal	40%	45%
A fair amount	26%	23%
Not very much	16%	15%
None at all	17%	16%
Skipped	1%	1%
<i>A great deal/ A fair amount (net)</i>	66%	68%
<i>Not very much/None at all (net)</i>	33%	31%

The Centers for Disease Control, or CDC	Total	Registered Voters
A great deal	37%	38%
A fair amount	35%	35%
Not very much	18%	17%
None at all	8%	8%
Skipped	1%	1%
<i>A great deal/ A fair amount (net)</i>	73%	74%
<i>Not very much/None at all (net)</i>	26%	25%

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5. How much trust do you have in each of the following to provide you with accurate information about coronavirus or COVID-19?

Joe Biden	Total	Registered Voters
A great deal	28%	29%
A fair amount	34%	32%
Not very much	17%	16%
None at all	21%	22%
Skipped	1%	1%
<i>A great deal/ A fair amount (net)</i>	61%	61%
<i>Not very much/None at all (net)</i>	38%	38%

Donald Trump	Total	Registered Voters
A great deal	7%	9%
A fair amount	12%	14%
Not very much	17%	15%
None at all	63%	62%
Skipped	1%	1%
<i>A great deal/ A fair amount (net)</i>	20%	23%
<i>Not very much/None at all (net)</i>	79%	77%

The California Department of Education	Total	Registered Voters
A great deal	13%	13%
A fair amount	42%	42%
Not very much	30%	29%
None at all	14%	14%
Skipped	2%	1%
<i>A great deal/ A fair amount (net)</i>	55%	55%
<i>Not very much/None at all (net)</i>	44%	44%

Larry Elder	Total	Registered Voters
A great deal	6%	7%
A fair amount	14%	15%
Not very much	29%	26%
None at all	48%	50%
Skipped	3%	3%
<i>A great deal/ A fair amount (net)</i>	20%	22%
<i>Not very much/None at all (net)</i>	77%	75%



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6. How much do you support or oppose mask requirements in the following places in California?

Total Support Summary	Total	Registered Voters
Transit hubs, such as airports and train stations	86%	86%
Grocery and retail stores	82%	82%
Offices or workplaces*		
K-12 schools*		
Sports stadiums/arenas*		
Restaurants and bars*		

Offices or workplaces

*Data held for future release.

Restaurants and bars

*Data held for future release.

Grocery and retail stores	Total	Registered Voters
Strongly support	64%	62%
Somewhat support	18%	20%
Somewhat oppose	7%	7%
Strongly oppose	9%	11%
Skipped	1%	1%
<i>Total Support (net)</i>	82%	82%
<i>Total Oppose (net)</i>	17%	18%

K-12 schools

*Data held for future release.

Transit hubs, such as airports and train stations	Total	Registered Voters
Strongly support	70%	69%
Somewhat support	16%	17%
Somewhat oppose	6%	5%
Strongly oppose	7%	9%
Skipped	1%	*
<i>Total Support (net)</i>	86%	86%
<i>Total Oppose (net)</i>	13%	14%

Sports stadiums/arenas

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7. How much do you support or oppose the following?

Total Support Summary (Strongly +Somewhat Support)	Total	Registered Voters
State government investing more in drought infrastructure and preparedness*		
Removing homeless encampments from public spaces, after posting signs and giving two weeks' notice, and offering the homeless access to social services [Base: Half of respondents]*		
The requirement that all California teachers and school staff get the COVID-19 vaccine before returning to school in-person*		
Removing homeless encampments from public spaces, after posting signs and giving two weeks' notice [Base: Half of respondents]*		
Your local government requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccine to enter bars, restaurants, concert venues or theaters, and gyms	66%	67%
Personally paying more in taxes in order to fund wildfire prevention efforts in California	46%	46%
The effort to recall Governor Newsom*		

The requirement that all California teachers and school staff get the COVID-19 vaccine before returning to school in-person

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Your local government requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccine to enter bars, restaurants, concert venues or theaters, and gyms	Total	Registered Voters
Strongly support	46%	47%
Somewhat support	20%	20%
Somewhat oppose	9%	9%
Strongly oppose	21%	22%
Don't know	4%	2%
Skipped	1%	*
Total Support (net)	66%	67%
Total Oppose (net)	30%	31%

Personally paying more in taxes in order to fund wildfire prevention efforts in California	Total	Registered Voters	10/7/20-10/14/20
Strongly support	15%	14%	14%
Somewhat support	31%	31%	33%
Somewhat oppose	21%	22%	21%
Strongly oppose	25%	27%	21%
Don't know	7%	5%	11%
Skipped	1%	*	N/A
Total Support (net)	46%	46%	47%
Total Oppose (net)	46%	49%	41%



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7. How much do you support or oppose the following?

State government investing more in drought infrastructure and preparedness

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Removing homeless encampments from public spaces, after posting signs and giving two weeks' notice [Only half of respondents saw this prompt]

**Data held for future release.*

Removing homeless encampments from public spaces, after posting signs and giving two weeks' notice, and offering the homeless access to social services [Only half of respondents saw this prompt]

**Data held for future release.*

The effort to recall Governor Newsom

**Data held for future release.*

8. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Total Agree Summary	Total	Registered Voters
The recall election is more about a political power grab than doing what's right for California*		
The recall election is a waste of money*		
I am following the recall election closely	55%	63%
Governor Newsom cares about people like me	50%	52%
The recall election is happening because of Governor Newsom's mismanagement of COVID-19	36%	39%

Governor Newsom cares about people like me	Total	Registered Voters
Strongly agree	19%	20%
Somewhat agree	32%	32%
Somewhat disagree	10%	9%
Strongly disagree	25%	28%
Don't know	13%	10%
Skipped	1%	1%
<i>Total Agree (net)</i>	50%	52%
<i>Total Disagree (net)</i>	35%	37%



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8. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

The recall election is a waste of money

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I am following the recall election closely	Total	Registered Voters
Strongly agree	21%	24%
Somewhat agree	34%	39%
Somewhat disagree	21%	20%
Strongly disagree	15%	12%
Don't know	9%	5%
Skipped	1%	1%
<i>Total Agree (net)</i>	55%	63%
<i>Total Disagree (net)</i>	35%	32%

The recall election is happening because of Governor Newsom's mismanagement of COVID-19	Total	Registered Voters
Strongly agree	14%	15%
Somewhat agree	21%	24%
Somewhat disagree	17%	17%
Strongly disagree	31%	33%
Don't know	15%	10%
Skipped	1%	1%
<i>Total Agree (net)</i>	36%	39%
<i>Total Disagree (net)</i>	48%	50%

The recall election is more about a political power grab than doing what's right for California

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9. Do you personally know anyone who has already received the COVID-19 vaccine? Select all that apply.

	Total	Registered Voters
Yes, I have received the vaccine	79%	81%
Yes, a member of my immediate family	60%	63%
Yes, someone else	54%	57%
No	3%	2%
Skipped	1%	1%



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10. Are you partially vaccinated, that is have you receive one dose out of a two-dose vaccine, or are you fully vaccinated?

Base: Yes, I have received the vaccine	Total (N=1,746)	Registered Voters (N=1,477)
Partially vaccinated (received one dose of two)	4%	2%
Fully vaccinated (received two doses, or a single-dose vaccine like J&J)	96%	98%
Skipped	-	-

11. How likely, if at all, are you to have your child get the COVID-19 vaccine, as soon as it's available for their age group?

Base: Parent to child under 18	Parents to kids <18 (N=417)	Registered Voter Parents to kids <18 (N=285)
Very likely	33%	28%
Somewhat likely	17%	15%
Not very likely	8%	11%
Not at all likely	16%	17%
My child has already received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine <i>[shown if child is ages 12-17]</i>	26%	28%
Skipped	-	-



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About the Study

This Spectrum News/Ipsos California poll was conducted August 26-31, 2021, by Ipsos using the KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a representative sample of 2,083 residents of California, age 18 or older. It includes 1,724 who are registered voters.

The study was conducted in both English and Spanish. The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, and language proficiency. The demographic benchmarks came from the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) from the US Census Bureau. The weighting categories were as follows:

- Gender (Male, Female) by Age (18–29, 30-44, 45-59 and 60+)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Other Non-Hispanic Hispanic, 2+ races Non-Hispanic)
- Education (Less than High School graduate, High School graduate, Some College, Bachelor and beyond)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West)
- Language proficiency (English proficient, Bilingual, Spanish proficient, Non-Hispanic, not asked)

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 2.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. Among registered voters, it is 3.1 percentage points. The margin of error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.80 for all adults and 1.78 for registered voters. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total substantially more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

This poll is trended with a Spectrum News/Ipsos California poll, conducted October 7-14, 2020. That poll contained n=1,400 residents of California. Note that this study was conducted using opt-in sample and therefore has a credibility interval, a measure of precision used for Ipsos online polls, of plus or minus 3.0 percentage points. While significant changes in data points can largely be attributed to the rapidly changing landscape of the COVID-19 pandemic, the methodological shift may have also generated a slight mode effect.



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