

USC Education Poll
 M4 Strategies
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 Sample: 956 California Adults (Over Age 18)
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 FINAL

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1. Generally speaking, would you say the state of California is on the right track, or would you say things are off on the wrong track?

	Right track	Wrong track	Don't know
Total	20.8%	58.4%	20.8%
White	16.0%	68.9%	15.1%
Latino	24.1%	51.8%	24.1%

2. Thinking about the challenges facing California as a state, please select the three most important issues in any order facing the governor and state legislature.

	Jobs/econ	State budg/def/spend/tax	State gov reg	Pens ref	Educ/schools	Immig/ illeg imm	Crime/gangs/drugs	Health-care	Trans/roads/infra	Spec int/cmpgn/don	Other	Don't know
Total	719	634	91	133	446	245	155	201	109	74	13	28
White	281	285	47	80	170	116	59	68	50	46	7	5
Latino	284	210	30	28	220	92	58	76	34	18	2	10

[SECTION: GETTING DOWN TO FACTS]

Now, I'd like to ask you about one specific issue: education.

3. (SPLIT A) Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D and F to rate the quality of their work at school. Suppose the California public schools were graded in the same manner. In the past few years, what grade would you give California public schools?

	A	B	C	D	F/Fail	Don't know
Total	1.3%	13.2%	40.7%	26.3%	13.2%	5.3%
White	0.0%	9.8%	43.2%	29.3%	12.2%	5.6%
Latino	2.7%	13.6%	40.9%	25.5%	14.5%	2.7%

4. (SPLIT B) Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D and F to rate the quality of their work at school. Suppose your local public schools were graded in the same manner. In the past few years, what grade would you give your local public schools?

	A	B	C	D	F/Fail	Don't know
Total	6.2%	24.5%	36.9%	13.5%	6.7%	12.2%
White	6.6%	23.0%	35.2%	16.0%	7.0%	12.3%
Latino	6.7%	26.7%	40.0%	8.3%	3.3%	15.0%

5. (SPLIT A) In the past few years, would you say California public schools have gotten better, worse or have stayed about the same?

	Gotten better	Gotten worse	Stayed the same	Don't know
Total	6.7%	58.9%	26.7%	7.7%
White	4.9%	57.1%	28.9%	9.1%
Latino	8.2%	64.5%	23.6%	3.6%

6. (SPLIT B) In the past few years, would you say your local public schools have gotten better, worse or have stayed about the same?

	Gotten better	Gotten worse	Stayed the same	Don't know
Total	13.7%	45.0%	26.6%	14.7%
White	9.4%	46.3%	32.0%	12.3%
Latino	25.0%	36.7%	23.3%	15.0%

[SECTION: FINANCE]

This November, there could be two tax measures on the statewide ballot (ROTATE Q7 AND Q8).

7. If either or both tax initiatives are passed, please select the three most important areas in any order that new education money should be spent.

	Hire more tchrs	Hire more supp staff	Dec class sizes	Incr tchrs salaries	Extd sch yr	Incr lngth sch day	Incr fund for summr school	Incr fund for after-sch prog	Restore educ fund cuts	Incr resrcs	Other	Don't know
Total	404	90	433	188	167	97	116	173	389	404	75	74
White	149	23	186	72	94	59	39	57	176	145	34	27
Latino	168	44	154	66	48	20	58	64	130	160	30	28

8. If neither tax initiative passes, there may be further cuts in education budgets. Please check all areas below where cuts should be made.

	Shorten sch year	Incr class sizes	Lay off tchrs	Dec fund for sch transport	Charge fees for extra-curr activ	Cut after-sch prog	Other	Don't know
Total	183	176	67	201	402	212	198	246
White	47	71	28	101	194	111	92	86
Latino	84	62	30	60	126	60	74	96

On a four-point scale, where 4 is “strongly agree,” 3 is “somewhat agree,” 2 is “somewhat disagree,” and 1 is “strongly disagree,” please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following (ROTATE Q12 TO Q19).

(SECTION: OPINION ON CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS)

9. To improve the performance of California’s public schools the state should increase spending on education.

	Strng agree	Smwt agree	Smwt disagg	Strng disagg	Don't know	Total Agg	Total Disagg	Agg - Disagg
Total	31.3%	35.3%	14.3%	12.2%	7.0%	66.6%	26.5%	40.1%
White	32.6%	31.6%	13.9%	16.0%	5.8%	64.2%	29.9%	34.3%
Latino	31.2%	38.2%	14.1%	10.0%	6.5%	69.4%	24.1%	45.3%

10. Spending should be increased even if it means your own taxes will increase.

	Strng agree	Smwt agree	Smwt disagg	Strng disagg	Don't know	Total Agg	Total Disagg	Agg - Disagg
Total	27.3%	20.7%	31.9%	9.4%	10.8%	48.0%	41.3%	6.7%
White	32.8%	17.3%	30.9%	11.7%	7.3%	50.1%	42.6%	7.5%
Latino	25.9%	21.2%	33.5%	7.6%	11.8%	47.1%	41.1%	6.0%

11. (SPLIT A) We should raise taxes on all Californians to prevent future cuts to education.

	Strng agree	Smwt agree	Smwt disagg	Strng disagg	Don't know	Total Agg	Total Disagg	Agg - Disagg
Total	9.3%	31.7%	23.1%	27.5%	8.4%	41.0%	50.6%	-9.6%
White	8.7%	29.3%	23.0%	32.8%	6.3%	38.0%	55.8%	-17.8%
Latino	8.2%	33.6%	21.8%	28.2%	8.2%	41.8%	50.0%	-8.2%

12. (SPLIT B) We should raise taxes on the wealthy to prevent future cuts to education.

	Strng agree	Smwt agree	Smwt disagg	Strng disagg	Don't know	Total Agg	Total Disagg	Agg - Disagg
Total	36.3%	23.6%	18.1%	14.7%	7.3%	59.9%	32.8%	27.1%
White	29.9%	23.4%	16.4%	24.6%	5.7%	53.3%	41.0%	12.3%
Latino	41.7%	21.7%	21.7%	6.7%	8.3%	63.4%	28.4%	35.0%

13. California spends too much on educational bureaucracy, and not enough in the classroom.

	Strng agree	Smwt agree	Smwt disagg	Strng disagg	Don't know	Total Agg	Total Disagg	Agg - Disagg
Total	49.6%	30.3%	5.0%	3.7%	11.4%	79.9%	8.7%	71.2%
White	59.1%	24.1%	4.1%	4.0%	8.7%	83.2%	8.1%	75.1%
Latino	49.4%	31.8%	4.1%	3.5%	11.2%	81.2%	7.6%	73.6%

14. California public school teachers need more support than teachers in other states to do their jobs well because class sizes are so large.

	Strng agree	Smwt agree	Smwt disagg	Strng disagg	Don't know	Total Agg	Total Disagg	Agg - Disagg
Total	19.5%	35.5%	18.2%	13.0%	13.8%	55.0%	31.2%	23.8%
White	14.9%	33.9%	19.8%	18.1%	13.4%	48.8%	37.9%	10.9%
Latino	27.1%	34.7%	17.1%	10.6%	10.6%	61.8%	27.7%	34.1%

15. Any increase in spending on education should be tied to changes in the way education resources are used to make the California public school system more productive.

	Strng agree	Smwt agree	Smwt disagg	Strng disagg	Don't know	Total Agg	Total Disagg	Agg - Disagg
Total	39.6%	36.6%	7.7%	5.0%	11.2%	76.2%	12.7%	63.5%
White	45.6%	34.5%	6.0%	4.9%	9.0%	80.1%	10.9%	69.2%
Latino	37.6%	36.5%	9.4%	5.3%	11.2%	74.1%	14.7%	59.4%

16. Provide more local control through local school boards and individual schools for setting standards and determining what students are taught.

	Strng agree	Smwt agree	Smwt disagg	Strng disagg	Don't know	Total Agg	Total Disagg	Agg - Disagg
Total	20.1%	42.6%	17.0%	8.9%	11.3%	62.7%	25.9%	36.8%
White	26.2%	39.0%	18.1%	8.9%	7.9%	65.2%	27.0%	38.2%
Latino	17.6%	47.6%	15.3%	8.2%	11.2%	65.2%	23.5%	41.7%

17. Which approach do you think is best to improve public schools in California?

	Prov more fund to local sch	Make reforms, spend money more eff	Both fund and reforms	Don't know
Total	9.5%	40.0%	42.3%	8.1%
White	6.2%	45.6%	43.1%	5.1%
Latino	14.1%	35.9%	40.0%	10.0%

18. What percentage of the money spent in California's education system do you think is wasted? Please write in your percentage from 0 to 100 below. [OPEN-ENDED]

	0-10%	11-20%	Greater than 20%	Don't know
Total	32.1%	9.9%	53.4%	4.6%
White	33.8%	12.8%	49.1%	4.3%
Latino	31.2%	5.9%	58.2%	4.7%

19. What's the most significant area of wasteful spending?

	High admin sal	Ineffect tchrs	Prov retire ben for tchrs	Programs that don't raise test scores	Resources not use efficiently	State reqs	Other	Don't know
Total	44.6%	17.5%	4.1%	5.8%	6.6%	9.4%	2.8%	9.0%
White	43.9%	14.9%	6.2%	4.0%	6.4%	13.4%	4.0%	7.3%
Latino	48.2%	18.8%	2.4%	6.5%	7.6%	5.9%	2.4%	8.2%

20. What is the most important area in public school education for California to spend new money?

	Incr tchr salaries	Hire more tchrs	Hire more sch supp staff	Add tchr resources	Impr sch infrastruc	Other	Don't know
Total	7.2%	29.4%	7.6%	24.7%	11.8%	9.9%	9.5%
White	7.5%	32.2%	6.2%	20.2%	10.7%	12.1%	11.1%
Latino	5.9%	26.5%	9.4%	30.6%	12.9%	8.8%	5.9%

21. If the state had additional funding for education and you were only given the two options below, where should the state spend the money?

	Incr tchr salaries	Hire more tchrs	Don't know
Total	16.8%	66.7%	16.5%
White	15.3%	69.3%	15.4%
Latino	18.8%	64.1%	17.1%

How important are each of the following possible changes to the California educational system on a scale where 4 is "very important," 3 is "somewhat important," 2 is "somewhat unimportant," and 1 is "not at all important?" [ROTATE Q22 TO Q30]

22. More spending on economically disadvantaged children

	Not at all imp	Smwt Unimp	Smwt Imp	Very Imp	Don't know	Total unimp	Total imp	Imp - Unimp
Total	7.0%	20.8%	38.9%	23.3%	10.1%	27.8%	62.2%	34.4%

White	8.7%	24.7%	42.4%	16.2%	8.1%	33.4%	58.6%	25.2%
Latino	7.1%	18.2%	34.1%	31.2%	9.4%	25.3%	65.3%	40.0%

23. Leave decisions about how to spend money to local public schools and school districts

	Not at all imp	Smwt Unimp	Smwt Imp	Very Imp	Don't know	Total unimp	Total imp	Imp - Unimp
Total	5.1%	13.5%	44.2%	25.8%	11.5%	18.6%	70.0%	51.4%
White	5.1%	13.2%	45.8%	27.9%	8.1%	18.3%	73.7%	55.4%
Latino	5.9%	11.8%	41.2%	28.8%	12.4%	17.7%	70.0%	52.3%

24. Greater transparency in how money is spent

	Not at all imp	Smwt Unimp	Smwt Imp	Very Imp	Don't know	Total unimp	Total imp	Imp - Unimp
Total	1.1%	3.9%	19.4%	65.5%	10.2%	5.0%	84.9%	79.9%
White	.9%	1.3%	14.5%	78.5%	4.7%	2.2%	93.0%	90.8%
Latino	1.2%	5.3%	20.6%	60.0%	12.9%	6.5%	80.6%	74.1%

25. Increase teacher salaries to bring more qualified personnel into the field

	Not at all imp	Smwt Unimp	Smwt Imp	Very Imp	Don't know	Total unimp	Total imp	Imp - Unimp
Total	9.3%	20.7%	40.2%	21.8%	8.0%	30.0%	62.0%	32.0%
White	11.5%	22.6%	38.4%	21.7%	5.8%	34.1%	60.1%	26.0%
Latino	8.2%	21.8%	38.2%	23.5%	8.2%	30.0%	61.7%	31.7%

26. Career and technical training for students who may not attend a 4-year university

	Not at all imp	Smwt Unimp	Smwt Imp	Very Imp	Don't know	Total unimp	Total imp	Imp - Unimp
Total	2.3%	7.2%	28.9%	54.9%	6.6%	9.5%	83.8%	74.3%
White	1.1%	4.7%	26.6%	63.3%	4.3%	5.8%	89.9%	84.1%
Latino	2.4%	10.0%	30.6%	50.0%	7.1%	12.4%	80.6%	68.2%

27. Have students spend less time taking standardized tests and more time learning subjects

	Not at all imp	Smwt Unimp	Smwt Imp	Very Imp	Don't know	Total unimp	Total imp	Imp - Unimp
Total	2.2%	10.5%	34.8%	44.1%	8.4%	12.7%	78.9%	66.2%
White	1.9%	9.0%	32.6%	50.5%	6.0%	10.9%	83.1%	72.2%
Latino	2.4%	11.2%	37.1%	41.8%	7.6%	13.6%	78.9%	65.3%

28. Place more emphasis on the basics of reading, writing and math

	Not at all imp	Smwt Unimp	Smwt Imp	Very Imp	Don't know	Total unimp	Total imp	Imp - Unimp
Total	.9%	4.7%	23.4%	67.0%	4.0%	5.6%	90.4%	84.8%
White	1.1%	1.9%	25.4%	69.3%	2.3%	3.0%	94.7%	91.7%
Latino	.6%	7.6%	20.0%	67.6%	4.1%	8.2%	87.6%	79.4%

29. Better prepare students for careers in science and technology

	Not at all imp	Smwt Unimp	Smwt Imp	Very Imp	Don't know	Total unimp	Total imp	Imp - Unimp
Total	1.3%	5.5%	34.2%	53.5%	5.5%	6.8%	87.7%	80.9%
White	.9%	2.8%	29.6%	62.5%	4.1%	3.7%	92.1%	88.4%
Latino	1.2%	7.6%	38.2%	47.6%	5.3%	8.8%	85.8%	77.0%

30. Raise taxes on the wealthy to prevent future cuts to education

	Not at all imp	Smwt Unimp	Smwt Imp	Very Imp	Don't know	Total unimp	Total imp	Imp - Unimp
Total	16.5%	11.4%	26.2%	37.0%	8.9%	27.9%	63.2%	35.3%
White	24.5%	12.8%	23.9%	32.0%	6.8%	37.3%	55.9%	18.6%
Latino	10.6%	10.6%	25.9%	43.5%	9.4%	21.2%	69.4%	48.2%

(SECTION: CHARTER SCHOOLS)

31. How much do you know about charter schools?

	Nothing	Very little	Some	A lot
Total	20.7%	37.0%	34.5%	7.7%
White	12.6%	35.8%	42.2%	9.4%
Latino	25.9%	40.0%	26.5%	7.6%

On a four-point scale, where 4 is “strongly agree,” 3 is “somewhat agree,” 2 is “somewhat disagree,” and 1 is “strongly disagree,” please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following (ROTATE 32 TO 35 AS ONE GROUP AND Q36 AS ONE GROUP).

32. Charter schools are public schools

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	9.3%	12.7%	26.2%	21.2%	30.6%	22.0%	47.4%	25.4%
White	7.5%	11.5%	30.5%	26.9%	23.5%	19.0%	57.4%	38.4%
Latino	11.2%	11.2%	22.9%	18.8%	35.9%	22.4%	41.7%	19.3%

33. They spend a smaller percentage than traditional public schools on administration and bureaucracy

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	4.4%	11.6%	26.9%	12.0%	45.0%	16.0%	38.9%	22.9%
White	4.0%	10.0%	34.1%	16.0%	36.0%	14.0%	50.1%	36.1%
Latino	4.7%	13.5%	20.0%	10.0%	51.8%	18.2%	30.0%	11.8%

34. They achieve better student academic outcomes than traditional public schools

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	4.5%	11.0%	35.4%	18.1%	31.0%	15.5%	53.5%	38.0%
White	5.3%	10.4%	39.2%	19.8%	25.4%	15.7%	59.0%	43.3%
Latino	4.7%	11.8%	30.0%	18.8%	34.7%	16.5%	48.8%	32.3%

35. They take funding away from public schools

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	18.6%	21.3%	17.5%	5.9%	36.6%	39.9%	23.4%	-16.5%
White	18.6%	25.8%	21.7%	6.2%	27.7%	44.4%	27.9%	-16.5%
Latino	20.0%	19.4%	12.4%	4.1%	44.1%	39.4%	16.5%	-22.9%

(SECTION: OPINION)

36. There is a fair process to determine which students have access to charter schools

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	7.0%	14.6%	22.1%	7.2%	49.0%	21.6%	29.3%	7.7%
White	5.8%	17.5%	21.8%	8.3%	46.5%	23.3%	30.1%	6.8%
Latino	8.2%	12.9%	21.8%	7.6%	49.4%	21.1%	29.4%	8.3%

[SECTION: WEIGHTED STUDENT FUNDING]

37. Please check the three most important individuals or groups to make decisions about how education money is spent.

	Parents	Tchrs	Princip	Loc comm	Sch brds	Dist offic	State Sup of Pub Instr	State leg	Gov Jerry Brown	The fed gov	Other
Total	488	544	271	361	423	199	173	84	73	69	43
White	203	241	125	167	183	82	71	28	17	23	16
Latino	180	190	86	126	140	66	60	40	28	32	12

38. Should the state provide additional resources to poorer school districts?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total	67.1%	17.1%	15.8%
White	62.1%	23.7%	14.1%
Latino	71.2%	12.4%	16.5%

39. [IF YES TO Q38] [SPLIT A] Do you still agree even if this means lower spending in wealthier school districts?

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
Total	66.2%	10.6%	23.3%
White	66.8%	10.8%	22.4%
Latino	66.0%	10.4%	23.6%

40. [IF YES TO Q38] [SPLIT B] Do you still agree even if it means less spending in schools in your community?

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
Total	55.3%	15.2%	29.6%
White	58.4%	13.5%	28.1%
Latino	53.6%	16.1%	30.4%

41. [IF YES TO Q38] Do you still agree even if it means paying higher taxes?

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
Total	47.4%	31.1%	21.5%
White	50.7%	26.5%	22.9%
Latino	43.4%	37.7%	18.9%

[SECTION: GOVERNANCE]

On a four-point scale, where 4 is “strongly agree,” 3 is “somewhat agree,” 2 is “somewhat disagree,” and 1 is “strongly disagree,” please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following [ROTATE Q42 TO Q44]

42. The state should leave decisions about how to spend money to local school boards and administrators.

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	4.6%	9.4%	44.3%	32.0%	9.7%	14.0%	76.3%	62.3%
White	4.1%	7.0%	47.8%	35.6%	5.5%	11.1%	83.4%	72.3%
Latino	5.9%	12.9%	41.2%	29.4%	10.6%	18.8%	70.6%	51.8%

43. Schools and school districts should have more flexibility to spend money in response to local needs.

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	7.6%	12.9%	40.7%	31.3%	7.6%	20.5%	72.0%	51.5%
White	10.2%	15.4%	45.0%	24.5%	4.9%	25.6%	69.5%	43.9%
Latino	5.9%	10.6%	38.2%	37.6%	7.6%	16.5%	75.8%	59.3%

44. Federal officials have too much control over local decisions about education.

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	5.4%	16.0%	31.9%	28.7%	18.0%	21.4%	60.6%	39.2%
White	4.0%	16.4%	35.0%	31.3%	13.4%	20.4%	66.3%	45.9%
Latino	5.9%	14.1%	28.2%	31.8%	20.0%	20.0%	60.0%	40.0%

[SECTION: HUMAN RESOURCES]

45. Please select the group that is most responsible for improving academic performance in schools.

	Tchrs	Parents	Princip	Sch brds	State gov	Fed gov	Other	Don't know
Total	49.8%	22.2%	4.6%	9.9%	5.5%	1.3%	.7%	6.1%
White	56.5%	24.9%	3.6%	7.2%	2.8%	.6%	.8%	3.8%
Latino	43.5%	18.8%	5.9%	13.5%	7.1%	2.4%	.6%	8.2%

46. How much do teachers contribute to a school's student academic success?

	Not at all	Somewhat	A great deal	Don't know
Total	1.1%	12.9%	81.1%	5.0%
White	.4%	9.4%	87.8%	2.4%
Latino	1.2%	17.1%	75.3%	6.5%

47. How much do principals contribute to a school's student academic success?

	Not at all	Somewhat	A great deal	Don't know
Total	12.9%	55.9%	23.8%	7.5%
White	10.0%	60.6%	23.5%	5.8%
Latino	15.9%	52.9%	24.1%	7.1%

48. How much do parents contribute to a school's student academic success?

	Not at all	Somewhat	A great deal	Don't know
Total	2.1%	20.9%	71.7%	5.3%
White	2.1%	18.8%	76.6%	2.4%
Latino	2.4%	22.4%	68.2%	7.1%

49. How much do peers/friends contribute to a school's student academic success?

	Not at all	Somewhat	A great deal	Don't know
Total	8.6%	53.4%	30.4%	7.6%
White	9.4%	52.4%	32.2%	6.0%
Latino	8.8%	56.5%	26.5%	8.2%

50. How much do state policies contribute to a school's student academic success?

	Not at all	Somewhat	A great deal	Don't know
Total	23.7%	44.2%	19.3%	12.8%
White	28.2%	47.6%	14.7%	9.4%
Latino	23.5%	38.8%	22.9%	14.7%

51. How much does support from the school district contribute to a school's student academic success?

	Not at all	Somewhat	A great deal	Don't know
Total	9.4%	50.1%	28.9%	11.6%
White	9.4%	56.3%	25.2%	9.0%
Latino	10.0%	45.3%	31.8%	12.9%

On a four-point scale, where 4 is “strongly agree,” 3 is “somewhat agree,” 2 is “somewhat disagree,” and 1 is “strongly disagree,” please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following [ROTATE Q52 AND Q55]

52. Principals should be able to choose the teachers that work in their schools even if this means reducing the rights of teachers

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	15.4%	25.7%	33.6%	13.5%	11.7%	41.1%	47.1%	6.0%
White	11.5%	24.9%	37.1%	17.7%	8.9%	36.4%	54.8%	18.4%
Latino	19.4%	25.9%	30.6%	11.8%	12.4%	45.3%	42.4%	-2.9%

53. Principals should have more freedom to dismiss teachers whose performance is unsatisfactory

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	4.7%	8.5%	30.5%	48.8%	7.5%	13.2%	79.3%	66.1%
White	5.3%	5.8%	28.1%	56.7%	4.1%	11.1%	84.8%	73.7%
Latino	4.1%	8.8%	30.6%	47.1%	9.4%	12.9%	77.7%	64.8%

54. Teachers should not be dismissed without a fair hearing

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	8.3%	11.5%	33.1%	40.3%	6.8%	19.8%	73.4%	53.6%
White	8.7%	8.7%	32.8%	46.5%	3.4%	17.4%	79.3%	61.9%
Latino	8.2%	17.1%	32.9%	33.5%	8.2%	25.3%	66.4%	41.1%

55. Teachers should have time during the school day to develop lessons and work with other teachers

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	6.9%	11.1%	40.9%	33.5%	7.7%	18.0%	74.4%	56.4%
White	6.8%	10.9%	43.3%	34.3%	4.7%	17.7%	77.6%	59.9%
Latino	6.5%	12.4%	38.8%	33.5%	8.8%	18.9%	72.3%	53.4%

On a four-point scale where 4 is “very essential,” 3 is “somewhat essential,” 2 is “somewhat unessential,” and 1 is “not at all essential,” how essential are the following to student academic achievement?

56. Librarians

	Strng unessen	Smwt unessen	Smwt essen	Strng essen	Don't know	Total Unessen	Total Essen	Essen - Unessen
Total	6.4%	15.8%	44.1%	27.6%	6.1%	22.2%	71.7%	49.5%
White	4.3%	13.0%	51.2%	27.5%	4.0%	17.3%	78.7%	61.4%
Latino	8.2%	19.4%	35.9%	30.0%	6.5%	27.6%	65.9%	38.3%

57. Counselors

	Strng unessen	Smwt unessen	Smwt essen	Strng essen	Don't know	Total Unessen	Total Essen	Essen - Unessen
Total	2.5%	12.0%	38.7%	40.7%	6.0%	14.5%	79.4%	64.9%
White	2.3%	13.0%	44.3%	37.5%	3.0%	15.3%	81.8%	66.5%
Latino	2.4%	13.5%	32.4%	43.5%	8.2%	15.9%	75.9%	60.0%

58. Teacher aides

	Strng unessen	Smwt unessen	Smwt essen	Strng essen	Don't know	Total Unessen	Total Essen	Essen - Unessen
Total	4.6%	17.7%	46.1%	23.8%	7.8%	22.3%	69.9%	47.6%
White	4.0%	15.6%	50.7%	24.5%	5.3%	19.6%	75.2%	55.6%
Latino	7.1%	21.2%	38.8%	23.5%	9.4%	28.3%	62.3%	34.0%

59. School administrators (e.g., principals)

	Strng unessen	Smwt unessen	Smwt essen	Strng essen	Don't know	Total Unessen	Total Essen	Essen - Unessen
Total	5.6%	18.7%	43.6%	24.8%	7.3%	24.3%	68.4%	44.1%
White	5.3%	18.8%	46.7%	23.2%	6.0%	24.1%	69.9%	45.8%
Latino	6.5%	18.2%	38.2%	29.4%	7.6%	24.7%	67.6%	42.9%

60. District administrators (e.g., superintendents)

	Strng unessen	Smwt unessen	Smwt essen	Strng essen	Don't know	Total Unessen	Total Essen	Essen - Unessen
Total	19.0%	27.3%	39.6%	9.3%	4.8%	46.3%	48.9%	2.6%
White	20.3%	30.7%	36.3%	7.2%	5.5%	51.0%	43.5%	-7.5%
Latino	20.0%	25.3%	38.8%	12.4%	3.5%	45.3%	51.2%	5.9%

[SECTION: DATA AND ACCOUNTABILITY]

On a four-point scale, where 4 is “strongly agree,” 3 is “somewhat agree,” 2 is “somewhat disagree,” and 1 is “strongly disagree,” please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following [ROTATE Q61 TO Q73]

61. I have access to as much information as I need about how my neighborhood schools are performing.

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	17.7%	21.9%	26.0%	8.2%	26.2%	39.6%	34.2%	-5.4%
White	17.9%	20.3%	27.3%	7.9%	26.6%	38.2%	35.2%	-3.0%
Latino	21.2%	20.0%	25.3%	9.4%	24.1%	41.2%	34.7%	-6.5%

62. I have access to as much information as I need about how my school district is performing.

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	18.8%	24.5%	21.5%	7.4%	27.7%	43.3%	28.9%	-14.4%
White	18.6%	25.6%	21.1%	7.3%	27.3%	44.2%	28.4%	-15.8%
Latino	20.6%	22.9%	21.2%	8.2%	27.1%	43.5%	29.4%	-14.1%

63. I have access to as much information as I need about how money is spent in my district.

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	33.3%	23.9%	12.4%	4.7%	25.7%	57.2%	17.1%	-40.1%
White	33.3%	27.1%	11.9%	3.0%	24.7%	60.4%	14.9%	-45.5%
Latino	34.7%	21.2%	11.2%	7.1%	25.9%	55.9%	18.3%	-37.6%

64. I know my school's Academic Performance Index (API) score.

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	23.4%	9.8%	15.8%	13.3%	37.6%	33.2%	29.1%	-4.1%
White	26.6%	8.1%	12.8%	10.5%	42.0%	34.7%	23.3%	-11.4%
Latino	19.4%	10.6%	18.8%	18.2%	32.9%	30.0%	37.0%	7.0%

65. I have seen my school's School Accountability Report Card (SARC).

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	34.8%	9.2%	11.5%	8.1%	36.4%	44.0%	19.6%	-24.4%
White	39.7%	6.8%	7.0%	8.3%	38.2%	46.5%	15.3%	-31.2%
Latino	29.4%	12.9%	14.7%	8.8%	34.1%	42.3%	23.5%	-18.8%

66. State test scores are a good measure of student performance.

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	16.7%	28.8%	38.8%	7.6%	8.0%	45.5%	46.4%	0.9%
White	16.8%	32.2%	39.4%	5.6%	6.0%	49.0%	45.0%	-4.0%
Latino	18.2%	23.5%	40.0%	10.0%	8.2%	41.7%	50.0%	8.3%

67. State test scores are a good measure of teacher performance.

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	18.9%	30.7%	34.2%	6.6%	9.6%	49.6%	40.8%	-8.8%
White	21.1%	33.5%	32.0%	5.1%	8.3%	54.6%	37.1%	-17.5%
Latino	16.5%	27.1%	38.2%	8.8%	9.4%	43.6%	47.0%	3.4%

68. State test scores are a good measure of overall school performance.

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	15.1%	28.0%	39.5%	8.1%	9.2%	43.1%	47.6%	4.5%
White	16.6%	32.4%	39.2%	4.1%	7.7%	49.0%	43.3%	-5.7%
Latino	14.1%	22.9%	40.0%	13.5%	9.4%	37.0%	53.5%	16.5%

69. Schools spend too much time on testing.

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	4.4%	18.5%	39.1%	22.6%	15.4%	22.9%	61.7%	38.8%
White	2.6%	19.2%	38.2%	27.1%	12.8%	21.8%	65.3%	43.5%
Latino	6.5%	17.1%	40.0%	21.2%	15.3%	23.6%	61.2%	37.6%

70. Teachers are the best judge of how well students are learning.

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	4.6%	13.2%	45.9%	30.1%	6.2%	17.8%	76.0%	58.2%
White	3.4%	12.1%	45.4%	35.4%	3.8%	15.5%	80.8%	65.3%
Latino	5.9%	14.1%	46.5%	26.5%	7.1%	20.0%	73.0%	53.0%

71. Schools that consistently fail to meet academic performance standards should be closed.

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	25.2%	32.2%	21.0%	8.3%	13.3%	57.4%	29.3%	-28.1%
White	25.2%	36.3%	20.3%	8.7%	9.4%	61.5%	29.0%	-32.5%
Latino	28.2%	25.9%	22.4%	7.1%	16.5%	54.1%	29.5%	-24.6%

72. Schools with large percentages of students who perform poorly on standardized tests should receive additional support from the state to give them a chance to improve.

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	9.5%	20.8%	36.9%	19.5%	13.3%	30.3%	56.4%	26.1%
White	12.1%	22.6%	38.2%	15.1%	12.1%	34.7%	53.3%	18.6%
Latino	8.2%	18.8%	36.5%	22.9%	13.5%	27.0%	59.4%	32.4%

73. Schools with large percentages of students that consistently perform poorly on standardized tests should be required to make major changes including replacing the principal, having an outside group come in to run the school, and so on, if they cannot improve student performance.

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	10.4%	17.8%	36.4%	19.9%	15.6%	28.2%	56.3%	28.1%
White	10.7%	18.1%	36.5%	21.8%	12.8%	28.8%	58.3%	29.5%
Latino	10.0%	17.1%	40.0%	17.6%	15.3%	27.1%	57.6%	30.5%

74. (SPLIT A) Now I am going to read you a list of several options that may be used to help determine how public school teachers in California are paid. After I read the list, please tell me which ONE you think should be the biggest factor in determining California public school teachers' pay.

	Stud ach	Educ, adv train	Tchng exper	Stud ach on stan tsts	Evals	Tchng import subj	Work in sch w/ poor Eng	Other
Total	9.4%	8.7%	23.3%	31.4%	10.1%	3.8%	5.2%	8.0%
White	13.6%	7.3%	36.4%	12.7%	7.3%	6.4%	4.5%	11.8%
Latino	11.2%	8.5%	29.9%	21.6%	8.5%	4.4%	4.8%	11.1%

75. (SPLIT B) Standardized test scores can be a component of public school teacher evaluations, along with classroom observation, parent surveys, examination of lesson plans, and evaluation of student work. Thinking specifically about standardized test scores of their students, in your opinion, how much should student test scores count toward a teacher's evaluation? You can write in a percentage from 0 to 100 below.
[OPEN-ENDED]

	0-25%	26-50%	51-75%	76-100%
Total	48.8%	31.7%	13.9%	5.6%
White	60.7%	24.5%	10.3%	4.5%
Latino	35.0%	40.0%	18.3%	6.7%

(SECTION: AWARENESS OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS)

On a four-point scale, where 4 is “strongly agree,” 3 is “somewhat agree,” 2 is “somewhat disagree,” and 1 is “strongly disagree,” please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following [ROTATE Q76 TO Q77 AS ONE GROUP, Q78 TO Q79 AS ONE GROUP, Q80 TO Q81 AS ONE GROUP, Q82 TO Q83 AS ONE GROUP, AND Q84 TO Q85 AS ONE GROUP]

76. Funding for California public schools has been cut in recent years.

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	4.1%	4.7%	22.3%	58.5%	10.4%	8.8%	80.8%	72.0%
White	2.6%	4.5%	22.6%	61.0%	9.2%	7.1%	83.6%	76.5%
Latino	5.3%	4.1%	20.0%	60.0%	10.6%	9.4%	80.0%	70.6%

77. [IF ANSWERED 3 OR 4 FOR Q78] How big of a problem is the fact that funding for California public schools has been cut in recent years? [OPEN-ENDED]

78. California public school students perform poorly on national tests when compared to students in most other states.

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	3.0%	14.1%	34.3%	19.4%	29.2%	17.1%	53.7%	36.6%
White	2.1%	12.1%	35.6%	24.1%	26.2%	14.2%	59.7%	45.5%
Latino	3.5%	15.3%	36.5%	15.9%	28.8%	18.8%	52.4%	33.6%

79. [IF ANSWERED 3 OR 4 FOR Q80] How big of a problem is the fact that California public school students perform poorly on national tests when compared to students in most other states? [OPEN-ENDED]

80. California spends less on education per public school pupil than most other states.

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	8.2%	12.7%	23.3%	16.1%	39.7%	20.9%	39.4%	18.5%
White	13.0%	16.0%	20.2%	18.8%	32.0%	29.0%	39.0%	10.0%
Latino	4.7%	8.8%	28.2%	15.3%	42.9%	13.5%	43.5%	30.0%

81. [IF ANSWERED 3 OR 4 FOR Q82] How big of a problem is the fact that California spends less on education per public school pupil than most other states? [OPEN-ENDED]

82. California spends less now on education per public school pupil than it did in 2007.

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	4.3%	6.0%	26.5%	22.4%	40.8%	10.3%	48.9%	38.6%
White	4.9%	7.3%	28.2%	21.5%	38.0%	12.2%	49.7%	37.5%
Latino	4.1%	4.1%	25.9%	24.7%	41.2%	8.2%	50.6%	42.4%

83. [IF ANSWERED 3 OR 4 FOR Q84] How big of a problem is the fact that California spends less now on education per public school pupil than it did in 2007? [OPEN-ENDED]

84. California has fewer public school support staff such as administrators, librarians, and counselors per public school pupil than almost any other state.

	Strng disagg	Smwt disagg	Smwt agree	Strng agree	Don't know	Total Disagg	Total Agg	Agg - Disagg
Total	7.5%	11.4%	22.0%	11.4%	47.8%	18.9%	33.4%	14.5%
White	11.5%	13.4%	18.5%	9.2%	47.5%	24.9%	27.7%	2.8%
Latino	4.7%	9.4%	23.5%	14.7%	47.6%	14.1%	38.2%	24.1%

85. [IF ANSWERED 3 OR 4 FOR Q86] How big of a problem is the fact that California has fewer public school support staff such as administrators, librarians, and counselors per public school pupil than almost any other state. [OPEN-ENDED]

DEMOGRAPHICS

Now I would like to ask you a few final questions just for statistical purposes...

86. How would you describe your political ideology?

Very conservative	6.6%
Somewhat Conservative	22.2%
Conservative	28.8%
Liberal	32.4%
Somewhat Liberal	19.9%
Very Liberal	12.5%
Moderate/Independent	21.1%
Libertarian	3.2%
Other	2.7%
Don't know/refused	11.8%

87. How would you further describe your political ideology?

Fiscally conservative, socially conservative	21.9
Fiscally conservative, socially liberal	29.1
Fiscally conservative	51.0%
Fiscally liberal	23.8%
Fiscally liberal, socially liberal	19.4
Fiscally liberal, socially conservative	4.4
Other	6.5
Don't know/refused	18.7

88. Are you male or female?

Male	46.5%
Female	53.5%

89. Which of the following categories reflects your age?

18 to 24	15.0%
25 to 34	19.9%
35 to 44	17.5%
45 to 54	18.2%
55 to 64	12.6%
65 and older	16.2%
Don't know/refused	0.5%

90. What best describes your racial or ethnic heritage?

White/Non Hispanic	41.7%
Latino/Hispanic	35.6%
Black/African-American	6.2%
Asian-American/Pacific Islander	12.2%
Other	3.9%
Don't know/Refused	0.5%

91. Are you or your spouse or partner a current or retired member of a public or private labor union?

Yes, public employee non-teachers union	7.5%
Yes, public employee teachers union	4.8%
Yes, private employee union	4.0%
Yes, both public employee union and private employee union	2.8%
No	75.4%
Don't know/refused	5.4%

92. Are you a teacher? If you are not a teacher, please respond with whether anyone in your family is a teacher?

Yes, self	5.4%
Yes, family member	12.3%
Yes, both	2.0%
No	76.6%
Don't know/refused	3.8%

93. In 2011 what was your total family income from all sources before taxes?

	< 10k	10k to < 20k	20k to < 30k	30k to < 50k	50k to < 75k	75k to < 100k	100k to < 150k	150k to < 250k	250k to < 500k	500k+	Don't know	Refused
Total	5.3%	5.1%	8.4%	15.4%	17.2%	16.3%	14.2%	6.1%	2.0%	.7%	2.8%	6.5%

94. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	1 st – 11 th grade	High sch grad	Non-coll post HS/Tech sch	Some coll, 2-yr coll, Assoc deg	4-yr coll grad, bach deg	Post-grad sch
Total	1.7%	13.5%	6.6%	46.6%	19.6%	12.0%

95. Do you have a Smartphone, meaning a phone that can access the internet and/or can download applications?

Yes	62.7%
No	37.3%

96. Which of the following best describes your phone use?

Only Landline	4.1%
Both Landline and Cell	64.5%
Cell Only	31.4%

97. Do you have children?

Yes	55.3%
No	44.7%

98. [AG] [IF A TO Q97] How many children do you have?

Total	1	2	3	4	5	>5
	26.0%	42.0%	17.8%	9.3%	2.4%	2.5%

99. [AG] [IF A TO Q97] Do you have any children who are 18 or under years of age?

Yes	46.4%
No	53.6%

100. [AG] [IF A TO Q97] Do you have children currently in school in California?

Yes, public school	36.4%
Yes, public charter school	3.4%
Yes, private or parochial school	5.2%
Yes, home schooled	.8%
No, Not in school	54.2%

101. What best describes your occupation?

White Collar	34.8%
Blue Collar	12.3%
Student	11.6%
Unemployed	8.1%
Homemaker	6.3%
Part-time	9.0%
Other	15.2%
Refused	2.8%

102. Geographic breakdown [from voter file]*

Los Angeles	29.3%
Orange County	10.3%
Inland Empire	8.7%
San Diego	9.2%
Central Valley	11.8%
Central Coast	4.7%
Bay Area	21.7%
Northern/Sierra	4.4%

*“Bay Area” is Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma Counties.

“North/Sierra” is Alpine, Amador, Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo, and Yuba Counties.

“Central Coast” is Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Ventura Counties.

“Central Valley” is Calaveras, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Sacramento, San Benito, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Tuolumne Counties.

“Inland Empire” is Imperial, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties.

“Orange County,” “Los Angeles” and “San Diego” are each independent counties.

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