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Topline Results
595 Parents in California

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1. First, are you registered to vote in the State of California?

Yes ..... 100%
No ..... TERMINATE
DON'T KNOW ..... TERMINATE

(PTY) Are you registered to vote as a (ROTATE)

Democrat..... 46%
Republican ..... 31%
Independent / No Party Preference..... 22%
Other Party member ..... 0%
DON'T KNOW ..... 2%

2. Are you, or is anyone living in your household, employed by a market research company, a newspaper, magazine, television or radio station, a political party or by a candidate for political office?

Yes ..... TERMINATE
No ..... 100%
DON'T KNOW ..... TERMINATE

3. A lot of times people are busy and are not always able to vote. In November 2018, there will be a general election for Governor, U.S. Senate, and other offices and issues. I know it's a long way off, but how likely are you to vote in that election: Will you definitely vote, probably vote, are the chances 50-50, will you probably not vote, or will you definitely not vote?

Definitely vote ..... 76%
Probably vote ..... 16%
50-50 ..... 5%
Probably not vote..... 2%
Definitely not vote ..... 1%
DON'T KNOW ..... 1%

4. There are many issues currently facing the country. For each of the following issues, please indicate how important each one is for you on a scale from ONE to TEN with TEN being VERY important and a ONE being NOT AT ALL important. You can use any number from one to ten. **(RANDOMIZE)**

(RANDOMIZE)	<u>Mean</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6-9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1-4</u>	<u>DK</u>
_a. Gun violence .....	8.23	41%	45%	7%	6%	0%
_b. Opioid addiction.....	7.37	25%	53%	9%	11%	2%
_c. Threats from North Korea .....	7.82	31%	52%	8%	9%	1%
_d. Foreign interference in our elections.....	7.54	29%	49%	7%	13%	1%
_e. Unemployment/underemployment .....	8.03	34%	53%	7%	7%	0%
_f. Poverty .....	8.13	36%	51%	6%	6%	0%
_g. The quality of our public schools.....	8.78	46%	50%	2%	2%	0%
_h. Climate change.....	7.73	34%	46%	7%	12%	1%
_i. Racism/racial inequality .....	7.97	37%	46%	5%	11%	0%
_j. Immigration.....	8.14	36%	51%	6%	6%	1%
_k. The cost of healthcare .....	8.89	53%	43%	1%	3%	0%
_l. The amount we pay in taxes .....	8.51	39%	54%	4%	3%	0%

5. Now I'm going to show you some names and for each one, please indicate if you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing. **(RANDOMIZE)** Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of the job they are doing?

(RANDOMIZE)	<u>STR</u>	<u>SMWT</u>	<u>SMWT</u>	<u>STR</u>	<u>(DK/</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>APP -</u>
	<u>APP</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>DISAPP</u>	<u>DISAPP</u>	<u>NA)</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>DISAPP</u>	<u>DISAPP</u>
_a. <b>(ALWAYS READ 1<sup>ST</sup>)</b> Donald Trump as President .....	24%	19%	11%	44%	2%	43%	55%	-12
_b. Jerry Brown as Governor .....	23%	41%	14%	18%	4%	64%	32%	+32
_c. Betsy DeVos as U.S. Secretary of Education.....	13%	25%	15%	29%	18%	38%	44%	-5

6. If the primary election for Governor were held today, which candidate would you vote for? **(ROTATE)** Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom, a Democrat; businessman Antonio Villaraigosa, a Democrat; State Treasurer John Chiang, a Democrat; educator Delaine Eastin, a Democrat; businessman John Cox, a Republican; State Assemblyman Travis Allen, a Republican or businessman and former Congressman Doug Ose, a Republican. **(IF UNDECIDED)** Well, toward which candidate would you lean?

Gavin Newsom .....	20%
(LEAN NEWSOM) .....	3%
Antonio Villaraigosa .....	12%
(LEAN VILLARAIGOSA) .....	2%
John Chiang .....	8%
(LEAN CHIANG) .....	1%
Delaine Eastin .....	8%
(LEAN EASTIN) .....	1%
John Cox .....	13%
(LEAN COX) .....	2%
Travis Allen .....	9%
(LEAN ALLEN) .....	1%
Doug Ose .....	3%
(LEAN OSE) .....	0%
(Someone else/Other) .....	3%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	<b>15%</b>
<b>Total Newsom</b> .....	<b>23%</b>
<b>Total Villaraigosa</b> .....	<b>13%</b>
<b>Total Chiang</b> .....	<b>8%</b>
<b>Total Eastin</b> .....	<b>9%</b>
<b>Total Cox</b> .....	<b>15%</b>
<b>Total Allen</b> .....	<b>9%</b>
<b>Total Ose</b> .....	<b>4%</b>
<b>Total Dem</b> .....	<b>54%</b>
<b>Total Rep</b> .....	<b>28%</b>

7. **(SPLIT A)** Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D and F to rate the quality of their work at school. Suppose California public schools were graded in the same manner. What grade would you currently give California’s public schools?

A.....	11%
B.....	26%
C.....	37%
D.....	16%
F or Fail.....	7%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	3%

8. **(SPLIT A)** Suppose the teachers in California’s public schools were graded in the same manner. What grade would you currently give California teachers?

A.....	16%
B.....	40%
C.....	29%
D.....	9%
F or Fail.....	4%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	3%

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

Gotten Better.....	25%
Gotten Worse.....	39%
Stayed the same.....	32%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	4%

10. **(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. What grade would you currently give your local public schools?

A.....	20%
B.....	41%
C.....	28%
D.....	8%
F or Fail.....	2%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	1%

11. **(SPLIT B)** Suppose the teachers in your local public schools were graded in the same manner. What grade would you currently give your local teachers?

A.....	23%
B.....	51%
C.....	17%
D.....	6%
F or Fail.....	0%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	3%

12. **(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 ..... 32%  
 Gotten Worse ..... 29%  
 Stayed the same..... 35%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 4%

13. Do you think California public schools currently have the money needed to provide students with a quality education or do you think the state should be spending more on schools? **(RORATE PUNCH 1 AND 2)**

The State of California spends enough on schools ..... 25%  
 The State of California should be spending more on schools..... 70%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 5%

**Spends enough – Should be spending more ..... -45**

14. **(SPLIT A)** The California Constitution requires the Legislature to spend approximately 40 percent of General Fund revenue on K-12 schools and community colleges each year. In the 2015-16 school year spending per pupil in California schools was \$10,291. Now that you have more information, do you think California public schools currently have the money needed to provide students with a quality education, or do you think the state should be spending more on schools? **(ROTATE PUNCH 1 AND 2)**

The State of California spends enough on schools ..... 27%  
 The State of California should be spending more on schools..... 65%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 8%

**Spends enough – Should be spending more ..... -37**

15. **(SPLIT B)** According to the California Budget and Policy Center California ranks 41st in per pupil spending among the 50 states. In the 2015-16 school year spending per pupil in California schools was \$10,291. Now that you have more information, do you think California public schools currently have the money needed to provide students with a quality education, or do you think the state should be spending more on schools? **(ROTATE PUNCH 1 AND 2)**

The State of California spends enough on schools ..... 25%  
 The State of California should be spending more on schools..... 69%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 6%

**Spends enough – Should be spending more ..... -45**

16. **(SPLIT A)** Some states give each school a single overall performance rating, usually on an A-F or 0-100 scale. Other states do not give schools a single rating, and instead give each school an individual rating on several different measures of performance such as student assessment in specific subject areas, graduation rates, and suspension rates. Which of these best expresses your opinion about an overall rating?

I think schools should receive an overall rating, such as on an A-F or 0-100 scale ..... 53%  
 I do not think schools should receive an overall rating, but instead should receive individual ratings on several different measures of performance ..... 42%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 4%

**Should receive overall rating – Should not receive ..... +11**

17. **(SPLIT B)** Under the new federal education law, more than 40 states have chosen to give each of their schools a single overall performance rating, usually on an A-F or 0-100 scale. California has chosen not to give schools an overall rating; instead, schools will be rated on several different measures but the scores will not be combined. Which of these best expresses your opinion about an overall rating?

I think schools should receive an overall rating, such as  
 on an A-F or 0-100 scale ..... 57%  
 I do not think schools should receive an overall rating, but instead  
 they should receive a rating for multiple measures of performance..... 37%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 6%

**Should receive overall rating – Should not receive ..... +19**

18. In 2017, California changed the way it evaluated schools. The new California Dashboard evaluates school performance on multiple measures. To what extent are you familiar with the new California Dashboard?

I have heard or read about it, and I know a good deal about it..... 19%  
 I have heard or read about it, and I know a fair amount ..... 19%  
 I have heard or read about it, but I do not know much about it..... 28%  
 I have never heard or read about it ..... 30%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 4%

**Total heard ..... 66%**

**Heard – Not heard..... +35**

19. **(IF HEARD IN Q.18)** Have you visited the new California Dashboard website?

No, I have never visited ..... 46%  
 Yes, I have visited once or twice..... 35%  
 Yes, I have visited several times/more.. 18%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 1%

**Total yes..... 53%**

**Yes – No ..... +7**

20. **(IF HEARD IN Q.18)** Based on what you know, do you have a positive or negative impression of California Dashboard?

Very positive ..... 25%  
 Somewhat positive ..... 46%  
 Somewhat negative ..... 7%  
 Very negative ..... 2%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 19%

**Total positive ..... 72%**

**Total negative ..... 9%**

**Positive – Negative ..... +63**

Here are some images of the California School Dashboard website.

Enrollment: 9,775    Socioeconomically Disadvantaged: 57.6%    English Learners: 16.7%    Foster Youth: 0.8%    Dashboard Release: Fall 2017

Grade Span: K-12    Charter School: No

- Equity Report
- Status and Change Report
- Detailed Report
- Student Group Report

The Equity Report shows the performance levels for all students on the state indicators. It also shows the total number of student groups that received a performance level for each indicator and how many of those student groups are in the two lowest performance levels (Red/Orange). The total number of student groups may vary due to the number of grade levels included within each indicator. Select any of the underlined indicators for more detailed information.

State Indicators	All Students Performance	Total Student Groups	Student Groups in Red/Orange
<a href="#">Chronic Absenteeism</a>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<a href="#">Suspension Rate (K-12)</a>		13	7
<a href="#">English Learner Progress (1-12)</a>		1	0
<a href="#">Graduation Rate (9-12)</a>		10	3

- Equity Report
- Status and Change Report
- Detailed Report
- Student Group Report

The status and change report provides the performance level for all students on state indicators. It also shows how the current year (status) compares to prior years (change) for each state indicator. Status and change each have five possible levels, which are displayed with the data for each indicator. Select any of the underlined indicators for more detailed information.

State Indicators	All Students Performance	Status	Change
<a href="#">Chronic Absenteeism</a>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<a href="#">Suspension Rate (K-12)</a>		High 7.6%	Declined -0.4%
<a href="#">English Learner Progress (1-12)</a>		High 75.1%	Declined -6%
<a href="#">Graduation Rate (9-12)</a>		High 93.5%	Maintained +0.7%
<a href="#">College/Career (9-12)</a> <small>Select for one year of available data</small>	N/A	Medium 35.5%	N/A
<a href="#">English Language Arts (3-8)</a>		Low 53.4 points below level 3	Declined -5.2 points

21. Based on what you see here, do you have a positive or negative impression of California Dashboard?

Very positive .....	23%
Somewhat positive .....	53%
Somewhat negative .....	13%
Very negative .....	2%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	<b>9%</b>
<b>Total positive</b> .....	<b>76%</b>
<b>Total negative</b> .....	<b>15%</b>
<b>Positive – Negative</b> .....	<b>+61</b>

22. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about the California School Dashboard. For each one, please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree that policy. If you are not sure, please indicate so.

(RANDOMIZE)	<u>STR</u> <u>AGREE</u>	<u>SMWT</u> <u>AGREE</u>	<u>SMWT</u> <u>DIS-</u> <u>AGREE</u>	<u>STR</u> <u>DIS-</u> <u>AGREE</u>	<u>DON'T</u> <u>KNOW</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>AGREE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>DIS-</u> <u>AGREE</u>	<u>AGREE -</u> <u>DIS-</u> <u>AGREE</u>
_a. The new California School Dashboard captures the most important measures of district and school quality and performance. ....	24%	49%	15%	5%	7%	73%	20%	+53
_b. The information displayed on the new California School Dashboard is easy to understand.....	28%	45%	18%	7%	2%	74%	24%	+49
_c. The information displayed on the new California School Dashboard is an effective means to communicate outcomes to the community. ....	26%	49%	15%	3%	6%	76%	18%	+57

23. Currently California provides free public preschool for some four-year olds whose families meet a low-income eligibility requirement. Additionally, children who turn 5 years old between September and December 1 are eligible for free public transitional kindergarten. Families of all other 4-year-olds must pay for preschool. Knowing this, which of the following statements is closest to your own opinion:

(RANDOMIZE)

Keep these policies as they are .....	16%
Expand free public transitional kindergarten to all 4-year-olds .....	33%
Allow all 4-year-olds access to the same public and private preschools, with the state subsidizing families on a sliding scale based on income .....	30%
California taxpayers should not be funding preschool .....	17%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	<b>4%</b>



24. How would you describe your general understanding of what charter schools in California do and how they operate?

- I have a very good understanding..... 30%
- I have a somewhat good understanding .. 38%
- I know a little..... 22%
- I really don't know much at all..... 10%

25. Using your best guess, please estimate what percent of K-12 students in California attend private, charter, and traditional public schools on a scale from 0 to 100 percent. You can use any number from 0-100, the higher the number the more percentage of California students you estimate attend that type of school. If you have no opinion, please enter 101.

**(RANDOMIZE AND SHOW ALL QUESTIONS ON ONE SCREEN)**

a. Private schools

- 0-9 percent ..... 8%
- 10-19 percent ..... 29%
- 20-29 percent ..... 20%
- 30-39 percent ..... 12%
- 40-49 percent ..... 7%
- 50-59 percent ..... 6%
- 60-69 percent ..... 1%
- 70-79 percent ..... 1%
- 80-89 percent ..... 0%
- 90-100 percent ..... 1%
- DON'T KNOW** ..... 17%

- 0-24 percent ..... 50%
- 25-49 percent ..... 25%
- 50-74 percent ..... 7%
- 75-100 percent ..... 1%

b. Charter schools

- 0-9 percent ..... 9%
- 10-19 percent..... 24%
- 20-29 percent..... 25%
- 30-39 percent..... 15%
- 40-49 percent..... 5%
- 50-59 percent..... 3%
- 60-69 percent..... 1%
- 70-79 percent..... 0%
- 80-89 percent..... 0%
- 90-100 percent..... 0%
- DON'T KNOW** ..... 18%

- 0-24 percent ..... 49%
- 25-49 percent..... 28%
- 50-74 percent..... 4%
- 75-100 percent..... 0%

c. Traditional public schools

- 0-9 percent..... 0%
- 10-19 percent..... 2%
- 20-29 percent..... 7%
- 30-39 percent..... 9%
- 40-49 percent..... 7%
- 50-59 percent..... 9%
- 60-69 percent..... 17%
- 70-79 percent..... 17%
- 80-89 percent..... 11%
- 90-100 percent..... 3%
- DON'T KNOW** ..... 17%

- 0-24 percent..... 5%
- 25-49 percent..... 21%
- 50-74 percent..... 38%
- 75-100 percent..... 20%

26. Using your best guess, please estimate what percent of California charter schools are managed by for-profit firms on a scale from 0 to 100 percent. You can use any number from 0-100, the higher the number the more percentage of California charter schools. If you have no opinion, please enter 101.

- 0-9 percent ..... 6%
- 10-19 percent..... 6%
- 20-29 percent..... 6%
- 30-39 percent..... 3%
- 40-49 percent..... 5%
- 50-59 percent..... 13%
- 60-69 percent..... 7%
- 70-79 percent..... 9%
- 80-89 percent..... 8%
- 90-100 percent..... 16%
- DON'T KNOW** ..... 21%

- 0-24 percent ..... 15%
- 25-49 percent..... 11%
- 50-74 percent..... 26%
- 75-100 percent..... 27%

27. To the best of your knowledge, do students who attend charter schools in California perform better, about the same, or worse on standardized tests than students who attend traditional public schools?

Charter school students perform better..... 44%  
 Charter school students perform the same ..... 33%  
 Charter school students perform worse ..... 9%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 13%

**Better – Worse ..... +35**

28. To the best of your knowledge, do charter schools in California charge for tuition?

Yes ..... 41%  
 No ..... 43%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 16%

**Yes – No ..... -2**

29. To the best of your knowledge, when there are more applicants to a California charter school than there are spaces available, how do charter schools decide which students may enroll?

Charter schools can select the students that they prefer..... 33%  
 Charter schools must hold a lottery to decided which students enroll .... 37%  
 Neither/Other ..... 9%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 21%

**Select students – Lottery ..... -4**

30. **(SPLIT A)** As you may know, Former President Obama and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan encouraged states to increase the number of charter schools they allow. Which of these describes your opinion toward charter schools in California? **(ROTATE ANSWERS 1 AND 3, KEEP 2 and 4 FIXED)**

We have too many charter schools and should reduce the number ..... 17%  
 We have about the right amount of charter schools ..... 31%  
 We have too few charter schools and the state should allow more ..... 35%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 17%

31. **(SPLIT B)** As you may know, President Trump and Secretary of Education Betsy Devos support proposals to expand the number of charter schools around the country. Which of these describes your opinion toward charter schools in California? **(ROTATE ANSWERS 1 AND 3, KEEP 2 and 4 FIXED)**

We have too many charter schools and should reduce the number ..... 22%  
 We have about the right amount of charter schools ..... 37%  
 We have too few charter schools and the state should allow more ..... 30%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 12%

32. Here are some items that PARENTS use to assess a school's quality. For each one, please indicate whether you find the item to be an extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important item in your assessment of a school's quality.

(RANDOMIZE)	<u>EXT</u> <u>IMPRT</u>	<u>VERY</u> <u>IMPRT</u>	<u>SMWT</u> <u>IMPRT</u>	<u>NOT TOO</u> <u>IMPRT</u>	<u>DK/NA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>IMPRT</u>
_a. How well the school helps students master reading and math skills as measured by state tests .....	56%	31%	10%	2%	1%	86%
_b. How well the school helps students master skills in science and social studies .....	53%	37%	9%	1%	2%	89%
_c. How well the school helps students master social and emotional skills like being cooperative, respectful of others, and persistent at solving problems.....	50%	34%	13%	1%	1%	84%
_d. The quality of the school's art and music classes .....	35%	37%	23%	3%	1%	72%
_e. The school's graduation or dropout rates .....	47%	37%	13%	1%	1%	85%

33. **(SPLIT A)** In addition to being assessed on their academic performance, do you think students should or should not also be assessed on social and emotional skills such as being cooperative, respectful of others and persistent at solving problems? **(ROTATE 1-2-3-4-5 WITH 5-4-3-2-1, KEEPING 3 IN THE MIDDLE)**

Definitely should .....	33%
Probably should.....	40%
No opinion/not sure .....	16%
Probably should not.....	8%
Definitely should not .....	3%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	1%
<b>Total should</b> .....	<b>73%</b>
<b>Total should not</b> .....	<b>10%</b>
<b>Should – Should not</b> .....	<b>+63</b>

34. **(SPLIT B)** In addition to being held accountable for student test scores, do you think public schools should or should not also be held accountable for developing students' social and emotion skills such as being cooperative, respectful of others, and persistent at solving problems? **(ROTATE 1-2-3-4-5 WITH 5-4-3-2-1, KEEPING 3 IN THE MIDDLE)**

Definitely should .....	40%
Probably should.....	37%
No opinion/not sure .....	9%
Probably should not.....	9%
Definitely should not .....	3%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	2%
<b>Total should</b> .....	<b>77%</b>
<b>Total should not</b> .....	<b>12%</b>
<b>Should – Should not</b> .....	<b>+65</b>

35. Overall, do you think California teachers' unions have a positive, negative, or not much impact on the quality of education in California K-12 schools?

Very positive .....	21%
Somewhat positive .....	37%
Somewhat negative .....	14%
Very negative .....	12%
Not much impact.....	5%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	<b>11%</b>
<b>Total positive</b> .....	<b>58%</b>
<b>Total negative</b> .....	<b>26%</b>
<b>Positive – Negative</b> .....	<b>+32</b>

(ROTATE Q.36/Q.37)

36. (SPLIT A) In the United States today, White students usually score higher than Black and Latino/a students on math and reading tests. Economists have argued that investing in closing achievement gaps in the US will help improve our country's economic health and global competitiveness.

Thinking about all of the important issues facing the country today, how high of a priority do you think it is to close the achievement gaps between White students and Black or Latino/a students? Is it essential, a high priority, a medium priority, a low priority, or not a priority?

Essential.....	27%
High priority .....	32%
Medium priority .....	27%
Low priority .....	6%
Not a priority .....	3%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	<b>5%</b>
<b>Total priority</b> .....	<b>59%</b>
<b>Total low priority</b> .....	<b>9%</b>
<b>High – Low</b> .....	<b>+50</b>

37. (SPLIT A) In the United States today, students from more affluent communities usually score higher than students from low-income communities on math and reading tests. Economists have argued that investing in closing achievement gaps in the US will help improve our country's economic health and global competitiveness.

Thinking about all of the important issues facing the country today, how high of a priority do you think it is to close the achievement gaps between students from affluent communities and students from low-income communities? Is it essential, a high priority, a medium priority, a low priority, or not a priority?

Essential.....	28%
High priority .....	36%
Medium priority .....	23%
Low priority .....	7%
Not a priority .....	2%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	<b>4%</b>
<b>Total priority</b> .....	<b>64%</b>
<b>Total low priority</b> .....	<b>9%</b>
<b>High – Low</b> .....	<b>+55</b>

**(ROTATE Q.38/Q.39)**

38. **(SPLIT B)** In the United States today, White students usually score higher than Black and Latino/a students on math and reading tests. As a result, Black and Latino/a students often have lower educational attainment and fewer job opportunities compared to White students.

Thinking about all of the important issues facing the country today, how much of a priority do you think it is to close the achievement gaps between White students and Black or Latino/a students? Is it essential, a high priority, a medium priority, a low priority, or not a priority?

Essential.....	31%
High priority .....	32%
Medium priority .....	22%
Low priority .....	6%
Not a priority .....	8%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	<b>2%</b>
<b>Total priority .....</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>Total low priority.....</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>High – Low .....</b>	<b>+50</b>

39. **(SPLIT B)** In the United States today, students from more affluent communities usually score higher than students from low-income communities on math and reading tests. As a result, students from low-income communities often have lower educational attainment and fewer job opportunities compared to students from more affluent communities.

Thinking about all of the important issues facing the country today, how much of a priority do you think it is to close the achievement gaps between students from affluent communities and students from low-income communities? Is it essential, a high priority, a medium priority, a low priority, or not a priority?

Essential.....	29%
High priority .....	38%
Medium priority .....	21%
Low priority .....	5%
Not a priority .....	4%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	<b>3%</b>
<b>Total priority .....</b>	<b>67%</b>
<b>Total low priority.....</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>High – Low .....</b>	<b>+58</b>

**(ROTATE Q.40/Q.41)**

40. Imagine that your local school district is working to combat the inequality in educational outcomes between White students and Black and Latino/a students. Their proposal involves raising the amount of money expended per student for Black and Latino/a students, and **it will be funded by lowering the amount of money expended per student for White students**. Please indicate whether you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose this proposal.

Strongly support ..... 20%  
 Somewhat support..... 29%  
 Somewhat oppose..... 18%  
 Strongly oppose ..... 24%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 8%

**Total support** ..... **49%**  
**Total oppose** ..... **43%**

**Support – Oppose** ..... **+7**

41. Imagine that your local school district is working to combat the inequality in educational outcomes between White students and Black and Latino/a students. Their proposal involves raising the amount of money expended per student for Black and Latino/a students, and **it will be funded by raising taxes**. Please indicate whether you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose this proposal.

Strongly support ..... 24%  
 Somewhat support..... 32%  
 Somewhat oppose..... 16%  
 Strongly oppose ..... 21%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 6%

**Total support** ..... **56%**  
**Total oppose** ..... **38%**

**Support – Oppose** ..... **+19**

**(ROTATE Q.42/Q.43)**

42. Imagine that your local school district is working to combat the inequality in educational outcomes between students from high-income and low-income backgrounds. Their proposal involves raising the amount of money expended per student for low income students, and **it will be funded by lowering the amount of money expended per student for high-income students**. Please indicate whether you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose this proposal.

Strongly support ..... 23%  
 Somewhat support..... 31%  
 Somewhat oppose..... 19%  
 Strongly oppose ..... 18%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 9%

**Total support** ..... **54%**  
**Total oppose** ..... **37%**

**Support – Oppose** ..... **+17**

43. Imagine that your local school district is working to combat the inequality in educational outcomes between students from high-income and low-income backgrounds. Their proposal involves raising the amount of money expended per student for low income students, and **it will be funded by raising taxes**. Please indicate whether you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose this proposal.

Strongly support ..... 23%  
 Somewhat support..... 35%  
 Somewhat oppose..... 17%  
 Strongly oppose ..... 20%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 5%

**Total support** ..... **57%**  
**Total oppose** ..... **37%**

**Support – Oppose** ..... **+20**

44. Please indicate to what extent you believe each of these factors is responsible for test score gaps by race/ethnicity: **a great deal, some, a little, or not at all**.

(RANDOMIZE)	<u>GREAT DEAL</u>	<u>SOME</u>	<u>A LITTLE</u>	<u>NOT AT ALL</u>	<u>DON'T KNOW</u>	<b>TOTAL RESPONSIBLE</b>
_a. Differences in school quality .....	49%	37%	10%	2%	2%	85%
_b. Differences in student motivation .....	56%	30%	10%	2%	2%	86%
_c. Differences in parenting .....	60%	27%	8%	3%	2%	87%
_d. Discrimination and racism.....	34%	29%	21%	13%	3%	63%
_e. Differences in income levels .....	38%	36%	17%	7%	2%	74%

45. **(SPLIT A)** When a school performs badly or fails, who do you think is *most* responsible? You can choose up to two options.

Voters..... 12%  
 State/legislature..... 17%  
 Local school board ..... 32%  
 Superintendent ..... 13%  
 Principal ..... 21%  
 Teacher ..... 29%  
 Parents..... 33%  
 Students ..... 15%  
 Someone else (specify) ..... 1%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 6%

46. **(SPLIT B)** When a school performs well or succeeds, who do you think is *most* responsible? You can choose up to two options.

Voters..... 14%  
 State/legislature..... 9%  
 Local school board ..... 14%  
 Superintendent ..... 6%  
 Principal ..... 18%  
 Teacher ..... 59%  
 Parents..... 29%  
 Students ..... 34%  
 Someone else (specify) ..... 1%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 1%

47. Have you heard or read anything about a policy called the Local Control Funding Formula, which changes the way California K-12 public schools are funded and requires the development of Local Control and Accountability Plans? **(ROTATE PUNCHES AS 1-2-3-4/4-3-2-1) (2015)**

I have heard or read a good deal about it ..... 16%  
 I have heard or read a little bit about it ..... 21%  
 I have not heard or read much about it ..... 16%  
 I have never heard or read about it ..... 39%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 8%

**Total heard** ..... **37%**

48. **(IF 1-2 IN Q.47)** Based on what you know, do you have a positive or negative impression of the Local Control Funding Formula approach and the Local Control and Accountability Plan? **(ROTATE PUNCHES AS 1-2-3-4/4-3-2-1) (2015)?**

Very positive ..... 36%  
 Somewhat positive ..... 48%  
 Somewhat negative ..... 8%  
 Very negative ..... 2%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 6%

**Total positive** ..... **84%**  
**Total negative** ..... **10%**

**Positive – Negative** ..... **+74**

49. The Local Control Funding Formula provides additional funding to school districts that have more **(ROTATE)** English-language learners, lower-income students, foster youth, and homeless youth and gives local school districts more flexibility over how state funding is spent. In general, do you favor or oppose this policy? **(FLIP 1-2-3-4-5/4-3-2-1-5) (2015)**

Strongly support ..... 26%  
 Somewhat support ..... 46%  
 Somewhat oppose ..... 12%  
 Strongly oppose ..... 7%  
**DON'T KNOW** ..... 9%

**Total support** ..... **72%**  
**Total oppose** ..... **19%**

**Support – Oppose** ..... **+53**



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

**(IDEO)** Do you consider yourself to be (**ROTATE LIBERAL AND CONSERVATIVE, KEEPING MODERATE IN THE MIDDLE**), very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative or very conservative?

Very Liberal.....	19%
Somewhat Liberal .....	20%
Moderate.....	37%
Somewhat Conservative .....	16%
Very Conservative.....	8%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	1%

**(HOME1)** Do you currently rent or own your home? If you do you live in a single family home, a condominium or an apartment?

Own a single family home .....	66%
Own a condo/apartment.....	5%
Rent.....	29%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	0%

**(EDU)** What was the last year of school you completed?

Grades 1-11 .....	3%
High school graduate (12).....	12%
Some college/vocational school .....	28%
College graduate (4) .....	36%
Post Graduate work/Professional school..	21%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	0%

**(TEACH)** Are you or is anyone in your household a teacher?

Yes, self .....	10%
Yes, household .....	4%
Yes, both.....	1%
Retired teacher .....	1%
No .....	82%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	1%

**(UNION)** Are you or is any member of your household a member of a labor union or teacher's union?

Yes, member of a labor union.....	17%
Yes, household member is in a labor union .....	8%
Yes, member of a teacher's union .....	4%
Yes, household member is in a a teacher's union.....	2%
Yes, both labor union and teacher union member in household .....	1%
Retired union member .....	6%
No/Don't Know .....	63%

**(INC)** Remember that this is a confidential survey. In 2017 what was your total family income from all sources before taxes? Please be as honest with me as possible. If you are not sure, please provide your closest estimate.

Less than \$30,000.....	7%
\$30,00 to under \$75,000 .....	35%
\$75,000 to under \$150,000 .....	44%
\$150,000 to under \$500,000 .....	11%
\$500,000 and over .....	1%
Don't Know/Unsure .....	1%
Refused .....	1%

**(KIDS)** Do you currently have any children ages 18 or younger living at home?

Yes .....	100%
No .....	0%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	0%

**(KIDS NUMBER) (IF YES IN KIDS)** How many children do you have?

1.....	43%
2.....	36%
3.....	16%
4.....	3%
5.....	1%
Greater than 5.....	1%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	0%

**(KIDS SCHOOL) (IF YES IN KIDS)** Do you have any children currently in school in California?

Yes .....	89%
No .....	11%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	0%

**(KIDS ED) (IF YES IN KIDS SCHOOL)** Do your children attend public, public charter, private, or parochial schools?

Public schools .....	70%
Public charter .....	8%
Private schools.....	17%
Parochial schools.....	1%
Home schooled .....	2%
Neither .....	1%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	0%

**(WORK)** What best describes your occupation?

Full-time; White Collar .....	49%
Full-time; Blue Collar .....	12%
Student .....	2%
Unemployed.....	3%
Homemaker .....	14%
Part-Time .....	14%
Retired .....	4%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	1%

**(ETH1/ETH2)** What is your race?

White .....	53%
Black .....	5%
Hispanic/Latino .....	32%
Asian .....	7%
(Mixed Race) .....	1%
(Other) .....	1%
<b>(DON'T KNOW/NA)</b> .....	0%

**(AGE)** In what year were you born? \_\_\_\_\_ (Don't know/NA = 12)

18 - 24.....	6%
25 - 29.....	18%
30 - 34.....	17%
35 - 39.....	18%
40 - 44.....	10%
45 - 49.....	11%
50 - 54.....	10%
55 - 59.....	6%
60 - 64.....	3%
65 - 74.....	1%
75+.....	0%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b> .....	0%

**GENDER**

Male.....	50%
Female.....	50%

**THANK YOU AND TERMINATE**

**REGION (BY COUNTY)**

Los Angeles County .....	29%
Los Angeles Area.....	19%
Bay Area .....	20%
San Diego .....	9%
Sacramento/ North .....	10%
Central Valley.....	13%

**DMA (BY COUNTY)**

Los Angeles .....	48%
San Francisco .....	18%
San Diego .....	9%
Sacramento.....	11%
Other .....	14%