

California Statewide Survey on Redistricting – November 2005
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Q1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Bush is doing today? Is that strongly?

	<u>Total</u>
Base	712
Strongly approve	87 12%
Approve	167 23%
Disapprove	178 25%
Strongly disapprove	233 33%
DK/ UNCERTAIN/NO OPINION	47 7%

Q2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job United States Congress is doing today? Is that strongly?

	<u>Total</u>
Base	712
Strongly approve	18 3%
Approve	175 25%
Disapprove	288 40%
Strongly disapprove	122 17%
DK/UNCERTAIN/NO OPINION	109 15%

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Q3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Governor Schwarzenegger is doing today?
Is that strongly?

	<u>Total</u>
Base	712
Strongly approve	70 10%
Approve	207 29%
Disapprove	197 28%
Strongly disapprove	183 26%
DK/UNCERTAIN/NO OPINION	55 8%

Q4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the state legislature is doing today? Is that strongly?

	<u>Total</u>
Base	712
Strongly approve	10 1%
Approve	164 23%
Disapprove	234 33%
Strongly disapprove	133 19%
DK/UNCERTAIN/NO OPINION	171 24%

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Q5. In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing California today?

Base	Total
	712
CRIME	9 1%
ECONOMY; UNEMPLOYMENT, JOBS; TAXES	186 26%
EDUCATION; SCHOOLS; YOUTH	146 21%
GAS PRICES	25 4%
GOVERNMENT; POLITICS; POLITICIANS; CORRUPTION	59 8%
HOUSING SHORTAGE; HOUSING PRICES; AFFORDABLE HOUSING	30 4%
ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION	89 13%
MORALITY, VALUES	6 1%
OVERPOPULATION; OVERCROWDING; POPULATION GROWTH	26 4%
TRAFFIC; ROAD CONDITIONS	5 1%
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	93 13%
Don't Know	38 5%

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Q6. On November 8th California voters will decide on eight propositions, including Proposition 77, the Redistricting proposal. Are you familiar with Proposition 77?

	<u>Total</u>
Base	712
Yes	513 72%
No	169 24%
Don't Know / Uncertain	30 4%

Let me read this brief summary: Proposition 77 takes the right to draw election district boundary lines away from the state legislature and transfers this right to an independent bipartisan panel of retired judges. The panel of retired judges would draw new boundaries for California's Assembly, State Senate, and Congressional Districts.

Q7. Do you support or oppose Prop 77?

	<u>Total</u>
Base	712
Support	243 34%
Oppose	384 54%
Don't Know	85 12%

Q8. Would you say you are leaning toward support or leaning against Prop 77?

	<u>Total</u>
Base	85
Support	19 22%
Against	23 27%
Don't know	43 51%

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Q9. Which of the following is closer to your view of Proposition 77:

	<u>Total</u>
Base	262
It is exactly the reform that we need in California	48 18%
It has its flaws, but it is an improvement on the current system	192 73%
Don't know	22 8%

Q10. Are you concerned about Proposition 77 because you prefer a different approach to redistricting reform, or because you think the current system of redistricting is acceptable?

	<u>Total</u>
Base	407
Different approach	173 43%
Current system	174 43%
Don't know	60 15%

Q11. Proposition 77 supporters say they would put a bipartisan panel of retired judges in charge of redistricting because such panels have successfully performed this function in the past. Some Prop 77 opponents say they would prefer a panel made up of a cross section of Californians. Would you prefer to have redistricting done by retired judges or a representative panel of Californians?

	<u>Total</u>
Base	712
Retired Judges	188 26%
A More Representative panel of Californians	407 57%
Don't Know	117 16%

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Q12. Proposition 77 requires that Californians vote to approve or reject the new district lines drawn by the independent Commission. Do you think requiring the people to vote on the new districts is a good or bad idea?

	Total
Base	712
Good Idea	413 58%
Bad idea	190 27%
Don't Know	109 15%

Q13. Which of the following do you think is more important:

	Total
Base	712
California should have as many competitive districts as possible to force elected officials to stay in close touch with their constituents	303 43%
California should have safe districts that allow our state legislators to focus on policy instead of having to worry about close re-election campaigns every two years	250 35%
DK/ UNCERTAIN/NO OPINION	159 22%

Q14. And which of the following do you think is more important:

	Total
Base	712
Election districts should be compact and keep cities and communities from being divided	364 51%
California's Members of Congress should have safe seats so they can build seniority and influence in Washington, which could result in more federal money for California	182 26%
DK/UNCERTAIN/NO OPINION	166 23%

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Q15. Some people say it is a conflict of interest for legislators to draw their own election districts. Do you agree or disagree with that idea? Is that strongly?

	<u>Total</u>
Base	712
Strongly Agree	228 32%
Agree	275 39%
Disagree	116 16%
Strongly Disagree	36 5%
DK/UNCERTAIN/NO OPINION	57 8%

Q16. Which of the following statements is closer to your view:

	<u>Total</u>
Base	712
Proposition 77 is an honest effort to reform and improve California government	313 44%
Proposition 77 is a Republican power grab	281 39%
DK/UNCERTAIN/NO OPINION	118 17%

Q17. For this election, are you planning to vote by mail or at the polls on election day?

	<u>Total</u>
Base	712
By mail	235 33%
At the polls	453 64%
Not planning to vote	10 1%
DON'T KNOW	14 2%

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Q18. Have you already cast your ballot by mail?

	<u>Total</u>
Base	235
Yes	161 69%
No	73 31%
Don't Know	1 0%
Refuse	0 0%

Q19. Did your local newspaper endorse or oppose Proposition 77?

	<u>Total</u>
Base	712
Endorse	64 9%
Oppose	102 14%
Don't Know	546 77%

Q20. Have you seen any television ads that were IN FAVOR OF Prop 77?

	<u>Total</u>
Base	712
Yes	306 43%
No	302 42%
Don't Know	104 15%

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Q21. Did you find them convincing?

	Total
Base	306
Yes	74 24%
No	199 65%
Don't Know	33 11%

Q22. Have you seen any television ads that were AGAINST Prop 77?

	Total
Base	712
Yes	411 58%
No	200 28%
Don't Know	101 14%

Q23. Did you find them convincing?

	Total
Base	411
Yes	141 34%
No	235 57%
Don't Know	35 9%

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Q24. Do you have a newspaper delivered to your home daily?

	<u>Total</u>
Base	712
Yes	390 55%
No	310 44%
Don't know	2 0%
Refuse	10 1%

Q25. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

	<u>Total</u>
Base	712
SOME HIGH SCHOOL - NO DIPLOMA	13 2%
HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	92 13%
SOME COLLEGE - ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR NO DEGREE	183 26%
COLLEGE BACHELOR'S DEGREE	217 30%
SOME GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL DEGREE	67 9%
GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL DEGREE	121 17%
REFUSE	19 3%

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Q26. Please stop me when I reach your age group:

	<u>Total</u>
Base	712
18 to 24	33 5%
25 to 34	77 11%
35 to 44	144 20%
44 to 54	205 29%
55 to 64	107 15%
65 or over	125 18%
REFUSE	21 3%

Q27. With which racial or ethnic group do you MOST identify yourself?

	<u>Total</u>
Base	712
White or Anglo	529 74%
Black	27 4%
Hispanic or Latino	73 10%
Asian or Pacific Islander	35 5%
American Indian	9 1%
Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)	4 1%
DK	4 1%
REFUSE	31 4%

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Q28. Which of the following income ranges includes your total annual household income?

	<u>Total</u>
Base	712
Under \$20,000	37 5%
\$20,000 to \$40,000	96 13%
\$40,000 to \$60,000	88 12%
\$60,000 to \$100,000	180 25%
More than \$100,000	177 25%
DK	13 2%
REFUSE	121 17%

Q29. What was the gender of the respondent?

	<u>Total</u>
Base	712
Male	357 50%
Female	355 50%

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Q30. Political Party

	<u>Total</u>
Base	712
R Republican	300 42%
D Democrat	326 46%
LI Libertarian	0 0%
AI Independent	6 1%
PF Peace and Freedom	0 0%
GR Green	7 1%
DS Decline to State	69 10%
RM Reform	1 0%
NL Natural Law	2 0%
YY Other	1 0%