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## AFPI California Survey of 955 Registered Voters Conducted May 27-June 2, 2023

1\* In just a few words, please let me know what you consider the most important problem facing California these days.

- 33% Economy/Jobs
- 21% Homelessness
- 9% Guns/Crime
- 6% Immigration
- 5% Housing
- 4% Climate change
- 1% No answer
- 21% Other

2\* Okay, in terms of how you will vote, how important each of the following issues:

Total			
	Very/Somewhat important	Not very/Not at all important	Net
Crime	96%	4%	+92
Economy	95%	4%	+91
Cost of Housing	94%	6%	+88
Homelessness	93%	6%	+87
Education	91%	8%	+83
Immigration	86%	13%	+73
Energy Independence	83%	16%	+67
The Environment	83%	17%	+66
Abortion	71%	27%	+44
Transgender Rights	54%	42%	+12

Source: RMG Research, Inc.





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*2\* Okay, in terms of how you will vote, how important each of the following issues:*

## Crime

74%	Very important
22%	Somewhat important
2%	Not very important
2%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure

## Economy

73%	Very important
22%	Somewhat important
3%	Not very important
1%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure

## Cost of Housing

69%	Very important
25%	Somewhat important
5%	Not very important
1%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure

## Homelessness

67%	Very important
26%	Somewhat important
4%	Not very important
2%	Not at all important
1%	Not sure

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*2\* Okay, in terms of how you will vote, how important each of the following issues:*

## Education

59%	Very important
32%	Somewhat important
6%	Not very important
2%	Not at all important
1%	Not sure

## Immigration

53%	Very important
33%	Somewhat important
10%	Not very important
3%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure

## Energy Independence

41%	Very important
42%	Somewhat important
13%	Not very important
3%	Not at all important
1%	Not sure

## The Environment

51%	Very important
32%	Somewhat important
12%	Not very important
5%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure

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*2\* Okay, in terms of how you will vote, how important each of the following issues:*

### Abortion

46%	Very important
25%	Somewhat important
20%	Not very important
7%	Not at all important
3%	Not sure

### Transgender Rights

28%	Very important
26%	Somewhat important
22%	Not very important
20%	Not at all important
4%	Not sure





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3\* Okay, which political party do you trust more on each of the following issues?

Total			
	Republican	Democrat	Net
Crime	35%	37%	D+2
Economy	30%	37%	D+7
Immigration	29%	41%	D+12
Cost of Housing	27%	39%	D+12
Energy Independence	24%	42%	D+18
Homelessness	22%	42%	D+20
Education	22%	45%	D+23
The Environment	20%	50%	D+30
Transgender Rights	15%	46%	D+31
Abortion	18%	51%	D+33

Source: RMG Research, Inc.

### Crime

- 35% Republican
- 37% Democrat
- 12% Both equally
- 12% Neither
- 4% Not sure

### Economy

- 30% Republican
- 37% Democrat
- 14% Both equally
- 13% Neither
- 6% Not sure





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*3\* Okay, which political party do you trust more on each of the following issues?*

## Immigration

29%	Republican
41%	Democrat
12%	Both equally
11%	Neither
8%	Not sure

## Cost of Housing

27%	Republican
39%	Democrat
14%	Both equally
14%	Neither
6%	Not sure

## Energy Independence

24%	Republican
42%	Democrat
14%	Both equally
12%	Neither
8%	Not sure

## Homelessness

22%	Republican
42%	Democrat
14%	Both equally
16%	Neither
6%	Not sure

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*3\* Okay, which political party do you trust more on each of the following issues?*

### Education

22%	Republican
45%	Democrat
18%	Both equally
11%	Neither
5%	Not sure

### The Environment

20%	Republican
50%	Democrat
15%	Both equally
10%	Neither
4%	Not sure

### Transgender Rights

15%	Republican
46%	Democrat
13%	Both equally
19%	Neither
7%	Not sure

### Abortion

18%	Republican
51%	Democrat
13%	Both equally
12%	Neither
5%	Not sure





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*4\* There is often a tension between individual freedom and government control to maintain social order. In the United States today, do we need more individual freedom or more government control to maintain social order?*

- 56% More individual freedom
- 29% More government control to maintain social order
- 15% Not sure

*5\* Which of the following statements comes closest to your view:*

- 73% Government regulation of business should be limited to ensuring basic safety measures and preventing fraud.
- 27% Governments should play a significant role in determining which products are allowed to be sold, how much they cost, and how they are provided.

*6\* Do California's tax and regulatory policies encourage businesses from other states to relocate to California? Or do they force businesses to think about moving somewhere else?*

- 18% Move to California
- 63% Leave California for other states
- 6% No impact
- 13% Not sure

*7\* In recent years, many people have moved out of California. As a result, tax revenues for the state are expected to be \$5 billion less than projected this year. To balance the state budget, should the state legislature and Governor cut state government spending or increase taxes?*

- 70% Cut state government spending
- 13% Increase taxes
- 17% Not sure







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*8\* Over the past year, are you aware of any violent crime or serious property crimes that occurred close to where you live?*

68%	Yes
24%	No
8%	Not sure

*9\* Generally speaking, would you feel safe walking alone at night in your own neighborhood?*

46%	Yes
44%	No
10%	Not sure

*10\* Is crime or fear of crime causing significant numbers of individuals and businesses to leave California?*

58%	Yes
19%	No
23%	Not sure

*11\* Compared to a few years ago, is there more serious crime in your area or less?*

20%	Much more
41%	Somewhat more
15%	Somewhat less
5%	Much less
19%	Not sure





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12\* [for those who say more] In just a few words, please let me know what you think is causing the increase in crime.

26%	Poverty/Unemployment
22%	Lax prosecution/Politicians
11%	Homelessness
5%	Drugs
30%	Other
7%	No answer

13\* [for those who say less] In just a few words, please let me know why many Californians believe there has been an increase in crime.

25%	Reporting
12%	Poverty/Unemployment
7%	Lax prosecution/Politicians
7%	Gun laws
21%	Other
29%	No answer

14\* Which of the following play a significant role in increasing the level of crime in California?

70%	Drugs
61%	Homelessness
53%	Mental Health
41%	Inflation
23%	Policing





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15\* *Generally speaking, do district attorneys and public prosecutors treat accused criminals too harshly or let them off too easily?*

- 12% Treat them too harshly
- 53% Let them off too easily
- 21% About the right balance
- 13% Not sure

16\* *Which of the following would do more to increase public safety and reduce crime in California?*

- 20% Defund the police and invest in social services
- 66% Increase the number and training of police officers
- 14% Not sure

17\* *Which is more important: providing clean air and water or preventing climate change?*

- 56% Providing clean air and water
- 35% Preventing climate change
- 10% Not sure

18\* *Is it more important to make America energy independent or to fight climate change?*

- 47% Make America energy independent
- 40% Fight climate change
- 13% Not sure





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*19\* Government officials are working to develop regulations that would effectively outlaw the manufacture and sale of gasoline powered cars. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?*

18%	Strongly favor
27%	Somewhat favor
18%	Somewhat oppose
26%	Strongly oppose
11%	Not sure

*20\* If you had a choice between a traditional gas powered vehicle or an electric vehicle of the same size that used no gas, but the electric vehicle cost \$10,000 more, which would you choose?*

53%	The traditional gas powered vehicle
34%	The electric vehicle
14%	Not sure

*21\* In order to move to renewable sources and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, how much more would you personally be willing to pay for electricity each month?*

35%	Nothing
18%	Less than \$5 per month
25%	\$5-\$10 per month
15%	\$10-\$25 per month
7%	More than \$25 per month

*22\* Which is more important, reducing greenhouse gas emissions or reducing the cost of power for California families?*

37%	Reducing greenhouse gas emissions
50%	Reducing the cost of power
13%	Not sure





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23\* To reduce greenhouse gas emissions, would you favor or oppose each of the following.

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	Favor	Oppose	Net
Replacing in-person meetings and gatherings with Zoom calls and remote work	64%	27%	+37
Lowering speed limits on highways	50%	41%	+9
Requiring smaller cars	43%	51%	-8
Banning gas powered cars	38%	54%	-16
Banning gas stoves	37%	56%	-19
Providing incentives for people to leave suburbs and rural areas to move to cities	32%	52%	-20
Imposing strict rationing of gas, meat, and energy	26%	65%	-39
Eliminating all but essential airline travel	23%	70%	-47
Restricting travel to visit friends and family	18%	77%	-59

Source: RMG Research, Inc.

### Replacing in-person meetings and gatherings with Zoom calls and remote work

- 25% Strongly favor
- 39% Somewhat favor
- 13% Somewhat oppose
- 14% Strongly oppose
- 9% Not sure

### Lowering speed limits on highways

- 16% Strongly favor
- 34% Somewhat favor
- 21% Somewhat oppose
- 20% Strongly oppose
- 9% Not sure

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23\* To reduce greenhouse gas emissions, would you favor or oppose each of the following.

### Requiring smaller cars

10%	Strongly favor
33%	Somewhat favor
21%	Somewhat oppose
30%	Strongly oppose
6%	Not sure

### Banning gas powered cars

14%	Strongly favor
24%	Somewhat favor
23%	Somewhat oppose
31%	Strongly oppose
8%	Not sure

### Banning gas stoves

12%	Strongly favor
25%	Somewhat favor
22%	Somewhat oppose
34%	Strongly oppose
7%	Not sure

### Providing incentives for people to leave suburbs and rural areas to move to cities

10%	Strongly favor
22%	Somewhat favor
22%	Somewhat oppose
30%	Strongly oppose
16%	Not sure





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23\* *To reduce greenhouse gas emissions, would you favor or oppose each of the following.*

Imposing strict rationing of gas, meat, and energy

8%	Strongly favor
18%	Somewhat favor
24%	Somewhat oppose
41%	Strongly oppose
9%	Not sure

Eliminating all but essential airline travel

8%	Strongly favor
15%	Somewhat favor
22%	Somewhat oppose
48%	Strongly oppose
7%	Not sure

Restricting travel to visit friends and family

5%	Strongly favor
13%	Somewhat favor
18%	Somewhat oppose
59%	Strongly oppose
6%	Not sure





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24\* California power companies have submitted a proposal that would base electricity bills partially on income. In addition to charges for energy usage, lower income households would pay as little as \$20 a month in fixed charges, while higher income households would pay up to \$128. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

24%	Strongly favor
30%	Somewhat favor
16%	Somewhat oppose
18%	Strongly oppose
12%	Not sure

25\* Would you favor or oppose basing electricity rates on income if the legislature or Public Utilities Commission could raise those rates at any time?

7%	Strongly favor
25%	Somewhat favor
21%	Somewhat oppose
33%	Strongly oppose
13%	Not sure

26\* Please let me know if the following statement is true or false: More energy exploration in the United States is good for the environment because it means fewer energy resources will come from countries with lower environment standards like China and Venezuela.

52%	True
19%	False
29%	Not sure







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*27\* If a proposal for a major infrastructure project meets all the relevant environmental protection standards, how quickly should regulators be required to approve the project?*

30%	Within 90 days
29%	Within 6 months
15%	Within one year
5%	Within two years
4%	More than two years
16%	Not sure

*28\* Last topic... Suppose a student tells his or her teacher of a desire to change his or her gender, name, or personal pronouns. Should the teacher be required by law to notify the child's parents?*

45%	Yes
38%	No
17%	Not sure

*29\* Should it be against the law to provide children under 18 with puberty blockers, drugs, and/or surgery to help them transition from one gender to another?*

55%	Yes
28%	No
27%	Not sure





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30\* Please let me know if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

Total			
	Agree	Disagree	Net
Science proves that there are only two sexes, male and female.	68%	26%	+42
Students should be encouraged to wait and have a sexual relationship only with the person they marry.	50%	42%	+8
Students should be taught that normal sexual relations involve a man and a woman.	47%	41%	+6
Christianity is a patriarchal religion used to oppress women and minorities.	39%	46%	-7
Children who are brought up in a church or synagogue are generally happier than those without a faith-based upbringing.	32%	48%	-16
The Bible is filled with hate speech against the LGBTQ community.	25%	50%	-25
Students should be encouraged to have sexual relations with both men and women.	15%	71%	-56

Source: RMG Research, Inc.

Science proves that there are only two sexes, male and female.

- 48% Strongly agree
- 20% Somewhat agree
- 10% Somewhat disagree
- 16% Strongly disagree
- 6% Not sure

Students should be encouraged to wait and have a sexual relationship only with the person they marry.

- 23% Strongly agree
- 27% Somewhat agree
- 21% Somewhat disagree
- 21% Strongly disagree
- 9% Not sure





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*30\* Please let me know if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:*

Students should be taught that normal sexual relations involve a man and a woman.

31%	Strongly agree
16%	Somewhat agree
17%	Somewhat disagree
24%	Strongly disagree
12%	Not sure

Christianity is a patriarchal religion used to oppress women and minorities.

15%	Strongly agree
24%	Somewhat agree
19%	Somewhat disagree
27%	Strongly disagree
15%	Not sure

Children who are brought up in a church or synagogue are generally happier than those without a faith-based upbringing.

15%	Strongly agree
17%	Somewhat agree
19%	Somewhat disagree
29%	Strongly disagree
20%	Not sure

The Bible is filled with hate speech against the LGBTQ community.

11%	Strongly agree
14%	Somewhat agree
20%	Somewhat disagree
30%	Strongly disagree
24%	Not sure





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30\* Please let me know if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

Students should be encouraged to have sexual relations with both men and women.

6%	Strongly agree
9%	Somewhat agree
17%	Somewhat disagree
54%	Strongly disagree
13%	Not sure

### Methodology

This Counterpolling™ survey of 955 Registered Voters in Florida was conducted online for AFPI on May 27-June 2, 2023. Field work for the survey was conducted by RMG Research, Inc. Certain quotas were applied, and the sample was lightly weighted by geography, gender, age, race, education, internet usage, and political party to reasonably reflect the state's population of Registered Voters. Other variables were reviewed to ensure that the final sample is representative of that population. Except where noted, results are from the sample of Registered Voters.

The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 3.2 percentage points.

