

California 2020 Presidential Primary



Sample 1,507 California Registered Voters
Conducted February 26 - 28, 2020
Margin of Error $\pm 3.1\%$

1. About how often do you hear or read something in the news that makes you angry?

A few times a day	44%
Once a day	25%
Once a week	18%
Once a month	3%
Rarely	11%

2. Would you say things in this country today are...

Generally headed in the right direction	29%
Off on the wrong track	63%
Not sure	9%

3. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

Getting better	28%
About the same	28%
Getting worse	39%
Not sure	6%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	4%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	56%
Don't know	1%

5. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	12%
Neither approve nor disapprove	13%
Somewhat disapprove	26%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Don't know	4%

6. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Nancy Pelosi is handling her job as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	28%
Somewhat approve	20%
Neither approve nor disapprove	11%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Don't know	3%

7. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Dianne Feinstein is handling her job as U.S. Senator?

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	28%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Don't know	6%

8. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Kamala Harris is handling her job as U.S. Senator?

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	22%
Neither approve nor disapprove	14%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Don't know	6%

9. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Gavin Newsom is handling his job as Governor?

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	25%
Neither approve nor disapprove	12%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Don't know	6%

10. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way the California Legislature is handling its job?

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	29%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Don't know	6%

11. California advanced its primary from the first Tuesday in June to the first Tuesday in March in order to have greater influence in the presidential selection process. Does this make you more or less likely to vote?

- More likely28%
- Less likely 3%
- Makes no difference 69%

12. Have you already voted or do you plan to vote in the 2020 Democratic presidential primary here in California in March?

- Yes76%
- No16%
- Undecided9%

13. As you may know, Senator Kamala Harris was for a time a candidate for the 2020 Democratic Presidential Nomination. When Senator Harris was a candidate, was she your first choice?

Asked of those who have already voted or plan to vote in the 2020 presidential primary

- Yes21%
- No66%
- Had not decided 14%

14. If the March primary for the Democratic party presidential nomination were held today, for which candidate would you vote?

Asked of those who have already voted or plan to vote in the 2020 presidential primary

- Joe Biden 19%
- Mike Bloomberg 13%
- Pete Buttigieg9%
- Tulsi Gabbard3%
- Amy Klobuchar 6%
- Bernie Sanders28%
- Tom Steyer 4%
- Elizabeth Warren 18%

15. In some states you are permitted to rank the candidates when you vote. Please rank the candidates in the Democratic primary according to your preference. You need not rank all candidates.

Asked of those who have already voted or plan to vote in the 2020 presidential primary

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Joe Biden	20%	18%	17%	12%	13%	9%	6%	4%
Mike Bloomberg	14%	11%	11%	10%	11%	12%	14%	17%
Pete Buttigieg	11%	12%	16%	18%	16%	12%	9%	6%
Tulsi Gabbard	6%	7%	6%	8%	7%	10%	16%	40%
Amy Klobuchar	8%	13%	19%	17%	14%	13%	13%	3%
Bernie Sanders	30%	17%	10%	8%	8%	7%	11%	10%
Tom Steyer	6%	8%	14%	14%	15%	21%	16%	5%
Elizabeth Warren	19%	23%	13%	12%	11%	10%	8%	5%

16. First choice candidate

Joe Biden	18%
Mike Bloomberg	12%
Pete Buttigieg	9%
Tulsi Gabbard	5%
Amy Klobuchar	7%
Bernie Sanders	27%
Tom Steyer	5%
Elizabeth Warren	17%

17. Second choice candidate

Joe Biden	17%
Mike Bloomberg	10%
Pete Buttigieg	11%
Tulsi Gabbard	5%
Amy Klobuchar	11%
Bernie Sanders	16%
Tom Steyer	7%
Elizabeth Warren	22%

18. Third choice candidate

Joe Biden	16%
Mike Bloomberg	10%
Pete Buttigieg	15%
Tulsi Gabbard	5%
Amy Klobuchar	18%
Bernie Sanders	10%
Tom Steyer	13%
Elizabeth Warren	13%

19. Some voters have found ranking candidates in an election like this one to be difficult; others, find it easier. How easy or difficult was it for you to rank these candidates?

Asked of those who have already voted or plan to vote in the 2020 presidential primary

Easy	38%
Easy to rate most of the candidates, but I knew too little about others	15%
Easy to rate the top three or four candidates, but difficult after that	29%
Difficult to rate candidates after my first choice	18%

20. Now, thinking about your top three choices, how likely do you think each is to win the Democratic nomination?

Asked of those who have already voted or plan to vote in the 2020 presidential primary

	Good chance to win the nomination	Some chance to win the nomination	Little chance to win the nomination	Not sure
First choice	54%	31%	13%	2%
Second choice	26%	45%	26%	3%
Third choice	17%	41%	36%	5%

21. Now, thinking about your top three choices, how likely do you think each is to win the November General Election against President Trump if your choice wins the Democratic nomination?

Asked of those who have already voted or plan to vote in the 2020 presidential primary

	Good chance to win the general election	Some chance to win the general election	Little chance to win the general election	Not sure
First choice	64%	21%	13%	2%
Second choice	37%	39%	21%	2%
Third choice	28%	37%	30%	5%

22. Thinking about the Democratic Party's nominee for President in 2020, which is more important to you?

Asked of those who have already voted or plan to vote in the 2020 presidential primary

- A nominee who agrees with your position on most issues 40%
- A nominee who can win the general election in November 60%

23. Again as you considered your top three choices, we are interested in why you rate each of these candidates as you do. Why do you support \$first_choice?

Asked of those who have already voted or plan to vote in the 2020 presidential primary

	Most important	Second most important	Less important
Personality traits	32%	34%	33%
Agreement with policy positions	60%	30%	10%
Ability to win the nomination	48%	30%	22%
Ability to beat President Trump	65%	18%	17%

24. And why do you support \$second_choice?

Asked of those who have already voted or plan to vote in the 2020 presidential primary

	Most important	Second most important	Less important
Personality traits	33%	37%	31%
Agreement with policy positions	59%	31%	10%
Ability to win the nomination	41%	36%	24%
Ability to beat President Trump	54%	28%	18%

25. And why do you support \$third_choice?

Asked of those who have already voted or plan to vote in the 2020 presidential primary

	Most important	Second most important	Less important
Personality traits	33%	33%	34%
Agreement with policy positions	47%	35%	18%
Ability to win the nomination	38%	36%	25%
Ability to beat President Trump	53%	27%	20%

26. For each one of the presidential candidates listed below, please say whether they are someone you...

Asked of those who have already voted or plan to vote in the 2020 presidential primary

	Would be enthusiastic about	Would be comfortable with	Would have some reservations about	Would be very uncomfortable with	Don't know
Joe Biden	21%	30%	24%	23%	2%
Mike Bloomberg	12%	21%	26%	38%	3%
Pete Buttigieg	16%	30%	25%	23%	6%
Tulsi Gabbard	5%	13%	20%	44%	18%
Amy Klobuchar	14%	30%	27%	19%	10%
Bernie Sanders	30%	20%	20%	29%	1%
Tom Steyer	10%	28%	28%	24%	10%
Elizabeth Warren	26%	25%	21%	24%	3%

27. If California Gov. Gavin Newsom were running for president, would you vote for him in the March 3 primary?

Asked of those who have already voted or plan to vote in the 2020 presidential primary

Yes	42%
No	58%

28. Please rank your preference for the vice presidential slot on the Democratic ticket:

Asked of those who have already voted or plan to vote in the 2020 presidential primary

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Stacey Abrams	13%	16%	12%	12%	9%	9%	10%	7%	7%	4%
London Breed	3%	2%	6%	6%	9%	9%	13%	17%	20%	15%
Julian Castro	8%	12%	17%	12%	13%	11%	8%	7%	7%	4%
Eric Garcetti	3%	6%	6%	9%	9%	14%	15%	18%	13%	7%
Kamala Harris	19%	19%	18%	12%	8%	6%	4%	5%	5%	3%
Amy Klobuchar	18%	16%	12%	14%	13%	8%	4%	6%	6%	5%
Gavin Newsom	8%	10%	10%	13%	13%	13%	11%	8%	6%	7%
Michelle Obama	31%	15%	11%	9%	7%	6%	7%	5%	4%	6%
Tom Steyer	10%	11%	12%	10%	12%	10%	12%	9%	10%	5%
Marianne Williamson	6%	4%	5%	7%	5%	8%	7%	10%	13%	34%

29. Please rank these California Democrats as your preference for the vice presidential slot on the Democratic ticket:

Asked of those who have already voted or plan to vote in the 2020 presidential primary

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
London Breed	4%	9%	9%	16%	19%	24%	20%
Eric Garcetti	8%	10%	18%	21%	20%	15%	8%
Kamala Harris	39%	22%	13%	7%	8%	7%	5%
Gavin Newsom	15%	21%	24%	14%	8%	7%	9%
Adam Schiff	21%	23%	11%	11%	12%	12%	10%
Tom Steyer	18%	16%	17%	17%	15%	12%	5%
Marianne Williamson	10%	8%	11%	10%	11%	15%	36%

30. The Democratic presidential candidates promise a better working relationship with California than President Trump. If elected, to best serve California, a Democratic president's top priority should be:

Asked of those who have already voted or plan to vote in the 2020 presidential primary

California's homelessness problem	33%
California's housing shortage	20%
Improving California's infrastructure	19%
Protecting California's natural resources	14%
Altering state and local tax deductions (SALT)	6%
Enhancing California's homeland security	9%

31. If an election for president were going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Joe Biden and the Republican nominee was Donald Trump, would you vote for...

Asked of registered voters

Joe Biden	59%
Donald Trump	31%
Other	4%
Not sure	4%
I would not vote	2%

32. If an election for president were going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Mike Bloomberg and the Republican nominee was Donald Trump, would you vote for...

Asked of registered voters

Mike Bloomberg	51%
Donald Trump	32%
Other	6%
Not sure	7%
I would not vote	4%

33. If an election for president were going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Pete Buttigieg and the Republican nominee was Donald Trump, would you vote for...

Asked of registered voters

Pete Buttigieg	54%
Donald Trump	33%
Other	5%
Not sure	6%
I would not vote	3%

34. If an election for president were going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Amy Klobuchar and the Republican nominee was Donald Trump, would you vote for...

Asked of registered voters

Amy Klobuchar	54%
Donald Trump	31%
Other	5%
Not sure	7%
I would not vote	2%

35. If an election for president were going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Bernie Sanders and the Republican nominee was Donald Trump, would you vote for...

Asked of registered voters

Bernie Sanders	59%
Donald Trump	31%
Other	3%
Not sure	4%
I would not vote	3%

36. If an election for president were going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Elizabeth Warren and the Republican nominee was Donald Trump, would you vote for...

Asked of registered voters

Elizabeth Warren	57%
Donald Trump	32%
Other	3%
Not sure	6%
I would not vote	2%

37. If an election for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	61%
The Republican Party candidate	29%
Other	1%
Not sure	8%
I would not vote	1%

38. Do you favor or oppose the following things?

	Favor	Oppose	Neither favor nor oppose	Not sure
Government action to combat climate change	68%	18%	12%	3%
Limit state and local law enforcement agencies' communication with federal immigration authorities	37%	35%	19%	9%
Raise the minimum age to buy guns to 21	67%	19%	11%	3%
Increase the state minimum wage	62%	23%	12%	3%
Build a wall on the US-Mexico border	33%	55%	10%	2%
Impose restrictions on abortion	29%	55%	13%	4%
Ban fracking in California	54%	24%	14%	9%
Require equal pay for all genders	75%	9%	14%	2%
Impose tariffs on steel and aluminum imports	26%	31%	26%	17%
Ban assault weapons	66%	22%	8%	4%
Create a single-payer health insurance system funded by taxes	44%	32%	14%	10%
Impeach President Donald Trump	57%	32%	9%	2%

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Detain illegal immigrant children together with their parents	51%	28%	14%	7%
Provide universal pre-kindergarten education	59%	21%	15%	5%
Prevent all state and local police forces from questioning and holding people on immigration violations unless they have a previous conviction for serious crime	50%	33%	12%	6%

39. How important is it that more women be elected to political offices?

Very important to me	40%
Somewhat important	30%
Slightly important	7%
Not important at all	23%

40. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs ...

Most of the time	58%
Some of the time	27%
Only now and then	8%
Hardly at all	5%
Don't know	2%

41. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Liberal	42%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	26%
Not sure	3%

42. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal	18%
Liberal	24%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	16%
Very conservative	10%
Not sure	3%

43. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrat	50%
Republican	23%
Independent	21%
Other	4%
Not sure	2%

44. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Strong Democrat	36%
Not very strong Democrat	14%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	10%
Lean Republican	5%
Not very strong Republican	8%
Strong Republican	15%
Not sure	2%

45. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2018 midterm election for the U.S. House of Representatives in the congressional district where you live?

The Democratic Party candidate	63%
The Republican Party candidate	31%
Someone else	2%
Don't remember	3%
I did not vote in that race	2%

46. Who did you vote for in the election for President?

Hillary Clinton	55%
Donald Trump	28%
Someone else	6%
Non-voter	11%

47. Are you...?

Male	47%
Female	53%

48. Respondent age by category

Under 30	17%
30-44	22%
45-64	36%
65+	24%

49. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	55%
Black	7%
Hispanic	23%
Asian	12%
Other	3%

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

HS or less	25%
Some college	36%
College grad	24%
Postgrad	15%

51. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?

Under \$50K	32%
\$50-100K	29%
\$100K or more	26%
Prefer not to say	12%

52. We'd like to know whether you or someone in your immediate family is currently serving or has ever served in the U.S. military. Immediate family is defined as your parents, siblings, spouse, and children. Please check all boxes that apply.

Military Household - I am	1%
Military Household - Family	6%
Military Household - I served previously	10%
Military Household - Family served previously	39%
Military Household - None	49%

53. Are you or is someone in your household a member of a labor union?

Yes, I am	13%
Yes, household member is	11%
No	77%

54. Derived from county

Northern California	13%
Bay Area	20%
Central California	26%
Los Angeles County	24%
Southern California	18%