



REMINGTON RESEARCH GROUP

CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC OPINION

MAY 2020

Survey conducted May 1 through May 2, 2020. 1,285 likely 2020 General Election voters participated in the survey. Survey weighted to match expected turnout demographics for the 2020 General Election.

Margin of Error is +/-2.7% with a 95% level of confidence. Totals do not always equal 100% due to rounding.

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Q1: Do you approve or disapprove of the job Governor Gavin Newsom is doing in response to the Coronavirus pandemic?

Approve: 64%
Disapprove: 29%
Not sure: 7%

Q2: Some Californians believe the Coronavirus restrictions have gone too far in infringing on their Constitutional rights. Government officials have banned any public protests against Coronavirus policies. Should these individuals be allowed to protest and express their views freely *OR* do you support the decision to arrest organizers of protests and fine participants of protests \$1,000 each?

Allow protesters to express their views: 58%
Arrest protesters and fine them: 27%
Not sure: 15%

Q3: Some people say California businesses should remain closed indefinitely. Others say California has flattened the curve enough that it can now safely reopen now. Which do you identify with more?

Remain closed indefinitely: 36%
Reopen now: 41%
Neither: 12%
Not sure: 11%

Q4: An alternative proposal has emerged for reopening California. Under this proposal, individual businesses could reopen only if they adhered to strict sanitation and social distancing standards to protect employees and customers - just like grocery and big box stores have done so far. Counties would monitor COVID infection rates to ensure they do not put their local healthcare system at risk.

Would you support or oppose an approach like this to reopening your county?

Support: 72%
Oppose: 13%
Not sure: 15%



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Q5: Governor Gavin Newsom has said his shutdown of California businesses and his stay-at-home orders will be managed statewide. Some counties have made the case that California is a massive state and rural counties should not be forced to continue shutdowns if the real problems are in dense urban portions of LA and the Bay Area. Other counties with lower infection rates requested to be allowed to slowly reopen rather than wait for the entire state.

Do you think we should only reopen the entire state at the same time *OR* should we let counties with lower infection rates reopen sooner?

Reopen entire state at same time: 29%
Allow some counties to reopen sooner: 63%
Not sure: 8%

Q6: Governor Gavin Newsom recently backed away from ordering the closure of all California beaches and parks because he says he does not trust citizens to responsibly use these places for recreation. To send a warning to the rest of the state, Newsom did order Orange County beaches and parks to close. Opponents say beaches and parks are important for recreation and lifeguards and police are capable of reminding the public of the rules.

Do you think the California beaches and parks should be opened or remain closed?

Open beach and parks: 51%
Beaches remain closed: 42%
Not sure: 7%

Q7: Governor Gavin Newsom wants to give illegal immigrants \$1,000 a month in COVID disruption payments using taxpayer funds. At the same time, Newsom says the state's unemployment insurance fund may run out of money within weeks for benefits for citizens. Do you agree or disagree with the use of taxpayer funds to make payouts to illegal immigrants?

Agree: 27%
Disagree: 59%
Not sure: 14%

Q8: If we reached June 15th and California still was not reopened for business, but other states in the US were reopened and doing well; would you sign a petition to initiate a recall against Governor Gavin Newsom to send a message that he needs to consider reopening soon?

Yes, would sign recall petition: 37%
No, would not sign recall petition: 54%
Not sure: 9%



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Q1: Do you approve or disapprove of the job Governor Gavin Newsom is doing in response to the Coronavirus pandemic?

Column %	LA	SF	South Non LA	North Non SF
Approve	62%	76%	56%	62%
Disapprove	32%	18%	34%	30%
Not sure	7%	5%	10%	8%

Table 1. Q1 by MEDIA MARKET - Categorical

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Approve	30%	87%	60%
Disapprove	59%	9%	33%
Not sure	12%	5%	7%

Table 2. Q1 by PARTY

Column %	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Approve	33%	74%	86%
Disapprove	57%	19%	8%
Not sure	9%	7%	6%

Table 3. Q1 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Approve	67%	60%
Disapprove	23%	35%
Not sure	9%	5%

Table 4. Q1 by GENDER



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Q2: Some Californians believe the Coronavirus restrictions have gone too far in infringing on their Constitutional rights. Government officials have banned any public protests against Coronavirus policies. Should these individuals be allowed to protest and express their views freely *OR* do you support the decision to arrest organizers of protests and fine participants of protests \$1,000 each?

Column %	LA	SF	South Non LA	North Non SF
Allow	58%	55%	58%	63%
Arrest	27%	31%	28%	22%
Not sure	15%	14%	14%	15%

Table 5. Q2 by MEDIA MARKET - Categorical

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Allow	79%	46%	58%
Arrest	12%	35%	28%
Not sure	9%	19%	14%

Table 6. Q2 by PARTY

Column %	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Allow	78%	52%	45%
Arrest	13%	32%	35%
Not sure	10%	15%	19%

Table 7. Q2 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Allow	53%	64%
Arrest	28%	26%
Not sure	19%	10%

Table 8. Q2 by GENDER



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Q3: Some people say California businesses should remain closed indefinitely. Others say California has flattened the curve enough that it can now safely reopen now. Which do you identify with more?

Column %	LA	SF	South Non LA	North Non SF
Remain closed	36%	44%	31%	32%
Reopen now	41%	28%	50%	47%
Neither	11%	14%	11%	13%
Not sure	12%	14%	7%	8%

Table 9. Q3 by MEDIA MARKET - Categorical

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Remain closed	16%	50%	32%
Reopen now	70%	24%	41%
Neither	7%	12%	18%
Not sure	7%	14%	10%

Table 10. Q3 by PARTY

Column %	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Remain closed	16%	41%	52%
Reopen now	68%	33%	20%
Neither	9%	13%	16%
Not sure	7%	13%	12%

Table 11. Q3 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Remain closed	38%	33%
Reopen now	36%	47%
Neither	13%	11%
Not sure	13%	8%

Table 12. Q3 by GENDER



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Q4: An alternative proposal has emerged for reopening California. Under this proposal, individual businesses could reopen only if they adhered to strict sanitation and social distancing standards to protect employees and customers - just like grocery and big box stores have done so far. Counties would monitor COVID infection rates to ensure they do not put their local healthcare system at risk.

Would you support or oppose an approach like this to reopening your county?

Column %	LA	SF	South Non LA	North Non SF
Support	72%	72%	66%	76%
Oppose	14%	15%	14%	11%
Not sure	15%	13%	20%	13%

Table 13. Q4 by MEDIA MARKET - Categorical

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Support	78%	69%	69%
Oppose	7%	15%	17%
Not sure	15%	15%	14%

Table 14. Q4 by PARTY

Column %	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Support	76%	75%	63%
Oppose	10%	12%	20%
Not sure	14%	12%	18%

Table 15. Q4 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Support	70%	74%
Oppose	13%	14%
Not sure	17%	12%

Table 16. Q4 by GENDER



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Q5: Governor Gavin Newsom has said his shutdown of California businesses and his stay-at-home orders will be managed statewide. Some counties have made the case that California is a massive state and rural counties should not be forced to continue shutdowns if the real problems are in dense urban portions of LA and the Bay Area. Other counties with lower infection rates requested to be allowed to slowly reopen rather than wait for the entire state.

Do you think we should only reopen the entire state at the same time *OR* should we let counties with lower infection rates reopen sooner?

Column %	LA	SF	South Non LA	North Non SF
Reopen as state	34%	29%	21%	24%
Allow some counties	58%	62%	73%	68%
Not sure	8%	9%	5%	8%

Table 17. Q5 by MEDIA MARKET - Categorical

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Reopen as state	19%	37%	27%
Allow some counties	77%	54%	64%
Not sure	4%	9%	9%

Table 18. Q5 by PARTY

Column %	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Reopen as state	18%	30%	41%
Allow some counties	77%	62%	48%
Not sure	4%	7%	11%

Table 19. Q5 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Reopen as state	33%	25%
Allow some counties	56%	72%
Not sure	11%	4%

Table 20. Q5 by GENDER



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Q6: Governor Gavin Newsom recently backed away from ordering the closure of all California beaches and parks because he says he does not trust citizens to responsibly use these places for recreation. To send a warning to the rest of the state, Newsom did order Orange County beaches and parks to close. Opponents say beaches and parks are important for recreation and lifeguards and police are capable of reminding the public of the rules.

Do you think the California beaches and parks should be opened or remain closed?

Column %	LA	SF	South Non LA	North Non SF
Open beach	50%	43%	63%	53%
Remain closed	44%	50%	29%	38%
Not sure	6%	6%	8%	9%

Table 21. Q6 by MEDIA MARKET - Categorical

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Open beach	76%	34%	55%
Remain closed	19%	59%	36%
Not sure	5%	7%	9%

Table 22. Q6 by PARTY

Column %	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Open beach	76%	43%	33%
Remain closed	18%	50%	59%
Not sure	6%	7%	8%

Table 23. Q6 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Open beach	45%	58%
Remain closed	47%	37%
Not sure	9%	5%

Table 24. Q6 by GENDER



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Q7: Governor Gavin Newsom wants to give illegal immigrants \$1,000 a month in COVID disruption payments using taxpayer funds. At the same time, Newsom says the state’s unemployment insurance fund may run out of money within weeks for benefits for citizens. Do you agree or disagree with the use of taxpayer funds to make payouts to illegal immigrants?

Column %	LA	SF	South Non LA	North Non SF
Agree	26%	35%	21%	25%
Disagree	59%	50%	64%	64%
Not sure	15%	15%	14%	11%

Table 25. Q7 by MEDIA MARKET - Categorical

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Agree	13%	38%	22%
Disagree	82%	43%	62%
Not sure	5%	19%	16%

Table 26. Q7 by PARTY

Column %	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Agree	17%	27%	41%
Disagree	77%	55%	41%
Not sure	6%	19%	18%

Table 27. Q7 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Agree	25%	28%
Disagree	56%	61%
Not sure	18%	10%

Table 28. Q7 by GENDER



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Q8: If we reached June 15th and California still was not reopened for business, but other states in the US were reopened and doing well; would you sign a petition to initiate a recall against Governor Gavin Newsom to send a message that he needs to consider reopening soon?

Column %	LA	SF	South Non LA	North Non SF
Yes	39%	24%	46%	41%
No	52%	70%	43%	48%
Not sure	9%	5%	11%	10%

Table 29. Q8 by MEDIA MARKET - Categorical

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	72%	16%	39%
No	20%	75%	53%
Not sure	9%	10%	8%

Table 30. Q8 by PARTY

Column %	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Yes	68%	28%	15%
No	22%	64%	76%
Not sure	10%	8%	9%

Table 31. Q8 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Yes	32%	43%
No	57%	50%
Not sure	11%	6%

Table 32. Q8 by GENDER



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DEMOGRAPHICS

	%
LA	45%
SF	21%
South Non LA	14%
North Non SF	20%

Table 33. MEDIA MARKET - Categorical

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Republican	28%
Democrat	47%
Independent	25%

Table 34. PARTY

	%
Conservative	32%
Moderate	44%
Liberal	25%

Table 35. IDEOLOGY

	%
Female	54%
Male	46%

Table 36. GENDER

	%
18-29	12%
30-39	14%
40-49	14%
50-69	30%
70+	30%

Table 37. AGE