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Introduction

The statistical tabulations in this volume are based on a *Berkeley IGS Poll* completed by the Institute of Governmental Studies (IGS) at the University of California, Berkeley. The poll was administered online in English and Spanish April 29 – May 5, 2021 among 10,289 California registered voters. To cover broad range of issues and still minimize respondent fatigue, the overall sample was divided into two random subsamples. The questions asked about Senators Feinstein and Padilla were asked of 5,036 registered voters statewide.

The survey was administered by distributing email invitations to stratified random samples of the state's registered voters. Each email invited voters to participate in a non-partisan survey conducted by the University and provided a link to the IGS website where the survey was housed. Reminder emails were distributed to non-responding voters and an opt out link was provided for voters not wishing to participate and not wanting to receive further email invitations.

Samples of registered voters with email addresses were provided to IGS by Political Data, Inc., a leading supplier of registered voter lists in California. The email addresses of voters were derived from information contained on the state's official voter registration rolls. Prior to the distribution of the emails, the overall sample was stratified by age and gender in an attempt to obtain a proper balance of survey respondents across all major segments of the registered voter population.

To protect the anonymity of survey respondents, voters' email addresses and all other personally identifiable information derived from the original voter listing were purged from the data file and replaced with a unique and anonymous identification number during data processing. Post-stratification weights were applied to align the sample of the registered voters responding to the survey to population characteristics of the state's registered voters.

The sampling error associated with the results from the survey are difficult to calculate precisely due to the effects of sample stratification and the post-stratification weighting. Nevertheless, it is likely that the results from the overall sample of registered voters are subject to a sampling error of approximately +/- 2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, while findings based on each of the two random subsamples are subject to a sampling error of approximately +/- 2.5 percentage points.

Regional definitions referenced in this report

The results from the state’s geographic regions referenced in this volume are comprised of the following counties:

Los Angeles County (Los Angeles County)

Orange County (Orange County)

San Diego County (San Diego County)

Inland Empire (Riverside and San Bernardino counties)

Central Coast (Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties)

SF Bay Area (Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Marin, Napa, Sonoma, Solano, San Mateo, Santa Clara).

North Coast/Sierras (Del Norte, Siskiyou, Modoc, Humboldt, Trinity, Lassen, Mendocino, Plumas, Sierra, Nevada, Lake, Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mono, Mariposa, Inyo counties.)

Sacramento Valley (Shasta, Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Yuba, Placer, Sutter, Yolo, El Dorado, and Sacramento counties)

San Joaquin Valley (San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Kern counties)

Central Valley (net) (includes all counties in the Sacramento Valley and San Joaquin Valley referenced above)

About the Institute of Governmental Studies

The Institute of Governmental Studies (IGS) is an interdisciplinary organized research unit that pursues a vigorous program of research, education, publication and public service. A component of the University of California system's flagship Berkeley campus, IGS is the oldest organized research unit in the UC system and the oldest public policy research center in the state. IGS's co-directors are Professor Eric Schickler and Associate Professor Cristina Mora.

IGS conducts periodic surveys of public opinion in California on matters of politics and public policy through its *Berkeley IGS Poll*. The poll, which is disseminated widely, seeks to provide a broad measure of contemporary public opinion, and to generate data for subsequent scholarly analysis. The director of the *Berkeley IGS Poll* is Mark DiCamillo. For a complete listing of stories issued by the *Berkeley IGS Poll* go to <https://www.igs.berkeley.edu/research/berkeley-igs-poll>.

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Table 1: Q14x1S As you know, Governor Gavin Newsom recently appointed California Secretary of State Alex Padilla to serve as U.S. Senator to complete the term of Kamala Harris now that she has become Vice President. Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the way Alex Padilla is handling his job as U.S. Senator? (Registered Voters, Form A)

	Area			Region									Party Registration				Sex		Likely Voter		
	Total	Coastal	Inland	Los Angeles	San Diego	Orange	Inland Empire	Central Coast	Bay Area	North Coast/Sierras	Sacramento Valley	San Joaquin Valley	Central Valley (net)	Democrat	Republican	IPP	Other	Male	Female	Likely Voter	Not LV
unweighted n	5036.00	3738.00	1298.00	1161.00	592.00	392.00	480.00	273.00	1226.00	120.00	403.00	313.00	716.00	2710.00	1008.00	1034.00	284.00	2378.00	2658.00	3882.00	1154.00
weighted n	5065.00	3587.00	1478.00	1369.00	436.00	425.00	533.00	238.00	1037.00	116.00	406.00	430.00	836.00	2287.00	1205.00	1254.00	319.00	2360.00	2706.00	3460.00	1605.00
Approve (net)	0.34	0.37	0.29	0.40	0.33	0.28	0.28	0.32	0.38	0.28	0.32	0.27	0.29	0.53	0.08	0.27	0.27	0.33	0.36	0.35	0.34
Approve strongly	0.18	0.19	0.16	0.21	0.19	0.14	0.15	0.19	0.18	0.14	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.31	0.01	0.11	0.11	0.17	0.19	0.19	0.15
Approve somewhat	0.17	0.18	0.13	0.19	0.14	0.15	0.13	0.13	0.20	0.14	0.16	0.10	0.13	0.22	0.07	0.16	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.15	0.19
Disapprove (net)	0.20	0.17	0.24	0.17	0.18	0.24	0.20	0.18	0.14	0.37	0.27	0.24	0.26	0.03	0.51	0.18	0.26	0.23	0.16	0.23	0.11
Disapprove somewhat	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.10	0.08	0.09	0.02	0.15	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.06
Disapprove strongly	0.12	0.11	0.16	0.10	0.13	0.15	0.14	0.11	0.08	0.27	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.01	0.37	0.09	0.17	0.15	0.10	0.16	0.05
No opinion	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.43	0.49	0.48	0.52	0.50	0.48	0.35	0.42	0.48	0.45	0.44	0.40	0.55	0.47	0.44	0.48	0.42	0.54

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Table 2: Q14x1S As you know, Governor Gavin Newsom recently appointed California Secretary of State Alex Padilla to serve as U.S. Senator to complete the term of Kamala Harris now that she has become Vice President. Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the way Alex Padilla is handling his job as U.S. Senator? (Registered Voters, Form A)

	Total	Age								Race				Latino by Lang.		Nativity		Union HH		
		18-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+ (net)	65-74	75+	White Non-Hisp.	Black	Asian/Pacific Isl.	Native American	Latino	English	Spanish	Native	Foreign	Union	Non-union
unweighted n	5036.00	464.00	343.00	840.00	854.00	1349.00	1186.00	797.00	389.00	2776.00	371.00	547.00	122.00	1237.00	959.00	278.00	3950.00	881.00	976.00	3742.00
weighted n	5065.00	532.00	422.00	950.00	722.00	1232.00	1207.00	802.00	405.00	2696.00	306.00	659.00	84.00	1366.00	976.00	390.00	3845.00	987.00	876.00	3819.00
Approve (net)	0.34	0.27	0.26	0.30	0.36	0.38	0.40	0.42	0.38	0.29	0.37	0.29	0.21	0.48	0.41	0.64	0.31	0.45	0.36	0.34
Approve strongly	0.18	0.11	0.10	0.13	0.19	0.21	0.24	0.26	0.20	0.15	0.18	0.11	0.10	0.28	0.25	0.38	0.16	0.24	0.18	0.18
Approve somewhat	0.17	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.18	0.15	0.19	0.17	0.11	0.19	0.17	0.26	0.15	0.21	0.18	0.16
Disapprove (net)	0.20	0.16	0.14	0.17	0.22	0.23	0.20	0.21	0.19	0.24	0.13	0.15	0.50	0.13	0.16	0.07	0.21	0.15	0.21	0.20
Disapprove somewhat	0.07	0.08	0.11	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.08	0.05	0.07	0.16	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.08
Disapprove strongly	0.12	0.07	0.04	0.11	0.16	0.16	0.13	0.14	0.10	0.16	0.08	0.08	0.35	0.07	0.09	0.02	0.13	0.09	0.14	0.12
No opinion	0.46	0.58	0.59	0.53	0.43	0.40	0.40	0.38	0.43	0.47	0.51	0.56	0.29	0.39	0.43	0.29	0.48	0.39	0.44	0.47

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	Total	Ideology					Education					Income					Rent/Own		
		Strong Conservative	S.W. Conservative	Moderate	S.W. Liberal	Strongly Liberal	Not a High School Grad	High School Graduate	Some College/Trade School	College Graduate (BA)	Post Graduate Education	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000-39,999	\$40,000-59,999	\$60,000-99,999	\$100,000-199,999	\$200,000+	Own	Rent
unweighted n	5036.00	433.00	667.00	1580.00	1178.00	1168.00	74.00	422.00	1474.00	1552.00	1509.00	414.00	530.00	518.00	975.00	1413.00	729.00	2607.00	1714.00
weighted n	5065.00	581.00	797.00	1754.00	1019.00	908.00	151.00	636.00	2138.00	1333.00	805.00	520.00	703.00	615.00	972.00	1229.00	517.00	2404.00	1849.00
Approve (net)	0.34	0.13	0.14	0.34	0.46	0.53	0.54	0.33	0.34	0.32	0.37	0.35	0.37	0.38	0.34	0.30	0.35	0.33	0.37
Approve strongly	0.18	0.08	0.05	0.16	0.24	0.32	0.32	0.19	0.18	0.14	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.16	0.15	0.17	0.18	0.18
Approve somewhat	0.17	0.05	0.10	0.18	0.22	0.20	0.23	0.14	0.16	0.18	0.16	0.14	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.15	0.18	0.15	0.19
Disapprove (net)	0.20	0.57	0.42	0.16	0.02	0.02	0.08	0.19	0.22	0.19	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.19	0.21	0.21	0.19	0.24	0.15
Disapprove somewhat	0.07	0.09	0.16	0.09	0.02	0.01	0.05	0.08	0.09	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.05
Disapprove strongly	0.12	0.48	0.26	0.07	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.12	0.14	0.13	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.11	0.14	0.15	0.12	0.16	0.09
No opinion	0.46	0.30	0.43	0.50	0.51	0.45	0.38	0.48	0.43	0.50	0.47	0.48	0.47	0.43	0.45	0.48	0.46	0.43	0.48

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Table 4: Q14x2S Dianne Feinstein is now serving in her fifth term as California’s other U.S. Senator. Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the way Dianne Feinstein is handling her job as U.S. Senator? (Registered Voters, Form A)

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Approve (net)	0.35	0.37	0.30	0.38	0.36	0.32	0.29	0.36	0.37	0.35	0.33	0.28	0.30	0.53	0.10	0.28	0.27	0.31	0.38	0.34	0.36
Approve strongly	0.12	0.13	0.10	0.15	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.22	0.02	0.06	0.06	0.10	0.14	0.11	0.14
Approve somewhat	0.23	0.24	0.20	0.23	0.25	0.21	0.18	0.23	0.26	0.24	0.23	0.18	0.21	0.31	0.08	0.22	0.21	0.21	0.25	0.23	0.22
Disapprove (net)	0.46	0.44	0.49	0.40	0.45	0.51	0.48	0.47	0.45	0.51	0.52	0.48	0.50	0.29	0.79	0.43	0.53	0.53	0.40	0.53	0.29
Disapprove somewhat	0.19	0.20	0.18	0.18	0.15	0.22	0.18	0.20	0.24	0.11	0.23	0.14	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.15	0.21	0.18	0.21	0.15
Disapprove strongly	0.26	0.24	0.31	0.23	0.30	0.29	0.29	0.27	0.21	0.40	0.29	0.34	0.32	0.10	0.59	0.22	0.38	0.32	0.22	0.32	0.14
No opinion	0.19	0.19	0.21	0.22	0.19	0.16	0.23	0.17	0.18	0.15	0.16	0.24	0.20	0.19	0.10	0.29	0.21	0.17	0.22	0.12	0.35

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Approve (net)	0.35	0.26	0.26	0.28	0.37	0.37	0.44	0.43	0.46	0.32	0.42	0.32	0.17	0.41	0.36	0.54	0.32	0.44	0.35	0.35
Approve strongly	0.12	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.11	0.14	0.19	0.21	0.17	0.10	0.21	0.08	0.05	0.17	0.15	0.24	0.10	0.18	0.13	0.12
Approve somewhat	0.23	0.21	0.19	0.20	0.26	0.23	0.25	0.23	0.29	0.22	0.21	0.24	0.12	0.24	0.21	0.30	0.22	0.25	0.22	0.23
Disapprove (net)	0.46	0.28	0.39	0.45	0.49	0.51	0.49	0.49	0.47	0.55	0.36	0.36	0.69	0.31	0.39	0.13	0.50	0.35	0.53	0.45
Disapprove somewhat	0.19	0.14	0.16	0.18	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.20	0.23	0.18	0.18	0.13	0.13	0.16	0.07	0.20	0.18	0.24	0.19
Disapprove strongly	0.26	0.14	0.23	0.27	0.29	0.30	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.32	0.19	0.18	0.56	0.18	0.23	0.06	0.29	0.17	0.30	0.26
No opinion	0.19	0.46	0.35	0.27	0.14	0.12	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.13	0.21	0.32	0.14	0.27	0.25	0.33	0.18	0.22	0.12	0.20

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		Strong Con- serva- tive	S.W. Con- serva- tive	Moderate	S.W. Lib- eral	Strongly Lib- eral	Not a High School Grad	High School Grad- uate	Some Col- lege/Trade School	College Grad- uate (BA)	Post Grad- uate Edu- ca- tion	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000- 39,999	\$40,000- 59,999	\$60,000- 99,999	\$100,000- 199,999	\$200,000+	Own	Rent
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Approve (net)	0.35	0.13	0.19	0.36	0.49	0.45	0.53	0.30	0.35	0.33	0.39	0.36	0.41	0.34	0.34	0.31	0.37	0.34	0.37
Approve strongly	0.12	0.07	0.04	0.14	0.16	0.14	0.25	0.10	0.14	0.09	0.13	0.13	0.17	0.12	0.11	0.10	0.12	0.11	0.13
Approve somewhat	0.23	0.07	0.15	0.22	0.32	0.31	0.29	0.20	0.21	0.24	0.26	0.23	0.24	0.22	0.24	0.21	0.25	0.23	0.24
Disapprove (net)	0.46	0.78	0.70	0.36	0.29	0.40	0.12	0.39	0.45	0.50	0.51	0.30	0.34	0.46	0.50	0.54	0.53	0.52	0.42
Disapprove somewhat	0.19	0.14	0.19	0.18	0.21	0.23	0.07	0.13	0.18	0.22	0.24	0.13	0.15	0.18	0.21	0.22	0.27	0.22	0.18
Disapprove strongly	0.26	0.65	0.51	0.18	0.09	0.16	0.05	0.26	0.27	0.28	0.26	0.17	0.19	0.28	0.29	0.32	0.26	0.30	0.24
No opinion	0.19	0.08	0.11	0.28	0.22	0.15	0.35	0.32	0.20	0.17	0.10	0.34	0.25	0.19	0.16	0.15	0.10	0.13	0.21