CA-34 U.S. House, California Elections and Policy Poll (CEPP)

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The CA-34 U.S. House California Elections and Policy Poll (CEPP), conducted by the USC Democracy and Fair Elections Lab, surveyed likely voters in California's 34th congressional district. The CA-34 seat is currently held by Democratic incumbent Jimmy Gomez who is running for re-election against Democratic challenger Angela Gonzales-Torres. This poll was fielded from October 16 to October 24, 2026. The survey results are a snapshot of the congressional district electorate's attitudes on the days in which the poll was fielded and may not reflect changes to voter attitudes that occur between the poll's dates and Election Day, especially as respondents may change their mind. Results of toplines and crosstabs may sum to slightly more or less than 100 due to rounding. This poll was conducted by the USC Democracy and Fair Elections Lab, and the poll was directed by Dr. Christian Grose (Lead CEPP Pollster, USC); Alexander Wong (Deputy CEPP Pollster, USC); Dr. Jose J. Alcocer (Harvard); Jake Marks (USC); Mateo Schehtman (USC); and Christina You (USC). The poll was funded independently by the USC Democracy and Fair Elections Lab and there is no political or corporate sponsorship of this poll.

Survey methodology: The survey of 423 California voters is representative of the California likely voter electorate in CA-34. The overall poll has a margin of error of +/- 4.8% points; with larger margins of error for subgroups and crosstabs. Voters were randomly selected directly from the California voter file, and invited to complete the survey. Then, voters were screened for those who said they were "very likely" or "somewhat likely" to vote; or who have already voted. The poll was conducted via email to the probability-based sample of voters. Survey weights standard in the field were used to adjust the full sample, so the final results are representative of the likely California CA-34 electorate. The survey weights included demographic variables for party, race/ethnicity, gender, and age, and the universe was set using PDI estimates of electorate composition. A raking procedure using the anesrake method in the statistical program R was conducted. The survey was offered in English, and respondents also had the option to take the survey in Spanish, Mandarin/Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese. The CEPP congressional polls in the 2024 general election were the most accurate in the state of California with the lowest error in predicting the margin of victory between candidates across multiple statewide elections, and CEPP polls have been fielded in every primary and general election since 2022.

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Summary of findings from California's 34th Congressional District Poll

1. Before pushing undecideds to choose a candidate, the contest for CA-34 is tied. Incumbent Jimmy Gomez (Democrat) has support from 34% of likely voters, and challenger Angela Gonzales-Torres (Democrat) has support from 34% of likely voters. An unusually large percentage of voters (30%) report they are undecided. These toplines show the election is very close and that either candidate could win.

2. Among all likely voters, Angela Gonzales-Torres leads incumbent Jimmy Gomez 51%-45% after forcing undecided voters to choose. We asked voters who were undecided to state who they lean toward. Combining likely voters who expressed an initial candidate preference with undecided voters who expressed leanings, Gonzales-Torres climbs to a 51% to 45% lead over Gomez with remaining likely voters not planning to cast a vote in this contest. Still, this 51%-45% lead is within the margin of error, suggesting a competitive race down the stretch.

3. CA-34 is one of the most progressive electorates in the nation. Only 13% of voters identify as conservative while about two-thirds identify as liberal. Despite CA-34's liberal electorate, fewer than half of the district's likely voters have a positive opinion of the Democratic party (47% positive opinions towards the Democratic party) and fewer than half have a positive opinion of the Democratic Socialists of America (45% positive opinions towards DSA). Attitudes toward the Democratic party are split with 47% of respondents holding a positive opinion of the Democratic Party while 40% hold a negative opinion (a net +7 for the Democratic party). Only 11% of CA-34 likely voters have a "strongly positive" view of the Democratic party, and 36% have "somewhat positive" opinions toward the Democratic party. Regarding the DSA, 45% of likely voters report positive opinions and 25% report negative opinions (a net +20 for the DSA). Only 15% of voters have "strongly positive" opinions of the DSA, while 30% have "somewhat positive" opinions of the DSA.

4. The Democratic party-DSA divide shapes vote preferences in the CA-34 congressional election. Jimmy Gomez receives more vote support from voters who have positive views of the Democratic party, negative views of the DSA, and who describe themselves as "somewhat liberal." Angela Gonzales-Torres receives more support from voters who have negative views of the Democratic party, positive views of the DSA, and describe themselves as "very liberal." 78% of those with strongly positive opinions of the DSA support Gonzales-Torres while 71% of those with strongly positive opinions of the Democratic Party support Gomez. Among likely voters who describe themselves as "very liberal," Gonzales-Torres receives 69% of the vote to Gomez's 29%. Likely voters who describe themselves as "somewhat liberal" and "moderate" support Gomez over Gonzales-Torres (somewhat liberal voters: Gomez 53%- Gonzales-Torres 44%; moderate voters: Gomez 55%-Gonzales-Torres 39%).

5. Jimmy Gomez receives more support from older voters, men, homeowners, and those who describe themselves as middle class or upper class. Angela Gonzales-Torres receives more support from younger voters, women, renters, and those who describe themselves as working class. Likely voters above age 50 support Gomez 60%-37%, and likely voters below age 50 support Gonzales-Torres 64%-32%. Women support Gonzales-Torres 56%-43% while men support Gomez 48%-46%. Among renters who are likely voters, 61% prefer Gonzales-Torres and 35% prefer Gomez; while among homeowners, 57% prefer Gomez and 40% prefer Gonzales-Torres. Likely voters who describe themselves as working class support Gonzales-Torres with 57% to Gomez's 37%. Voters who describe themselves as middle class are nearly evenly divided with Gomez 49% to Gonzales-Torres at 47%, and voters who identify as upper class support Gomez 60% to 39% for Gonzales-Torres.

6. When looking at voting patterns by race and ethnicity, Latino voters are nearly evenly split between Gomez and Gonzales-Torres while non-Hispanic white voters have the biggest margin of support for Gonzales-Torres; and Asian American voters narrowly support Gonzales-Torres. When including leaners, Gomez receives 47% of Latino voters and Gonzales-Torres receives 50% (effectively a statistical tie among Latino voters). Asian voters support Gonzales-Torres 51% to 43% for Gomez, and non-Hispanic white voters support Gonzales-Torres with 54% to Gomez with 43%.

7. Likely voters were asked to describe both candidates using open-ended words or phrases of the voters' own choosing. For Gomez, the most frequently mentioned word or phrase referred to the ethics allegations he is facing in Congress. Voters also described Gomez as community-focused and a politician. Gonzales-Torres was frequently described as progressive, new, and DSA. For Gomez, the most-mentioned phrases referred to his ethics allegations and investigation (12%). The second-most mentioned word or phrase was establishment/politician (10%). The third-most mentioned word or phrase was community-focused or responsive (8%). For Gonzales-Torres, the most frequently mentioned words or phrases were progressive/liberal (15%), new (12%), grassroots/community (10%), and DSA (8%).

8. CA-34 is a stronghold for Nithya Raman's mayoral bid. More than 80% of CA-34's population is in the city of Los Angeles, so we also asked CA-34 voters about their choice for mayor. About 16% of the city of L.A.'s population is within CA-34. Nithya Raman holds a 54% to 28% lead over Karen Bass in the portion of CA-34 located in the city of Los Angeles (with 14% undecided and 4% intending to skip the election). When undecideds are pushed, Raman has almost double the support of Bass with Raman at 61% and Bass at 33%.

9. Support for candidates in the mayor's race correlates with support for U.S. House candidates in CA-34. Sixty-five percent of Bass supporters favor Jimmy Gomez, and 31% of Bass supporters are for Gonzales-Torres. Sixty-four percent of Raman supporters back Gonzales-Torres with 35% of Raman voters for Gomez. Of those skipping the mayoral election, Gomez receives 51% of the vote, Gonzales-Torres receives 22% of the vote, and 27% of these voters also skip the U.S. House election.

10. Outgoing California Governor Gavin Newsom holds a 50% approval rating in CA-34 among all likely voters in the district, and 34% of CA-34 likely voters disapprove of Newsom. Among Democrats only, 68% strongly or somewhat approve of the governor with just 16% of Democratic voters in CA-34 disapproving. However, Independents and Republicans in this district overwhelmingly disapprove of Newsom's performance as the state's chief executive (Independents, net -35: 22% approve, 57% disapprove; Republicans, net -72: 13% approve, 85% disapprove).

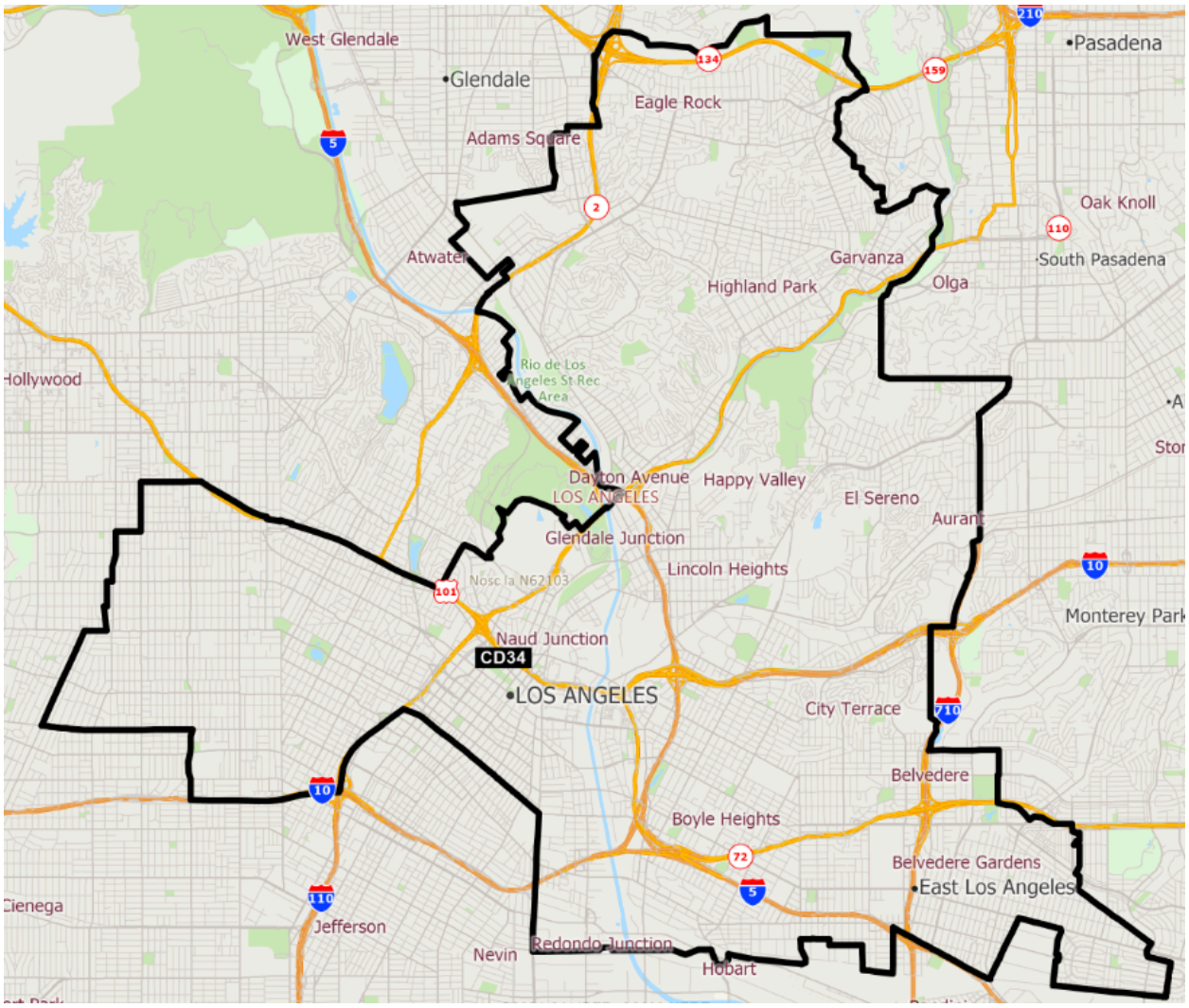
11. Looking ahead to the 2028 Democratic presidential primary, we asked Democratic likely voters in CA-34 who they would like to see nominated for president by the Democrats in 2028. In an open-ended response where Democratic voters could choose any name, California's Gavin Newsom and Kamala Harris finished in the top three with 20% of likely Democratic voters indicating support for Newsom and 10% for Harris. Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez was second with 19% and Jon Ossoff came in fourth at 10%. When CA-34 Democratic voters were asked to choose in a head-to-head matchup between only Newsom and Harris, Newsom received 51% of the vote to 38% of the vote for Harris. 11% said they would not vote if these were the only two potential candidates.

12. CA-34 voters hold strongly negative views on technology companies and data centers, and rate the economy, jobs, and affordability as the most important problems. Of likely voters in the district, 51% said they would support a data center moratorium while 27% said they would oppose a moratorium. Respondents similarly disapproved of major technology companies in California with 29% holding favorable opinions and 46% holding unfavorable opinions. When asked to respond in their own words with the most important problem influencing their vote, respondents most frequently mentioned the economy and jobs (11%); while the second most frequent mention was cost of living/affordability (8%).

13. Likely voters in CA-34 hold more positive opinions of socialism (+27) than of capitalism (-10), and these views correlate with support for Gomez and Gonzales-Torres in CA-34. Consistent with the district's liberal ideological profile, 53% of likely voters in CA-34 hold a positive opinion of socialism compared to just 26% holding a negative opinion. Thirty-three percent hold a positive opinion of capitalism while 43% hold a negative opinion. 80% of those with a strongly positive opinion of socialism indicated support for Angela Gonzales-Torres. On the other hand, 73% of those with a strongly positive opinion of capitalism supported Jimmy Gomez.

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CA-34 District Map (parts of the city of Los Angeles and unincorporated areas of City Terrace and East Los Angeles):



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TOPLINE RESULTS
LIKELY VOTERS, CA-34 U.S. HOUSE
(Jimmy Gomez/D v. Angela Gonzales-Torres/D)

POLL CONDUCTED,
October 16-24, 2026

CROSSTABS OF DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS ARE PRESENTED AT THE END OF THIS REPORT AFTER THE CONGRESSIONAL TOPLINES

Thinking ahead to the 2026 November general election, who do you plan to vote for to be US House Representative? [no push on undecideds]

34% Jimmy Gomez (Democratic - U.S. Representative/Parent)
34% Angela Gonzales-Torres (Democratic - Advocate for Justice)
30% I do not know/undecided
2% I do not plan to vote in this election / I will skip this contest

Thinking ahead to the 2026 November general election, who do you plan to vote for to be US House Representative? [includes push on undecideds]

51% Angela Gonzales-Torres (Democratic - Advocate for Justice)
45% Jimmy Gomez (Democratic - U.S. Representative/Parent)
4% I do not plan to vote in this election / I will skip this contest

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When you think about your positions on public policy, which of the following best describes you?

35% Very liberal
28% Somewhat liberal
22% Moderate
7% Somewhat conservative
6% Very conservative
2% I do not know

When you think about his positions on public policy, which of the following best describes Jimmy Gomez?

13% Very liberal
36% Somewhat liberal
26% Moderate
7% Somewhat conservative
3% Very conservative
15% I do not know

When you think about her positions on public policy, which of the following best describes Angela Gonzales-Torres?

32% Very liberal
26% Somewhat liberal
9% Moderate
≤1% Somewhat conservative
≤1% Very conservative
32% I do not know

What word or words come to mind when you think of Jimmy Gomez? Please write the word or words below. [open ended][1]

12% Ethics allegations/sexual misconduct allegations
10% Establishment politician
8% Community-focused/responsive
8% Corrupt/dishonest
8% Incumbent
7% Democrat/Democrat-endorsed
4% Caring/good person
4% Dependable/steady/hard-working
4% Experienced/effective
4% Family man/parent
4% Funded by AIPAC
4% Israel
4% Moderate/centrist
4% Progressive/liberal
≤2% All others

[1] In this and other open-ended questions, responses were generated directly from voters' open-ended responses and were analyzed using category coding. BERTopic was used to embed and cluster respondent answers into themes that occurred most often; these themes formed the baseline of a category codebook. Then each category was defined with a set of words and phrases. For candidate questions, positive, negative, or neutral descriptions from respondents were coded as separate categories. The results report the percentage of respondents mentioning each category, scaled on a 100 %-point scale (though due to rounding and not including those responses with <2%, the results may not sum to 100).

What word or words come to mind when you think of Angela Gonzales-Torres? Please write the word or words below. [open ended]

15% Progressive/liberal
12% New/fresh face
10% Grassroots/community
8% Democratic socialist/DSA
6% Unfamiliar/need to learn more
5% Advocate
5% Honest/genuine
3% Latina/Woman
3% Palestine/Gaza
3% Too radical/far left
≤2% All others

When considering your vote for Congress in 2026, what is the most important problem influencing your vote? Please answer in one or a few words.

11% Economy/jobs
8% Cost of living/affordability
8% Trump/administration
7% Immigration
6% Democracy/rights
6% Parties/elections
5% Corruption/accountability
5% Health care
4% Israel/Palestine
4% Candidate: Policy positions/views
3% Candidate: Represents the community
3% Government spending/services
3% Candidate: Ideology
3% War
≤2% All others

Thinking ahead to the general election for Mayor of Los Angeles, who do you plan to vote for to be Mayor of Los Angeles? [no push on undecideds; CA-34 likely voters who also live in city of L.A., this is not a poll of the entire city]

54% Nithya Raman (Councilmember/Urban Planner)
28% Karen Ruth Bass (Mayor, City of Los Angeles)
14% I do not know / undecided
4% I do not plan to vote in this election / I will skip this contest

Thinking ahead to the general election for Mayor of Los Angeles, who do you plan to vote for to be Mayor of Los Angeles? [includes push on undecideds; CA-34 likely voters who also live in city of L.A., this is not a poll of the entire city]

61% Nithya Raman (Councilmember/Urban Planner)
33% Karen Ruth Bass (Mayor, City of Los Angeles)
6% I do not plan to vote in this election / I will skip this contest

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Do you approve or disapprove of the job Gavin Newsom is doing as Governor of California?

13% Strongly approve
37% Somewhat approve
14% Neither approve nor disapprove
15% Somewhat disapprove
19% Strongly disapprove
1% I do not know

Would you support or oppose a data center moratorium in the state of California?

32% Strongly support
19% Somewhat support
13% Neither support nor oppose
10% Somewhat oppose
17% Strongly oppose
9% I do not know

How would you describe your overall opinion of major technology companies in California?

6% Very favorable
23% Somewhat favorable
23% Neither favorable nor unfavorable
24% Somewhat unfavorable
22% Very unfavorable
≤1% I do not know

Do you have a positive or negative opinion of capitalism?

10% Strongly positive
23% Somewhat positive
21% Neither positive nor negative
26% Somewhat negative
17% Strongly negative
3% I do not know

Do you have a positive or negative opinion of socialism?

19% Strongly positive
34% Somewhat positive
19% Neither positive nor negative
11% Somewhat negative
15% Strongly negative
3% I do not know

Do you have a positive or negative opinion of the Democratic Party?

11% Strongly positive
36% Somewhat positive
13% Neither positive nor negative
23% Somewhat negative
17% Strongly negative
≤1% I do not know

Do you have a positive or negative opinion of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)?

15% Strongly positive
30% Somewhat positive
22% Neither positive nor negative
10% Somewhat negative
15% Strongly negative
7% I do not know

Thinking about the current situation in the Middle East, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Israeli Government?

6% Very favorable
3% Somewhat favorable
11% Neither
12% Somewhat unfavorable
63% Very unfavorable
5% I do not know

Thinking about the current situation in the Middle East, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Palestinian Authority?

6% Very favorable
9% Somewhat favorable
33% Neither favorable nor unfavorable
16% Somewhat unfavorable
23% Very unfavorable
13% I do not know

Thinking about the current situation in the Middle East, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Hamas?

<1% Very favorable
2% Somewhat favorable
18% Neither favorable nor unfavorable
11% Somewhat unfavorable
59% Very unfavorable
8% I do not know

Thinking about the current situation in the Middle East, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Israeli People?

13% Very favorable
16% Somewhat favorable
34% Neither favorable nor unfavorable
16% Somewhat unfavorable
16% Very unfavorable
5% I do not know

Thinking about the current situation in the Middle East, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Palestinian People?

35% Very favorable
24% Somewhat favorable
23% Neither favorable nor unfavorable
5% Somewhat unfavorable
8% Very unfavorable
5% I do not know

Looking ahead, if the 2028 Democratic Presidential Primary were held today, list your top choice for the 2028 Democratic nominee for President. [open ended, asked of Democrats only][2]

20% Gavin Newsom
19% Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
10% Kamala Harris
10% Jon Ossoff
9% Pete Buttigieg
6% Bernie Sanders
5% Andy Beshear
4% Josh Shapiro
2% Abdul El-Sayed
2% JB Pritzker
2% Mark Kelly
2% Ro Khanna
2% Zohran Mamdani
≤1% All others, each

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[2] Given the small percentage of Republican respondents in CA-34, we do not include the parallel 2028 presidential primary questions for the Republican presidential nomination.

Looking ahead, if the 2028 Democratic Presidential Primary were held today and these were the only candidates, which candidate would you support as the 2028 Democratic nominee for President? [closed ended, asked of Democrats only]

51% Gavin Newsom
38% Kamala Harris
11% I would not vote in this election / I would skip this contest

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Have national economic conditions gotten better, worse, or stayed about the same?

6% Better
8% About the same
85% Worse
≤1% I do not know

Have California economic conditions gotten better, worse, or stayed about the same?

3% Better
19% About the same
76% Worse
2% I do not know

Have local economic conditions gotten better, worse, or stayed about the same?

3% Better
15% About the same
80% Worse
≤1% I do not know

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CROSSTABS OF DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS AND OTHER SUBGROUPS IN CA-34 U.S. HOUSE

LIKELY VOTERS

POLLS CONDUCTED, OCTOBER 16-24, 2026

Cross-tabs on vote for Gomez or Gonzales-Torres in U.S. House

Thinking ahead to the 2026 November general election, who do you plan to vote for to be US House Representative? [Includes a push on undecideds]

Party	Democratic	Republican	No Party Preference
Gomez	49%	56%	30%
Gonzales-Torres	50%	32%	62%
Not voting*	2%	11%	8%

*Not voting = Not voting in this House contest, but a likely voter

Respondent Ideology	Very Liberal	Somewhat Liberal	Moderate	Somewhat Conservative	Very Conservative
Gomez	29%	53%	55%	57%	71%
Gonzales-Torres	69%	44%	39%	32%	19%
Not Voting*	2%	3%	6%	11%	11%

Gender	Male	Female
Gomez	48%	43%
Gonzales-Torres	46%	56%
Not Voting*	7%	2%

Age	Below 50	Above 50
Gomez	32%	60%
Gonzales-Torres	64%	37%
Not Voting*	5%	3%

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Race	Asian/PI	Black**	Latino	White (NH)	Other**
Gomez	43%	46%	47%	43%	37%
Gonzales-Torres	51%	45%	50%	54%	54%
Not Voting*	7%	9%	3%	3%	9%

****Two asterisks here and below indicate small samples so caution should be used in interpreting.**

Income	<$50,000	$50,000-$100,000	>$100,000
Gomez	44%	41%	48%
Gonzales-Torres	50%	56%	47%
Not Voting*	5%	2%	4%

Education	Less than Bachelor's	Holds Bachelor's	Master's or Higher
Gomez	42%	44%	48%
Gonzales-Torres	54%	53%	49%
Not Voting*	4%	3%	3%

Residence	Rent	Own
Gomez	35%	57%
Gonzales-Torres	61%	40%
Not Voting*	4%	3%

Immigrant Generation	1st Generation	2nd Generation	3rd Generation	None of these apply
Gomez	50%	42%	45%	45%
Gonzales-Torres	40%	56%	50%	51%
Not Voting*	10%	2%	5%	3%

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Class Self ID	Working Class	Middle Class	Upper Class
Gomez	37%	49%	60%
Gonzales-Torres	57%	47%	39%
Not Voting*	6%	3%	≤1%

Mayor Choice	Bass supporter	Raman supporter	Not voting in mayoral contest*
Gomez	65%	35%	51%
Gonzales-Torres	31%	64%	22%
Not voting*	4%	≤1%	27%

Newsom Approval	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Neither	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	I do not know**
Gomez	63%	53%	44%	23%	38%	9%
Gonzales-Torres	33%	46%	55%	74%	50%	83%
Not Voting*	4%	≤1%	≤1%	3%	13%	8%

Dem Party Favorability	Strongly Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neither	Somewhat Negative	Strongly Negative	I do not know**
Gomez	71%	52%	36%	33%	40%	≤1%
Gonzales-Torres	29%	47%	59%	64%	48%	92%
Not Voting*	≤1%	2%	5%	3%	12%	8%

DSA Favorability	Strongly Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neither	Somewhat Negative	Strongly Negative	I do not know
Gomez	22%	43%	47%	59%	58%	49%
Gonzales-Torres	78%	56%	50%	35%	28%	45%
Not Voting*	≤1%	≤1%	3%	6%	14%	6%

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Socialism Favorability	Strongly Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neither	Somewhat Negative	Strongly Negative	I do not know
Gomez	19%	40%	60%	59%	56%	66%
Gonzales-Torres	80%	58%	38%	32%	32%	29%
Not Voting*	≤1%	2%	≤1%	10%	12%	5%

Capitalism Favorability	Strongly Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neither	Somewhat Negative	Strongly Negative	I do not know
Gomez	73%	58%	53%	36%	15%	53%
Gonzales-Torres	24%	35%	42%	62%	83%	43%
Not Voting*	3%	8%	5%	2%	2%	4%

Cross-tabs on vote for Bass or Raman in Los Angeles Mayor

Thinking ahead to the general election for Mayor of Los Angeles, who do you plan to vote for to be Mayor of Los Angeles? [Includes a push on undecideds; *note these results are only for likely voters in CA-34 who live in the city of Los Angeles*]

Party	Democratic	Republican	No Party Preference
Bass	35%	39%	26%
Raman	64%	34%	68%
Not voting*	≤1%	28%	6%

Respondent Ideology	Very Liberal	Somewhat Liberal	Moderate	Somewhat Conservative	Very Conservative
Bass	21%	35%	47%	45%	35%
Raman	77%	63%	49%	43%	18%
Not voting*	≤1%	2%	5%	12%	48%

Gender	Male	Female
Bass	32%	34%
Raman	62%	60%
Not voting*	6%	5%

Age	Below 50	Above 50
Bass	17%	50%
Raman	79%	42%
Not voting*	3%	8%

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Bass	33%	65%	28%	38%	44%
Raman	63%	35%	63%	60%	56%
Not voting*	4%	≤1%	9%	2%	≤1%

Income	<$50,000	$50,000-$100,000	>$100,000
Bass	30%	28%	38%
Raman	64%	63%	59%
Not voting*	6%	9%	3%

Education	Less than Bachelor's	Holds Bachelor's	Master's or Higher
Bass	24%	30%	41%
Raman	64%	68%	57%
Not voting*	12%	2%	2%

Residence	Rent	Own
Bass	25%	43%
Raman	71%	51%
Not voting*	5%	7%

Immigrant Generation	1st Generation	2nd Generation	3rd Generation	None of these apply
Bass	23%	30%	37%	40%
Raman	66%	64%	57%	56%
Not voting*	11%	6%	6%	4%

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Bass	27%	38%	52%
Raman	66%	57%	48%
Not voting*	8%	5%	≤1%

Newsom Approval	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Neither	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	I do not know
Bass	59%	35%	23%	20%	32%	19%
Raman	41%	61%	77%	77%	49%	81%
Not voting*	≤1%	5%	≤1%	3%	20%	≤1%

Dem Party Favorability	Strongly Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neither	Somewhat Negative	Strongly Negative	I do not know
Bass	51%	40%	18%	26%	27%	10%
Raman	45%	59%	82%	71%	47%	49%
Not voting*	4%	≤1%	≤1%	2%	26%	41%

DSA Favorability	Strongly Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neither	Somewhat Negative	Strongly Negative	I do not know
Bass	18%	31%	32%	37%	58%	26%
Raman	82%	67%	65%	62%	15%	70%
Not voting*	≤1%	2%	3%	2%	27%	4%

Socialism Favorability	Strongly Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neither	Somewhat Negative	Strongly Negative	I do not know
Bass	13%	30%	38%	49%	50%	29%
Raman	84%	69%	58%	47%	25%	71%
Not voting*	2%	≤1%	4%	4%	26%	≤1%

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Capitalism Favorability	Strongly Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neither	Somewhat Negative	Strongly Negative	I do not know
Bass	60%	45%	34%	28%	4%	27%
Raman	25%	51%	59%	71%	93%	44%
Not voting*	15%	4%	7%	≤1%	3%	30%

Cross-tabs on favorability of Democratic Party

Do you have a positive or negative opinion of the Democratic Party?

Party	Democratic	Republican	No Party Preference
Strongly Positive	17%	≤1%	≤1%
Somewhat Positive	49%	9%	12%
Neither	12%	10%	17%
Somewhat Negative	17%	18%	41%
Strongly Negative	5%	63%	28%
I do not know	≤1%	≤1%	2%

Respondent Ideology	Very Liberal	Somewhat Liberal	Moderate	Somewhat Conservative	Very Conservative
Strongly Positive	14%	17%	6%	4%	≤1%
Somewhat Positive	30%	54%	36%	10%	9%
Neither	10%	13%	16%	22%	≤1%
Somewhat Negative	33%	13%	24%	26%	5%
Strongly Negative	14%	4%	15%	37%	87%
I do not know	≤1%	≤1%	2%	≤1%	≤1%

Gender	Male	Female
Strongly Positive	10%	12%
Somewhat Positive	32%	38%
Neither	13%	13%
Somewhat Negative	24%	22%
Strongly Negative	20%	15%
I do not know	≤1%	≤1%

Age	Below 50	Above 50
Strongly Positive	8%	14%
Somewhat Positive	33%	38%
Neither	15%	10%
Somewhat Negative	26%	19%
Strongly Negative	16%	18%
I do not know	≤1%	≤1%

Race	Asian/PI	Black**	Latino	White (NH)	Other**
Strongly Positive	11%	19%	12%	10%	6%
Somewhat Positive	37%	31%	33%	40%	33%
Neither	10%	23%	14%	10%	25%
Somewhat Negative	21%	19%	23%	23%	16%
Strongly Negative	19%	8%	17%	17%	14%
I do not know	2%	≤1%	≤1%	≤1%	6%

Education	Less than Bachelor's	Holds Bachelor's	Master's or Higher
Strongly Positive	14%	9%	13%
Somewhat Positive	39%	37%	38%
Neither	17%	11%	13%
Somewhat Negative	12%	29%	22%
Strongly Negative	19%	13%	14%
I do not know	≤1%	≤1%	≤1%

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Class Self ID	Working Class	Middle Class	Upper Class
Strongly Positive	12%	10%	14%
Somewhat Positive	28%	40%	54%
Neither	17%	10%	8%
Somewhat Negative	20%	24%	20%
Strongly Negative	22%	16%	4%
I do not know	2%	≤1%	≤1%

Cross-tabs on favorability of DSA

Do you have a positive or negative opinion of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)?

Party	Democratic	Republican	No Party Preference
Strongly Positive	18%	≤1%	13%
Somewhat Positive	35%	5%	26%
Neither	24%	17%	21%
Somewhat Negative	10%	14%	9%
Strongly Negative	5%	54%	24%
I do not know	8%	9%	6%

Respondent Ideology	Very Liberal	Somewhat Liberal	Moderate	Somewhat Conservative	Very Conservative
Strongly Positive	33%	9%	3%	≤1%	≤1%
Somewhat Positive	46%	33%	19%	4%	≤1%
Neither	11%	37%	22%	26%	9%
Somewhat Negative	6%	8%	19%	14%	5%
Strongly Negative	≤1%	3%	26%	49%	86%
I do not know	4%	9%	11%	7%	≤1%

Gender	Male	Female
Strongly Positive	14%	15%
Somewhat Positive	28%	32%
Neither	19%	26%
Somewhat Negative	14%	7%
Strongly Negative	20%	12%
I do not know	6%	9%

Age	Below 50	Above 50
Strongly Positive	18%	12%
Somewhat Positive	30%	29%
Neither	25%	20%
Somewhat Negative	9%	11%
Strongly Negative	8%	24%
I do not know	11%	4%

Race	Asian/PI	Black**	Latino	White (NH)	Other**
Strongly Positive	12%	9%	13%	21%	5%
Somewhat Positive	38%	21%	26%	32%	34%
Neither	20%	48%	28%	13%	16%
Somewhat Negative	10%	6%	8%	13%	9%
Strongly Negative	8%	8%	17%	16%	11%
I do not know	12%	8%	8%	4%	25%

Education	Less than Bachelor's	Holds Bachelor's	Master's or Higher
Strongly Positive	9%	18%	17%
Somewhat Positive	22%	30%	36%
Neither	38%	20%	18%
Somewhat Negative	4%	11%	11%
Strongly Negative	15%	12%	14%
I do not know	12%	9%	5%

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Class Self ID	Working Class	Middle Class	Upper Class
Strongly Positive	16%	15%	12%
Somewhat Positive	23%	32%	47%
Neither	29%	18%	13%
Somewhat Negative	7%	11%	17%
Strongly Negative	17%	16%	11%
I do not know	8%	7%	≤1%

Cross-tabs on favorability of Socialism

Do you have a positive or negative opinion of Socialism?

Party	Democratic	Republican	No Party Preference
Strongly Positive	18%	5%	27%
Somewhat Positive	42%	8%	25%
Neither	22%	9%	16%
Somewhat Negative	10%	20%	11%
Strongly Negative	6%	56%	21%
I do not know	3%	2%	≤1%

Respondent Ideology	Very Liberal	Somewhat Liberal	Moderate	Somewhat Conservative	Very Conservative
Strongly Positive	42%	11%	3%	≤1%	≤1%
Somewhat Positive	46%	45%	22%	3%	≤1%
Neither	8%	26%	30%	17%	9%
Somewhat Negative	3%	11%	22%	19%	7%
Strongly Negative	≤1%	4%	22%	51%	84%
I do not know	≤1%	2%	≤1%	9%	≤1%

Gender	Male	Female
Strongly Positive	18%	19%
Somewhat Positive	28%	38%
Neither	20%	18%
Somewhat Negative	14%	9%
Strongly Negative	19%	12%
I do not know	≤1%	4%

Age	Below 50	Above 50
Strongly Positive	25%	11%
Somewhat Positive	37%	30%
Neither	18%	20%
Somewhat Negative	9%	13%
Strongly Negative	7%	24%
I do not know	3%	2%

Race	Asian/PI	Black**	Latino	White (NH)	Other**
Strongly Positive	17%	17%	17%	23%	11%
Somewhat Positive	37%	34%	33%	34%	29%
Neither	24%	26%	19%	16%	24%
Somewhat Negative	12%	6%	13%	10%	5%
Strongly Negative	10%	11%	17%	15%	11%
I do not know	≤1%	6%	3%	2%	20%

Education	Less than Bachelor's	Holds Bachelor's	Master's or Higher
Strongly Positive	15%	26%	18%
Somewhat Positive	14%	37%	43%
Neither	37%	17%	13%
Somewhat Negative	10%	10%	11%
Strongly Negative	18%	10%	14%
I do not know	5%	≤1%	2%

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Class Self ID	Working Class	Middle Class	Upper Class
Strongly Positive	23%	16%	9%
Somewhat Positive	26%	39%	45%
Neither	23%	17%	16%
Somewhat Negative	12%	10%	16%
Strongly Negative	14%	15%	15%
I do not know	2%	2%	≤1%

Cross-tabs on favorability of Capitalism

Do you have a positive or negative opinion of Capitalism?

Party	Democratic	Republican	No Party Preference
Strongly Positive	4%	42%	9%
Somewhat Positive	27%	12%	18%
Neither	22%	19%	18%
Somewhat Negative	29%	20%	21%
Strongly Negative	14%	≤1%	32%
I do not know	3%	7%	≤1%

Respondent Ideology	Very Liberal	Somewhat Liberal	Moderate	Somewhat Conservative	Very Conservative
Strongly Positive	2%	3%	12%	28%	62%
Somewhat Positive	15%	30%	30%	20%	24%
Neither	16%	24%	27%	31%	≤1%
Somewhat Negative	32%	26%	27%	17%	≤1%
Strongly Negative	33%	13%	4%	4%	≤1%
I do not know	2%	4%	≤1%	≤1%	14%

Gender	Male	Female
Strongly Positive	12%	8%
Somewhat Positive	34%	14%
Neither	18%	23%
Somewhat Negative	24%	28%
Strongly Negative	11%	22%
I do not know	≤1%	5%

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Age	Below 50	Above 50
Strongly Positive	4%	16%
Somewhat Positive	14%	34%
Neither	23%	18%
Somewhat Negative	32%	20%
Strongly Negative	24%	9%
I do not know	3%	3%

Race	Asian/PI	Black**	Latino	White (NH)	Other**
Strongly Positive	8%	17%	8%	13%	8%
Somewhat Positive	22%	12%	22%	28%	4%
Neither	22%	36%	25%	12%	36%
Somewhat Negative	29%	9%	24%	30%	26%
Strongly Negative	20%	21%	16%	16%	15%
I do not know	≤1%	6%	4%	2%	10%

Education	Less than Bachelor's	Holds Bachelor's	Master's or Higher
Strongly Positive	6%	8%	11%
Somewhat Positive	23%	24%	24%
Neither	29%	21%	16%
Somewhat Negative	22%	28%	27%
Strongly Negative	14%	18%	20%
I do not know	6%	≤1%	2%

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Class Self ID	Working Class	Middle Class	Upper Class
Strongly Positive	9%	10%	16%
Somewhat Positive	21%	22%	37%
Neither	25%	18%	16%
Somewhat Negative	24%	27%	27%
Strongly Negative	19%	17%	3%
I do not know	≤1%	5%	≤1%

Cross-tabs on approval of Gavin Newsom

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Gavin Newsom is doing as Governor of California?

Party	Democratic	Republican	No Party Preference
Strongly Approve	21%	≤1%	≤1%
Somewhat Approve	47%	13%	22%
Neither	15%	2%	19%
Somewhat Disapprove	11%	13%	26%
Strongly Disapprove	5%	72%	31%
I do not know	≤1%	≤1%	3%

Respondent Ideology	Very Liberal	Somewhat Liberal	Moderate	Somewhat Conservative	Very Conservative
Strongly Approve	14%	17%	14%	7%	≤1%
Somewhat Approve	41%	47%	27%	23%	14%
Neither	16%	17%	18%	≤1%	≤1%
Somewhat Disapprove	19%	14%	13%	14%	3%
Strongly Disapprove	9%	3%	25%	56%	84%
I don't know	≤1%	2%	2%	≤1%	≤1%

Gender	Male	Female
Strongly Approve	11%	16%
Somewhat Approve	33%	40%
Neither	15%	14%
Somewhat Disapprove	15%	15%
Strongly Disapprove	25%	14%
I don't know	≤1%	2%

Age	Below 50	Above 50
Strongly Approve	8%	20%
Somewhat Approve	34%	40%
Neither	17%	11%
Somewhat Disapprove	20%	9%
Strongly Disapprove	19%	19%
I don't know	2%	≤1%

Race	Asian/PI	Black**	Latino	White (NH)	Other**
Strongly Approve	8%	25%	16%	11%	21%
Somewhat Approve	36%	33%	31%	48%	17%
Neither	15%	29%	17%	8%	23%
Somewhat Disapprove	17%	10%	15%	15%	12%
Strongly Disapprove	19%	2%	21%	17%	17%
I don't know	5%	≤1%	≤1%	≤1%	10%

Education	Less than Bachelor's	Holds Bachelor's	Master's or Higher
Strongly Approve	21%	11%	15%
Somewhat Approve	33%	39%	43%
Neither	13%	17%	11%
Somewhat Disapprove	13%	14%	15%
Strongly Disapprove	20%	17%	13%
I don't know	≤1%	2%	≤1%

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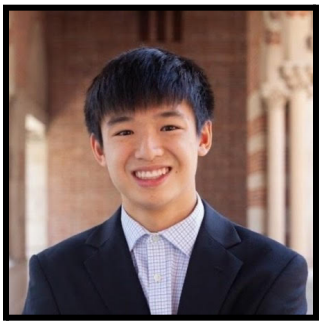
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Class Self ID	Working Class	Middle Class	Upper Class
Strongly Approve	18%	11%	12%
Somewhat Approve	25%	43%	60%
Neither	17%	13%	14%
Somewhat Disapprove	13%	15%	7%
Strongly Disapprove	26%	16%	5%
I don't know	≤1%	≤1%	2%

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