

**Topline Data**  
**Charter School Survey**  
**Prepared for the Center for Education Reform**

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Completed Interviews:

800 Adults Nationwide (Margin of Error: ±3.5%)

700 Adults in California (Margin of Error: ±3.7%)

Field Dates: January 5-11, 2005

A. Are you 18 years of age or older?

100% YES

B. Is there someone in the household I could speak with who is 18 or older?

100% YES

**Parental Threshold**

Please think for a moment about the public schools in your area. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether knowing this fact would make you very, somewhat, just a little bit or not at all likely to move your child out of that school after learning this information. If you do not currently have children, please imagine a niece, nephew or child of a friend. (ROTATE)

1. The child is performing poorly academically

US    CA

**53%**    **56%**    **LIKELY (NET)**

26%    30%    VERY LIKELY

27%    26%    SOMEWHAT LIKELY

**37%**    **35%**    **UNLIKELY (NET)**

9%    11%    JUST A LITTLE BIT LIKELY

28%    24%    NOT LIKELY AT ALL

10%    8%    DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)

-    \*    REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

2. The school is not meeting the standardized test score requirements set by the government

US   CA

**65%**   **71%**   **LIKELY (NET)**  
42%   44%   VERY LIKELY  
23%   27%   SOMEWHAT LIKELY

**29%**   **25%**   **UNLIKELY (NET)**  
10%   6%   JUST A LITTLE BIT LIKELY  
19%   19%   NOT LIKELY AT ALL

6%   4%   DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)  
-   \*   REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

3. There is negative media coverage of the school

US   CA

**48%**   **53%**   **LIKELY (NET)**  
22%   26%   VERY LIKELY  
26%   27%   SOMEWHAT LIKELY

**42%**   **38%**   **UNLIKELY (NET)**  
12%   10%   JUST A LITTLE BIT LIKELY  
30%   28%   NOT LIKELY AT ALL

10%   9%   DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)  
\*   -   REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

4. The child feels unsafe while at school

US   CA

**78%**   **83%**   **LIKELY (NET)**  
62%   68%   VERY LIKELY  
16%   15%   SOMEWHAT LIKELY

**17%**   **12%**   **UNLIKELY (NET)**  
4%   4%   JUST A LITTLE BIT LIKELY  
13%   8%   NOT LIKELY AT ALL

5%   4%   DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)  
-   \*   REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

5. You are not able to communicate regularly with the teachers

US    CA

**70%**    **75%**    **LIKELY (NET)**  
45%    46%    VERY LIKELY  
25%    29%    SOMEWHAT LIKELY

**24%**    **21%**    **UNLIKELY (NET)**  
8%    8%    JUST A LITTLE BIT LIKELY  
16%    13%    NOT LIKELY AT ALL

5%    5%    DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)  
\*    \*    REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

6. The school building and facilities are not well-maintained or in need of repair

US    CA

**68%**    **71%**    **LIKELY (NET)**  
37%    42%    VERY LIKELY  
31%    29%    SOMEWHAT LIKELY

**27%**    **26%**    **UNLIKELY (NET)**  
10%    11%    JUST A LITTLE BIT LIKELY  
17%    15%    NOT LIKELY AT ALL

5%    4%    DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)  
\*    \*    REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

7. There are not enough after-school activities

US    CA

**43%**    **41%**    **LIKELY (NET)**  
17%    17%    VERY LIKELY  
26%    24%    SOMEWHAT LIKELY

**51%**    **56%**    **UNLIKELY (NET)**  
12%    15%    JUST A LITTLE BIT LIKELY  
39%    41%    NOT LIKELY AT ALL

6%    3%    DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)  
-    \*    REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

8. Other parents are moving their children to different schools

US    CA

**39%   40%   LIKELY (NET)**

13%   16%   VERY LIKELY  
26%   24%   SOMEWHAT LIKELY

**53%   52%   UNLIKELY (NET)**

11%   13%   JUST A LITTLE BIT LIKELY  
42%   39%   NOT LIKELY AT ALL

8%   9%   DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)  
-   \*   REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

9. The child expresses an interest in changing schools

US    CA

**53%   57%   LIKELY (NET)**

22%   24%   VERY LIKELY  
31%   33%   SOMEWHAT LIKELY

**38%   35%   UNLIKELY (NET)**

13%   16%   JUST A LITTLE BIT LIKELY  
25%   19%   NOT LIKELY AT ALL

10%   8%   DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)  
-   \*   REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

**Level of Impact of “Buzz” Words**

I am now going to read to you a list of descriptive terms. For each, please tell me if you would feel favorable or unfavorable towards a public school that emphasized it. (And is that STRONGLY or just SOMEWHAT favorable/unfavorable)... [ROTATE 10-18]

10. “Control”

US   CA

**76%   74%   FAVORABLE (NET)**

45%   41%   STRONGLY FAVORABLE

31%   33%   SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE

**15%   13%   UNFAVORABLE (NET)**

9%   7%   SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE

6%   6%   STRONGLY UNFAVORABLE

9%   12%   DON’T KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)

\*   \*   REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

11. “Choice”

US   CA

**84%   81%   FAVORABLE (NET)**

53%   54%   STRONGLY FAVORABLE

31%   27%   SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE

**8%   11%   UNFAVORABLE (NET)**

5%   6%   SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE

3%   5%   STRONGLY UNFAVORABLE

8%   8%   DON’T KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)

1%   \*   REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

12. “Options”

US   CA

**85%   86%   FAVORABLE (NET)**

56%   54%   STRONGLY FAVORABLE

29%   32%   SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE

**5%   6%   UNFAVORABLE (NET)**

4%   4%   SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE

1%   2%   STRONGLY UNFAVORABLE

9%   8%   KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)

\*   \*   REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

13. "Freedom"

US    CA

**80% 78% FAVORABLE (NET)**

52% 48% STRONGLY FAVORABLE

28% 30% SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE

**10% 11% UNFAVORABLE (NET)**

7% 5% SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE

3% 6% STRONGLY UNFAVORABLE

10% 11% DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)

\* \* REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

14. "Autonomy"

US    CA

**69% 67% FAVORABLE (NET)**

34% 36% STRONGLY FAVORABLE

35% 31% SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE

**11% 14% UNFAVORABLE (NET)**

8% 7% SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE

3% 7% STRONGLY UNFAVORABLE

20% 17% DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)

1% 1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

15. "Regulation"

US    CA

**83% 78% FAVORABLE (NET)**

52% 48% STRONGLY FAVORABLE

31% 30% SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE

**9% 11% UNFAVORABLE (NET)**

5% 7% SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE

4% 4% STRONGLY UNFAVORABLE

8% 10% DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)

\* 1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

16. "Standards"

US    CA

<b>90%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b><u>FAVORABLE (NET)</u></b>
68%	66%	STRONGLY FAVORABLE
22%	23%	SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE
<b>5%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b><u>UNFAVORABLE (NET)</u></b>
4%	3%	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE
1%	3%	STRONGLY UNFAVORABLE
4%	5%	DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)
*	*	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

17. "Innovation"

US    CA

<b>86%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b><u>FAVORABLE (NET)</u></b>
59%	61%	STRONGLY FAVORABLE
27%	26%	SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE
<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b><u>UNFAVORABLE (NET)</u></b>
4%	3%	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE
2%	3%	STRONGLY UNFAVORABLE
8%	8%	DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)
*	*	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

18. "Accountability"

US    CA

<b>92%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b><u>FAVORABLE (NET)</u></b>
74%	70%	STRONGLY FAVORABLE
18%	21%	SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE
<b>3%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b><u>UNFAVORABLE (NET)</u></b>
1%	2%	SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE
2%	2%	STRONGLY UNFAVORABLE
5%	4%	DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)
-	*	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

**Level of Support for Key Components of Education Reform**

19. When you hear the term “charter schools” what is the first thing that you think of?  
How would you define or explain a “charter school?” (RECORD VERBATIM, OPEN ENDED, ANYTHING ELSE?)

**CALIFORNIA RESPONSES**

**26% STRUCTURE (NET)**

- 2% PRIVATELY MAINTAINED
- 2% PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT
- 2% NOT PART OF STATE OR DISTRICT
- 2% HAS ITS OWN CURRICULUM
- 2% HAS OWN STANDARDS
- 1% WHEN IT IS NOT WORKING OUT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL
- 1% GROUP WITH SPECIFIC GOAL IN SCHOOL
- 1% PART OF PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
- 1% SMALL CLASSES
- 1% ONE ON ONE WITH TEACHERS
- 1% ALTERNATIVE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- 1% MEET GOVERNMENT STANDARDS
- 1% PARENTAL CONTROL
- 1% PARENTS AND TEACHERS WORK TOGETHER
- 1% NEW PROGRAMS
- 1% ADVANCED PROGRAMS
- 1% BASIC EDUCATION
- 1% FOR AT RISK/TROUBLED KIDS
- 1% FOR ABOVE AVERAGE CHILDREN
- 1% CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS/DISABILITY
- 1% LOW-INCOME KIDS
- \* OPTION OF PLACING CHILDREN IN SCHOOL OUT OF DISTRICT
- \* NOT ACCOUNTABLE TO SCHOOL BOARD
- \* FORM CHARTER FROM STATE
- \* SET UP BY BUSINESSES
- \* COMMUNITY CONTROLLED
- \* OPTION FOR PARENTS
- \* RUN BY STATE
- \* MODEL PROGRAMS FOR OTHER SCHOOLS
- \* LIMITED STRUCTURE PROGRAM
- \* STUDENTS LEARNING AT OWN PACE
- \* ADDITIONAL ARTS
- \* MORE DISCIPLINED ENVIRONMENT

- \* NOT CRAMMED INTO CLASSROOMS
- \* DRESS CODE/UNIFORM

**25% TYPE OF SCHOOL (NET)**

- 10% PRIVATE SCHOOL
- 4% SPECIALIZED
- 3% ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL
- 3% PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- 1% HOME SCHOOL
- 1% SOMEWHERE BETWEEN PUBLIC & PRIVATE
- 1% RELIGIOUS/PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS
- 1% MAGNET SCHOOLS
- 1% NEW SCHOOLS
- \* VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
- \* INDIAN RESERVATION SCHOOL
- \* BOARDING SCHOOL
- \* EXPERIMENT

**20% POSITIVE (NET)**

- 3% A GOOD THING
- 3% INDEPENDENT
- 2% HAS HIGHER STANDARDS
- 2% ACADEMICALLY BETTER THAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- 2% FREEDOM OF CHOICE
- 2% INNOVATIVE
- 1% FAVOR THEM
- 1% BETTER THAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
- 1% AUTONOMOUS
- 1% OUTSTANDING/EXCELLENT
- 1% SAFE/SECURE
- \* ACHIEVEMENT/ ACCOMPLISHMENT
- \* HAS BETTER TEACHERS
- \* HIGH TEST SCORES
- \* DOING A GOOD JOB
- \* GOOD IF DONE RIGHT
- \* BEST FOR CHILD
- \* GIVES OPPORTUNITY
- \* ACADEMIC FREEDOM
- \* FOCUSED



**5% MONEY/FUNDING (NET)**

- 2% PAY TO ATTEND
- 1% A LOT OF MONEY
- 1% PUBLICLY FUNDED PRIVATE SCHOOL
- 1% FOR UPPER INCOME PEOPLE
- \* RUN FOR PROFIT
- \* SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE PAY
- \* TAKE MONEY FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- \* WASTE OF MONEY

**4% NEGATIVE**

- 1% UNREGULATED
- 1% DON'T LIKE THEM/BAD IDEA
- 1% NOT SURE OF QUALITY
- 1% UNNECESSARY
- \* LOWER CLASS SCHOOLS
- \* HARD TO RUN
- \* LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY
- \* UNQUALIFIED STAFF
- \* DON'T HAVE TO BE ACCREDITED
- \* DISCRIMINATORY
- \* UPPITY
- \* TOO MUCH FREEDOM
- \* EASY WAY OUT
- \* UNSTABLE/UNSUCCESSFUL
- \* POLITICALLY MOTIVATED
- \* TAKES LONGER TO GET TO SCHOOL
- \* FAR FROM CHILDREN'S HOMES

**4% MISCELLANEOUS**

- 2% PEOPLE BEING BUSSED IN
- 1% PICK UP SLACK FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- 1% SELECTIVE
- \* HAVE CHILDREN THERE
- \* NOT FOR EVERYONE
- \* COMPETITIVE
- \* NON-GOVERNMENT SPONSORED
- \* PRESTIGIOUS/ELITE
- \* RACIAL SCHOOL

**28% DON'T KNOW/NO ANSWER**

20. How would you classify charter schools—as (ROTATE) public schools, private schools, religious/parochial schools, or magnet schools?

US    CA

38%	33%	PRIVATE SCHOOL
20%	29%	PUBLIC SCHOOL
16%	15%	MAGNET SCHOOL
5%	4%	RELIGIOUS/PAROCHIAL SCHOOL
3%	2%	OTHER (VOLUNTEERED)
17%	16%	DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
*	1%	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

21. Do you support or oppose allowing communities to create new public schools - called charter schools - that would be held accountable for student results and would be required to meet the same academic standards/testing requirements as other public schools but not cost taxpayers any additional money?

[PROBE: AND DO YOU STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?]

US    CA

<b>78%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b><u>SUPPORT (NET)</u></b>
56%	56%	STRONGLY SUPPORT
22%	25%	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
<b>15%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b><u>OPPOSE (NET)</u></b>
6%	4%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
9%	9%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
6%	6%	DON'T KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
*	*	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

22. Recently there have been reports, based on information collected by the federal government, of students' academic performance in conventional public and charter schools. These data show that students in charter schools are sometimes slightly behind students in other public schools academically. Knowing this, with which of the following opinions comes closest to your own? (ROTATE)

Person 1: Reports from the government that some charter school students are performing less well compared to conventional public school students concerns me when thinking about the quality of charter schools.

Person 2: There is other, more reliable information about charter schools besides government-based data that should be considered when thinking about the quality of such schools.

[PROBE: And would that be STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT agree with Person 1/2?]

US    CA

**31%    30%    PERSON ONE (NET)**

15%    16%    STRONGLY AGREE WITH PERSON ONE  
 16%    14%    SOMEWHAT AGREE WITH PERSON ONE

**55%    57%    PERSON TWO (NET)**

29%    26%    SOMEWHAT AGREE WITH PERSON TWO  
 26%    31%    STRONGLY AGREE WITH PERSON TWO

4%    4%    NO DIFFERENCE (VOLUNTEERED)  
 10%    8%    DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)  
 \*    1%    REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

23. Do you (ROTATE) support or oppose considering student performance when deciding how to compensate teachers? Under this plan, a teacher whose students actually perform well would receive a higher salary and additional financial rewards.

[PROBE: AND DO YOU STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?]

US    CA

**59%    54%    SUPPORT (NET)**

40%    34%    STRONGLY SUPPORT  
 19%    20%    SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

**34%    40%    OPPOSE (NET)**

13%    11%    SOMEWHAT OPPOSE  
 21%    29%    STRONGLY OPPOSE  
 5%    5%    DON'T KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)  
 \*    1%    REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

24. I am now going to read you the opinions of two individuals, please tell me with which one you agree more.

Person 1: “In order to meet the required state standards, all schools should use the same educational program that is mandated by their local district or state so that there is continuity among schools and students.”

Person 2: “As long as the school still meets the standards set by the state, schools should have the opportunity to select their own education programs based on what might be best for the students, even if it differs from other schools in their area.”

(And do you STRONGLY or just SOMEWHAT agree with PERSON 1/2?)

US    CA

**30%**    **27%**    **PERSON ONE (NET)**  
 20%    17%    STRONGLY AGREE WITH PERSON ONE  
 10%    10%    SOMEWHAT AGREE WITH PERSON ONE

**63%**    **69%**    **PERSON TWO (NET)**  
 21%    23%    SOMEWHAT AGREE WITH PERSON TWO  
 42%    46%    STRONGLY AGREE WITH PERSON TWO

3%    2%    BOTH (VOLUNTEERED)  
 2%    1%    NEITHER (VOLUNTEERED)  
 2%    2%    DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)  
 1%    \*    REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

25. Currently, children attending public schools are assigned to the school they attend by the school district based on where they live. Some have suggested, however, that parents should have the option to send their children to a number of different public schools, with no additional cost, based on which is the best match for the child. Which do you believe is better: assigning children to one public school based solely on where they live or allowing the parent to choose from a number of public schools?

US    CA

69%    71%    A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT SCHOOLS  
 24%    22%    ONE SCHOOL  
 7%    6%    DEPENDS/UNSURE/ DON'T KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)  
 \*    1%    REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

## Demographics

Now I have a few more questions for statistical purposes...

26. What is your age, please? (CODE RESPONSE)

<u>US</u>	<u>CA</u>	
13%	14%	18-24
9%	9%	25-29
10%	8%	30-34
10%	12%	35-39
11%	15%	40-44
9%	7%	45-49
9%	9%	50-54
11%	11%	55-64
12%	9%	65-74
5%	5%	75+
2%	1%	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

27. Are you currently registered to vote as a (ROTATE) Republican, Democrat, Independent or are you not registered at all?

<u>US</u>	<u>CA</u>	
28%	31%	REPUBLICAN
32%	39%	DEMOCRAT
20%	13%	INDEPENDENT/UNAFFILIATED
13%	11%	NOT REGISTERED
2%	1%	OTHER (RECORD VERBATIM, VOLUNTEERED)
5%	4%	DON'T KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

28. Thinking for a moment about your social, economic, and political views, do you generally consider yourself to be conservative or liberal?

[IF CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL, ASK] And would you consider yourself to be VERY (conservative/liberal) or just SOMEWHAT (conservative/liberal)?

<u>US</u>	<u>CA</u>	
19%	17%	VERY CONSERVATIVE
25%	22%	SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE
22%	25%	MODERATE
17%	19%	SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
9%	11%	VERY LIBERAL
1%	1%	OTHER (VOLUNTEERED)
5%	4%	DON'T KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
2%	1%	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

29. Are you currently . . . (CODE “ENGAGED” AS “SINGLE”) (CODE “LIVING WITH SIGNIFICANT OTHER” AS “SINGLE”)

US    CA

57%	57%	MARRIED
22%	27%	SINGLE
9%	7%	DIVORCED
2%	1%	SEPARATED
7%	6%	WIDOWED
2%	1%	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

30. What is the last grade of formal education you completed?

US    CA

6%	3%	LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL
25%	18%	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE
28%	30%	SOME COLLEGE/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
26%	31%	COLLEGE GRADUATE
14%	17%	POST GRADUATE
1%	1%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

31. And thinking back to when you were in elementary, middle, and high school, what type of school did you attend? (READ AND ROTATE LIST, MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED)

US    CA

86%	83%	PUBLIC
8%	10%	PRIVATE
8%	10%	RELIGIOUS
1%	*	HOME-SCHOOLED
1%	2%	OTHER (RECORD VERBATIM) (VOLUNTEERED)
*	-	DID NOT ATTEND SCHOOL (VOLUNTEERED)
*	1%	DON'T KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
1%	*	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

32. Which of the following media sources do you consider your primary source of news and information? Would it be...?

US    CA

26%	20%	YOUR LOCAL EVENING TV NEWS
26%	23%	A LOCAL NEWSPAPER
13%	13%	CABLE TELEVISION NEWS CHANNELS
8%	11%	RADIO
6%	11%	INTERNET
7%	7%	NATIONAL NETWORK EVENING NEWS
3%	4%	A NATIONAL NEWSPAPER SUCH AS USA TODAY
8%	10%	ALL (VOLUNTEERED)
1%	2%	NONE (VOLUNTEERED)
*	*	DON'T KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
1%	*	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

33. Do you have any children? (IF YES: HOW MANY?)

US    CA

<b>75%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>YES (NET)</b>
19%	17%	YES, 1 (ASK Q 35)
27%	28%	YES, 2 (ASK Q 35)
29%	24%	YES, 3 OR MORE (ASK Q 35)
<b>25%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>NO (ASK Q 34)</b>
1%	1%	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

34. How likely are you to have children in the next five years?

US    CA  
N=196    N=216

<b>39%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>LIKELY (NET)</b>
18%	24%	VERY LIKELY
21%	15%	SOMEWHAT LIKELY
<b>50%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>UNLIKELY (NET)</b>
6%	4%	JUST A LITTLE BIT LIKELY
44%	47%	NOT LIKELY AT ALL
7%	7%	DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)
4%	3%	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

35. (ASK ONLY TO RESPONDENTS WITH CHILDREN) And what are the ages of your children? (MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED)

US    CA  
N=593   N=478

18%	19%	3 YEARS AND YOUNGER
16%	21%	4-6 YEARS OLD
15%	19%	7-9 YEARS OLD
18%	20%	10-12 YEARS OLD
17%	15%	13-15 YEARS OLD
17%	13%	16-18 YEARS OLD
25%	22%	19-24 YEARS OLD
35%	27%	25-34 YEARS OLD
30%	26%	35-44 YEARS OLD
16%	16%	45-54 YEARS OLD
3%	2%	55 YEARS AND OLDER
5%	8%	REFUSED

36. (ASK ONLY TO RESPONDENTS WITH CHILDREN) What type of school do your children currently attend or what type of school did they attend when they were younger? (READ AND ROTATE LIST, ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

US    CA  
N=593   N=478

77%	78%	PUBLIC
11%	13%	PRIVATE
6%	8%	RELIGIOUS
2%	2%	HOME-SCHOOLED
4%	2%	OTHER (RECORD VERBATIM) (VOLUNTEERED)
6%	5%	DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL (VOLUNTEERED)
*	*	DON'T KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
2%	*	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)



37. Do you have any grandchildren? (IF YES: HOW MANY?)

US   CA

**32%   25%   YES (NET)**

5%   5%   YES, 1  
6%   5%   YES, 2  
21%   15%   YES, 3 OR MORE

**66%   75%   NO**

2%   1%   REFUSED (VOLUNTEER)

38. Would you describe your racial or ethnic background as:

US   CA

74%   48%   WHITE/CAUCASIAN  
11%   7%   BLACK/AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
7%   28%   HISPANIC/LATINO  
2%   11%   ASIAN  
\*   1%   MIDDLE EASTERN  
2%   1%   NATIVE AMERICAN  
  
2%   2%   OTHER (VOLUNTEERED)  
2%   2%   DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

39. Are you...? (READ CATEGORIES)

US   CA

25%   30%   CATHOLIC  
46%   32%   PROTESTANT  
2%   3%   JEWISH  
2%   7%   AGNOSTIC/ATHEIST  
\*   1%   MUSLIM  
3%   3%   MORMON  
  
9%   9%   OTHER (SPECIFY) (VOLUNTEERED)  
8%   11%   NONE/UNAFFILIATED (VOLUNTEERED)  
4%   4%   REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

40. How often do you attend religious services?

US   CA

2%	3%	EVERY DAY
30%	22%	A FEW TIMES PER WEEK
24%	21%	A FEW TIMES PER MONTH
14%	15%	A FEW TIMES PER YEAR
25%	34%	SELDOM/NEVER
5%	5%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

41. How would you describe the community in which you live?  
(READ & ROTATE CATEGORIES)

US   CA

29%	34%	URBAN
40%	50%	SUBURBAN
27%	14%	RURAL
3%	2%	DON'T KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
1%	1%	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

42. Which of the following best describes your current work status or occupation?  
(READ RESPONSES AND ACCEPT ONE ONLY, UNLESS RESPONDENT SAYS "STUDENT" AND ANOTHER CATEGORY)

US   CA

27%	34%	PROFESSIONAL/EXECUTIVE/OWNER
12%	12%	WHITE COLLAR/ ADMINISTRATIVE/ CLERICAL
14%	11%	BLUE COLLAR/ SERVICE/ MANUFACTURING
5%	6%	PART TIME WORK OUTSIDE OF THE HOME
8%	9%	STAY AT HOME/ DO NOT WORK
4%	2%	UNEMPLOYED
5%	7%	STUDENT
19%	15%	RETIRED
2%	2%	OTHER (RECORD VERBATIM-VOLUNTEERED)
*	*	NOT SURE (VOLUNTEERED)
2%	1%	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

43. Do you, or does anyone in your household, belong to a labor union or teachers' association? [IF YES] And do they work in the PUBLIC SECTOR or the PRIVATE SECTOR?

US    CA

<b>20%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>TOTAL UNION</b>
16%	18%	YES, PUBLIC SECTOR UNION
4%	5%	YES, PRIVATE SECTOR UNION
<b>73%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>NOT A MEMBER OF A LABOR UNION</b>
5%	5%	DON'T KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
2%	2%	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

44. And regarding your family's annual income...Please tell me which of the following categories best describes your family's total annual household income before taxes.

US    CA

14%	9%	LESS THAN \$25,000
10%	6%	\$25,000 TO \$29,999
11%	8%	\$30,000 TO \$39,999
10%	7%	\$40,000 TO \$49,999
9%	9%	\$50,000 TO \$59,999
7%	8%	\$60,000 TO \$69,999
5%	6%	\$70,000 TO \$79,999
4%	5%	\$80,000 TO \$89,999
12%	21%	\$90,000 OR HIGHER
5%	5%	DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
14%	15%	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

45. Do you currently hold any investments in stocks or stock mutual funds either directly or through a 401k or pension plan?

US    CA

50%	57%	YES
43%	36%	NO
7%	8%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

46. Region (National Survey Only)

6% NEW ENGLAND  
15% MID-ATLANTIC  
17% EAST NORTH CENTRAL  
7% WEST NORTH CENTRAL  
18% SOUTH ATLANTIC  
6% EAST SOUTH CENTRAL  
9% WEST SOUTH CENTRAL  
6% MOUNTAIN  
16% PACIFIC

47. GENDER

US   CA

48%   49%   MALE  
52%   51%   FEMALE