



Generational Perspective

The Carnegie California Global Affairs Survey allows respondents to select their age range. The full survey report includes findings on generational gaps and divides across all four survey sections: California's Consistent Global Priorities; Global Challenges and Local Impact; California and Transpacific Affairs; and California and Global Engagement. For quick reference, we have listed a number of notable findings related to the generational perspective.

Similarities, even some surprising:

Do you think that global climate change is a major threat, a minor threat, or not a threat to California?

| | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Major threat | 63% | 56% | 60% | 64% |
| Minor threat | 15% | 23% | 16% | 16% |
| Not a threat | 11% | 13% | 19% | 18% |
| Don't know | 11% | 8% | 5% | 2% |

Do you believe that infrastructure and housing plans should take into account the needs and interests of generations yet to come (unborn)?

| | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Yes | 64% | 72% | 73% | 71% |
| No | 15% | 12% | 12% | 13% |
| Don't know | 20% | 16% | 15% | 17% |

Do you believe the federal government's imposition of trade tariffs will help or harm the U.S. economy?

| | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Help the U.S. economy | 23% | 23% | 29% | 29% |
| Harm the U.S. economy | 58% | 60% | 63% | 65% |
| Don't know | 18% | 16% | 8% | 6% |



Read the full paper, "2025 Carnegie California Global Affairs Survey" by Ian Klaus, Mark Baldassare, Marissa Jordan, and Abigail Manalese at carnegieendowment.org/research/2025/12/2025-carnegie-california-global-affairs-survey

But interesting divides too:

Do you think that the spread of misinformation through social media channels is a major threat, a minor threat, or not a threat to California?

| | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Major threat | 60% | 57% | 66% | 76% |
| Minor threat | 27% | 26% | 22% | 14% |
| Not a threat | 3% | 9% | 7% | 7% |
| Don't know | 10% | 8% | 5% | 3% |

Do you believe that the actions of the United States government with regard to climate change are economically beneficial for the state of California?

| | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Yes | 29% | 33% | 26% | 16% |
| No | 35% | 41% | 49% | 64% |
| Don't know | 35% | 26% | 25% | 20% |

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