



The Geographic Perspective

The Carnegie California Global Affairs Survey allows respondents to select their geographic residence. The full survey report includes findings on geographic 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 the notable findings related to the geographic perspective.

Similarities, even some surprising:

Do you think that the way that democracy and governance are working in Washington, D.C. is having a positive impact or a negative impact on state and local government in California?

	Central Valley	San Francisco Bay Area	Los Angeles	Inland Empire	Orange/San Diego
Positive impact	9%	13%	14%	16%	15%
Negative impact	53%	60%	52%	56%	52%
Neither	18%	14%	18%	16%	16%
Both	5%	4%	9%	6%	5%
Don't know	15%	8%	7%	7%	12%

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

	Central Valley	San Francisco Bay Area	Los Angeles	Inland Empire	Orange/San Diego
Help California's economy	19%	20%	26%	25%	22%
Harm California's economy	62%	65%	62%	61%	59%
Don't know	19%	15%	12%	14%	19%

What effect do you think the deportation of undocumented immigrants living in the U.S. will have on the price of food and consumer goods?

	Central Valley	San Francisco Bay Area	Los Angeles	Inland Empire	Orange/San Diego
Increase	51%	54%	52%	53%	50%
Decrease	14%	16%	15%	16%	9%
No effect	16%	18%	23%	19%	21%
Don't know	19%	11%	10%	13%	20%



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 development of generative artificial intelligence (AI) is a major threat, a minor threat, or not a threat to California?

	Central Valley	San Francisco Bay Area	Los Angeles	Inland Empire	Orange/San Diego
Major threat	44%	32%	45%	38%	38%
Minor threat	31%	36%	30%	40%	25%
Not a threat	9%	20%	15%	11%	17%
Don't know	15%	13%	10%	11%	19%

Regarding the Los Angeles and Los Angeles County fires in California, how efficient do you believe the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other federal agencies' (i.e., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) response was to the situation?

	Central Valley	San Francisco Bay Area	Los Angeles	Inland Empire	Orange/San Diego
Very efficient	17%	14%	16%	16%	13%
Somewhat efficient	40%	39%	48%	39%	35%
Not at all efficient	29%	28%	27%	32%	34%
Don't know	14%	19%	8%	14%	18%

Suppose your child/a young person asked for your advice about various post-high school options. Which of the below options would you recommend for the child/young person?

	Central Valley	San Francisco Bay Area	Los Angeles	Inland Empire	Orange/San Diego
Vocational training, such as trade school or an apprenticeship	37%	30%	27%	38%	29%
Attending a 2-year college	13%	12%	11%	14%	8%
Attending a 4-year college	27%	38%	41%	29%	38%
Going straight into the workforce	3%	3%	4%	2%	2%
Military service, such as the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space Force	7%	6%	4%	6%	11%
Don't know	13%	11%	13%	12%	12%

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