



The Partisan Perspective

The Carnegie California Global Affairs Survey allows respondents to identify their political affiliation. The full survey report includes findings on bipartisanship and the partisan divide 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 partisan perspective.

Similarities, even some surprising:

Do you think that the development of generative artificial intelligence (AI) is a major threat, a minor threat, or not a threat to California?

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Major threat	41%	42%	42%
Minor threat	35%	31%	33%
Not a threat	12%	15%	18%
Don't know	12%	12%	8%

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?

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Very efficient	15%	19%	14%
Somewhat efficient	46%	37%	38%
Not at all efficient	28%	35%	33%
Don't know	12%	9%	15%

Do you believe that educational institutions should operate independently from outside political pressures?

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Yes	89%	77%	80%
No	5%	12%	12%
Don't know	5%	11%	8%



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 global climate change is a major threat, a minor threat, or not a threat to California?

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Major threat	82%	25%	54%
Minor threat	12%	31%	22%
Not a threat	3%	40%	19%
Don't know	3%	4%	5%

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?

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Positive impact	6%	32%	8%
Negative impact	75%	26%	55%
Neither	9%	21%	29%
Both	3%	10%	4%
Don't know	6%	11%	4%

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

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Help California's economy	8%	59%	14%
Harm California's economy	86%	23%	67%
Don't know	7%	19%	19%

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