PPIC Statewide Survey: Californians and Higher Education

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Summary

Key findings from the current survey:

* Most Californians (56%) say affordability is a big problem in the state’s public colleges and universities. Only 18 percent say overall quality is a big problem.
* Half of Californians are very concerned that increased federal immigration enforcement will affect undocumented college and university students, including those with DACA status. Majorities are dissatisfied with the way campus officials are handling free speech, sexual assault, and hate crimes.
* Strong majorities across parties believe that California’s higher education system is very important to the future quality of life and economic vitality of the state.

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