

**AFT
Final Questionnaire – Online Dial Survey
May 8, 2014**

800 registered voters in California

INTRODUCTION

For this survey, we want to get your opinions on various issues. You will answer a few questions, and then you will listen to some statements and tell us how you feel about what you are hearing.

The most interesting thing about this session is how you are going to participate when you are listening to the statements. As you listen to the statements, you will use your mouse to move a slider on the screen, indicating whether you like or dislike what you are hearing at that moment (much like the “dial-testing” you may have seen during political speeches or debates on television). We would like your continuous feedback on each part of each statement, so please keep the slider moving as you have your moment-by-moment reactions.

Before we get to the statements, please answer a few questions about who you are and a few general questions.

DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS

Here are some questions about yourself, just for statistical purposes...

	<i>N=</i>	<i>Total</i> 804	<i>Parents</i> 188	<i>Latinos</i> 160	<i>Los Angeles DMA</i> 355
1. Please indicate your gender.					
Male.....	48	40	38	44	
Female.....	52	60	62	56	
2. What is your zip code?					
Bay Area.....	23	20	13	0	
Central Coast	6	3	5	7	
Fresno	6	8	10	0	
Inland Empire	9	8	11	20	
LA County.....	25	28	34	57	
North.....	3	2	1	0	
Orange.....	7	5	4	16	
Sacramento	12	17	12	0	
San Diego.....	9	10	9	0	

	Total	Parents	Latinos	L.A. DMA
3. How old are you?				
18-24	6	7	20	8
25-29	7	10	16	7
30-34	7	16	17	5
35-39	6	13	9	6
40-44	7	16	9	6
45-49	8	18	7	9
50-54	10	10	7	8
55-59	11	4	6	13
60-64	12	1	4	11
65-69	13	2	2	11
70-74	8	0	1	7
75 and older.....	7	1	0	8
(Not ascertained	0	0	0	0

4. Are you married, living with a partner, single, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Married	52	70	50	48
Living with partner	5	3	7	3
Single.....	25	15	35	28
Separated	2	3	0	2
Widowed.....	4	2	3	5
Divorced	13	7	5	14

5. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living with you?

Yes	23	100	45	23
No	77	0	55	77

6. **(IF CHILDREN)** Do your children go to public school, private school, charter schools, or are they homeschooled? Mark all that apply.

Public school	79	79	82	80
Private school.....	10	10	6	11
Charter school	3	3	3	3
Homeschool.....	2	2	6	3
Not in school.....	11	11	10	7

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EDUCATION CONTEXT

(ROTATE Q7 THROUGH Q9)

7. Overall, how would you rate public schools in America today?

A – Excellent	2	6	5	2
B -	17	29	20	19
C -	46	45	46	45
D -	23	12	22	23
F – Very poor.....	10	8	6	10
Don't know.....	2	1	1	2

8. How would you rate public schools in California today?

A – Excellent	2	6	4	2
B -	17	30	21	19
C -	39	39	43	37
D -	24	16	25	26
F – Very poor.....	16	9	7	16
Don't know.....	1	1	1	1

9. How would you rate public schools in your area today?

A – Excellent	8	15	10	8
B -	29	34	28	30
C -	32	29	35	32
D -	19	17	21	20
F – Very poor.....	9	4	4	8
Don't know.....	3	0	3	2

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EDUCATION VALUES

Please indicate on a scale of 0 to 10 how much you agree with each of the following statements, where 0 means strongly disagree and 10 means strongly agree. **(INCLUDE COLUMN FOR DON'T KNOW)**
(ROTATE STATEMENTS)

Sorted by mean

14. We need to ensure public schools can provide a quality education for all communities.	7.7	7.5	7.6	7.6
18. Teachers deserve fairness and due process when they are considered for dismissal.	7.0	6.9	6.8	7.0
17. Students benefit from having more experienced teachers.	7.0	6.8	7.2	7.1
12. We need a system to hold teachers accountable for their performance.	7.0	7.4	6.8	7.1
16. Teachers should be protected from being dismissed arbitrarily by administrators.	5.9	6.2	6.6	5.9
13. The entire public school system is broken.	5.7	5.5	5.8	5.9
15. California public schools are underfunded.	5.4	6.2	6.3	5.4
11. Student test scores are an effective way to measure teacher performance.	4.7	5.3	4.9	4.7
10. Teachers unions are in the way of making improvements to the public school system.	4.7	4.8	5.3	4.7

Sorted by 10

14. We need to ensure public schools can provide a quality education for all communities.	54	54	48	51
18. Teachers deserve fairness and due process when they are considered for dismissal.	40	37	35	37
12. We need a system to hold teachers accountable for their performance.	39	41	36	39
15. California public schools are underfunded.	32	34	29	28
17. Students benefit from having more experienced teachers.	31	36	31	31
16. Teachers should be protected from being dismissed arbitrarily by administrators.	21	25	20	20
10. Teachers unions are in the way of making improvements to the public school system.	19	23	19	21
13. The entire public school system is broken.	19	16	13	20
11. Student test scores are an effective way to measure teacher performance.	8	9	9	8

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Sorted by 8-10

14. We need to ensure public schools can provide a quality education for all communities.	84	82	81	82
18. Teachers deserve fairness and due process when they are considered for dismissal.	70	72	70	68
12. We need a system to hold teachers accountable for their performance.	68	72	64	70
17. Students benefit from having more experienced teachers.	64	67	69	63
15. California public schools are underfunded.	54	64	58	55
16. Teachers should be protected from being dismissed arbitrarily by administrators.	46	53	57	47
13. The entire public school system is broken.	41	38	37	47
10. Teachers unions are in the way of making improvements to the public school system.	36	41	40	40
11. Student test scores are an effective way to measure teacher performance.	26	31	29	28

10. Teachers unions are in the way of making improvements to the public school system.

Mean	4.7	4.8	5.3	4.7
10 - Agree	19	23	19	21
8 - 9	17	18	22	19
6 - 7	14	14	17	12
5 - Neutral	12	9	11	10
1 - 4	20	20	18	20
0 - Disagree	11	8	5	10
(Don't know)	8	7	8	7
6 - 10 - Agree	50	56	57	52
5, DK - Neutral	19	16	19	18
0 - 4 - Disagree	31	29	23	30

11. Student test scores are an effective way to measure teacher performance.

Mean	4.7	5.3	4.9	4.7
10 - Agree	8	9	9	8
8 - 9	17	23	20	20
6 - 7	23	26	22	21
5 - Neutral	12	11	12	12
1 - 4	27	22	25	27
0 - Disagree	10	8	10	11
(Don't know)	2	2	3	1
6 - 10 - Agree	49	57	51	48
5, DK - Neutral	14	13	14	14
0 - 4 - Disagree	37	29	35	38

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parents</i>	<i>Latinos</i>	<i>L.A. DMA</i>
12. We need a system to hold teachers accountable for their performance.				
Mean	7.0	7.4	6.8	7.1
10 - Agree.....	39	41	36	39
8 - 9	29	31	28	31
6 - 7	18	19	20	17
5 - Neutral.....	6	3	9	6
1 - 4	5	4	4	4
0 - Disagree.....	1	0	2	1
(Don't know)	2	2	1	3
6 - 10 - Agree	86	91	84	87
5, DK - Neutral.....	8	5	10	8
0 - 4 - Disagree.....	6	4	6	5
13. The entire public school system is broken.				
Mean	5.7	5.5	5.8	5.9
10 - Agree.....	19	16	13	20
8 - 9	22	21	25	27
6 - 7	23	25	21	20
5 - Neutral.....	12	10	16	11
1 - 4	17	18	18	15
0 - Disagree.....	4	5	3	5
(Don't know)	4	4	4	2
6 - 10 - Agree	64	63	59	67
5, DK - Neutral.....	16	15	21	13
0 - 4 - Disagree.....	21	23	21	20
14. We need to ensure public schools can provide a quality education for all communities.				
Mean	7.7	7.5	7.6	7.6
10 - Agree.....	54	54	48	51
8 - 9	30	29	33	31
6 - 7	8	9	8	9
5 - Neutral.....	3	4	5	4
1 - 4	2	3	4	1
0 - Disagree.....	1	0	0	1
(Don't know)	2	2	2	3
6 - 10 - Agree	92	91	89	91
5, DK - Neutral.....	6	6	7	7
0 - 4 - Disagree.....	2	3	4	2

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parents</i>	<i>Latinos</i>	<i>L.A. DMA</i>
15. California public schools are underfunded.				
Mean	5.4	6.2	6.3	5.4
10 - Agree.....	32	34	29	28
8 - 9	23	30	29	27
6 - 7	14	15	17	13
5 - Neutral.....	7	4	4	8
1 - 4	12	6	9	10
0 - Disagree.....	10	8	5	12
(Don't know)	4	3	5	3
6 - 10 - Agree	68	79	76	68
5, DK - Neutral.....	10	7	10	10
0 - 4 - Disagree.....	21	14	14	22
16. Teachers should be protected from being dismissed arbitrarily by administrators.				
Mean	5.9	6.2	6.6	5.9
10 - Agree.....	21	25	20	20
8 - 9	25	28	37	26
6 - 7	20	16	15	19
5 - Neutral.....	13	12	12	15
1 - 4	13	11	10	12
0 - Disagree.....	4	4	2	5
(Don't know)	4	4	3	3
6 - 10 - Agree	66	70	72	66
5, DK - Neutral.....	17	16	16	17
0 - 4 - Disagree.....	17	14	12	17
17. Students benefit from having more experienced teachers.				
Mean	7.0	6.8	7.2	7.1
10 - Agree.....	31	36	31	31
8 - 9	33	31	38	32
6 - 7	20	14	15	22
5 - Neutral.....	9	10	11	9
1 - 4	4	5	4	4
0 - Disagree.....	1	2	0	0
(Don't know)	2	1	2	2
6 - 10 - Agree	84	81	84	85
5, DK - Neutral.....	11	11	13	11
0 - 4 - Disagree.....	5	8	4	4

	Total	Parents	Latinos	L.A. DMA
18. Teachers deserve fairness and due process when they are considered for dismissal.				
Mean	7.0	6.9	6.8	7.0
10 - Agree.....	40	37	35	37
8 - 9	31	35	35	31
6 - 7	16	14	11	18
5 - Neutral.....	7	7	14	9
1 - 4	4	5	2	3
0 - Disagree.....	1	2	3	1
(Don't know)	2	0	0	2
6 - 10 - Agree	86	86	81	86
5, DK - Neutral.....	9	7	15	10
0 - 4 - Disagree.....	5	6	4	3

END ROTATE

19. Which of the following do you think is the main reason for differences between high-performing districts and low-performing districts? **(ROTATE)**

The resources of the parents and community	62	53	58	58
The quality of the teachers in the district.....	28	37	31	32
Don't know.....	11	10	11	10

TENURE & DEALING WITH POOR-PERFORMING TEACHERS

20. How long do you think an administrator needs to assess if a teacher has the temperament and skills necessary to be an effective teacher?

Less than one month.....	3	5	7	4
One to two months	9	10	7	9
Three to six months.....	22	26	21	22
Six months to one year.....	31	23	27	31
One to two years	20	20	25	20
More than two years.....	7	8	5	7
Don't know.....	9	6	7	7

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21. **[SSA]** Do you favor or oppose providing tenure for teachers in their 3rd year of teaching after they have passed performance evaluations?

Favor – strongly.....	15	31	30	15
Favor – not so strongly.....	26	21	20	24
Oppose – not so strongly	21	22	18	22
Oppose – strongly	26	20	20	32
Don't know.....	12	7	12	8
 Favor	 41	 52	 51	 38
Oppose	48	41	38	54

22. **[SSB]** Teachers who have passed performance evaluations are eligible for tenure in their 3rd year of teaching. This grants them due process protections from being dismissed arbitrarily. Do you favor or oppose providing tenure for teachers in their 3rd year of teaching after they have passed performance evaluations?

Favor – strongly.....	24	23	25	23
Favor – not so strongly.....	29	36	40	26
Oppose – not so strongly	19	19	15	19
Oppose – strongly	21	16	13	25
Don't know.....	7	5	7	7
 Favor	 52	 59	 65	 49
Oppose	40	35	28	44

23. **(IF OPPOSE IN Q21 or Q22)** Which of the following reasons best describes why you oppose providing tenure to teachers in their 3rd years?

It makes it difficult to get rid of poor-performing teachers	73	68	61	75
It is a benefit nobody else has in the private sector	14	15	24	11
Employers should have the right to dismiss employees at will	10	14	15	11
Other (specify)	3	3	0	3

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Please read some more statements below about education and then indicate on a scale of 0 to 10 if you agree or disagree with each one, where a 0 means you strongly disagree and a 10 means you strongly agree. **(INCLUDE COLUMN FOR DON'T KNOW) (ROTATE STATEMENTS)**

Sorted by mean

25. [SSA] It is time to reclaim the promise of good public education for all children.....	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.7
30. Teachers should have a voice in shaping education policies, because teachers are in the classroom every day and understand the real problems facing schools.	7.6	7.4	7.3	7.5
24. A quality public school should be available in every community, so the quality of a child's education does not depend on where they live or winning a charter school lottery.	7.5	7.3	7.2	7.6
26. [SSB] It is time to reclaim the promise of good public education for all children, no matter what code they live in.	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.3
27. [SSA] A child is more than a test score, and standardized tests alone do not measure good teaching.....	7.1	7.5	7.5	7.3
28. [SSB] One size testing for all children does not measure all the aspects of good teaching.	7.1	7.3	6.8	7.0
29. Blaming teachers when schools struggle may make headlines, but it does nothing to help kids.....	6.9	7.0	7.2	6.6
31. Bad teachers are being shuffled from bad school district to bad school district.	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.5
32. Tenure just protects bad teachers.	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.7

Sorted by 10

26. [SSB] It is time to reclaim the promise of good public education for all children, no matter what code they live in.	57	53	53	56
24. A quality public school should be available in every community, so the quality of a child's education does not depend on where they live or winning a charter school lottery.	57	56	54	55
25. [SSA] It is time to reclaim the promise of good public education for all children.....	51	53	50	47
27. [SSA] A child is more than a test score, and standardized tests alone do not measure good teaching.....	46	48	48	49
28. [SSB] One size testing for all children does not measure all the aspects of good teaching.	42	38	44	43
30. Teachers should have a voice in shaping education policies, because teachers are in the classroom every day and understand the real problems facing schools.	40	43	44	40
29. Blaming teachers when schools struggle may make headlines, but it does nothing to help kids.....	36	38	36	36
32. Tenure just protects bad teachers.	19	20	12	22
31. Bad teachers are being shuffled from bad school district to bad school district.	18	24	22	23

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24. A quality public school should be available in every community, so the quality of a child's education does not depend on where they live or winning a charter school lottery.	82	79	76	83
26. [SSB] It is time to reclaim the promise of good public education for all children, no matter what code they live in.	81	75	77	79
25. [SSA] It is time to reclaim the promise of good public education for all children.	80	86	79	82
30. Teachers should have a voice in shaping education policies, because teachers are in the classroom every day and understand the real problems facing schools.	77	80	79	76
27. [SSA] A child is more than a test score, and standardized tests alone do not measure good teaching.	75	78	80	78
28. [SSB] One size testing for all children does not measure all the aspects of good teaching.	74	76	75	71
29. Blaming teachers when schools struggle may make headlines, but it does nothing to help kids.	67	70	71	65
31. Bad teachers are being shuffled from bad school district to bad school district.	45	53	46	54
32. Tenure just protects bad teachers.	41	42	36	46

24. A quality public school should be available in every community, so the quality of a child's education does not depend on where they live or winning a charter school lottery.

Mean	7.5	7.3	7.2	7.6
10 - Agree	57	56	54	55
8 - 9	25	23	22	28
6 - 7	11	12	11	11
5 - Neutral	3	3	5	2
1 - 4	2	4	5	2
0 - Disagree	0	0	0	0
(Don't know)	2	2	3	1
6 - 10 - Agree	92	91	87	94
5, DK - Neutral	5	5	7	4
0 - 4 - Disagree	3	5	5	2

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parents</i>	<i>Latinos</i>	<i>L.A. DMA</i>
25. [SSA] It is time to reclaim the promise of good public education for all children.				
Mean	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.7
10 - Agree.....	51	53	50	47
8 - 9	30	33	29	35
6 - 7	11	6	12	10
5 - Neutral.....	4	2	3	3
1 - 4	1	4	4	2
0 - Disagree.....	0	0	0	0
(Don't know)	4	2	2	2
6 - 10 - Agree	92	92	91	92
5, DK - Neutral.....	7	4	6	5
0 - 4 - Disagree.....	1	4	4	2

26. [SSB] It is time to reclaim the promise of good public education for all children, no matter what code they live in.				
Mean	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.3
10 - Agree.....	57	53	53	56
8 - 9	24	23	25	23
6 - 7	10	16	11	10
5 - Neutral.....	4	2	6	6
1 - 4	2	4	3	1
0 - Disagree.....	0	0	0	0
(Don't know)	3	4	3	4
6 - 10 - Agree	91	91	88	89
5, DK - Neutral.....	7	6	8	10
0 - 4 - Disagree.....	2	4	3	1

27. [SSA] A child is more than a test score, and standardized tests alone do not measure good teaching.				
Mean	7.1	7.5	7.5	7.3
10 - Agree.....	46	48	48	49
8 - 9	28	29	32	29
6 - 7	14	17	12	13
5 - Neutral.....	6	2	7	4
1 - 4	4	2	0	4
0 - Disagree.....	0	0	0	0
(Don't know)	2	2	1	1
6 - 10 - Agree	88	95	92	91
5, DK - Neutral.....	7	3	8	5
0 - 4 - Disagree.....	5	2	0	4

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28. [SSB] One size testing for all children does not measure all the aspects of good teaching.				
Mean	7.1	7.3	6.8	7.0
10 - Agree.....	42	38	44	43
8 - 9	32	38	30	28
6 - 7	15	12	11	18
5 - Neutral.....	4	4	2	2
1 - 4	4	3	9	6
0 - Disagree.....	1	2	1	1
(Don't know)	2	4	3	2
6 - 10 - Agree	88	87	85	89
5, DK - Neutral.....	6	8	5	4
0 - 4 - Disagree.....	5	4	10	7

29. Blaming teachers when schools struggle may make headlines, but it does nothing to help kids.

Mean	6.9	7.0	7.2	6.6
10 - Agree.....	36	38	36	36
8 - 9	32	31	35	28
6 - 7	15	16	13	15
5 - Neutral.....	7	7	10	10
1 - 4	6	3	4	6
0 - Disagree.....	2	2	1	2
(Don't know)	3	3	2	2
6 - 10 - Agree	82	85	84	80
5, DK - Neutral.....	10	10	11	12
0 - 4 - Disagree.....	8	5	4	8

30. Teachers should have a voice in shaping education policies, because teachers are in the classroom every day and understand the real problems facing schools.

Mean	7.6	7.4	7.3	7.5
10 - Agree.....	40	43	44	40
8 - 9	37	37	36	36
6 - 7	15	9	8	17
5 - Neutral.....	4	4	7	3
1 - 4	2	5	3	2
0 - Disagree.....	1	2	1	1
(Don't know)	2	1	1	1
6 - 10 - Agree	92	89	88	93
5, DK - Neutral.....	5	5	8	4
0 - 4 - Disagree.....	3	7	4	3

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31. Bad teachers are being shuffled from bad school district to bad school district.				
Mean	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.5
10 - Agree.....	18	24	22	23
8 - 9	27	28	24	31
6 - 7	17	15	19	14
5 - Neutral.....	11	10	15	11
1 - 4	8	8	9	9
0 - Disagree.....	2	3	2	2
(Don't know)	16	11	10	10
6 - 10 - Agree	62	68	65	68
5, DK - Neutral.....	27	21	25	21
0 - 4 - Disagree.....	10	11	11	11

32. Tenure just protects bad teachers.				
Mean	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.7
10 - Agree.....	19	20	12	22
8 - 9	22	23	24	23
6 - 7	20	23	20	21
5 - Neutral.....	11	8	14	10
1 - 4	16	14	15	15
0 - Disagree.....	6	8	8	4
(Don't know)	5	5	7	4
6 - 10 - Agree	61	66	56	67
5, DK - Neutral.....	16	13	21	14
0 - 4 - Disagree.....	23	21	23	20

END ROTATE

33. [SSC] Which of the following statements is closer to your opinion? (ROTATE)

[Some/Other] people say that to fix our public schools we need to invest in children so they can enjoy smaller classes, art, music, science labs, and a full and rich curriculum.....	34	34	36	36
[Some/Other] people say that to fix our public schools we need to get rid of teacher tenure and seniority based layoffs that keep bad teachers in the classroom.....	9	14	13	8
Both	47	45	44	50
Neither	6	4	6	5
Don't know.....	4	2	1	1

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34. [SSD] Which of the following statements is closer to your opinion? (ROTATE)

[Some/Other] people say that to fix our public schools we need to support teachers through reducing class sizes and give teachers time to meet the needs of every child.....	38	37	49	37
[Some/Other] people say that to fix our public schools we need to get rid of teacher tenure and seniority based layoffs that keep bad teachers in the classroom.....	12	9	4	14
Both	40	45	34	42
Neither	6	3	5	3
Don't know.....	4	6	8	3

35. [SSC] Which of the following statements is closer to your opinion? (ROTATE)

[Some/Other] people say we need to have rigorous standards that focus on teaching and learning, and judging how students learn, not standardized testing.....	51	48	53	59
[Some/Other] people say we need to hold teachers accountable for their performance basing promotions and dismissals on their student's test scores.....	9	10	10	7
Both	29	36	26	23
Neither	10	5	8	10
Don't know.....	2	2	4	1

36. [SSD] Which of the following statements is closer to your opinion? (ROTATE)

[Some/Other] people say we need to stop blaming teachers for public schools that are overcrowded and underfunded.....	48	51	48	42
[Some/Other] people say we need to hold teachers accountable for their performance basing promotions and dismissals on their student's test scores.....	15	18	16	19
Both	22	17	17	25
Neither	9	4	7	7
Don't know.....	6	11	12	7

LAST DEMOGRAPHICS

These last questions are for statistical purposes only.

40. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else? If you consider yourself a Democrat or a Republican, is that strongly or not so strongly? If you consider yourself an Independent, do you lean Democrat or lean Republican? Even if you lean ever-so-slightly toward one of the parties, put yourself in one of the Independent-lean categories.

Strong Republican	13	15	9	16
Not so strong Republican	11	11	12	9
Independent lean Republican	9	7	4	7
Republican	33	33	25	32
Pure Independent	11	15	13	6
Democrat	49	49	57	55
Independent lean Democrat	7	8	8	9
Not so strong Democrat	17	19	21	21
Strong Democrat	25	22	28	25
Other	7	3	5	7

41. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

1 st – 11 th Grade	0	1	0	0
High School Graduate	8	9	13	10
Non-College Post H.S.	1	1	2	1
Some College	32	36	35	27
College Graduate	37	38	41	42
Post-Graduate School	22	15	10	19

42. How would you describe the area in which you live?

City with over a million people	20	27	24	25
Smaller city	31	34	32	30
Suburb near a city	34	27	30	40
Small town	10	7	11	3
Rural area	6	5	3	1

43. Are you or is a member of your household a member of a labor union?

Yes – self	10	13	8	8
Yes – member of household	8	12	12	8
Yes – both	2	3	1	1
No, not a member of a labor union	80	71	79	82

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parents</i>	<i>Latinos</i>	<i>L.A. DMA</i>
44. What is your race or ethnicity?				
White/Caucasian	64	44	0	61
Black/African American	6	7	0	8
Hispanic/Latino	20	38	100	23
Asian/Pacific Islander	6	9	0	5
Native American/American Indian	1	1	0	1
Other.....	3	0	0	2

Thank you for taking the survey. Have a great day!