

# Results of SurveyUSA News Poll #18340

Geography: California

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Percentages

## 1 Are you following the Casey Anthony murder trial?

| 700 Adults                              | All  | Gender |        | Age   |       |       |      | <50 / 50+ |      | Race  |       |         |         | Party Affiliation |        |         |
|---|------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----------|------|-------|-------|---------|---------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| Credibility Interval: +/-3.7 pct points |      | Male   | Female | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+  | 18-49     | 50+  | White | Black | Hispani | Asian/O | Republi           | Democr | Indepen |
| Yes                                     | 58%  | 52%    | 65%    | 50%   | 62%   | 65%   | 64%  | 55%       | 65%  | 60%   | 63%   | 54%     | 60%     | 58%               | 61%    | 52%     |
| No                                      | 38%  | 45%    | 31%    | 48%   | 34%   | 31%   | 31%  | 42%       | 31%  | 37%   | 31%   | 43%     | 34%     | 37%               | 36%    | 44%     |
| Not Sure                                | 4%   | 3%     | 4%     | 3%    | 4%    | 4%    | 5%   | 3%        | 5%   | 3%    | 6%    | 3%      | 6%      | 5%                | 4%     | 3%      |
| Total                                   | 100% | 100%   | 100%   | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  | 100% | 100%      | 100% | 100%  | 100%  | 100%    | 100%    | 100%              | 100%   | 100%    |
| Composition of Adults                   | 100% | 49%    | 51%    | 36%   | 29%   | 20%   | 15%  | 65%       | 35%  | 51%   | 6%    | 28%     | 15%     | 29%               | 42%    | 23%     |

## 1 Are you following the Casey Anthony murder trial?

| 700 Adults                              | All  | Ideology |       |         | Parent Of Child |      | Region  |         |        |         |
|---|------|----------|-------|---------|-----------------|------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| Credibility Interval: +/-3.7 pct points |      | Conser   | Moder | Liberal | Yes             | No   | Central | Greater | Inland | Bay Are |
| Yes                                     | 58%  | 65%      | 61%   | 52%     | 70%             | 54%  | 56%     | 55%     | 70%    | 58%     |
| No                                      | 38%  | 29%      | 37%   | 42%     | 28%             | 42%  | 41%     | 41%     | 28%    | 37%     |
| Not Sure                                | 4%   | 6%       | 2%    | 6%      | 3%              | 4%   | 3%      | 4%      | 3%     | 5%      |
| Total                                   | 100% | 100%     | 100%  | 100%    | 100%            | 100% | 100%    | 100%    | 100%   | 100%    |
| Composition of Adults                   | 100% | 22%      | 38%   | 25%     | 37%             | 63%  | 20%     | 41%     | 18%    | 21%     |

## 2 Casey Anthony was found not guilty of first degree murder and other charges related to her daughter's death. Do you agree? Or disagree? With this verdict?

| 409 Following Trial                     | All  | Gender |        | Age   |       |       |      | <50 / 50+ |      | Race  |       |         |         | Party Affiliation |        |         |
|---|------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----------|------|-------|-------|---------|---------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| Credibility Interval: +/-4.2 pct points |      | Male   | Female | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+  | 18-49     | 50+  | White | Black | Hispani | Asian/O | Republi           | Democr | Indepen |
| Agree                                   | 17%  | 26%    | 10%    | 15%   | 8%    | 21%   | 32%  | 11%       | 26%  | 18%   | 18%   | 15%     | 16%     | 15%               | 17%    | 20%     |
| Disagree                                | 77%  | 69%    | 82%    | 83%   | 83%   | 75%   | 55%  | 83%       | 67%  | 76%   | 79%   | 78%     | 76%     | 77%               | 78%    | 69%     |
| Not Sure                                | 7%   | 5%     | 8%     | 3%    | 10%   | 4%    | 13%  | 6%        | 7%   | 7%    | 3%    | 7%      | 8%      | 8%                | 4%     | 11%     |
| Total                                   | 100% | 100%   | 100%   | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  | 100% | 100%      | 100% | 100%  | 100%  | 100%    | 100%    | 100%              | 100%   | 100%    |
| Composition of Following Trial          | 100% | 44%    | 56%    | 30%   | 31%   | 23%   | 16%  | 61%       | 39%  | 52%   | 7%    | 26%     | 15%     | 29%               | 43%    | 21%     |

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| 409 Following Trial<br>Credibility Interval: +/-4.2 pct points | All  | Ideology |       |         | Parent Of Child |      | Region  |         |        |         |
|--|------|----------|-------|---------|-----------------|------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
|  |      | Conser   | Moder | Liberal | Yes             | No   | Central | Greater | Inland | Bay Are |
| Agree  | 17%  | 20%      | 17%   | 19%     | 6%              | 25%  | 17%     | 19%     | 12%    | 18%     |
| Disagree   | 77%  | 73%      | 76%   | 76%     | 87%             | 69%  | 70%     | 75%     | 83%    | 78%     |
| Not Sure   | 7%   | 8%       | 8%    | 5%      | 7%              | 6%   | 13%     | 6%      | 5%     | 3%      |
| Total  | 100% | 100%     | 100%  | 100%    | 100%            | 100% | 100%    | 100%    | 100%   | 100%    |
| Composition of Following Trial                                 | 100% | 24%      | 39%   | 22%     | 43%             | 57%  | 19%     | 39%     | 22%    | 21%     |

**3** Are you surprised? Or not surprised? By the verdict?

| 409 Following Trial<br>Credibility Interval: +/-4.4 pct points | All  | Gender |        | Age   |       |       |      | <50 / 50+ |      | Race  |       |         |         | Party Affiliation |        |         |
|--|------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----------|------|-------|-------|---------|---------|-------------------|--------|---------|
|  |      | Male   | Female | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+  | 18-49     | 50+  | White | Black | Hispani | Asian/O | Republi           | Democr | Indepen |
| Surprised  | 72%  | 59%    | 83%    | 74%   | 66%   | 78%   | 73%  | 70%       | 76%  | 76%   | 74%   | 71%     | 61%     | 74%               | 75%    | 67%     |
| Not Surprised  | 28%  | 41%    | 17%    | 26%   | 34%   | 22%   | 26%  | 30%       | 24%  | 24%   | 24%   | 29%     | 39%     | 26%               | 24%    | 33%     |
| Not Sure   | 0%   | 0%     | 1%     | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 1%   | 0%        | 1%   | 0%    | 1%    | 0%      | 0%      | 0%                | 0%     | 0%      |
| Total  | 100% | 100%   | 100%   | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  | 100% | 100%      | 100% | 100%  | 100%  | 100%    | 100%    | 100%              | 100%   | 100%    |
| Composition of Following Trial                                 | 100% | 44%    | 56%    | 30%   | 31%   | 23%   | 16%  | 61%       | 39%  | 52%   | 7%    | 26%     | 15%     | 29%               | 43%    | 21%     |

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|--|------|----------|-------|---------|-----------------|------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
|  |      | Conser   | Moder | Liberal | Yes             | No   | Central | Greater | Inland | Bay Are |
| Surprised  | 72%  | 69%      | 74%   | 75%     | 69%             | 74%  | 76%     | 64%     | 79%    | 77%     |
| Not Surprised  | 28%  | 31%      | 26%   | 24%     | 31%             | 25%  | 24%     | 36%     | 21%    | 23%     |
| Not Sure   | 0%   | 0%       | 0%    | 1%      | 0%              | 0%   | 0%      | 0%      | 0%     | 0%      |
| Total  | 100% | 100%     | 100%  | 100%    | 100%            | 100% | 100%    | 100%    | 100%   | 100%    |
| Composition of Following Trial                                 | 100% | 24%      | 39%   | 22%     | 43%             | 57%  | 19%     | 39%     | 22%    | 21%     |

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## 4 Based on what you know, did Casey Anthony kill her daughter?

| 409 Following Trial<br>Credibility Interval: +/-4.3 pct points | All  | Gender |        | Age   |       |       |      | <50 / 50+ |      | Race  |       |         |         | Party Affiliation |        |         |
|--|------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----------|------|-------|-------|---------|---------|-------------------|--------|---------|
|  |      | Male   | Female | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+  | 18-49     | 50+  | White | Black | Hispani | Asian/O | Republi           | Democr | Indepen |
| Yes  | 75%  | 72%    | 77%    | 78%   | 78%   | 74%   | 66%  | 78%       | 70%  | 70%   | 67%   | 82%     | 84%     | 75%               | 77%    | 74%     |
| No   | 10%  | 15%    | 6%     | 10%   | 4%    | 13%   | 16%  | 7%        | 14%  | 12%   | 28%   | 6%      | 1%      | 11%               | 11%    | 5%      |
| Not Sure   | 15%  | 13%    | 17%    | 12%   | 18%   | 14%   | 19%  | 15%       | 16%  | 18%   | 5%    | 12%     | 15%     | 13%               | 11%    | 21%     |
| Total  | 100% | 100%   | 100%   | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  | 100% | 100%      | 100% | 100%  | 100%  | 100%    | 100%    | 100%              | 100%   | 100%    |
| Composition of Following Trial                                 | 100% | 44%    | 56%    | 30%   | 31%   | 23%   | 16%  | 61%       | 39%  | 52%   | 7%    | 26%     | 15%     | 29%               | 43%    | 21%     |

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|--|------|----------|-------|---------|-----------------|------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
|  |      | Conser   | Moder | Liberal | Yes             | No   | Central | Greater | Inland | Bay Are |
| Yes  | 75%  | 73%      | 75%   | 77%     | 80%             | 72%  | 75%     | 78%     | 69%    | 76%     |
| No   | 10%  | 8%       | 13%   | 8%      | 6%              | 12%  | 9%      | 10%     | 11%    | 9%      |
| Not Sure   | 15%  | 19%      | 12%   | 15%     | 14%             | 16%  | 16%     | 13%     | 20%    | 15%     |
| Total  | 100% | 100%     | 100%  | 100%    | 100%            | 100% | 100%    | 100%    | 100%   | 100%    |
| Composition of Following Trial                                 | 100% | 24%      | 39%   | 22%     | 43%             | 57%  | 19%     | 39%     | 22%    | 21%     |

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**Statement of Methodology:** About the Poll: This poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. The pollster's report includes the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted, the number of respondents who answered each question and the theoretical margin of sampling error for each question. Where necessary, respondents were weighted using the most recent US Census estimates for age, gender, ethnic origin and region, to align the sample to the population. In theory, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents with home telephones been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than sampling error. These include: the difficulty of interviewing respondents who do not have a home telephone; the refusal by some with home telephones to be interviewed; the order in which questions are asked; the wording of questions; the way and extent to which data are weighted; and the manner in which specialized populations, such as likely voters, are determined. It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these and other factors. Research methodology, questionnaire design and fieldwork for this survey were completed by SurveyUSA of Clifton, NJ. This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.