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## **CALIFORNIA**

### **Public Opinion**

**December 2020**

Survey conducted December 20 through December 21, 2020. 1,680 likely 2022 General Election voters participated in the survey. Survey weighted to match expected turnout demographics for the 2022 General Election. Margin of Error is +/-2.3% with a 95% level of confidence. Totals do not always equal 100% due to rounding.



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Q1: Each year, hunters kill more than 1,000 black bears in California for sport. Their primary motivation is often not for food but rather to obtain a trophy for their wall, a hide for their floor, or a photo for bragging rights.

Do you believe that black bears should be hunted in California for sport?

Yes: 23%

No: 70%

Not sure: 7%

Q2: Bears sometimes come into conflict with people. The vast majority of conflicts are related to food sources like garbage cans and bird feeders. Many states successfully manage bear populations and reduce conflict through non-lethal measures such as public education, trash management, and game officers using rubber pellets and loud noises to frighten bears away, instead of killing them. This strategy has been highly successful in national parks like Yosemite.

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement:

California should place priority on policies that promote non-lethal methods to reduce conflicts between bears and people.

Agree: 71%

Disagree: 18%

Not sure: 11%

Q3: Would you support legislation that would stop the hunting of black bears in California for sport?

Support: 62%

Oppose: 27%

Not sure: 11%