



New Poll: Californians Stand with Correctional Officers

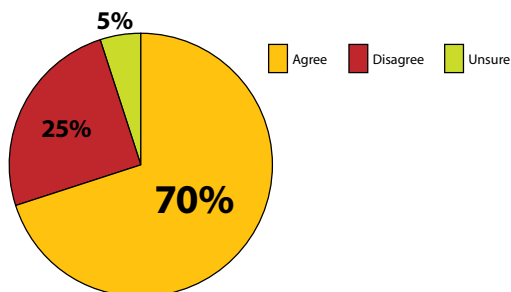
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CCPOA recently commissioned a statewide poll of California voters on how to solve the state’s budget problem. We especially wanted to learn how voters feel about cuts to the Department of Corrections. While some recent polls have found initial support for cuts, our poll probed deeper to learn that voters want to cut the fat, not the muscle.

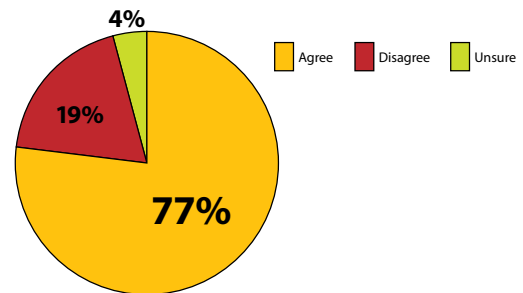
- **54%** do not want to cut the pay and benefits for correctional officers
- **65%** do not want to lay off correctional officers
- **62%** support reducing the growth of administration costs in corrections
- **63%** support eliminating the 400 planners hired under the Governor’s doomed prison reform legislation who have been spending millions planning for prisons that have not been built nor will they be built for decades

The governor and legislators should pay careful attention to what voters have to say. By huge majorities, voters agreed with the following arguments against cutting officer ranks:

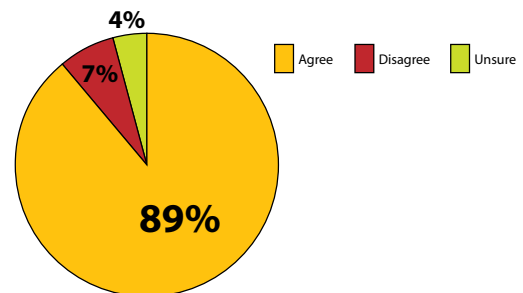
“On average, nine correctional officers are assaulted by inmates daily in California prisons. California’s correctional officers have a tough and dangerous job. We should not cut their pay and benefits.”



“California has one of the worst inmate to correctional officer ratios in the nation. Laying off officers in our prisons will make prisons more violent and will increase the number of assaults on the remaining officers. We should not cut the number of officers in our prisons as a way to save money.”



“Before cutting the pay and benefits of correctional officers, California should first cut administrative waste like the \$580,000 that the Corrections Department paid for an office that was vacant for four years.”



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