

Texas Statewide Survey

Field Dates: October 22-31, 2021

N=1200 Registered Voters

Margin of error: +/- 2.83% (3.4% adjusted for weighting) unless otherwise noted¹

Interest and Engagement

Q1. Are you registered to vote in the state of Texas?

Q1	Percent
Yes, registered	100

Q2. Generally speaking, would you say that you are extremely interested in politics and public affairs, somewhat interested, not very interested, or not at all interested?

Q2	Percent
Extremely interested	44
Somewhat interested	44
Not very interested	7
Not at all interested	5
Don't know	1

Q3. There are many elections in the state of Texas. Furthermore, many people intend to vote in a given election, but sometimes personal and professional circumstances keep them from the polls. Thinking back over the past two or three years, would you say that you voted in all elections, almost all, about half, one or two, or none at all?

Q3	Percent
Every election	36
Almost every election	36
About half	9
One or two	11
None	5
Don't know	2

Q3A. If the 2022 primary elections were held today, would you vote in the Republican primary, the Democratic primary, or wouldn't you vote in either primary?

Q3A	Percent
Republican Primary	46
Democratic Primary	36
Neither Primary	10
Don't know/Unsure	7

¹ In calculating the margin of error (MOE) for the survey, we provide two calculations, one that compensates for the relative standard deviation of the weights and one that does not. Without taking the variance of the weights into account, the margin of error for the full sample is 2.83%. To compensate for the additional uncertainty from weighting, we apply a multiplier derived from the coefficient of variation of the weights: $\sqrt{1+CV^2}$, where $CV=sd(weights)/mean(weights)$. For this weight sensitive calculation, the MOE for the full sample is 3.4%.

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Most Important Problem

Q4. What would you say is the most important problem facing this country today? [Randomize]

Q4	Percent
Political corruption/leadership	15
Coronavirus/COVID-19	12
The economy	8
Border security	8
Immigration	8
Moral decline	5
Health care	5
Environment	5
Federal spending/national debt	5
Income inequality	5
Partisan gridlock	3
Voting system	3
Education	3
Crime	2
Gas prices	2
Unemployment/jobs	2
The media	2
National security/terrorism	2
Housing	1
China	1
Taxes	1
Race relations	1
Police brutality/police militarization	1
Gun control/gun violence	1
Abortion	1
Opioid/prescription drug abuse	0
Russia	0
Sexual Harassment	0
Social welfare programs	0
Oil prices	0
North Korea	0
Energy	0
Middle East instability	0

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Q5. What would you say is the most important problem facing the State of Texas today? [Randomize]

Q5	Percent
Border security	20
Immigration	16
Political corruption/leadership	12
Coronavirus/COVID-19	8
Voting rights	5
Health care	4
The economy	4
Abortion	4
Education	3
Moral decline	3
Gun control/gun violence	3
Taxes	2
Environment	2
Energy	2
Redistricting	2
The media	1
State budget cuts	1
Social welfare programs	1
Race relations	1
Gas prices	1
Crime	1
Electoral fraud	1
Oil prices	1
Housing	1
Homelessness	1
Unemployment/jobs	1
Transportation/roads/traffic	0
Utility rates	0
Property rights	0
State government spending	0
Police misconduct	0
Pension funding	0
Hurricane recovery	0
Opioid/prescription drug abuse	0

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Q6. How would you rate the job Joe Biden is doing as president? Would you say that you...

POTUS	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Oct. 2021	16	19	9	7	48	2	35	55
Aug. 2021	20	20	8	5	46	1	40	51
June 2021	24	19	8	5	42	2	43	47
Apr. 2021	27	17	10	5	41	1	44	46
Mar. 2021	26	18	11	5	39	1	44	44
Feb. 2021	30	15	9	5	39	2	45	44

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Q7. How would you rate the job the U.S. Congress is doing? Would you say that you...

CONGRESS	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Oct. 2021	3	16	17	19	42	4	19	61
Aug. 2021	4	17	17	19	40	4	21	59
June 2021	3	14	18	20	41	3	17	61
Apr. 2021	4	20	17	18	37	3	24	55
Mar. 2021	7	22	19	13	36	3	29	49
Feb. 2021	7	15	17	14	43	4	22	57
Oct. 2020	5	15	17	23	37	3	20	60
June 2020	4	15	16	26	36	3	19	62
Apr. 2020	6	17	18	24	32	3	23	56
Feb. 2020	5	13	16	19	42	4	18	61
Oct. 2019	7	14	18	23	35	4	21	58
June 2019	4	14	19	21	39	3	18	60
Feb. 2019	4	14	18	26	35	3	18	61
Oct. 2018	4	22	16	19	38	2	26	57
June 2018	3	15	18	21	38	4	18	59
Feb. 2018	2	17	16	22	39	3	19	61
Oct. 2017	2	10	15	24	45	3	12	69
June 2017	2	13	15	24	43	4	15	67
Feb. 2017	5	21	20	18	32	5	26	50
Oct. 2016	2	8	18	27	41	4	10	68
June 2016	2	8	16	24	45	5	10	69
Feb. 2016	2	10	17	24	43	4	12	67
Oct. 2015	2	8	17	25	46	3	10	71
June 2015	2	13	21	26	36	2	15	62
Feb. 2015	3	17	19	24	34	3	20	58
Oct. 2014	2	12	13	30	41	2	14	71
June 2014	3	8	15	24	48	3	11	72
Feb. 2014	3	8	15	23	49	2	11	72
Oct. 2013	2	6	12	21	56	3	8	77
June 2013	2	10	16	23	46	2	12	69
Feb. 2013	3	11	12	23	48	3	14	71
Oct. 2012	1	10	18	26	43	3	11	69
May 2012	1	9	16	23	48	3	10	71
Feb. 2012	1	10	14	26	47	2	11	73
Oct. 2011	2	9	10	26	51	2	11	77
May 2011	1	15	19	27	35	3	16	62
Feb. 2011	1	17	19	26	32	4	18	58
Oct. 2009	2	12	11	22	49	4	14	71
June 2009	2	18	22	22	36	0	20	58
Mar. 2009	4	22	22	15	37	0	26	52

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Q8A. How would you rate the job Greg Abbott is doing as Governor? Would you say that you...

GOVERNOR	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Oct. 2021	19	24	8	10	38	2	43	48
Aug. 2021	19	22	7	9	41	2	41	50
June 2021	24	20	10	8	36	1	44	44
Apr. 2021	19	24	11	13	32	2	43	45
Mar. 2021	22	23	10	9	34	1	45	43
Feb. 2021	21	25	12	12	27	3	46	39
Oct. 2020	20	27	12	16	24	2	47	40
June 2020	29	20	10	13	26	3	49	39
Apr. 2020	31	25	9	14	18	4	56	32
Feb. 2020	30	18	11	10	24	7	48	34
Oct. 2019	30	22	15	9	19	6	52	28
June 2019	29	22	13	11	20	5	51	31
Feb. 2019	33	18	12	11	21	5	51	32
Oct. 2018	36	16	12	9	23	5	52	32
June 2018	27	20	13	12	24	5	47	36
Feb. 2018	28	18	18	8	23	5	46	31
Oct. 2017	27	21	14	11	22	5	48	33
June 2017	27	18	12	9	29	4	45	38
Feb. 2017	27	18	17	9	24	5	45	33
Oct. 2016	21	21	17	10	23	8	42	33
June 2016	20	22	19	10	21	8	42	31
Feb. 2016	18	23	24	9	20	6	41	29
Oct. 2015	20	22	21	10	19	7	42	29
June 2015	22	24	19	8	20	7	46	28
Oct. 2014	22	24	13	11	27	3	46	38

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Q8B. How would you rate the job Dan Patrick is doing as Lieutenant Governor? Would you say that you...

LTGOVERNOR	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Oct. 2021	17	18	15	6	33	10	35	39
Aug. 2021	17	16	13	7	35	11	33	42
June 2021	19	17	16	6	31	11	36	37
Apr. 2021	19	16	15	6	33	11	35	39
Mar. 2021	22	15	17	6	31	10	37	37
Feb. 2021	20	17	15	5	31	12	37	36
Oct. 2020	18	19	13	6	31	12	37	37
June 2020	22	17	12	6	32	11	39	38
Apr. 2020	20	20	13	7	29	11	40	36
Feb. 2020	21	18	13	7	28	12	39	35
Oct. 2019	22	17	15	9	23	14	39	32
June 2019	22	19	18	6	25	11	41	31
Feb. 2019	24	18	16	6	25	10	42	31
Oct. 2018	27	17	14	5	26	11	44	31
June 2018	18	18	18	8	26	12	36	34
Feb. 2018	19	17	21	8	25	10	36	33
Oct. 2017	16	20	19	7	24	13	36	31
June 2017	15	19	18	8	28	11	34	36
Feb. 2017	16	16	24	8	23	14	32	31
Oct. 2016	12	19	20	9	22	18	31	31
June 2016	12	19	24	8	22	15	31	30
Feb. 2016	8	19	30	7	20	16	27	27
Oct. 2015	10	19	28	9	17	16	29	26
June 2015	13	19	28	8	16	15	32	24

Q8C. How would you rate the job Dade Phelan is doing as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives? Would you say that you...

SPEAKER	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Oct. 2021	6	14	22	8	20	30	20	28
Aug. 2021	8	15	21	9	23	24	23	32
June 2021	5	15	25	8	19	28	20	27
Apr. 2021	6	14	26	8	14	31	20	22
Mar. 2021	6	13	29	8	13	31	19	21
Feb. 2021	7	15	30	6	12	30	22	18

Q8C2. How would you rate the job the Texas Legislature is doing? Would you say that you...

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Oct. 2021	10	25	17	13	27	9	35	40
Aug. 2021	8	20	16	19	29	8	28	48
June 2021	9	26	19	15	23	7	35	38
June 2019	8	30	22	16	13	11	38	29
Oct. 2017	5	23	21	17	20	13	28	37
June 2017	12	22	18	15	27	8	34	42
June 2015	10	32	20	14	16	7	42	30
Oct. 2013	7	24	24	17	22	5	31	39
June 2013	8	27	26	19	16	4	35	35
May 2011	7	28	22	18	20	5	35	38
Feb. 2011	6	26	27	20	15	6	32	35

Q8D. How would you rate the job Ken Paxton is doing as Attorney General? Would you say that you...

Q8D	Approve somewhat	Approve strongly	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	Don't know	Neither approve nor disapprove	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Oct. 2021	16	19	7	30	15	0	13	35	37
Aug. 2021	16	19	6	32	12	0	16	35	38
June 2021	16	17	6	30	0	13	19	33	36
Apr. 2021	15	17	6	30	0	15	16	32	36

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[RANDOMIZE Q9A-Q9B]

Q9A. How would you rate the job Ted Cruz is doing as U.S. Senator? Would you say that you...

SENCRUZ	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Oct. 2021	30	15	7	6	38	5	45	44
Aug. 2021	28	14	8	5	41	3	42	46
June 2021	31	12	8	6	40	3	43	46
Apr. 2021	31	12	6	8	40	3	43	48
Mar. 2021	28	15	8	5	41	4	43	46
Feb. 2021	33	12	8	5	38	4	45	43
Oct. 2020	31	15	8	6	36	4	46	42
June 2020	30	16	9	9	33	4	46	42
Apr. 2020	29	16	9	7	32	6	45	39
Feb. 2020	29	13	7	8	36	7	42	44
Oct. 2019	28	18	8	9	30	7	46	39
June 2019	27	20	10	8	31	4	47	39
Feb. 2019	31	15	9	7	34	4	46	41
Oct. 2018	34	13	8	5	37	3	47	42
June 2018	21	18	13	8	33	7	39	41
Feb. 2018	22	18	12	9	32	7	40	41
Oct. 2017	19	19	13	12	31	5	38	43
June 2017	21	17	12	9	35	6	38	44
Feb. 2017	20	18	14	10	29	9	38	39
Oct. 2016	16	19	13	11	34	7	35	45
June 2016	18	17	13	12	31	9	35	43
Feb. 2016	18	19	15	10	32	6	37	42
Oct. 2015	27	17	11	9	28	9	44	37

Q9B How would you rate the job John Cornyn is doing as U.S. Senator? Would you say that you...

SENCORNYN	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Oct. 2021	10	19	16	16	28	11	29	44
Aug. 2021	10	18	17	13	31	10	28	44
June 2021	13	21	16	12	29	8	34	41
Apr. 2021	12	19	15	13	30	10	31	43
Mar. 2021	12	21	16	14	28	9	33	42
Feb. 2021	12	20	18	13	29	8	32	42
Oct. 2020	18	21	12	11	28	10	39	39
June 2020	15	21	13	13	27	11	36	40
Apr. 2020	15	23	13	10	26	13	38	36
Feb. 2020	16	20	13	9	30	12	36	39
Oct. 2019	15	20	16	10	24	15	35	34
June 2019	14	23	17	11	23	12	37	34
Feb. 2019	15	21	18	13	22	11	36	35
Oct. 2018	17	22	15	9	25	13	39	34
June 2018	8	19	21	14	24	13	27	38
Feb. 2018	10	19	23	15	23	10	29	38
Oct. 2017	7	21	18	15	27	12	28	42
June 2017	9	19	18	14	27	12	28	41
Feb. 2017	11	19	22	12	22	14	30	34
Oct. 2016	8	20	22	14	22	15	28	36
June 2016	7	17	24	14	21	17	24	35
Feb. 2016	7	20	26	14	18	15	27	32
Oct. 2015	7	20	22	16	18	16	27	34

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Q10. Thinking about the country, do you think that things are headed in the right direction, or do you think that things are headed off on the wrong track?

USDIR	Right direction	Wrong track	Don't know
Oct. 2021	20	70	10
Aug. 2021	25	64	11
June 2021	31	57	12
Apr. 2021	32	57	12
Mar. 2021	32	56	12
Feb. 2021	31	56	12
Oct. 2020	29	62	9
June 2020	30	62	9
Apr. 2020	39	52	9
Feb. 2020	40	49	11
Oct. 2019	37	54	9
June 2019	40	50	10
Feb. 2019	39	53	9
Oct. 2018	42	49	9
June 2018	41	47	11
Feb. 2018	39	50	11
Oct. 2017	29	61	10
June 2017	34	54	12
Feb. 2017	39	49	12
Oct. 2016	22	67	11
June 2016	18	70	12
Feb. 2016	22	66	12
Oct. 2015	22	68	10
June 2015	23	64	14
Feb. 2015	26	59	15
Oct. 2014	25	65	10
June 2014	23	65	13
Feb. 2014	25	63	12
Oct. 2013	20	69	11
June 2013	28	60	11
Feb. 2013	29	62	9
Oct. 2012	31	58	11
May 2012	25	61	14
Feb. 2012	28	61	11
Oct. 2011	14	75	11
May 2011	24	63	14
Feb. 2011	26	59	15
Oct. 2010	25	64	11
May 2010	26	62	11
Feb. 2010	31	56	13
Oct. 2009	32	59	10

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Q11. Compared to a year ago, would you say that the national economy is a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

USECON	A lot better off	Somewhat better off	About the same	Somewhat worse off	A lot worse off	Don't know	TOTAL BETTER	TOTAL WORSE
Oct. 2021	5	19	18	19	36	4	24	55
Aug. 2021	8	22	19	19	28	4	30	47
June 2021	11	23	19	19	24	0	34	43
Apr. 2021	8	23	22	20	23	0	31	43
Feb. 2021	4	11	20	26	35	4	15	61
Oct. 2020	8	9	13	29	38	2	17	67
June 2020	6	11	10	29	41	3	17	70
Apr. 2020	10	11	11	19	45	4	21	64
Feb. 2020	26	22	25	16	8	3	48	24
Oct. 2019	24	21	24	16	8	6	45	24
June 2019	26	21	23	18	8	3	47	26
Feb. 2019	27	22	23	15	9	3	49	24
Oct. 2018	32	19	26	12	7	4	51	19
June 2018	26	25	23	14	8	4	51	22
Feb. 2018	25	28	26	13	6	2	53	19
Oct. 2017	18	25	33	16	6	3	43	22
June 2017	14	28	30	18	7	3	42	25
Feb. 2017	12	28	36	11	9	4	40	20
Oct. 2016	8	20	29	25	15	4	28	40
June 2016	6	20	29	23	17	5	26	40
Feb. 2016	8	22	27	25	15	3	30	40
Oct. 2015	7	25	28	23	14	3	32	37
June 2015	7	24	33	21	13	3	31	34
Feb. 2015	11	25	33	18	11	3	36	29
Oct. 2014	6	25	30	23	14	2	31	37
June 2014	7	24	26	25	16	2	31	41
Feb. 2014	5	24	28	23	17	2	29	40
Oct. 2013	5	20	25	25	24	1	25	49
June 2013	7	28	31	18	15	1	35	33
Oct. 2012	7	25	25	19	23	1	32	42
May 2012	4	24	29	20	19	4	28	39
Feb. 2012	4	25	30	19	20	2	29	39
Oct. 2011	2	12	25	28	31	2	14	59
May 2011	2	20	25	24	25	3	22	49
Feb. 2011	3	24	30	24	17	2	27	41
Oct. 2010	3	19	20	23	33	2	22	56
May 2010	5	23	24	15	32	1	28	47
Feb. 2010	3	25	19	23	29	1	28	52
Oct. 2009	5	19	16	23	36	1	24	59
Mar. 2009	2	4	13	33	48	0	6	81
Oct. 2008	1	3	10	34	52	0	4	86

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Q12. Thinking about the State of Texas, do you think that things are headed in the right direction, or do you think that things are headed off on the wrong track?

TXDIR	Right direction	Wrong track	Don't know
Oct. 2021	40	48	12
Aug. 2021	35	52	13
June 2021	41	43	16
Apr. 2021	42	42	16
Mar. 2021	41	46	14
Feb. 2021	39	41	20
Oct. 2020	41	44	15
June 2020	41	47	13
Apr. 2020	43	43	15
Feb. 2020	48	37	16
Oct. 2019	47	35	17
June 2019	49	34	17
Feb. 2019	49	35	16
Oct. 2018	50	35	16
June 2018	46	37	16
Feb. 2018	48	36	15
Oct. 2017	43	40	16
June 2017	43	40	17
Feb. 2017	46	36	18
Oct. 2016	42	40	17
June 2016	41	38	22
Feb. 2016	42	37	21
Oct. 2015	45	36	19
June 2015	50	32	18
Feb. 2015	50	30	20
Oct. 2014	48	35	18
June 2014	49	33	17
Feb. 2014	45	35	20
Oct. 2013	42	39	19
June 2013	50	32	18
Feb. 2013	45	39	16
Oct. 2012	43	34	23
May 2012	38	42	21
Feb. 2012	43	38	19
Oct. 2011	39	43	17
May 2011	36	46	18
Feb. 2011	41	41	18
Oct. 2010	45	37	18
May 2010	45	38	17
Feb. 2010	43	37	20
Oct. 2009	38	39	23

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Q13. Compared to a year ago, would you say that you and your family are economically a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

FAMECON	A lot better off	Somewhat better off	About the same	Somewhat worse off	A lot worse off	Don't know	TOTAL BETTER	TOTAL WORSE
Oct. 2021	5	15	43	24	11	2	20	35
Aug. 2021	5	15	46	19	12	3	20	31
June 2021	5	18	49	18	7	4	23	25
Apr. 2021	5	16	53	16	7	3	21	23
Mar. 2021	5	17	49	20	8	2	22	28
Feb. 2021	5	13	49	19	10	5	18	29
Oct. 2020	9	14	44	20	11	2	23	31
June 2020	6	18	43	20	11	2	24	31
Apr. 2020	9	19	34	21	14	3	28	35
Feb. 2020	15	26	38	13	6	3	41	19
Oct. 2019	15	25	38	13	5	3	40	18
June 2019	15	25	37	14	5	3	40	19
Feb. 2019	12	28	39	13	6	2	40	19
Oct. 2018	12	27	39	13	6	3	39	19
June 2018	10	27	42	14	6	2	37	20
Feb. 2018	11	27	42	13	5	1	38	18
Oct. 2017	9	22	47	16	5	1	31	21
June 2017	5	20	52	15	5	1	25	20
Feb. 2017	6	21	50	16	7	1	27	23
Oct. 2016	5	22	44	19	8	2	27	27
June 2016	5	18	44	20	9	3	23	29
Feb. 2016	5	20	45	19	9	2	25	28
Oct. 2015	5	18	45	23	7	1	23	30
June 2015	5	21	48	17	7	2	26	24
Feb. 2015	6	21	44	21	7	2	27	28
Oct. 2014	5	22	42	23	7	1	27	30
June 2014	6	21	42	21	8	2	27	29
Feb. 2014	5	20	43	22	9	1	25	31
Oct. 2013	5	17	41	23	12	2	22	35
June 2013	6	19	44	23	7	1	25	30
Oct. 2012	6	17	43	23	11	1	23	34
May 2012	4	15	48	19	13	2	19	32
Feb. 2012	4	16	45	23	11	1	20	34
Oct. 2011	3	13	40	27	15	1	16	42
May 2011	2	16	40	25	16	2	18	41
Feb. 2011	3	17	45	24	11	1	20	35
Oct. 2010	3	16	38	27	14	2	19	41
May 2010	4	16	41	25	13	1	20	38
Feb. 2010	3	14	40	29	12	1	17	41
Oct. 2009	3	14	39	27	16	1	17	43
Mar. 2009	3	14	42	27	14	0	17	41
Oct. 2008	4	16	38	29	14	0	20	43

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Q14. Compared to a year ago, would you say that the Texas economy is a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

TXECON	A lot better off	Somewhat better off	About the same	Somewhat worse off	A lot worse off	Don't know	TOTAL BETTER	TOTAL WORSE
Oct. 2021	5	16	34	29	9	8	21	38
Aug. 2021	4	21	34	24	10	7	25	34
June 2021	6	25	32	22	6	9	31	28
Apr. 2021	5	18	37	26	7	7	23	33
Mar. 2021	5	11	36	30	12	6	16	42
Feb. 2021	3	10	31	32	17	7	13	49
Oct. 2020	5	10	24	34	22	4	15	56
June 2020	5	11	21	36	21	6	16	57
Apr. 2020	7	15	19	26	28	6	22	54
Feb. 2020	20	23	36	11	4	6	43	15
Oct. 2019	17	25	35	13	3	8	42	16
June 2019	16	27	35	12	5	6	43	17
Feb. 2019	17	28	35	10	5	5	45	15
Oct. 2018	20	29	31	10	4	5	49	14
June 2018	13	30	34	12	4	7	43	16
Feb. 2018	13	30	38	13	3	3	43	16
Oct. 2017	8	27	41	16	3	5	35	19
June 2017	6	28	39	17	4	6	34	21
Feb. 2017	6	22	49	11	5	6	28	16
Oct. 2016	3	22	45	19	5	5	25	24
June 2016	4	22	41	19	6	8	26	25
Feb. 2016	4	22	41	23	5	4	26	28
Oct. 2015	4	25	41	20	5	5	29	25
June 2015	5	28	44	14	4	4	33	18
Feb. 2015	6	26	47	14	3	4	32	17
Oct. 2014	9	32	40	12	4	3	41	16
Oct. 2012	4	21	51	16	5	3	25	21

Q15. How do you feel about the following statement: *Generally speaking, the way state government runs in Texas serves as a good model for other states to follow?*

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	TOTAL AGREE	TOTAL DISAGREE
Oct. 2021	27	24	10	32	0	51	42
Aug. 2021	26	24	11	33	6	50	44
June 2021	31	20	13	29	8	51	42
Apr. 2020	31	27	12	18	12	58	30
Feb. 2020	25	29	14	16	15	54	30
June 2017	25	29	16	19	11	54	35
June 2015	26	33	12	18	11	59	30
Feb. 2013	29	31	13	18	8	60	31
Oct. 2011	21	29	16	22	12	50	38
Feb. 2010	18	39	17	14	12	57	31

Q16. Is Texas's increasing racial and ethnic diversity a cause for optimism or a cause for concern?

	A cause for optimism	A cause for concern	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2021	41	28	31
Aug. 2021	38	34	28
June 2021	37	34	29
Apr. 2021	39	29	32
Feb. 2021	40	31	29
Oct. 2020	44	28	28
June 2020	48	31	21
Apr. 2020	49	28	24
Oct. 2019	44	32	24
June 2019	44	33	23

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Political Figures and Elections

Q17. How closely have you been following the Texas Legislature this year?

Q17	Percent
Extremely closely	17
Somewhat closely	48
Not very closely	27
Not at all closely	8

Q18. Every ten years states redraw the boundaries of congressional and legislative districts based on new census figures in a process called redistricting. How much have you heard about the 2021 redistricting process in Texas?

	A lot	Some	A little	Nothing at all
Oct. 2021	25	41	17	18
Aug. 2021	17	32	20	30
Feb. 2021	8	26	25	41

For survey items Q19 and Q20, respondents were asked in item Q3A whether they intend to vote in the 2022 Republican or Democratic primary elections. The results presented below for Q19A, Q19B, and Q19C only include those respondents who said that they would vote in the Republican primary. The results presented below for Q20A, Q20B, and Q20C only include those respondents who said that they would vote in the Democratic primary. These results include 554 potential Republican primary voters, producing a margin of error of +/- 4.16 percentage points; and 436 potential Democratic primary voters, producing a margin of error of +/- 4.69 percentage points.

Q19A. [ASK IF Q3A= '1. Republican Primary'] If the 2022 Republican primary election for governor were held today, which of the following possible candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? [RANDOMIZE 1-7]

Q19A	Percent
Greg Abbott	56
Allen West	13
Don Huffines	7
Chad Prather	5
Kurt Schwab	0
Daniel Harrison	0
Someone else	4
Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	16

Q19B. [ASK IF Q3A= '1. Republican Primary'] If the 2022 Republican primary election for lieutenant governor were held today, which of the following possible candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? [RANDOMIZE 1-6]

Q19B	Percent
Dan Patrick	56
Daniel Miller	2
Aaron Sorrells	1
Trayce Bradford	1
Zach Vance	0
Someone else	5
Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	36

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Q19C. **[ASK IF Q3A= '1. Republican Primary']** If the 2022 Republican primary election for attorney general were held today, which of the following possible candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

Q19C	Percent
Ken Paxton	48
George P. Bush	16
Matt Krause	3
Eva Guzman	2
Someone else	3
Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	27

Q20A. **[ASK IF Q3A= '2. Democratic Primary']** If the 2022 Democratic primary election for governor were held today, which of the following possible candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-5]**

Q20A	Percent
Beto O'Rourke	70
Demetria Smith	1
Dierdre Gilbert	1
Larry Bagget	1
Michael Cooper	0
Someone else	2
Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	25

Q20B. **[ASK IF Q3A= '2. Democratic Primary']** If the 2022 Democratic primary election for lieutenant governor were held today, which of the following possible candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

Q20B	Percent
Mike Collier	17
Matthew Dowd	13
Someone else	4
Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	67

Q20C. **[ASK IF Q3A= '2. Democratic Primary']** If the 2022 Democratic primary election for attorney general were held today, which of the following possible candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

Q20C	Percent
Joe Jaworski	14
Lee Merritt	8
Someone else	6
Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	72

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Q21A. If the 2022 election for Governor were held today, and the candidates were [RANDOMIZE ORDER “Greg Abbott”, “Beto O’Rourke”] Greg Abbott and Beto O’Rourke, who would you vote for, or haven’t you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

Q21A	Percent
Greg Abbott	46
Beto O’Rourke	37
Someone else	7
Haven’t thought about it enough to have an opinion	10

Q21B. If the 2022 election for Governor were held today, and the candidates were [RANDOMIZE ORDER “Greg Abbott”, “a Democrat other than Beto O’Rourke”] Greg Abbott and a Democrat other than Beto O’Rourke, who would you vote for, or haven’t you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

Q21B	Percent
Greg Abbott	42
The Democratic candidate	37
Someone else	7
Haven’t thought about it enough to have an opinion	13

Q22. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Donald Trump.

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don’t know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Oct. 2021	28	15	6	6	42	3	43	48	-5
June 2021	30	17	5	4	43	1	47	47	0
Feb. 2021	31	15	5	5	41	3	46	46	0
Oct. 2020	31	15	5	6	42	1	46	48	-2
Feb. 2017	27	18	7	5	41	3	45	46	-1
Oct. 2016	13	18	7	9	49	2	31	58	-27
June 2016	16	15	10	10	46	4	31	56	-25
Feb. 2016	13	16	9	15	44	2	29	59	-30
Nov. 2015	16	18	12	12	39	3	34	51	-17

Q23. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of each of the following.

Item	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don’t know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Don Huffines	4	8	19	5	10	54	12	15	-3
Allen West	14	15	13	6	13	39	29	19	10
Beto O’Rourke	20	15	8	6	44	7	35	50	-15
Matthew McConaughey	12	23	29	12	12	13	35	24	11
Matthew Dowd	3	6	18	5	7	61	9	12	-3
Mike Collier	3	7	17	4	5	63	10	9	1
Eva Guzman	3	8	17	7	8	57	11	15	-4
George P. Bush	8	15	20	16	22	20	23	38	-15
Matt Krause	2	4	18	5	5	66	6	10	-4
Joe Jaworski	3	5	18	4	6	65	8	10	-2
Lee Merritt	3	4	16	5	6	66	7	11	-4

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Q24A. Do you approve or disapprove of how Joe Biden has handled the economy?

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Oct. 2021	16	16	11	9	46	3	32	55
Aug. 2021	20	18	8	7	44	2	38	51
June 2021	21	19	10	7	40	3	40	47
Apr. 2021	21	17	12	7	39	3	38	46

Q24B. Do you approve or disapprove of how Joe Biden has handled immigration and border security?

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Oct. 2021	8	14	12	11	52	4	22	63
Aug. 2021	9	17	13	9	49	3	26	58
June 2021	10	17	13	11	46	3	27	57
Apr. 2021	8	15	14	10	49	4	23	59

Q24C. Do you approve or disapprove of how Joe Biden has handled transportation and infrastructure?

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Oct. 2021	14	16	14	8	43	5	30	51
Aug. 2021	21	16	10	6	41	5	37	47

Q24D. Do you approve or disapprove of how Joe Biden has handled the response to the coronavirus/COVID-19?

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Oct. 2021	24	15	7	8	43	2	39	51
Aug. 2021	30	14	8	9	38	1	44	47
June 2021	34	15	15	8	28	1	49	36
Apr. 2021	34	15	14	9	26	1	49	35
Mar. 2021	33	15	14	9	27	1	48	36
Feb. 2021	34	15	14	7	29	2	49	36

Q25A. Do you approve or disapprove of how Greg Abbott has handled immigration and border security?

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Oct. 2021	27	19	7	9	34	5	46	43
Aug. 2021	22	18	9	11	35	5	40	46
June 2021	25	21	10	8	29	5	46	37

Q25B. Do you approve or disapprove of how Greg Abbott has handled the response to the coronavirus/COVID-19?

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Oct. 2021	23	21	8	10	36	3	44	46
Aug. 2021	21	18	8	10	43	1	39	53
June 2021	25	19	8	11	35	2	44	46
Apr. 2021	22	21	8	14	34	2	43	48
Mar. 2021	24	20	7	13	35	1	44	48
Feb. 2021	20	24	12	15	26	3	44	41
Oct. 2020	17	27	10	20	26	1	44	46
June 2020	27	22	7	12	29	3	49	41
Apr. 2020	31	25	9	13	16	5	56	29

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Coronavirus Pandemic/COVID-19

Q26. Would you say that the coronavirus/COVID-19 is...

	A significant crisis	A serious problem but not a crisis	A minor problem	Not a problem at all	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2021	42	34	14	7	3
Aug. 2021	52	30	11	5	2
June 2021	46	28	16	8	2
Apr. 2021	52	28	13	5	2
Feb. 2021	53	32	9	4	2
Oct. 2020	53	29	11	6	1
June 2020	57	29	10	4	1
Apr. 2020	66	26	4	2	2

Q27. Do you approve or disapprove of how each of the following is handling the coronavirus/COVID-19?

Item	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Federal government	13	24	12	13	35	3	37	48
Texas state government	19	27	9	14	30	2	46	44
Your local government	18	33	19	12	13	5	51	25

Q27A. Do you approve or disapprove of how each of the following is handling the coronavirus/COVID-19? **The Federal Government.**

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Oct. 2021	13	24	12	13	35	3	37	48
Aug. 2021	17	26	11	15	30	3	43	45
June 2021	18	28	15	14	21	3	46	35
Feb. 2021	14	31	15	16	20	4	45	36
Oct. 2020	12	27	13	12	33	3	39	45
June 2020	16	24	10	12	35	3	40	47
Apr. 2020	22	27	10	11	27	3	49	38

Q27B. Do you approve or disapprove of how each of the following is handling the coronavirus/COVID-19? **State Government**

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Oct. 2021	19	27	9	14	30	2	46	44
Aug. 2021	14	25	11	12	37	2	39	49
June 2021	18	27	14	17	22	3	45	39
Feb. 2021	13	35	13	17	18	4	48	35
Oct. 2020	15	30	9	19	24	3	45	43
June 2020	20	27	7	15	29	2	47	44
Apr. 2020	26	31	12	14	15	3	57	29

Q27C. Do you approve or disapprove of how each of the following is handling the coronavirus/COVID-19? **Local Government**

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Oct. 2021	18	33	19	12	13	5	51	25
Aug. 2021	15	32	17	14	17	4	47	31
June 2021	21	29	21	11	13	4	50	24
Feb. 2021	17	34	17	13	13	5	51	26
Oct. 2020	17	34	16	15	15	3	51	30
June 2020	20	33	14	13	16	3	53	29
Apr. 2020	29	35	14	10	9	3	64	19

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Q28. How concerned are you about the spread of the coronavirus in your community?

	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2021	14	22	25	20	17	2
Aug. 2021	28	19	24	15	12	0
June 2021	12	15	26	23	23	0
Apr. 2021	16	20	24	21	16	2
Feb. 2021	25	24	22	15	11	0
Oct. 2020	20	20	27	16	14	0
June 2020	27	20	26	17	9	0
Apr. 2020	28	26	29	12	5	0

Q29. Do you plan on getting a COVID vaccination? [RANDOMIZE 2-3]

	Already received a COVID vaccine	Yes	No	Unsure	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2021	68	5	20	3	4
Aug. 2021	67	5	21	5	3
June 2021	60	6	24	7	3
Apr. 2021	54	10	22	10	4
Feb. 2021	15	36	28	16	4
Oct. 2020	0	42	36	0	21
June 2020	0	59	21	0	20

Q30. Thinking about how you and your family are dealing with the coronavirus pandemic, which of these best describes you these days?

	Living normally, coming and going as usual	Leaving residence, but being careful when I do	Only leaving my residence when I absolutely have to	Not leaving home
Oct. 2021	42	41	15	1
Aug. 2021	37	40	22	1
June 2021	47	39	12	2
Apr. 2021	33	44	21	2
Feb. 2021	24	42	31	3
Oct. 2020	27	40	32	2
June 2020	19	41	37	3
Apr. 2020	9	20	63	9

Q31. Which of the following measures, if any, are you taking in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19? [RANDOMIZE A-B]

	Oct. 2021	Aug. 2021	June 2021	Apr. 2021	Feb. 2021	Oct. 2020	June 2020
Staying away from large groups	64	74	63	74	82	83	88
Avoiding other people as much as possible	NaN	61	50	64	72	74	80
Wearing a mask when in close contact with people outside your household	60	63	58	80	88	87	81
Wearing a mask in indoor public places	NaN	67	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Wearing a mask in outdoor public places	NaN	39	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN

Q32. Based on the conditions in your local area, do you support or oppose:

Item	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE
Requiring people to wear masks in indoor public places	40	17	9	31	3	57	40
Requiring public school students and staff to wear masks when on campus	45	13	7	32	4	58	39

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Q33. Do you support or oppose requiring people to provide evidence that they have been vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to gain admission to events or activities with large groups of people?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE
Oct. 2021	33	14	8	4	39	3	47	43
Aug. 2021	33	13	9	5	39	2	46	44
June 2021	27	14	10	5	41	4	41	46
Apr. 2021	24	17	12	4	38	5	41	42

Q34. Do you support or oppose each of the following?

Item	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE
Allowing businesses to require employees to either provide proof of vaccination or submit to frequent COVID testing	41	13	8	35	3	54	43
Allowing businesses to require customers to either provide proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test	30	17	8	41	4	47	49
Allowing government entities to require employees to either provide proof of vaccination or submit to frequent COVID testing, unless they have a medical or religious exemption	37	13	7	39	4	50	46
Allowing public schools to require staff to either provide proof of vaccination or submit to frequent COVID testing, unless they have a medical or religious exemption	40	14	6	37	3	54	43
Allowing public schools to require students to either provide proof of vaccination or submit to frequent COVID testing, unless they have a medical or religious exemption	33	15	9	40	3	48	49

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Policy Questions

Q35. Do you approve or disapprove of how state leaders and the Legislature have handled each of the following in Texas?

Item	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Reliability of the electricity grid	6	12	16	18	42	6	18	60
COVID/coronavirus pandemic	15	25	13	14	31	2	40	45
K-12 public education	9	17	22	18	24	10	26	42
Immigration/border security	18	23	10	14	30	5	41	44
Public safety	16	26	20	10	20	8	42	30
Election and voting laws	24	19	13	8	30	5	43	38
Abortion policy	30	9	11	7	39	4	39	46
Gun violence	18	17	17	9	32	7	35	41
Second Amendment rights	31	15	15	9	23	7	46	32
Property taxes	7	13	22	20	26	12	20	46
Redistricting	11	14	22	10	28	15	25	38
Transgender students in public schools	18	10	20	7	29	16	28	36
Foster care	6	9	26	11	18	30	15	29

Q36. Do you think that the rules for voting in Texas should be made more strict, less strict, or left as they are now?

	More strict	Left as they are now	Less strict	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2021	34	29	29	8
Aug. 2021	39	30	24	8
June 2021	35	29	26	10
Feb. 2021	27	40	25	8

Q37. Based on what you know, do you think that Texas's election system discriminates against racial and ethnic minorities?

	Yes	No	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2021	37	53	10
Aug. 2021	39	51	10
June 2021	37	51	12
Apr. 2021	36	52	12
June 2020	38	51	11
June 2019	35	50	15
Feb. 2019	36	53	11
Oct. 2017	38	47	15

Q38A. Overall, how accurate do you think official election results are in the U.S.?

	Very accurate	Somewhat accurate	Somewhat inaccurate	Very inaccurate	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2021	33	23	19	19	6
Aug. 2021	37	18	14	25	5
Feb. 2021	36	16	13	30	6

Q38B. Overall, how accurate do you think official election results are in Texas?

	Very accurate	Somewhat accurate	Somewhat inaccurate	Very inaccurate	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2021	38	38	12	3	8
Aug. 2021	38	36	14	5	8
Feb. 2021	43	35	11	5	6

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Q39. Do you support or oppose allowing legal gun owners over the age of 21 to carry handguns in most public places in Texas without a license or training?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE
Oct. 2021	19	19	13	42	7	38	55
June 2021	24	12	13	44	7	36	57
Apr. 2021	22	12	11	48	6	34	59

Q40. Do you support or oppose making abortion illegal after 6 weeks of pregnancy except in the case of a medical emergency?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE
Oct. 2021	34	11	8	39	9	45	47
June 2021	32	12	9	37	10	44	46
Apr. 2021	34	15	10	31	0	49	41

Q41. Please tell us whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if...

	Oct. 2021	Oct. 2014	June 2014
The woman's own health is seriously endangered.	81	81	76
She became pregnant as a result of rape.	72	77	72
She became pregnant as a result of incest.	73	75	70
There is a strong chance of a serious defect in the baby.	58	63	57
The family has very low income and cannot afford any more children.	39	41	39
She is not married and does not want to marry the man.	37	37	36
She is married and does not want any more children.	38	37	36

Q42. Do you support or oppose allowing any individual to sue people they believe helped someone obtain an abortion in violation of state law?

Q42	Percent
Strongly support	18
Somewhat support	12
Somewhat oppose	8
Strongly oppose	49
Don't know/No opinion	13

Q43. Do you think Texas should accept refugees from other countries who have gone through a security clearance process?

	Yes	No	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2021	50	35	15
Feb. 2020	51	34	15

Q44. If some of these refugees came to live in your community, do you think they would be welcomed, or not?

	Yes, welcomed	No, not welcomed	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2021	41	26	32
Feb. 2020	48	21	31

Q45. Do you support or oppose Governor Greg Abbott's plan to use state money to add more barriers on the border between Texas and Mexico?

Q45	Percent
Strongly support	44
Somewhat support	9
Somewhat oppose	7
Strongly oppose	33
Don't know/No opinion	6

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Q46. Do you think that Texas spends too much, too little, or about the right amount on border security?

	Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2021	28	20	33	0
Aug. 2021	24	18	37	21
Feb. 2021	26	22	39	13
Feb. 2019	15	30	38	18

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Political Knowledge

[Randomize INFO1-INFO3]

INFO1. Which political party holds the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

INFO1	Percent
Democratic Party	74
Republican Party	13
Neither	4
Don't know	9

INFO2. What majority of both houses of the U.S. Congress is needed to override a presidential veto?

INFO2	Percent
More than two-thirds	73
More than three-fourths	10
More than one-half	5
Don't know	12

INFO3. How often are states required to redraw their political maps?

INFO3	Percent
Every year	1
Every three years	3
Every five years	7
Every ten years	58
Every twenty years	1
Don't know	30

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Political Orientation

LIBCON. On a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 is extremely liberal, 7 is extremely conservative, and 4 is exactly in the middle, where would you place yourself?

LIBCON7	Percent
Extremely lib.	9
Somewhat lib.	12
Lean lib.	7
Moderate	25
Lean con.	8
Somewhat con.	18
Extremely con.	21

PID3. Generally speaking, would you say that you usually think of yourself as a...

PID3	Percent
Democrats	40
Independents	13
Republicans	48

PID7. (Uses the four PID3 follow-up questions)

PID7	Percent
StrDem	20
WeakDem	11
LeanDem	9
Ind	13
LeanRep	14
WeakRep	9
StrRep	25

REPCON. [ASK IF PID3 = "Republican"] Overall, do you think that Republican elected officials in Texas are conservative enough, too conservative, or not conservative enough?

REPCON	Percent
Conservative enough	49
Too conservative	10
Not conservative enough	36
Don't know/No opinion	6

DEMLIB. [ASK IF PID3 = "Democrat"] Overall, do you think that Democratic elected officials in Texas are liberal enough, too liberal, or not liberal enough?

DEMLIB	Percent
Liberal enough	29
Too liberal	7
Not liberal enough	46
Don't know/No opinion	19

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Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

AGEG	Percent
18-29	17
30-44	25
45-64	36
65+	22

LOCATE. Would you say that you live in an urban, suburban, or rural community?

LOCATE	Percent
Urban	30
Suburban	49
Rural	21

METRO. Do you live in the Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio, or Austin metropolitan areas?

METRO	Percent
Yes, I live in the Houston area	25
Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	25
Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	9
Yes, I live in the Austin area	10
No, I live in another part of Texas	31

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

CHILD	Percent
One	15
Two	10
Three	5
Four or more	3
None	67

SCHOOL. Do you have any children currently enrolled in school in Texas? (check all that apply)

Item	Percent
Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in public school in Texas.	17
Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in private school in Texas.	3
Yes, I have a child/children under 18 who are being home schooled in Texas.	3
No, I do not have any children under 18 in school in Texas.	78

CHILD_VAX. [ASK IF CHILD != "None"] Are you going to try to get a COVID vaccine for the children living with you as soon as it becomes available to them? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

CHILD_VAX	Percent
Child has already received a COVID vaccine	23
Yes	29
No	36
Unsure	8
Don't know/No opinion	5

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INCOME. In which category would you place your household income last year?

INCOME	Percent
Less than \$10,000	5
\$10,000 - \$19,999	9
\$20,000 - \$29,999	9
\$30,000 - \$39,999	8
\$40,000 - \$49,999	7
\$50,000 - \$59,999	7
\$60,000 - \$69,999	6
\$70,000 - \$79,999	8
\$80,000 - \$99,999	8
\$100,000 - \$119,999	6
\$120,000 - \$149,999	5
More than \$150,000	8
Prefer not to say	13

AB. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be pro-life, pro-choice, or neither?

AB	Percent
Pro-life	41
Pro-choice	41
Neither	13
Don't know	6

EDU What is the highest level of education that you received?

EDU	Percent
Less than high school	3
High school degree	24
Some college	24
Two-year college degree	10
Four-year college degree	25
Post-graduate degree	13

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RELIG. What is your primary religious affiliation, if any? [No open response on "other"]

RELIG	Percent
Agnostic	5
Assembly of God	2
Atheist	6
Baptist	14
Born again	2
Buddhist	1
Catholic	16
Christian Scientist	1
Church of Christ	2
Church of God	1
Disciples of Christ	0
Don't know	2
Episcopal / Anglican	1
Evangelical	1
Hindu	0
Jehovah's Witnesses	0
Jewish	1
Lutheran	3
Methodist	3
Mormon	2
Muslim / Islam	0
No religious affiliation / none	12
Nondenominational Christian	7
Orthodox / Eastern Orthodox	0
Other	4
Pentecostal / charismatic / spirit-filled	2
Presbyterian	1
Protestant (non-specific)	4
Reformed	0
Religious but not spiritual	1
Spiritual but not religious	5
Unitarian / Universalist	0
United Church of Christ	0

LITERAL. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

LITERAL	Percent
The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word.	28
The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	40
The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	25
Don't know.	8

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IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

IMPORT	Percent
Extremely important	38
Somewhat important	30
Not very important	13
Not at all important	19

ATTEND. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services or participate in religious activities?

ATTEND	Percent
More than once a week	12
Once a week	16
A few times a month	10
Once or twice a year	22
Never	40

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

race	Percent
White / Blanco	58
Black	14
Hispanic	23
Asian	1
Native American	0
Mixed	2
Other	2

RACE2. [Ask if RACE ~= "Hispanic or Latino"] Do you happen to have a Hispanic-Latino grandparent?

RACE2	Percent
Yes	3
No	96
Don't know	1

NATIVE1. [Ask if RACE = "Hispanic or Latino"] Were you born in the United States or Puerto Rico, or in another country?

NATIVE1	Percent
Born in the United States or Puerto Rico	90
Born in another country	10
Don't know	0

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NATIVE2. [Ask NATIVE2 if answer 1 on NATIVE1] Were your parents born in the United States or Puerto Rico, or another country?

NATIVE2	Percent
Both of my parents were born in the United States or Puerto Rico	61
One of my parents was born in another country	23
Both of my parents were both in another country	16

MOVE. Did you move to Texas from some other state?

MOVE	Percent
Yes	40
No	60

STATE. [ASK IF MOVE=1] Which state did you move from (most recently)?

STATE	Percent
Alabama	2
Alaska	1
Arizona	3
Arkansas	1
California	13
Colorado	6
Connecticut	1
Delaware	1
District of Columbia	0
Florida	4
Georgia	2
Hawaii	0
Idaho	0
Illinois	5
Indiana	3
Iowa	1
Kansas	1
Kentucky	2
Louisiana	7
Maryland	1
Massachusetts	1
Michigan	1
Minnesota	1
Mississippi	1
Missouri	3
Montana	1
Nebraska	1
Nevada	1
New Hampshire	0
New Jersey	1
New Mexico	4
New York	5
North Carolina	2
North Dakota	0
Not in the U.S. or Canada	1
Ohio	3
Oklahoma	3

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STATE	Percent
Ontario	0
Oregon	1
Pennsylvania	2
Puerto Rico	1
Rhode Island	1
South Carolina	1
South Dakota	0
Tennessee	2
Utah	3
Virginia	2
Washington	1
Wisconsin	1
Wyoming	1

VETERAN Which of the following best describes your current situation? Please check all that apply:

Item	Percent
Active-duty military	0
Military veteran	12
Active-duty military in my immediate family	4
Military veteran in my immediate family	20
None of the above	66

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

HOME	Percent
Own	69
Rent	31

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

MARITAL	Percent
Married	51
Separated	2
Divorced	10
Widowed	5
Single	27
Domestic Partnership	5

GENDER. What is your gender?

gender	Percent
Male	47
Female	53

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Sampling and Weighting Methodology for the October 2021 Texas Statewide Study

For the survey, YouGov interviewed 1308 Texas registered voters between October 23 and November 1, 2021, who were then matched down to a sample of 1200 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched on gender, age, race, and education. YouGov then weighted the matched set of survey respondents to known characteristics of registered voters of Texas from the 2018 Current Population survey and 2014 Pew Religious Landscape Survey.

The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the full 2018 Current Population Survey (CPS) voter registration supplement with selection within strata by weighted sampling with replacements (using the person weights on the public use file). For the main sample, the matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, and years of education. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles. These weights were then post-stratified on baseline party identification, the 2020 and 2016 presidential vote, ideology, and a full stratification of four-category age, four-category race, gender, and four-category education. The weights were trimmed at 7 and normalized to sum to the sample size.

The margin of error of the weighted data for registered voters is 2.8% for registered voters (if adjusted for weighting, the margin of error for registered voters is 3.4%).

Survey Panel Data

The YouGov panel, a proprietary opt-in survey panel, is comprised of 1.5 million U.S. residents who have agreed to participate in YouGov Web surveys. At any given time, YouGov maintains a minimum of five recruitment campaigns based on salient current events.

Panel members are recruited by a number of methods and on a variety of topics to help ensure diversity in the panel population. Recruiting methods include Web advertising campaigns (public surveys), permission-based email campaigns, partner sponsored solicitations, telephone-to-Web recruitment (RDD based sampling), and mail-to-Web recruitment (Voter Registration Based Sampling).

The primary method of recruitment for the YouGov Panel is Web advertising campaigns that appear based on keyword searches. In practice, a search in Google may prompt an active YouGov advertisement soliciting opinion on the search topic. At the conclusion of the short survey respondents are invited to join the YouGov panel in order to receive and participate in additional surveys. After a double opt-in procedure, where respondents must confirm their consent by responding to an email, the database checks to ensure the newly recruited panelist is in fact new and that the address information provided is valid.

The YouGov panel currently has over 20,000 active panelists who are residents of Texas. These panelists cover a wide range of demographic characteristics.

Sampling and Sample Matching

Sample matching is a methodology for selection of “representative” samples from non-randomly selected pools of respondents. It is ideally suited for Web access panels, but could also be used for other types of surveys, such as phone surveys. Sample matching starts with an enumeration of the target population. For general population studies, the target population is all adults, and can be enumerated through the use of the decennial Census or a high-quality survey, such as the American Community Survey. In other contexts, this is known as the sampling frame, though, unlike conventional sampling, the sample is not drawn from the frame. Traditional sampling, then, selects individuals from the sampling frame at random for participation in the study. This may not be feasible or economical as the contact information, especially email addresses, is not available for all individuals in the frame and refusals to participate increase the costs of sampling in this way.

Sample selection using the matching methodology is a two-stage process. First, a random sample is drawn from the target population. We call this sample the target sample. Details on how the target sample is drawn are provided below, but the essential idea is that this sample is a true probability sample and thus representative of the frame from which it was drawn.

Second, for each member of the target sample, we select one or more matching members from our pool of opt-in respondents. This is called the matched sample. Matching is accomplished using a large set of variables that are available in consumer and voter databases for both the target population and the opt-in panel.

The purpose of matching is to find an available respondent who is as similar as possible to the selected member of the target sample. The result is a sample of respondents who have the same measured characteristics as the target sample. Under certain conditions, described below, the matched sample will have similar properties to a true random sample. That is, the matched sample mimics the characteristics of the target sample.

When choosing the matched sample, it is necessary to find the closest matching respondent in the panel of opt-ins to each member of the target sample. YouGov employs the proximity matching method to find the closest matching respondent. For each variable used for matching, we define a distance function, $d(x,y)$, which describes how “close” the values x and y are on a particular attribute. The overall distance between a member of the target sample and a member of the panel is a weighted sum of the individual distance functions on each attribute. The weights can be adjusted for each study based upon which variables are thought to be important for that study, though, for the most part, we have not found the matching procedure to be sensitive to small adjustments of the weights. A large weight, on the other hand, forces the algorithm toward an exact match on that dimension.