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Field Dates: February 12 to 18, 2021
N=1200 Registered Voters
Margin of error: +/- 2.83% (3.5% adjusted for weighting) unless otherwise noted[1]

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	51
Somewhat interested	39
Not very interested	7
Not at all interested	3
Don't know	0

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	41
Almost every election	36
About half	7
One or two	10
None	5
Don't know	1

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[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 3.5%.

Most Important Problem

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

Q4	Percent
Coronavirus/COVID-19	24
Political corruption/leadership	16
The economy	8
Voting system	4
Health care	4
Environment	4
Moral decline	4
Immigration	4
Unemployment/jobs	3
The media	3
Race relations	3
Border security	3
Income inequality	3
Federal spending/national debt	3
Partisan gridlock	2
China	2
Education	2
Police brutality/police militarization	1
Crime	1
Taxes	1
Gun control/gun violence	1
National security/terrorism	1
Abortion	1
North Korea	0
Oil prices	0
Opioid/prescription drug abuse	0
Government data collection	0
Foreign trade	0
Energy	0
Sexual Harassment	0
Social welfare programs	0
Middle East instability	0
Gas prices	0
Gay marriage	0
Housing	0

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

Q5	Percent
Coronavirus/COVID-19	23
Border security	14
Immigration	11
Political corruption/leadership	8
Unemployment/jobs	6
The economy	5
Health care	4
Education	3
Energy	3
Environment	2
Moral decline	2
Hurricane recovery	2
Abortion	1
Redistricting	1
State government spending	1
The media	1
Taxes	1
Transportation/roads/traffic	1
Utility rates	1
Voting system	1
Race relations	1
Oil prices	1
Police brutality/police militarization	1
Housing	1
Homelessness	1
Gun control/gun violence	1
Gay marriage	1
Crime	1
Water supply	1
Property rights	0
Opioid/prescription drug abuse	0
Social welfare programs	0
State budget cuts	0
State courts	0
Insurance rates	0
Gas prices	0
Electoral fraud	0

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Retrospective Assessments

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
Feb. 2021	30	15	9	5	39	2

Q6A. Do you approve or disapprove of how Joe Biden has handled the response to the coronavirus/COVID-19?

Q6A	Percent
Approve strongly	34
Approve somewhat	15
Neither approve nor disapprove	14
Disapprove somewhat	7
Disapprove strongly	29
Don't know	2

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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
Feb. 2021	7	15	17	14	43	4
Oct. 2020	5	15	17	23	37	3
June 2020	4	15	16	26	36	3
Apr. 2020	6	17	18	24	32	3
Feb. 2020	5	13	16	19	42	4
Oct. 2019	7	14	18	23	35	4
June 2019	4	14	19	21	39	3
Feb. 2019	4	14	18	26	35	3
Oct. 2018	4	22	16	19	38	2
June 2018	3	15	18	21	38	4
Feb. 2018	2	17	16	22	39	3
Oct. 2017	2	10	15	24	45	3
June 2017	2	13	15	24	43	4
Feb. 2017	5	21	20	18	32	5
Oct. 2016	2	8	18	27	41	4
June 2016	2	8	16	24	45	5
Feb. 2016	2	10	17	24	43	4
Oct. 2015	2	8	17	25	46	3
June 2015	2	13	21	26	36	2
Feb. 2015	3	17	19	24	34	3
Oct. 2014	2	12	13	30	41	2
June 2014	3	8	15	24	48	3
Feb. 2014	3	8	15	23	49	2
Oct. 2013	2	6	12	21	56	3
June 2013	2	10	16	23	46	2
Feb. 2013	3	11	12	23	48	3
Oct. 2012	1	10	18	26	43	3
May 2012	1	9	16	23	48	3
Feb. 2012	1	10	14	26	47	2
Oct. 2011	2	9	10	26	51	2
May 2011	1	15	19	27	35	3
Feb. 2011	1	17	19	26	32	4
Oct. 2009	2	12	11	22	49	4
June 2009	2	18	22	22	36	0
Mar. 2009	4	22	22	15	37	0

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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
Feb. 2021	21	25	12	12	27	3
Oct. 2020	20	27	12	16	24	2
June 2020	29	20	10	13	26	3
Apr. 2020	31	25	9	14	18	4
Feb. 2020	30	18	11	10	24	7
Oct. 2019	30	22	15	9	19	6
June 2019	29	22	13	11	20	5
Feb. 2019	33	18	12	11	21	5
Oct. 2018	36	16	12	9	23	5
June 2018	27	20	13	12	24	5
Feb. 2018	28	18	18	8	23	5
Oct. 2017	27	21	14	11	22	5
June 2017	27	18	12	9	29	4
Feb. 2017	27	18	17	9	24	5
Oct. 2016	21	21	17	10	23	8
June 2016	20	22	19	10	21	8
Feb. 2016	18	23	24	9	20	6
Oct. 2015	20	22	21	10	19	7
June 2015	22	24	19	8	20	7

Q8A2. 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
Feb. 2021	20	24	12	15	26	3
Oct. 2020	17	27	10	20	26	1
June 2020	27	22	7	12	29	3
Apr. 2020	31	25	9	13	16	5

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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
Feb. 2021	20	17	15	5	31	12
Oct. 2020	18	19	13	6	31	12
June 2020	22	17	12	6	32	11
Apr. 2020	20	20	13	7	29	11
Feb. 2020	21	18	13	7	28	12
Oct. 2019	22	17	15	9	23	14
June 2019	22	19	18	6	25	11
Feb. 2019	24	18	16	6	25	10
Oct. 2018	27	17	14	5	26	11
June 2018	18	18	18	8	26	12
Feb. 2018	19	17	21	8	25	10
Oct. 2017	16	20	19	7	24	13
June 2017	15	19	18	8	28	11
Feb. 2017	16	16	24	8	23	14
Oct. 2016	12	19	20	9	22	18
June 2016	12	19	24	8	22	15
Feb. 2016	8	19	30	7	20	16
Oct. 2015	10	19	28	9	17	16
June 2015	13	19	28	8	16	15

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
Feb. 2021	7	15	30	6	12	30

[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
Feb. 2021	33	12	8	5	38	4
Oct. 2020	31	15	8	6	36	4
June 2020	30	16	9	9	33	4
Apr. 2020	29	16	9	7	32	6
Feb. 2020	29	13	7	8	36	7
Oct. 2019	28	18	8	9	30	7
June 2019	27	20	10	8	31	4
Feb. 2019	31	15	9	7	34	4
Oct. 2018	34	13	8	5	37	3
June 2018	21	18	13	8	33	7
Feb. 2018	22	18	12	9	32	7
Oct. 2017	19	19	13	12	31	5
June 2017	21	17	12	9	35	6
Feb. 2017	20	18	14	10	29	9
Oct. 2016	16	19	13	11	34	7
June 2016	18	17	13	12	31	9
Feb. 2016	18	19	15	10	32	6
Oct. 2015	27	17	11	9	28	9

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
Feb. 2021	12	20	18	13	29	8
Oct. 2020	18	21	12	11	28	10
June 2020	15	21	13	13	27	11
Apr. 2020	15	23	13	10	26	13
Feb. 2020	16	20	13	9	30	12
Oct. 2019	15	20	16	10	24	15
June 2019	14	23	17	11	23	12
Feb. 2019	15	21	18	13	22	11
Oct. 2018	17	22	15	9	25	13
June 2018	8	19	21	14	24	13
Feb. 2018	10	19	23	15	23	10
Oct. 2017	7	21	18	15	27	12
June 2017	9	19	18	14	27	12
Feb. 2017	11	19	22	12	22	14
Oct. 2016	8	20	22	14	22	15
June 2016	7	17	24	14	21	17
Feb. 2016	7	20	26	14	18	15
Oct. 2015	7	20	22	16	18	16

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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
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
Feb. 2021	4	11	20	26	35	4
Oct. 2020	8	9	13	29	38	2
June 2020	6	11	10	29	41	3
Apr. 2020	10	11	11	19	45	4
Feb. 2020	26	22	25	16	8	3
Oct. 2019	24	21	24	16	8	6
June 2019	26	21	23	18	8	3
Feb. 2019	27	22	23	15	9	3
Oct. 2018	32	19	26	12	7	4
June 2018	26	25	23	14	8	4
Feb. 2018	25	28	26	13	6	2
Oct. 2017	18	25	33	16	6	3
June 2017	14	28	30	18	7	3
Feb. 2017	12	28	36	11	9	4
Oct. 2016	8	20	29	25	15	4
June 2016	6	20	29	23	17	5
Feb. 2016	8	22	27	25	15	3
Oct. 2015	7	25	28	23	14	3
June 2015	7	24	33	21	13	3
Feb. 2015	11	25	33	18	11	3
Oct. 2014	6	25	30	23	14	2
June 2014	7	24	26	25	16	2
Feb. 2014	5	24	28	23	17	2
Oct. 2013	5	20	25	25	24	1
June 2013	7	28	31	18	15	1
Oct. 2012	7	25	25	19	23	1
May 2012	4	24	29	20	19	4
Feb. 2012	4	25	30	19	20	2
Oct. 2011	2	12	25	28	31	2
May 2011	2	20	25	24	25	3
Feb. 2011	3	24	30	24	17	2
Oct. 2010	3	19	20	23	33	2
May 2010	5	23	24	15	32	1
Feb. 2010	3	25	19	23	29	1
Oct. 2009	5	19	16	23	36	1
Mar. 2009	2	4	13	33	48	0
Oct. 2008	1	3	10	34	52	0

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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
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
Feb. 2021	5	13	49	19	10	5
Oct. 2020	9	14	44	20	11	2
June 2020	6	18	43	20	11	2
Apr. 2020	9	19	34	21	14	3
Feb. 2020	15	26	38	13	6	3
Oct. 2019	15	25	38	13	5	3
June 2019	15	25	37	14	5	3
Feb. 2019	12	28	39	13	6	2
Oct. 2018	12	27	39	13	6	3
June 2018	10	27	42	14	6	2
Feb. 2018	11	27	42	13	5	1
Oct. 2017	9	22	47	16	5	1
June 2017	5	20	52	15	5	1
Feb. 2017	6	21	50	16	7	1
Oct. 2016	5	22	44	19	8	2
June 2016	5	18	44	20	9	3
Feb. 2016	5	20	45	19	9	2
Oct. 2015	5	18	45	23	7	1
June 2015	5	21	48	17	7	2
Feb. 2015	6	21	44	21	7	2
Oct. 2014	5	22	42	23	7	1
June 2014	6	21	42	21	8	2
Feb. 2014	5	20	43	22	9	1
Oct. 2013	5	17	41	23	12	2
June 2013	6	19	44	23	7	1
Oct. 2012	6	17	43	23	11	1
May 2012	4	15	48	19	13	2
Feb. 2012	4	16	45	23	11	1
Oct. 2011	3	13	40	27	15	1
May 2011	2	16	40	25	16	2
Feb. 2011	3	17	45	24	11	1
Oct. 2010	3	16	38	27	14	2
May 2010	4	16	41	25	13	1
Feb. 2010	3	14	40	29	12	1
Oct. 2009	3	14	39	27	16	1
Mar. 2009	3	14	42	27	14	0
Oct. 2008	4	16	38	29	14	0

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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
Feb. 2021	3	10	31	32	17	7
Oct. 2020	5	10	24	34	22	4
June 2020	5	11	21	36	21	6
Apr. 2020	7	15	19	26	28	6
Feb. 2020	20	23	36	11	4	6
Oct. 2019	17	25	35	13	3	8
June 2019	16	27	35	12	5	6
Feb. 2019	17	28	35	10	5	5
Oct. 2018	20	29	31	10	4	5
June 2018	13	30	34	12	4	7
Feb. 2018	13	30	38	13	3	3
Oct. 2017	8	27	41	16	3	5
June 2017	6	28	39	17	4	6
Feb. 2017	6	22	49	11	5	6
Oct. 2016	3	22	45	19	5	5
June 2016	4	22	41	19	6	8
Feb. 2016	4	22	41	23	5	4
Oct. 2015	4	25	41	20	5	5
June 2015	5	28	44	14	4	4
Feb. 2015	6	26	47	14	3	4
Oct. 2014	9	32	40	12	4	3

Q15. 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
Feb. 2021	40	31	29
Oct. 2020	44	28	28
June 2020	48	31	21
Feb. 2020	49	28	24
Oct. 2019	44	32	24
June 2019	44	33	23

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Q16. Of the three branches of the federal government, which one do you trust the most?

	The President, the executive branch	The U.S. Congress, the legislative branch	The U.S. Supreme Court, the judicial branch	Don't know/No opinion
Feb. 2021	22	5	35	39
Oct. 2020	29	13	27	31
Feb. 2020	27	12	30	30
Feb. 2019	33	14	28	25
Oct. 2018	29	8	29	35
Oct. 2017	27	5	36	32
June 2017	26	6	38	30
Feb. 2017	28	7	36	30
June 2016	17	14	28	41
Oct. 2015	18	18	24	40
Oct. 2012	28	10	34	27

Political Figures and Elections

Q17. 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
Feb. 2021	31	15	5	5	41	3
Oct. 2020	31	15	5	6	42	1
Feb. 2017	27	18	7	5	41	3
Oct. 2016	13	18	7	9	49	2
June 2016	16	15	10	10	46	4
Feb. 2016	13	16	9	15	44	2
Oct. 2015	16	18	12	12	39	3

Q17B. Based on what you know, do you think that Donald Trump took actions while president that justify preventing him from holding future elected office?

Q17B	Percent
Yes	45
No	48
Don't know/No opinion	7

Q18A. Overall, how accurate do you think official election results are in the U.S.?

Q18A	Percent
Very accurate	36
Somewhat accurate	16
Somewhat inaccurate	13
Very inaccurate	30
Don't know/No opinion	6

Q18B. Overall, how accurate do you think official election results are in Texas?

Q18B	Percent
Very accurate	43
Somewhat accurate	35
Somewhat inaccurate	11
Very inaccurate	5
Don't know/No opinion	6

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Policy Questions

Q19. As you probably know, the Texas Legislature is currently meeting in Austin for the 140-day legislative session held every other year. What do you think should be the legislature's top priority? **[OPEN-ENDED]**

Q19_Coded	Percent
COVID/coronavirus	22
Immigration/Border security	14
The economy/Jobs	12
Education	5
Health care	4
Power generation/Utility companies	4
Environment/Climate change	3
Election integrity/Voting Rights	2
Resisting Biden Administration/Federal Government	2
Budget /Reduce Spending	2
Inequality	1
Property taxes	1
Energy	0
Other	28
Don't know	0

Q20. 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?

Q20	Percent
A lot	8
Some	26
A little	25
Nothing at all	41

Q21A. In your opinion, how important is it for each of the following to receive help from Texas state government to recover from the negative effects of the coronavirus pandemic? **[RANDOMIZE A-G]**

Item	Extremely important	Very important	Not very important	Not at all important	Don't know/No opinion
Large businesses/employers	12	21	37	24	6
Small businesses/employers	50	39	6	2	3
Individuals & families	55	33	6	2	4
K-12 public schools	42	37	10	7	4
Colleges and universities	19	27	27	21	6
Cities and local governments	26	37	23	10	5
Healthcare providers like doctors and hospitals	45	34	10	7	3

Q21B. And who is it **most important** for Texas state government to help recover from the negative impacts of the coronavirus pandemic? **[RANDOMIZE 1-7]**

Q21B	Percent
Individuals & families	44
Small businesses/employers	25
Healthcare providers like doctors and hospitals	12
K-12 public schools	7
Cities and local governments	5
None of these	4
Large businesses/employers	2
Colleges and universities	1

Q22. Thinking about state spending, do you think that Texas state government spends too much, too little, or about the right amount on each of the following?

Item	Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Don't know/No opinion
K-12 public education	13	26	50	10
Higher education (i.e. colleges and universities)	25	31	28	15
Health coverage for the uninsured	15	22	49	14
Response to the coronavirus pandemic	12	32	45	12
Mental health services	5	22	59	15
Border security	26	22	39	13
Transportation	9	39	35	17
Environmental protection	16	28	42	13
Prisons and the penal system	32	32	17	19

Q23. Would you say that the quality of K-12 public school education in Texas is:

	Excellent	Good	Not very good	Terrible	Don't know/No opinion
Feb. 2021	7	43	31	9	10
June 2020	8	45	28	9	10
Feb. 2020	7	39	31	11	12
June 2019	7	41	31	10	11
Feb. 2019	5	42	32	10	10
Feb. 2017	8	39	34	8	11
June 2013	5	40	36	14	5

Q24. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the police.

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion
Feb. 2021	34	28	16	11	9	2
Oct. 2020	35	23	16	15	9	2
June 2020	31	24	13	17	13	3
June 2019	29	29	17	13	10	2
Feb. 2017	33	31	15	9	9	3
Feb. 2015	27	30	19	13	10	1

[RANDOMIZE Q25A-Q25B]

Q25A. How safe do you feel in the area where you live?

	Very safe	Somewhat safe	Somewhat unsafe	Very unsafe	Don't know/No opinion
Feb. 2021	43	42	10	3	2
Oct. 2020	44	46	7	3	1

Q25B. Thinking about police departments in your area, do you think that spending on policing should be...

	Increased a lot	Increased a little	Stay about the same	Decreased a little	Decreased a lot	Don't know/No opinion
Feb. 2021	15	25	36	8	9	7
Oct. 2020	18	24	32	11	8	8

Q26. Do you think the deaths of African Americans during encounters with police in recent years are...
[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

	A sign of broader problems in the treatment of African Americans by police	Isolated incidents	Don't know/No opinion
Feb. 2021	45	45	10
Oct. 2020	48	44	8
June 2020	49	43	7

Q27. What is your opinion on the availability of abortion?

	By law, abortion should never be permitted	The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest or when the woman's life is in danger	The law should permit abortion for reasons other than rape, incest, or danger to the woman's life, but only after the need for the abortion has been clearly established	By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice
Feb. 2021	13	31	12	38
Oct. 2018	15	29	12	39
Feb. 2017	17	26	15	38
Feb. 2014	13	29	17	37
Oct. 2013	12	29	16	37
June 2013	16	30	13	36
Feb. 2013	15	29	13	39
May 2012	12	33	13	37
Feb. 2012	15	29	12	38
Oct. 2011	16	31	12	36
Feb. 2011	13	31	14	37
May 2010	15	37	13	32
Oct. 2009	15	33	14	33

Q28. Do you think that laws restricting abortion here 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
Feb. 2021	32	18	37	13
Feb. 2019	41	20	32	8
June 2013	38	21	26	14

Q29. What is your opinion on the legalization of marijuana possession?

	Marijuana possession should not be legal under any circumstances	Marijuana possession should be legal for medical purposes only	Possession of small amounts of marijuana for any purpose should be legal	Possession of any amount of marijuana for any purpose should be legal
Feb. 2021	13	28	32	28
Feb. 2019	20	26	32	22
June 2018	16	31	30	23
Feb. 2017	17	30	32	21
Feb. 2015	24	34	26	16
Feb. 2014	23	28	32	17
May 2010	27	27	28	14

Q30. Gambling policy will probably be discussed during the current legislative session. Which of the following gambling policy proposals would you most support?

	Banning all gambling and gaming in Texas	Leaving current gambling laws unchanged	Expanding gambling, but only in places where limited gambling is already allowed	Expanding gambling but only to Indian reservations	Allowing full casino gambling in Texas
Feb. 2021	8	17	12	6	41
Feb. 2011	8	11	12	6	56
Feb. 2010	10	21	13	6	40
June 2009	10	18	13	7	40
Mar. 2009	12	16	13	6	40

Q31. Which of the following is closest to your opinion regarding Confederate statues and monuments on public property?

	They should be removed from public view	They should be moved to a museum or other site where they can be presented in historical context	They should remain where they are with historical context provided	They should remain where they are unchanged	Don't know/No opinion
Feb. 2021	15	28	24	26	7
June 2020	20	32	23	20	5
Oct. 2017	8	30	22	34	6

Q32A. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:Undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States should be deported immediately.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Feb. 2021	24	21	17	30	7
Apr. 2020	28	21	16	27	8
Feb. 2020	27	20	15	29	9
Oct. 2019	29	21	18	26	7
Oct. 2018	32	22	19	26	0
Feb. 2018	23	22	21	29	5
Oct. 2017	25	19	21	30	5
Oct. 2016	23	24	19	27	7
June 2016	27	24	17	25	7
Feb. 2016	30	23	18	23	5
Nov. 2015	30	25	18	21	6
Feb. 2015	34	25	16	19	6
Oct. 2014	35	25	16	18	6
June 2014	32	22	18	22	6

Q32B. As you may know, a program begun in 2012 prevents the deportation of young people who were brought to the United States illegally as children, completed high school or military service, and have not been convicted of a serious crime. Do you think this program should be…

	Continued	Ended	Don't know/No opinion
Feb. 2021	63	25	12
Feb. 2018	61	29	10
Oct. 2017	59	30	11

Q33A. Do you personally find voting in Texas elections to be...

Q33A	Percent
Very easy	60
Somewhat easy	26
Somewhat difficult	7
Very difficult	2
Don't know/No opinion	5

Q33B. **[ASK IF Q33A==2|3|4]** In a sentence or two, what do you find most difficult about voting in Texas elections? [OPEN-ENDED]

Q33B_Coded	Percent
Long lines/Long wait times	13
Vote by mail	8
Limited Polling Places	7
Education	6
Registration	6
Locating polling site	5
Voter ID	5
Early voting	3
Voter suppression	3
Absentee voting	2
Voter fraud	2
Other	26
No issues	15

Q34. Do you think that the rules for voting in Texas should be made more strict, less strict, or left as they are now?

Q34	Percent
More strict	27
Less strict	25
Left as they are now	40
Don't know/No opinion	8

Q35A. In general, do you think that vaccines are safe?

Q35_1	Percent
Yes	61
No	18
Don't know	21

Q35B. In general, do you think that vaccines are effective?

Q35_2	Percent
Yes	63
No	14
Don't know	23

Q36. What do you think is more important... **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

	Trying to help control the spread of the coronavirus, even if it hurts the economy	Trying to help the economy, even if it hurts efforts to control the spread of the coronavirus	Don't know/No opinion
Feb. 2021	47	43	10
Oct. 2020	50	39	11
June 2020	53	38	9

Q37. 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
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

Q38A. 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
Federal government	14	31	15	16	20	4
Texas state government	13	35	13	17	18	4
Your local government	17	34	17	13	13	5
The news media	10	17	17	11	40	4
Health care professionals	46	27	13	4	6	4

October 2020 Results:

Item	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know/No opinion
Federal government	12	27	13	12	33	3
Texas state government	15	30	9	19	24	3
Your local government	17	34	16	15	15	3
The news media	10	16	18	13	41	3
Health care professionals	43	28	13	7	7	3

June 2020 Results:

Item	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know/No opinion
Federal government	16	24	10	12	35	3
Texas state government	20	27	7	15	29	2
Your local government	20	33	14	13	16	3
The news media	12	17	13	14	41	3
Insurance Companies	6	14	32	10	14	24
Health care professionals	52	23	12	5	3	5

April 2020 Results:

Item	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know/No opinion
Federal government	22	27	10	11	27	3
Texas state government	26	31	12	14	15	3
Your local government	29	35	14	10	9	3
The news media	13	21	16	13	35	3
Insurance companies	9	18	29	10	14	20
Health care professionals	65	18	9	2	3	4

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Q39. 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
Feb. 2021	25	24	22	15	11	2
Oct. 2020	20	20	27	16	14	3
June 2020	27	20	26	17	9	1
Apr. 2020	28	26	29	12	5	1

Q40. How concerned are you about you or someone you know getting infected with the coronavirus?

	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know/No opinion
Feb. 2021	27	23	21	15	11	2
Oct. 2020	23	21	22	16	16	2
June 2020	26	22	24	17	10	1
Apr. 2020	33	21	26	12	5	2

Note: Item Q40 was worded as follows in polling prior to February 2021: "As you may know, many Americans have been told to stay home if they can because of the coronavirus pandemic. Which of these best describes you these days?"

Q41. Overall, how would you say efforts to distribute the coronavirus/COVID-19 vaccine are going where you live?

Q41	Percent
Very well	12
Somewhat well	36
Somewhat badly	20
Very badly	12
Don't know/No opinion	20

Q42A. Are you going to try to get a COVID vaccine as soon as it becomes available to you? **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

Q42A	Percent
Yes	36
No	28
Unsure	16
Already received a COVID vaccine	15
Don't know/No opinion	4

In prior polling, willingness to get a COVID vaccine was measured with the following question: "If a vaccine to prevent coronavirus infection were widely available at a low cost, would you try to get that vaccine, or not?"

	Yes	No	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2020	42	36	21
June 2020	59	21	20

Q42B. **[ASK IF Q42A !=4]** And to the best of your knowledge, are you currently eligible to receive a COVID vaccine?

Q42B	Percent
Yes	40
No	34
Don't know/Unsure	26

Q43. 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	Still leaving my residence, but being careful when I do	Only leaving my residence when I absolutely have to	Not leaving home
Feb. 2021	24	42	31	3
Oct. 2020	27	40	32	2
June 2020	19	41	37	3
Apr. 2020	9	20	63	9

Q44. Which of the following measures, if any, are you taking in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19?
[RANDOMIZE A-E]

Item	Feb. 2021	Oct. 2020	June 2020
Staying away from large groups	82	83	88
Avoiding other people as much as possible	72	74	80
Wearing a mask when in close contact with people outside your household	88	87	81

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Q45. Regardless of the current restrictions in your local area, do you think it would be safe or unsafe for you to...**[RANDOMIZE A-P]**

Item	Feb. 2021	Oct. 2020	June 2020
Go grocery shopping	78	80	72
Get a haircut	66	66	59
Go to work	65	64	55
Stay in a hotel	62	62	50
Eat at a restaurant	55	56	49
Send your child to school	55	45	35
Attend church	48	50	41
Go to a shopping mall	48	49	36
Fly on an airplane	40	39	27
Attend a sporting event or concert at an outdoor stadium	40	41	30
Go to a movie theater	38	37	27
Go to a gym or health club	37	35	29
Go to a bar or club	30	28	23
Attend a sporting event or concert in an indoor arena	29	29	21

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	80
Republican Party	11
Neither	4
Don't know	5

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

INFO2	Percent
More than two-thirds	72
More than three-fourths	7
More than one-half	8
Don't know	13

INFO3. Who is the current Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts? **[RANDOMIZE 1-3]**

INFO3	Percent
Glenn Hegar	20
Sid Miller	8
Christi Craddick	7
George P. Bush	11
Don't know	54

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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.	13
Lean lib.	9
Moderate	26
Lean con.	8
Somewhat con.	18
Extremely con.	17

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

PID3	Percent
Democrats	41
Independents	13
Republicans	46

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

PID7	Percent
StrDem	22
WeakDem	9
LeanDem	10
Ind	13
LeanRep	13
WeakRep	11
StrRep	23

REPCON. **[ASK IF PID7 >= 5]** Overall, do you think that Republican elected officials in Texas are conservative enough, too conservative, or not conservative enough?

REPCON	Percent
Conservative enough	46
Too conservative	12
Not conservative enough	32
Don't know/No opinion	9

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DEMLIB. **[ASK IF PID7 <= 3]** Overall, do you think that Democratic elected officials in Texas are liberal enough, too liberal, or not liberal enough?

DEMLIB	Percent
Liberal enough	36
Too liberal	9
Not liberal enough	38
Don't know/No opinion	18

Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

AGEG	Percent
18-29	19
30-44	25
45-64	36
65+	20

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

LOCATE	Percent
Urban	32
Suburban	50
Rural	18

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	27
Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	27
Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	10
Yes, I live in the Austin area	10
No, I live in another part of Texas	26

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

CHILD	Percent
One	17
Two	13
Three	5
Four or more	2
None	63

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.	21
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.	73

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

INCOME	Percent
Less than $10,000	7
$10,000 - $19,999	7
$20,000 - $29,999	8
$30,000 - $39,999	6
$40,000 - $49,999	7
$50,000 - $59,999	8
$60,000 - $69,999	7
$70,000 - $79,999	7
$80,000 - $99,999	7
$100,000 - $119,999	7
$120,000 - $149,999	8
More than $150,000	10
Prefer not to say	11

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

AB	Percent
Pro-life	40
Pro-choice	41
Neither	14
Don't know	5

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

EDU	Percent
Less than high school	2
High school degree	27
Some college	25
Two-year college degree	10
Four-year college degree	24
Post-graduate degree	12

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

RELIG1	Percent
Agnostic	6
Assembly of God	1
Atheist	4
Baptist	10
Born again	2
Buddhist	0
Catholic	21
Christian Scientist	1
Church of Christ	2
Church of God	0
Disciples of Christ	0
Don't know	2
Episcopal / Anglican	2
Evangelical	2
Hindu	0
Jehovah's Witnesses	0
Jewish	1
Lutheran	1
Methodist	5
Mormon	1
Muslim / Islam	0
No religious affiliation / none	11
Nondenominational Christian	6
Orthodox / Eastern Orthodox	1
Other	5
Pentecostal / charismatic / spirit-filled	2
Presbyterian	1
Protestant (non-specific)	3
Religious but not spiritual	0
Spiritual but not religious	7
Unitarian / Universalist	1
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.	39
The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	25
Don't know.	8

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

IMPORT	Percent
Extremely important	41
Somewhat important	27
Not very important	12
Not at all important	20

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	11
Once a week	18
A few times a month	10
Once or twice a year	25
Never	37

ATTENDCHANGE. **[ASK IF ATTEND<=3]** Have you changed your attendance habits as a result of the coronavirus/COVID-19?

ATTENDCHANGE	Percent
Yes	65
No	35

ATTENDONLINE. **[ASK IF ATTENDCHANGE=="1. Yes"]** How have your attendance habits changed?

ATTENDONLINE	Percent
I am no longer attending in-person religious services	37
I am attending in-person religious services less frequently than I was before	30
I am attending religious services online	27
I am attending religious services online, but less frequently than I was before	3
Other	4

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

race	Percent
White / Blanco	58
Black	14
Hispanic	22
Asian	1
Middle Eastern	0
Native American	0
Mixed	1
Other	2

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

RACE2	Percent
Yes	2
No	97
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	87
Born in another country	13
Don't know	0

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	63
One of my parents was born in another country	23
Both of my parents were both in another country	14

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

MOVE	Percent
Yes	42
No	58

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

STATEFROM	Percent
Alabama	1
Alaska	0
Arizona	2
Arkansas	2
California	14
Colorado	2
Connecticut	1
Delaware	0
District of Columbia	0
Florida	5
Georgia	3
Hawaii	1
Idaho	0
Illinois	6
Indiana	2
Iowa	2
Kansas	1
Kentucky	1
Louisiana	8
Maine	0
Maryland	1
Massachusetts	2
Michigan	2
Minnesota	1
Mississippi	1
Missouri	3
Montana	1
Nebraska	0
Nevada	1
New Hampshire	0
New Jersey	2
New Mexico	3
New York	5
North Carolina	3
North Dakota	0
Not in the U.S. or Canada	2
Ohio	4
Oklahoma	3
Ontario	0

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

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

Item	Percent
Active-duty military	0
Military veteran	13
Active-duty military in my immediate family	3
Military veteran in my immediate family	18
None of the above	70

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

HOME	**Percent**
Own	73
Rent	27

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

MARITAL	**Percent**
Married	50
Separated	1
Divorced	10
Widowed	6
Single	26
Domestic Partnership	6

GENDER. What is your gender?

gender	**Percent**
Male	47
Female	53

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Sampling and Weighting Methodology for the February 2021 Texas Statewide Study

For the survey, YouGov interviewed 1535 Texas registered voters between February 12 and February 18, 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 3.5%).

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.