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Field Dates: December 2 - 12, 2022

N=1200 Registered Voters.

Margin of error: +/- 2.83% for Registered voter sample.[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	41
Somewhat interested	43
Not very interested	9
Not at all interested	6
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	41
Almost every election	36
About half	11
One or two	7
None	5
Don't know	2

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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 3.6%.

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Q4. What would you say is the most important problem facing this country today? **[Randomize]** *(N=792; Margin of error is +/- 3.48%)*

Q4	Percent
Inflation/rising prices	20
Political corruption/leadership	11
The economy	10
Gun control/gun violence	6
Border security	6
Environment/climate change	6
Moral decline	4
Federal spending/national debt	4
Immigration	4
Crime	3
Income inequality	3
Coronavirus/COVID-19	2
Electoral fraud	2
Partisan gridlock	2
Housing	2
Health care	2
Unemployment/jobs	2
Gas prices	1
Voting rights	1
China	1
Education	1
Energy	1
Social welfare programs	1
National security/terrorism	1
Abortion	1
Taxes	1
The media	1
Race relations	1
Opioid/drug abuse	0
North Korea	0
Middle East instability	0
Redistricting	0
Russia	0
Homelessness	0

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Q5. What would you say is the most important problem facing the State of Texas today? **[Randomize]** *(N=798; Margin of error is +/- 3.47%)*

Q5	Percent
Border security	18
Immigration	12
Inflation/rising prices	10
Political corruption/leadership	10
Gun control/gun violence	7
The economy	6
Energy/The grid	4
Environment/climate change	4
Abortion	3
Crime	3
Moral decline	3
Homelessness	2
Health care	2
Education	2
Voting rights	2
Taxes	2
Unemployment/jobs	1
The media	1
Social welfare programs	1
Redistricting	1
Housing	1
Coronavirus/COVID-19	1
Utility rates	1
Oil prices	1
Gas prices	1
Transportation/roads/traffic	0
Opioid/drug abuse	0
State government spending	0
Race relations	0
Property rights	0
Police misconduct	0
Pension funding	0
Water supply	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
Dec. 2022	18	24	7	7	43	1	42	50
Oct. 2022	17	22	8	8	44	2	39	52
Aug. 2022	18	22	8	8	44	1	40	52
June 2022	15	20	10	8	47	1	35	55
Apr. 2022	17	20	8	9	45	1	37	54
Feb. 2022	15	21	10	9	43	1	36	52
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

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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
Dec. 2022	5	24	17	19	31	3	29	50
Oct. 2022	5	19	18	21	34	3	24	55
Aug. 2022	7	19	17	18	37	2	26	55
June 2022	3	15	17	22	40	3	18	62
Apr. 2022	3	17	20	19	37	3	20	56
Feb. 2022	4	17	18	21	37	4	21	58
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
Dec. 2022	24	25	9	7	34	1	49	41
Oct. 2022	23	24	7	9	35	2	47	44
Aug. 2022	22	24	8	8	36	2	46	44
June 2022	18	25	11	9	37	1	43	46
Apr. 2022	22	25	11	7	34	2	47	41
Feb. 2022	17	27	12	10	32	3	44	42
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

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
Dec. 2022	19	24	14	5	31	7	43	36
Oct. 2022	19	18	14	7	32	10	37	39
Aug. 2022	17	21	16	5	32	9	38	37
June 2022	16	19	16	6	34	9	35	40
Apr. 2022	17	20	16	6	30	10	37	36
Feb. 2022	14	19	20	7	27	12	33	34
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...

Q8C	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Dec. 2022	7	17	25	8	16	26	24	24
Oct. 2022	7	14	23	9	18	29	21	27
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

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

Q8D	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Dec. 2022	19	22	13	6	31	8	41	37
Oct. 2022	17	19	13	9	30	13	36	39
Aug. 2022	18	19	15	7	31	10	37	38
June 2022	16	18	17	5	34	10	34	39
Apr. 2022	17	17	19	7	29	11	34	36
Feb. 2022	16	16	20	8	27	13	32	35
Oct. 2021	19	16	13	7	30	15	35	37
Aug. 2021	19	16	16	6	32	12	35	38
June 2021	17	16	19	6	30	13	33	36
Apr. 2021	17	15	16	6	30	15	32	36

[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
Dec. 2022	25	19	8	8	36	3	44	44
Oct. 2022	24	19	9	7	37	4	43	44
Aug. 2022	22	20	10	7	37	3	42	44
June 2022	22	19	10	5	40	3	41	45
Apr. 2022	24	19	10	6	37	3	43	43
Feb. 2022	21	18	13	8	35	5	39	43
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

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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
Dec. 2022	13	22	16	15	25	9	35	40
Oct. 2022	11	21	15	16	26	12	32	42
Aug. 2022	8	21	19	15	27	10	29	42
June 2022	7	17	16	18	32	10	24	50
Apr. 2022	10	22	19	13	26	10	32	39
Feb. 2022	9	22	22	11	24	12	31	35
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

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
Dec. 2022	23	65	12
Oct. 2022	21	69	10
Aug. 2022	21	69	10
June 2022	16	76	8
Apr. 2022	23	66	11
Feb. 2022	23	66	10
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

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
Dec. 2022	5	15	18	23	36	3	20	59
Oct. 2022	4	13	17	22	40	4	17	62
Aug. 2022	5	15	17	21	39	3	20	60
June 2022	4	10	11	25	48	2	14	73
Apr. 2022	6	15	15	21	42	2	21	63
Feb. 2022	7	17	19	21	32	3	24	53
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
Dec. 2022	39	46	14
Oct. 2022	37	50	13
Aug. 2022	36	52	12
June 2022	31	59	10
Apr. 2022	39	51	11
Feb. 2022	40	46	14
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
Dec. 2022	4	12	36	30	16	3	16	46
Oct. 2022	4	9	35	32	17	2	13	49
Aug. 2022	5	12	38	26	16	3	17	42
June 2022	4	10	32	32	21	1	14	53
Apr. 2022	3	14	37	27	16	2	17	43
Feb. 2022	5	16	39	25	13	2	21	38
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
Dec. 2022	3	13	36	30	12	6	16	42
Oct. 2022	3	12	32	32	15	6	15	47
Aug. 2022	5	12	33	31	13	6	17	44
June 2022	3	10	24	37	21	5	13	58
Apr. 2022	4	16	30	29	14	6	20	43
Feb. 2022	4	19	34	26	11	6	23	37
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

Q15A. Below are some pairs of opposite phrases, please tell me which one better describes your opinions about state government in Austin:

Q15A	Percent
Mostly dishonest	37
Mostly honest	36
Don't know	27

Q15B. Below are some pairs of opposite phrases, please tell me which one better describes your opinions about state government in Austin:

	Mostly careful with people's tax dollars	Mostly careless with people's tax dollars	Don't know
Dec. 2022	31	48	21
Oct. 2017	44	37	18
Oct. 2012	41	39	19

Q15C. Below are some pairs of opposite phrases, please tell me which one better describes your opinions about state government in Austin:

	Mostly addresses the needs of Texas residents	Mostly ignores the needs of Texas residents	Don't know
Dec. 2022	37	46	17
Oct. 2017	49	38	13
Oct. 2012	54	30	16

Q16. 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: **[RANDOMIZE A-G]**

Item	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Labor unions	14	26	24	12	18	7	40	30	10
Local businesses in your area	25	50	17	4	2	3	75	6	69
Major companies/corporations based in the United States	9	32	27	19	8	4	41	27	14
Major companies/corporations based outside the United States	6	10	33	24	18	9	16	42	-26
Universities and colleges	14	31	18	18	16	4	45	34	11
Churches and faith organizations	21	29	23	13	11	3	50	24	26
Public schools (K-12)	15	29	22	19	12	3	44	31	13

Q17. Do you think businesses and corporations are doing too much, too little, or about the right amount responding to each of the following...
[RANDOMIZE A-F]

Item	Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Don't know/No opinion
Climate change	29	15	44	12
Racial discrimination	26	23	39	12
Women's rights	21	27	40	12
Abortion access	27	16	39	18
Democracy/voting rights	20	25	39	17
Lesbian, gay, transgender, bi-sexual, and/or queer (LGTBQ) rights	36	19	29	16

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Q18. Generally speaking, do you think labor unions are good or bad for each of the following... **[RANDOMIZE A-E]**

Item	Good	Bad	Don't know/No opinion
Workers	57	25	19
Businesses	40	35	26
Consumers	41	33	26
The State of Texas	43	31	26
The United States of America	46	30	24

Q19. Given what you know about the following countries, 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. **[RANDOMIZE A-M]**

Item	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Mexico	11	27	23	19	15	4	38	34	4
Canada	31	29	16	11	8	5	60	19	41
China	3	7	17	18	51	5	10	69	-59
Russia	2	5	11	12	65	4	7	77	-70
Great Britain	24	38	21	8	4	6	62	12	50
Australia	25	37	19	9	4	6	62	13	49
Ukraine	20	30	21	10	12	7	50	22	28
South Korea	18	37	24	6	8	7	55	14	41
North Korea	1	6	9	12	67	5	7	79	-72
Japan	23	37	24	6	5	6	60	11	49
Venezuela	4	11	23	20	34	9	15	54	-39
Saudi Arabia	3	9	24	23	33	8	12	56	-44
Israel	24	23	25	11	8	7	47	19	28

Q21. Do you think the U.S. is doing too much, too little, or about the right amount in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine?

	Too much	Too little	Right amount	Don't know/No opinion
Dec. 2022	29	22	34	15
June 2022	28	27	25	21
Apr. 2022	15	39	29	17

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Political Figures and Elections

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Dec. 2022	17	23	10	6	43	2	40	49	-9
Aug. 2022	20	18	8	8	45	1	38	53	-15
Oct. 2020	21	20	7	9	42	1	41	51	-10
June 2020	18	20	8	12	39	3	38	51	-13
Apr. 2020	18	17	10	11	40	3	35	51	-16
Feb. 2020	17	16	10	12	41	4	33	53	-20
Oct. 2012	22	15	8	8	40	7	37	48	-11

Q23. 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
Dec. 2022	20	22	9	9	39	2	42	48	-6
Oct. 2022	26	18	7	4	43	2	44	47	-3
Aug. 2022	27	14	8	6	44	1	41	50	-9
June 2022	26	16	9	7	41	2	42	48	-6
Apr. 2022	28	17	7	7	40	0	45	47	-2
Feb. 2022	26	17	8	6	40	2	43	46	-3
Oct. 2021	28	15	6	6	42	0	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	0	45	46	-1
Oct. 2016	13	18	7	9	49	2	31	58	-27
June 2016	16	15	10	10	46	0	31	56	-25
Feb. 2016	13	16	9	15	44	0	29	59	-30
Nov. 2015	16	18	12	12	39	0	34	51	-17

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Q24. 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
Dec. 2022	33	27	19	15	5
Oct. 2022	32	35	15	9	9
June 2022	35	26	18	16	5
Oct. 2021	33	23	19	19	6
Aug. 2021	37	18	14	25	5
Feb. 2021	36	16	13	30	6

Q25. 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
Dec. 2022	38	40	11	4	6
Oct. 2022	37	43	8	4	8
June 2022	38	39	12	4	7
Oct. 2021	38	38	12	3	8
Aug. 2021	38	36	14	5	8
Feb. 2021	43	35	11	5	6

Q26. If you had to choose, would you say you consider yourself... **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

Q26	Percent
American first, Texan second	60
Texan first, American second	29
Don't know/No opinion	11

The Coronavirus

Q27. 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
Dec. 2022	23	35	22	18	3
Oct. 2022	21	39	22	15	3
Aug. 2022	21	39	20	17	3
June 2022	24	35	21	18	2
Apr. 2022	22	37	20	18	4
Feb. 2022	43	34	15	6	2
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

Policy Questions

Q28. 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
Dec. 2022	17	28	32	23
June 2021	13	27	31	29
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

Q29. Do you support or oppose reducing the punishment under Texas law for the possession or use of small amounts of marijuana to a citation and a fine?

Q29	Percent
Strongly support	47
Somewhat support	25
Somewhat oppose	9
Strongly oppose	10
Don't know/No opinion	10

Q30. Which of the following best characterizes your opinion on the death penalty for those convicted of violent crimes?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE
Dec. 2022	39	26	12	12	11	65	24
Apr. 2020	40	23	12	13	12	63	26
June 2018	38	27	13	12	10	65	24
Feb. 2015	49	26	10	9	6	75	18
Oct. 2013	46	28	10	10	6	74	20
Oct. 2011	49	25	9	12	5	74	24
Feb. 2011	54	24	9	8	5	78	16
Feb. 2010	53	25	10	8	4	78	16

Q31. How often do you think people are wrongly convicted of death penalty offenses in the state of Texas?

	Never	Almost never	Occasionally	A great deal of the time	Don't know/No opinion
Dec. 2022	3	27	45	11	15
Feb. 2015	3	29	47	12	9
Oct. 2013	2	27	49	13	9
Oct. 2011	3	30	41	15	11

Q32. Should the laws governing gambling in Texas be... **[RANDOMIZE 1-3]**

Q32	Percent
Made more strict	20
Made less strict	35
Left alone	22
Don't know/No opinion	22

[SPLIT SAMPLE Q33A-Q33B]

Q33A. Do you think state and local governments should or should not offer economic benefits, like reduced property taxes, to persuade businesses to move to Texas or expand their current operations here? *(N=592; Margin of error is +/- 4.03%)*

	Should	Should not	Don't know/No opinion
Dec. 2022	46	31	23
June 2021	42	31	27

Q33B. Do you think state and local governments should or should not offer economic incentives, like reduced property taxes, to persuade businesses to move to Texas or expand their current operations here? *(N=605; Margin of error is +/- 3.98%)*

Q33B	Percent
Should	51
Should not	30
Don't know/No opinion	20

Q34. Do you support or oppose expanding eligibility for Medicaid, the government health insurance and long-term care program for certain low-income adults and children?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE
Dec. 2022	41	24	12	11	12	65	23
June 2021	42	25	11	11	11	67	22
Apr. 2021	37	18	14	12	20	55	26

Q35. Which would you prefer? **[RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS AND RESPONSE OPTIONS]** the current health insurance system in the United States, in which most people get their health insurance from private employers, but some people have no insurance or a universal health insurance program, in which everyone is covered under a program like Medicare that's run by the government and financed by taxpayers

Q35	Percent
The current health insurance system	43
A universal health insurance program	43
Don't know/No opinion	13

Q36. Do you think climate change is happening, do you think climate change is not happening, or aren't you sure?

	Climate change is happening	Climate change is not happening	Not sure if climate change is happening
Dec. 2022	62	23	15
June 2022	64	20	16
Mar. 2021	58	25	18
Oct. 2019	66	23	12

Q37. Do you think Texas state government is doing too much to address climate change, about enough to address climate change, or too little to address climate change?

	Too much	About enough	Too little	Don't know/No opinion
Dec. 2022	16	29	41	14
Apr. 2021	13	27	43	16

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Q38. Do you think the U.S. government is doing too much to address climate change, about enough to address climate change, or too little to address climate change?

	Too much	About enough	Too little	Don't know/No opinion
Dec. 2022	31	21	38	10
Apr. 2021	30	16	43	11

Q39. Regardless of whom you supported, do you think Joe Biden legitimately won the 2020 presidential election? **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

	Yes	No	Not sure
Dec. 2022	57	32	11
Oct. 2022	53	35	12
Aug. 2022	52	36	12
June 2022	54	35	11
Feb. 2022	53	36	11

Q40. How important are each of the following to being American:

Item	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important	Don't know/No opinion
Be born in the United States	25	17	20	16	19	3
Share and/or celebrate U.S. customs and traditions	28	23	25	12	8	3
Speak English	39	23	21	8	8	2
Vote in elections	49	27	14	3	4	3
Pay taxes	36	31	21	5	4	3
Be a Christian	19	12	14	10	39	6
Be White / Anglo	6	7	8	16	57	6

Q41. Which of these have you used as a source for news in the last week? Please check all that apply. **[RANDOMIZE A-M]**

Item	Yes	No
Broadcast TV news or their websites, like ABC, CBS, NBC	33	67
Cable TV News or their websites, like CNN, MSNBC, FOX	38	62
Social media, like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Reddit, TikTok	42	58
National newspapers or their websites, like the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, USA Today	21	79
Local newspapers or websites	24	76
Local television news	43	57
YouTube	27	73
International newspapers or their websites, like The Guardian, BBC, Daily Mail	17	83
Other national news websites, like Yahoo News, Axios, Vox	19	81
Podcasts	15	85
Talk radio	18	82
Conservative news websites	16	84
Liberal or progressive news websites	10	90
Other news sources	13	87

Political Knowledge

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	9
Don't know	12

INFO3. Who is the current Chief Justice of the United State Supreme Court? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

INFO3	Percent
John Roberts	59
Clarence Thomas	11
Samuel Alito	4
Sonia Sotomayor	6
Don't know	20

INFO4. Who is the current Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

INFO4	Percent
Glenn Hegar	29
George P. Bush	6
Christi Craddick	6
Sid Miller	10
Don't know	50

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.	14
Lean lib.	7
Moderate	27
Lean con.	9
Somewhat con.	16
Extremely con.	17

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

PID3	Percent
Democrats	44
Independents	11
Republicans	45

PID7 (Uses the four PID3 follow-up questions)

PID7	Percent
StrDem	24
WeakDem	13
LeanDem	7
Ind	11
LeanRep	11
WeakRep	9
StrRep	25

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	52
Too conservative	11
Not conservative enough	28
Don't know/No opinion	9

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	32
Too liberal	9
Not liberal enough	38
Don't know/No opinion	20

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Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

AGEG	Percent
18-29	17
30-44	25
45-64	35
65+	23

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

LOCATE	Percent
Urban	31
Suburban	48
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	23
Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	24
Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	11
Yes, I live in the Austin area	9
No, I live in another part of Texas	33

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

CHILD	Percent
One	17
Two	13
Three	6
Four or more	2
None	62

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.	20
Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in private school in Texas.	4
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

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

INCOME	Percent
Less than $10,000	6
$10,000 - $19,999	7
$20,000 - $29,999	8
$30,000 - $39,999	6
$40,000 - $49,999	7
$50,000 - $59,999	9
$60,000 - $69,999	6
$70,000 - $79,999	7
$80,000 - $99,999	8
$100,000 - $119,999	7
$120,000 - $149,999	7
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	37
Pro-choice	44
Neither	13
Don't know	5

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

EDU	Percent
Less than high school	3
High school degree	26
Some college	22
Two-year college degree	10
Four-year college degree	26
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	1
Atheist	5
Baptist	12
Born again	3
Buddhist	1
Catholic	18
Christian Scientist	0
Church of Christ	3
Church of God	1
Disciples of Christ	0
Don't know	2
Episcopal / Anglican	1
Evangelical	1
Hindu	1
Jehovah's Witnesses	0
Jewish	1
Lutheran	2
Methodist	4
Mormon	1
Muslim / Islam	1
No religious affiliation / none	13
Nondenominational Christian	7
Orthodox / Eastern Orthodox	0
Other	3
Pentecostal / charismatic / spirit-filled	2
Presbyterian	1
Protestant (non-specific)	3
Religious but not spiritual	1
Spiritual but not religious	5
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.	42
The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	23
Don't know.	6

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

IMPORT	Percent
Extremely important	41
Somewhat important	28
Not very important	12
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	10
Once a week	22
A few times a month	9
Once or twice a year	24
Never	35

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

race	Percent
White / Blanco	56
Black	13
Hispanic	25
Asian	3
Native American	0
Middle Eastern	0
Mixed	1
Other	1

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

RACE2	Percent
Yes	1
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	79
Born in another country	16
Don't know	5

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	62
One of my parents was born in another country	21
Both of my parents were both in another country	17

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

MOVE	Percent
Yes	36
No	64

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

STATE	Percent
Alabama	0
Alaska	0
Arizona	3
Arkansas	2
British Columbia	0
California	16
Colorado	4
Connecticut	1
Delaware	0
District of Columbia	0
Florida	5
Georgia	3
Hawaii	1
Idaho	0
Illinois	5
Indiana	1
Iowa	1
Kansas	1
Kentucky	2
Louisiana	5
Maine	0
Manitoba	0
Maryland	3
Massachusetts	0
Michigan	2
Minnesota	1
Mississippi	2
Missouri	2
Montana	1
Nebraska	1
Nevada	2
New Hampshire	0
New Jersey	1
New Mexico	3
New York	3
North Carolina	2
Not in the U.S. or Canada	2

STATE	Percent
Ohio	4
Oklahoma	5
Oregon	1
Pennsylvania	4
Rhode Island	0
South Carolina	1
South Dakota	0
Tennessee	2
Utah	0
Vermont	0
Virginia	4
Washington	0
West Virginia	1
Wisconsin	2
Wyoming	0

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

Item	Percent
Active-duty military	0
Military veteran	11
Active-duty military in my immediate family	5
Military veteran in my immediate family	17
None of the above	70

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

HOME	Percent
Own	74
Rent	26

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

MARITAL	Percent
Married	54
Separated	1
Divorced	10
Widowed	5
Single	25
Domestic Partnership	5

GENDER. What is your gender?

gender	Percent
Male	46
Female	54

P20. In the 2020 presidential election, who did you vote for?

presvote20post	Percent
Did not vote for President	11
Donald Trump	46
Howie Hawkins	1
Jo Jorgensen	1
Joe Biden	41
Other	0

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Texas Statewide Survey

Sampling and Weighting Methodology for the October 2022 Texas Statewide Study

For the survey, YouGov interviewed 1,311 Texas registered voters between December 2 – 12, 2022 who were then matched down to a sample of 1,200 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 2020 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 2020 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 2.83% for registered voters and 3.51% for the weighted data.

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.