University of Texas / Texas Politics Project Poll
Texas Statewide Survey

Field Dates: October 5-17, 2023
N=1200 Registered Voters
Margin of error: +/- 2.83% (3.30% 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	42
Somewhat interested	44
Not very interested	10
Not at all interested	4
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	39
Almost every election	35
About half	13
One or two	8
None	5
Don't know	1

Q3A. How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting in the 2024 election?

	Extremely enthusiastic	Very enthusiastic	Somewhat enthusiastic	Not too enthusiastic	Not at all enthusiastic	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2023	39	22	17	14	7	2
Oct. 2019	50	20	17	7	5	1

[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 3.3%.

Most Important Problem

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

Q4	Percent
Inflation/rising prices	15
Political corruption/leadership	12
The economy	10
Border security	8
Immigration	8
Environment/climate change	6
Gun control/gun violence	5
Federal spending/national debt	3
Health care	3
Moral decline	3
Partisan gridlock	3
Income inequality	2
Abortion	2
Crime	2
Race relations	1
Electoral fraud	1
Middle East instability	1
Education	1
National security/terrorism	1
Voting rights	1
Taxes	1
Russia	1
Social welfare programs	1
The media	1
Unemployment/jobs	1
Opioid/drug abuse	1
Gas prices	1
North Korea	0
Homelessness	0
Coronavirus/COVID-19	0
Redistricting	0
Sexual harassment	0
Energy	0
China	0
Foreign trade	0
Housing	0
Police misconduct	0

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

Q5	Percent
Border security	20
Immigration	15
Inflation/rising prices	11
Political corruption/leadership	10
The economy	6
Gun control/gun violence	5
Health care	3
Crime	3
Environment/climate change	3
Unemployment/jobs	2
Education	2
Energy/The grid	2
Moral decline	2
Abortion	2
Housing	2
Water supply	1
Electoral fraud	1
Gas prices	1
Homelessness	1
Opioid/drug abuse	1
Race relations	1
Redistricting	1
State budget cuts	1
Taxes	1
Voting rights	1
Utility rates	1
Transportation/roads/traffic	1
Social welfare programs	0
State government spending	0
Property rights	0
The media	0
Coronavirus/COVID-19	0
Oil prices	0

Retrospective Assessments

Q6. How would you rate the job <u>Joe Biden</u> is doing as president? 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. 2023	14	23	10	10	43	1	37	53
Aug. 2023	17	21	8	9	43	1	38	52
June 2023	16	22	11	7	43	1	38	50
Apr. 2023	17	23	9	7	42	2	40	49
Feb. 2023	18	23	8	8	42	2	41	50
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

Q7. How would you rate the job the <u>U.S. Congress</u> 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. 2023	3	16	18	24	36	2	19	60
Aug. 2023	4	17	20	26	30	3	21	56
June 2023	5	19	22	26	26	3	24	52
Apr. 2023	5	20	20	27	25	4	25	52
Feb. 2023	4	18	23	23	27	4	22	50
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

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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

Q7A. How would you rate the job the U.S. Supreme Court 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. 2023	9	30	20	15	24	3	39	39
Aug. 2023	10	28	18	14	28	3	38	42

Q8A. How would you rate the job Greg Abbott is doing as Governor? 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. 2023	22	27	9	9	31	1	49	40
Aug. 2023	21	24	8	9	36	2	45	45
June 2023	19	28	10	8	34	2	47	42
Apr. 2023	22	24	10	8	33	2	46	41
Feb. 2023	21	25	10	8	35	2	46	43
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 <u>Dan Patrick</u> is doing as Lieutenant Governor? 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. 2023	14	26	18	7	28	7	40	35
Aug. 2023	14	21	18	8	32	8	35	40
June 2023	15	23	18	6	29	9	38	35
Apr. 2023	18	24	14	7	29	9	42	36
Feb. 2023	15	23	14	7	32	8	38	39
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 <u>Dade Phelan</u> is doing as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives? 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. 2023	5	17	25	11	20	21	22	31
Aug. 2023	5	15	27	11	20	22	20	31
June 2023	6	16	27	11	18	23	22	29
Apr. 2023	8	18	22	8	16	26	26	24
Feb. 2023	6	15	25	9	16	28	21	25
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

Q8D. How would you rate the job <u>Ken Paxton</u> is doing as Attorney General? 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. 2023	15	18	16	8	34	9	33	42
Aug. 2023	12	15	18	9	37	10	27	46
June 2023	12	18	18	8	33	10	30	41
Apr. 2023	17	22	15	7	28	11	39	35
Feb. 2023	14	21	15	6	32	11	35	38
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 <u>Ted Cruz</u> is doing as U.S. Senator? 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. 2023	23	22	10	7	35	3	45	42
Aug. 2023	22	20	10	7	38	3	42	45
June 2023	23	22	11	6	36	3	45	42
Apr. 2023	23	22	10	7	34	4	45	41
Feb. 2023	21	19	9	7	39	4	40	46
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

Q9B. How would you rate the job <u>John Cornyn</u> is doing as U.S. Senator? 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. 2023	9	21	20	14	25	10	30	39
Aug. 2023	8	20	19	15	27	11	28	42
June 2023	10	23	18	15	24	10	33	39
Apr. 2023	11	22	18	13	25	11	33	38
Feb. 2023	10	20	16	15	28	11	30	43
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

[RANDOMIZE Q9C-Q9E]
Q9C. How would you rate the job <u>Kevin McCarthy</u> has done as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives? 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. 2023	6	18	19	16	31	10	24	47
June 2023	10	23	18	15	24	10	33	39

Q9D. How would you rate the job <u>Mitch McConnell</u> is doing as Senate Minority Leader? 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. 2023	3	14	20	17	39	6	17	56
Feb. 2020	15	18	11	7	39	10	33	46
Oct. 2019	8	18	20	9	32	11	26	41

Q9E. How would you rate the job <u>Chuck Schumer</u> is doing as Senate Majority Leader? Would you say that you...

Q9E	Percent
Approve strongly	11
Approve somewhat	19
Neither approve nor disapprove	18
Disapprove somewhat	8
Disapprove strongly	33
Don't know	11

Q9F. How would you rate the job <u>Hakeem Jeffries</u> is doing as House Minority Leader? Would you say that you...

Q9F	Percent
Approve strongly	12
Approve somewhat	16
Neither approve nor disapprove	21
Disapprove somewhat	7
Disapprove strongly	23
Don't know	20

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?

	Right direction	Wrong track	Don't know
Oct. 2023	20	71	9
Aug. 2023	22	68	10
June 2023	22	70	9
Apr. 2023	21	68	11
Feb. 2023	25	65	10
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

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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?

	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. 2023	6	17	20	22	33	2	23	55
Aug. 2023	7	18	19	23	31	1	25	54
June 2023	6	17	22	23	31	1	23	54
Apr. 2023	5	18	19	24	31	3	23	55
Feb. 2023	6	18	19	22	31	3	24	53
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

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?

	Right direction	Wrong track	Don't know
Oct. 2023	37	50	13
Aug. 2023	33	55	12
June 2023	38	49	13
Apr. 2023	37	50	13
Feb. 2023	35	51	14
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

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?

	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. 2023	4	15	32	31	16	1	19	47
Aug. 2023	5	13	35	27	18	2	18	45
June 2023	4	15	36	28	14	1	19	42
Apr. 2023	5	16	33	29	15	3	21	44
Feb. 2023	3	13	35	29	17	2	16	46
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

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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

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?

	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. 2023	3	16	36	27	12	5	19	39
Aug. 2023	4	15	34	28	13	5	19	41
June 2023	6	15	40	24	11	4	21	35
Apr. 2023	5	16	37	24	13	6	21	37
Feb. 2023	4	15	37	26	12	6	19	38
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

[RANDOMIZE Q15A-Q15B]

Q15A. How well is democracy working in Texas today?

	Extremely well	Very well	Somewhat well	Somewhat poorly	Very poorly	Extremely poorly	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL WELL	TOTAL POORLY
Oct. 2023	6	17	26	18	11	14	7	49	43
Feb. 2022	6	16	27	16	10	15	9	49	41
Aug. 2021	6	17	31	20	10	10	7	54	40

Q15B. How well is democracy working in the U.S. today?

	Extremely well	Very well	Somewhat well	Somewhat poorly	Very poorly	Extremely poorly	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL WELL	TOTAL POORLY
Oct. 2023	3	10	21	24	16	18	7	34	58
Feb. 2022	4	9	23	26	14	15	8	36	55
Aug. 2021	3	14	24	23	15	14	6	41	52

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Q16. If the 2024 presidential election were held today, would you definitely vote to re-elect Joe Biden, probably vote to re-elect Joe Biden, probably vote for someone else, or definitely vote for someone else?

Q16	Percent
Definitely vote to re-elect Joe Biden	23
Probably vote to re-elect Joe Biden	14
Probably vote for someone else	12
Definitely vote for someone else	51

Q17. If the 2024 primary elections for President were held today, would you vote in **[RANDOMIZE 'the Republican primary', 'the Democratic primary']** the Republican primary, the Democratic primary, or wouldn't you vote in either primary? **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

Q17	Percent
Republican primary	47
Democratic primary	35
Wouldn't vote in either primary	10
Don't know	8

Q18A. **[ASK IF Q17 == 1]** If the 2024 Republican primary election for president were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for? **[RANDOMIZE 1-10]**

(N=568, margin of error is +/- 4.11%)

Q18A	Percent
Donald Trump	62
Ron DeSantis	13
Nikki Haley	7
Mike Pence	3
Vivek Ramaswamy	3
Asa Hutchinson	1
Chris Christie	1
Tim Scott	1
Will Hurd	1
Doug Burgum	0
Someone else	1
Anyone/Any of them	1
No one/None of them	0

Q18B. **[ASK IF Q18A == 1-10]** Of the remaining possible candidates, who would be your second choice, or have you not thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[REMOVE CHOICE FROM Q18A. RANDOMIZE ALL BUT "Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion"]**

(N=568, margin of error is +/- 4.11%)

Q18B	Percent
Ron DeSantis	32
Nikki Haley	12
Vivek Ramaswamy	12
Mike Pence	8
Tim Scott	7
Donald Trump	6
Chris Christie	3
Asa Hutchinson	1
Doug Burgum	1
Will Hurd	1
Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	17

Will Hurd dropped out of the Republican presidential nomination contest during survey fielding.

Q18C. **[ASK IF Q17 == 1]** Are there any of these candidates for the Republican nomination for president whom you would definitely not support? **[REMOVE CHOICE FROM Q18A AND Q18B. RANDOMIZE REMAINING CHOICES] [GRID AND SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]**

(N=568, margin of error is +/- 4.11%)

	Would Not Support
Chris Christie	46
Mike Pence	42
Donald Trump	38
Vivek Ramaswamy	23
Ron DeSantis	22
Asa Hutchinson	21
Nikki Haley	20
Will Hurd	18
Doug Burgum	15
Tim Scott	9

Will Hurd dropped out of the Republican presidential nomination contest during survey fielding.

Q19A. **[ASK IF Q17 == 2]** Which of the following potential 2024 Democratic U.S. Senate primary candidates have you heard of? **[RANDOMIZE 1-14] [SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]**

(N=409, margin of error is +/- 4.84%)

	Have heard of	Have NOT heard of
Colin Allred	41	59
Roland Gutierrez	30	70
Mark A. Gonzalez	16	84
Steve Keough	13	87
Sherri Taylor	10	90
Aaron Arguijo	9	91
Teresa Naranjo	9	91
Meri Gomez	8	92
Tracy Andrus	7	93
John Love III	7	93
Heli Rodriguez-Prilliman	7	93
Thierry Tchenko	7	93
Carl Sherman	7	93
Victor D. Dunn	6	94

Q19B. **[ASK IF Q17 == 2]** If the 2024 Democratic primary election for U.S. Senate were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for? **[RANDOMIZE 1-14]**

(N=409, margin of error is +/- 4.84%)

Q19B	Percent
Colin Allred	21
Roland Gutierrez	10
Sherri Taylor	3
Meri Gomez	2
Steve Keough	2
Tracy Andrus	2
Thierry Tchenko	2
Mark A. Gonzalez	2
Carl Sherman	2
Teresa Naranjo	2
Aaron Arguijo	1
Someone else	1
John Love III	1
Heli Rodriguez-Prilliman	1
Victor D. Dunn	0
Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	34
Don't know	12

[RANDOMIZE Q20A-Q20F]
Q20A. If the 2024 presidential election were held today, and the candidates were **[RANDOMIZE ORDER "Joe Biden", "Donald Trump"]** Joe Biden and Donald Trump, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

Q20A	Percent
Joe Biden	37
Donald Trump	45
Someone else	13
Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	5

Q20B. If the 2024 presidential election were held today, and the candidates were **[RANDOMIZE ORDER "Joe Biden", "Ron DeSantis"]** Joe Biden and Ron DeSantis, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

Q20B	Percent
Joe Biden	38
Ron DeSantis	39
Someone else	16
Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	8

Q20C. If the 2024 presidential election were held today, and the candidates were **[RANDOMIZE ORDER "Joe Biden", "Vivek Ramaswamy"]** Joe Biden and Vivek Ramaswamy, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

Q20C	Percent
Joe Biden	36
Vivek Ramaswamy	33
Someone else	20
Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	12

Q20D. If the 2024 presidential election were held today, and the candidates were **[RANDOMIZE ORDER "Joe Biden", "Nikki Haley"]** Joe Biden and Nikki Haley, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

Q20D	Percent
Joe Biden	34
Nikki Haley	32
Someone else	23
Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	11

Q20E. If the 2024 presidential election were held today, and the candidates were **[RANDOMIZE ORDER "Joe Biden", "Tim Scott"]** Joe Biden and Tim Scott, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

Q20E	Percent
Joe Biden	34
Tim Scott	33
Someone else	19
Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	14

Q20F. If the 2024 presidential election were held today, and the candidates were **[RANDOMIZE ORDER "Joe Biden", "Mike Pence"]** Joe Biden and Mike Pence, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

Q20F	Percent
Joe Biden	36
Mike Pence	29
Someone else	29
Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	7

Q21. If the 2024 election for U.S. Congress in your district were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

Q21	Percent
The Republican candidate	47
The Democratic candidate	38
Someone else	6
Don't know/No opinion	9

[RANDOMIZE Q22A-Q22B]

Q22A. Regardless of how you intend to vote in the 2024 election, do you feel like **the Republican Party** is welcoming to people like you?

	Yes	No	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2023	48	41	11
Oct. 2022	49	42	9
Oct. 2020	47	44	9
Oct. 2019	47	42	12
Oct. 2018	47	44	8
Oct. 2017	41	44	15
Oct. 2016	32	53	15

Q22B. Regardless of how you intend to vote in the 2024 election, do you feel like **the Democratic Party** is welcoming to people like you?

	Yes	No	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2023	43	47	11
Oct. 2022	43	45	12
Oct. 2020	43	47	11
Oct. 2019	43	46	11
Oct. 2018	43	49	9
Oct. 2017	41	45	14
Oct. 2016	39	49	13

[RANDOMIZE Q23A-Q23B]
Q23A. Do you think Joe Biden…**[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS "Yes", "No", "Don't know"] [RANDOMIZE A-G]**

	Yes	No	Don't know
has the temperament to serve effectively as president?	41	54	5
is honest and trustworthy?	36	55	9
is competent?	35	57	7
cares about people like you?	38	56	6
is a strong leader?	31	64	5
is knowledgeable?	44	51	5
is too old to be president in 2025?	69	22	9

Q23B. Do you think Donald Trump…**[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS "Yes", "No", "Don't know"] [RANDOMIZE A-G]**

	Yes	No	Don't know
has the temperament to serve effectively as president?	42	53	6
is honest and trustworthy?	36	55	9
is competent?	51	45	3
cares about people like you?	42	51	7
is a strong leader?	56	41	3
is knowledgeable?	52	44	4
is too old to be president in 2025?	37	54	9

Q24. How much have you heard in the news about each of the following: **[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS: "A lot", "Some", "Not very much", "Nothing at all"] [RANDOMIZE A-H]**

	A lot	Not very much	Nothing at all	Some
The legal problems of former president Donald Trump	65	7	2	26
The U.S. House of Representatives' vote to remove Kevin McCarthy as Speaker	52	10	6	31
The legal problems of Hunter Biden	48	10	4	38
Texas's placement of buoys and barbed wire at the Rio Grande River to deter migration	44	11	8	37
The impeachment and Senate trial of Attorney General Ken Paxton	39	14	8	40
U.S. House impeachment investigation of Joe Biden	28	18	8	45
The special session of the Texas Legislature called by Governor Greg Abbott	19	26	17	37
The November 2023 Constitutional Amendment Election in Texas	10	32	26	32

Q27. Based on what you know, do you think that Congress is justified in conducting impeachment investigations into Joe Biden?

Q27	Percent
Yes	49
No	33
Unsure	12
Don't know/No opinion	6

Q28. Based on what you know, do you think that Joe Biden has taken actions that justify his removal from office before the end of his term?

Q28	Percent
Yes	42
No	37
Unsure	14
Don't know/No opinion	8

[RANDOMIZE Q29-Q30]
Q29. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the FBI.

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE
Oct. 2023	11	27	20	16	22	3	38	38
Aug. 2022	15	23	20	13	26	4	38	39
Oct. 2018	11	27	24	21	10	6	38	31
June 2018	15	26	22	16	13	8	41	29
Feb. 2018	17	25	22	18	12	4	42	30
June 2017	11	34	24	17	9	5	45	26

Q30. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Russia.

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE
Oct. 2023	3	8	18	15	54	3	11	69
Dec. 2022	2	5	11	12	65	4	7	77
June 2017	4	7	27	22	34	6	11	56

Q31. Do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following has handled the impeachment and trial of Attorney General Ken Paxton? **[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS "Approve strongly", "Approve somewhat", "Neither approve nor disapprove", "Disapprove somewhat", "Disapprove strongly", "Don't know"] [RANDOMIZE A-E]**

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
The Texas House of Representatives	10	22	21	10	19	18	32	29
The Texas Senate	10	23	19	10	21	17	33	31
Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick	9	20	21	8	23	19	29	31
Speaker of the the Texas House Dade Phelan	7	17	22	9	20	24	24	29
Governor Greg Abbott	15	20	17	8	25	16	35	33

Q32. Based on what you know, do you think that the Texas House of Representatives was justified in impeaching Attorney General Ken Paxton?

	Yes, justified	No, not justified	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2023	47	26	27
Aug. 2023	50	17	33
June 2023	50	17	33

Q33. Based on what you know, do you think that Ken Paxton took actions while Attorney General that justify removing him from elected office?

	Yes	No	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2023	46	27	27
Aug. 2023	47	18	35

Policy Questions

Q34. Below is a list of potential priorities for the legislature to address in the K-12 public education system in Texas. How important do you think it is for the Texas Legislature to address each of the following? **[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTION "Extremely important", "Very important", "Somewhat important", "Not very important", "Not important", "Don't know/No opinion"] [RANDOMIZE A-H]**

	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important	Don't know/No opinion
School safety	60	23	12	2	2	2
Curriculum content (i.e. what students are taught)	45	28	14	6	4	3
Teacher pay / teacher retention	44	27	18	5	4	3
Parental rights	44	27	15	7	4	3
Public school financing	39	32	18	5	3	4
Facilities and school infrastructure additions or improvements	31	31	25	7	4	4
Vouchers, educational savings accounts (ESAs), or other "school choice" legislation	25	25	19	10	15	6

Q34A. And which of the following public education priorities do you think is the **MOST IMPORTANT** for the Texas Legislature to address? **[RANDOMIZE 1-7]**

Q34A	Percent
School safety	30
Teacher pay / teacher retention	19
Curriculum content (i.e. what students are taught)	14
Parental rights	12
Public school financing	9
Vouchers, educational savings accounts (ESAs), or other "school choice" legislation	7
Facilities and school infrastructure additions or improvements	6
Don't know/No opinion	3

Q35. Do you think that Texas state government spends too much, too little, or about the right amount on K-12 public education?

	Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2023	12	28	45	30
Aug. 2023	11	22	51	32
Feb. 2023	12	28	48	24
Feb. 2021	13	26	50	20
Feb. 2020	12	21	50	34
June 2019	11	23	53	0
Feb. 2019	9	18	55	18
Oct. 2012	11	23	52	14

Q36. How much have you heard in the news about efforts by state officials to establish a voucher, educational savings account (ESA), or other "school choice" program in Texas?

Q36	Percent
A lot	18
Some	39
Not very much	28
Nothing at all	15

Q37. Based on what you've heard, do you support or oppose establishing a voucher, educational savings account (ESA), or other "school choice" program in Texas?

Q37	Percent
Strongly support	24
Somewhat support	27
Somewhat oppose	10
Strongly oppose	20
Don't know/No opinion	19

Q38. Regardless of whether you support or oppose the state of Texas establishing a voucher, educational savings account (ESA), or other "school choice" program, do you think it would have a positive impact, negative impact, or no impact on each of the following...**[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS "Large positive impact", "Small positive impact", "No impact", "Small negative impact", "Large negative impact", "Don't know/No opinion"] [RANDOMIZE A-C]**

	Large positive impact	Small positive impact	No impact	Small negative impact	Large negative impact	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL POSITIVE IMPACT	TOTAL NEGATIVE IMPACT
The quality of the public school system in Texas	28	21	11	7	20	12	49	27
Public school funding	23	18	14	9	23	13	41	32
Student learning outcomes	32	23	12	6	14	12	55	20

Q39. Regardless of whether you support or oppose the state of Texas establishing a voucher, educational savings account (ESA), or other "school choice" program, do you think it would have a positive impact, negative impact, or no impact on each of the following...**[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS "Large positive impact", "Small positive impact", "No impact", "Small negative impact", "Large negative impact", "Don't know/No opinion"] [RANDOMIZE A-C]**

	Large positive impact	Small positive impact	No impact	Small negative impact	Large negative impact	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL POSITIVE IMPACT	TOTAL NEGATIVE IMPACT
Urban public schools	21	22	16	11	15	15	43	26
Suburban public schools	21	22	16	11	15	15	43	26
Rural public schools	19	22	18	8	18	15	41	26

Q40. 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
Oct. 2023	37	19	31	13
Aug. 2023	36	21	30	13
June 2023	35	22	30	14
Apr. 2023	32	21	32	15
Feb. 2023	30	21	32	17
Dec. 2022	29	22	34	15
June 2022	28	27	25	21
Apr. 2022	15	39	29	17

Q41. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: *Protesters who entered the United States Capitol January 6th, 2021 were attempting to overturn the results of the 2020 election.*

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL AGREE	TOTAL DISAGREE
Oct. 2023	38	16	11	25	10	54	36
Aug. 2023	39	15	10	25	10	54	35
June 2022	41	13	11	25	9	54	36
Feb. 2022	36	15	11	24	14	51	35

Q42. Regardless of whom you supported, do you think Joe Biden legitimately won the 2020 presidential election? **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

	Yes	No	Not sure
Oct. 2023	54	35	12
Aug. 2023	56	35	9
Apr. 2023	56	34	10
Feb. 2023	56	35	9
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

Political Knowledge

[Randomize INFO1-INFO3]

INFO1. Who is the current Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

INFO1	Percent
Glenn Hegar	22
Sid Miller	8
Christi Craddick	6
George P. Bush	8
Don't know	57

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

INFO2	Percent
More than two-thirds	71
More than three-fourths	9
More than one-half	7
Don't know	13

INFO3. Which political party holds the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives? **[RANDOMIZE 1-3]**

INFO3	Percent
Republican Party	67
Democratic Party	19
Neither	2
Don't know	11

Political Orientation

We're almost done. Now we just have a few basic questions for statistical purposes.

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? **[Wording on scale: (1) "Extremely liberal," (4) "In the middle," (7) "Extremely conservative"]**

LIBCON7	Percent
Extremely lib.	9
Somewhat lib.	14
Lean lib.	8
Moderate	29
Lean con.	9
Somewhat con.	17
Extremely con.	15

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

PID3	Percent
Democrats	40
Independents	11
Republicans	49

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

PID7	Percent
StrDem	18
WeakDem	10
LeanDem	12
Ind	11
LeanRep	16
WeakRep	13
StrRep	21

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	38
Too conservative	14
Not conservative enough	36
Don't know/No opinion	12

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	34
Too liberal	12
Not liberal enough	40
Don't know/No opinion	14

Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

AGEG	Percent
18-29	18
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	34
Suburban	49
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	24
Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	25
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	31

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

CHILD	Percent
One	17
Two	14
Three	6
Four or more	2
None	61

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

	Percent
Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in public school in Texas.	19
Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in private school in Texas.	5
Yes, I have a child/children under 18 who are being home schooled in Texas.	2
No, I do not have any children under 18 in school in Texas.	74

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

INCOME	Percent
Less than $10,000	4
$10,000 - $19,999	5
$20,000 - $29,999	8
$30,000 - $39,999	8
$40,000 - $49,999	7
$50,000 - $59,999	8
$60,000 - $69,999	7
$70,000 - $79,999	7
$80,000 - $99,999	8
$100,000 - $119,999	8
$120,000 - $149,999	7
More than $150,000	10
Prefer not to say	12

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

AB	Percent
Pro-life	42
Pro-choice	43
Neither	11
Don't know	4

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

EDU	Percent
Less than high school	3
High school degree	25
Some college	20
Two-year college degree	12
Four-year college degree	27
Post-graduate degree	13

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

RELIG	Percent
Agnostic	3
Assembly of God	1
Atheist	3
Baptist	11
Born again	2
Buddhist	1
Catholic	24
Christian Scientist	0
Church of Christ	3
Church of God	1
Disciples of Christ	0
Don't know	1
Episcopal / Anglican	2
Evangelical	2
Hindu	0
Jehovah's Witnesses	0
Jewish	1
Lutheran	1
Methodist	5
Mormon	1
Muslim / Islam	1
No religious affiliation / none	8
Nondenominational Christian	8
Orthodox / Eastern Orthodox	0
Other	5
Pentecostal / charismatic / spirit-filled	3
Presbyterian	1
Protestant (non-specific)	3
Reformed	0
Religious but not spiritual	0
Spiritual but not religious	6
Unitarian / Universalist	1

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.	31
The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	43
The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	20
Don't know.	6

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

IMPORT	Percent
Extremely important	42
Somewhat important	29
Not very important	13
Not at all important	15

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	15
Once a week	21
A few times a month	11
Once or twice a year	22
Never	32

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

race	Percent
White / Blanco	55
Black	13
Hispanic	26
Asian	2
Native American	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	2

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	82
Born in another country	17
Don't know	1

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	20
Both of my parents were both in another country	17

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

MOVE	Percent
Yes	38
No	62

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

STATE	Percent
Alabama	1
Alaska	1
Arizona	3
Arkansas	2
California	13
Colorado	4
Connecticut	1
Delaware	0
Florida	7
Georgia	2
Guam	0
Hawaii	1
Idaho	0
Illinois	8
Indiana	2
Iowa	1
Kansas	1
Kentucky	1
Louisiana	6
Maryland	2
Massachusetts	0
Michigan	2
Minnesota	0
Mississippi	0
Missouri	2
Montana	1
Nebraska	1
Nevada	2
New Hampshire	0
New Jersey	2
New Mexico	4
New York	6
North Carolina	2
North Dakota	0
Not in the U.S. or Canada	2
Ohio	5
Oklahoma	3
Oregon	0
Pennsylvania	3
Puerto Rico	0
South Carolina	1
Utah	1
Virginia	2

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Washington	1
Wisconsin	1

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

	Percent
Active-duty military	1
Military veteran	13
Active-duty military in my immediate family	5
Military veteran in my immediate family	17
None of the above	69

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

HOME	Percent
Own	73
Rent	27

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

MARITAL	Percent
Married	52
Separated	1
Divorced	9
Widowed	5
Single	28
Domestic Partnership	4

GENDER. What is your gender?

gender	Percent
Male	47
Female	53

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

presvote20post	Percent
Did not vote for President	9
Donald Trump	48
Howie Hawkins	0
Jo Jorgensen	1
Joe Biden	41

Sampling and Weighting Methodology for the October 2023 Texas Statewide Study

For the survey, YouGov interviewed 1,252 Texas registered voters between October 5th – 17th, 2023 who were then matched down to a sample of 1,200 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education.1 The frame was constructed by using different subsets of a politically representative "modelled frame" of US adults, based upon the American Community Survey (ACS) public use microdata file, public voter file records, the 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration supplements, the 2020 National Election Pool (NEP) exit poll, and the 2020 CES surveys, including demographics and 2020 presidential vote.

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. The weights were then post-stratified on 2020 Presidential vote choice, and a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight.

The margin of error for the entire sample of registered voters is +/-2.83%, and 3.3% accounting 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.