

**University of Texas / Texas Politics Project Poll**  
**Texas Statewide Survey**

Field Dates: April 14-23, 2023

N=1200 Registered Voters

Margin of error: +/- 2.83% (3.39% adjusted for weighting) unless otherwise noted<sup>1</sup>

**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	39
Somewhat interested	45
Not very interested	10
Not at all interested	4
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	40
Almost every election	34
About half	11
One or two	8
None	6
Don't know	2

<sup>1</sup>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 3.28%.

## Most Important Problem

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

Q4	Percent
Inflation/rising prices	16
Political corruption/leadership	13
Gun control/gun violence	12
The economy	8
Environment/climate change	5
Immigration	5
Moral decline	4
Border security	4
Health care	3
National security/terrorism	3
Federal spending/national debt	3
Crime	2
China	2
Unemployment/jobs	2
Abortion	2
Income inequality	2
Voting rights	1
Electoral fraud	1
Police misconduct	1
Education	1
Opioid/drug abuse	1
Homelessness	1
Coronavirus/COVID-19	1
Housing	1
Race relations	1
Taxes	1
The media	1
Partisan gridlock	1
North Korea	0
Redistricting	0
Russia	0
Sexual harassment	0
Social welfare programs	0
Energy	0
Foreign trade	0
Gas prices	0

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

Q5	Percent
Border security	17
Immigration	12
Inflation/rising prices	11
Political corruption/leadership	10
Gun control/gun violence	8
Abortion	6
The economy	5
Crime	3
Environment/climate change	2
Education	2
Utility rates	2
Energy/The grid	2
Health care	2
Gas prices	2
Moral decline	2
Taxes	2
Unemployment/jobs	2
Police misconduct	1
Water supply	1
Homelessness	1
Housing	1
Oil prices	1
The media	1
Race relations	1
Opioid/drug abuse	1
State government spending	1
Voting rights	1
State budget cuts	1
Redistricting	0
Social welfare programs	0
Property rights	0
Transportation/roads/traffic	0
Electoral fraud	0
Coronavirus/COVID-19	0

## Retrospective Assessments

Q6. How would you rate the job Joe Biden 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
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.S. Congress 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
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
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

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
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

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
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 Dan Patrick 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
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 Dade Phelan 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
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 Ken Paxton 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
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 Ted Cruz 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
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 John Cornyn 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
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

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
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
May 2012	25	61	14
Feb. 2012	28	61	11
Oct. 2011	14	75	11

	Right direction	Wrong track	Don't know
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
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

	A lot better off	Somewhat better off	About the same	Somewhat worse off	A lot worse off	Don't know	TOTAL BETTER	TOTAL WORSE
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
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

	Right direction	Wrong track	Don't know
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
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

	A lot better off	Somewhat better off	About the same	Somewhat worse off	A lot worse off	Don't know	TOTAL BETTER	TOTAL WORSE
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

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
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



Q15. Is Texas's increasing racial and ethnic diversity a cause for optimism or a cause for concern?

	A cause for optimism	A cause for concern	Don't know/No opinion
Apr. 2023	34	38	28
Oct. 2022	39	32	29
Aug. 2022	39	33	28
Oct. 2021	41	28	31
Aug. 2021	38	34	28
June 2021	37	34	29
Apr. 2021	39	29	32
Feb. 2021	40	31	29
Oct. 2020	44	28	28
June 2020	48	31	21
Feb. 2020	49	28	24
Oct. 2019	44	32	24
June 2019	44	33	23

## Political Figures and Elections

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:  
**[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS: “Very favorable”, “Somewhat favorable”, “Neither favorable nor unfavorable”, “Somewhat unfavorable”, “Very unfavorable”, “Don’t know/No opinion”]** **[RANDOMIZE A-G]**

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	<b>TOTAL FAVORABLE</b>	<b>TOTAL UNFAVORABLE</b>	<b>NET</b>
Donald Trump	27	15	7	8	40	2	<b>42</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-6</b>
Ron DeSantis	21	19	13	6	29	11	<b>40</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>
Mike Pence	9	21	19	16	29	6	<b>30</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>-15</b>
Nikki Haley	9	20	18	11	19	23	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-1</b>
Tim Scott	12	16	21	6	14	31	<b>28</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>
Vivek Ramaswamy	7	12	17	6	10	49	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>
Asa Hutchinson	4	11	20	9	13	43	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-7</b>

### Donald Trump.

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	<b>TOTAL FAVORABLE</b>	<b>TOTAL UNFAVORABLE</b>	<b>NET</b>
Apr. 2023	27	15	7	8	40	2	<b>42</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-6</b>
Feb. 2023	23	18	9	6	42	2	<b>41</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-7</b>
Dec. 2022	20	22	9	9	39	2	<b>42</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-6</b>
Oct. 2022	26	18	7	4	43	2	<b>44</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-3</b>
Aug. 2022	27	14	8	6	44	1	<b>41</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-9</b>
June 2022	26	16	9	7	41	2	<b>42</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-6</b>
Apr. 2022	28	17	7	7	40	0	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-2</b>
Feb. 2022	26	17	8	6	40	2	<b>43</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>-3</b>
Oct. 2021	28	15	6	6	42	0	<b>43</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-5</b>
June 2021	30	17	5	4	43	1	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>
Feb. 2021	31	15	5	5	41	3	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>
Oct. 2020	31	15	5	6	42	1	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-2</b>
Feb. 2017	27	18	7	5	41	0	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>-1</b>
Oct. 2016	13	18	7	9	49	2	<b>31</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>-27</b>
June 2016	16	15	10	10	46	0	<b>31</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>-25</b>
Feb. 2016	13	16	9	15	44	0	<b>29</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>-30</b>
Nov. 2015	16	18	12	12	39	0	<b>34</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>-17</b>

Ron DeSantis.

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	<b>TOTAL FAVORABLE</b>	<b>TOTAL UNFAVORABLE</b>	<b>NET</b>
Apr. 2023	21	19	13	6	29	11	<b>40</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>
Feb. 2023	23	17	12	6	32	10	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2</b>

Q17. Should Donald Trump run for president in 2024?

	Yes, should run	No, should not run	Don't know/No opinion
Apr. 2023	39	53	7
Feb. 2023	31	58	11
Aug. 2022	34	57	9

Q18. 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
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

## Policy Questions

Now, let's turn to the State of Texas.

Q19. How closely have you been following the Texas Legislature this session?

Q19	Percent
Extremely closely	10
Somewhat closely	41
Not very closely	36
Not at all closely	12

Q20. As you probably know, the Texas Legislature is currently meeting in Austin for the 140-day legislative session held every other year. What do you think should be the legislature's top priority? **[OPEN-ENDED]**

Q20_Coded	Percent
Immigration / Border security	22
Gun Control / Gun safety	11
Education	7
Inflation / Cost of living	7
The economy	6
Other	5
Abortion	4
Property taxes	4
Texas's current political leadership	2
Health care	2
Equality / Inequality	2
Voting and elections	2
Energy / The electric grid	2
Public safety	2
The budget	1
Taxes (Not property)	1
Women's rights / health	1
Political corruption	1
Climate change	1
Infrastructure	1
Redistricting / Gerrymandering	0
Secession	0
Housing	0
Homelessness	0
Transgender children / adults	0
Environment	0
Marijuana decriminalization / legalization	0
Don't know	14

Q21. How important is it for the legislature to accomplish each of the following while meeting in Austin for its 140-day legislative session? [GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS: “Extremely important”, “Very important”, “Somewhat important”, “Not very important”, “Not important”, “Don’t know/No opinion”] [RANDOMIZE A-O]

	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important	Don't know/No opinion
Improve the reliability of the state’s energy grid	48	32	14	2	1	3
Reduce property taxes	41	27	19	6	3	4
Increase funding for school safety	41	30	18	5	2	3
Improve the reliability of the state’s water supply	40	33	19	2	2	4
Increase funding for border security operations	37	22	18	8	12	4
Increase funding for the public education system	36	27	21	7	5	4
Give parents more oversight of their children’s education in Texas public schools	36	23	18	8	10	5
Increase pay for current public school teachers	35	27	22	7	6	4
Increase funding for mental health services	35	29	25	6	2	3
Remove district and county attorneys who decline to prosecute certain types of criminal offenses	34	22	17	7	10	9
Expand legal access to abortion services	32	14	12	9	28	6
End covid restrictions by state and local governments	27	19	20	11	17	7
Increase benefits for retired public school teachers	24	27	27	9	7	6
Prohibit books in public school libraries determined to be “harmful” or inconsistent with local community values	20	17	13	10	33	7
Reduce state taxes for Texas businesses	16	22	28	13	14	7

Next, we'd like you to evaluate some proposals being considered in the Texas Legislature this year.

Q22. Please tell us whether you would support or oppose each of the following proposals for new laws: [GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS "Strongly support", "Somewhat support", "Somewhat oppose", "Strongly oppose", "Don't know/No opinion"] [RANDOMIZE A-P]

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/No opinion	<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>
Prohibiting local governments from using public money to pay lobbyists or organizations to represent their interests before the Texas Legislature	56	23	6	4	10	<b>79</b>	<b>10</b>
Exempting diapers, feminine hygiene products, maternity clothing, and breast pumping products from state sales taxes	48	30	8	5	9	<b>78</b>	<b>13</b>
Raising the legal age to purchase any firearm from 18 years of age to 21 years of age	57	19	9	11	5	<b>76</b>	<b>20</b>
Expanding eligibility for medicaid, the government health insurance and long-term care program for certain low-income adults and children	44	29	10	7	9	<b>73</b>	<b>17</b>
Providing low-income Texans with 12 months of Medicaid coverage after the birth of their child	41	32	9	7	11	<b>73</b>	<b>16</b>
Increasing punishments for violations of Texas election laws	42	30	8	8	11	<b>72</b>	<b>16</b>
Allowing courts to require a person determined to be a risk to themselves or others to temporarily surrender guns in their possession	48	24	9	9	10	<b>72</b>	<b>18</b>

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/No opinion	<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>
Requiring athletic participation to be based on biological sex in K-12 and higher education institutions in Texas	52	16	9	12	12	<b>68</b>	<b>21</b>
Establishing a program to offer economic incentives, like reduced property taxes, to persuade businesses to move to Texas or to expand their current operations here	26	37	15	9	13	<b>63</b>	<b>24</b>
Establishing a voucher, educational savings account (ESA), or other “school choice” program	31	29	8	18	15	<b>60</b>	<b>26</b>
Prohibiting doctors from providing gender-affirming care to minors	45	13	9	20	12	<b>58</b>	<b>29</b>
Prohibiting “drag” performances, in which one gender presents as another, in public places in the presence of a minor	42	14	7	26	11	<b>56</b>	<b>33</b>
Expanding legal casino gambling	23	26	13	21	17	<b>49</b>	<b>34</b>
Prohibiting by-mail voting for voters over the age of 65 unless they have a medical condition	24	22	10	33	11	<b>46</b>	<b>43</b>
Phasing out tenure at Texas’s public universities	24	21	14	13	27	<b>45</b>	<b>27</b>
Legalizing online betting	17	21	16	25	20	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>

Q23. How much have you heard about each of the following...[“Nothing at all”, “Not very much”, “Some”, “A lot”] [RANDOMIZE A-B]

	A lot	Some	Not very much	Nothing at all
Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) policies at investment funds and firms	13	26	30	31
Diversity, equity, and inclusion policies (DEI) at businesses and state institutions	20	29	29	23

Q24. Based on what you know, do you have a positive or negative view of each of the following? [GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS “Positive view”, “Negative view”, “Don’t know/No opinion”] [RANDOMIZE A-B]

	Positive view	Negative view	Don't know/No opinion
Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) policies at investment funds and firms	32	28	40
Diversity, equity, and inclusion policies (DEI) at businesses and state institutions	35	32	33

Q25. Who do you think should pay most of the cost for improving the reliability of the state’s electric grid? [RANDOMIZE 1-4]

Q25	Percent
State government	48
Utilities	33
Local governments	5
Customers / rate payers	6
Don't know/No opinion	9



Q26. Do you think each of the following proposals being considered by the Texas Legislature will improve the public education system in Texas, hurt the public education system in Texas, or have no impact on the public education system in Texas? **[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS: “Will improve public education”, “Will hurt public education”, “Will have no impact on public education”, “Don’t know/No opinion] [RANDOMIZE A-H]**

	Will improve public education	Will hurt public education	Will have no impact on public education	Don't know/No opinion
Providing parents with information about any activities related to their child’s mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being	68	8	12	12
Increasing pay and benefits for Texas public school teachers	64	9	18	9
Giving parents the right to request the review of instructional materials at their child or children’s public school	56	20	14	10
Creating a voucher, educational savings account (ESA), or other “school choice” program	47	26	10	17
Limiting the extent to which public school teachers can talk about gender identity and/or sexual orientation	46	30	13	11
Limiting the extent to which public school teachers can talk about race and/or racism	39	37	11	12
Providing parents with the option of receiving a notice each time their child obtains school library materials	36	22	28	13
Removing books from public school libraries determined to be “harmful material” or inconsistent with local community values	36	40	13	11

Q27. Thinking about school shootings that have occurred in the United States in recent years, which of the following factors is most to blame for these school shootings? **[RANDOMIZE 1-12]**

Q27	Percent
Insufficient restrictions on gun ownership	24
Insufficient mental health resources for students	11
Poor enforcement of existing gun laws	11
Poor parenting	11
Insufficient security at schools	9
Violence in popular culture (for example, violent video games and movies)	8
Bullying (in-person and online)	7
Failure to identify potential school shooters in advance	6
Drug use	4
Media attention to perpetrators	4
Insufficient law enforcement training for responding to mass shootings	3
School building design (for example, too many entrances and exits)	2

Q28. As you may know, Texas law now only allows abortion to save the life of a pregnant women or to prevent “substantial impairment of major bodily function.” Would you approve or disapprove of Texas enacting policies designed to... **[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS “Approve strongly”, “Approve somewhat”, “Neither approve nor disapprove”, “Disapprove somewhat”, “Disapprove strongly”, “Don’t know/No opinion”]** **[RANDOMIZE A-E]**

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know/N o opinion	<b>TOTAL APPROVE</b>	<b>TOTAL DISAPPROVE</b>
Expand legal access to abortion services	35	14	10	8	25	8	<b>49</b>	<b>33</b>
Dedicate more state resources to enforcing the state’s ban on abortion	16	17	15	7	37	8	<b>33</b>	<b>44</b>
Prevent women from accessing abortion in states where abortion is still legal	14	9	15	11	40	10	<b>23</b>	<b>51</b>
Prevent women from receiving medicated abortion pills through the mail	23	12	12	8	36	7	<b>35</b>	<b>44</b>
Penalize companies that pay for abortion related travel expenses for employees living in Texas	19	16	12	7	38	9	<b>35</b>	<b>45</b>

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	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	<b>TOTAL APPROVE</b>	<b>TOTAL DISAPPROVE</b>
Expand legal access to abortion services	39	11	13	7	24	6	<b>50</b>	<b>31</b>
Dedicate more state resources to enforcing the state's ban on abortion	13	13	18	8	43	5	<b>26</b>	<b>51</b>
Prevent women from accessing abortion in states where abortion is still legal	12	6	17	10	50	6	<b>18</b>	<b>60</b>
Prevent women from receiving medicated abortion pills through the mail	17	8	16	9	45	5	<b>25</b>	<b>54</b>
Penalize companies that pay for abortion related travel expenses for employees living in Texas	19	10	14	7	45	5	<b>29</b>	<b>52</b>

Q29. Should same sex marriage be legal in Texas?

Q29	Percent
Yes, should be legal	44
No, should not be legal	42
Don't know/No opinion	14

Q30. Do you think that the sex listed on a person's original birth certificate should be the only way to define a person's gender?

	Yes	No	Unsure
Apr. 2023	63	25	12
Apr. 2022	63	26	11

Q31. Regardless of whom you supported, do you think Joe Biden legitimately won the 2020 presidential election? **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

	Yes	No	Not sure
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. Which Texas agency regulates oil and gas production in the state? [RANDOMIZE 1-4]

INFO1	Percent
Texas Railroad Commission	35
Public Utility Commission of Texas	31
Texas Department of Agriculture	8
Texas Department of Public Safety	4
Don't know	22

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

INFO2	Percent
More than two-thirds	70
More than three-fourths	7
More than one-half	9
Don't know	14

INFO3. Who of the following is the presiding officer of the Texas Senate? [RANDOMIZE 1-4]

INFO3	Percent
Dan Patrick	30
Dade Phelan	16
Greg Abbott	10
Nathan Hecht	5
Don't know	39

## 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.	10
Somewhat lib.	12
Lean lib.	8
Moderate	28
Lean con.	9
Somewhat con.	18
Extremely con.	15

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

PID3	Percent
Democrats	43
Independents	9
Republicans	48

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

PID7	Percent
StrDem	25
WeakDem	10
LeanDem	8
Ind	9
LeanRep	13
WeakRep	8
StrRep	27

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	43
Too conservative	15
Not conservative enough	33
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	39
Too liberal	8
Not liberal enough	33
Don't know/No opinion	20



## 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	35
Suburban	47
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	23
Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	28
Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	11
Yes, I live in the Austin area	10
No, I live in another part of Texas	29

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

CHILD	Percent
One	19
Two	11
Three	5
Four or more	2
None	63

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.	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.	74

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

INCOME	Percent
Less than \$10,000	4
\$10,000 - \$19,999	7
\$20,000 - \$29,999	8
\$30,000 - \$39,999	8
\$40,000 - \$49,999	7
\$50,000 - \$59,999	8
\$60,000 - \$69,999	6
\$70,000 - \$79,999	8
\$80,000 - \$99,999	7
\$100,000 - \$119,999	8
\$120,000 - \$149,999	8
More than \$150,000	9
Prefer not to say	12

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

AB	Percent
Pro-life	41
Pro-choice	41
Neither	13
Don't know	5

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

EDU	Percent
Less than high school	2
High school degree	27
Some college	19
Two-year college degree	13
Four-year college degree	26
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	3
Atheist	4
Baptist	12
Born again	4
Buddhist	1
Catholic	22
Christian Scientist	1
Church of Christ	3
Church of God	1
Disciples of Christ	0
Don't know	2
Episcopal / Anglican	1
Evangelical	1
Hindu	0
Jehovah's Witnesses	0
Jewish	1
Lutheran	2
Methodist	5
Mormon	1
Muslim / Islam	1
No religious affiliation / none	10
Nondenominational Christian	8
Orthodox / Eastern Orthodox	1
Other	3
Pentecostal / charismatic / spirit-filled	2
Presbyterian	1
Protestant (non-specific)	4
Religious but not spiritual	0
Spiritual but not religious	4
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.	35
The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	38
The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	20
Don't know.	7

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

IMPORT	Percent
Extremely important	46
Somewhat important	28
Not very important	11
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	16
Once a week	23
A few times a month	11
Once or twice a year	21
Never	29

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

race	Percent
White / Blanco	55
Black	13
Hispanic	26
Asian	3
Native American	1
Mixed	1
Other	1

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

RACE2	Percent
Yes	2
No	97
Don't know	1

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

NATIVE1	Percent
Born in the United States or Puerto Rico	89
Born in another country	10
Don't know	2

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	58
One of my parents was born in another country	24
Both of my parents were both in another country	18

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	2
Alaska	3
Arizona	3
Arkansas	2
California	12
Colorado	3
Connecticut	0
District of Columbia	0
Florida	5
Georgia	4
Hawaii	0
Idaho	0
Illinois	8
Indiana	2
Iowa	2
Kansas	1
Kentucky	1
Louisiana	4
Maryland	2
Massachusetts	1
Michigan	4
Minnesota	1
Mississippi	1
Missouri	3
Nebraska	0
Nevada	2
New Jersey	1
New Mexico	3
New York	6
North Carolina	1
North Dakota	0
Not in the U.S. or Canada	2
Ohio	4
Oklahoma	4
Oregon	1
Pennsylvania	3
Puerto Rico	0
Quebec	0
Rhode Island	0
South Carolina	0
South Dakota	0
Tennessee	2
Utah	1

STATE	Percent
Vermont	0
Virginia	3
Washington	2
West Virginia	1
Wisconsin	2
Wyoming	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	20
None of the above	67

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

HOME	Percent
Own	67
Rent	33

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

MARITAL	Percent
Married	52
Separated	2
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	12
Donald Trump	46
Howie Hawkins	0
Jo Jorgensen	0
Joe Biden	40
Other	1



## **Sampling and Weighting Methodology for the April 2023 Texas Statewide Study**

For the survey, YouGov interviewed 1,254 Texas registered voters between April 14-23rd, 2023 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 (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 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 for registered voters is +/- 2.83%, and 3.39% compensating for the relative standard deviation of the weights.

### **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.