

Texas Statewide Survey

Field Dates: April 16-22, 2021

N=1200 Registered Voters

Margin of error: +/- 2.83% (3.7% adjusted for weighting) unless otherwise noted¹

Interest and Engagement

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

Q1	Percent
Yes, registered	100

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

Q2	Percent
Extremely interested	48
Somewhat interested	37
Not very interested	9
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	38
Almost every election	35
About half	9
One or two	9
None	6
Don't know	2

¹ In calculating the margin of error (MOE) for the survey, we provide two calculations, one that compensates for the relative standard deviation of the weights and one that does not. Without taking the variance of the weights into account, the margin of error for the full sample is 2.83%. To compensate for the additional uncertainty from weighting, we apply a multiplier derived from the coefficient of variation of the weights: $\sqrt{1+CV^2}$, where $CV=sd(weights)/mean(weights)$. For this weight sensitive calculation, the MOE for the full sample is 3.5%.

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Most Important Problem

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

Q4	Percent
Coronavirus/COVID-19	16
Political corruption/leadership	13
Immigration	10
Gun control/gun violence	6
Border security	6
Moral decline	5
The economy	4
Race relations	4
Income inequality	4
Health care	4
Voting system	4
Federal spending/national debt	4
Environment	3
Police brutality/police militarization	3
The media	2
Crime	2
Partisan gridlock	2
Education	2
Abortion	1
Unemployment/jobs	1
National security/terrorism	1
Taxes	1
Sexual Harassment	0
Social welfare programs	0
Government data collection	0
Russia	0
Housing	0
Opioid/prescription drug abuse	0
Oil prices	0
Gas prices	0
Energy	0

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

Q5	Percent
Border security	19
Immigration	18
Coronavirus/COVID-19	12
Political corruption/leadership	11
Gun control/gun violence	4
Education	3
Health care	3
The economy	3
Housing	2
Taxes	2
Redistricting	2
Moral decline	2
Unemployment/jobs	2
Energy	2
Utility rates	2
Voting system	2
Race relations	1
Abortion	1
State government spending	1
The media	1
Property rights	1
Water supply	1
Police brutality/police militarization	1
Homelessness	1
Gas prices	1
Environment	1
Crime	1
Opioid/prescription drug abuse	0
Insurance rates	0
Social welfare programs	0
State budget cuts	0
State courts	0
Hurricane recovery	0
Gay marriage	0
Transportation/roads/traffic	0
Electoral fraud	0
Oil prices	0

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

POTUS	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know
Apr. 2021	27	17	10	5	41	1
Mar. 2021	26	18	11	5	39	1
Feb. 2021	30	15	9	5	39	2

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

Q6A	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know
April 2021	34	15	14	9	26	1
Mar. 2021	33	15	14	9	27	1
Feb. 2021	34	15	14	7	29	2

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

CONGRESS	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know
Apr. 2021	4	20	17	18	37	3
Mar. 2021	7	22	19	13	36	3
Feb. 2021	7	15	17	14	43	4
Oct. 2020	5	15	17	23	37	3
June 2020	4	15	16	26	36	3
Apr. 2020	6	17	18	24	32	3
Feb. 2020	5	13	16	19	42	4
Oct. 2019	7	14	18	23	35	4
June 2019	4	14	19	21	39	3
Feb. 2019	4	14	18	26	35	3
Oct. 2018	4	22	16	19	38	2
June 2018	3	15	18	21	38	4
Feb. 2018	2	17	16	22	39	3
Oct. 2017	2	10	15	24	45	3
June 2017	2	13	15	24	43	4
Feb. 2017	5	21	20	18	32	5
Oct. 2016	2	8	18	27	41	4
June 2016	2	8	16	24	45	5
Feb. 2016	2	10	17	24	43	4
Oct. 2015	2	8	17	25	46	3
June 2015	2	13	21	26	36	2
Feb. 2015	3	17	19	24	34	3
Oct. 2014	2	12	13	30	41	2
June 2014	3	8	15	24	48	3
Feb. 2014	3	8	15	23	49	2
Oct. 2013	2	6	12	21	56	3
June 2013	2	10	16	23	46	2
Feb. 2013	3	11	12	23	48	3
Oct. 2012	1	10	18	26	43	3
May 2012	1	9	16	23	48	3
Feb. 2012	1	10	14	26	47	2
Oct. 2011	2	9	10	26	51	2
May 2011	1	15	19	27	35	3
Feb. 2011	1	17	19	26	32	4
Oct. 2009	2	12	11	22	49	4
June 2009	2	18	22	22	36	0
Mar. 2009	4	22	22	15	37	0

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

GOVERNOR	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know
Apr. 2021	19	24	11	13	32	2
Mar. 2021	22	23	10	9	34	1
Feb. 2021	21	25	12	12	27	3
Oct. 2020	20	27	12	16	24	2
June 2020	29	20	10	13	26	3
Apr. 2020	31	25	9	14	18	4
Feb. 2020	30	18	11	10	24	7
Oct. 2019	30	22	15	9	19	6
June 2019	29	22	13	11	20	5
Feb. 2019	33	18	12	11	21	5
Oct. 2018	36	16	12	9	23	5
June 2018	27	20	13	12	24	5
Feb. 2018	28	18	18	8	23	5
Oct. 2017	27	21	14	11	22	5
June 2017	27	18	12	9	29	4
Feb. 2017	27	18	17	9	24	5
Oct. 2016	21	21	17	10	23	8
June 2016	20	22	19	10	21	8
Feb. 2016	18	23	24	9	20	6
Oct. 2015	20	22	21	10	19	7
June 2015	22	24	19	8	20	7
Oct. 2014	22	24	13	11	27	3

Q8A2. Do you approve or disapprove of how Greg Abbott has handled the response to the coronavirus/COVID-19?

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know
Apr. 2021	22	21	8	14	34	2
Mar. 2021	24	20	7	13	35	1
Feb. 2021	20	24	12	15	26	3
Oct. 2020	17	27	10	20	26	1
June 2020	27	22	7	12	29	3
Apr. 2020	31	25	9	13	16	5

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

LTGOVERNOR	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know
Apr. 2021	19	16	15	6	33	11
Mar. 2021	22	15	17	6	31	10
Feb. 2021	20	17	15	5	31	12
Oct. 2020	18	19	13	6	31	12
June 2020	22	17	12	6	32	11
Apr. 2020	20	20	13	7	29	11
Feb. 2020	21	18	13	7	28	12
Oct. 2019	22	17	15	9	23	14
June 2019	22	19	18	6	25	11
Feb. 2019	24	18	16	6	25	10
Oct. 2018	27	17	14	5	26	11
June 2018	18	18	18	8	26	12
Feb. 2018	19	17	21	8	25	10
Oct. 2017	16	20	19	7	24	13
June 2017	15	19	18	8	28	11
Feb. 2017	16	16	24	8	23	14
Oct. 2016	12	19	20	9	22	18
June 2016	12	19	24	8	22	15
Feb. 2016	8	19	30	7	20	16
Oct. 2015	10	19	28	9	17	16
June 2015	13	19	28	8	16	15

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

SPEAKER	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know
Apr. 2021	6	14	26	8	14	31
Mar. 2021	6	13	29	8	13	31
Feb. 2021	7	15	30	6	12	30

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

Q8D	Percent
Approve strongly	17
Approve somewhat	15
Neither approve nor disapprove	16
Disapprove somewhat	6
Disapprove strongly	30
Don't know	15

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[RANDOMIZE Q9A-Q9B]

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

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

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

SENCORNYN	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know
Apr. 2021	12	19	15	13	30	10
Mar. 2021	12	21	16	14	28	9
Feb. 2021	12	20	18	13	29	8
Oct. 2020	18	21	12	11	28	10
June 2020	15	21	13	13	27	11
Apr. 2020	15	23	13	10	26	13
Feb. 2020	16	20	13	9	30	12
Oct. 2019	15	20	16	10	24	15
June 2019	14	23	17	11	23	12
Feb. 2019	15	21	18	13	22	11
Oct. 2018	17	22	15	9	25	13
June 2018	8	19	21	14	24	13
Feb. 2018	10	19	23	15	23	10
Oct. 2017	7	21	18	15	27	12
June 2017	9	19	18	14	27	12
Feb. 2017	11	19	22	12	22	14
Oct. 2016	8	20	22	14	22	15
June 2016	7	17	24	14	21	17
Feb. 2016	7	20	26	14	18	15
Oct. 2015	7	20	22	16	18	16

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

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

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

USECON	A lot better off	Somewhat better off	About the same	Somewhat worse off	A lot worse off	Don't know
Apr. 2021	8	23	22	20	23	0
Feb. 2021	4	11	20	26	35	4
Oct. 2020	8	9	13	29	38	2
June 2020	6	11	10	29	41	3
Apr. 2020	10	11	11	19	45	4
Feb. 2020	26	22	25	16	8	3
Oct. 2019	24	21	24	16	8	6
June 2019	26	21	23	18	8	3
Feb. 2019	27	22	23	15	9	3
Oct. 2018	32	19	26	12	7	4
June 2018	26	25	23	14	8	4
Feb. 2018	25	28	26	13	6	2
Oct. 2017	18	25	33	16	6	3
June 2017	14	28	30	18	7	3
Feb. 2017	12	28	36	11	9	4
Oct. 2016	8	20	29	25	15	4
June 2016	6	20	29	23	17	5
Feb. 2016	8	22	27	25	15	3
Oct. 2015	7	25	28	23	14	3
June 2015	7	24	33	21	13	3
Feb. 2015	11	25	33	18	11	3
Oct. 2014	6	25	30	23	14	2
June 2014	7	24	26	25	16	2
Feb. 2014	5	24	28	23	17	2
Oct. 2013	5	20	25	25	24	1
June 2013	7	28	31	18	15	1
Oct. 2012	7	25	25	19	23	1
May 2012	4	24	29	20	19	4
Feb. 2012	4	25	30	19	20	2
Oct. 2011	2	12	25	28	31	2
May 2011	2	20	25	24	25	3
Feb. 2011	3	24	30	24	17	2
Oct. 2010	3	19	20	23	33	2
May 2010	5	23	24	15	32	1
Feb. 2010	3	25	19	23	29	1
Oct. 2009	5	19	16	23	36	1
Mar. 2009	2	4	13	33	48	0
Oct. 2008	1	3	10	34	52	0

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

	A cause for optimism	A cause for concern	Don't know/No opinion
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

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Political Figures and Elections

Q16A. Do you approve or disapprove of how Joe Biden has handled the economy?

Q16A	Percent
Approve strongly	21
Approve somewhat	17
Neither approve nor disapprove	12
Disapprove somewhat	7
Disapprove strongly	39
Don't know	3

Q16B. Do you approve or disapprove of how Joe Biden has handled immigration and border security?

Q16B	Percent
Approve strongly	8
Approve somewhat	15
Neither approve nor disapprove	14
Disapprove somewhat	10
Disapprove strongly	49
Don't know	4

Policy Questions

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

	Extremely closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not at all closely
Apr. 2021	10	40	33	17
Mar. 2021	8	36	40	16

Q18. 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]

Q18_Coded	Percent
Immigration/Border Security	36
Covid-19	12
Energy/Power Grid	12
Jobs/The economy	8
Gun control/Gun safety	7
Voting rights	5
Education	4
Healthcare	4
Second Amendment/Constitutional carry	4
Voter Fraud/Election Integrity	3
Climate change/Environment	2
Marijuana legalization	1
Racism/Race relations	1
Redistricting	1

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Q19. Based on what you know, do you think that Texas's election system discriminates against racial and ethnic minorities?

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

Q20A. In general, do you think that vaccines are...Safe?

	Yes	No	Don't know/No opinion
Apr. 2021	66	18	16
Feb. 2021	61	18	21

Q20B. In general, do you think that vaccines are...Effective?

	Yes	No	Don't know/No opinion
Apr. 2021	66	16	18
Feb. 2021	63	14	23

Q21. Would you say that the coronavirus/COVID-19 is...

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

Q22. Do you approve or disapprove of how each of the following is handling the coronavirus/COVID-19?

Item	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know/No opinion
Federal government	20	27	15	14	22	2
Texas state government	18	27	12	16	24	2
Your local government	20	33	20	12	11	4

Q23. How concerned are you about the spread of the coronavirus in your community?

	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know/No opinion
Apr. 2021	16	20	24	21	16	0
Feb. 2021	25	24	22	15	11	2
Oct. 2020	20	20	27	16	14	3
June 2020	27	20	26	17	9	1
Apr. 2020	28	26	29	12	5	1

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Q24. How concerned are you about you or someone you know getting infected with the coronavirus?

	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know/No opinion
Apr. 2021	17	17	27	21	15	0
Feb. 2021	27	23	21	15	11	2
Oct. 2020	23	21	22	16	16	2
June 2020	26	22	24	17	10	1
Apr. 2020	33	21	26	12	5	2

Q25. Are you going to try to get a COVID vaccine as soon as it becomes available to you? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

	Yes	Already received a COVID vaccine	No	Unsure	Don't know/No opinion
Apr. 2021	10	54	22	10	4
Feb. 2021	36	15	28	16	4
Oct. 2020	42	0	36	0	21
June 2020	59	0	21	0	20

Respondents were not given the option to say that they had already received a vaccine or were unsure in 2020 polling, prior to the release of a vaccine.

Q26. Thinking about how you and your family are dealing with the coronavirus pandemic, which of these best describes you these days?

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

Q27. Which of the following measures, if any, are you taking in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19? [RANDOMIZE A-C]

	April 2021	Feb. 2021	Oct. 2020	June 2020
Staying away from large groups	74	82	83	88
Avoiding other people as much as possible	64	72	74	80
Wearing a mask when in close contact with people outside your household	80	88	87	81

Q28. Do you support or oppose the use of a credential (e.g. a "vaccine passport") for people to provide evidence that they have been vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to gain admission to events or activities with large groups of people?

Q28	Percent
Strongly support	24
Somewhat support	17
Neither support nor oppose	12
Somewhat oppose	4
Strongly oppose	38
Don't know/No opinion	5

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Q29. Regardless of the current restrictions in your local area, do you think it would be safe or unsafe for you to...

Item	Apr. 2021	Feb. 2021	Oct. 2020	June 2020
Go grocery shopping	85	78	80	72
Get a haircut	77	66	66	59
Go to work	74	65	64	55
Stay in a hotel	74	62	62	50
Eat at a restaurant	63	55	56	49
Send your child to school	63	55	45	35
Go to a shopping mall	62	48	49	36
Attend church	59	48	50	41
Fly on an airplane	51	40	39	27
Attend a sporting event or concert at an outdoor stadium	51	40	41	30
Go to a movie theater	49	38	37	27
Go to a gym or health club	47	37	35	29
Attend a sporting event or concert in an indoor arena	39	29	29	21
Go to a bar or club	38	30	28	23

Q30A. Do you think gun control laws should be made more strict, less strict, or left as they are now?

	More strict	Left as they are now	Less strict	Don't know/No opinion
Apr. 2021	46	30	20	5
Oct. 2019	51	28	13	8
Feb. 2019	49	30	17	4
June 2018	51	31	13	5
Oct. 2017	52	31	13	5
Nov. 2015	41	36	18	6
Feb. 2015	36	36	22	5

Q30B. Do you think that laws restricting abortion here in Texas should be made more strict, less strict, or left as they are now?

	More strict	Left as they are now	Less strict	Don't know/No opinion
Apr. 2021	33	22	33	11
Feb. 2021	32	18	37	13
Feb. 2019	41	20	32	8
June 2013	38	21	26	14

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Q31. Below are some proposals being considered in the Texas Legislature this year. Please tell us whether you would support or oppose each of the following proposals for new laws: [RANDOMIZE A-G, H-K, L-N, O-R]

Item	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE
Prohibiting counties from offering voters the option of voting at a drive-through location	31	11	11	36	12	42	47
Allowing volunteer poll watchers, including those recruited by political parties, to photograph, video, or audio record voters that they suspect to be engaged in an illegal activity	30	18	12	26	14	48	38
Prohibiting counties from offering more than 12 hours a day of early voting during the last week of early voting	22	14	13	34	17	36	47
Prohibiting counties from sending vote-by-mail applications to voters who haven't requested them	47	9	8	26	10	56	34
Requiring all county voting systems to have a paper record by which a voter can verify that their ballot is counted accurately	61	19	5	4	11	80	9
Prohibiting any vote-counting equipment from being connected to the internet or any other computer network	50	15	7	8	19	65	15
Requiring counties of more than 100,000 residents to both livestream and record all areas where ballots are counted	35	21	11	12	21	56	23
Banning the use of chokeholds by police	50	17	14	9	10	67	23
Requiring police officers to intervene if another officer is violating state law, federal law, or their own police department's policy in their use of force against a civilian	64	22	3	2	9	86	5
Allowing civilians to sue a police officer who has violated state law or police department policy in their use of force	47	22	11	11	10	69	22
Requiring local governments to hold an election before reducing or redirecting funds from their police budgets	46	18	9	11	16	64	20
Making abortion illegal after 6 weeks of pregnancy except in the case of a medical emergency	34	15	10	31	10	49	41
Allowing any individual in Texas the right to sue an abortion provider they believe has violated state law	30	14	8	29	19	44	37
Automatically banning all abortions in Texas if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade	22	12	12	42	12	34	54
Limiting the emergency powers of the Texas Governor during a pandemic or similar public health emergency	23	22	20	18	18	45	38
Prohibiting local governments from using public money to pay lobbyists or organizations to represent their interests before the Texas Legislature	55	14	7	8	16	69	15

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Item	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE
Allowing legal gun owners over the age of 21 to carry handguns in most public places in Texas without licenses or training	22	12	11	48	6	34	59
Allowing restaurants with valid licenses the ability to sell alcoholic beverages for delivery or pick-up	42	28	10	9	10	70	19

Q32. How confident are you that the Texas Legislature will enact effective laws to prevent future disruptions in utility services like those that resulted from the February 2021 winter storm that affected much of the state?

	Extremely confident	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not very confident	Not at all confident	Don't know/No opinion
Apr. 2021	7	10	25	25	25	8
Mar. 2021	9	16	31	29	16	0

Q33. Would you support or oppose each of the following proposals in response to the February 2021 winter storm and its effects?

Item	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE
Require energy providers to weatherize their facilities	70	14	6	2	1	7	84	3
Provide government funds to energy providers to weatherize their facilities	30	22	15	13	11	8	52	24
Require all Energy Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) board members to reside in Texas	67	14	7	2	1	8	81	3
Require that companies and regulators ensure higher levels of reserve energy to meet spikes in demand	59	22	9	1	1	8	81	2
Create a council of government energy regulators and emergency managers to coordinate during disasters	43	28	12	4	4	9	71	8
Ban products that allow residential customers to pay wholesale electricity prices that may save them money, but may also expose them to high bills during energy shortages	32	17	21	8	7	15	49	15
Create a statewide disaster alert system to alert Texans about impending weather-related disasters and power outages	59	19	11	3	2	6	78	5

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Q34. Thinking about police departments in your area, do you think that spending on policing should be...

	Be increased a lot	Be increased a little	Stay about the same	Be decreased a little	Be decreased a lot	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL INCREASE	TOTAL DECREASE
Apr. 2021	20	22	30	7	10	11	42	17
Feb. 2021	15	25	36	8	9	7	40	17
Oct. 2020	18	24	32	11	8	8	42	19

Q35. Do you think the deaths of Black people during encounters with police in recent years are... [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

	Isolated incidents	A sign of broader problems in the treatment of Black people by police	Don't know/No opinion
Apr. 2021	45	47	9
Feb. 2021	45	45	10
Oct. 2020	44	48	8
June 2020	43	49	7

Q36A. Do you think the U.S. government is doing too much to address climate change, about enough to address climate change, or too little to address climate change?

Q36A	Percent
Too much	30
About enough	16
Too little	43
Don't know/No opinion	11

Q36B Do you think Texas state government is doing too much to address climate change, about enough to address climate change, or too little to address climate change?

Q36B	Percent
Too much	13
About enough	27
Too little	43
Don't know/No opinion	16

Q37. As you may know, the federal minimum wage is currently \$7.25 an hour. Do you favor or oppose increasing the minimum wage?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know/No opinion
Apr. 2021	61	30	9
Feb. 2016	62	27	11

Q38A. How much have you heard about Texas' decision not to expand eligibility for Medicaid, the government health insurance and long-term care program for certain low-income adults and children?

Q38A	Percent
A lot	10
Some	23
A little	22
Nothing at all	46

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Q38B. Based on what you know, do you support or oppose Texas expanding eligibility for its Medicaid program?

Q38B	Percent
Strongly support	37
Somewhat support	18
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	12
Don't know/No opinion	20

Q39 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States should be deported immediately.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Apr. 2021	33	18	17	24	9
Feb. 2021	24	21	17	30	7
Apr. 2020	28	21	16	27	8
Feb. 2020	27	20	15	29	9
Oct. 2019	29	21	18	26	7
Oct. 2018	32	22	19	26	0
Feb. 2018	23	22	21	29	5
Oct. 2017	25	19	21	30	5
Oct. 2016	23	24	19	27	7
June 2016	27	24	17	25	7
Feb. 2016	30	23	18	23	5
Nov. 2015	30	25	18	21	6
Feb. 2015	34	25	16	19	6
Oct. 2014	35	25	16	18	6
June 2014	32	22	18	22	6

Q40. Which comes closest to your view about children who arrive at the U.S-Mexico border without a parent or guardian and are seeking to enter the United States?

Q40	Percent
They should be turned away	37
They should be housed in government facilities until relatives can be found	24
They should be allowed to enter the United States to be care	29
Don't know/No opinion	10

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Q41. Do you support or oppose requiring criminal and mental health background checks on all gun purchases in the United States, including at gun shows and for private sales?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE
Apr. 2021	57	17	7	11	7	74	18
Feb. 2020	61	18	8	7	6	79	15
Oct. 2019	61	20	7	6	5	81	13
Feb. 2016	54	24	8	9	4	78	17
June 2013	57	17	10	14	3	74	24
Feb. 2013	61	17	9	8	3	78	17

Q42. If more people carried guns, do you think the United States would be safer, less safe, or would it have no impact on safety?

	More safe	Less safe	No impact on safety	Don't know/No opinion
Apr. 2021	34	39	16	10
Feb. 2020	37	39	16	8
June 2018	37	39	15	9
Oct. 2017	38	41	14	7

Q43. Which of the following best characterizes your opinion on the death penalty for those convicted of violent crimes?

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

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Political Knowledge

[Randomize INFO1-INFO3]

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

INFO1	Percent
Democratic Party	78
Republican Party	11
Neither	5
Don't know	7

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

INFO2	Percent
More than two-thirds	75
More than three-fourths	7
More than one-half	6
Don't know	13

INFO3. Who is the current Texas Agriculture Commissioner? [RANDOMIZE 1-3]

INFO3	Percent
Sid Miller	23
Glenn Hegar	8
Christi Craddick	4
George P. Bush	16
Don't know	49

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Political Orientation

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

LIBCON7	Percent
Extremely lib.	10
Somewhat lib.	12
Lean lib.	8
Moderate	24
Lean con.	7
Somewhat con.	21
Extremely con.	18

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

PID3	Percent
Democrats	40
Independents	15
Republicans	45

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

PID7	Percent
StrDem	20
WeakDem	9
LeanDem	11
Ind	15
LeanRep	12
WeakRep	8
StrRep	25

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

REPCON	Percent
Conservative enough	47
Too conservative	8
Not conservative enough	37
Don't know/No opinion	7

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

DEMLIB	Percent
Liberal enough	32
Too liberal	8
Not liberal enough	38
Don't know/No opinion	22

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Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

AGEG	Percent
18-29	18
30-44	26
45-64	37
65+	20

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

LOCATE	Percent
Urban	27
Suburban	53
Rural	20

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	27
Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	9
Yes, I live in the Austin area	11
No, I live in another part of Texas	29

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

CHILD	Percent
One	15
Two	12
Three	4
Four or more	2
None	67

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

Item	Percent
Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in public school in Texas.	15
Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in private school in Texas.	3
Yes, I have a child/children under 18 who are being home schooled in Texas.	3
No, I do not have any children under 18 in school in Texas.	80

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

INCOME	Percent
Less than \$10,000	6
\$10,000 - \$19,999	7
\$20,000 - \$29,999	10
\$30,000 - \$39,999	6
\$40,000 - \$49,999	7
\$50,000 - \$59,999	8
\$60,000 - \$69,999	7
\$70,000 - \$79,999	7
\$80,000 - \$99,999	7
\$100,000 - \$119,999	7
\$120,000 - \$149,999	6
More than \$150,000	8
Prefer not to say	14

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

AB	Percent
Pro-life	40
Pro-choice	43
Neither	13
Don't know	3

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

EDU	Percent
Less than high school	3
High school degree	24
Some college	24
Two-year college degree	12
Four-year college degree	26
Post-graduate degree	12

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

RELIG1	Percent
Agnostic	6
Assembly of God	1
Atheist	6
Baptist	14
Born again	2
Buddhist	1
Catholic	16
Church of Christ	3
Church of God	0
Disciples of Christ	1
Don't know	3
Episcopal / Anglican	1
Evangelical	1
Hindu	0
Jehovah's Witnesses	0
Jewish	1
Lutheran	3
Methodist	5
Mormon	1
Muslim / Islam	0
No religious affiliation / none	12
Nondenominational Christian	7
Orthodox / Eastern Orthodox	0
Other	3
Pentecostal / charismatic / spirit-filled	2
Presbyterian	1
Protestant (non-specific)	3
Reformed	0
Religious but not spiritual	0
Spiritual but not religious	5
Unitarian / Universalist	0
United Church of Christ	0

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

LITERAL	Percent
The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word.	27
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.	26
Don't know.	8

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IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

IMPORT	Percent
Extremely important	43
Somewhat important	23
Not very important	13
Not at all important	21

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

ATTEND	Percent
More than once a week	10
Once a week	22
A few times a month	7
Once or twice a year	24
Never	37

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

ATTENDCHANGE	Percent
Yes	63
No	37

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

ATTENDONLINE	Percent
I am no longer attending in-person religious services	31
I am attending in-person religious services less frequently than I was before	26
I am attending religious services online	33
I am attending religious services online, but less frequently than I was before	4
Other	6

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RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

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

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

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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	83
Born in another country	14
Don't know	3

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

NATIVE2	Percent
Both of my parents were born in the United States or Puerto Rico	62
One of my parents was born in another country	25
Both of my parents were both in another country	13

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

MOVE	Percent
Yes	41
No	59

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

MOVE	Percent
Yes	41
No	59

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

Item	Percent
Active-duty military	0
Military veteran	14
Active-duty military in my immediate family	3
Military veteran in my immediate family	18
None of the above	69

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

HOME	Percent
Own	71
Rent	29

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

MARITAL	Percent
Married	51
Separated	1
Divorced	11
Widowed	5
Single	26
Domestic Partnership	6

GENDER. What is your gender?

gender	Percent
Male	46
Female	54

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Sampling and Weighting Methodology for the April 2021 Texas Statewide Study

For the survey, YouGov interviewed 1392 Texas registered voters between April 16 and April 22, 2021, who were then matched down to a sample of 1200 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched on gender, age, race, and education. YouGov then weighted the matched set of survey respondents to known characteristics of registered voters of Texas from the 2018 Current Population survey and 2014 Pew Religious Landscape Survey.

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

The margin of error of the weighted data for registered voters is 2.8% for registered voters (if adjusted for weighting, the margin of error for registered voters is 3.7%).

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.

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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.