

**University of Texas / Texas Tribune Poll**  
**Texas Statewide Survey**

Field Dates: May 31-June 9, 2019

N=1200 Adults

Margin of error: +/- 2.83% (3.28% adjusted for weighting) unless otherwise noted<sup>1</sup>

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**Interest and Engagement**

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

1. Yes, registered	100%
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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?

1. Extremely interested	50%
2. Somewhat interested	38
3. Not very interested	8
4. Not at all interested	3
5. 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?

1. Every election	37%
2. Almost every election	38
3. About half	9
4. One or two	10
5. None	5
6. Don't know	2

Q3A. How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting in the 2020 election?

1. Extremely enthusiastic	51%
2. Very enthusiastic	20
3. Somewhat enthusiastic	17
4. Not too enthusiastic	8
5. Not at all enthusiastic	3
6. Don't know/No opinion	2

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<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%.

## Retrospective Assessments

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

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't Know
June 2019	34	18	4	5	39	1
Feb. 2019	34	15	5	5	40	1
Oct. 2018	36	12	5	5	40	1
June 2018	29	18	7	6	38	1
Feb. 2018	30	16	7	7	39	1
Oct. 2017	27	18	5	8	42	1
June 2017	25	18	6	7	44	1
Feb. 2017	32	14	8	4	40	3

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
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
Nov. 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	15	23	48	3
Feb. 2012	1	10	14	26	47	2
Oct. 2011	2	9	10	26	51	2
May 2011	1	15	20	27	35	3
Feb. 2011	2	17	19	26	33	4
Oct. 2009	2	12	11	22	49	4
June 2009	2	18	22	22	36	0
Feb. 2009	4	22	22	15	37	0

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

	<b>Approve strongly</b>	<b>Approve somewhat</b>	<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>Disapprove somewhat</b>	<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>June 2019</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Feb. 2019</b>	33	18	12	11	21	5
<b>Oct. 2018</b>	36	16	12	9	23	5
<b>June 2018</b>	27	20	13	12	24	5
<b>Feb. 2018</b>	28	18	18	8	23	5
<b>Oct. 2017</b>	27	21	14	11	22	5
<b>June 2017</b>	27	18	12	9	29	4
<b>Feb. 2017</b>	27	18	17	9	24	5
<b>Oct. 2016</b>	21	21	17	10	23	8
<b>June 2016</b>	20	22	19	10	21	8
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	18	23	24	9	20	6
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	20	22	21	10	19	7
<b>June 2015</b>	22	24	28	8	16	15

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

	<b>Approve strongly</b>	<b>Approve somewhat</b>	<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>Disapprove somewhat</b>	<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>June 2019</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Feb. 2019</b>	24	18	16	6	25	10
<b>Oct. 2018</b>	27	17	14	5	26	11
<b>June 2018</b>	18	18	18	8	26	12
<b>Feb. 2018</b>	19	17	21	8	25	10
<b>Oct. 2017</b>	16	20	19	7	24	13
<b>June 2017</b>	15	19	18	8	28	11
<b>Feb. 2017</b>	16	16	24	8	23	14
<b>Oct. 2016</b>	12	19	20	9	22	18
<b>June 2016</b>	12	19	24	8	22	15
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	8	19	30	7	20	16
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	10	19	28	9	17	16
<b>June 2015</b>	13	19	28	8	16	15

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

1. Approve strongly 7%
2. Approve somewhat 18
3. Neither approve nor disapprove 27
4. Disapprove somewhat 11
5. Disapprove strongly 12
6. Don't know 25

Q8D. How would you rate the job the Texas Legislature is doing? Would you say that you...

1. Approve strongly	8%
2. Approve somewhat	30
3. Neither approve nor disapprove	22
4. Disapprove somewhat	16
5. Disapprove strongly	13
6. Don't know	11

**[RANDOMIZE Q9A-Q9B]**

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

	<b>Approve strongly</b>	<b>Approve somewhat</b>	<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>Disapprove somewhat</b>	<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>June 2019</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Feb. 2019</b>	31	15	9	7	34	4
<b>Oct. 2018</b>	34	13	8	5	37	3
<b>June 2018</b>	21	18	13	8	33	7
<b>Feb. 2018</b>	22	18	12	9	32	7
<b>Oct. 2017</b>	19	19	13	12	31	5
<b>June 2017</b>	21	17	12	9	35	6
<b>Feb. 2017</b>	20	18	14	10	29	9
<b>Oct. 2016</b>	16	19	13	11	34	7
<b>June 2016</b>	18	17	13	12	31	9
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	18	19	15	10	32	6
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	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...

	<b>Approve strongly</b>	<b>Approve somewhat</b>	<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>Disapprove somewhat</b>	<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>June 2019</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Feb. 2019</b>	15	21	18	13	22	11
<b>Oct. 2018</b>	17	22	15	9	25	13
<b>June 2018</b>	8	19	21	14	24	13
<b>Feb. 2018</b>	10	19	23	15	23	10
<b>Oct. 2017</b>	7	21	18	15	27	12
<b>June 2017</b>	9	19	18	14	27	12
<b>Feb. 2017</b>	11	19	22	12	22	14
<b>Oct. 2016</b>	8	20	22	14	22	15
<b>June 2016</b>	7	17	24	14	21	17
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	7	20	26	14	18	15
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	7	20	22	16	18	16

Q9C. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Robert Mueller is handling the investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 Election?

	<b>Approve strongly</b>	<b>Approve somewhat</b>	<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>Disapprove somewhat</b>	<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>June 2019</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Feb. 2019</b>	26	13	13	9	31	8
<b>Oct. 2018</b>	22	12	16	11	30	10
<b>June 2018</b>	24	13	14	10	28	11
<b>Feb. 2018</b>	24	14	17	12	24	10

**Political Figures and Elections**

Q18. If the 2020 presidential election were held today, would you definitely vote to re-elect Donald Trump, probably vote to re-elect Donald Trump, probably vote for someone else, or definitely vote for someone else?

- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| 1. Definitely vote to re-elect Donald Trump | 39% |
| 2. Probably vote to re-elect Donald Trump   | 11  |
| 3. Probably vote for someone else           | 7   |
| 4. Definitely vote for someone else         | 43  |

Q19. If the 2020 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]**

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|------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Republican primary              | 45% |
| 2. Democratic primary              | 40  |
| 3. Wouldn’t vote in either primary | 8   |
| 4. Don’t know                      | 7   |

Q20A. Which of the following potential 2020 Democratic primary candidates have you heard of?  
**[RANDOMIZE 1-23]**

1. Joe Biden	82%
2. Beto O'Rourke	82
3. Bernie Sanders	81
4. Elizabeth Warren	74
5. Kamala Harris	62
6. Cory Booker	58
7. Julián Castro	53
8. Pete Buttigieg	51
9. Bill de Blasio	51
10. Kirsten Gillibrand	51
11. Amy Klobuchar	39
12. Tulsi Gabbard	30
13. John Hickenlooper	28
14. Andrew Yang	23
15. Eric Swalwell	22
16. Tim Ryan	20
17. John Delaney	18
18. Jay Inslee	16
19. Michael Bennet	14
20. Steve Bullock	12
21. Seth Moulton	10
22. Marianne Williamson	10
23. Wayne Messam	4

Q20B. **[ASK IF Q19 == 2]** If the 2020 Democratic primary election for president were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for? **[RANDOMIZE 1-23]**

(n=483, MOE is +/- 4.46%; MOE taking account of the survey weights is +/- 4.99%)

1. Joe Biden	23%
2. Beto O'Rourke	15
3. Elizabeth Warren	14
4. Bernie Sanders	12
5. Pete Buttigieg	8
6. Kamala Harris	5
7. Julián Castro	3
8. Tulsi Gabbard	3
9. Cory Booker	1
10. John Delaney	1
11. Kirsten Gillibrand	1
12. Jay Inslee	1
13. Amy Klobuchar	1
14. Eric Swalwell	1
15. Michael Bennet	0
16. Steve Bullock	0
17. Bill de Blasio	0
18. John Hickenlooper	0
19. Wayne Messam	0
20. Seth Moulton	0
21. Tim Ryan	0
22. Marianne Williamson	0
23. Andrew Yang	0
24. Someone else	1
25. No one/None of them	1
26. Anyone/Any of them	3
27. Don't know/No opinion	7

**[RANDOMIZE Q21-Q122]**

Q21. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Beto O'Rourke.

1. Very favorable	22%
2. Somewhat favorable	20
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	8
4. Somewhat unfavorable	6
5. Very unfavorable	40
6. Don't know/no opinion	4



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

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very favorable                    | 10% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable                | 16  |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 18  |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable              | 7   |
| 5. Very unfavorable                  | 26  |
| 6. Don't know/no opinion             | 23  |

Q23. Do you think Donald Trump [GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS “Yes”, “No”, “Don’t know”] [RANDOMIZE A-F]

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Has the temperament to serve effectively	45	50	5
Is honest and trustworthy	41	52	7
Is competent	51	44	5
Cares about people like yourself	43	51	6
Is a strong leader	49	48	3
Is knowledgeable	50	46	4

## Political Knowledge

### [Randomize INFO1-INFO3]

INFO1. Which political party holds the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives?

#### [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. Republican Party	23%
2. Democratic Party	68
3. Neither	1
4. Don't know	8

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

1. More than one-half	8%
2. More than two-thirds	71
3. More than three-fourths	7
4. Don't know	14

INFO3. Who is the current Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts? [RANDOMIZE 1-4]

1. Glenn Hegar	14%
2. Sid Miller	11
3. Christi Craddick	8
4. George P. Bush	12
5. Don't know	55

## 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"]**

1. Extremely liberal	10%
2. Somewhat liberal	13
3. Lean liberal	8
4. In the middle	23
5. Lean conservative	10
6. Somewhat conservative	19
7. Extremely conservative	17

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

1. Democrat	42%
2. Independent	10
3. Republican	48

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

1. Strong Democrat	22%
2. Not very strong Democrat	10
3. Lean Democrat	10
4. Independent	10
5. Lean Republican	15
6. Not very strong Republican	9
7. Strong Republican	24

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

1. Conservative enough	45%
2. Too conservative	11
3. Not conservative enough	37
4. Don't know/No opinion	8

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

1. Liberal enough	30%
2. Too liberal	11
3. Not liberal enough	41
4. Don't know/No opinion	18

## Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29	15%
2. 30-44	25
3. 45-64	36
4. 65 and up	23

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

1. Urban	30%
2. Suburban	48
3. Rural	22

METRO. Do you live in the Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio, or Austin metropolitan areas?

1. Yes, I live in the Houston area.	22%
2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	26
3. Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	11
4. Yes, I live in the Austin area	11
5. No, I live in another part of Texas.	31

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1. One	17%
2. Two	13
3. Three	6
4. Four or more	3
5. None	61

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

1. Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in public school in Texas.	21%
2. Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in private school in Texas.	4
3. Yes, I have a child/children under 18 who are being home schooled in Texas.	2
4. No, I do not have any children under 18 in school in Texas.	73

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

1. Less than \$10,000	5%
2. \$10,000 to \$19,999	7
3. \$20,000 to \$29,999	8
4. \$30,000 to \$39,999	10
5. \$40,000 to \$49,999	9
6. \$50,000 to \$59,999	10
7. \$60,000 to \$69,999	6
8. \$70,000 to \$79,999	6
9. \$80,000 to \$99,999	9
10. \$100,000 to \$119,999	7
11. \$120,000 to \$149,999	6
12. More than \$150,000	6
13. Prefer not to say	11

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

1. Pro-life	45%
2. Pro-choice	39
3. Neither	12
4. Don't know	5

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

1. Less than high school	4%
2. High school degree	26
3. Some college	21
4. Two-year college degree	11
5. Four-year college degree	26
6. Post-graduate degree	12

RELIG1. What is your primary religious affiliation, if any? **[No open response on “other”]**

1. Agnostic	5%
2. <b>Assembly of God*</b>	<b>1</b>
3. Atheist	5
4. <b>Baptist*</b>	<b>13</b>
5. <b>Born again</b>	<b>3</b>
6. Buddhist	0
7. <b>Catholic*</b>	<b>18</b>
8. <b>Christian Scientist*</b>	<b>1</b>
9. <b>Church of Christ*</b>	<b>3</b>
10. <b>Church of God*</b>	<b>0</b>
11. <b>Disciples of Christ*</b>	<b>0</b>
12. <b>Episcopal/Anglican*</b>	<b>1</b>
13. Evangelical	1
14. Hindu	0
15. Jehovah’s Witnesses	0
16. Jewish	1
17. <b>Lutheran*</b>	<b>3</b>
18. <b>Methodist*</b>	<b>5</b>
19. <b>Mormon*</b>	<b>0</b>
20. Muslim/Islam	1
21. <b>Nondenominational Christian*</b>	<b>7</b>
22. <b>Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox*</b>	<b>0</b>
23. <b>Pentecostal/charismatic/spirit-filled*</b>	<b>2</b>
24. <b>Presbyterian*</b>	<b>1</b>
25. <b>Protestant (non-specific)*</b>	<b>4</b>
26. <b>Reformed*</b>	<b>1</b>
27. <b>Unitarian/Universalist*</b>	<b>1</b>
28. <b>United Church of Christ*</b>	<b>0</b>
29. Religious but not spiritual	0
30. Spiritual but not religious	6
31. No religious affiliation/none	10
32. <b>Other*</b>	<b>4</b>
33. Don’t know	1

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

1. The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word.	32%
2. The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	36
3. The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	23
4. Don’t know.	9

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

1. Extremely important	46%
2. Somewhat important	25
3. Not very important	12
4. Not at all important	16

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

24. More than once a week	14%
25. Once a week	19
26. A few times a month	12
27. Once or twice a year	24
28. Never	31

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

1. White	58%
2. African American	14
3. Hispanic or Latino	23
4. Asian/Pacific Islander	2
5. Native American	1
6. Multi-racial	1
7. Other	1

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

1. Yes	2%
2. No	98
3. 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?

1. Born in the United States or Puerto Rico	83%
2. Born in another country	16
3. 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?

- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| 1. Both of my parents were born in the United States or Puerto Rico | 70% |
| 2. One of my parents was born in another country                    | 18  |
| 3. Both of my parents were both in another country                  | 11  |

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

- |        |     |
|--------|-----|
| 1. Yes | 43% |
| 2. No  | 55  |

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

- |                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| 1. Alabama              | 1% |
| 2. Alaska               | 1  |
| 3. Arizona              | 3  |
| 4. Arkansas             | 2  |
| 5. California           | 13 |
| 6. Colorado             | 4  |
| 7. Connecticut          | 0  |
| 8. Delaware             | 0  |
| 9. District of Columbia | 0  |
| 10. Florida             | 6  |
| 11. Georgia             | 2  |
| 12. Hawaii              | 0  |
| 13. Idaho               | 1  |
| 14. Illinois            | 4  |
| 15. Indiana             | 1  |
| 16. Iowa                | 1  |
| 17. Kansas              | 2  |
| 18. Kentucky            | 0  |
| 19. Louisiana           | 6  |
| 20. Maine               | 0  |
| 21. Maryland            | 2  |
| 22. Massachusetts       | 1  |
| 23. Michigan            | 3  |
| 24. Minnesota           | 1  |
| 25. Mississippi         | 1  |
| 26. Missouri            | 2  |
| 27. Montana             | 1  |
| 28. Nebraska            | 1  |
| 29. Nevada              | 1  |
| 30. New Hampshire       | 0  |
| 31. New Jersey          | 2  |
| 32. New Mexico          | 3  |
| 33. New York            | 6  |



34. North Carolina	2
35. North Dakota	0
36. Ohio	4
37. Oklahoma	5
38. Oregon	1
39. Pennsylvania	2
40. Rhode Island	0
41. South Carolina	1
42. South Dakota	0
43. Tennessee	1
44. Utah	1
45. Vermont	0
46. Virginia	4
47. Washington	2
48. West Virginia	0
49. Wisconsin	2
50. Wyoming	0
51. Puerto Rico	0
52. Not in the U.S. or Canada	2

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

1. Active-duty military	1%
2. Military veteran	14
3. Active-duty military in my immediate family	3
4. Military veteran in my immediate family	19
5. None of the above	67

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

1. Own	68%
2. Rent	32

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

1. Married	51%
2. Separated	2
3. Divorced	11
4. Widowed	6
5. Single	24
6. Domestic Partnership	5

GENDER. What is your gender?

1. Male	47%
2. Female	53