## University of Texas / Texas Tribune Poll

## Texas Statewide Survey

Field Dates: October 15-21, 2018
$\mathrm{N}=1200$ Adults
Margin of error: +/- 2.83\% (3.28\% adjusted for weighting) unless otherwise noted*

## Interest and Engagement

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

1. 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?

1. Extremely interested $53 \%$
2. Somewhat interested 35
3. Not very interested 7
4. Not at all interested 5
5. Don't know 0

Q3A. 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 39\%
2. Almost every election 31
3. About half 11
4. One or two 11
5. None 6
6. Don't know 1
[^0]Q3B. On a 0-10 scale, please rate how likely you are to vote in the upcoming November elections: 10 means you are absolutely certain to vote, 0 means you will definitely NOT vote, and 5 means you may or may not vote.

| $0-$ Definitely will not vote | $2 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 0 |
| 2 | 0 |
| 3 | 1 |
| 4 | 0 |
| 5 | 4 |
| 6 | 2 |
| 7 | 4 |
| 8 | 5 |
| 9 | 5 |
| 10 - Absolutely certain to vote | 76 |

Q3C. How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting in the 2018 elections?

1. Extremely enthusiastic $51 \%$
2. Very enthusiastic 21
3. Somewhat enthusiastic 17
4. Not too enthusiastic 9
5. Not at all enthusiastic 3

## Most Important Problem

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

1. Political corruption/leadership

18\%
2. Immigration 13
3. Health care 8
4. Border security 8
5. Moral decline 6
6. The economy 5
7. Federal spending/national debt 5
8. Gun control/gun violence 5
9. Partisan gridlock 4
10. Environment 4
11. National security/terrorism 3
12. Income inequality 3
13. Education 2
14. Taxes 2
15. Crime and drugs 2
16. Race relations 2
17. The media 2
18. Unemployment/jobs 1
19. Social welfare programs 1
20. Gas prices 1
21. Abortion 1
22. Police brutality/police militarization 1
23. Foreign trade 1
24. Sexual Harassment 1
25. Opioid/prescription drug abuse 1
26. Middle East instability 0
27. Gay marriage 0
28. Voting system 0
29. Government data collection 0
30. Energy 0
31. Housing 0
32. Russia 0
33. North Korea 0

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

1. Immigration ..... 21\%
2. Border security ..... 16
3. Health care ..... 9
4. Political corruption/leadership ..... 8
5. Education ..... 6
6. The economy ..... 3
7. Crime and drugs ..... 3
8. Taxes ..... 3
9. Gun control/gun violence ..... 3
10. Moral decline ..... 2
11. Transportation/roads/traffic ..... 2
12. Redistricting ..... 2
13. Environment ..... 2
14. Voting system ..... 2
15. Police brutality/police militarization ..... 2
16. Hurricane recovery ..... 2
17. Unemployment/jobs ..... 1
18. Water supply ..... 1
19. Social welfare programs ..... 1
20. State government spending ..... 1
21. Gay marriage ..... 1
22. Abortion ..... 1
23. State budget cuts ..... 1
24. Gas prices ..... 1
25. Insurance rates ..... 1
26. Utility rates ..... 1
27. Housing ..... 1
28. Electoral fraud ..... 1
29. The media ..... 1
30. Property rights ..... 1
31. Opioid/prescription drug abuse ..... 1
32. Energy ..... 0
33. State courts ..... 0
34. Pension funding ..... 0

## 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 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 <br> Know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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...

|  | Approve <br> strongly | Neither <br> approve <br> nor <br> somewhat | Disapprove <br> disapprove | Disapprove <br> somewhat | Don't <br> strongly | Know |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oct. 2018 | $\mathbf{3 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | $\mathbf{9}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ |  |
| 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 |
| Nov. 2015 | 20 | 22 | 21 | 10 | 19 | 7 |
| June 2015 | 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...

|  | Neither <br> Approve <br> strongly | Approve <br> nor <br> somewhat | (isapprove <br> disapprove <br> somewhat | Disapprove <br> strongly | Don't <br> Know |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oct. 2018 | $\mathbf{2 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 4}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{2 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 1}$ |
| 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 |
| Nov. 2015 | 10 | 19 | 28 | 9 | 17 | 16 |
| June 2015 | 13 | 19 | 28 | 8 | 16 | 15 |

## [RANDOMIZE Q9A-Q9B]

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

Oct. 2018
June 2018
Feb. 2018
Oct. 2017
June 2017
Feb. 2017
Oct. 2016
June 2016
Feb. 2016
Nov. 2015

| Approve strongly | Approve somewhat | Neither approve nor disapprove | Disapprove somewhat | Disapprove strongly | Don't <br> Know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 34 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 37 | 3 |
| 21 | 18 | 13 | 8 | 33 | 7 |
| 22 | 18 | 12 | 9 | 32 | 7 |
| 19 | 19 | 13 | 12 | 31 | 5 |
| 21 | 17 | 12 | 9 | 35 | 6 |
| 20 | 18 | 14 | 10 | 29 | 9 |
| 16 | 19 | 13 | 11 | 34 | 7 |
| 18 | 17 | 13 | 12 | 31 | 9 |
| 18 | 19 | 15 | 10 | 32 | 6 |
| 27 | 17 | 11 | 9 | 28 |  |

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

|  | $c$ <br> Approve <br> strongly | Neither <br> approve <br> somewhat | nor <br> disapprove | Disapprove <br> somewhat | Disapprove <br> strongly | Don't <br> Know |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oct. 2018 | $\mathbf{1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 2}$ | 15 | $\mathbf{9}$ | $\mathbf{2 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 3}$ |
| 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 |
| Nov. 2015 | 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?

Oct. 2018
June 2018
Feb. 2018

| Approve | Approve <br> somewhat | Neither <br> approve <br> nor <br> disapprove | Disapprove <br> somewhat | Disapprove <br> strongly | Don't <br> Know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{2 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0}$ |
| $\mathbf{2 4}$ | 13 | 14 | 10 | 28 | 11 |
| 24 | 14 | 17 | 12 | 24 | 10 |

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 Track | Wrong <br> Track | Don't Know |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oct. 2018 | $\mathbf{4 2}$ | $\mathbf{4 9}$ | $\mathbf{9}$ |
| 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 |
| Nov. 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 |
| Sep. 2010 | 26 | 63 | 12 |
| May 2010 | 27 | 62 | 11 |
| Feb. 2010 | 31 | 56 | 13 |
| Oct. 2009 | 35 | 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?

Oct. 2018
June 2018
Feb. 2018
Oct. 2017
June 2017
Feb. 2017
Oct. 2016
June 2016
Feb. 2016
Nov. 2015
June 2015
Feb. 2015
Oct. 2014
June 2014
Feb. 2014
Oct. 2013
June 2013
Oct. 2012
May 2012
Feb. 2012
Oct. 2011
May 2011
Feb. 2011
Oct. 2010
Sep. 2010
May 2010
Feb. 2010
Oct. 2009

| A lot better off | Somewhat better off | About the same | Somewhat worse off | A lot worse off | Don't Know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 32 | 19 | 26 | 12 | 7 | 4 |
| 26 | 25 | 23 | 14 | 8 | 4 |
| 25 | 28 | 26 | 13 | 6 | 2 |
| 18 | 25 | 33 | 16 | 6 | 3 |
| 14 | 28 | 30 | 18 | 7 | 3 |
| 12 | 28 | 36 | 11 | 9 | 4 |
| 8 | 20 | 29 | 25 | 15 | 4 |
| 6 | 20 | 29 | 23 | 17 | 5 |
| 8 | 22 | 27 | 25 | 15 | 3 |
| 7 | 25 | 28 | 23 | 14 | 3 |
| 7 | 24 | 33 | 21 | 13 | 3 |
| 11 | 25 | 33 | 18 | 11 | 3 |
| 6 | 25 | 30 | 23 | 14 | 2 |
| 7 | 24 | 26 | 25 | 16 | 2 |
| 5 | 24 | 28 | 23 | 17 | 2 |
| 5 | 20 | 25 | 25 | 24 | 1 |
| 7 | 28 | 31 | 18 | 15 | 1 |
| 7 | 25 | 25 | 19 | 23 | 1 |
| 4 | 24 | 29 | 20 | 19 | 4 |
| 4 | 25 | 30 | 19 | 20 | 2 |
| 2 | 12 | 25 | 28 | 31 | 2 |
| 2 | 20 | 26 | 24 | 25 | 3 |
| 3 | 24 | 30 | 24 | 17 | 2 |
| 3 | 19 | 20 | 23 | 33 | 3 |
| 3 | 20 | 21 | 20 | 34 | 2 |
| 5 | 23 | 24 | 15 | 32 | 1 |
| 3 | 25 | 19 | 23 | 29 | 1 |
| 5 | 19 | 16 | 23 | 36 | 1 |

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 Track | Track | Don't Know |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oct. 2018 | $\mathbf{5 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 6}$ |
| 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 |
| Nov. 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 | 18 |
| May 2011 | 36 | 48 | 16 |
| Feb. 2011 | 41 | 41 | 18 |
| Oct. 2010 | 45 | 37 | 18 |
| Sep. 2010 | 43 | 38 | 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 <br> off | Somewhat <br> better off | About the <br> same | Somewhat <br> worse off | A lot worse <br> off | Don't <br> Know |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oct. 2018 | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 3}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | 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 |
| Nov. 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 | 28 | 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 |
| Sep. 2010 | 3 | 17 | 39 | 26 | 14 | 1 |
| May 2010 | 4 | 16 | 42 | 25 | 13 | 1 |
| Feb. 2010 | 3 | 14 | 41 | 29 | 12 | 2 |
| Oct. 2009 | 3 | 14 | 39 | 27 | 16 | 1 |

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/No Opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 |
| Nov. 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 |
| Oct. 2012 | 4 | 21 | 51 | 16 | 5 | 3 |

Q15. Of the three branches of federal government, which one do you trust the most? [RANDOMIZE 1-3]

$$
\text { 1. The U.S. Congress, the legislative branch } 8 \%
$$

2. The President, the executive branch 29
3. The U.S. Supreme Court, the judicial branch 29
4. Don't know 35

## Political Figures and Elections

For Q16 - Q20, respondents were first asked the questions below. If they initially answered that they didn't know, they were then asked a follow-up question: "If you had to make a choice, who would you choose?" Responses to the follow-up questions were folded into the results found below. Likely voters were defined as respondents who indicated that they have voted in every election in the past 2-3 years or that they are "absolutely certain to vote" in the upcoming November election.
$N=927$, MOE is +/- $3.22 \%$, MOE is +/- 4.10\% if adjusted for weighting
Q16. If the 2018 general election for U.S. Senator from Texas was held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE "the Republican Ted Cruz", "the Democrat Beto O'Rourke", "the Libertarian Neal Dikeman"] the Republican Ted Cruz, the Democrat Beto O'Rourke, the Libertarian Neal Dikeman, someone else, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? [RANDOMIZE 1-3]

In the initial question, 4\% said that they hadn't thought enough about the race to have an opinion.

1. Ted Cruz $51 \%$
2. Beto O'Rourke 45
3. Neal Dikeman 2
4. Someone else 2

Q17. If the 2018 general election for Governor were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE "the Republican Greg Abbott", "the Democrat Lupe Valdez", "the Libertarian Mark Tippetts"] the Republican Greg Abbott, the Democrat Lupe Valdez, the Libertarian Mark Tippetts, someone else, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? [RANDOMIZE 1-3]

In the initial question, 5\% said that they hadn't thought enough about the race to have an opinion.

1. Greg Abbott
56\%
2. Lupe Valdez
37
3. Mark Tippetts
4. Someone else
4

Q18. If the 2018 general election for Lieutenant Governor were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE "the Republican Dan Patrick", "the Democrat Mike Collier", "the Libertarian Kerry McKennon"] the Republican Dan Patrick, the Democrat Mike Collier, the Libertarian Kerry McKennon, someone else, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? [RANDOMIZE 1-3]

In the initial question, 11\% said that they hadn't thought enough about the race to have an opinion

1. Dan Patrick 53\%
2. Mike Collier 35
3. Kerry McKennon 5
4. Someone else 7

Q19. If the 2018 general election for Attorney General were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE "the Republican Ken Paxton", "the Democrat Justin Nelson", "the Libertarian Michael Ray Harris"] the Republican Ken Paxton, the Democrat Justin Nelson, the Libertarian Michael Ray Harris, someone else, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? [RANDOMIZE 1-3]

In the initial question, $12 \%$ said that they hadn't thought enough about the race to have an opinion

1. Ken Paxton 48\%
2. Justin Nelson 36
3. Michael Ray Harris 6
4. Someone else 9

Q20. If the 2018 election for the Representative in the United States House of Representatives in your district were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE "the Democratic candidate" and "the Republican candidate"] the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

In the initial question, 5\% said that they hadn't thought enough about the race to have an opinion

1. Democratic candidate $46 \%$
2. Republican candidate 54

## [RANDOMIZE Q21-Q22]

Q21. Regardless of how you intend to vote in the 2018 election, do you feel like the Democratic Party is welcoming to people like you?

1. Yes 43\%
2. No 49
3. Don't know/No opinion 9

Among Likely Voters, $N=927$, MOE is +/- 3.22\%, MOE is +/- 4.10\% if adjusted for weighting

1. Yes 42\%
2. No 53
3. Don't know/No opinion 5

Q22. Regardless of how you intend to vote in the 2018 election, do you feel like the Republican Party is welcoming to people like you?

1. Yes 47\%
2. No 44
3. Don't know/No opinion 8

Among Likely Voters, $N=927$, MOE is $+/-3.22 \%$, MOE is $+/-4.10 \%$ if adjusted for weighting

1. Yes 51\%
2. No 44
3. Don't know/No opinion

Q23A. Suppose the Tea Party movement organized itself as a political party. When thinking about the next election for Congress, would you vote for [Randomize] the Republican candidate from your district, the Democratic candidate from your district, or the Tea Party candidate from your district? [Randomize 1-2]

1. Republican candidate $40 \%$
2. Democratic candidate 27
3. Tea Party candidate 14
4. Don't know 19

Q23B. Do you think the Tea Party movement has too much influence, too little influence, or the right amount of influence in the Republican Party?

1. Too much influence $28 \%$
2. Too little influence 27
3. The right amount of influence 17
4. Don't know 28

Q24. Did a candidate or political campaign organization contact you during the 2018 election?

1. Yes
54\%
2. No 38
3. Don't know/Don't remember 8

Q25A. [ASK IF Q24 ==1] Were you contacted by...[RANDOMIZE A-B]

1. Republicans

17\%
2. Democrats

44
3. Both 36
4. Don't remember 3

Q25B. [ASK IF Q24 ==1] How did these candidate or campaigns contact you? Please check all that apply
A. In-person 21\%
B. Phone call 50
C. Email or text message 70
D. Letter or post card 47
E. Social media message or post 19

Q26. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Brett Kavanaugh.

1. Very favorable $36 \%$
2. Somewhat favorable 9
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 9
4. Somewhat unfavorable 6
5. Very unfavorable 34
6. Don't know/no opinion 7

Q27. Based on what you know, if you were a U.S. Senator, would you have voted to confirm Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court, or not?

1. Yes, would vote to confirm $54 \%$
2. No, would not vote to confirm 46

## [RANDOMIZE Q28-Q29]

Q28. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Greg Abbott.

1. Very favorable $38 \%$
2. Somewhat favorable 14
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 9
4. Somewhat unfavorable 9
5. Very unfavorable 22
6. Don't know/no opinion 7

Among Likely Voters, $N=927$, MOE is +/- 3.22\%, MOE is +/- 4.10\% if adjusted for weighting

1. Very favorable $44 \%$
2. Somewhat favorable 12
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 6
4. Somewhat unfavorable 10
5. Very unfavorable 25
6. Don't know/no opinion 3

Q29. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Lupe Valdez.

1. Very favorable $12 \%$
2. Somewhat favorable 18
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 17
4. Somewhat unfavorable 8
5. Very unfavorable 24
6. Don't know/no opinion 21

Among Likely Voters, $N=927$, MOE is $+/-3.22 \%$, MOE is $+/-4.10 \%$ if adjusted for weighting

1. Very favorable $14 \%$
2. Somewhat favorable 17
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 16
4. Somewhat unfavorable 9
5. Very unfavorable 29
6. Don't know/no opinion 15

## [RANDOMIZE Q30-Q31]

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

1. Very favorable 35\%
2. Somewhat favorable 12
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 6
4. Somewhat unfavorable 6
5. Very unfavorable 36
6. Don't know/no opinion 6

Among Likely Voters, $N=927$, MOE is +/- $3.22 \%$, MOE is +/- 4.10\% if adjusted for weighting

1. Very favorable $40 \%$
2. Somewhat favorable 11
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 2
4. Somewhat unfavorable 5
5. Very unfavorable 39
6. Don't know/no opinion 2

Q31. 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 $30 \%$
2. Somewhat favorable 13
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 7
4. Somewhat unfavorable 6
5. Very unfavorable 38
6. Don't know/no opinion 6

Among Likely Voters, $N=927$, MOE is $+/-3.22 \%$, MOE is $+/-4.10 \%$ if adjusted for weighting

1. Very favorable $35 \%$
2. Somewhat favorable 11
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 3
4. Somewhat unfavorable 6
5. Very unfavorable 44
6. Don't know/no opinion 2

## [RANDOMIZE Q32-Q33]

Q32. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the FBI.

1. Very favorable $11 \%$
2. Somewhat favorable 27
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 24
4. Somewhat unfavorable 21
5. Very unfavorable 10
6. Don't know/no opinion 6

Q33. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the \#MeToo movement.

1. Very favorable $20 \%$
2. Somewhat favorable 17
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 17
4. Somewhat unfavorable 13
5. Very unfavorable 25
6. Don't know/no opinion 8

Q34. Do you think Donald Trump...

|  | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A. has the temperament to serve effectively as president? | $44 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| B. is honest and trustworthy? | 41 | 51 | 8 |
| C. is competent? | 51 | 45 | 5 |
| D. cares about people like you? | 44 | 51 | 6 |
| E. is a strong leader? | 51 | 46 | 3 |
| F. is knowledgeable? | 49 | 47 | 4 |

## Policy Questions

## [RANDOMIZE Q35A-Q35C]

Q35A. Do you approve or disapprove of how Donald Trump has handled trade negotiations?

1. Approve strongly 34\%
2. Approve somewhat 13
3. Neither approve nor disapprove 8
4. Disapprove somewhat 8
5. Disapprove strongly 35
6. Don't know 3

Q35B. Do you approve or disapprove of how Donald Trump has handled immigration and border security?

1. Approve strongly $32 \%$
2. Approve somewhat 15
3. Neither approve nor disapprove 6
4. Disapprove somewhat 6
5. Disapprove strongly 39
6. Don't know 2

Q35C. Do you approve or disapprove of how Donald Trump has handled the selection of judicial nominees, including to the U.S. Supreme Court?

1. Approve strongly $39 \%$
2. Approve somewhat 10
3. Neither approve nor disapprove 6
4. Disapprove somewhat 7
5. Disapprove strongly 36
6. Don't know 3

Q36. Have you noticed an increase in your paycheck as a result of the new tax law passed at the end of last year?

1. Yes
31\%
2. No 52
3. Don't know/No opinion 17

Q37. How satisfied are you with the health care system in the United States?

1. Very satisfied 7\%
2. Somewhat satisfied 28
3. Not very satisfied 27
4. Not at all satisfied 31
5. Don't know/No opinion 6

Q39. Thinking about legal immigration, do you think the United States allows too many people to immigrate here from other countries, too few, or about the right amount?

1. Too many 45\%
2. Too few 18
3. About the right amount 25
4. Don't know/No opinion 12

Q40. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States should be deported immediately.

1. Strongly agree 32\%
2. Somewhat agree 22
3. Somewhat disagree 19
4. Strongly disagree 26

Q41. In your opinion, has the Trump administration gone too far in enforcing federal immigration laws, has it been about right, or has it not gone far enough?

1. Gone too far $41 \%$
2. Been about right 20
3. Not gone far enough 33
4. Don't know 6
[RANDOMIZE Q42A-Q42B]
Q42A. In your opinion, how much discrimination is there against men in the United States today?
5. A lot 19\%
6. Some 24
7. Not very much 31
8. None at all 20
9. Don't know/No opinion 6

Q42B. In your opinion, how much discrimination is there against women in the United States today?

1. A lot 30\%
2. Some 30
3. Not very much 26
4. None at all 7
5. Don't know/No opinion 6

Q43. And in your opinion, who faces the MOST discrimination in the United States today? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. Women
55\%
2. Men 25
3. Don't know/No opinion 20

## [RANDOMIZE Q44A-Q44C]

Q44A. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The recent attention paid to the sexual harassment and assault of women in America is helping to address the issue of gender inequality.

1. Strongly agree
17\%
2. Somewhat agree 29
3. Somewhat disagree 18
4. Strongly disagree 24
5. Don't know/no opinion 13

Q44B. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The recent attention paid to the sexual harassment and assault of women in America is leading to the unfair treatment of men.

1. Strongly agree $22 \%$
2. Somewhat agree 28
3. Somewhat disagree 12
4. Strongly disagree 28
5. Don't know/no opinion 10

Q44C. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The recent attention paid to the sexual harassment and assault of women in America is going to improve the lives of most women.

1. Strongly agree 11\%
2. Somewhat agree 30
3. Somewhat disagree 25
4. Strongly disagree 20
5. Don't know/no opinion 14

Q45. In general, how often do you think women falsely accuse men of sexual misconduct?

1. Almost never $18 \%$
2. Occasionally 40
3. Somewhat frequently 23
4. Very frequently 12
5. Don't know/no opinion 7

Q46. What is your opinion on the availability of abortion?

1. By law, abortion should never be permitted. $15 \%$
2. The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, 29 incest or when the woman's life is in danger.
3. The law should permit abortion for reasons other than 12 rape, incest, or danger to the woman's life, but only after the need for the abortion has been clearly established.
4. By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an 39 abortion as a matter of personal choice.
5. Don't know

## 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
86\%
2. Democratic Party

6
3. Neither

2
4. Don't know

7
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. Which Justice most recently retired from the U.S. Supreme Court? [RANDOMIZE 1-4]

1. Anthony Kennedy 61\%
2. Antonin Scalia 11
3. Mike Pence 3
4. Ruth Bader Ginsburg 5
5. Don't know 21

## 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
2. Somewhat liberal
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12%
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3. Lean liberal
4. In the middle
5. Lean conservative

24
6. Somewhat conservative 17
7. Extremely conservative

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 $20 \%$
2. Not very strong Democrat 12
3. Lean Democrat 11
4. Independent 10
5. Lean Republican 15
6. Not very strong Republican 9
7. Strong Republican 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?

1. Conservative enough 53\%
2. Too conservative 7
3. Not conservative enough 35
4. Don't know/No opinion 6

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

38\%
2. Too liberal

7
3. Not liberal enough 35
4. Don't know/No opinion 21

## Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. $18-29$
17\%
2. $30-44$ 25
3. 45-64 36
4. 65 and up 22

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

1. Urban 29
2. Suburban 53
3. Rural 18

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

1. Yes, I live in the Houston area. $24 \%$
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 10
5. No, I live in another part of Texas. 29

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1. One 16\%
2. Two 13
3. Three 6
4. Four or more 3
5. None 62

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

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

1. Less than $\$ 10,000$
2. $\$ 10,000$ to $\$ 19,999$
3. $\$ 20,000$ to $\$ 29,999$
4. $\$ 30,000$ to $\$ 39,999$
5. $\$ 40,000$ to $\$ 49,999$
6. $\$ 50,000$ to $\$ 59,999$
7. $\$ 60,000$ to $\$ 69,999$
8. $\$ 70,000$ to $\$ 79,999$

4\%

6
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9. $\$ 80,000$ to $\$ 99,9997$
10. $\$ 100,000$ to $\$ 119,9996$
11. $\$ 120,000$ to $\$ 149,999$
12. More than \$150,000 6
13. Prefer not to say 13

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

1. Pro-life $44 \%$
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 23
4. Two-year college degree 9
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. Assembly of God* ..... 2
3. Atheist ..... 5
4. Baptist* ..... 16
5. Born again ..... 3
6. Buddhist ..... 0
7. Catholic* ..... 18
8. Christian Scientist* ..... 0
9. Church of Christ* ..... 2
10. Church of God* ..... 0
11. Disciples of Christ* ..... 1
12. Episcopal/Anglican* ..... 2
13. Evangelical ..... 1
14. Hindu ..... 0
15. Jehovah's Witnesses ..... 1
16. Jewish ..... 1
17. Lutheran* ..... 1
18. Methodist* ..... 3
19. Mormon* ..... 1
20. Muslim/Islam ..... 0
21. Nondenominational Christian* ..... 7
22. Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox* ..... 0
23. Pentecostal/charismatic/spirit-filled* ..... 1
24. Presbyterian* ..... 1
25. Protestant (non-specific)* ..... 3
26. Reformed* ..... 0
27. Unitarian/Universalist* ..... 0
28. United Church of Christ* ..... 0
29. Religious but not spiritual ..... 0
30. Spiritual but not religious ..... 7
31. No religious affiliation/none ..... 11
32. Other* ..... 3
33. Don't know ..... 1

RELIG2. What is your secondary religious affiliation, if any? [No open response on "other"]

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

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 $31 \%$ taken literally, word for word.
2. The Bible is the word of God but not everything in 37 it should be taken literally, word for word.
3. The Bible is a book written by men and is 24 not the word of God.
4. Don't know.

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

1. Extremely important $44 \%$
2. Somewhat important 27
3. Not very important 13
4. Not at all important

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

1. More than once a week $13 \%$
2. Once a week 21
3. A few times a month 10
4. Once or twice a year 26
5. Never 30

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

1. White $59 \%$
2. African American 14
3. Hispanic or Latino 22
4. Asian/Pacific Islander 1
5. Native American 1
6. Multi-racial 1
7. Other 0
8. Middle Eastern 0

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

1. Yes
1\%
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 15
3. 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?

1. Both of my parents were born in the United $61 \%$

States or Puerto Rico
2. One of my parents was born in another 27 country
3. Both of my parents were both in another
country

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

1. Yes
43\%
2. No
57

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

 LIST OF STATES]1. Alabama
1\%
2. Alaska

0
3. Arizona3
4. Arkansas 2
5. California 14
6. Colorado 3
7. Connecticut 1
8. Delaware 1
9. District of Columbia 1
10. Florida 6
11. Georgia 3
12. Idaho 1
13. Illinois 4
14. Indiana 3
15. Iowa 2
16. Kansas 2
17. Kentucky 1
18. Louisiana 8
19. Maryland 1
20. Massachusetts 2
21. Michigan 2
22. Minnesota 0
23. Mississippi 1
24. Missouri 3
25. Montana 0
26. Nebraska 1
27. Nevada 1
28. New Hampshire 0
29. New Jersey 1
30. New Mexico 2
31. New York 4
32. North Carolina 1
33. North Dakota 1
34. Ohio 3
35. Oklahoma 3
36. Oregon 1
37. Pennsylvania 2
38. Rhode Island 1
39. South Carolina 3
40. South Dakota 0
41. Tennessee 1
42. Utah 0
43. Vermont 0
44. Virginia 3
45. Washington 0
46. Wisconsin 2
47. Wyoming 0
48. Puerto Rico
0
49. Not in the U.S. or Canada

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

1. Active-duty military $0 \%$
2. Military veteran
3. Active-duty military in my immediate family 3
4. Military veteran in my immediate family 19
5. None of the above

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HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

1. Own
68\%
2. Rent

32
MARITAL. What is your marital status?

1. Married

55\%
2. Separated

1
3. Divorced 10
4. Widowed

5
5. Single

24
6. Domestic Partnership 5

GENDER. What is your gender?

1. Male 46\%
2. Female 54

[^0]:    *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: $s q r t\left(1+C V^{\wedge} 2\right)$, where $C V=s d$ (weights)/mean(weights). For this weight sensitive calculation, the MOE for the full sample is $3.28 \%$.

