

Texas Statewide Survey

Field Dates: September 25 to October 4, 2020

N=1200 Registered Voters

Margin of error: +/- 2.83% (3.8% 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	54
Somewhat interested	37
Not very interested	6
Not at all interested	4
Don't know	0

Q3. There are many elections in the state of Texas. Furthermore, many people intend to vote in a given election, but sometimes personal and professional circumstances keep them from the polls. Thinking back over the past two or three years, would you say that you voted in all elections, almost all, about half, one or two, or none at all?

Q3	Percent
Every election	45
Almost every election	31
About half	7
One or two	7
None	7
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 3.8%.

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Q3A. 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.

Q3A_scale	Percent
0 - Definitely will NOT vote	0
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	1
5	1
6	0
7	2
8	3
9	7
10 - Absolutely certain to vote	83
Don't know	2

Q3B. How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting in the 2020 election?

Q3B	Percent
Extremely enthusiastic	55
Very enthusiastic	16
Somewhat enthusiastic	14
Not too enthusiastic	7
Not at all enthusiastic	5
Don't know/No opinion	2

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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	18
Political corruption/leadership	14
The economy	10
Moral decline	9
Health care	7
Unemployment/jobs	4
The media	4
Race relations	4
Environment	3
Partisan gridlock	3
Abortion	2
Immigration	2
Police brutality/police militarization	2
National security/terrorism	2
Income inequality	2
Voting system	2
Federal spending/national debt	2
Crime	2
Gun control/gun violence	1
Border security	1
North Korea	1
Education	1
Taxes	1
Energy	0
Social welfare programs	0
Russia	0
Housing	0
Afghanistan/Pakistan	0
Foreign trade	0
Gas prices	0
Opioid/prescription drug abuse	0
Oil prices	0
Gay marriage	0
Middle East instability	0

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

Q5	Percent
Coronavirus/COVID-19	22
Immigration	8
Border security	8
Political corruption/leadership	7
Unemployment/jobs	6
The economy	6
Health care	6
Moral decline	5
Education	4
Environment	3
Taxes	3
Gun control/gun violence	2
Redistricting	2
Race relations	2
The media	2
State budget cuts	1
State government spending	1
Social welfare programs	1
Transportation/roads/traffic	1
Voting system	1
Abortion	1
Oil prices	1
Police brutality/police militarization	1
Hurricane recovery	1
Housing	1
Homelessness	1
Electoral fraud	1
Crime	1
Property rights	0
Opioid/prescription drug abuse	0
Insurance rates	0
Gay marriage	0
Gas prices	0
Energy	0
Utility rates	0
Water supply	0

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Retrospective Assessments

Q6. How would you rate the job Donald Trump 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
Oct. 2020	33	16	4	5	41	0
June 2020	32	14	5	6	42	1
Apr. 2020	36	13	5	6	39	1
Feb. 2020	33	12	5	6	42	2
Oct. 2019	32	15	4	6	42	1
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

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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
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
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

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
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
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 Dennis Bonnen 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
Oct. 2020	7	16	23	8	16	30
June 2020	6	17	25	10	16	26
Apr. 2020	5	15	28	9	15	28
Feb. 2020	5	14	26	8	19	28
Oct. 2019	6	14	28	8	17	27
June 2019	7	18	27	11	12	25
Feb. 2019	8	18	31	6	10	28
Feb. 2018	8	19	29	9	15	19
Oct. 2017	4	19	29	11	16	20
June 2017	5	20	25	12	17	21
Feb. 2017	7	16	31	9	14	22
Oct. 2016	5	16	30	9	14	26
June 2016	4	15	30	10	14	26
Feb. 2016	4	16	35	7	13	25
Oct. 2015	4	16	32	8	14	25

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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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
Oct. 2012	4	21	51	16	5	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
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

Q15A. Of the three branches of the federal government, which one do you trust the most?

	The President, the executive branch	The U.S. Congress, the legislative branch	The U.S. Supreme Court, the judicial branch	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2020	29	13	27	31
Feb. 2020	27	12	30	30
Feb. 2019	33	14	28	25
Oct. 2018	29	8	29	35
Oct. 2017	27	5	36	32
June 2017	26	6	38	30
Feb. 2017	28	7	36	30
June 2016	17	14	28	41
Oct. 2015	18	18	24	40
Oct. 2012	28	10	34	27

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Political Figures and Elections

[Results for Q16 through Q20B are presented among Likely Voters. Likely Voters are defined as those who selected 9 or 10 on Q3A and (if they are over the age of 20) stated that they vote in "Every" or "Almost every" election on Q3. Respondents who said that they hadn't thought enough about the election to have an opinion on Q17 and Q19 were asked a follow-up question: "If you had to make a choice, who would you choose?" Responses to this item were folded into those who initially indicated a preference and reported below in items Q17 and Q19.]

N = 908, MOE is +/- 3.25%, MOE is +/- 4.16% if adjusted for weighting, unless otherwise noted.

Q16. Thinking ahead to the upcoming election, do you intend to vote in person on Election Day, vote in-person early, or vote by mail?

Q16	Percent
Vote in person on Election Day	26
Vote in person early	60
Vote by mail	13
Do not intend to vote	0
Don't know	1

Q17. If the 2020 general election for U.S. president were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE ORDER "the Republican ticket of Donald Trump and Mike Pence", "the Democratic ticket of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris", "the Libertarian ticket of Jo Jorgensen and Jeremy "Spike" Cohen", "the Green ticket of Howie Hawkins and Angela Walker"]** the Republican ticket of Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Democratic ticket of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, the Libertarian ticket of Jo Jorgensen and Jeremy "Spike" Cohen, the Green ticket of Howie Hawkins and Angela Walker, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

Q17F	Percent
Donald Trump and Mike Pence	50
Joe Biden and Kamala Harris	45
Jo Jorgensen and Jeremy "Spike" Cohen	2
Howie Hawkins and Angela Walker	2
Someone else	1

Q17B. How likely are you to change your mind before you vote?

Q17B	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not very likely	Not at all likely	Don't know
Percent	4	3	9	82	1
Donald Trump and Mike Pence	4	2	9	85	1
Joe Biden and Kamala Harris	4	1	8	88	0

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Q17C. [ASK IF Q17|Q17A==1] You said that in a general election between Donald Trump and Joe Biden that you would vote for Donald Trump. Which of the following better describes your vote choice:

N = 456, MOE is +/- 4.59%, MOE is +/- 5.31% if adjusted for weighting.

Q17C	Percent
I want Donald Trump to be elected president	81
I don't want Joe Biden to be elected president	19

Q17D. [ASK IF Q17|Q17A==2] You said that in a general election between Donald Trump and Joe Biden that you would vote for Joe Biden. Which of the following better describes your vote choice:

N = 408, MOE is +/- 4.85%, MOE is +/- 6.74% if adjusted for weighting.

Q17D	Percent
I want Joe Biden to be elected president	55
I don't want Donald Trump to be elected president	45

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Q18. What one issue is the most important to your vote in the 2020 presidential Election? [OPEN-ENDED]

Q18_coded	Percent
The economy	11
Removing Trump from Office	8
COVID-19/Coronavirus	6
Health care	6
Socialism and/or Communism	6
Corruption	5
Social disorder/Political violence/Law and Order	4
Honesty/Ethics/Morals/Caring/Decency	4
Abortion	3
Immigration/Border Security	3
Returning Trump to Office	3
Racism/Race Relations	3
Size and Scope of Government	2
The courts	3
Maintaining/Saving our Democracy	3
Keeping Democrats out of power	2
Election integrity	2
Social Security	0
The environment	1
Climate change	1
Competence	1
Education	0
Keeping Biden from office	1
Unity	1
Return to normalcy	1
Foreign Policy	1
Electing Joe Biden President	0
Social security	0
Taxes	0
Gender equality	0
Gun rights	0
Income inequality	0
Other	8
Don't know/Unsure	11

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Q19. If the 2020 general election for U.S. senate were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE ORDER “the Republican John Cornyn”, “the Democrat Mary “MJ” Hegar”, “the Libertarian Kerry Douglas McKennon”] the Republican John Cornyn, the Democrat Mary “MJ” Hegar, the Libertarian Kerry Douglas McKennon, or haven’t you thought enough about it to have an opinion? [RANDOMIZE 1-3]

Q19F	Percent
John Cornyn	50
Mary "MJ" Hegar	42
Someone else	5
Kerry Douglas McKennon	3

Q20A. If the 2020 election for the U.S. Congress in your district were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE “the Democratic candidate”, “the Republican candidate”] the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, or haven’t you thought enough about it to have an opinion? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

N = 905, MOE is +/- 3.26%, MOE is +/- 4.17% if adjusted for weighting.

Q20A	Percent
The Republican candidate	51
The Democratic candidate	44
Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	5

Q20B. If the 2020 election for Texas Legislature in your district were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE “the Democratic candidate”, “the Republican candidate”] the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, or haven’t you thought enough about it to have an opinion? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

N = 896, MOE is +/- 3.27%, MOE is +/- 4.19% if adjusted for weighting.

Q20B	Percent
The Republican candidate	51
The Democratic candidate	43
Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	6

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[RANDOMIZE Q21A-Q21B]

Q21A. Regardless of how you intend to vote in the 2020 election, do you feel like the Democratic Party is welcoming to people like you?

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

Q21B. Regardless of how you intend to vote in the 2020 election, do you feel like the Republican Party is welcoming to people like you?

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

Q22. Do you favor or oppose giving all Texans the opportunity to vote by mail? *(Prior versions of this item were asked with explicit reference to COVID: "Would you favor or oppose allowing all Texans to vote by mail in the upcoming 2020 general election in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19?")*

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2020	49	41	11
June 2020	52	40	9
Apr. 2020	55	33	11

Q23. Do you support or oppose allowing Texans to complete their voter registration forms online?

	Support	Oppose	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2020	63	24	13
June 2018	57	22	20

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[RANDOMIZE Q24A-Q24B]

Q24A. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Donald Trump.

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2020	31	15	5	6	42	1
Feb. 2017	27	18	7	5	41	3
Oct. 2016	13	18	7	9	49	2
June 2016	16	15	10	10	46	4
Feb. 2016	13	16	9	15	44	2
Oct. 2015	16	18	12	12	39	3

Q24B. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Joe Biden.

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2020	21	20	7	9	42	1
June 2020	18	20	8	12	39	3
Apr. 2020	18	17	10	11	40	3
Feb. 2020	17	16	10	12	41	4

[RANDOMIZE Q24D-Q24E]

Q24D. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of John Cornyn.

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2020	16	22	13	11	27	11
Oct. 2015	6	20	24	14	18	18
June 2014	13	23	17	12	19	16
Oct. 2013	7	18	23	15	15	22
June 2013	12	19	18	12	17	22
Feb. 2013	12	20	18	11	17	21

Q24E. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of M.J. Hegar.

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2020	16	17	19	8	16	24
June 2020	9	14	19	7	8	44

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Q24G. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the police.

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2020	35	23	16	15	9	2
June 2020	31	24	13	17	13	3
June 2019	29	29	17	13	10	2
Feb. 2017	33	31	15	9	9	3
Feb. 2015	27	30	19	13	10	1

Q25. When do you think the winner of the 2020 presidential election will be announced?

Q25	Percent
On election night	28
1-2 days after Election Day	23
1 week after Election Day	17
A few weeks after Election Day	11
A month or more after Election Day	6
Don't know/No opinion	15

Q26. Generally speaking, are you confident that Americans will trust the result of the presidential election?

Q26	Percent
Very confident	16
Somewhat confident	31
Not very confident	29
Not at all confident	15
Don't know/No opinion	10

Q27. What about you? Will you trust the result of the presidential election, regardless of who wins?

Q27	Percent
Yes	41
No	14
Don't know/Unsure	46

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Q28. How serious a problem do you think each of the following will be in the 2020 Election? [RANDOMIZE A-H]

Item	Extremely serious	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not at all serious	Don't know
People voting who are not eligible	40	17	14	24	5
People voting multiple times	38	19	13	25	5
Votes being counted inaccurately	43	26	17	9	4
Foreign governments or other bad actors interfering in the election	39	24	22	10	5
Eligible voters being prevented from voting	40	22	15	17	6
Misinformation spread on social media	62	20	9	4	5
An increase in people voting by mail	33	22	16	23	6
People not voting due to the coronavirus pandemic	32	32	20	12	4

People voting who are not eligible

	Extremely serious	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not at all serious	Don't know
Oct. 2020	40	17	14	24	5
Oct. 2016	40	16	14	24	5

People voting multiple times

	Extremely serious	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not at all serious	Don't know
Oct. 2020	38	19	13	25	5
Oct. 2016	35	18	15	27	5

Votes being counted inaccurately

	Extremely serious	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not at all serious	Don't know
Oct. 2020	43	26	17	9	4
Oct. 2016	37	24	17	15	7

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[RANDOMIZE Q29A-Q29C]

Q29A. Do approve or disapprove of how Donald Trump has handled the economy?

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know
Oct. 2020	40	12	6	8	34	1
June 2020	36	14	7	8	34	2
Apr. 2020	37	12	8	9	33	1
Feb. 2020	38	12	9	9	27	4
June 2019	36	16	8	7	30	2

Q29B. Do you approve or disapprove of how Donald Trump has handled the response to the coronavirus/COVID-19?

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know
Oct. 2020	27	18	6	5	43	1
June 2020	27	17	5	6	43	1
Apr. 2020	33	15	6	7	38	1

Q29C. Do you approve or disapprove of how Donald Trump has handled race relations?

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know
Oct. 2020	31	12	7	5	43	2
June 2020	27	14	5	5	45	3
Oct. 2017	22	14	12	6	43	4

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Q30. 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
Oct. 2020	53	29	11	6	1
June 2020	57	29	10	4	1
Apr. 2020	66	26	4	2	2

Q31. 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	12	27	13	12	33	3
Texas state government	15	30	9	19	24	3
Your local government	17	34	16	15	15	3
The news media	10	16	18	13	41	3
Health care professionals	43	28	13	7	7	3

June 2020 Results:

Item	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know/No opinion
Federal government	16	24	10	12	35	3
Texas state government	20	27	7	15	29	2
Your local government	20	33	14	13	16	3
The news media	12	17	13	14	41	3
Insurance Companies	6	14	32	10	14	24
Health care professionals	52	23	12	5	3	5

April 2020 Results:

Item	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know/No opinion
Federal government	22	27	10	11	27	3
Texas state government	26	31	12	14	15	3
Your local government	29	35	14	10	9	3
The news media	13	21	16	13	35	3
Insurance companies	9	18	29	10	14	20
Health care professionals	65	18	9	2	3	4

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Q32. Overall, how would you say efforts to deal with the coronavirus/COVID-19 are going in the U.S.?

	Very well	Somewhat well	Somewhat badly	Very badly	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2020	16	29	21	28	6
June 2020	15	31	20	31	3
Apr. 2020	21	35	22	18	5

Q33. Overall, how would you say efforts to deal with the coronavirus/COVID-19 are going in Texas?

	Very well	Somewhat well	Somewhat badly	Very badly	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2020	18	33	23	21	5
June 2020	20	27	21	30	2
Apr. 2020	24	42	20	9	4

Q34. 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
Oct. 2020	20	20	27	16	14	3
June 2020	27	20	26	17	9	1
Apr. 2020	28	26	29	12	5	1

Q35. 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
Oct. 2020	23	21	22	16	16	2
June 2020	26	22	24	17	10	1
Apr. 2020	33	21	26	12	5	2

Q36. As you may know, many Americans have been told to stay home if they can because of 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
Oct. 2020	27	40	32	2
June 2020	19	41	37	3
Apr. 2020	9	20	63	9

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Q37. Which of the following measures, if any, are you taking in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19?

[RANDOMIZE A-E]

Item	Oct. 2020	June 2020
Washing hands more frequently	87	90
Avoiding touching your face	68	75
Staying away from large groups	83	88
Avoiding other people as much as possible	74	80
Wearing a mask when in close contact with people outside your household	87	81

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Q38. Regardless of the current restrictions in your local area, do you think it would be safe or unsafe for you to...[RANDOMIZE A-P]

Item	Oct. 2020	June 2020
Go grocery shopping	80	72
Vote in person	75	54
Get a haircut	66	59
Go to work	64	55
Stay in a hotel	62	50
Eat at a restaurant	56	49
Attend church	50	41
Go to a shopping mall	49	36
Ride in an elevator	48	NaN
Send your child to school	45	35
Attend a sporting event or concert at an outdoor stadium	41	30
Fly on an airplane	39	27
Go to a movie theater	37	27
Go to a gym or health club	35	29
Attend a sporting event or concert in an indoor arena	29	21
Go to a bar or club	28	23
Go to protests or demonstrations	27	16

Q39. Different people are taking different precautions in response to the coronavirus. Have you had any conflicts with a family member or close friend about taking precautions in response to the coronavirus?

Q39	Percent
Yes	26
No	74

Q40.What do you think is more important..[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

	Trying to help control the spread of the coronavirus, even if it hurts the economy	Trying to help the economy, even if it hurts efforts to control the spread of the coronavirus	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2020	50	39	11
June 2020	53	38	9

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Q41. What do you think is more important... [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

Q41	Percent
Children being taught in person at their public schools, even if it hurts efforts to control the spread of the coronavirus	34
Trying to help control the spread of the coronavirus, even if public education has to take place over the internet with children at home	55
Don't know/No opinion	11

Q42. When do you think the coronavirus will be contained in the U.S. to the point that most activities like social gatherings, workplaces, and sporting events can return to normal?

	It is already	In the next few weeks	In the next few months	In the next year	A year or more	Never
Oct. 2020	17	7	18	30	25	4
June 2020	12	9	22	29	26	3
Apr. 2020	9	21	41	17	9	2

Q43A. If a vaccine to prevent coronavirus infection were widely available at a low cost, would you try to get that vaccine, or not? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

	Yes	No	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2020	42	36	21
June 2020	59	21	20

Q43B. Do you think that a coronavirus vaccine will be made available before it is proven safe and effective? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

Q43B	Percent
Yes	41
No	35
Don't know/No opinion	24

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Q44. Would you say that the quality of K-12 public school education in Texas is:

	Excellent	Good	Not very good	Terrible	Don't know/No opinion
June 2020	8	45	28	9	10
Feb. 2020	7	39	31	11	12
June 2019	7	41	31	10	11
Feb. 2019	5	42	32	10	10
Feb. 2017	8	39	34	8	11
June 2013	5	40	36	14	5

Q45. And would you say the quality of K-12 public school education has improved, stayed about the same, or gotten worse since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Q45	Percent
Improved	7
Stayed about the same	32
Gotten worse	43
Don't know/No opinion	18

Now we'd like to ask you to think about a few questions about some other topics in the news recently...

[RANDOMIZE Q46A-Q46B]

Q46A. How safe do you feel in the area where you live?

Q46A	Percent
Very safe	44
Somewhat safe	46
Somewhat unsafe	7
Very unsafe	3
Don't know/No opinion	1

Q46B. Thinking about police departments in your area, do you think that spending on policing should be...

Q46B	Percent
Increased a lot	18
Increased a little	24
Stay about the same	32
Decreased a little	11
Decreased a lot	8
Don't know/No opinion	8

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Q47. Do you think the recent attention paid to the treatment of black people by police will help improve race relations in the United States, make them worse, or won't really change them?

Q47	Percent
Will improve race relations	23
Will make race relations worse	31
Will not really change race relations	31
Don't know/No opinion	15

Q48. Do you think the deaths of African Americans during encounters with police in recent years are...

[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

	A sign of broader problems in the treatment of African Americans by police	Isolated incidents	Don't know/No opinion
Oct. 2020	48	44	8
June 2020	49	43	7

Q48A. How closely have you been following efforts to fill the seat of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who recently passed away?

Q48A	Percent
Extremely closely	48
Somewhat closely	34
Not very closely	11
Not at all	7

Q48B. Which of the following is closest to your opinion? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

Q48B	Percent
The Senate should vote on President Donald Trump's nominee to the Supreme Court.	47
The Senate should only vote on President Trump's nominee to the Supreme Court if he wins the 2020 election.	41
Don't know/No opinion	12

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Q49A. Please tell us whether you would strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the following proposals related to immigration policy: *Passing an English-only amendment to the Texas constitution.*

Q49_A	Percent
Strongly support	28
Somewhat support	14
Somewhat oppose	10
Strongly oppose	38
Don't know/ No opinion	10

Q49B. Please tell us whether you would strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the following proposals related to immigration policy: *Ending bilingual education in Texas public schools.*

Q49_B	Percent
Strongly support	20
Somewhat support	12
Somewhat oppose	16
Strongly oppose	43
Don't know/ No opinion	8

Q49C. Please tell us whether you would strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the following proposals related to immigration policy: *Ending bilingual versions of ballots in elections.*

Q49_C	Percent
Strongly support	25
Somewhat support	12
Somewhat oppose	12
Strongly oppose	41
Don't know/ No opinion	9

Q50A. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: *Society as a whole has become too soft and feminine.*

Q50_A	Percent
Completely agree	31
Mostly agree	23
Mostly disagree	18
Completely disagree	28

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Q50B. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: *Efforts to increase diversity almost always come at the expense of whites.*

Q50_B	Percent
Completely agree	22
Mostly agree	24
Mostly disagree	20
Completely disagree	33

Q50C. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: *God has granted America a special role in human history.*

Q50_C	Percent
Completely agree	30
Mostly agree	26
Mostly disagree	14
Completely disagree	30

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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	70
Republican Party	20
Neither	2
Don't know	9

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

INFO2	Percent
More than two-thirds	72
More than three-fourths	8
More than one-half	7
Don't know	13

INFO3. Who is the current Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts? [RANDOMIZE 1-3]

INFO3	Percent
Glenn Hegar	14
Sid Miller	9
Christi Craddick	9
George P. Bush	13
Don't know	55

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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.	9
Somewhat lib.	12
Lean lib.	9
Moderate	25
Lean con.	9
Somewhat con.	16
Extremely con.	20

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

PID3	Percent
Democrats	41
Independents	13
Republicans	47

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

PID7	Percent
StrDem	21
WeakDem	9
LeanDem	11
Ind	13
LeanRep	13
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	50
Too conservative	11
Not conservative enough	34
Don't know/No opinion	6

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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	34
Too liberal	9
Not liberal enough	38
Don't know/No opinion	19

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Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

AGEG	Percent
18-29	19
30-44	23
45-64	38
65+	20

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

LOCATE	Percent
Urban	29
Suburban	51
Rural	21

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	22
Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	28
Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	13
Yes, I live in the Austin area	10
No, I live in another part of Texas	27

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

CHILD	Percent
One	18
Two	13
Three	5
Four or more	3
None	61

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.	18
Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in private school in Texas.	4
Yes, I have a child/children under 18 who are being home schooled in Texas.	5
No, I do not have any children under 18 in school in Texas.	74

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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	5
\$20,000 - \$29,999	10
\$30,000 - \$39,999	7
\$40,000 - \$49,999	7
\$50,000 - \$59,999	8
\$60,000 - \$69,999	6
\$70,000 - \$79,999	6
\$80,000 - \$99,999	9
\$100,000 - \$119,999	7
\$120,000 - \$149,999	6
More than \$150,000	9
Prefer not to say	13

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

AB	Percent
Pro-life	46
Pro-choice	38
Neither	12
Don't know	3

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

EDU	Percent
Less than high school	2
High school degree	25
Some college	24
Two-year college degree	11
Four-year college degree	25
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	5
Assembly of God	2
Atheist	5
Baptist	14
Born again	3
Buddhist	0
Catholic	17
Christian Scientist	0
Church of Christ	4
Church of God	0
Disciples of Christ	1
Don't know	2
Episcopal / Anglican	2
Evangelical	2
Hindu	0
Jehovah's Witnesses	0
Jewish	1
Lutheran	3
Methodist	5
Mormon	1
Muslim / Islam	0
No religious affiliation / none	8
Nondenominational Christian	8
Orthodox / Eastern Orthodox	0
Other	3
Pentecostal / charismatic / spirit-filled	3
Presbyterian	1
Protestant (non-specific)	4
Reformed	0
Religious but not spiritual	0
Spiritual but not religious	6
Unitarian / Universalist	1
United Church of Christ	0

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

LITERAL	Percent
The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word.	31
The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	40
The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	22
Don't know.	7

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

IMPORT	Percent
Extremely important	48
Somewhat important	24
Not very important	11
Not at all important	18

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	14
Once a week	22
A few times a month	9
Once or twice a year	23
Never	32

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

ATTENDCHANGE	Percent
Yes	70
No	30

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

ATTENDONLINE	Percent
I am no longer attending in-person religious services	33
I am attending in-person religious services less frequently	27
I am attending religious services online	35
Other	5

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

race	Percent
White / Blanco	59
Black	14
Hispanic	21
Asian	2
Middle Eastern	0
Native American	1
Mixed	1
Other	1

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

RACE2	Percent
Yes	2
No	97
Don't know	1

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

NATIVE1	Percent
Born in the United States or Puerto Rico	84
Born in another country	13
Don't know	4

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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	73
One of my parents was born in another country	16
Both of my parents were both in another country	11

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

MOVE	Percent
Yes	43
No	57

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

STATEFROM	Percent
Alabama	1
Alaska	0
Arizona	1
Arkansas	1
California	12
Colorado	3
Connecticut	0
Delaware	0
District of Columbia	0
Florida	6
Georgia	6
Hawaii	0
Idaho	0
Illinois	8
Indiana	2
Iowa	1
Kansas	1
Kentucky	0
Louisiana	7
Maine	0
Maryland	2
Massachusetts	3
Michigan	5
Minnesota	1
Mississippi	1
Missouri	2
Montana	0
Nebraska	2
Nevada	0
New Hampshire	0
New Jersey	1
New Mexico	2
New York	4
Newfoundland	0
North Carolina	1
Not in the U.S. or Canada	2
Ohio	2
Oklahoma	4
Ontario	0

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STATEFROM	Percent
Oregon	1
Pennsylvania	1
Puerto Rico	1
Rhode Island	0
Saskatchewan	0
South Carolina	1
South Dakota	0
Tennessee	3
Utah	1
Virginia	4
Washington	1
West Virginia	0
Wisconsin	1
Wyoming	0

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

Item	Percent
Active-duty military	1
Military veteran	13
Active-duty military in my immediate family	3
Military veteran in my immediate family	22
None of the above	65

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

HOME	Percent
Own	67
Rent	33

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

MARITAL	Percent
Married	53
Separated	2
Divorced	10
Widowed	6
Single	24
Domestic Partnership	5

GENDER. What is your gender?

gender	Percent
Male	46
Female	54

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Sampling and Weighting Methodology for the October 2020 Texas Statewide Study

For the survey, YouGov interviewed 1482 Texas registered voters between September 25 and October 4, 2020, 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 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 and 3.25% for likely voters (if adjusted for weighting, the margin of error for registered voters is 3.8%, 4.1% for likely voters).

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,

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unlike conventional sampling, the sample is not drawn from the frame. Traditional sampling, then, selects individuals from the sampling frame at random for participation in the study. This may not be feasible or economical as the contact information, especially email addresses, is not available for all individuals in the frame and refusals to participate increase the costs of sampling in this way.

Sample selection using the matching methodology is a two-stage process. First, a random sample is drawn from the target population. We call this sample the target sample. Details on how the target sample is drawn are provided below, but the essential idea is that this sample is a true probability sample and thus representative of the frame from which it was drawn.

Second, for each member of the target sample, we select one or more matching members from our pool of opt-in respondents. This is called the matched sample. Matching is accomplished using a large set of variables that are available in consumer and voter databases for both the target population and the opt-in panel.

The purpose of matching is to find an available respondent who is as similar as possible to the selected member of the target sample. The result is a sample of respondents who have the same measured characteristics as the target sample. Under certain conditions, described below, the matched sample will have similar properties to a true random sample. That is, the matched sample mimics the characteristics of the target sample.

When choosing the matched sample, it is necessary to find the closest matching respondent in the panel of opt-ins to each member of the target sample. YouGov employs the proximity matching method to find the closest matching respondent. For each variable used for matching, we define a distance function, $d(x,y)$, which describes how “close” the values x and y are on a particular attribute. The overall distance between a member of the target sample and a member of the panel is a weighted sum of the individual distance functions on each attribute. The weights can be adjusted for each study based upon which variables are thought to be important for that study, though, for the most part, we have not found the matching procedure to be sensitive to small adjustments of the weights. A large weight, on the other hand, forces the algorithm toward an exact match on that dimension.