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Texas Statewide Survey

Field Dates: June 10-21, 2021

N=1200 Registered Voters

Margin of error: +/- 2.83% (3.5% adjusted for weighting) unless otherwise noted¹

Q20. Generally speaking, do you think it is a good idea for major corporations to take public positions on current political issues or is this a bad idea?

Q20	Percent
Good idea	22
Bad idea	57
Don't know/No opinion	21

Policy Questions

Q32. How do you feel about the following statement: *Generally speaking, the way state government runs in Texas serves as a good model for other states to follow?*

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	TOTAL AGREE	TOTAL DISAGREE
June 2021	31	20	13	29	8	51	42
Apr. 2020	31	27	12	18	12	58	30
Feb. 2020	25	29	14	16	15	54	30
June 2017	25	29	16	19	11	54	35
June 2015	26	33	12	18	11	59	30
Feb. 2013	29	31	13	18	8	60	31
Oct. 2011	21	29	16	22	12	50	38
Feb. 2010	18	39	17	14	12	57	31

Q33. How closely have you been following the Texas Legislature this session?

	Extremely closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not at all closely
June 2021	15	45	29	11
Apr. 2021	10	40	33	17
Mar. 2021	8	36	40	16

Q34. As you probably know the Texas Legislature recently concluded its regular session, based on what you have heard, do you think the legislature made the lives of Texans like you better, made the lives of Texans like you worse, or had no impact on the lives of Texans like you?

Q34	Percent
Made a lot better	8
Made somewhat better	26
Made no impact	17
Made somewhat worse	16
Made a lot worse	19
Don't know/No opinion	14

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

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Q35. Still thinking about the legislative session, do you approve or disapprove of how state leaders and the Legislature have handled each of the following in Texas?

Item	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Reliability of the electricity grid	7	15	16	16	36	9	22	52
COVID/the coronavirus pandemic	17	23	16	13	24	8	40	37
K-12 public education	9	18	27	13	17	16	27	30
Immigration/border security	17	19	14	13	27	10	36	40
The state budget	9	21	27	11	15	16	30	26
Police misconduct	12	17	23	11	21	15	29	32
Public safety	15	22	22	11	17	13	37	28
Election and voting laws	22	16	14	7	33	9	38	40
Abortion policy	19	13	17	7	35	9	32	42
Gun violence	15	17	15	9	34	11	32	43
Second Amendment rights	28	16	15	7	26	9	44	33
Bail practices	7	11	32	7	16	28	18	23
Property taxes	6	12	28	16	22	16	18	38
Homelessness	6	12	27	14	24	17	18	38

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Q36. Below are some proposals that the Texas Legislature debated this year. Please tell us whether you would support or oppose each of the following?

Item	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE
Making abortion illegal after 6 weeks of pregnancy except in the case of a medical emergency.	32	12	9	37	10	44	46
Automatically banning all abortions in Texas if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade.	25	12	10	43	10	37	53
Allowing legal gun owners over the age of 21 to carry handguns in most public places in Texas without a license or training	24	12	13	44	7	36	57
Granting the Texas Governor authority to financially penalize Texas cities that redirect or reduce their police budgets.	36	13	7	34	10	49	41
Limiting the use of teaching materials that emphasize racism in the history of the United States by Texas public school teachers.	33	11	9	36	11	44	45
Preventing the jailing of people accused of non-violent crimes because they can't afford bail while awaiting trial.	26	28	15	18	13	54	33
Requiring the national anthem to be played at professional sporting events involving teams that receive state or local government funds.	41	12	11	22	14	53	33
Expanding eligibility for Medicaid, the government health insurance and long-term care program for certain low-income adults and children.	42	25	11	11	11	67	22
Requiring transgender students who want to play sports in public schools to join teams based on the sex they were assigned at birth and not based on their gender identity.	49	10	7	20	13	59	27
Making camping in public places by people who are homeless punishable by a fine.	22	17	16	31	13	39	47

Q37A. Do you think state and local governments should or should not offer economic benefits, like reduced property taxes, to persuade businesses to move to Texas or expand their current operations here?

Q37A	Percent
Should	42
Should not	31
Don't know/No opinion	27

Q37B. Should companies that don't create the jobs they promised be forced by state and local governments to pay back any tax breaks or other economic benefits they received?

Q37B	Percent
Yes	77
No	7
Don't know/No opinion	17

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Q38. Do you think that the rules for voting in Texas should be made more strict, less strict, or left as they are now?

	More strict	Left as they are now	Less strict	Don't know/No opinion
June 2021	35	29	26	10
Feb. 2021	27	40	25	8

Q39. Based on what you know, do you think that Texas's election system discriminates against racial and ethnic minorities?

	Yes	No	Don't know/No opinion
June 2021	37	51	12
Apr. 2021	36	52	12
June 2020	38	51	11
June 2019	35	50	15
Feb. 2019	36	53	11
Oct. 2017	38	47	15

Q40A. How often do you think that people who are eligible to vote in Texas elections are prevented from voting?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Frequently	Don't know/No opinion
June 2021	23	26	23	19	10
June 2019	15	28	27	17	13
Feb. 2019	18	28	28	17	10

Q40B. How often do you think that people who are not eligible vote in Texas elections?

Q40B	Percent
Never	10
Rarely	32
Sometimes	25
Frequently	19
Don't know/No opinion	14

Q40C. How often do you think that voters knowingly break election laws in Texas?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Frequently	Don't know/No opinion
June 2021	7	37	29	14	14
June 2019	6	29	29	20	16

Q41. Based on what you've heard or read, how confident are you that new laws enacted by the Texas Legislature will be effective in preventing future disruptions in utility services like those that resulted from the February 2021 winter storm?

	Extremely confident	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not very confident	Not at all confident	Don't know/No opinion
June 2021	4	9	24	23	24	16
Apr. 2021	7	10	25	25	25	8
Mar. 2021	9	16	31	29	16	0

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Q42. Do you support or oppose requiring criminal and mental health background checks on all gun purchases in the United States, including at gun shows and for private sales?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE
June 2021	55	16	10	11	7	71	21
Apr. 2021	57	17	7	11	7	74	18
Feb. 2020	61	18	8	7	6	79	15
Oct. 2019	61	20	7	6	5	81	13
Feb. 2016	54	24	8	9	4	78	17
June 2013	57	17	10	14	3	74	24
Feb. 2013	61	17	9	8	3	78	17

Q43. What is your opinion on the legalization of marijuana possession?

	Marijuana possession should not be legal under any circumstances	Marijuana possession should be legal for medical purposes only	Possession of small amounts of marijuana for any purpose should be legal	Possession of any amount of marijuana for any purpose should be legal
June 2021	13	27	31	29
Feb. 2021	13	28	32	28
Feb. 2019	20	26	32	22
June 2018	16	31	30	23
Feb. 2017	17	30	32	21
Feb. 2015	24	34	26	16
Feb. 2014	23	28	32	17
May 2010	27	27	28	14