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Survey of Texas Likely Voters

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N=873 Texas Likely Voters
Adjusted Margin of Error: +/- 4.2%
Margin of error has been adjusted to include for design effects
resulting from weighting and survey design features

Methodology in Brief

This poll was independently funded by the University of Massachusetts Lowell, designed and analyzed by the Center for Public Opinion. Data was collected by YouGov, an online polling organization. Respondents were selected from YouGov and three other online panels. YouGov interviewed 1031 eligible respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 950 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The frame of TX Registered Voters was constructed by stratified sampling from the full 2016 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration Supplement, with selection within strata by weighted sampling with replacements (using the person weights on the public use file). 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, years of education, and region. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles. The weights were then post-stratified on 2016 Presidential vote choice, born again status, and a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight. Benchmarks for born again were obtained from the 2014 Pew Religious Life survey. A likely voter screen was then applied to classify 873 likely voters and a likely voter weight was used in the final model disposition.

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ASKED OF ALL LIKELY VOTERS

UML905a If the presidential election were held today and the candidates were [rotate 1/2] [the Democrat, Joe Biden], [the Republican, Donald Trump] [rotate 3/4] [the Libertarian, Jo Jorgensen], and [the Green Party candidate, Howie Hawkins], for whom would you vote?

UML905b [IF UNDECIDED]: And who are you leaning towards?

UML905e [IF ALREADY VOTED]: In the presidential election, for whom did you vote [*do not display UNDECIDED*]?

873 LVs 10/29	**882 LVs 9/27**	**+/-**	
47%	46%	+1	Joe Biden
48	49	-1	Donald Trump
2	2	+0	Jo Jorgensen
1	1	+0	Howie Hawkins
0	2	-2	Another candidate
1	1	+0	Undecided

	Party ID Leaned			Race		
	Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Other
Joe Biden	94	39	7	33	84	58
Donald Trump	5	48	90	61	13	39
Jo Jorgensen	0	8	2	3	1	1
Howie Hawkins	1	0	1	1	1	0
Another cand.	0	3	0	0	0	0
Undecided	0	2	1	1	1	2

	Income			Education		White-Only Ed.	
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree
Joe Biden	51	48	43	45	50	25	44
Donald Trump	43	48	53	50	45	70	50
Jo Jorgensen	2	2	3	2	2	2	3
Howie Hawkins	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Another cand	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Undecided	2	2	0	2	1	1	2

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	Gender		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18-44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Joe Biden	40	53	54	42	96	62	13
Donald Trump	56	42	39	55	1	33	83
Jo Jorgensen	3	1	4	1	1	1	3
Howie Hawkins	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Another cand.	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Undecided	0	3	2	1	0	2	0

	Already voted	
	Yes	No
Joe Biden	52	39
Donald Trump	46	53
Jo Jorgensen	1	3
Howie Hawkins	1	1
Another cand	0	0
Undecided	0	4

UML906a If the election for U.S. Senate were held today, and the candidates were [*rotate*] [the Democrat, MJ Hegar], and [the Republican, John Cornyn], for whom would you vote?

UML906b IF UNDECIDED: Do you lean more towards [*rotate name order*] [MJ Hegar] or [John Cornyn]?

873 LVs 10/29	**882 LVs 9/27**	**+/-**	
49%	50%	-1	John Cornyn
44	40	+4	MJ Hegar
0	1	-1	Another candidate
5	9	-4	Undecided
2	--	+2	Did not vote for Senate (already voted)

	Party ID Leaned			Race			
	Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
John Cornyn	7	42	89	63	16	33	48
MJ Hegar	85	45	8	33	70	55	46
Another cand.	0	3	0	0	0	1	2
Undecided	3	6	3	3	8	7	2
Abstention - voted	4	3	0	1	6	4	2

	Income			Education	
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree
John Cornyn	42	47	58	49	48
MJ Hegar	45	46	42	42	47
Another cand.	0	0	0	0	1
Undecided	6	6	1	6	3
Abstention - voted	5	1	0	3	1

	Gender		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18-44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
John Cornyn	56	42	38	56	4	28	88
MJ Hegar	37	50	51	39	91	62	9
Another cand.	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Undecided	3	6	7	3	4	5	2
Abstention - voted	4	1	3	2	1	4	1

UML906c As you know, this year the entire Texas State House of Representatives in Austin is up for election. If the elections for state senate were being held today, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Texas House of Representatives in your district?

UML906d IF UNDECIDED: And who are you leaning towards for State House?

873 LVs 10/29	**882 LVs 9/27**	**+/-**	
51	49	+2	Republican candidate
45	45	+0	Democratic candidate
1	*	+1	Another candidate
3	4	-1	Undecided
0	--	+0	Did not vote for state house (already voted)

	Party ID Leaned			Race			
	Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
GOP Candidate	6	49	95	65	11	43	65
Dem Candidate	93	38	5	33	85	53	33
Another cand.	0	5	0	1	0	1	1
Undecided	1	7	0	2	3	4	2

	Income			Education	
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree
GOP Candidate	46	51	58	52	51
Dem Candidate	49	47	41	45	46
Another cand.	1	0	1	0	1
Undecided	4	2	1	3	2

	Gender		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18-44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
GOP Candidate	58	46	41	59	2	36	88
Dem Candidate	40	50	53	40	96	61	9
Another cand.	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
Undecided	2	4	4	1	1	3	1

UML980 Who do you think will win the presidential Election?

873 LVs 10/29	**882 LVs 9/27**	**+/-**	
40	37	+3	Joe Biden
44	49	-5	Donald Trump
0	0	+0	Another candidate
16	15	+1	Not sure

	Party ID Leaned			Race			
	Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Joe Biden	77	34	7	28	74	47	39
Donald Trump	8	45	78	54	15	37	40
Another candidate	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Not sure	14	21	14	17	11	15	20

	Income			Education	
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree
Joe Biden	44	36	40	38	42
Donald Trump	40	45	44	48	38
Another candidate	0	1	0	0	0
Not sure	15	18	16	14	19

	Gender		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18-44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Joe Biden	36	43	43	37	77	56	11
Donald Trump	50	39	40	47	3	29	75
Another candidate	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Not sure	14	18	17	16	20	14	14

UML907 Do you feel things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

37% Right direction
63 Wrong track

	Party ID Leaned			Race			
	Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Right Direction	9	34	64	45	12	30	39
Wrong Track	91	66	36	55	88	70	61

	Income			Education	
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree
Right Direction	36	34	40	40	32
Wrong Track	64	66	60	60	68

	Gender		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18-44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Right Direction	44	30	29	42	5	25	61
Wrong Track	56	70	71	58	95	75	39

UML908a Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

UML908b Would you say that you [strongly/somewhat] [approve/disapprove] of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

36% Strongly approve
14 Somewhat approve
8 Somewhat disapprove
42 Strongly disapprove

	Party ID Leaned			Race			
	Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly approve	3	38	66	46	9	24	43
Smwht approve	4	11	23	16	7	15	3
Smwht disapprove	10	12	6	6	13	12	5
Strongly disapprove	83	39	5	32	70	49	48

	Income			Education	
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree
Strongly approve	31	37	38	37	35
Smwht approve	15	13	15	15	11
Smwht disapprove	10	7	7	9	8
Strongly disapprove	44	43	40	39	46

	Gender		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18-44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly approve	41	31	27	43	2	20	65
Smwht approve	17	11	17	12	1	11	21
Smwht disapprove	7	10	12	6	8	11	6
Strongly disapprove	35	48	45	40	89	57	8

UML982a Do you approve or disapprove of the way Greg Abbott is handling his job as governor of Texas?

UML982b Would you say that you [strongly/somewhat] [approve/disapprove] of the way Greg Abbott is handling his job as governor of Texas?

32% Strongly approve
24 Somewhat approve
18 Somewhat disapprove
26 Strongly disapprove

	Party ID Leaned			Race			
	Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly approve	9	26	55	36	15	28	42
Smwht approve	14	21	33	26	21	21	19
Smwht disapprove	27	30	8	16	27	19	13
Strongly disapprove	51	23	5	21	37	32	26

	Income			Education	
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree
Strongly approve	9	26	55	34	28
Smwht approve	14	21	33	24	24
Smwht disapprove	27	30	8	17	20
Strongly disapprove	51	23	5	25	28

	Gender		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18-44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly approve	36	28	24	37	2	23	54
Smwht approve	26	21	26	22	11	21	31
Smwht disapprove	13	23	25	14	29	22	10
Strongly disapprove	25	28	26	27	58	34	6

UML911 How much of the time to do you think you can trust the federal government in Washington to do what's right?

3% Just about always
18 Most of the time
43 Some of the time
37 Hardly Ever

	Party ID Leaned			Race			
	Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Just about always	3	0	4	2	7	3	4
Most of the time	15	11	21	14	19	26	26
Some of the time	48	34	40	45	36	41	38
Hardly ever	34	55	35	39	38	30	32

	Income			Education	
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree
Just about always	4	3	3	3	3
Most of the time	22	16	10	21	13
Some of the time	41	44	43	42	44
Hardly ever	34	36	44	35	40

	Gender		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18-44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Just about always	4	2	5	1	1	2	4
Most of the time	15	20	21	15	10	17	20
Some of the time	40	45	40	44	51	44	40
Hardly ever	41	33	34	39	38	37	36

UML925 Turning to the recent outbreak of novel coronavirus, also called COVID-19, how satisfied are you with the federal government in Washington's response to the pandemic?

18% Very satisfied
30 Somewhat satisfied
12 Somewhat unsatisfied
40 Very unsatisfied

	Party ID Leaned			Race			
	Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very satisfied	5	8	33	23	11	11	13
Smwht. satisfied	11	28	48	34	16	30	27
Smwht. unsatisfied	14	14	9	9	21	14	16
Very unsatisfied	71	50	10	35	53	45	45

	Income			Education	
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree
Very satisfied	15	18	25	19	17
Smwht. satisfied	29	30	27	32	26
Smwht. unsatisfied	14	11	8	13	11
Very unsatisfied	42	41	40	37	46

	Gender		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18-44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very satisfied	22	15	12	23	1	9	33
Smwht. satisfied	32	28	32	28	7	20	47
Smwht. unsatisfied	11	13	15	10	15	17	7
Very unsatisfied	35	45	41	39	77	54	13

UML920 Do you think that it is safe for your local public schools to be open for face-to-face instruction?

24% Definitely yes
25 Probably yes
25 Probably no
26 Definitely no

	Party ID Leaned			Race			
	Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Definitely yes	3	25	43	33	4	15	14
Probably yes	15	32	33	29	16	22	29
Probably no	38	23	14	22	35	25	30
Definitely no	43	20	10	16	46	38	27

	Income			Education	
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree
Definitely yes	18	32	28	24	24
Probably yes	23	22	27	24	27
Probably no	24	27	26	23	28
Definitely no	35	19	18	29	21

	Gender		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18-44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Definitely yes	28	20	19	27	2	11	45
Probably yes	27	24	23	27	13	26	31
Probably no	23	26	24	25	36	34	13
Definitely no	21	30	34	20	50	29	11

UML997_t Do you think that Donald Trump could have avoided contracting COVID-19 by wearing a mask more often?

37% Definitely yes
26 Probably yes
24 Probably no
13 Definitely no

	Party ID Leaned			Race			
	Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Definitely yes	69	25	10	25	62	51	39
Probably yes	25	25	27	27	28	23	27
Probably no	3	30	42	32	3	18	21
Definitely no	2	20	21	17	6	9	13

	Income			Education	
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree
Definitely yes	43	34	34	38	34
Probably yes	25	25	28	23	31
Probably no	20	28	23	25	22
Definitely no	13	13	15	13	14

	Gender		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18-44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Definitely yes	29	43	38	36	69	50	13
Probably yes	27	25	29	24	29	26	22
Probably no	27	21	19	28	2	14	43
Definitely no	16	11	14	13	1	10	22

UML979c If the winner and loser of the presidential election depended on your vote that had to be cast in person, but going out to vote would guarantee that you would contract COVID-19, would you [*rotate*] [go vote in person] or [stay home]?

70% Go vote in person
30 Stay home

	Party ID Leaned			Race			
	Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Go vote	63	56	79	74	63	66	54
Stay home	37	44	21	26	37	34	46

	Income			Education	
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree
Go vote	67	73	71	69	70
Stay home	33	27	29	31	30

	Gender		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18-44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Go vote	74	66	69	70	65	62	77
Stay home	26	34	31	30	35	38	23

UML915 [Do you plan to/Did you] vote by mail, vote early in person or vote in person on Election day?

15% Vote by mail
70 Vote early in-person
14 Vote in person on Election Day
0 I don't plan to vote this year

	Party ID Leaned			Race			
	Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Vote by mail	18	9	14	14	22	14	22
Vote Early	72	75	69	72	70	68	62
Vote on Election Day	10	15	16	14	8	18	14

	Income			Education	
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree
Vote by mail	19	16	10	18	12
Vote Early	64	69	81	65	80
Vote on Election Day	17	15	9	17	9

	Gender		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18-44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Vote by mail	14	17	13	17	15	18	14
Vote Early	73	68	69	71	76	67	71
Vote on Election Day	13	15	17	12	9	15	15

UMLACB As you know, President Trump nominated Judge Amy Coney Barrett to serve as an Associate Justice on the United States Supreme Court. Should your U.S. Senators vote for or against her confirmation?

59% For her confirmation
41 Against her confirmation

	Party ID Leaned			Race			
	Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
For conf.	19	62	94	69	31	55	52
Against conf.	81	38	6	31	69	45	48

	Income			Education	
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree
For conf.	59	58	60	60	58
Against conf.	41	42	40	40	42

	Gender		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18-44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
For conf.	66	53	56	62	10	44	93
Against conf.	34	47	44	38	90	56	7

UML940-UML953 Please tell us about some of the qualities of the major two-party candidates. Regardless of who you plan to vote for, who do you think…

	Biden	Trump	About even	Unsure
is better suited to handle the economy?	38	51	6	5
is better suited to handle the COVID-19 pandemic?	46	41	9	4
best represents American values?	44	45	7	4
is more of a devout Christian?	37	30	11	22
is better suited to handle race relations?	46	38	9	7
is more honest and trustworthy?	43	39	12	6
will better handle America's reputation abroad?	46	44	6	4
is better suited to handle police reform?	41	43	8	7
will stand up more to extremists in their own party?	37	46	8	10
is more corrupt?	42	44	9	5
is more suited to handle health care?	45	43	7	5
is more suited to give hope to the youngest generation of Americans?	41	43	8	8
is more of a good man?	46	37	11	6
is more of a real man?	38	42	10	9
is more of a bully	17	64	12	8
is more likely to put beans on chili	20	12	18	50

UML981a

	Biden	Trump	Tied	Not sure
Who won the first presidential debate?	41	33	15	11
Who won the second presidential debate?	43	39	8	10

UML981b

	Better	Worse	About same	Unsure
Would you say that the 2020 presidential debates were better than past years, worse than past years, or about the same?	8	71	13	8

UML959-UML975 We'd like to ask you about how you feel about a number of national political figures. Please let us know if overall, you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of them. Select no opinion if you are undecided about that person, and "never heard of" if you've never heard of him or her.

	Favorable	Unfavorable	No Opinion	Never heard of
Donald Trump	49	49	2	*
Barack Obama	49	47	4	*
Hillary Clinton	30	60	9	1
Joe Biden	45	50	5	1
Kamala Harris	41	49	9	1
Mike Pence	47	43	8	2
John Cornyn	40	39	17	5
MJ Hegar	35	33	24	8
Amy Coney Barrett	49	29	17	5
Ted Cruz	46	43	9	1
Greg Abbott	50	39	9	1
Beto O'Rourke	40	48	9	3
Dan Patrick	29	32	24	15
Bernie Sanders	42	49	9	1
Anthony Fauci	48	26	20	6
Joaquin Castro	21	30	26	24
Julian Castro	24	34	26	16

UML976-UML1000 We'd also like to ask you some questions about other people and things. Please let us know if overall, you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of them. Select no opinion if you are undecided about them, and "never heard of" if you've never heard of them.

	Favorable	Unfavorable	No Opinion	Never heard of
Gregg Popovich	22	11	30	37
Buc-ee's	66	5	16	13
Mark Cuban	38	22	27	13
DeShuan Watson	22	6	31	42
Luka Doncic	21	3	24	52
Jerry Jones	22	32	28	17
Mike McCarthy	17	12	39	32
Tom Herman	12	6	29	53
Dak Prescott	41	7	27	24
Torchy's Tacos	39	6	22	33
Luby's	57	16	22	5
Whataburger	86	6	8	*
In-N-Out Burger	42	17	37	5
Joe Rogan	20	13	36	30
Queso	69	3	16	11
HEB Supermarkets	81	3	13	3
Albertson's	53	9	32	6
Alamo Drafthouse	35	5	31	29