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Survey of Texas Voters

Field Dates: September 18-25, 2020

N=882 Texas Likely Voters
Adjusted Margin of Error: +/- 4.3%
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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. YouGov interviewed 1073 respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 1000 registered voters to produce the final dataset of registered voters. 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, ideology, 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 and ideology were obtained from the 2014 Pew Religious Life survey. A likely voter screen was then applied to classify 882 likely voters and a likely voter weight was used in the final model disposition.

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*indicates <.5%; some numbers do not sum to 100 due to rounding

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?

46%	Joe Biden
49	Donald Trump
2	Jo Jorgensen
1	Howie Hawkins
1	Another candidate
1	Undecided

	Party ID Leaned		
	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Joe Biden	95	43	5
Donald Trump	2	36	93
Jo Jorgensen	1	9	1
Howie Hawkins	0	2	1
Another cand.	0	5	1
Undecided	1	4	1

	Income			Education		Race			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree	White	Black	Hispanic	her
Joe Biden	49	42	45	43	50	34	81	49	55
Donald Trump	45	54	50	52	44	60	16	45	40
Jo Jorgensen	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	4
Howie Hawkins	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	2
Another cand	1	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0
Undecided	3	0	0	2	0	1	1	4	0

	Gender		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18-44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	onservative
Joe Biden	42	49	51	41	94	62	11
Donald Trump	52	47	41	56	4	31	87
Jo Jorgensen	2	1	3	1	1	3	1
Howie Hawkins	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Another cand.	2	0	2	0	0	1	1
Undecided	1	2					

UML905c And, what if the election for President were held today and the candidates for President were [rotate] [the Democrat, Joe Biden] and [the Republican, Donald Trump], for whom would you vote?

UML905d IF UNDECIDED: Do you lean more towards [*rotate name order*] [Joe Biden] or [Donald Trump]?

46% Joe Biden
50 Donald Trump
2 Another candidate
2 Undecided

	Party ID Leaned		
	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Joe Biden	96	43	5
Donald Trump	2	31	93
Another cand.	*	13	1
Undecided	2	3	1

	Income			Education		Race			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree	White	Black	Hispanic	her
Joe Biden	48	43	45	43	51	35	80	50	55
Donald Trump	47	54	50	54	44	61	16	46	43
Another cand	2	1	4	1	5	3	2	1	2
Undecided	3	2	0	3	0	1	2	3	0

	Gnder		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18 44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	onservative
Joe Biden	41	49	52	41	95	61	11
Donald Trump	54	47	42	56	4	33	87
Another cand.	4	1	3	2	1	2	1
Undecided	1	3	3	1	1	4	1

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]?

50%	John Cornyn
40	MJ Hegar
1	Another candidate
9	Undecided

	Party ID Leaned		
	Democrat	Independent	Republican
John Cornyn	7	35	91
MJ Hegar	83	44	3
Another cand.	0	10	0
Undecided	10	11	6

	Income			Education		Race			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree	White	Black	Hispanic	her
John Cornyn	43	54	56	53	45	61	19	44	37
MJ Hegar	42	38	42	34	50	32	66	41	48
Another cand.	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	10
Undecided	14	7	2	12	3	6	12	15	5

	Gnder		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18 44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	onservative
John Cornyn	55	46	44	54	8	33	84
MJ Hegar	38	42	45	37	81	57	8
Another cand.	3	0	0	2	0	2	1
Undecided	5	12	11	7	10	9	7

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 Representative?

49%	The Republican candidate
45	The Democratic candidate
1	Another candidate
4	Undecided

	Party ID Leaned		
	Democrat	Independent	Republican
GOP Candidate	3	31	93
Dem Candidate	95	49	3
Another cand.	0	6	0
Undecided	2	14	3

	Income			Education		Race			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree	White	Black	Hispanic	her
GOP Candidate	45	53	53	53	43	62	16	43	33
Dem Candidate	50	41	43	41	52	34	81	50	48
Another cand.	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	10
Undecided	5	5	3	5	4	4	2	7	9

	Gnder		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18-44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	onservative
GOP Candidate	52	47	43	54	2	32	87
Dem Candidate	41	49	52	41	93	59	11
Another cand.	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Undecided	5	4	5	4	5	9	1

UML980 Who do you think will win the presidential election?

37% Joe Biden
49 Donald Trump
0 Another candidate
15 Not sure

	Party ID Leaned		
	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Joe Biden	76	28	6
Donald Trump	7	43	85
Another cand.	0	0	0
Not sure	16	29	9

	Income			Education		Race			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree	White	Black	Hispanic	her
Joe Biden	41	32	36	36	38	26	66	43	44
Donald Trump	44	52	53	50	46	59	21	43	43
Another cand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Not sure	15	17	11	14	16	15	13	14	13

	Gnder		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18 44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	onservative
Joe Biden	35	38	40	34	76	47	11
Donald Trump	50	47	46	51	5	31	82
Another cand.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not sure	15	14	14	15	18	22	7

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		
	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Right direction	6	26	66
Wrong track	94	74	34

	Income			Education		Race			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree	White	Black	Hispanic	her
Right direction	36	36	41	40	31	43	20	36	22
Wrong track	64	64	59	60	69	57	80	64	78

	Gnder		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18-44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	onservative
Right direction	41	34	34	39	8	24	62
Wrong Track	59	66	66	61	92	76	38

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?

37% Strongly approve
13 Somewhat approve
9 Somewhat disapprove
40 Strongly disapprove

	Party ID Leaned		
	Democrat	Independen	Republican
Strongly approve	3	27	69
Smwht. approve	2	13	23
Smwht. disapprove	12	21	3
Strongly disapprove	83	39	4

	Income			Education		Race			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree	White	Black	Hispanic	her
Strongly approve	36	39	35	41	32	44	19	35	28
Smwht. approve	13	14	16	14	12	17	4	10	10
Smwht. disapprove	12	8	7	9	10	7	8	15	13
Strongly disapprove	40	39	42	37	46	32	70	39	49

	Gnder		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18 44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	onservative
Strongly approve	39	36	31	42	3	19	68
Smwht. approve	14	13	13	14	2	13	20
Smwht. disapprove	9	9	14	5	9	14	4
Strongly disapprove	38	42	42	39	85	54	9

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?

28% Strongly approve
27 Somewhat approve
20 Somewhat disapprove
26 Strongly disapprove

	Party ID Leaned		
	Democrat	Independen	Republican
Strongly approve	9	15	46
Smwht. approve	17	25	36
Smwht. disapprove	27	31	10
Strongly disapprove	47	29	8

	Income			Education		Race			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree	White	Black	Hispanic	her
Strongly approve	30	26	26	31	22	29	19	31	21
Smwht. approve	23	26	32	27	26	30	18	25	27
Smwht. disapprove	18	22	20	18	23	19	26	16	20
Strongly disapprove	28	26	21	24	29	22	38	28	32

	Gnder		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18 44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	onservative
Strongly approve	32	24	23	31	7	20	44
Smwht. approve	23	30	25	28	14	27	34
Smwht. disapprove	16	22	24	16	23	25	13
Strongly disapprove	29	23	28	24	56	28	9

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

4% Just about always
14 Most of the time
50 Some of the time
31 Hardly Ever

	Party ID Leaned		
	Democrat	Independen	Republican
Just about always	3	1	6
Most of the time	11	15	16
Some of the time	48	37	55
Hardly ever	38	46	22

	Income			Education		Race			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree	White	Black	Hispanic	her
Just about always	6	2	5	6	2	2	10	6	0
Most of the time	18	10	14	15	13	14	12	17	7
Some of the time	47	50	56	47	55	54	50	40	52
Hardly ever	29	38	25	32	30	30	28	36	40

	Gnder		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18 44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	onservative
Just about always	6	3	8	1	2	4	6
Most of the time	13	15	13	15	8	16	16
Some of the time	45	55	49	51	44	48	54
Hardly ever	36	27	30	33	45	32	24

UML921a Regardless of who you are planning to vote for, how much do you think Joe Biden and his allies are cheating in order to win the election?

32% A great deal
16 Somewhat
13 Very little
39 Not at all

	Party ID Leaned		
	Democrat	Independen	Republican
A great deal	4	25	57
Somewhat	4	19	25
Very little	14	25	9
Not at all	77	31	9

	Income			Education		Race			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree	White	Black	Hispanic	her
A great deal	26	36	32	34	29	38	8	34	29
Somewhat	17	17	17	17	15	18	11	14	18
Very little	14	14	12	14	12	13	15	12	14
Not at all	43	34	38	36	44	31	66	40	39

	Gnder		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18 44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	onservative
A great deal	33	31	23	39	4	14	59
Somewhat	18	14	19	14	5	16	21
Very little	13	13	18	10	11	23	7
Not at all	35	42	40	38	80	47	13

UML921b Regardless of who you are planning to vote for, how much do you think Donald Trump and his allies are cheating in order to win the election?

36% A great deal
14 Somewhat
15 Very little
35 Not at all

	Party ID Leaned		
	Democrat	Independen	Republican
A great deal	72	34	6
Somewhat	16	21	11
Very little	8	18	19
Not at all	5	28	64

	Income			Education		Race			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree	White	Black	Hispanic	her
A great deal	40	30	35	34	39	26	63	40	44
Somewhat	15	13	13	14	15	12	23	15	16
Very little	15	18	14	17	11	17	10	12	9
Not at all	29	39	38	35	36	45	4	33	31

	Gnder		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18-44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	onservative
A great deal	33	38	34	37	68	47	12
Somewhat	14	15	21	10	18	22	7
Very little	15	14	16	14	6	14	18
Not at all	38	33	30	40	8	17	63

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

21% Definitely yes
28 Probably yes
25 Probably no
26 Definitely no

	Party ID Leaned		
	Democrat	Independen	Republican
Definitely yes	3	17	38
Probably yes	11	33	40
Probably no	38	18	14
Definitely no	47	32	7

	Income			Education		Race			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree	White	Black	Hispanic	her
Definitely yes	19	22	23	23	18	26	14	15	17
Probably yes	24	27	34	27	29	33	19	20	22
Probably no	29	23	21	24	26	21	32	29	20
Definitely no	28	28	21	26	27	19	35	36	41

	Gnder		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18 44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	onservative
Definitely yes	26	17	19	23	2	11	39
Probably yes	26	29	28	28	11	26	36
Probably no	24	25	25	24	36	28	16
Definitely no	24	28	28	25	50	34	9

UML915 Do you plan to vote by mail or vote in person on Election day?

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

	Party ID Leaned		
	Democrat	Independen	Republican
Vote by mail	23	20	7
Vote early in person	63	68	63
Vote on Election Day	14	12	30

	Income			Education		Race			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree	White	Black	Hispanic	her
Vote by mail	19	11	13	17	11	12	23	17	21
Vote early	55	67	69	60	70	66	57	61	58
Vote Election Day	25	22	18	23	19	22	20	22	21

	Gnder		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18 44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	onservative
Vote by mail	14	16	12	17	19	21	9
Vote early in person	65	63	66	62	71	62	64
Vote on Election Day	22	21	22	21	9	17	27

UMLRBG[1] As you know, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg passed away on September 18, 2020. Do you think that the next Supreme Court Justice should be appointed by [rotate] [the current president], or [the winner of the 2020 presidential election]?

46% The current president
54 The winner of the presidential election

	Party ID Leaned		
	Democrat	Independen	Republican
Current President	7	37	83
Winner of 2020	93	63	17

	Income			Education		Race			
	Below $50K	$50k-$100k	$100k & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree	White	Black	Hispanic	her
Current President	41	49	49	48	44	58	10	47	32
Winner of 2020	59	51	51	42	56	42	90	53	68

	Gnder		Age		Ideology		
	Male	Female	18 44	45+	Liberal	Moderate	onservative
Current President	46	47	40	51	10	27	79
Winner of 2020	54	53	60	49	90	73	21

[1] This question was added once field had already started. The N for this question is 785 and the MOE is +/-4.6%.

UML940-UML53 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	4
is better suited to handle the COVID-19 pandemic?	44	42	8	6
best represents American values?	44	45	5	6
is more of a devout Christian?	36	30	15	19
is better suited to handle race relations?	45	38	8	8
is more honest and trustworthy?	43	40	10	8
will better handle America's reputation abroad?	45	45	4	5
is better suited to handle police reform?	41	45	7	7
will stand up more to extremists in their own party?	36	47	7	10
is more corrupt?	42	43	9	6
is more suited to handle health care?	46	42	7	6
is more suited to give hope to the youngest generation of Americans?	42	42	9	8
is more of a <u>good</u> man?	43	39	11	7
is more of a <u>real</u> man?	39	42	10	9

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	48	48	3	*
Barack Obama	47	47	6	*
Hillary Clinton	31	59	9	1
Joe Biden	44	50	6	*
Kamala Harris	38	50	10	3
Mike Pence	45	43	12	1
John Cornyn	38	38	19	5
MJ Hegar	35	22	26	17
Ted Cruz	46	43	10	*
Greg Abbott	47	37	15	1
Beto O'Rourke	38	49	10	3
Dan Patrick	31	36	23	10
Bernie Sanders	38	50	12	*
Anthony Fauci	49	27	21	3
Joaquin Castro	24	34	25	17
Julian Castro	26	36	26	12

UML987-UML999 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
Mark Cuban	36	27	26	11
Jamie Benn	8	3	19	70
Rick Bowness	5	3	20	72
Luka Doncic	17	4	19	60
Jerry Jones	23	33	27	17
Mike McCarthy	21	9	34	36
Tom Herman	11	6	25	58
Dak Prescott	35	11	28	26
Torchy's Tacos	37	6	25	32
Luby's	60	13	23	4
Whataburger	84	8	8	1
In-N-Out Burger	49	16	30	5
Joe Rogan	25	14	34	26
Queso	73	4	13	10
HEB Supermarkets	81	2	15	2
Albertson's	49	11	32	8
Alamo Drafthouse	38	5	30	27