TEXAS LYCEUM POLL
2023 Texas Statewide Survey

N=1,202 ADULTS
MOE=+/-2.89 PERCENTAGE POINTS (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)
TELEPHONE (1000 respondents: 60% Cellular / 40% Landline)
ONLINE SUPPLEMENT (200 respondents)
BILINGUAL INSTRUMENT/INTERVIEWERS
January 6-12, 2023

Hello. We're conducting a survey on behalf of the Texas Lyceum, a nonprofit, non-partisan organization focused on public policy issues affecting Texas and the United States.

May I please speak with the person in your home who is 18 or older and who will be having the next birthday?

IF ASK WHY BIRTHDAY SELECTION: This helps us make sure we represent adults living within a household correctly.

IF NECESSARY: We're interested in your views on several current issues. We would like to include your responses to this survey, which will be kept absolutely confidential, with the responses of several hundred other Texans like you. The survey should take about 12 minutes to complete, depending on your answers.

SECTION I: GENERAL MOOD

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

1.	Yes, registered	76%
2.	No, not registered	24

Q2.   Generally speaking, would you say that you are extremely interested in politics and public affairs, somewhat interested, not very interested, or not at all interested?

1.	Extremely interested	30%
2.	Somewhat interested	43
3.	Not very interested	15
4.	Not at all interested	10
5.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA	1

Q3.   Thinking about the country, do you think things are moving in the right direction or are we off on the wrong track?

1. Right direction   28%
2. Off on the wrong track   62
3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   11

	Right Direction	*Wrong Track*	*Don't know/Refuse*
2022	27	61	13
2021	29	65	6
2020	41	59	0
2019	41	58	2
2018	34	53	14
2017	34	52	14
2016	28	63	9
2015	28	63	9
2014	27	60	13
2013	30	59	11
2012	42	51	7
2011	33	58	8
2010	37	55	8
2009	48	45	7
2008	23	70	7
2007	28	62	10

Q4.   What do you think is the most important issue facing the country today? **[OPEN-ENDED]**

1.	The economy	17%
2.	Inflation/rising prices	17
3.	Border security	7
4.	Political corruption/leadership	5
5.	Health care	5
6.	Biden/the President	5
7.	Abortion	4
8.	Environment/Climate change	4
9.	Immigration	4
10.	Unity/Division of country	3
11.	Civil Rights/freedom/government control	3
12.	Crime/violent crime	3
13.	Unemployment/jobs	3
14.	Moral decline	3
15.	The coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic	2
16.	Race relations/racial issues/ethnicity	2
17.	National debt	2
18.	Polarization/Gridlock/Partisanship	2
19.	Energy/Gas prices	2
20.	Voting rights/threat to democracy/Jan. 6	2
21.	Russia/threat from Russia	1
22.	Social welfare programs	1
23.	National security/terrorism	1
24.	The media	1
25.	Education/schooling/public schools	1
26.	China	1

Q5.   What do you think is the most important issue facing the state of Texas today? **[OPEN-ENDED]**

1. Border security   15%
2. Inflation/rising prices   12
3. Immigration   11
4. Governor Abbott   10
5. The economy   7
6. Gun violence/gun control   6
7. Abortion   5
8. Crime and drugs   4
9. Health care   3
10. Housing/housing costs   3
11. Energy/Gas Prices   2
12. The environment/Climate change   2
13. Don't know / No response   2
14. Liberals moving in from out of state   2
15. Political corruption/leadership   2
16. Education   2
17. Taxes   2
18. Unemployment/jobs   1
19. Traffic   1
20. The media   1
21. Population growth   1
22. Civil / Racial rights   1
23. The coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic   1
24. Social welfare programs   1
25. Voter Rights/Election Issues   1
26. Civil unrest   0

Q6.   How do you think Joe Biden is handling his job as president? Is he doing a very good job, somewhat good job, somewhat poor job, or very poor job?

1. Very good job   15%
2. Somewhat good job   25
3. Somewhat poor job   19
4. Very poor job   36
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   5

	V. Good Job	*S. Good Job*	*S. Poor Job*	*V. Poor Job*	*DK*
2022	*14*	*29*	*16*	*38*	*3*
Donald Trump:					
2021	*19*	*22*	*14*	*42*	*2*
2020	*27*	*20*	*16*	*36*	*1*
2019	*24*	*24*	*17*	*34*	*0*
2018	*21*	*23*	*18*	*34*	*4*
2017	*19*	*24*	*18*	*36*	*4*

Q7.   Would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job that Greg Abbott is doing as Texas governor? *Would that be somewhat or strongly [approve/disapprove]?*

1. Strongly approve   19%
2. Somewhat approve   27
3. Somewhat disapprove   14
4. Strongly disapprove   34
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   6

	Strong App	*Somewhat App*	*Somewhat Dis*	*Strong Dis*	*DK*
2022	18	29	18	29	6
2021	18	41	21	17	3
2020	26	37	19	15	3
2019	28	39	19	14	1
2018	23	31	13	15	19
2017	27	26	12	18	17
2016	23	38	11	17	11
2015	20	35	12	13	20

Q8A.   Would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job that Dan Patrick is doing as Texas's Lieutenant Governor? *Would that be somewhat or strongly [approve/disapprove]?*

1. Strongly approve   13%
2. Somewhat approve   27
3. Somewhat disapprove   14
4. Strongly disapprove   21
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   25

	Strong App	*Somewhat App*	*Somewhat Dis*	*Strong Dis*	*DK*
2022	13	27	15	20	25
2021	10	40	20	19	11
2020	18	37	23	16	7
2019	18	42	20	15	5
2018	13	26	9	15	37
2017	11	27	13	19	30

Q8B.   Would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job that Ken Paxton is doing as Texas's Attorney General? *Would that be somewhat or strongly [approve/disapprove]?*

1. Strongly approve   12%
2. Somewhat approve   28
3. Somewhat disapprove   13
4. Strongly disapprove   21
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   25

	Strong App	*Somewhat App*	*Somewhat Dis*	*Strong Dis*	*DK*
2022	13	27	14	21	25
2021	11	38	20	19	13

SECTION II: PERSONAL ECONOMIC PERCEPTIONS AND EVALUATIONS

Q9.   Thinking about the national economy, do you think the country is better off, worse off, or about the same compared to a year ago?

    1.   Better off   15%
    2.   Worse off   59
    3.   About the same   21
    4.   DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   5

	Better off	*Worse off*	*About the same*	*Don't know*
2022	15	62	19	3
2021	14	66	19	1
2020	39	25	35	1
2019	38	31	31	0
2018	43	24	34	0
2017	32	20	44	4
2016	29	34	35	2
2015	31	34	33	2
2014	32	34	30	3
2013	32	29	37	2
2012	37	38	24	1
2011	35	36	28	1
2010	30	40	30	1
2009	21	58	20	1

Q10.   Do you think Texas's economy is better off, worse off, or about the same as the rest of the country?

    1.   Better off   21%
    2.   Worse off   36
    3.   About the same   37
    4.   DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   6

	Better off	*Worse off*	*About the same*	*Don't know*
2022	26	32	36	6
2021	24	40	33	2
2020	49	14	36	2
2019	45	15	40	1
2018	63	10	27	0
2017	58	9	26	7
2016	60	11	25	4
2015	52	14	28	6
2014	61	10	23	6
2013	62	7	26	4
2012	70	7	22	1
2011	60	10	28	2
2010	61	8	28	4
2009	64	8	25	3

Q11.   Now thinking about you and your family's economic situation, would you say that you are better off, worse off, or about the same economically compared to a year ago?

1. Better off   15%
2. Worse off   46
3. About the same   35
4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   4

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	Don't know
2022	14	45	38	3
2021	15	39	45	1
2020	36	21	42	1
2019	33	22	45	0
2018	31	19	49	0
2017	27	15	57	1
2016	30	19	50	1
2015	25	23	51	0
2014	28	24	46	2
2013	26	23	50	1
2012	24	24	50	2
2011	21	31	48	0
2010	18	32	50	1
2009	17	37	46	0

Q12.   Looking ahead to the future, do you think your children will be better off than you are, worse off, or about the same economically?

1. Better off   28%
2. Worse off   34
3. About the same   22
4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   16

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	Don't know
2022	27	35	22	17
2021	34	35	25	5
2020	46	25	23	5
2019	39	29	29	3
2018	49	28	23	0
2017	45	28	19	9
2016	42	29	20	9
2015	40	27	22	10
2014	NA	NA	NA	NA
2013	41	35	17	7
2012	38	35	17	11
2011	39	26	28	8
2010	34	41	21	5
2009	40	32	18	10
2008	39	30	21	10
2007	47	27	20	6

Q12A.   How would you rate your current level of stress? Would you say you are...

    1. Extremely stressed   15%
    2. Very stressed   22
    3. Somewhat stressed   37
    4. Not very stressed   21
    5. Not at all stressed   6

SECTION III: ISSUES & POLICY

Now, turning to the issue of democracy in America...

Q13.   Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: *Democracy is the best form of government. Would that be strongly [agree/disagree], or somewhat [agree/disagree]?*

		2023	**2019**
1.	Strongly agree	40%	53%
2.	Somewhat agree	28	29
3.	Somewhat disagree	11	11
4.	Strongly disagree	7	7
5.	Don't know/No opinion	14	0

Q14.   How satisfied are you with the way democracy is working in our country...

		2023	**2019**
1.	Very satisfied	9%	16%
2.	Somewhat satisfied	29	42
3.	Not too satisfied, or	34	29
4.	Not at all satisfied	19	13
5.	Don't know/No opinion	9	0

Q15.   Which statement comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

		2023	**2019**
1.	Ordinary citizens can do a lot to influence the government in Washington	37%	58%
2.	There's not much ordinary citizens can do to influence the government in Washington	51	41
3.	Don't know/No opinion	13	1

Q16.   And which of the following statements comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

		2023	**2019**
1.	Voting gives people like me some say about how government runs things	62%	68%
2.	Voting by people like me doesn't really affect how government runs things	32	31
3.	Don't know/No opinion	6	1

Q17. Please indicate whether you would **[RANDOMLY CHOOSE ONE OF: "favor or oppose", "oppose or favor"]** the following ideas about elections. **[RANDOMIZE A-K]**

	2023			2019		
	Favor	*Oppose*	*Don't know / Refuse / NA*	*Favor*	*Oppose*	*Don't know / Refuse / NA*
A. Automatically registering all eligible citizens to vote	55	32	13	62	37	1
B. Making Election Day a national holiday	57	29	14	63	36	1
C. Automatically removing inaccurate and duplicate registrations from voter lists	76	13	11	80	19	1
D. Conducting all elections by mail	25	59	15	26	73	1
E. Allowing people convicted of felonies to vote after serving their sentences	56	27	17	67	31	1
F. Automatically updating voter registrations when people move	71	17	12	80	20	1
G. Allowing people to register at the polls on Election Day	54	33	13	61	39	1
H. Removing people from registration lists if they have not voted or confirmed their registration in four years	45	37	18	47	52	1
I. Requiring all voters to show government-issued photo identification to vote	76	15	9	81	18	1
J. Requiring electronic voting machines to print a paper backup of the ballot	71	13	16	83	16	1
K. Allowing people to vote online	42	48	11	43	56	1

Q18A.   Thinking about elections in the United States, how important is it that **[RANDOM SELECTION FROM A-F]**? Very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important?

*And how important is it that **[SELECT FROM REMAINDER OF RANDOMIZED LIST]**? (If necessary: Very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important?)*

2023 Texas Lyceum Poll	*Very important*	*Somewhat important*	*Not very important*	*Not at all important*	*Don't know / Refuse / NA*
A. **INELIGIBLE** voters are prevented from voting	56	27	12	5	0
B. **All ELIGIBLE** voters are permitted to vote	74	18	6	2	0
C. The way congressional voting districts are determined is fair and reasonable	55	35	8	2	0
D. Voters are knowledgeable about candidates and issues	68	25	6	1	0
E. There is high voter turnout in presidential elections	63	28	7	2	0
F. There is high voter turnout in local elections	54	35	8	3	0

2019 Texas Lyceum Poll	*Very important*	*Somewhat important*	*Not very important*	*Not at all important*	*Don't know / Refuse / NA*
A. **INELIGIBLE** voters are prevented from voting	63	21	7	3	6
B. **All ELIGIBLE** voters are permitted to vote	78	14	4	1	3
C. The way congressional voting districts are determined is fair and reasonable	62	24	5	4	6

Q18B. Next, how well do each of the following describe elections in the United States? Very well, somewhat well, not very well, or not at all? **[RANDOMIZE A-F]**

2023 Texas Lyceum Poll	*Very well*	*Somewhat well*	*Not very well*	*Not at all well*	*Don't know / Refuse / NA*
A. **INELIGIBLE** voters are prevented from voting	28	35	27	10	0
B. **All ELIGIBLE** voters are permitted to vote	41	38	17	5	0
C. The way congressional voting districts are determined is fair and reasonable	22	42	26	11	0
D. Voters are knowledgeable about candidates and issues	22	39	33	6	0
E. There is high voter turnout in presidential elections	35	45	16	4	0
F. There is high voter turnout in local elections	23	39	30	8	0

2019 Texas Lyceum Poll	*Very well*	*Somewhat well*	*Not very well*	*Not at all well*	*Don't know / Refuse / NA*
A. **INELIGIBLE** voters are prevented from voting	23	30	25	13	10
B. **All ELIGIBLE** voters are permitted to vote	42	32	15	6	6
C. The way congressional voting districts are determined is fair and reasonable	19	34	23	14	9

Now, we're interested in learning more about your experience living in Texas...

Q19A.   As you probably know, Texas's population has grown significantly in the last number of years. Do you think that this population growth has been good for Texas, bad for Texas, or don't you have an opinion?

1. Good   44%
2. Bad   34
3. Don't have an opinion   21

Q19B.   And has this population growth been good for the area where you live, bad for the area where you live, or don't you have an opinion?

1. Good   42%
2. Bad   35
3. Don't have an opinion   23

Q20.   Thinking about **the economy** in the area where you live, would you rate it as excellent, good, poor, terrible, or don't you have an opinion?

	2023	**2022**
1. Excellent	8%	12%
2. Good	59	56
3. Poor	22	24
4. Terrible	4	3
5. Don't have an opinion	7	5

Q21. How about **[RANDOMIZE FROM A-F KEEP DRAWING UNTIL LIST IS COMPLETE]** where you live? **[IF NECESSARY:** Would you rate **[REPEAT ITEM]** as excellent, good, poor, terrible, or don't you have an opinion?**]**

2023 Texas Lyceum Poll	*Excellent*	*Good*	*Poor*	*Terrible*	*Don't have an opinion*
A. The availability of good jobs	12	47	27	8	6
B. The cost of living for necessities like housing, food, and utilities	9	35	35	18	3
C. Opportunities for home ownership	12	41	27	12	8
D. The quality of K through 12 education	12	43	28	11	7
E. Access to healthcare	15	46	21	7	12
F. Access to childcare	17	47	23	8	5

2022 Texas Lyceum Poll	*Excellent*	*Good*	*Poor*	*Terrible*	*Don't have an opinion*
A. The availability of good jobs	12	47	25	9	7
B. The cost of living for necessities like housing, food, and utilities	8	36	34	18	3
C. Opportunities for home ownership	11	39	28	12	10
D. The quality of K through 12 education	15	48	18	5	14
E. Access to healthcare	23	51	16	6	4

Q22. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: *I spend too much of my income on housing.*

		2023	**2022**	**2020**
1.	Agree	55%	50%	44%
2.	Disagree	31	39	55
3.	DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	14	10	2

Q23. Would you say that you are satisfied with the quality of roads and highways in Texas, unsatisfied, or are you in between? *Would that be very or just somewhat [satisfied/unsatisfied]?*

		2023	**2022**	**2013**
1.	Very satisfied	12%	12%	26%
2.	Somewhat satisfied	35	39	26
3.	Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied	22	20	33
4.	Somewhat unsatisfied	18	18	7
5.	Very unsatisfied	11	10	7
6.	DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	2	2	1

Q24. Have you experienced any of the following in the last few years... **[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS: "Yes", "No", "Don't know/Refuse/NA"]**

		Yes	**No**	**Don't know/Refused**
A.	Been the subject of slurs or offensive jokes	26	69	5
B.	Felt physically threatened	23	73	3
C.	Denied a job you were qualified for	24	67	9

Q25. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following? *Would that be somewhat [agree/disagree] or strongly [agree/disagree]?* **[RANDOMIZE A-D]**

2023 Texas Lyceum Poll	*Strongly agree*	*Somewhat agree*	*Somewhat disagree*	*Strongly disagree*	*Don't know / Refuse / NA*
A. I am responsible for the majority of the income in my home	42	20	17	16	4
B. I am responsible for the majority of the childcare in my home	28	16	9	12	35
C. I am responsible for the majority of the financial decision-making in my home	46	30	14	6	3
D. I am responsible for the majority of the domestic care in my home, in other words, the cooking and cleaning	52	26	14	5	3

Q26.   Do you think each of the following is a major obstacle, a minor obstacle, or not an obstacle to
       women having equal rights with men in the United States? **[RANDOMIZE A-G]**

2023 Texas Lyceum Poll	*A major obstacle*	*A minor obstacle*	*Not an obstacle*	*Don't know / Refuse / NA*
A. Different expectations society has for men and women	43	32	19	6
B. Women not having the same legal rights as men	42	21	29	8
C. Family responsibilities	37	34	23	6
D. Men and women having different physical abilities	24	38	31	8
E. Women not working as hard as men	16	22	50	13
F. Sexual harassment	50	27	16	8
G. Not enough women in positions of power	36	32	26	7
H. Men and women being paid differently for the same or similar work	53	24	17	6

SECTION IV: DEMOGRAPHICS

We're almost done. The final questions are for statistical purposes…

AGEG.

1.	18-29	23%
2.	30-44	28
3.	45-64	31
4.	65+	18

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

1.	Urban	31%
2.	Suburban	49
3.	Rural	19

MARRIED. What is your current marital status?

1.	Never married	33%
2.	Married	45
3.	Divorced	13
4.	Widowed	6
5.	Separated	2
6.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	1

CHILD. Do you have children under the age of 18 living in your household?

1.	Yes	31%
2.	No	67
3.	DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	2

CAREGIVER. Does each of the following accurately describe your current situation? **[READ CATEGORIES] [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]**

A.	I am a care-giver for a child or children under 18 years of age.	28%
B.	I am a care-giver for one or more adults	11

INCOME. What was your total household income for 2022? **[READ CATEGORIES]**

1.	Less than $15,000	13%
2.	$15,0000-$25,000	25
3.	$25,000-$40,000	19
4.	$40,000-$75,000	24
5.	$75,000-$150,000	19
6.	More than $150,000	6
7.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	4

HOME. Do you currently own or rent your home?

1.	Own	56%
2.	Rent	39
3.	DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	5

EDOFR. What is the highest level of education you completed? **[READ CATEGORIES AS NECESSARY]**

1.	Less than high school	3%
2.	High school	26
3.	Some college	31
4.	College degree	30
5.	Post-graduate degree (MA, LLD, PhD)	10
6.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	0

VETERAN. Does each of the following accurately describe your current situation? **[READ CATEGORIES]** **[CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]**

A.	Active-duty military	1%
B.	Military veteran	7
C.	Active-duty military in your immediate family	2
D.	Military veteran in your immediate family	8

RELIGION. What is your religious denomination **[PRON: DEE-NOM-I-NATION]?**

1.	Protestant	24%
2.	Catholic	22
3.	Other Christian	26
4.	Jewish	2
5.	Muslim, Buddhist, or other non-Christian	4
6.	Agnostic/Atheist	9
7.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	13

FUND. **[IF RELIGION EQ 1]** Would you say that you are evangelical, fundamentalist, or born-again?

1.	Yes	57%
2.	No	42
3.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	1

RACE. Would you say that you are…

1.	White or Anglo	43%
2.	Black or African American	37
3.	Hispanic	12
4.	Other	8

LIBCON. Generally speaking, would you say that you are…

1.	Liberal	23%
2.	Moderate, or	36
3.	Conservative.	33
4.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	9

PID3.

1.	Democrat	39%
2.	Independent	21
3.	Republican	40

PID7.

1.	Strong Democrat	22%
2.	Weak Democrat	11
3.	Lean Democrat	6
4.	Independent	21
5.	Lean Republican	8
6.	Weak Republican	10
7.	Strong Republican	22

GENDER. Do you identify as...

1.	Male	49
2.	Female	50
3.	Non-binary	1

Thank you very much for your time today/this evening! Have a good day/evening.

Poll Methodology

From January 6-12, 2023, The Texas Lyceum conducted a 1000-person telephone survey of adult citizens from the state of Texas. The survey utilized a stratified probability sample design, with respondents being randomly selected at the level of the household and questioned by live interviewers. The survey also employed a randomized cell phone supplement, with 60 percent of completed telephone interviews being conducted among cell phone only or cell phone dominant households. A Spanish-language instrument was developed, and bilingual interviewers offered respondents a chance to participate in English or Spanish. On average, respondents completed the interview in 12 minutes. To ensure an appropriate sub-sample of unregistered citizens, a supplement of 200 interviews among Texas adults confirmed as unregistered was completed online. This yielded a total statewide sample of 1,202 adults, 915 of whom are registered voters according to self-reports. The final data set is weighted to the joint distribution of race/ethnicity, age and gender to achieve representativeness as defined by the Texas Demographic Center's 2022 population projections. The overall margin of error for the poll is +/- 2.89 percentage points, with a larger margin of error for sub-samples.