

TEXAS LYCEUM POLL

2019 Texas Statewide Survey

N=1,200 ADULTS

MOE=+/-2.83 PERCENTAGE POINTS (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

CELL PHONE SUPPLEMENT (n=600)

ONLINE SUPPLEMENT (n=200)

BILINGUAL INSTRUMENT/INTERVIEWERS

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Results may not sum to 100% due to rounding

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 AND 2019 ELECTION ITEMS

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

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| 1. Yes, registered. | 81% |
| 2. No, not registered. | 19 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 0 |

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?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Extremely interested. | 30% |
| 2. Somewhat interested. | 47 |
| 3. Not very interested. | 13 |
| 4. Not at all interested. | 10 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 0 |

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

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| 1. Right direction. | 41% |
| 2. Off on the wrong track. | 58 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 2 |

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

1. Immigration	19%
2. The economy	9
3. Health care	9
4. Race relations/racial issues/ethnicity	8
5. Guns	8
6. Border security	7
7. Political corruption/leadership	5
8. National security/terrorism	5
9. Unity / Division of country	5
10. Environment	5
11. Polarization/Gridlock/Partisanship	4
12. Unemployment/jobs	2
13. Education	2
14. Foreign affairs/policy	2
15. Moral decline	2
16. Taxes	2
17. Social welfare programs	1
18. Federal spending/budget deficit	1
19. National debt	1
20. Gender equality	1
21. Civil Rights/Freedom	1
22. Wars / less military intervention overseas	1
23. Trump/ the President	1

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

1. Immigration	26%
2. Border security	11
3. Gun violence/gun control	11
4. Education	6
5. Health care	6
6. The economy	5
7. Unemployment/jobs	4
8. Crime and drugs	4
9. Political corruption/leadership	3
10. Taxes	3
11. Gender equality	3
12. Political fighting	3
13. Moral decline	2
14. Social welfare programs	2
15. Water supply	2
16. Racism	2
17. State government spending (i.e. too much spending)	1
18. Energy	1
19. Transportation/roads/traffic	1
20. Population growth	1
21. Other	1
22. Don't know / No response	4

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

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| 1. Very good job. | 24% |
| 2. Somewhat good job. | 24 |
| 3. Somewhat poor job. | 17 |
| 4. Very poor job. | 34 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 0 |

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?

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| 1. Strongly approve | 28% |
| 2. Somewhat approve | 39 |
| 3. Somewhat disapprove | 19 |
| 4. Strongly disapprove | 14 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 1 |

Q8. 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?

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| 1. Strongly approve | 18% |
| 2. Somewhat approve | 42 |
| 3. Somewhat disapprove | 20 |
| 4. Strongly disapprove | 15 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 5 |

Q9. How interested are you in the 2020 presidential election? Are you:

[Item Q9 was only asked of those respondents who said that they were registered to vote in item Q1. For this item, n=974, MOE is +/- 3.14 percentage points]

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|----------------------------|-----|
| 1. Extremely interested | 51% |
| 2. Very interested | 26 |
| 3. Somewhat interested | 17 |
| 4. Not at all interested | 5 |
| 5. Don't know [DON'T READ] | 1 |

Q10. In the presidential primary election in Texas next year, are you more likely to vote in the Democratic or Republican primary election for president, or are you unlikely to participate in either?

[Item Q10 was only asked of those respondents who said that they were registered to vote in item Q1. For this item, n=974, MOE is +/- 3.14 percentage points]

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| 1. Democratic primary | 39% |
| 2. Republican primary | 39 |
| 3. Neither | 11 |
| 4. Other/Don't know | 11 |

- Q11. I'm going to read a list of potential candidates for the 2020 Democratic nomination for president. Please tell me which one you would like to see as the Democratic presidential nominee.
[RANDOMIZE LIST]

[Item Q11 was only asked of those respondents who said that they were registered to vote in item Q11, and said that they would vote in the Democratic primary in item Q10. For this item, n=358, MOE is +/- 5.18 percentage points]

1. Joe Biden	24%
2. Beto O'Rourke	18
3. Elizabeth Warren	15
4. Bernie Sanders	13
5. Kamala Harris	4
6. Julian Castro	4
7. Pete Buttigieg	3
8. Amy Klobuchar	3
9. Cory Booker	2
10. Andrew Yang	2
11. Steve Bullock	2
12. Tulsi Gabbard	1
13. Tim Ryan	1
14. Michael Bennet	1
15. Terry McAuliffe	1
16. Seth Moulton*	1
17. Marianne Williamson	1
18. John Delaney*	0
19. Kirsten Gillibrand^	0
20. Bill de Blasio	0
21. Jay Inslee*	0
22. Wayne Messam	0
23. Joe Sestak	0
24. Tom Steyer	0
25. (Other)	0
26. (None of the above)	2
27. (Don't know)	2

**This candidate dropped out of the Democratic primary during data collection.*

^This candidate dropped out of the Democratic primary after data collection.

SECTION II:
PERSONAL ECONOMIC PERCEPTIONS

Q12. Thinking about the national economy, do you think the country is better off, worse off, or about the same compared to a year ago?

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| 1. Better off. | 38% |
| 2. Worse off. | 31 |
| 3. About the same. | 31 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 0 |

Q13. Do you think Texas's economy is better off, worse off, or about the same as the rest of the country?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Better off | 45% |
| 2. Worse off | 15 |
| 3. About the same | 40 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 1 |

Q14. 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?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Better off. | 33% |
| 2. Worse off. | 22 |
| 3. About the same. | 45 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 0 |

Q15. Looking ahead to the future, do you think your children will be better off than you are, worse off, or about the same economically?

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| 1. Better off | 39% |
| 2. Worse off | 29 |
| 3. About the same | 29 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 3 |

SECTION III: ISSUES & POLICY

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

Q16. 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]?*

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| 1. Strongly agree | 53% |
| 2. Somewhat agree | 29 |
| 3. Somewhat disagree | 11 |
| 4. Strongly disagree | 7 |
| 5. Don't know/No opinion | 0 |

Q17. How satisfied are you with the way democracy is working in our country...

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| 1. Very satisfied | 16% |
| 2. Somewhat satisfied | 42 |
| 3. Not too satisfied, or | 29 |
| 4. Not at all satisfied | 13 |
| 5. Don't know/No opinion [DON'T READ] | 0 |

Q18. Which is the greater threat to American democracy: [RANDOMIZE: “foreign countries or domestic forces” AND “domestic forces or foreign countries”]?

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| 1. Foreign countries | 24% |
| 2. Domestic forces | 62 |
| 3. Don't know [DON'T READ] | 14 |

Q19. Which one of the following is the greatest internal threat to American democracy? [RANDOMIZE 1-7]

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| 1. Money in politics | 28% |
| 2. The news media | 19 |
| 3. Uninformed voters | 15 |
| 4. Poorly prepared candidates for office | 14 |
| 5. People who don't vote | 9 |
| 6. The size of the federal government | 6 |
| 7. The two-party system | 5 |
| 8. Other [DON'T READ] | 1 |
| 9. Don't know/No opinion [DON'T READ] | 1 |

Q20. Thinking about the fundamental design and structure of American government, which statement comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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| 1. Significant changes to the design and structure are needed to make it work for current times | 61% |
| 2. The design and structure serves the country well and does not need significant changes | 38 |
| 3. Don't know/No opinion [DON'T READ] | 1 |

Q21. And which statement comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right?
[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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| 1. Ordinary citizens can do a lot to influence the government in Washington | 58% |
| 2. There's not much ordinary citizens can do to influence the government in Washington | 41 |
| 3. Don't know/No opinion [DON'T READ] | 1 |

Q22. And which of the following statements comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

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| 1. Voting gives people like me some say about how government runs things | 68% |
| 2. Voting by people like me doesn't really affect how government runs things | 31 |
| 3. Don't know/No opinion [DON'T READ] | 1 |

Q23A. Now thinking again about the importance of a number of things for the United States. For each of the following, is it very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important for the country that... **[RANDOMIZE A-J]**

	<i>Very important</i>	<i>Somewhat important</i>	<i>Not very important</i>	<i>Not at all important</i>	<i>Don't know / Refuse / NA</i>
A. The rights and freedoms of all people are respected	76	14	5	2	4
B. The views of people who are not in the majority on issues are respected	56	28	8	3	5
C. The military leadership does not publicly express support for one party over the other	56	22	11	3	8
D. People agree on basic facts even if they disagree politically	54	29	8	3	6
E. People have the right to non-violent protest	66	21	7	2	4
F. News organizations are free to criticize political leaders	44	25	16	8	7
G. There is a system of checks and balances dividing power between the President, Congress, and the courts	72	15	5	2	5
H. The rights of people with unpopular views are protected	55	29	9	2	5
I. Elections are open and fair	77	13	4	2	4
J. Those who lose elections recognize the legitimacy of the winners	55	22	13	4	6

Q23B. Now thinking about how things actually are in the U.S. today...Does each of the following describe the country very well, somewhat well, not very well, or not at all? **[RANDOMIZE A-J]**

	<i>Very well</i>	<i>Somewhat well</i>	<i>Not very well</i>	<i>Not at all well</i>	<i>Don't know / Refuse / NA</i>
A. The rights and freedoms of all people are respected	21	27	28	20	5
B. The views of people who are not in the majority on issues are respected	19	26	30	19	6
C. The military leadership does not publicly express support for one party over the other	29	35	18	7	12
D. People agree on basic facts even if they disagree politically	17	27	29	21	5
E. People have the right to non-violent protest	30	37	19	8	5
F. News organizations are free to criticize political leaders	34	31	17	11	7
G. There is a system of checks and balances dividing power between the President, Congress, and the courts	26	33	22	12	7
H. The rights of people with unpopular views are protected	21	31	27	15	6
I. Elections are open and fair	26	30	24	14	6
J. Those who lose elections recognize the legitimacy of the winners	17	26	29	21	7

Q24. Please indicate whether you would **[RANDOMLY CHOOSE ONE OF: “favor or oppose”, “oppose or favor”]** the following ideas about elections. **[RANDOMIZE A-K]**

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

Q25. Overall, do you think the attempts by Russia or other foreign governments to influence the U.S. presidential elections are a...

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| 1. Major problem | 49% |
| 2. Minor problem, or | 30 |
| 3. Not much of a problem | 21 |
| 4. Don't know/No opinion [DON'T READ] | 0 |

Q26. How confident are you that the election systems in TEXAS are secure from hacking and other technological threats?

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| 1. Very confident | 16% |
| 2. Somewhat confident | 46 |
| 3. Not too confident, or | 27 |
| 4. Not at all confident | 10 |
| 5. Don't know/No opinion [DON'T READ] | 1 |

Q27A. Thinking about elections in the United States, how important is it that **[RANDOM SELECTION FROM A-C]**? Very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important?

	<i>Very important</i>	<i>Somewhat important</i>	<i>Not very important</i>	<i>Not at all important</i>	<i>Don't know / Refuse / NA</i>
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

Q27B. 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-C]**

	<i>Very well</i>	<i>Somewhat well</i>	<i>Not very well</i>	<i>Not at all well</i>	<i>Don't know / Refuse / NA</i>
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

SECTION V:
DEMOGRAPHICS

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

AGEG.

1. 18-29	24%
2. 30-44	27
3. 45-64	32
4. 65+	17

MARRIED. What is your current marital status?

1. Never married	33%
2. Married	46
3. Divorced	12
4. Widowed	6
5. Separated	2
6. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	0

INCOME. What was your total household income for 2018? **[READ CATEGORIES]**

1. Less than \$15,000	11%
2. \$15,000-\$25,000	11
3. \$25,000-\$40,000	17
4. \$40,000-\$75,000	25
5. \$75,000-\$150,000	21
6. More than \$150,000	6
7. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	9

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

1. Less than high school	3%
2. High school	25
3. Some college	29
4. College degree	31
5. Post-graduate degree (MA, LLD, PhD)	11
6. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	1

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

1. Protestant	19%
2. Catholic	21
3. Other Christian	33
4. Jewish	1
5. Muslim, Buddhist, or other non-Christian	2
6. Agnostic/Atheist	9
7. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	15

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

1. Yes	56%
2. No	39
3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	5

RACE. Would you say that you are...

1. White/Anglo	45%
2. African American	12
3. Hispanic	36
4. Other	6
5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	1

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

1. Liberal	22%
2. Moderate, or	38
3. Conservative.	38
4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	1

PID3.

1. Democrat	49%
2. Independent	4
3. Republican	47

PID7.

1. Strong Democrat	19%
2. Weak Democrat	12
3. Lean Democrat	17
4. Independent	4
5. Lean Republican	14
6. Weak Republican	12
7. Strong Republican	21

GENDER. (BY OBSERVATION)

1. MALE	49%
2. FEMALE	51

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