



Texas Likely Voter Sample

Field Dates: February 17-26, 2020

N= 1018 Adults (Likely Voters)

Margin of error: +/- 3.07%

Democratic Primary Sample, 518 Voters
Margin of error: +/- 4.31%

Republican Primary Sample, 495 Voters
Margin of error: +/- 4.44%

Survey of Likely Voters in Texas

How enthusiastic are you to vote in the March 2020 primary election?

Code		Weighted
1	Very enthusiastic	49%
2	Enthusiastic	31
3	Ambivalent	1
4	Not enthusiastic	12
5	Very unenthusiastic	7
Total =		1221

How likely are you to vote in the 2020 primary elections?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Already voted	12%	14%	5%	14%
2	Very likely	66	72	57	67
3	Likely	12	7	16	14
4	Not likely	5	4	11	3
5	Do not plan to	5	3	11	2
Total =		1221	431	315	475

In the 2020 primary, do you plan to vote in the Democratic primary, Republican primary, or not at all?

Code		Weighted
1	Democratic primary	48%
2	Republican primary	42
4	Not sure	10
Total =		1159

***The preceding questions were used as a likely voter screen. Henceforth, results will reflect likely voter preferences.**

Do you consider yourself to be a Republican, Democrat, or neither?

Code		Weighted
1	Republican	41%
2	Democrat	41
3	Neither	18
Total =		1018

[If Republican or Democrat] Do you consider yourself to be a strong [Republican/ Democrat] or not strong [Republican/ Democrat]?

OR [If independent, no preference, or other party] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?

Code		Weighted
1	Strong Republican	31%
2	Not strong Republican	10
3	Lean Republican, Independent	7
4	Lean to no Party, Independent	2
5	Lean Democratic, Independent	8
6	Not strong Democrat	12
7	Strong Democrat	30
Total =		999

Using a 7-point scale where 1 is extremely liberal and 7 is extremely conservative, how would you rate your political views.

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Extremely Liberal	8%	15%	4%	3%
2	Liberal	13	24	9	3
3	Slightly Liberal	9	13	15	2
4	Moderate, Middle of the Road	28	40	37	12
5	Slightly Conservative	8	4	13	12
6	Conservative	20	3	12	39
7	Extremely Conservative	14	1	10	29
Total =		986	395	154	431

Of the following explanations for why people vote, which best describes your motivation to vote?

Code		Weighted
1	Select the best candidate	55%
2	Civic duty	22
3	Other people are voting in my community	1
4	Prevent a bad candidate from winning	21
Total =		989

In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Approve	47%	7%	39%	91%
2	Disapprove	50	90	57	6
3	Don't Know	3	3	4	3
Total =		1017	402	182	433

In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Senator John Cornyn is handling his job as Senator?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Approve	39%	16%	34%	64%
2	Disapprove	35	56	39	11
3	Don't Know	27	29	28	25
Total =		1017	402	182	433

In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Governor Greg Abbott is handling his job as Governor?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Approve	56%	29%	52%	85%
2	Disapprove	31	55	34	6
3	Don't Know	13	17	15	9
Total =		1014	400	182	432

[If Democrat] Which of the following characteristics do you feel is most important in a Democratic nominee for president?

Code		Rank 1
1	Supports the policy legacy of President Obama	39%
2	Closest to you on the issues	24
3	Will appeal to independents	24
4	Will energize the base	13
Total =		501

[If Democrat or Independent closer to Democratic Party] Who is your FIRST CHOICE candidate in the Democratic primary?

Code		Weighted Dem.	Dem.	Ind. (Lean D)	White	Hispanic	Black
9	Bernie Sanders	30%	30%	32%	24%	44%	23%
3	Michael Bloomberg	21	21	25	23	23	19
1	Joe Biden	20	22	13	17	14	33
11	Elizabeth Warren	10	12	5	11	8	12
4	Pete Buttigieg	8	7	10	11	4	6
7	Amy Klobuchar	5	4	6	9	0	2
6	Tulsi Gabbard	1	1	2	2	1	0
10	Tom Steyer	1	1	1	0	3	0
99	Undecided	4	3	6	3	3	4
Total =		513	393	96	237	117	116

How enthusiastic are you to vote for (Insert FIRST CHOICE) over other candidates in the field?

Code		Very Enthusiastic (1)	Enthusiastic (2)	No opinion (3)	Unenthusiastic (4)	Very Unenthusiastic (5)
9	Bernie Sanders	61%	8%	25%	6%	1%
3	Michael Bloomberg	54	8	29	8	1
1	Joe Biden	56	9	29	4	2
11	Elizabeth Warren	55	17	24	4	0
4	Pete Buttigieg	57	8	24	7	4
7	Amy Klobuchar	35	14	47	5	0
6	Tulsi Gabbard	41	13	22	24	0
10	Tom Steyer	32	0	19	49	0

[If Democrat or Independent closer to Democratic Party] Who is your SECOND CHOICE candidate in the Democratic primary?

Code		Weighted Dem.	Dem.	Ind. (Lean D)	White	Hispanic	Black
1	Joe Biden	20%	20%	21%	19%	22%	21%
9	Bernie Sanders	20	21	12	13	16	34
3	Michael Bloomberg	16	16	16	15	18	16
11	Elizabeth Warren	19	17	28	18	20	16
4	Pete Buttigieg	11	10	17	14	14	2
7	Amy Klobuchar	8	10	2	13	6	5
10	Tom Steyer	4	5	2	6	4	3
6	Tulsi Gabbard	2	2	2	4	0	1
Total =		481	374	84	222	113	107

[If Democrat or Independent Lean Democrat] In the Texas Democratic primary for the U.S. Senate, which candidate do you support?

Code		Weighted Dem.	Dem.	Ind. (Lean D)	White	Hispanic	Black
3	M.J. Hegar	16%	17%	14%	26%	10%	6%
4	Cristina Tzintzún Ramirez	8	7	10	7	14	3
5	Royce West	8	9	7	6	6	16
1	Chris Bell	8	8	6	8	7	8
2	Amanda Edwards	4	5	0	3	4	7
8	Annie “Mamá” Garcia	4	3	5	2	7	3
10	Sema Hernandez	4	5	2	4	5	3
6	Michael Cooper	3	2	3	1	1	6
7	Jack Foster, Jr.	1	2	0	2	0	3
9	Victor Harris	1	1	0	0	2	3
11	D.R. Hunter	1	1	2	2	0	1
12	Adrian Ocegueda	1	1	3	1	3	0
13	Not sure	41	39	49	39	41	42
Total =		514	393	97	236	118	116

[If Republican] If the general election for president were held today, for whom would you vote?

Code		Weighted
1	Donald Trump	89%
3	Bill Weld	5
4	Not sure	6
Total =		493

[If Republican or Independent Lean Republican] In the Texas Republican primary for the U.S. Senate, which candidate do you support?

Code		Weighted
1	John Cornyn	59%
2	Virgil Bierschwale	0
3	John Castro	3
4	Dwayne Stovall	3
5	Mark Yancey	2
6	Not sure	32
Total =		491

If the general election for president were held today, for whom would you vote?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Elizabeth Warren	39%	74%	42%	4%
2	Donald Trump	48	5	43	93
3	Neither – Other	13	21	15	4
Total =		1010	401	179	430

If the general election for president were held today, for whom would you vote?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Joe Biden	47%	86%	46%	8%
2	Donald Trump	46	5	41	90
3	Neither – Other	7	10	13	2
Total =		1007	401	177	429

If the general election for president were held today, for whom would you vote?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Mike Bloomberg	47%	87%	48%	6%
2	Donald Trump	46	4	42	91
3	Neither – Other	7	9	10	2
Total =		1003	401	174	428

If the general election for president were held today, for whom would you vote?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Bernie Sanders	47%	83%	51%	8%
2	Donald Trump	46	4	42	89
3	Neither – Other	8	13	7	3
Total =		1008	400	177	431

If the general election for president were held today, for whom would you vote?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Pete Buttigieg	43%	76%	48%	6%
2	Donald Trump	45	4	41	90
3	Neither – Other	12	20	12	4
Total =		1005	400	177	428

If the general election for president were held today, for whom would you vote?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Amy Klobuchar	41%	73%	49%	6%
2	Donald Trump	46	4	41	90
3	Neither – Other	13	23	10	4
Total =		999	394	177	428

Ranking the presidential candidates on who you trust to lead as the Commander in Chief, who is your top choice?

Code		Weighted	Democratic	Independent	Republican
1	Joe Biden	15%	26%	16%	2%
3	Michael Bloomberg	11	17	13	4
4	Pete Buttigieg	5	7	8	1
6	Tulsi Gabbard	1	1	3	1
7	Amy Klobuchar	1	1	2	0
9	Bernie Sanders	15	28	15	2
10	Tom Steyer	3	5	2	1
11	Elizabeth Warren	6	12	3	1
13	Donald Trump	42	2	35	87
99	Undecided	2	2	2	1
Total =		1009	408	178	430

Ranking the presidential candidates on who you trust to lead on gun policy, who is your top choice?

Code		Weighted	Democratic	Independent	Republican
1	Joe Biden	11%	20%	8%	2%
3	Michael Bloomberg	14	24	15	4
4	Pete Buttigieg	4	7	7	0
6	Tulsi Gabbard	1	2	2	1
7	Amy Klobuchar	3	3	3	2
9	Bernie Sanders	13	22	17	1
10	Tom Steyer	1	2	0	1
11	Elizabeth Warren	8	16	6	1
13	Donald Trump	43	2	37	87
99	Undecided	2	2	3	1
Total =		1002	397	177	428

Ranking the presidential candidates on who you trust to lead on economic opportunity, who is your top choice?

Code		Weighted	Democratic	Independent	Republican
1	Joe Biden	11%	22%	8%	1%
3	Michael Bloomberg	15	25	19	4
4	Pete Buttigieg	4	7	5	0
6	Tulsi Gabbard	0	0	0	0
7	Amy Klobuchar	2	4	2	1
9	Bernie Sanders	13	23	17	2
10	Tom Steyer	1	2	0	2
11	Elizabeth Warren	7	14	5	1
13	Donald Trump	44	2	41	89
99	Undecided	2	3	2	0
Total =		1006	399	178	429

Ranking the presidential candidates on who you trust to lead on healthcare policy, who is your top choice?

Code		Weighted	Democratic	Independent	Republican
1	Joe Biden	12%	23%	10%	2%
3	Michael Bloomberg	12	19	13	4
4	Pete Buttigieg	3	5	4	1
6	Tulsi Gabbard	1	0	1	0
7	Amy Klobuchar	4	5	4	2
9	Bernie Sanders	18	31	24	2
10	Tom Steyer	1	1	1	1
11	Elizabeth Warren	7	13	6	2
13	Donald Trump	41	1	35	84
99	Undecided	2	1	3	2
Total =		1009	400	178	431

Has the impeachment process increased, decreased, or not changed your faith in the American system of government?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Increased	13%	14%	8%	13%
2	Decreased	54	60	56	46
3	No change	34	25	36	41
Total =		1010	401	178	431

In your opinion did the Senate's acquittal of President Donald Trump clear him of all wrongdoing?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Yes	45%	15%	38%	79%
2	No	53	83	60	18
3	Not sure	2	1	2	3
Total =		1003	401	177	425

Do you agree or disagree that officials who testified in the House impeachment proceedings should have been removed from their position in the administration?

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly agree	24%
2	Agree	18
3	Neither agree nor disagree	23
4	Disagree	15
5	Strongly disagree	21
Total =		1007

Are you very likely, likely, less likely, or unwilling to participate in the Census count this April?

Code		Weighted
1	Very likely	66%
2	Likely	29
3	Less likely	5
4	Unwilling	1
Total =		1006

If the general election were today, would you vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate for the Texas State House?

Code		Weighted	Ind.
1	Democrat	52%	54%
2	Republican	48	46
Total =		1005	177

Former U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke is helping Democratic candidates for the Texas House. Are you very likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, or very unlikely to support a candidate if Beto O'Rourke visits your district to help?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Very likely	28%	54%	17%	5%
2	Somewhat more Likely	24	38	29	8
3	Somewhat less likely	11	7	21	11
4	Very unlikely	37	2	32	75
Total =		1003	401	177	425

Do you support or oppose efforts by the United States government to improve border security along the U.S. border with Mexico?

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly support	41%
2	Support	23
3	Neither oppose nor support	16
4	Oppose	10
5	Strongly oppose	10
Total =		998

Do you agree or disagree that a wall along the Texas-Mexico border is necessary for a safe border?

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly agree	34%
2	Agree	14
3	Neither agree nor disagree	9
4	Disagree	14
5	Strongly disagree	28
Total =		1002

Would you support or oppose a single payer health care system in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one government plan that is financed in part by taxes?

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly support	18%
2	Support	30
3	Oppose	19
4	Strongly oppose	31
5	Don't know	2
Total =		1004

Would you support or oppose universal health care system in America?

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly support	21%
2	Support	33
3	Oppose	18
4	Strongly oppose	27
5	Don't know	2
Total =		1003

Would you support or oppose a health care option where people were able to keep their private insurance and uninsured individuals were able to get insurance from a government plan that is financed in part by taxes?

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly support	25%
2	Support	46
3	Oppose	15
4	Strongly oppose	11
5	Don't know	3
Total =		1005

Do you agree or disagree that elected officials are doing enough to prevent mass shootings?

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly disagree	24%
2	Disagree	19
3	Somewhat disagree	13
4	Somewhat Agree	16
5	Agree	16
6	Strongly Agree	10
7	Don't know	3
Total =		1004

Do you support or oppose requiring background checks for all potential gun buyers?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Strongly support	66%	75%	69%	54%
2	Support	23	17	20	30
3	Neither oppose nor support	6	4	7	8
4	Oppose	3	1	3	5
5	Strongly oppose	2	2	1	3
Total =		1003	404	176	427

Do you support or oppose a law allowing law enforcement to take away guns from people a judge deems dangerous?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Strongly support	42%	56%	39%	28%
2	Support	29	29	29	29
3	Neither oppose nor support	13	10	14	16
4	Oppose	7	2	9	13
5	Strongly oppose	9	3	10	15
Total =		1001	398	176	427

Do you support or oppose a nationwide ban on high-capacity ammunition clips with more than 10 bullets?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Strongly support	40%	60%	35%	22%
2	Support	18	20	19	16
3	Neither oppose nor support	12	10	9	16
4	Oppose	11	6	14	16
5	Strongly oppose	18	4	23	30
Total =		1001	399	176	426

Do you support or oppose a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Strongly support	41%	62%	35%	22%
2	Support	16	17	16	14
3	Neither oppose nor support	11	8	9	14
4	Oppose	13	7	17	18
5	Strongly oppose	19	6	22	31
Total =		1000	399	175	426

Do you support or oppose a mandatory buyback program to turn in all assault weapons for payment?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Strongly support	28%	45%	21%	14%
2	Support	19	26	21	10
3	Neither oppose nor support	15	17	11	14
4	Oppose	13	6	18	17
5	Strongly oppose	26	6	29	45
Total =		1002	399	176	427

Would you say you have a positive or negative impression of socialism?

Code		Weighted	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
1	Very positive	9%	20%	16%	5%	2%
2	Positive	29	44	37	26	18
3	Negative	26	24	20	27	29
4	Very negative	33	11	25	37	47
5	No answer	3	1	1	5	4
Total =		1002	128	174	337	356

Would you say you have a positive or negative impression of capitalism?

Code		Weighted	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
1	Very positive	31%	24%	27%	29%	41%
2	Positive	43	34	42	47	43
4	Negative	17	32	21	15	10
5	Very negative	6	10	8	5	3
6	No answer	3	1	2	4	4
Total =		1003	128	174	337	356

Demographic Questions

What do you identify as your racial or ethnic background?

Code		Weighted
1	White, Non-Hispanic	58%
2	Hispanic or Latino	21
3	Black or African American	13
4	Asian	3
5	Other	5
Total =		1018

[If Hispanic] What is the origin of the ethnicity background?

Code		Weighted
1	Mexican	27%
2	Mexican American	57
3	Puerto Rican	4
4	Cuban	2
5	Other	10
Total =		161

[If Hispanic] How many generations has your family been in America?

	Weighted
One	20%
Two	24
Three or more	54
Total =	160

What is the highest level of education you have attained?

Code		Weighted
1	Did not finish high school	4%
2	High school graduation, no college	16
3	High school graduation, some college	26
4	Completed Associate's Degree	14
5	Completed Bachelor's Degree	25
6	Graduate or Professional Degree/Coursework	15
Total =		1018

What is your age?

Code		Weighted
1	18-29	15%
2	30-44	22
3	45-64	37
4	65+	26
Total =		1010

What is your marital status?

Code		Weighted
1	Married	59%
2	Divorced/Separated	14
3	Single	23
4	Other	5
Total =		1000

How would you best describe your religious affiliation?

Code		Weighted
1	Roman Catholic	26%
2	Evangelical Protestant	27
3	Mainline Protestant	15
4	African-American Protestant	5
12	Christian – unaffiliated	5
5	Church of Latter Day Saints	2
6	Jewish	1
99	Other	2
8	Secular/No Religious Affiliation	16
Total =		1001

How frequently do you attend worship services?

Code		Weighted
1	Never/hardly ever	29%
2	A few times a year	22
3	Once or twice a month	12
4	Almost every week	15
5	Once a week or more	22
Total =		952

What is your gender?

		Weighted
1	Male	48%
2	Female	52
3	Neither	<1
Total =		1018

What is your approximate level of household income?

Code		Weighted
1	Less than \$30,000	16%
2	\$30,000-\$49,999	16
3	\$50,000-\$74,999	19
4	\$75,000-\$99,999	13
5	\$100,000-\$149,999	16
6	\$150,000-\$199,999	5
7	\$200,000-\$299,999	4
8	\$300,000 or more	3
9	Not given	7
Total =		1002

Methodology

The UT Tyler-Texas Opinion Survey reflects a statewide random sample of 1221 registered voters during the ten days between February 17 and February 26. Among that sample, there were 1018 likely voters who indicated they had voted or were likely to vote in the March election. These voters also indicated which party primary they would choose to vote in. The mixed mode sample includes 387 likely voters who took the survey by phone and 638 likely voters that were randomly selected from a panel of registered voters that have opted-in to take surveys through a company called Dynata. The online and phone surveys were conducted in English and Spanish.

The data were weighted to be representative of the Texas register voter population. Iterative weighting was used to balance sample demographics to the state population parameters. The sample is balanced to match parameters for gender, age, race/ethnicity, and education using an iterated process known as raking. These parameters were derived from 2018 Current Population Survey to reflect Texas's electorate. The use of these weights in statistical analysis ensures that the characteristics of the sample closely reflect the characteristics of registered voters in Texas.

In this poll, the sampling error for 1018 registered voters in Texas is +/- 3.07 percentage points at a 95 percent confidence interval. The survey's design asked additional questions to 513 likely voters who indicated they would vote in the Democratic Primary (margin of error of +/- 4.3%). Similarly, there were 495 likely voters to represent the electorate in the Republican primary (margin of error of +/- 4.4%).

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