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Texas Registered Voter Sample

Field Dates: February 17-26, 2020

N= 1221 Adults (Registered Voters)
Margin of error: +/- 2.8%

Democratic Primary Sample, 586 Voters
Margin of error: +/- 4.05%

Republican Primary Sample, 567 Voters
Margin of error: +/- 4.12%

Survey of Registered Voters in Texas

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

Code		Weighted
1	Very enthusiastic	50%
2	Enthusiastic	30
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

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

Code		Weighted
1	Republican	37%
2	Democrat	37
3	Neither	26
	Total =	1221

[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	28%
2	Not strong Republican	10
3	Lean Republican, Independent	9
4	Lean to no Party, Independent	3
5	Lean Democratic, Independent	9
6	Not strong Democrat	12
7	Strong Democrat	26
	Total =	1163

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%	3%	3%
2	Liberal	11	23	7	3
3	Slightly Liberal	9	14	14	2
4	Moderate, Middle of the Road	30	39	42	13
5	Slightly Conservative	9	4	12	12
6	Conservative	19	3	10	39
7	Extremely Conservative	14	1	9	29
	Total =	1,148	424	250	474

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

Code		Weighted
1	Select the best candidate	53%
2	Civic duty	23
3	Other people are voting in my community	2
4	Prevent a bad candidate from winning	21
	Total =	1,170

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%	8%	41%	91%
2	Disapprove	48	89	49	7
3	Don't Know	5	4	10	2
	Total =	1220	431	315	474

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	37%	15%	31%	63%
2	Disapprove	31	54	29	10
3	Don't Know	32	31	40	27
	Total =	1220	431	315	474

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	55%	28%	53%	84%
2	Disapprove	29	54	26	6
3	Don't Know	17	18	21	11
	Total =	1217	429	315	473

[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	23
3	Will appeal to independents	24
4	Will energize the base	13
	Total =	564

[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	29%	30%	29%	24%	42%	24%
3	Michael Bloomberg	21	20	22	23	20	17
1	Joe Biden	19	22	12	15	18	25
11	Elizabeth Warren	10	12	7	11	7	12
4	Pete Buttigieg	8	7	10	12	5	5
7	Amy Klobuchar	4	4	4	8	0	2
6	Tulsi Gabbard	1	1	2	2	1	0
10	Tom Steyer	1	1	2	1	2	0
99	Undecided	5	3	11	4	5	5
	Total =	586	421	139	269	136	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	56%	10%	26%	7%	1%
3	Michael Bloomberg	49	9	30	9	3
1	Joe Biden	52	10	30	7	2
11	Elizabeth Warren	51	18	27	5	0
4	Pete Buttigieg	49	10	26	11	3
7	Amy Klobuchar	37	14	45	4	0
6	Tulsi Gabbard	38	22	20	19	0
10	Tom Steyer	26	12	24	37	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%	19%	21%	19%	21%	23%
9	Bernie Sanders	20	22	14	13	18	34
3	Michael Bloomberg	16	16	14	14	19	16
11	Elizabeth Warren	18	17	23	16	18	17
4	Pete Buttigieg	12	10	20	14	16	2
7	Amy Klobuchar	8	9	4	12	5	4
10	Tom Steyer	4	4	1	5	4	3
6	Tulsi Gabbard	2	2	2	3	0	1
	Total =	534	397	114	249	125	113

[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	15%	16%	7%	24%	8%	6%
4	Cristina Tzintzún Ramirez	7	7	11	6	13	3
5	Royce West	7	8	7	5	5	15
1	Chris Bell	7	8	5	7	7	8
2	Amanda Edwards	4	5	0	2	3	7
8	Annie "Mamá" Garcia	4	3	3	3	7	3
10	Sema Hernandez	4	5	1	4	5	3
6	Michael Cooper	3	2	3	1	1	6
7	Jack Foster, Jr.	1	2	0	1	1	3
9	Victor Harris	1	1	0	0	1	2
11	D.R. Hunter	1	1	1	2	0	1
12	Adrian Ocegueda	1	1	2	1	2	0
13	Not sure	46	41	61	44	46	44
	Total =	581	419	138	266	133	127

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

Code		Weighted
1	Donald Trump	86%
3	Bill Weld	6
4	Not sure	8
	Total =	567

[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	56%
2	Virgil Bierschwale	0
3	John Castro	3
4	Dwayne Stovall	4
5	Mark Yancey	2
6	Not sure	35
	Total =	560

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Elizabeth Warren	37%	73%	33%	4%
2	Donald Trump	47	5	43	91
3	Neither – Other	16	22	24	5
	Total =	1196	425	302	469

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Joe Biden	44%	85%	36%	8%
2	Donald Trump	45	5	40	90
3	Neither – Other	11	10	24	2
	Total =	1192	425	300	467

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Mike Bloomberg	44%	85%	39%	7%
2	Donald Trump	45	4	41	90
3	Neither – Other	10	11	20	3
	Total =	1187	425	295	467

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Bernie Sanders	44%	82%	39%	9%
2	Donald Trump	45	4	41	89
3	Neither – Other	11	14	19	3
	Total =	1200	427	303	470

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Pete Buttigieg	41%	76%	38%	7%
2	Donald Trump	45	4	40	89
3	Neither – Other	15	20	21	4
	Total =	1197	427	303	467

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Amy Klobuchar	38%	72%	37%	6%
2	Donald Trump	45	4	40	90
3	Neither – Other	17	24	24	4
	Total =	1191	421	303	467

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%	3%
3	Michael Bloomberg	11	17	13	4
4	Pete Buttigieg	5	7	6	1
6	Tulsi Gabbard	1	1	2	1
7	Amy Klobuchar	1	1	1	0
9	Bernie Sanders	14	27	13	2
10	Tom Steyer	3	5	3	1
11	Elizabeth Warren	6	13	4	1
13	Donald Trump	42	2	36	86
99	Undecided	3	2	6	1
	Total =	1204	427	308	469

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%	21%	9%	2%
3	Michael Bloomberg	13	23	13	3
4	Pete Buttigieg	4	7	8	0
6	Tulsi Gabbard	1	2	1	1
7	Amy Klobuchar	3	4	2	2
9	Bernie Sanders	12	21	15	1
10	Tom Steyer	1	2	1	1
11	Elizabeth Warren	8	16	6	1
13	Donald Trump	43	3	39	87
99	Undecided	4	4	7	1
	Total =	1198	424	307	467

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%	2%
3	Michael Bloomberg	15	24	17	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	2	2	1	2
11	Elizabeth Warren	6	14	3	1
13	Donald Trump	44	2	42	89
99	Undecided	3	3	5	0
	Total =	1202	426	308	468

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%	3%
3	Michael Bloomberg	12	19	12	4
4	Pete Buttigieg	4	5	5	1
6	Tulsi Gabbard	1	0	1	0
7	Amy Klobuchar	3	5	3	2
9	Bernie Sanders	18	30	22	2
10	Tom Steyer	1	1	1	1
11	Elizabeth Warren	7	14	5	2
13	Donald Trump	39	1	33	83
99	Undecided	3	2	8	2
	Total =	1204	427	307	470

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Increased	12%	14%	7%	13%
2	Decreased	51	59	49	46
3	No change	37	27	45	41
	Total =	1207	428	309	470

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Yes	44%	15%	38%	79%
2	No	54	84	60	19
3	Not sure	2	1	2	2
	Total =	1200	428	308	464

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	22%
2	Agree	18
3	Neither agree nor disagree	25
4	Disagree	16
5	Strongly disagree	19
	Total =	1204

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

Code		Weighted
1	Very likely	63%
2	Likely	29
3	Less likely	5
4	Unwilling	2
	Total =	1203

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	51%	50%
2	Republican	49	50
	Total =	1200	306

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	25%	51%	15%	6%
2	Somewhat more Likely	25	38	28	8
3	Somewhat less likely	13	7	24	12
4	Very unlikely	37	3	34	74
	Total =	1199	428	307	464

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	39%
2	Support	24
3	Neither oppose nor support	18
4	Oppose	10
5	Strongly oppose	9
	Total =	1202

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

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly agree	33%
2	Agree	15
3	Neither agree nor disagree	12
4	Disagree	15
5	Strongly disagree	26
	Total =	1198

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	16%
2	Support	31
3	Oppose	21
4	Strongly oppose	30
5	Don't know	2
	Total =	1201

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

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly support	20%
2	Support	34
3	Oppose	20
4	Strongly oppose	25
5	Don't know	2
	Total =	1198

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	23%
2	Support	47
3	Oppose	16
4	Strongly oppose	11
5	Don't know	2
	Total =	1201

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

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly disagree	23%
2	Disagree	19
3	Somewhat disagree	14
4	Somewhat Agree	16
5	Agree	15
6	Strongly Agree	10
7	Don't know	2
	Total =	1200

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Strongly support	63%	74%	61%	54%
2	Support	24	17	25	30
3	Neither oppose nor support	7	5	8	8
4	Oppose	3	1	3	5
5	Strongly oppose	3	3	3	3
	Total =	1199	427	306	466

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	40%	55%	34%	28%
2	Support	30	29	30	30
3	Neither oppose nor support	14	10	17	16
4	Oppose	8	2	10	13
5	Strongly oppose	8	3	8	14
	Total =	1197	425	306	466

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	38%	59%	32%	23%
2	Support	18	19	19	16
3	Neither oppose nor support	13	11	13	16
4	Oppose	12	6	17	16
5	Strongly oppose	18	5	20	30
	Total =	1197	426	306	465

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Strongly support	40%	61%	30%	23%
2	Support	16	17	17	14
3	Neither oppose nor support	13	9	15	15
4	Oppose	14	7	18	18
5	Strongly oppose	18	6	19	31
	Total =	1196	426	305	465

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	26%	43%	18%	14%
2	Support	19	26	19	11
3	Neither oppose nor support	17	18	20	15
4	Oppose	14	7	18	17
5	Strongly oppose	25	6	26	44
	Total =	1198	426	306	466

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

Code		Weighted	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
1	Very positive	8%	17%	16%	5%	2%
2	Positive	28	42	34	25	18
3	Negative	29	28	23	31	30
4	Very negative	32	11	25	34	47
5	No answer	3	1	1	5	5
	Total =	1197	156	207	403	423

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

Code		Weighted	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
1	Very positive	29%	20%	25%	27%	39%
2	Positive	43	37	41	46	43
4	Negative	19	34	22	18	11
5	Very negative	6	8	9	5	3
6	No answer	3	0	3	4	4
	Total =	1296	156	207	403	423

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 =	1221

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

Code		Weighted
1	Mexican	27%
2	Mexican American	57
3	Puerto Rican	5
4	Cuban	1
5	Other	10
	Total =	198

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

	Weighted
One	22%
Two	20
Three or more	56
Total =	197

What is the highest level of education you have attained?

Code		Weighted
1	Did not finish high school	3%
2	High school graduation, no college	16
3	High school graduation, some college	27
4	Completed Associate's Degree	14
5	Completed Bachelor's Degree	25
6	Graduate or Professional Degree/Coursework	15
	Total =	1221

What is your age?

Code		Weighted
1	18-29	15%
2	30-44	22
3	45-64	37
4	65+	26
	Total =	1212

What is your marital status?

Code		Weighted
1	Married	57%
2	Divorced/Separated	14
3	Single	24
4	Other	6
	Total =	1194

How would you best describe your religious affiliation?

Code		Weighted
1	Roman Catholic	26%
2	Evangelical Protestant	25
3	Mainline Protestant	14
4	African-American Protestant	5
12	Christian – unaffiliated	5
5	Church of Latter Day Saints	2
6	Jewish	1
99	Other	3
8	Secular/No Religious Affiliation	19
	Total =	1195

How frequently do you attend worship services?

Code		Weighted
1	Never/hardly ever	31%
2	A few times a year	21
3	Once or twice a month	12
4	Almost every week	14
5	Once a week or more	22
	Total =	1137

What is your gender?

		Weighted
1	Male	49%
2	Female	51
3	Neither	0.3
	Total =	1221

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	18
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 =	1196

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. The mixed mode sample includes 446 registered voters who took the survey by phone and 775 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 1221 registered voters in Texas is +/- 2.8 percentage points at a 95 percent confidence interval. The survey's design asked additional questions to 586 likely voters who indicated they would vote in the Democratic Primary (margin of error of +/- 4.05%). Similarly, there were 567 likely voters to represent the electorate in the Republican primary (margin of error of +/- 4.12%).

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