Texas Likely Voter Sample

Field Dates: January 21-30, 2020

N= 915 Adults (Registered Voters)
Margin of error: +/- 3.24%

Democratic Primary Sample, 416 Likely Voters
Margin of error: +/- 4.8%

Republican Primary Sample, 445 Likely Voters
Margin of error: +/- 4.65%

Survey of Likely Voters in Texas[1]

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

Code		Weighted
1	Democratic primary	46%
2	Republican primary	46
4	Not sure	7
	Total =	915

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

Code		Weighted
1	Republican	44%
2	Democrat	38
3	Neither	18
	Total =	915

[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	34%
2	Not strong Republican	12
3	Lean Republican, Independent	6
4	Lean to no Party, Independent	2
5	Lean Democratic, Independent	6
6	Not strong Democrat	11
7	Strong Democrat	29
	Total =	870

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[1] Likely voters are defined as individuals who indicated they were either very enthusiastic or enthusiastic when asked "how enthusiastic are you to vote in the March 2020 primary election." In addition to being enthusiastic, likely voters were also defined as responding that they were very likely or likely to vote in the 2020 primary elections.

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%	6%	3%
2	Liberal	13	24	9	4
3	Slightly Liberal	6	11	6	2
4	Moderate, Middle of the Road	29	37	47	16
5	Slightly Conservative	8	7	8	10
6	Conservative	21	6	18	36
7	Extremely Conservative	15	2	6	29
	Total =	864	325	136	403

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

Code		Weighted
1	Select the best candidate	62%
2	Civic duty	18
3	Other people are voting in my community	2
4	Prevent a bad candidate from winning	18
	Total =	880

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	49%	10%	34%	87%
2	Disapprove	46	85	52	9
3	Don't Know	6	5	15	3
	Total =	882	330	147	405

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	42%	15%	30%	69%
2	Disapprove	32	58	34	8
3	Don't Know	26	26	36	23
	Total =	876	329	146	401

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	61%	34%	56%	87%
2	Disapprove	27	50	28	8
3	Don't Know	12	16	17	6
	Total =	878	329	146	403

[If Democrat] Please list in order of importance the following characteristics you prefer in a Democratic nominee for president.

Code		Weighted
1	Closest to [me] on the issues	41%
2	Supports the policy legacy of President Obama	21
3	Will appeal to independents	27
4	Will energize the base	12
	Total =	410

[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
1	Joe Biden	34%	37%	26%	26%	32%	50%
2	Michael Bennett	1	1	2	2	0	1
3	Michael Bloomberg	16	13	23	20	13	12
4	Pete Buttigieg	4	4	5	7	3	0
5	John Delaney	1	1	0	2	2	<1
6	Tulsi Gabbard	1	1	3	2	0	1
7	Amy Klobuchar	3	3	1	4	3	2
8	Deval Patrick	<1	<1	0	<1	0	0
9	Bernie Sanders	18	18	23	12	29	16
10	Tom Steyer	2	1	3	3	1	1
11	Elizabeth Warren	17	19	10	22	15	13
12	Andrew Yang	3	2	4	1	3	3
	Total =	381	298	63	195	77	84

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)
1	Joe Biden	58%	33%	6%	3%	0
3	Michael Bloomberg	55	34	6	5	0
4	Pete Buttigieg	58	37	5	0	0
7	Amy Klobuchar	43	54	0	5	0
9	Bernie Sanders	71	28	1	0	0
11	Elizabeth Warren	53	45	1	0	0
12	Andrew Yang	67	32	0	0	0
2	Michael Bennet					
5	John Delaney					
6	Tulsi Gabbard					
8	Deval Patrick					
10	Tom Steyer					

*Candidates Bennet, Delaney, Gabbard, Patrick, and Steyer did not have more than 2% support.

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[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	19%	20%	20%	21%	20%	16%
2	Michael Bennett	3	3	3	1	3	8
3	Michael Bloomberg	18	19	15	10	29	17
4	Pete Buttigieg	8	8	9	11	8	4
5	John Delaney	1	1	2	1	2	<1
6	Tulsi Gabbard	1	<1	1	1	0	<1
7	Amy Klobuchar	10	9	9	13	8	8
8	Deval Patrick	1	1	0	<1	0	2
9	Bernie Sanders	15	16	11	11	20	14
10	Tom Steyer	5	5	4	7	1	5
11	Elizabeth Warren	15	16	12	19	5	18
12	Andrew Yang	5	4	15	4	4	6
	Total =	372	295	59	188	78	82

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

Code		Weighted
1	Chris Bell	5%
2	Michael Cooper	3
3	Amanda Edwards	4
4	Jack Foster, Jr.	3
5	Annie "Mamá" Garcia	6
6	Victor Harris	3
7	M.J. Hegar	9
8	Sema Hernandez	4
9	D.R. Hunter	2
10	Adrian Ocegueda	1
11	Cristina Tzintzún Ramirez	4
12	Royce West	6
14	Not sure	52
	Total =	414

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

Code		Weighted
1	Donald Trump	88%
2	Joe Walsh	4
3	Bill Weld	2
4	Not sure	6
	Total =	445

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[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	62%
2	Virgil Bierschwale	<1
3	John Castro	5
4	Dwayne Stovall	3
5	Mark Yancey	1
6	Not sure	30
	Total =	445

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Elizabeth Warren	41%	80%	37%	8%
2	Donald Trump	48	5	41	88
3	Neither – Other	12	16	22	4
	Total =	907	327	176	404

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Joe Biden	44%	86%	42%	9%
2	Donald Trump	46	4	37	86
3	Neither – Other	10	10	21	5
	Total =	910	328	178	404

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Mike Bloomberg	44%	82%	46%	10%
2	Donald Trump	47	4	38	87
3	Neither – Other	9	14	16	2
	Total =	906	328	175	403

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Bernie Sanders	42%	79%	38%	10
2	Donald Trump	47	4	38	87
3	Neither – Other	12	17	24	3
	Total =	910	329	177	404

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Pete Buttigieg	37%	70%	40%	8%
2	Donald Trump	47	4	40	88
3	Neither – Other	15	26	20	5
	Total =	905	328	176	401

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Amy Klobuchar	38%	72%	36%	10%
2	Donald Trump	46	3	38	86
3	Neither – Other	16	25	26	4
	Total =	909	329	176	404

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Tom Steyer	36%	68%	37%	7%
2	Donald Trump	47	5	39	88
3	Neither – Other	17	27	23	5
	Total =	906	325	177	404

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	18%	37%	19%	3%
2	Michael Bennett	<1	0	1	0
3	Michael Bloomberg	8	14	10	3
4	Pete Buttigieg	2	4	1	1
5	John Delaney	0	0	0	0
6	Tulsi Gabbard	<1	0	1	0
7	Amy Klobuchar	2	2	3	1
8	Deval Patrick	1	2	0	<1
9	Bernie Sanders	9	17	11	3
10	Tom Steyer	<1	<1	0	0
11	Elizabeth Warren	10	19	12	2
12	Andrew Yang	2	3	2	1
13	Donald Trump	45	2	36	86
99	Undecided	2	2	5	<1
	Total =	909	327	180	402

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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	12%	23%	10%	3%
2	Michael Bennett	0	0	0	0
3	Michael Bloomberg	12	21	13	3
4	Pete Buttigieg	3	4	7	1
5	John Delaney	0	0	0	0
6	Tulsi Gabbard	0	0	0	0
7	Amy Klobuchar	1	1	<1	0
8	Deval Patrick	2	2	3	1
9	Bernie Sanders	12	20	13	3
10	Tom Steyer	0	0	0	0
11	Elizabeth Warren	11	21	9	3
12	Andrew Yang	2	2	1	1
13	Donald Trump	44	3	36	84
99	Undecided	3	3	8	1
	Total =	905	326	180	399

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	12%	25%	10%	1%
2	Michael Bennett	0	0	0	0
3	Michael Bloomberg	16	24	24	5
4	Pete Buttigieg	2	2	1	2
5	John Delaney	0	0	0	0
6	Tulsi Gabbard	0	0	0	0
7	Amy Klobuchar	2	3	5	1
8	Deval Patrick	1	1	0	<1
9	Bernie Sanders	9	16	8	2
10	Tom Steyer	<1	<1	0	0
11	Elizabeth Warren	11	22	9	3
12	Andrew Yang	3	5	3	<1
13	Donald Trump	44	1	37	85
99	Undecided	1	1	3	<1
	Total =	902	326	178	398

Are you concerned that the impeachment of President Donald Trump by the House of Representatives will affect the outcome of the 2020 election?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Yes, I am concerned	37%	48%	27%	31%
2	No, I am not concerned	56	44	59	64
3	No opinion	8	8	14	6
	Total =	908	328	179	401

Based on what you know today, do you believe the Senate should or should not remove President Donald Trump from office after the impeachment?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Should remove	45%	84%	46%	11%
2	Should not remove	48	8	46	85
3	Not sure	7	8	8	4
	Total =	909	328	179	402

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	46%
2	Support	23
3	Neither oppose nor support	16
4	Oppose	8
5	Strongly oppose	7
	Total =	905

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

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly agree	38%
2	Agree	14
3	Neither agree nor disagree	11
4	Disagree	11
5	Strongly disagree	26
	Total =	904

Do you support or oppose Governor Greg Abbott's decision to block refugees from resettling in Texas?

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly support	38%
2	Support	15
3	Neither oppose nor support	14
4	Oppose	16
5	Strongly oppose	16
	Total =	904

Do you support or oppose the U.S. military action to assassinate Iranian General Qasem Soleimani?

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly support	31%
2	Support	15
3	Neither oppose nor support	23
4	Oppose	16
5	Strongly oppose	15
	Total =	895

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

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly agree	18%
2	Agree	14
3	Somewhat agree	13
4	Somewhat disagree	17
5	Disagree	15
6	Strongly disagree	21
	Total =	886

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

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly support	65%
2	Support	22
3	Neither oppose nor support	7
4	Oppose	3
5	Strongly oppose	3
	Total =	903

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

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly support	43%
2	Support	25
3	Neither oppose nor support	17
4	Oppose	9
5	Strongly oppose	6
	Total =	902

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

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly support	40%
2	Support	18
3	Neither oppose nor support	15
4	Oppose	13
5	Strongly oppose	15
	Total =	901

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

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly support	38%
2	Support	18
3	Neither oppose nor support	13
4	Oppose	14
5	Strongly oppose	18
	Total =	902

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

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly support	28%
2	Support	18
3	Neither oppose nor support	16
4	Oppose	11
5	Strongly oppose	26
	Total =	902

Do you think the U.S. is very prepared, prepared, not very prepared or not prepared at all to keep elections safe and secure?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Very prepared	17%	12%	8%	25%
2	Prepared	39	30	36	49
3	Not prepared	27	38	30	16
4	Not very prepared	14	18	23	6
5	Not sure	3	2	3	5
	Total =	904	326	177	401

How likely or unlikely is it that a foreign nation will attempt to create confusion in the upcoming election?

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Very likely	37%	49%	40%	24%
2	Somewhat likely	32	31	33	33
3	Somewhat unlikely	13	11	8	17
4	Very unlikely	12	5	12	18
5	Not sure	6	3	7	8
	Total =	904	326	177	401

Demographic Questions

What do you identify as your racial or ethnic background?

Code		Weighted
1	White, Non-Hispanic	58%
2	Hispanic or Latino	22
3	Black or African American	14
4	Asian	3
5	Other	5
	Total =	915

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

Code		Weighted
1	Mexican	45%
2	Mexican American	43
3	Puerto Rican	2
4	Cuban	1
5	Other	9
	Total =	129

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

	Weighted
One	31%
Two	22
Three or more	47
Total =	129

What is the highest level of education you have attained?

Code		Weighted
1	Did not finish high school	5%
2	High school graduation, no college	24
3	Completed Associate's Degree or Some College	36
4	Completed Bachelor's Degree	24
5	Graduate or Professional Degree/Coursework	11
	Total =	915

What is your age?

Code		Weighted
1	18-29	15%
2	30-44	23
3	45-64	35
4	65+	27
	Total =	915

What is your marital status?

Code		Weighted
1	Married	57%
2	Divorced/Separated	14
3	Single	27
4	Other	2
	Total =	898

How would you best describe your religious affiliation?

Code		Weighted
1	Roman Catholic	27%
2	Evangelical Protestant	24
3	Mainline Protestant	18
4	African-American Protestant	4
12	Christian – unaffiliated	4
5	Church of Latter Day Saints	1
6	Jewish	1
99	Other	3
8	Secular/No Religious Affiliation	18
	Total =	900

How frequently do you attend worship services?

Code		Weighted
1	Never/hardly ever	31%
2	A few times a year	23
3	Once or twice a month	13
4	Almost every week	13
5	Once a week or more	20
	Total =	884

What is your gender?

		Weighted
1	Male	52%
2	Female	48
3	Neither	<1
	Total =	915

What is your approximate level of household income?

Code		Weighted
1	Less than $30,000	18%
2	$30,000-$49,999	17
3	$50,000-$74,999	21
4	$75,000-$99,999	14
5	$100,000-$149,999	12
6	$150,000-$199,999	5
7	$200,000-$299,999	4
8	$300,000 or more	2
9	Not given	7
	Total =	903

Methodology

The Dallas Morning News/UT Tyler Poll reflects a statewide random sample of 915 likely voters during the ten days between January 21 and January 30. The mixed mode sample includes 262 likely voters who took the survey by phone and 653 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 915 likely voters in Texas is +/- 3.24 percentage points at a 95 percent confidence interval. The survey's design asked additional questions to 414 registered voters who identify with the Democratic Party as members or independents that lean towards the party (margin of error of +/- 4.8%).

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