



Texas Registered Voter Sample

Field Dates: January 21-30, 2020

N= 1169 Adults (Registered Voters)

Margin of error: +/- 2.87%

Democratic Primary Sample, 487 Voters

Margin of error: +/- 4.44%

Republican Primary Samples, 552 Voters

Margin of error: +/- 4.14%

### Survey of Registered Voters in Texas

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

Code		Weighted
1	Very enthusiastic	44%
2	Enthusiastic	34
3	Ambivalent	1
4	Not enthusiastic	13
5	Very unenthusiastic	8
Total =		1169

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Very likely	72%	78%	53%	79%
2	Likely	19	18	28	16
3	Not likely	6	3	14	4
4	Do not plan to	2	2	6	2
Total =		1169	380	289	500

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

Code		Weighted
1	Democratic primary	43%
2	Republican primary	44
4	Not sure	13
Total =		1140

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

Code		Weighted
1	Republican	42%
2	Democrat	35
3	Neither	24
Total =		1169

**[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	32%
2	Not strong Republican	14
3	Lean Republican, Independent	8
4	Lean to no Party, Independent	2
5	Lean Democratic, Independent	7
6	Not strong Democrat	12
7	Strong Democrat	25
Total =		1073

**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	7%	14%	5%	3%
2	Liberal	11	24	7	3
3	Slightly Liberal	7	13	8	3
4	Moderate, Middle of the Road	30	36	51	17
5	Slightly Conservative	9	7	7	12
6	Conservative	21	6	17	34
7	Extremely Conservative	14	1	5	27
Total =		1071	371	203	497

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

Code		Weighted
1	Select the best candidate	59%
2	Civic duty	18
3	Other people are voting in my community	2
4	Prevent a bad candidate from winning	20
Total =		1107

**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	45%	9%	28%	83%
2	Disapprove	47	86	51	12
3	Don't Know	8	5	21	5
Total =		1110	380	230	500

**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	38%	15%	24%	63%
2	Disapprove	30	55	29	9
3	Don't Know	31	30	47	28
Total =		1103	379	228	496

**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	59%	35%	50%	84%
2	Disapprove	26	48	24	8
3	Don't Know	15	18	26	7
Total =		1105	379	228	498

**[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	43%
2	Supports the policy legacy of President Obama	21
3	Will appeal to independents	24
4	Will energize the base	11
Total =		479

**[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	35%	38%	30%	27%	33%	50%
2	Michael Bennett	1	1	1	1	0	1
3	Michael Bloomberg	16	13	23	20	12	13
4	Pete Buttigieg	4	4	5	9	3	0
5	John Delaney	1	1	0	2	2	<1
6	Tulsi Gabbard	1	1	2	2	0	1
7	Amy Klobuchar	3	3	2	4	3	2
8	Deval Patrick	<1	<1	0	<1	0	0
9	Bernie Sanders	18	19	21	12	30	18
10	Tom Steyer	2	1	3	2	1	1
11	Elizabeth Warren	16	17	11	20	13	12
12	Andrew Yang	3	3	3	2	5	2
Total =		441	335	82	221	89	96

**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	51%	35%	11%	3%	1%
3	Michael Bloomberg	52	34	11	4	0
4	Pete Buttigieg	44	38	14	4	0
7	Amy Klobuchar	37	59	0	4	0
9	Bernie Sanders	66	31	3	1	0
11	Elizabeth Warren	49	50	1	0	0
12	Andrew Yang	46	54	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.

**[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	21%	22%	17%	22%	22%	21%
2	Michael Bennett	3	3	3	1	3	8
3	Michael Bloomberg	18	18	16	13	28	16
4	Pete Buttigieg	8	8	10	10	8	4
5	John Delaney	1	1	1	1	1	<1
6	Tulsi Gabbard	1	<1	1	1	0	<1
7	Amy Klobuchar	8	8	9	12	7	7
8	Deval Patrick	1	1	3	<1	0	1
9	Bernie Sanders	16	16	13	11	22	14
10	Tom Steyer	5	5	6	8	1	5
11	Elizabeth Warren	14	14	12	16	4	19
12	Andrew Yang	5	4	11	4	4	6
Total =		431	333	76	211	91	95

**[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	4%
2	Michael Cooper	2
3	Amanda Edwards	4
4	Jack Foster, Jr.	2
5	Annie "Mamá" Garcia	5
6	Victor Harris	2
7	M.J. Hegar	8
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	56
Total =		487

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

Code		Weighted
1	Donald Trump	82%
2	Joe Walsh	4
3	Bill Weld	2
4	Not sure	11
Total =		552

**[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	1
3	John Castro	4
4	Dwayne Stovall	2
5	Mark Yancey	1
6	Not sure	36
Total =		550

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Elizabeth Warren	37%	75%	32%	8%
2	Donald Trump	46	5	36	85
3	Neither – Other	17	20	32	7
Total =		1158	376	283	499

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Joe Biden	42%	86%	36%	9%
2	Donald Trump	44	3	34	84
3	Neither – Other	14	11	30	7
Total =		1062	377	286	499

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Mike Bloomberg	42%	80%	39%	12%
2	Donald Trump	45	4	34	84
3	Neither – Other	13	16	27	4
Total =		1157	377	282	498

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Bernie Sanders	39%	79%	32%	11
2	Donald Trump	45	4	36	84
3	Neither – Other	16	17	32	5
Total =		1161	378	284	499

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Pete Buttigieg	34%	69%	31%	8%
2	Donald Trump	46	4	37	85
3	Neither – Other	20	27	32	7
Total =		1154	376	283	495

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Amy Klobuchar	35%	70%	29%	9%
2	Donald Trump	45	3	36	84
3	Neither – Other	20	27	35	7
Total =		1160	378	283	499

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

Code		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1	Tom Steyer	32%	65%	29%	7%
2	Donald Trump	46	5	36	85
3	Neither – Other	22	30	35	8
Total =		1153	373	282	498

**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	19%	38%	19%	4%
2	Michael Bennett	<1	0	1	0
3	Michael Bloomberg	9	14	10	4
4	Pete Buttigieg	2	4	2	1
5	John Delaney	0	0	0	0
6	Tulsi Gabbard	<1	0	1	0
7	Amy Klobuchar	2	2	2	1
8	Deval Patrick	1	1	1	<1
9	Bernie Sanders	9	17	11	2
10	Tom Steyer	<1	<1	0	0
11	Elizabeth Warren	11	18	13	3
12	Andrew Yang	2	3	2	1
13	Donald Trump	43	2	33	83
99	Undecided	2	2	5	<1
Total =		1159	376	286	497

**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	13%	24%	11%	4%
2	Michael Bennett	0	0	0	0
3	Michael Bloomberg	11	21	11	3
4	Pete Buttigieg	3	4	5	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	11	20	13	3
10	Tom Steyer	<1	0	0	<1
11	Elizabeth Warren	11	20	13	4
12	Andrew Yang	2	3	1	2
13	Donald Trump	44	3	36	82
99	Undecided	3	3	7	1
Total =		1149	374	283	492

**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%	27%	9%	2%
2	Michael Bennett	0	0	0	0
3	Michael Bloomberg	15	23	20	6
4	Pete Buttigieg	2	2	1	1
5	John Delaney	0	0	0	0
6	Tulsi Gabbard	0	0	0	0
7	Amy Klobuchar	2	2	3	1
8	Deval Patrick	1	1	0	<1
9	Bernie Sanders	9	17	10	2
10	Tom Steyer	<1	<1	0	0
11	Elizabeth Warren	11	20	11	4
12	Andrew Yang	3	5	4	1
13	Donald Trump	45	2	39	84
99	Undecided	1	1	2	<1
Total =		1146	373	281	492



**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	35%	45%	26%	30%
2	No, I am not concerned	55	45	54	64
3	No opinion	10	10	19	6
Total =		1156	376	284	496

**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	43%	81%	42%	11%
2	Should not remove	48	9	44	84
3	Not sure	9	10	14	5
Total =		1157	376	284	497

**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	43%
2	Support	24
3	Neither oppose nor support	19
4	Oppose	8
5	Strongly oppose	6
Total =		1152

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

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly agree	35%
2	Agree	15
3	Neither agree nor disagree	14
4	Disagree	11
5	Strongly disagree	25
Total =		1152

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

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly support	34%
2	Support	16
3	Neither oppose nor support	20
4	Oppose	16
5	Strongly oppose	14
Total =		1150

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

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly support	29%
2	Support	16
3	Neither oppose nor support	28
4	Oppose	15
5	Strongly oppose	13
Total =		1142

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

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly agree	17%
2	Agree	14
3	Somewhat agree	16
4	Somewhat disagree	19
5	Disagree	15
6	Strongly disagree	20
Total =		1128

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

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly support	65%
2	Support	21
3	Neither oppose nor support	8
4	Oppose	3
5	Strongly oppose	3
Total =		1150

**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	18
4	Oppose	8
5	Strongly oppose	6
Total =		1149

**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	16
4	Oppose	13
5	Strongly oppose	13
Total =		1148

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

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly support	37%
2	Support	18
3	Neither oppose nor support	15
4	Oppose	13
5	Strongly oppose	16
Total =		1148

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

Code		Weighted
1	Strongly support	27%
2	Support	17
3	Neither oppose nor support	19
4	Oppose	12
5	Strongly oppose	25
Total =		1147

**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	15%	11%	8%	23%
2	Prepared	39	30	34	49
3	Not prepared	29	39	35	18
4	Not very prepared	13	18	21	5
5	Not sure	3	3	2	5
Total =		1151	374	282	495

**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	35%	46%	40%	23%
2	Somewhat likely	33	33	30	35
3	Somewhat unlikely	14	11	11	17
4	Very unlikely	12	6	12	17
5	Not sure	7	4	8	8
Total =		1151	374	282	495

### 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 =		1169

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

Code		Weighted
1	Mexican	39%
2	Mexican American	45
3	Puerto Rican	3
4	Cuban	1
5	Other	12
Total =		165

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

	<u>Weighted</u>
One	30%
Two	21
Three or more	49
Total =	165

**What is the highest level of education you have attained?**

<u>Code</u>		<u>Weighted</u>
1	Did not finish high school	6%
2	High school graduation, no college	25
3	Completed Associate's Degree or Some College	35
4	Completed Bachelor's Degree	23
5	Graduate or Professional Degree/Coursework	11
Total =		1169

**What is your age?**

<u>Code</u>		<u>Weighted</u>
1	18-29	15%
2	30-44	23
3	45-64	37
4	65+	25
Total =		1,169

**What is your marital status?**

<u>Code</u>		<u>Weighted</u>
1	Married	55%
2	Divorced/Separated	14
3	Single	28
4	Other	2
Total =		1143

**How would you best describe your religious affiliation?**

Code		Weighted
1	Roman Catholic	26%
2	Evangelical Protestant	24
3	Mainline Protestant	17
4	African-American Protestant	4
12	Christian – unaffiliated	4
5	Church of Latter Day Saints	1
6	Jewish	1
99	Other	2
8	Secular/No Religious Affiliation	21
Total =		1146

**How frequently do you attend worship services?**

Code		Weighted
1	Never/hardly ever	33%
2	A few times a year	22
3	Once or twice a month	12
4	Almost every week	13
5	Once a week or more	20
Total =		1126

**What is your gender?**

		Weighted
1	Male	49%
2	Female	50
3	Neither	<1
Total =		1169

**What is your approximate level of household income?**

Code		Weighted
1	Less than \$30,000	18%
2	\$30,000-\$49,999	19
3	\$50,000-\$74,999	20
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 =		1148

## Methodology

The Dallas Morning News/UT Tyler Poll reflects a statewide random sample of 1,169 registered voters during the ten days between January 21 and January 30. The mixed mode sample includes 305 registered voters who took the survey by phone and 864 registered 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 1,169 registered voters in Texas is +/- 2.87 percentage points at a 95 percent confidence interval. The survey's design asked additional questions to 427 registered voters who identify with the Democratic Party as members or independents that lean towards the party (margin of error of +/- 4.44%).

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