## UT <br> Center for TYLER Opinion Research

Texas Opinion Survey
Field Dates: February 11-24, 2019
$\mathrm{N}=1049$ Adults (Registered Voters)
Margin of error: +/- 3.03\%

Q1. Based on the candidates running for president today, who are you most likely to vote for?

|  |  | Weighted <br> (Online) | Weighted <br> (Phone) | Weighted <br> (All) | Dem. | Ind. | Rep. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Donald Trump | $35.6 \%$ | $42.3 \%$ | $37.7 \%$ | $3.2 \%$ | $33.2 \%$ | $76.4 \%$ |
| 2. | Cory Booker | 1.8 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 0.6 |
| 3. | Julian Castro | 3.4 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 6.8 | 1.9 | 0.4 |
| 4. | Kirsten Gillibrand | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 5. | Kamala Harris | 2.9 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 5.6 | 2.2 | 1.7 |
| 6. | Amy Klobuchar | 1.9 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 2.8 | 1.9 | 0.3 |
| 7. | Beto O’Rourke | 25.9 | 14.3 | 22.0 | 45.3 | 15.3 | 3.4 |
| 8. | Howard Shultz | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 0.7 |
| 9. | Elizabeth Warren | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 5.9 | 4.1 | 0.4 |
| 10. | Undecided | 24.4 | 30.0 | 26.5 | 28.1 | 37.9 | 16.2 |
|  | Total $=$ | 692 | 352 | 1,046 | 328 | 294 | 424 |

Q2. Do you consider yourself to be a Republican, Democrat, or neither?

| 1. | Republican | Weighted |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. | Democrat | $36.1 \%$ |
| 3. | Neither | 36.9 |
|  | Total $=1,049$ | 27.1 |

Q3A. Would you call yourself a strong [Democrat or Republican] or a not very strong [Democrat or Republican]?

|  |  | Weighted |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 1. | Strong Republican | $30.9 \%$ |
| 2. | Not Strong Republican | 17.1 |
| 3. | Not Sure, Republican | 1.5 |
| 4. | Not Sure, Democrat | 2.7 |
| 5. | Not Strong Democrat | 12.9 |
| 6. | Strong Democrat | 35.0 |

Total $=752$

Q3B. [If independent, no preference, or other party] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?

|  |  | Weighted |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 2. | Democrat | $39.5 \%$ |
| 3. | Republican | 51.6 |

Total $=203$

Q4. Using a 7-point scale where 1 is extremely liberal and 7 is extremely conservative, how would you rate your political views.

|  |  | Weighted |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 1. | Extremely liberal | $5.4 \%$ |
| 2. | Liberal | 15.5 |
| 3. | Slightly Liberal | 8.3 |
| 4. | Moderate, Middle of the Road | 29.4 |
| 5. | Slightly Conservative | 12.1 |
| 6. | Conservative | 17.4 |
| 7. | Extremely Conservative | 12.0 |

Total $=1,022$
Q5. Given the Democratic gains in the U.S. House of Representatives after the 2018 election do you think there will be a positive, negative, or neutral effect on the activities of the legislature?

|  |  | Weighted | Dem. | Ind. | Rep. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Negative | $33.1 \%$ | $8.1 \%$ | $31.4 \%$ | $60.2 \%$ |
| 2. | Neutral | 23.6 | 25.1 | 25.8 | 20.3 |
| 3. | Positive | 30.4 | 55.8 | 24.5 | 8.5 |
| 4. | Don't Know | 13.0 | 11.0 | 18.3 | 11.0 |
|  | Total $=$ | 1,044 | 328 | 293 | 423 |

Q6. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

|  |  | Weighted | Dem. | Ind. | Rep. |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 1. | Approve | $41.6 \%$ | $6.4 \%$ | $39.0 \%$ | $79.5 \%$ |
| 2. | Disapprove | 53.0 | 91.3 | 53.0 | 13.9 |
| 3. | Don't Know | 5.4 | 2.5 | 8.0 | 6.6 |
|  | Total $=$ | 1,047 | 328 | 295 | 424 |

Q7. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Senator John Cornyn is handling his job as Senator?

|  |  | Weighted | Dem. | Ind. | Rep. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Approve | $35.5 \%$ | $16.8 \%$ | $34.5 \%$ | $55.4 \%$ |
| 2. | Disapprove | 27.2 | 41.4 | 32.0 | 9.2 |
| 3. | Don't Know | 37.3 | 41.9 | 44.6 | 35.5 |
|  | Total $=$ | 1,047 | 329 | 294 | 424 |

Q8. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Senator Ted Cruz is handling his job as Senator?

|  |  | Weighted | Dem. | Ind. | Rep. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Approve | $42.0 \%$ | $12.5 \%$ | $40.2 \%$ | $73.4 \%$ |
| 2. | Disapprove | 44.7 | 73.2 | 48.6 | 12.8 |
| 3. | Don't Know | 13.3 | 14.3 | 11.3 | 13.9 |
|  | Total $=$ | 1,047 | 328 | 295 | 424 |

Q9. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Governor Greg Abbott is handling his job as Governor?

|  |  | Weighted | Dem. | Ind. | Rep. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Approve | $57.2 \%$ | $32.4 \%$ | $60.6 \%$ | $80.1 \%$ |
| 2. | Disapprove | 27.6 | 46.0 | 25.3 | 7.5 |
| 3. | Don't Know | 16.3 | 21.5 | 14.1 | 12.5 |
|  | Total $=$ | 1,043 | 329 | 293 | 421 |

Q10. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Lt. Governor Dan Patrick is handling his job as Lt. Governor?

|  |  | Weighted | Dem. | Ind. | Rep. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Approve | $34.2 \%$ | $15.3 \%$ | $31.7 \%$ | $55.3 \%$ |
| 2. | Disapprove | 29.0 | 44.3 | 32.4 | 10.8 |
| 3. | Don't Know | 36.8 | 30.5 | 35.9 | 33.8 |
|  | Total $=$ | 1,048 | 329 | 294 | 425 |

Q11. Do you prefer a leader who compromises to get things done or sticks to their beliefs even if little gets done?

|  |  | Weighted | Dem. | Ind. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Rep. |  |  |  |  |
| 2. | Compromises to get things done | Sticks to their beliefs, even if little gets done | $58.4 \%$ | $69.1 \%$ |
| $60.2 \%$ | $46.2 \%$ |  |  |  |
| 3. | Neutral | 17.0 | 14.8 | 23.2 |
|  | 16.2 | 16.6 | 18.8 |  |
| Total $=1,048$ |  | 329 | 295 | 422 |

Q12. How serious of a problem is the lack of civil or respectful discourse in the political system?

|  |  | Weighted |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 1. | Very Serious | $50.4 \%$ |
| 2. | Serious | 31.7 |
| 3. Not too Serious | 9.0 |  |
| 4. | Not Sure | 8.9 |

Total $=1,045$

Q13. Generations of slavery and discrimination have created conditions that make it difficult for blacks to work their way out of the lower class.

|  |  | Online | Phone | Weighted |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Strongly disagree | $23.7 \%$ | $23.8 \%$ | $23.7 \%$ |
| 2. | Somewhat disagree | 21.6 | 22.2 | 21.7 |
| 3. | Have a neutral position | 22.9 | 14.2 | 20.3 |
| 4. | Somewhat agree | 19.4 | 16.8 | 18.6 |
| 5. | Strongly agree | 12.4 | 23.0 | 15.7 |
|  | Total $=$ | 694 | 343 | 1,039 |

Q14: Irish, Italians, Jewish and many other minorities overcame prejudice and worked their way up. Blacks should do the same without any special favors.

|  |  | Online | Phone | Weighted |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Strongly disagree | $9.1 \%$ | $12.0 \%$ | $10.0 \%$ |
| 2. | Somewhat disagree | 14.0 | 14.0 | 14.1 |
| 3. | Have a neutral position | 27.6 | 15.7 | 24.0 |
| 4. | Somewhat agree | 22.7 | 21.7 | 22.3 |
| 5. | Strongly agree | 26.5 | 36.6 | 29.6 |
|  | Total $=$ | 694 | 341 | 1,037 |

Q15. Would you say that economic conditions are better or worse today than 5 years ago?

|  |  | Weighted |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | The economy is much worse today | $13.2 \%$ |
| 2. | The economy is slightly worse today | 15.8 |
| 3. | The economy is about the same | 20.3 |
| 4. | The economy is slightly better today | 24.5 |
| 5. | The economy is much better today | 26.2 |

Q16. How would you rate the K-12 public schools in your local community in the following areas? In providing the knowledge and skills needed for pursuing a four-year college degree

|  |  | Weighted |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Excellent | $14.4 \%$ |
| 2. | Good | 39.6 |
| 3. | Fair | 32.7 |
| 4. | Poor | 13.2 |

Total $=935$

Q17. How would you rate the K-12 public schools in your local community in the following areas? In teaching reading, writing and mathematics

|  |  | Weighted |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. | Excellent | $16.8 \%$ |
| 3. | Food | 41.6 |
| 4. | Poor | 28.0 |
|  | Tora | 13.5 |

Total $=931$

Q18. How would you rate the K-12 public schools in your local community in the following areas? In providing the knowledge and skills needed for pursuing a vocational or technical career

|  |  | Weighted |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Excellent | $12.9 \%$ |
| 2. | Good | 40.1 |
| 3. | Fair | 29.0 |
| 4. | Poor | 18.1 |
|  | Total -928 |  |

Q19. Please RANK the following items based on which improvements for $K$ to 12 education should be a priority. A " 1 " designates your top priority:

Rank items 1-4

|  | Rank 1 | Rank 2 | Rank 3 | Rank 4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Teacher Salaries | $39.7 \%$ | $28.4 \%$ | $15.9 \%$ | $16.1 \%$ |
| Safer school buildings | 35.9 | 24.0 | 22.8 | 17.3 |
| Technology in the classroom | 17.3 | 22.8 | 30.2 | 29.7 |
| Counseling for students | 11.6 | 22.1 | 29.9 | 36.4 |

Total $=994$

Q20. This year the Texas Legislature is debating whether the state should regulate property taxes at the local level. Do you trust your city or state to control the local property tax rate?

|  |  | Weighted | Dem. | Ind. | Rep. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | City | $40.5 \%$ | $41.2 \%$ | $42.3 \%$ | $38.7 \%$ |
| 2. | State | 32.7 | 30.4 | 30.7 | 36.1 |
| 3. | Neither | 26.8 | 28.4 | 27.1 | 25.9 |
|  | Total $=$ | 879 | 267 | 252 | 360 |

Q21. On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 means Strongly Support and 5 means Strongly Oppose, do you support or oppose the creation of a "guest worker" program that would give a temporary visa to non-citizens who want to work legally in the United States?

|  |  | Weighted | Dem. | Ind. | Rep. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Strongly support | $25.0 \%$ | $31.7 \%$ | $29.7 \%$ | $14.8 \%$ |
| 2. | Support | 37.5 | 36.0 | $38.6 \%$ | 38.1 |
| 3. | Have a neutral position | 19.8 | 20.6 | 15.8 | 22.0 |
| 4. | Oppose | 8.7 | 7.1 | 9.2 | 9.9 |
| 5. | Strongly oppose | 9.0 | 5.6 | 6.7 | 15.2 |
|  | Total $=$ | 1,019 | 319 | 285 | 415 |

Q22. On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 means Strongly Support and 5 means Strongly oppose, do you support or oppose limiting transgendered people from serving in the military?

|  | Weighted | Dem. | Ind. | Rep. |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly support | $15.4 \%$ | $6.9 \%$ | $13.9 \%$ | $25.5 \%$ |
| Support | 15.9 | 12.6 | $14.1 \%$ | 20.4 |
| Have a neutral position | 27.0 | 19.3 | 32.3 | 30.8 |
| Oppose | 18.2 | 24.7 | 17.3 | 12.9 |
| Strongly oppose | 23.5 | 37.8 | 22.3 | 10.4 |
| Total $=$ | 1,018 | 318 | 285 | 415 |

Q23. Do you agree that a wall along the Texas-Mexico border is necessary for a safe border?

|  | Weighted | Dem. | Ind. | Rep. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Strongly disagree | $29.8 \%$ | $56.3 \%$ | $28.8 \%$ | $4.0 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | 11.6 | 17.2 | 11.7 | 6.1 |
| Have a neutral position | 11.0 | 12.5 | 14.3 | 7.2 |
| Agree | 14.3 | 8.1 | 17.7 | 17.9 |
| Strongly agree | 33.3 | 5.8 | 27.7 | 64.4 |
| Total $=$ | 1,029 | 318 | 285 | 422 |

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Q24. Do you believe modernizing the long-term trade agreement with the United States, Canada, and Mexico will benefit (everyone), (Canada and Mexico more than the US), (The United States more than Canada and Mexico), or none of the countries?

|  |  | Weighted | Dem. | Ind. | Rep. |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | No advantage | $34.5 \%$ | $32.1 \%$ | $33.9 \%$ | $37.3 \%$ |
| 2. | Canada and Mexico more than the U.S. | 5.8 | 3.0 | 6.2 | 8.3 |
| 3. | United States more | 22.5 | 17.4 | 25.3 | 25.6 |
| 4. | All three countries will benefit | 8.6 | 12.9 | 10.0 | 3.3 |
| 5. | Don't know | 28.6 | 34.5 | 24.6 | 25.6 |
|  | Total $=1,045$ | 1,045 | 326 | 294 | 435 |

## Demographic Questions

What do you identify as your racial or ethnic background?

|  | Unweighted | Weighted |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| White | $72.6 \%$ | $59.0 \%$ |
| Hispanic or Latino | 11.5 | 23.0 |
| Black or African American | 8.6 | 14.0 |
| Asian | 1.9 | 1.0 |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Two or more races | 1.6 | 2.0 |

Total $=1,049$
What is the highest level of education you have attained?

|  | Unweighted | Weighted |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Did not finish high school | $1.5 \%$ | $4.6 \%$ |
| High school graduation, no college | 12.6 | 25.2 |
| High school graduation, some college | 24.6 | 23.9 |
| Completed Associate's Degree | 10.6 | 10.1 |
| Completed Bachelor's Degree | 26.6 | 25.5 |
| Completed Bachelor's Degree and some | 6.2 | 4.7 |
| Graduate or Professional coursework |  |  |
| Completed Graduate or Professional Degree | 18.0 | 6.1 |
| Total $=1,049$ |  |  |

What is your age?

|  | Unweighted | Weighted |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $18-29$ | $10.4 \%$ | $15.9 \%$ |
| $30-44$ | 19.4 | 25.7 |
| $45-64$ | 36.3 | 35.6 |
| $65+$ | 33.9 | 22.9 |
| Total $=1,049$ |  |  |

## What is your marital status?

|  | Weighted |
| :--- | :---: |
| Married | $56.2 \%$ |
| Divorced/Separated | 13.4 |
| Widowed | 25.5 |
| Never Married | 5.0 |
| Total $=1,049$ |  |

How would you best describe your religious affiliation?

|  | Weighted |
| :--- | :---: |
| Roman Catholic | $24.3 \%$ |
| Evangelical Protestant | 26.9 |
| Mainline Protestant | 14.0 |
| African-American Protestant | 3.5 |
| Church of Latter Day Saints | 0.9 |
| Jewish | 0.5 |
| Other | 1.9 |
| Secular/No Religious Affiliation | 24.7 |
| Muslim | 0.4 |
| Christian - unaffiliated | 3.0 |
| Total $=1,028$ |  |

Which of the following best describes the overall importance of religion in your life?

|  | Weighted |
| :--- | :--- |
| Religion is not important | $14.0 \%$ |
| Religion provides some guidance | 27.2 |
| Religion provides quite a lot of guidance | 15.6 |
| Religion provides a great deal of guidance | 43.2 |

Total $=970$
How frequently do you attend worship services?

|  | Weighted |
| :--- | :--- |
| Never/hardly ever | $34.1 \%$ |
| A few times a year | 20.7 |
| Once or twice a month | 12.7 |
| Almost every week | 14.4 |
| Once a week or more | 18.1 |
| Total $=1,001$ |  |

What is your gender?

|  | Unweighted | Weighted |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Male | $46.5 \%$ | $48.0 \%$ |
| Female | 53.1 | 51.5 |
| Other | 0.5 | 0.5 |

Total $=1,049$

What is your approximate level of household income?

|  | Weighted |
| :--- | :--- |
| Less than $\$ 30,000$ | $22.7 \%$ |
| $\$ 30,000-\$ 49,999$ | 20.1 |
| $\$ 50,000-\$ 74,999$ | 19.0 |
| $\$ 75,000-\$ 99,999$ | 13.0 |
| $\$ 100,000-\$ 149,999$ | 13.7 |
| $\$ 150,000-\$ 199,999$ | 6.6 |
| $\$ 200,000-\$ 299,999$ | 3.0 |
| $\$ 300,000$ or more | 2.0 |
| Total $=960$ |  |

Did you vote in the $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ presidential election?

|  | Weighted |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes | $88.4 \%$ |
| No | 11.6 |

Total $=1,047$
[If voted in 2016] In the 2016 election, did you vote for the Republican nominee Donald Trump, the Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, or someone else?

|  | Weighted | Dem. | Ind. | Rep |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| Donald Trump | $48.6 \%$ | $4.3 \%$ | $53.0 \%$ | $89.7 \%$ |
| Hillary Clinton | 44.7 | 93.3 | 28.3 | 5.8 |
| Other | 6.7 | 2.5 | 18.8 | 4.5 |
| Total $=$ | 732 | 233 | 175 | 320 |

Did you vote in the 2018 midterm election?

|  | Weighted |
| :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $78.0 \%$ |
| No | 22.0 |

Total $=1,041$

