



The University of Texas at Tyler  
Texas Opinion Survey

Field Dates: October 15-28, 2018  
N=1033 Adults  
Margin of error: +/- 3.03%

**Q1. What do you identify as your racial or ethnic background?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. White	70.6%	57.4%
2. Hispanic or Latino	12.1	22.8
3. Black or African American	9.7	12.6
4. Asian	2.9	3.5
5. American Indian and Alaska Native	0.5	0.2
7. Two or more races	2.8	2.0
8. Not Provided	1.5	1.5

**Q2. What is the highest level of education you have attained?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Did not finish high school	1.3%	2.4%
2. High school graduation, no college	13.7	16.5
3. High school graduation, some college	23.7	30.6
4. Completed Associate's Degree	12.1	11.0
5. Completed Bachelor's Degree	25.8	25.5
6. Completed Bachelor's Degree and some Graduate or Professional coursework	5.6	7.5
7. Completed Graduate or Professional Degree	17.8	6.7

**Q3. Do you consider yourself to be a Republican, Democrat, or neither?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Republican	43.7%	42.8%
2. Democrat	33.2	35.4
3. Neither	22.8	21.4

**Q4. Would you call yourself a strong [Democrat or Republican] or a not very strong [Democrat or Republican]?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Strong Republican	31.6%	30.1%
2. Not Strong Republican	23.0	23.2
5. Not Strong Democrat	10.1	12.1
6. Strong Democrat	12.0	12.7
9. No party identification	23.4	21.9

**Q5. [If independent, no preference, or other party] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Democrat	59.6%	60.7%
2. Republican	30.4	28.5
3. Don't Know	9.9	10.8

**Q6. Using a 7-point scale where 1 is extremely liberal and 7 is extremely conservative, how would you rate your political views.**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Extremely liberal	7.5%	7.3%
2. Liberal	10.7	11.2
3. Slightly Liberal	11.8	11.1
4. Moderate, Middle of the Road	11.7	12.8
5. Slightly Conservative	17.6	18.2
6. Conservative	20.0	19.2
7. Extremely Conservative	16.1	14.9
8. Don't know, haven't thought much about it	4.6	5.3

**Q7. How important is voting in this year's midterm elections for Congress?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Not at all	1.4%	2.3%
2. Not too important	1.1	1.5
3. Somewhat important	7.1	8.6
4. Very important	25.8	29.1
5. Extremely important	62.8	56.1
6. Don't know, no opinion	1.9	2.2

**Q8. What is your marital status?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Married	63.3%	63.0%
2. Divorced/Separated	12.2	12.4
3. Widowed	18.6	18.7
4. Never Married	5.9	5.9

**Q9. How would you best describe your religious affiliation?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Roman Catholic	21.6%	24.6%
2. Evangelical Protestant	33.4	34.4
3. Mainline Protestant	13.1	10.2
4. African-American Protestant	3.5	4.7
5. Church of Latter Day Saints	1.2	1.1
6. Jewish	0.6	0.2
7. Other	2.1	2.3
8. Secular/No Religious Affiliation	21.8	20.5
10. Muslim	0.3	0.3
11. Buddhist	0.7	0.6
99. Not Provided	1.7	1.2

**Q10. Which of the following best describes the overall importance of religion in your life?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Religion is not important	13.3%	13.3%
2. Religion provides some guidance	25.4	24.2
3. Religion provides quite a lot of guidance	19.5	20.5
4. Religion provides a great deal of guidance	40.5	40.9
5. Don't Know	1.2	1.2

**Q11. How frequently do you attend worship services?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Never/hardly ever	30.7%	28.7%
2. A few times a year	19.7	21.3
3. Once or twice a month	12.7	14.4
4. Almost every week	14.9	15.0
5. Once a week or more	22.1	20.6

**Q12. Would you say that economic conditions are better or worse today than 5 to 10 years ago?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. The economy is much worse today	10.7%	10.7%
2. The economy is slightly worse today	13.0	12.7
3. The economy is about the same	15.0	16.6
4. The economy is slightly better today	23.6	25.2
5. The economy is much better today	33.2	30.6
6. Don't Know	4.5	34.3

**Q13. In the 2016 election, did you vote for the Republican nominee Donald Trump, the Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, or someone else?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Donald Trump	44.8%	41.6%
2. Hillary Clinton	31.6	31.9
3. Other	11.2	12.1
4. Not Sure	3.7	4.1
9. Did not vote in 2016	8.7	10.4

**Q14. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling his job as President?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Approve	46.1%	45.4%
2. Disapprove	44.6	44.1
3. Don't Know	9.3	10.6

**Q15. In the November election for U.S. Senate, are you more likely to vote for the Republican incumbent, Ted Cruz, the Democratic challenger Beto O’Rourke, or someone else?**

	Unweighted (1033)	Weighted (1033)	Likely Voters (905)
1. Ted Cruz	48.7%	46.5%	47.0%
2. Beto O’Rourke	41.7	42.2	43.4
3. Other	2.8	3.5	3.9
4. Not Sure	6.7	7.7	5.7

*Excluding those that are not sure:*

	Unweighted (965)	Weighted (965)	Likely Voters (857)
1. Ted Cruz	52.2%	50.3%	49.8%
2. Beto O’Rourke	44.8	45.9	46.0
3. Other	3.0	3.8	4.2

**Q16. If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, who would you vote for in your congressional District? Which candidate would you lean toward?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Democratic Candidate	38.1%	39.3%
2. Republican Candidate	47.8	45.5
3. Other	2.6	3.1
4. Not Sure	11.4	12.1

**Q17. In the November election for Governor, are you more likely to vote for the Democratic challenger, Lupe Valdez, the Republican incumbent, Greg Abbott, or someone else?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Lupe Valdez	32.5%	32.2%
2. Gregg Abbott	54.1	52.6
3. Other	3.8	4.9
4. Not Sure	9.7	10.3

**Q18. In the November election for Lieutenant Governor, are you more likely to vote for the Republican incumbent, Dan Patrick, the Democratic challenger, Mike Collier, or someone else?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Dan Patrick	46.0%	44.5%
2. Mike Collier	34.2	32.4
3. Other	4.4	6.0
4. Not Sure	15.4	17.4

**Q19. What is your age?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. 18-29	11.9%	8.5%
2. 30-44	21.1	35.0
3. 45-59	24.8	31.0
4. 60-64	11.8	12.3
5. 65+	29.6	12.9
9. Not provided	0.8	0.5

**Q20. What is your gender?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Male	41.0%	46.5%
2. Female	58.6	53.1
3. Other	0.5	0.5

**Q21. What is your approximate level of household income?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Less than \$30,000	12.0%	13.3%
2. \$30,000-\$49,999	17.8	20.2
3. \$50,000-\$74,999	19.1	19.6
4. \$75,000-\$99,999	13.0	11.9
5. \$100,000-\$149,999	15.2	14.9
6. \$150,000-\$199,999	6.3	5.7
7. \$200,000-\$299,999	3.6	3.9
8. \$300,000 or more	2.1	2.3
9. Not Provided	11.0	8.2

**Q22. Generations of slavery and discrimination have created conditions that make it difficult for blacks to work their way out of the lower class.**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Strongly disagree	24.7%	23.7%
2. Somewhat disagree	17.5	17.1
3. Have a neutral position	18.4	20.2
4. Somewhat agree	19.3	17.9
5. Strongly agree	18.5	19.1
6. Don't know	1.6	2.0

**Q23: Irish, Italians, Jewish and many other minorities overcame prejudice and worked their way up. Blacks should do the same without any special favors.**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Strongly disagree	11.2%	11.1%
2. Somewhat disagree	13.8	12.1
3. Have a neutral position	21.2	23.3
4. Somewhat agree	21.9	20.8
5. Strongly agree	29.9	30.4
6. Don't know	1.9	2.3

**Q24. 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?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Strongly support	25.8%	27.1%
2. Support	32.4	30.3
3. Have a neutral position	17.8	19.5
4. Oppose	9.2	8.3
5. Strongly oppose	10.9	11.1
6. Don't know	3.8	3.7

**Q25. On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 means Strongly Support and 5 means Strongly Oppose, do you support or oppose efforts by the United States government to improve border security along the U.S. border with Mexico?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Strongly support	43.1%	42.0%
2. Support	21.5	21.3
3. Have a neutral position	17.5	19.2
4. Oppose	8.0	8.0
5. Strongly oppose	7.5	7.6
6. Don't know	2.4	2.0

**Q26. On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 means Strongly Support and 5 means Strongly oppose, do you support or oppose the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to allow same-sex couples to marry in all 50 states?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. Strongly support	27.7%	26.2%
2. Support	19.6	19.6
3. Have a neutral position	19.7	20.0
4. Oppose	12.0	12.4
5. Strongly oppose	19.2	20.2
6. Don't know	1.8	1.5

**Q27. 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?**

	Unweighted	Weighted
1. No advantage	10.4%	10.0%
2. Canada and Mexico more than the U.S.	3.9	4.6
3. United States more	11.2	13.4
4. All three countries will benefit	47.7	45.7
5. Don't know	26.8	26.3