TEXAS STATEWIDE SURVEY

TELEPHONE:
Hello, I am _____ of Baselice & Associates, a national survey research firm, and we're talking to people long distance today about issues facing us all.   We would like to include your responses to this survey, which will be kept confidential, with the responses of several hundred other people such as yourself.

INTERNET:
Thank you for helping us with this brief survey. Your responses will be kept confidential.   Please do not try to go back and change your answers as doing so may invalidate your responses.

A.   To begin, are you registered to vote in Texas?

If No, ask: Is there someone else at home who is registered to vote in Texas?
If Yes, ask: May I speak with him/her? And return to introduction)

            Yes **(continue)**
            No **(thank & terminate)**

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B.   In which county do you currently reside?

        Programming to provide interviewer with a drop down box of all 254 counties in alpha order.

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IF QB IS BEXAR, DALLAS, HARRIS OR TARRANT COUNTY, ASK:
B2.   In what ZIP code do you reside?

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B3.   Are you employed in the news media, a market research firm, an elected official, or actively involved with political campaigns?

            Yes   **(thank & terminate)**
            No   **(continue)**

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GEND.   **(Phone: Gender by observation) (Web:** Are you...**)**

        46%   Male
        54%   Female

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EMP.   Are you...

        44%   Currently employed outside the home
        16%   Employed but working from home
         1%   Not working because of the coronavirus
         9%   Not employed
        29%   Retired
         1%   Prefer not to answer

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D1.   **Phone:**   In what year were you born?   (Make   into 9 9 9 9)
       Web: In what year were you born?   (Provide a drop down box from 2004 back to 1900)

       21%   18 to 34
       16%   35 to 44
       18%   45 to 54
       29%   55 to 64
       26%   65 or older
        1%   Prefer not to answer

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D3.A   Thinking about past November general elections for a moment -- which party's candidates have you tended
       to vote for most often...
       (Rotate first two choices)   [Note: Record libertarian, reform party or other parties as value 3]

       43%   Republican **(skip D3C)**
       38%   Democrat **(skip D3C)**
       15%   Or do you tend to vote independent of party **(Go to D3C)**
        4%   Unsure / refused **(skip D3C)**

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       IF **VALUE 3 (Independent)** IN QUESTION D3A, ASK:
D3.C   Although you vote for the person and not one of the major parties -- when you have had to choose between
       two candidates of whom you knew little about, have you tended to vote for... **(Rotate choices)**

        5%   The Republican candidate
        4%   The Democrat candidate
        3%   Other / won't vote for either **(vol)**
        3%   Unsure / refused **(vol)**
       85%   Not asked

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       The combination of the D3A and D3C questions is displayed below:

       43%   Solid Republican
        5%   A few more Republicans than Democrats
       49%   TOTAL REPUBLICAN

        6%   Independent / Undecided

        4%   A few more Democrats than Republicans
       38%   Solid Democrat
       42%   TOTAL DEMOCRAT

        4%   Unsure / Refused

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       IF **VALUE 1 or 2** IN QUESTION D3A or D3C, ASK
D3.D   Are you **(IF VALUE 1 or 2 IN D3A:** voting / **IF VALUE 1 or 2 IN D3C:** leaning**)** more or less
       (IF VALUE 1 IN D3A or D3C, ASK: Republican / **(IF VALUE 2 IN D3A or D3D, ASK:** Democratic**)** now than
       four to six years ago? **(Record only)**

       45%   More
        8%   Less
       35%   About the same
        2%   Unsure / refused **(vol)**
       10%   Not asked

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D5.   Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic or Latino descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Central or Latin American background?

    23%   Yes
    77%   No
     0%   Unsure **(vol)**
     0%   Prefer not to answer **(vol)**

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D6.   And do you identify your main race as **(randomize first five choices)**

    58%   Anglo / White
    14%   African-American / Black
     4%   Asian
    16%   Hispanic / Latino
     2%   American Indian
     4%   Other **(vol)**
     0%   Unsure **(vol)**
     1%   Prefer not to answer **(vol)**

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1.   Which best describes your level of concern regarding the future of Texas?
        (Rotate and read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)

    38%   Extremely concerned
    29%   Very concerned
    26%   Somewhat concerned
    93%   TOTAL CONCERNED

     5%   Not at all concerned
     1%   Unsure **(vol)**

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2.   Compared to this time last year, would you say that you are: **(Randomize first two choices)**

    14%   Better off financially
    42%   Worse off financially
    42%   About the same
     2%   Unsure **(vol)**

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Please **(Phone:** tell me / **Web:** indicate**)** if you think the state of Texas is doing **(Ver A:** an Excellent, Good, Fair, or Poor / **Ver B:** a Poor, Fair, Good, or Excellent**)** job addressing each of the following issues.   To start, is the state of Texas doing **(Ver A:** an Excellent, Good, Fair, or Poor / **Ver B:** a Poor, Fair, Good, or Excellent**)** job addressing...**(Randomize questions)**

		Excellent	**Good**	**Fair**	**Poor**	**Unsure (vol)**
3.	Quality of public education	8%	26%	31%	32%	3%
4.	Addressing learning loss due to Covid	8%	22%	29%	30%	11%
5.	Availability of water	16%	40%	29%	11%	4%
6.	Workforce training and readiness	8%	30%	32%	18%	12%
7.	Health care affordability	7%	24%	25%	38%	5%
8.	High speed internet access	15%	36%	27%	15%	8%
9.	Law enforcement	13%	34%	29%	21%	3%
10.	Planning for extreme weather or natural disasters	7%	27%	24%	38%	3%

(End randomization)

11. The State of Texas has a $27 billion general revenue budget surplus.   Please **(Phone:** tell me / **Web:** indicate**)** what percentage of these funds you would apply to public school education, workforce training, water infrastructure, paying down debt and liabilities, property tax reduction, high speed internet access, and the electricity grid until no money remains. To start, what percent would you apply to... **(Randomize choices and then say: You have ___ percent left for (read remaining choices).**
(Record number) (Record unsure as 999)

Mean	**Median**	
20.2%	20.0%	Public school education
8.5%	5.5%	Workforce training
11.0%	10.0%	Water infrastructure
9.9%	10.0%	Paying down debt and liabilities
14.2%	10.0%	Property tax reduction
6.7%	5.0%	High speed internet access
17.0%	15.0%	Electricity grid
1.9%	0.0%	Other **(vol)**

12. Do you plan on moving out of Texas in the next few years?

8%	Yes
79%	No
13%	Depends / Unsure / Maybe
0%	Refused

13. **IF VALUE 2 or 3 (No or Unsure) IN Q12, ASK:** Have you considered moving out of Texas?

25%	Yes
61%	No
5%	Depends / Unsure / Maybe **(vol)**
0%	Refused **(vol)**
8%	Not asked

14. **IF VALUE 1 (Yes) IN Q12, THEN ASK:** In your own words, please describe why you plan on moving out of Texas in the next few years?
    IF VALUE 1 (Yes) IN Q13, THEN ASK: In your own words, please describe why you have considered moving out of Texas in the next few years?

	Cases	Percent
Political / Government / Civility	103	10.3%
Change of scenery / Personal reasons	58	5.8%
Economy / Jobs / Trade / Wages / Inflation	37	3.7%
Climate Change / Environment / Water	32	3.2%
Abortion / Women's rights	29	2.9%
Spending / Budgets / Taxes	25	2.5%
Cost of living / Quality of life	24	2.4%
Education	23	2.3%
Crime / Gun control	17	1.7%
Civil rights / Equality	15	1.5%
Population / California	14	1.4%
Immigration / Border	10	1.0%
Housing / Homelessness / Poverty / Welfare	7	0.7%
Healthcare / Social Security	6	0.6%
Infrastructure / Transportation / Traffic	4	0.4%
COVID-19	2	0.2%
Police brutality / Funding / Reform	2	0.2%
Energy / Power / Oil / Gas	2	0.2%
Other	25	2.5%
Unsure / Refused	5	0.5%
Not asked	670	67.0%

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15. **THIS WAS ASKED IN JAN 2021:** Have you or someone in your household postponed or skipped any medical treatment or surgery in recent years because you didn't know what the final medical costs might be? **(Record only)**

    31% Yes
    67% No
     2% Unsure / refused

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16. Which best describes how concerned you are about crime in your community?
    (Read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)

    16% Extremely concerned
    22% Very concerned
    43% Somewhat concerned
    81% TOTAL CONCERNED

    18% Not concerned
     1% Unsure / refused **(vol)**

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17. **ASKED IN JAN 2022:** Do you trust your local police and law enforcement to handle crime and public safety issues? **(Record only)**

    68% Yes
    20% No
    12% Unsure / refused

Please **(Phone:** tell me / **Web:** indicate**)** if each of the following policy options would increase your confidence in law enforcement a lot, somewhat, or not at all.   **(Phone:** Here is the first one...**) (Randomize Qs)**

		A lot	Somewhat	Not at all	Unsure
18.	More law enforcement officers in your community	37%	42%	16%	4%
19.	Making it harder to rehire law enforcement officers who were previously fired for poor conduct	57%	26%	11%	5%
20.	Improving public transparency into law enforcement licensing and training	44%	40%	12%	4%
21.	Improving public transparency regarding officer employment history	40%	42%	13%	5%

(End randomization)

22. Would you support giving the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, the state agency overseeing police, sheriffs, and constables, more authority to collect information and enforce disciplinary actions in cases of serious misconduct from licensed peace officers?   **(Record only)**

    73%   Yes
    14%   No
    13%   Unsure / refused

23. Whether a law enforcement officer was fired for serious misconduct, untruthfulness, or insubordination is currently not available to the public under law. Would you favor or oppose improved transparency to make that information available to the public? **(Record only)**

    79%   Favor
    13%   Oppose
     9%   Unsure / refused

24. If a law enforcement officer resigns amid an open investigation into their alleged misconduct, would you favor or oppose prohibiting that officer from getting rehired at another agency while that investigation is open? **(Record only)**

    60%   Favor
    28%   Oppose
    11%   Unsure / refused

25. Do you think young people who are currently graduating high school are prepared to get a good job and earn a self-sufficient wage without additional education? **(Record only)**

    21%   Yes
    66%   No
    12%   Unsure / refused

26. Which of the following best describes the main goal of a public high school diploma funded by Texas taxpayers?   Is it that students, without additional education, should be: **(Rotate first two choices and then read third choice)**

    14%   ready for college
    15%   ready to get a good job that pays a self-sufficient wage
    63%   prepared for both college and able to get a good paying job
     8%   Unsure / refused

29.   Do you favor or oppose compensating the state's best teachers more, with priority given to those who serve the highest need students? **(Record only)**

    65%   Favor
    19%   Oppose
    16%   Unsure / refused

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30.   Do you favor or oppose an across-the-board pay raise for all teachers? **(Record only)**

    79%   Favor
    15%   Oppose
     6%   Unsure / refused

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31.   Do taxpayers have the right to know how the schools in their community are performing relative to others in the state using apples-to-apples comparisons on an annual test in reading and math?   **(Record only)**

    87%   Yes
     7%   No
     6%   Unsure / refused

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32.   Texas has reached an all-time high of 90% of students graduating high school. However, only about 60% are college and career ready and less than 30% go on to receive a post-secondary credential within six years of graduating. Which best describes how important it is for the state to focus on increasing the number of credentials earned while students are still in high school?   **(Read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)**

    34%   Extremely important
    32%   Very important
    23%   Somewhat important
    90%   TOTAL IMPORTANT

     6%   Not important
     4%   Unsure / refused **(vol)**

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Do you favor or oppose each of the following? **(Randomize next three Qs)**

	Favor	Oppose	Depends	Unsure
			(Web: show)	**(Ph: vol)**
33. Providing financial incentives to Texas community colleges to focus on courses in career fields where students can earn a self-sustaining wage.	81%	6%	8%	5%
34. Increasing better consumer information and access to paid apprenticeship opportunities aligned with opportunities for high-wage, high-demand occupations.	81%	6%	8%	5%
35. Increasing access to high-quality tutoring in reading and math in Texas public schools.	82%	6%	9%	4%

(End randomization)

36. Increasing pay to attract talent for all state government positions.	51%	24%	17%	8%

37. Much of Texas has endured severe drought in 2022. Do you agree or disagree that the state should increase investments to expand our water supplies? **(Record only)**

    82%   Agree
    9%   Disagree
    9%   Unsure / refused

38. Historically, the state's investment in water has focused on increasing water supplies. Given aging and depreciating water infrastructure needs across the state, do you favor or oppose the Texas legislature creating a fund to help update the aging infrastructure too? **(Record only)**

    84%   Favor
    7%   Oppose
    9%   Unsure / refused

39. **Asked in January 2022:** Based on your experience, which best describes how confident you are in the reliability of the state's electric grid? **(Rotate & read choices top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)**

    11%   Very confident
    33%   Somewhat confident
    44%   TOTAL CONFIDENT

    28%   Not that confident
    24%   Not at all confident
    52%   TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT

    4%   Unsure **(vol)**

Now just a few questions to make sure we have a representative sample --

D2.   What is the highest level of education you have completed?   **(Do not read, record only)**

    2%   Less than high school
    12%   High school grad
    28%   Some college / vocational school
    36%   College graduate
    22%   Post graduate (masters or higher)
    1%   Unsure **(vol)**

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D4.   Do you own or rent your place of residence?   **(Do not read, record only)**

    73%   Own
    25%   Rent
    1%   Unsure
    1%   Refused

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D9.   We want to classify people into broad income groups only.   Would you estimate your total household income last year before taxes to be above or below seventy-five thousand dollars?

    45%   Below $75,000
    48%   Above $75,000
    2%   Unsure **(vol)**
    5%   Prefer not to answer **(vol)**

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D9a.   **IF VALUE 1 in D9, ASK**: And was your total household income above or below **(Phone:** thirty-five thousand dollars / **Web:** $35,000**)**?

    16%   Below $35,000
    27%   Above $35,000
    1%   Unsure **(vol)**
    1%   Prefer not to answer **(vol)**
    55%   Not asked

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D9b.   **IF VALUE 2 in D9, ASK:** And was your total household income above or below **(Phone:** one hundred and twenty thousand dollars / **Web:** $120,000**)**?

    21%   Below $120,000
    26%   Above $120,000
    1%   Unsure **(vol)**
    1%   Prefer not to answer **(vol)**
    52%   Not asked

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        Combination of D9 above is displayed below:

    16%   Below $35,000
    27% $35,000 - $74,999
    21% $75,000 - $119,999
    26% $120,000 or over
    9%   Income unknown

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D11.   How many children do you have under the age of 19?
        (Record 3 children as 0   3)   (Record UNSURE / REFUSED AS 9   9)

            32%   Has children
            67%   No children
             1%   Unsure / Refused

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D14.   In your household, do you speakʏ **(rotate top-to-bottom/bottom-to-top)**

            73%   English only
            15%   Mostly English
             9%   English and Spanish equally
             1%   Mostly Spanish
             0%   Spanish only
             0%   Other **(vol)**
             1%   Unsure / Refused **(vol)**

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