

The 5th
TEXAS
VOTER
POLL

September 6-11, 2022

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► N = 1,000 respondents
margin of error: $\pm 3.1\%$





MARGARET SPELLINGS

President & CEO

TEXAS₃₆₀

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When seven out of 10 Texas voters tell us that they are exceedingly concerned about the state’s future, they are sending a clear message that we need to direct our focus on the policies that matter most to their lives and livelihoods

Across party lines, there is clear civic demand for state action on crucial issues. **This poll presents a clear roadmap for addressing the priorities we all share — a roadmap to a bright future for all Texans.**

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Methodology

Conducted September 6-11, 2022

The distribution of interviews conducted are:



49%
phone



17%
SMS

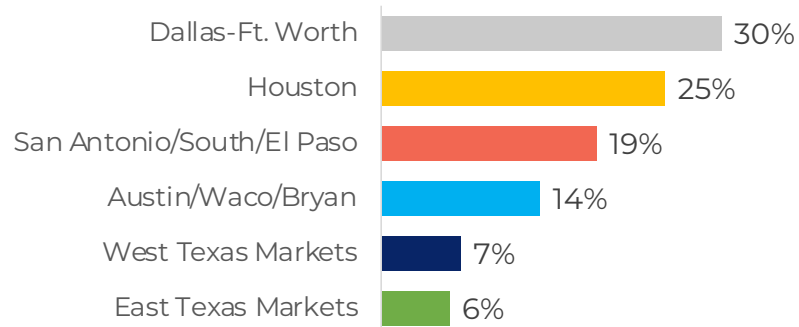


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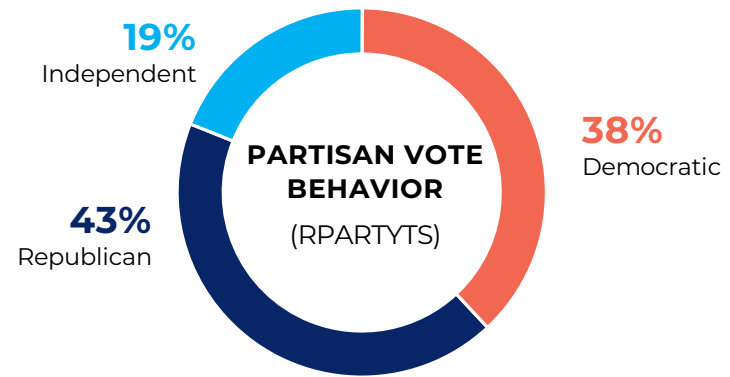
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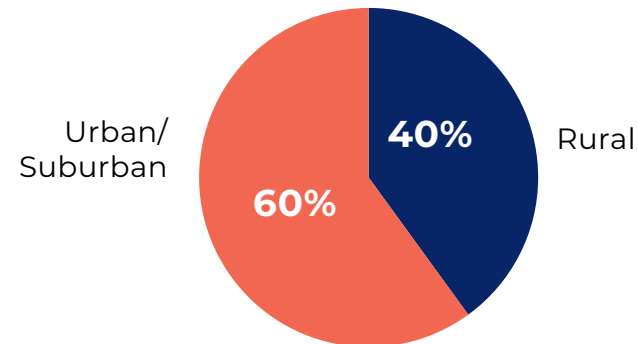
Texas Combined Media Markets



Texas Voter Demographics



Texas Counties Segmented Into Urban/Suburban Or Rural Classification



Objectives



To assess
general attitudes
about the present
and the future of the
State of Texas.



To gauge
**public support for
non-partisan policy
reforms.**

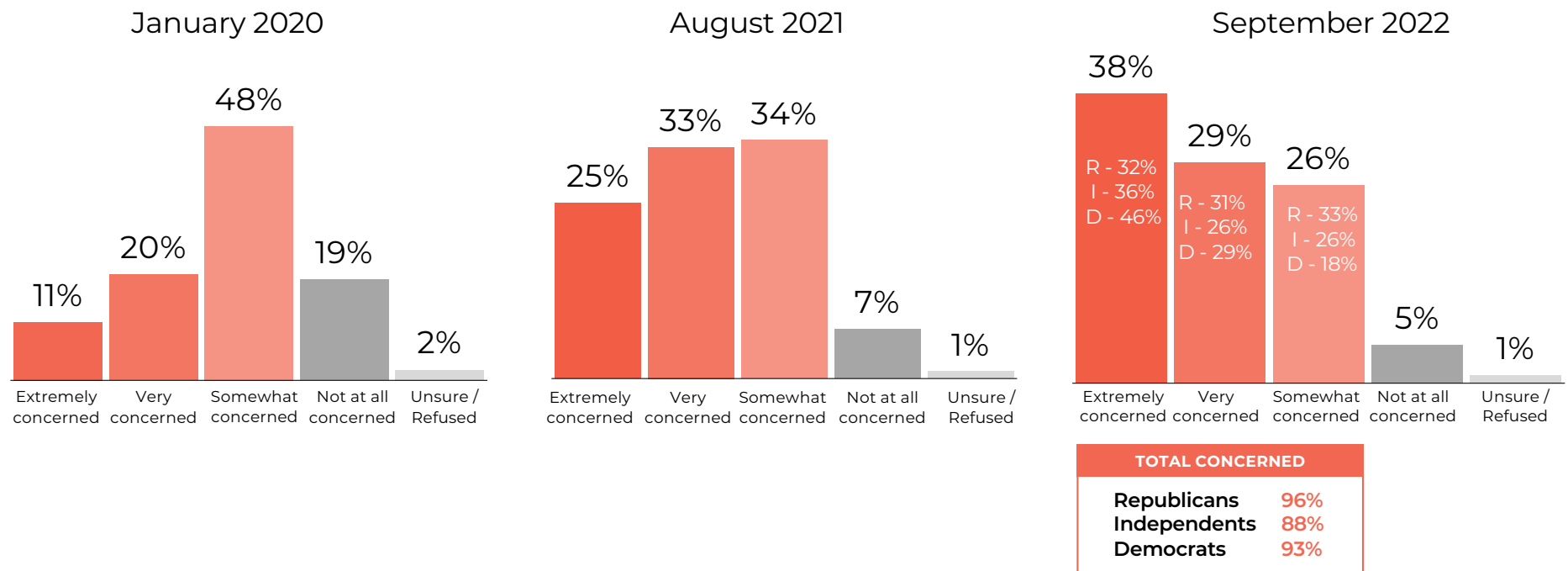


To provide lawmakers
and the public **a path
toward solving big
problems together.**

Future Outlook and Economic Conditions

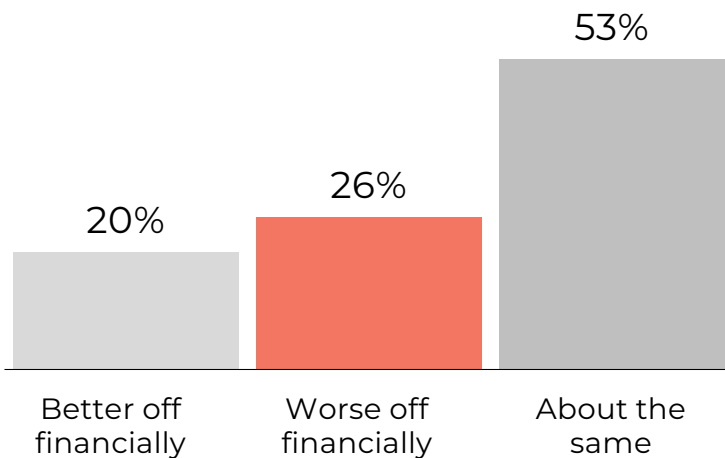


Which best describes your level of concern regarding the future of Texas?

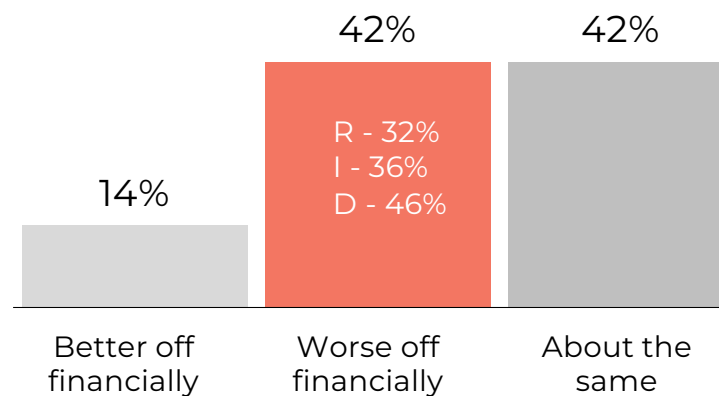


Compared to this time last year, would you say that you are...

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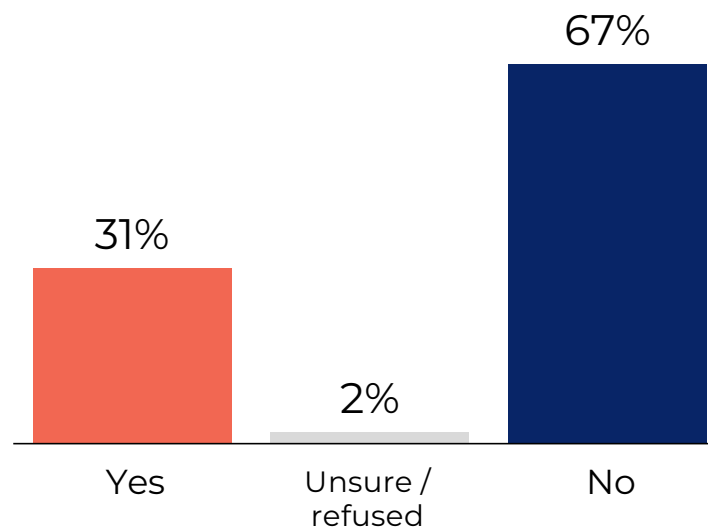


September 2022



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?

Voters Answering Yes		31%
Age		
Under 55		41%
55 and over		20%
Race & Ethnicity		
Anglo		29%
African-American		31%
Hispanic		40%
Other		20%
Annual Household Income		
Under \$35,000		39%
\$35,000 - \$74,999		33%
\$75,000 \$119,999		29%
\$120,000 and over		27%
Income unknown		27%
Children under 19 yrs?		
Has children		43%
No children		26%
Gender/ Children		
Male with kids		37%
Male w/o kids		23%
Female with kids		49%
Female w/o kids		27%





A.J. RODRIGUEZ

Executive Vice President

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This poll offers a vital perspective on what really matters to Texans as we approach the state’s historic budget surplus.

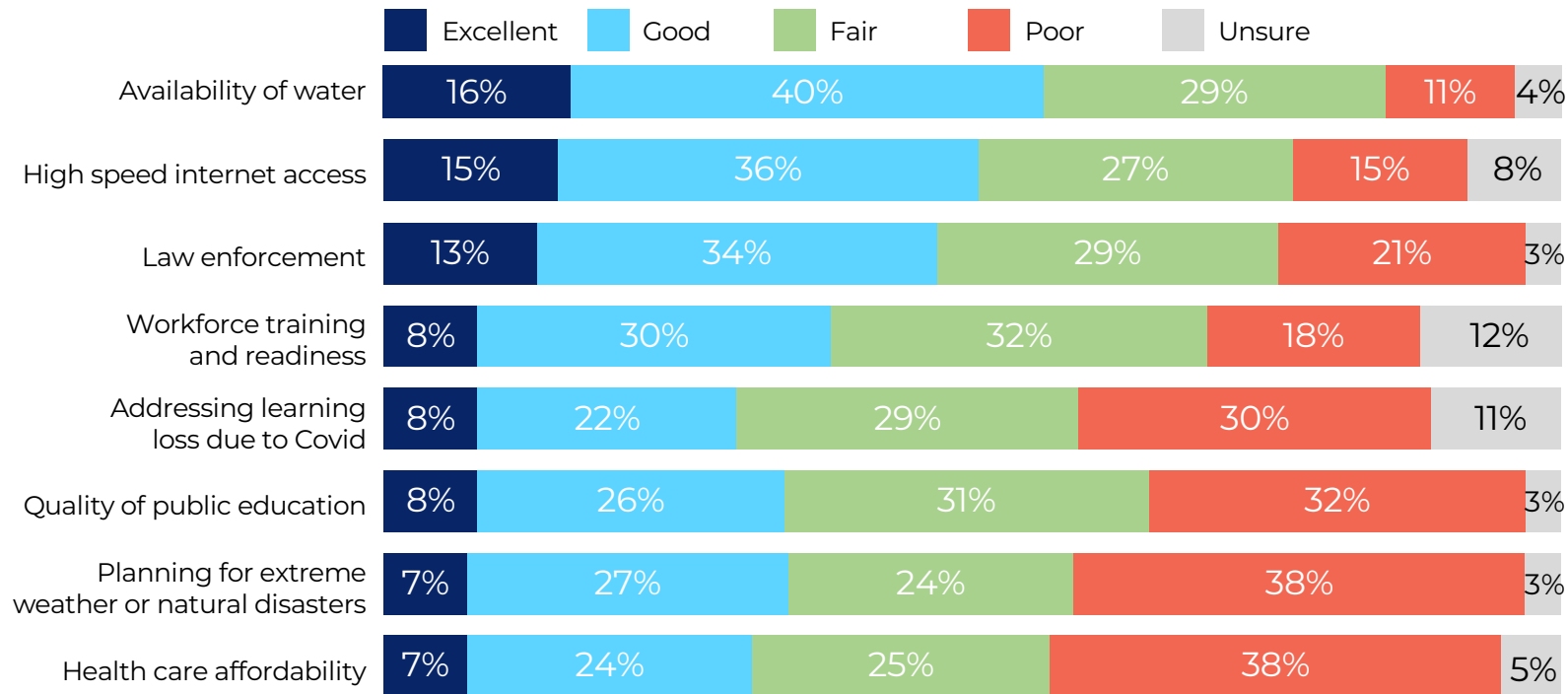
Leaders on all sides have **an opportunity to come together and address the challenges voters see — and pursue widely supported solutions** — in ways that help Texans in every part of this great state.

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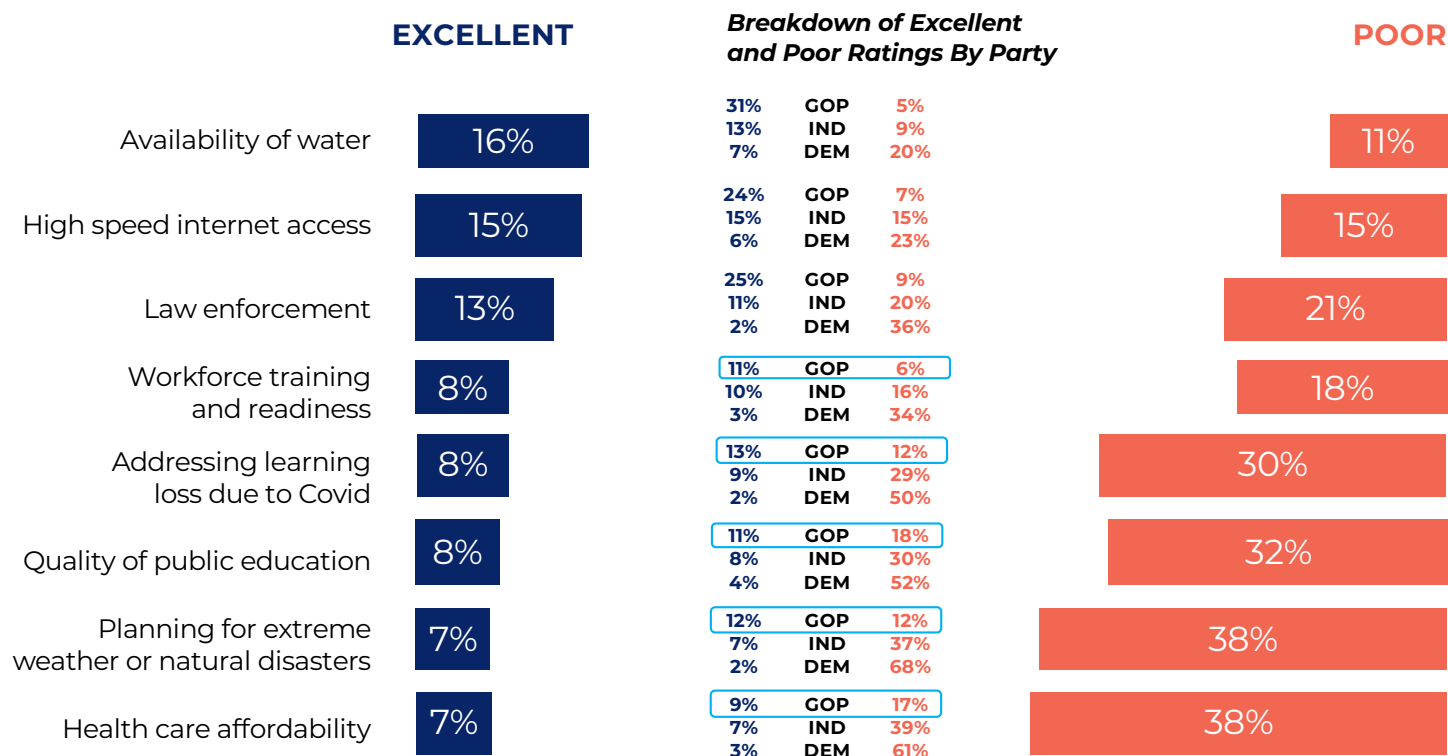
State Government



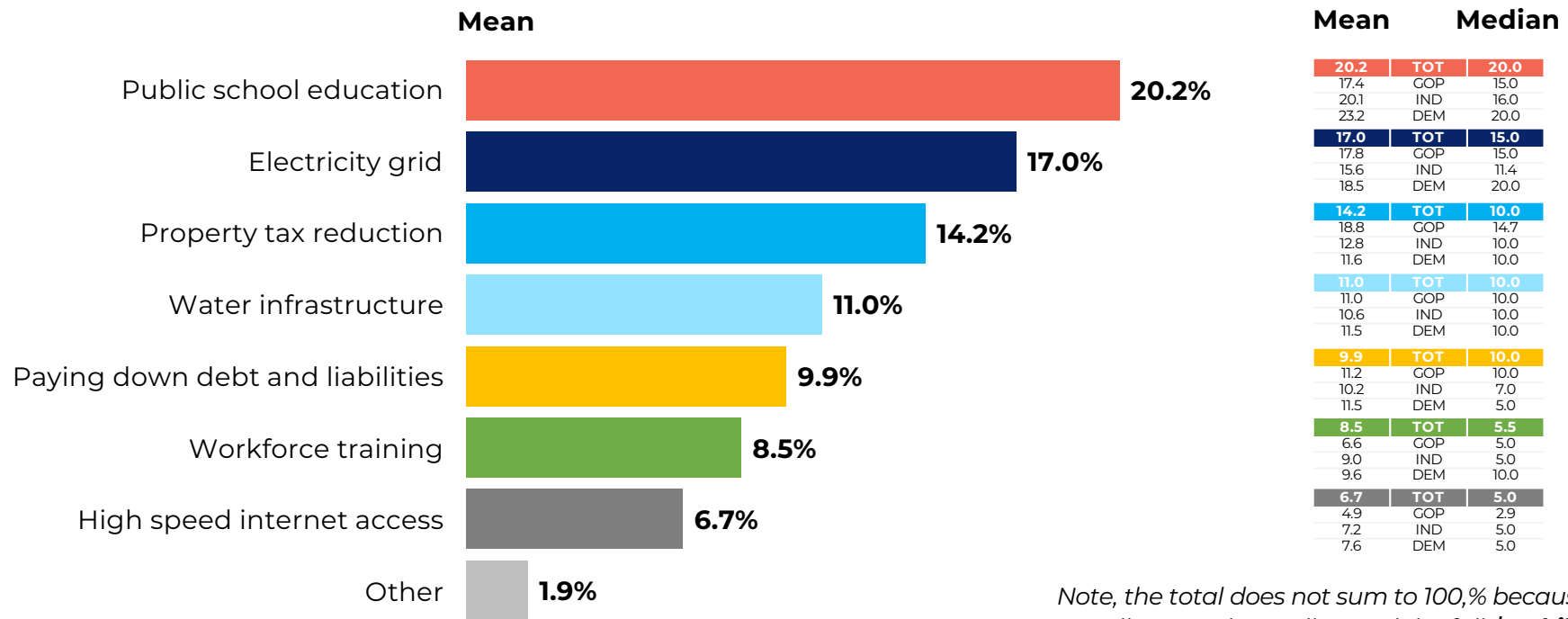
Please tell me if you think the state of Texas is doing an excellent, good, fair or poor job addressing each of the issues:



Of those voters who indicated the state of Texas is doing an excellent vs. poor job, here is the party breakdown:



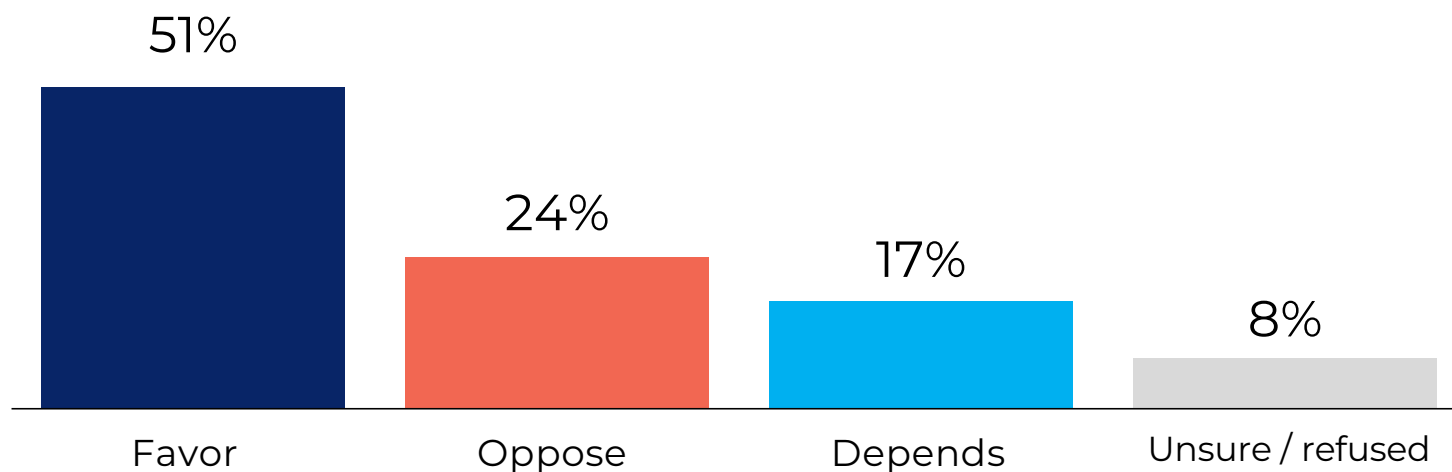
The State of Texas has a \$27 billion general revenue budget surplus. Please tell me what percentage of these funds you would apply to these until no money remains...



*Note, the total does not sum to 100,% because not all respondents allocated the full **\$27 billion**.*

Do you favor or oppose increasing pay to attract talent for all state government positions?

By a 2-to-1 margin, Texas voters support increasing pay for state government employees.





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Senior Vice President, Policy & Advocacy

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The latest Texas Voter Poll shows that while Texans remain fiercely independent in their thinking, they are united around solutions that address the issues that will most impact our future.

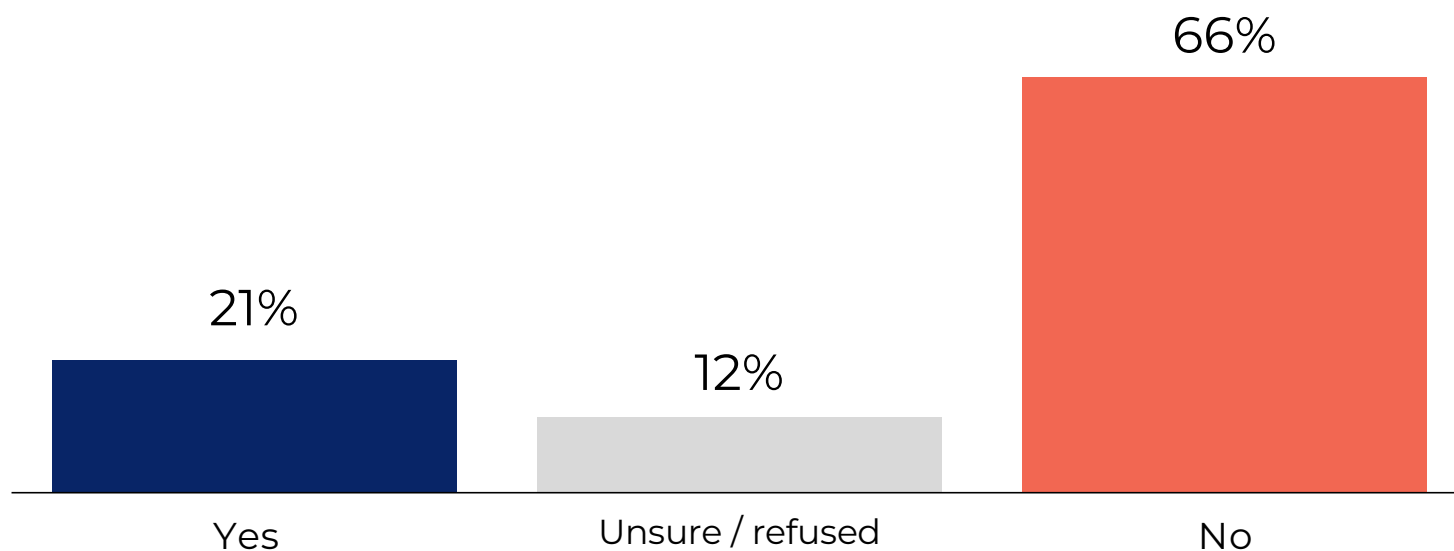
Texas voters strongly support common-sense actions and sustainable investments to improve water infrastructure, workforce, education, and public safety, leaving future generations a legacy of good governance and opportunity for success.

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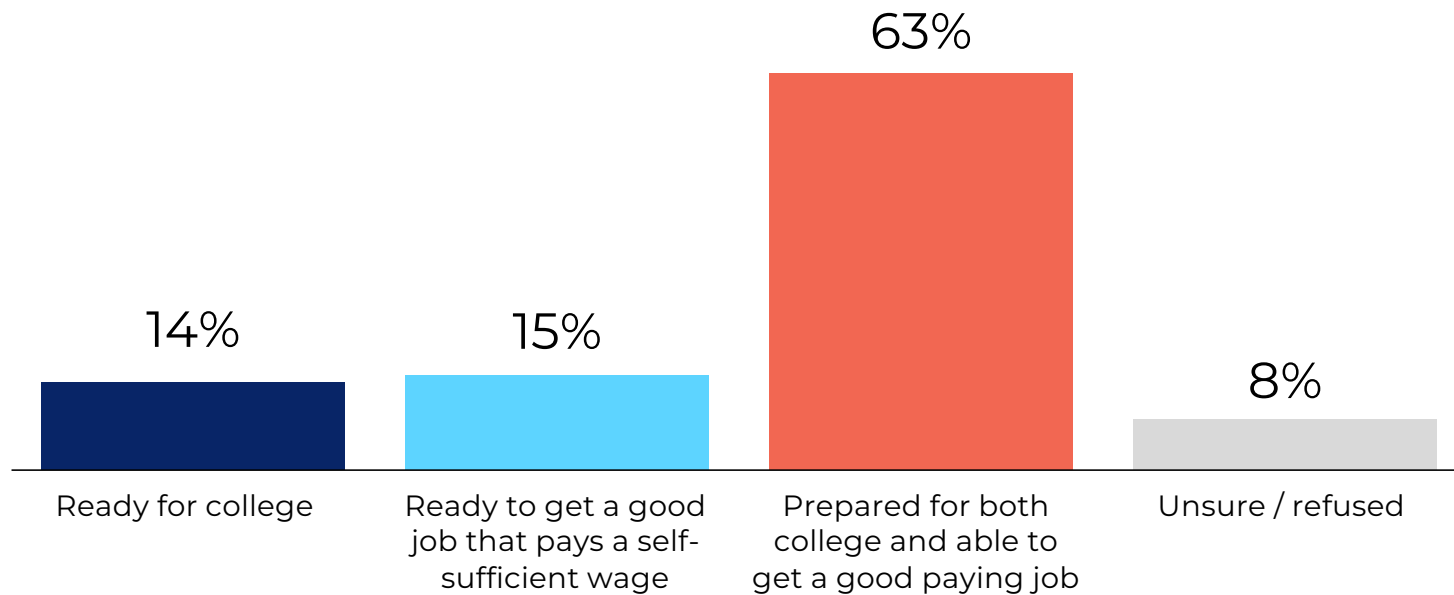
Education & Workforce



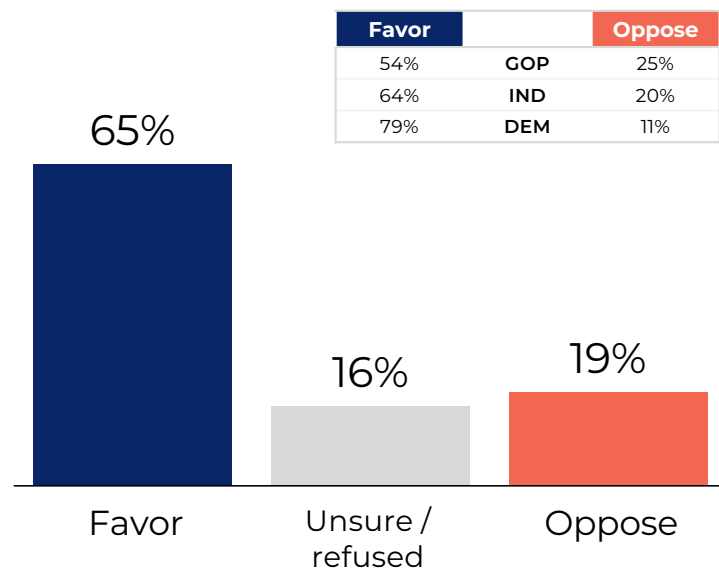
Do you think young people who are currently graduating high school are prepared to get a good job and earn a self-sufficient wage without additional education?



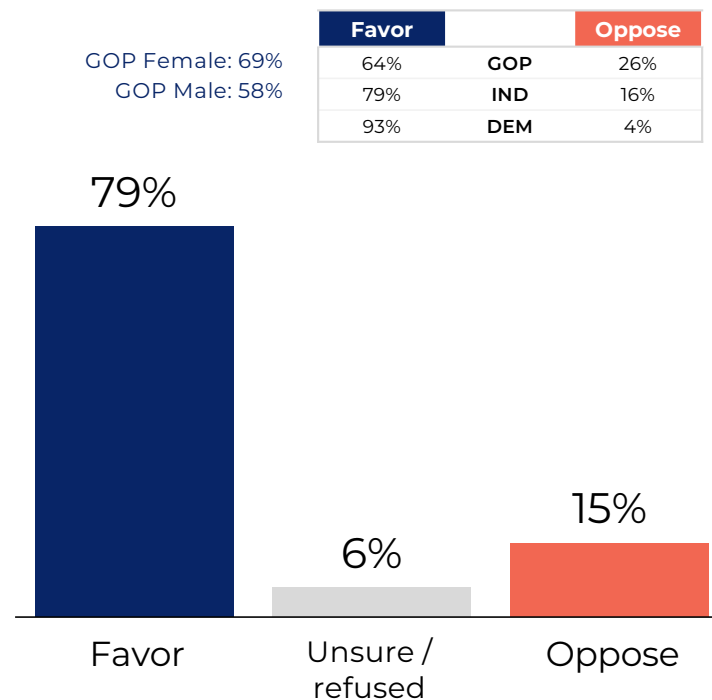
**Which of the following best describes the main goal of a public high school diploma funded by Texas taxpayers?
Is it that students, without additional education, should be:**



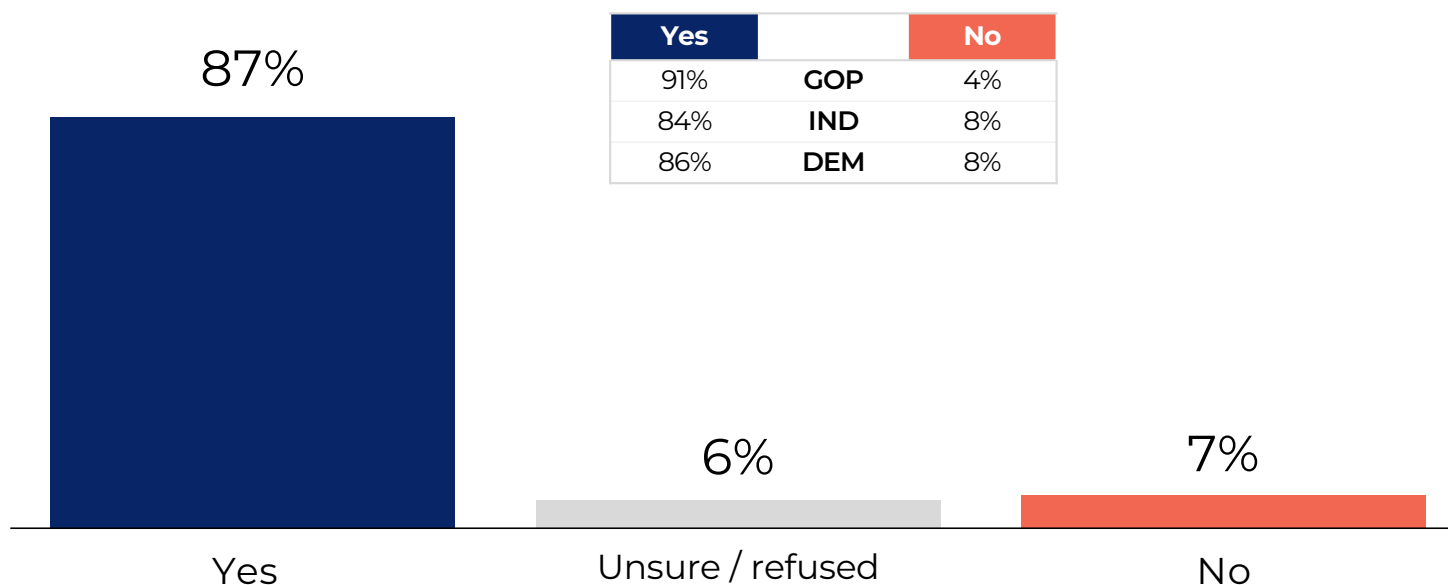
Do you favor or oppose compensating the state's best teachers more, with priority given to those who serve the highest need students?



Do you favor or oppose an across-the-board pay raise for all teachers?

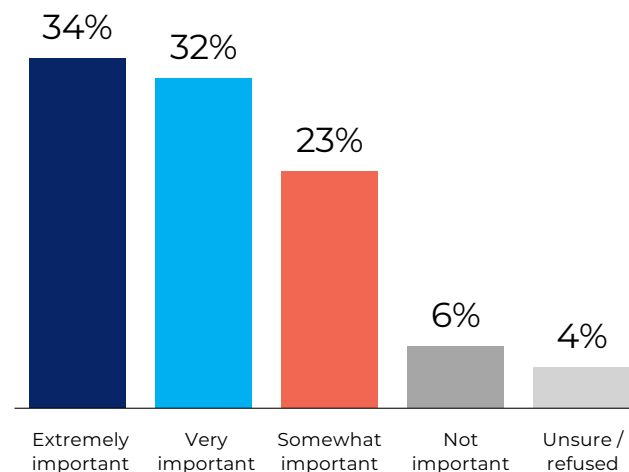


Do taxpayers have the right to know how the schools in their community are performing relative to others in the state using apples-to-apples comparisons on an annual test in reading and math?



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?

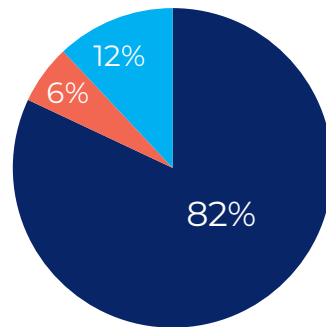
	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Total Important	Not important	Unsure / refused
Total	34%	32%	23%	90%	6%	4%
Anglo	28%	30%	30%	89%	8%	4%
African-American	42%	32%	17%	91%	5%	4%
Hispanic	44%	35%	13%	92%	4%	4%
Other	32%	37%	19%	89%	6%	5%
Has children <19	40%	26%	25%	91%	5%	4%
No children <19	31%	36%	23%	89%	7%	4%



Texas voters overwhelmingly support education initiatives that align with workforce needs:

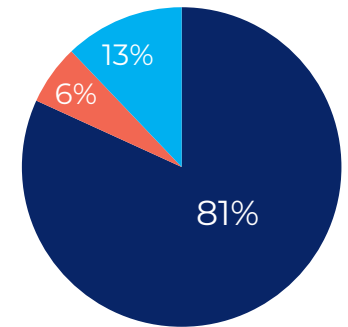
Increasing access to high-quality tutoring in reading and math in Texas public schools.

Favor		Oppose
78	R	7
80	I	7
88	D	3



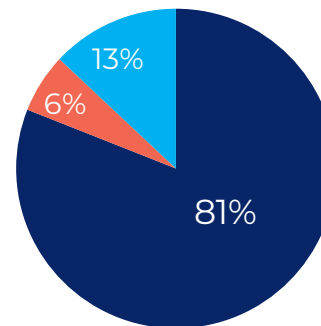
Providing financial incentives to Texas community colleges to focus on courses in career fields where students can earn a self-sustaining wage.

Favor		Oppose
81	R	8
77	I	8
90	D	2



Increasing better consumer information and access to paid apprenticeship opportunities aligned with opportunities for high-wage, high-demand occupations.

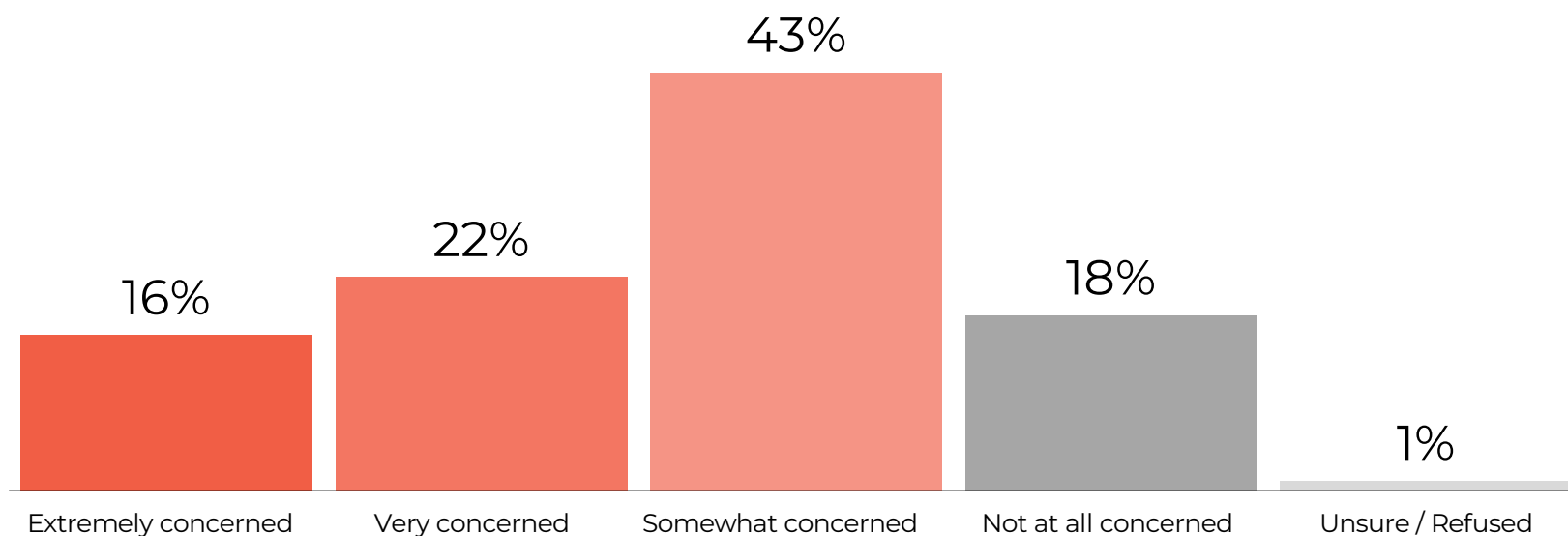
Favor		Oppose
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88	D	3



Justice & Safety



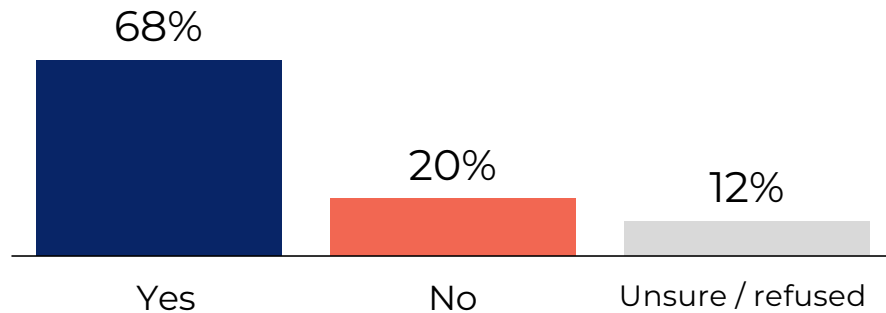
Which best describes how concerned you are about crime in your community?



Which best describes how concerned you are about crime in your community?

	Extremely Concerned	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Concerned	Unsure/refused	Extremely – Not Concerned
Total	16%	22%	43%	18%	1%	-2%
Age & Gender						
Male / 18-54	13%	18%	44%	24%	1%	-11%
Male / 55+	13%	26%	44%	16%	1%	-3%
Female / 18-54	21%	19%	40%	19%	0%	2%
Female / 55+	15%	25%	45%	13%	2%	2%
Texas Media Markets						
Dallas-Ft. Worth	13%	19%	47%	20%	0%	-7%
Houston	26%	27%	34%	10%	3%	17%
Austin / Waco / Bryan	9%	19%	50%	21%	0%	-12%
San Ant / South / El Paso	11%	22%	45%	22%	1%	-11%
West Texas markets	13%	24%	44%	18%	2%	-5%
East Texas markets	19%	17%	39%	25%	0%	-6%
General/Urban-Suburban vs Rural						
Male / urban-suburb	14%	24%	41%	20%	1%	-5%
Male / rural	11%	17%	49%	22%	1%	-11%
Female / urban-suburb	21%	23%	41%	14%	1%	7%
Female / rural	14%	21%	44%	19%	2%	-5%
Race & Ethnicity						
Anglo	11%	21%	48%	19%	1%	-8%
African-American	24%	25%	35%	13%	2%	11%
Hispanic	22%	22%	37%	18%	1%	4%
Other	16%	23%	39%	20%	1%	-4%
Annual Household Income						
Under \$35,000	20%	50%	30%	13%	2%	7%
\$35,000 - \$74,999	16%	23%	45%	15%	0%	1%
\$75,000 - \$119,999	13%	23%	46%	18%	0%	-6%
\$120,000 and over	13%	29%	16%	46%	25%	-12%
Income unknown	22%	18%	38%	17%	5%	4%
Gender/Children						
Male with kids	15%	20%	41%	24%	0%	-8%
Male w/o kids	12%	22%	46%	19%	1%	-7%
Female with kids	25%	23%	35%	17%	0%	8%
Female w/o kids	16%	22%	45%	15%	2%	0%
Trust Local Police						
Yes	12%	21%	46%	20%	1%	-8%
No	25%	23%	37%	15%	1%	10%
Unsure / refused	24%	24%	37%	12%	2%	12%

Do you trust your local police and law enforcement to handle crime and public safety issues?



	Yes	No	Unsure
TOTAL	68%	20%	12%
Republican	79%	12%	9%
Independent	68%	22%	11%
Democrat	56%	28%	16%

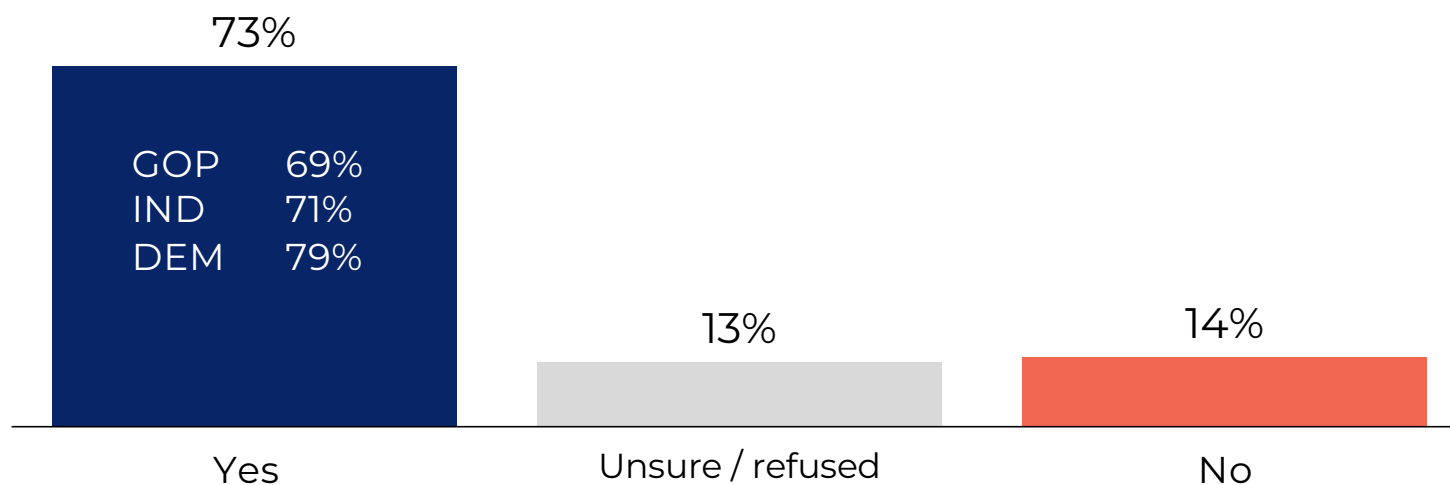
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	Yes	No	Unsure
Total	68%	20%	12%
Age			
18-34	55%	27%	18%
35-44	59%	30%	11%
45-54	70%	18%	12%
55-64	68%	20%	12%
65 or older	83%	9%	8%
TX Media Markets			
Dallas-Ft. Worth	71%	18%	11%
Houston	59%	26%	15%
Austin / Waco / Bryan	61%	22%	16%
San Ant / South / El Paso	78%	14%	8%
West Texas markets	63%	27%	10%
East Texas markets	79%	12%	9%
Age/Urban-Sub			
Under 55 / urban-suburb	58%	26%	16%
Under 55/ rural	66%	22%	11%
55+ / urban-suburb	74%	15%	12%
55+ / rural	81%	13%	6%
Partisan Vote			
Republican	83%	8%	9%
Independent	66%	21%	13%
Democratic	55%	31%	14%
Race & Ethnicity			
Anglo	74%	16%	10%
African-American	45%	35%	23%
Hispanic	68%	21%	11%
Other	67%	22%	11%

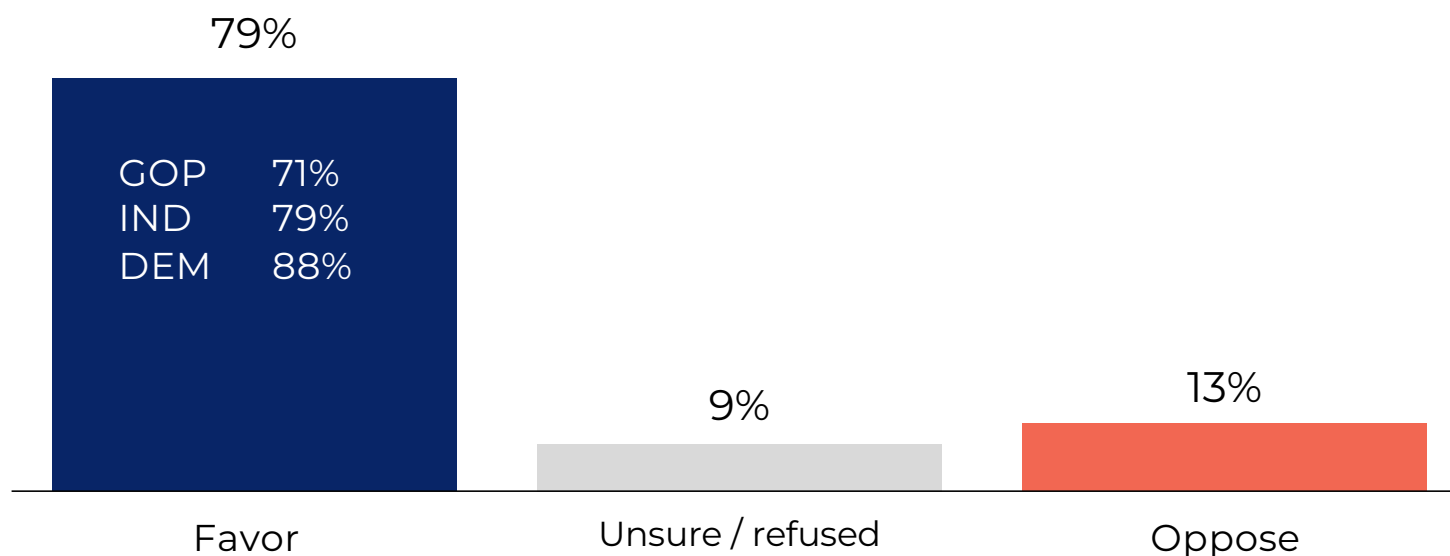
Please tell me if each of the following policy options would increase your confidence in law enforcement.

	A Lot	Somewhat	A Lot + Somewhat	Not at All	Unsure	A Lot – Not at All
Making it harder to rehire law enforcement officers who were previously fired for poor conduct	57%	26%	83%	11%	5%	<u>45%</u>
Improving public transparency into law enforcement licensing and training	44%	40%	84%	12%	4%	<u>32%</u>
Improving public transparency regarding officer employment history	40%	42%	82%	13%	5%	<u>27%</u>
More law enforcement officers in your community	37%	42%	79%	16%	4%	<u>21%</u>

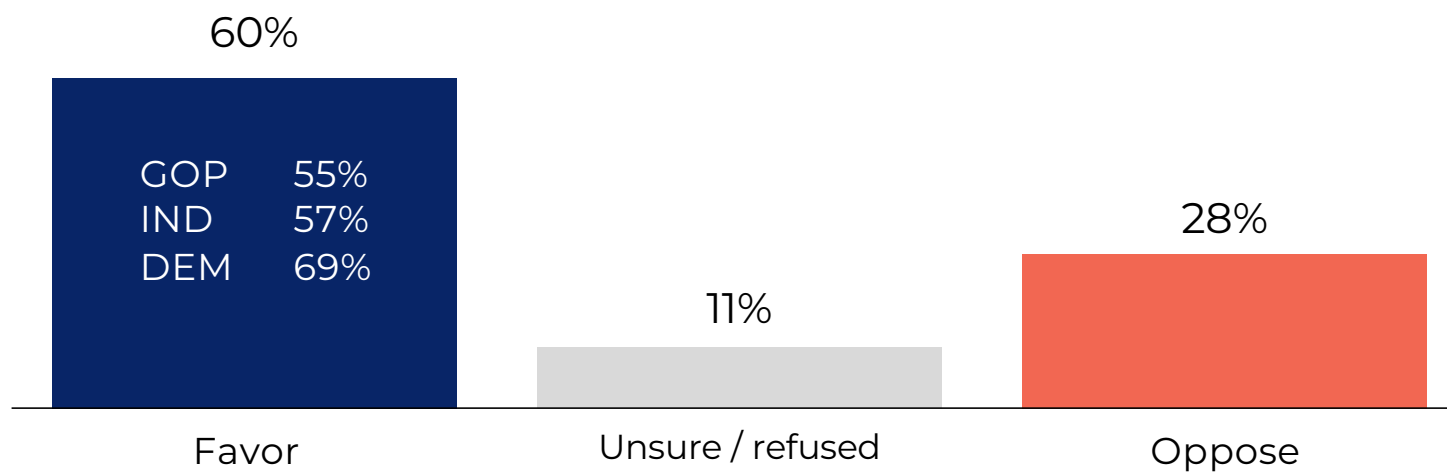
Would you support giving the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, the state agency overseeing police, sheriffs, and constables, more authority to collect information and enforce disciplinary actions in cases of serious misconduct from licensed peace officers?



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?



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?



How much would the following increase your trust in law enforcement?

		A Lot	Somewhat	A Lot + Somewhat	Not at All	Unsure	A Lot – Not at All
Making it harder to rehire law enforcement officers who were previously fired for poor conduct	Trust	55%	29%	84%	11%	5%	43%
	Not Trust	62%	22%	85%	14%	2%	49%
Improving public transparency into law enforcement licensing and training	Trust	42%	41%	83%	13%	4%	30%
	Not Trust	46%	38%	84%	12%	4%	34%
Improving public transparency regarding officer employment history	Trust	37%	44%	81%	14%	4%	23%
	Not Trust	47%	38%	85%	12%	4%	36%
More law enforcement officers in your community	Trust	42%	45%	87%	10%	3%	32%
	Not Trust	25%	37%	62%	35%	3%	-10%



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Policy Advisor

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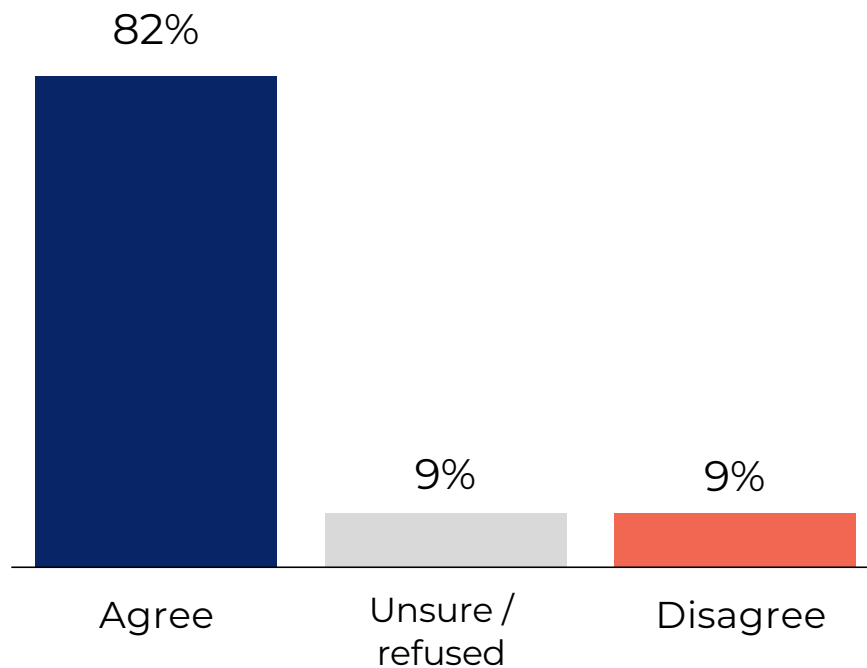
Confidence in law enforcement is key to public safety. Texans who don't trust their local law enforcement to handle public safety are more concerned about crime in their communities, and more pessimistic about the state's job in addressing law enforcement issues. But these **solutions bolster trust among Texans where it already exists and build trust among Texans where it doesn't.**

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Natural Resources & Infrastructure



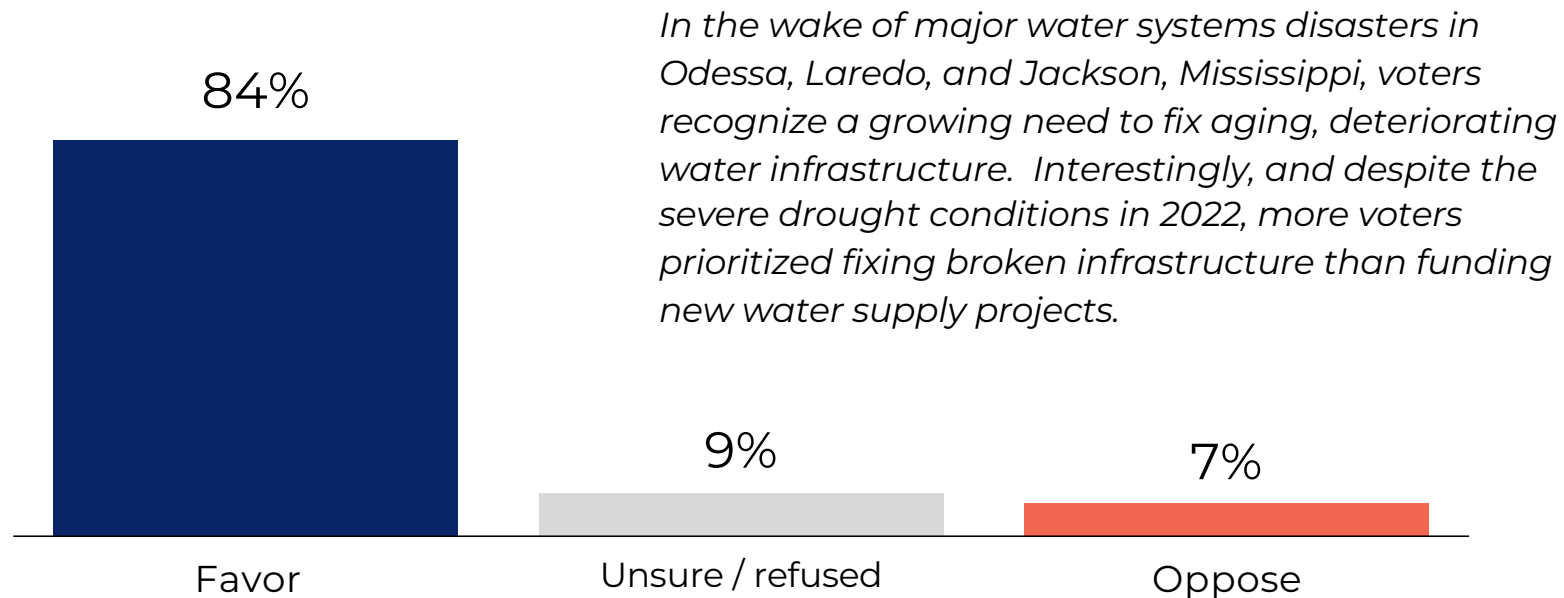
Much of Texas has endured severe drought in 2022. Do you agree or disagree that the state should increase investments to expand our water supplies?



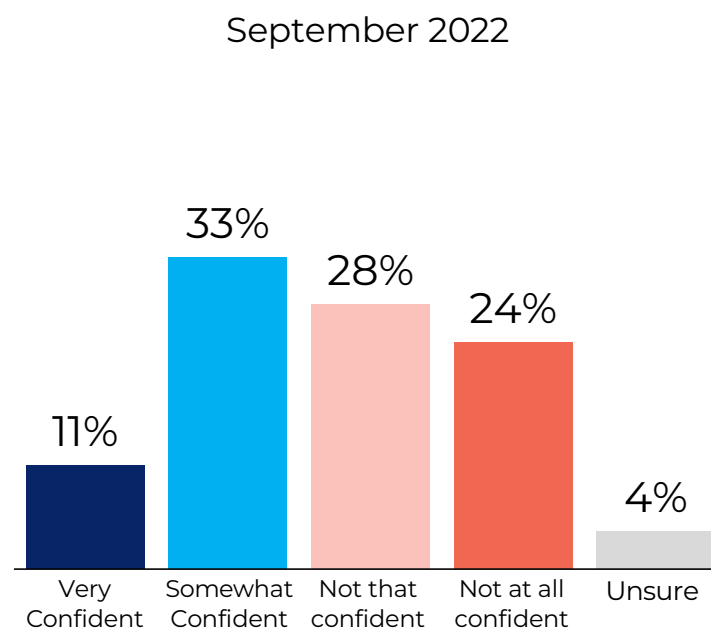
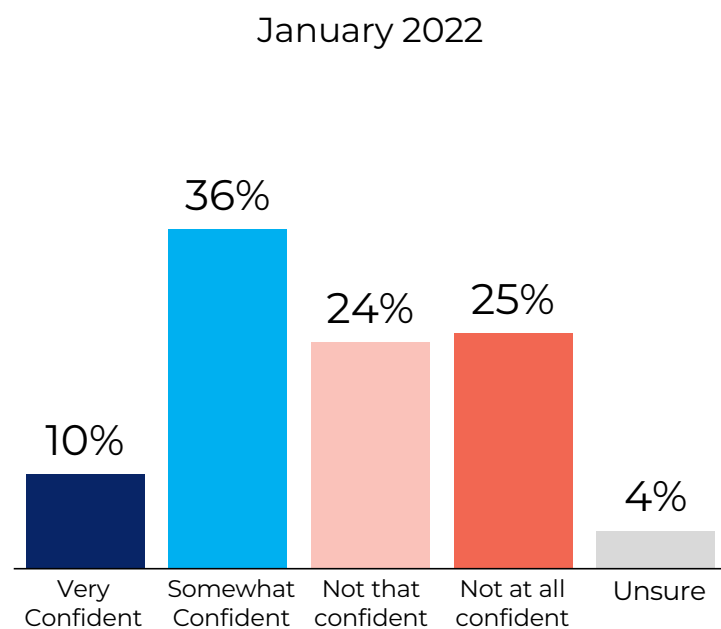
Agree		Disagree
82%	Total	9%
84%	Male / urban-suburb	7%
87%	Male / rural	9%
82%	Female / urban-suburb	7%
77%	Female / rural	13%

Despite legislative action in 2013 to fund water supply projects in the State Water Plan, voters recognize a need for increased investment in water supply projects such as new reservoirs, desalination plants, and water conservation and reuse.

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?



Based on your experience, which best describes how confident you are in the reliability of the state's electric grid?



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	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Total Confident	Not that confident	Not at all confident	Total Not Confident	Unsure
Total	11%	33%	44%	28%	24%	52%	4%
Gender							
Male	14%	36%	50%	28%	20%	48%	2%
Female	8%	30%	38%	28%	27%	55%	6%
Age							
18-34	11%	28%	39%	32%	25%	57%	4%
35-44	12%	32%	44%	26%	25%	51%	5%
45-54	8%	34%	43%	33%	20%	54%	4%
55-64	7%	35%	42%	28%	27%	54%	4%
65 or older	14%	34%	48%	24%	25%	48%	4%
Age Unknown	11%	44%	55%	12%	21%	33%	12%
Texas Media Market							
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TX Urban/Sub vs Rural							
Urban / suburban	9%	31%	40%	29%	28%	56%	4%
Rural	13%	36%	50%	27%	19%	46%	4%
Party							
Republican	15%	42%	58%	26%	11%	37%	5%
Independent	7%	36%	43%	30%	23%	53%	4%
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Thank You!

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