

TEXAS STATEWIDE SURVEY

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STUDY # 21933 Texas 2036 v%

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)

B. In which county do you currently reside?

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

IF QB IS BEXAR, DALLAS, HARRIS OR TARRANT COUNTY, ASK:

B2. In what ZIP code do you reside?

____ _

QUOTAS TO USE B AND B2 (Do not use FIPS on file).

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)

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

45% Male
55% Female

EMP. Are you...

37% Currently employed outside the home
17% Employed but working from home
5% Not working because of the coronavirus
10% Not employed
29% Retired
1% Prefer not to answer (vol option for the phone / not shown on web)

D1. **Phone:** In what year were you born? (Make refused into 9 9 9 9)
Web: In what year were you born? (Provide a drop down box from 2002 back to 1900)
____ _ (Must be answered to continue on the Web version)

19%	18 to 34
16%	35 to 44
18%	45 to 54
21%	55 to 64
26%	65 or older
0%	Prefer not to answer (vol option for the phone version only)

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]

42%	Republican (skip D3C)
37%	Democrat (skip D3C)
17%	Or do you tend to vote independent of party (Go to D3C)
4%	(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure) (skip D3C)

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)**

6%	The Republican candidate
4%	The Democrat candidate
4%	Other / won't vote for either (vol)
2%	(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)
83%	Not asked

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

42%	Solid Republican
6%	A few more Republicans than Democrats
48%	TOTAL REPUBLICAN
7%	Independent / Undecided
4%	A few more Democrats than Republicans
37%	Solid Democrat
41%	TOTAL DEMOCRAT
4%	Unsure / Refused

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?

22% Yes
 77% No
 0% Unsure **(vol option for the phone version only / not shown on web)**
 1% Prefer not to answer **(vol option for the phone version only / not shown on web)**

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

61% Anglo / White
 13% African-American / Black
 4% Asian
 17% Hispanic / Latino
 1% American Indian
 2% Other **(vol option for the phone version only / show on web)**
 0% Unsure **(vol option for the phone version only / not shown on web)**
 2% Prefer not to answer **(vol option for the phone version only / not shown on web)**

INITIAL POSITIONS

1. In your own words, please **(Phone: tell me / Web: indicate)** the one issue Texas needs to address to be **successful** 15 years from now?

	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Political / Government / Civility	148	14.5%
Economy / Jobs / Trade	133	13.0%
Education	107	10.5%
Immigration / Border	105	10.3%
Wedge / Social issues	99	9.7%
Spending / Budgets / Taxes	66	6.5%
Climate / Environment / Energy	54	5.3%
Infrastructure	45	4.4%
Healthcare	40	4.0%
COVID-19	37	3.6%
Crime / Gun control	27	2.6%
Secession	15	1.5%
Legalize marijuana	10	0.9%
Other	53	5.2%
Unsure / Refused	81	7.9%

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

22%	Better off financially
21%	Worse off financially
56%	About the same
1%	(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)

3. Which best describes your level of concern regarding the future of Texas? **(Read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)**

19%	Extremely concerned
28%	Very concerned
40%	Somewhat concerned
87%	TOTAL CONCERNED

11%	Not at all concerned
1%	(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)

Thinking about public education for a moment -- **(Rotate next two questions)**

4. Would you rate the job being done by public schools in your school district as...? **(Read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)**

14%	Excellent
33%	Good
33%	Fair
15%	Poor
5%	(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)

5. Would you rate the job being done by public schools throughout Texas as...? **(Read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)**

6%	Excellent
31%	Good
38%	Fair
20%	Poor
5%	(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)

End rotation

6. Do you think the Texas State Legislature should act during the current legislative session to address any challenges or issues highlighted by the coronavirus pandemic? **(Record only)**
If choice made, ask: Is that strongly or somewhat (yes / no)?

58% Yes / Strongly
23% Yes / Somewhat
81% TOTAL YES

7% No / Somewhat
6% No / Strongly
13% TOTAL NO

1% **Phone:** Depends / other **(vol)** / **Web:** Show
5% **Phone:** Unsure / refused **(vol)** / **Web:** Unsure

7. Before the coronavirus pandemic, would you have rated the Texas state government's ability to solve problems and serve the needs of its residents as... **(Read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)**

12% Excellent
38% Good
34% Fair
15% Poor
1% **(Phone:** Unsure / refused **(vol)** / **Web:** Unsure)

8. Since the coronavirus pandemic began, would you rate the Texas state government's ability to solve problems and serve the needs of its residents as... **(Read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)**

8% Excellent
28% Good
33% Fair
30% Poor
1% **(Phone:** Unsure / refused **(vol)** / **Web:** Unsure)

9. **If values 1 or 2 in previous question, ask:** Which of the following issues leads you most to rate the Texas state government's ability to solve problems and serve the needs of its residents as **[good/excellent]**?
(Pipe in values from Q8)
(Randomize and read first four choices)

5% Education
5% Health care
22% The economy
3% Crime
0% **Phone:** Handling of COVID **(vol)** / **Web:** Do not show
0% **Phone:** Other **(vol)** / **Web:** Do not show
1% Unsure / refused **(vol)**
64% Not asked

Please tell me if each of the following makes you extremely concerned, very concerned, somewhat concerned or not concerned about the future of Texas. **(Randomize questions)**

		<u>Extremely Concerned</u>	<u>Very Concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat Concerned</u>	<u>Not Concerned</u>	Unsure (phone: vol) (Web: show)
10.	Texas is unprepared to meet the demands of tomorrow's jobs, as (Ver P: two out of every three Texans do not earn / Ver Q: less than one in three Texans earns) more than a high school degree.	Ver P: 26% Ver Q: 26% Total: 26%	31% 29% 30%	29% 29% 29%	13% 14% 14%	1% 2% 2%
11.	Health care costs are rising for individuals and families in Texas, while health outcomes are among the worst in the nation.	38%	33%	20%	8%	1%
12.	Even before the pandemic disrupted education, only three out of every ten Texas 4th graders could read at grade level.	43%	36%	15%	5%	1%
13.	Wide educational achievement gaps exist among Texas students by race, ethnicity, and income.	29%	29%	25%	14%	3%
14.	The COVID-19 pandemic has caused massive learning loss, especially among low-income students.	40%	33%	17%	8%	1%
15.	Nearly five million Texans (Ver P: have no / Ver Q: do not have) health insurance.	Ver P: 37% Ver Q: 35% Total: 36%	31% 27% 29%	21% 24% 23%	10% 13% 11%	1% 1% 1%

(End randomization)

16. **(Ver P: Have you ever / Ver Q: In the last several years, have you) received non-emergency medical care without knowing in advance how much it would cost you or have you ever been surprised by the cost of a medical bill? (Record only)**

<u>Ver P</u>	<u>Ver Q</u>	<u>Total</u>	
59%	51%	55%	Yes
39%	47%	43%	No
2%	2%	2%	(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)

17. Before you receive health care services or medical treatment, do you think you should be informed about how much the medical service will cost? **(Record only)**

90%	Yes
7%	No
2%	(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)

18. 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)**

34%	Yes
65%	No
1%	(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)

19. If you needed routine medical assistance and no doctor was available in your community, would you prefer to.... **(Rotate first two options)**

67%	See a highly-trained nurse in your community
23%	Drive 1-2 hours to see a doctor somewhere else in the state
10%	(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)

20. Medicaid provides government health insurance to Americans with limited financial resources, but states differ on income eligibility requirements. What is the **(Ver P: most / Ver Q: highest level of)** income a single adult with no children should be able to earn per year, and be eligible for **(Ver X: Medicaid / Ver Y: free government)** health insurance? **(Record amount)**

<u>Ver P</u>	<u>Ver Q</u>	<u>Ver X</u>	<u>Ver Y</u>	<u>Total</u>	
7%	8%	7%	7%	7%	\$0
6%	5%	6%	5%	5%	Under \$1,000
7%	6%	6%	8%	7%	\$1,000-\$10,000
18%	12%	16%	14%	15%	\$10,001-\$20,000
18%	19%	19%	18%	19%	\$20,001-\$30,000
14%	11%	13%	12%	13%	\$30,001-\$40,000
9%	13%	10%	12%	11%	\$40,001-\$50,000
10%	11%	10%	12%	11%	\$50,001 or Over
11%	14%	13%	12%	12%	Unsure / Refused

Please (**phone:** tell me / **web:** indicate) if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with each of the following actions or legislative proposals. Here is the first one... (**Randomize questions**)

	AGREE			DISAGREE			Depends		Net
	<u>Strong</u>	<u>Smwht</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Smwht</u>	<u>Strong</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>/ Neutral</u>	<u>Unsure</u>	
							(Phone: vol)		
							(Web: show)		
21. (Ver X: Many Texas students have had their education disrupted over the past year. So even during this pandemic,) Texas must use all available tools, including standardized tests, to measure student performance and help (Ver P: address / Ver Q: correct) any possible learning loss.	Ver P: 36%	33%	68%	13%	16%	29%	1%	1%	+39%
	Ver Q: 34%	33%	67%	13%	16%	29%	2%	2%	+39%
	Ver X: 36%	35%	71%	12%	13%	25%	2%	2%	+45%
	Ver Y: 34%	31%	65%	14%	19%	33%	2%	1%	+32%
	Total: 35%	33%	68%	13%	16%	29%	2%	1%	+39%
22. Because only 30% of Texas 4th grade students can read at grade level, kindergarten through 3rd grade teachers should attend reading academies, where they learn the latest and best teaching strategies.	45%	34%	79%	8%	7%	15%	4%	2%	+65%
23. Other states have shown that high-quality tutoring can close COVID learning gaps. Texas should expand access to high-quality tutoring for students that need help.	56%	29%	84%	5%	6%	11%	2%	2%	+73%
24. Because Texas 8th graders in rural districts only have half the access to Algebra I instruction that urban/suburban 8th graders have, Texas must make sure all middle school students have the opportunity to take the math courses needed to prepare for future jobs that require a stronger math background.	63%	27%	90%	4%	3%	7%	1%	2%	+83%
25. Texas students and colleges need access to the most up-to-date information on jobs and wages so students can make informed choices and colleges can help students get good jobs.	60%	30%	91%	3%	3%	6%	1%	2%	+85%
26. Just as Texas does with technical schools, colleges and universities should be funded by the state based on whether graduates get good jobs.	31%	31%	63%	17%	12%	29%	4%	5%	+34%
27. Because a high school degree isn't enough to make a decent living, Texas needs to better orient its educational programs, degree plans and certifications toward (Ver X: jobs of the future / Ver Y: good-paying jobs).	Ver X: 56%	30%	85%	5%	6%	11%	2%	1%	+74%
	Ver Y: 52%	31%	83%	6%	7%	13%	1%	2%	+71%
	Total: 54%	31%	84%	5%	7%	12%	2%	2%	+73%
28. Everyone suffers in terms of taxpayer burdens, crime, and decreased economic activity if we don't act to get Texans who lost jobs due to COVID back to work.	57%	32%	89%	4%	3%	7%	2%	2%	+82%
29. There is a shortage of health care providers in rural counties, so Texas needs to both modernize and increase primary and emergency care options in rural areas.	56%	35%	91%	4%	2%	6%	1%	2%	+85%

		AGREE			DISAGREE			Depends / Neutral	Unsure	Net Agree
		<u>Strong</u>	<u>Smwht</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Smwht</u>	<u>Strong</u>	<u>Total</u>			
								(Phone: vol)		
								(Web: show)		
30.	If Texas, under an opt-in national program such as Medicaid, could provide health insurance coverage to a million more low-income Texans for just \$1 per person per year because the state will receive \$4 billion more per year from the federal government, then the state should participate in such a program.	48%	25%	73%	9%	10%	19%	3%	5%	+54%
31.	Currently, Texas tax dollars are being sent to DC and then used to help fund Medicaid in other states. Texas needs to make sure more of its tax dollars are used to fund health care insurance for low-income Texans.	63%	22%	86%	6%	4%	10%	2%	2%	+75%
32.	Texas should create market reforms and financial incentives to bring broadband to low-income and rural areas.	48%	35%	83%	6%	5%	11%	2%	4%	+72%
33.	State and local governments need better technology to (Ver X: avoid wasting / Ver Y: save) taxpayer resources and better serve our growing population.	Ver X: 54%	34%	89%	4%	3%	7%	3%	2%	+82%
		Ver Y: 47%	37%	84%	6%	4%	10%	2%	4%	+75%
		Total: 51%	36%	86%	5%	3%	8%	2%	3%	+78%
34.	Texas must address the state's growing pension liability so that state employees receive the retirement funds they were promised, but younger workers have more options, including a 401(k).	44%	37%	81%	7%	5%	12%	3%	4%	+69%
35.	Ver X: The state legislature should take tax dollars away from college and workforce programs that are not helping students get good-paying jobs, and shift those dollars to programs and degree plans that prepare students for the jobs of tomorrow. Ver Y: The state legislature should prioritize our limited resources on those college and workforce programs that are linked to good-paying jobs.	Ver X: 42%	33%	75%	9%	9%	18%	3%	4%	+57%
		Ver Y: 39%	37%	76%	11%	6%	16%	4%	4%	+59%
		Total: 40%	35%	75%	10%	8%	17%	3%	4%	+58%
36.	If the state doesn't measure which education and workforce programs connect Texans with good jobs, then the state is failing to deliver value to taxpayers.	40%	37%	76%	12%	6%	18%	2%	3%	+58%
37.	Some of Texas' funding for public schools is at risk in the future because of ups and downs in the oil and gas industry. To protect education funding, Texas should reform its education investment funds by streamlining management to reduce costs and investment risk.	42%	36%	78%	8%	5%	12%	4%	6%	+66%
(End randomization)										

38. Do you think the Texas State Legislature should act during the current legislative session to address any challenges or issues highlighted by the coronavirus pandemic? **(Record only)**

If choice made, ask: Is that strongly or somewhat (yes / no)?

61% Yes / Strongly
25% Yes / Somewhat
86% TOTAL YES

5% No / Somewhat
4% No / Strongly
9% TOTAL NO

1% **Phone:** Depends / other **(vol)** / **Web:** Show
3% **Phone:** Unsure / refused **(vol)** / **Web:** Unsure

39. If every Texan (**Ver X:** put in / **Ver Y:** was taxed) an extra dollar per year to spend on issues, it would amount to nearly **(Phone:** thirty million dollars / **Web:** \$30 million) per year. Knowing this, on which one of the following issues would you want that extra money to be (**Ver A:** invested / **Ver B:** spent)? **(randomize)**

Ver A	Ver B	Ver X	Ver Y	Total	
9%	11%	10%	10%	10%	Children issues
32%	32%	32%	31%	32%	Education
27%	27%	27%	27%	27%	Health care
5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	Roadways
10%	9%	8%	12%	10%	Justice and Safety
9%	7%	9%	7%	8%	Job readiness
2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	Other (specify _____) (vol)
2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	Would not pay / spend money (vol)
4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	(Phone: Unsure / Refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)

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)**

1%	Less than high school
17%	High school grad / vocational school
24%	Some college
37%	College graduate
21%	Post graduate (masters or higher)
0%	Unsure (Phone: vol / Web: show)

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

76%	Own
22%	Rent
1%	Unsure (Phone: vol / Web: do not show)
1%	Refused (Phone: vol / Web: do not show)

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 **(Phone: seventy-five thousand dollars / Web: \$75,000)?**

49%	Below \$75,000
47%	Above \$75,000
0%	Unsure (Phone: vol / Web: show)
4%	Prefer not to answer (Phone: vol / Web: show)

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

20%	Below \$35,000
28%	Above \$35,000
0%	Unsure (Phone: vol / Web: show)
1%	Prefer not to answer (Phone: vol / Web: show)
51%	Not asked

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)?**

19%	Below \$120,000
26%	Above \$120,000
0%	Unsure (Phone: vol / Web: show)
1%	Prefer not to answer (Phone: vol / Web: show)
53%	Not asked

Combination of D9 above is displayed below:

20%	Below \$35,000
28%	\$35,000 - \$74,999
19%	\$75,000 - \$119,999
26%	\$120,000 or over
6%	Income unknown

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

33%	No children
66%	Has children
1%	Unsure / refused

D12. (Randomize questions)

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Unsure</u>	
82%	17%	1%	A. Do you read emails on your cell phone?
71%	28%	1%	B. Do you have a Facebook account?
29%	69%	2%	C. Do you have a Twitter account?
40%	60%	1%	D. Do you have an Instagram account?

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>NOT ASKED</u>	
D13.	56%	43%	0%	0%	A. Were you born in Texas?
	36%	7%	0%	56%	B. If value 2 or 3 in D13A, ask: Were you born in the United States?
	81%	18%	1%	0%	C. Were both of your parents born in the United States?

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

72%	English only
17%	Mostly English
8%	English and Spanish equally
1%	Mostly Spanish
1%	Spanish only
1%	Other (Phone: vol / Web: do not show)
1%	(Phone: Unsure / Refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)
