TEXAS STATEWIDE SURVEY

BASELICE & ASSOCIATES, INC. STUDY # 22036 Texas 2036 v%
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N equals 1,0001 respondents

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...**)**

46% Male
54% Female

EMP. Are you...

41% Currently employed outside the home
16% Employed but working from home
2% Not working because of the coronavirus
11% Not employed
28% Retired
1% Prefer not to answer **(vol option for the phone / not shown on web)**

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 2003 back to 1900)

21%	18 to 34
16%	35 to 44
18%	45 to 54
20%	55 to 64
25%	65 or older
1%	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)**

5%	The Republican candidate
4%	The Democrat candidate
5%	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
5%	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

D3.D Texas primary elections provide registered voters the opportunity to select which **(Ver X:** Republican or Democratic / **Ver Y:** Democratic or Republican**)** candidates will be on the ballot in the November general election. Did you vote in the 2018 or 2020 primary elections? **(Record only)**

81% Yes
16% No
3% **(Phone:** Unsure / refused **/ Web:** Unsure**)**

D3.E Last year, one out of every four registered voters in Texas voted in the Republican or Democratic primary elections. Which of the following do you think is the main reason why more Texans don't vote in the primary elections given they are the ones that determine which candidates will be on the November ballot? **(Record only)**

31% Don't think their vote will make a difference
19% Don't know enough about the candidates
7% Don't know how to vote in a Texas primary
6% Don't identify closely with one party
14% Issues being debated by the candidates don't reflect the voters' priorities
9% **(Phone:** Other **(vol) / Web: not shown on web)**
14% **(Phone:** Unsure / refused **/ Web:** Unsure**)**

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
76% 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)**

58% Anglo / White
16% African-American / Black
4% Asian
16% Hispanic / Latino
2% 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)**

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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?

	Cases	Percent
Immigration / Border	210	21.0%
Political / Government / Civility	146	14.5%
Economy / Jobs / Trade / Wages / Inflation	116	11.5%
Voting rights / Voting restrictions	83	8.3%
Education	80	8.0%
Spending / Budgets / Taxes	47	4.7%
Energy / Power / Oil / Gas	47	4.7%
Crime / Gun control	42	4.2%
Civil rights / Equality	41	4.1%
Healthcare / Social Security	40	4.0%
Climate Change / Environment / Water	40	4.0%
Abortion / Women's rights	38	3.8%
Housing / Homelessness / Poverty / Welfare	32	3.2%
Infrastructure / Transportation / Traffic	25	2.5%
COVID-19	19	1.9%
Secession / Independence	17	1.7%
Population / California	13	1.3%
Legalize marijuana	12	1.2%
Prison reform / Criminal Justice	5	0.5%
Religion / Religious response	3	0.3%
Technology related	3	0.3%
Police brutality / Funding / Reform	2	0.2%
Other	18	1.8%
Unsure / Refused	89	8.9%

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2. Among the bills, goods and services you pay, which one of the following are you most worried about increasing in cost this year? **(Randomize choices 1-6)**

Ver X	Ver Y	Total	
11%	9%	10%	Housing or rent payments
14%	12%	13%	Property taxes
0%	2%	1%	**(Ver X:** Broadband / **Ver Y:** Internet**),** television or cell phone
16%	15%	15%	Utilities or gasoline
24%	21%	22%	Food and consumer goods
13%	17%	15%	Healthcare
19%	21%	20%	Two or more equally / all of them **[Phone: (vol)]**
3%	4%	3%	**(Phone:** Unsure **(vol) / Web:** Unsure**)**

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

24%	Extremely concerned
31%	Very concerned
35%	Somewhat concerned
90%	TOTAL CONCERNED
8%	Not at all concerned
2%	**(Phone:** Unsure **(vol) / Web:** Unsure**)**

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4. Would you rate the Texas state government's performance this past year in solving problems and serving the needs of its residents as...**(Read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-bottom)**

9%	Excellent
28%	Good
26%	Fair
35%	Poor
3%	**(Phone:** Unsure **(vol)** / **Web:** Unsure**)**

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5. **IF VALUE 3 or 4 IN PREVIOUS QUESTION, ASK:** Which one of the following is closest to the reason why you rated the state government's performance the way you did? **(Randomize first five choices, then read sixth one)**

19%	Pandemic response
5%	Education
7%	Economy
5%	Public safety
8%	Energy reliability
12%	Not focusing on issues that matter to me
4%	**(Phone:** Unsure **(vol)** / **Web:** Unsure**)**
40%	Not asked

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6. Do you believe Texas will be better off 20 years from now than it was 20 years ago? **(Record only)**

43%	Yes
31%	No
26%	Unsure

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7. **IF VALUES 1 to 4 in EMP and AGE FROM D1 or D1_1 is less than 65, ASK:** Which best describes your viewpoint regarding your employment situation over the past year?

11%	You have left one job and started another
7%	You have left a job and are not currently employed
1%	You left a job and are now retired
9%	You considered leaving your job but stayed
31%	You haven't considered leaving your job
7%	**(Phone:** Unsure **(vol)** / **Web:** Unsure**)**
33%	Not asked

Please **(phone:** tell me / **web:** indicate**)** if each of the following makes you extremely concerned, very concerned, somewhat concerned or not concerned **(Ver A:** about the future of / **Ver B:** with the way things are going in**)** Texas. **(Randomize questions)**

		Extremely Concerned	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Concerned	Unsure (phone vol) (web show)
8.	Texas spends roughly $100 billion per year on education and workforce programs, yet only one-third of Texas high school graduates attain a post-secondary degree, and only one-half of Texas households earn a living wage.	31%	31%	24%	11%	3%
9.	Over the past decade, Texas grew rapidly causing housing affordability issues in major cities, but at the same time, **(Ver X:** more than half of / **Ver Y:** 143 out of 254**)** Texas counties actually lost population.	**Ver X:** 17% **Ver Y:** 13% **Total:** 15%	21% 21% 21%	32% 32% 32%	26% 29% 28%	4% 5% 4%
10.	Only 30% of Texas fourth graders can read at grade level **(Ver Y:** , and fourth graders in other states, including Mississippi, Tennessee and Florida, are doing better than Texas fourth grade students**)**.	**Ver X:** 45% **Ver Y:** 41% **Total:** 43%	34% 29% 31%	14% 18% 16%	6% 8% 7%	2% 4% 3%
11.	**(Ver X:** Because of partisan politics,**)** the State of Texas may not apply for billions in federal infrastructure funds, which would result in Texas falling behind other states in advanced energy technologies such as hydrogen, energy storage, and the capturing of carbon dioxide emissions.	**Ver X:** 24% **Ver Y:** 25% **Total:** 24%	27% 24% 26%	24% 24% 24%	22% 22% 22%	4% 5% 5%
12.	The state's climatologist at Texas A&M estimates that if extreme weather trends continue, Texas will experience more than double the number of 100-degree days, more extreme rainfall, more urban flooding, greater hurricane intensity and increased drought severity by 2036.	28%	25%	24%	20%	3%
13.	If a severe drought occurs, then Texas will not be able to meet a significant amount of its water needs, meaning some communities may not have any access to water.	38%	27%	23%	10%	2%
14.	In recent years, over a quarter of Texas police officers that receive a dishonorable discharge from their department get re-hired by another law enforcement agency.	31%	24%	26%	14%	4%
15.	The pandemic led to a historic backlog of criminal cases in Texas courts, delaying justice both for people charged with crimes and victims themselves while crowding jails and increasing taxpayer costs.	27%	32%	30%	8%	3%

(End randomization)

16. Having learned about more issues, which best describes your level of concern regarding the future of Texas? **(Rotate and read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)**

25%	Extremely concerned
33%	Very concerned
33%	Somewhat concerned
92%	TOTAL CONCERNED
7%	Not at all concerned
2%	**(Phone:** Unsure **(vol) / Web:** Unsure**)**

Please **(phone:** tell me / **web:** indicate**)** if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements or positions. **(Phone:** Here is the first one...**) (Randomize questions)** **Program:** Depends / Neutral and Unsure are volunteered answers on the phone sample, but are shown on the web sample.

			Agree	Disagree	Depends / Neutral (phone vol) (web show)	Unsure (phone vol) (web show)	Net Agree
17.	When state leaders set goals for our education and workforce systems, those goals should aim to ensure Texans earn wages that are at least high enough to **(Ver X:** stay off all government benefits / **Ver Y:** afford food without government support**)**.	**Ver X:**	77%	11%	8%	4%	+66%
		Ver Y:	77%	11%	8%	5%	+66%
		Total:	77%	11%	8%	5%	+66%
18.	Texas cannot build enough water reservoirs to meet **(Ver X:** our / **Ver Y:** its**)** growing water needs, so we must rethink how water markets work and how water is priced before ten million more people are living here over the next 14 years.	**Ver X:**	72%	14%	8%	7%	+57%
		Ver Y:	74%	10%	9%	7%	+63%
		Total:	73%	12%	8%	7%	+60%
19.	In counties where there is a shortage of primary care physicians, Texans should authorize highly trained nurse practitioners to provide more **(Ver Y:** check-ups and routine**)** health care services.	**Ver X:**	78%	9%	10%	4%	+68%
		Ver Y:	77%	9%	9%	5%	+68%
		Total:	78%	9%	9%	4%	+68%
20.	Texas must accept and maximize the impact of federal infrastructure and COVID relief funding while ensuring the funds are spent wisely **(Ver Y:** and on one-time expenditures**)** so as to not create a shortfall when funds run out.	**Ver X:**	72%	14%	9%	5%	+58%
		Ver Y:	72%	12%	8%	7%	+60%
		Total:	72%	13%	8%	6%	+59%
21.	Texas spends over $100 billion per year on schools, colleges, and workforce training. **(Ver X:** At the end of the day,**)** The most important gauge of success of our education system is whether Texans obtain good-paying jobs.	**Ver X:**	62%	22%	12%	5%	+40%
		Ver Y:	66%	16%	11%	7%	+51%
		Total:	64%	19%	11%	6%	+45%
22.	As property taxes increase, housing costs rise for many homeowners and renters. Texas should reduce property taxes and offset these reductions with **(Ver X:** an increase in the sales tax rate / **Ver Y:** dedicated funds from any growth in sales tax revenues**)**.	**Ver X:**	48%	35%	10%	7%	+13%
		Ver Y:	65%	18%	9%	8%	+46%
		Total:	56%	27%	10%	7%	+29%
23.	There's only one Texas. We must solve challenges together to ensure Texas is the best place to live and work.		85%	6%	6%	3%	+79%

(End randomization)

24.	There has been an increase in crime in your community since last year.		47%	36%	9%	9%	+11%

25. **Ver X:** Do you trust your local police and law enforcement to handle crime and public safety issues?
Ver Y: Is your local police and law enforcement sufficiently staffed and equipped to handle crime and public safety issues? **(Record only)**

Ver X	Ver Y	Total	
70%	56%	63%	Yes
21%	25%	23%	No
10%	18%	14%	**(Phone:** Unsure / refused / **Web:** Unsure**)**

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26. Many people obtain health insurance either from an employer, the individual marketplace, or the government. Plans require different deductibles, meaning how much one is asked to pay before the insurance company covers the rest. Which of these health insurance options is closest to your situation?
(Read top to bottom)

28%	Insurance with a high deductible through my or household member's job
18%	Insurance with a low or zero dollar deductible through my or household member's job
25%	Medicare
4%	Veterans benefits
4%	Medicaid
6%	Insurance through the individual market often called ACA or Obamacare
2%	Coverage through an alternative plan, such as a health sharing ministry or a short-term plan
10%	Do not have health insurance at this time
4%	Unsure **(vol option for the phone version only / not shown on web)**

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27. For many services, customers can shop for the best prices and services, like oil changes, groceries, flights and hotels. Given rising health care costs, have you tried to find the price for a health care service -- like a doctor visit, specialty visit, minor surgery, dental operation, or diagnostic scan like an MRI -- and comparison shop among different providers to attain the best service at the best price for you or a family member? **(Record only)**

39%	Yes
58%	No
3%	Unsure **(vol option for the phone version only / not shown on web)**

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28. **IF VALUE 1 (YES) IN Q27, ASK:** Which best describes the outcome of your efforts?

10%	You were able to get a price estimate for a single provider
14%	You were able to get price estimates for multiple providers
7%	You tried, but could not find an easy way to search or compare prices
5%	You tried, but could not get any provider to give a price estimate
1%	Other **(vol option for the phone version only / not shown on web)**
1%	Unsure **(vol option for the phone version only / not shown on web)**
61%	Not asked

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29. **IF VALUE 2 (NO) IN Q27, ASK:** Did you answer No because:

13%	You have not needed medical services
13%	You went with whomever your doctor directed you to
20%	You did not need to compare prices because your insurance would pay for most or all of the service
2%	You have tried getting price estimates in the past and been unable to do so
6%	You did not know of an easy way to search or compare prices
3%	Other **(vol option for the phone version only / not shown on web)**
1%	Unsure **(vol option for the phone version only / not shown on web)**
42%	Not asked

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30. 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)**

10%	Very confident
36%	Somewhat confident
46%	TOTAL CONFIDENT
24%	Not that confident
25%	Not at all confident
49%	TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT
4%	**(Phone:** Unsure **(vol) / Web:** Unsure**)**

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31. Texas has lower electric rates than many other states, but higher average residential electric bills due to greater use. How much additional money each month would you be willing to spend to make the electric grid more reliable to address more extreme cold and hot weather events?

30%	$0
17%	$10 or less
15%	$11-$25
21%	$26 or more
16%	Unsure / refused

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32. **Ver A:** For a century, Texas has been the nation's energy leader. New technologies allow for cleaner forms of energy that can grow the Texas economy, create jobs, and improve air quality. Do you agree or disagree that Texas should lead the nation in this **(Ver X:** energy transition / **Ver Y:** energy expansion)? **(Record only)**

Ver AX	Ver AY	Ver A	(n=504)
69%	75%	72%	Agree
20%	14%	17%	Disagree
2%	2%	2%	**(Phone:** Neither / Depends **(vol) / Web:** not shown on web**)**
9%	9%	9%	**(Phone:** Unsure **(vol) / Web:** Unsure**)**

Ver B: To prepare for the future, in which of these two directions should Texas move? **(Rotate choices)**

(n=497)

31%	An energy transition where Texas moves away from oil and gas towards wind, solar, nuclear, geothermal and new clean energy sources and technologies.
52%	An energy expansion that includes oil, gas, nuclear, wind, solar and geothermal and new clean energy sources and technologies.
4%	**(Phone:** Neither / Depends **(vol) / Web:** not shown on web**)**
13%	**(Phone:** Unsure **(vol) / Web:** Unsure**)**

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33. Which of these two viewpoints comes closest to your own? **(Rotate viewpoints)**

35% Some/Other people say that Texas is the greatest state in the country and no matter what our policies are, businesses will come here and jobs will be plentiful.

51% Other/Some people say that if Texas doesn't focus on the fundamentals like teaching our kids to read, building roads, access to broadband, and new energy projects, we'll lose out to other states who are better organized.

6% **(Phone:** Other / Both / Neither **(vol) / Web: not shown on web)**
8% **(Phone:** Unsure **(vol) / Web:** Unsure**)**

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34. Do you believe that Texas children today will have the same opportunities, **(Ver X:** better opportunities or worse opportunities **/ Ver Y:** worse opportunities or better opportunities**)** to succeed than previous generations have had? **(Record only)**

18% Same
41% Better
29% Worse
2% **(Phone:** Depends / Other **/ Web: not shown on web)**
10% **(Phone:** Unsure / **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)**

2%	Less than high school
15%	High school grad
26%	Some college / vocational school
36%	College graduate
20%	Post graduate (masters or higher)
1%	Unsure **(Phone: vol / Web: show)**

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

72%	Own
26%	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**)**?

46%	Below $75,000
48%	Above $75,000
2%	Unsure **(Phone: vol / Web: show)**
5%	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**)**?

17%	Below $35,000
27%	Above $35,000
1%	Unsure **(Phone: vol / Web: show)**
1%	Prefer not to answer **(Phone: vol / Web: show)**
54%	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**)**?

20%	Below $120,000
26%	Above $120,000
1%	Unsure **(Phone: vol / Web: show)**
1%	Prefer not to answer **(Phone: vol / Web: show)**
52%	Not asked

Combination of D9 above is displayed below:

17%	Below $35,000
27%	$35,000 - $74,999
20%	$75,000 - $119,999
26%	$120,000 or over
10%	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)

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

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

72%	English only
14%	Mostly English
10%	English and Spanish equally
1%	Mostly Spanish
0%	Spanish only
1%	Other **(Phone: vol / Web: do not show)**
1%	**(Phone:** Unsure / Refused **(vol) / Web:** Unsure**)**