

TEXAS STATEWIDE SURVEY

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STUDY # 26529 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.

SMS:

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)

AC. In which county do you currently reside? (**Phone:** terminate if Unsure / Refused / **SMS:** Do not show Unsure / Refused)

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

USE FIPS NUMBERS FOR VALUES

IF AC IS AUSTIN, BEXAR, DALLAS, HARRIS, HOUSTON OR TARRANT COUNTY, ASK:

AZ. In what ZIP code do you reside?

____ _

QUOTAS TO USE AC AND AZ (Do not use FIPS on file).

B. 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)

Gender. (**Phone: Gender by observation**) (**SMS:** Are you...)

47% Male
53% Female

D16. Are you currently: (**do not randomize - read in order**)

48% Employed outside the home
13% Employed but working from home
10% Not employed
2% A student
27% Retired
1% Prefer not to answer (**Phone: vol / SMS: do not show**)

D1. **Phone:** In what year were you born? (Make into 9 9 9 9)
SMS: In what year were you born? (Provide a drop-down box from 2008 back to 1900)

19%	18 to 34
16%	35 to 44
17%	45 to 54
18%	55 to 64
29%	65 or older
1%	Prefer not to answer (vol)

D3A. 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, Green Party or other parties as value 3]

44%	Republican (skip D3C)
34%	Democrat (skip D3C)
16%	Or do you tend to vote independent of party (Go to D3C)
6%	(Phone: Unsure (vol) / SMS: Unsure) (skip D3C)

IF VALUE 3 (Independent) IN QUESTION D3A, ASK:

D3C. 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 (Phone: (vol) / SMS: show)
2%	(Phone: Unsure (vol) / SMS: Unsure)
84%	Not asked

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

44%	Solid Republican
5%	A few more Republicans than Democrats
49%	TOTAL REPUBLICAN
7%	Independent / Undecided
4%	A few more Democrats than Republicans
34%	Solid Democrat
38%	TOTAL DEMOCRAT
6%	Unsure

D4. 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
76% No
0% Unsure (**Phone: (vol) / SMS: do not show**)
0% Prefer not to answer (**Phone: (vol) / SMS: do not show**)

D5. And do you identify your main race as (**randomize first five choices**)

60% Anglo / White
15% African-American / Black
3% Asian
17% Hispanic / Latino
1% American Indian
2% Other / multi-racial (**Phone: (vol) / SMS: do not show**)
1% Unsure (**Phone: (vol) / SMS: do not show**)
1% Prefer not to answer (**Phone: (vol) / SMS: do not show**)

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

2% Less than high school
14% High school grad
27% Some college / vocational school
37% College graduate
21% Postgraduate (masters or higher)
1% Unsure (**Phone: vol / SMS: show**)

PARENTAL Q

D8. How many children do you have 18 years of age or younger?

33% Has children
67% No children
1% Unknown

IF 1 OR MORE IN PREVIOUS QUESTION, ASK:

D8F. Are any of your children 18 or under in either of the following age groups?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Unsure</u>	<u>Not Asked</u>
A)	0-5 years old	11%	21%	0%	67%
B)	6-18 years old	25%	7%	0%	67%

TARGET VOTER FILTER (Rotate the next two questions)

1. Is your image of the Republican Party: **(Rotate first two options)**

39% Positive
or
45% Negative

10% No opinion **(Phone: (vol) / SMS: show)**
7% Unsure **(Phone: (vol) / SMS: show)**

2. Is your image of the Democratic Party: **(Rotate first two options)**

35% Positive
or
46% Negative

12% No opinion **(Phone: (vol) / SMS: show)**
6% Unsure **(Phone: (vol) / SMS: show)**

3. In this year's November election, do you intend to vote **(Rotate top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)**

26% All Republican
15% Mostly Republican, with some other parties
40% TOTAL REPUBLICAN

14% Mix across parties, or independent or third-party

11% Mostly Democrat, with some other parties
24% All Democrat
35% TOTAL DEMOCRAT

10% Unsure **(Phone: (vol) / SMS: show)**

4. Would you describe your choice of candidates in this November's election as:

34% Fully decided
37% Mostly decided
71% TOTAL DECIDED

15% Mostly undecided
6% Fully undecided
21% TOTAL UNDECIDED

8% Unsure **(Phone: (vol) / SMS: show)**

JOBS / ECONOMY / LIFESTYLE

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

37% Extremely concerned
30% Very concerned
22% Somewhat concerned
8% Not at all concerned
2% Unsure (Phone: (vol) / SMS: show)

6. When comparing Texas to the rest of the United States, which do you believe will have the stronger economy over the next four years?(Rotate first two options)

57% Texas
or
21% The rest of the United States

23% Unsure (Phone: vol / SMS: show)

7. When comparing Texas to the rest of the United States, do you believe Texas is a better or worse place to raise a family? (Record Only)

60% Better
26% Worse
15% Unsure (Phone: (vol) / SMS: show)

8. In your own words, please (Phone: tell me / SMS: indicate in the space below) the one issue Texas needs to address for Texas to be successful ten years from now.

2024 Wording: In your own words, please (Phone: tell me / SMS: indicate in the space below) the one issue the Texas state government needs to address for Texas to be successful 15 years from now?

TO BE CODED

9. Do you agree or disagree with the statement: Texas' economic growth has benefitted me? (Record Only)

52% Agree
33% Disagree
15% Unsure (Phone: (vol) / SMS: show)

This November, Texans will vote on state elected offices, including the governor and members of the state legislature. If a candidate expressed the following positions, then would you be much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, or much less likely to vote for that candidate in the general election? **(Phone:** Here is the first one...) **(Randomize questions)** **(SMS:** Show values 5 and 6)

Phone: include the following prompt for the interviewer; it should appear as:

Prompt if necessary: *Does this position make you strongly more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely or strongly less likely to vote for that candidate?*

SMS: include the following prompt after each statement; it should appear in italics and with one space between it and the message statement: *Does this position make you more likely or less likely to vote for that candidate?*

		MORE LIKELY			LESS LIKELY			Makes no diff.	Unsure	Net
		<u>Much</u>	<u>Smwht</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Smwht</u>	<u>Much</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(vol)</u>	<u>(vol)</u>	<u>Impact</u>
10.	Reducing health care prices	60%	24%	83%	5%	3%	8%	6%	4%	+76%
11.	Reducing homeowner's insurance costs	53%	26%	79%	4%	3%	7%	10%	4%	+72%
12.	Reducing property taxes	55%	22%	77%	6%	4%	10%	9%	4%	+67%
13.	Building needed water infrastructure	53%	29%	81%	6%	2%	8%	6%	5%	+73%
14.	Ensuring crime leads to arrests and prosecution	51%	25%	76%	5%	4%	9%	9%	6%	+66%
15.	Increasing public education funding	48%	22%	70%	9%	7%	16%	9%	5%	+54%
16.	Making the state's child care system more parent-friendly	43%	26%	69%	7%	4%	12%	13%	6%	+58%
17.	Funding community colleges to meet workforce needs	41%	33%	74%	7%	4%	11%	10%	5%	+63%
18.	Reducing the price of residential electricity bills	56%	26%	82%	5%	2%	7%	8%	3%	+75%
19.	Ensuring Texas high school students graduate ready for college or a career	56%	27%	83%	5%	2%	7%	7%	4%	+76%
20.	Ensuring all Texas students can read and do math at grade level	64%	21%	85%	3%	2%	5%	6%	4%	+79%
21.	Evaluating the growth of data centers	29%	22%	51%	13%	13%	25%	11%	13%	+25%
22.	Addressing border security	44%	17%	62%	11%	12%	23%	10%	5%	+38%

(End randomization)

23. Thinking about the economy and job market over the next few years, how confident are you that there will be good opportunities for people like you to use your skills, earn a living, and get ahead?

(Rotate and read first four choices top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)

25% Very confident
34% Somewhat confident
59% TOTAL CONFIDENT

21% Not very confident
13% Not at all confident
34% TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT

7% Unsure **(Phone: (vol) / SMS: show)**

24. Which comes closer to how you feel right now? **(Rotate)**

55% I mostly feel able to shape my path, even when things are difficult

or

37% I mostly feel pushed by circumstances beyond my control

1% Neither **(Phone: (vol) / SMS: do not show)**

7% Unsure **(Phone: (vol) / SMS: show)**

WATER

25. Which best describes how important it is for the state to prioritize projects that **(Ver X: ensure the state has enough water to support long-term economic growth / Ver Y: reduce the risk of communities facing serious water shortages in the future)**? **(Read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)**

<u>Ver X</u>	<u>Ver Y</u>	<u>Total</u>	
50%	49%	49%	Extremely important
30%	29%	30%	Very important
14%	16%	15%	Somewhat important
2%	2%	2%	Not at all important
4%	3%	3%	Unsure (Phone: (vol) / SMS: show)

ENERGY

26. As the Texas Legislature considers electricity and grid reforms, which one of the following is the most important to address? **(Randomize choices)** **If choice made, ask:** And which is the next most important issue?

<u>QA</u>	<u>QB</u>		
<u>Most</u>	<u>Next</u>	<u>Total</u>	
53%	28%	81%	Improving the reliability of the grid
33%	40%	73%	Lower the price of electricity
8%	23%	31%	Reduce emissions
6%	4%	9%	Unsure (Phone: (vol) / SMS: show) (to next Q)
	6%		No first response

EDUCATION

27. Regarding the use of computers, tablets and other devices during school hours, do you believe Texas students have too much, too little, or about the right amount of screen time? **(Record Only)**

54% Too much
 6% Too little
 24% Right amount
 16% Unsure **(Phone: (vol) / SMS: show)**

Please **(Phone: tell me / SMS: indicate)** if you think each of the following is extremely important, very important, somewhat important or not important if Texas public schools use AI, artificial intelligence. **(SMS: Show values 5)**
(Randomize Qs)

		<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>	Unsure (vol)
28.	A teacher reviews how AI is used with and by students	37%	28%	20%	11%	5%
29.	Protecting students' personal data and privacy	62%	22%	8%	4%	3%
30.	Teaching students to use AI responsibly and ethically	44%	27%	14%	10%	4%
31.	Ensuring AI-driven instruction is effective	31%	23%	21%	15%	8%
32.	Setting safety and quality standards that AI tools must meet	50%	26%	12%	8%	4%

(End randomization)

WORKFORCE

33. Given the rapid changes in technology and the workforce, should Texas change its approach to senior year of high school, making it more focused and demanding with the goal of better preparing students for college and careers? **(Record Only)**

79% Yes
 12% No
 9% Unsure **(Phone: vol / SMS: show)**

34. Texas invests more than \$100 billion a year on education and job-training programs. Do you support or oppose requiring the state to track and publicly report whether these programs lead to good-paying jobs?
If choice made, ask: Is that strongly or somewhat (support / oppose)?

57% Strongly support
 28% Somewhat support
 85% TOTAL SUPPORT

5% Somewhat oppose
 4% Strongly oppose
 8% TOTAL OPPOSE

7% Unsure **(Phone: vol / SMS: show)**

HEALTH CARE

Rotate next two Qs

35. In recent years, large investment companies called private equity firms have purchased ownership stakes in doctors' offices and hospitals. Which best describes your level of concern regarding investment groups and financial entities influencing medical decision making in the doctor's offices, pharmacies, and hospitals in which they have an ownership stake? **(Rotate first four choices top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)**

44% Extremely concerned
26% Very concerned
18% Somewhat concerned
6% Not at all concerned
6% Unsure **(Phone: vol / SMS: show)**

36. Do you agree or disagree that, as the pace of corporate health care mergers has increased, Texans should have a right to know who owns their hospitals, doctor's offices, and health insurers? **Phone: If choice made, ask: Is that strongly or somewhat (agree / disagree)?**

70% Agree / Strongly
20% Agree / Somewhat
90% TOTAL AGREE

3% Disagree / Somewhat
2% Disagree / Strongly
5% TOTAL DISAGREE

5% Unsure **(Phone: vol / SMS: show)**

End rotation

37. There is evidence that consolidation of health care companies such as hospitals and medical practices leads to higher prices and fewer choices. Do you agree or disagree that the Texas state government should more actively regulate health care mergers to ensure the market remains sufficiently competitive?
Phone: If choice made, ask: Is that strongly or somewhat (agree / disagree)?

56% Agree / Strongly
25% Agree / Somewhat
81% TOTAL AGREE

5% Disagree / Somewhat
4% Disagree / Strongly
9% TOTAL DISAGREE

10% Unsure **(Phone: vol / SMS: show)**

CHILDCARE

48. Many Texas families report having fewer children than they say they want. Do you consider this to be: **(rotate top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)**

28% A major problem
30% A minor problem
32% Not a problem
10% Unsure **(Phone: vol / SMS: show)**

49. When the state invests tax dollars in child care for children under the age of six, how should it prioritize those state funds? **(Rotate choices)**

45% Prioritizing higher quality education in child care programs, even if it may mean fewer families are served
or
35% Prioritizing serving more families, even if it may mean lower quality education in child care programs
21% Unsure **(Phone: vol / SMS: show)**

BEST PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, AND RAISE A FAMILY

50. Do you think Texas is taking the proper actions now to ensure it will be **(Ver X: the best state / Ver Y: one of the best states)** 20 years from now to live, work and raise a family? **(Record Only)**

<u>Ver X</u>	<u>Ver Y</u>	<u>Total</u>	
39%	43%	41%	Yes
46%	41%	43%	No
16%	16%	16%	Unsure (Phone: vol / SMS: show)

38. When it comes to health insurance offered through work, which comes closer to your view?
(Rotate statements)

66% Employees should have more choice and responsibility in plan selection, and employers should give each employee a set amount of money to pick the insurance plan that best fits their family from many options.

or

23% Employers should keep the responsibility of choosing one or a few plans they believe are best for everyone at the company, so employees have less to sort through.

11% Unsure (Phone: vol / SMS: show)

(Phone: Please tell me / SMS: Please indicate) if you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose each of the following potential policy proposals designed to address health care affordability.
(Phone: Here is the first one...) (Randomize questions) (SMS: Show values 5 and 6)

Phone: include the following prompt for the interviewer; it should appear as: **Prompt if necessary:** *Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this potential policy proposal?*

SMS: include the following prompt after each statement; it should appear in italics and with one space between it and the message statement: *Do you favor or oppose this potential policy proposal?*

		FAVOR			OPPOSE			Depends / No Diff.	Unsure	Net
		<u>Strong</u>	<u>Smwht</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Smwht</u>	<u>Strong</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(vol)</u>	<u>(vol)</u>	<u>Favor</u>
39.	Breaking up existing health care companies to increase competition	32%	27%	59%	13%	10%	23%	5%	13%	+36%
40.	Prohibiting hospitals and insurers from owning doctor groups and pharmacies	39%	20%	59%	13%	12%	25%	4%	12%	+34%
41.	Enhancing government antitrust enforcement and oversight	33%	26%	58%	11%	9%	20%	6%	16%	+38%
42.	Implementing government price controls or rate setting	25%	26%	51%	13%	21%	34%	5%	11%	+17%
43.	Moving toward a single-payer, government-run health care system	23%	18%	41%	12%	30%	42%	4%	13%	±0%
44.	Banning private equity ownership of health care providers	30%	25%	55%	15%	11%	26%	4%	15%	+29%
45.	Requiring transparent and binding pricing before delivery of non-emergency care	54%	25%	79%	6%	5%	11%	3%	7%	+68%
46.	Doing nothing and maintaining the status quo	8%	10%	18%	18%	44%	61%	7%	15%	-44%

(End randomization)

47. The state could negotiate lower hospital prices for the health plan covering Texas teachers. This would lower the premiums teachers pay and save taxpayers' money, but hospitals would earn less. Would you support or oppose it?
If choice made, ask: Is that strongly or somewhat (support / oppose)?

42% Strongly support
28% Somewhat support
69% TOTAL SUPPORT

10% Somewhat oppose
7% Strongly oppose
16% TOTAL OPPOSE

14% Unsure (Phone: vol / SMS: show)

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

D7. 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: one hundred thousand dollars / SMS: \$100,000)?**

55%	Below \$100,000
37%	Above \$100,000
1%	Unsure (Phone: vol / SMS: do not show)
6%	Prefer not to answer (Phone: vol / SMS: show)

D7a. **IF VALUE 1 in D7, ASK:** And was your total household income above or below **(Phone: sixty thousand dollars / SMS: \$60,000)?**

31%	Below \$60,000
22%	Above \$60,000
0%	Unsure (Phone: vol / SMS: do not show)
1%	Prefer not to answer (Phone: vol / SMS: show)
45%	Not asked

D7b. **IF VALUE 2 in D7, ASK:** And was your total household income above or below **(Phone: one hundred and sixty thousand dollars / SMS: \$160,000)?**

18%	Below \$160,000
18%	Above \$160,000
0%	Unsure (Phone: vol / SMS: do not show)
1%	Prefer not to answer (Phone: vol / SMS: show)
63%	Not asked

Combination of D7 above is displayed below:

31%	Below \$60,000
22%	\$60,000 - \$99,999
18%	\$100,000 - \$159,999
18%	\$160,000 or over
11%	Income unknown

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

67%	Own
31%	Rent
2%	Unsure (Phone: vol / SMS: do not show)
