

TEXAS STATEWIDE SURVEY

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STUDY # 19790 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.

A1. To begin, are you registered to vote in Texas?

PHONE: If No, ask: Is there someone else at home who is registered to vote in Texas?

PHONE: If Yes, ask: May I speak with him/her? And return to introduction)

WEB: Show choices

Yes (continue)

No (thank & terminate)

A2. In which county do you currently reside?

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

Web: Programming to provide internet respondent with a drop down box of all 254 counties in alpha order.

Programming: Beware of the Mc counties and FIPS numbers. Same with Ellis and El Paso

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)

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

45% Male

55% Female

EMP. Are you...

46% Employed outside the house

11% Self-employed

7% A homemaker

31% (Phone: or) retired

5% Other (vol option for the phone / show on web)

0% 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 2002 back to 1900)

18% 18 to 34

16% 35 to 44

18% 45 to 54

21% 55 to 64

26% 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]

43% Republican **(skip D3C)**
35% Democrat **(skip D3C)**
16% Or do you tend to vote independent of party **(Go to D3C)**
6% **(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
5% The Democrat candidate
3% Other / won't vote for either **(vol)**
2% **(Phone: Unsure / Refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)**
84% Not asked

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

43% Solid Republican
6% A few more Republicans than Democrats
49% TOTAL REPUBLICAN

5% Independent / Undecided

5% A few more Democrats than Republicans
35% Solid Democrat
41% TOTAL DEMOCRAT

6% 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?

21% 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 is your main race Anglo, African-American, Asian, or some other race?

63% Anglo / White
14% African-American / Black
3% Asian
9% Hispanic / Latino
0% American Indian
8% Other **(vol option for the phone version only / show on web)**
1% 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)**

1. In your own words, please (**Phone:** tell me / **Web:** indicate) the one issue Texas needs to address to be **successful** 15 to 20 years from now?

	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Immigration / Border	210	21.0%
Political / Government / Civility	101	10.1%
Education	91	9.1%
Economy / Jobs / Trade	87	8.7%
Healthcare	79	7.9%
Spending / Budgets / Taxes	70	7.0%
Infrastructure	63	6.3%
Wedge / Social issues	62	6.2%
Climate / Environment / Energy	58	5.8%
Crime / Gun control	56	5.6%
Legalize marijuana	19	1.9%
Other	16	1.6%
Unsure / Refused	87	8.7%

RANDOMIZE NEXT THREE QUESTIONS

2. Do you consider current business conditions in Texas to be: (**Randomize first three choices**)

50% Good
6% Bad
41% Normal / so-so
3% (**Phone:** Unsure / Refused (**vol**) / **Web:** Unsure)

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3. Which of the following would you use to describe current employment opportunities in Texas?
(**Randomize first three choices**)?

59% Jobs are plentiful
14% Jobs are not so plentiful
17% Jobs are hard to get
10% (**Phone:** Unsure / Refused (**vol**) / **Web:** Unsure)

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

34% Better off financially
14% Worse off financially
52% About the same
1% (**Phone:** Unsure / Refused (**vol**) / **Web:** Unsure)

End randomization

5. Fifteen years from now, do you expect business conditions in Texas to be: **(Randomize first two choices)**

44% Better
13% Worse
31% Stay about the same
11% **(Phone: Unsure / Refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

6. Fifteen years from now, do you think economic conditions in Texas will be: **(Randomize first three choices)**

<u>Ver X</u>	<u>Ver Y</u>	<u>Total</u>	
51%	54%	52%	Stronger than the rest of the (Version X: nation / Version Y: United States)
9%	7%	8%	Weaker than the rest of the (Version X: nation / Version Y: United States)
31%	31%	31%	About the same as the rest of the (Version X: nation / Version Y: United States)
9%	8%	9%	(Phone: Unsure / Refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)

Thinking about public education for a moment -- **(ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS)**

Next two Qs asked in 2006 (B&A Project# 06014) and 2012 (B&A Project# 12895)

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

14% Excellent
34% Good
32% Fair
17% Poor
3% **(Phone: Unsure / Refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

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

7% Excellent
31% Good
40% Fair
18% Poor
4% **(Phone: Unsure / Refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

END ROTATION

INITIAL POSITIONS**Ver P: Ask Q9 - Q19 before Q20****Ver Q: Ask Q20 before Q9 - Q19**

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

		<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Unsure</u> (phone vol) (web show)
9.	Mental Health issues	3%	18%	33%	38%	7%
10.	Ver A: Public education	Ver A: 7%	31%	37%	22%	3%
	Ver B: College education	Ver B: 10%	38%	35%	12%	4%
		Total: 8%	34%	36%	17%	4%
11.	Water supplies	10%	44%	33%	11%	2%
12.	Ver A: Transportation	Ver A: 7%	35%	36%	21%	2%
	Ver B: Roads and highways	Ver B: 9%	35%	33%	21%	1%
		Total: 8%	35%	34%	21%	2%
13.	Workforce readiness	8%	37%	35%	14%	6%
14.	Ver A: Health care	Ver A: 6%	29%	33%	29%	3%
	Ver B: Health and Human Services	Ver B: 5%	35%	35%	21%	4%
		Total: 5%	32%	34%	25%	3%
15.	Ver A: Broadband to rural areas	Ver A: 4%	20%	37%	21%	18%
	Ver B: Internet to rural areas	Ver B: 4%	29%	29%	22%	16%
		Total: 4%	24%	33%	22%	17%
16.	Air quality	7%	38%	35%	18%	3%
17.	Ver A: Justice and Safety	Ver A: 8%	38%	36%	16%	2%
	Ver B: Criminal Justice	Ver B: 5%	30%	35%	26%	4%
		Total: 7%	34%	35%	21%	3%

(End randomization)

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

(Read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)

11% Extremely concerned
20% Very concerned
48% Somewhat concerned
79% TOTAL CONCERNED

19% Not at all concerned
2% **(Phone: Unsure / Refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

19. Are state leaders properly addressing the needs and concerns of the state so Texas can be successful in 15 to 20 years from now? **(Record)**

45% Yes
39% No
16% **(Phone: Unsure / Refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

20. Which of the following best describes your opinion of how the state of Texas manages the taxpayers' money **(Ver X: it has / Ver Y: in the (Phone: 125 billion dollar / Web: \$125 billion) annual budget)** to provide programs and services? **(read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)?**

<u>Ver X</u>	<u>Ver Y</u>	<u>Total</u>	
14%	16%	15%	Wisely and effectively
49%	48%	48%	As well as can be expected
30%	27%	28%	Wastefully and ineffectively
7%	9%	8%	(Phone: Unsure / Refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)

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)
21.	The state's infrastructure growth has not kept up with the state's population growth. And population growth in Texas is forecasted to increase 40% by 2036.	25%	29%	32%	12%	2%
22.	Ver A: Texas does not have enough water during a major drought and not enough water resources are being developed to meet the needs of the state's increasing population. / Ver B: Today, Texas has only 74% of the water needed during a major drought.	Ver A: 24% Ver B: 25% Total: 24%	29% 31% 30%	31% 31% 31%	13% 11% 12%	3% 1% 2%
23.	Texas is unprepared to meet the demands of tomorrow's employment needs as three out of four future jobs will require a certificate or 2-year or 4-year degree. Yet today, less than one of three Texas high school students gets such a certificate or degree.	21%	28%	33%	14%	3%
24.	Health care costs are rising for individuals and families in Texas, while health (Ver A: conditions / Ver B: outcomes) are among the worst in the nation.	Ver A: 37% Ver B: 39% Total: 38%	28% 28% 28%	24% 23% 23%	9% 8% 9%	2% 2% 2%
25.	Highway infrastructure needs and costs are increasing while funding for new roads is not keeping up with demands.	21%	31%	35%	12%	1%
26.	Three of the worst 25 metro areas in the U.S. in terms of air quality are in Texas.	24%	29%	31%	14%	3%
27.	One in four children in Texas currently live in poverty.	36%	31%	23%	8%	2%
28.	Ver X: Today, Texas election ballots include numerous names of candidates for state and district judges with just their party affiliation. Beyond age and residency, and four years of licensed legal practice, Texas does not require qualifications or experience to be a state or district judge, only voter approval. Ver y: Beyond age and residency, and four years of licensed legal practice, Texas does not require qualifications or experience to be a state or district judge, only voter approval. Today, Texas election ballots include numerous names of candidates for state and district judges with just their party affiliation.	Ver X: 22% Ver Y: 26% Total: 24%	24% 22% 23%	34% 34% 34%	18% 15% 16%	2% 4% 3%

(End randomization)

(Randomize questions)		YES			NO			Depends		Yes
		Strong	Smwht	Total	Smwht	Strong	Total	/ Maybe	Unsure	- No
								(Phone: vol)		
								(Web: show)		
29.	Do you think Texas is taking the proper actions now to ensure it remains (Ver X: the best state / Ver Y: one of the best states) 20 years from now to live, work and raise a family?	Ver X: 23%	30%	53%	19%	19%	38%	4%	5%	+15%
		Ver Y: 26%	33%	59%	16%	16%	33%	3%	6%	+26%
		Total: 24%	32%	56%	18%	18%	35%	3%	5%	+21%
30.	Do you think Texas state government delivers services in a lean and (Ver Y: cost) effective manner?	Ver X: 13%	31%	44%	27%	19%	45%	5%	6%	-1%
		Ver Y: 14%	32%	46%	25%	17%	43%	4%	8%	+3%
		Total: 14%	32%	45%	26%	18%	44%	4%	7%	+1%
31.	Do you think the State of Texas is spending the taxpayers' money on the right priorities?	10%	28%	38%	25%	25%	50%	4%	8%	-12%
32.	Do you believe today's children will have (Ver X: the same opportunities that / Ver Y: better opportunities than) you have had here in Texas?	Ver X: 24%	25%	49%	17%	23%	40%	5%	5%	+9%
		Ver Y: 25%	33%	58%	17%	13%	30%	6%	6%	+28%
		Total: 25%	29%	54%	17%	18%	35%	6%	6%	+19%
33.	(Ver Y: Since a high school diploma can take a person only so far,) Do you think the State of Texas should turn high schools into community colleges so students can earn associate degrees and industry-recognized certificates while in high school?	Ver X: 40%	24%	64%	12%	16%	28%	4%	4%	+36%
		Ver Y: 45%	23%	68%	11%	14%	25%	4%	3%	+42%
		Total: 43%	23%	66%	12%	15%	27%	4%	4%	+39%
34.	With data that shows Texas will be hotter and drier with the potential of more extreme storms and weather events, do you think Texas should be proactive and take action now to ensure our communities are prepared for more extreme weather in the future?	56%	24%	80%	8%	7%	15%	3%	3%	+65%
35.	Do you think optional express toll lanes should be added alongside of existing highways in your part of Texas so that the revenues captured can help pay to give drivers the option of using an express toll lane or the existing free lanes?	19%	24%	43%	16%	31%	47%	4%	6%	-4%
(End randomization)										
36.	Having (Phone: heard / Web: read) more about it... Which best describes your level of concern regarding the future of Texas? (Read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)	15%	Extremely concerned							
		23%	Very concerned							
		49%	Somewhat concerned							
		86%	TOTAL CONCERNED							
		11%	Not at all concerned							
		2%	(Phone: Unsure / Refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)							

37. And which best describes your level of concern regarding what it might be like to live in your part of Texas 15 to 20 years from now? **(Read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)**

15%	Extremely concerned
19%	Very concerned
43%	Somewhat concerned
77%	TOTAL CONCERNED
20%	Not at all concerned
3%	(Phone: Unsure / Refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)

38. Please **(Phone: tell me / Web: type)** in your own words the one issue you would like the State of Texas to address or improve.

	Cases	Percent
Education	202	20.2%
Immigration / Border	162	16.2%
Healthcare / Social Security	161	16.1%
Infrastructure	141	14.1%
Climate / Environment / Food & water	83	8.3%
Economy / Jobs / Trade	60	6.0%
Spending / Budgets / Taxes	56	5.6%
Crime / Gun Control / Public safety	53	5.3%
Wedge / Social issues	29	2.9%
Political / Government / Civility	29	2.9%
Poverty / Homelessness / Affordable housing	23	2.3%
Legalize marijuana / Drug reform	17	1.7%
Population / Growth	12	1.2%
Military / Foreign affairs	2	0.2%
None	15	1.5%
Other	22	2.2%
Unsure / Refused	31	3.1%

39. And please **(Phone: tell me / Web: type)** how you would fix this issue.

	Cases	Percent
Improve / Expand / Change / Processes	185	18.5%
Build wall / More agents / Stiffer penalties	120	12.0%
Spending / Reduce costs	105	10.5%
Taxes / Funds / Fees	91	9.1%
Term limits / Vote for others / Change politics	84	8.4%
More clean energy / Use less fossil fuels / Resources	50	5.0%
Construct / Help where needed most	49	4.9%
Laws / Penalties / Enforcement	49	4.9%
Economy / Jobs / Trade / Wages	26	2.6%
Talk about it / More research	20	2.0%
Redirect / Redistribute money	16	1.6%
Legalize marijuana	11	1.1%
Religion / Pro-life	11	1.1%
Pro-immigration stance	9	0.9%
Other	40	4.0%
Unsure / Refused	134	13.4%

40. 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**)

<u>Ver A</u>	<u>Ver B</u>	<u>Ver X</u>	<u>Ver Y</u>	<u>Total</u>	
8%	10%	8%	10%	9%	Children issues
27%	28%	29%	26%	27%	Education
27%	30%	31%	27%	29%	Health care
11%	9%	10%	10%	10%	Roadways
11%	9%	9%	10%	10%	Justice and Safety
6%	6%	5%	7%	6%	Job readiness
6%	5%	5%	6%	6%	Other (specify _____) (vol)
4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	(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**)

2%	Less than high school
16%	High school grad / vocational school
28%	Some college
34%	College graduate
19%	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**)

76%	Own
23%	Rent
0%	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
46%	Above \$75,000
1%	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)**?

19%	Below \$35,000
28%	Above \$35,000
1%	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)**?

20%	Below \$120,000
25%	Above \$120,000
0%	Unsure (Phone: vol / Web: show)
1%	Prefer not to answer (Phone: vol / Web: show)
54%	Not asked

Combination of D9 above is displayed below:

19%	Below \$35,000
28%	\$35,000 - \$74,999
20%	\$75,000 - \$119,999
25%	\$120,000 or over
8%	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)

66%	No children
31%	Has children
3%	Unsure / refused

D12. **(Randomize questions)**

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>DK</u>	
75%	23%	2%	A. Do you read emails on your cell phone?
69%	28%	3%	B. Do you have a Facebook account?
30%	66%	4%	C. Do you have a Twitter account?
36%	61%	3%	D. Do you have an Instagram account?

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>NOT ASKED</u>	
D13.	52%	46%	2%	0%	A. Were you born in Texas?
	38%	8%	2%	52%	B. If value 2 or 3 in D13A, ask: Were you born in the United States?
	34%	4%	0%	62%	C. If value 1, in D13B, ask: Were both of your parents born in the United States?

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

69%	English only
16%	Mostly English
10%	English and Spanish equally
1%	Mostly Spanish
1%	Spanish only
1%	Other (Phone: vol / Web: do not show)
2%	(Phone: Unsure / Refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)