TEXAS LYCEUM POLL

2021 Texas Statewide Survey

N=1,200 ADULTS
MOE=+-2.83 PERCENTAGE POINTS (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)
CELL PHONE SUPPLEMENT (600 respondents)
ONLINE SUPPLEMENT (200 respondents)
BILINGUAL INSTRUMENT/INTERVIEWERS
January 8-17, 2021

Hello. We’re conducting a survey on behalf of the Texas Lyceum, a nonprofit, non-partisan organization focused on public policy issues affecting Texas and the United States.

May I please speak with the person in your home who is 18 or older and who will be having the next birthday?

IF ASK WHY BIRTHDAY SELECTION: This helps us make sure we represent adults living within a household correctly.

IF NECESSARY: We’re interested in your views on several current issues. We would like to include your responses to this survey, which will be kept absolutely confidential, with the responses of several hundred other Texans like you. The survey should take about 12 minutes to complete, depending on your answers.

SECTION I: GENERAL MOOD

Q1. Are you registered to vote in the state of Texas?

1. Yes, registered. 70%
2. No, not registered. 30%

Q2. Generally speaking, would you say that you are extremely interested in politics and public affairs, somewhat interested, not very interested, or not at all interested?

1. Extremely interested 28%
2. Somewhat interested 42
3. Not very interested 16
4. Not at all interested 14
5. DON’T KNOW/REFUSED/NA 0
Q3. Thinking about the country, do you think things are moving in the right direction or are we off on the wrong track?

1. Right direction 29%
2. Off on the wrong track 65%
3. DON’T KNOW/REFUSED/NA 6%

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Q4. What do you think is the most important issue facing the country today? [OPEN-ENDED, please use pre-codes as applicable]

1. The coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic 29%
2. Political corruption/leadership 14
3. Health care 8
4. The economy 8
5. Race relations/racial issues/ethnicity 7
6. Trump/ the President 7
7. Unity / Division of country 6
8. Civil Rights/Freedom 4
9. Election security 3
10. Unfair media/Face news 2
11. Unemployment/jobs 2
12. Moral decline 2
13. Polarization/Gridlock/Partisanship 1
14. National security/terrorism 1
15. National debt 1
16. Immigration 1
17. Environment.Climate change 1
18. Social welfare programs 1
19. Other (specify) 1
Q5. What do you think is the most important issue facing the state of Texas today? [OPEN-ENDED, please use pre-codes as applicable]

1. The coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic 37%
2. Political corruption/leadership 10
3. Health care 7
4. The economy 7
5. Unemployment/jobs 6
6. Civil / Racial rights 6
7. Civil unrest 5
8. Immigration 3
9. Border security 2
10. Crime and drugs 2
11. Education 2
12. Gun violence/gun control 2
13. Liberals moving in from out of state 2
14. Social welfare programs 2
15. The environment/Climate change 1
16. Moral decline 1
17. Taxes 1
18. Population growth 1
19. Energy 1
20. Don't know / No response 2

Q6. How well do you think Donald Trump is handling his job as president? Is he doing a very good job, somewhat good job, somewhat poor job, or very poor job?

1. Very good job 19%
2. Somewhat good job 22
3. Somewhat poor job 14
4. Very poor job 42
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 2

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Q7. Would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job that Greg Abbott is doing as Texas governor? Would that be somewhat or strongly [approve/disapprove]?

1. Strongly approve 18%
2. Somewhat approve 41
3. Somewhat disapprove 21
4. Strongly disapprove 17
5. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 3

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Q8A. Would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job that Dan Patrick is doing as Texas’s Lieutenant Governor? Would that be somewhat or strongly [approve/disapprove]?

1. Strongly approve 10%
2. Somewhat approve 40
3. Somewhat disapprove 20
4. Strongly disapprove 19
5. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 11

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Q8B. Would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job that Ken Paxton is doing as Texas’s Attorney General? Would that be somewhat or strongly [approve/disapprove]?

1. Strongly approve 11%
2. Somewhat approve 38
3. Somewhat disapprove 20
4. Strongly disapprove 19
5. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 13

Q9A. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the response to the coronavirus pandemic?

1. Strongly approve 21%
2. Somewhat approve 20
3. Somewhat disapprove 14
4. Strongly disapprove 42
5. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 3
Q9B. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Greg Abbott is handling the response to the coronavirus pandemic?

1. Strongly approve 17%
2. Somewhat approve 37
3. Somewhat disapprove 22
4. Strongly disapprove 21
5. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 4

Q9C. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the response to the coronavirus pandemic?

1. Strongly approve 22%
2. Somewhat approve 34
3. Somewhat disapprove 13
4. Strongly disapprove 20
5. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 12

SECTION II: PERSONAL ECONOMIC PERCEPTIONS

Q10. Thinking about the national economy, do you think the country is better off, worse off, or about the same compared to a year ago?

1. Better off. 14%
2. Worse off. 66
3. About the same. 19
4. DON’T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. 1

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Q11. Do you think Texas’s economy is better off, worse off, or about the same as the rest of the country?

1. Better off 24%
2. Worse off 40
3. About the same 33
4. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 2

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Q12. Now thinking about you and your family’s economic situation, would you say that you are better off, worse off, or about the same economically compared to a year ago?

1. Better off. 15%
2. Worse off. 39
3. About the same. 45
4. DON’T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. 1

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Q13.  Looking ahead to the future, do you think your children will be better off than you are, worse off, or about the same economically?

1. Better off 34%
2. Worse off 35
3. About the same 25
4. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 5

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Q14.  Do you think that during the next 12 months we'll have good times economically or bad times economically? Would that be very [good/bad], or somewhat [good/bad]?  

1. Very good 8%
2. Somewhat good 21
3. Mixed 40
4. Somewhat bad 17
5. Very bad 12
6. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 3
SECTION III: ISSUES & POLICY

Now, we’re interested in learning more about your experience during the coronavirus pandemic...

Q15. What do you think is more important...[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. Trying to help control the spread of the coronavirus, even if it hurts the economy 70%
   OR
2. Trying to help the economy, even if it hurts efforts to control the spread of the virus. 30

Q16. How concerned are you, if at all, about the coronavirus pandemic?

1. Extremely concerned 34%
2. Very concerned 33
3. Somewhat concerned 21
4. Not very concerned 7
5. Not at all concerned 5
6. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 0

Q17. Do you think the coronavirus is a real threat or is it blown out of proportion?

1. A real threat 71%
2. Blown out of proportion 21
3. Unsure 9
4. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 0

Q18A. Do you personally know anyone who has tested positive for the coronavirus?

1. Yes 79%
2. No 21
3. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 0

Q18B. Do you personally know anyone who has died from the coronavirus?

1. Yes 47%
2. No 53
3. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 0

Q19A. Do you think the United States is handling the pandemic better, worse, or about the same as other countries?

1. Better 16%
2. Worse 51
3. About the same 30
4. Don’t know/No opinion 3
Q19B. Do you think Texas is handling the pandemic better, worse, or about the same as other states?

1. Better 23%
2. Worse 33
3. About the same 42
4. Don’t know/No opinion 2

Q20. How hopeful are you that the United States will get the coronavirus pandemic under control in the next 6 months?

1. Very hopeful 31%
2. Somewhat hopeful 41
3. Not too hopeful 19
4. Not at all hopeful 9
5. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 1

Q20A. Has the coronavirus pandemic negatively impacted your life in any of the following areas? [CODE WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS: Yes”, “No”]

A. Your personal health 32%
B. Your personal finances 52
C. Your career 36
D. Your education 24
E. Your relationship with your family members 46
F. Your relationship with your friends 54

Q20B. How about your family, has the coronavirus pandemic negatively impacted the life of a family member in any of the following areas? [CODE WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS: Yes”, “No”]

A. Their health 48%
B. Their finances 57
C. Their careers 49
D. Their education 37

Q21. Have you lost your job at any point since the start of the coronavirus outbreak in the U.S.?

1. Yes 24%
2. No 76
3. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 0

Q21A. [ASK IF Q21 == ‘1. Yes’] Have you returned to work? (N=281, MOE=+/-5.85%)

1. Yes 36%
2. No 63
3. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 1
Q22. Which of the following best describes you? [READ RESPONSE OPTIONS]

1. Employed and working full time 31%
2. Employed and working part time 11%
3. Not employed because you’re a student 6%
4. Not employed because you’re retired 23%
5. Not employed because you're looking for paid work 14%
6. Not employed, but you’re not looking for paid work 13%
7. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 2%

Q23A. [ASK IF Q22==1|2] Because of the coronavirus pandemic, are you now working from home part-time or full-time, or have you always worked from home? (N=484, MOE=+/4.45%)  

1. Working from home part-time 23%
2. Working from home full-time 16%
3. Have always worked from home 9%
4. No 52%

Q23B. [ASK IF Q23A==1|2] What is the main reason you continue to work from home? [RANDOMIZE 1-4] (N=191, MOE=+/7.09%)  

1. Safety concerns 40%
2. You’re required to work from home for now 35%
3. Convenience or personal preference 12%
4. Child care or family obligations 6%
5. Other [Don’t Read] 2%
6. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 6%

Q23C. [ASK IF Q22==1|2] Have your hours been cut or has your income been reduced because of the coronavirus pandemic? (N=484, MOE=+/4.45%)  

1. Yes 41%
2. No 59%

Q24. [ASK IF Q22==1|2|3|5] How confident are you that you will be employed at the end of this calendar year? (N=728, MOE=+/3.63%)  

1. Very confident 48%
2. Somewhat confident 34%
3. Not very confident 12%
4. Not at all confident 4%
5. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 2%

Q25. Have you increased or decreased your monthly spending over the course of the last 12 months, or has your level of monthly spending stayed about the same?  

1. Increased 16%
2. Decreased 48%
3. Stayed about the same 36%
4. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 0
Q26. As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, have you or your household been impacted financially in any of the following ways? [CODE WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS: Yes”, “No”]

   A. Missed, or will soon miss, a rent or mortgage payment 20%
   B. Missed, or will soon miss, a bill payment 28
   C. Provided financial support to a family member 40
   D. Provided financial support to a friend 27
   E. Lost income partially 39
   F. Lost income entirely 17
   G. Accumulated more debt than normal 26
   H. Stopped or cut back on retirement savings 26
   I. Stopped or cut back on other savings 37
   J. Lost access to your health insurance 18
   K. Cancelled or postponed medical care 34
   L. Cut back on food expenses 43
   M. Cut back on entertainment expenses 60

Q27. In general, how much confidence do you have in each of the following to operate safely during the coronavirus pandemic... A lot, Some, Not very much, or Not at all? [RANDOMIZE B-N]

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<th>A lot</th>
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<td>Your employer</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>35</td>
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<td>Your Healthcare Provider</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>38</td>
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<td>Restaurants</td>
<td>16</td>
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<td>Bars</td>
<td>13</td>
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<td>Gyms</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>Grocery Stores</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>49</td>
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<td>Child Care Providers and Daycares</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>37</td>
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<td>K through 12 public schools</td>
<td>22</td>
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<td>14</td>
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<td>Ride sharing services like Uber and Lyft</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>36</td>
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Q28. Have you delayed or postponed any of the following major expenditures because of the coronavirus pandemic?

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<td>Going on a vacation</td>
<td>59%</td>
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<td>Remodeling/renovating your home</td>
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<td>Buying a car</td>
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<td>Buying a primary residence</td>
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<td>Enrolling in college or graduate school for yourself or a child</td>
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<td>Buying a secondary residence/vacation home</td>
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Q29. Once the pandemic is over, do you think your life will be very different, somewhat different, or mostly the same?

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<td>Very different</td>
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<td>Somewhat different</td>
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<td>Mostly the same</td>
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Q30. As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, would you say that your caregiving responsibilities have increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

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<td>Increased</td>
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<td>Decreased</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>Stayed about the same</td>
<td>49%</td>
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Q31. Do you have children under the age of 18 living in your household?

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<td>No</td>
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Q32. [ASK IF Q31== ‘1. Yes’] Has having children at home during the coronavirus pandemic been...

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<td>Very easy</td>
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<td>Neither easy nor difficult</td>
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<td>Somewhat difficult</td>
<td>33%</td>
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<td>Very difficult</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA</td>
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Q33. [ASK IF Q31== ‘1. Yes’] Do you feel safe sending your child to a public school in your area today?

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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>No</td>
<td>53%</td>
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<td>Unsure</td>
<td>15%</td>
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Q34A.  [ASK IF Q31== '1. Yes'] Have you needed to make any school related purchases for the children living in your household because of the coronavirus outbreak? (N=357, MOE=+/-5.19%)

1. Yes 61%
2. No 39
3. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 0

Q34B.  [ASK IF Q34A== '1. Yes'] And was this purchase, or were these purchases a financial hardship for you and your family? (N=216, MOE=+/-6.67%)

1. Yes 53%
2. No 47
3. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 0

Q35.  Are you going to get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as it becomes available to you?

1. Yes 45%
2. No 26
3. Unsure 24
4. Already received a COVID-19 vaccine 5
5. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 0

Q36A.  [ASK IF Q35 == 2|3] Why [won’t you get/aren’t you sure about getting] a COVID-19 vaccine?  
[OPEN-ENDED, please use pre-codes as applicable, but record verbatims]  
(N=604, MOE=+/-3.99%)

1. COVID vaccine safety concern(s) 52%
2. General vaccine safety concern 28
3. COVID-19 isn’t a serious health threat 10
4. Already contracted COVID-19 6
5. COVID-19 isn’t real 4
6. Other 0

Q37A.  Do you think that employers should be allowed to require employees to get vaccinated in order to work?

1. Yes 43%
2. No 38
3. Unsure 18
4. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 1

Q37B.  Do you think that educational institutions, like K through 12 public schools and colleges, should be allowed to require students to get vaccinated in order to attend in-person education?

1. Yes 46%
2. No 37
3. Unsure 16
4. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 1
Q37C. Do you think that stadiums, arenas, conferences, and other large events where people gather should be allowed to require that attendees get vaccinated in order to attend?

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<td>1. Yes</td>
<td>42%</td>
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<td>2. No</td>
<td>39%</td>
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<td>3. Unsure</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<td>4. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA</td>
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### SECTION IV: DEMOGRAPHICS

*We're almost done. The final questions are for statistical purposes...*

#### AGE

1. 18-29: 24%
2. 30-44: 27%
3. 45-64: 32%
4. 65+: 17%

#### LOCATE

Would you say that you live in an urban, suburban, or rural community?

1. Urban: 31%
2. Suburban: 42%
3. Rural: 27%

#### MARRIED

What is your current marital status?

1. Never married: 33%
2. Married: 45%
3. Divorced: 9%
4. Widowed: 7%
5. Separated: 4%
6. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.: 2%

#### INCOME

What was your total household income for 2020? [READ CATEGORIES]

1. Less than $15,000: 16%
2. $15,000-$25,000: 13%
3. $25,000-$40,000: 14%
4. $40,000-$75,000: 17%
5. $75,000-$150,000: 13%
6. More than $150,000: 6%
7. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.: 20%

#### EDOFR

What is the highest level of education you completed? [READ CATEGORIES AS NECESSARY]

1. Less than high school: 6%
2. High school: 27%
3. Some college: 25%
4. College degree: 26%
5. Post-graduate degree (MA, LLD, PhD): 13%
6. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.: 2%

#### RELIGION

What is your religious denomination [PRON: DEE-NOM-I-NATION]?

1. Protestant: 10%
2. Catholic: 27%
3. Other Christian: 31%
4. Jewish: 1%
5. Muslim, Buddhist, or other non-Christian: 5%
6. Agnostic/Atheist: 7%
7. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED: 18%
FUND. [IF RELIGION EQ 1] Would you say that you are evangelical, fundamentalist, or born-again?

1. Yes 60%
2. No 40%

RACE. Would you say that you are…

1. White or Anglo 45%
2. Black or African American 12
3. Hispanic 36
4. Other 7

LIBCON. Generally speaking, would you say that you are…

1. Liberal 20%
2. Moderate, or Conservative. 41
3. Conservative. 34
4. DON’T KNOW/REFUSED 5

PID7.

1. Strong Democrat 17%
2. Weak Democrat 12
3. Lean Democrat 9
4. Independent 31
5. Lean Republican 7
6. Weak Republican 10
7. Strong Republican 14

PID3.

1. Democrat 38%
2. Independent 31
3. Republican 30

GENDER. Do you identify as...

1. Male 49%
2. Female 51
3. Non-binary <1
4. REFUSED 0

Thank you very much for your time today/this evening! Have a good day/evening
Poll Methodology

From January 8-17, 2021, The Texas Lyceum conducted a 1000 person telephone survey of adult citizens from the state of Texas. The survey utilized a stratified probability sample design, with respondents being randomly selected at the level of the household and questioned by live interviewers. The survey also employed a randomized cell phone supplement, with 60 percent of completed interviews being conducted among cell phone only or cell phone dominant households. A Spanish-language instrument was developed and bilingual interviewers offered respondents a chance to participate in English or Spanish. On average, respondents completed the interview in 15 minutes. To ensure an appropriate sub-sample of unregistered citizens, a supplement of 200 interviews among Texas adults confirmed as unregistered was completed online. This yields a total statewide sample of 1,200 adults, 835 of whom are registered voters according to self-reports. The final data set is weighted by race/ethnicity, age and gender to achieve representativeness as defined by the Texas Department State Health Services 2020 population projections. The overall margin of error for the poll is +/-2.83 percentage points, with a larger margin of error for sub-samples.