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

	Right Direction	Wrong Track	Don't know/Refuse
2020	41	59	0
2019	41	58	2
2018	34	53	14
2017	34	52	14
2016	28	63	9
2015	28	63	9
2014	27	60	13
2013	30	59	11
2012	42	51	7
2011	33	58	8
2010	37	55	8
2009	48	45	7
2008	23	70	7
2007	28	62	10

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.	*	10
3.	Health care	7
4.	The economy	7
	Unemployment/jobs	6
6.	Civil / Racial rights	6
	Civil unrest	5
8.	Immigration	3
	Border security	2
10.	Crime and drugs	2
11.	Education	2
12.	Gun violence/gun control	2
	Liberals moving in from out of state	2
	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

	V. Good Job	S. Good Job	S. Poor Job	V. Poor Job	DK
2020	27	20	16	36	1
2019	24	24	17	34	0
2018	21	23	18	34	4
2017	19	24	18	36	4

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

	Strong App	Somewhat App	Somewhat Dis	Strong Dis	DK
2020	26	37	19	15	3
2019	28	39	19	14	1
2018	23	31	13	15	19
2017	27	26	12	18	17
2016	23	38	11	17	11
2015	20	35	12	13	20

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

	Strong App	Somewhat App	Somewhat Dis	Strong Dis	DK
2020	18	37	23	16	7
2019	18	42	20	15	5
2018	13	26	9	15	37
2017	11	27	13	19	30

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?

2. 3. 4.	Strongly approve Somewhat approve Somewhat disapprove Strongly disapprove DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	21% 20 14 42 3
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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

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	Don't know
2020	39	25	35	1
2019	38	31	31	0
2018	43	24	34	0
2017	32	20	44	4
2016	29	34	35	2
2015	31	34	33	2
2014	32	34	30	3
2013	32	29	37	2
2012	37	38	24	1
2011	35	36	28	1
2010	30	40	30	1
2009	21	58	20	1

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

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	Don't know
2020	49	14	36	2
2019	45	15	40	1
2018	63	10	27	0
2017	58	9	26	7
2016	60	11	25	4
2015	52	14	28	6
2014	61	10	23	6
2013	62	7	26	4
2012	70	7	22	1
2011	60	10	28	2
2010	61	8	28	4
2009	64	8	25	3

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

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	Don't know
2020	36	21	42	1
2019	33	22	45	0
2018	31	19	49	0
2017	27	15	57	1
2016	30	19	50	1
2015	25	23	51	0
2014	28	24	46	2
2013	26	23	50	1
2012	24	24	50	2
2011	21	31	48	0
2010	18	32	50	1
2009	17	37	46	0

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

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	Don't know
2020	46	25	23	5
2019	39	29	29	3
2018	49	28	23	0
2017	45	28	19	9
2016	42	29	20	9
2015	40	27	22	10
2014	NA	NA	NA	NA
2013	41	35	17	7
2012	38	35	17	11
2011	39	26	28	8
2010	34	41	21	5
2009	40	32	18	10
2008	39	30	21	10
2007	47	27	20	6

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]		
	 Trying to help control the spread of the coronavirus, even if it hurts the economy OR 	70%	
	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 coronavi	rus pandemic?	
	 Extremely concerned Very concerned Somewhat concerned Not very concerned Not at all concerned DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 	34% 33 21 7 5 0	
Q17.	Do you think the coronavirus is a real threat or is it	blown out of proportion?	
	 A real threat Blown out of proportion Unsure DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 	71% 21 9 0	
Q18A.	Do you personally know anyone who has tested positive for the coronavirus?		
	 Yes No DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 	79% 21 0	
Q18B.	Do you personally know anyone who has died from the coronavirus?		
	 Yes No DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 	47% 53 0	
Q19A.	Do you think the United States is handling the pand countries?	emic better, worse, or about the same as other	
	 Better Worse About the same Don't know/No opinion 	16% 51 30 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%
В.	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%
В.	Their finances	57
С.	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%	6
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%
В.	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
Κ.	Cancelled or postponed medical care	34
L.	Cut back on food expenses	43
М.	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]**

	A lot	Some	Not very much	Not at all
Your employer	27	35	13	25
Your Healthcare Provider	40	38	11	11
Restaurants	16	44	24	16
Bars	13	22	28	36
Gyms	15	32	26	28
Grocery Stores	25	49	17	9
Big Box Stores	20	43	25	12
Local Merchants	20	48	20	11
Child Care Providers and Daycares	18	37	23	21
K through 12 public schools	22	38	22	18
College and universities	17	41	24	18
Churches and religious institutions	23	37	23	18
Airports and Airlines	20	32	25	23
Hotels	16	38	25	21
Public transportation	14	32	29	25
Ride sharing services like Uber and Lyft	16	36	23	25

Q28. Have you delayed or postponed any of the following major expenditures because of the coronavirus pandemic?

А.	Going on a vacation	59%
В.	Remodeling/renovating your home	28
C.	Buying a car	27
D.	Buying a primary residence	19
E.	Enrolling in college or graduate school for yourself or a child	23
F.	Buying a secondary residence/vacation home	17

Q29. Once the pandemic is over, do you think your life will be *very different*, *somewhat different*, or mostly the same?

1.	Very different	28%
2.	Somewhat different	48
3.	Mostly the same	23
4.	DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	1

Q30. As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, would you say that your caregiving responsibilities have increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

1.	Increased	37%
2.	Decreased	12
3.	Stayed about the same	49
4.	DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	2

Q31. Do you have children under the age of 18 living in your household?

1.	Yes	30%
2.	No	70
3.	DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	0

Q32. [ASK IF Q31== '1. Yes'] Has having children at home during the coronavirus pandemic been... (N=357, MOE=+/-5.19%)

1.	Very easy	12%	
2.	Somewhat easy	15	
3.	Neither easy nor difficult	26	
4.	Somewhat difficult	33	
5.	Very difficult		14
6.	DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	0	

Q33. [ASK IF Q31== '1. Yes'] Do you feel safe sending your child to a public school in your area today? (N=357, MOE=+/-5.19%)

1.	Yes	32%
2.	No	53
3.	Unsure	15
4.	DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	

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?

1.	Yes	42%
2.	No	39
3.	Unsure	18
4.	DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	1

SECTION IV: DEMOGRAPHICS

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

AGEG.

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.	\$15,0000-\$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	

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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	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.