

TEXAS LYCEUM POLL

2017 Texas Statewide Survey

N=1,000 ADULTS

MOE=+/-3.1 PERCENTAGE POINTS (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

CELL PHONE SUPPLEMENT

BILINGUAL INSTRUMENT/INTERVIEWERS

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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 18 minutes to complete, depending on your answers.

SECTION I:

GENERAL MOOD AND 2016 ELECTION ITEMS

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

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| 1. Yes, registered. | 89% |
| 2. No, not registered. | 11 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 0 |

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?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Extremely interested. | 39% |
| 2. Somewhat interested. | 44 |
| 3. Not very interested. | 11 |
| 4. Not at all interested. | 6 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 0 |

Q4. Thinking about the country, do you think things are moving in the right direction or are we off on the wrong track?

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| 1. Right direction. | 34% |
| 2. Off on the wrong track. | 52 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 14 |

Q5. What do you think is the most important issue facing the country today? [OPEN-ENDED]

1. Immigration	13%
2. The economy	11
3. Political corruption/leadership	10
4. Health care	10
5. National security/terrorism	7
6. Unemployment/jobs	5
7. Race relations/racial issues/ethnicity	5
8. Education	3
9. Foreign affairs/policy	3
10. Unity / Division of country	3
11. Social welfare programs	2
12. Federal spending/budget deficit	1
13. National debt	1
14. Moral decline	1
15. Border security	1
16. Taxes	1
17. Environment	1
18. Middle East unrest	1
19. Polarization/Gridlock/Partisanship	1
20. Police	1
21. Gender equality	1
22. Civil Rights/Freedom	1
23. Wars / less military intervention overseas	1
24. Other (specify)	7
25. Don't know / No response	7

Q6. What do you think is the most important issue facing the state of Texas today? [OPEN-ENDED]

1. Immigration	21%
2. Education	13
3. Border security	6
4. The economy	5
5. Political corruption/leadership	5
6. Health care	5
7. Unemployment/jobs	4
8. Taxes	2
9. Transgender/bathroom law	2
10. Crime and drugs	1
11. State government spending (i.e. too much spending)	1
12. Moral decline	1
13. Social welfare programs	1
14. Water supply	1
15. Energy	1
16. Transportation/roads/traffic	1
17. Gun violence/gun control	1
18. Population growth	1
19. Other (specify)	10
20. Don't know / No response	17

Q7. 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?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very good job. | 19% |
| 2. Somewhat good job. | 24 |
| 3. Somewhat poor job. | 18 |
| 4. Very poor job. | 36 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 4 |

Q8. 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?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly approve | 27% |
| 2. Somewhat approve | 26 |
| 3. Somewhat disapprove | 12 |
| 4. Strongly disapprove | 18 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 17 |

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?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly approve | 11% |
| 2. Somewhat approve | 27 |
| 3. Somewhat disapprove | 13 |
| 4. Strongly disapprove | 19 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 30 |

Thinking ahead to the 2018 Elections... [Q9-Q11 WEREASKED ONLY OF REGISTERED VOTERS. N = 890, MOE +/- 3.28%] [RANDOMIZE Q9A-Q9B]

Q9A. If the 2018 election for Senate were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE] the Republican Ted Cruz [**PRONOUNCED: CRUISE**], the Democrat Beto O'Rourke [**PRONOUNCED: BET-TOE O-RORK**], or haven't you thought enough about it?

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| 1. Ted Cruz | 30% |
| 2. Beto O'Rourke | 30 |
| 3. Haven't thought enough about it | 37 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 3 |

Q9B. If the 2018 election for Senate were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE] the Republican Ted Cruz [**PRONOUNCED: CRUISE**], the Democrat Joaquin Castro [**PRONOUNCED: WAH-KEEN CASTRO**], or haven't you thought enough about it?

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|------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Ted Cruz | 31% |
| 2. Joaquin Castro | 35 |
| 3. Haven't thought enough about it | 31 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 4 |

Q10. If the 2018 election for Lieutenant Governor were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE] the Republican Dan Patrick, the Democrat Mike Collier [**PRONOUNCED: MIKE CALL-EE-ER**], or haven't you thought enough about it?

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|------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Dan Patrick | 25% |
| 2. Mike Collier | 27% |
| 3. Haven't thought enough about it | 46% |
| 4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 3 |

Q11. Suppose the Tea Party movement organized itself as a political party. When thinking about the next election for Congress, would you vote for [Randomize] the Republican candidate from your district, the Democratic candidate from your district, or the Tea Party candidate from your district?
[Randomize 1-2]

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|-------------------------|-----|
| 1. Republican candidate | 25% |
| 2. Democratic candidate | 43 |
| 3. Tea Party candidate | 9 |
| 4. Don't know | 23 |

[ROTATE Q16A-Q16B]

Q16A. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the issue of immigration and border security?

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| 1. Approve | 38% |
| 2. Disapprove | 58 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 4 |

Q16B. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Republicans in Congress are handling the issue of immigration and border security?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Approve | 27% |
| 2. Disapprove | 60 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 13 |

Q17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Texas Legislature is handling the issue of immigration and border security?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Approve | 36% |
| 2. Disapprove | 44 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 20 |

SECTION II:
PERSONAL ECONOMIC PERCEPTIONS

Q18. Thinking about the national economy, do you think the country is better off, worse off, or about the same compared to a year ago?

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| 1. Better off. | 32% |
| 2. Worse off. | 20 |
| 3. About the same. | 44 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 4 |

Q19. 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?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Better off. | 27% |
| 2. Worse off. | 15 |
| 3. About the same. | 57 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 1 |

Q20. Do you think Texas's economy is better off, worse off, or about the same as the rest of the country?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Better off | 58% |
| 2. Worse off | 9% |
| 3. About the same | 26 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 7 |

Q21. Looking ahead to the future, do you think your children will be better off than you are, worse off, or about the same economically?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Better off | 45% |
| 2. Worse off | 28 |
| 3. About the same | 19 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 9 |

Q40. Would you say that the North American Free Trade Agreement, known as NAFTA, has been good or bad for the Texas economy?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Good | 43% |
| 2. Bad | 24 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 33 |

SECTION III:
ISSUES & POLICY

Immigration

Let's talk about immigration for a few minutes...

Q22. Would you say that immigration helps the United States more than it hurts it, or immigration hurts the United States more than it helps it?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Helps more than it hurts | 62% |
| 2. Hurts more than it helps | 27 |
| 3. A little of both (Vol.) | 6 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 5 |

Q23. Thinking specifically about recent immigrants, that is people who have come to the United States to live and work in the past ten years or so, which of the following statements is closer to your opinion about these immigrants coming to the United States?...[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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| 1. They mostly adopted essential American culture and values when they got here, | 33% |
| 2. They mostly retained their own cultures and values | 52 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 16 |

Illegal Immigration

The next few questions concern illegal immigration...

Q25. How concerned are you about illegal immigration? Extremely concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Extremely | 37% |
| 2. Somewhat | 35 |
| 3. Not very | 15 |
| 4. Not at all | 12 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 1 |

Q26. [IF Q25 EQ 1|2] What is the primary reason for your concern over illegal immigration? [OPEN-ENDED]

(n = 699, MOE +/- 3.71%)

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| 1. Safety / Criminality | 19% |
| 2. Economic concerns / Jobs | 17 |
| 3. Illegal / Should follow proper process | 13 |
| 4. Government resources | 9 |
| 5. National security / terrorism | 8 |
| 6. Need to be properly vetted / keep track of who comes in | 6 |
| 7. American culture | 2 |
| 8. Other | 20 |
| 9. Don't know | 5 |

Q28. Would you favor or oppose building a wall along the US-Mexico border to try to stop illegal immigration?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Favor | 35% |
| 2. Oppose | 61 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 4 |

Q39. If implemented, do you think President (Donald) Trump's executive orders on immigration would make the United States safer or less safe, or doesn't it make much of a difference at all?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Safer | 37% |
| 2. Less safe | 22 |
| 3. No difference | 39 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 3 |

Q29. Do you believe President Trump truly will deport millions of illegal immigrants currently living in the United States?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Yes | 50% |
| 2. No | 40 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 10 |

Q30. And do you want him to do that (deport millions of illegal immigrants currently living in the US)?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Yes | 31% |
| 2. No | 62 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 8 |

Immigration Reform

Q31. What should be the priority for U.S. immigration policy? Should it be...[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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| 1. allowing new immigrants who already have family members living in the U.S. [or] | 32% |
| 2. allowing new immigrants who already have useful job skills | 46 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 22 |

Q33. Please tell us whether you support or oppose each of the following ideas. *Would that be strongly or somewhat support/oppose:*

A. Allowing illegal immigrants living in the U.S. the opportunity to become citizens after a long waiting period if they pay taxes and a penalty, pass a criminal background check, and learn English.

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly support | 63% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 27 |
| 3. Somewhat oppose | 4 |
| 4. Strongly oppose | 5 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 1 |

B. Tightening U.S. border security and providing Border Patrol with increased technology, infrastructure, and personnel.

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly support | 53% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 27 |
| 3. Somewhat oppose | 10 |
| 4. Strongly oppose | 7 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 3 |

C. Requiring U.S. business owners to check the immigration status of any employee they hire, with stiff fines and penalties for employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants.

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| 1. Strongly support | 49% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 23 |
| 3. Somewhat oppose | 13 |
| 4. Strongly oppose | 10 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 5 |

D. Allowing engineers and scientists from other countries who earn graduate degrees in the U.S. to remain in the U.S. to work.

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly support | 56% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 30 |
| 3. Somewhat oppose | 6 |
| 4. Strongly oppose | 4 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 4 |

E. Varying the number of low-skilled immigrants allowed to enter the country depending on how the U.S. economy is doing.

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly support | 24% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 34 |
| 3. Somewhat oppose | 19 |
| 4. Strongly oppose | 16 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 8 |

State Level Immigration

[Split-sample Q34A-Q34B; n = 574 for Q34A, producing an MOE of +/- 4.1%; n = 426 for Q34B, producing an MOE of 4.75%]

Q34A. With Donald Trump in the White House, should the Texas Legislature continue funding border security operations in Texas at the same levels as before, increase funding for border security operations, or decrease funding for border security operations?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Continue funding | 45% |
| 2. Increase funding | 28 |
| 3. Decrease funding | 21 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 6 |

Q34B. With Republicans in control of the Congress, should the Texas Legislature continue funding border security operations in Texas at the same levels as before, increase funding for border security operations, or decrease funding for border security operations?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Continue funding | 41% |
| 2. Increase funding | 37 |
| 3. Decrease funding | 15 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 7 |

Q35. *Some illegal immigrants were brought to Texas as children by their parents. Do you think that these individuals should receive in-state tuition rates, or should they pay have to pay the higher rates of out-of-state residents?*

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. In-state rates | 61% |
| 2. Out-of-state rates | 31 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 8 |

Sanctuary Cities

Q36. In some cities, when local police or city government employees learn that someone is in the country illegally, they do not automatically turn that person over to federal immigration enforcement officers. **[ROTATE SUPPORT/OPPOSE CLAUSES]**

Supporters of these so-called “sanctuary cities” say that this improves public safety because it encourages people in immigrant communities to work with police to help arrest dangerous criminals without fear of being deported themselves.

Opponents of these so-called “sanctuary cities” say that this practice is a violation of federal law and allows some dangerous criminals who are in the country illegally to continue to commit violent crimes.

Thinking about your own view, do you support or oppose “sanctuary cities”?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Support | 45% |
| 2. Oppose | 49 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 5 |

Q37. In each of the following interactions with a police office, should a person's immigration status be checked, or not?

	Checked	Not Checked	Don't Know
A. During a routine traffic stop	44%	53%	4%
B. When that person is reporting a crime	41	57	2
C. When the police suspect that person is a witness to a crime or can provide information	39	58	3
D. When that person is arrested for a crime	93	5	2

SECTION V:
DEMOGRAPHICS

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

AGEG. In what year were you born?

1. 18-29	17%
2. 30-44	30
3. 45-64	35
4. 65+	18

COUNTY. In which county do you reside?

LOCATE. Would you say you live in an urban area, a suburban area, a small town, or rural area?

1. Urban	29%
2. Suburban	39
3. Small town	19
4. Rural	12
5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	1

MARRIED. What is your current marital status?

1. Never married	26%
2. Married	56
3. Divorced	9
4. Widowed	6
5. Separated	2
6. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	1

INCOME. What was your total household income for 2012? **[READ CATEGORIES]**

1. Less than \$15,000	11%
2. \$15,000-\$25,000	10
3. \$25,000-\$40,000	11
4. \$40,000-\$75,000	18
5. \$75,000-\$150,000	25
6. More than \$150,000	13
7. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	12

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

1. Less than high school	3%
2. High school	18
3. Some college	28
4. College degree	34
5. Post-graduate degree (MA, LLD, PhD)	17
6. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	1

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

1. Protestant	22%
2. Catholic	26
3. Other Christian	30
4. Jewish	0
5. Muslim, Buddhist, or other non-Christian	3
6. Agnostic/Atheist	9
7. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	10

FUND. [IF RELIGION EQ 1] Would you say that you are evangelical, fundamentalist, or born-again?

1. Yes	73%
2. No	27

RACE. Would you say that you are...

1. White/Anglo	43%
2. African American	12
3. Hispanic	38
4. Other.	7

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

1. Liberal	21%
2. Moderate, or	34
3. Conservative.	37
4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	8

PID3. Do you consider yourself to be a Democrat, a Republican, or neither?

1. Democrat	32%
2. Independent	40
3. Republican	27

GENDER. (BY OBSERVATION)

1. MALE	47%
2. FEMALE	53

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