

Texas Lyceum Poll

Spring 2007 Texas Statewide Survey

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N=1,002 Adults

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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. 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 voters like you. The survey should take about ten minutes to complete.

First we'd like to know . . .

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

- 81% Yes, registered.
- 18% No, not registered.
- 1% Don't know/Refused/NA.

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?

- 33% Extremely interested.
- 48% Somewhat interested.
- 8% Not very interested.
- 10% Not at all interested.
- 1% Don't know/Refused/NA.

Q3. There are many elections in the state of Texas. Furthermore, many people intend to vote in a given election, but sometimes personal and professional circumstances keep them from the polls. Thinking back over the past two or three years, would you say that you voted in all elections, almost all, about half, one or two, or none at all?

- 25% Every election.
- 26% Almost every election.
- 14% About half.
- 12% One or two.
- 23% None.
- * Don't know/Refused/NA.

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

- 28% Right direction.
- 62% Wrong track.
- 10% Don't know/Refused/NA.

Q5. What do you think is the most important issue facing the country today?

- 39% Iraq/The War
- 10% Immigration/Illegal immigration
- 6% Morals/Religion/Values
- 6% Terrorism/Security
- 4% The Economy
- 4% other
- 4% Environment/Energy
- 4% Jobs/Poverty/Out-sourcing
- 3% Health care/Insurance
- 3% Education/Public Schools
- 3% Prices/Inflation/Gas prices

Q6. What do you think is the most important issue facing the state of Texas today?

- 22% Immigration/Illegal immigration
- 21% Education/Public schools
- 9% other
- 7% Prices/Inflation/Gas prices/Cost of living
- 4% Health care/Insurance
- 4% Crime/Drugs/Violence
- 3% Environment/Growth/Resources/Water/Energy
- 3% Jobs/Poverty/Out-sourcing
- 3% Taxes
- 2% Iraq/The War
- 2% Roads/Transportation/Trans-Texas Corridor
- 2% The Economy

Q7. Compared to a year ago, do you think the country is better off, worse off, or about the same economically?

- 22% Better off.
- 35% Worse off.
- 43% About the same.
- 1% Don't know/Refused/NA.

Q8. What about you? Compared to a year ago, would you say that you are better off, worse off, or about the same economically?

- 32% Better off.
- 19% Worse off.
- 50% About the same.
- * Don't know/Refused/NA.

Q9. Looking ahead to the future, do you think your children will be better off than you are, worse off, or about the same economically?

- 47% Better off.
- 27% Worse off.
- 20% About the same.
- 6% Don't know/Refused/NA.

We'd like to ask a few questions about your attitudes towards religion and politics...

Q10. At the beginning of the school day, do you believe that public schools should allow...

- 16% A denominational prayer.
- 22% A non-denominational prayer.
- 45% A moment of reflection for personal belief.
- 14% No prayer of any kind.
- 3% Don't know/Refused/NA.

Q11. Do you support or oppose religious displays, such as the Ten Commandments, on the grounds of government offices? Would that be strongly or just somewhat support/oppose?

- 60% Strongly support.
- 22% Somewhat support.
- 7% Somewhat oppose.
- 7% Strongly oppose.
- 3% Don't know/Refused/NA.

Q12. Do you support or oppose so-called "faith-based initiatives," in which tax payer money is given by the federal government to religious organizations to minister to the poor and needy? Would that be strongly or just somewhat support/oppose?

- 42% Strongly support.
- 26% Somewhat support.
- 12% Somewhat oppose.
- 16% Strongly oppose.
- 4% Don't know/Refused/NA.

Q13. Do you support or oppose so-called education “vouchers,” in which parents are given tax payer money by the government that they can use to pay for a child’s tuition at the school of their choice? Would that be strongly or just somewhat support/oppose?

- 46% Strongly support.
- 19% Somewhat support.
- 10% Somewhat oppose.
- 20% Strongly oppose.
- 5% Don’t know/Refused/NA.

Q14. Recently, there has been a great deal of discussion about whether the federal government ought to fund scientific research using stem cells from human embryos. Would you say that you approve or disapprove of federal government funding for stem cell research? Would that be strongly or just somewhat approve/disapprove?

- 35% Strongly approve.
- 17% Somewhat approve.
- 11% Somewhat disapprove.
- 25% Strongly disapprove.
- 12% Don’t know/Refused/NA.

Q15. Do you support the rights of members of religious groups to use drugs as part of their religious ceremonies, even though this violates federal law?

- 18% Support.
- 77% Oppose.
- 6% Don’t know/Refused/NA.

Using a 0-100 scale, where 100 represents extremely favorable feelings, 0 extremely unfavorable feelings, and 50 is a neutral mid-point, how would you rate your own feelings towards. . .
[RANDIMIZE BLOC Q16-Q24]

Q16. Catholics

- 50% Favorable
- 32% Neutral
- 12% Unfavorable

65.3 Average

Q17. Muslims

- 19% Favorable
- 34% Neutral
- 35% Unfavorable

42.2 Average

Q18. Evangelical Christians

39% Favorable
32% Neutral
18% Unfavorable

59.6 Average

Q19. Buddhists

23% Favorable
36% Neutral
28% Unfavorable

46.8 Average

Q20A. Mormons

11% Favorable
37% Neutral
26% Unfavorable

47.6 Average

Q20B. Jesus Christ's Latter Day Saints

28% Favorable
37% Neutral
28% Unfavorable

51.7 Average

Q21. Jehovah's Witnesses

19% Favorable
35% Neutral
38% Unfavorable

42.3 Average

Q22. Baptists

47% Favorable
35% Neutral
10% Unfavorable

65.8 Average

Q23. Lutherans.

35% Favorable
42% Neutral
9% Unfavorable

60.9 Average

Q24. Episcopalian.

30% Favorable
40% Neutral
14% Unfavorable

56.5 Average

Q25. Hindus.

22% Favorable
38% Neutral
26% Unfavorable

47.6 Average

Q26. Methodists.

40% Favorable
41% Neutral
9% Unfavorable

63.0 Average

Q27. Presbyterians.

36% Favorable
39% Neutral
11% Unfavorable

60.8 Average

Turning back to some other issues for a moment...

Q28. What is your personal feeling about abortion? (1) It should always be left up to the woman. (2) It should be permitted if having a child would create a substantial economic hardship for the woman. (3) It should be permitted only in cases of rape, incest, or endangerment to the woman's life. (4) It should never be permitted.

- 37% At the discretion of the woman.
- 2% If having the child would create substantial economic hardship for the woman.
- 40% If the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest, or would endanger the woman's life.
- 19% Never.
- 2% Don't know/Refused/NA.

Q29. Do you support or oppose the death penalty for those convicted of violent crimes? Would that be strongly support/oppose or only somewhat?

- 49% Strongly support.
- 21% Somewhat support.
- 11% Somewhat oppose.
- 15% Strongly oppose.
- 4% Don't know/Refused/NA.

Next we would like to ask you a couple of questions about faith:

Q30. Do you believe the bible is the literal word of God?

- 68% Literal word.
- 26% Not literal word.
- 5% Don't know/Refused/NA.

Q31. Have you personally had a born again experience?

- 47% Yes.
- 49% No.
- 4% Don't know/Refused/NA.

Now we look to the future and politics...

Q32. If the 2008 Texas presidential primaries were held today, would you vote in the Democratic presidential primary, the Republican primary, or wouldn't you vote in either primary?

- 36% Democratic primary
- 30% Republican primary
- 24% Neither.
- 10% Don't know/Refused/NA

Q33. If the Democratic presidential primary were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE NAMES] Hillary Clinton, Al Gore, Barack Obama, Joe Biden, Dennis Kucinich, John Edwards, Bill Richardson, or don't you know?

33% Clinton
 21% Obama
 10% Gore
 8% Edwards
 3% Richardson
 1% Biden
 1% Kucinich
 * other
 21% Don't know/Refused/NA

Q34. If the 2008 Republican presidential primary were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE NAMES] Rudy Guiliani, John McCain, Duncan Hunter, Newt Gingrich, Mitt Romney, Sam Brownback, Fred Thompson, Tommy Thompson, or don't you know?

27% McCain
 23% Guiliani
 11% F. Thompson
 6% Gingrich
 6% Romney
 3% Brownback
 1% T. Thompson
 1% Hunter
 * Paul
 2% other
 21% Don't know/Refused/NA

Q35. If the 2008 general election were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE DEM NAMES/REP NAMES] Hillary Clinton/Barack Obama, John McCain/Rudy Guiliani, or haven't you thought enough about it?

	<u>Adults</u> (1,000)	<u>RVs</u> (810)	<u>LVs</u> (502)
Clinton	36%	35%	28%
McCain	32	36	45
Don't know/Refused/NA	32	29	27
Clinton	34%	31%	29%
Guiliani	28	32	40
Don't know/Refused/NA	38	37	31
Obama	23%	25%	21%
McCain	27	32	37
Don't know/Refused/NA	50	43	42
Obama	21%	22%	26%
Guiliani	29	32	34
Don't know/Refused/NA	50	46	50

Now, a few final questions for statistical purposes...

AGE. In what year were you born?

25%	18-29
30%	30-44
18%	45-54
12%	55-64
15%	65+

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

32%	Urban.
41%	Suburban.
26%	Rural.

MARRIED. What is your current martial status?

22%	Never married.
61%	Married.
7%	Divorced.
6%	Widowed.
3%	Separated.
2%	Don't know/Refused/NA.

CHILD. Do you have children? Do any currently live with you?

47%	Children at home.
28%	Children, not at home.
25%	No children.

INCOME. What was your total household income for 2006?

13%	Less than \$15K.
14%	\$15K-\$25K.
10%	\$25K-\$40K.
23%	\$40K-\$75K.
20%	\$75K-\$150K.
7%	\$150K+.
14%	Don't know/Refused/NA.

EDOFR. What is the highest level of education you completed?

- 10% Less than high school.
- 22% High school.
- 21% Some college.
- 29% College degree.
- 17% Post-graduate degree (MA, LLD, PhD).
- * Don't know/Refused/NA.

RELIGION. What is your religious denomination?

- 19% Baptist.
- 1% Episcopalian/Anglican/Church of England
- 3% Lutheran
- 5% Methodist
- * Evangelical
- * United Brethren
- 2% Protestant. (non-specific)
- 8% Christian (non-specific)
- * Christian Scientist
- 2% Church of Christ
- * United Church of Christ
- 1% Disciples of Christ
- * Church of God
- 1% Assembly of God
- * Holiness
- 2% Pentecostal
- * Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox
- 1% Mormon
- 1% Jehovah's Witnesses
- * Latter Day Saints
- * Unitarian/Universalist
- * Buddhist
- * Hindu
- * Muslim/Islam
- 27% Catholic
- * Jewish.
- 9% Other.
- * Agnostic [skip ATTEND]
- 1% Atheist. [skip ATTEND]
- 2% Don't know/Refused/NA [skip ATTEND]

ATTEND. How often do you attend church or religious services?

- 20% More than once a week.
- 32% Once a week.
- 20% A few times a month.
- 16% Once or twice a year.
- 11% Never.
- * Don't know/Refused/NA.

OCCUPY. Thinking about your current employment status, would you say that you are...

- 35% Professional.
- 10% White collar.
- 13% Blue collar.
- 1% Farmer/Rancher.
- 5% Student.
- 16% Retired.
- 11% Homemaker.
- * Military.
- 5% Not currently employed.
- 3% Don't know/Refused/NA.

HISP. Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino?

- 32% Hispanic.
- 65% Non-Hispanic.
- 3% Don't know/Refused/NA.

RACE. Would you say that you are...

- 54% White.
- 11% African American.
- 32% Hispanic.
- 1% Asian/Pacific Islander/Native American
- 2% Don't know/Refused/NA.

INTERNET. Do you currently have internet access at home or at work?

- 76% Internet access.
- 23% None.
- * Don't know/Refused/NA.

MEDIA. Would you say that you get most of your political information from:

- 32% Broadcast TV stations, such as ABC, NBC, or CBS.
- 9% Radio.
- 12% Newspapers.
- 1% Newsmagazines.
- 13% The Internet.
- 31% Cable TV stations, such as CNN or Fox News.
- 4% Don't know/Refused/NA.

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

- 19% Liberal.
- 32% Moderate.
- 41% Conservative.

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

- 27% Democratic.
- 28% Republican.
- 40% Independent.
- 5% Don't know/Refused/NA.

STRONG. Would that be a strong or not so strong Democrat/Republican?

- 36% Strong.
- 18% Weak.
- 55% Don't know/Refused/NA.

LEAN. Would you say that you are closer to the Democrats, the Republicans, or neither?

- 10% Democratic.
- 10% Republican.
- 20% Neither.
- 60% Don't know/Refused/NA.

REGION.

- 4% North Texas/Panhandle
- 27% Dallas/Ft. Worth
- 7% East Texas/Tyler
- 22% Houston
- 12% Central Texas/Waco/Temple
- 12% San Antonio/San Angelo
- 8% West Texas/El Paso
- 8% South Texas/Valley

COLLAPSED:

31% North
30% East
20% South
20% Central/West

GENDER.

50% Male
50% Female