

Texas Governor and U.S. Senate — October 2026

Survey Results & Crosstabulations

Field Dates: October 15–18, 2026
 Method: Text message to web survey
 Sample: Registered TX voters, statewide voter file
 N: 278 Senate-ballot respondents of 297 started
 MOE: ± 6.5 pts @ 95% CI, weighted

Pollster: Pollfinity Research LLC **Universe:** Registered Texas voters **Frame:** Statewide voter file, active registered voters with a cell phone, stratified random sample oversampling voters under 45 and Spanish-surname voters **Weighted:** Yes (age, gender, ethnic group, region, 2024 and 2022 recalled vote)

KEY FINDINGS

- **Three races inside the margin:** Senate, Talarico 48%, Paxton 43%, Brown 2%, undecided 5%. Governor, Hinojosa 46%, Abbott 45%, Dixon 2%, undecided 5%. Lieutenant Governor, Patrick 46%, Goodwin 42%, Cristo 2%, McCormick 1%, undecided 6%. Every gap is within the full-sample margin of error of ± 6.5 points.
- **Abbott's approval is net negative:** 45% approve, 52% disapprove (41% strongly). 49% say Texas is on the wrong track, 39% right direction.
- **Paxton is the least liked name on the ballot:** favorable 40%, unfavorable 56%. Talarico is 50% favorable, 47% unfavorable. Trump is 44% favorable, 54% unfavorable.
- **Gender gap:** women 57%–38% Talarico; men 50%–37% Paxton.
- **Partisan sorting on the modeled party:** 79% of voters the file models as Democrats back Talarico; 72% of modeled Republicans back Paxton. Texas has no party registration, so these are voter-file models, not enrollment.
- **Houston leans Talarico, the rest of Texas leans Paxton:** Houston metro 58%–33% Talarico; Dallas–Fort Worth 49%–45% Talarico; counties outside the five metros 51%–37% Paxton.
- **The Libertarians are unknown:** 67% have never heard of Pat Dixon and 66% have never heard of Ted Brown.
- **Hemp THC: keep it legal.** 42% would keep hemp-derived THC products legal for adults as now and 23% would loosen the rules; 19% back a ban, 16% are not sure.
- **More choices:** 46% agree Texas needs more political choices beyond the two major parties; 41% disagree.
- **Cost of living dominates:** 22% name cost of living and inflation as their top issue; immigration and border security (18%) is second.
- **Political violence:** 20% agree Americans may have to resort to violence; 71% disagree.

HOW TO READ THE TABLES

Weighted column percentages among respondents who answered each question. Modeled party, region, age, gender and ethnic group come from the matched voter-file record, not from respondents. Texas has no party registration, so the party columns are the voter file's partisan model and should be read as a diagnostic. Columns with fewer than 50 unweighted respondents (Non-Partisan, Austin, San Antonio, Border, 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, Likely African-American, Asian/Other, Unknown, Very/somewhat/not very likely, Yes (already/might), Used to) carry margins of error above ± 14 points and should be read as directional. The row marked "n" is the unweighted number answering. Weighting targets and diagnostics are published in the companion workbook.

Crosstabs by Party (voter file, modeled), Region

		Total	Party (voter file, modeled)			Region					
			Democratic	Republican	Non-Partisan	Houston	Dallas-Fort Worth	Austin	San Antonio	Border	Rest of Texas
	<i>Unweighted n</i>	278	137	124	17	65	80	27	22	13	71
S1. Are you a registered voter in the State of Texas?	Yes	95	96	95	93	93	97	100	100	93	93
	No	5	4	5	7	7	3	0	0	7	7
	<i>n</i>	278	137	124	17	65	80	27	22	13	71
S2. How likely are you to vote in the November 2026 election?	Extremely likely	88	91	85	79	94	92	89	79	90	81
	Very likely	6	2	8	14	3	3	9	0	0	11
	Somewhat likely	3	4	2	0	0	1	0	14	10	3
	Not very likely	4	3	5	7	3	4	2	8	0	5
	<i>n</i>	278	137	124	17	65	80	27	22	13	71
B1. If the 2026 election for United States Senator from Texas were held today, and the candidates were Ken Paxton (Republican), James Talarico (Democrat), and Ted Brown (Libertarian), who would you vote for?	Ken Paxton (Republican)	43	14	72	63	33	45	36	43	50	51
	James Talarico (Democrat)	48	79	19	21	58	49	58	45	40	37
	Ted Brown (Libertarian)	2	1	2	5	5	1	0	0	0	2
	Someone else	2	1	1	11	1	2	0	8	0	1
	Undecided	5	5	6	0	3	3	6	4	10	9
	<i>n</i>	278	137	124	17	65	80	27	22	13	71
B2. If the 2026 election for Governor of Texas were held today, and the candidates were Greg Abbott (Republican), Gina Hinojosa (Democrat), and Pat Dixon (Libertarian), who would you vote for?	Greg Abbott (Republican)	45	13	76	63	34	46	41	43	50	54
	Gina Hinojosa (Democrat)	46	76	17	26	58	46	52	45	40	36
	Pat Dixon (Libertarian)	2	2	2	0	5	1	0	0	0	3
	Someone else	2	1	1	11	1	1	3	8	0	1
	Undecided	5	7	4	0	2	7	4	4	10	6
	<i>n</i>	273	134	122	17	63	79	26	22	13	70
B3. If the 2026 election for Lieutenant Governor of Texas were held today, and the candidates were Dan Patrick (Republican), Vikki Goodwin (Democrat), Anthony Cristo (Libertarian), and Kevin McCormick (Green), who would you vote for?	Dan Patrick (Republican)	46	13	78	62	33	49	40	43	46	57
	Vikki Goodwin (Democrat)	42	74	12	24	54	39	51	45	30	35
	Anthony Cristo (Libertarian)	2	1	4	0	6	1	4	0	0	2
	Kevin McCormick (Green)	1	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
	Someone else	2	2	2	11	2	3	0	8	0	1
	Undecided	6	8	4	4	5	5	5	4	24	4
	<i>n</i>	267	131	120	16	63	76	24	22	12	70
F1. What is your overall opinion of Greg Abbott?	Very favorable	32	11	52	41	25	31	42	20	46	36
	Somewhat favorable	13	4	21	21	11	15	0	30	0	13

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	<i>Unweighted n</i>	278	137	124	17	65	80	27	22	13	71
	Somewhat unfavorable	8	5	11	0	8	10	5	0	0	10
	Very unfavorable	44	75	16	24	52	39	53	50	43	39
	No opinion / don't know	4	6	0	15	5	5	0	0	11	1
	<i>n</i>	266	130	120	16	63	76	23	22	12	70
F2. What is your overall opinion of Gina Hinojosa?	Very favorable	30	53	7	22	32	33	41	31	33	20
	Somewhat favorable	17	23	11	19	22	12	17	20	15	18
	Somewhat unfavorable	3	3	4	4	3	4	12	0	0	3
	Very unfavorable	35	14	57	43	23	42	31	38	29	41
	No opinion / don't know	14	7	21	12	20	9	0	11	23	18
	<i>n</i>	263	129	119	15	63	75	23	22	12	68
F3. What is your overall opinion of Ken Paxton?	Very favorable	21	9	32	39	18	24	14	24	19	23
	Somewhat favorable	19	5	34	14	16	16	18	15	28	24
	Somewhat unfavorable	6	0	11	10	5	4	5	7	0	10
	Very unfavorable	50	81	21	24	56	53	62	54	43	40
	No opinion / don't know	4	5	2	12	5	4	0	0	11	3
	<i>n</i>	259	129	116	14	63	72	23	22	12	67
F4. What is your overall opinion of James Talarico?	Very favorable	43	75	12	24	51	43	61	49	43	29
	Somewhat favorable	6	6	7	6	8	8	1	0	0	9
	Somewhat unfavorable	2	3	2	0	3	1	2	0	11	1
	Very unfavorable	45	14	77	57	35	43	36	51	46	56
	No opinion / don't know	3	3	2	12	2	5	0	0	0	6
	<i>n</i>	259	129	116	14	63	72	23	22	12	67
F5. What is your overall opinion of Donald Trump?	Very favorable	33	10	56	37	23	29	16	18	46	52
	Somewhat favorable	11	4	18	28	12	13	21	22	0	5
	Somewhat unfavorable	4	3	6	0	3	5	0	8	0	7
	Very unfavorable	50	80	20	31	59	52	62	52	43	36
	No opinion / don't know	2	3	0	5	4	1	0	0	11	0
	<i>n</i>	259	129	116	14	63	72	23	22	12	67
N1. How familiar are you with Pat Dixon, the Libertarian candidate for Governor?	Very familiar	3	3	1	18	2	4	6	11	0	0
	Somewhat familiar	9	10	8	11	11	12	6	13	8	5
	Just the name	21	26	16	19	23	20	16	22	21	21
	Never heard of him	67	61	75	53	63	65	72	54	71	74
	<i>n</i>	257	128	115	14	62	71	23	22	12	67
N2. How familiar are you with Ted Brown, the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate?	Very familiar	2	2	1	5	2	1	0	11	0	0
	Somewhat familiar	8	10	5	6	6	9	12	8	21	3
	Just the name	25	24	24	41	33	21	11	28	21	28
	Never heard of him	66	63	70	48	59	69	77	54	59	69
	<i>n</i>	257	128	115	14	62	71	23	22	12	67

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	<i>Unweighted n</i>	278	137	124	17	65	80	27	22	13	71
A1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Greg Abbott is doing as Governor of Texas?	Strongly approve	30	8	53	29	22	32	37	7	41	38
	Somewhat approve	15	5	22	32	14	12	5	36	5	15
	Somewhat disapprove	11	11	11	0	10	14	5	9	7	11
	Strongly disapprove	41	70	12	27	50	41	53	44	36	31
	Not sure	4	5	1	12	4	1	0	4	11	6
	<i>n</i>	257	128	115	14	62	71	23	22	12	67
A2. Do you think Texas is generally headed in the right direction, or is it on the wrong track?	Right direction	39	14	67	28	29	38	36	36	53	48
	Wrong track	49	76	22	46	57	49	56	54	36	42
	Not sure	11	10	11	26	14	13	8	10	11	10
	<i>n</i>	256	128	115	13	62	70	23	22	12	67
C1. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Texas needs more political choices beyond the two major parties."	Strongly agree	19	27	11	21	26	26	13	13	19	12
	Somewhat agree	27	33	18	35	31	18	22	19	29	33
	Somewhat disagree	20	15	25	25	16	17	26	29	30	19
	Strongly disagree	21	9	35	13	21	20	20	30	22	20
	Not sure	13	15	11	5	6	18	19	9	0	16
	<i>n</i>	254	128	113	13	62	68	23	22	12	67
C2. Texas currently allows stores to sell hemp-derived THC products, such as gummies and drinks, to adults 21 and older. In 2025 the Legislature passed a ban on these products and Governor Abbott vetoed it. Which comes closest to your view?	Texas should ban these products	19	13	25	13	14	20	3	18	24	25
	Texas should keep them legal for adults 21 and older, as now	42	42	40	64	49	29	60	60	30	39
	Texas should legalize them with fewer restrictions	23	34	11	17	25	32	14	14	28	19
	Not sure	16	11	24	5	12	19	23	9	18	17
	<i>n</i>	251	128	110	13	62	67	23	22	11	66
C3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Americans may have to resort to violence in order to get the country back on track."	Strongly agree	10	12	8	0	12	14	0	11	0	9
	Somewhat agree	11	5	15	33	6	13	4	7	6	18
	Somewhat disagree	11	8	14	12	9	10	2	13	0	19
	Strongly disagree	60	69	53	37	61	59	91	58	70	48
	Not sure	9	7	10	19	12	5	2	11	25	7
	<i>n</i>	250	128	109	13	62	66	23	22	11	66
I1. Which ONE issue is most important to you in deciding your vote this year?	Cost of living / inflation	22	31	11	23	15	24	15	31	14	27

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	Property taxes and other taxes	7	4	10	13	4	3	5	8	30	9
	Crime and public safety	6	1	11	12	3	11	0	0	8	7
	Housing affordability	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Immigration and border security	18	9	28	15	16	9	19	31	24	20
	Healthcare	3	4	3	0	2	5	14	3	0	0
	Government spending and fiscal responsibility	9	5	12	12	10	6	19	7	0	8
	Civil liberties and personal freedom	9	12	7	5	11	23	0	3	0	3
	Education	9	13	5	0	10	2	19	0	24	10
	Economy and jobs in general	8	11	6	8	15	6	5	17	0	5
	Something else	9	10	8	14	14	11	4	0	0	11
	<i>n</i>	248	128	107	13	62	66	21	22	11	66
R1. In the 2024 presidential election, did you vote for...	Kamala Harris	38	67	7	30	47	45	34	38	45	26
	Donald Trump	51	21	82	70	36	51	46	51	44	65
	Another candidate	2	1	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	2
	I did not vote in 2024	2	2	2	0	4	0	2	0	0	2
	Prefer not to say	7	9	7	0	8	4	18	11	11	4
	<i>n</i>	247	128	107	12	62	65	21	22	11	66
R2. In the 2022 election for Governor of Texas, did you vote for...	Greg Abbott	46	15	80	61	36	39	47	51	44	60
	Beto O'Rourke	37	64	9	16	42	47	42	33	45	23
	Another candidate	2	3	1	0	2	2	0	3	0	2
	I did not vote in that election	10	12	6	23	15	11	11	5	0	8
	Prefer not to say	5	6	4	0	5	2	0	8	11	6
	<i>n</i>	245	127	106	12	62	64	21	22	11	65
D1. What is your age?	18-24	3	4	2	0	7	1	2	0	0	3
	25-34	6	8	3	9	7	6	4	14	13	1
	35-44	19	23	14	29	16	32	23	6	8	16
	45-54	14	14	15	0	21	14	12	13	13	9
	55-64	20	18	24	16	20	19	16	34	17	19
	65-74	24	22	26	34	16	18	38	31	26	31
	75 or older	11	9	14	12	13	10	5	3	10	17
	Prefer not to say	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	11	4
	<i>n</i>	245	127	106	12	62	64	21	22	11	65
P1. Which of these would you use to describe your political views?	Conservative	42	19	68	42	31	39	46	55	26	52
	Liberal	9	16	1	17	14	10	0	11	10	7
	Progressive	10	19	0	0	9	13	32	0	8	5
	Moderate	22	25	16	32	26	21	11	24	19	21
	Libertarian	2	2	2	0	5	4	0	0	0	0
	Populist	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	1
	Socialist	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0

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Unweighted n		278	137	124	17	65	80	27	22	13	71
P2. Would you ever describe your political views as "libertarian"?	Nationalist	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	2
	Environmentalist	1	1	0	10	1	1	0	0	0	2
	None of these	12	17	7	0	9	11	8	10	37	11
	n	245	127	106	12	62	64	21	22	11	65
	Yes, I already do	5	5	5	0	8	4	4	15	0	1
	Yes, I might	13	9	15	33	12	27	9	0	8	9
	I used to, but not anymore	8	5	12	21	6	9	15	0	6	12
	I've never really thought about it	28	32	24	15	31	19	14	39	58	27
	No, I wouldn't	46	49	44	30	43	42	57	46	28	51
n	245	127	106	12	62	64	21	22	11	65	

Crosstabs by Age (voter file), Gender, Ethnic group

		Total	Age (voter file)					Gender		Ethnic group				
			18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+	F	M	European	Hispanic/ Portug.	Likely Afr.- Amer.	Asian/ Other	Unknown
<i>Unweighted n</i>		278	29	21	37	92	99	120	158	161	69	17	8	23
S1. Are you a registered voter in the State of Texas?	Yes	95	100	96	95	95	95	97	94	96	91	100	100	94
	No	5	0	4	5	5	5	3	6	4	9	0	0	6
	<i>n</i>	278	29	21	37	92	99	120	158	161	69	17	8	23
S2. How likely are you to vote in the November 2026 election?	Extremely likely	88	86	84	82	95	87	92	83	87	85	100	100	84
	Very likely	6	9	0	3	3	9	4	7	6	5	0	0	10
	Somewhat likely	3	3	11	0	1	3	3	3	3	5	0	0	0
	Not very likely	4	3	5	14	1	1	1	7	4	5	0	0	6
	<i>n</i>	278	29	21	37	92	99	120	158	161	69	17	8	23
B1. If the 2026 election for United States Senator from Texas were held today, and the candidates were Ken Paxton (Republican), James Talarico (Democrat), and Ted Brown (Libertarian), who would you vote for?	Ken Paxton (Republican)	43	29	33	42	47	48	38	50	45	40	41	31	46
	James Talarico (Democrat)	48	68	53	39	47	46	57	37	45	48	59	69	46
	Ted Brown (Libertarian)	2	0	4	7	1	0	0	4	2	2	0	0	0
	Someone else	2	0	5	2	1	2	0	4	2	2	0	0	3
	Undecided	5	3	4	10	4	5	5	5	6	8	0	0	6
	<i>n</i>	278	29	21	37	92	99	120	158	161	69	17	8	23
B2. If the 2026 election for Governor of Texas were held today, and the candidates were Greg Abbott (Republican), Gina Hinojosa (Democrat), and Pat Dixon (Libertarian), who would you vote for?	Greg Abbott (Republican)	45	32	37	45	47	48	39	52	47	41	40	31	48
	Gina Hinojosa (Democrat)	46	68	44	42	47	43	54	37	42	49	52	69	49
	Pat Dixon (Libertarian)	2	0	8	5	1	1	0	5	2	2	8	0	0
	Someone else	2	0	5	0	2	2	0	4	2	2	0	0	3
	Undecided	5	0	6	7	4	6	7	3	7	5	0	0	0
	<i>n</i>	273	27	21	36	91	98	117	156	159	69	15	8	22
B3. If the 2026 election for Lieutenant Governor of Texas were held today, and the candidates were Dan Patrick (Republican), Vikki Goodwin (Democrat), Anthony Cristo (Libertarian), and Kevin McCormick (Green), who would you vote for?	Dan Patrick (Republican)	46	34	35	43	48	52	42	52	49	42	40	35	48
	Vikki Goodwin (Democrat)	42	63	36	40	45	40	50	34	39	42	60	65	44
	Anthony Cristo (Libertarian)	2	0	7	8	1	0	0	5	2	2	0	0	5
	Kevin McCormick (Green)	1	3	6	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
	Someone else	2	0	5	2	2	2	0	5	2	3	0	0	3
	Undecided	6	0	10	7	4	6	7	4	6	11	0	0	0
	<i>n</i>	267	26	21	36	87	97	114	153	155	68	15	7	22
F1. What is your overall opinion of Greg Abbott?	Very favorable	32	24	16	30	36	35	26	38	32	29	30	35	36

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Unweighted n		278	29	21	37	92	99	120	158	161	69	17	8	23
	Somewhat favorable	13	10	17	8	13	13	13	13	14	12	10	5	12
	Somewhat unfavorable	8	0	14	14	4	7	7	8	10	6	4	0	5
	Very unfavorable	44	66	53	40	44	40	50	39	43	46	50	54	44
	No opinion / don't know	4	0	0	7	2	5	5	2	2	8	6	7	3
	n	266	26	21	36	87	96	113	153	154	68	15	7	22
F2. What is your overall opinion of Gina Hinojosa?	Very favorable	30	46	33	23	30	28	37	21	24	36	29	63	38
	Somewhat favorable	17	18	13	14	19	19	16	19	19	17	13	19	8
	Somewhat unfavorable	3	3	16	0	2	1	3	4	4	2	0	0	11
	Very unfavorable	35	29	19	49	35	36	31	41	40	30	34	19	28
	No opinion / don't know	14	4	18	14	13	15	13	15	14	15	24	0	15
	n	263	25	21	35	87	95	112	151	152	68	15	7	21
F3. What is your overall opinion of Ken Paxton?	Very favorable	21	11	16	19	25	23	18	25	18	25	24	16	36
	Somewhat favorable	19	19	21	15	16	21	16	21	22	13	10	24	10
	Somewhat unfavorable	6	7	0	11	5	6	2	10	8	3	6	0	0
	Very unfavorable	50	64	63	47	51	45	58	42	50	49	54	60	51
	No opinion / don't know	4	0	0	8	2	5	5	2	2	10	6	0	3
	n	259	25	21	33	86	94	111	148	149	67	15	7	21
F4. What is your overall opinion of James Talarico?	Very favorable	43	61	48	38	46	39	50	35	38	49	56	60	46
	Somewhat favorable	6	3	6	7	5	7	6	6	8	3	4	5	5
	Somewhat unfavorable	2	6	4	0	1	3	1	3	3	1	0	0	0
	Very unfavorable	45	30	38	47	46	49	40	51	49	38	40	35	46
	No opinion / don't know	3	0	4	8	2	3	2	4	2	9	0	0	3
	n	259	25	21	33	86	94	111	148	149	67	15	7	21
F5. What is your overall opinion of Donald Trump?	Very favorable	33	15	14	32	36	40	26	41	34	30	34	35	30
	Somewhat favorable	11	18	23	2	12	10	12	10	12	10	6	0	18
	Somewhat unfavorable	4	3	5	11	2	4	3	6	6	4	0	0	0
	Very unfavorable	50	64	57	52	48	45	56	42	47	54	54	65	49
	No opinion / don't know	2	0	0	3	2	2	3	1	1	2	6	0	3
	n	259	25	21	33	86	94	111	148	149	67	15	7	21
N1. How familiar are you with Pat Dixon, the Libertarian candidate for Governor?	Very familiar	3	0	9	0	3	3	2	4	1	3	0	16	10
	Somewhat familiar	9	8	17	13	7	6	4	15	9	15	0	0	6
	Just the name	21	11	26	10	21	25	21	20	21	16	26	25	26
	Never heard of him	67	80	47	77	69	66	72	61	68	67	74	59	57
	n	257	24	21	33	86	93	110	147	148	67	14	7	21
N2. How familiar are you with Ted Brown, the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate?	Very familiar	2	0	4	0	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	10
	Somewhat familiar	8	8	23	13	3	4	5	10	7	16	0	0	0
	Just the name	25	26	36	10	22	30	22	29	25	23	26	41	20
	Never heard of him	66	66	37	77	73	65	72	58	66	61	74	59	70

		Total	Age (voter file)					Gender		Ethnic group				
			18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+	F	M	European	Hispanic/ Portug.	Likely Afr.- Amer.	Asian/ Other	Unknown
	Unweighted n	278	29	21	37	92	99	120	158	161	69	17	8	23
	n	257	24	21	33	86	93	110	147	148	67	14	7	21
A1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Greg Abbott is doing as Governor of Texas?	Strongly approve	30	27	21	25	35	32	25	36	31	24	36	35	33
	Somewhat approve	15	11	17	15	11	17	14	15	16	16	6	0	13
	Somewhat disapprove	11	0	14	14	10	11	10	11	11	12	4	12	8
	Strongly disapprove	41	50	49	43	40	37	48	33	38	44	48	54	43
	Not sure	4	12	0	3	3	4	3	5	4	4	6	0	3
	n	257	24	21	33	86	93	110	147	148	67	14	7	21
A2. Do you think Texas is generally headed in the right direction, or is it on the wrong track?	Right direction	39	32	36	47	32	44	33	48	40	40	42	28	39
	Wrong track	49	62	61	42	57	40	54	43	51	45	43	64	46
	Not sure	11	7	3	11	11	16	13	9	10	15	15	8	15
	n	256	24	20	33	86	93	110	146	148	67	14	6	21
C1. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Texas needs more political choices beyond the two major parties."	Strongly agree	19	29	44	29	15	8	15	24	19	24	17	6	10
	Somewhat agree	27	54	18	20	31	24	26	27	25	35	14	37	25
	Somewhat disagree	20	0	14	27	12	29	21	19	19	17	16	0	49
	Strongly disagree	21	13	12	8	30	25	20	23	26	18	5	22	12
	Not sure	13	3	12	16	12	14	17	8	11	6	49	35	3
	n	254	24	20	33	86	91	108	146	146	67	14	6	21
C2. Texas currently allows stores to sell hemp-derived THC products, such as gummies and drinks, to adults 21 and older. In 2025 the Legislature passed a ban on these products and Governor Abbott vetoed it. Which comes closest to your view?	Texas should ban these products	19	28	10	26	20	15	18	19	21	12	40	0	8
	Texas should keep them legal for adults 21 and older, as now	42	39	46	34	42	46	40	45	44	47	31	30	35
	Texas should legalize them with fewer restrictions	23	24	33	32	16	20	25	21	21	25	22	48	16
	Not sure	16	8	11	8	22	19	17	15	13	17	6	22	41
	n	251	24	19	33	85	90	107	144	144	66	14	6	21
C3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Americans may have to resort to violence in order to get the country back on track."	Strongly agree	10	9	15	18	8	5	8	11	7	12	32	0	9
	Somewhat agree	11	21	12	5	5	16	7	15	12	10	6	29	0
	Somewhat disagree	11	18	13	13	9	10	8	15	12	11	6	0	17
	Strongly disagree	60	44	39	61	69	63	68	50	58	61	56	71	72
	Not sure	9	8	21	4	9	7	9	8	12	7	0	0	3
	n	250	23	19	33	85	90	106	144	143	66	14	6	21

		Total	Age (voter file)					Gender		Ethnic group				
			18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+	F	M	European	Hispanic/ Portug.	Likely Afr.- Amer.	Asian/ Other	Unknown
	Unweighted n	278	29	21	37	92	99	120	158	161	69	17	8	23
I1. Which ONE issue is most important to you in deciding your vote this year?	Cost of living / inflation	22	58	22	15	22	18	19	25	19	28	25	32	15
	Property taxes and other taxes	7	0	11	5	8	7	4	10	9	5	5	0	3
	Crime and public safety	6	0	0	15	3	7	4	8	6	6	0	0	12
	Housing affordability	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Immigration and border security	18	15	19	6	22	19	16	19	14	25	0	38	25
	Healthcare	3	0	0	5	5	3	5	1	2	5	6	0	5
	Government spending and fiscal responsibility	9	0	3	8	9	12	4	14	9	8	12	0	5
	Civil liberties and personal freedom	9	11	4	15	5	12	10	8	9	6	30	0	8
	Education	9	6	9	15	4	10	14	2	8	11	8	0	15
	Economy and jobs in general	8	7	13	8	12	4	11	5	9	5	11	0	9
	Something else	9	3	19	6	9	9	11	7	13	0	3	29	3
n	248	23	19	33	84	89	105	143	142	65	14	6	21	
R1. In the 2024 presidential election, did you vote for...	Kamala Harris	38	32	41	34	46	35	47	28	34	41	40	78	43
	Donald Trump	51	45	48	51	47	56	45	57	54	48	50	22	47
	Another candidate	2	0	4	3	2	1	0	4	3	0	0	0	0
	I did not vote in 2024	2	17	0	3	1	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	4
	Prefer not to say	7	7	8	10	5	8	6	9	7	10	11	0	6
	n	247	23	19	33	83	89	105	142	142	65	14	6	20
R2. In the 2022 election for Governor of Texas, did you vote for...	Greg Abbott	46	26	48	36	47	54	41	53	52	41	24	30	47
	Beto O'Rourke	37	34	38	34	42	35	46	27	33	39	60	64	32
	Another candidate	2	0	4	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	0	6	0
	I did not vote in that election	10	40	5	20	7	4	9	11	7	16	12	0	13
	Prefer not to say	5	0	5	6	4	6	4	6	5	5	4	0	8
	n	245	23	19	33	82	88	104	141	140	65	14	6	20
D1. What is your age?	18-24	3	36	0	0	0	2	3	3	2	5	0	0	4
	25-34	6	30	26	0	2	0	6	6	6	9	2	0	1
	35-44	19	4	51	71	1	1	18	20	16	22	34	29	22
	45-54	14	19	7	26	26	0	15	13	15	10	19	0	20
	55-64	20	11	6	2	63	2	17	25	22	18	6	16	29
	65-74	24	0	0	0	3	64	30	18	23	31	22	55	0
	75 or older	11	0	5	0	3	27	10	13	13	4	10	0	24
	Prefer not to say	2	0	5	0	2	3	2	2	3	0	6	0	0
	n	245	23	19	33	82	88	104	141	140	65	14	6	20
P1. Which of these would you use to describe your political views?	Conservative	42	33	36	34	45	47	35	51	42	41	51	22	50
	Liberal	9	13	13	10	7	9	12	6	9	14	6	0	9
	Progressive	10	22	19	9	10	5	14	5	7	5	10	48	22
	Moderate	22	4	15	26	22	25	20	24	26	18	18	8	10

			Age (voter file)					Gender		Ethnic group				
		Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+	F	M	European	Hispanic/ Portug.	Likely Afr.- Amer.	Asian/ Other	Unknown
Unweighted n		278	29	21	37	92	99	120	158	161	69	17	8	23
	Libertarian	2	0	4	7	2	0	1	3	3	1	0	0	0
	Populist	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
	Socialist	1	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Nationalist	1	10	0	3	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
	Environmentalist	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	6	0
	None of these	12	6	14	12	13	10	16	6	8	20	14	16	10
	n	245	23	19	33	82	88	104	141	140	65	14	6	20
P2. Would you ever describe your political views as "libertarian"?	Yes, I already do	5	0	7	7	5	4	4	6	4	8	6	0	0
	Yes, I might	13	18	22	21	10	8	10	17	13	11	10	29	14
	I used to, but not anymore	8	2	20	17	4	5	7	10	11	2	3	0	19
	I've never really thought about it	28	32	24	24	21	36	31	24	24	40	28	30	20
	No, I wouldn't	46	47	27	32	60	47	49	42	48	39	53	41	47
	n	245	23	19	33	82	88	104	141	140	65	14	6	20

Crosstabs by 2024 vote, Likely to vote, Libertarian self-ID

		Total	Trump	2024 vote Harris	Other/ DNV/ no answer	Likely to vote Extremely likely	Very/ somewhat/ not very	Yes (already/ might)	Libertarian self-ID Used to	Never thought about it	No
	<i>Unweighted n</i>	278	110	109	59	245	33	49	18	67	111
S1. Are you a registered voter in the State of Texas?	Yes	95	95	98	91	97	87	96	100	98	95
	No	5	5	2	9	3	13	4	0	2	5
	<i>n</i>	278	110	109	59	245	33	49	18	67	111
S2. How likely are you to vote in the November 2026 election?	Extremely likely	88	86	99	73	100	0	88	87	81	95
	Very likely	6	7	1	9	0	45	6	7	5	3
	Somewhat likely	3	2	0	9	0	24	1	0	10	1
	Not very likely	4	4	0	9	0	31	4	6	4	2
	<i>n</i>	278	110	109	59	245	33	49	18	67	111
B1. If the 2026 election for United States Senator from Texas were held today, and the candidates were Ken Paxton (Republican), James Talarico (Democrat), and Ted Brown (Libertarian), who would you vote for?	Ken Paxton (Republican)	43	83	0	29	44	40	47	61	26	47
	James Talarico (Democrat)	48	11	100	43	53	11	43	33	62	47
	Ted Brown (Libertarian)	2	1	0	6	1	8	8	6	0	0
	Someone else	2	2	0	4	0	11	0	0	2	2
	Undecided	5	4	0	18	2	30	2	0	10	4
	<i>n</i>	278	110	109	59	245	33	49	18	67	111
B2. If the 2026 election for Governor of Texas were held today, and the candidates were Greg Abbott (Republican), Gina Hinojosa (Democrat), and Pat Dixon (Libertarian), who would you vote for?	Greg Abbott (Republican)	45	81	0	39	44	50	47	61	29	46
	Gina Hinojosa (Democrat)	46	9	98	40	50	12	45	33	61	44
	Pat Dixon (Libertarian)	2	0	2	7	1	10	6	6	1	1
	Someone else	2	3	0	3	1	11	2	0	2	2
	Undecided	5	7	0	11	4	16	0	0	8	7
	<i>n</i>	273	110	109	54	242	31	49	18	67	111
B3. If the 2026 election for Lieutenant Governor of Texas were held today, and the candidates were Dan Patrick (Republican), Vikki Goodwin (Democrat), Anthony Cristo (Libertarian), and Kevin McCormick (Green), who would you vote for?	Dan Patrick (Republican)	46	86	0	34	47	40	47	61	27	51
	Vikki Goodwin (Democrat)	42	7	95	32	47	10	37	33	56	42
	Anthony Cristo (Libertarian)	2	1	0	10	1	8	11	6	0	0
	Kevin McCormick (Green)	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
	Someone else	2	3	0	5	0	16	2	0	2	2
	Undecided	6	2	5	18	3	26	1	0	15	3
	<i>n</i>	267	110	109	48	236	31	49	18	67	111
F1. What is your overall opinion of Greg Abbott?	Very favorable	32	54	0	35	32	29	25	43	15	38

		Total	Trump	2024 vote Harris	Other/ DNV/ no answer	Likely to vote		Yes (already/ might)	Libertarian self-ID		No
						Extremely likely	Very/ somewhat/ not very		Used to	Never thought about it	
<i>Unweighted n</i>		278	110	109	59	245	33	49	18	67	111
	Somewhat favorable	13	23	1	9	11	21	19	18	13	8
	Somewhat unfavorable	8	9	7	6	8	9	14	0	7	9
	Very unfavorable	44	12	90	41	47	28	38	36	57	43
	No opinion / don't know	4	2	2	9	2	14	4	3	8	1
	<i>n</i>	266	110	109	47	235	31	49	18	67	111
F2. What is your overall opinion of Gina Hinojosa?	Very favorable	30	4	68	20	33	3	23	22	42	26
	Somewhat favorable	17	10	29	13	19	7	19	12	17	21
	Somewhat unfavorable	3	6	0	4	3	4	4	11	1	3
	Very unfavorable	35	63	0	34	33	54	34	52	24	38
	No opinion / don't know	14	17	3	28	12	32	20	3	15	12
	<i>n</i>	263	110	109	44	235	28	49	18	67	111
F3. What is your overall opinion of Ken Paxton?	Very favorable	21	40	0	12	22	17	17	38	5	30
	Somewhat favorable	19	33	1	16	18	26	23	16	22	13
	Somewhat unfavorable	6	9	0	10	4	18	10	13	5	4
	Very unfavorable	50	14	98	51	54	23	48	33	62	51
	No opinion / don't know	4	3	1	11	2	16	2	0	7	2
	<i>n</i>	259	110	109	40	232	27	49	18	67	111
F4. What is your overall opinion of James Talarico?	Very favorable	43	5	94	44	48	8	41	30	55	41
	Somewhat favorable	6	7	6	4	6	8	6	3	8	7
	Somewhat unfavorable	2	1	0	11	1	9	5	0	5	0
	Very unfavorable	45	83	0	32	44	54	46	67	27	51
	No opinion / don't know	3	4	0	9	1	21	1	0	7	1
	<i>n</i>	259	110	109	40	232	27	49	18	67	111
F5. What is your overall opinion of Donald Trump?	Very favorable	33	60	2	22	33	27	21	37	17	45
	Somewhat favorable	11	21	0	8	11	19	23	18	13	4
	Somewhat unfavorable	4	6	1	9	2	26	6	7	5	3
	Very unfavorable	50	13	96	53	53	22	48	39	62	47
	No opinion / don't know	2	0	1	9	1	6	2	0	2	1
	<i>n</i>	259	110	109	40	232	27	49	18	67	111
N1. How familiar are you with Pat Dixon, the Libertarian candidate for Governor?	Very familiar	3	1	2	14	3	0	5	0	2	1
	Somewhat familiar	9	11	7	9	9	14	18	8	6	9
	Just the name	21	17	31	6	22	10	34	16	16	22
	Never heard of him	67	71	60	71	66	76	43	76	76	68
	<i>n</i>	257	110	109	38	230	27	49	18	67	111
N2. How familiar are you with Ted Brown, the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate?	Very familiar	2	1	2	5	2	0	5	0	2	0
	Somewhat familiar	8	8	5	14	7	12	13	11	6	7
	Just the name	25	25	30	15	26	22	34	29	20	25
	Never heard of him	66	67	64	65	65	66	48	61	72	68

		Total	Trump	2024 vote Harris	Other/ DNV/ no answer	Likely to vote		Yes (already/ might)	Libertarian self-ID		No
						Extremely likely	Very/ somewhat/ not very		Used to	Never thought about it	
<i>Unweighted n</i>		278	110	109	59	245	33	49	18	67	111
<i>n</i>		257	110	109	38	230	27	49	18	67	111
A1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Greg Abbott is doing as Governor of Texas?	Strongly approve	30	55	0	24	30	27	24	44	14	36
	Somewhat approve	15	25	1	14	13	26	23	17	15	10
	Somewhat disapprove	11	8	12	15	10	17	13	3	17	8
	Strongly disapprove	41	9	87	35	44	17	37	36	48	43
	Not sure	4	3	1	12	3	13	2	0	7	3
	<i>n</i>	257	110	109	38	230	27	49	18	67	111
A2. Do you think Texas is generally headed in the right direction, or is it on the wrong track?	Right direction	39	71	3	26	39	43	43	54	25	42
	Wrong track	49	20	90	42	51	33	49	39	56	50
	Not sure	11	9	8	32	10	23	9	7	19	8
	<i>n</i>	256	110	109	37	229	27	49	18	67	111
C1. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Texas needs more political choices beyond the two major parties."	Strongly agree	19	14	23	29	17	37	34	20	25	11
	Somewhat agree	27	19	38	22	27	22	24	28	31	26
	Somewhat disagree	20	21	17	24	21	14	18	43	26	12
	Strongly disagree	21	35	7	8	23	11	21	4	10	30
	Not sure	13	10	15	17	12	16	3	5	8	21
	<i>n</i>	254	110	109	35	227	27	49	18	67	111
C2. Texas currently allows stores to sell hemp-derived THC products, such as gummies and drinks, to adults 21 and older. In 2025 the Legislature passed a ban on these products and Governor Abbott vetoed it. Which comes closest to your view?	Texas should ban these products	19	31	5	12	19	19	12	17	14	24
	Texas should keep them legal for adults 21 and older, as now	42	37	48	48	43	40	51	45	46	37
	Texas should legalize them with fewer restrictions	23	12	37	22	23	25	27	10	25	22
	Not sure	16	20	11	18	16	16	10	28	15	17
	<i>n</i>	251	110	109	32	224	27	49	18	67	111
C3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Americans may have to resort to violence in order to get the country back on track."	Strongly agree	10	14	3	11	7	26	5	6	9	13
	Somewhat agree	11	16	6	2	10	14	24	5	8	8
	Somewhat disagree	11	16	5	10	10	17	10	26	11	9
	Strongly disagree	60	45	82	49	64	27	51	63	64	61
	Not sure	9	8	3	28	8	17	10	0	8	9
	<i>n</i>	250	110	109	31	223	27	49	18	67	111

		Total	Trump	2024 vote Harris	Other/ DNV/ no answer	Likely to vote		Yes (already/ might)	Libertarian self-ID		No
						Extremely likely	Very/ somewhat/ not very		Used to	Never thought about it	
<i>Unweighted n</i>		278	110	109	59	245	33	49	18	67	111
I1. Which ONE issue is most important to you in deciding your vote this year?	Cost of living / inflation	22	13	28	38	23	15	18	10	29	22
	Property taxes and other taxes	7	10	2	11	4	29	2	5	8	8
	Crime and public safety	6	12	0	0	6	7	12	11	2	5
	Housing affordability	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
	Immigration and border security	18	32	2	6	18	18	15	22	19	18
	Healthcare	3	2	3	7	2	11	2	0	7	2
	Government spending and fiscal responsibility	9	9	8	10	9	3	16	0	7	9
	Civil liberties and personal freedom	9	8	13	5	11	0	10	3	6	12
	Education	9	5	13	14	10	0	5	11	8	11
	Economy and jobs in general	8	4	17	0	9	3	11	4	8	8
	Something else	9	5	15	10	9	13	11	34	7	5
<i>n</i>		248	110	109	29	222	26	49	18	67	111
R1. In the 2024 presidential election, did you vote for...	Kamala Harris	38	0	100	0	43	3	34	30	45	38
	Donald Trump	51	100	0	0	49	63	56	61	39	53
	Another candidate	2	0	0	15	1	5	3	6	2	0
	I did not vote in 2024	2	0	0	17	1	7	3	0	1	2
	Prefer not to say	7	0	0	68	6	22	4	3	13	7
<i>n</i>		247	110	109	28	221	26	49	18	67	111
R2. In the 2022 election for Governor of Texas, did you vote for...	Greg Abbott	46	88	2	8	46	54	54	61	35	48
	Beto O'Rourke	37	5	85	17	41	2	23	30	46	39
	Another candidate	2	0	1	12	1	5	3	9	1	1
	I did not vote in that election	10	7	8	29	9	17	16	0	10	9
	Prefer not to say	5	0	3	34	3	23	5	0	8	4
<i>n</i>		245	109	108	28	220	25	49	18	67	111
D1. What is your age?	18-24	3	3	1	10	3	3	2	0	0	6
	25-34	6	3	9	7	5	14	4	16	7	4
	35-44	19	21	18	17	21	2	37	43	11	13
	45-54	14	13	15	17	13	23	18	9	19	10
	55-64	20	22	20	14	21	12	16	11	14	28
	65-74	24	24	26	22	24	24	10	12	36	25
	75 or older	11	15	10	2	11	10	10	10	8	14
	Prefer not to say	2	1	1	12	1	12	2	0	6	0
<i>n</i>		245	109	108	28	220	25	49	18	67	111
P1. Which of these would you use to describe your political views?	Conservative	42	76	6	13	42	44	37	57	31	48
	Liberal	9	1	23	0	10	0	10	21	2	11
	Progressive	10	0	23	8	11	0	10	0	8	13
	Moderate	22	14	33	17	23	8	28	10	29	17

		Total	Trump	2024 vote Harris	Other/ DNV/ no answer	Likely to vote		Yes (already/ might)	Libertarian self-ID		No
						Extremely likely	Very/ somewhat/ not very		Used to	Never thought about it	
<i>Unweighted n</i>		278	110	109	59	245	33	49	18	67	111
	Libertarian	2	1	1	8	2	6	11	0	0	0
	Populist	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	1	1
	Socialist	1	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	2
	Nationalist	1	1	0	5	1	5	0	6	1	1
	Environmentalist	1	1	1	0	1	4	0	0	3	0
	None of these	12	5	12	42	9	31	4	7	24	8
	<i>n</i>	245	109	108	28	220	25	49	18	67	111
P2. Would you ever describe your political views as "libertarian"?	Yes, I already do	5	5	4	8	4	8	27	0	0	0
	Yes, I might	13	15	12	8	13	11	73	0	0	0
	I used to, but not anymore	8	10	7	7	8	10	0	100	0	0
	I've never really thought about it	28	22	33	40	25	49	0	0	100	0
	No, I wouldn't	46	48	45	37	48	22	0	0	0	100
	<i>n</i>	245	109	108	28	220	25	49	18	67	111