TEXAS LYCEUM POLL
2024 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
April 12-21, 2024

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	77%
2.	No, not registered	23

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	31%
2.	Somewhat interested	44
3.	Not very interested	13
4.	Not at all interested	10
5.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA	2

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   25%
2. Off on the wrong track   63
3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   12

	Right Direction	*Wrong Track*	*Don't know/Refuse*
2023	*28*	*62*	*11*
2022	*27*	*61*	*13*
2021	*29*	*65*	*6*
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. Inflation/rising prices   14%
2. The economy   13
3. Immigration   8
4. Border security   7
5. Trump/the prospect of another Trump presidency   6
6. Health care   5
7. Political corruption/leadership   5
8. Abortion   4
9. Biden/the President   4
10. Gun violence/Gun control   4
11. Unemployment/jobs   3
12. Moral decline   3
13. Crime/violent crime   3
14. Environment/Climate change   2
15. Education/schooling/public schools   2
16. National debt   2
17. Civil Rights/freedom/government control   2
18. Drug addiction/Opioids   2
19. Russia/Russia-Ukraine war/threat from Russia   2
20. Social welfare programs   1
21. Unity/Division of country   1
22. China   1
23. The news media   1
24. Race relations/racial issues/ethnicity   1
25. Energy/Gas prices   1
26. Polarization/Gridlock/Partisanship   1
27. National security/terrorism   1
28. Israel-Hamas conflict   1
29. Voting rights/threat to democracy/Jan. 6   1
30. OTHER [Please 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.	Immigration	15%
2.	Border security	14
3.	Inflation/rising prices	9
4.	The economy	8
5.	Governor Abbott	7
6.	Abortion	7
7.	Gun violence/gun control	5
8.	Health care	4
9.	Housing/housing costs	4
10.	Taxes	3
11.	Unemployment/jobs	3
12.	Crime/Violent crime	3
13.	Liberals moving in from out of state	3
14.	Political corruption/leadership	3
15.	Drug addiction/Opioids	2
16.	Energy/Gas Prices	2
17.	Don't know / No response	2
18.	Education/Public schools	2
19.	Civil / Racial rights	2
20.	Traffic	1
21.	The environment/Climate change	1
22.	Voter Rights/Election Issues	1
23.	Social welfare programs	1
24.	Population growth	1
25.	Civil unrest	1
26.	Election fraud	1
27.	The news media	0
28.	OTHER [Please Specify]	0

Q6.   How do you think Joe Biden 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   14%
2.   Somewhat good job   24
3.   Somewhat poor job   21
4.   Very poor job   37
5.   DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   4

	V. Good Job	*S. Good Job*	*S. Poor Job*	*V. Poor Job*	*DK*
2023	*15*	*25*	*19*	*36*	*5*
2022	*14*	*29*	*16*	*38*	*3*
Donald Trump:					
2021	*19*	*22*	*14*	*42*	*2*
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   25%
2.   Somewhat approve   24
3.   Somewhat disapprove   16
4.   Strongly disapprove   28
5.   DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   8

	Strong App	*Somewhat App*	*Somewhat Dis*	*Strong Dis*	*DK*
2023	*19*	*27*	*14*	*34*	*6*
2022	*18*	*29*	*18*	*29*	*6*
2021	*18*	*41*	*21*	*17*	*3*
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   15%
2. Somewhat approve   26
3. Somewhat disapprove   12
4. Strongly disapprove   20
5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   27

	Strong App	*Somewhat App*	*Somewhat Dis*	*Strong Dis*	*DK*
2023	13	27	14	21	25
2022	13	27	15	20	25
2021	10	40	20	19	11
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   15%
2. Somewhat approve   24
3. Somewhat disapprove   15
4. Strongly disapprove   22
5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   24

	Strong App	*Somewhat App*	*Somewhat Dis*	*Strong Dis*	*DK*
2023	12	28	13	21	25
2022	13	27	14	21	25
2021	11	38	20	19	13

Q8C. Would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job that Ted Cruz is doing as Texas's U.S. Senator? *Would that be somewhat or strongly [approve/disapprove]?*

1. Strongly approve   21%
2. Somewhat approve   23
3. Somewhat disapprove   15
4. Strongly disapprove   29
5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   12

SECTION II: 2024 ELECTIONS

[Items Q9-Q13 were only asked of those respondents who indicated that they are registered voters in Q1. For items Q9-Q13, n=926, margin of error is +/- 3.22%]

Q9.   How interested are you in the 2024 presidential election? Are you:

		2024	*2020*
1.	Extremely interested	51%	57%
2.	Very interested	26	28
3.	Somewhat interested	18	11
4.	Not at all interested	5	4
5.	Don't know [DON'T READ]	0	0

Q10.   If the 2024 election for president were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE ORDER "Joe Biden", "Donald Trump", "Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.", "Jill Stein", "Cornel West"]** Joe Biden, Donald Trump, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Jill Stein, Cornel West, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it?

1.	Donald Trump	41%
2.	Joe Biden	31
3.	Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	11
4.	Jill Stein	1
5.	Cornel West	1
6.	Someone else	5
7.	Haven't thought about it	10

Q11.   If the 2024 election for Senate were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE "Ted Cruz", "Colin Allred"]** Ted Cruz, Colin Allred, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it?

1.	Ted Cruz	41%
2.	Colin Allred	31
3.	Someone else	13
4.	Haven't thought about it	16

Q12.   If the election for representative to the U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE "the Democratic candidate", "the Republican candidate"]** the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it?

1.	The Republican candidate	41%
2.	The Democratic candidate	39
3.	Someone else	8
4.	Haven't thought about it enough	11

Q13.   And if the election for representative to the Texas State House were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE "the Democratic candidate", "the Republican candidate"]** the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it?

1.	The Republican candidate	43%
2.	The Democratic candidate	40
3.	Someone else	7
4.	Haven't thought about it enough	9

Q14.   Would you say that your feelings towards the following people are generally favorable or unfavorable? *Would that be very or just somewhat favorable/unfavorable?* **[RANDOMIZE A-E]**

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know / No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE
Donald Trump	31	18	9	37	4	49	46
Joe Biden	16	21	19	39	4	37	58
Ted Cruz	19	25	14	31	11	44	45
Colin Allred	11	21	15	14	39	32	29

SECTION III: PERSONAL ECONOMIC PERCEPTIONS AND EVALUATIONS

Q15.   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   20%
2.   Worse off   60
3.   About the same   20
4.   DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   0

	Better off	*Worse off*	*About the same*	*Don't know*
2023	15	59	19	3
2022	15	62	19	3
2021	14	66	19	1
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

Q16.   Do you think Texas's economy is better off, worse off, or about the same as the rest of the country?

1.   Better off   26%
2.   Worse off   42
3.   About the same   31
4.   DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   1

	Better off	*Worse off*	*About the same*	*Don't know*
2023	21	36	37	6
2022	26	32	36	6
2021	24	40	33	2
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

Q17. 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   20%
2. Worse off   48
3. About the same   32
4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   0

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	Don't know
2023	15	46	35	4
2022	14	45	38	3
2021	15	39	45	1
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

Q18. 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   25%
2. Worse off   37
3. About the same   19
4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   19

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	Don't know
2023	28	34	22	16
2022	27	35	22	17
2021	34	35	25	5
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

SECTION IV: ISSUES & POLICY

Now, turning to the issue of democracy in America...

Q19.   Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: *Democracy is the best form of government.*
         Would that be strongly [agree/disagree], or somewhat [agree/disagree]?

		2024	*2023*	*2019*
1.	Strongly agree	37%	40%	53%
2.	Somewhat agree	30	28	29
3.	Somewhat disagree	11	11	11
4.	Strongly disagree	9	7	7
5.	Don't know/No opinion	14	14	0

Q20.   How satisfied are you with the way democracy is working in our country...

		2024	*2023*	*2019*
1.	Very satisfied	11%	9%	16%
2.	Somewhat satisfied	29	29	42
3.	Not too satisfied, or	32	34	29
4.	Not at all satisfied	19	19	13
5.	Don't know/No opinion	10	9	0

Now, we're interested in learning more about your experience living in Texas...

Q21.   Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: *I spend too much of my income on housing.*

		2024	**2023**	**2022**	**2020**
1.	Agree	63%	55%	50%	44%
2.	Disagree	27	31	39	55
3.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA	10	14	10	2

Q22.   Would you say that the supply of water is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not much of a
         problem in your part of Texas?

1.	A big problem	17%
2.	Somewhat of a problem	35
3.	Not much of a problem	40
4.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA	8

Q23.   In the last year, have you experienced a boil water notice or notification that your tap water was
         unsafe to drink?

1.	Yes	33%
2.	No	60
3.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA	7

[RANDOMIZE Q24A-Q24B]

Q24A. How concerned are you about **the safety** of the water supply in your community? Are you...

1.	Very concerned	25%
2.	Somewhat concerned	33
3.	Not too concerned, or	30
4.	Not at all concerned	12
5.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA	0

Q24B. How concerned are you about **the reliability** of the water supply in your community? Are you...

1.	Very concerned	21%
2.	Somewhat concerned	37
3.	Not too concerned, or	30
4.	Not at all concerned	11
5.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA	0

Q25. Do you think that water rights should be owned by individuals or should they be public?

		2024	*2012*
1.	Individuals	24%	29%
2.	Public	50	54%
3.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA	26	17%

Q26. Would you be willing to pay more in water tap fees to ensure that the state's water needs are met?

		2024	*2012*
1.	Yes	44%	64%
2.	No	35	30%
3.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA	20	7%

Q27A. Would you support or oppose legalizing the use of marijuana in the state of Texas?

		2024	*2015*
1.	Support	60%	46%
2.	Oppose	31	50
3.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA	10	4

Q27B. **[ASK IF Q27A == '2. Oppose']** You said that you opposed legalizing the use of marijuana in Texas, would you support or oppose reducing the maximum punishment for possessing small amounts of marijuana to a citation and a fine?

(n=365 who oppose marijuana legalization in Q27A, moe +/- 5.13%)

		2024	*2015*
1.	Support	42%	57%
2.	Oppose	47	39
3.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA	11	4

Q28.   Do you support or oppose expanding legal casino gambling in Texas?

    1. Support   57%
    2. Oppose   28
    3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   15

Q29.   Do you personally know anyone who has ever been addicted to prescription painkillers, or not?

		2024	*2018*
1.	Yes	36%	36%
2.	No	59	62
3.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA	5	2

Q30.   Over the past few weeks, would you say that you are feeling...

    1. Extremely stressed   26%
    2. Somewhat stressed   43
    3. Not very stressed   20
    4. Not at all stressed   11
    5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   0

Q31.   How would you describe your own mental health and emotional well-being at this time? Would you say it is...

    1. Excellent   15%
    2. Very good   28
    3. Good   29
    4. Fair   18
    5. Poor   9
    6. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   0

Q32.   How worried are you, if at all, that someone in your family will experience a serious mental health crisis? Are you...

    1. Very worried   20%
    2. Somewhat worried   31
    3. Not too worried, or   28
    4. Not at all worried   19
    5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   4

Q33A.   In your community, do you think that mental health issues **in adults** are...

    1. A crisis   28%
    2. A problem but not a crisis, or 51
    3. Not a problem at all   14
    4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   7

Q33B.   In your community, do you think that mental health issues **in children and teenagers** is...

    1. A crisis   39%
    2. A problem but not a crisis, or 42
    3. Not a problem at all   11
    4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   8

Q34.   How easy or hard is it to find a mental health provider — such as a therapist or psychiatrist — in your community? Is it...

1.   Very easy   17%
2.   Somewhat easy   34
3.   Somewhat hard, or   24
4.   Very hard   10
5.   DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   15

Q35.   Do you think stigmas about mental health still exist, or not?

1.   Yes, still exist   73%
2.   No   13
3.   DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   13

Q36.   In your view, do you think it is essential that the United States...

1.   Continues to be a world leader in leader in space exploration, or   56%
2.   Is it not essential that the United States continue
      to be a world leader in leader in space exploration   29
3.   DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   14

Q37.   Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

1.   It is essential that NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)
      continue to be involved in space exploration, or   59%
2.   Private companies will ensure that enough progress is made in space
      exploration, even without NASA's involvement   25
3.   DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   16

Q38.   Do you think each of the following things will or will not happen in the next 50 years, that is, before the year 2074? *And do you think that will definitely [happen/not happen] or probably [happen/not happen]?* **[RANDOMIZE A-E]**

	Will definitely happen	Will probably happen	Probably not happen	Definitely not happen	Don't know
People will routinely travel in space as tourists	14	36	27	12	11
People will build colonies that can be lived in for long periods of time on other planets	13	26	27	21	13
Debris in space from rockets, satellites and other human-made objects will be a major problem	25	39	18	7	11
The United States military will fight against other nations in space	13	25	28	19	15
Intelligent life will be discovered on another planet	18	29	24	17	13

Q39.   In the future, private companies expect to allow people to orbit the Earth in a spacecraft. How much, if at all, would you, personally, be interested in doing this?

1. Definitely interested   18%
2. Probably interested   25
3. Probably not interested   21
4. Definitely not interested   31
5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA   5

SECTION IV: DEMOGRAPHICS

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

AGEG.

1.	18-29	23%
2.	30-44	28
3.	45-64	31
4.	65+	18

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

1.	Urban	36%
2.	Suburban	46
3.	Rural	18

MARRIED. What is your current marital status?

1.	Never married	35%
2.	Married	43
3.	Divorced	12
4.	Widowed	5
5.	Separated	2
6.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	2

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

1.	Yes	34%
2.	No	65
3.	DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	1

INCOME. What was your total household income for 2023? **[READ CATEGORIES]**

1.	Less than $15,000	10%
2.	$15,0000-$25,000	13
3.	$25,000-$40,000	16
4.	$40,000-$75,000	22
5.	$75,000-$150,000	23
6.	More than $150,000	9
7.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	7

HOME. Do you currently own or rent your home?

1.	Own	57%
2.	Rent	39
3.	DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	4

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

1.	Less than high school	3%
2.	High school	25
3.	Some college	29
4.	College degree	29
5.	Post-graduate degree (MA, LLD, PhD)	13
6.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	0

VETERAN. Does each of the following accurately describe your current situation? **[READ CATEGORIES]** **[CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]**

A.	Active-duty military	2%
B.	Military veteran	8
C.	Active-duty military in your immediate family	4
D.	Military veteran in your immediate family	11

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

1.	Protestant	17%
2.	Catholic	26
3.	Other Christian	28
4.	Jewish	2
5.	Muslim, Buddhist, or other non-Christian	6
6.	Agnostic/Atheist	10
7.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	12

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

1.	Yes	59%
2.	No	38

RACE. Would you say that you are…

1.	White or Anglo	44%
2.	Black or African American	12
3.	Hispanic	36
4.	Other	6

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

1.	Liberal	22%
2.	Moderate, or	36
3.	Conservative.	33
4.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	9

PID3.

1.	Democrat	37%
2.	Independent	21
3.	Republican	42

PID7.

1.	Strong Democrat	17%
2.	Weak Democrat	14
3.	Lean Democrat	6
4.	Independent	21
5.	Lean Republican	8
6.	Weak Republican	12
7.	Strong Republican	22

GENDER. Do you identify as...

1.	Male	48%
2.	Female	50
3.	Non-binary	1
4.	Refused	1

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

Poll Methodology

From April 12-21, 2024, 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 telephone 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 12 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, 926 of whom are registered voters according to self-reports. The final data set is weighted to the joint distribution of race/ethnicity, age and gender to achieve representativeness as defined by the Texas State Demographic Center 2022 population estimates. The overall margin of error for the poll is +/- 2.83 percentage points, with a larger margin of error for sub-samples.