

## Texas Statewide Survey

Field Dates: June 19-29, 2020

N=1200 Registered Voters

Margin of error: +/- 2.83% (3.28% adjusted for weighting) unless otherwise noted<sup>1</sup>

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### Interest and Engagement

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

Q1	Percent
Yes, registered	100

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?

Q2	Percent
Extremely interested	55
Somewhat interested	35
Not very interested	7
Not at all interested	3
Don't know	0

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?

Q3	Percent
Every election	45
Almost every election	33
About half	8
One or two	7
None	5
Don't know	1

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<sup>1</sup> In calculating the margin of error (MOE) for the survey, we provide two calculations, one that compensates for the relative standard deviation of the weights and one that does not. Without taking the variance of the weights into account, the margin of error for the full sample is 2.83%. To compensate for the additional uncertainty from weighting, we apply a multiplier derived from the coefficient of variation of the weights:  $\sqrt{1+CV^2}$ , where  $CV=sd(weights)/mean(weights)$ . For this weight sensitive calculation, the MOE for the full sample is 3.28%.

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Q3A. How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting in the 2020 election?

Q3A	Percent
Extremely enthusiastic	55
Very enthusiastic	18
Somewhat enthusiastic	11
Not too enthusiastic	8
Not at all enthusiastic	6
Don't know/No opinion	1

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Most Important Problem

Q4. What would you say is the most important problem facing this country today? [Randomize]

Q4	Percent
Coronavirus/COVID-19	18
Political corruption/leadership	15
The economy	8
Health care	7
Moral decline	6
The media	5
Race relations	5
Income inequality	4
Unemployment/jobs	4
Immigration	4
Environment	3
Federal spending/national debt	3
Police brutality/police militarization	3
Border security	2
National security/terrorism	2
Abortion	2
Education	2
Voting system	2
Gun control/gun violence	1
Partisan gridlock	1
Taxes	1
Crime and drugs	1
Housing	0
Oil prices	0
Opioid/prescription drug abuse	0
Government data collection	0
Gay marriage	0
Foreign trade	0
Social welfare programs	0
Energy	0

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Q5. What would you say is the most important problem facing the State of Texas today?[Randomize]

Q5	Percent
Coronavirus/COVID-19	27
Border security	9
Immigration	8
Political corruption/leadership	7
The economy	7
Health care	6
Unemployment/jobs	5
Education	3
Moral decline	3
Police brutality/police militarization	3
Race relations	2
Taxes	2
The media	2
Environment	2
Crime and drugs	2
State government spending	1
Social welfare programs	1
Redistricting	1
Transportation/roads/traffic	1
Abortion	1
Oil prices	1
Homelessness	1
Gun control/gun violence	1
Gas prices	1
Energy	1
Electoral fraud	1
Voting system	1
Pension funding	0
Property rights	0
Insurance rates	0
Hurricane recovery	0
Housing	0
State budget cuts	0
State courts	0
Gay marriage	0
Utility rates	0

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Retrospective Assessments

Q6. How would you rate the job Donald Trump is doing as president? Would you say that you...

POTUS	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know
June 2020	32	14	5	6	42	1
Apr. 2020	36	13	5	6	39	1
Feb. 2020	33	12	5	6	42	2
Oct. 2019	32	15	4	6	42	1
June 2019	34	18	4	5	39	1
Feb. 2019	34	15	5	5	40	1
Oct. 2018	36	12	5	5	40	1
June 2018	29	18	7	6	38	1
Feb. 2018	30	16	7	7	39	1
Oct. 2017	27	18	5	8	42	1
June 2017	25	18	6	7	44	1
Feb. 2017	32	14	8	4	40	3

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Q7. How would you rate the job the U.S. Congress is doing? Would you say that you...

CONGRESS	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know
June 2020	4	15	16	26	36	3
Apr. 2020	6	17	18	24	32	3
Feb. 2020	5	13	16	19	42	4
Oct. 2019	7	14	18	23	35	4
June 2019	4	14	19	21	39	3
Feb. 2019	4	14	18	26	35	3
Oct. 2018	4	22	16	19	38	2
June 2018	3	15	18	21	38	4
Feb. 2018	2	17	16	22	39	3
Oct. 2017	2	10	15	24	45	3
June 2017	2	13	15	24	43	4
Feb. 2017	5	21	20	18	32	5
Oct. 2016	2	8	18	27	41	4
June 2016	2	8	16	24	45	5
Feb. 2016	2	10	17	24	43	4
Oct. 2015	2	8	17	25	46	3
June 2015	2	13	21	26	36	2
Feb. 2015	3	17	19	24	34	3
Oct. 2014	2	12	13	30	41	2
June 2014	3	8	15	24	48	3
Feb. 2014	3	8	15	23	49	2
Oct. 2013	2	6	12	21	56	3
June 2013	2	10	16	23	46	2
Feb. 2013	3	11	12	23	48	3
Oct. 2012	1	10	18	26	43	3
May 2012	1	9	16	23	48	3
Feb. 2012	1	10	14	26	47	2
Oct. 2011	2	9	10	26	51	2
May 2011	1	15	19	27	35	3
Feb. 2011	1	17	19	26	32	4
Oct. 2009	2	12	11	22	49	4
June 2009	2	18	22	22	36	0
Mar. 2009	4	22	22	15	37	0

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Q8A. How would you rate the job Greg Abbott is doing as Governor? Would you say that you...

GOVERNOR	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know
June 2020	29	20	10	13	26	3
Apr. 2020	31	25	9	14	18	4
Feb. 2020	30	18	11	10	24	7
Oct. 2019	30	22	15	9	19	6
June 2019	29	22	13	11	20	5
Feb. 2019	33	18	12	11	21	5
Oct. 2018	36	16	12	9	23	5
June 2018	27	20	13	12	24	5
Feb. 2018	28	18	18	8	23	5
Oct. 2017	27	21	14	11	22	5
June 2017	27	18	12	9	29	4
Feb. 2017	27	18	17	9	24	5
Oct. 2016	21	21	17	10	23	8
June 2016	20	22	19	10	21	8
Feb. 2016	18	23	24	9	20	6
Oct. 2015	20	22	21	10	19	7
June 2015	22	24	19	8	20	7

Q8B. How would you rate the job Dan Patrick is doing as Lieutenant Governor? Would you say that you...

LTGOVERNOR	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know
June 2020	22	17	12	6	32	11
Apr. 2020	20	20	13	7	29	11
Feb. 2020	21	18	13	7	28	12
Oct. 2019	22	17	15	9	23	14
June 2019	22	19	18	6	25	11
Feb. 2019	24	18	16	6	25	10
Oct. 2018	27	17	14	5	26	11
June 2018	18	18	18	8	26	12
Feb. 2018	19	17	21	8	25	10
Oct. 2017	16	20	19	7	24	13
June 2017	15	19	18	8	28	11
Feb. 2017	16	16	24	8	23	14
Oct. 2016	12	19	20	9	22	18
June 2016	12	19	24	8	22	15
Feb. 2016	8	19	30	7	20	16
Oct. 2015	10	19	28	9	17	16
June 2015	13	19	28	8	16	15

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Q8C. How would you rate the job Dennis Bonnen is doing as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives?  
Would you say that you...

<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>Approve strongly</b>	<b>Approve somewhat</b>	<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>Disapprove somewhat</b>	<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
June 2020	6	17	25	10	16	26
Apr. 2020	5	15	28	9	15	28
Feb. 2020	5	14	26	8	19	28
Oct. 2019	6	14	28	8	17	27
June 2019	7	18	27	11	12	25
Feb. 2019	8	18	31	6	10	28
Feb. 2018	8	19	29	9	15	19
Oct. 2017	4	19	29	11	16	20
June 2017	5	20	25	12	17	21
Feb. 2017	7	16	31	9	14	22
Oct. 2016	5	16	30	9	14	26
June 2016	4	15	30	10	14	26
Feb. 2016	4	16	35	7	13	25
Oct. 2015	4	16	32	8	14	25



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[RANDOMIZE Q9A-Q9B]

Q9A. How would you rate the job Ted Cruz is doing as U.S. Senator? Would you say that you...

SENCRUZ	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know
June 2020	30	16	9	9	33	4
Apr. 2020	29	16	9	7	32	6
Feb. 2020	29	13	7	8	36	7
Oct. 2019	28	18	8	9	30	7
June 2019	27	20	10	8	31	4
Feb. 2019	31	15	9	7	34	4
Oct. 2018	34	13	8	5	37	3
June 2018	21	18	13	8	33	7
Feb. 2018	22	18	12	9	32	7
Oct. 2017	19	19	13	12	31	5
June 2017	21	17	12	9	35	6
Feb. 2017	20	18	14	10	29	9
Oct. 2016	16	19	13	11	34	7
June 2016	18	17	13	12	31	9
Feb. 2016	18	19	15	10	32	6
Oct. 2015	27	17	11	9	28	9

Q9B. How would you rate the job John Cornyn is doing as U.S. Senator? Would you say that you...

SENCORNYN	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know
June 2020	15	21	13	13	27	11
Apr. 2020	15	23	13	10	26	13
Feb. 2020	16	20	13	9	30	12
Oct. 2019	15	20	16	10	24	15
June 2019	14	23	17	11	23	12
Feb. 2019	15	21	18	13	22	11
Oct. 2018	17	22	15	9	25	13
June 2018	8	19	21	14	24	13
Feb. 2018	10	19	23	15	23	10
Oct. 2017	7	21	18	15	27	12
June 2017	9	19	18	14	27	12
Feb. 2017	11	19	22	12	22	14
Oct. 2016	8	20	22	14	22	15
June 2016	7	17	24	14	21	17
Feb. 2016	7	20	26	14	18	15
Oct. 2015	7	20	22	16	18	16

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Q10. Thinking about the country, do you think that things are headed in the right direction, or do you think that things are headed off on the wrong track?

<b>USDIR</b>	<b>Right direction</b>	<b>Wrong track</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
<b>June 2020</b>	30	62	9
<b>Apr. 2020</b>	39	52	9
<b>Feb. 2020</b>	40	49	11
<b>Oct. 2019</b>	37	54	9
<b>June 2019</b>	40	50	10
<b>Feb. 2019</b>	39	53	9
<b>Oct. 2018</b>	42	49	9
<b>June 2018</b>	41	47	11
<b>Feb. 2018</b>	39	50	11
<b>Oct. 2017</b>	29	61	10
<b>June 2017</b>	34	54	12
<b>Feb. 2017</b>	39	49	12
<b>Oct. 2016</b>	22	67	11
<b>June 2016</b>	18	70	12
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	22	66	12
<b>Oct. 2015</b>	22	68	10
<b>June 2015</b>	23	64	14
<b>Feb. 2015</b>	26	59	15
<b>Oct. 2014</b>	25	65	10
<b>June 2014</b>	23	65	13
<b>Feb. 2014</b>	25	63	12
<b>Oct. 2013</b>	20	69	11
<b>June 2013</b>	28	60	11
<b>Feb. 2013</b>	29	62	9
<b>Oct. 2012</b>	31	58	11
<b>May 2012</b>	25	61	14
<b>Feb. 2012</b>	28	61	11
<b>Oct. 2011</b>	14	75	11
<b>May 2011</b>	24	63	14
<b>Feb. 2011</b>	26	59	15
<b>Oct. 2010</b>	25	64	11
<b>May 2010</b>	26	62	11
<b>Feb. 2010</b>	31	56	13
<b>Oct. 2009</b>	32	59	10

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Q11. Compared to a year ago, would you say that the national economy is a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

USECON	A lot better off	Somewhat better off	About the same	Somewhat worse off	A lot worse off	Don't know
June 2020	6	11	10	29	41	3
Apr. 2020	10	11	11	19	45	4
Feb. 2020	26	22	25	16	8	3
Oct. 2019	24	21	24	16	8	6
June 2019	26	21	23	18	8	3
Feb. 2019	27	22	23	15	9	3
Oct. 2018	32	19	26	12	7	4
June 2018	26	25	23	14	8	4
Feb. 2018	25	28	26	13	6	2
Oct. 2017	18	25	33	16	6	3
June 2017	14	28	30	18	7	3
Feb. 2017	12	28	36	11	9	4
Oct. 2016	8	20	29	25	15	4
June 2016	6	20	29	23	17	5
Feb. 2016	8	22	27	25	15	3
Oct. 2015	7	25	28	23	14	3
June 2015	7	24	33	21	13	3
Feb. 2015	11	25	33	18	11	3
Oct. 2014	6	25	30	23	14	2
June 2014	7	24	26	25	16	2
Feb. 2014	5	24	28	23	17	2
Oct. 2013	5	20	25	25	24	1
June 2013	7	28	31	18	15	1
Oct. 2012	7	25	25	19	23	1
May 2012	4	24	29	20	19	4
Feb. 2012	4	25	30	19	20	2
Oct. 2011	2	12	25	28	31	2
May 2011	2	20	25	24	25	3
Feb. 2011	3	24	30	24	17	2
Oct. 2010	3	19	20	23	33	2
May 2010	5	23	24	15	32	1
Feb. 2010	3	25	19	23	29	1
Oct. 2009	5	19	16	23	36	1
Mar. 2009	2	4	13	33	48	0
Oct. 2008	1	3	10	34	52	0

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Q12. Thinking about the State of Texas, do you think that things are headed in the right direction, or do you think that things are headed off on the wrong track?

TXDIR	Right direction	Wrong track	Don't know
June 2020	41	47	13
Apr. 2020	43	43	15
Feb. 2020	48	37	16
Oct. 2019	47	35	17
June 2019	49	34	17
Feb. 2019	49	35	16
Oct. 2018	50	35	16
June 2018	46	37	16
Feb. 2018	48	36	15
Oct. 2017	43	40	16
June 2017	43	40	17
Feb. 2017	46	36	18
Oct. 2016	42	40	17
June 2016	41	38	22
Feb. 2016	42	37	21
Oct. 2015	45	36	19
June 2015	50	32	18
Feb. 2015	50	30	20
Oct. 2014	48	35	18
June 2014	49	33	17
Feb. 2014	45	35	20
Oct. 2013	42	39	19
June 2013	50	32	18
Feb. 2013	45	39	16
Oct. 2012	43	34	23
May 2012	38	42	21
Feb. 2012	43	38	19
Oct. 2011	39	43	17
May 2011	36	46	18
Feb. 2011	41	41	18
Oct. 2010	45	37	18
May 2010	45	38	17
Feb. 2010	43	37	20
Oct. 2009	38	39	23

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Q13. Compared to a year ago, would you say that you and your family are economically a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

<b>FAMECON</b>	<b>A lot better off</b>	<b>Somewhat better off</b>	<b>About the same</b>	<b>Somewhat worse off</b>	<b>A lot worse off</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
June 2020	6	18	43	20	11	2
Apr. 2020	9	19	34	21	14	3
Feb. 2020	15	26	38	13	6	3
Oct. 2019	15	25	38	13	5	3
June 2019	15	25	37	14	5	3
Feb. 2019	12	28	39	13	6	2
Oct. 2018	12	27	39	13	6	3
June 2018	10	27	42	14	6	2
Feb. 2018	11	27	42	13	5	1
Oct. 2017	9	22	47	16	5	1
June 2017	5	20	52	15	5	1
Feb. 2017	6	21	50	16	7	1
Oct. 2016	5	22	44	19	8	2
June 2016	5	18	44	20	9	3
Feb. 2016	5	20	45	19	9	2
Oct. 2015	5	18	45	23	7	1
June 2015	5	21	48	17	7	2
Feb. 2015	6	21	44	21	7	2
Oct. 2014	5	22	42	23	7	1
June 2014	6	21	42	21	8	2
Feb. 2014	5	20	43	22	9	1
Oct. 2013	5	17	41	23	12	2
June 2013	6	19	44	23	7	1
Oct. 2012	6	17	43	23	11	1
May 2012	4	15	48	19	13	2
Feb. 2012	4	16	45	23	11	1
Oct. 2011	3	13	40	27	15	1
May 2011	2	16	40	25	16	2
Feb. 2011	3	17	45	24	11	1
Oct. 2010	3	16	38	27	14	2
May 2010	4	16	41	25	13	1
Feb. 2010	3	14	40	29	12	1
Oct. 2009	3	14	39	27	16	1
Mar. 2009	3	14	42	27	14	0
Oct. 2008	4	16	38	29	14	0

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Q14. Compared to a year ago, would you say that the Texas economy is a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

TXECON	A lot better off	Somewhat better off	About the same	Somewhat worse off	A lot worse off	Don't know
June 2020	5	11	21	36	21	6
Apr. 2020	7	15	19	26	28	6
Feb. 2020	20	23	36	11	4	6
Oct. 2019	17	25	35	13	3	8
June 2019	16	27	35	12	5	6
Feb. 2019	17	28	35	10	5	5
Oct. 2018	20	29	31	10	4	5
June 2018	13	30	34	12	4	7
Feb. 2018	13	30	38	13	3	3
Oct. 2017	8	27	41	16	3	5
June 2017	6	28	39	17	4	6
Feb. 2017	6	22	49	11	5	6
Oct. 2016	3	22	45	19	5	5
June 2016	4	22	41	19	6	8
Feb. 2016	4	22	41	23	5	4
Oct. 2015	4	25	41	20	5	5
June 2015	5	28	44	14	4	4
Feb. 2015	6	26	47	14	3	4
Oct. 2014	9	32	40	12	4	3
Oct. 2012	4	21	51	16	5	3

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Q15. As you probably know, Texas’s population has grown significantly in the last number of years. Do you think that this population growth has been good for Texas, bad for Texas, or don’t you have an opinion?

<b>Q15</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Bad</b>	<b>Don't have an opinion</b>
<b>June 2020</b>	43	32	25
<b>Feb. 2020</b>	41	31	27
<b>Oct. 2019</b>	39	32	29
<b>June 2019</b>	39	34	27

Q16. Is Texas’s increasing racial and ethnic diversity a cause for optimism or a cause for concern?

<b>Q16</b>	<b>A cause for optimism</b>	<b>A cause for concern</b>	<b>Don't know/No opinion</b>
<b>June 2020</b>	48	31	21
<b>Feb. 2020</b>	49	28	24
<b>Oct. 2019</b>	44	32	24
<b>June 2019</b>	44	33	23

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Political Figures and Elections

Q17. If the 2020 presidential election were held today, and the candidates were [RANDOMIZE ORDER “Donald Trump”, “Joe Biden”] Donald Trump and Joe Biden, who would you vote for, or haven’t you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

Q17	Percent
Donald Trump	48
Joe Biden	44
Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	8

Q18. If the 2020 election for U.S. Congress in your district were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, or haven’t you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

Q18	Percent
The Republican candidate	47
The Democratic candidate	44
Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	9

Q19. If all Texans were allowed to vote by mail in the November 2020 general election, would you be more likely [RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS] to cast your ballot by mail, or to cast your ballot in person?

Q19	Percent
In-person early	42
In-person on election day	21
By mail	32
Don't intend to vote	1
Don't know/Unsure	5

Q20. Would you favor or oppose allowing all Texans to vote by mail in the upcoming 2020 general election in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know/No opinion
June 2020	52	40	9
April 2020	55	33	11



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Q21. Based on what you know, do you think that Texas's election system discriminates against racial and ethnic minorities?

	Yes	No	Don't know/No opinion
June 2020	38	51	11
June 2019	35	50	15
Feb. 2019	36	53	11
Oct. 2017	38	47	15

Q22A. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Joe Biden.

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion
June 2020	18	20	8	12	39	3
Apr. 2020	18	17	10	11	40	3
Feb. 2020	17	16	10	12	41	4

[RANDOMIZE Q22B-Q22C]

Q22B. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of M.J. Hegar.

Q22B	Percent
Very favorable	9
Somewhat favorable	14
Neither favorable nor unfavorable	19
Somewhat unfavorable	7
Very unfavorable	8
Don't know/No opinion	44

Q22C. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Royce West.

Q22C	Percent
Very favorable	7
Somewhat favorable	11
Neither favorable nor unfavorable	19
Somewhat unfavorable	6
Very unfavorable	8
Don't know/No opinion	50

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[RANDOMIZE Q22D-Q22E]

Q22D. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the Black Lives Matter movement.

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion
June 2020	25	17	12	11	32	3
Oct. 2016	11	17	15	9	45	4

Q22E. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the police.

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion
June 2020	31	24	13	17	13	3
June 2019	29	29	17	13	10	2
Feb. 2017	33	31	15	9	9	3
Feb. 2015	27	0	19	13	10	1

[RANDOMIZE Q23A-Q23C]

Q23A. Do approve or disapprove of how Donald Trump has handled the economy?

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know
June 2020	36	14	7	8	34	2
Apr. 2020	37	12	8	9	33	1
Feb. 2020	38	12	9	9	27	4
June 2019	36	16	8	7	30	2

Q23B. Do you approve or disapprove of how Donald Trump has handled the response to the coronavirus/COVID-19?

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know
June 2020	27	17	5	6	43	1
Apr. 2020	33	15	6	7	38	1

Q23C. Do you approve or disapprove of how Donald Trump has handled race relations?

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know
June 2020	27	14	5	5	45	3
Oct. 2017	22	14	12	6	43	4

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**[RANDOMIZE Q24A-Q24C]**

Q24A. Do you approve or disapprove of how Greg Abbott has handled the economy?

	<b>Approve strongly</b>	<b>Approve somewhat</b>	<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>Disapprove somewhat</b>	<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
<b>June 2020</b>	32	20	11	12	19	6
<b>Apr. 2020</b>	31	23	15	11	14	7

Q24B. Do you approve or disapprove of how Greg Abbott has handled the response to the coronavirus/COVID-19?

	<b>Approve strongly</b>	<b>Approve somewhat</b>	<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>Disapprove somewhat</b>	<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
<b>June 2020</b>	27	22	7	12	29	3
<b>Apr. 2020</b>	31	25	9	13	16	5

Q24C. Do you approve or disapprove of how Greg Abbott has handled race relations?

<b>Q24C</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Approve somewhat	17
Approve strongly	28
Disapprove somewhat	12
Disapprove strongly	20
Don't know	7
Neither approve nor disapprove	16

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Policy Questions

Q25. In your opinion, in the United States today, how much discrimination is there against...

Item	A lot of discrimination	Some	Not very much	None at all	Don't know/no opinion
Whites	14	21	27	34	3
African Americans	44	27	18	7	3
Hispanics	27	38	22	8	5
Asians	16	38	30	10	6
Women	16	45	24	12	3
Men	11	22	29	33	4
Gays and Lesbians	34	33	21	8	5
Transgender people	42	31	15	7	6
Christians	20	24	25	26	5
Muslims	39	31	16	8	6

Q26. In your opinion, which of the following groups faces the MOST discrimination in the United States today?

	African Americans	Transgender people	Christians	Whites	Muslims	Gays and Lesbians	Hispanics	Men	Women	Asians	Gays and lesbians
June 2020	36	16	14	10	9	4	4	3	3	1	0
Feb. 2018	21	13	15	10	19	0	8	4	3	0	6
June 2016	14	12	21	9	23	0	6	2	3	0	11

Q27. Have you ever experienced any of the following **because of your race or ethnicity**?

Item	Yes	No
Felt physically threatened	35	65
Denied housing you could afford	10	90
Denied a job you were qualified for	25	75
Been treated unfairly by police	21	79
Been subject to slurs or jokes	46	54

Q28. Do you think the deaths of African Americans during encounters with police in recent years are...

Q28	Percent
A sign of broader problems in the treatment of African Americans by police	49
Isolated incidents	43
Don't know/No opinion	7

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Q29. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the protests that have occurred in response to the death of George Floyd in the custody of Minneapolis police?

Q29	Percent
Very favorable	26
Somewhat favorable	17
Neither favorable nor unfavorable	11
Somewhat unfavorable	12
Very unfavorable	32
Don't know/No opinion	3

Q30. Which of the following is closest to your opinion regarding Confederate statues and monuments on public property?

	They should be removed from public view	They should be moved to a museum or other site where they can be presented in historical context	They should remain where they are with historical context provided	They should remain where they are unchanged	Don't know/No opinion
June 2020	20	32	23	20	5
Oct. 2017	8	30	22	34	6

Q31. Would you say that the coronavirus/COVID-19 is...

	A significant crisis	A serious problem but not a crisis	A minor problem	Not a problem at all	Don't know/No opinion
June 2020	57	29	10	4	1
Apr. 2020	66	26	4	2	2

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Q32. Do you approve or disapprove of how each of the following is handling the coronavirus/COVID-19?

Item	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know/No opinion
Federal government	16	24	10	12	35	3
Texas state government	20	27	7	15	29	2
Your local government	20	33	14	13	16	3
The news media	12	17	13	14	41	3
Insurance companies	6	14	32	10	14	24
Health care professionals	52	23	12	5	3	5

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Item	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know/No opinion
Federal government	22	27	10	11	27	3
Texas state government	26	31	12	14	15	3
Your local government	29	35	14	10	9	3
The news media	13	21	16	13	35	3
Insurance companies	9	18	29	10	14	20
Health care professionals	65	18	9	2	3	4

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Q33. Overall, how would you say efforts to deal with the coronavirus/COVID-19 are going in the U.S.?

	Very well	Somewhat well	Somewhat badly	Very badly	Don't know/No opinion
June 2020	15	31	20	31	3
Apr. 2020	21	35	22	18	5

Q34. Overall, how would you say efforts to deal with the coronavirus/COVID-19 are going in Texas?

	Very well	Somewhat well	Somewhat badly	Very badly	Don't know/No opinion
June 2020	20	27	21	30	2
Apr. 2020	24	42	20	9	4

Q35. How concerned are you about the spread of the coronavirus in your community?

	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know/No opinion
June 2020	27	20	26	17	9	1
Apr. 2020	28	26	29	12	5	1

Q36. How concerned are you about you or someone you know getting infected with the coronavirus?

	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know/No opinion
June 2020	26	22	24	17	10	1
Apr. 2020	33	21	26	12	5	2

Q37. As you may know, many Americans have been told to stay home if they can because of the coronavirus pandemic. Which of these best describes you these days?

	Living normally, coming and going as usual	Still leaving my residence, but being careful when I do	Only leaving my residence when I absolutely have to	Not leaving home
June 2020	19	41	37	3
Apr. 2020	9	20	63	9

Q38. Which of the following measures, if any, are you taking in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19?

**[RANDOMIZE A-E]**

Item	Yes	No
Washing hands more frequently	90	10
Avoiding touching your face	75	25
Staying away from large groups	88	12
Avoiding other people as much as possible	80	20
Wearing a mask when in close contact with people outside your household	81	19

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Q39. Thinking about your own situation, which of the following have you experienced since the beginning of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic? **[RANDOMIZE A-F]**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Have experienced</b>	<b>Have not experienced</b>
<b>Unable to pay your utility or other bills</b>	16	84
<b>Lost your job</b>	16	84
<b>Interruption of education for you or a family member</b>	33	67
<b>Loss of your savings or retirement funds</b>	28	72
<b>Unable to pay your rent or house payment</b>	12	88
<b>Unable to find or maintain childcare you can afford</b>	7	93

Q40. Regardless of the current restrictions in your local area, do you think it would be safe or unsafe for you to...**[RANDOMIZE A-P]**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Safe</b>	<b>Unsafe</b>
<b>Go to work</b>	55	45
<b>Fly on an airplane</b>	27	73
<b>Eat at a restaurant</b>	49	51
<b>Attend a sporting event or concert at an outdoor stadium</b>	30	70
<b>Attend a sporting event or concert in an indoor arena</b>	21	79
<b>Go to a movie theater</b>	27	73
<b>Attend church</b>	41	59
<b>Send your child to school</b>	35	65
<b>Go grocery shopping</b>	72	28
<b>Go to a bar or club</b>	23	77
<b>Go to a gym or health club</b>	29	71
<b>Stay in a hotel</b>	50	50
<b>Go to a shopping mall</b>	36	64
<b>Get a haircut</b>	59	41
<b>Vote in person</b>	54	46
<b>Go to protests or demonstrations</b>	16	84

Q41. What do you think is more important...**[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

<b>Q41</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Trying to help control the spread of the coronavirus, even if it hurts the economy	53
Trying to help the economy, even if it hurts efforts to control the spread of the virus	38
Don't know/No opinion	9



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Q42. When do you think the coronavirus will be contained in the U.S. to the point that most activities like social gatherings, workplaces, and sporting events can return to normal?

	It is already	In the next few weeks	In the next few months	In the next year	A year or more	Never
June 2020	12	9	22	29	26	3
Apr. 2020	9	21	41	17	9	2

Q43. How important are each of the following to the efforts in your community to respond to the effects of the coronavirus pandemic? [RANDOMIZE A-I]

Item	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not Very important	Not at all important	Don't know/No opinion
Federal government	40	26	18	5	5	6
Texas state government	41	30	16	4	4	5
Your local government	41	29	18	3	4	5
Businesses (Not insurance companies)	30	36	19	4	2	8
Non-profits	25	27	23	9	5	12
Religious groups and organizations	30	26	20	9	7	8
Individuals	50	30	12	3	1	5
Your local community	40	33	16	3	2	6
Family and Friends	43	33	15	3	2	5

Q44. As you may know, contact tracing is the process of identifying persons who may have come into contact with an infected person and the subsequent collection of further information about these contacts.

If a contact tracing system was established by health officials in your local area because of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, would you be willing to do the following...[

Item	Yes	No	Don't know/Unsure
Agree to a mandatory 14-day self-quarantine if you are notified that you came into contact with someone who tests positive	76	14	10
Provide a list of all the people you've recently come into contact with	71	20	8
Provide access to your cell phone location data if you test positive	46	43	11
Agree to weekly testing to track the progression of the coronavirus pandemic	66	24	10

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Q45. How confident are you that you would be able to get tested for the coronavirus if you thought you needed to?

Q45	Percent
Very confident	42
Somewhat confident	32
Not so confident	12
Not confident at all	9
Don't know/No opinion	5

Q46. If a vaccine to prevent coronavirus infection were widely available at a low cost, would you try to get that vaccine, or not?

Q46	Percent
Yes	59
No	21
Don't know/No opinion	20

Q47. Do you think the government should or should not require parents to have their children vaccinated against infectious diseases (e.g. measles, mumps, whooping cough)?

	Should	Should not	Don't know/No opinion
June 2020	75	14	11
June 2019	78	12	10
Feb. 2019	78	14	9
Feb. 2015	75	14	11

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Political Knowledge

[Randomize INFO1-INFO3]

INFO1. Which political party holds the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

INFO1	Percent
Democratic Party	70
Republican Party	21
Neither	2
Don't know	7

INFO2. What majority of both houses of the U.S. Congress is needed to override a presidential veto?

INFO2	Percent
More than two-thirds	73
More than three-fourths	10
More than one-half	6
Don't know	11

INFO3. Who is the current Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts? [RANDOMIZE 1-3]

INFO3	Percent
Glenn Hegar	15
Sid Miller	9
Christi Craddick	6
George P. Bush	13
Don't know	57

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Political Orientation

LIBCON. On a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 is extremely liberal, 7 is extremely conservative, and 4 is exactly in the middle, where would you place yourself?

LIBCON7	Percent
Extremely lib.	12
Somewhat lib.	12
Lean lib.	9
Moderate	24
Lean con.	9
Somewhat con.	16
Extremely con.	18

PID3. Generally speaking, would you say that you usually think of yourself as a...

PID3	Percent
Democrats	42
Independents	12
Republicans	46

PID7. (Uses the four PID3 follow-up questions)

PID7	Percent
StrDem	22
WeakDem	9
LeanDem	11
Ind	12
LeanRep	14
WeakRep	7
StrRep	25

REPCON. [ASK IF PID7 >= 5] Overall, do you think that Republican elected officials in Texas are conservative enough, too conservative, or not conservative enough?

REPCON	Percent
Conservative enough	49
Too conservative	10
Not conservative enough	33
Don't know/No opinion	8

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DEMLIB. [ASK IF PID7 <= 3] Overall, do you think that Democratic elected officials in Texas are liberal enough, too liberal, or not liberal enough?

<b>DEMLIB</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Liberal enough	37
Too liberal	6
Not liberal enough	41
Don't know/No opinion	16

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Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

AGEG	Percent
18-29	17
30-44	26
45-64	36
65+	22

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

LOCATE	Percent
Urban	31
Suburban	50
Rural	19

METRO. Do you live in the Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio, or Austin metropolitan areas?

METRO	Percent
Yes, I live in the Houston area	24
Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	27
Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	11
Yes, I live in the Austin area	10
No, I live in another part of Texas	28

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

CHILD	Percent
One	16
Two	12
Three	6
Four or more	2
None	63

SCHOOL. Do you have any children currently enrolled in school in Texas? (check all that apply)

Item	Percent
Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in public school in Texas.	21
Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in private school in Texas.	3
Yes, I have a child/children under 18 who are being home schooled in Texas.	2
No, I do not have any children under 18 in school in Texas.	74

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INCOME. In which category would you place your household income last year?

INCOME	Percent
Less than \$10,000	5
\$10,000 - \$19,999	5
\$20,000 - \$29,999	10
\$30,000 - \$39,999	9
\$40,000 - \$49,999	8
\$50,000 - \$59,999	8
\$60,000 - \$69,999	6
\$70,000 - \$79,999	8
\$80,000 - \$99,999	9
\$100,000 - \$119,999	7
\$120,000 - \$149,999	7
More than \$150,000	5
Prefer not to say	12

AB. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be pro-life, pro-choice, or neither?

AB	Percent
Pro-life	44
Pro-choice	40
Neither	12
Don't know	4

EDU. What is the highest level of education that you received?

educ	Percent
No HS	2
High school graduate	27
Some college	23
2-year	11
4-year	25
Post-grad	12

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RELIG. What is your primary religious affiliation, if any? [No open response on “other”]

RELIG1	Percent
Agnostic	6
Assembly of God	2
Atheist	5
Baptist	15
Born again	2
Buddhist	1
Catholic	19
Christian Scientist	1
Church of Christ	3
Church of God	1
Disciples of Christ	1
Don't know	1
Episcopal / Anglican	1
Evangelical	1
Hindu	0
Jewish	1
Lutheran	2
Methodist	3
Mormon	1
Muslim / Islam	0
No religious affiliation / none	12
Nondenominational Christian	7
Orthodox / Eastern Orthodox	0
Other	3
Pentecostal / charismatic / spirit-filled	2
Presbyterian	1
Protestant (non-specific)	3
Reformed	0
Religious but not spiritual	0
Spiritual but not religious	6
Unitarian / Universalist	0
United Church of Christ	0



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LITERAL. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

LITERAL	Percent
The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word.	29
The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	37
The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	27
Don't know.	7

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

IMPORT	Percent
Extremely important	42
Somewhat important	26
Not very important	13
Not at all important	19

ATTEND. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services or participate in religious activities?

ATTEND	Percent
More than once a week	11
Once a week	20
A few times a month	9
Once or twice a year	24
Never	35

ATTENDCHANGE. [ASK IF ATTEND<=3] Have you changed your attendance habits as a result of the coronavirus/COVID-19?

ATTENDCHANGE	Percent
Yes	80
No	20

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ATTENDONLINE. [ASK IF ATTENDCHANGE=="1. Yes"] How have your attendance habits changed?

ATTENDONLINE	Percent
I am no longer attending in-person religious services	38
I am attending in-person religious services less frequently	24
I am attending religious services online	35
Other	3

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

race	Percent
White / Blanco	58
Black	14
Hispanic	23
Asian	2
Native American	1
Mixed	1
Other	1

RACE2. [Ask if RACE ~= "Hispanic or Latino"] Do you happen to have a Hispanic-Latino grandparent?

RACE2	Percent
Yes	3
No	97
Don't know	1

NATIVE1. [Ask if RACE = "Hispanic or Latino"] Were you born in the United States or Puerto Rico, or in another country?

NATIVE1	Percent
Born in the United States or Puerto Rico	87
Born in another country	11
Don't know	2

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NATIVE2. [Ask NATIVE2 if answer 1 on NATIVE1] Were your parents born in the United States or Puerto Rico, or another country?

<b>NATIVE2</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Both of my parents were born in the United States or Puerto Rico	64
One of my parents was born in another country	24
Both of my parents were both in another country	12

MOVE. Did you move to Texas from some other state?

<b>MOVE</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Yes	44
No	56

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STATE. [ASK IF MOVE=1] Which state did you move from (most recently)?

STATEFROM	Percent
Alabama	2
Alaska	2
Arizona	4
Arkansas	1
California	12
Colorado	6
Delaware	0
District of Columbia	0
Florida	6
Georgia	2
Hawaii	1
Idaho	1
Illinois	5
Indiana	1
Iowa	1
Kansas	2
Kentucky	1
Louisiana	6
Maine	0
Maryland	1
Massachusetts	3
Michigan	2
Minnesota	1
Mississippi	2
Missouri	3
Montana	0
Nebraska	1
Nevada	1
New Hampshire	0
New Jersey	1
New Mexico	4
New York	3
North Carolina	2
North Dakota	0
Not in the U.S. or Canada	4
Ohio	2
Oklahoma	3
Ontario	0
Oregon	1

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STATEFROM	Percent
Pennsylvania	2
Puerto Rico	0
Rhode Island	0
South Carolina	1
South Dakota	1
Tennessee	1
Utah	1
Vermont	0
Virginia	3
Washington	1
West Virginia	0
Wisconsin	1
Wyoming	1

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VETERAN. Which of the following best describes your current situation? Please check all that apply:

Item	Percent
Active-duty military	1
Military veteran	13
Active-duty military in my immediate family	4
Military veteran in my immediate family	19
None of the above	67

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

HOME	Percent
Own	69
Rent	31

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

MARITAL	Percent
Married	52
Separated	1
Divorced	9
Widowed	6
Single	25
Domestic Partnership	6

GENDER. What is your gender?

gender	Percent
Male	46
Female	54

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### Sampling and Weighting Methodology for the June 2020 Texas Statewide Study

For the survey, YouGov interviewed 1444 Texas registered voters between June 19 and June 29, 2020, who were then matched down to a sample of 1200 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched on gender, age, race, and education. YouGov then weighted the matched set of survey respondents to known characteristics of registered voters of Texas from the 2018 Current Population survey and 2014 Pew Religious Landscape Survey.

The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the full 2018 Current Population Survey (CPS) voter registration supplement with selection within strata by weighted sampling with replacements (using the person weights on the public use file). For the main sample, the matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, and years of education. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles. These weights were then post-stratified on baseline party identification, the 2016 presidential vote, ideology, and a full stratification of four-category age, four-category race, gender, and four-category education. The weights were trimmed at 7 and normalized to sum to the sample size.

The margin of error of the weighted data for registered voters is 3.4%.

### Survey Panel Data

The YouGov panel, a proprietary opt-in survey panel, is comprised of 1.2 million U.S. residents who have agreed to participate in YouGov Web surveys. At any given time, YouGov maintains a minimum of five recruitment campaigns based on salient current events.

Panel members are recruited by a number of methods and on a variety of topics to help ensure diversity in the panel population. Recruiting methods include Web advertising campaigns (public surveys), permission-based email campaigns, partner sponsored solicitations, telephone-to-Web recruitment (RDD based sampling), and mail-to-Web recruitment (Voter Registration Based Sampling).

The primary method of recruitment for the YouGov Panel is Web advertising campaigns that appear based on keyword searches. In practice, a search in Google may prompt an active YouGov advertisement soliciting opinion on the search topic. At the conclusion of the short survey respondents are invited to join the YouGov panel in order to receive and participate in additional surveys. After a double opt-in procedure, where respondents must confirm their consent by responding to an email, the database checks to ensure the newly recruited panelist is in fact new and that the address information provided is valid.

The YouGov panel currently has over 20,000 active panelists who are residents of Texas. These panelists cover a wide range of demographic characteristics.

### Sampling and Sample Matching

Sample matching is a methodology for selection of “representative” samples from non-randomly selected pools of respondents. It is ideally suited for Web access panels, but could also be used for other types of surveys, such as phone surveys. Sample matching starts with an enumeration of the target population. For general population studies, the target population is all adults, and can be enumerated through the use of the decennial Census or a high-quality survey, such as the American Community Survey. In other contexts, this is known as the sampling frame, though, unlike conventional sampling, the sample is not drawn from the frame. Traditional sampling, then, selects individuals from the sampling frame at random for participation in the study. This may not be feasible or economical as the

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contact information, especially email addresses, is not available for all individuals in the frame and refusals to participate increase the costs of sampling in this way.

Sample selection using the matching methodology is a two-stage process. First, a random sample is drawn from the target population. We call this sample the target sample. Details on how the target sample is drawn are provided below, but the essential idea is that this sample is a true probability sample and thus representative of the frame from which it was drawn.

Second, for each member of the target sample, we select one or more matching members from our pool of opt-in respondents. This is called the matched sample. Matching is accomplished using a large set of variables that are available in consumer and voter databases for both the target population and the opt-in panel.

The purpose of matching is to find an available respondent who is as similar as possible to the selected member of the target sample. The result is a sample of respondents who have the same measured characteristics as the target sample. Under certain conditions, described below, the matched sample will have similar properties to a true random sample. That is, the matched sample mimics the characteristics of the target sample.

When choosing the matched sample, it is necessary to find the closest matching respondent in the panel of opt-ins to each member of the target sample. YouGov employs the proximity matching method to find the closest matching respondent. For each variable used for matching, we define a distance function,  $d(x,y)$ , which describes how “close” the values  $x$  and  $y$  are on a particular attribute. The overall distance between a member of the target sample and a member of the panel is a weighted sum of the individual distance functions on each attribute. The weights can be adjusted for each study based upon which variables are thought to be important for that study, though, for the most part, we have not found the matching procedure to be sensitive to small adjustments of the weights. A large weight, on the other hand, forces the algorithm toward an exact match on that dimension.