

Q1. Is Texas on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction? sample size = 617																				
	Party ID				Age				Sex		Education		Region					RACE		
	Total	DEM	REP	IND/OTHER	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Male	Female	No Degree	Bachelors+	Austin	DFW	Houston	Rural	San Antonio/South	White NH	Black NH	Hispanic
Right track	39%	9%	73%	23%	35%	28%	40%	43%	46%	32%	44%	32%	25%	36%	38%	43%	41%	41%	20%	38%
Wrong direction	50%	84%	17%	60%	56%	62%	49%	44%	43%	56%	43%	59%	67%	50%	47%	45%	53%	47%	67%	54%
Don't know/Refused	11%	8%	11%	17%	9%	10%	12%	13%	11%	12%	13%	9%	7%	14%	14%	11%	6%	12%	13%	9%
Q2. Is the United States on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction? sample size = 617																				
	Party ID				Age				Sex		Education		Region					RACE		
	Total	DEM	REP	IND/OTHER	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Male	Female	No Degree	Bachelors+	Austin	DFW	Houston	Rural	San Antonio/South	White NH	Black NH	Hispanic
Right track	37%	4%	72%	23%	23%	24%	42%	44%	43%	32%	44%	29%	17%	38%	37%	42%	38%	40%	13%	41%
Wrong direction	58%	93%	21%	73%	75%	73%	54%	51%	50%	65%	51%	68%	79%	54%	58%	54%	61%	55%	80%	57%
Don't know/Refused	5%	3%	6%	3%	2%	3%	5%	5%	6%	3%	5%	3%	4%	8%	5%	4%	1%	4%	8%	2%
Q3. If the election for Senator of Texas was held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: (Names of candidates were rotated) sample size = 617																				
	Party ID				Age				Sex		Education		Region					RACE		
	Total	DEM	REP	IND/OTHER	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Male	Female	No Degree	Bachelors+	Austin	DFW	Houston	Rural	San Antonio/South	White NH	Black NH	Hispanic
The Republican, Ken Paxton	44%	2%	87%	30%	36%	28%	47%	52%	46%	42%	52%	34%	21%	41%	44%	55%	38%	49%	19%	41%
The Democrat, James Talarico	48%	92%	7%	60%	54%	61%	45%	44%	44%	51%	39%	59%	74%	49%	46%	37%	56%	45%	67%	50%
Someone else	2%	1%	2%	3%	0%	4%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	3%	0%	3%	1%	2%	4%	2%	1%	3%
Wouldn't vote	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know/Refused	5%	5%	3%	7%	8%	6%	5%	2%	6%	5%	6%	4%	4%	6%	8%	5%	2%	3%	12%	5%
Q4. If the election for your representative in Congress was held today, would you vote for: (Names of parties were rotated) sample size = 617																				
	Party ID				Age				Sex		Education		Region					RACE		
	Total	DEM	REP	IND/OTHER	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Male	Female	No Degree	Bachelors+	Austin	DFW	Houston	Rural	San Antonio/South	White NH	Black NH	Hispanic
The Republican	46%	2%	94%	28%	41%	37%	48%	51%	50%	43%	53%	37%	21%	47%	42%	58%	41%	52%	15%	44%
The Democrat	47%	97%	3%	56%	56%	56%	44%	45%	42%	51%	40%	56%	72%	45%	52%	35%	55%	42%	78%	48%
Wouldn't vote	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Don't know/Refused	6%	2%	2%	14%	3%	6%	9%	4%	7%	6%	6%	6%	5%	8%	6%	7%	4%	5%	6%	8%
Q5. If the election for Governor of Texas was held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: (Names of candidates were rotated) sample size = 617																				
	Party ID				Age				Sex		Education		Region					RACE		
	Total	DEM	REP	IND/OTHER	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Male	Female	No Degree	Bachelors+	Austin	DFW	Houston	Rural	San Antonio/South	White NH	Black NH	Hispanic
The Republican, Greg Abbott	48%	2%	92%	34%	36%	34%	51%	54%	52%	44%	55%	38%	22%	48%	44%	59%	42%	54%	18%	44%
The Democrat, Gina Hinojosa	47%	94%	5%	57%	62%	61%	44%	41%	42%	52%	40%	57%	75%	48%	52%	34%	53%	42%	77%	49%
Someone else	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
Wouldn't vote	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%
Don't know/Refused	3%	3%	1%	6%	0%	2%	2%	4%	4%	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%	5%	5%	2%	2%	5%
Q6. Do you approve or disapprove of the job that Greg Abbott is doing as Governor? sample size = 617																				
	Party ID				Age				Sex		Education		Region					RACE		
	Total	DEM	REP	IND/OTHER	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Male	Female	No Degree	Bachelors+	Austin	DFW	Houston	Rural	San Antonio/South	White NH	Black NH	Hispanic
Strongly approve	31%	1%	66%	15%	17%	18%	31%	42%	36%	27%	37%	24%	17%	28%	31%	37%	33%	35%	17%	27%
Somewhat approve	16%	3%	23%	20%	19%	15%	17%	14%	17%	16%	18%	14%	4%	20%	10%	22%	14%	19%	3%	17%
Total Approve	48%	4%	89%	35%	36%	33%	49%	56%	53%	43%	55%	38%	21%	48%	41%	59%	47%	53%	20%	43%
Somewhat disapprove	8%	10%	4%	12%	10%	13%	8%	6%	10%	7%	7%	10%	17%	7%	8%	8%	7%	9%	9%	5%
Strongly disapprove	42%	85%	6%	49%	54%	52%	40%	38%	35%	49%	36%	51%	60%	42%	49%	31%	47%	37%	69%	47%
Total Disapprove	51%	95%	10%	61%	64%	65%	48%	43%	45%	56%	43%	61%	77%	49%	57%	39%	53%	46%	78%	52%
Don't know/Refused	2%	1%	1%	3%	0%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%	4%

Q7. Switching gears, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Donald Trump is doing as President? sample size = 617

		Party ID			Age				Sex		Education		Region						RACE		
	Total	DEM	REP	IND/OTHER	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Male	Female	No Degree	Bachelors+	Austin	DFW	Houston	Rural	San Antonio/South	White NH	Black NH	Hispanic	
Strongly approve	30%	3%	65%	12%	18%	17%	31%	39%	34%	27%	35%	25%	24%	27%	26%	38%	31%	32%	15%	29%	
Somewhat approve	14%	0%	24%	16%	10%	13%	17%	13%	15%	14%	17%	10%	1%	21%	13%	16%	8%	18%	2%	14%	
Total Approve	45%	3%	89%	27%	28%	30%	48%	52%	48%	41%	52%	35%	25%	48%	39%	54%	39%	50%	16%	43%	
Somewhat disapprove	4%	0%	5%	7%	7%	8%	4%	2%	6%	3%	4%	5%	0%	3%	5%	6%	6%	5%	3%	5%	
Strongly disapprove	49%	96%	5%	63%	65%	60%	47%	44%	44%	54%	42%	59%	73%	48%	54%	40%	54%	45%	79%	49%	
Total Disapprove	54%	96%	11%	71%	72%	68%	51%	47%	50%	57%	46%	64%	73%	51%	59%	45%	60%	50%	81%	54%	
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	

Q8. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Greg Abbott sample size = 617

		Party ID			Age				Sex		Education		Region						RACE		
	Total	DEM	REP	IND/OTHER	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Male	Female	No Degree	Bachelors+	Austin	DFW	Houston	Rural	San Antonio/South	White NH	Black NH	Hispanic	
Favorable	46%	2%	90%	33%	30%	34%	50%	53%	51%	42%	53%	38%	20%	46%	43%	57%	44%	52%	19%	45%	
Unfavorable	50%	96%	9%	62%	68%	63%	48%	43%	46%	54%	43%	60%	78%	50%	56%	39%	52%	46%	80%	51%	
Don't know/No opinion	3%	2%	1%	5%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	4%	2%	1%	4%	1%	4%	3%	2%	2%	4%	

Q9. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Ken Paxton sample size = 617

		Party ID			Age				Sex		Education		Region						RACE		
	Total	DEM	REP	IND/OTHER	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Male	Female	No Degree	Bachelors+	Austin	DFW	Houston	Rural	San Antonio/South	White NH	Black NH	Hispanic	
Favorable	40%	2%	81%	22%	30%	28%	40%	46%	41%	38%	47%	29%	13%	38%	38%	51%	35%	43%	19%	37%	
Unfavorable	55%	95%	17%	67%	66%	66%	54%	50%	54%	56%	46%	67%	79%	57%	57%	43%	60%	53%	77%	54%	
Don't know/No opinion	5%	3%	2%	10%	3%	6%	6%	4%	6%	5%	6%	4%	7%	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	8%	

Q10. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Donald Trump sample size = 617

		Party ID			Age				Sex		Education		Region						RACE		
	Total	DEM	REP	IND/OTHER	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Male	Female	No Degree	Bachelors+	Austin	DFW	Houston	Rural	San Antonio/South	White NH	Black NH	Hispanic	
Favorable	44%	2%	89%	27%	30%	32%	47%	51%	47%	42%	52%	35%	19%	46%	40%	55%	39%	50%	12%	43%	
Unfavorable	54%	97%	10%	70%	70%	67%	50%	48%	50%	56%	46%	64%	80%	51%	58%	44%	58%	49%	85%	53%	
Don't know/No opinion	2%	1%	1%	3%	0%	1%	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%	4%	

Q11. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about James Talarico sample size = 617

		Party ID			Age				Sex		Education		Region						RACE		
	Total	DEM	REP	IND/OTHER	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Male	Female	No Degree	Bachelors+	Austin	DFW	Houston	Rural	San Antonio/South	White NH	Black NH	Hispanic	
Favorable	48%	93%	9%	57%	64%	61%	43%	43%	43%	52%	40%	59%	75%	48%	46%	39%	55%	45%	68%	49%	
Unfavorable	43%	2%	83%	31%	27%	31%	48%	48%	47%	40%	49%	35%	21%	42%	47%	51%	35%	48%	20%	39%	
Don't know/No opinion	9%	5%	8%	12%	10%	9%	8%	8%	10%	8%	11%	5%	3%	10%	7%	10%	10%	7%	12%	11%	

Q12. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Gina Hinojosa sample size = 617

		Party ID			Age				Sex		Education		Region						RACE		
	Total	DEM	REP	IND/OTHER	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Male	Female	No Degree	Bachelors+	Austin	DFW	Houston	Rural	San Antonio/South	White NH	Black NH	Hispanic	
Favorable	44%	91%	7%	48%	59%	56%	41%	38%	38%	49%	36%	54%	70%	43%	50%	31%	50%	40%	66%	47%	
Unfavorable	37%	4%	69%	27%	22%	27%	39%	41%	38%	35%	42%	29%	14%	36%	37%	42%	38%	39%	13%	41%	
Don't know/No opinion	20%	5%	25%	25%	20%	17%	20%	20%	24%	16%	22%	16%	15%	20%	13%	27%	12%	21%	22%	12%	

Q13. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about ICE sample size = 617

		Party ID			Age				Sex		Education		Region						RACE		
	Total	DEM	REP	IND/OTHER	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Male	Female	No Degree	Bachelors+	Austin	DFW	Houston	Rural	San Antonio/South	White NH	Black NH	Hispanic	
Favorable	43%	1%	85%	31%	32%	35%	45%	48%	47%	40%	49%	35%	19%	44%	42%	54%	33%	49%	15%	39%	
Unfavorable	53%	97%	13%	65%	66%	62%	52%	49%	50%	56%	47%	61%	78%	47%	57%	43%	66%	48%	78%	59%	
Don't know/No opinion	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	9%	1%	3%	1%	3%	6%	2%	

Q14. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's U.S. Senate elections? sample size = 617																				
	Party ID				Age				Sex		Education		Region					RACE		
	Total	DEM	REP	IND/OTHER	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Male	Female	No Degree	Bachelors+	Austin	DFW	Houston	Rural	San Antonio/South	White NH	Black NH	Hispanic
Democratic control of the Senate	49%	97%	6%	61%	67%	58%	47%	45%	46%	53%	43%	58%	73%	49%	53%	38%	56%	44%	84%	48%
Republican control of the Senate	47%	2%	93%	32%	33%	37%	50%	53%	51%	44%	54%	38%	25%	49%	42%	58%	42%	54%	11%	45%
Don't know/Refused	3%	1%	1%	7%	0%	5%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	1%	2%	5%	4%	3%	2%	5%	6%
Q15. Regardless of who you are voting for, who do you think will win the election for the Senator of Texas? [READ LIST; ROTATE OPTIONS] sample size = 617																				
	Party ID				Age				Sex		Education		Region					RACE		
	Total	DEM	REP	IND/OTHER	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Male	Female	No Degree	Bachelors+	Austin	DFW	Houston	Rural	San Antonio/South	White NH	Black NH	Hispanic
The Republican, Ken Paxton	46%	8%	85%	35%	38%	40%	52%	48%	50%	43%	53%	38%	28%	45%	45%	56%	40%	51%	25%	43%
The Democrat, James Talarico	44%	87%	8%	52%	54%	51%	41%	43%	41%	48%	38%	53%	70%	40%	44%	35%	57%	40%	68%	46%
Don't know/Refused	9%	5%	7%	13%	8%	9%	6%	10%	9%	9%	9%	9%	3%	15%	11%	9%	3%	9%	7%	11%
Q16. Regardless of who you are voting for, who do you think will win the election for the governor of Texas? [READ LIST; ROTATE OPTIONS] sample size = 617																				
	Party ID				Age				Sex		Education		Region					RACE		
	Total	DEM	REP	IND/OTHER	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Male	Female	No Degree	Bachelors+	Austin	DFW	Houston	Rural	San Antonio/South	White NH	Black NH	Hispanic
The Republican, Greg Abbott	62%	27%	93%	56%	53%	65%	67%	60%	67%	59%	62%	62%	53%	61%	61%	69%	56%	68%	40%	57%
The Democrat, Gina Hinojosa	29%	63%	3%	30%	46%	29%	26%	29%	27%	30%	27%	31%	35%	28%	32%	22%	38%	24%	50%	34%
Don't know/Refused	9%	10%	3%	14%	2%	7%	7%	11%	6%	11%	10%	7%	12%	11%	7%	9%	6%	8%	10%	9%
Q17. Do you support or oppose the way in which Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, commonly called ICE agents, are working to arrest people they suspect of being immigrants living illegally in the United States? sample size = 617																				
	Party ID				Age				Sex		Education		Region					RACE		
	Total	DEM	REP	IND/OTHER	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Male	Female	No Degree	Bachelors+	Austin	DFW	Houston	Rural	San Antonio/South	White NH	Black NH	Hispanic
Support	42%	1%	84%	28%	34%	32%	43%	48%	46%	39%	48%	34%	20%	46%	37%	52%	35%	48%	13%	39%
Oppose	54%	99%	12%	67%	66%	66%	52%	48%	50%	58%	48%	63%	79%	51%	59%	43%	63%	49%	84%	58%
In the middle	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%	0%
Don't know/Refused	2%	0%	2%	3%	0%	1%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	1%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%
Q18. Thinking about the tactics used by ICE, do you think they have gone too far, not gone far enough or that they have been about right? sample size = 617																				
	Party ID				Age				Sex		Education		Region					RACE		
	Total	DEM	REP	IND/OTHER	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Male	Female	No Degree	Bachelors+	Austin	DFW	Houston	Rural	San Antonio/South	White NH	Black NH	Hispanic
Gone too far	56%	99%	16%	69%	69%	69%	57%	48%	52%	60%	50%	66%	80%	54%	58%	47%	64%	51%	84%	61%
Not gone far enough	11%	0%	23%	5%	9%	6%	6%	18%	13%	9%	13%	8%	5%	11%	9%	15%	8%	12%	6%	8%
Have been about right	29%	0%	56%	22%	22%	24%	33%	29%	32%	27%	33%	24%	14%	31%	30%	34%	25%	34%	7%	28%
Don't know/Refused	4%	1%	4%	3%	0%	1%	4%	5%	3%	4%	4%	2%	1%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%

Nature of the Sample	
Texas Likely Voters	
Party ID	
Democrat	29%
Republican	39%
Independent/Other party	30%
Age	
18-34	8%
35-49	23%
50-64	30%
65+	38%
Sex	
Male	47%
Female	53%
Education	
No Degree	56%
Bachelors+	44%
Region	
Austin	9%
DFW	24%
Houston	20%
Rural	33%
San Antonio/South	14%
RACE	
White NH	62%
Black NH	12%
Hispanic	19%
Other NH	5%

This ReconMR Texas Poll was conducted October 5 - 8, 2026, among 617 Texas Likely Voters. Of the 617 respondents, 617 were contacted through a dual frame (landline and cell phone) mode (217 completed via text to web). Telephone calls were conducted in English and Spanish and respondent sampling was initiated by asking for the voter listed on the voter file by name. Telephone sampling was conducted via a stratified dual frame probability sample of landline and cell phone telephone numbers weighted to reflect known population patterns. The landline telephone sample and the cell phone sample was obtained from L2 Voter Database.

Duplicate responses are identified by their response ID and removed from the sample. Coding of open-ended responses was done by a single human coder.

Data from collection modes were weighted to balance sample demographics to match estimates for Texas's population using data from L2's state voter file, on party, age, and sex; the board of elections for region; and exit polls for race/ethnicity and education to ensure representativeness. It has an overall margin of error of +/- 4.4 percentage points including the design effects resulting from weighting. Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error and there may be other unmeasured error in this or any other public opinion poll.

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The ReconMR Texas Poll
October 5 - 8, 2026
617 Texas Likely Voters
MOE +/- 4.4%

TI Disclosure Elements	
Poll Name	ReconMR Texas Poll
1. Data Collection Strategy	A quantitative research study among registered voters in Texas. Topics included likelihood of voting in the upcoming elections, as well as issues of importance to voters.
2A. Research Sponsor	ReconMR
2B. Research Conducted By	ReconMR
3. Measurement Tools/Instruments	The full questionnaire with exact wording can be found within the survey crosstabs.
4. Population Under Study	Likely Texas Voters
5A. Sampling Method	Survey respondents were contacted through dual-frame probability sampling of landline and cell phone telephone numbers.
5B. Sampling Specification	This is a Registration Based Sample. Only registered voters in the state voter file are in the universe. The telephone sample was acquired from the L2 database of registered voters.
5C. Quotas	Quotas were used during data collection to limit weighting effects. Quotas were set based on the combination of a voter's region, race, and political affiliation.
5D. Incentives	No incentives were offered or paid to survey respondents.
6A. Modes of Data Collection	Data was collected over the phone by live telephone interviewers and online via text messages with customized survey invitations.
6B. Languages Offered	Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish.
7. Dates of Data Collection	The survey was fielded between October 5-8, 2026.
8A. CATI Surveys	Surveys completed with a live telephone interviewer: N = 400
8B. Text to Web Surveys	Surveys completed with online from a text message invitation: N = 217
8C. Web Panel Surveys	Surveys completed with online via an online panel invitation: N = 0
8D. Margin of Error	The overall margin of error of +/- 4.4 percentage points, including the design effects resulting from weighting.
8E. Data Coding	All coding of open-ended responses were conducted by human coders.
9. Weighting Procedures	To ensure representativeness, the sample was weighted to match estimates from the L2's state voter file, on party, age, and sex; the board of elections for region; exit polls for race/ethnicity and education; and a combined measure of stated and derived vote likelihood.
10. Data Processing and Quality	Random quality assurance monitoring is conducted to review telephone interviews. Data are only discarded in the event that interviewers fail key quality benchmarks.
11. Statement of Limitations	Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error and there may be other unmeasured error in this or any other public opinion poll. Real-world error includes sources of error beyond sampling error, such as nonresponse bias, coverage error, late shifts among undecided voters and error in estimating the composition of the electorate.
12. AI Use Disclosure	This research included no use of AI in questionnaire development, data collection, data analysis, or presentation of data.