



THIRD WAY TEXAS IMMIGRATION SURVEY

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N = 800 Texas Likely Voters

Margin of Error: +/- 3.46%

Table 1-1

Q1. When there is an election for President of the United States, do you always vote, almost always vote, vote most of the time, vote some of the time, hardly ever vote, or never vote?

	Total
Total	800
Always	87.8
Almost always	5.6
Most of time	3.5
Sometimes	3.1

Table 2-1

Q2. For statistical purposes, what is your age?

	Total
Total	800
18-34	18.3
18-29	13.6
30-34	4.7
35-44	16.7
35-39	5.9
40-44	10.9
45-54	18.9
55-64	18.7
55-60	11.3
61-64	7.4
65+	27.4
Mean	51.1

Table 3-1

Q3. What is your gender?

	Total
Total	800
Male	47.1
Female	52.9

Table 4-1

Q4. Are you Latino, Hispanic or of Latino, Hispanic or Spanish descent?

(NET DIF 1 - Percent yes minus percent no)

	Total
Total	800
Yes	19.9
No/All Other Answers	80.1
NET DIF 1	-60.2

Table 5-1

Q5. What is your race?

	Total
Total	800
White	63.3
Non-White	34.1
Black	9.6
Hispanic	19.9
Asian	1.4
Native American	0.7
Multiple Races	1.9
Other	0.6
DK/Refused	2.6

Table 6-1

Q6. If you had to label yourself, would you say you are a liberal, a moderate or a conservative in your political beliefs?
 (NET DIF 1 – Percent Conservative minus percent Liberal)

	Total
Total	800
Liberal	21.6
Very Liberal	11.3
Somewhat Liberal	10.3
Moderate	25.8
Conservative	44.8
Somewhat Conservative	17.5
Very Conservative	27.3
DK/Refused	7.7
NET DIF 1	23.2

Table 7-1

Q7. With which political party are you affiliated?
 (NET DIF 1 – Percent Republican minus percent Democrat)

	Total
Total	800
Republican	40.1
Democrat	30.1
Independent/No Party	24.3
Other	2.0
DK/Refused	3.5
NET DIF 1	10.0

Table 8-1

Please tell me whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of each of the following people. If you have no opinion or have never heard of them, just say so.

Q8. Donald Trump

(NET DIF 1 – Percent favorable minus percent unfavorable)

	Total
Total	800
Favorable	41.8
Very Favorable	22.2
Somewhat Favorable	19.6
Unfavorable	51.7
Somewhat Unfavorable	10.6
Very Unfavorable	41.1
No opinion	4.9
Never heard of	0.9
DK/Refused	0.6
NET DIF 1	-9.9

Table 9-1

Q9. Joe Biden

(NET DIF 1 – Percent favorable minus percent unfavorable)

	Total
Total	800
Favorable	37.7
Very Favorable	16.7
Somewhat Favorable	21.1
Unfavorable	55.8
Somewhat Unfavorable	11.4
Very Unfavorable	44.4
No opinion	5.4
Never heard of	0.6
DK/Refused	0.5
NET DIF 1	-18.0

Table 10-1

Q10. Greg Abbott

(NET DIF 1 – Percent favorable minus percent unfavorable)

	Total
Total	800
Favorable	50.8
Very Favorable	29.6
Somewhat Favorable	21.2
Unfavorable	42.7
Somewhat Unfavorable	11.1
Very Unfavorable	31.6
No opinion	4.0
Never heard of	1.7
DK/Refused	0.8
NET DIF 1	8.2

Table 11-1

Q11. John Cornyn

(NET DIF 1 – Percent favorable minus percent unfavorable)

	Total
Total	800
Favorable	33.2
Very Favorable	11.5
Somewhat Favorable	21.7
Unfavorable	26.6
Somewhat Unfavorable	11.5
Very Unfavorable	15.1
No opinion	20.4
Never heard of	18.5
DK/Refused	1.3
NET DIF 1	6.6

Table 12-1

Q12. Ted Cruz

(NET DIF 1 – Percent favorable minus percent unfavorable)

	Total
Total	800
Favorable	44.8
Very Favorable	24.9
Somewhat Favorable	19.9
Unfavorable	47.4
Somewhat Unfavorable	12.2
Very Unfavorable	35.2
No opinion	4.9
Never heard of	2.1
DK/Refused	0.7
NET DIF 1	-2.5

Table 14-1

Q13. Now I'd like to switch subjects to the topic of immigration. In just a few words, how does the immigration situation in Texas make you feel?

	Total
Total	800
Doesn't bother me/doesn't affect me/have no problem with it/I'm okay with it	9.6
A problem/hard problem to solve/needs solving/reform/needs addressed	5.4
Angry/very angry/irate	4.6

Uncomfortable/very uncomfortable	4.3
Unsafe	4.1
Bad/not good/bad situation	3.9
Sad/sad situation	3.8
Feel bad/sad/concern about immigrants being treated humanely	3.8
Needs to be done legally/follow the rules/I'm for legal immigration	3.5
Concerned/very concerned	3.4
It's out of control/it's a mess	2.9
Terrible/miserable	2.8
No opinion	2.8
Frustrated	2.3
Mixed feelings/views/conflicted	2.1
Horrible	1.9
Disagree with how it's being handled	1.9
Worried	1.5
I'm against it/don't like it	1.5
Upset	1.4
Invaded/an invasion/violated	1.4
Open border is a problem	1.3
Uneasy	1.2
Not happy/unhappy/very unhappy	1.2
Need to build a wall/need better border security	1.1
In danger/unprotected/threatened	1.0
Sick to my stomach	1.0
Afraid/scared/scary	1.0

Disappointed	1. 0
Need regulations	1. 0
Nervous	1. 0
Unsatisfied	0. 9
It's the president's fault	0. 8
Pissed off	0. 8
Too many people immigrating	0. 8
Awful	0. 7
Hopeless	0. 7
Perplexed/Confused	0. 7
Disturbed/disturbing/ agitated	0. 5
Insecure/Unsettled	0. 5
Mad	0. 4
Worried/afraid for our future	0. 4
Like shit/a piece of crap	0. 4
Disgusted	0. 3
Overwhelmed	0. 3
Appalled	0. 2
Other	7. 6
DK/Refused	4. 5

Table 15-1

Q14. How would you describe illegal immigration in Texas?

(NET DIF 1 – Percent problem minus percent not problem)

	Total
Total	800
Problem	83.9
A major problem	63.0
A minor problem	20.9
Not Problem	10.9
Not really a problem	6.8
No problem at all	4.1
DK/Refused	5.2
NET DIF 1	73.0

Table 16-1

Q15. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose immigration reform which would create a tough but fair path for undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States to earn citizenship?

(NET DIF 1 – Percent support minus percent oppose)

	Total
Total	800
Support	68.4
Strongly support	41.7
Somewhat support	26.7
Oppose	22.5
Somewhat oppose	7.7
Strongly oppose	14.8
DK/Refused	9.1
NET DIF 1	45.9

Table 17-1

Q16. Which do you believe will be more practical and cost American taxpayers less?

(NET DIF 1 – Percent pathway to citizenship minus percent deporting)

	Total
Total	800
Deporting 11 million undocumented immigrants currently living in America	22.7
Giving undocumented immigrants a way to pay back taxes, learn English, and earn a pathway to citizenship	65.2
DK/Refused	12.1
NET DIF 1	42.5

Table 18-1

Q17. DACA, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, is a policy that grants temporary legal status to children who were brought into the United States at a very young age by their parents who are, undocumented immigrants. There are an estimated 2 million of these children who are also known as Dreamers living in the U.S. today. Do you support or oppose granting these children U.S. citizenship if they attend college or serve in the military and pay any back taxes they owe?
(NET DIF 1 – Percent support minus percent oppose)

Total	
Total	800
Support	78.9
Strongly support	55.7
Somewhat support	23.2
Oppose	14.7
Somewhat oppose	4.8
Strongly oppose	9.8
DK/Refused	6.4
NET DIF 1	64.2

Table 19-1

Q18. Currently, a bipartisan group of Senators is working on a compromise to address our country's broken immigration system. The proposal would increase funding for Border Patrol and border security. It would also surge resources to hire more judges to hear cases of those who are applying for asylum and send them home quickly if they don't qualify under US law. The proposal would provide a path for 2 million "Dreamers" or undocumented immigrants who were brought here as children through no fault of their own to earn citizenship. Knowing this, would you support or oppose this immigration legislation?
(NET DIF 1 – Percent support minus percent oppose)

Total	
Total	800
Support	73.1
Strongly support	38.8
Somewhat support	34.2
Oppose	16.0
Somewhat oppose	5.5
Strongly oppose	10.6
DK/Refused	10.9
NET DIF 1	57.0

Table 20-1

Q19. Now I'd like to give you a little more information about the proposed legislation. In addition to funding for the Border Patrol and border security and surging more judges to the border to hear asylum cases and clear the backlog, the bi-partisan proposal would also provide an opportunity for "Dreamers," or undocumented immigrants who were brought here as children through no fault of their own, to earn a path to citizenship if they attend college or serve in the military and pay any back taxes they owe.

Knowing this, would you support or oppose this bi-partisan immigration legislation?

(NET DIF 1 - Percent support minus percent oppose)

	Total
Total	800
Support	73.8
Strongly support	43.2
Somewhat support	30.7
Oppose	15.6
Somewhat oppose	5.3
Strongly oppose	10.3
DK/Refused	10.6
NET DIF 1	58.2

Table 21-1

Q20. If Congress were to pass an immigration reform bill like the one I just described to you, how would it make you feel, in just a word or two?

	Total
Total	800
Good/a good thing/feel good about it	7.8
Hopeful/encouraged/optimistic	6.7
Don't support it/against it/would not like it/wouldn't solve problem	6.7
They're finally addressing the issue/a step in the right direction	6.3
Happy/glad	5.6
I'm okay with it/okay	4.1
Better/much better	3.7
Angry/furious/pissed off	2.0
Agree/agree with it/approve of it/like it	2.0
Satisfied/somewhat satisfied	1.8
Proud	1.7

Great/Greatful	1.7
Fine/fine with it	1.6
Relieved/relief	1.6
Fair/fair to all/justified	1.6
A little better	1.4
Would support it	1.2
Comfortable	1.2
Have to follow the law/ immigrants should take the legal path	1.1
Need more information/would need to see how it works	1.1
Frustrated	1.0
Surprised/amazed	0.9
Skeptical	0.9
A giveaway to immigrants/ turning their backs on American citizens	0.8
Needs to be done/we need it	0.8
Disappointed	0.8
Pleased	0.8
Legislators don't care about voters/not doing their jobs/ /don't trust congress	0.8
Upset	0.7
Concerned/cautious/hesitant	0.7
As long as immigrants support themselves/pay taxes/just so it's not free	0.7
Positive	0.6
Not Good	0.4
Humane	0.4
Helpful	0.4
Path to citizenship	0.4
Disgusted	0.4

Sad	0.4
I am for it if they go about it the right way	0.4
Not Happy	0.4
Confused/don't understand it	0.4
Betrayed	0.4
Other	10.2
DK/Refused	15.1

Table 22-1

The following are other proposals that are part of the bi-partisan immigration reform bill under discussion. Please tell me whether you support or oppose each proposal:

Q21. Dedicating more funding and resources - including new processing centers, additional officers, and more judges - to better handle the rise in migrants seeking asylum and speed up the application process so that individual cases are decided in weeks, not months or years like they are today.

(NET DIF 1 - Percent support minus percent oppose)

	Total
Total	800
Support	78.4
Strongly support	56.4
Somewhat support	22.0
Oppose	11.0
Somewhat oppose	3.9
Strongly oppose	7.1
DK/Refused	10.6
NET DIF 1	67.4

Table 23-1

Q22. Dedicating more funding and resources to quickly remove anyone who did not qualify for asylum and to help locate and deport migrants who have fled from law enforcement and remain at-large.
 (NET DIF 1 – Percent support minus percent oppose)

Total	
Total	800
Support	75.8
Strongly support	60.4
Somewhat support	15.4
Oppose	13.3
Somewhat oppose	5.4
Strongly oppose	7.9
DK/Refused	10.9
NET DIF 1	62.5

Table 24-1

Q23. Dedicating more funding to Border Patrol to help hire more officers and provide pay raises for the agents on the ground.
 (NET DIF 1 – Percent support minus percent oppose)

Total	
Total	800
Support	76.1
Strongly support	58.3
Somewhat support	17.8
Oppose	13.6
Somewhat oppose	6.7
Strongly oppose	6.9
DK/Refused	10.3
NET DIF 1	62.5

Table 25-1

Q24. Allow people to apply for asylum at the southern border and stay if they can make their case under US law.
 (NET DIF 1 – Percent support minus percent oppose)

Total	
Total	800
Support	70.6
Strongly support	46.1
Somewhat support	24.5
Oppose	17.1
Somewhat oppose	5.2
Strongly oppose	11.9
DK/Refused	12.3
NET DIF 1	53.5

Table 26-1

Q25. On the issue of abortion, do you consider yourself more pro-life or pro-choice?
 (NET DIF 1 – Percent pro-life minus percent pro-choice)

	Total
Total	800
Pro-life	39.7
Pro-choice	46.4
DK/Refused	13.9
NET DIF 1	-6.6

Table 27-1

Q26. Which of the following best describes the area you live?

	Total
Total	800
Suburban	44.6
Rural	24.0
Urban	21.9
DK/Refused	9.5

Table 28-1

Q27. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

	Total
Total	800
High school	14.9
Some high school	1.6
Graduated high school	13.4
Some college/Assoc/Trade	30.7
Some college	17.6
Two-year college degree	9.2
Trade or technical school certificate	3.9
Four-year college degree	26.3
Graduate school	18.8
Some graduate school	2.4
Graduate degree	16.3
DK/Refused	9.3

Table 29-1

Q28. What is your current household income?

	Total
Total	800
<\$50, 000	15.8
Under \$15, 000	1.6
\$15, 001 to \$25, 000	2.9
\$25, 001 to \$40, 000	5.2
\$40, 001 to \$50, 000	6.1
\$50, 000-\$100, 000	24.0
\$50, 001 to \$75, 000	12.7
\$75, 001 to \$100, 000	11.3
Over \$100, 000	35.6
DK/Refused	24.6

Table 30-1

Q29. Area breaks:

	Total
Total	800
West Texas Markets	7.4
Dallas M. M.	34.4
Dallas County	9.5
Tarrant County	7.8
Rest Dallas Market	17.1
East Texas Markets	6.5
San Antonio M. M.	7.4
Bexar County	5.3
Rest San Antonio Market	2.0
S. Border Markets	4.6
Austin/Waco M. M.	13.2
Travis County	6.0
Rest Austin/Waco	7.2
Markets	
Houston M. M.	26.6
Harris County	13.7
Rest Houston Market	12.9