

# TEXAS LYCEUM POLL

## 2018 Texas Statewide Survey

N=1,178 ADULTS

MOE=+/-2.86 PERCENTAGE POINTS (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

CELL PHONE SUPPLEMENT (50% of TELEPHONE SAMPLE)

ONLINE SUPPLEMENT (N=173, 15% OF TOTAL SAMPLE)

BILINGUAL INSTRUMENT/INTERVIEWERS

July 9-25, 2018

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*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 18 minutes to complete, depending on your answers.*

### **SECTION I:**

#### **GENERAL MOOD AND 2018 ELECTION ITEMS**

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

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Yes, registered.       | 73% |
| 2. No, not registered.    | 27  |
| 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 0   |

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?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Extremely interested.  | 27% |
| 2. Somewhat interested.   | 48  |
| 3. Not very interested.   | 14  |
| 4. Not at all interested. | 9   |
| 5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 1   |

Q3. Thinking about the country, do you think things are moving in the right direction or are we off on the wrong track?

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|----------------------------|-----|
| 1. Right direction.        | 34% |
| 2. Off on the wrong track. | 53  |
| 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.  | 14  |

Q4. What do you think is the most important issue facing the country today? **[OPEN-ENDED]**

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|----------------|-----|
| 1. Immigration | 17% |
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2. The economy	8
3. Health care	4
4. Race relations/racial issues/ethnicity	4
5. Foreign affairs/policy	4
6. Unity / Division of country	4
7. National security/terrorism	3
8. Education	3
9. Unemployment/jobs	2
10. National debt	2
11. Border security	2
12. Political corruption/leadership	1
13. Federal spending/budget deficit	1
14. Moral decline	1
15. Taxes	1
16. Environment	1
17. Civil Rights/Freedom	1
18. Other (specify)	21
19. Don't know / No response	8

Q5. What do you think is the most important issue facing the state of Texas today? **[OPEN-ENDED]**

1. Immigration	24%
2. Education	8
3. Border security	6
4. Health care	4
5. Unemployment/jobs	4
6. The economy	2
7. Taxes	2
8. Gun violence/gun control	2
9. Crime and drugs	1
10. Transportation/roads/traffic	1
11. Population growth	1
12. Other (specify)	29
13. Don't know / No response	15

Q6. How well do you think Donald Trump 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.	21%
2. Somewhat good job.	23
3. Somewhat poor job.	18
4. Very poor job.	34
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	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	23%
2. Somewhat approve	31
3. Somewhat disapprove	13
4. Strongly disapprove	15
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	19

Q8. 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	13%
2. Somewhat approve	26
3. Somewhat disapprove	9
4. Strongly disapprove	15
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	37

*Thinking ahead to the 2018 Elections...*

***[Questions Q9 through Q12 were only asked of people who said that they were registered to vote in Q1. Further, data from the survey was matched to the state voter file, and for the purposes of this section, registered voters only include those respondents whose registration status was confirmed, resulting in 806 registered voters, producing a margin of error of +/-3.45 percentage points. Likely voters are identified as the subset of registered voters who say that they are "Extremely" or "Somewhat" interested in politics and public affairs in Q2, and either (1) voted in the 2018 Texas primary elections, or (2) voted in the 2014 Texas general election, or (3) voted in the 2010 general election, resulting in 441 likely voters, producing a margin of error of +/-4.67 percentage points.]***

Q9. If the 2018 election for Senate were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE] the Republican Ted Cruz, the Democrat Beto O'Rourke, the Libertarian Neal Dikeman, or haven't you thought enough about it?

	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
1. Ted Cruz	36%	41%
2. Beto O'Rourke	34	39
3. Neal Dikeman	3	1
4. Haven't thought enough about it	23	16
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	1	3

Q10. If the 2018 election for Governor were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE] the Republican Greg Abbott, the Democrat Lupe Valdez, the Libertarian Mark Tippetts, or haven't you thought enough about it?

	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
1. Greg Abbott	44%	47%
2. Lupe Valdez	25	31
3. Mark Tippetts	3	1
4. Haven't thought enough about it	23	17
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	5	5

Q11. If the 2018 election for Lieutenant Governor were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE] the Republican Dan Patrick, the Democrat Mike Collier, the Libertarian Kerry McKennon, or haven't you thought enough about it?

	<b>Registered Voters</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>
1. Dan Patrick	32%	39%
2. Mike Collier	23	29
3. Kerry McKennon	4	4
4. Haven't thought enough about it	36	25
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	4	3

Q12. If the 2018 election for Attorney General were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE] the Republican Ken Paxton, the Democrat Justin Nelson, the Libertarian Michael Ray Harris, or haven't you thought enough about it?

	<b>Registered Voters</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>
1. Ken Paxton	32%	35%
2. Justin Nelson	20	25
3. Michael Ray Harris	4	4
4. Haven't thought enough about it	39	34
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	4	3

**SECTION II:**  
**PERSONAL ECONOMIC PERCEPTIONS**

Q13. Thinking about the national economy, do you think the country is better off, worse off, or about the same compared to a year ago?

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| 1. Better off.     | 43% |
| 2. Worse off.      | 24  |
| 3. About the same. | 34  |

Q14. 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?

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|--------------------|-----|
| 1. Better off.     | 31% |
| 2. Worse off.      | 19  |
| 3. About the same. | 49  |

Q15. Do you think Texas's economy is better off, worse off, or about the same as the rest of the country?

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|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Better off     | 63% |
| 2. Worse off      | 10  |
| 3. About the same | 27  |

Q16. Looking ahead to the future, do you think your children will be better off than you are, worse off, or about the same economically?

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|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Better off     | 49% |
| 2. Worse off      | 28  |
| 3. About the same | 23  |

**SECTION III: ISSUES & POLICY**

*Now, turning to the issue of health care...*

**[RANDOMIZE Q17A-Q17B]**

Q17A. How much do you trust the federal government to do what's best for Texans when it comes to health care? A great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or not at all.

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|------------------|----|
| 1. A great deal  | 6% |
| 2. A fair amount | 25 |
| 3. Not very much | 34 |
| 4. Not at all    | 35 |

Q17B. How much do you trust the state government to do what's best for Texans when it comes to health care? A great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or not at all.

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|------------------|----|
| 1. A great deal  | 8% |
| 2. A fair amount | 33 |
| 3. Not very much | 34 |
| 4. Not at all    | 24 |

Q18A. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the issue of health care?

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|---------------|-----|
| 1. Approve    | 30% |
| 2. Disapprove | 53  |
| 3. DON'T KNOW | 17  |

**[ROTATE Q18B-Q18C]**

Q18B. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Republicans in Congress are handling the issue of health care?

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|---------------|-----|
| 1. Approve    | 20% |
| 2. Disapprove | 61  |
| 3. DON'T KNOW | 19  |

Q18C. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Democrats in Congress are handling the issue of health care?

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|---------------|-----|
| 1. Approve    | 19% |
| 2. Disapprove | 58  |
| 3. DON'T KNOW | 23  |

Q19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Texas Legislature is handling the issue of health care?

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|---------------|-----|
| 1. Approve    | 25% |
| 2. Disapprove | 40  |
| 3. DON'T KNOW | 35  |

**[RANDOMIZE Q20-Q21]**

Q20. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Medicare? *Would that be somewhat or very (favorable/unfavorable)?*

- 1. Very favorable 25%
- 2. Somewhat favorable 39
- 3. Somewhat unfavorable 15
- 4. Very unfavorable 6
- 5. DON'T KNOW 16

Q21. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Medicaid? *Would that be somewhat or very (favorable/unfavorable)?*

- 1. Very favorable 19%
- 2. Somewhat favorable 38
- 3. Somewhat unfavorable 14
- 4. Very unfavorable 9
- 5. DON'T KNOW 20

Q22. Thinking about the health care system in the United States, how important is **[RANDOMLY SELECT FROM A-C BELOW]**? Very important, somewhat important, not very important, not at all important? How about **[RANDOMIZE FROM REMAINDER OF LIST; KEEP DRAWING UNTIL LIST IS COMPLETE]**? **[REPEAT RESPONSE OPTIONS IF NECESSARY]**

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important
<b>Affordability</b>	88%	10%	1%	2%
<b>Quality</b>	86%	12%	1%	1%
<b>Access</b>	84%	14%	1%	1%

Q22A. And which do you think is the most important thing for the health care system in the United States among ...**[RANDOMIZE 1-3]**

- 1. Affordability 46%
- 2. Quality 22
- 3. Access 25
- 4. DON'T KNOW 7

Q23. How important is it that we reduce the number of Texans who do not have health insurance? Very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important.

- 1. Very important 64%
- 2. Somewhat important 26
- 3. Not very important 4
- 4. Not at all important 6

Q24. Who do you think is most responsible for reducing the number of Texans who do not have health insurance? [RANDOMIZE 1-5]

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. The federal government | 28% |
| 2. The state government   | 24  |
| 3. Individuals            | 22  |
| 4. Private industry       | 10  |
| 5. Local governments      | 4   |
| 6. Don't know/No opinion  | 13  |

Q25. Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage, or is that not the responsibility of the federal government?

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Yes, government responsibility    | 54% |
| 2. No, not government responsibility | 46  |

Q26A. [ASK IF Q25 = 1] Which of the following is closer to your opinion, health insurance should...

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|---|-----|
| 1. Be provided through a single national health insurance system run by the government, or      | 46% |
| 2. Continue to be provided through a mix of private insurance companies and government programs | 43  |
| 3. DON'T KNOW   | 11  |

Q26B. [ASK IF Q25 = 2] Which of the following is closer to your opinion, the government should...

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|---|-----|
| 1. Not be involved in providing health insurance at all, or                   | 11% |
| 2. Continue programs like Medicare and Medicaid for seniors and the very poor | 84  |
| 3. DON'T KNOW   | 5   |



Q27. Which of the following is closer to your opinion when it comes to vaccines...

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| 1. The benefits of childhood vaccines for measles, mumps and rubella outweigh the risks, or | 76% |
| 2. The risks of childhood vaccines for measles, mumps and rubella outweigh the benefits     | 13  |
| 3. DON'T KNOW   | 11  |

Q28. And which of the following is closer to your opinion when it comes to vaccines...  
[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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|---|-----|
| 1. Parents should be able to decide NOT to vaccinate their children, even if that may create health risks for other children and adults                             | 16% |
| 2. Healthy children should be required to be vaccinated in order to attend public schools because of the potential risk for others when children are not vaccinated | 78  |
| 3. DON'T KNOW   | 5   |

Q29. What type of health insurance do you currently have?

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| 1. Employer provided   | 44% |
| 2. Individually pay for it   | 15  |
| 3. Enrolled in a government health insurance program (for example, Medicare or Medicaid) | 26  |
| 4. Do not currently have health insurance  | 13  |
| 5. Don't know/Refused  |     |

Q30. Compared with twenty years ago, do you think most American adults are...

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|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Healthier today    | 25% |
| 2. Less healthy today | 48  |
| 3. About the same     | 22  |
| 4. DON'T KNOW         | 4   |

Q31. Compared with twenty years ago, do you think most American children are...

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|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Healthier today    | 17% |
| 2. Less healthy today | 61  |
| 3. About the same     | 18  |
| 4. DON'T KNOW         | 3   |

Q32. Within the past 12 months, have you... **[RANDOMIZE FROM LIST; KEEP DRAWING UNTIL LIST IS COMPLETE]**

A. Gone to a health care provider for a general physical checkup exam

- a. Yes 76%
- b. No 26

B. Had a dental checkup or teeth cleaning

- a. Yes 64%
- b. No 36

C. Had an eye exam

- a. Yes 57%
- b. No 43

D. Had a flu shot

- a. Yes 51%
- b. No 49

Q33. Do you currently have one person you think of as your primary care doctor or health care provider that you usually go to when you are sick or need health care, or not?

- 1. Yes 75%
- 2. No 25
- 3. DON'T KNOW 1

Q34. What news media source do you most trust for information about proposed changes to the U.S. Health Care system? **[OPEN-ENDED, RECORD RESPONSE OPTION]**

- 1. National cable news (CNN, Fox, MSNBC) 28%
- 2. National broadcast news (ABC, CBS, NBC) 15%
- 3. Local television 9
- 4. Online news 9
- 5. Talk radio 4
- 6. Social media (Facebook, Twitter) 3
- 7. National newspapers 3
- 8. Local newspapers 3
- 9. Other 2
- 10. Don't know/No opinion 25

Q35. Do you personally know anyone who has ever been addicted to prescription painkillers, or not?

- 1. Yes 36%
- 2. No 62
- 3. DON'T KNOW 2

**SECTION V:**  
**DEMOGRAPHICS**

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

**AGEG.**

1.	18-29	23%
2.	30-44	27
3.	45-64	33
4.	65+	18

**MARRIED.** What is your current marital status?

1.	Never married	27%
2.	Married	54
3.	Divorced	11
4.	Widowed	5
5.	Separated	2
6.	DON'T KNOW	1

**INCOME.** What was your total household income for 2017? **[READ CATEGORIES]**

1.	Less than \$15,000	9%
2.	\$15,000-\$25,000	11
3.	\$25,000-\$40,000	13
4.	\$40,000-\$75,000	22
5.	\$75,000-\$150,000	22
6.	More than \$150,000	9
7.	DON'T KNOW	14

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

1.	Less than high school	4%
2.	High school	23
3.	Some college	25
4.	College degree	30
5.	Post-graduate degree (MA, LLD, PhD)	17
6.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	1

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

1.	Protestant	14%
2.	Catholic	25
3.	Other Christian	34
4.	Jewish	2
5.	Muslim, Buddhist, or other non-Christian	4
6.	Agnostic/Atheist	9
7.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	13

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

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|--------|-----|
| 1. Yes | 63% |
| 2. No  | 36  |

RACE. Would you say that you are...

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. White/Anglo      | 46% |
| 2. African American | 11  |
| 3. Hispanic         | 36  |
| 4. Other            | 6   |

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

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|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Liberal            | 17% |
| 2. Moderate, or       | 34  |
| 3. Conservative.      | 37  |
| 4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED | 13  |

PID3.

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|---------------|-----|
| 1. Democrat   | 39% |
| 2. Neither    | 22  |
| 3. Republican | 39  |

PID7.

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|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Strong Democrat   | 14% |
| 2. Weak Democrat     | 11  |
| 3. Lean Democrat     | 14  |
| 4. Independent       | 22  |
| 5. Lean Republican   | 11  |
| 6. Weak Republican   | 11  |
| 7. Strong Republican | 16  |

GENDER. (BY OBSERVATION)

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|-----------|-----|
| 1. MALE   | 49% |
| 2. FEMALE | 51  |

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