UT TYLER **Center for Opinion Research**

Texas Opinion Survey
Field Dates: September 13-15, 2019
N=1,199 Adults (Registered Voters)
Margin of error: +/- 2.8%
N=474 Democratic Primary Voters
Margin of error: +/- 4.5%

Survey of Registered Voters in Texas

Using a 7-point scale where 1 is extremely liberal and 7 is extremely conservative, how would you rate your political views.

		Weighted
1.	Extremely liberal	6.9%
2.	Liberal	13.0
3.	Slightly Liberal	7.2
4.	Moderate, Middle of the Road	29.7
5.	Slightly Conservative	12.6
6.	Conservative	19.8
7.	Extremely Conservative	10.7
	Total = 1,161	

Are you very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, somewhat unenthusiastic, or very unenthusiastic about voting in the March primary?

		Weighted	Dem.	Ind. Dem	Ind. Rep.	Rep.
1.	Very Enthusiastic	41.5%	48.7%	37.9%	23.6%	42.4%
2.	Somewhat Enthusiastic	29.4	27.5	31.7	25.2	31.4
3.	No opinion	18.4	17.0	14.8	18.8	15.0
4.	Somewhat Unenthusiastic	7.3	4.8	10.6	20.6	7.3
5.	Very Unenthusiastic	3.5	2.0	5.0	12.0	4.0
	Total = 1,197		404	73	77	543

Do you consider yourself to be a Republican, Democrat, or neither?

		Weighted
1.	Republican	40.2%
2.	Democrat	40.0
3.	Neither	19.8
	Total = 1,199	

[If independent, no preference, or other party] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?

		Weighted
1.	Democrat	23.7%
2.	Republican	23.1
3.	No Party Identified	53.2
	Total = 250	

[If Democrat or Independent closer to Democratic Party] Who is your preferred candidate in the Democratic primary?

	Dem.	Ind. (Lean D)	All	White	Hispanic	Black
Joe Biden	26.0	42.8	27.7	27.3	23.6	31.6
Beto O'Rourke	19.9	9.8	18.9	15.7	22.6	25.0
Bernie Sanders	17.6	11.8	17.0	13.1	22.4	14.9
Elizabeth Warren	11.1	8.7	10.9	13.0	10.6	3.3
Cory Booker	5.9	7.0	6.1	7.8	6.6	5.4
Kamala Harris	5.4	11.3	6.0	7.5	1.4	10.7
Julian Castro	4.0	0.0	3.6	3.0	6.7	1.1
Pete Buttigieg	3.2	6.4	3.6	6.9	2.5	0.0
Steve Bullock	1.0	0.0	0.9	0.3	0.0	1.1
Michael Bennett	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.2	1.1	0.9
John Delaney	0.9	0.0	0.8	1.3	0.0	1.3
Andrew Yang	0.8	0.6	0.8	1.3	0.0	0.0
Tom Steyer	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.0	1.4
Wayne Messam	0.6	0.0	0.6	1.5	0.0	0.0
Bill de Blasio	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.7	1.1
Joe Sestak	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.4	0.0
Tim Ryan	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	1.1
Marian Williamson	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.3
Amy Klobuchar	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.0
Tulsi Gabbard	0.1	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.0
Total =	402	72	474	255	76	90

[If Democrat] Please list in order of importance the following characteristics you prefer in a Democratic nominee for president.

	Rank 1	Rank 2	Rank 3	Rank 4	Rank 5
Electability	45.5%	21.5%	11.0%	11.9%	10.5%
Closest to [my] issues	24.2	17.7	17.7	20.9	19.5
Will appeal to independents	13.6	23.1	23.5	21.1	18.7
Will energize the base	5.4	22.1	26.9	25.7	19.9
Aligns with President Obama's policy agenda	11.3	15.9	21.0	20.5	31.4

Total = 454

Did you watch all, some, or none of the first Democratic Debate on September 12?

		Weighted
1.	I watched all of both debates	25.2%
2.	I watched some of both debates	44.1
3.	I watched none of both debates	30.7
	Total = 480	

[If Watched the Debate – Democrats & Independents] Regardless of who you support, which candidate do you think did the best job in the September debate?

	Weighted (All)	Dem.	Ind. (Lean D)	White	Hispanic	Black
Joe Biden	22.6	21.1	26.1	23.5	19.9	23.4
Beto O'Rourke	22.0	23.5	10.0	24.9	20.4	19.6
Elizabeth Warren	17.7	17.8	16.5	20.8	15.5	16.6
Bernie Sanders	15.9	16.1	14.1	14.7	22.7	13.7
Kamala Harris	6.6	6.5	7.7	4.7	7.0	7.3
Julian Castro	4.8	5.5	4.8	0.8	7.9	7.5
Cory Booker	4.0	4.0	0.0	4.3	2.4	7.6
Pete Buttigieg	2.5	2.3	4.6	3.9	0.0	0.6
Andrew Yang	2.5	2.6	2.8	1.1	2.4	2.5
Amy Klobuchar	1.2	1.0	3.6	1.3	1.7	1.2
Total =	330	286	44	170	60	63

[If You Watched the Debate] Did watching the September debate change or affirm your support for a candidate? Or are you still deciding?

	Weighted	Dems & Lean D.	Dem
1. Changed my support	8.6%	16.5%	7.6%
2. Affirmed my support	50.1	32.2	52.2
3. Still Deciding	41.4	51.3	40.2
Total = 327		44	283

[If You Did Not Watch the Debate] Did post-debate coverage of the September debate change or affirm your support for a candidate? Or are you still deciding?

	Weighted	Dem	Ind. Leans D.
1. Changed my support	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
2. Affirmed my support	33.9	40.8	26.2
3. Still Deciding	66.1	75.1	73.8
Total = 148		116	32

If the general election for president were held today, for whom would you vote?

	Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1. Joe Biden	39.6%	74.6%	33.1%	8.0%
2. Donald Trump	38.0	2.7	20.9	81.5
3. Neither – Other	13.2	15.0	25.5	5.4
4. Not sure	9.2	7.6	20.5	5.1
Total = 1,199		404	250	545

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If the general election for president were held today, for whom would you vote?

		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1.	Elizabeth Warren	36.5%	69.2%	28.1%	7.8%
2.	Donald Trump	39.5	3.0	25.9	82.9
3.	Neither – Other	14.8	19.1	24.5	5.6
4.	Not sure	9.2	8.7	21.5	3.7
	Total = 1,192		403	250	539

If the general election for president were held today, for whom would you vote?

		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1.	Kamala Harris	31.8%	61.5%	23.6%	6.5%
2.	Donald Trump	39.4	3.2	25.5	82.1
3.	Neither – Other	18.9	25.4	29.3	7.3
4.	Not sure	10.0	10.0	21.6	4.2
	Total = 1,197		402	250	545

If the general election for president were held today, for whom would you vote?

		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1.	Bernie Sanders	37.9%	72.0%	32.5%	6.8%
2.	Donald Trump	39.6	2.6	26.4	82.8
3.	Neither – Other	14.4	16.5	24.8	7.3
4.	Not sure	8.1	9.0	16.4	3.1
	Total = 1,191		400	249	542

If the general election for president were held today, for whom would you vote?

		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1.	Pete Buttigieg	30.4%	57.0%	25.1%	6.6%
2.	Donald Trump	39.3	3.2	25.6	82.1
3.	Neither – Other	20.8	29.7	31.1	6.8
4.	Not sure	9.5	10.1	18.2	4.5
	Total = 1,190		401	249	540

If the general election for president were held today, for whom would you vote?

		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1.	Beto O'Rourke	42.0%	79.2%	35.4%	8.2%
2.	Donald Trump	39.7	3.5	26.5	82.2
3.	Neither – Other	10.6	10.0	21.1	6.0
4.	Not sure	7.7	7.3	17.0	3.6
	Total = 1,196		403	250	543

In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1.	Approve	39.6%	5.0%	23.5%	81.9%
2.	Disapprove	52.3	89.4	59.8	11.9
3.	Don't Know	8.1	5.8	16.7	6.2
	Total = 1,196		403	250	543

In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Senator John Cornyn is handling his job as Senator?

		Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
1.	Approve	33.0%	13.1%	20.1%	59.1%
2.	Disapprove	34.9	55.8	37.4	12.9
3.	Don't Know	32.1	31.1	42.5	28.0
	Total = 1,198		403	250	545

On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 means Strongly Support and 5 means Strongly oppose, do you support or oppose requiring background checks for all potential gun buyers?

	Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly support	62.9%	78.6%	53.0%	52.1%
Support	21.5	10.5	24.2	31.2
Have a neutral position	8.4	4.2	15.9	8.8
Oppose	2.7	1.5	2.5	4.0
Strongly oppose	2.4	1.6	2.6	3.1
Not Sure	2.1	3.6	1.7	0.8
Total = 1,195		403	248	544

On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 means Strongly Support and 5 means Strongly oppose, do you support or oppose a law allowing law enforcement to take away guns from people a judge deems dangerous?

	Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly support	42.0%	56.4%	36.8%	30.3%
Support	23.7	20.3	18.6	29.7
Have a neutral position	15.0	12.1	18.3	16.3
Oppose	6.9	4.9	8.6	8.1
Strongly oppose	7.5	2.4	11.1	10.9
Not Sure	4.9	3.9	7.1	4.8
Total = 1,192		402	247	543

On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 means Strongly Support and 5 means Strongly oppose, do you support or oppose a nationwide ban on high-capacity ammunition clips with more than 10 bullets?

	Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly support	45.8%	64.2%	37.2%	31.8%
Support	15.3	14.9	11.8	17.5
Have a neutral position	12.9	10.1	17.2	13.6
Oppose	10.2	3.6	10.5	16.6
Strongly oppose	11.4	2.8	16.0	17.6
Not Sure	4.4	4.5	7.4	3.0
Total = 1,196		402	250	545

On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 means Strongly Support and 5 means Strongly oppose, do you support or oppose a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons?

	Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly support	46.2%	64.5%	37.3%	32.1%
Support	13.2	14.6	9.6	13.5
Have a neutral position	13.6	10.0	19.4	14.4
Oppose	10.2	2.5	12.7	16.6
Strongly oppose	13.9	4.0	18.7	21.4
Not Sure	3.1	4.4	2.4	2.0
Total = 1,188		403	245	540

On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 means Strongly Support and 5 means Strongly oppose, do you support or oppose a mandatory buyback program to turn in all assault weapons for payment?

	Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly support	33.4%	52.1%	23.6%	20.0%
Support	15.7	17.8	15.5	13.8
Have a neutral position	17.6	17.0	23.9	15.1
Oppose	8.7	6.5	9.3	10.5
Strongly oppose	19.8	2.2	23.4	35.2
Not Sure	4.8	4.3	4.5	5.5
Total = 1,189		398	248	543

On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 means Strongly Support and 5 means Strongly oppose, do you support or oppose repealing the law that protects gun manufacturers from being held liable for crimes resulting from the unlawful misuse of firearms.?

	Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly support	26.9%	39.2%	21.6%	17.2%
Support	14.4	17.7	9.2	13.8
Have a neutral position	21.2	20.8	22.5	20.9
Oppose	11.9	9.1	16.1	12.6
Strongly oppose	20.2	6.7	27.7	29.9
Not Sure	5.5	6.6	3.0	5.6
Total = 1,191		401	249	541

Overall, do you agree or disagree that elected officials are doing enough to prevent mass shootings?

	Weighted	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly agree	11.5%	9.5%	5.3%	16.2%
Somewhat agree	14.0	6.8	11.9	22.1
Neutral	21.0	14.5	21.5	27.1
Somewhat disagree	20.3	20.3	21.4	19.9
Strongly disagree	33.2	49.0	40.0	14.6
Total = 1,165		390	240	535

Please rank your <u>top 3</u> in order of trust based on which person you trust more to handle the issue.

Foreign Policy:

All Voters		Democrats & Ind. Lean Dem.	
Candidate Rank	**Percent**	**Candidate Rank**	**Percent**
1. Donald Trump (+20.9)	43.0%	1. Joe Biden (+26.1)	39.0%
2. Joe Biden	22.0	2. Elizabeth Warren	12.9
3. Beto O'Rourke	8.4	3. Beto O'Rourke	12.7
4. Elizabeth Warren	7.5	4. Bernie Sanders	12.2
5. Bernie Sanders	6.7		

* All other candidates received less than 5%

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Gun Policy:

All Voters		Democrats & Ind. Lean Dem.	
Candidate Rank	**Percent**	**Candidate Rank**	**Percent**
1. Donald Trump (+24.1)	43.6%	1. Beto O'Rourke (+15.6)	37.3%
2. Beto O'Rourke	19.5	2. Joe Biden	21.7
3. Joe Biden	13.4	3. Bernie Sanders	10.8
4. Elizabeth Warren	5.8	4. Elizabeth Warren	9.8
5. Bernie Sanders	5.3	5. Cory Booker	5.5

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Economic Policy:

All Voters		Democrats & Ind. Lean Dem.	
Candidate Rank	**Percent**	**Candidate Rank**	**Percent**
1. Donald Trump (+31)	45.6%	1. Joe Biden (+5.0)	24.3%
2. Joe Biden	14.6	2. Elizabeth Warren	18.5
3. Beto O'Rourke	8.8	3. Beto O'Rourke	16.6
4. Elizabeth Warren	8.8	4. Bernie Sanders	13.7
5. Bernie Sanders	6.9	5. Kamala Harris	5.3

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Criminal Justice Policy:

All Voters		Democrats & Ind. Lean Dem.	
Candidate Rank	**Percent**	**Candidate Rank**	**Percent**
1. Donald Trump (+31)	42.2%	1. Joe Biden (+6.9)	23.2%
2. Joe Biden	13.4	2. Beto O'Rourke	16.3
3. Beto O'Rourke	8.8	3. Elizabeth Warren	13.5
4. Elizabeth Warren	7.1	4. Bernie Sanders	13.5
5. Bernie Sanders	7.0	5. Kamala Harris	11.7
6. Kamala Harris	6.4	6. Cory Booker	10.4
7. Cory Booker	5.8		

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Climate Policy:

All Voters		Democrats & Ind. Lean Dem.	
Candidate Rank	**Percent**	**Candidate Rank**	**Percent**
1. Donald Trump (+31)	36.3%	1. Joe Biden (+0.7)	23.1%
2. Joe Biden	15.2	2. Bernie Sanders	22.4
3. Bernie Sanders	13.1	3. Elizabeth Warren	17.9
4. Elizabeth Warren	10.5	4. Beto O'Rourke	15.9
5. Beto O'Rourke	8.4	5. Kamala Harris	5.3

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Demographic Questions

What do you identify as your racial or ethnic background?

	Weighted
White, Non-Hispanic	58.9%
Hispanic or Latino	21.3
Black or African American	13.0
Asian	3.0
Native American	0.6
Other	3.3
Total =	1,155

[If Hispanic] What is the origin of the ethnicity background?

	Weighted
Mexican	36.6%
Mexican American	50.1
Puerto Rican	4.4
Cuban	2.3
Other	6.6
Total =	119

[If Hispanic] How many generations has your family been in America?

	Weighted
One	18.3%
Two	26.6
Three or more	55.1
Total =	119

What is the highest level of education you have attained?

	Weighted
Did not finish high school	4.2%
High school graduation, no college	27.9
High school graduation, some college	22.4
Completed Associate's Degree	13.8
Completed Bachelor's Degree	20.6
Graduate or Professional Degree/Coursework	11.0
Total =	1,155

What is your age?

	Weighted
18-29	15.2%
30-44	23.0
45-64	36.5
65+	25.3
Total =	1,199

What is your marital status?

	Weighted
Married	55.1%
Divorced/Separated	14.8
Single	30.1
Total = 1,144	

How would you best describe your religious affiliation?

	Weighted
Roman Catholic	30.1%
Evangelical Protestant	18.3
Mainline Protestant	15.3
African-American Protestant	3.4
Church of Latter Day Saints	1.2
Jewish	0.9
Other	0.3
Secular/No Religious Affiliation	25.1
Muslim	0.7
Christian – unaffiliated	4.9
Total = 1,150	

How frequently do you attend worship services?

	Weighted
Never/hardly ever	37.7%
A few times a year	26.6
Once or twice a month	10.5
Almost every week	8.6
Once a week or more	16.6
Total = 1,149	

What is your gender?

	Weighted
Male	48.5%
Female	51.1
Other	0.4

Total = 1,199

What is your approximate level of household income?

	Weighted
Less than $30,000	22.8%
$30,000-$49,999	20.6
$50,000-$74,999	22.1
$75,000-$99,999	11.6
$100,000-$149,999	13.7
$150,000-$199,999	5.7
$200,000-$299,999	2.3
$300,000 or more	1.1

Total = 1,096

Methodology

The UT Tyler-Texas Opinion Survey poll was conducted using random sample of the registered voters that have opted-in to take surveys through a company called Dynata. The online panel generated a sample of 1,199 registered voters during a three day period from between September 13 and September 15.

The data were weighted to be representative of the Texas register voter population. Iterative weighting was used to balance sample demographics to the state population parameters. The sample is balanced to match parameters for gender, age, race/ethnicity, and education using an iterated process known as raking. These parameters were derived from 2018 Current Population Survey to reflect Texas's electorate. The use of these weights in statistical analysis ensures that the characteristics of the sample closely reflect the characteristics of registered voters in Texas.

In this poll, the sampling error for 1,199 registered voters in Texas is +/- 2.8 percentage points at a 95 percent confidence interval. The survey's design asked additional questions to 474 registered voters who identify with the Democratic Party as members or independents that lean towards the party (margin of error of +/- 4.5%).

Visit http://www.uttyler.edu/politicalscience/pollingcenter for more information about our current and previous study.