## TPPF_TX_BENCHMARK_SURVEY_MQ_RELEASE_210204 <br> TEXAS <br> REGISTERED VOTERS <br> FEBRUARY 2-4, 2021

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SAMPLE:
n=817 Registered Voters
MoE= }\pm3.5
45% Cell Phone Interviews
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Now thinking about crime in Texas...

1. Do you ROTATE support or oppose END ROTATION the calls to defund the police?

IF SUPPORT / OPPOSE ASK:
Would you say that you STRONGLY (support / oppose) the calls to defund the police or just SOMEWHAT?

|  | $\underline{\text { Sept }}$ | $\underline{\text { Feb }}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL SUPPORT | $\underline{2020}$ | $\underline{2021}$ |
| TOTAL OPPOSE | $\mathbf{2 2 \%}$ | $19 \%$ |
|  | $72 \%$ | $74 \%$ |
| Strongly support |  |  |
| Somewhat support | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| DK/Refused DNR | $10 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Somewhat oppose | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Strongly oppose | $13 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
|  | $59 \%$ | $63 \%$ |

2. Which of the following comes closest to your opinion?

RANDOMIZE AND READ CHOICES

|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept } \\ & \underline{2020} \end{aligned}$ | $\underline{\mathrm{Feb}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Defunding the police is extreme and would greatly endanger public safety. | 29\% | 32\% |
| 2. | Some police reforms are needed but defunding is an extreme measure that would make matters worse. | 38\% | 37\% |
| 3. | Some funding for the police should be reallocated into mental health, housing, education, and community outreach programs, even if it means fewer officers on the streets or slower response times. | 25\% | 25\% |
| 4. | DK/Refused DNR | 8\% | 6\% |

3. Do you ROTATE support or oppose END ROTATION a policy change that when setting bail, judges have access to material that helps them assess both the level of an arrested person's "flight" risk and their security risk to the community?

IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:
And, would you say you STRONGLY (support/oppose) this policy change or just SOMEWHAT?

| TOTAL SUPPORT | $79 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: |

1. Strongly Support $56 \%$
2. Somewhat Support $23 \%$
3. DK/Refused DNR $12 \%$
4. Somewhat Oppose 4\%
5. Strongly Oppose 5\%

Now thinking about education in Texas...
4. Do you feel that the K through twelve education system is delivering the same quality of education to students as before the pandemic?

1. Yes $14 \%$
2. No $72 \%$
3. DK/Refused DNR 13\%
4. Which comes the closest to your family preference? RANDOMIZE AND READ CHOICES
5. I believe schools should have both in-person classes and a virtual option, with parents choosing which option works best for their child. 68\%
6. I believe students should only attend in-person classes. $23 \%$
7. I believe students should only have virtual classes. 6\%
8. DK/Refused DNR 3\%
9. Many Texas parents find it difficult to know what schools or school districts have spaces available for enrollment, and thus where it would be possible to send their children. Would you ROTATE support or oppose END ROTATION legislation to legally require school districts to publicly report how many seats are available at each school for new students to enroll?

IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:
And, would you say you STRONGLY (support/oppose) this proposed legislation or just SOMEWHAT?
TOTAL SUPPORT 77\%

TOTAL OPPOSE 11\%

1. Strongly Support $57 \%$
2. Somewhat Support $20 \%$
3. DK/Refused DNR $12 \%$
4. Somewhat Oppose 5\%
5. Strongly Oppose 6\%
6. Would you ROTATE support or oppose END ROTATION legislation to legally require Texas public universities to freeze tuition at pre-Coronavirus rates for the next two years?

IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:
And, would you say you STRONGLY (support/oppose) this proposed legislation or just SOMEWHAT?

| TOTAL SUPPORT | $73 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| TOTAL | $18 \%$ |

1. Strongly Support $58 \%$
2. Somewhat Support 15\%
3. DK/Refused DNR 9\%
4. Somewhat Oppose 9\%
5. Strongly Oppose 9\%

Now thinking about healthcare in Texas...
8. Do you ROTATE agree or disagree END ROTATION that it should be mandatory for medical providers to give patients the price for non-emergency procedures and treatments before performing them?

IF AGREE/DISAGREE:
And, would you say you STRONGLY (agree/disagree) medical providers should give patients the price for healthcare procedures and treatments before performing them, or just SOMEWHAT?

TOTAL AGREE 89\%
TOTAL DISAGREE 7\%

1. Strongly Agree $\quad 76 \%$
2. Somewhat Agree $13 \%$
3. DK/Refused DNR 4\%
4. Somewhat Disagree 3\%
5. Strongly Disagree 4\%
6. As you may know, some regulations regarding telemedicine have been relaxed during the Coronavirus pandemic to allow easier access to medical services online. Do you ROTATE support or oppose END ROTATION permanently reducing the regulatory burden for telemedicine to increase access and affordability to health care services?

## IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE:

And, would you say you STRONGLY (support/oppose) permanently reducing the regulatory burden for telemedicine, or just SOMEWHAT?

## TOTAL SUPPORT 74\%

TOTAL OPPOSE 13\%

1. Strongly Support $52 \%$
2. Somewhat Support $21 \%$
3. DK/Refused DNR 13\%
4. Somewhat Oppose 8\%
5. Strongly Oppose 5\%
6. Do you ROTATE agree or disagree END ROTATION that the state of Texas should allow license reciprocity for out of state doctors to practice in Texas which will open up options for patients to get the kind of care they want and need even when healthcare resources are strained at times such as the Coronavirus pandemic?

## IF AGREE/DISAGREE:

And, would you say you STRONGLY (agree/disagree), or just SOMEWHAT?

## TOTAL AGREE 79\%

TOTAL DISAGREE 12\%

1. Strongly Agree 53\%

## 2. Somewhat Agree <br> 26\%

3. DK/Refused DNR ..... 9\%
4. Somewhat Disagree ..... 5\%
5. Strongly Disagree ..... 7\%

Now thinking about elections in Texas...
11. Do you ROTATE support or oppose END ROTATION universal vote by mail in Texas for all state and federal elections?

IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE:
And, would you say you STRONGLY (support/oppose) universal vote by mail in Texas, or just SOMEWHAT?
TOTAL SUPPORT 49\%
TOTAL OPPOSE 49\%

1. Strongly Support $38 \%$
2. Somewhat Support $11 \%$
3. DK/Refused DNR 2\%
4. Somewhat Oppose 6\%
5. Strongly Oppose 43\%
6. Do you ROTATE support or oppose END ROTATION requiring voters to show a government issued ID to vote in federal and state elections?

IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE:
And, would you say you STRONGLY (support/oppose) requiring voters to show a government issued ID, or just SOMEWHAT?
TOTAL SUPPORT 89\%

TOTAL OPPOSE 10\%

1. Strongly Support 77\%
2. Somewhat Support 11\%
3. DK/Refused DNR 2\%
4. Somewhat Oppose 4\%
5. Strongly Oppose 6\%
6. Do you ROTATE support or oppose END ROTATION passing legislation to require regular audits of the voter rolls to ensure they are accurate?

IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE:
And, would you say you STRONGLY (support/oppose) passing legislation to require regular audits of the voter rolls, or just SOMEWHAT?

TOTAL SUPPORT 89\%
TOTAL OPPOSE 7\%

1. Strongly Support 74\%
2. Somewhat Support $15 \%$
3. DK/Refused DNR 5\%
4. Somewhat Oppose 3\%
5. Strongly Oppose 4\%
6. I am going to read you two points of view about the elections in Texas, and please tell me which one you agree with more... ROTATE
(Some/Other) people say that vote by mail is an election fraud risk and not all counties have the resources to effectively administer vote by mail therefore all vote by mail should be administered by the Secretary of State.
...while...
(Some/Other) people say that vote by mail is best administered by each individual county even though counties will have different levels of resources.
7. Vote by mail is best administered by the Secretary of State. $46 \%$
8. Neither DNR 9\%
9. Both DNR 3\%
10. DK/Refused DNR $7 \%$
11. Vote by mail is best administered by each individual county. $35 \%$

Now thinking about various state government reforms...
15. Do you ROTATE support or oppose END ROTATION using tax dollars to fund lobbyists?

IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:
And, would you say you STRONGLY (support/oppose) using tax dollars to fund lobbyists or just SOMEWHAT?

| TOTAL SUPPORT | $7 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| TOTAL | $86 \%$ |

1. Strongly Support 3\%
2. Somewhat Support 4\%
3. DK/Refused DNR 7\%
4. Somewhat Oppose $12 \%$
5. Strongly Oppose $75 \%$
6. Would you ROTATE support or oppose END ROTATION legislation requiring local governments to provide evidence and justification for decisions made during a disaster declaration that increase regulations on businesses and limit individual liberty?

IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:
And, would you say you STRONGLY (support/oppose) legislation requiring local governments to provide evidence and justification for decisions made during a disaster declaration or just SOMEWHAT?
TOTAL SUPPORT ..... 58\%
TOTAL OPPOSE ..... 29\%

1. Strongly Support ..... 41\%
2. Somewhat Support ..... 17\%
3. DK/Refused DNR ..... 13\%
4. Somewhat Oppose ..... 11\%
5. Strongly Oppose ..... 18\%
6. Would you say you ROTATE support or oppose END ROTATION efforts to make the Texas foster care system more responsive to the needs of children by giving state government approved local private and non-profit charities more responsibility for the care of foster children through state government contracts?

## IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE:

And, would you say you STRONGLY (support/oppose) efforts to make the Texas foster care system more responsive to the needs of children by giving state government approved local private and non-profit charities more responsibility, or just SOMEWHAT?

|  | $\frac{\text { March }}{}$ | $\underline{\text { Feb }}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL SUPPORT | $\mathbf{2 0 2 0}$ | $\underline{2021}$ |
| TOTAL OPPOSE | $\mathbf{6 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 6 \%}$ |
|  | $20 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Strongly Support | $41 \%$ | $52 \%$ |
| Somewhat Support | $21 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| DK/Refused DNR | $18 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Somewhat Oppose | $9 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Strongly Oppose | $11 \%$ | $4 \%$ |

18. Do you ROTATE agree or disagree END ROTATION that Child Protective Services should only be able to separate children from parents if they can demonstrate the child is at immediate risk of harm?

## IF AGREE/DISAGREE:

And, would you say you STRONGLY (agree/disagree), or just SOMEWHAT?
TOTAL AGREE 80\%
TOTAL DISAGREE 14\%

1. Strongly Agree 63\%
2. Somewhat Agree 18\%
3. DK/Refused DNR 6\%
4. Somewhat Disagree 7\%
5. Strongly Disagree $7 \%$
6. Do you ROTATE agree or disagree END ROTATION that Child Protective Services should only be allowed to list a person's name in a government registry of perpetrators of child abuse after a court has determined that the person actually committed the alleged abuse?

IF AGREE/DISAGREE:
And, would you say you STRONGLY (agree/disagree), or just SOMEWHAT?

| TOTAL AGREE | $87 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| TOTAL DISAGREE | $8 \%$ |

1. Strongly Agree $\quad 72 \%$
2. Somewhat Agree $15 \%$
3. DK/Refused DNR 5\%
4. Somewhat Disagree 4\%
5. Strongly Disagree $4 \%$
6. Would you ROTATE support or oppose END ROTATION a policy in your city that stated homeless individuals could setup camp as long as it was not on private property, within fifteen feet of a doorway, or endangering public safety or blocking the right of way on public property?

IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE:
And, would you STRONGLY (support/oppose) such a policy, or just SOMEWHAT?
TOTAL SUPPORT 37\%

TOTAL OPPOSE 55\%

1. Strongly Support $20 \%$
2. Somewhat Support $17 \%$
3. DK/Refused DNR 8\%
4. Somewhat Oppose 13\%
5. Strongly Oppose $42 \%$
6. Do you ROTATE agree or disagree END ROTATION that people experiencing homelessness should be required to participate in services like mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, or job training as a condition of receiving housing paid for with taxpayer dollars?

IF AGREE/DISAGREE:
And, would you say you STRONGLY (agree/disagree), or just SOMEWHAT?
TOTAL AGREE 84\%
TOTAL DISAGREE 11\%

1. Strongly Agree $67 \%$
2. Somewhat Agree $17 \%$
3. DK/Refused DNR 4\%
4. Somewhat Disagree 4\%
5. Strongly Disagree $7 \%$

Now considering other issues in Texas...
22. Do you ROTATE agree or disagree END ROTATION that there is an immigration crisis?

IF AGREE/DISAGREE:
And, would you say you STRONGLY (agree/disagree) that there is a immigration crisis, or just SOMEWHAT?

|  | Jan | March | May | July | Sept | Feb |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underline{2020}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 0}$ | $\underline{2020}$ | $\underline{2020}$ | $\underline{2021}$ |  |
|  | TOTAL AGREE | $80 \%$ | $69 \%$ | $66 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $70 \%$ |
|  | TOTAL DISAGREE | $18 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| 1. | Strongly Agree | $68 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $57 \%$ |
| 2. | Somewhat Agree | $12 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| 3. | DK/Refused DNR | $2 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| 4. | Somewhat Disagree | $7 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| 5. | Strongly Disagree | $11 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $14 \%$ |

23. Do you ROTATE agree or disagree END ROTATION with the following statement. Some people say property taxes are a major burden for them and their family.

IF AGREE/DISAGREE:
And, would you say you STRONGLY (agree/disagree) that property taxes are a major burden or just SOMEWHAT?

|  | Jan | March | May | $\underline{\text { Sept }}$ | $\underline{\text { Feb }}$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | TOTAL AGREE | $\underline{2019}$ | $\underline{2019}$ | $\underline{2020}$ | $\underline{2020}$ | $\underline{2021}$ |
|  | TOTAL DISAGREE | $17 \%$ | $78 \%$ | $76 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $73 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. | Strongly Agree | $58 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $53 \%$ |
| 2. | Somewhat Agree | $19 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| 3. | DK/Refused DNR | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| 4. | Somewhat Disagree | $10 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| 5. | Strongly Disagree | $7 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $10 \%$ |

