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TEXAS
REGISTERED VOTERS
APRIL 11-14, 2021

SAMPLE:
n=804 Registered Voters
MoE=±3.5%
45% Cell Phone Interviews

INTRODUCTION: Good evening. May I please speak with NAME FROM FILE? My name is _____ and I'm calling from WPA Intelligence, a national public opinion firm. This evening we're conducting a short scientific survey in Texas and we'd like to get your opinions. We're not selling anything and your responses will be completely confidential.

SCREENER

1.   First, are you or any member of your immediate family a member of the news media, a Public Relations company, or an active participant with any political campaign?

        1.   Yes..TERMINATE
        2.   No/All other 100%

2.   In politics today, do you usually think of yourself as a ROTATE Republican, Independent, or Democrat? END ROTATION

        IF REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT, ASK:
        Do you think of yourself as a STRONG (Republican/Democrat) or NOT-SO-STRONG (Republican/Democrat)?
        1.   Strong Republican...29%
        2.   Not so strong Republican 8%
        3.   Independent/Something Else...30%
        4.   DK/Refused DNR..10%
        5.   Not-So-Strong Democrat 7%
        6.   Strong Democrat..16%

3.   Besides the immediate priority of navigating through the Coronavirus pandemic, what would you say is the most important issue right now that the Texas Legislature should address? DO NOT READ CHOICES, IF MULTIPLE GIVEN PROBE FOR SINGLE BIGGEST PROBLEM

		Jan 2020	March 2020	May 2020	July 2020	Sept 2020	Feb 2021	March 2021	April 2021
1.	Unemployment and the economy	4%	19%	28%	22%	23%	18%	16%	10%
2.	Health care and prescription drugs	15%	23%	14%	11%	13%	9%	10%	4%
3.	Taxes	4%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%
4.	Property Taxes	5%	3%	4%	3%	3%	1%	1%	1%
5.	Government spending	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%
6.	Education	10%	8%	8%	15%	11%	8%	8%	7%
7.	Roads, bridges, highways, utilities, and public transit	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	10%	4%
8.	Crime, gangs, and drugs	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
9.	The need to reform state government	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
10.	Illegal immigration	23%	12%	9%	5%	5%	6%	16%	25%
11.	High gasoline prices	<1%	1%	<1%	0%	<1%	1%	1%	1%
12.	Social issues (abortion, alcohol/tobacco, religion, etc.)	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%
13.	Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	<1%
14.	School Choice	<1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	<1%	1%
15.	Right to Work	<1%	1%	2%	<1%	<1%	<1%	2%	<1%
16.	Race Relations, Riots and Protests	-	-	-	-	7%	2%	1%	2%
17.	Election Integrity and voter id	-	-	-	-	-	3%	2%	3%
18.	Covid, Mask Mandates, Vaccinees	-	-	-	-	-	-	7%	19%
19.	Other (Specify:_____)	22%	13%	21%	21%	16%	30%	9%	9%
20.	DK/Refused DNR	6%	10%	1%	9%	9%	7%	7%	6%

Now thinking about federal funding from COVID relief legislation…

4.   The state of Texas can potentially receive billions of dollars in federal funding from COVID relief legislation that the state can choose how it is allocated. How should the state of Texas use this funding from the federal COVID relief legislation? RANDOMIZE AND READ CHOICES

6.	Increase funding for schools	15%
1.	Build the border wall	13%
7.	Provide more unemployment benefits	10%
8.	Provide more healthcare services for retirees	9%
2.	Expand Medicaid	8%
9.	Reject the funding due to the regulations and other strings attached	7%
4.	Cut taxes	6%
5.	Expand school choice	6%
3.	Pay down the state's debt	4%
10.	Other (Specify:_____) DNR	14%
11.	DK/Refused DNR	8%

Now thinking about law enforcement in Texas...

5. 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?

		Feb 2021	April 2021
	TOTAL SUPPORT	79%	76%
	TOTAL OPPOSE	9%	13%
1.	Strongly Support	56%	55%
2.	Somewhat Support	23%	21%
3.	DK/Refused DNR	12%	11%
4.	Somewhat Oppose	4%	6%
5.	Strongly Oppose	5%	7%

Now thinking about education in Texas...

6. The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the use of virtual education but not all school districts provide equal virtual education programs. Do you ROTATE agree or disagree END ROTATION that even if their assigned school district provides a virtual education option, Texas parents should be able to apply to send their student to a virtual program at another school district as long as there is capacity to accommodate an additional student.

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

	TOTAL AGREE	76%
	TOTAL DISAGREE	17%
1.	Strongly Agree	57%
2.	Somewhat Agree	19%
3.	DK/Refused DNR	7%
4.	Somewhat Disagree	4%
5.	Strongly Disagree	12%

7.   In Texas currently, cities have placed non-education related regulatory obligations on charter schools that are not placed on public schools in the same district. Do you ROTATE agree or disagree END ROTATION that a city should have this power to impose non-education related regulatory obligations on charter schools and not on public schools?

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

	TOTAL AGREE	24%
	TOTAL DISAGREE	53%
1.	Strongly Agree	13%
2.	Somewhat Agree	11%
3.	DK/Refused DNR	23%
4.	Somewhat Disagree	19%
5.	Strongly Disagree	34%

Now thinking about elections in Texas...

8.   Do you ROTATE agree or disagree END ROTATION that voters mailing in ballots should be required to include the identification number of a valid government issued ID such as a driver's license or the last four numbers of their Social Security card?

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

	TOTAL AGREE	80%
	TOTAL DISAGREE	17%
1.	Strongly Agree	69%
2.	Somewhat Agree	11%
3.	DK/Refused DNR	3%
4.	Somewhat Disagree	5%
5.	Strongly Disagree	12%

Now thinking about various local government reforms...

9. Do you ROTATE agree or disagree END ROTATION that local law makers should have to get permission from tax payers through a ballot initiative prior to borrowing money for the local government.

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

TOTAL AGREE		**79%**
TOTAL DISAGREE		**13%**
1.	Strongly Agree	58%
2.	Somewhat Agree	21%
3.	DK/Refused DNR	8%
4.	Somewhat Disagree	9%
5.	Strongly Disagree	4%

10. Many times local elections occur at different times than state and federal elections, normally resulting in lower voter turnout meaning that fewer voters are making decisions on important issues such as local tax increases. Do you ROTATE support or oppose END ROTATION requiring local bond issues to be on the November general election ballot to ensure as many voters as possible participate?

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

TOTAL SUPPORT		**80%**
TOTAL OPPOSE		**9%**
1.	Strongly Support	64%
2.	Somewhat Support	16%
3.	DK/Refused DNR	10%
4.	Somewhat Oppose	5%
5.	Strongly Oppose	4%

Now thinking about healthcare...

11. Which of the following is the most frustrating part of our healthcare system.

1.	The cost of health insurance and prescription medications	63%
2.	The ability to get care when you need it	9%
3.	The ability to see the doctor that you want or need to see	14%
4.	Other (Specify:_____) DNR	10%
5.	DK/Refused DNR	5%

Now thinking about energy...

12.   Wind and solar electricity generators in Texas are not required to produce power as needed to keep the grid reliable. Do you ROTATE agree or disagree END ROTATION that wind and solar energy producers should be required to provide a certain amount of electricity to keep the grid reliable?

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

TOTAL AGREE		**70%**
TOTAL DISAGREE		**19%**
1.	Strongly Agree	51%
2.	Somewhat Agree	19%
3.	DK/Refused DNR	11%
4.	Somewhat Disagree	8%
5.	Strongly Disagree	11%

13.   Federal and state subsidies have promoted a big increase in wind and solar power in Texas while coal and natural gas powered electricity generation has declined. But wind and solar, while cheap, don't produce electricity on demand, placing Texans at greater risk of power outages. Do you ROTATE agree or disagree END ROTATION that Texas energy consumers should accept a certain risk of power outages to have wind and solar as an increasing share of Texas's portfolio of electricity sources?

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

TOTAL AGREE		**34%**
TOTAL DISAGREE		**52%**
1.	Strongly Agree	20%
2.	Somewhat Agree	14%
3.	DK/Refused DNR	15%
4.	Somewhat Disagree	14%
5.	Strongly Disagree	38%

Now thinking about immigration…

14.   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 an immigration crisis, or just SOMEWHAT?

TOTAL AGREE		**82%**
TOTAL DISAGREE		**13%**
1.	Strongly Agree	67%
2.	Somewhat Agree	15%
3.	DK/Refused DNR	5%
4.	Somewhat Disagree	5%
5.	Strongly Disagree	8%

15.   Would you say you ROTATE approve or disapprove END ROTATION of the job President Joe Biden and his administration are doing handling the immigration issue?

      IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK:
      And, would you say you STRONGLY (approve/disapprove) or NOT-SO-STRONGLY (approve/disapprove)?

TOTAL APPROVE		**29%**
TOTAL DISAPPROVE		**56%**
1.	Strongly approve	17%
2.	Not-so-strongly approve	12%
3.	DK/Refused DNR	15%
4.	Not-so-strongly disapprove	9%
5.	Strongly disapprove	47%

Now, I have just a few more questions for demographic purposes only….

16.   Were you born in Texas or did you move to Texas from somewhere else?
IF BORN IN TEXAS CODE AS TEXAS

IF MOVE FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE ASK

Where did you move from?

SEE VERBATIM RESPONSE

And how long have you been in Texas?

1.	1-4 years	5%
2.	5-9 years	5%
3.	10-14 years	3%
4.	15 years or longer	24%
5.	Born in Texas	62%
6.	Refused DNR	1%

17.   Would you say you are a ROTATE Conservative, a Moderate, or a Liberal END ROTATION in your political beliefs?

IF CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL, ASK:
And, would you say you are VERY (conservative/liberal) or just SOMEWHAT (conservative/liberal)?

	TOTAL CONSERVATIVE	**41%**
	TOTAL LIBERAL	**16%**
1.	Very Conservative	25%
2.	Somewhat Conservative	16%
3.	Moderate	34%
4.	DK/Refused DNR	10%
5.	Somewhat Liberal	9%
6.	Very Liberal	7%

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

1.	High school or Less	33%
2.	Some College /Associates Degree	34%
3.	Bachelor's Degree	21%
4.	Post graduate	11%
5.	DK/Refused DNR	1%

19. What is your current marital status?

1.	Single, never married	32%
2.	Married	52%
3.	Separated	1%
4.	Divorced	7%
5.	Widowed	7%
6.	DK/Refused DNR	1%

20. Do you own your home or do you rent?

1.	Own home	69%
2.	DK/Refused DNR	6%
3.	Rent	25%

21. And thinking back to the presidential election in November of 2020, for whom did you vote ROTATE FIRST TWO

Donald Trump, the Republican
Joe Biden, the Democrat
...or...
Someone else

1.	Trump	43%
2.	Someone Else	4%
3.	Don't Remember/Did not Vote DNR	11%
4.	Refused DNR	3%
5.	Biden	39%

22. Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity?

1.	White	56%
2.	Hispanic, Mexican, Latino, Spanish	22%
3.	African-American	13%
4.	Asian	2%
5.	Other (specify) _____	4%
6.	Refused DNR	3%

23.   In what year were you born?   RECORD EXACT FOUR DIGIT RESPONSE; RECODE INTO CATEGORIES

1.	18-24	10%
2.	25-34	16%
3.	35-44	17%
4.	45-54	18%
5.	55-64	18%
6.	65-74	12%
7.	75 or over	8%
8.	Refused DNR	1%

24.   Sex: BY OBSERVATION

1.	Male	46%
2.	Female	54%

25.   Region: PRE-CODE

1.	Austin	9%
2.	Central Texas	5%
3.	Dallas/Fort Worth	28%
4.	East Texas	8%
5.	Houston	24%
6.	San Antonio	9%
7.	South Texas	9%
8.	West Texas	7%

26.   Media Market: PRE-CODE

1.	Abilene/Sweetwater		2%
2.	Amarillo		2%
3.	Austin		9%
4.	Beaumont		2%
5.	Corpus Christi		1%
6.	Dallas/Fort Worth		31%
7.	El Paso		3%
8.	Harlingen/McAllen		3%
9.	Houston		26%
10.	Laredo		1%
11.	Lubbock		2%
12.	Odessa/Midland		<1%
13.	San Angelo		1%
14.	San Antonio		10%
15.	Sherman/Ada		<1%
16.	Shreveport		2%
17.	Tyler/Longview		2%
18.	Victoria		<1%
19.	Waco		3%
20.	Wichita Falls		1%

27.   Vote History: PRE-CODE

1.	0 of 4	15%
2.	1 of 4	22%
3.	2 of 4	16%
4.	3 of 4	23%
5.	4 of 4	23%

28.   Population Density: PRE-CODE

1.	Urban	16%
2.	Suburban	33%
3.	Rural	35%

29.   Interview Method: PRE-CODE

1.	Cell	45%
2.	Landline	55%