

Defend Texas Liberty PAC Texas Statewide 2024 Likely Republican October Issue Poll

This survey was conducted from October 5 – October 9, 2023, through a series of online surveys delivered via SMS messages. 418 survey respondents were randomly selected from a demographically proportionate sample of likely 2024 Texas Republican primary voters. Weighted demographics include partisan affiliation, age, and gender. The survey has a $\pm 4.793\%$ margin of error with a confidence level of 95%.

INTRODUCTION

Are you registered to vote in Texas?

Yes	100%
No	END

Would you consider yourself a Republican, Independent, Democrat, or another affiliation?

Republican	78%
Independent	22%
Democrat	END
Other	END

2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

If the upcoming 2024 Republican Primary for president were held today, and the candidates were Donald Trump, Ron DeSantis, Chris Christie, Tim Scott, Nikki Haley, Mike Pence, Vivek Ramaswamy, and Doug Burgum, for whom would you vote? [RANDOMIZED]

Donald Trump	58%
Ron DeSantis	9%
Chris Christie	1%
Tim Scott	1%
Nikki Haley	11%
Mike Pence	2%
Vivek Ramaswamy	5%
Doug Burgum	0%
Undecided	13%

If the field narrowed, and the upcoming 2024 Republican Primary for president were held today, and the candidates were Donald Trump and Ron DeSantis for whom would you vote? [RANDOMIZED]

Donald Trump	59%
Ron DeSantis	24%
Undecided	17%

ELECTED OFFICIAL IMAGES

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dan Patrick?

Total Favorable	51%
Total Unfavorable	24%
Very Favorable	25%
Somewhat Favorable	26%
Somewhat Unfavorable	10%
Very Unfavorable	14%
No Opinion	22%
Never Heard of	4%

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dade Phelan?

Total Favorable	10%
Total Unfavorable	18%
Very Favorable	4%
Somewhat Favorable	6%
Somewhat Unfavorable	4%
Very Unfavorable	14%
No Opinion	28%
Never Heard of	44%

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ken Paxton?

Total Favorable	49%
Total Unfavorable	33%
Very Favorable	25%
Somewhat Favorable	24%
Somewhat Unfavorable	14%
Very Unfavorable	19%
No Opinion	15%
Never Heard of	3%

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of John Cornyn?

Total Favorable	44%
Total Unfavorable	35%
Very Favorable	16%
Somewhat Favorable	28%
Somewhat Unfavorable	17%
Very Unfavorable	18%
No Opinion	16%
Never Heard of	5%

PAXTON IMPEACHMENT

Did you know that Attorney General Ken Paxton has been acquitted of all articles of impeachment by the Texas Senate?

Yes	89%
No	11%

Do you support the decision of the Texas Senate to acquit Attorney General Ken Paxton?

Yes	56%
No	18%
Unsure	26%

If you knew your state representative voted in favor of impeaching Attorney General Ken Paxton, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for them in the upcoming 2024 Republican primary?

More likely	17%
Less likely	45%
No change	38%

Former President Donald Trump and the Republican Party of Texas have called for Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan to resign following the acquittal of Attorney General Ken Paxton. Do you believe Dade Phelan should resign?

Yes	41%
No	17%
Unsure	42%

STATE & FEDERAL ISSUES

A Texas land developer has established a sprawling settlement north of Houston where thousands of illegal immigrants are believed to have settled, raising concerns among experts and elected officials that the development could become a strategic asset for cartels.

Some Texans have said the Texas Legislature should pass a law to address the issue. Do you believe the Texas Legislature should require proof of legal status to purchase or rent land in Texas?

Yes	88%
No	8%
Unsure	5%

During the upcoming special session, do you believe Governor Greg Abbott should call for legislation that would order an audit of our voter rolls to ensure no non-citizens are registered to vote?

Yes	90%
No	7%
Unsure	3%

Do you believe that Republicans should close their primary elections to ensure that no Democrats are allowed to select the Republican nominee for any elected office?

Yes	60%
No	20%
Unsure	21%

Given that the border is wide open and the federal government is weaponized against conservatives, do you support a temporary shutdown to force President Joe Biden to accept polices that reverse his border agenda?

Yes	72%
No	17%
Unsure	11%

Currently, the Texas Secretary of State instructs county election administrators to certify elections in a timely manner, even if they have not reconciled the number of votes against the number of voters. Do you support or oppose this practice?

Support	24%
Oppose	56%
Unsure	20%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Which of the following best describes your age?

18-34	7%
35-44	10%
45-54	14%
55-64	22%
65-74	26%
75 or over	21%

Are you male or female?

Male	49%
Female	51%

How would you describe your ethnicity?

White	87%
Hispanic	6%
Black	1%
Asian	1%
Other	6%

Previous version of this poll contained a error that overreported the sum of Dade Phelan’s unfavorables

*Note: Results may not add up to 100% due to rounding

PREVIOUS POLL COMPARISON

2024 President Ballot	September Issue Poll	October Issue Poll	Change
Donald Trump	61%	58%	-3%
Ron DeSantis	10%	9%	-1%
Chris Christie	2%	1%	-1%
Tim Scott	1%	1%	0%
Nikki Haley	5%	11%	+6%
Mike Pence	5%	2%	3%
Asa Hutchinson	1%	Not polled	N/A
Vivek Ramaswamy	3%	5%	+2%
Doug Burgum	0%	0%	0%
Will Hurd	2%	Not polled	N/A
Undecided	10%	13%	+3%

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