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 ±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

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