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Sample	1,492 Registered Voters in Texas
Margin of Error	±3.4 points

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

Approve	45%
Disapprove	55%

2. Generally speaking, do you feel things in Texas today are going...

Very well	15%
Somewhat well	33%
Somewhat badly	26%
Very badly	26%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Greg Abbott is handling his job as governor?

Approve	49%
Disapprove	51%

4. As of now, do you plan to vote in the 2026 elections for U.S. Congress this November?

Definitely will vote	78%
Probably will vote	12%
Maybe will, maybe won't	6%
Probably won't vote	2%
Definitely won't vote	1%

5. If you decide not to vote, will that be more because you:
Among registered voters who are not definitely planning to vote

Don't like the choice of candidates	32%
Don't have time or interest in this year's election	17%
Both	19%
Neither	31%

6. The general election for U.S. Senate in Texas is coming up this November. If the election were held today, would you vote for:
Among likely voters, including those leaning toward Talarico or Paxton

James Talarico	51%
Ken Paxton	49%
Someone else	0%
Not sure	0%

7. What is the main reason behind your vote for James Talarico over Ken Paxton for U.S. Senate?
Among likely voters voting for or leaning toward Talarico

Mainly because I like James Talarico	48%
Mainly because James Talarico is the Democratic nominee	22%
Mainly to oppose Ken Paxton	30%

8. Which comes closest to describing you? Do you:
Among likely voters voting for or leaning toward Talarico

Usually or sometimes vote for Democrats, and will vote for Talarico	91%
Never vote for Democrats, but will this time for Talarico	9%

9. What is the main reason behind your vote for Ken Paxton over James Talarico for U.S. Senate?
Among likely voters voting for or leaning toward Paxton

Mainly because I like Ken Paxton	23%
Mainly because Ken Paxton is the Republican nominee	41%
Mainly to oppose James Talarico	36%

10. Is Donald Trump's endorsement of Ken Paxton...?
Among likely voters voting for or leaning toward Paxton

A big reason you are voting for Paxton	11%
One of many reasons you are voting for Paxton	34%
Not a reason you are voting for Paxton	55%

11. The general election for Governor of Texas is coming up this November. If the election were held today, would you vote for:
Among likely voters, including those leaning toward Hinojosa or Abbott

Gina Hinojosa	48%
Greg Abbott	52%
Someone else	0%
Not sure	0%

12. Which issue is most important in deciding your vote for U.S. Senate this year?
Among likely voters

Cost of living	56%
Immigration and the border	23%
Healthcare	12%
Taxes	9%

13. Will your vote for U.S. Senate this year be...
Among likely voters

To support Donald Trump	26%
To oppose Donald Trump	34%
Not about Donald Trump	40%

14. Do you think Donald Trump's policies have...?

Helped Texas' economy	35%
Hurt Texas' economy	48%
Not made much difference either way	17%

15. Thinking about your family finances, have higher prices for goods and services been...

A financial hardship	31%
Difficult but not a financial hardship	36%
An inconvenience, but not difficult	27%
Finances have not been affected	6%

16. How much do a candidate's positions on issues matter in your vote choice for U.S. Senate?
Among likely voters

A lot	76%
Some	21%
Not much	3%
Not at all	0%

17. How much do a candidate's personal qualities matter in your vote choice for U.S. Senate?
Among likely voters

A lot	49%
Some	38%
Not much	11%
Not at all	2%

18. Do you think Ken Paxton agrees with Donald Trump:

Too much	47%
Too little	5%
About the right amount	48%

19. In general, would you describe James Talarico's views as:

Very liberal	44%
Somewhat liberal	27%
Moderate	23%
Somewhat conservative	4%
Very conservative	2%

20. In general, would you describe Ken Paxton's views as:

Very liberal	3%
Somewhat liberal	2%
Moderate	14%
Somewhat conservative	30%
Very conservative	50%

21. Regardless of how you may vote, do you think James Talarico has the right personal character to serve as a U.S. Senator from Texas?
Among likely voters

Yes	54%
No	46%

22. Regardless of how you may vote, do you think Ken Paxton has the right personal character to serve as a U.S. Senator from Texas?
Among likely voters

Yes	41%
No	59%

23. Do you think James Talarico supports policies that make you and your family's financial situation...?

Better	43%
Worse	38%
Not make a difference either way	19%

24. Do you think Ken Paxton supports policies that make you and your family's financial situation...?

Better	33%
Worse	44%
Not make a difference either way	23%

25. Do you think James Talarico supports policies that help...?

Protect your culture and way of life	38%
Threaten your culture and way of life	42%
Not impact it either way	20%

26. Do you think Ken Paxton supports policies that help...?

Protect your culture and way of life	39%
Threaten your culture and way of life	40%
Not impact it either way	21%

27. Generally, would you favor or oppose the construction of a new data center in your area?

Favor	23%
Oppose	54%
Not sure	23%

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration's program to find and deport immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally?

Approve	54%
Disapprove	46%

29. Do you think the U.S. military conflict with Iran is making U.S. oil and gas prices...?

A lot higher	60%
A little higher	31%
No impact	7%
A little lower	1%
A lot lower	0%

30. Were you yourself contacted by someone, either by phone, text, or in person, about voting in the U.S. Senate election on behalf of either of the following campaigns?

	Yes	No
The Talarico campaign	35%	65%
The Paxton campaign	36%	64%

32. Are you glad James Talarico is the Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate, or do you wish someone else was the Democratic nominee?
Among Democrats and Independents

Glad Talarico is the Democratic nominee	61%
Wish Democratic nominee was someone else	39%

33. Are you glad Ken Paxton is the Republican nominee for U.S. Senate, or do you wish someone else was the Republican nominee?
Among Republicans and Independents

Glad Paxton is the Republican nominee	46%
Wish Republican nominee was someone else	54%

* Questions held for future release.

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1. Trump Job Approval (2 Categories)
Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	45%	50%	40%	38%	40%	45%	52%	4%	31%	85%
Disapprove	55%	50%	60%	62%	60%	55%	48%	96%	69%	15%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,487)	(678)	(809)	(231)	(369)	(498)	(389)	(416)	(417)	(606)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	45%	3%	27%	88%	56%	20%	34%	63%	48%
Disapprove	55%	97%	73%	12%	44%	80%	66%	37%	52%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,487)	(420)	(435)	(596)	(844)	(203)	(313)	(458)	(386)

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2. Things in Texas
Generally speaking, do you feel things in Texas today are going...

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very well	15%	18%	13%	18%	10%	13%	21%	1%	8%	31%
Somewhat well	33%	37%	30%	28%	33%	33%	35%	7%	30%	53%
Somewhat badly	26%	23%	28%	32%	29%	25%	21%	37%	33%	12%
Very badly	26%	22%	29%	22%	28%	29%	23%	55%	29%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,491)	(682)	(809)	(232)	(369)	(498)	(393)	(415)	(420)	(607)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very well	15%	0%	8%	32%	17%	8%	14%	17%	17%
Somewhat well	33%	8%	27%	54%	43%	20%	19%	45%	40%
Somewhat badly	26%	40%	29%	12%	21%	32%	33%	21%	22%
Very badly	26%	52%	36%	2%	19%	40%	34%	17%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,491)	(419)	(439)	(597)	(845)	(203)	(317)	(458)	(387)

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3. Abbott Job Approval (2 Categories)
Do you approve or disapprove of the way Greg Abbott is handling his job as governor?

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	49%	55%	44%	43%	44%	49%	59%	5%	38%	88%
Disapprove	51%	45%	56%	57%	56%	51%	41%	95%	62%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,489)	(683)	(807)	(230)	(368)	(498)	(393)	(414)	(420)	(606)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	49%	6%	32%	92%	61%	23%	37%	66%	55%
Disapprove	51%	94%	68%	8%	39%	77%	63%	34%	45%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,489)	(418)	(439)	(596)	(843)	(203)	(317)	(458)	(385)

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4. Midterm Likely Voter

As of now, do you plan to vote in the 2026 elections for U.S. Congress this November?

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Definitely will vote	78%	79%	77%	58%	69%	83%	91%	87%	67%	82%
Probably will vote	12%	13%	11%	24%	15%	10%	6%	9%	16%	11%
Maybe will, maybe won't	6%	5%	8%	16%	9%	4%	1%	1%	13%	4%
Probably won't vote	2%	1%	3%	1%	4%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%
Definitely won't vote	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,490)	(683)	(807)	(230)	(369)	(498)	(393)	(416)	(418)	(607)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Definitely will vote	78%	87%	77%	76%	80%	79%	70%	77%	83%
Probably will vote	12%	8%	9%	17%	12%	10%	17%	12%	12%
Maybe will, maybe won't	6%	3%	8%	5%	5%	8%	10%	6%	4%
Probably won't vote	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	4%	0%
Definitely won't vote	1%	0%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,490)	(420)	(437)	(597)	(845)	(203)	(315)	(458)	(387)

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5. Why Not Definitely Voting

If you decide not to vote, will that be more because you:

Among registered voters who are not definitely planning to vote

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Don't like the choice of candidates	32%	31%	33%	*	36%	36%	*	*	34%	28%
Don't have time or interest in this year's election	17%	13%	21%	*	16%	18%	*	*	16%	14%
Both	19%	25%	15%	*	24%	8%	*	*	24%	15%
Neither	31%	31%	31%	*	23%	37%	*	*	26%	42%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	*	99%	99%	*	*	100%	99%
Weighted N	(328)	(141)	(187)	(95)	(116)	(82)	(35)	(53)	(136)	(111)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Don't like the choice of candidates	32%	*	38%	28%	37%	*	30%	27%	*
Don't have time or interest in this year's election	17%	*	15%	12%	17%	*	21%	18%	*
Both	19%	*	22%	19%	17%	*	22%	24%	*
Neither	31%	*	24%	41%	29%	*	27%	31%	*
Totals	99%	*	99%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	*
Weighted N	(328)	(56)	(101)	(144)	(168)	(42)	(95)	(103)	(64)

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6. Senate Vote with Leaners

The general election for U.S. Senate in Texas is coming up this November. If the election were held today, would you vote for:

Among likely voters, including those leaning toward Talarico or Paxton

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
James Talarico	51%	45%	56%	60%	57%	50%	41%	98%	65%	8%
Ken Paxton	49%	55%	44%	39%	43%	49%	59%	2%	35%	92%
Someone else	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Not sure	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,458)	(714)	(744)	(172)	(324)	(556)	(406)	(414)	(393)	(610)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
James Talarico	51%	99%	65%	5%	38%	83%	60%	33%	44%
Ken Paxton	49%	1%	35%	95%	62%	17%	39%	67%	56%
Someone else	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Not sure	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,458)	(421)	(426)	(586)	(842)	(201)	(291)	(449)	(393)

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7. Main Reason Behind Vote for Talarico

What is the main reason behind your vote for James Talarico over Ken Paxton for U.S. Senate?

Among likely voters voting for or leaning toward Talarico

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Mainly because I like James Talarico	48%	43%	52%	*	52%	45%	53%	56%	43%	*
Mainly because James Talarico is the Democratic nominee	22%	18%	25%	*	22%	19%	20%	24%	20%	*
Mainly to oppose Ken Paxton	30%	38%	23%	*	26%	36%	27%	20%	37%	*
Totals	100%	99%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Weighted N	(737)	(323)	(413)	(104)	(185)	(280)	(168)	(405)	(254)	(47)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Mainly because I like James Talarico	48%	52%	46%	*	48%	42%	51%	48%	49%
Mainly because James Talarico is the Democratic nominee	22%	32%	8%	*	18%	28%	25%	13%	21%
Mainly to oppose Ken Paxton	30%	16%	46%	*	34%	30%	24%	39%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(737)	(417)	(277)	(31)	(320)	(167)	(175)	(147)	(173)

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8. Usually Vote for Democrats or Talarico Different

Which comes closest to describing you? Do you:

Among likely voters voting for or leaning toward Talarico

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Usually or sometimes vote for Democrats, and will vote for Talarico	91%	90%	92%	*	92%	89%	94%	98%	86%	*
Never vote for Democrats, but will this time for Talarico	9%	10%	8%	*	8%	11%	6%	2%	14%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Weighted N	(733)	(321)	(413)	(104)	(183)	(279)	(167)	(403)	(254)	(47)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Usually or sometimes vote for Democrats, and will vote for Talarico	91%	99%	87%	*	88%	98%	92%	83%	92%
Never vote for Democrats, but will this time for Talarico	9%	1%	13%	*	12%	2%	8%	17%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(733)	(415)	(276)	(31)	(317)	(167)	(175)	(145)	(173)

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9. Main Reason Behind Vote for Paxton

What is the main reason behind your vote for Ken Paxton over James Talarico for U.S. Senate?

Among likely voters voting for or leaning toward Paxton

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Mainly because I like Ken Paxton	23%	22%	24%	*	21%	21%	21%	*	20%	23%
Mainly because Ken Paxton is the Republican nominee	41%	38%	44%	*	57%	38%	33%	*	36%	42%
Mainly to oppose James Talarico	36%	40%	32%	*	22%	41%	46%	*	44%	35%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%
Weighted N	(716)	(389)	(326)	(68)	(139)	(272)	(238)	(9)	(137)	(562)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Mainly because I like Ken Paxton	23%	*	18%	23%	19%	*	34%	24%	13%
Mainly because Ken Paxton is the Republican nominee	41%	*	18%	47%	39%	*	48%	36%	43%
Mainly to oppose James Talarico	36%	*	64%	30%	42%	*	18%	40%	44%
Totals	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(716)	(4)	(145)	(554)	(519)	(34)	(112)	(299)	(220)

10. Effect of Trump Endorsement of Paxton

Is Donald Trump's endorsement of Ken Paxton...?

Among likely voters voting for or leaning toward Paxton

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A big reason you are voting for Paxton	11%	13%	8%	*	21%	7%	3%	*	8%	11%
One of many reasons you are voting for Paxton	34%	33%	35%	*	33%	31%	41%	*	29%	35%
Not a reason you are voting for Paxton	55%	54%	57%	*	46%	62%	56%	*	63%	54%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%
Weighted N	(718)	(390)	(328)	(68)	(139)	(273)	(238)	(9)	(138)	(562)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
A big reason you are voting for Paxton	11%	*	4%	13%	7%	*	24%	8%	7%
One of many reasons you are voting for Paxton	34%	*	28%	36%	31%	*	36%	33%	29%
Not a reason you are voting for Paxton	55%	*	68%	51%	62%	*	40%	59%	64%
Totals	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(718)	(4)	(147)	(554)	(521)	(34)	(113)	(300)	(220)

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11. Governor Vote with Leaners

The general election for Governor of Texas is coming up this November. If the election were held today, would you vote for:

Among likely voters, including those leaning toward Hinojosa or Abbott

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Gina Hinojosa	48%	44%	52%	56%	56%	48%	39%	98%	60%	6%
Greg Abbott	52%	56%	47%	43%	43%	52%	61%	2%	40%	94%
Someone else	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Not sure	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,460)	(715)	(745)	(174)	(324)	(556)	(406)	(414)	(393)	(612)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Gina Hinojosa	48%	98%	63%	3%	35%	79%	61%	30%	41%
Greg Abbott	52%	2%	37%	97%	65%	21%	38%	70%	59%
Someone else	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Not sure	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,460)	(421)	(426)	(587)	(842)	(201)	(292)	(449)	(393)

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12. Most Important Issue in Deciding Senate Vote

Which issue is most important in deciding your vote for U.S. Senate this year?

Among likely voters

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Cost of living	56%	53%	58%	70%	62%	54%	47%	69%	67%	39%
Immigration and the border	23%	25%	22%	13%	15%	27%	29%	5%	17%	40%
Healthcare	12%	12%	12%	7%	18%	11%	12%	25%	8%	6%
Taxes	9%	10%	8%	10%	5%	8%	12%	1%	7%	15%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,453)	(710)	(744)	(174)	(324)	(551)	(404)	(413)	(392)	(607)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Cost of living	56%	74%	58%	41%	47%	74%	69%	48%	46%
Immigration and the border	23%	7%	19%	38%	31%	10%	13%	31%	31%
Healthcare	12%	19%	14%	6%	11%	15%	11%	10%	13%
Taxes	9%	0%	8%	15%	11%	1%	6%	11%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,453)	(421)	(419)	(587)	(837)	(201)	(292)	(449)	(388)

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13. Trump Impact on Senate Vote

Will your vote for U.S. Senate this year be...

Among likely voters

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
To support Donald Trump	26%	28%	23%	30%	26%	24%	26%	2%	14%	49%
To oppose Donald Trump	34%	32%	37%	48%	42%	32%	26%	71%	42%	5%
Not about Donald Trump	40%	39%	40%	22%	32%	44%	48%	27%	43%	46%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,460)	(715)	(744)	(174)	(324)	(556)	(406)	(413)	(393)	(612)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
To support Donald Trump	26%	2%	11%	54%	28%	13%	27%	33%	23%
To oppose Donald Trump	34%	72%	43%	2%	27%	54%	42%	23%	32%
Not about Donald Trump	40%	26%	46%	44%	45%	33%	31%	44%	45%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,460)	(421)	(426)	(587)	(842)	(201)	(292)	(449)	(393)

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14. Trump Policy Impact on Texas Economy
Do you think Donald Trump's policies have...?

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Helped Texas' economy	35%	40%	30%	34%	28%	37%	38%	4%	20%	68%
Hurt Texas' economy	48%	44%	52%	51%	53%	48%	42%	92%	56%	10%
Not made much difference either way	17%	16%	18%	15%	19%	15%	20%	4%	24%	22%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,488)	(681)	(807)	(229)	(369)	(497)	(393)	(416)	(418)	(606)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Helped Texas' economy	35%	2%	20%	69%	41%	18%	27%	45%	37%
Hurt Texas' economy	48%	94%	59%	9%	39%	72%	54%	33%	47%
Not made much difference either way	17%	4%	21%	22%	19%	10%	19%	22%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,488)	(419)	(439)	(596)	(845)	(201)	(317)	(458)	(387)

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15. Family Finances and Prices

Thinking about your family finances, have higher prices for goods and services been...

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A financial hardship	31%	24%	36%	24%	35%	34%	25%	42%	36%	17%
Difficult but not a financial hardship	36%	36%	36%	38%	37%	34%	36%	36%	36%	37%
An inconvenience, but not difficult	27%	34%	21%	28%	25%	25%	31%	20%	21%	37%
Finances have not been affected	6%	6%	7%	10%	3%	7%	7%	2%	7%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,491)	(682)	(809)	(232)	(368)	(498)	(393)	(415)	(420)	(606)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
A financial hardship	31%	45%	34%	17%	25%	39%	39%	29%	20%
Difficult but not a financial hardship	36%	37%	31%	39%	38%	29%	35%	36%	40%
An inconvenience, but not difficult	27%	15%	28%	35%	31%	25%	19%	29%	34%
Finances have not been affected	6%	2%	7%	9%	6%	6%	7%	5%	6%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,491)	(419)	(439)	(597)	(845)	(203)	(317)	(458)	(387)

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16. Candidate's Positions on Issues Matter

How much do a candidate's positions on issues matter in your vote choice for U.S. Senate?

Among likely voters

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A lot	76%	77%	76%	63%	68%	81%	82%	87%	63%	78%
Some	21%	21%	20%	30%	28%	17%	14%	11%	31%	19%
Not much	3%	2%	3%	6%	3%	2%	3%	1%	5%	2%
Not at all	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,459)	(714)	(744)	(174)	(324)	(555)	(406)	(414)	(393)	(611)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
A lot	76%	81%	79%	72%	78%	73%	76%	78%	77%
Some	21%	18%	17%	25%	20%	23%	19%	17%	22%
Not much	3%	1%	3%	3%	2%	3%	5%	4%	1%
Not at all	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,459)	(421)	(425)	(587)	(841)	(201)	(292)	(449)	(392)

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17. Candidate's Personal Qualities Matter

How much do a candidate's personal qualities matter in your vote choice for U.S. Senate?

Among likely voters

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A lot	49%	46%	53%	45%	46%	51%	51%	65%	50%	38%
Some	38%	41%	36%	36%	40%	39%	37%	31%	40%	44%
Not much	11%	11%	10%	15%	11%	9%	11%	4%	9%	16%
Not at all	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,458)	(714)	(744)	(174)	(323)	(556)	(405)	(414)	(392)	(611)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
A lot	49%	65%	52%	37%	43%	66%	55%	45%	41%
Some	38%	31%	35%	46%	44%	23%	33%	40%	47%
Not much	11%	4%	12%	14%	12%	8%	10%	12%	11%
Not at all	2%	0%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%
Weighted N	(1,458)	(421)	(426)	(585)	(841)	(201)	(291)	(448)	(393)

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18. How Much Does Paxton Agree with Trump
Do you think Ken Paxton agrees with Donald Trump:

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Too much	47%	44%	49%	46%	56%	45%	40%	85%	55%	14%
Too little	5%	5%	4%	11%	5%	4%	3%	3%	6%	5%
About the right amount	48%	50%	47%	43%	39%	51%	57%	12%	39%	81%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,481)	(677)	(804)	(228)	(368)	(493)	(391)	(414)	(418)	(600)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Too much	47%	87%	56%	13%	39%	64%	54%	33%	45%
Too little	5%	3%	4%	6%	3%	3%	9%	5%	2%
About the right amount	48%	10%	40%	81%	58%	33%	37%	62%	53%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,481)	(418)	(433)	(593)	(837)	(203)	(315)	(456)	(381)

19. Talarico Ideology

In general, would you describe James Talarico's views as:

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very liberal	44%	48%	41%	18%	36%	52%	57%	19%	25%	77%
Somewhat liberal	27%	27%	27%	45%	31%	21%	19%	54%	27%	9%
Moderate	23%	19%	25%	25%	25%	22%	20%	24%	42%	5%
Somewhat conservative	4%	4%	4%	6%	4%	3%	3%	2%	4%	6%
Very conservative	2%	2%	2%	6%	4%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,485)	(682)	(803)	(231)	(368)	(493)	(393)	(415)	(419)	(602)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very liberal	44%	18%	38%	69%	57%	22%	27%	61%	52%
Somewhat liberal	27%	45%	32%	11%	24%	30%	31%	21%	28%
Moderate	23%	32%	26%	12%	17%	35%	29%	16%	18%
Somewhat conservative	4%	4%	3%	5%	2%	9%	7%	1%	2%
Very conservative	2%	1%	1%	3%	0%	4%	6%	1%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,485)	(419)	(436)	(594)	(841)	(203)	(317)	(457)	(384)

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20. Paxton Ideology
In general, would you describe Ken Paxton's views as:

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very liberal	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%	3%
Somewhat liberal	2%	1%	3%	3%	4%	2%	1%	1%	4%	1%
Moderate	14%	12%	17%	19%	18%	11%	12%	4%	26%	13%
Somewhat conservative	30%	31%	29%	25%	19%	34%	37%	15%	22%	46%
Very conservative	50%	53%	47%	52%	56%	49%	46%	78%	44%	37%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,486)	(682)	(804)	(232)	(368)	(494)	(392)	(413)	(420)	(605)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very liberal	3%	8%	1%	2%	2%	10%	4%	2%	1%
Somewhat liberal	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	5%	3%	1%	1%
Moderate	14%	8%	14%	17%	13%	18%	15%	16%	10%
Somewhat conservative	30%	13%	28%	43%	38%	15%	20%	40%	35%
Very conservative	50%	67%	55%	36%	46%	51%	58%	41%	53%
Totals	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,486)	(417)	(439)	(595)	(843)	(201)	(316)	(458)	(385)

21. Right Personal Character - Talarico

Regardless of how you may vote, do you think James Talarico has the right personal character to serve as a U.S. Senator from Texas?

Among likely voters

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	54%	49%	58%	73%	64%	52%	41%	98%	66%	16%
No	46%	51%	42%	27%	36%	48%	59%	2%	34%	84%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,458)	(715)	(744)	(174)	(324)	(555)	(406)	(414)	(392)	(612)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes	54%	97%	63%	16%	41%	83%	68%	35%	47%
No	46%	3%	37%	84%	59%	17%	32%	65%	53%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,458)	(421)	(426)	(586)	(841)	(201)	(292)	(448)	(393)

22. Right Personal Character - Paxton

Regardless of how you may vote, do you think Ken Paxton has the right personal character to serve as a U.S. Senator from Texas?

Among likely voters

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	41%	44%	38%	38%	39%	38%	48%	3%	30%	75%
No	59%	56%	62%	62%	61%	62%	52%	97%	70%	25%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,456)	(715)	(741)	(174)	(324)	(556)	(403)	(413)	(393)	(609)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes	41%	5%	24%	79%	47%	18%	37%	54%	40%
No	59%	95%	76%	21%	53%	82%	63%	46%	60%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,456)	(421)	(424)	(586)	(840)	(201)	(292)	(448)	(393)

23. Support for Policies That Affect Family Financial Situation - Talarico

Do you think James Talarico supports policies that make you and your family's financial situation...?

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Better	43%	40%	47%	55%	47%	41%	36%	91%	45%	9%
Worse	38%	44%	32%	18%	24%	46%	52%	3%	22%	75%
Not make a difference either way	19%	16%	21%	27%	29%	13%	12%	6%	33%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,486)	(681)	(805)	(230)	(368)	(495)	(393)	(415)	(420)	(603)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Better	43%	90%	47%	10%	32%	63%	57%	28%	37%
Worse	38%	3%	32%	68%	51%	10%	22%	55%	46%
Not make a difference either way	19%	7%	21%	22%	17%	27%	21%	17%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,486)	(420)	(439)	(593)	(843)	(203)	(314)	(458)	(385)

24. Support for Policies That Affect Family Financial Situation - Paxton

Do you think Ken Paxton supports policies that make you and your family's financial situation...?

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Better	33%	38%	28%	32%	29%	33%	36%	5%	18%	64%
Worse	44%	39%	49%	43%	48%	47%	38%	90%	51%	8%
Not make a difference either way	23%	23%	23%	25%	23%	19%	26%	5%	31%	28%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,486)	(681)	(805)	(231)	(367)	(495)	(393)	(416)	(420)	(603)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Better	33%	3%	19%	66%	41%	12%	26%	42%	40%
Worse	44%	90%	55%	6%	34%	71%	54%	31%	36%
Not make a difference either way	23%	7%	26%	28%	25%	17%	19%	27%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,486)	(420)	(439)	(593)	(843)	(203)	(315)	(458)	(384)

25. Protect or Threaten Your Culture and Way of Life - Talarico
Do you think James Talarico supports policies that help...?

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Protect your culture and way of life	38%	34%	42%	50%	41%	36%	32%	80%	40%	9%
Threaten your culture and way of life	42%	46%	38%	21%	32%	49%	55%	2%	27%	82%
Not impact it either way	20%	19%	20%	29%	27%	15%	13%	18%	33%	9%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,485)	(681)	(803)	(229)	(368)	(495)	(393)	(415)	(420)	(603)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Protect your culture and way of life	38%	83%	37%	10%	27%	63%	52%	24%	30%
Threaten your culture and way of life	42%	3%	32%	78%	54%	13%	28%	59%	49%
Not impact it either way	20%	14%	31%	12%	19%	24%	20%	17%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,485)	(420)	(439)	(592)	(842)	(203)	(314)	(457)	(385)

26. Protect or Threaten Your Culture and Way of Life - Paxton
Do you think Ken Paxton supports policies that help...?

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Protect your culture and way of life	39%	44%	34%	34%	35%	36%	47%	4%	24%	75%
Threaten your culture and way of life	40%	35%	44%	37%	41%	44%	36%	86%	41%	7%
Not impact it either way	21%	21%	22%	29%	23%	19%	17%	10%	34%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,484)	(681)	(803)	(228)	(367)	(495)	(393)	(413)	(420)	(603)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Protect your culture and way of life	39%	4%	19%	79%	47%	20%	30%	49%	45%
Threaten your culture and way of life	40%	85%	48%	4%	31%	63%	48%	28%	34%
Not impact it either way	21%	10%	33%	17%	22%	17%	22%	23%	21%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,484)	(418)	(439)	(593)	(841)	(203)	(314)	(458)	(383)

27. Favor or Oppose Construction of Data Center in Your Area

Generally, would you favor or oppose the construction of a new data center in your area?

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	23%	31%	16%	34%	22%	18%	22%	7%	21%	36%
Oppose	54%	49%	58%	46%	59%	56%	52%	80%	57%	34%
Not sure	23%	20%	26%	20%	19%	26%	26%	13%	22%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,488)	(681)	(807)	(231)	(368)	(497)	(392)	(415)	(420)	(604)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Favor	23%	7%	14%	39%	22%	19%	26%	21%	23%
Oppose	54%	78%	64%	31%	53%	53%	55%	54%	53%
Not sure	23%	15%	22%	29%	25%	28%	19%	25%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,488)	(419)	(439)	(596)	(844)	(203)	(315)	(458)	(386)

28. Trump Deportation Program Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration's program to find and deport immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally?

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	54%	60%	49%	41%	47%	58%	63%	10%	46%	92%
Disapprove	46%	40%	51%	59%	53%	42%	37%	90%	54%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,475)	(675)	(799)	(230)	(365)	(491)	(389)	(416)	(414)	(597)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	54%	10%	43%	94%	65%	32%	41%	69%	61%
Disapprove	46%	90%	57%	6%	35%	68%	59%	31%	39%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,475)	(420)	(433)	(589)	(842)	(201)	(309)	(457)	(385)

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29. U.S. Military Conflict with Iran Making Oil and Gas Prices Higher or Lower

Do you think the U.S. military conflict with Iran is making U.S. oil and gas prices...?

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A lot higher	60%	58%	63%	49%	61%	63%	63%	91%	66%	36%
A little higher	31%	33%	29%	33%	30%	32%	31%	7%	25%	53%
No impact	7%	8%	6%	15%	7%	4%	5%	1%	9%	9%
A little lower	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%
A lot lower	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,486)	(681)	(805)	(228)	(368)	(497)	(393)	(414)	(420)	(604)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
A lot higher	60%	88%	69%	35%	55%	73%	65%	53%	56%
A little higher	31%	9%	24%	51%	37%	19%	24%	37%	38%
No impact	7%	1%	6%	11%	7%	6%	10%	8%	5%
A little lower	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
A lot lower	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Totals	99%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,486)	(418)	(439)	(595)	(843)	(203)	(314)	(458)	(385)

30A. Contacted By a Senate Campaign — The Talarico campaign

Were you yourself contacted by someone, either by phone, text, or in person, about voting in the U.S. Senate election on behalf of either of the following campaigns?

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	35%	33%	37%	18%	37%	41%	37%	45%	35%	29%
No	65%	67%	63%	82%	63%	59%	63%	55%	65%	71%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,473)	(672)	(801)	(231)	(368)	(493)	(382)	(416)	(417)	(593)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes	35%	48%	34%	27%	34%	42%	31%	30%	40%
No	65%	52%	66%	73%	66%	58%	69%	70%	60%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,473)	(420)	(434)	(586)	(838)	(197)	(314)	(452)	(387)

30B. Contacted By a Senate Campaign — The Paxton campaign

Were you yourself contacted by someone, either by phone, text, or in person, about voting in the U.S. Senate election on behalf of either of the following campaigns?

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	36%	38%	33%	27%	35%	36%	40%	24%	35%	46%
No	64%	62%	67%	73%	65%	64%	60%	76%	65%	54%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,477)	(678)	(799)	(231)	(366)	(494)	(386)	(413)	(417)	(600)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes	36%	22%	34%	46%	39%	24%	35%	39%	40%
No	64%	78%	66%	54%	61%	76%	65%	61%	60%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,477)	(416)	(438)	(590)	(835)	(202)	(315)	(453)	(382)

32. Satisfaction with Talarico as Democratic Nominee

Are you glad James Talarico is the Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate, or do you wish someone else was the Democratic nominee?

Among Democrats and Independents

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Glad Talarico is the Democratic nominee	61%	58%	63%	*	67%	56%	50%	76%	57%	28%
Wish Democratic nominee was someone else	39%	42%	37%	*	33%	44%	50%	24%	43%	72%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(824)	(362)	(462)	(131)	(222)	(286)	(185)	(376)	(307)	(105)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Glad Talarico is the Democratic nominee	61%	69%	53%	*	61%	48%	72%	60%	62%
Wish Democratic nominee was someone else	39%	31%	47%	*	39%	52%	28%	40%	38%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(824)	(382)	(413)	(0)	(397)	(153)	(187)	(185)	(212)

33. Satisfaction with Paxton as Republican Nominee

Are you glad Ken Paxton is the Republican nominee for U.S. Senate, or do you wish someone else was the Republican nominee?

Among Republicans and Independents

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Glad Paxton is the Republican nominee	46%	48%	45%	62%	45%	40%	46%	35%	36%	56%
Wish Republican nominee was someone else	54%	52%	55%	38%	55%	60%	54%	65%	64%	44%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,059)	(526)	(533)	(163)	(266)	(352)	(279)	(129)	(316)	(579)

		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Glad Paxton is the Republican nominee	46%	*	27%	60%	43%	*	56%	46%	40%
Wish Republican nominee was someone else	54%	*	73%	40%	57%	*	44%	54%	60%
Totals	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,059)	(0)	(434)	(597)	(686)	(92)	(199)	(380)	(306)

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

The CBS News/YouGov survey of 1,492 registered voters in Texas was conducted between October 8–16, 2026.

This sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, and education based on the U.S. Census American Community Survey, and the U.S. Census Current Population Survey, as well as 2024 presidential vote. "Likely voters" – respondents' relative probabilities of voting – were determined using a model that incorporates current, self-reported intentions to vote, along with individual-level and aggregate data about voters, such as demographics and vote history. Respondents were selected to be representative of registered voters in Texas. Of the 1,492 respondents, 1,479 were selected from YouGov's online panel and 13 were selected from other online panels. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. The weights range from 0.1 to 5.6, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.9.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the entire sample is approximately $\pm$3.4 points. It is calculated using the formula

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + \mathsf{CV}^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and n is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.