

Manhattan Institute Texas Poll

Fieldwork dates: 25th – 27th June 2024

Method: Live landline call (18%), live cell call (32%), SMS-to-Web (50%)

Sample size: 600 likely voters in Texas

MoE: 4.0%



Question	Count	Percentage
Q1. Thinking about your political beliefs overall, how would you describe yourself?		
Very conservative	116	19
Somewhat conservative	151	25
Moderate	179	30
Somewhat liberal	73	12
Very liberal	52	9
Not sure	28	5

Q2_1. Joe Biden - For each, please indicate if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression

Very favorable	99	17
Somewhat favorable	102	17
Somewhat unfavorable	50	8
Very unfavorable	328	55

Question	Count	Percentage
Not sure	21	4

Q2_2. Donald Trump- For each, please indicate if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression

Very favorable	230	38
Somewhat favorable	62	10
Somewhat unfavorable	21	4
Very unfavorable	267	44
Not sure	20	3

Q2_3. Ted Cruz- For each, please indicate if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression

Very favorable	168	28
Somewhat favorable	87	14
Somewhat unfavorable	49	8
Very unfavorable	261	43
Not sure	35	6

Question	Count	Percentage
Q2_4. Collin Allred- For each, please indicate if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression		
Very favorable	92	15
Somewhat favorable	110	18
Somewhat unfavorable	32	5
Very unfavorable	99	16
Not sure	267	45

Q2_5. Greg Abbott- For each, please indicate if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression		
Very favorable	180	30
Somewhat favorable	111	19
Somewhat unfavorable	45	7
Very unfavorable	235	39
Not sure	30	5

Q2_6. Ken Paxton- For each, please indicate if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression		
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Question	Count	Percentage
Very favorable	103	17
Somewhat favorable	89	15
Somewhat unfavorable	42	7
Very unfavorable	237	40
Not sure	128	21

Q3. On November 8th, 2022, there was a congressional election in your district. Did you vote in that election?

Yes, definitely	369	61
Yes, I think so	91	15
No, I don't think so	67	11
No, definitely	74	12

Q4. On November 8th, 2022, there was a congressional election in your district. Which party's candidate did you vote for?

Republican	261	44
Democrat	204	34
Third Party	18	3
Not Sure	117	20

Question	Count	Percentage
Q5. If the general election for President were held today, who would you vote for?		
Republican Donald Trump	272	45
Democrat Joe Biden	214	36
Independent Cornel West	5	1
Green party candidate Jill Stein	2	0
Libertarian Chase Oliver	6	1
Independent Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	45	7
Someone else	13	2
Not sure	43	7
Will not vote	0	0
Q6. If the general election for President were held today and you had to choose between Joe Biden and Donald Trump, who would you vote for?		
Democrat Joe Biden	248	41
Republican Donald Trump	314	52
Not sure	38	6

Question	Count	Percentage
Q7. If the general election for US Senate were held today, who would you vote for?		
Republican Ted Cruz	276	46
Democrat Collin Allred	255	43
Someone else	18	3
Not sure	45	7
Will not vote	6	1

Q8. Do you believe that transgender athletes should play on sports teams of the gender that matches their sex at birth or the gender they currently choose to identify with?

Gender that matches sex at birth	440	73
Gender they currently identify with	77	13
Not sure	84	14

Q9. Do you believe that transgender people convicted of crimes should be incarcerated in prisons with people of the gender that matches their sex at birth or the gender they currently choose to identify with?

Gender that matches sex at birth	350	58
Gender they currently identify with	153	25
Not sure	97	16

Question	Count	Percentage
Q10. Should schools be required or not required to inform parents if their child requests to use different gender pronouns while at school?		
Should be required	403	67
Should not be required	138	23
Not sure	59	10
Q11. When it comes to children who say they are transgender, which of the following comes closest to your view?		
Children who identify as transgender should be allowed to receive medical treatments to move toward transitioning before the age of 18	94	16
Children who identify as transgender should not be allowed to receive medical treatments to move toward transitioning before the age of 18	414	69
Not sure	92	15
Q12. Should lawmakers around the country be doing more or less to prevent minors under the age of 18 from receiving medical treatments to move toward transitioning genders?		
Lawmakers around the country should be doing more to prevent minors from transitioning	306	51
Lawmakers around the country should be doing less to prevent minors from transitioning	160	27
Lawmakers around the country should continue doing the same amount to prevent minors from transitioning	40	7
Not sure	94	16

Question	Count	Percentage
Q13. Should lawmakers in Texas be doing more or less to prevent minors under the age of 18 from receiving medical treatments to move toward transitioning genders?		
Lawmakers in Texas should be doing more to prevent minors from transitioning	314	52
Lawmakers in Texas should be doing less to prevent minors from transitioning	175	29
Lawmakers in Texas should continue doing the same amount to prevent minors from transitioning	28	5
Not sure	83	14

Q14. Puberty blocker medications suppress sex hormones such as testosterone and estrogen, delaying the physical changes that occur during puberty. Which of the following comes closest to your view on these puberty blocking treatments?

Minors under the age of 18 are old enough to consent to puberty blocking treatments. Adults should trust that children can decide what gender they identify with for themselves	62	10
Minors under the age of 18 are not old enough to consent to puberty blocking treatments. Adults should play a role in the decision-making process before children begin using puberty blockers	457	76
Not sure	80	13

Q15. Gender affirmation surgery refers to procedures that help people transition their gender. Gender-affirming surgeries may include facial reconstructive surgery to make facial features more masculine or feminine, top surgery that removes or augments breast tissue, or bottom surgery that transforms genitalia. Which of the following comes closest to your view on these procedures?

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Minors under the age of 18 are old enough to consent to these procedures. Adults should trust that children can decide what gender they identify with for themselves	45	7
Minors under the age of 18 are not old enough to consent to these procedures. Adults should play a role in the decision-making process before children undergo gender affirmation surgery	491	82
Not sure	64	11

Q16. A growing number of policymakers are passing laws aimed at limiting access to puberty blockers and transition surgeries for children, requiring that parents be notified if their child wishes to identify as trans in school, and limiting what public primary schools can teach about transgenderism. Do you believe these lawmakers are...?

Motivated primarily by anti-trans bigotry	192	32
Motivated primarily by a desire to protect children	320	53
Not sure	88	15

Q17. At what age do you believe a person is old enough to decide to transition genders?

Younger than 11	7	1
11	2	0
13	12	2
16	46	8

Question	Count	Percentage
18	170	28
21 or older	245	41
Never	65	11
Not sure	53	9

Q18. The Texas Attorney General has released a formal opinion concluding that performing certain “sex-change” procedures on children, and prescribing puberty-blockers to them, is “child abuse” under Texas law. Do you support or oppose this opinion?

Strongly support	277	46
Somewhat support	56	9
Somewhat oppose	49	8
Strongly oppose	160	27
Not sure	57	9

Q19. Are you more or less likely to support a candidate for public office who has acted against doctors and hospitals that perform “gender transition” or “sex-change” procedures on minors?

More likely to support	266	44
Less likely to support	214	36
Neither more or less likely to support	76	13

Question	Count	Percentage
Not sure	44	7

Q20. In Texas, Medicaid cannot be used to cover “gender transition” or “sex-change” procedures on adults in most cases. With this in mind, which of the following comes closest to your view?

Doctors who unlawfully bill “gender transition” or “sex-change” procedures on adults to the state Medicaid program should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law	315	52
Prosecuting doctors who bill “gender transition” or “sex-change” procedures on adults to the state Medicaid program is a step too far, even if they technically violated the law	181	30
Not sure	104	17

S1. In November 2024, Texas will hold elections for President, US Senate, and local offices. How likely would you say you are to vote in these elections?

Definitely voting	546	91
Probably voting	23	4
I might or might not vote	25	4
Probably not voting	6	1
Definitely not voting	0	0
Unsure	0	0

Question	Count	Percentage
S2. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a...		
Republican	247	41
Independent	131	22
Democrat	167	28
Other	34	6
Unsure	21	3

Age

18-29	84	14
30-44	156	26
45-64	216	36
65+	144	24

D3. Do you consider the area where you live to be more rural, suburban, or urban?

Rural	142	24
Suburban	348	58
Urban	111	18

Question	Count	Percentage
Gender		
Male	300	50
Female	300	50
Race		
White	354	59
Hispanic	150	25
Black	67	11
Other	30	5
Education		
Non-graduate	366	61
Graduate	234	39
2020 Vote		
Donald Trump	270	45

Question	Count	Percentage
Joe Biden	234	39
Someone else	24	4
Did not vote	72	12
