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**TEXAS VOTERS SAY YES TO THE GUARD, NO TO THE WALL,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
VOTERS BACK LEGAL MARIJUANA ALMOST 2-1**

Texas voters support 60 – 37 percent using the National Guard to patrol the border with Mexico, according to a Quinnipiac University Poll released today. Hispanic voters are divided 51 – 48 percent on deploying the Guard, as white voters support it 68 – 28 percent and black voters oppose it 59 – 38 percent.

Voters say 73 – 25 percent that undocumented immigrants illegally crossing the border with Mexico is an important problem, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. Black, white and Hispanic voters all agree this is an important problem.

But Texas voters oppose 53 – 43 percent building a wall along the border with Mexico. White voters support the wall 54 – 43 percent. Opposition is 72 – 24 percent among black voters and 72 – 25 percent among Hispanic voters.

Texas voters say 79 – 15 percent that undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as children – so-called Dreamers – should be allowed to stay and eventually apply for citizenship. This compares to the 77 – 18 percent support for Dreamers measured in an April 11 Quinnipiac University National Poll of all American voters.

Undocumented immigrants do not take jobs from U.S. citizens, Texas voters say 65 – 32 percent. These immigrants are not more likely than American citizens to commit crimes, voters say 67 – 24 percent.

“Texas voters think immigration is the most important issue to their U.S. Senate vote, but their views don’t fit exactly in either party’s corner. They agree with Democrats in their opposition to President Donald Trump’s wall. But, by a wide margin, they support the Republican president's plan to send the National Guard to that border to stop illegal immigration,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac Poll.

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Looking at illegal immigrants in general:

- 64 percent of Texas voters say they should be allowed to stay in the U.S. and eventually apply for citizenship;
- 10 percent say they should be allowed to stay, but not apply for citizenship;
- 20 percent say illegal immigrants should be required to leave the U.S.

Gun Laws

Texas voters support 55 – 41 percent stricter gun laws in the U.S. and support 94 – 5 percent requiring background checks to all gun buyers.

Voters also support 53 – 42 percent a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons.

“Throw away the stereotypes. Texas voters are in favor of tighter gun laws by a solid 14-point margin, and fully 94 percent favor background checks for all gun buyers,” Brown said.

Legalized Marijuana, Abortion

Texas voters support 61 – 34 percent allowing adults to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use. Republicans oppose legalized marijuana 51 – 43 percent and voters over 65 years old oppose it 51 – 40 percent. Every other listed party, gender, education, age and racial group support it.

“Texans are not much different than voters in other parts of the country. They support almost 2-1 the idea of allowing small amounts of marijuana for personal use,” Brown added.

On another divisive issue, 20 percent of Texas voters say abortion should be legal in all cases, as 37 percent say it should be legal in most cases. Another 26 percent say abortion should be illegal in most cases and 12 percent say it should be illegal in all cases.

Texas voters are divided on the 2017 tax law as 43 percent approve and 45 percent disapprove of the tax law.

Voters also are divided on the Affordable Care Act as 45 percent want to keep Obamacare in place and 49 percent want to repeal it.

From April 12 – 17, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,029 Texas voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.6 percentage points, including the design effect. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts nationwide public opinion surveys, and statewide polls in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa and Colorado as a public service and for research.

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34. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in Texas today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Very satisfied	24%	44%	3%	20%	30%	19%	28%	28%		
Smwht satisfied	39	49	30	36	42	37	41	44		
Smwht dissatisfied	24	4	42	30	19	28	20	17		
Very dissatisfied	12	1	23	13	9	15	11	9		
DK/NA	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	2		

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Very satisfied	18%	21%	27%	26%	35%	23%	28%	8%	20%	
Smwht satisfied	35	46	37	38	44	42	43	32	35	
Smwht dissatisfied	32	21	20	22	15	21	18	45	28	
Very dissatisfied	14	11	15	10	6	13	10	14	17	
DK/NA	1	-	1	3	1	2	2	2	-	

35. In general, would you like to see the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, remain in place, or would you like to see Obamacare repealed?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Remain in place	45%	10%	85%	52%	40%	50%	40%	28%		
Repealed	49	87	10	41	55	45	56	65		
DK/NA	5	3	4	7	5	5	3	7		

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Remain in place	56%	41%	43%	44%	31%	38%	34%	79%	53%	
Repealed	36	55	55	50	64	57	60	17	42	
DK/NA	8	5	3	6	5	5	5	4	5	

36. Do you approve or disapprove of the 2017 tax law passed by Congress and signed by President Trump?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Approve	43%	76%	11%	36%	51%	36%	54%	54%		
Disapprove	45	12	83	49	40	48	39	33		
DK/NA	13	12	7	15	9	16	7	14		

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	29%	44%	51%	45%	61%	48%	54%	15%	32%	
Disapprove	51	45	41	46	32	39	36	76	52	
DK/NA	20	11	8	9	7	13	10	10	16	

37. Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							COLLEGE	DEG	Yes	No
Legal all cases	20%	9%	32%	20%	16%	24%	14%	20%		
Legal most cases	37	26	48	43	36	38	41	32		
Illegal most cases	26	41	9	24	30	23	32	28		
Illegal all cases	12	20	8	8	11	13	9	16		
DK/NA	6	5	3	6	8	4	5	4		

	AGE IN	YRS.....	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....			
							Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Legal all cases	34%	17%	15%	14%	14%	19%	17%	23%	24%	
Legal most cases	38	39	36	37	35	37	36	50	32	
Illegal most cases	15	34	29	25	32	28	30	9	25	
Illegal all cases	7	7	14	19	11	14	12	11	13	
DK/NA	6	2	6	5	7	3	5	6	6	

38. Do you support or oppose allowing adults in Texas to legally possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							COLLEGE	DEG	Yes	No
Support	61%	43%	69%	69%	65%	57%	58%	57%		
Oppose	34	51	26	27	31	36	36	35		
DK/NA	6	6	5	4	4	7	6	8		

	AGE IN	YRS.....	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....			
							Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Support	79%	71%	55%	40%	58%	57%	58%	66%	61%	
Oppose	16	24	40	51	35	35	35	29	36	
DK/NA	5	5	5	8	6	7	7	5	3	

39. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are currently living in the United States? A) They should be allowed to stay in the United States and to eventually apply for U.S. citizenship. B) They should be allowed to remain in the United States, but not be allowed to apply for U.S. citizenship. C) They should be required to leave the U.S.

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
A) Stay/Citizenship	64%	47%	84%	68%	59%	69%	63%	55%		
B) Stay/Not citizen	10	10	11	9	12	9	11	6		
C) Not stay	20	36	4	18	24	17	20	32		
DK/NA	6	7	1	6	6	6	6	7		

	AGE IN	YRS.....	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....			
							Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
A) Stay/Citizenship	77%	62%	61%	59%	54%	63%	59%	81%	71%	
B) Stay/Not citizen	7	10	11	11	12	6	8	10	14	
C) Not stay	12	19	23	25	29	24	26	5	11	
DK/NA	3	8	5	5	6	7	7	4	4	

40. Do you support or oppose allowing undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children to remain in the United States and eventually apply for citizenship?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Support	79%	64%	97%	83%	74%	83%	76%	71%		
Oppose	15	26	3	11	19	12	18	21		
DK/NA	6	10	-	6	7	6	6	8		

	AGE IN	YRS.....	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....			
							Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Support	87%	77%	76%	77%	70%	76%	73%	95%	83%	
Oppose	8	18	19	14	24	16	20	5	9	
DK/NA	5	5	6	8	5	9	7	-	8	

41. Do you support or oppose building a wall along the border with Mexico?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Support	43%	81%	14%	30%	48%	39%	49%	59%			
Oppose	53	16	83	66	50	56	47	38			
DK/NA	4	3	4	4	3	5	3	4			
AGE IN YRS.....											
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....						
					Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support	24%	44%	51%	52%	58%	50%	54%	24%	25%		
Oppose	72	52	47	45	40	45	43	72	72		
DK/NA	4	4	3	3	2	5	4	3	3		
AREA.....											
	Dallas		South								
	East	FtWrth	Houstrn	Centrl	West	South					
Support	59%	38%	44%	35%	59%	33%					
Oppose	39	60	52	59	36	64					
DK/NA	2	2	4	6	6	3					

42. Do you support or oppose using the National Guard to patrol the border with Mexico?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Support	60%	91%	30%	54%	65%	57%	64%	72%			
Oppose	37	8	64	43	34	39	32	24			
DK/NA	3	1	6	3	2	4	4	4			
AGE IN YRS.....											
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....						
					Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support	53%	60%	65%	62%	73%	64%	68%	38%	51%		
Oppose	46	36	34	34	26	30	28	59	48		
DK/NA	2	5	1	4	2	6	4	3	1		

43. Do you think that undocumented immigrants illegally crossing the border with Mexico is an important problem, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Yes/Impt problem	73%	94%	56%	66%	74%	72%	75%	80%			
No	25	6	41	32	24	26	23	19			
DK/NA	2	-	4	2	2	2	2	1			
AGE IN YRS.....											
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....						
					Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Yes/Impt problem	62%	74%	77%	76%	79%	76%	77%	71%	61%		
No	35	25	23	20	20	22	21	27	36		
DK/NA	3	1	-	4	1	2	2	2	2		

44. In general, do you think undocumented immigrants take jobs away from American citizens, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Take jobs	32%	56%	9%	25%	37%	27%	36%	42%
No	65	39	90	73	60	69	60	53
DK/NA	3	5	1	2	3	4	4	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Take jobs	17%	33%	41%	35%	43%	36%	39%	13%	21%
No	82	65	56	59	54	58	56	86	78
DK/NA	2	2	4	6	3	6	5	1	1

45. In general, do you think undocumented immigrants are more likely to commit crimes than American citizens, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/More likely	24%	42%	8%	18%	30%	20%	24%	33%
No	67	46	88	75	62	72	65	54
DK/NA	9	12	4	7	9	9	12	13

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/More likely	15%	24%	31%	27%	33%	25%	28%	14%	18%
No	83	68	60	59	56	62	59	84	78
DK/NA	2	8	10	14	10	14	12	1	4

46. Do you support or oppose stricter gun laws in the United States?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	55%	32%	84%	58%	41%	66%	52%	44%
Oppose	41	64	15	38	55	30	45	52
DK/NA	4	5	1	4	4	4	3	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Support	57%	47%	55%	62%	35%	59%	48%	81%	59%
Oppose	38	48	43	34	62	37	48	17	35
DK/NA	5	5	3	3	4	4	4	2	6

	GUN.....		DENSITY.....		
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural
Support	45%	39%	59%	55%	45%
Oppose	52	59	38	41	50
DK/NA	3	2	4	3	5

47. Do you support or oppose requiring background checks for all gun buyers?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Support	94%	91%	97%	95%	92%	96%	95%	92%			
Oppose	5	7	3	5	7	3	4	7			
DK/NA	1	2	-	1	1	1	1	1			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support	95%	91%	94%	96%	90%	97%	94%	96%	93%		
Oppose	3	8	5	3	8	3	5	3	6		
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	2	-	1	1	1		
	GUN.....		DENSITY.....								
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural						
Support	93%	92%	95%	95%	89%						
Oppose	6	7	4	4	8						
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	2						

48. Do you support or oppose a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Support	53%	38%	84%	51%	39%	65%	51%	49%			
Oppose	42	57	13	44	55	31	43	46			
DK/NA	5	5	3	4	5	4	5	5			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support	45%	45%	56%	71%	35%	62%	50%	69%	55%		
Oppose	46	53	42	24	58	34	45	26	41		
DK/NA	9	2	3	5	7	4	5	4	4		
	GUN.....		DENSITY.....								
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural						
Support	41%	37%	56%	55%	44%						
Oppose	53	57	40	40	51						
DK/NA	5	5	4	6	4						