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**TEXAS VOTERS OPPOSE 3-1 REFUSING SERVICE TO LGBTQ,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
EVEN YOUNG VOTERS BACK RAISING AGE TO BUY TOBACCO**

Texas voters say 71 – 22 percent that businesses should not be allowed to refuse service to someone based on their sexual orientation or gender identity, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Every listed party, gender, education, age, racial and religious group opposes a business refusing service, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-up-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

By a narrower 58 – 35 percent, Texas voters oppose a business refusing service, even when the business says homosexuality violates the owner’s religious beliefs.

When religion is cited, support for a business refusing service is 57 – 33 percent among Republicans, 50 – 43 percent among white men and 63 – 29 percent among white Evangelicals. Catholics oppose 68 – 27 percent refusing service based on religious grounds.

There is almost no gender gap, but wide differences among religious groups and political parties as Texas voters agree 57 – 36 percent with the U.S. Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision. White Evangelicals disagree with Roe v. Wade 61 – 29 percent. Protestants are divided as 48 percent agree and 44 percent disagree. Catholics agree with Roe v. Wade 55 – 38 percent. Those with no religious affiliation agree 78 – 18 percent.

Republicans disagree with Roe v. Wade 57 – 34 percent. Agreement is 80 – 17 percent among Democrats and 67 – 27 percent among independent voters.

“Texas voters are not easy to categorize. Even on hot-button matters, they are not necessarily predictable. And, in fact, many might be surprised that the liberal position sometimes predominates,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“Take two of the thorniest social issues of our time: abortion and gay rights. On these issues, Texas voter opinions are noteworthy.”

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“The gay rights dispute involves the question of whether businesses may refuse to serve people based on their sexual orientation or gender identity. Texans, by more than 3-1, back the liberal stance that prioritizes consumer rights. Every listed group feels that way,” Brown added.

If Roe v. Wade is overturned and the abortion issue is left to the states to decide, 21 percent of Texas voters say abortion should be legal in all cases, as 33 percent say abortion should be legal in most cases. Another 29 percent say abortion should be illegal in most cases, as 12 percent say abortion should be illegal in all cases.

“Abortion is also an issue on which the liberal position is ahead in the eyes of Texans,” Brown said. “A majority back the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that keeps many abortions legal.

Smoking Age

Texas voters support 63 – 31 percent raising the minimum age for buying tobacco products from 18 years old to 21 years old. Support is strong in every listed group, including voters 18 to 34 years old, who support the higher age 57 – 38 percent.

“Texans by 2-1 also back raising the legal smoking age from 18 to 21 in an issue with little ideological cast but with widespread public support,” Brown said.

Governor’s Job Approval

Texas voters approve 60 – 28 percent of the job Gov. Greg Abbott is doing. Approval is 85 – 8 percent among Republicans and 56 – 28 percent among independent voters. Democrats disapprove 52 – 36 percent.

From May 29 – June 4, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,159 Texas voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.4 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts gold standard surveys using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones. The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts nationwide surveys and polls in more than a dozen states on national and statewide elections, as well as public policy issues.

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	60%	85%	36%	56%	64%	56%	62%	70%
Disapprove	28	8	52	28	25	30	30	18
DK/NA	13	8	11	16	12	14	8	12

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	43%	58%	65%	67%	69%	63%	66%	47%	52%
Disapprove	32	29	27	26	22	26	24	39	32
DK/NA	25	13	7	7	9	12	10	15	16

17. Do you support or oppose raising the minimum age for buying tobacco products from 18 to 21 in Texas?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	63%	60%	69%	63%	58%	68%	65%	64%
Oppose	31	36	28	27	34	28	29	30
DK/NA	6	4	3	9	8	5	6	6

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Support	57%	61%	62%	72%	58%	71%	64%	64%	59%
Oppose	38	31	32	24	36	24	30	29	34
DK/NA	6	8	6	4	6	6	6	7	6

18. Do you think businesses should or should not be allowed to refuse service to someone based on their sexual orientation or sexual identity?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Should/Be allowed	22%	36%	10%	16%	29%	16%	26%	25%			
Should not	71	52	89	77	63	77	67	64			
DK/NA	7	12	1	7	8	7	7	11			
AGE IN YRS.....											
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....						
					Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Should/Be allowed	18%	21%	27%	23%	33%	18%	25%	17%	19%		
Should not	80	71	65	68	57	74	65	80	75		
DK/NA	1	8	8	9	10	8	9	4	6		
RELIGION.....											
	Wht				ATTEND		SRVCS				
	Evang	Prot	Cath	None	Weekly	Less					
Should/Be allowed	38%	30%	19%	14%	30%	20%					
Should not	50	63	76	81	60	74					
DK/NA	12	8	6	5	11	6					

19. What if the business says homosexuality violates its owner's religious beliefs; in that case do you think the business should or should not be allowed to refuse service to someone based on their sexual orientation or sexual identity?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Should/Be allowed	35%	57%	14%	28%	41%	28%	42%	45%			
Should not	58	33	82	65	52	64	51	46			
DK/NA	7	10	4	7	7	7	6	8			
AGE IN YRS.....											
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....						
					Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Should/Be allowed	27%	34%	40%	37%	50%	38%	44%	22%	23%		
Should not	71	58	52	55	43	55	49	68	72		
DK/NA	2	8	8	8	8	7	7	9	5		
RELIGION.....											
	Wht				ATTEND		SRVCS				
	Evang	Prot	Cath	None	Weekly	Less					
Should/Be allowed	63%	45%	27%	27%	45%	31%					
Should not	29	49	68	68	44	63					
DK/NA	8	6	6	5	11	6					

20. In general, do you agree or disagree with the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that established a woman's right to an abortion?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Agree	57%	34%	80%	67%	54%	60%	54%	49%
Disagree	36	57	17	27	39	33	38	44
DK/NA	7	10	4	6	7	7	8	8

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Agree	69%	58%	51%	54%	50%	53%	51%	72%	61%
Disagree	25	35	42	38	43	38	41	26	32
DK/NA	6	7	7	8	7	9	8	2	7

	RELIGION.....				ATTEND SRVCS		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	Wht	Prot	Cath	None	Weekly	Less			
Agree	29%	48%	55%	78%	34%	65%			
Disagree	61	44	38	18	60	28			
DK/NA	10	7	7	4	6	7			

21. Suppose Roe v. Wade is overturned and the issue of abortion is left up to the states. In Texas, 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	21%	6%	39%	25%	17%	25%	20%	16%
Legal most cases	33	23	39	40	32	34	31	31
Illegal most cases	29	45	13	25	35	24	35	36
Illegal all cases	12	21	5	6	12	11	9	15
DK/NA	5	5	4	5	4	5	5	3

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Legal most cases	37	31	31	35	31	31	31	37	34
Illegal most cases	23	33	32	27	41	30	35	16	25
Illegal all cases	8	8	16	13	9	15	12	7	12
DK/NA	-	6	5	6	5	2	4	6	6

	RELIGION.....				ATTEND SRVCS		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	Wht	Prot	Cath	None	Weekly	Less			
Legal all cases	6%	17%	20%	33%	12%	24%			
Legal most cases	19	31	31	39	23	36			
Illegal most cases	51	36	29	19	36	27			
Illegal all cases	20	14	13	7	22	8			
DK/NA	4	3	7	2	7	4			