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## 74% OF TEXAS VOTERS OPPOSE HANDGUNS WITH NO LICENSE OR TRAINING, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; 51% SAY OK TO REQUIRE HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES TO GET COVID-19 VACCINE

One week after Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed a bill into law allowing Texans to carry unlicensed handguns, voters say 74 – 24 percent that they oppose allowing anyone 21 years of age or older to carry handguns without a license or training, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University poll of Texas registered voters released today.

Democrats oppose this 94 - 6 percent, independents oppose this 73 - 26 percent, and Republicans oppose this 58 - 36 percent.

"No training, no license... no way,' say Texans in a direct rebuke to a new law that would allow residents over 21 few restrictions on ownership of firearms," said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

By an overwhelming majority, voters in Texas say 90 - 8 percent that they support background checks for all gun buyers.

Voters are split about the level of difficulty of buying a gun in Texas, with 46 percent saying it is too easy and 46 percent saying it's about right. Only 4 percent say it's too difficult to buy a gun in Texas.

When it comes to assault weapons, a majority (52-44 percent) oppose a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons.

A majority of Texas voters say 56 - 42 percent that they do <u>not</u> think stricter gun laws would help to decrease the number of mass shootings. This compares to a 2019 survey when voters said 50 - 45 percent they did <u>not</u> think stricter gun laws would help decrease the number of mass shootings.

## **ABORTION**

Voters say 49 - 42 percent that they oppose banning abortion after a fetal heartbeat is detectable, which is usually around 6 weeks of pregnancy, and 10 percent did not offer an opinion. Democrats oppose the ban 65 - 25 percent, independents oppose the ban 54 - 37 percent, and Republicans support the ban 63 - 32 percent.

A majority of voters in Texas say 58 - 35 percent that they agree with the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that established a woman's right to an abortion.

Asked to imagine if Roe v. Wade is overturned and the issue of abortion is left up to the states, voters shared whether they thought abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases, or illegal in all cases in Texas. A majority (55 percent) say it should be legal in either all cases (23 percent) or legal

in most cases (32 percent). Nearly four in ten (39 percent) say abortions should be illegal in most cases (29 percent) or in all cases (10 percent). These findings are similar to other Quinnipiac University Texas polls since 2018.

"It's a deeply emotional, often discussed hypothetical. If abortion was outlawed and left up to the states, what would Texans want? This survey says the right to choose would stay on solid ground," added Malloy.

## REPUBLICAN ELECTION BILL

As a Republican election bill in Texas has gained widespread attention, roughly 6 in 10 voters (62 percent) say they have heard or read a lot (33 percent) or some (29 percent) about the bill that would change the way Texans are allowed to vote. Nearly 4 in 10 voters (37 percent) say they have heard or read not too much (13 percent) or not much at all (24 percent) about the bill.

Asked whether or not voters approve or disapprove of the Republican election bill, 41 percent say they disapprove, 35 percent say they approve, and 24 percent did not offer an opinion.

Voters were asked whether stricter voting laws are necessary in Texas. Half of voters (50 percent) say it is <u>not</u> necessary to pass stricter voting laws because elections in Texas are already secure, and 45 percent say it is necessary to pass stricter voting laws to protect election integrity.

Voters are split on whether the Republican election bill would make it harder for people of color to vote, as 44 percent say it would, 42 percent say it would <u>not</u>, and 14 percent did not offer an opinion.

Asked about the 2020 presidential election, a majority of voters in Texas say 55-42 percent that they do not believe there was widespread voter fraud in the 2020 presidential election. Democrats say 89-11 percent and independents say 61-35 percent there was no widespread fraud. Republicans say 79-18 percent that they believe there was widespread voter fraud in the 2020 presidential election. These findings among party groups are similar to results in national polls posing the same question.

## **COVID-19 VACCINATIONS**

The following section includes the views of adults in Texas, not just registered voters.

More than two-thirds of adults in Texas (68 percent) say they've either received or are planning to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Close to 3 in 10 adults (29 percent) say they do <u>not</u> plan to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

There are sharp differences among political parties. Among Republicans, 45 percent say they do <u>not</u> plan to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Among independents, that number is 28 percent. Among Democrats, it is 13 percent.

In the same week that workers at a Houston hospital either resigned or were fired for refusing to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, Texans weighed in about COVID-19 vaccination mandates in hospitals. Just over half of Texans say 51 - 45 percent that they think hospitals should be allowed to require their employees to get a COVID-19 vaccination.

"Should the folks on the front lines be forced to get vaxed before putting on their scrubs or reporting to work at Texas hospitals? A slight majority of fellow Texans, the people they are committed to treating, say yes," said Malloy.

Two-thirds of Texans say 66 - 30 percent that businesses should <u>not</u> be allowed to require proof of a COVID-19 vaccination from their customers.

However, a majority say 57 - 40 percent that cruise lines should be allowed to require proof of a COVID-19 vaccination from their passengers.

A slim majority say 51 - 45 percent that public schools should be allowed to require mask wearing.

"Caution is still the watchword when it comes to proof of vaccination on cruises and masking in schools, but the message to Texas merchants and businesses from fellow Texans is: stand down and welcome us back," added Malloy.

1,223 Texas adults were surveyed from June  $15^{th} - 21^{st}$ , including 1,099 Texas registered voters. The poll has a margin of error of +/- 2.8 percentage points for adults and +/- 3.0 percentage points for registered voters.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on random samples of adults using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

Visit <u>poll.qu.edu</u> or <u>www.facebook.com/quinnipiacpoll</u> Email poll@qu.edu, or follow us on <u>Twitter</u> @QuinnipiacPoll. 29. How much have you heard or read about a Republican election bill that would change the way Texans are allowed to vote: a lot, some, not too much, or not much at all?

	REGISTERED VOTERS										
					WHITE						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No			
A lot	33%	31%	40%	32%	34%	32%	36%	29%			
Some	29	30	24	29	30	27	36	26			
Not too much	13	13	10	17	11	15	10	15			
Not much at all	24	24	26	21	25	24	17	28			
DK/NA	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	2			
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
A lot	13%	33%	41%	46%	32%	30%	31%	39%	33%		
Some	28	32	30	24	32	29	30	28	28		
Not too much	25	11	8	10	10	16	13	11	14		
Not much at all	35	25	20	17	25	23	24	21	25		
DK/NA	-	-	1	3	1	3	2	-	_		

30. Do you approve or disapprove of this Republican election bill?

	REGISTERED VOTERS										
							WHITE				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No			
Approve Disapprove	35% 41	63%	9% 81	31% 41	44%	27% 49	37% 39	39% 26			
DK/NA	24	29	10	28	24	24	25	35			
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Approve	22%	35%	42%	34%	46%	31%	38%	14%	36%		
Disapprove	48	38	41	43	26	36	31	77	46		
DK/NA	30	26	17	23	29	33	31	9	18		
	HEARD I	ELECTION Some	N BILL (	Q29							

Approve 44% 45% Disapprove 53 42 DK/NA 3 13

31. Do you think this Republican election bill would make it harder for people of color to vote, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS									
								OLL DEG		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Yes No DK/NA	44% 42 14		83% 10 7	36		54% 33 13	39% 48 13	24% 57 19		
			50-64		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes No DK/NA	53% 26 21	41% 45 15		48% 41 11	26% 60 14	34% 47 19	30% 53 17	86% 10 4	52% 33 15	
	HEARD I		N BILL (	Q29						
Yes No DK/NA	56% 42 2	45% 49 6								

32. Do you believe there was widespread voter fraud in the 2020 presidential election, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS									
			Dan Dan Tail Man Han				WHITE			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Yes/Believe	42%	79%	11%	35%	47%	38%	45%	63%		
No	55	18	89	61	50	59	52	34		
DK/NA	3	3	-	4	4	3	3	3		
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes/Believe	30%	47%	44%	46%	59%	53%	56%	15%	32%	
No	67	49	55	51	38	44	42	78	66	
DK/NA	3	4	1	4	3	2	3	7	2	

33. Which comes closer to your point of view: it is necessary to pass stricter voting laws to protect election integrity or it is not necessary to pass stricter voting laws because elections in Texas are already secure?

	REGIS'	REGISTERED VOTERS									
								WHITE			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No			
Necessary	45%	75%	15%	44%	51%	40%	48%	60%			
Not necessary	50	21	82	53	44	55	48	34			
DK/NA	5	5	3	3	5	5	3	6			
	AGE II	N YRS			WHITE	1					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Necessary	37%	53%	50%	41%	63%	49%	55%	24%	38%		
Not necessary	60	44	46	50	34	45	40	70	57		
DK/NA	3	3	4	10	3	6	5	6	5		

 $34.\ \text{In general,}$  do you agree or disagree with the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that established a woman's right to an abortion?

	REGISTERED VOTERS									
								OLL DEG		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Agree Disagree DK/NA	58% 35 7	34% 57 9	81% 16 3	60% 32 8	53% 36 10	61% 34 5	60% 34 5	50% 42 8		
	AGE IN 18-34		50-64		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Agree Disagree DK/NA	68% 27 5	62% 33 5	57% 34 10	47% 44 10	48% 43 10	59% 35 5	54% 39 7	76% 20 4	60% 31 9	
	Wht	ON		ATTEND						
	Evang	Prot	Cath	Weekly	Less					
Agree Disagree DK/NA	32% 60 8	50% 42 8	53% 39 9	36% 57 7	66% 26 7					

35. 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?

	REGISTERED VOTERS									
					COLL DEG					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Legal all cases	23%	7%	42%	24%	18%	29%	18%	16%		
Legal most cases	32	24	40	36	33	32	35	30		
Illegal most cases	29	49	9	27	33	26	34	35		
Illegal all cases	10	16	7	9	11	10	9	13		
DK/NA	5	4	2	5	6	4	4	6		
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Legal all cases	37%	25%	17%	16%	11%	23%	17%	44%	23%	
Legal most cases	33	30	38	33	32	31	32	38	35	
Illegal most cases	16	35	33	24	39	31	35	9	26	
Illegal all cases	9	8	8	16	13	10	11	6	9	
DK/NA	4	2	4	11	6	5	5	2	6	
	RELIGI	ON								
	Wht			ATTEND	SRVCS					
	Evang	Prot	Cath	Weekly	Less					
Legal all cases	7%	17%	15%	14%	27%					
Legal most cases	19	33	29	24	35					
Illegal most cases	51	32	33	38	25					
Illegal all cases	20	13	17	19	8					
DK/NA	3	5	6	5	4					

36. Do you support or oppose banning abortion after a fetal heartbeat is detectable, which is usually around 6 weeks of pregnancy?

	REGISTERED VOTERS									
							WHITE			
							4 YR	COLL DE	G	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Support	42%	63%	25%	37%	45%	39%	42%	45%		
Oppose	42%	32	65	54	43	54	51	47		
= =										
DK/NA	10	5	10	9	13	7	6	8		
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	31%	46%	47%	38%	48%	40%	44%	45%	31%	
Oppose	61	47	45	45	44	53	49	46	55	
DK/NA	9	7	8	17	8	7	8	9	13	
	_	ON	• • • • •							
	Wht			ATTEND						
	Evang	Prot	Cath	Weekly	Less					
Support	62%	52%	39%	53%	38%					
	33	40	47	35	53					
Oppose										
DK/NA	5	8	13	12	9					

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

	REGISTERED VOTERS								
						COLL DE			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Support Oppose DK/NA	90% 8 1	88% 12 -	96% 4 -	91% 7 2	86% 13 1	94% 4 1	92% 8 1	89% 11 1	
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support Oppose DK/NA	89% 10 1	92% 6 1	89% 11 -	91% 7 2	84% 15 1	95% 5 -	90% 10 1	95% 3 2	89% 10 2
	GUN HsHld	Owner	DENSIT City		 b Rural				
Support Oppose DK/NA	89% 10 1	90% 9 1	91% 8 1	93% 7 -	86% 12 2				

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

REGISTERED VOTERS									
	Tot	OLL DEG							
	100	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	NO	
Support Oppose DK/NA	44% 52 4	20% 77 3	78% 18 4	41% 56 4	34% 64 2	54% 40 6	42% 55 4	32% 65 3	
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.				
	18-34	35-49		65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	39%	50%	44%	49%	24%	47%	36%	77%	47%
Oppose	59	47	52	45	74	50	61	16	50
DK/NA	2	3	4	5	2	4	3	7	3
	GUN			Υ					
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural				
Support Oppose DK/NA	33% 64 3	29% 69 2	49% 46 5	48% 50 3	29% 67 4				

39. Do you think it is too easy to buy a gun in Texas today, too difficult to buy a gun in Texas today, or about right?

REGISTERED VOTERSWHITE									
								OLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Too easy Too difficult About right DK/NA	46% 4 46 4	13% 6 77 4	84% 3 10 4	46% 3 48 3	35% 6 55 3	57% 2 37 5	38% 3 55 4	29% 3 65 3	
	AGE IN 18-34		50-64		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Too easy Too difficult About right DK/NA	58% 5 35 2	46% 2 50 2	38% 5 52 6	50% 2 40 7	24% 6 67 3	41% - 55 4	33% 3 61 3	77% - 21 1	60% 6 29 5
	GUN HsHld	Owner	DENSITY City						
Too easy Too difficult About right DK/NA	33% 5 60 2	28% 3 66 3	52% 4 39 5	51% 2 46 2	30% 5 59 6				

40. Do you support or oppose allowing anyone 21 years of age or older to carry handguns without a license or training?

	REGISTERED VOTERS										
	WHITE4 YR COLL DEG										
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No			
Support Oppose DK/NA	24% 74 2	36% 58 5	6% 94 -	26% 73 2	35% 62 2	13% 84 3	20% 78 2	32% 63 5			
	AGE IN 18-34		50-64		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support Oppose DK/NA	26% 72 2	23% 75 2	25% 73 2	16% 82 2	41% 56 3	15% 81 5	27% 69 4	4% 95 1	20% 78 2		
	GUN HsHld	Owner	DENSITY City	Y Suburb							
Support Oppose DK/NA	30% 68 2	34% 63 2	20% 78 2	24% 75 1	30% 65 5						

41. Do you think that stricter gun laws would help to decrease the number of mass shootings, or don't you think so?

	REGISTE	ERED VOI	TERS							
	WHITE 4 YR COLL									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Yes/Help de No DK/NA		83	77% 22 1	56	65	47				
	_		50-64		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes/Help de No DK/NA		55	39% 60 1	56		38% 59 3	31% 66 3	68% 29 3	51% 48 1	
	GUN HsHld		DENSITY City							
Yes/Help de No DK/NA	28% 70 2		48% 49 3		26% 70 4					

42. Which comes closest to your situation: you are not planning to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, or you are planning to receive or have already received a COVID-19 vaccine?

	ADULTS								
							WHITE.		
							4 YR (	COLL DEG	j
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Don't plan to	29%	45%	13%	28%	31%	27%	23%	38%	
Plan to/Already	68								
DK/NA	3	4	_	3	4	3	2	3	
	-	_		•	_	-	_		
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Don't plan to	33%	36%	2.8%	15%	33%	32%	32%	12%	28%
Plan to/Already						66			70
DK/NA	1	4		3	3	2	3	3	2
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	AREA								
	AREA  Dall/ South DENSITY								
	East	FtWth			West	South		Suburk	
Don't plan to	41%	29%	25%	30%	43%	16%	28%	24%	39%
Plan to/Already	58	68	69	69	55	78	70	73	56
DK/NA	1	3	5	1	2	5	2	3	5
	Regist	ered							
	Voters								
Don't plan to	28%								
Plan to/Already	68								
DK/NA	4								
,	-								

43. Do you think hospitals should be allowed to require their employees to get a COVID-19 vaccination, or don't you think so?

	ADULTS									
								COLL DEC		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Yes/Allow req vacc	51%	26%	80%	50%	46%	56%	51%	42%		
No	45			45	49	41	45	55		
DK/NA	4	5	1	5	5	4	4	4		
					WHITE					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes/Allow req vacc	53%	43%	51%	60%	45%	45%	45%	64%	57%	
No	47		45	33	51	51	51	33	39	
DK/NA	-	5	5	7	4	4	4	3	4	
	AREA									
		Dall/		South				DENSITY		
	East	FtWth	Hstn	Cntrl	West	South	City	Suburk	o Rural	
Yes/Allow req vacc	43%	49%	51%	62%	33%	61%	56%	55%	37%	
No		44				38				
DK/NA	5	7	3	5	3	2	5	4	3	
	Regist									
	Voters	3								
Yes/Allow req vacc										

Yes/Allow req vacc 519 No 45 DK/NA 4

44. Do you think - businesses should be allowed to require proof of a COVID-19 vaccination from their - customers, or don't you think so?

		ADULTS								
									OLL DEG	
		Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
	req proof		10%	51%	30%	27%	34%		20%	
No DK/NA		66 4	88	45 4	65 5	3	61 5	6	78 3	
						WHITE.				
		18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
	req proof					23%	26%			36%
No DK/NA				65 3		75 3		72 4		60 4
		AREA								
			Dall/		South			DENSIT	Y	
		East	FtWth	Hstn	Cntrl	West	South	City	Suburb	Rural
Yes/Allow	req proof		34%		38%	19%	38%		29%	24%
No			63		55	75	57	-		73
DK/NA		4	3	2	7	6	4	4	5	3
		Registe Voters	ered							

Yes/Allow req proof 30% 66 DK/NA 4

45. Do you think - cruise lines should be allowed to require proof of a COVID-19 vaccination from their - passengers, or don't you think so?

	ADULTS								
							4 YR C	COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Yes/Allow req proof	57%	33%	80%	58%	52%	63%	62%	46%	
No	40	65	17	40	46	34	37	52	
DK/NA	2	2	3	2	2	3	1	2	
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Allow req proof	60%	50%	60%	67%	48%	56%	52%	76%	63%
No	40	46	39	28	50	42	46	23	34
DK/NA	1	4	1	5	1	2	2	1	3
	AREA								
		Dall/		South			DENSITY		
	East	FtWth	Hstn	Cntrl	West	South	City	Suburb	Rural
Yes/Allow req proof	58%	58%	53%	68%	42%	63%	62%	62%	45%
No	40	41	45	27	53	35	35	37	52
DK/NA	1	1	2	5	5	2	3	1	3

Registered Voters

Yes/Allow req proof 57% No 41 DK/NA 2

46. Do you think public schools should be allowed to require mask wearing, or don't you think so?

		ADULTS								
								WHITE. 4 YR CO		
		Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Yes/Allow	req mask				54%	44%	58%	47%	37%	
No		45	77	18	42	53	37	51	60	
DK/NA		4	3	4	4	4	4	2	3	
		AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.				
		18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Allow	req mask	63%	46%	49%	48%	34%	48%	41%	77%	59%
No						64				38
DK/NA		1	6	3	8	2	3	3	4	4
		AREA								
									Υ	
		East	FtWth	Hstn	Cntrl	West	South	City	Suburb	Rural
	req mask									39%
No		56								58
DK/NA		4	5	4	4	1	5	4	4	3
		HAVE KIDS <18 YRS			<b>5</b>	1				
		37		ic	_					
		Yes	School		Voters					
Yes/Allow	req mask	40%	41%		50%					
No		56	56		47					
DK/NA		4	3		4					