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**51% OF TEXAS VOTERS SAY ABBOTT DOESN'T DESERVE TO BE REELECTED,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;  
PRESIDENT BIDEN'S APPROVAL NUMBERS HEAD SOUTH**

As Governor Greg Abbott faces reelection in 2022, a slight majority of voters say 51 – 42 percent that he does not deserve to be reelected, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University poll of Texas registered voters released today. In June 2021, voters were split, as 48 percent said he did not deserve to be reelected and 46 percent said he did.

Today, Governor Abbott receives a divided 44 – 47 percent job approval rating, marking the first time Abbott's score is underwater since Quinnipiac University began polling in Texas in April 2018. In today's poll, Republicans approve 83 – 12 percent, independents are divided with 43 percent approving and 47 percent disapproving, and Democrats disapprove 89 – 6 percent.

Texas voters say 50 – 33 percent that they do not think Beto O'Rourke would make a good governor, while 17 percent did not offer an opinion. Voters say 49 – 25 percent that they do not think Matthew McConaughey would make a good governor, while 26 percent did not offer an opinion.

“A lukewarm to downright cool response to an Abbott rerun in Austin, but compared to the high-profile young guns who may have eyes on a possible gubernatorial run, the governor is tall in the saddle,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

Voters were asked about Abbott's handling of four separate issues, and he received one positive score out of the four.

- Handling the economy: 53 percent approve, while 39 percent disapprove;
- Handling the situation at the Mexican border: 43 percent approve, while 46 percent disapprove;
- Handling the response to the coronavirus: 46 percent approve, while 50 percent disapprove;
- Handling the issue of abortion: 37 percent approve, while 53 percent disapprove.

Voters are split on whether Abbott is taking Texas in the right or wrong direction, as 48 percent say that Abbott is taking Texas in the wrong direction and 45 percent say in the right direction.

Voters were also asked if they thought Greg Abbott would make a good president. Two-thirds (67 percent) said no, while 24 percent said yes.

“Despite high marks for his handling of the economy, emotional lightning rod issues like policing the border, containing COVID-19, and legislating the right to choose in Texas are not helping Governor Abbott's standing with the voters,” added Malloy.

## **BIDEN APPROVALS**

Voters in Texas give President Joe Biden a negative 32 – 61 percent job approval rating. This marks a 24-point net change from June 2021, when 45 percent of Texas voters approved of the job he was doing and 50 percent disapproved.

On Biden’s handling of the response to the coronavirus, voters give him a slightly negative 44 – 49 percent approval rating. This is a substantial drop from June 2021 when they approved 58 – 37 percent.

On Biden’s handling of the situation at the Mexican border, voters give him a negative 20 – 71 percent approval rating, which is a drop compared to a negative 29 – 64 percent rating in June 2021.

## **2020 ELECTION AUDIT**

After the recent announcement of an audit of the 2020 election results in four of Texas’ largest counties, Texas voters approve 53 – 41 percent of this audit. However, voters also say 51 – 43 percent that they do not believe that there was widespread voter fraud in the 2020 presidential election. When it comes to voting in Texas in general, only 19 percent of voters say it is too easy, while 22 percent say it is too difficult, and 55 percent say it is about right.

## **SITUATION AT MEXICAN BORDER**

Voters approve 57 – 31 percent of the Biden administration's decision to deport Haitian refugees who entered the U.S. illegally. Republicans approve 73 – 22 percent, independents approve 54 – 34 percent, and Democrats are divided with 44 percent approving and 45 percent disapproving.

“The tidal wave of refugees from the poorest country in the Western hemisphere, wracked by the assassination of its president, crushed by yet another devastating earthquake, held captive by murderous gangs and victimized by a COVID surge, no doubt evokes sympathy. But Texans say sending them home was the right choice,” added Malloy.

About half of voters (51 percent) support Texas building a wall along the state’s border with Mexico, while 44 percent oppose it. The results are largely unchanged from June 2021.

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

When it comes to other Texas elected officials, voters gave them mixed or negative job approval ratings.

- Texas State Legislature: 38 percent approve, 50 percent disapprove, with 12 percent not offering an opinion;
- Sen. Ted Cruz: 47 percent approve, 47 percent disapprove, with 6 percent not offering an opinion;
- Sen. John Cornyn: 35 percent approve, 41 percent disapprove, with 24 percent not offering an opinion.

Former President Donald Trump gets a mixed favorability rating from Texas voters, as 43 percent say they have a favorable opinion and 47 percent say they have an unfavorable opinion.

863 Texas registered voters were surveyed from September 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> with a margin of error of +/- 3.3 percentage points.

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.

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

REGISTERED VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	44%	83%	6%	43%	49%	39%	50%	60%
Disapprove	47	12	89	47	39	54	46	32
DK/NA	10	6	5	9	12	8	4	8

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	32%	42%	47%	47%	60%	53%	56%	14%	36%
Disapprove	54	47	47	47	33	42	38	64	54
DK/NA	14	11	6	6	7	6	6	22	9

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?

REGISTERED VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	38%	64%	11%	39%	43%	34%	42%	49%
Disapprove	50	24	84	49	46	54	50	40
DK/NA	12	12	5	12	11	13	8	11

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	38%	36%	40%	33%	55%	40%	46%	19%	34%
Disapprove	46	55	51	56	38	48	44	77	51
DK/NA	16	9	9	11	7	12	10	4	16

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ted Cruz is handling his job as United States Senator?

REGISTERED VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	47%	84%	10%	44%	54%	40%	52%	61%
Disapprove	47	13	85	50	38	55	45	32
DK/NA	6	3	5	7	7	5	3	7

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	39%	42%	50%	51%	65%	53%	58%	16%	41%
Disapprove	55	47	47	44	32	42	37	75	52
DK/NA	6	10	2	5	4	6	5	10	6

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Cornyn is handling his job as United States Senator?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	35%	64%	13%	33%	42%	30%	43%	43%
Disapprove	41	17	68	43	35	46	38	36
DK/NA	24	19	19	23	23	25	18	21

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	25%	32%	39%	45%	48%	40%	43%	16%	34%
Disapprove	36	44	45	40	34	39	37	66	35
DK/NA	40	25	16	15	18	21	20	18	31

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	32%	3%	83%	25%	26%	38%	36%	17%
Disapprove	61	96	13	66	68	55	60	80
DK/NA	6	1	4	8	6	7	3	2

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	27%	29%	39%	41%	22%	28%	25%	56%	37%
Disapprove	67	62	55	57	74	70	72	30	55
DK/NA	6	9	6	2	4	1	3	13	8

6. Is your opinion of Donald Trump favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	43%	88%	3%	39%	48%	39%	46%	67%
Unfavorable	47	9	91	50	42	53	48	26
Hvn't hrd enough	4	2	6	3	4	5	3	4
REFUSED	5	1	1	8	7	3	3	4

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	38%	44%	44%	47%	61%	56%	58%	13%	34%
Unfavorable	59	43	50	49	34	36	35	73	58
Hvn't hrd enough	2	6	4	3	3	4	3	13	2
REFUSED	1	8	2	2	2	4	3	1	6

7. Do you feel that Greg Abbott deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

REGISTERED VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes/Deserves	42%	80%	8%	39%	49%	36%	47%	58%
No/Does not	51	16	89	54	43	57	49	33
DK/NA	7	4	3	7	8	7	4	9

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Yes/Deserves	32%	42%	44%	46%	58%	50%	53%	15%	38%
No/Does not	60	53	49	49	35	43	40	79	56
DK/NA	9	5	6	5	7	7	7	6	6

8. Do you think Beto O'Rourke would make a good governor, or not?

REGISTERED VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	33%	6%	81%	26%	25%	41%	32%	20%
No	50	84	6	55	61	39	58	64
DK/NA	17	10	12	19	14	20	9	15

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Yes	40%	32%	34%	35%	22%	27%	25%	59%	38%
No	42	46	50	53	69	57	62	15	43
DK/NA	18	22	16	11	9	16	13	25	20

9. Do you think Matthew McConaughey would make a good governor, or not?

REGISTERED VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	25%	17%	36%	23%	24%	26%	16%	21%
No	49	63	41	49	52	47	63	57
DK/NA	26	20	23	28	25	27	21	22

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Yes	25%	27%	26%	22%	17%	21%	19%	42%	29%
No	46	51	49	50	63	58	60	29	41
DK/NA	30	22	26	27	20	22	21	29	30

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling - the response to the coronavirus?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	44%	13%	92%	39%	38%	50%	46%	25%
Disapprove	49	83	5	53	53	46	52	71
DK/NA	6	4	2	8	9	4	2	4

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	49%	41%	49%	46%	31%	36%	34%	74%	50%
Disapprove	45	52	49	50	65	62	63	22	41
DK/NA	6	8	1	4	4	2	3	5	9

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling - the situation at the Mexican border?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	20%	4%	52%	13%	16%	24%	19%	11%
Disapprove	71	95	34	78	76	66	71	83
DK/NA	9	1	14	9	8	9	10	6

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	11%	17%	30%	25%	12%	16%	14%	33%	26%
Disapprove	77	73	68	69	81	76	78	58	66
DK/NA	12	10	2	6	7	8	8	9	8

  

	AREA.....					
	East	Dall/ FtWth	Hstn	South Cntrl	West	South
Approve	11%	31%	15%	25%	9%	20%
Disapprove	85	54	79	63	81	76
DK/NA	4	15	6	12	10	4

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Greg Abbott is handling - the response to the coronavirus?

REGISTERED VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	46%	85%	8%	43%	51%	40%	52%	62%
Disapprove	50	14	91	53	44	55	46	33
DK/NA	4	1	1	4	5	4	2	5

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Approve	38%	45%	46%	48%	61%	55%	58%	16%	39%
Disapprove	61	48	50	49	35	41	39	82	57
DK/NA	1	7	5	3	4	4	4	3	5

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Greg Abbott is handling - the economy?

REGISTERED VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	53%	87%	17%	54%	62%	45%	59%	64%
Disapprove	39	10	78	39	29	48	34	28
DK/NA	8	3	5	7	9	7	7	8

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Approve	43%	54%	56%	53%	69%	57%	62%	25%	49%
Disapprove	50	36	35	42	23	36	30	67	43
DK/NA	7	9	8	5	8	7	7	9	8

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Greg Abbott is handling - the situation at the Mexican border?

REGISTERED VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	43%	78%	11%	41%	51%	36%	51%	57%
Disapprove	46	17	80	46	39	52	42	33
DK/NA	11	5	9	13	11	11	8	11

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Approve	27%	42%	47%	48%	59%	51%	54%	12%	38%
Disapprove	54	43	49	45	33	39	36	70	52
DK/NA	18	15	5	6	8	10	9	18	10

  

AREA.....						
		Dall/ East	Hstn	South Cntrl	West	South
Approve	60%	38%	31%	34%	64%	49%
Disapprove	30	48	55	55	31	44
DK/NA	10	14	15	11	5	7



15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Greg Abbott is handling - the issue of abortion?

REGISTERED VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	37%	73%	5%	32%	44%	31%	47%	46%
Disapprove	53	20	94	55	45	60	51	42
DK/NA	10	8	1	13	11	8	2	12

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	27%	37%	42%	41%	52%	43%	47%	7%	35%
Disapprove	67	49	55	51	40	49	45	79	56
DK/NA	6	14	3	8	7	8	8	14	8

  

RELIGION.....					ATTEND SRVCS	
	Wht	Evang	Prot	Cath	Weekly	Less
Approve	74%	49%	42%	53%	32%	
Disapprove	18	41	54	36	61	
DK/NA	7	10	4	11	7	

16. As governor, do you think Greg Abbott is taking Texas in the right direction or the wrong direction?

REGISTERED VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Right direction	45%	81%	8%	44%	52%	39%	52%	60%
Wrong direction	48	14	92	49	39	57	46	35
DK/NA	7	6	-	7	9	4	1	5

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Right direction	33%	43%	49%	49%	61%	54%	57%	9%	39%
Wrong direction	59	48	46	49	35	43	39	82	52
DK/NA	8	8	5	1	4	3	3	8	9

17. Do you think Greg Abbott would make a good president, or not?

REGISTERED VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	24%	51%	3%	17%	27%	20%	24%	33%
No	67	39	97	73	63	71	68	56
DK/NA	9	10	-	11	10	9	8	12

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	20%	30%	18%	25%	30%	28%	29%	11%	22%
No	76	62	70	66	59	62	61	87	70
DK/NA	4	8	12	9	10	10	10	2	8

18. In general, do you think it is too easy to vote in Texas today, too difficult to vote in Texas today, or about right?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Too easy	19%	29%	4%	20%	20%	17%	14%	19%
Too difficult	22	2	50	23	17	27	24	14
About right	55	66	40	55	59	52	59	63
DK/NA	5	3	6	3	5	4	3	4

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Too easy	19%	23%	14%	14%	18%	16%	17%	12%	20%
Too difficult	18	28	24	23	18	19	18	51	18
About right	61	43	61	56	61	61	61	28	59
DK/NA	2	6	2	7	3	4	4	9	3

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

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Believe	43%	78%	6%	42%	46%	39%	43%	58%
No	51	18	94	53	47	56	55	37
DK/NA	6	4	1	5	7	5	2	5

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Believe	35%	47%	40%	42%	50%	53%	52%	22%	36%
No	60	47	54	54	46	43	44	75	58
DK/NA	4	6	6	4	4	4	4	2	6

20. As you may know, Texas has announced an audit of the 2020 election results from four of the largest counties in Texas. Do you approve or disapprove of this audit?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	53%	79%	14%	56%	56%	50%	47%	66%
Disapprove	41	15	84	38	36	45	47	27
DK/NA	6	7	2	5	8	5	5	7

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	56%	53%	49%	45%	60%	57%	58%	34%	48%
Disapprove	36	41	48	48	33	37	35	61	45
DK/NA	8	6	3	6	7	6	6	5	7

21. Do you support or oppose Texas building a wall along the state's border with Mexico?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Support	51%	88%	12%	48%	57%	45%	59%	71%		
Oppose	44	10	86	46	39	50	38	25		
DK/NA	5	2	2	6	5	5	3	4		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	42%	45%	53%	56%	69%	64%	66%	23%	36%	
Oppose	51	50	43	40	27	32	30	73	59	
DK/NA	7	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	5	
	AREA.....									
	East	Dall/ FtWth	Hstn	South Cntrl	West	South				
Support	68%	43%	46%	43%	65%	53%				
Oppose	26	52	45	55	33	43				
DK/NA	6	5	9	2	2	5				

22. Do you approve or disapprove of the Biden administration's decision to deport Haitian refugees who entered the U.S. illegally?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Approve	57%	73%	44%	54%	63%	52%	62%	66%		
Disapprove	31	22	45	34	27	35	24	28		
DK/NA	12	5	10	11	11	13	14	6		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	43%	54%	65%	62%	70%	61%	65%	34%	52%	
Disapprove	42	36	24	25	24	28	26	58	32	
DK/NA	15	10	11	13	7	11	9	8	16	
	AREA.....									
	East	Dall/ FtWth	Hstn	South Cntrl	West	South				
Approve	63%	62%	51%	50%	56%	63%				
Disapprove	29	29	31	42	32	24				
DK/NA	8	9	18	8	13	13				