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		D	I	R	
[1] What do you think are the three most important issues that Texas state lawmakers should address in the next several months?	Yes	41%	13%	43%	62%
	No	59	87	57	38

— Immigration

		D	I	R	
[2] What do you think are the three most important issues that Texas state lawmakers should address in the next several months?	Yes	31%	25%	32%	36%
	No	69	75	68	64

— The economy in general

		D	I	R	
[3] What do you think are the three most important issues that Texas state lawmakers should address in the next several months?	Yes	12%	23%	7%	6%
	No	88	77	93	94

— Climate change

		D	I	R	
[4] What do you think are the three most important issues that Texas state lawmakers should address in the next several months?	Yes	9%	10%	12%	6%
	No	91	90	88	94

— Access to mental health resources

		D	I	R	
[5] What do you think are the three most important issues that Texas state lawmakers should address in the next several months?	Yes	37%	37%	44%	33%
	No	63	63	56	67

— Power and electricity grid issues

		D	I	R	
[6] What do you think are the three most important issues that Texas state lawmakers should address in the next several months?	Yes	18%	24%	19%	11%
	No	82	76	81	89

— Healthcare

		D	I	R	
[7] What do you think are the three most important issues that Texas state lawmakers should address in the next several months?	Yes	20%	15%	17%	26%
	No	80	85	83	74

— Education

		D	I	R	
[8] What do you think are the three most important issues that Texas state lawmakers should address in the next several months?	Yes	33%	60%	27%	14%
	No	67	40	73	86

— Gun violence

		D	I	R	
[9] What do you think are the three most important issues that Texas state lawmakers should address in the next several months?	Yes	30%	56%	29%	10%
	No	70	44	71	90

— Women's reproductive rights

		D	I	R	
[10] What do you think are the three most important issues that Texas state lawmakers should address in the next several months?	Yes	21%	13%	19%	28%
	No	79	87	81	72

— Property taxes

		D	I	R	
[11] What do you think are the three most important issues that Texas state lawmakers should address in the next several months?	Yes	31%	14%	32%	45%
	No	69	86	68	55

— Crime and public safety

		D	I	R	
[12] What do you think are the three most important issues that Texas state lawmakers should address in the next several months?	Yes	12%	3%	13%	19%
	No	88	97	87	81

— Government spending

		D	I	R	
[13] What do you think are the three most important issues that Texas state lawmakers should address in the next several months?	Yes	3%	2%	5%	2%
	No	97	98	95	98

— Other

		D	I	R	
[14] What do you think are the three most important issues that Texas state lawmakers should address in the next several months?	Yes	1%	2%	0%	0%
	No	99	98	100	100

— None of these

		D	I	R	
[15] Would you say that Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas state government are doing enough to prepare Texas for the impacts of climate change, such as extreme weather and natural disasters?	Yes, I think they are doing enough	34%	7%	27%	61%
	No, I do not think they are doing enough	51	89	51	20
	Don't know	15	4	22	19

		D	I	R
[16] When thinking about the regulation of the energy industry in Texas, which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?	Regulations on energy companies need to be stronger in Texas to ensure power stays on and to protect Texas consumers from high prices. 63%	77%	65%	51%
	Regulations on energy companies are an overstep of the government, don't usually deliver the benefits they promise, and are not worth the cost. 23	12	21	33
	Don't know 14	12	13	16

		D	I	R
[17] During Winter Storm Uri in February 2021, the price of gas soared to record highs, leaving consumers with higher home energy bills following the storm.	Yes, state leaders did enough to protect consumers 23%	9%	20%	36%
	No, state leaders did not do enough to protect consumers 62	83	63	44
Do you think state leaders like Attorney General Ken Paxton, Governor Greg Abbott and other legislative leaders did enough to protect consumers from these high prices?	Don't know 15	8	17	20

		D	I	R
[18] Would you say that your home energy bills (e.g., electricity and gas) are higher, lower, or about the same as they were last year at this time?	Higher 69%	66%	74%	69%
	Lower 2	4	1	2
	I don't pay any home energy bills .. 2	4	1	2
	About the same 24	23	23	25
	Don't know 3	3	2	3

		D	I	R
[19] To what extent would you say high home energy bills have impacted your life? (N=493)	A great deal 52%	60%	42%	52%
	Some 37	29	43	40
	Only a little 9	9	14	6
	Not at all 2	2	0	3

		D	I	R
[20] Have high home energy bills impacted you in any of the following ways? Please select all that apply:	Yes 47%	42%	40%	55%
— Made me use the air conditioning less than I normally would	No 53	58	60	45
(N=493)				

		D	I	R
[21] Have high home energy bills impacted you in any of the following ways? Please select all that apply:	Yes 47%	46%	42%	50%
— Made me keep fewer lights on than I normally would	No 53	54	58	50
(N=493)				

		D	I	R	
[22] Have high home energy bills impacted you in any of the following ways? Please select all that apply:	Yes	58%	54%	63%	57%
— Made me cut back on spending in other areas of my life, like going out to eat, traveling, or going to movies	No	42	46	37	43
<i>(N=493)</i>					

		D	I	R	
[23] Have high home energy bills impacted you in any of the following ways? Please select all that apply:	Yes	7%	12%	5%	5%
— Made me spend more time outside of my house than I normally would	No	93	88	95	95
<i>(N=493)</i>					

		D	I	R	
[24] Have high home energy bills impacted you in any of the following ways? Please select all that apply:	Yes	51%	54%	41%	56%
— Made it harder for me to pay my other bills	No	49	46	59	44
<i>(N=493)</i>					

		D	I	R	
[25] Have high home energy bills impacted you in any of the following ways? Please select all that apply:	Yes	30%	34%	25%	29%
— Made me cut back in paying for other necessities like food or filling prescriptions	No	70	66	75	71
<i>(N=493)</i>					

		D	I	R	
[26] Have high home energy bills impacted you in any of the following ways? Please select all that apply:	Yes	19%	27%	21%	11%
— Made me consider changing who I'm voting for in the November 2022 midterm elections	No	81	73	79	89
<i>(N=493)</i>					

		D	I	R	
[27] Have high home energy bills impacted you in any of the following ways? Please select all that apply:	Yes	2%	0%	2%	2%
— Other	No	98	100	98	98
<i>(N=493)</i>					

		D	I	R	
[28] Have high home energy bills impacted you in any of the following ways? Please select all that apply:	Yes	6%	6%	7%	5%
— None of these	No	94	94	93	95
<i>(N=493)</i>					

		D	I	R	
[29] To what extent do you blame each of the following for your higher home energy prices?	A great deal	33%	72%	35%	3%
— Governor Greg Abbott	Some	21	18	22	22
(N=251)	Only a little	19	5	17	30
	Not at all	27	5	26	45

		D	I	R	
[30] To what extent do you blame each of the following for your higher home energy prices?	A great deal	54%	13%	54%	84%
— President Joe Biden	Some	14	20	15	9
(N=251)	Only a little	11	16	12	6
	Not at all	21	51	18	1

		D	I	R	
[31] To what extent do you blame each of the following for your higher home energy prices?	A great deal	56%	70%	60%	43%
— ERCOT (Electric Reliability Council of Texas)	Some	30	18	28	39
(N=251)	Only a little	10	7	12	11
	Not at all	5	5	0	7

		D	I	R	
[32] To what extent do you blame each of the following for your higher home energy prices?	A great deal	41%	57%	40%	28%
— The Texas Public Utility Commission	Some	35	28	34	41
(N=251)	Only a little	17	9	19	21
	Not at all	8	6	6	10

		D	I	R	
[33] To what extent do you blame each of the following for your higher home energy prices?	A great deal	47%	60%	42%	40%
— Electricity Companies	Some	39	35	44	39
(N=251)	Only a little	10	3	12	15
	Not at all	4	2	2	6

		D	I	R	
[34] To what extent do you blame each of the following for your higher home energy prices?	A great deal	33%	53%	38%	16%
— Texas Legislature	Some	37	36	31	40
(N=251)	Only a little	18	5	17	29
	Not at all	12	6	14	15

		D	I	R	
[35] To what extent do you blame each of the following for your higher home energy prices?	A great deal	15%	27%	16%	5%
— The Texas Railroad Commission	Some	35	39	38	30
(N=251)	Only a little	18	9	14	27
	Not at all	33	26	32	38

		D	I	R
[36] To what extent do you blame each of the following for your higher home energy prices?	A great deal	28%	18%	5%
— Natural gas companies	Some	43	33	43
(N=251)	Only a little	17	24	35
	Not at all	12	25	17

		D	I	R
[37] Since the Texas electricity grid is independent, it is not subject to regulation by the federal government.	A great deal	81%	36%	19%
Knowing this, to what extent do you blame each of the following for your higher home energy prices?	Some	12	19	34
— Governor Greg Abbott	Only a little	5	21	20
(N=242)	Not at all	2	23	27

		D	I	R
[38] Since the Texas electricity grid is independent, it is not subject to regulation by the federal government.	A great deal	10%	47%	58%
Knowing this, to what extent do you blame each of the following for your higher home energy prices?	Some	17	15	17
— President Joe Biden	Only a little	17	13	10
(N=242)	Not at all	55	26	15

		D	I	R
[39] Since the Texas electricity grid is independent, it is not subject to regulation by the federal government.	A great deal	78%	57%	60%
Knowing this, to what extent do you blame each of the following for your higher home energy prices?	Some	14	39	25
— ERCOT (Electric Reliability Council of Texas)	Only a little	4	0	4
(N=242)	Not at all	4	4	11

		D	I	R
[40] Since the Texas electricity grid is independent, it is not subject to regulation by the federal government.	A great deal	61%	40%	33%
Knowing this, to what extent do you blame each of the following for your higher home energy prices?	Some	27	48	36
— The Texas Public Utility Commission	Only a little	9	9	17
(N=242)	Not at all	3	4	14

[41] Since the Texas electricity grid is independent, it is not subject to regulation by the federal government.

Knowing this, to what extent do you blame each of the following for your higher home energy prices?

— Electricity Companies

(N=242)

		D	I	R
A great deal	47%	62%	38%	40%
Some	39	30	46	42
Only a little	7	4	13	6
Not at all	7	4	3	13

[42] Since the Texas electricity grid is independent, it is not subject to regulation by the federal government.

Knowing this, to what extent do you blame each of the following for your higher home energy prices?

— Texas Legislature

(N=242)

		D	I	R
A great deal	42%	64%	34%	30%
Some	35	23	47	35
Only a little	11	9	7	16
Not at all	12	4	12	19

[43] Since the Texas electricity grid is independent, it is not subject to regulation by the federal government.

Knowing this, to what extent do you blame each of the following for your higher home energy prices?

— The Texas Railroad Commission

(N=242)

		D	I	R
A great deal	23%	41%	12%	17%
Some	34	26	36	39
Only a little	19	13	28	16
Not at all	24	19	23	28

[44] Since the Texas electricity grid is independent, it is not subject to regulation by the federal government.

Knowing this, to what extent do you blame each of the following for your higher home energy prices?

— Natural gas companies

(N=242)

		D	I	R
A great deal	28%	42%	24%	20%
Some	38	41	36	38
Only a little	16	9	30	10
Not at all	17	8	10	31

[45] Please indicate whether you would support or oppose each of the following actions to **improve electricity grid reliability in Texas:**

— Upgrade electricity transmission lines and equipment

(N=242)

		D	I	R
Strongly support	54%	59%	55%	49%
Somewhat support	34	30	32	38
Somewhat oppose	4	3	5	4
Strongly oppose	1	1	1	1
Don't know	7	7	7	7
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	88%	89%	87%	87%
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	5	4	6	5
SUPPORT (NET)	+83	+85	+81	+82

[46] Please indicate whether you would support or oppose each of the following actions to **improve electricity grid reliability in Texas**:

— Pay extra to keep 40+ year old coal and gas plants available even when not generating power

		D	I	R
Strongly support	9%	7%	10%	10%
Somewhat support	27	18	36	28
Somewhat oppose	22	19	20	26
Strongly oppose	27	41	23	18
Don't know	15	15	11	17
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	36%	25%	46%	38%
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	49	60	43	44
SUPPORT (NET)	-13	-35	+3	-6

[47] Please indicate whether you would support or oppose each of the following actions to **improve electricity grid reliability in Texas**:

— Invest in new energy technologies such as battery storage to store energy for periods of high demand

		D	I	R
Strongly support	35%	51%	35%	21%
Somewhat support	38	32	39	42
Somewhat oppose	9	6	10	10
Strongly oppose	7	1	8	11
Don't know	12	10	8	16
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	73%	83%	74%	63%
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	16	7	18	21
SUPPORT (NET)	+57	+76	+56	+42

[48] Please indicate whether you would support or oppose each of the following actions to **improve electricity grid reliability in Texas**:

— Increase energy efficiency to lower demand

		D	I	R
Strongly support	44%	52%	42%	39%
Somewhat support	38	27	45	42
Somewhat oppose	6	7	6	5
Strongly oppose	3	1	1	5
Don't know	10	13	6	9
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	82%	79%	87%	81%
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	9	8	7	10
SUPPORT (NET)	+73	+71	+80	+71

[49] Please indicate whether you would support or oppose each of the following actions to **improve electricity grid reliability in Texas**:

— Pay customers to reduce use **during** times the grid is stressed

		D	I	R
Strongly support	23%	30%	23%	17%
Somewhat support	41	39	39	43
Somewhat oppose	14	11	12	18
Strongly oppose	9	8	12	7
Don't know	13	11	14	15
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	64%	69%	62%	60%
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	23	19	24	25
SUPPORT (NET)	+41	+50	+38	+35



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[1] If the November 2022 election for the **Governor of Texas** was being held tomorrow, who would you vote for?

Democrat Beto O'Rourke	45%
Republican Greg Abbott	50
Another candidate	2
Not sure	3