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Texas Public Opinion Research: Republican Senate Runoff Poll

March 7-8, 2026

781 Likely Republican Primary Voters March 7, 2026 to March 8, 2026. Results were weighted by gender, age, race, and education to match population demographics. MOE ±3.9, Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding

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Using the following scale, how would you describe yourself politically?

Very conservative	**62%**
Somewhat conservative	**27%**
Moderate	**9%**
Somewhat liberal	-
Very liberal	-
Not sure	**2%**

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent or something else?

Republican	**82%**
Democrat	-
Independent	**15%**
Something else	**3%**

Did you vote in the Republican primary election for U.S. Senate in Texas?

Yes	**100%**
No	-
Not sure	-

Looking ahead to the Republican runoff election for U.S. Senate on May 26th, 2026, how likely would you say you are to vote in that election?

TOTAL LIKELY	**100%**
TOTAL NOT LIKELY	-

Very likely	**98%**
Somewhat likely	**2%**
Not that likely	-
Not likely at all	-
Not sure	-

Please indicate whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression of the below people or ideas.

	NET FAVORABLE	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE
James Talarico	-66	12%	78%
Ken Paxton	+30	62%	32%
John Cornyn	+6	50%	44%
Donald Trump	+78	89%	11%
Make America Great Again	+79	89%	10%

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
Donald Trump	73%	16%	3%	8%	1%
John Cornyn	22%	28%	15%	29%	6%
Ken Paxton	38%	24%	11%	21%	6%
James Talarico	5%	7%	5%	73%	10%
Make America Great Again	80%	9%	3%	7%	1%

Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump's job performance?

NET APPROVE	+78

Approve	87%
Disapprove	9%
Not sure	5%

Please pick the top two issues that you think elected officials should prioritize in 2026. Please pick 2.

Affordability and the cost of living	33%
Immigration	29%
Border security	23%
Economic growth and job creation	20%
Democracy and voting rights	17%
Social Security and Medicare	15%
Health care access and costs	13%
Taxes	12%
Education and public schools	7%
Public safety	7%
Infrastructure and the electric grid	5%
Regulating artificial intelligence	5%
Oil and gas production	5%
Other	4%
Abortion and reproductive health issues	3%
Climate change and the environment	1%
Don't know	-

Thinking about the recent Republican primary election on March 3rd, 2026 for U.S. Senate in Texas, which candidate did you vote for?

John Cornyn	**41%**
Ken Paxton	**42%**
Wesley Hunt	**15%**
Another candidate	**1%**
Did not vote	**-**

If the Republican runoff election for U.S. Senate were held today, who would you vote for?

John Cornyn	**41%**
Ken Paxton	**49%**
Undecided	**11%**

If Donald Trump endorsed Ken Paxton in the runoff election, who would you vote for?

John Cornyn	**32%**
Ken Paxton	**58%**
Not sure	**10%**

If Donald Trump endorsed Ken Paxton in the race for the US Senate, how would the endorsement impact your opinion of Donald Trump?

NET FAVORABLE	**+29**
More favorable	**48%**
Less favorable	**19%**
Not sure	**34%**

If Donald Trump endorsed John Cornyn in the runoff election, who would you vote for?

John Cornyn	**43%**
Ken Paxton	**44%**
Not sure	**13%**

If Donald Trump endorsed John Cornyn in the race for the US Senate, how would the endorsement impact your opinion of Donald Trump?

NET FAVORABLE	**+5**
More favorable	**32%**
Less favorable	**27%**
Not sure	**41%**

Do you consider yourself a strong or a not-so-strong Republican?

Strong Republican	**79%**
Not-so-strong Republican	**15%**
Not sure	**6%**

Who did you vote for in the 2024 presidential election?

Democrat Kamala Harris	**4%**
Republican Donald Trump	**93%**
Green Jill Stein	**1%**
Libertarian Chase Oliver	**1%**
I did not vote	**1%**

What is your gender?

Male	**55%**
Female	**45%**

Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity?

White	**82%**
Black or African American	**2%**
Hispanic or Latino	**13%**
Asian	**1%**
American Indian or Alaska Native	**0%**
Other	**2%**

How would you describe your current employment status?

Full time	**37%**
Part time	**5%**
Student	**0%**
Retired	**50%**
Homemaker	**3%**
Unemployed	**1%**
I refuse to answer	**3%**

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

No high school diploma	**1%**
High school or GED	**15%**
Some college	**44%**
Bachelor's degree	**22%**
Graduate or professional degree	**19%**

What is your religion?

Protestant Christian (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians)	**50%**
Evangelical Christian	**18%**
Orthodox Christian	**1%**
Catholic	**17%**
Orthodox Jewish	**-**
Non-Orthodox Jewish	**1%**
Muslim	**-**
Buddhist	**-**
Hindu	**-**
Atheist or Agnostic	**2%**
Other	**4%**
None	**3%**
Not sure	**1%**
I refuse to answer	**4%**

What is your household's annual income?

You and your household earn less than $20,000 annually	**1%**
$20,000 to $40,000	**7%**
$40,000 to $60,000	**10%**
$60,000 to $80,000	**11%**
$80,000 to $100,000	**10%**
$100,000 to $150,000	**17%**
$150,000 to $200,000	**11%**
More than $200,000	**15%**
Not sure	**1%**
I refuse to answer	**16%**