

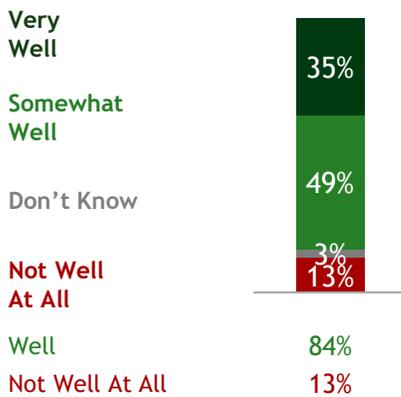
## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** INTERESTED PARTIES  
**FROM:** CHRIS PERKINS  
**SUBJECT:** REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS ON ELECTIONS IN TEXAS  
**DATE:** MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

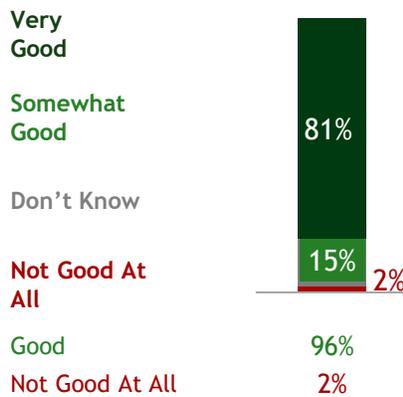
### Methodology

On behalf of Secure Democracy USA and Secure Democracy Foundation, Ragnar Research conducted a survey of n=750 likely Republican Primary Voters (RPVs) across the state of Texas. The survey was fielded April 16 through April 18, 2023 by live telephone operators, including landlines (15%) and cell phones (85%). Quotas on age, gender and region were used to ensure a representative distribution. The study's margin of error is  $\pm 4\%$ .

#### Texas Election Ran & Managed



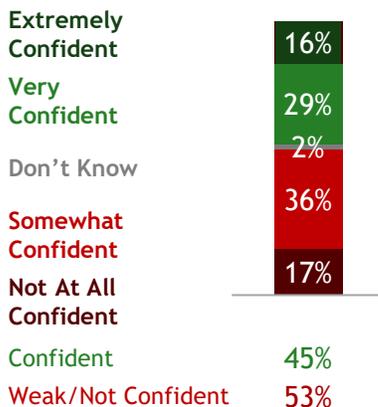
#### Personal Experience Voting



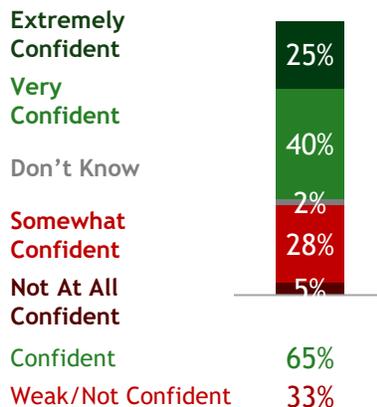
Republican voters in Texas' experience with the 2022 midterm election was overwhelmingly positive. The vast majority of RPVs stated that thought the elections were well managed (84%) and that their personal experience voting was overall good (96%).

	Austin	Houston	DFW	San Antonio	West	South	Central	East
Well	83%	72%	90%	88%	89%	91%	84%	84%
Not Well At All	12%	26%	8%	8%	7%	7%	12%	11%

#### Presidential Election 2020

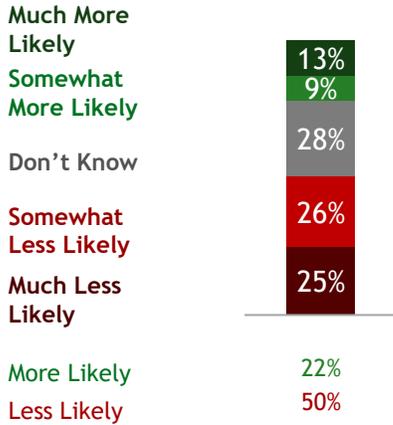


#### Texas Gubernatorial Election 2022

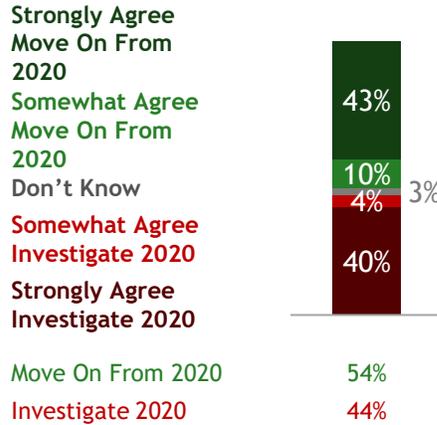


Confidence in the results of Texas elections has improved since 2020. Republican voters were overall not confident (53%) in the 2020 election results, but confidence has jumped by +20% in the last two years.

### POTUS Candidate that Asserted Election Fraud

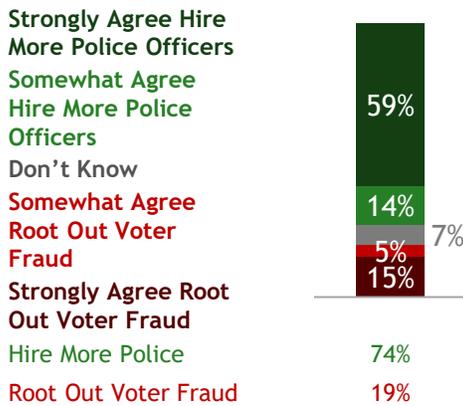


### Investigate 2020 v Move On From 2020

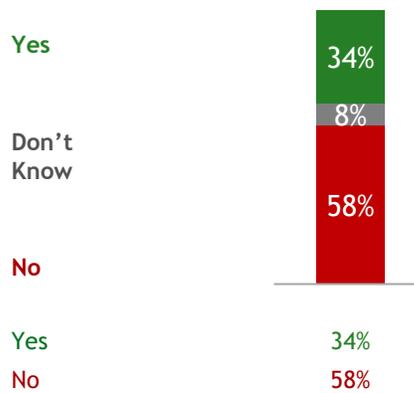


The 2020 election no longer looms over the head of voters. A majority of Republican voters agreed (54%) that they were ready to move on from the 2020 election. Half of RPVs said they were less likely to support a candidate for president who asserts election fraud without demonstrating proof of those claims.

### Root Out Voter Fraud v Crime Prevention

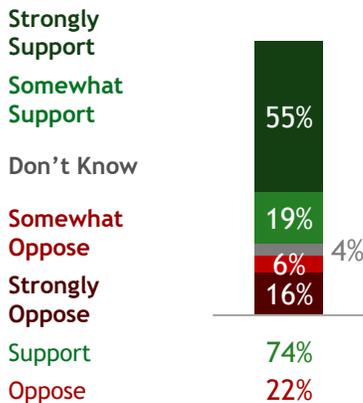


### Prison for Ineligibly Casting Ballot

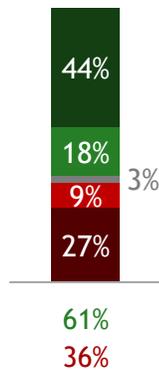


A substantial majority 74% RPVs would prefer the state dedicate significant resources to support existing law enforcement and hiring more police officers over resources specifically focusing on rooting out voter fraud. A majority disagreed (58%) with jailing someone for up to twenty years for unknowingly casting an ineligible ballot.

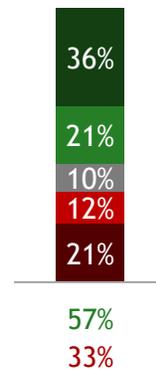
### Early Voting Weekend Before Election



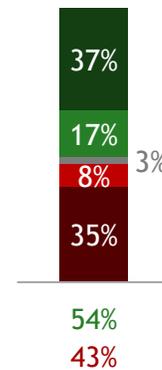
### Extend Early Voting By A Week



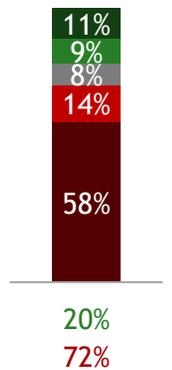
### Sec. of State Set Election Standards



### Registration Online Portal



### Eliminate Countywide Polling

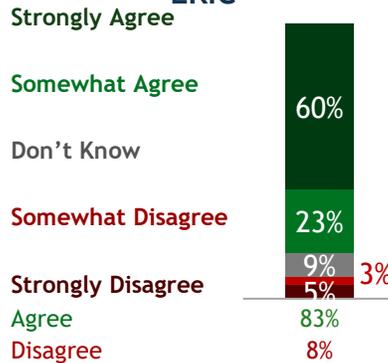


Republican voters strongly support allowing early voting the weekend before the election (74%) and extending early voting by a week (61%). A majority of RPVs (54%) support voter registration through a secure online portal that requires the applicant to prove their identity, and allowing the Secretary of State to set statewide standards (57%). Nearly three-fourths (72%) of RPVs oppose eliminating countywide polling locations, knowing that 83% of Texans use this method.

## Trust to Conduct Elections



## Texas Remain Part of ERIC



RPVs place more trust in county officials to conduct elections, and RPVs strongly desire the state of Texas to continue being a part of Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) with 83% of voters wanting the state to remain a part of ERIC.

## Conclusion

Republican voters are satisfied with the way elections in Texas were conducted in 2022, strongly stated their personal experience voting was good and show growing confidence in the election results in Texas since 2020. RPVs support expanding early voting an additional week and support early voting the weekend before the election. ERIC, a multi-state program designed to keep voter rolls up-to-date, remove ineligible voters, and investigate possible illegal voting has clear and strong support among Texas Republicans, with 83% of RPVs stating the state should remain a part of the program.

## Question Text

**Texas Election Ran & Managed:** Would you say that the most recent elections in Texas were run and managed very well, somewhat well, or not well at all?

**Personal Experience Voting:** In the most recent elections in Texas, would you say that your personal experience voting was very good, somewhat good, not good at all?

**Presidential Election 2020:** How confident are you that the election results in Texas were accurate during the twenty-twenty Presidential election?

**Texas Gubernatorial Election 2022:** How confident are you that the election results in Texas were accurate during the twenty-twenty two election for Governor?

**POTUS Candidate that Asserted Election Fraud:** If a candidate for President of the United States made public statements asserting widespread fraud in previous elections without demonstrating proof of those claims, would that make you more or less likely to support that candidate?

**Investigate 2020 v Move On From 2020:** I'm going to describe two points of view. Please tell me which point of view you agree with the most. Some people say, it's time to investigate the 2020 election more. ...or... Other people say, it's time to move on from the 2020 election.

**Root Out Voter Fraud v Crime Prevention:** Next, I'm going to describe two points of view. Please tell me which point of view you agree with the most. Some people say, the state of Texas should dedicate significant resources on law enforcement officials specifically focusing on rooting out voter fraud ...or... Other people say, the state of Texas should dedicate significant resources to support existing law enforcement officials and hiring more police officers to focus on general crime prevention.

**Prison for Ineligibly Casting Ballot:** Should ineligible voters face up to twenty years in prison for voting even if they are unaware that they are ineligible?

Next, I am going to read you a list of potential legislation to be voted on for elections. After I read each one, please tell me if you support or oppose that legislation.

**Early Voting Weekend Before Election:** Allowing early voting locations to be open through the last weekend before election day.

**Extend Early Voting By A Week:** Extend early voting locations by one extra week, like Texas did for the twenty-twenty election.

**Sec. of State Set Election Standards:** Allowing the Secretary of State to set statewide election standards rather than allowing local officials to set election standards.

**Registration Online Portal:** Allowing voter registration through a secure online portal that requires the applicant to prove their identity.

**Eliminate Countywide Polling:** Eliminate countywide polling places, which are currently used by eighty three percent of Texas registered voters.

**Trust to Conduct Elections:** Who do you trust more to conduct elections: your local county officials or state officials?

**Texas Remain Part of ERIC:** As you may know, the State of Texas is part of the Electronic Registration Information Center, known as ERIC, a multi-state program designed to help states keep their voter rolls up-to-date, remove ineligible voters, provide voter registration information to those who are eligible to vote, and investigate potential illegal voting. Based on what you know today, do you agree or disagree that the state of Texas should remain part of ERIC?

## About Chris Perkins

Chris Perkins is an expert in quantitative and qualitative analysis having conducted and analyzed survey data for over a decade on behalf of Republican candidates, colleges and universities, and Fortune 500 companies. Perkins is considered one of the top public opinion experts in the United States and has been cited as among the most accurate pollsters in the country. In the 2010 - 2022 election cycles, Perkins polled for nearly one hundred winning Republican candidates for the State Legislature, US House of Representatives, US Senate, Governor, and other statewide offices.

In Texas, Perkins was named the top pollster by Capitol Inside's bi-partisan "Texas Power Consultants" rankings for six consecutive election cycles and is widely recognized to have been the most accurate pollster conducting surveys in Texas since 2010. Perkins teaches 'Polling and Targeting' for the Annette Straus Institute's New Politics Forum at the University of Texas at Austin, which provides UT students a bi-partisan look at the way modern political campaigns are conducted.