



**BEXAR COUNTY
COMMUNITY ISSUES SURVEY
2020 – 2Q SECOND SURVEY
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A/B SPLIT**

Hello, I'm _____ from _____, a public opinion research company. **(IF RESPONDENT REPLIES IN SPANISH FOLLOW THE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE FOR HANDING OFF TO AN INTERVIEWER WHO SPEAKS SPANISH.)** We are not telemarketers trying to sell anything, or ask for a donation of any type. We are conducting an opinion survey on issues that interest people living in Bexar County and would like to include your opinions. May I speak to _____? **(MUST SPEAK WITH VOTER LISTED. VERIFY THAT THE VOTER LIVES AT THE ADDRESS LISTED—OTHERWISE TERMINATE.) (IF NOT AVAILABLE, ASK WHEN IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT TO CALL AGAIN.)**

(ONLY ASKED ON TELEPHONE)

A. Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, are you in a place where you can talk safely without endangering yourself or others?

- Yes, cell and can talk safely----- 90%
- Yes, cell but cannot talk safely ----- **TERMINATE**
- No, not on cell----- 10%
- (DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED----- TERMINATE**

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

B. Are you registered to vote in Bexar County?

- Yes ----- 100%
- No ----- **TERMINATE**
- (DON'T READ) DK/NA --- TERMINATE**

1. Ok, let's begin, thinking about _____ in general, would you say things are going in the right direction or would you say they are off on the wrong track?

	<u>RIGHT DIRECTION</u>	<u>WRONG TRACK</u>	<u>(MIXED)</u>	<u>(DK/NA)</u>
(DO NOT ROTATE)				
a. (T) Bexar County-----	43%	23%	28%	6%
b. (T) City of San Antonio-----	42%	27%	25%	6%

2. Next, for each of the following, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing. (IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK: “Is that strongly APPROVE/ DISAPPROVE, or just somewhat?”) (RANDOMIZE)

	<u>STR</u>	<u>SMWT</u>	<u>SMWT</u>	<u>STR</u>	<u>(DK/</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>APPR</u>	<u>APPR</u>	<u>DISAP</u>	<u>DISAP</u>	<u>NA)</u>	<u>APPR</u>	<u>DISAP</u>
[] a. (T) President Donald Trump -----	30 %	13 %	10 %	45 %	2 %	43 %	55 %
[] b. (T) Governor Greg Abbott -----	34 %	26 %	15 %	20 %	5 %	61 %	35 %
[] c. (T) San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg -----	43 %	24 %	9 %	17 %	6 %	67 %	27 %
[] d. (T) Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff -----	33 %	29 %	12 %	12 %	13 %	63 %	24 %
[] e. (T) The San Antonio City Council -----	16 %	38 %	13 %	18 %	15 %	55 %	31 %
[] f. (T) Bexar County’s Commissioners Court -----	14 %	32 %	14 %	8 %	33 %	46 %	21 %
[] g. San Antonio Police Chief William McManus -----	38 %	39 %	9 %	5 %	10 %	77 %	13 %
[] h. (T) Bexar County Sheriff Javier Salazar -----	26 %	38 %	13 %	6 %	17 %	64 %	19 %

NOW I WOULD LIKE TO ASK A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE IN THE GREATER SAN ANTONIO AREA.

3. (T) First, what do you think is the most serious problem facing the greater San Antonio area that you would like to see local government do something about? (OPEN-ENDED, RECORD AND CODE RESPONSE)

- Covid-19/Coronavirus/re-opening too soon ----- 13 %
- Crime/security ----- 13 %
- Homelessness/poverty ----- 12 %
- Infrastructure/roads/transportation ----- 9 %
- Police/police actions ----- 8 %
- City leadership/government ----- 8 %
- Unemployment/employment/wages ----- 6 %
- Finances/money/economy ----- 6 %
- Traffic ----- 6 %
- Education ----- 5 %
- Racism ----- 5 %
- Taxes ----- 4 %
- Growth/gentrification/development ----- 4 %
- Civil rights ----- 4 %
- Housing ----- 2 %
- Healthcare/testing ----- 2 %
- Environment/climate change ----- 2 %

- Other ----- 5 %
- Don't know/Not sure ----- 3 %
- Refused/N/A/No comment ----- 3 %

4. I'm going to read you a list of issues that some people say are problems in the greater San Antonio area. After I read each one, please tell me if you think it is an extremely serious problem, a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, or not a serious problem. **(RANDOMIZE)**

	<u>EXT SER PROB</u>	<u>VERY SER PROB</u>	<u>SMWT SER PROB</u>	<u>NOT A SER PROB</u>	<u>(DK/ NA)</u>	<u>EXT/ VERY</u>
[]a. (T) Closure of local businesses due to the coronavirus outbreak -----	37%	32%	21%	8%	2%	69%
[]b. (PT) Civil unrest -----	23%	21%	30%	20%	7%	44%
[]c. (T) The spread of coronavirus -----	40%	26%	22%	12%	0%	66%
[]d. Violence by police against protesters -----	20%	14%	25%	36%	6%	34%
(SPLIT SAMPLE A ONLY)						
[]e. Unemployment-----	32%	34%	22%	8%	4%	66%
[]f. (T) The amount you pay in local property taxes -----	33%	23%	20%	13%	11%	56%
[]g. (T) Low wages-----	26%	32%	26%	12%	3%	58%
[]h. (T) Property crimes, such as burglary and theft-----	28%	29%	32%	7%	5%	57%
[]i. (T) Domestic violence-----	37%	29%	24%	3%	6%	66%
(SPLIT SAMPLE B ONLY)						
[]j. (T) Income inequality-----	31%	18%	29%	19%	2%	49%
[]k. (T) Crime, gangs, and drugs-----	40%	27%	28%	4%	1%	68%
[]l. (T) The cost of healthcare -----	36%	26%	25%	9%	3%	62%
[]m. (T) Homelessness -----	35%	32%	25%	7%	1%	67%
[]n. (T) Child abuse -----	43%	30%	14%	3%	10%	73%

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

**NOW I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.**

5. **(T)** When it comes to the pandemic, do you think that: **(ROTATE)**

- [] The worst is over ----- 31%
- [] The worst is yet to come----- 57%
- (DON'T READ)** DK/NA ----- 13%

6. (T) When it comes to social distancing and the closure of businesses in the greater San Antonio area, which of the following concerns you more right now: **(ROTATE CHOICES)**

Social distancing will go on and cause unnecessary damage to the economy and residents' livelihoods ----- 36%

OR

Social distancing will end too soon and prolong the epidemic, endangering the economy and putting lives at risk ----- 58%

(DON'T READ) Both ----- 3%

(DON'T READ) Neither ----- 1%

(DON'T READ) DK/NA ----- 1%

7. Next, the following are a number of areas where the City of San Antonio is focusing public investment to deal with the impact of the coronavirus. Please tell me whether you support or oppose each one. **(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK: "Is that strongly SUPPORT/OPPOSE, or just somewhat?") (RANDOMIZE)**

	<u>STR</u> <u>SUPP</u>	<u>SMWT</u> <u>SUPP</u>	<u>SMWT</u> <u>OPP</u>	<u>STR</u> <u>OPP</u>	<u>(DK/</u> <u>NA)</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>SUPP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>OPP</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Providing workforce development support, including job training and child care for essential workers-----	68%	24%	4%	3%	1%	92%	7%
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Providing housing assistance, including rental and mortgage support payments and direct cash to low-income residents-----	46%	31%	14%	7%	2%	77%	21%
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Providing small-business support, including counseling and grant payments to small businesses-----	67%	26%	4%	1%	2%	93%	6%
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Providing Wi-Fi networks, technology, and other infrastructure to connect K-12 and college students to the internet-----	65%	22%	5%	7%	2%	87%	11%

NEXT, SWITCHING TOPICS, THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT THE RECENT PROTESTS OCCURING IN THE GREATER SAN ANTONIO AREA IN REACTION TO THE KILLING OF GEORGE FLOYD BY MINNEAPOLIS POLICE.

8. Now, I'd like to read some statements that have been recently made about the current protests and law enforcement's response in the greater San Antonio area. As I read each one, please tell me if you agree or disagree with that statement. **(IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK "Is that strongly AGREE/DISAGREE or just somewhat?") (RANDOMIZE)**

	<u>STR</u> <u>AGREE</u>	<u>SMWT</u> <u>AGREE</u>	<u>SMWT</u> <u>DISAGR</u>	<u>STR</u> <u>DISAGR</u>	<u>(DK/</u> <u>NA)</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>AGREE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>DISAGR</u>
[]a. Too many local police are biased against African-Americans-----	16%	20%	16%	33%	15%	36%	49%
[]b. I feel safer when I see the police in my neighborhood-----	59%	24%	11%	5%	2%	82%	16%
[]c. Local police are fair and impartial when enforcing the law-----	34%	34%	14%	11%	6%	69%	25%
[]d. Local police are better trained and equipped to handle protests peacefully than officers in Minneapolis-----	34%	29%	7%	7%	23%	63%	14%
[]e. Local police officers have good relationships with communities of color in San Antonio-----	29%	33%	14%	7%	17%	62%	21%
[]f. The majority of protesters are peaceful and have been behaving lawfully-----	40%	37%	10%	9%	5%	77%	18%
[]g. The behavior of local police has led to some local protests becoming violent-----	16%	21%	20%	31%	12%	37%	51%
[]h. Out-of-state extremists have been influencing the direction of local protests-----	47%	22%	9%	8%	14%	70%	16%
[]i. Police unions have been a barrier to holding local police officers accountable for misconduct-----	40%	28%	9%	11%	12%	68%	21%

9. Which of the following comes closest to your opinion about the protests: **(ROTATE)**

[] Most protestors are peacefully and lawfully trying to speak out against police violence and bias-----70%

OR

[] Most protestors are simply looking for an excuse to loot, damage property, and provoke conflicts with police-----25%

(DON'T READ) Both-----3%

(DON'T READ) Neither-----1%

(DON'T READ) DK/NA-----1%

10. Next, thinking specifically about local law enforcement’s response to the protests, which of the following do you agree with the most: **(ROTATE)**

Local law enforcement has responded in an appropriate matter to ensure people and property are kept safe -----78%

OR

Local law enforcement has been unnecessarily aggressive and used excessive force on protesters -----17%

(DON'T READ) Both-----2%

(DON'T READ) Neither -----2%

(DON'T READ) DK/NA-----1%

11. Now, here is a list of the different ways police departments across the US have responded to protests in their own cities. As I read each one, please tell me if you would approve or disapprove of local law enforcement in the greater San Antonio area using these tactics in response to local protests. **(IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK: “Is that strongly APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, or just somewhat?”)** **(RANDOMIZE)**

	<u>STR</u> <u>APPR</u>	<u>SMWT</u> <u>APPR</u>	<u>SMWT</u> <u>DISAP</u>	<u>STR</u> <u>DISAP</u>	<u>(DK/</u> <u>NA)</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>APPR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>DISAP</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> [a]. Using helicopter surveillance to track protesters-----	44%	29%	10%	14%	2%	73%	25%
<input type="checkbox"/> [b]. Using tear gas and pepper spray to disperse protesters-----	21%	25%	14%	35%	4%	47%	49%
<input type="checkbox"/> [c]. Firing non-lethal rubber bullets on protesters-----	20%	21%	17%	40%	2%	42%	56%
<input type="checkbox"/> [d]. Establishing and enforcing curfews on all residents-----	36%	34%	14%	15%	2%	69%	29%
<input type="checkbox"/> [e]. Calling the National Guard to support local police -----	32%	28%	14%	24%	2%	60%	38%
<input type="checkbox"/> [f]. Using batons against protesters that may be getting too close to officers -----	22%	23%	21%	31%	4%	44%	52%
<input type="checkbox"/> [g]. Using chokeholds or strangleholds on violent protesters to apprehend them -----	9%	13%	15%	61%	2%	23%	76%
<input type="checkbox"/> [h]. Using the US military to maintain order-----	19%	21%	11%	48%	1%	40%	59%

12. Next, I am going to read you some policies that have been proposed to ensure safety and accountability for local law enforcement in their response to protests. Please tell me whether each sounds like something you would support or oppose. **(IF SUPPORT/ OPPOSE, ASK: “Is that strongly SUPPORT/OPPOSE, or just somewhat?”) (RANDOMIZE)**

	<u>STR</u> <u>SUPP</u>	<u>SMWT</u> <u>SUPP</u>	<u>SMWT</u> <u>OPP</u>	<u>STR</u> <u>OPP</u>	<u>(DK/</u> <u>NA)</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>SUPP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>OPP</u>
[]a. Require police officers to wear body cams and keep them on at all times they interact with civilians while on duty-----	85 %	12 %	2 %	1 %	1 %	96 %	3 %
[]b. Hire more police officers that come from communities of color-----	52 %	30 %	6 %	5 %	7 %	82 %	11 %
[]c. Require officers to live locally in the communities they serve-----	38 %	32 %	14 %	9 %	7 %	70 %	24 %
[]d. Create citizen community boards that supervise police departments-----	39 %	27 %	13 %	18 %	3 %	66 %	31 %
[]e. Require regular de-escalation training for all officers to help them prevent violent conflicts-----	83 %	14 %	1 %	1 %	1 %	97 %	2 %
[]f. Require officers to report each time they use force of threaten to use force against a civilian-----	66 %	22 %	6 %	5 %	2 %	88 %	11 %
[]g. Require officers to give a verbal warning before they shoot at a civilian-----	72 %	17 %	4 %	4 %	3 %	89 %	8 %
[]h. Require police officers to exhaust all other alternatives before shooting-----	74 %	18 %	4 %	4 %	1 %	91 %	7 %

HERE ARE MY FINAL QUESTIONS; THEY ARE JUST FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES.

13. **(T)** Were you born and raised in the greater San Antonio area? **(IF NO, ASK: “About how long have you lived here?”) (READ LIST)**

- Two years or less----- 2%
- Three to five years----- 6%
- Six to ten years----- 9%
- 11 to 20 years----- 17%
- 21 to 40 years----- 22%
- More than 40 years----- 13%
- Born and raised----- 27%
- (DON'T READ)** Don't know/Refused ----- 3%

14. (T) Are you, or is anyone in your household, an active member of the military or a military veteran? (SPECIFY. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES / CANNOT BE 1 & 3)

Yes, self/active----- 4%
 Yes, someone else/active----- 7%
 Yes, self/veteran ----- 16%
 Yes, someone else/veteran ----- 16%
 No ----- 60%
 (DON'T READ) DK/NA/Refused ----- 1%

15. (T) Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN", ASK:) "Would you call yourself a strong (DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN) or a not very strong (DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN)?" (IF "INDEPENDENT" IS VOLUNTEERED, ASK: "Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic or Republican party?")

Strong Democrat ----- 23%
 Not strong Democrat ----- 8%
 Independent/Democrat ----- 6%
 Independent ----- 14%
 Independent/Republican ----- 8%
 Not strong Republican ----- 7%
 Strong Republican ----- 16%
 (DON'T KNOW/NA) ----- 17%

16. (T) How would you describe your political outlook? Would you say that you are very conservative, somewhat conservative, a moderate, somewhat liberal, or very liberal?

Very conservative----- 16%
 Somewhat conservative ----- 23%
 Moderate ----- 32%
 Somewhat liberal----- 13%
 Very liberal ----- 7%
 (DON'T READ) Refused/DK/NA ----- 8%

17. (T) Do you own or rent your home or apartment?

Own ----- 74%
 Rent ----- 21%
 (DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED -- 5%

18. (T) What was the last level of school you completed?

Grades 1-8 -----	1%
Grades 9-11 -----	1%
High school graduate (12)-----	12%
Some college/vocational school -----	32%
College (4 years)-----	32%
Post-graduate work -----	20%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/Refused -----	2%

19. (T) With which racial or ethnic group do you identify yourself? **(READ RESPONSES)**

Hispanic or Latino-----	46%
African American or Black -----	6%
Caucasian/White -----	38%
Asian/Pacific Islander-----	1%
Other (SPECIFY) -----	2%
Multiracial -----	2%
(DON'T READ) Refused/NA-----	5%

20. (T) I don't need to know the exact amount, but please stop me when I read the category that includes the total income for your household before taxes in 2019: **(READ LIST)**

\$30,000 and under-----	12%
\$30,001 - \$60,000 -----	23%
\$60,001 - \$75,000 -----	11%
\$75,001 - \$100,000-----	16%
\$100,001 - \$150,000 -----	14%
More than \$150,000-----	9%
(DON'T READ) Refused/NA-----	16%

21. Finally, the overall results of this survey may be shared with a local media organization. Would you be willing to speak with a reporter about your responses to the survey, and answer some further questions?

Yes -----	40%
No -----	59%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/Refused -----	1%

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS SURVEY.

Gender: Male-----46%
 Female-----54%

FLAGS

P14----- 17%
 G14 ----- 47%
 P16----- 39%
 G16 ----- 82%
 P18----- 30%
 G18 ----- 80%
 BLANK -----7%

COUNTY COMM COURT PRECINCTS

Precinct 1 ----- 21%
 Precinct 2 ----- 22%
 Precinct 3 ----- 35%
 Precinct 4 ----- 22%

AGE

18-24-----9%
 25-29----- 7%
 30-34----- 7%
 35-39-----8%
 40-44----- 8%
 45-49----- 8%
 50-54----- 7%
 55-59----- 10%
 60-64----- 10%
 65-74----- 16%
 75 + ----- 10%

CITY

San Antonio----- 70%
 Other cities----- 29%
 Unincorporated-----1%

MODE OF INTERVIEW

Phone ----- 50%
 Online----- 50%