



BEXAR COUNTY COMMUNITY ISSUES SURVEY
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Hello, I'm _____ from _____, a public opinion research company. 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-----89%
- Yes, cell but cannot talk safely ----- **TERMINATE**
- No, not on cell----- 11%
- (DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED----- TERMINATE**

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

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</u> <u>DIRECTION</u>	<u>WRONG</u> <u>TRACK</u>	<u>(DON'T READ)</u> <u>MIXED</u>	<u>(DON'T READ)</u> <u>DK/NA</u>
a. Bexar County -----	43%	17%	30%	9%
b. City of San Antonio-----	45%	22%	28%	5%

(DO NOT ROTATE)

2. Next, I'm going to mention a list of people. For each one, I'd like you to tell me if you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion. If you have never heard of one, or you have heard of them but cannot rate, please just say so. **(RANDOMIZE)**

	<u>STR</u> <u>FAV</u>	<u>SMWT</u> <u>FAV</u>	<u>SMWT</u> <u>UNFAV</u>	<u>STR</u> <u>UNFAV</u>	<u>HO/CAN'T</u> <u>RATE</u>	<u>NHO/</u> <u>DK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>FAV</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>UNFAV</u>
[]a. President Donald Trump -----	32%	10%	8%	46%	3%	1%	42%	54%
[]b. San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg -----	22%	31%	12%	19%	10%	6%	53%	31%
[]c. Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff -----	23%	31%	9%	7%	17%	13%	54%	16%

3. I would now like to ask you what you think about the job being done by a slightly different list of people and organizations. 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>APPR</u>	<u>SMWT</u> <u>APPR</u>	<u>SMWT</u> <u>DISAP</u>	<u>STR</u> <u>DISAP</u>	<u>(DK/NA)</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>APPR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>DISAP</u>
[]a. San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg -----	24%	32%	11%	19%	15%	56%	30%
[]b. Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff -----	23%	32%	11%	6%	28%	55%	17%
[]c. The San Antonio City Council -----	13%	35%	19%	14%	19%	48%	33%
[]d. Bexar County's Commissioners Court -----	12%	34%	12%	4%	38%	46%	16%
[]e. The San Antonio Professional Fire Fighters Association -----	49%	23%	10%	6%	12%	72%	16%
[]f. The San Antonio Water System, known as SAWS -----	25%	37%	20%	12%	7%	62%	32%
[]g. VIA Metropolitan Transit -----	31%	33%	12%	5%	19%	64%	18%
[]h. CPS Energy -----	28%	46%	12%	10%	5%	73%	22%
[]i. The San Antonio Police Officers Association -----	36%	33%	12%	7%	12%	70%	18%
[]j. Bexar County Sheriff Javier Salazar -----	27%	33%	10%	9%	22%	59%	19%

Y. Last year the US Census released its list of the 25 U.S. cities with the highest percentage of people living in poverty, and San Antonio moved from second to first, surpassing even Detroit in this category. Do you believe elected officials have responded in a way that will begin to address this issue?

Yes ----- 19%
 No ----- 64%
 (DON'T READ) DK/NA ----- 16%

(ASK Q6-7 IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO ONLY)

NOW I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ABOUT SOME OTHER ISSUES.

6. Here is a list of proposals that have been made for the use of sales tax revenue in San Antonio. After I read each proposal, please let me know whether it sounds like something you would support or oppose. (IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK: "Is that strongly SUPPORT/OPPOSE, or just somewhat?")

	<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/NA)</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>SUPP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>OPP</u>
[]a. Extending the existing one-eighth cent sales tax to fund Pre-K 4 S A and expand access to high-quality pre-kindergarten education -----	49%	20%	9%	20%	3%	68%	29%
[]b. Extending the existing one-eighth cent sales tax to protect San Antonio's primary water resource, the Edwards Aquifer, and expanding the linear park system -----	48%	32%	7%	9%	3%	80%	17%
[]c. Allocating one-eighth cent in existing sales taxes to VIA Metropolitan Transit to increase the frequency of buses and make public transportation more reliable -----	37%	27%	13%	18%	4%	64%	31%

7. And which of these three do you think should be the highest priority for local sales tax revenue: (ROTATE)

[] Increasing the frequency of buses and making public transportation more reliable ----- 7%

OR

[] Protecting San Antonio's primary water resource, the Edwards Aquifer, and expanding the linear park system----- 42%

OR

[] Expanding access to high-quality pre-kindergarten education----- 30%

(DON'T READ) All ----- 13%

(DON'T READ) None----- 7%

(DON'T READ) Don't know----- 1%

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

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

8. First, please tell me two or three words or phrases that you think best describe the greater San Antonio area. **(OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE – RECORD EXACT RESPONSE)**

Positives:

Safe; Clean; Beautiful; Vibrant -----	14%
Friendly; Caring community; Welcoming -----	13%
Diverse; Multi-Cultural-----	11%
Growth; Growing-----	11%
Good culture/art/food/history/sports/weather -----	10%
Other positive -----	9%
Great place to live/Good city -----	7%
Fun; Entertaining; Lots of things to do-----	6%
Affordable; Affordable housing/cost of living-----	4%
Advancing; Improving; Positive changes-----	4%
Big city with small town feel -----	3%
Large/big city; Busy city -----	2%
This is home/I live here -----	2%

Negatives:

Bad traffic-----	6%
Growing too fast; Overcrowded; Overpopulated; Too Big-----	5%
Other Negative -----	5%
Poverty; Inequity; Disparity; Low Wages -----	3%
Dirty; Unkept; Bad roads -----	3%
Needs improvements; Need better infrastructure; Better roads -----	3%
Unsafe; High crime; Violence-----	3%
Bad/corrupt government; Too many taxes -----	3%
Development; Construction; Gentrification-----	2%
Homelessness-----	2%
Bad public transportation-----	1%
Expensive -----	1%
Immigration-----	1%
Too liberal -----	1%
Poor education; Bad schools-----	1%
Other-general-----	4%
No response-----	2%

9. Next, I am going to read you some words and phrases that might describe the greater San Antonio area. Please tell me whether you think each of the phrases below describes the area very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not at all well. If you don't know, you can tell me that, too. **(RANDOMIZE)**

	<u>VERY WELL</u>	<u>SMWT WELL</u>	<u>NOT TOO WELL</u>	<u>NOT AT ALL WELL</u>	<u>(DK/NA)</u>	<u>TOTAL WELL</u>	<u>TOTAL NOT WELL</u>
(SPLIT SAMPLE A ONLY)							
[]a. Diverse	53%	33%	6%	4%	3%	87%	10%
[]b. Artistic	35%	46%	9%	6%	5%	80%	15%
[]c. Growing	74%	20%	3%	2%	1%	94%	5%
[]d. Exciting	31%	45%	14%	6%	3%	77%	20%
[]e. Affordable	27%	50%	14%	8%	1%	91%	9%
(SPLIT SAMPLE B ONLY)							
[]f. Losing its character	17%	26%	23%	24%	10%	43%	47%
[]g. Safe	19%	48%	25%	6%	2%	67%	31%
[]h. Up and coming	38%	36%	13%	8%	5%	74%	21%
[]i. Clean	22%	46%	23%	9%	1%	68%	31%
[]j. Good place to raise a family	44%	41%	10%	4%	2%	84%	14%

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

10. Next, using a scale of excellent, good, only fair, or poor, how would you rate ...? **(RANDOMIZE)**

	<u>EXC</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>ONLY FAIR</u>	<u>POOR</u>	<u>(DK/NA)</u>	<u>EXC/GOOD</u>
[]a. The greater San Antonio area as a place to live	36%	44%	15%	4%	0%	81%
[]b. The greater San Antonio area as a place to start or grow a business	25%	45%	17%	5%	7%	70%

11. Now, 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**)

Crime; Theft; Burglaries; More police needed-----	19%
Homelessness-----	18%
Traffic; Congestion-----	10%
Cost of living; Poverty; Low incomes -----	10%
Infrastructure; Roads/streets-----	10%
Taxes are too high-----	5%
Government/leaders/politicians -----	5%
Cost of housing -----	3%
Education; Schools -----	3%
Public transportation/transit; Railways -----	3%
Climate change/Pollution/Global warming-----	3%
Development; Construction; Gentrification-----	2%
Too much growth-----	2%
Immigration-----	1%
Human trafficking -----	1%
Drug use/abuse-----	1%
Access to medical/healthcare; Cost of healthcare-----	1%
Don't know -----	2%
Others-----	5%
N/A -----	2%

12. Next, do you think that in the last five years the quality of life in the greater San Antonio area has gotten (**ROTATE**) [] better, [] worse, or stayed the same? (**IF BETTER/WORSE, ASK: Is that much BETTER/WORSE or just somewhat?**)

TOTAL BETTER -----	38%
Much better -----	14%
Somewhat better -----	24%
Stayed the same -----	36%
TOTAL WORSE -----	24%
Somewhat worse -----	14%
Much worse-----	9%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA -----	3%

13. 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>
(SPLIT SAMPLE A ONLY)						
[]a. The amount you pay in local property taxes -----	33%	24%	25%	12%	5%	57%
[]b. Rate increases on your water bill-----	22%	26%	33%	17%	2%	48%
[]c. Climate change -----	22%	20%	23%	33%	2%	42%
[]d. Lack of affordable housing -----	17%	24%	38%	16%	4%	41%
[]e. Low wages -----	23%	30%	32%	13%	2%	53%
[]f. Property crimes, such as burglary and theft-----	29%	34%	27%	9%	2%	63%
[]g. Illegal immigration-----	27%	17%	30%	25%	2%	44%
(SPLIT SAMPLE B ONLY)						
[]h. The quality of public education -----	28%	24%	28%	15%	5%	52%
[]j. The number of residents who have or are at risk for diabetes -----	32%	35%	17%	5%	11%	67%
[]k. Income inequality -----	20%	31%	28%	15%	5%	51%
[]l. Crime, gangs, and drugs -----	36%	30%	27%	5%	2%	66%
[]m. The cost of healthcare -----	32%	32%	20%	10%	5%	64%
[]n. Homelessness -----	35%	37%	20%	6%	2%	72%

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

14. In general, how safe do you feel walking around _____? Do you feel safe, unsafe, or neither safe nor unsafe? **(IF SAFE/UNSAFE, ASK: Is that very SAFE/UNSAFE or just somewhat?)**
(READ LIST) (RANDOMIZE)

	<u>VERY SAFE</u>	<u>SMWT SAFE</u>	<u>(NEITH)</u>	<u>SMWT UNSAFE</u>	<u>VERY UNSAFE</u>	<u>(DK/ NO OP)</u>	<u>TOTAL SAFE</u>	<u>TOTAL UNSAFE</u>
[]a. In your neighborhood-----	51%	30%	6%	8%	3%	1%	82%	11%
[]b. In the park closest to you ---	33%	38%	8%	10%	6%	5%	71%	16%
[]c. Downtown -----	22%	37%	12%	16%	9%	4%	59%	25%

**MY NEXT QUESTIONS DEAL WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT
IN THE GREATER SAN ANTONIO AREA.**

15. First, how closely do you follow the activities of local government in the greater San Antonio area?
(READ LIST)

TOTAL CLOSELY -----	62%
Very closely -----	16%
Somewhat closely-----	46%
 TOTAL NOT CLOSELY -----	 38%
Not too closely -----	26%
Not at all closely -----	12%
 (DON'T READ) DK/NA -----	 1%

16. Next, how confident are you that **(SPLIT SAMPLE A: Bexar County government) (SPLIT SAMPLE B ONLY: San Antonio City government)** operates in a way that is open and accountable to the public: **(READ LIST)**

	SPLIT A: BEXAR CNTY	SPLIT B: SAN ANT CITY
EXT/VERY CONF -----	19%	21%
Extremely confident -----	3%	5%
Very confident-----	16%	16%
 SMWT/NOT TOO CONF -----	 76%	 73%
Somewhat confident -----	49%	42%
Not to confident -----	27%	32%
 (DK/NA) -----	 4%	 6%

17. Now I'd like to ask you about some projects that local government in the City of San Antonio and Bexar County may pursue in the future. After I mention each one, please tell me how important each service would be to continue making the greater San Antonio area a good place to live: extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important. If you have no opinion or don't know about a service I mention to you, you can tell me that too. Here is the first one... **(RANDOMIZE)**

	<u>EXT</u> <u>IMP</u>	<u>VERY</u> <u>IMP</u>	<u>SMWT</u> <u>IMP</u>	<u>NOT</u> <u>TOO</u> <u>IMP</u>	<u>NO OP/</u> <u>DK/NA</u>	<u>EXT/</u> <u>VERY</u>
[]a. Making the area a safer place to live -----	48%	39%	10%	2%	1%	87%
(SPLIT SAMPLE A ONLY)						
[]b. Providing more affordable housing -----	31%	33%	24%	10%	2%	64%
[]c. Offering more frequent and reliable mass transit service -----	19%	33%	32%	14%	2%	52%
[]d. Protecting the Edwards Aquifer to ensure safe local drinking water -----	52%	37%	9%	1%	0%	89%
[]e. Retaining existing companies, businesses, and jobs in the city -----	40%	43%	14%	2%	1%	83%
(SPLIT SAMPLE B ONLY)						
[]f. Providing medical services for low- income families and seniors -----	38%	37%	17%	6%	2%	75%
[]h. Restoring local creeks and waterways -----	28%	35%	25%	9%	2%	63%
[]j. Providing services to help people with an opioid addiction -----	27%	37%	24%	9%	3%	64%
[]k. Providing services to help families become economically stable -----	35%	36%	19%	7%	2%	71%

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

18. Next, a Bexar County District Court Judge recently blocked a new city ordinance called the San Antonio Sick and Safe Leave policy. This ordinance, which was originally passed by the City of San Antonio, would require local employers to offer one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked to all employees working within the City of San Antonio.

Would you say that you support or oppose the San Antonio Sick and Safe Leave Policy? **(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK: Is that strongly SUPPORT/OPPOSE or just somewhat?)**

TOTAL SUPPORT -----	63%
Strongly support -----	47%
Somewhat support -----	16%
TOTAL OPPOSE -----	27%
Somewhat oppose -----	15%
Strongly oppose -----	12%
(DK/NA/REF) -----	10%

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

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

- Less than two years ----- 1%
- Three to five years----- 6%
- Six to ten years----- 10%
- 11 to 20 years ----- 17%
- 21 to 40 years ----- 22%
- More than 40 years----- 14%
- Born and raised ----- 25%
- (DON'T READ) Don't know/Refused - 5%**

21. 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 ----- 24%
- Not strong Democrat----- 10%
- Independent/Democrat ----- 5%
- Independent ----- 16%
- Independent/Republican ----- 6%
- Not strong Republican ----- 7%
- Strong Republican ----- 26%
- (DON'T KNOW/NA) ----- 7%**

22. 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----- 18%
- Somewhat conservative----- 22%
- Moderate ----- 33%
- Somewhat liberal----- 12%
- Very liberal ----- 9%
- (DON'T READ) Refused/DK/NA ----- 6%**

23. Do you own or rent your home or apartment?

- Own ----- 78%
- Rent ----- 17%
- (DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED -- 5%**

24. Are there any children under the age of 18 living in your household?

- Yes ----- 28%
- No ----- 69%
- (DK/NA) ----- 2%**

25. What was the last level of school you completed?

Grades 1-8 -----	3 %
Grades 9-11 -----	3 %
High school graduate (12)-----	13 %
Some college/vocational school -----	29 %
College (4 years)-----	29 %
Post-graduate work -----	20 %
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/Refused -----	4 %

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

Hispanic or Latino-----	46 %
African American or Black -----	5 %
Anglo/White-----	37 %
Asian/Pacific Islander-----	1 %
Other (SPECIFY) -----	2 %
Multiracial -----	3 %
(DON'T READ) Refused/NA-----	6 %

27. 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 -----	17 %
\$60,001 - \$75,000 -----	13 %
\$75,001 - \$100,000-----	18 %
\$100,001 - \$150,000 -----	12 %
More than \$150,000-----	12 %
(DON'T READ) Refused/NA-----	17 %

28. 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 -----	21 %
No -----	71 %
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/Refused -----	8 %

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS SURVEY.

GENDER:

Male-----46 %
 Female-----53 %
 Non-binary-----1 %

FLAGS

P14-----20 %
 G14-----47 %
 P16-----41 %
 G16-----81 %
 P18-----29 %
 G18-----83 %
 BLANK-----3 %

COUNTY COMM. COURT PRECINCTS

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

AGE

18-24-----10 %
 25-29-----6 %
 30-34-----8 %
 35-39-----7 %
 40-44-----8 %
 45-49-----8 %
 50-54-----8 %
 55-59-----9 %
 60-64-----10 %
 65-74-----16 %
 75+-----10 %

CITY

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

LIKELY PARTY FROM LIST

Likely Democrat-----56 %
 Likely Independent-----7 %
 Likely Republican-----37 %