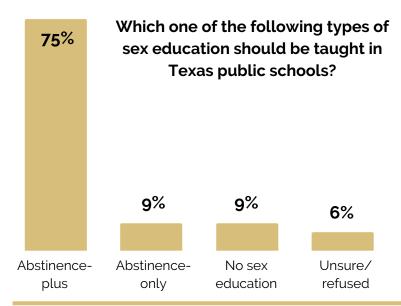
PUBLIC OPINION POLL RESULTS

Texas voters support abstinence-plus sex ed

Texas voters agree that our youth deserve access to medically accurate, age-appropriate sexual health education. The dialogue around sex education can be divisive, but polling consistently shows that sex education is not a highly partisan issue for most people - it's just common sense.



When asked what should be taught in public schools, 75% of poll respondents, including 68% of Republicans, support teaching abstinence-plus sex education, defined as curricula that "teaches students abstinence is the safest choice, but also provides medically accurate information about topics such as contraception, prevention of sexually transmitted infections, and healthy relationships." More than 2/3 of voters across all political affiliations, geographic regions, genders, and ethnicities support abstinence-plus sex ed in schools.

TEXAS VOTERS AGREE

Consent & Boundaries

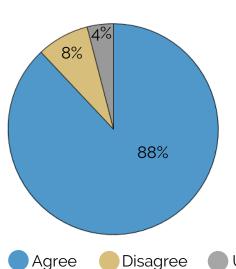
88% of respondents, including 86% of Republicans, agree that "It's important for students to learn about consent, including respecting the boundaries set by other people about their bodies."

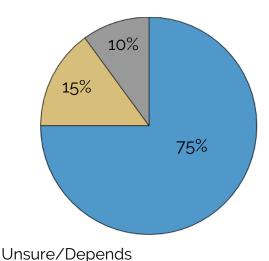
Inclusivity

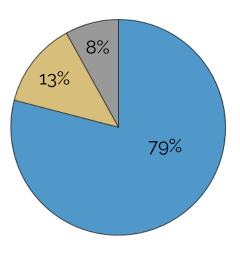
75% of respondents, including 65% of Republicans, agree that "To help prevent bullying of LGBTQ youth, Texas public schools should include standards around cultivating respect for all people, regardless of their sexual orientation or identity."

Contraception & Condoms

79% of respondents, including 72% of Republicans, agree that, "Along with abstinence, sex education in public schools should teach students about condoms and contraception."







SEX EDUCATION POLL RESULTS

Support for common-sense priorities ran deep across all demographics of poll respondents. The chart below provides detailed information on poll results.

	Percent of respondents who agree that schools should teach:			
	Abstinence-plus sex education	Condoms and contraception	Consent, including respecting boundaries	Inclusivity
Total	75%	79%	88%	75%
Urban/Rural				
Urban / Suburban	75%	81%	89%	76%
Rural	76%	77%	86%	72%
Gender				
Male	77%	79%	88%	74%
Female	74%	79%	88%	76%
Age				
18-34	83%	86%	91%	83%
35-44	75%	76%	86%	73%
45-54	75%	80%	88%	72%
55-64	71%	76%	88%	77%
65 or older	75%	79%	87%	71%
Party				
Republican	68%	72%	86%	65%
Independent	74%	78%	86%	76%
Democratic	85%	88%	91%	86%
Race & Ethnicity				
Anglo	74%	77%	87%	73%
African-American	76%	82%	89%	77%
Hispanic	78%	83%	90%	81%
Other	79%	88%	91%	68%
Church Attendance				
Weekly or more	67%	74%	89%	72%
Once/mo. or few times/year	84%	82%	87%	78%
Never	80%	86%	88%	78%
Education				
No college	63%	83%	87%	73%
Some college	81%	76%	85%	74%
College graduate	78%	81%	91%	77%
Post graduate	76%	77%	88%	74%
Parent/Grandparent				
Parent to children under 18	71%	79%	90%	75%
Grandparent to children under 18	73%	79%	92%	75%



Methodology

The Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy contracted with the firm Baselice & Associates to conduct a public opinion poll on sex education in Texas public schools. On March 3 – 10, 2020, a representative sample of 601 registered Texas voters were contacted over the phone and online. The margin of error in results is +/- 4%.