

The Scripps Howard
TEXAS
POLL 

Fall 2004 Texas Poll

Would you favor or oppose a bill in the Texas Legislature that would allow people with cancer and other serious illnesses to use their own marijuana for medical purposes, as long as their physician approves?

Fall 2004 % (N=900)

Favor	75
Oppose	19
Don't know/no answer	6

DEMOGRAPHICS

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK</u>
TOTAL %	75	19	6
<u>Age</u>			
18-29	81	17	2
30-39	79	17	4
40-49	70	24	6
50-59	76	17	7
60 and older	72	19	9

Race/Ethnicity

Hispanic	79	16	5
Anglo	74	20	6
Black	80	15	5

Political Party

Republican	67	25	8
Democrat	81	13	6
Independent	82	13	5

Gender

Male	75	20	5
Female	75	18	7

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TOTAL %	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK</u>
	75	19	6

Region

East	62	31	7
West	71	23	6
South	77	20	3
North	70	22	8
Gulf	79	16	5
Central	83	9	8

Income

Less than \$10,000	74	23	3
\$10,001-\$20,000	83	16	1
\$20,001-\$30,000	82	16	2
\$30,001-\$40,000	78	17	5
\$40,001-\$50,000	75	16	9
\$50,001-\$60,000	73	23	4
\$60,001 and above	74	19	7

Education

Some High School	69	28	3
High School Grad	76	18	6
Some College	76	17	7
College Grad	75	21	4
Graduate Work	71	21	8

DEMOGRAPHICS OF ENTIRE SAMPLE

	<u>Total%</u>
<u>Age</u>	
18-29	11
30-39	16
40-49	21
50-59	25
60 and older	27

<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>	
Hispanic	19
Anglo	67
Black	10

<u>Political Party</u>	
Republican	38
Democrat	26
Independent	24

<u>Gender</u>	
Male	48
Female	52

<u>Region</u>	
East	9
West	7
South	17
North	27
Gulf	25
Central	15

<u>Income</u>	
Less than \$10,000	4
\$10,001-\$20,000	8
\$20,001-\$30,000	10
\$30,001-\$40,000	11
\$40,001-\$50,000	9
\$50,001-\$60,000	8
\$60,001 and above	39

<u>Education</u>	
Some High School	5
High School Grad	26
Some College	29
College Grad	24
Graduate Work	15

Methodology and Quality Control

The Fall 2004 Texas Poll was conducted Oct. 11-28, 2004 by the Scripps Research Center in Abilene. The Poll surveyed 900 adult Texans by telephone in a random sample of active telephone exchanges statewide. Margin of error for the whole sample is ± 3.3 percentage points and slightly larger for subgroups.

Sampling

The Scripps Research Center purchases a random-digit-dialing sample from Survey Sampling, Inc. of Fairfield, Connecticut. Survey Sampling identifies working telephone exchanges throughout Texas, then systematically generates telephone numbers by four-digit randomization. In addition to these steps, Survey Sampling compares the random-digit numbers against the 9.2 million numbers in their database, eliminating any numbers that match and increasing the chances of reaching a residential number.

Data Collection

The data collection team included a field director who was in charge of monitoring of the sample, sample control, verifying interviews, scheduling of monitoring and providing feedback to interviewers and supervisors.

All interviewers received training and practice interviewing sessions before working on the project. The data collection team was familiarized with the overall study objectives, interviewing techniques and the survey instrument.

A monitoring team used a standardized evaluation instrument to randomly assess individual interviewing performance in the use of appropriate feedback, reading verbatim, proper speech and pronunciation, interviewing pace and general rapport with respondents.