

# Criminal Justice Reform Texas Statewide Survey

N=545 Likely Voters // July 20-22, 2018

## SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS

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1. In your opinion, how important is it to reduce the number of people who are in prison in America today?

67% *TOTAL IMPORTANT*  
22% *TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT*

42% Very important  
25% Somewhat important  
10% Not very important  
12% Not at all important  
11% Don't Know/Refused

2. Thinking ahead to the midterm elections this November – how important to you is the issue of criminal justice reform as you decide who you'll be voting for?

77% *TOTAL IMPORTANT*  
15% *TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT*

48% Very important  
29% Somewhat important  
10% Not very important  
5% Not at all important  
8% Don't know

3. Over the past 10 years, various criminal justice reform measures have led to Texas' lowest crime levels since the 1960s and have saved billions of taxpayer dollars.

Knowing this, would you support a pending bill in the US Senate that would enact similar reforms in federal prisons?

56% Yes, would support  
8% No, would not support  
34% Undecided/Not Sure  
1% Refused

4. As you may know, the US House of Representatives recently passed the FIRST STEP Act by a large bipartisan majority. The FIRST STEP Act is a criminal justice reform bill that helps federal inmates transition to life after prison and allows for reduced prison time for well-behaved and older inmates.

In your opinion, how important is it that the US Senate – which is controlled by a Republican majority – pass the FIRST STEP Act before the November midterm elections?

71% TOTAL IMPORTANT  
18% TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT

38% Very important  
33% Somewhat important  
10% Not very important  
8% Not at all important  
1% Senate should not pass the FIRST STEP Act  
10% Don't Know/Refused

5. Do you think Texas Senator Ted Cruz should vote in favor of the FIRST STEP criminal justice reform act?

58% Yes  
11% No  
31% Don't Know/Refused

6. Will you be more or less likely to vote to re-elect Ted Cruz to the United States Senate if he decides to vote in favor of the FIRST STEP criminal justice reform act?

33% TOTAL MORE LIKELY  
21% TOTAL LESS LIKELY

20% Much more likely  
13% Somewhat more likely  
34% Will have no effect  
6% Somewhat less likely  
15% Much less likely  
12% Don't Know/Refused