Our Voice/Nuestra Voice Survey 2018

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Q1_1 [spanish]
Good [AFTERNOON/EVENING], my name is [NAME]. I am a student calling from the Center for Survey Research and Policy Analysis at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. We are conducting a survey to better understand the opinions and attitudes of the residents of the Rio Grande Valley on issues and concerns affecting our communities.

Would you prefer to speak in Spanish or English?

- o   Spanish

- o   English

With your permission, I would like to ask you a few questions. Your responses and opinions are very important as it will help us understand what you think on issues that affect our communities in the Rio Grande Valley. You were selected at random to participate in this survey. Your participation is voluntary -- you may decline to answer any of the questions or end the survey at any time. All information you provide will be anonymous. This survey will take about 15-20 minutes.

You must be 18 years of age or older to participate in this survey.

There are no expected risks to you for helping us with this study, There are also no expected direct benefits to you.

Q1_2 [agreed]
Before I begin, I would like to provide you with contact information in case you have questions about the research or about your rights as a participant in this survey. I am a student working with Dr. Laryssa Mykyta at the Center for Survey Research and Policy Analysis at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. Dr. Mykyta can be reached at 956-665-3318 or csr@utrgv.edu. If you have questions about your

rights as a participant, you can call the University's Institutional Review Board at 956-665-2093. Can we begin the survey?

- o Agreed to take survey
- o Ineligible [End of Survey]

Q1_3 [age18]
Are you 18 years of age or older?
- o Yes
- o No [End of Survey]

Q2_1 [county]
Which county or town do you currently live in?

- o Cameron
- o Hidalgo
- o Starr
- o Willacy
- o City or town [Specify: **county_text**]
- o I am not currently living in the Rio Grande Valley [End of Survey]

Q2_2 [resided_rgv]
About how long have you resided in the Rio Grande Valley?_____

Q2_3 [zip_code]
What is the zip code of your address?_____

Q2_4 [colonia]
Do you live in a neighborhood that is considered a colonia? [INTERVIEWER prompt for name of colonia]

- o Yes **[colonia_text]** _____
- o No
- o [Don't know]
- o [Refusal]

Q3_1
There are many different ways that people get news. On a typical weekday, do you Often, Sometimes or Never get any news from:

	Often	Sometimes	Never	[DON'T KNOW]	[REFUSED TO ANSWER]
Network, cable or television news **[television_news]**	○	○	○	○	○
Print newspaper **[newspaper]**	○	○	○	○	○
Radio **[radio_news]**	○	○	○	○	○
Internet **[internet_news]**	○	○	○	○	○
Other sources **[other_news]**	○	○	○	○	○

Q3_2 [news_language]
When you get news on any media, is it in Spanish, in English, or in both Spanish and English?

- o Spanish
- o Engish
- o Both Spanish and English
- o [DON'T KNOW]
- o [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q3_3
Do you have regular access to the internet at home, at work, somewhere else, or not at all? *[Select all that apply]*

- o Home **[internet_home]**
- o Work **[internet_work]**
- o Somewhere else **[internet_else]** Specify: **[internet_else_text]**
  _____
- o Not at all **[internet_notatall]**
- o [DON'T KNOW] **[internet_dontknow]**
- o [REFUSED TO ANSWER] **[internet_noanswer]**

Q4_1 [problem_us]
Next I am going to ask you some questions about your thoughts about the biggest or most important problems facing this country and your community. What do you think is the most important problem facing this country?_____

Q4_2 [problem_tx]
What do you think is the most important problem facing the state of Texas?_____

Q4_3 [problem_rgv]
What do you think is the most important problem facing the Rio Grande Valley?_____

Q5_1 [economic_conditions]
Do you think economic conditions in the U.S. today are Excellent, Very good, Good, Fair, or Poor?

- o Excellent
- o Very good
- o Good
- o Fair
- o Poor
- o [DON'T KNOW]
- o [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q5_2 [future_conditions]
A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the US will be better than they are now, worse than they are now, or about the same as they are now?

- o Better than they are now
- o About the same as they are now
- o Worse than they are now
- o [DON'T KNOW]
- o [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q5_3 [family_financials]

A year from now, do you expect that your family will be better off financially, about the same, or worse off as now?

- o   Better off
- o   About the same
- o   Worse off
- o   [DON'T KNOW]
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q5_4 [job_opportunities]

Thinking about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of jobs available in your community or are jobs hard to find?

- o   There are plenty of jobs
- o   Jobs are hard to find
- o   [DON'T KNOW]
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q6_1 [trust_usgov]

The next few questions are about your trust in the government. How much of the time do you trust the U.S. government in Washington to do what is right?

- o   Always
- o   Most of the time
- o   Some of the time
- o   A little of the time
- o   Never
- o   [DON'T KNOW]
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q6_2 [trust_txgov]
How much of the time do you trust the state (Texas) or local governments to do what is right?

- o   Always
- o   Most of the time
- o   Some of the time
- o   A little of the time
- o   Never
- o   [DON'T KNOW]
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q6_3
Please tell me how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements. Do you Strongly agree, Agree, Neither agree nor disagree, Disagree, or Strongly disagree?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	[DON'T KNOW]	[REFUSED TO ANSWER]
a. Public officials don't care much about what people like me think **[efficacy1]**	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
b. People like me don't have any say over what the government does. **[efficacy2]**	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

End of Block: Block 6: TRUST IN GOVERMENT AND SATISFACTION WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Start of Block: Block 7: VOTING BEHAVIOR

Q7_1 [attention_politics]
How often do you pay attention to politics and elections?

- o Always
- o Most of the time
- o About half the time
- o Sometimes
- o Never
- o [DON'T KNOW]
- o [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q7_2 [discuss_politics]
How often do you discuss politics with family, friends or the people around you?

- o Frequently
- o A lot of the time
- o Sometimes
- o Occasionally
- o Never
- o [DON'T KNOW]
- o [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q7_3 [ideology]
When it comes to politics, on a scale of 1 to 7 with 1 being extremely liberal and 7 being extremely conservative, how would you rate yourself?

- o 1: Extremely liberal
- o 2: Liberal
- o 3: Slightly liberal
- o 4: Moderate or middle of the road
- o 5: Slightly conservative
- o 6: Conservative
- o 7: Extremely conservative
- o [DON'T KNOW]
- o [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q7_4 [partyID]
Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else?

- o   Democrat
- o   Republican
- o   Independent
- o   Something else   **[partyID _text]**
- o   [DON'T KNOW]
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q7_5 [party_hispanics]
Which party do you think has more concern for Hispanics/Latinos or is there no difference?

- o   Democratic Party
- o   Republican Party
- o   There is no difference
- o   [DON'T KNOW]
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q7_6 [voter_registered]
Are you registered to vote in Texas?

- o   Yes
- o   No
- o   [DON'T KNOW]
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q7_7 [vote_2016]
Did you vote in the 2016 Presidential election?

- o   Yes
- o   No   [=>Skip to Q7_9]
- o   [DON'T KNOW]
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q7_8 [vote_2016_reason]
People did not or were not able to vote in the 2016 Presidential election for a variety of reasons. What was the MAIN reason you did not vote in the last Presidential election?

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Q7_9 [primary_2018]
Did you vote in the state-wide primary election in March 2018?

- o   Yes
- o   No
- o   [DONT KNOW]
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q8_1 [NAFTA]
As you may know, the North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA, is a trade agreement between Canada, Mexico and the United States that reduced taxes and quotas on goods traded between the three countries.

How much, if anything, have you heard about ongoing talks to revise NAFTA?

- o   A great deal
- o   A fair amount
- o   A little
- o   Nothing at all
- o   [DON'T KNOW]
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q8_2 **[NAFTA_RGV]**
Do you think NAFTA has helped the economy of the Rio Grande Valley, hurt the economy of the Rio Grande Valley or not made much difference?

- o   NAFTA has helped the Rio Grande Valley
- o   NAFTA has not made much difference in the Rio Grande Valley
- o   NAFTA has hurt the Rio Grande Valley
- o   [DON'T KNOW]
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q8_3 [support_NAFTA]
How strongly do you support the U.S. participating in NAFTA with Canada and Mexico?

- o Strongly support
- o Moderately Support
- o Neutral
- o Moderately oppose
- o Strongly oppose
- o [DON'T KNOW]
- o [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q9_1 [immigration_check]
Do you approve or disapprove of states checking for immigration status before issuing drivers' licenses?

- o Approve
- o Disapprove
- o [DON'T KNOW]
- o [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q9_2 [immigration_priority]
Which of the following should be the priority for immigration policy in the U.S.?

- o Ensuring better border security and strengthening immigration enforcement
- o Creating a way for undocumented immigrants living and working in the US to gain legal residence or citizenship if they meet certain requirements
- o Both should be given equal priority
- o [DON'T KNOW]
- o [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q9_3 [borderwall]
The next few questions ask about your opinion of the proposed border wall between Mexico and the U.S. All in all, are you in favor of or do you oppose building a wall along the border to Mexico?

- o In favor of building a wall
- o Oppose building a wall   [=>Display Q9_4]
- o [DON'T KNOW]
- o [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q9_4 [borderwall_oppose]
If you are opposed to the wall, what is the MAIN reason for your opposition to the wall?

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Q9_5 [borderwall_immigration]

Do you think that a wall along the entire U.S.-Mexico border would lead to a major reduction in immigration, a minor reduction in immigration or no reduction in immigration?

- o Major reduction in immigration
- o Minor reduction in immigration
- o No reduction in immigration
- o [DON'T KNOW]
- o [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q9_6 [DACA]

As you may know, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program allows undocumented immigrants to stay in the U.S. if they arrived here as a child, completed high school or military service and have not been convicted of a serious crime. The following questions refer to the DACA program.

Do you support or oppose the DACA program that allows undocumented immigrants to stay, work and study in the U.S. if they meet certain conditions?

- o Support DACA
- o Oppose DACA
- o [DON'T KNOW]
- o [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q9_7 [detained]

The next set of questions asks how you, your family or people you know have been affected by current immigration policy. I would like to remind you that your responses to the following questions are anonymous.

In the past 12 months, have you or any member of your family been stopped or detained at a checkpoint by border patrol or immigration officers, such as at the Falfurrias checkpoint, or crossing the border into the U.S.?

- o Yes   [Display Q9_8]
- o No
- o [DON'T KNOW]
- o [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q9_8 [detained_location]
If YES to Q 9_7, which checkpoint or border crossing were you stopped at? (List any that apply}

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Q9_9 [interior_checkpoints]
Do you support or oppose the use of interior checkpoints, such as those at Falfurrias, Sarita or Hebbronville?

- o   Support
- o   Oppose
- o   [DON'T KNOW]
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q9_10 [deportation_worry]
Regardless of your own immigration or citizenship status, how much, if at all, do you worry that you, a family member, or a close friend could be deported?

- o   A great deal
- o   Some
- o   A little
- o   Not at all
- o   [DON'T KNOW]
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q9_11 [deportation_others]
Do you personally know someone who has been deported or detained by the U.S. government for immigration reasons in the last 12 months?

- o   Yes
- o   No
- o   [DON'T KNOW]
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q10_1 [SB4]
The next set of questions refers to legislation that was introduced during the 85th session of the Texas state legislature.

As you may know, Senate Bill 4 (S.B. 4) was signed into Texas state law in 2017. This bill allows local law enforcement officers to question the immigration status of people they detain or arrest and also punishes local governments that do not cooperate with federal immigration officials. Given what you know about this law, do you agree or disagree with it?

- o   Agree
- o   Disagree   [=> Display Q10_2]
- o   [DON'T KNOW]
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q10_2 [disagree_SB4]
Do you disagree with S.B. 4 because you think its approach to immigration policy is too strict or not strict enough?

- o   Because it is too strict in enforcing immigration policy
- o   Because it is not strict enough in enforcing immigration policy
- o   [DON'T KNOW]
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q10_3 [bathroom_bill]
As you may know, there was a bill introduced in the 2017 Texas state legislature session that would require transgender Texans to use the bathroom based on their "biological sex", that is the sex they were assigned at birth. Given what you know about this bill, do you agree or disagree with it?

- o   Agree
- o   Disagree   [=> Display Q10_4]
- o   [DON'T KNOW]
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q10_4 [disagree_bathroombill]
Do you disagree with the "bathroom bill" because you think its approach to transgender rights is too strict or not strict enough?

- o   The "bathroom bill' is too strict in restricting the rights of transgender Texans
- o   The "bathroom bill" is not strict enough
- o   [DON'T KNOW]
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q10_5 [marijuana_bill]
As you may know, a bill to legalize medical marijuana was introduced but not signed into law during the Texas state legislative session in 2017. Given what you know about this bill, do you agree or disagree with it?

- o Agree
- o Disagree [=> Display Q10_5]
- o [DON'T KNOW]
- o [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q10_6 [disagree_marijuana]
Do you disagree with the medical marijuana bill because you think its approach to marijuana legalization is too strict or not strict enough?

- o The medical marijuana bill is too strict in limiting the legalization of marijuana
- o The medical marijuana bill is not strict enough because it legalizes marijuana for some uses
- o [DON'T KNOW]
- o [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q11_1
Next. I am going to read several statements about specific proposals regarding the purchase of firearms. Please indicate whether you Strongly agree, Agree, Neither agree nor disagree, Disagree or Strongly disagree with these proposals.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	[DON'T KNOW]	REFUSED TO ANSWER
There should be background checks for gun purchases made at gun shows or in private sales **[gun_purchase]**	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
There should be laws preventing the mentally ill from purchasing guns **[gun_mentallyill]**	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
There should be a federal database to track gun sales in the U.S. **[gun_tracking]**	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
There should be a ban on semi-automatic and automatic firearms, or assault-style weapons **[gun_ban]**	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Q12_1

I am going to read from a list of things that may be problems in your local community. As I read each one, please tell me if you think this is a very big problem, a big problem, a small problem or not a problem at all.

	A very big problem	A big problem	A small problem	Not a problem at all	[DON'T KNOW]	[REFUSED TO ANSWER]
a. Environmental pollution **[pollution]**	○	○	○	○	○	○
b. Crime **[crime]**	○	○	○	○	○	○
c. The quality of public education **[education]**	○	○	○	○	○	○
d. Good paying jobs **[good_jobs]**	○	○	○	○	○	○
e. Traffic congestion **[traffic]**	○	○	○	○	○	○
f. Finding affordable housing **[housing]**	○	○	○	○	○	○
g. Finding affordable health care **[health_care]**	○	○	○	○	○	○

Q13_1 Next I am going to ask some questions about how you prepare for natural disasters, such as hurricanes or floods. Over the past 12 months, have you acquired any of the following resources to make you or your family safer from hurricanes or floods? Please answer Yes or No.

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refusal
Three day supply of water **[watersupply]**	○	○	○	○
Non-perishable food **[food]**	○	○	○	○
First aid kit **[firstaidkit]**	○	○	○	○
Duplicates of important documents (eg passports, birth certificates, etc) **[documents]**	○	○	○	○
Baby supplies (e.g. diapers, formula, etc.) **[baby_supplies]**	○	○	○	○
Pet supplies (e.g. food, medication, etc.) **[pet_supplies]**	○	○	○	○
Flashlight **[flashlight]**	○	○	○	○
Extra batteries **[batteries]**	○	○	○	○
Extra clothing **[clothing]**	○	○	○	○
Generator **[generator]**	○	○	○	○
Paper maps **[paper_maps]**	○	○	○	○
Sandbags **[sandbags]**	○	○	○	○

| Extra gasoline **[gasoline]** | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

Q13_2 [emergency_plan]

Did you discuss developing an emergency response plan with your family before Hurricane Harvey?

- o   Yes
- o   No
- o   [Don't know]
- o   [Refused to answer]

Q14_1 [gambling]

Next I am going to ask a couple of question about casino gambling. Which of the following best describes your position on allowing casino gambling in Texas?

- o   I prefer allowing gambling and gaming in Texas
- o   I prefer leaving current gambling laws unchanged
- o   I prefer limited expansion of gambling, but only in existing locations
- o   I prefer expanded gambling, but only on Native American or indian reservations
- o   I prefer allowing full casino gambling in Texas
- o   [Don't know]
- o   [Refused to answer]

Q15_1 [year_born]

This final set of questions asks about your characteristics and the characteristics of your household. This information will not be shared with anyone. We are collecting this data for statistical purposes only. You can ask me to skip any questions you prefer not to answer.

What year were you born?_____

Q15_2 [origin]

Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

- o   Yes
- o   No
- o   [DON'T KNOW]
- o   [OTHER]

Q15_3 [country]
What country were you born in?

- o   U.S.
- o   Mexico [=> Display Q15_4]
- o   Other   **[country_text]** [=> Display Q15_4]
- o   [DON'T KNOW]
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q15_4 [year_us]
In which year did you come to live in the U.S.?

Q15_5 [parent_born]
Were your parents born in the U.S.?

- o   Both born in U.S.
- o   One parent born in U.S.; One parent born in another country
- o   Both parents were born in another country
- o   [DON'T KNOW]
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q15_6 [house_language]
What language do you most commonly speak in your household?

- o   English
- o   Spanish
- o   Both English and Spanish
- o   [DONT KNOW]
- o   [REUSED TO ANSWER]

Q15_7 [marital_status]
What is your marital status?

- o   Married, spouse present

- o   Married, spouse absent (e.g. away for work or in military)

- o   Cohabiting with a romantic partner but not married

- o   Separated

- o   Divorced

- o   Widowed

- o   Never married

- o   [DONT KNOW]

- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q15_8 [gender]
What gender do you identify with?

- o   Male

- o   Female

- o   Other **[gender_text]**

- o   [DONT KNOW]

- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q15_9 [schooling]
What is the highest level of schooling that you finished?

- o   I never went to school

- o   Less than 9th grade

- o   9th to 11th grade

- o   High school diploma or GED

- o   Some college, did not graduate

- o   Bachelor's degree

- o   Master's or professional degree or higher

- o   [DON'T KNOW]

- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]

Q15_10
What is your employment status (Please indicate all that apply)

- o   Employed full time **[full_time]**
- o   Employed part time   **[part_time]**
- o   Seasonal work (e.g. agricultural labor)   **[seasonal]**
- o   Unemployed and looking for work   **[unemployed]**
- o   Not working and not looking for work   **[not_looking]**
- o   Student   **[student]**
- o   Disabled   **[disabled]**
- o   Retired   **[retired]**
- o   [DON'T KNOW]   **[employed_dontknow]**
- o   [REFUSED TO ANSWER]   **[employed_noanswer]**

Q15_11 [religion]
What is your present religion, if any?_____

Q15_12 [house_size]
How many individuals, including any relatives and non-relatives, live with you in your house or apartment?_____

Q15_13 [children]
How many children under age 18 live with you in your house or apartment?_____

Q15_14 [house_income]
I am going to read a range of income categories. Thinking about everyone that lives in your household, what is your total household income?

- o   Less than $10,000
- o $10,000 - $14,999
- o $15,000 - $19,999
- o $20,000 - $34,999
- o $35,000 - $49,999
- o $50,000 or more
- o   [Don't know]
- o   [Refused to answer]

THIS COMPLETES THE SURVEY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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* Some variables are not included in the public data. They may be available upon request.