



# AN ANALYSIS OF PARTY ALIGNMENT AND ATTITUDES TOWARD COVID-19 PREVENTION EFFORTS

A STUDY OF TEXAS VOTERS

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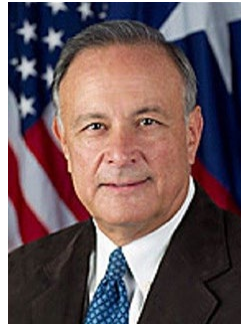
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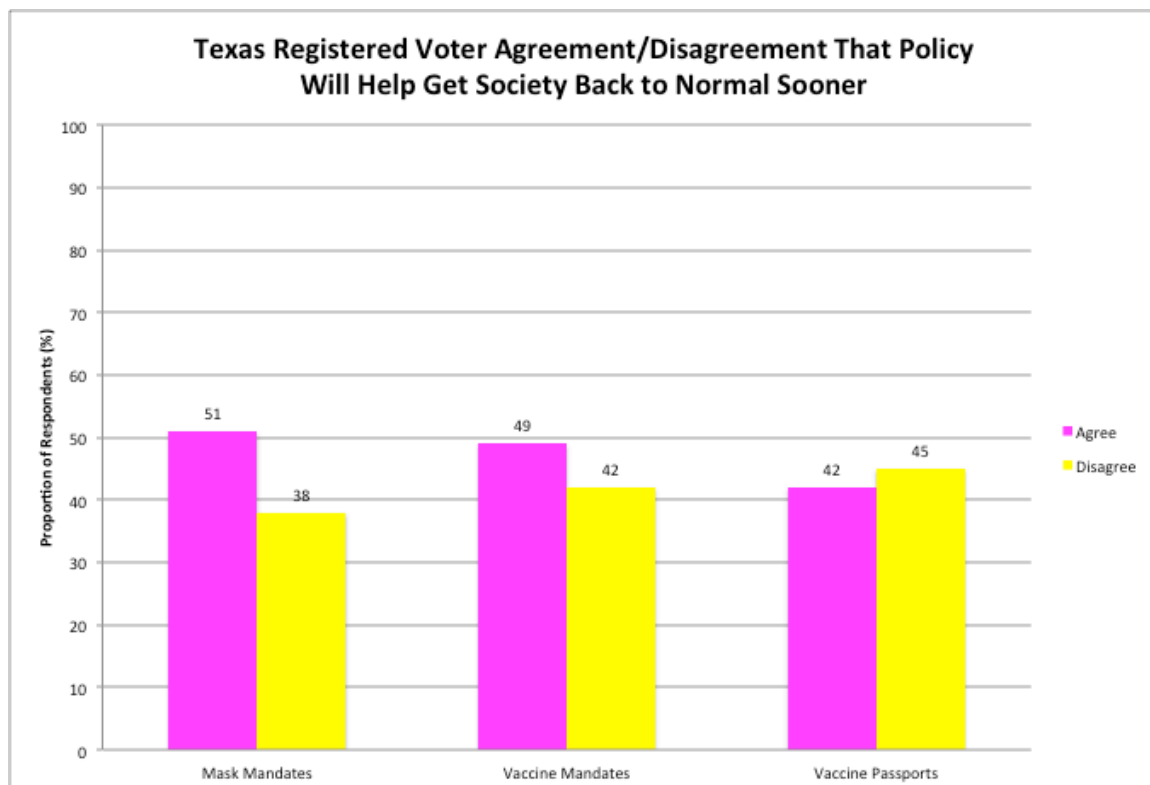
## An Analysis of Party Alignment and Attitudes Toward COVID-19 Prevention Efforts

In an October Texas Hispanic Policy Foundation [survey](#), 1,402 Texas registered voters were asked three questions related to COVID-19 related mask mandates, vaccine mandates and vaccine passports. Each question asked these Texans whether they agreed (strongly or somewhat), disagreed (strongly or somewhat) or neither agreed nor disagreed with a statement that Mask Mandates, Vaccine Mandates and Vaccine Passports will respectively help get society back to normal sooner.

A narrow absolute majority of Texans agree (51%) that Mask Mandates will help society get back to normal sooner. Almost two-fifths disagree (38%) with this statement, while the remaining 11% neither agree nor disagree.

A plurality of Texans agree (49%) that Vaccine Mandates will help society get back to normal sooner. Just over two-fifths disagree (42%) with this statement, while the remaining 9% neither agree nor disagree.

A plurality of Texans disagree (45%) that Vaccine Passports will help society get back to normal sooner. Just over two-fifths agree (42%) with this statement, while the remaining 13% neither agree nor disagree.



## Partisanship and Agreement/Disagreement With COVID-19 Policies

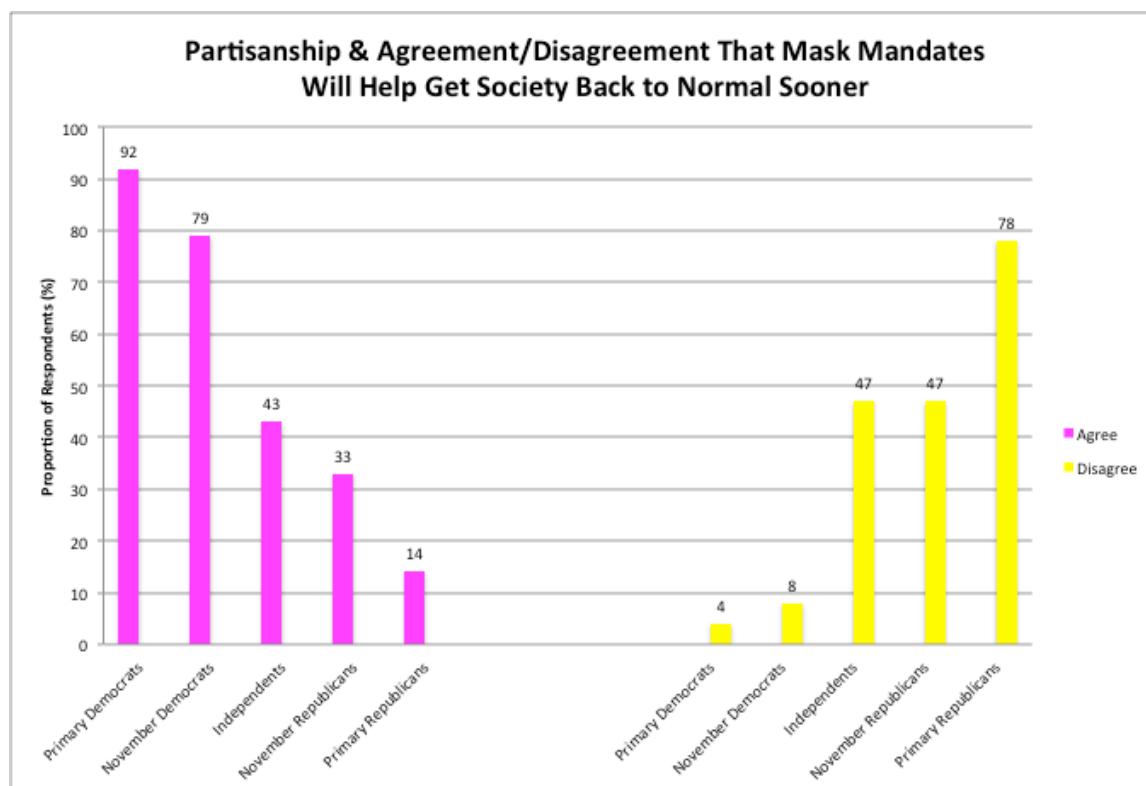
In contrast to the relatively evenly divided opinion of all Texas registered voters regarding these three COVID-19 related policies, sharp partisan differences exist in regard to agreement and disagreement with the three policies, both between, but also within, the parties.

For this analysis, Republicans and Democrats (partisan identifiers) each were divided into two distinct groups: those who were almost certain to vote in their respective primary (Primary Republicans, Primary Democrats) and those who were not almost certain to vote in their respective primary (November Republicans, November Democrats). Independents were left undivided.

### *Mask Mandates*

More than nine out of ten (92%) Primary Democrats agree that Mask Mandates will help society get back to normal sooner, compared to 79% of November Democrats, 43% of Independents, 33% of November Republicans and 14% of Primary Republicans.

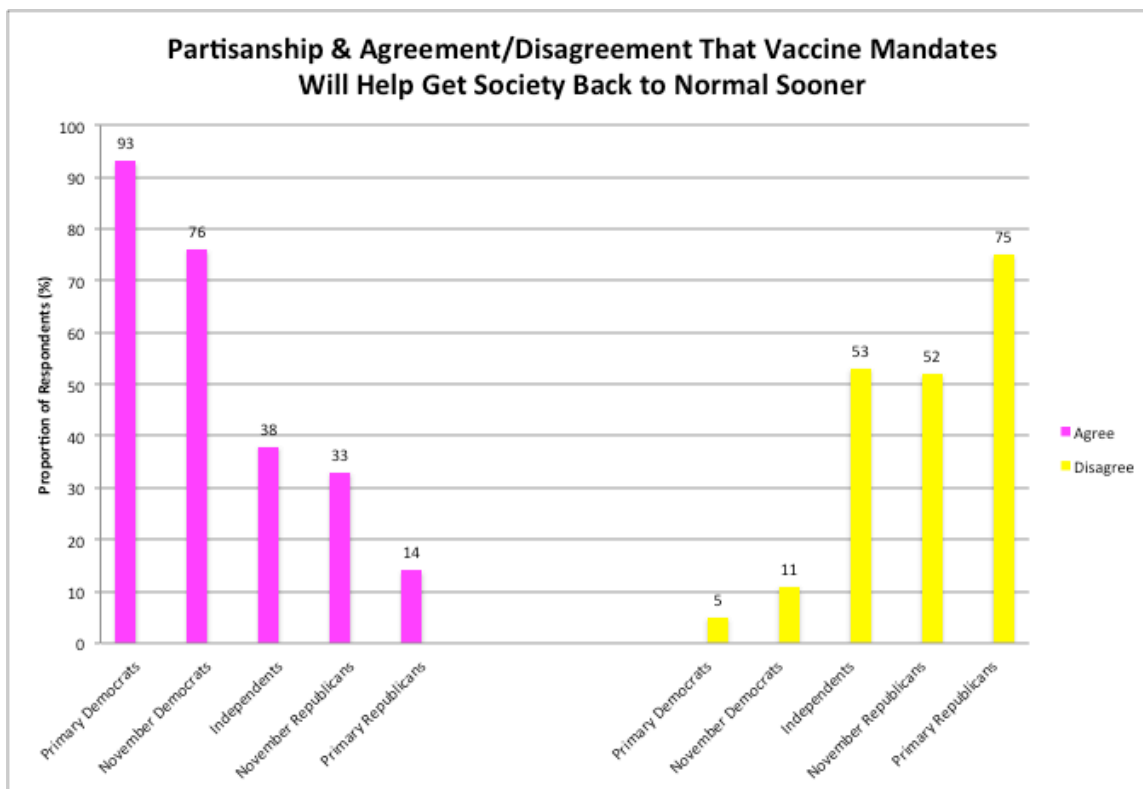
More than three out of four (78%) Primary Republicans disagree that Mask Mandates will help society get back to normal sooner, compared to 47% of November Republicans, 47% of Independents, 8% of November Democrats and 4% of Primary Democrats.



### *Vaccine Mandates*

More than nine out of ten (93%) Primary Democrats agree that Vaccine Mandates will help society get back to normal sooner, compared to 76% of November Democrats, 38% of Independents, 33% of November Republicans and 14% of Primary Republicans.

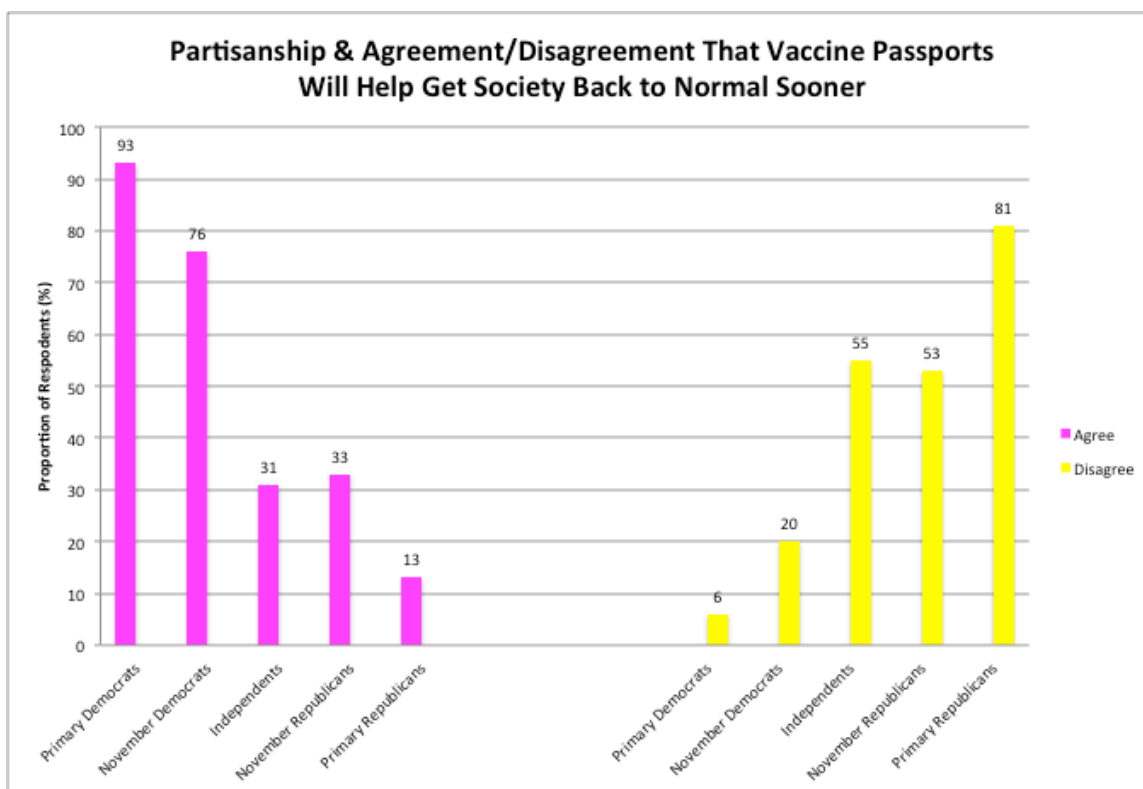
Three out of four (75%) Primary Republicans disagree that Vaccine Mandates will help society get back to normal sooner, compared to 52% of November Republicans, 53% of Independents, 11% of November Democrats and 5% of Primary Democrats.



### *Vaccine Passports*

More than nine out of ten (93%) Primary Democrats agree that Vaccine Passports will help society get back to normal sooner, compared to 76% of November Democrats, 31% of Independents, 33% of November Republicans and 13% of Primary Republicans.

More than four out of five (81%) Primary Republicans disagree that Vaccine Passports will help society get back to normal sooner, compared to 53% of November Republicans, 55% of Independents, 20% of November Democrats and 6% of Primary Democrats.



The Democratic and Republican partisan identifiers who are almost certain to vote in their respective party's primary (Primary Democrats and Primary Republicans) possess extremely divergent views on whether or not Mask Mandates, Vaccine Mandates and Vaccine Passports will help society get back to normal sooner. While 92%, 93% and 93% of Primary Democrats agree that the three respective policies will help society get back to normal sooner, only 14%, 14% and 13% of Republicans share that opinion. And, while approximately three-fourths (78%, 75%, 81%) of Primary Republicans disagree that these three respective policies will help get society back to normal sooner, only 4%, 5% and 6% of Primary Democrats share that opinion.

Primary Republicans also have positions vis-à-vis these three COVID-19 prevention policies that are quite distinct from those of November Republicans.

While 78%, 75% and 81% of Primary Republicans disagree that Mask Mandates, Vaccine Mandates and Vaccine Passports will help get society back to normal sooner, only 47%, 52% and 53% of November Republicans share this same sentiment of disagreement.

And, while 33%, 33% and 33% of November Republicans agree that Mask Mandates, Vaccine Mandates and Vaccine Passports will help get society back to normal sooner, only 14%, 14% and 13% of November Republicans share this same sentiment of agreement.