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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** INTERESTED PARTIES  
**FROM:** CHRIS PERKINS - PARTNER  
**SUBJECT:** REPUBLICAN VOTERS VIEWS ON IMMUNIZATION  
**DATE:** JULY 16, 2018

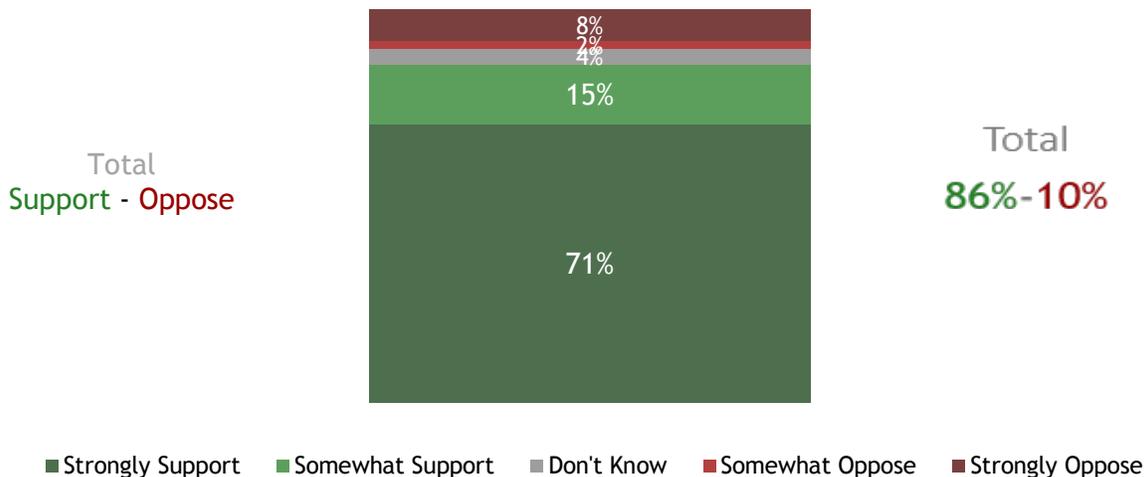
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On behalf of the Texas Public Health Coalition, Ragnar Research Partners conducted a scientific survey among n=750 2018 Republican Primary Voters across Texas. Interviews were conducted July 7-10, 2018 by telephone, including landlines and cell phones. The margin of error for this study is  $\pm 4\%$ .

### 2018 Texas Republican Primary Voters Overwhelmingly Support Child Immunization Laws

A substantial majority of Republican primary voters (86%) said they support the current laws that require school age children to be immunized to attend public school. Of those that said they support these laws, 71% of them said they “strongly supported” the laws.

Q7. As you may know, current laws require school age children to be immunized to attend public school. Do you *ROTATE* oppose or support *END ROTATION* requiring school age children to be immunized to attend public school?





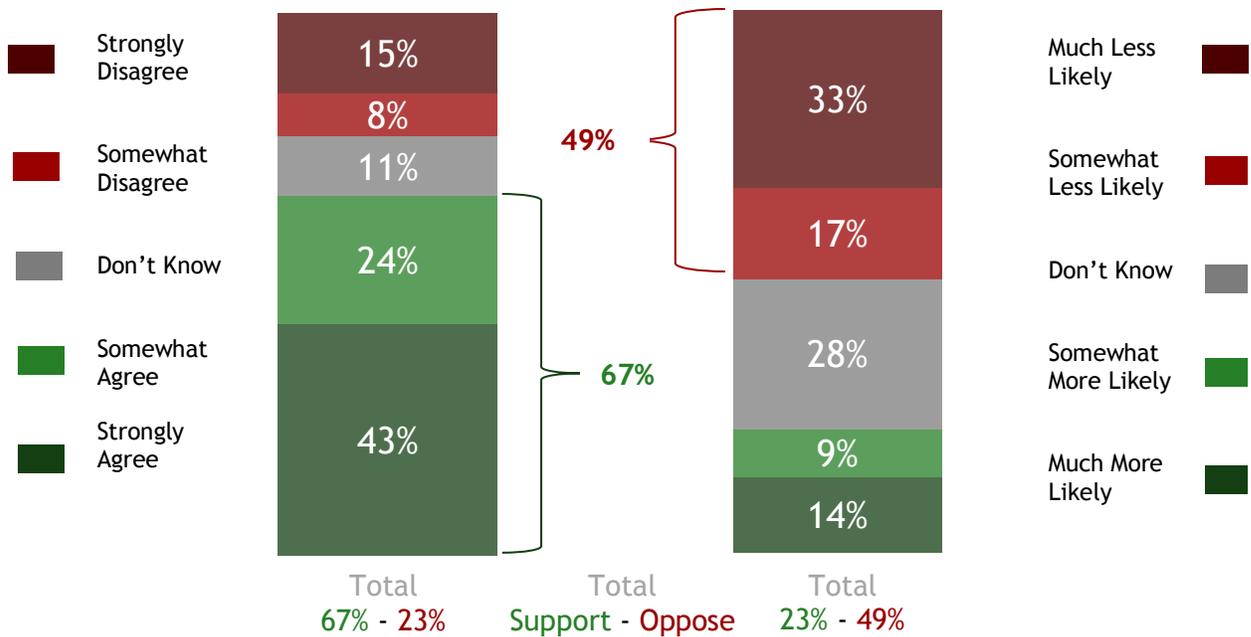
## 2018 Texas Republican Primary Voters Agree with Government Involvement in Immunization Law

A heavy majority of Republican primary voters (67%) agreed that the government should have a role in reducing the number of vaccine preventable deaths.

Furthermore, about half (49%) of all Republican primary voters said that they would not side with elected officials who oppose requiring children to be immunized before attending public school.

Q18. Do you *ROTATE* agree or disagree *END ROTATION* that the government should have a role in reducing the number of vaccine preventable deaths?

Q19. If you learned that one of your elected officials in the state legislature opposed requiring school age children to be vaccinated, would that make you *ROTATE* less likely or more likely *END ROTATION* to support your Legislator.



## 2018 Texas Republican Primary Voters Prefer Further Changes to Laws that Protect Public School Children

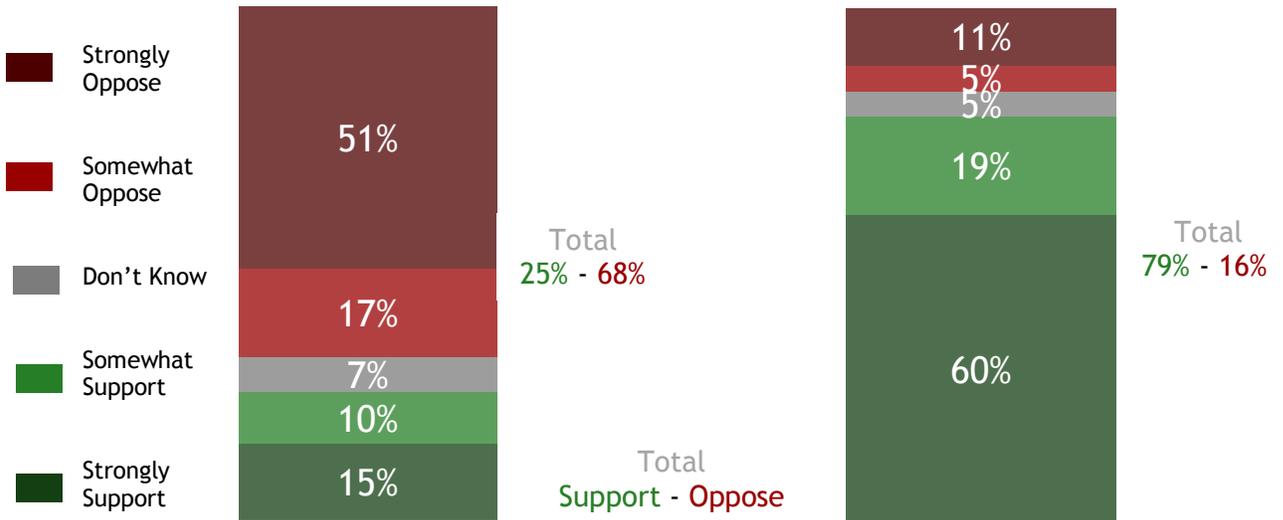
When asked if parents of children in public schools should be allowed to opt-out of Texas vaccine requirements for non-medical reasons, a strong majority of Republican primary voters (68%) were opposed to the idea.

Likewise, 79% of Republican primary voters said they would support a potential law that would require schools to report the number of unvaccinated children enrolled in public school.

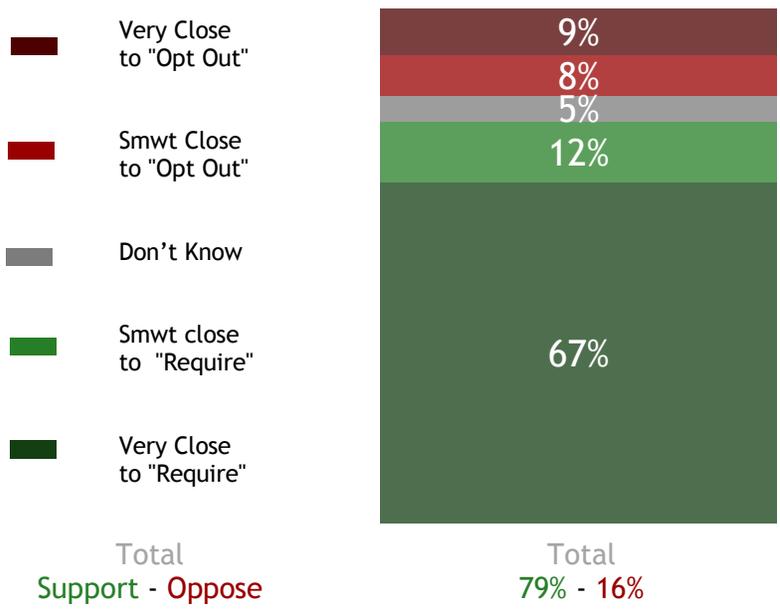


Q20. Do you ROTATE oppose or support END ROTATION allowing parents of children in public schools to opt-out of Texas vaccine requirements for non-medical reasons?

Q22. Would you ROTATE oppose or support END ROTATION a law to require schools to report the number of unvaccinated children enrolled in public school?



Finally, participants were read two opposing statements and asked which statement was closer to their views. A strong majority of Republican primary voters (79%) said that the statement reading “laws requiring children to be vaccinated for school entry provide protection against contagious diseases, and the laws should be enforced” was closer to their views as opposed to the statement reading “it’s the right of the parent to decide if their child is not vaccinated for school entry and we need a law that allows the parent to opt out of vaccines for any non-medical reasons.”



Q23. Please tell me which is closer to your own views: ROTATE

(Some people/Others) say laws requiring children to be vaccinated for school entry provides protection against contagious diseases, and the laws should be enforced.

(Some people/Others) say it’s the right of the parent to decide if their child is not vaccinated for school entry and we need a law that allows the parent to opt-out of vaccines for non-medical reasons.



## Conclusion

A strong majority of 2018 Texas Republican primary voters support the current laws that require school age children to be immunized to attend public school.

When given two different points of view, Republican primary voters side strongly with the idea immunizations protect our children from diseases. The results also show that Republican primary voters are less likely to support an elected official that votes against vaccine requirements.

Overall, it's clear that Republican primary voters support immunization requirements, agree that these requirements protect our children, and do not believe parents of children in public schools should be able to opt out for any non-medical reason.