A SUMMARY OF POLL RESULTS CONDUCTED IN AUGUST 2018 OF 825 LIKELY TEXAS VOTERS

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Medical marijuana has strong support in Texas, with 72% of voters in favor of it.
But when Texans learn how restrictive current state law is, support for expanded access shoots up to 81%.
In fact, Texans are overwhelmingly supportive of increasing the number of treated diseases and conditions, the number of dispensaries, and the number of doctors who can prescribe medical marijuana.
A large part of the support comes from a desire to help people by increasing the number of diseases and conditions that medical marijuana can be prescribed for.
Texans are also overwhelmingly in favor of university-based research on medical marijuana, which is supported by 82% of Texans.
Strong guardrails for medical marijuana go hand-in-hand with expanded access. For example, Texans want licensed growers who operate under tight quality controls and can ensure the correct amount of active ingredients.

![Bar chart showing quality control and correct active ingredients]

- Quality Control: 77
- Correct Active Ingredients: 75
WHEN ASKED WHO SHOULD DECIDE HOW MEDICAL MARIJUANA SHOULD BE PRESCRIBED, TEXANS OVERWHELMINGLY WANT DOCTORS AND MEDICAL RESEARCHERS—NOT LAWMAKERS OR STATE REGULATORS.
Because of its broad support, there is no political cost to supporting expanded access to medical marijuana in Texas. Moderate and liberal democrats, conservative republicans, and religious conservatives all back the measure.
A final take-away: Both Republicans and Democrats adopted looser restrictions for marijuana in Texas in their party platforms. So it’s not surprising that voters would be more likely to support a member of the Legislature who voted for expanded access.