

Is 2.2 more than 2.1 in Texas?

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Is Gina Hinojosa (D) going to win the governorship? How about James Talarico (D) for the US Senate? The polls have these races neck to neck, some even have both D's ahead by a fraction of a point. But, polls are rigged. They only represent the opinion of who was called or was asking the questions. Language, area of the state, day or night and if the one asking the question looked like the one interviewed, sounded like them, belonged to the same gender, ethnic, racial group, etc. These are inherently biased positions to begin with—that is the point. Then they cover their behind by saying the poll is accurate up to 4 points up or down. So who really is ahead then? Will these same people go vote?

Probably not. Millions who were eligible and registered got removed by Abbott and his Sec. of State back in August 24, 2024. More are being removed daily. And, usually more of the Spanish speaking population are the ones not going to vote. Our people are too cynical, fearful, ignorant, uninvolved, angry, distrustful, busy (Nov. 2nd is NOT a holiday!) and too tolerate of injustices against us. In short, when you talk politics to our kind, they either agree, deny, ignore, or tolerate what is going on. Few take action—like going to vote against those who are against them.

Before 1994, it was the Democrats who were our worse enemy. After that the Republicans took their place. In Texas we have had and continue to have a one-party dictatorship. Abbott has been in office now for 20 years. And, he still cannot fix the problems in the state?

In the *2026 Primary*, Abbott got more votes on the R side, 1,764,929, than Hinojosa who only got 1,289,576 D's to vote for her. In Texas, you must declare a political party affiliation to register to vote. Believe it or not there are 45.4 million registered Democrats to only 39.2 million Republicans as of April 2026. Where did the missing 6.2 million Democrats go? Certainly, not to vote.

Given the circumstances there are 10 things we must do:

1. Go door to door and re-register our people on every block, street, barrio and city.
2. Get new cell numbers for everyone. Call them to vote and to volunteer to help you.
3. Sign up everyone who is not a US Citizen—for citizenship classes.
4. Write down who is under 17 and a citizen—and go visit

them next year.

5. Find our soldiers and have them register to vote early. Like now! They can register to vote anywhere.
6. Find the nearest high school principal and the others in your community/school district and take a copy of the Election Code 31.003 that mandates such principals to register students 17 and older to vote twice each school year. Insist on this in late August and in January 2027.
7. Find every college student who left town and get new addresses and phone numbers. Re-register them because their new address must match what is on the voter registration list—PLUS the driver's license!
8. DO the same for women who married and took their husband's name. Everyone who shows up to vote must have the same identical name and address on their driver license, passport, and voter registration.
9. Go to the city and county jail and register those there. Most cannot afford bail or are paying off a fine and court costs. They are still eligible to vote by mail. Only those with felony record are not eligible.
10. Stop by the county attorney's office and state you want to file criminal charges against the high school principal who ignored you or refused your request to register those over 17 years of age. (See No. 6.)

Trump and the R's are going to spend millions to elect Paxton. Talarico on the other hand and the national D's are also going to spend millions to elect him and other members of Congress. Gina Hinojosa has almost nothing to spend compared to Trump's *MEGA PAC* coming in with \$10 million; the *Lone Star Liberty PAC* with \$2 million; and, Elon Musk with \$250,000, not to mention local right-wing millionaires like San Antonio's Red McCombs, Dallas' Don Huffines and other millionaires like Farris and Dan Wilks, and Tim Dunn, who are also pouring in money on the R side.

You don't have to spend money, just volunteer time to do the 10 items above.

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