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Survey Shows Texans Strongly Oppose Horse Slaughter

Summary of Findings

- An overwhelming majority (**89%**) of Texas voters are unaware that horses are **being slaughtered in the state for human consumption**.
- A substantial majority of voters (**72%**) are **opposed to the slaughter of horses for human consumption**.
- A greater majority of voters (**77%**) are **opposed to changing state law** to permit the slaughter of horses for human consumption.
- In addition, the **opposition to a change in law was intense, with 62% of voters stating that they were strongly opposed**.
- **By an 8-1 margin, Texas voters associate the value of horses with Texas state culture, heritage and economy** rather than the horses value as a simple livestock commodity like cattle.

QUESTION: Please tell which one of the following statements comes closest to your view:

- **11%-** Horses, like cattle, are an important livestock commodity and should be treated as such, including slaughter for human consumption.
- **81%-** Horses are an important part of Texas culture, heritage and economy and add tremendous value as companions and recreational animals. They should be afforded a more humane end of life than slaughter for food.

This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc. of Washington, D.C. from May 4 through May 6, 2003 for [Blue Horse Charities](#) and the [Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation](#).  This survey or any of the information contained herein may not be used without the express written permission of the [National Horse Protection Coalition](#).

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