

# Beto O'Rourke visits Texas Southern University

As the primaries heat up for a big November, Beto O'Rourke needs every vote he can get if he is to be successful this coming election season. On Tuesday, September 27, Democratic Governor nominee Beto O'Rourke came out and urged students all across Houston to get out and take care of early voting.

His tour included Prairie View A&M University, University of Houston, and Texas Southern University. Beto touched on quite a few topics but none such as the importance of voting.

"It is harder to vote in Texas than any other state in the union...this is not to prevent me but people of color like you voting."

Beto is sending a strong message to his opponents that he will not go down without a fight. While speaking to students Beto touched on many topics, such as abortion. "The most extreme abortion restrictions are in the state of Texas...cosigning women to death and suffering when they're not able to make a choice. With the highest birth mortality rate, we are losing more women than any other state in the union."

Beto also spoke on the mistakes of the current governor, Greg Abbott. "In February 2021 the winter freeze struck and 700 Texans lost their lives due to not having power, and a lot of the state government like (Ted) Cruz fled the state...to this day the power grid has not been fixed."

He wasn't done with energy, Beto wanted to let his stance on gun ownership be loud and clear. "We see instances such as Uvalde and Santa fe, and yet our governor has done nothing to stop it, in fact he has made it easier to get a firearm in Texas, no background checks, no due

diligence, nothing nada.” Beto plans on making massacres such as Uvalde and Santa Fe memories of the past.

One of his final points that he touched on while at Texas Southern University was raising wages for teachers. Beto believes that educators across Texas should be paid higher which will in turn increase the quality of our education. “I want to raise wages for educators so they don’t have to take on a second or third job to make ends meet.”

After a speech on his beliefs Beto took pictures with the students of Texas Southern University. He also threw on some TSU gear and spoke to the student government association. After all that it was finally my time to talk to Beto. When asked about how he felt about students getting student loans canceled this is what he had to say. “I certainly feel your sentiment on student loans being canceled, I remember being a student myself and having to pay for college.” He continued, “now granted, I don’t face a financial burden like you and all your other peers face, I do believe student loans should be forgiven.” Beto went on later to campaign at University of Houston. With such a huge turnout at the schools it’s hard to imagine the race not being close this November.