Field Dates: February 8-15, 2012
N=800 Adults
Margin of error: +/- 3.46% unless otherwise noted

Interest and Engagement

Q1. Are you registered to vote in the state of Texas?

1.	Yes, registered	100%

Q2. Generally speaking, would you say that you are extremely interested in politics and public affairs, somewhat interested, not very interested, or not at all interested?

1.	Extremely interested	53%
2.	Somewhat interested	36%
3.	Not very interested	8%
4.	Not at all interested	2%
5.	Don't know	1%

Q3. There are many elections in the state of Texas. Furthermore, many people intend to vote in a given election, but sometimes personal and professional circumstances keep them from the polls. Thinking back over the past two or three years, would you say that you voted in all elections, almost all, about half, one or two, or none at all?

1.	Every election	31%
2.	Almost every election	37%
3.	About half	12%
4.	One or two	10%
5.	None	7%
6.	Don't know/Refused/NA	2%

Retrospective Assessments

Q6. How would you rate the job Barack Obama has done as president? Would you say that you…

1.	Approve strongly	19%
2.	Approve somewhat	20%
3.	Neither approve nor disapprove	5%
4.	Disapprove somewhat	6%
5.	Disapprove strongly	49%
6.	Don't know	1%

Q7. Overall, how do you rate the job the U.S. Congress is doing?

1.	Approve strongly	1%
2.	Approve somewhat	10%
3.	Neither approve nor disapprove	14%
4.	Disapprove somewhat	26%
5.	Disapprove strongly	47%
6.	Don't know	2%

Elections

Q13. Thinking ahead to the 2012 elections, do you think you will vote in the Republican Primary, the Democratic Primary, or do you usually not vote in primary elections?

1.	Republican Primary	46%
2.	Democratic Primary	33%
3.	Don't usually vote in primaries	21%

[For Q14 and Q17-Q19, respondents were first asked the questions below. If they initially answered that they didn't know, they were then asked a follow-up question: "If you had to make a choice, who would you choose?" Responses to the follow-up questions were folded into the results found below. "Likely Voters" were defined as those who indicated that they were either "Extremely" or "Somewhat" interested in politics in Q2 AND either voted in "Every" or "Almost every" election in Q3.]

Q14. **[Ask if Q13=1]** If the 2012 Republican primary election for President were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-4] (n=371 ;MOE=+/-5.09%)**

1.	Mitt Romney	16%
2.	Ron Paul	14%
3.	Newt Gingrich	18%
4.	Rick Santorum	45%
5.	Another Republican candidate	6%

Likely Voters (n=298 ;MOE=+/-5.68%):

1.	Mitt Romney	16%
2.	Ron Paul	14%
3.	Newt Gingrich	17%
4.	Rick Santorum	48%
5.	Another Republican candidate	6%

Q15. **[Ask if Q13=1]** How satisfied are you with your choices for a Republican presidential nominee? **(n=371 ;MOE=+/-5.09%)**

1.	Very satisfied	17%
2.	Somewhat satisfied	34%
3.	Neither satisfied or unsatisfied	14%
4.	Somewhat unsatisfied	21%
5.	Very unsatisfied	13%
6.	Don't Know/No Opinion	1%

Q16. **[Ask if Q13=1]** In selecting your candidate in the Republican presidential primary, which would you say is most important, **[Rotate options]** that the candidate shares your views on the issues, that he has the right experience, that he has high ethical standards and character, or that he can beat President Obama in November? **(n=371 ;MOE=+/-5.09%)**

1.	Shares issue views	20%
2.	Has the right experience	8%
3.	Has high standards and character	25%
4.	Can beat Obama	45%
5.	Don't Know/No Opinion.	2%

Q17. **[Ask if Q13=1]** If the 2012 Republican primary election for U.S. Senator were held today, which of the following possible candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-10] (n=366 ;MOE=+/-5.12%)**

1.	David Dewhurst	38%
2.	Ted Cruz	27%
3.	Tom Leppert	7%
4.	Curt Cleaver	0%

5.	Glenn Addison	1%
6.	Charles Holcomb	0%
7.	Craig James	7%
8.	Lela Pittenger	1%
9.	Another Republican candidate	19%

Likely Voters **(n=296 ;MOE=+/-5.70%):**

1.	David Dewhurst	38%
2.	Ted Cruz	29%
3.	Tom Leppert	7%
4.	Curt Cleaver	0%
5.	Glenn Addison	2%
6.	Charles Holcomb	0%
7.	Craig James	7%
8.	Lela Pittenger	1%
9.	Another Republican candidate	16%

Q18. **[Ask if Q13=1]** If the 2014 Republican primary election for lieutenant governor were held today, which of the following possible candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-5] (n=361 ;MOE=+/-5.16%)**

1.	Susan Combs	27%
2.	Todd Staples	8%
3.	Jerry Patterson	8%
4.	Dan Branch	3%
5.	Dan Patrick	20%
6.	Another Republican candidate	34%

Likely Voters**(n=293 ;MOE=+/-5.73%)**

1.	Susan Combs	27%
2.	Todd Staples	9%
3.	Jerry Patterson	8%
4.	Dan Branch	2%
5.	Dan Patrick	22%
6.	Another Republican candidate	30%

Q19. **[Ask if Q13=2]** If the 2012 Democratic primary election for U.S. Senator were held today, which of the following possible candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-5] (n=255 ;MOE=+/-6.14%)**

1.	Sean Hubbard	12%
2.	Addie Dainell Allen	10%
3.	Paul Sadler	10%
4.	John Morton	3%
5.	Daniel Boone	10%
6.	Another Democratic candidate	55%

Likely Voters **(n=172 ;MOE=+/-7.47%)**

1. Sean Hubbard   13%
2. Addie Dainell Allen   12%
3. Paul Sadler   13%
4. John Morton   3%
5. Daniel Boone   10%
6. Another Democratic candidate   50%

[Randomize Q20, Q21, Q22, Q23]

Q20. If the 2012 general election for U.S. president were held today and Newt Gingrich was the Republican nominee, would you vote for **[randomize]** Barack Obama, Newt Gingrich, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-2]**

1. Newt Gingrich   42%
2. Barack Obama   40%
3. Someone else   13%
4. Haven't thought about it
   enough to have an opinion   5%

Likely Voters **(n=527 ;MOE=+/-4.27%):**

1. Newt Gingrich   49%
2. Barack Obama   38%
3. Someone else   12%
4. Haven't thought about it
   enough to have an opinion   1%

Q21. If the 2012 general election for U.S. president were held today and Mitt Romney was the Republican nominee, would you vote for **[randomize]** Barack Obama, Mitt Romney, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-2]**

1. Mitt Romney   40%
2. Barack Obama   39%
3. Someone else   16%
4. Haven't thought about it
   enough to have an opinion   5%

Likely Voters **(n= 529;MOE=+/-4.26%):**

1.	Mitt Romney	49%
2.	Barack Obama	36%
3.	Someone else	13%
4.	Haven't thought about it	
	enough to have an opinion	2%

Q22. If the 2012 general election for U.S. president were held today and Rick Santorum was the Republican nominee, would you vote for **[randomize]** Barack Obama, Rick Santorum, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-2]**

1.	Rick Santorum	44%
2.	Barack Obama	39%
3.	Someone else	11%
4.	Haven't thought about it	
	enough to have an opinion	6%

Likely Voters **(n= 529;MOE=+/-4.26%):**

1.	Rick Santorum	51%
2.	Barack Obama	37%
3.	Someone else	10%
4.	Haven't thought about it	
	enough to have an opinion	2%

Q23. If the 2012 general election for U.S. president were held today and Ron Paul was the Republican nominee, would you vote for **[randomize]** Barack Obama, Ron Paul, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-2]**

1.	Ron Paul	40%
2.	Barack Obama	37%
3.	Someone else	18%
4.	Haven't thought about it	
	enough to have an opinion	5%

Likely Voters **(n= 529;MOE=+/-4.26%):**

1. Ron Paul   44%
2. Barack Obama   35%
3. Someone else   18%
4. Haven't thought about it
   enough to have an opinion   2%

[Randomize Q24, Q25, Q26, Q27]

Q24. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney.

1. Very favorable   5%
2. Somewhat favorable   22%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable   19%
4. Somewhat unfavorable   23%
5. Very unfavorable   25%
6. Don't know/No Opinion   6%

Q25. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich.

1. Very favorable   11%
2. Somewhat favorable   22%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable   12%
4. Somewhat unfavorable   14%
5. Very unfavorable   35%
6. Don't know/No Opinion   5%

Q26. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Ron Paul.

1. Very favorable   10%
2. Somewhat favorable   20%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable   22%
4. Somewhat unfavorable   21%
5. Very unfavorable   20%
6. Don't know/No Opinion   7%

Q27. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Rick Santorum.

1. Very favorable   22%
2. Somewhat favorable   20%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable   14%
4. Somewhat unfavorable   8%
5. Very unfavorable   23%
6. Don't know/No Opinion   12%

[Randomize Q28 and Q29]

Q28. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Barack Obama.

    1. Very favorable   23%
    2. Somewhat favorable   17%
    3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable   4%
    4. Somewhat unfavorable   6%
    5. Very unfavorable   49%
    6. Don't know/No Opinion   1%

Q34. Do you think most people you know would vote for a Mormon presidential candidate if they agreed with him or her on the issues?

    1. Yes   58%
    2. No   21%
    3. Don't Know/No Answer   21%

Political Traits

[Randomize Q36 and Q37]

People can prefer a candidate for a variety of different reasons…

Q36. How important is it for you that a candidate represents your racial or ethnic background?

    1. Very important   12%
    2. Somewhat important   13%
    3. Not at all important   69%
    4. Don't Know/No Opinion   5%

Q37. How important is it for you that a candidate shares your positions on issues?

    1. Very important   74%
    2. Somewhat important   21%
    3. Not at all important   0%
    4. Don't Know/No Opinion   4%

Political Knowledge and Media Use

MEDIA1. Please indicate how often you use the following devices to read, watch, or listen to news and information, "never", "hardly ever", "sometimes", or "regularly".

	Never	Hardly Ever	Sometimes	Regularly
1. Tablets	75%	7%	9%	9%
2. Smartphone or Cell Phone	48%	12%	16%	25%

MEDIA2. Please indicate how often you read, watch, or listen to news and information from the following mediums, "never", "hardly ever", "sometimes", or "regularly".

	Never	Hardly Ever	Sometimes	Regularly
1. Smartphone or tablet applications	62%	11%	13%	14%
2. Search engines	15%	14%	25%	37%
3. Online social network sites	30%	20%	24%	26%

[Randomize INFO1-INFO3]

INFO1. Which political party holds the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives?

1. Republican Party   75%
2. Democratic Party   14%
3. Neither   1%
4. Don't know   10%

INFO2. What majority of both houses of the U.S. Congress is needed to override a presidential veto?

1. More than one-half   7%
2. More than two-thirds   70%
3. More than three-fourths   12%
4. Don't know   11%

INFO3. Who is the current Attorney General of Texas?

1. Greg Abbott   69%
2. Michael Williams   1%
3. Susan Combs   5%
4. Victor Carrillo   0%
5. Don't know   24%

Political Orientation

We're almost done. Now we just have a few basic questions for statistical purposes.

LIBCON. On a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 is extremely liberal, 7 is extremely conservative, and 4 is exactly in the middle, where would you place yourself?

1.	Extremely liberal	5%
2.	Somewhat liberal	9%
3.	Slightly liberal	9%
4.	In the middle	26%
5.	Slightly conservative	13%
6.	Somewhat conservative	23%
7.	Extremely conservative	14%

PID3. Generally speaking, would you say that you usually think of yourself as a…

1.	Democrat	35%
2.	Independent	29%
3.	Republican	33%
4.	Other	1%
5.	Not sure	3%

PID7. (Uses the four PID3 follow-up questions)

1.	Strong Democrat	23%
2.	Not very strong Democrat	12%
3.	Lean Democrat	7%
4.	Independent	8%
5.	Lean Republican	16%
6.	Not very strong Republican	10%
7.	Strong Republican	23%
8.	Other	2%

Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1.	18-29	14%
2.	30-44	15%
3.	45-64	46%
4.	65 and up	13%

LOCATE. Would you say that you live in an urban, suburban, or rural community?

1.	Urban	27%
2.	Suburban	49%
3.	Rural	23%

METRO. Do you live in the Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio, or Austin metropolitan areas?

1.	Yes, I live in the Houston area	19%
2.	Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	31%
3.	Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	7%
4.	Yes, I live in the Austin area	11%
5.	No, I live in another part of Texas	32%

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1.	One	18%
2.	Two	14%
3.	Three	6%
4.	Four or more	1%
5.	None	61%

INCOME. In which category would you place your household income last year?

1.	Less than $10,000	5%
2.	$10,000 to $19,999	8%
3.	$20,000 to $29,999	12%
4.	$30,000 to $39,999	10%
5.	$40,000 to $49,999	9%
6.	$50,000 to $59,999	10%
7.	$60,000 to $69,999	8%
8.	$70,000 to $79,999	4%
9.	$80,000 to $99,999	8%
10.	$100,000 to $119,999	7%
11.	$120,000 to $149,999	4%
12.	More than $150,000	5%
13.	Prefer not to say	11%

EDU. What is the highest level of education that you received?

1.	Less than high school	4%
2.	High school degree	38%
3.	Some college	31%
4.	Two-year college degree	8%
5.	Four-year college degree	13%
6.	Post-graduate degree	5%

RELIG. What is your religious affiliation? **[No open response on "other"]**

1.	Agnostic	6%
2.	**Assembly of God***	2%
3.	Atheist	4%

4. Baptist*	20%
5. Buddhist	1%
6. Catholic*	16%
7. Christian Scientist*	0%
8. Church of Christ*	3%
9. Church of God*	0%
10. Disciples of Christ*	0%
11. Episcopal/Anglican*	3%
12. Hindu	0%
13. Jehovah's Witnesses	0%
14. Jewish	1%
15. Lutheran*	3%
16. Methodist*	4%
17. Mormon*	1%
18. Muslim/Islam	0%
19. Nondenominational Christian*	10%
20. Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox*	0%
21. Pentecostal*	3%
22. Presbyterian*	2%
23. Protestant (non-specific)*	3%
24. Reformed*	0%
25. Unitarian/Universalist*	1%
26. United Church of Christ*	1%
27. Spiritual but not religious	9%
28. Other*	7%
29. Don't know	2%

EVANG. **[Ask if respond * to RELIG]** Do you consider yourself to be a "born again" or "evangelical" Christian?

1. Yes	49%
2. No	51%

CATHOLIC. **[Ask if RELIG = "Catholic"]** Do you identify with any of the following descriptions?

1. Liberal Catholic	22%
2. Conservative Catholic	17%
3. Traditional Catholic	29%
4. Charismatic Catholic	2%
5. Evangelical Catholic	2%
6. I do not identify with any of the above	27%

LITERAL. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

1. The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word.	33%
2. The Bible is the word of God but	

not everything in it should be taken
literally, word for word.   40%
3. The Bible is a book written by men
and is not the word of God.   21%
4. Don't know   7%

MORMON. Do you believe that Mormons are Christians?

1. Yes   40%
2. No   31%
3. Don't Know   29%

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

1. Extremely important   48%
2. Somewhat important   28%
3. Not very important   11%
4. Not at all important   13%

ATTEND. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services or participate in religious activities?

1. More than once a week   17%
2. Once a week   13%
3. A few times a month   13%
4. Once or twice a year   29%
5. Never   28%

ANCESTRY. What is your ancestry or ethnic origin? **[Randomize 1-21, allow respondents to check multiple ancestries/origins]**

1. English   28%
2. French   7%
3. German   21%
4. Irish   23%
5. Italian   2%
6. Polish   4%
7. Scottish   14%
8. Swedish   4%
9. American   39%
10. Norwegian   2%
11. Canadian   1%
12. Spanish (Spain)   7%
13. Cuban   0%
14. Puerto Rican   2%

15. Dominican		0%
16. El Salvadorian		0%
17. Honduran		0%
18. Guatemalan		0%
19. Nicaraguan		0%
20. Mexican		16%
21. Other Central America		0%
22. South America		1%
23. Other		20%

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

1.	White	62%
2.	African American	12%
3.	Hispanic or Latino	19%
4.	Asian/Pacific Islander	1%
5.	Native American	2%
6.	Multi-racial	2%

RACE2. **[Ask if RACE ~= "Hispanic or Latino"]** Do you happen to have a Hispanic-Latino grandparent?

1.	Yes	2%
2.	No	97%
3.	DK	1%

NATIVE1. **[Ask if RACE = "Hispanic or Latino"]** Were you born in the United States or Puerto Rico, or in another country?

1.	Born in the United States or Puerto Rico	89%
2.	Born in another country	11%

NATIVE2. **[Ask NATIVE2 if answer 1 on NATIVE1]** Were your parents born in the United States or Puerto Rico, or another country?

1.	Both of my parents were born in the United States or Puerto Rico	73%
2.	One of my parents was born in another country	14%
3.	Both of my parents were both in another country	13%

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

1.	Own	73%
2.	Rent	26%

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

1. Single   21%
2. Married   57%
3. Divorced   10%
4. Separated   2%
5. Widowed   6%
6. Domestic Relationship   4%

GENDER. What is your gender?

1. Male   47%
2. Female   53%

P08. In the 2008 presidential election, who did you vote for?

1. Barack Obama   39%
2. John McCain   46%
3. Someone else   4%
4. Did not vote   11%