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Texas Statewide Survey**

May 14, 2010 through May 20, 2010

N=800 Registered Voters

MOE= +/- 3.46

*\*Note: Due to rounding, not all percentages sum to 100.*

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**Interest and Engagement**

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

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| 1. Extremely interested  | 56% |
| 2. Somewhat interested   | 35% |
| 3. Not very interested   | 6%  |
| 4. Not at all interested | 3%  |
| 5. Don't know            | 0%  |

**Most Important Problem**

Q3. What would you say is the most important problem facing this country today? **[Randomize]**

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|------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. The economy                     | 22% |
| 2. Unemployment/jobs               | 14% |
| 3. Federal spending/national debt  | 18% |
| 4. Political leadership/corruption | 13% |
| 5. Health care                     | 4%  |
| 6. Moral decline                   | 4%  |
| 7. National security/terrorism     | 6%  |
| 8. Immigration                     | 7%  |
| 9. Taxes                           | 1%  |
| 10. Gas prices                     | 1%  |
| 11. Energy                         | 1%  |
| 12. Gay marriage                   | 1%  |
| 13. Education                      | 3%  |
| 14. Social welfare programs        | 2%  |
| 15. Environment                    | 1%  |
| 16. The media                      | 1%  |
| 17. Abortion                       | 1%  |
| 18. Crime and drugs                | 1%  |
| 19. Afghanistan/Pakistan           | 1%  |
| 20. Housing                        | 0%  |
| 21. Iraq                           | 0%  |
| 22. Federal courts/nominees        | 0%  |
| 23. Foreign trade                  | 0%  |
| 24. Voting system                  | 0%  |

Q4. What would you say is the most important problem facing the state of Texas today?  
**[Randomize]**

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Immigration                     | 23% |
| 2. The economy                     | 11% |
| 3. Unemployment/jobs               | 12% |
| 4. Border security                 | 18% |
| 5. Political leadership/corruption | 9%  |
| 6. Health care                     | 3%  |
| 7. Gas prices                      | 2%  |
| 8. Crime and drugs                 | 2%  |
| 9. Education                       | 7%  |
| 10. State government spending      | 2%  |
| 11. Moral decline                  | 1%  |
| 12. Taxes                          | 1%  |
| 13. Social welfare programs        | 2%  |
| 14. Insurance rates                | 1%  |
| 15. Water supply                   | 0%  |
| 16. Gay marriage                   | 1%  |
| 17. Energy                         | 1%  |
| 18. Environment                    | 2%  |
| 19. Transportation                 | 1%  |
| 20. Abortion                       | 1%  |
| 21. Housing                        | 1%  |
| 22. State courts                   | 0%  |
| 23. The media                      | 1%  |
| 24. Voting system                  | 0%  |

Q5. How would you rate the job Barack Obama has done as president? Would you say that you...

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Approve strongly               | 19% |
| 2. Approve somewhat               | 16% |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 6%  |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat            | 8%  |
| 5. Disapprove strongly            | 50% |
| 6. Don't know                     | 1%  |

Q6. How would you rate the job Rick Perry has done as governor? Would you say that you...

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Approve strongly               | 13% |
| 2. Approve somewhat               | 29% |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 16% |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat            | 16% |
| 5. Disapprove strongly            | 23% |
| 6. Don't know                     | 3%  |

Q7. Thinking about the country, do you think that things are headed in the right direction, or do you think that things are headed off on the wrong track?

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|--------------------|-----|
| 1. Right direction | 27% |
| 2. Wrong track     | 62% |
| 3. Don't know      | 11% |

Q8. Thinking about the state of Texas, do you think that things are headed in the right direction, or do you think that things are headed off on the wrong track?

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| 1. Right direction | 45% |
| 2. Wrong track     | 38% |
| 3. Don't know      | 17% |

Q9. Compared to a year ago, would you say that the country is economically a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

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|------------------------|-----|
| 1. A lot better off    | 5%  |
| 2. Somewhat better off | 23% |
| 3. About the same      | 24% |
| 4. Somewhat worse off  | 15% |
| 5. A lot worse off     | 32% |
| 6. Don't know          | 1%  |

Q10. Compared to a year ago, would you say that you and your family are economically a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

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|------------------------|-----|
| 1. A lot better off    | 4%  |
| 2. Somewhat better off | 16% |
| 3. About the same      | 42% |
| 4. Somewhat worse off  | 25% |
| 5. A lot worse off     | 13% |
| 6. Don't know          | 1%  |

### Horse-Race Questions

Now we'd like to ask some questions about upcoming elections.

Q11. If the election for Texas governor were held today, would you vote for: **[Randomize 1-2]**

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|----------------------------|-----|
| 1. Rick Perry (Republican) | 44% |
| 2. Bill White (Democrat)   | 35% |
| 3. Someone else            | 7%  |
| 4. Undecided               | 15% |

Q12. If the election for Texas lieutenant governor were held today, would you vote for:  
**[Randomize 1-2]**

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|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. David Dewhurst (Republican)      | 44% |
| 2. Linda Chavez-Thompson (Democrat) | 30% |
| 3. Someone else                     | 6%  |
| 4. Undecided                        | 20% |

Q13. If the election for Texas Attorney General were held today, would you vote for:  
**[Randomize 1-2]**

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|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Greg Abbott (Republican)         | 47% |
| 2. Barbara Ann Radnofsky (Democrat) | 28% |
| 3. Someone else                     | 6%  |
| 4. Undecided                        | 20% |

Q14. If the election for Texas State Land Commissioner were held today, would you vote for:  
**[Randomize 1-2]**

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Jerry Patterson (Republican) | 39% |
| 2. Hector Uribe (Democrat)      | 27% |
| 3. Someone else                 | 7%  |
| 4. Undecided                    | 26% |

Q15. If the election for Texas State Agriculture Commissioner were held today, would you vote for: **[Randomize 1-2]**

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Todd Staples (Republican) | 39% |
| 2. Hank Gilbert (Democrat)   | 28% |
| 3. Someone else              | 6%  |
| 4. Undecided                 | 27% |

Q16. If the election for Texas State Railroad Commissioner were held today, would you vote for:  
**[Randomize 1-2]**

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. David Porter (Republican) | 39% |
| 2. Jeff Weems (Democrat)     | 27% |
| 3. Someone else              | 6%  |
| 4. Undecided                 | 29% |

Q17. If the 2010 election for U.S. Congress in your district were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-2]**

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|-------------------------|-----|
| 1. Republican candidate | 46% |
| 2. Democratic candidate | 34% |
| 3. Someone else         | 5%  |
| 4. Don't know           | 15% |

Q18. If the 2010 election for the Texas state legislature in your district were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-2]**

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|-------------------------|-----|
| 1. Republican candidate | 44% |
| 2. Democratic candidate | 33% |
| 3. Someone else         | 5%  |
| 4. Don't know           | 18% |

Q19. Suppose the Tea Party movement organized itself as a political party. When thinking about the next election for Congress, would you vote for the Republican candidate from your district, the Democratic candidate from your district, or the Tea Party candidate from your district? **[Randomize 1-2]**

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|-------------------------|-----|
| 1. Republican candidate | 19% |
| 2. Democratic candidate | 33% |
| 3. Tea Party candidate  | 23% |
| 4. Don't know           | 26% |

### **National Policy Questions**

Q20. Do you approve or disapprove of the recently passed national health care reform?

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|---------------|-----|
| 1. Approve    | 28% |
| 2. Disapprove | 60% |
| 3. Don't know | 11% |

Q21. How much do you know about what is inside the recently passed national health care reform?

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|--|-----|
| 1. I have a good understanding of its basic elements.          | 43% |
| 2. I have a good understanding of a few of its basic elements. | 43% |
| 3. I don't know or understand much about the legislation.      | 14% |

Q22. Do you support or oppose the Texas Attorney General's participation in the multi-state lawsuit against the new health care law?

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|---------------|-----|
| 1. Support    | 57% |
| 2. Oppose     | 29% |
| 3. Don't know | 15% |

### State Policy Questions

We will now ask you a few questions about education policy in Texas.

Q23. How much confidence do you have in Texas public schools? **[Asked as split sample, also as Q25]**

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Complete confidence          | 3%  |
| 2. A great deal of confidence   | 23% |
| 3. Only some confidence         | 42% |
| 4. Very little confidence       | 23% |
| 5. Hardly any confidence at all | 9%  |

Q24. Recently, the State Board of Education voted to approve a number of changes to the curriculum in Texas public schools. Please tell us how strongly you approve or disapprove of the following curriculum changes: **[Randomize a-e]**

Q24a. Offering an elective course on the Bible in Texas public high schools.

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly approve               | 48% |
| 2. Somewhat approve               | 17% |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 16% |
| 4. Somewhat disapprove            | 5%  |
| 5. Strongly disapprove            | 13% |
| 6. Don't know                     | 1%  |

Q24b. Revised science standards that require Texas public schools to present evidence that is both supportive and critical of evolution.

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly approve               | 29% |
| 2. Somewhat approve               | 23% |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 18% |
| 4. Somewhat disapprove            | 9%  |
| 5. Strongly disapprove            | 19% |
| 6. Don't know                     | 3%  |

Q24c. Revised history standards that discuss the Christian religious beliefs of America's Founding Fathers.

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly approve               | 45% |
| 2. Somewhat approve               | 15% |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 14% |
| 4. Somewhat disapprove            | 6%  |
| 5. Strongly disapprove            | 17% |
| 6. Don't know                     | 2%  |

Q24d. Revised history standards that discuss the importance of America's free market economy to its success as a nation.

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly approve               | 51% |
| 2. Somewhat approve               | 22% |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 13% |
| 4. Somewhat disapprove            | 5%  |
| 5. Strongly disapprove            | 6%  |
| 6. Don't know                     | 3%  |

Q24e. Revised history standards that reduce the amount of time that teachers must spend discussing the contributions of racial and ethnic minorities to Texas history.

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly approve               | 23% |
| 2. Somewhat approve               | 12% |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 20% |
| 4. Somewhat disapprove            | 14% |
| 5. Strongly disapprove            | 28% |
| 6. Don't know                     | 3%  |

Q25. See Q23

Q26. Do you think that a college education is necessary for a person to be successful in today's work world, or do you think that there are many ways to succeed in today's work world without a college education?

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|---|-----|
| 1. College education is necessary   | 42% |
| 2. There are many ways to succeed in today's world without a college degree | 56% |
| 3. Don't know   | 2%  |

Q27. Currently, do you think that most people who are qualified to go to college have the opportunity to do so, or do you think there are many people who are qualified to go but don't have the opportunity to do so?

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|-------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Have the opportunity       | 37% |
| 2. Don't have the opportunity | 54% |
| 3. Don't know                 | 9%  |

Q28. Do you think the federal government or the state government should take the lead in trying to improve education and the public schools?

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|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Federal government | 23% |
| 2. State government   | 68% |
| 3. Don't know         | 9%  |

Q29. Here is a list of problems that public schools might face. For each one, please indicate how big a problem you think it is. Is it a major problem, minor problem, or not a problem for the public schools in Texas? **[Randomize a-j]**

Q29a. Not enough funding.

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|------------------|-----|
| 1. Major problem | 53% |
| 2. Minor problem | 24% |
| 3. Not a problem | 19% |
| 4. Don't know    | 4%  |

Q29b. Overcrowding in the schools.

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|------------------|-----|
| 1. Major problem | 49% |
| 2. Minor problem | 36% |
| 3. Not a problem | 10% |
| 4. Don't know    | 5%  |

Q29c. Crime in the schools.

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|------------------|-----|
| 1. Major problem | 60% |
| 2. Minor problem | 33% |
| 3. Not a problem | 3%  |
| 4. Don't know    | 4%  |

Q29d. Academic standards are too low.

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| 1. Major problem | 61% |
| 2. Minor problem | 23% |
| 3. Not a problem | 11% |
| 4. Don't know    | 5%  |



Q29e. Lack of parental involvement.

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|------------------|-----|
| 1. Major problem | 77% |
| 2. Minor problem | 16% |
| 3. Not a problem | 4%  |
| 4. Don't know    | 3%  |

Q29f. Poor quality teachers.

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|------------------|-----|
| 1. Major problem | 51% |
| 2. Minor problem | 35% |
| 3. Not a problem | 10% |
| 4. Don't know    | 4%  |

Q29g. Liberal bias in the classroom.

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|------------------|-----|
| 1. Major problem | 45% |
| 2. Minor problem | 20% |
| 3. Not a problem | 25% |
| 4. Don't know    | 10% |

Q29h. Conservative bias in the classroom.

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|------------------|-----|
| 1. Major problem | 25% |
| 2. Minor problem | 20% |
| 3. Not a problem | 43% |
| 4. Don't know    | 11% |

Q29i. Hostility toward religion in the schools.

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|------------------|-----|
| 1. Major problem | 50% |
| 2. Minor problem | 23% |
| 3. Not a problem | 22% |
| 4. Don't know    | 5%  |

Q29j. Too much religion in the schools.

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|------------------|-----|
| 1. Major problem | 12% |
| 2. Minor problem | 16% |
| 3. Not a problem | 67% |
| 4. Don't know    | 5%  |

We will now ask you a few questions about immigration policy.

Q30. Please tell us whether you would strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the following proposals related to immigration policy. If you neither support nor oppose, please feel free to say so: **[Item a first. Then, randomize items b-h]**

Q30a. Passing a comprehensive immigration overhaul at the federal level that would provide a pathway to citizenship for most illegal immigrants currently living in the United States.

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly support | 23% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 21% |
| 3. Somewhat oppose  | 14% |
| 4. Strongly oppose  | 35% |
| 5. Don't know       | 6%  |

Q30b. Ending in-state tuition at Texas public colleges and universities for undocumented or illegal immigrants.

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| 1. Strongly support | 67% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 10% |
| 3. Somewhat oppose  | 6%  |
| 4. Strongly oppose  | 11% |
| 5. Don't know       | 6%  |

Q30c. Passing an English-only amendment to the Texas constitution.

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly support | 56% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 12% |
| 3. Somewhat oppose  | 9%  |
| 4. Strongly oppose  | 19% |
| 5. Don't know       | 5%  |

Q30d. Requiring businesses to verify the immigration status of every worker and fine businesses if they are caught intentionally employing undocumented or illegal immigrants.

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly support | 73% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 15% |
| 3. Somewhat oppose  | 4%  |
| 4. Strongly oppose  | 3%  |
| 5. Don't know       | 5%  |

Q30e. Ending bilingual education in Texas public schools.

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly support | 45% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 13% |
| 3. Somewhat oppose  | 13% |
| 4. Strongly oppose  | 23% |
| 5. Don't know       | 6%  |

Q30f. Passing a law requiring law enforcement officials to check someone's immigration status when they suspect him/her of being in the country illegally.

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly support | 56% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 10% |
| 3. Somewhat oppose  | 11% |
| 4. Strongly oppose  | 19% |
| 5. Don't know       | 5%  |

Q30g. Prohibiting businesses from soliciting laborers at day labor sites.

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly support | 41% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 20% |
| 3. Somewhat oppose  | 17% |
| 4. Strongly oppose  | 11% |
| 5. Don't know       | 10% |

Q30h. Prohibiting cities and local governments from restricting the enforcement of federal immigration laws.

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly support | 33% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 10% |
| 3. Somewhat oppose  | 11% |
| 4. Strongly oppose  | 32% |
| 5. Don't know       | 15% |

Q31. What is your opinion concerning the amount of state revenue that should be used to make education at state colleges and universities more affordable for Texans?

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| 1. State revenues should be increased to make college education more affordable <i>for all Texans.</i>                 | 46% |
| 2. State revenues should be increased to make college education more affordable <i>for only the most needy Texans.</i> | 13% |
| 3. State revenues should stay the same with no changes in the affordability of college education for Texans            | 19% |
| 4. State revenues should be decreased even if it means making college education more expensive for Texans              | 9%  |
| 5. Don't know  | 14% |

Q32. What is your opinion on the availability of abortion?

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| 1. By law, abortion should never be permitted.   | 15% |
| 2. The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest or when the woman's life is in danger.  | 37% |
| 3. The law should permit abortion for reasons other than rape, incest, or danger to the woman's life, but only after the need for the abortion has been clearly established. | 13% |
| 4. By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice.   | 32% |
| 5. Don't know  | 4%  |

Q33. What is your opinion on the legalization of marijuana possession?

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| 1. Marijuana possession should not be legal under any circumstances.         | 27% |
| 2. Marijuana possession should be legal for medical purposes only.           | 27% |
| 3. Possession of small amounts of marijuana for any purpose should be legal. | 28% |
| 4. Possession of any amount of marijuana for any purpose should be legal.    | 14% |
| 5. Don't know  | 3%  |

Q34. How do you feel about the following statement: Generally speaking, the way state government runs in Texas serves as a good model for other states to follow?

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|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly agree    | 24% |
| 2. Somewhat agree    | 34% |
| 3. Somewhat disagree | 13% |
| 4. Strongly disagree | 17% |
| 5. Don't know        | 11% |

We will now ask a series of questions about the redistricting process.

Q35. Every ten years, states redraw the boundaries of congressional and legislative districts based on new Census figures in a process called redistricting. Currently the state legislature and governor are primarily responsible for redistricting. Would you favor or oppose a change in state law that removed redistricting authority from the legislature and governor, giving it instead to an independent, appointed commission?

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|---------------|-----|
| 1. Favor      | 42% |
| 2. Oppose     | 28% |
| 3. Don't know | 30% |

Q36. The maps that are created during the redistricting process have important consequences for representation in the Texas Legislature and Congress. Please rank the following factors on a 0-10 scale, where 10 indicates that you believe the factor should be an EXTREMELY IMPORTANT consideration for mapmakers, and 0 indicates that you believe the factor should be an UNIMPORTANT consideration for mapmakers. **[List each of the following on the same page. Use a 10-point scale with wording: (0) “Unimportant,” (10) “Extremely Important.” “Don’t know” response box available for each. Randomize a though c]**

Q36a. To ensure adequate representation of minority groups, the number of districts in which African-Americans and Hispanics are the majority of the population should be maximized.

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|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Unimportant (0-4) | 44% |
| 2. In the middle (5) | 13% |
| 3. Important (6-10)  | 30% |
| 4. Don't know        | 13% |

Q36b. Distinct neighborhoods, towns, and cities should be kept within the same legislative districts. In other words, they should not be split into different districts.

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|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Unimportant (0-4) | 13% |
| 2. In the middle (5) | 10% |
| 3. Important (6-10)  | 65% |
| 4. Don't know        | 12% |

Q36c. To the extent possible, districts should be politically competitive rather than dominated by one party or the other.

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|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Unimportant (0-4) | 17% |
| 2. In the middle (5) | 13% |
| 3. Important (6-10)  | 60% |
| 4. Don't know        | 10% |

### Religiosity and Social Justice Questions

We will now ask you a few questions about your religious beliefs and how they influence your political views.

Q37. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

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| 1. The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word.                | 38% |
| 2. The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word. | 41% |
| 3. The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.                                  | 21% |

Q38. Please tell us how strongly you agree or disagree with the following claims: **[randomize]**

Q38a. God instructs us to protect the poor.

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|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly agree    | 42% |
| 2. Somewhat agree    | 32% |
| 3. Somewhat disagree | 9%  |
| 4. Strongly disagree | 8%  |
| 5. Don't know        | 9%  |

Q38b. Failure to confront social unfairness is a sin.

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|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly agree    | 19% |
| 2. Somewhat agree    | 24% |
| 3. Somewhat disagree | 16% |
| 4. Strongly disagree | 26% |
| 5. Don't know        | 14% |

Q38c. Social justice is at the heart of the Gospel.

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|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly agree    | 20% |
| 2. Somewhat agree    | 22% |
| 3. Somewhat disagree | 15% |
| 4. Strongly disagree | 26% |
| 5. Don't know        | 17% |

Q38d. God is more concerned about individual morality than social inequalities.

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|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly agree    | 38% |
| 2. Somewhat agree    | 17% |
| 3. Somewhat disagree | 11% |
| 4. Strongly disagree | 19% |
| 5. Don't know        | 15% |

Q38e. Addressing social issues distracts people from achieving salvation.

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|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly agree    | 10% |
| 2. Somewhat agree    | 15% |
| 3. Somewhat disagree | 22% |
| 4. Strongly disagree | 38% |
| 5. Don't know        | 16% |

Q38f. Building the kingdom of God on earth is only about bringing people to Christ, not changing social structures.

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|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly agree    | 34% |
| 2. Somewhat agree    | 19% |
| 3. Somewhat disagree | 13% |
| 4. Strongly disagree | 20% |
| 5. Don't know        | 13% |

Q39. Below are some goals that people would like to see the nation achieve. Please arrange these goals in order of importance to you. **[Use ranking widget]**

Q39a. Eradication of Poverty

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Ranked first   | 14% |
| 2. Ranked second  | 8%  |
| 3. Ranked third   | 11% |
| 4. Ranked fourth  | 10% |
| 5. Ranked fifth   | 16% |
| 6. Ranked sixth   | 17% |
| 7. Ranked seventh | 13% |
| 8. Ranked eighth  | 12% |

Q39b. Reducing Government

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Ranked first   | 31% |
| 2. Ranked second  | 14% |
| 3. Ranked third   | 8%  |
| 4. Ranked fourth  | 6%  |
| 5. Ranked fifth   | 8%  |
| 6. Ranked sixth   | 11% |
| 7. Ranked seventh | 11% |
| 8. Ranked eighth  | 10% |

Q39c. Racial Equality

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|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Ranked first   | 10% |
| 2. Ranked second  | 13% |
| 3. Ranked third   | 12% |
| 4. Ranked fourth  | 8%  |
| 5. Ranked fifth   | 14% |
| 6. Ranked sixth   | 16% |
| 7. Ranked seventh | 16% |
| 8. Ranked eighth  | 10% |

Q39d. Return to Traditional Values

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Ranked first   | 23% |
| 2. Ranked second  | 22% |
| 3. Ranked third   | 12% |
| 4. Ranked fourth  | 11% |
| 5. Ranked fifth   | 4%  |
| 6. Ranked sixth   | 7%  |
| 7. Ranked seventh | 7%  |
| 8. Ranked eighth  | 13% |

Q39e. Completely Free Market System

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Ranked first   | 4%  |
| 2. Ranked second  | 12% |
| 3. Ranked third   | 16% |
| 4. Ranked fourth  | 14% |
| 5. Ranked fifth   | 8%  |
| 6. Ranked sixth   | 13% |
| 7. Ranked seventh | 17% |
| 8. Ranked eighth  | 17% |

Q39f. Environmental Protection

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Ranked first   | 8%  |
| 2. Ranked second  | 9%  |
| 3. Ranked third   | 8%  |
| 4. Ranked fourth  | 12% |
| 5. Ranked fifth   | 17% |
| 6. Ranked sixth   | 13% |
| 7. Ranked seventh | 12% |
| 8. Ranked eighth  | 21% |

Q39g. Instilling a Strong Work Ethic

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Ranked first   | 8%  |
| 2. Ranked second  | 14% |
| 3. Ranked third   | 23% |
| 4. Ranked fourth  | 26% |
| 5. Ranked fifth   | 14% |
| 6. Ranked sixth   | 8%  |
| 7. Ranked seventh | 6%  |
| 8. Ranked eighth  | 2%  |



Q39h. Gender Equality

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Ranked first   | 3%  |
| 2. Ranked second  | 9%  |
| 3. Ranked third   | 12% |
| 4. Ranked fourth  | 12% |
| 5. Ranked fifth   | 19% |
| 6. Ranked sixth   | 14% |
| 7. Ranked seventh | 17% |
| 8. Ranked eighth  | 14% |

**Political Knowledge**

INFO1. Which position does John Roberts hold in the current federal government?

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Secretary of the Treasury   | 2%  |
| 2. Secretary of Defense        | 0%  |
| 3. U.S. Senator                | 2%  |
| 4. Supreme Court Chief Justice | 65% |
| 5. Don't know                  | 30% |

INFO2. Are members of the Texas State Board of Education elected or appointed to their positions?

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| 1. Elected    | 42% |
| 2. Appointed  | 33% |
| 3. Don't know | 25% |

INFO3. How often does the Texas state legislature meet?

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Every year       | 36% |
| 2. Every other year | 37% |
| 3. Every four years | 2%  |
| 4. Don't know       | 25% |

**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? **[Wording on scale: (1) "Extremely liberal," (4) "In the middle," (7) "Extremely conservative"]**

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Liberal (0-3)      | 19% |
| 2. In the middle (4)  | 23% |
| 3. Conservative (5-7) | 56% |
| 4. Don't know         | 2%  |

PID7.

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Strong Democrat            | 22% |
| 2. Not very strong Democrat   | 13% |
| 3. Lean Democrat              | 6%  |
| 4. Independent                | 10% |
| 5. Lean Republican            | 15% |
| 6. Not very strong Republican | 8%  |
| 7. Strong Republican          | 25% |

## Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| 1. 18-29     | 13% |
| 2. 30-44     | 31% |
| 3. 45-64     | 38% |
| 4. 65 and up | 18% |

COUNTY. In which county do you reside? (Please select from the pull-down menu. Counties are listed in alphabetical order)

*\*See data set*

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

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| 1. Urban    | 29% |
| 2. Suburban | 49% |
| 3. Rural    | 22% |

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

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| 1. Yes, I live in the Houston area.       | 21% |
| 2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area | 30% |
| 3. Yes, I live in the San Antonio area    | 8%  |
| 4. Yes, I live in the Austin area         | 8%  |
| 5. No, I live in another part of Texas.   | 33% |

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| 1. One          | 16% |
| 2. Two          | 14% |
| 3. Three        | 7%  |
| 4. Four or more | 3%  |
| 5. None         | 60% |

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

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| 1. Less than \$20,000      | 13% |
| 2. \$20,000 to \$30,000    | 12% |
| 3. \$30,000 to \$40,000    | 12% |
| 4. \$40,000 to \$50,000    | 8%  |
| 5. \$50,000 to \$60,000    | 8%  |
| 6. \$60,000 to \$70,000    | 8%  |
| 7. \$70,000 to \$80,000    | 6%  |
| 8. \$80,000 to \$90,000    | 8%  |
| 9. \$90,000 to \$100,000   | 7%  |
| 10. \$100,000 to \$119,000 | 7%  |
| 11. \$120,000 to \$149,000 | 4%  |
| 12. More than \$150,000    | 4%  |
| 13. Prefer not to say      | 12% |

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

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| 1. Less than high school    | 4%  |
| 2. High school degree       | 36% |
| 3. Some college             | 30% |
| 4. Two-year college degree  | 4%  |
| 5. Four-year college degree | 19% |
| 6. Post-graduate degree     | 7%  |

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

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Agnostic                      | 4%  |
| 2. Assembly of God*              | 1%  |
| 3. Atheist                       | 3%  |
| 4. Baptist*                      | 19% |
| 5. Buddhist                      | 0%  |
| 6. Catholic*                     | 19% |
| 7. Christian Scientist*          | 1%  |
| 8. Church of Christ*             | 4%  |
| 9. Church of God*                | 0%  |
| 10. Disciples of Christ*         | 0%  |
| 11. Episcopal/Anglican*          | 2%  |
| 12. Hindu                        | 0%  |
| 13. Jehovah's Witnesses          | 0%  |
| 14. Jewish                       | 1%  |
| 15. Lutheran*                    | 3%  |
| 16. Methodist*                   | 6%  |
| 17. Mormon                       | 1%  |
| 18. Muslim/Islam                 | 1%  |
| 19. Nondenominational Christian* | 12% |
| 20. Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox*   | 0%  |
| 21. Pentecostal*                 | 1%  |
| 22. Presbyterian*                | 1%  |

|                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| 23. Protestant (non-specific)*  | 4% |
| 24. Reformed*                   | 0% |
| 25. Unitarian/Universalist      | 0% |
| 26. United Church of Christ*    | 0% |
| 27. Spiritual but not religious | 9% |
| 28. Other*                      | 6% |
| 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 | 51% |
| 2. No  | 50% |

IMPORT. How important would you say that religious beliefs are to your daily life?

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| 1. Extremely important  | 55% |
| 2. Somewhat important   | 28% |
| 3. Not very important   | 8%  |
| 4. Not at all important | 10% |

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

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. More than once a week | 18% |
| 2. Once a week           | 20% |
| 3. Once or twice a month | 8%  |
| 4. Every few months      | 12% |
| 5. Once or twice a year  | 18% |
| 6. Never                 | 24% |

RACE. What race do you consider yourself to be?

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. White                  | 64% |
| 2. African American       | 12% |
| 3. Hispanic or Latino     | 18% |
| 4. Asian/Pacific Islander | 1%  |
| 5. Native American        | 1%  |
| 6. Multi-racial           | 4%  |

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

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|---|-----|
| 1. Born in the United States or Puerto Rico | 85% |
| 2. Born in another country                  | 15% |
| 3. Don't know                               | 0%  |

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

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|---|-----|
| 1. Both of my parents were born in the United States or Puerto Rico | 68% |
| 2. One of my parents was born in another country                    | 18% |
| 3. Both of my parents were both in another country                  | 14% |

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

- |         |     |
|---------|-----|
| 1. Own  | 75% |
| 2. Rent | 25% |

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

- |                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| 1. Married              | 57% |
| 2. Separated            | 2%  |
| 3. Divorced             | 10% |
| 4. Widowed              | 5%  |
| 5. Single               | 23% |
| 6. Domestic partnership | 5%  |

SCHOOL. If you are currently raising a school-aged child, what type of school do they attend?

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Public school                     | 28% |
| 2. Charter school                    | 0%  |
| 3. Private school (non-religious)    | 1%  |
| 4. Private religious school          | 1%  |
| 5. Home school                       | 2%  |
| 6. I do not have a school-aged child | 67% |

GENDER. What is your gender?

- |           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| 1. Male   | 46% |
| 2. Female | 54% |