Field Dates: October 30 to November 8, 2015
N=1200 Adults
Margin of error: +/- 2.83% (3.28% adjusted for weighting) 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         47%
    2. Somewhat interested        41
    3. Not very interested          8
    4. Not at all interested         3
    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            36%
    2. Almost every election      33
    3. About half                12
    4. One or two               10
    5. None                     8
    6. Don't know                1

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[*]In calculating the margin of error (MOE) for the survey, we provide two calculations, one that compensates for the relative standard deviation of the weights and one that does not. Without taking the variance of the weights into account, the margin of error for the full sample is 2.83%. To compensate for the additional uncertainty from weighting, we apply a multiplier derived from the coefficient of variation of the weights: sqrt(1+CV^2), where CV=sd(weights)/mean(weights). For this weight sensitive calculation, the MOE for the full sample is 3.28%.

## Political Figures and Elections

*[For Q16A-Q16B and Q17A-Q17B, after indicating their first choice, respondents were asked, "Of the remaining possible candidates, who would be your second choice, or have you not thought about it enough to have an opinion?"]*

Q16A. **[ASK IF Q15=1]** If the 2016 Republican primary election for president 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 1-15]**

(n=542, MOE is +/- 4.21%; MOE is +/- 4.72% when adjusted for weighting)

|  | First Choice | Second Choice |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Ted Cruz | 27% | 19% |
| 2. Donald Trump | 27 | 15 |
| 3. Ben Carson | 13 | 19 |
| 4. Marco Rubio | 9 | 10 |
| 5. Jeb Bush | 4 | 6 |
| 6. Rand Paul | 4 | 3 |
| 7. Carly Fiorina | 4 | 7 |
| 8. Mike Huckabee | 2 | 5 |
| 9. Chris Christie | 1 | 4 |
| 10. Rick Santorum | 1 | 1 |
| 11. John Kasich | 1 | 2 |
| 12. Bobby Jindal | 0 | 1 |
| 13. Lindsey Graham | 0 | 0 |
| 14. George Pataki | 0 | 1 |
| 15. Jim Gilmore | 0 | 0 |
| 16. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion | 5 | 7 |

Q16C. **[ASK IF Q15=1]** Are there any of these candidates for the Republican nomination for president whom you would definitely not support? **[REMOVE CHOICE FROM Q16 AND Q16A. RANDOMIZE REMAINING CHOICES] [GRID AND SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Jeb Bush | 25% |
| 2. | Lindsey Graham | 22 |
| 3. | George Pataki | 20 |
| 4. | Chris Christie | 18 |
| 5. | Jim Gilmore | 18 |
| 6. | Donald Trump | 16 |
| 7. | John Kasich | 16 |
| 8. | Rand Paul | 15 |
| 9. | Rick Santorum | 14 |
| 10. | Mike Huckabee | 11 |
| 11. | Bobby Jindal | 10 |
| 12. | Marco Rubio | 9 |
| 13. | Carly Fiorina | 9 |
| 14. | Ted Cruz | 8 |
| 15. | Ben Carson | 7 |

Q17A. **[ASK IF Q15=2]** If the 2016 Democratic primary election for president 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 1-4]**

(n=459, MOE is +/- 4.57%; MOE is +/- 5.76% when adjusted for weighting)

| | | First Choice | Second Choice |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Hillary Clinton | 61% | 18% |
| 2. | Bernie Sanders | 30 | 27 |
| 3. | Martin O'Malley | 1 | 13 |
| 4. | Lawrence Lessig | 0 | 5 |
| 5. | Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion | 7 | 37 |

Q17C. **[ASK IF Q15=2]** Are there any of these candidates for the Democratic nomination for president whom you would definitely not support? **[REMOVE CHOICE FROM Q17 AND Q17A. RANDOMIZE REMAINING CHOICES] [GRID AND SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Lawrence Lessig | 6 |
| 2. | Hillary Clinton | 5 |
| 3. | Bernie Sanders | 5 |
| 4. | Martin O'Malley | 4 |

**[RANDOMIZE Q20-Q24]**
Q20. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Ted Cruz.

|  | Very Favorable | Somewhat Favorable | Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable | Somewhat Unfavorable | Very Unfavorable | Don't Know/No Opinion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 2015 | 25 | 16 | 12 | 9 | 29 | 8 |
| June 2015 | 22 | 18 | 15 | 8 | 29 | 7 |
| Feb. 2015 | 26 | 15 | 12 | 8 | 28 | 10 |
| Oct. 2014 | 26 | 18 | 11 | 8 | 28 | 8 |
| June 2014 | 29 | 17 | 10 | 6 | 28 | 11 |
| Feb. 2014 | 29 | 14 | 10 | 8 | 29 | 10 |
| Oct. 2013 | 23 | 15 | 14 | 6 | 31 | 10 |
| June 2013 | 26 | 14 | 13 | 7 | 24 | 17 |

Q21. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of John Cornyn.

1. Very favorable                          6%
2. Somewhat favorable                       20
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable        24
4. Somewhat unfavorable                     14
5. Very unfavorable                         18
6. Don't know/no opinion                    18

Q22. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Greg Abbott.

|  | Very Favorable | Somewhat Favorable | Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable | Somewhat Unfavorable | Very Unfavorable | Don't Know/No Opinion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 2015 | 23 | 21 | 17 | 11 | 19 | 10 |
| June 2015 | 24 | 24 | 15 | 9 | 20 | 7 |
| Feb. 2015 | 25 | 21 | 16 | 9 | 19 | 10 |
| Oct. 2014 | 23 | 24 | 12 | 11 | 23 | 8 |
| June 2014 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 7 | 18 | 15 |
| Feb. 2014 | 23 | 22 | 15 | 9 | 16 | 16 |
| Oct. 2013 | 16 | 20 | 23 | 11 | 13 | 18 |
| June 2013 | 12 | 17 | 20 | 9 | 11 | 31 |

Q23. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Donald Trump.

1. Very favorable                          16%
2. Somewhat favorable                       18
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable        12
4. Somewhat unfavorable                     12
5. Very unfavorable                         39
6. Don't know/no opinion                    3

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

1.  Very favorable                          15%
2.  Somewhat favorable                   19
3.  Neither favorable nor unfavorable    7
4.  Somewhat unfavorable                 9
5.  Very unfavorable                        47
6.  Don't know/no opinion                  3

**[RANDOMIZE Q25-Q26]**
Q25. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the Democratic Party.

1.  Very favorable                          12%
2.  Somewhat favorable                   20
3.  Neither favorable nor unfavorable    12
4.  Somewhat unfavorable                 13
5.  Very unfavorable                        39
6.  Don't know/no opinion                  4

Q26. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the Republican Party.

1.  Very favorable                          8%
2.  Somewhat favorable                   22
3.  Neither favorable nor unfavorable    17
4.  Somewhat unfavorable                 20
5.  Very unfavorable                        29
6.  Don't know/no opinion                  5

**Policy Questions**

Q42. How much have you heard or read about Hillary Clinton's use of a personal email address and server for work-related matters while she was Secretary of State?

    1.  A lot                        57%
    2.  Some                       28
    3.  Not very much           8
    4.  Nothing at all           4
    5.  Don't know               2

Q43. **[ASK IF Q44 EQ 1,2, or 3]** Has Hillary Clinton's use of a personal email address and server for work while she was Secretary of State made your opinion of her better, made your opinion worse, or has this not affected your opinion of Hillary Clinton?

    1.  Better                       5%
    2.  Worse                      49
    3.  No effect               44
    4.  Don't know               2

**Political Knowledge**

**[Randomize INFO1-INFO4]**

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Republican Party | 77% |
| 2. | Democratic Party | 10 |
| 3. | Neither | 2 |
| 4. | Don't know | 11 |

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | More than one-half | 6% |
| 2. | More than two-thirds | 69 |
| 3. | More than three-fourths | 12 |
| 4. | Don't know | 13 |

INFO3. Which presidential candidate is currently a U.S. Senator from Florida? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rick Santorum | 4% |
| 2. | Marco Rubio | 65 |
| 3. | Rand Paul | 3 |
| 4. | Lindsey Graham | 2 |
| 5. | Don't know | 27 |

INFO4. Which presidential candidate is currently the governor of Ohio? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | John Kasich | 59% |
| 2. | Chris Christie | 6 |
| 3. | Jeb Bush | 3 |
| 4. | Bobby Jindal | 3 |
| 5. | Don't know | 29 |

INFO5. Which of the following presidential candidates had a former career as a neurosurgeon? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Scott Walker | 1% |
| 2. | Mike Huckabee | 1 |
| 3. | Ben Carson | 78 |
| 4. | Carly Fiorina | 1 |
| 5. | Don't know | 18 |

**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. | Extremely liberal | 6% |
| 2. | Somewhat liberal | 10 |
| 3. | Lean liberal | 6 |
| 4. | In the middle | 29 |
| 5. | Lean conservative | 11 |
| 6. | Somewhat conservative | 21 |
| 7. | Extremely conservative | 17 |

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Democrat | 40% |
| 2. | Independent | 11 |
| 3. | Republican | 49 |

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Strong Democrat | 18% |
| 2. | Not very strong Democrat | 13 |
| 3. | Lean Democrat | 9 |
| 4. | Independent | 11 |
| 5. | Lean Republican | 14 |
| 6. | Not very strong Republican | 12 |
| 7. | Strong Republican | 22 |

**Demographics**

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | 18-29 | 16% |
| 2. | 30-44 | 24 |
| 3. | 45-64 | 37 |
| 4. | 65 and up | 22 |

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Urban | 29% |
| 2. | Suburban | 52 |
| 3. | Rural | 19 |

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

1. Yes, I live in the Houston area.                   23%
2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area       26
3. Yes, I live in the San Antonio area          13
4. Yes, I live in the Austin area                 9
5. No, I live in another part of Texas.         29

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1. One         16%
2. Two        12
3. Three      6
4. Four or more    3
5. None      63

SCHOOL. Do you have any children currently enrolled in school in Texas? (check all that apply)

1. Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in public school in Texas.    20%
2. Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in private school in Texas.    2
3. Yes, I have a child/children under 18 who are being home schooled in Texas. 2
4. No, I do not have any children under 18 in school in Texas.    76

JT1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following about how you view life's uncertainties: "I really dislike not knowing what is going to happen."

1. Totally disagree           5%
2.                          5
3.                          7
4. Neither disagree nor agree    32
5.                         18
6.                         15
7. Totally Agree             18

JT2. In general people often face risks when making financial, career or other life decisions. Overall, how would you place yourself on the following scale?

1. Extremely uncomfortable taking risks    6
2.                          10
3.                         21
4. Neither comfortable nor uncomfortable taking risks    32
5.                         21
6.                         6
7. Extremely comfortable taking risks    4

JT3. We are interested in you and your family's economic security. By economic security we mean your security in being able to keep your job, maintain your income, have health insurance coverage, and retire comfortably. Overall, how satisfied are you about your economic security?

1. Extremely dissatisfied        11
2.                         10
3.                         18

| | |
|---|---|
| 4. Neither dissatisfied nor satisfied | 24 |
| 5. | 17 |
| 6. | 12 |
| 7. Extremely satisfied | 7 |

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

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

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

1. Less than high school          9%
2. High school degree          25
3. Some college          25
4. Two-year college degree          9
5. Four-year college degree          20
6. Post-graduate degree          10


ONEDU. These days many colleges and universities offer courses online. Have you ever taken a course online?

1. Yes          29%
2. No          71

RELIG1. What is your primary religious affiliation, if any? **[No open response on "other"]**

|  |  |  |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Agnostic | 4% |
| **2.** | **Assembly of God\*** | **2** |
| 3. | Atheist | 4 |
| **4.** | **Baptist\*** | **17** |
| **5.** | **Born again** | **2** |
| 6. | Buddhist | 1 |
| **7.** | **Catholic\*** | **20** |
| **8.** | **Christian Scientist\*** | **0** |
| **9.** | **Church of Christ\*** | **3** |
| **10.** | **Church of God\*** | **1** |
| **11.** | **Disciples of Christ\*** | **1** |
| **12.** | **Episcopal/Anglican\*** | **1** |
| 13. | Evangelical | 1 |
| 14. | Hindu | 1 |
| 15. | Jehovah's Witnesses | 1 |
| 16. | Jewish | 1 |
| **17.** | **Lutheran\*** | **2** |
| **18.** | **Methodist\*** | **6** |
| **19.** | **Mormon\*** | **1** |
| 20. | Muslim/Islam | 1 |
| **21.** | **Nondenominational Christian\*** | **8** |
| **22.** | **Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox\*** | **0** |
| **23.** | **Pentecostal/charismatic/spirit-filled\*** | **2** |
| **24.** | **Presbyterian\*** | **1** |
| **25.** | **Protestant (non-specific)\*** | **2** |
| **26.** | **Reformed\*** | **0** |
| **27.** | **Unitarian/Universalist\*** | **0** |
| **28.** | **United Church of Christ\*** | **0** |
| 29. | Religious but not spiritual | 0 |
| 30. | Spiritual but not religious | 7 |
| 31. | No religious affiliation/none | 7 |
| **32.** | **Other\*** | **3** |
| 33. | Don't know | 1 |

RELIG2. What is your secondary religious affiliation, if any? **[No open response on "other"]**

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Agnostic | 2% |
| **2.** | **Assembly of God*** | **1** |
| 3. | Atheist | 1 |
| **4.** | **Baptist*** | **6** |
| **5.** | **Born again** | **6** |
| 6. | Buddhist | 0 |
| **7.** | **Catholic*** | **4** |
| **8.** | **Christian Scientist*** | **0** |
| **9.** | **Church of Christ*** | **3** |
| **10.** | **Church of God*** | **1** |
| **11.** | **Disciples of Christ*** | **0** |
| **12.** | **Episcopal/Anglican*** | **1** |
| 13. | Evangelical | 1 |
| 14. | Hindu | 0 |
| 15. | Jehovah's Witnesses | 0 |
| 16. | Jewish | 1 |
| **17.** | **Lutheran*** | **2** |
| **18.** | **Methodist*** | **3** |
| **19.** | **Mormon*** | **0** |
| 20. | Muslim/Islam | 0 |
| **21.** | **Nondenominational Christian*** | **4** |
| **22.** | **Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox*** | **0** |
| **23.** | **Pentecostal/charismatic/spirit-filled*** | **1** |
| **24.** | **Presbyterian*** | **1** |
| **25.** | **Protestant (non-specific)*** | **4** |
| **26.** | **Reformed*** | **0** |
| **27.** | **Unitarian/Universalist*** | **0** |
| **28.** | **United Church of Christ*** | **0** |
| 29. | Religious but not spiritual | 2 |
| 30. | Spiritual but not religious | 7 |
| 31. | No religious affiliation/none | 30 |
| **32.** | **Other*** | **6** |
| 33. | Don't know | 12 |

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. 31%
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.          20
4. Don't know.          8

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Extremely important | 46% |
| 2. | Somewhat important | 30 |
| 3. | Not very important | 11 |
| 4. | Not at all important | 12 |

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

1. More than once a week       14%
2. Once a week       22
3. A few times a month       11
4. Once or twice a year       24
5. Never       29

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

1. White       61%
2. African American       13
3. Hispanic or Latino       22
4. Asian/Pacific Islander       1
5. Native American       1
6. Multi-racial       1
7. Other       1

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

1. Yes       4%
2. No       95
3. Don't know       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       87%
2. Born in another country       13
3. Don't know       1

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       58%
2. One of my parents was born in another country       24
3. Both of my parents were both in another country       18

MOVE. Did you move to Texas from some other state?

1. Yes       41%
2. No       59

STATE. **[ASK IF MOVE=1]** Which state did you move from (most recently)?

1.  Alabama                   1%
2.  Alaska                    0
3.  Arizona                   3
4.  Arkansas                  2
5.  California                12
6.  Colorado                  1
7.  Connecticut               1
8.  Delaware                  0
9.  District of Columbia      0
10. Florida                   5
11. Georgia                   3
12. Hawaii                    0
13. Idaho                     0
14. Illinois                  5
15. Indiana                   2
16. Iowa                      1
17. Kansas                    3
18. Kentucky                  2
19. Louisiana                 6
20. Maine                     0
21. Maryland                  1
22. Massachusetts             1
23. Michigan                  4
24. Minnesota                 2
25. Mississippi               2
26. Missouri                  3
27. Montana                   0
28. Nebraska                  1
29. Nevada                    0
30. New Hampshire             0
31. New Jersey                4
32. New Mexico                4
33. New York                  4
34. North Carolina            1
35. North Dakota              0
36. Ohio                      2
37. Oklahoma                  4
38. Oregon                    0
39. Pennsylvania              3
40. Rhode Island              1
41. South Carolina            0
42. South Dakota              0
43. Tennessee                 1
44. Utah                      1
45. Vermont                   0
46. Virginia                  3
47. Washington                1
48. West Virginia             1
49. Wisconsin                 3

50. Wyoming                          0


HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

        1.  Own                              72%
        2.  Rent                             28


MARITAL. What is your marital status?

        1.  Married                          56%
        2.  Separated                        2
        3.  Divorced                         9
        4.  Widowed                          5
        5.  Single                           23
        6.  Domestic Partnership             5


GENDER. What is your gender?

        1.  Male                             47%
        2.  Female                           53