University of Texas / Texas Tribune Texas Statewide Survey

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

^{*}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%.

Retrospective Assessments

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

- 1. Approve strongly 17%
- 2. Approve somewhat 19
- 3. Neither approve nor disapprove 9
- 4. Disapprove somewhat 8
- 5. Disapprove strongly 46
- 6. Don't know 1

Q7. How would you rate the job the U.S. Congress is doing? Would you say that you...

- 1. Approve strongly 2%
- 2. Approve somewhat 8
- 3. Neither approve nor disapprove 17
- 4. Disapprove somewhat 25
- 5. Disapprove strongly 46
- 6. Don't know 3

Q8A. How would you rate the job Greg Abbott has done as governor? Would you say that you...

- 1. Approve strongly 20%
- 2. Approve somewhat 22
- 3. Neither approve nor disapprove 21
- 4. Disapprove somewhat 10
- 5. Disapprove strongly 19
- 6. Don't know 7

Q8B. How would you rate the job <u>Dan Patrick</u> has done as lieutenant governor? Would you say that you...

- 1. Approve strongly 10%
- 2. Approve somewhat 19
- 3. Neither approve nor disapprove 28
- 4. Disapprove somewhat 9
- 5. Disapprove strongly 17
- 6. Don't know 16

Q8C. How would you rate the job <u>Joe Straus</u> has done as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives? Would you say that you...

- 1. Approve strongly 4%
- 2. Approve somewhat 16
- 3. Neither approve nor disapprove 32
- 4. Disapprove somewhat 8
- 5. Disapprove strongly 14
- 6. Don't know 25

Q9A. How would you rate the job $\underline{\text{Ted Cruz}}$ has done as U.S. Senator? Would you say that you...

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- 1. Approve strongly 27%
- 2. Approve somewhat
- 3. Neither approve nor disapprove 11
- 4. Disapprove somewhat 9
- 5. Disapprove strongly 28
- 6. Don't know 9

Q9B. How would you rate the job <u>John Cornyn</u> has done as U.S. Senator? Would you say that you...

- 1. Approve strongly 7%
- 2. Approve somewhat 20
- 3. Neither approve nor disapprove 22
- 4. Disapprove somewhat 16
- 5. Disapprove strongly 18
- 6. Don't know 16

Political Figures and Elections

Q15. If the 2016 primary elections for President were held today, would you vote in the Republican primary, the Democratic primary, or wouldn't you vote in either primary?

1.	Republican primary	50%
2.	Democratic primary	35
3.	Wouldn't vote in a primary	7
4.	Don't know	8

[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%
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
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

Q18. Suppose the Tea Party movement organized itself as a political party. When thinking about the next election for Congress, would you vote for **[Randomize]** the Republican candidate from your district, the Democratic candidate from your district, or the Tea Party candidate from your district? **[Randomize 1-2]**

1.	Republican candidate	22%
2.	Democratic candidate	35
3.	Tea Party candidate	17
4.	Don't know	26

Q19. Do you think the Tea Party movement has too much influence, too little influence, or the right amount of influence in the Republican Party?

1.	Too much influence	34%
2.	Too little influence	26
3.	The right amount of influence	19
4.	Don't know	21

[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.

	Neither Favorable					Don't
	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	nor Unfavorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	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

Q29. Of the three branches of federal government, which one do you trust the most?

1.	The U.S. Congress, the legislative branch	18%
2.	The President, the executive branch	18
3.	The U.S. Supreme Court, the judicial branch	24
4.	Don't know	40

Q30. Which of the following factors should play the greatest role in guiding your Congressperson's actions?

1.	The beliefs of constituents like you	64%
2.	The personal beliefs of the representative	12
3.	The positions of the political party to which they belong	10
4.	Don't know/No opinion	15

Q31. Do you think your congressional representative should mostly be looking out for the interests of...

1.	Their congressional district	30%
2.	Their state	15
3.	The country as a whole	47
4.	Don't know/No opinion	8

Q32. In general, in the face of political or policy conflicts, is it more important for government officials to compromise or to stand on principle?

1.	Compromise	51%
2.	Stand on principle	49

Q33. In general, do you think that political leaders publicly express their religious faith too much, too little, or the right amount?

1.	Too much	27%
2.	Too little	35
3.	Right amount	19
4.	Don't know/No opinion	18

[RANDOMIZE Q34A-Q34B]

Q34A. Do you think that the Republicans in Congress are conservative enough, too conservative, or not conservative enough?

1.	Conservative enough	14%
2.	Too conservative	35
3.	Not conservative enough	34
4.	Don't know/No opinion	16

Q34B. Do you think that the Democrats in Congress are liberal enough, too liberal, or not liberal enough?

1.	Liberal enough	19%
2.	Too liberal	48
3.	Not liberal enough	15
4.	Don't know/No opinion	18

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.	Тwo	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%

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- 2. Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in private school in Texas.
- 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

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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?

11 12	\$80,000 to \$99,999 . \$100,000 to \$119,999 . \$120,000 to \$149,999 . More than \$150,000	5% 7 11 11 8 10 6 8 7 7 4 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	t-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
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RELIG2. What is your secondary religious affiliation, if any? [No open response on "other"]

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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-fille	d* 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
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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 8
- 4. Don't know.

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%
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- 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	
25. Mississippi	2 2 3
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
	5

50. Wyoming

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