#### **University of Texas / Texas Tribune**

#### **Texas Statewide Survey**

Field Dates: October 18 to October 27, 2013

N=1200 Registered Voters

Margin of error: +/- 2.83% (3.3% adjusted for weighting) unless otherwise noted\*

#### **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 at all interested?

Extremely interested	45%
Somewhat interested	42
Not very interested	9
Not at all interested	4
Don't know	0
	Somewhat interested Not very interested Not at all interested

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	30%
2.	Almost every election	36
3.	About half	14
4.	One or two	12
5.	None	6
6.	Don't know	1

<sup>\*</sup>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 3.3%.

### **Most Important Problem**

Q4. What would you say is the most important problem facing this country today? [Randomize]

1.	Federal spending/national debt	
2.	The economy	18
	Political corruption/leadership	14
4.	Unemployment/jobs	8
5.	Health care	7
6.	Partisan gridlock	6
7.	Income inequality	4
8.	Education	3
9.	Immigration	3
10.	Moral decline	3 3 2 2 2
11.	Social welfare programs	2
12.	Taxes	2
13.	National security/terrorism	2
14.	Voting system	1
15.	Gun control/gun violence	1
16.	Environment	1
17.	Border security	1
18.	Abortion	1
19.	Crime and drugs	1
20.	Gas prices	1
21.	Energy	0
22.	Gay marriage	0
23.	The media	0
24.	Housing	0
25.	Afghanistan/Pakistan	0
26.	Syria	0
27.	Iran	0
28.	Foreign trade	0

# Q5. What would you say is the most important problem facing the state of Texas today? **[Randomize]**

1.	Immigration	15%
2.	Border security	11
	Political corruption/leadership	10
	Unemployment/jobs	9
	The economy	7
	Education	7
	Health care	7
8.	Water supply	5
	Crime and drugs	4
	State government spending	3
	Social welfare programs	3 2 2 2 2 2 1
	Moral decline	2
13.	Redistricting	2
	Gun control/gun violence	2
	Transportation/roads/traffic	2
	State budget cuts	2
	Gas prices	1
18.	Taxes	1
19.	Gay marriage	1
	Abortion	1
21.	Insurance rates	1
22.	The media	1
23.	Voting system	1
24.	Utility rates	1
25.	Energy	0
26.	Environment	0
27.	Housing	0
28.	State courts	0
29.	Electoral fraud	0

#### **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	20
3.	Neither approve nor disapprove	8
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	6
3.	Neither approve nor disapprove	12
4.	Disapprove somewhat	21
5.	Disapprove strongly	56
6.	Don't know	3

Q8. How would you rate the job the Texas Legislature is doing? Would you say that you...

1.	Approve strongly	7%
2.	Approve somewhat	24
3.	Neither approve nor disapprove	24
4.	Disapprove somewhat	17
5.	Disapprove strongly	22
6.	Don't know	5

Q9. How would you rate the job Rick Perry has done as governor? Would you say that you...

1.	Approve strongly	16%
2.	Approve somewhat	23
3.	Neither approve nor disapprove	16
4.	Disapprove somewhat	14
5.	Disapprove strongly	29
6.	Don't know	4

Q10. 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?

1.	Right direction	20%
2.	Wrong track	69
3.	Don't know	11

Q11. Compared to a year ago, would you say that the national economy is a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

1.	A lot better off	5%
2.	Somewhat better off	20
3.	About the same	25
4.	Somewhat worse off	25
5.	A lot worse off	24
6.	Don't know	1

Q12. 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?

1.	Right direction	42%
2.	Wrong track	39
3.	Don't know	19

Q13. 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?

1.	A lot better off	5%
2.	Somewhat better off	17
3.	About the same	41
4.	Somewhat worse off	23
5.	A lot worse off	12
6.	Don't know	2

### **Political Figures and Elections**

Q14. If the 2014 primary elections were held today, would you vote in the Republican primary, the Democratic primary, or wouldn't you vote in the primaries?

1.	Republican primary	43%
2.	Democratic primary	35
3.	Wouldn't vote in a primary	12
4.	Don't know	10

Q15. **[ASK IF Q14=1]** If the 2014 Republican primary election for 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=519, MOE is  $\pm$ -4.3%; adjusted for weighting, MOE is  $\pm$ -5.02%)

1.	Greg Abbott	50%
2.	Lisa Fritsch	3
3.	Tom Pauken	2
4.	Miriam Martinez	2
5.	Larry Kilgore	1
6.	Haven't thought enough	
	about it to have an opinion	42

Q16. **[ASK IF Q14=1]** If the 2014 Republican primary election for 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 1-3]** 

(N=514, MOE is  $\pm$ -4.3%; adjusted for weighting, MOE is  $\pm$ -5.02%)

1.	John Cornyn	39%
2.	Dwayne Stovall	7
3.	Erick Wyatt	6
4.	Haven't thought enough	
	about it to have an opinion	48

Q17. **[ASK IF Q14=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 1-4]** 

(N=516, MOE is  $\pm$ -4.3%; adjusted for weighting, MOE is  $\pm$ -5.02%)

1.	David Dewhurst	26%
2.	Dan Patrick	13
3.	Jerry Patterson	10
4.	Todd Staples	5
5.	Haven't thought enough	
	about it to have an opinion	46

Q18. **[ASK IF Q14=1]** If the 2014 Republican primary election for attorney general 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 1-3]** 

(N=517, MOE is  $\pm$ -4.3%; adjusted for weighting, MOE is  $\pm$ -5.02%)

1.	Barry Smitherman	11%
2.	Ken Paxton	10
3.	Dan Branch	5
4.	Haven't thought enough	
	about it to have an opinion	74

Q19. **[ASK IF Q14=1]** If the 2014 Republican primary election for comptroller 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=516, MOE is  $\pm$ -4.3%; adjusted for weighting, MOE is  $\pm$ -5.02%)

1.	Debra Medina	14%
2.	Raul Torres	5
3.	Glenn Hegar	4
4.	Harvey Hilderbran	2
5.	Haven't thought enough	
	about it to have an opinion	75

Q20. If the 2014 election for Governor were held today and the candidates were the Democrat Wendy Davis and the Republican Greg Abbott, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

1.	Greg Abbott	40%
2.	Wendy Davis	34
3.	Haven't thought enough	
	about it to have an opinion	25

Q20A. Now, if the election were held today and the candidates were the following, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

1.	The Republican Greg Abbott	40%
2.	The Democrat Wendy Davis	35
3.	The Libertarian Kathie Glass	5
4.	Haven't thought enough	
	about it to have an opinion	20

Q21. If the 2014 election for Governor were held today and the candidates were the Democrat Wendy Davis and the Republican Tom Pauken who would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

1.	Wendy Davis	38%
2.	Tom Pauken	34
3.	Haven't thought enough	
	about it to have an opinion	28

Q21A. Now, if the election were held today and the candidates were the following, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

1.	The Democrat Wendy Davis	36%
2.	The Republican Tom Pauken	33
3.	The Libertarian Kathie Glass	6
4.	Haven't thought enough	
	about it to have an opinion	25

Q22. **[ASK IF Q14=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 1-10]** 

(N=517, MOE is  $\pm$ -4.3%; adjusted for weighting, MOE is  $\pm$ -5.02%)

1.	Ted Cruz	32%
2.	Rick Perry	10
3.	Jeb Bush	9
4.	Paul Ryan	7
5.	Marco Rubio	6
6.	Rand Paul	6
7.	Chris Christie	4
8.	Rick Santorum	3
9.	Bobby Jindal	3
10.	Scott Walker	1
11.	Haven't thought enough	
	about it to have an opinion	19

Q23. **[ASK IF Q14=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 1-8]** 

(N=414, MOE is +/- 4.82%; adjusted for weighting, MOE is +/- 6.03%)

1.	Hillary Clinton	67%
2.	Joe Biden	7
3.	Elizabeth Warren	5
4.	Andrew Cuomo	1
5.	Martin O'Malley	1
6.	Brian Schweitzer	1
7.	Mark Warner	1
8.	Kirsten Gillibrand	0
9.	Haven't thought enough	
	about it to have an opinion	17

Q24. 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	38
3.	Tea Party candidate	19
4.	Don't know	22

Q25. 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	27
3.	The right amount of influence	17
4.	Don't know	23

#### [RANDOMIZE Q26-Q30]

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

		Oct. 2013	<u>Jun. 2013</u>
1.	Very favorable	23%	26%
2.	Somewhat favorable	15	14
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	14	13
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	6	7
5.	Very unfavorable	31	24
6.	Don't know/No Opinion	10	17

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

		Oct. 2013	<u>Jun. 2013</u>
1.	Very favorable	7%	12%
2.	Somewhat favorable	18	19
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	23	18
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	15	12
5.	Very unfavorable	15	17
6.	Don't know/No Opinion	22	22

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

1.	Very favorable	17%
2.	Somewhat favorable	22
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	14
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	15
5.	Very unfavorable	28
6.	Don't know/No Opinion	5

Q29. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Greg Abbott.

		Oct. 2013	<u>Jun. 2013</u>
1.	Very favorable	16%	12%
2.	Somewhat favorable	20	17
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	23	20
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	11	9
5.	Very unfavorable	13	11
6.	Don't know/No Opinion	18	31

Q30. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Wendy Davis.

		Oct. 2013	Jun. 2013
1.	Very favorable	19%	4%
2.	Somewhat favorable	18	7
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	16	19
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	7	6
5.	Very unfavorable	24	6
6.	Don't know/No Opinion	16	58

# **Policy Questions**

Q31. What is your opinion on the availability of abortion?

2. The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest or when the woman's life is in danger.	%
of rape, incest or when the woman's life is in danger. 29	
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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. 16	
4. By law, a woman should always be able to obtain	
an abortion as a matter of personal choice. 37	
5. Don't know 6	

### [SPLIT SAMPLE, EITHER ASK Q32-Q32E OR ASK Q33-Q33J]

Q32. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare").

(N=600, MOE is +/- 4.00%; adjusted for weighting, MOE is +/- 5.00%)

1.	Very favorable	15%
2.	Somewhat favorable	18
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	9
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	8
5.	Very unfavorable	46
6.	Don't know/No Opinion	4

# Turning next to healthcare, do you support or oppose each of the following ideas? **[RANDOMIZE Q33A-Q33J]**

(N=600, MOE is +/- 4.00%; adjusted for weighting, MOE is +/- 5.00%)

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
Q33A. Giving states the option of expanding the Medicaid program to cover more lowincome, uninsured adults.	36%	31%	14%	13%	7%
Q33B. Providing tax credits to businesses with less than 50 employees that offer health insurance to their employees.	38%	37%	8%	10%	7%
Q33C. Requiring employers with 50 or more employees to pay a fine if they don't offer health insurance.	26%	23%	11%	32%	7%
Q33D. Providing financial assistance to uninsured, low and moderate income Americans to help them purchase coverage.	36%	29%	13%	17%	5%
Q33E. Allowing children to stay on their parents' insurance plans until the age of 26.	42%	26%	13%	13%	5%
Q33F. The creation of health insurance marketplaces where small businesses and people who don't get coverage through their employers can shop for insurance policies.	38%	35%	8%	11%	8%
Q33G. Requiring individuals to have health insurance by 2014 or else pay a fine.	15%	14%	12%	54%	5%
Q33H. Prohibiting insurance companies from denying coverage because of a person's medical history.	53%	23%	9%	10%	5%
Q33I. Increasing the Medicare payroll tax on earnings for upper income Americans (starting with individuals who make \$200,000 or more).	37%	24%	15%	16%	8%

# **Political Knowledge**

#### [Randomize INFO1-INFO3]

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

1.	Republican Party	65%
2.	Democratic Party	19
3.	Neither	3
4.	Don't know	13

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	69
3.	More than three-fourths	12
4.	Don't know	12

INFO3. Who is the current Attorney General of Texas?

1.	Greg Abbott	77%
2.	Michael Williams	1
3.	Susan Combs	3
4.	Victor Carrillo	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	3%
2.	Somewhat liberal	8
3.	Lean liberal	10
4.	In the middle	34
5.	Lean conservative	18
6.	Somewhat conservative	19
7.	Extremely conservative	8

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

1.	Democrat	44%
2.	Independent	10
3.	Republican	46

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

1.	Strong Democrat	20%
2.	Not very strong Democrat	13
3.	Lean Democrat	11
4.	Independent	10
5.	Lean Republican	10
6.	Not very strong Republican	15
7.	Strong Republican	21

#### **Demographics**

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1.	18-29	16%
2.	30-44	28
3.	45-64	38
4.	65 and up	18

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

1.	Urban	29%
2.	Suburban	51
3.	Rural	20

# 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	29
3.	Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	10
4.	Yes, I live in the Austin area	11
5.	No, I live in another part of Texas.	27

#### CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1.	One	20%
2.	Two	13
3.	Three	6
4.	Four or more	2
5.	None	59

# 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.	25%
2.	Yes, I have a child/children under 18	
	enrolled in private school in Texas.	3
3.	Yes, I have a child/children under 18	
	who are being home schooled in Texas.	1
4.	No, I do not have any children under 18	
	in school in Texas.	71

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

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

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

1.	Less than high school	8%
2.	High school degree	26
3.	Some college	27
4.	Two-year college degree	9
5.	Four-year college degree	20
6.	Post-graduate degree	9

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

1.	Yes	25%
2.	No	75

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

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

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

1.	Yes	42%
2.	No	58

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	
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	to be taken literally, word for word.	29%
2.	The Bible is the word of God but not	
	everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	43
3.	The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	22
4.	Don't know.	6

#### IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

1.	Extremely important	44%
2.	Somewhat important	32
3.	Not very important	12
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	19
3.	A few times a month	13
4.	Once or twice a year	27
5.	Never	26

#### RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

1.	White	60%
2.	African American	13
3.	Hispanic or Latino	23
4.	Asian/Pacific Islander	2
5.	Native American	0
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.	Don't know	2

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	88%
2.	Born in another country	20
3.	Don't know	15

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	65%
2.	One of my parents was born in another country	20
3.	Both of my parents were both in another country	15

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

1.	Yes	41%
2.	No	59

# [Note: For "STATE" question, a state not being listed reflects that no respondents moved from that state to Texas in the current poll.]

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

2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 37. 38. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39.	Alabama Alaska Arizona Arkansas California Colorado Connecticut District of Columbia Florida Georgia Hawaii Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maine Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Mississippi Missouri Montana Nevada New Hampshire New Jersey New York North Carolina North Dakota Oklahoma Oregon Pennsylvania South Dakota Tennessee Utah Vermont Virginia West Virginia	1% 02314 3103306212051124111026113121011040
38. 39. 40. 41.	Vermont	0

# HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

1.	Own	69%
2.	Rent	31

# MARITAL. What is your marital status?

1.	Married	54%
2.	Separated	2
3.	Divorced	11
4.	Widowed	4
5.	Single	24
6.	Domestic Partnership	5

### GENDER. What is your gender?

1.	Male	47%
2.	Female	53