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Texas Statewide Survey

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

1. Extremely interested	53%
2. Somewhat interested	36
3. Not very interested	8
4. Not at all interested	3
5. Don't know	0

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	32%
2. Almost every election	38
3. About half	11
4. One or two	11
5. None	6
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%.

Most Important Problem

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

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

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

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

Retrospective Assessments

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

1. Approve strongly	15%
2. Approve somewhat	19
3. Neither approve nor disapprove	9
4. Disapprove somewhat	11
5. Disapprove strongly	44
6. Don't know	1

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

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|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1. Approve strongly | 3% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 8 |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 15 |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 23 |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 49 |
| 6. Don't know | 2 |

Q8. How would you rate the job Rick Perry has done as governor? Would you say that you...

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Approve strongly | 18% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 24 |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 16 |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 12 |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 26 |
| 6. Don't know | 3 |

Q9. 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 | 25% |
| 2. Wrong track | 63 |
| 3. Don't know | 12 |

Q10. 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?

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|------------------------|----|
| 1. A lot better off | 5% |
| 2. Somewhat better off | 24 |
| 3. About the same | 28 |
| 4. Somewhat worse off | 23 |
| 5. A lot worse off | 17 |
| 6. Don't know | 2 |

Q11. 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 | 35 |
| 3. Don't know | 20 |

Q12. 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	20
3. About the same	43
4. Somewhat worse off	22
5. A lot worse off	9
6. Don't know	1

Political Figures and Elections

Q13. 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	45%
2. Democratic primary	32%
3. Wouldn't vote in a primary	13
4. Don't know	10

[For Q14 Q20, respondents were first asked the questions below. If they initially answered that they didn't know, they were then asked a follow-up question: "If you had to make a choice, who would you choose?" Responses to the follow-up questions were folded into the results found below. "Likely Voters" were defined as those who indicated that they were either "Extremely" or "Somewhat" interested in politics in Q2 AND either voted in "Every" or "Almost every" election in Q3.]

Primary Elections

Q14. **[ASK IF Q13=1]** If the 2014 Republican primary election for governor were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-4]**

In the initial question, 25% expressed no opinion.

(n=543, MOE is +/-4.21%; +/-5.37% adjusted for weighting)

1. Greg Abbott	88%
2. Miriam Martinez	5
3. Lisa Fritsch	5
4. SECEDE Kilgore	2

Among likely voters (n=461, MOE is +/-4.56%; +/-5.84% adjusted for weighting)

1. Greg Abbott	90%
2. Miriam Martinez	5
3. Lisa Fritsch	4
4. SECEDE Kilgore	1

Q15. **[ASK IF Q13=2]** If the 2014 Democratic primary election for governor were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-2]**

In the initial question, 28% expressed no opinion.

(n=381, MOE is +/-5.02%; +/-6.06% adjusted for weighting)

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| 1. Wendy Davis | 85% |
| 2. Ray Madrigal | 15 |

Among likely voters (n=263, MOE is +/-6.04%; +/-7.25% adjusted for weighting)

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| 1. Wendy Davis | 87% |
| 2. Ray Madrigal | 13 |

Q16. **[ASK IF Q13=1]** If the 2014 Republican primary election for senator were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-8]**

In the initial question, 33% expressed no opinion.

(n=543, MOE is +/-4.21%; +/-5.37% adjusted for weighting)

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| 1. John Cornyn | 60% |
| 2. Steve Stockman | 16 |
| 3. Linda Vega | 7 |
| 4. Dwayne Stovall | 5 |
| 5. Reid Reasor | 4 |
| 6. Ken Cope | 4 |
| 7. Chris Mapp | 3 |
| 8. Curt Cleaver | 2 |

Among likely voters (n=461, MOE is +/-4.56%; +/-5.84% adjusted for weighting)

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|-------------------|-----|
| 1. John Cornyn | 62% |
| 2. Steve Stockman | 16 |
| 3. Linda Vega | 7 |
| 4. Dwayne Stovall | 4 |
| 5. Ken Cope | 4 |
| 6. Reid Reasor | 3 |
| 7. Chris Mapp | 3 |
| 8. Curt Cleaver | 1 |

Q17. **[ASK IF Q13=2]** If the 2014 Democratic primary election for senator were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-5]**

In the initial question, 74% expressed no opinion.

(n=381, MOE is +/-5.02%; +/-6.06% adjusted for weighting)

1. Kesha Rogers	39%
2. David Alameel	25
3. Maxey Scherr	15
4. Harry Kim	13
5. Michael Fjetland	8

Among likely voters (n=263, MOE is +/-6.04%; +/-7.25% adjusted for weighting)

1. Kesha Rogers	35%
2. David Alameel	27
3. Maxey Scherr	15
4. Harry Kim	14
5. Michael Fjetland	9

Q18. **[ASK IF Q13=1]** If the 2014 Republican primary election for lieutenant governor were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-4]**

In the initial question, 24% expressed no opinion.

(n=543, MOE is +/-4.21%; +/-5.37% adjusted for weighting)

1. David Dewhurst	38%
2. Dan Patrick	31
3. Todd Staples	16
4. Jerry Patterson	14

Among likely voters (n=461, MOE is +/-4.56%; +/-5.84% adjusted for weighting)

1. David Dewhurst	37%
2. Dan Patrick	31
3. Todd Staples	17
4. Jerry Patterson	15

Q19. **[ASK IF Q13=1]** If the 2014 Republican primary election for attorney general were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-3]**

In the initial question, 47% expressed no opinion.

(n=543, MOE is +/-4.21%; +/-5.37% adjusted for weighting)

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| 1. Dan Branch | 42% |
| 2. Ken Paxton | 39 |
| 3. Barry Smitherman | 19 |

Among likely voters (n=461, MOE is +/-4.56%; +/-5.84% adjusted for weighting)

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Dan Branch | 42% |
| 2. Ken Paxton | 38 |
| 3. Barry Smitherman | 20 |

Q20. **[ASK IF Q13=1]** If the 2014 Republican primary election for comptroller were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

In the initial question, 54% expressed no opinion.

(n=543, MOE is +/-4.21%; +/-5.37% adjusted for weighting)

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| 1. Debra Medina | 39% |
| 2. Harvey Hilderbran | 25 |
| 3. Glenn Hegar | 25 |
| 4. Raul Torres | 12 |

Among likely voters (n=461, MOE is +/-4.56%; +/-5.84% adjusted for weighting)

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|----------------------|----|
| 1. Debra Medina | 39 |
| 2. Harvey Hilderbran | 26 |
| 3. Glenn Hegar | 24 |
| 4. Raul Torres | 11 |

Q21. **[ASK IF Q13=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=543, MOE is +/-4.21%; +/-5.37% adjusted for weighting)

1. Ted Cruz	28
2. Rick Perry	10
3. Rand Paul	10
4. Paul Ryan	8
5. Jeb Bush	8
6. Bobby Jindal	6
7. Scott Walker	6
8. Marco Rubio	6
9. Chris Christie	4
10. Rick Santorum	4
11. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion	12

General Elections

Q22. 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. Wendy Davis	36%
2. Greg Abbott	47
3. Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	17

[RANDOMIZE Q23A-Q23D]

Q23A. If the 2014 election for Lieutenant Governor were held today and the candidates were the Democrat Leticia Van de Putte and the Republican David Dewhurst, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

1. Leticia Van de Putte	32%
2. David Dewhurst	44
3. Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	24

Q23B. If the 2014 election for Lieutenant Governor were held today and the candidates were the Democrat Leticia Van de Putte and the Republican Dan Patrick, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

1. Leticia Van de Putte	32%
2. Dan Patrick	41
3. Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	28

Q23C. If the 2014 election for Lieutenant Governor were held today and the candidates were the Democrat Leticia Van de Putte and the Republican Jerry Patterson, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

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| 1. Leticia Van de Putte | 30% |
| 2. Jerry Patterson | 41 |
| 3. Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion | 29 |

Q23D. If the 2014 election for Lieutenant Governor were held today and the candidates were the Democrat Leticia Van de Putte and the Republican Todd Staples, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

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| 1. Leticia Van de Putte | 29% |
| 2. Todd Staples | 41 |
| 3. Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion | 30 |

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]**

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| 1. Republican candidate | 21% |
| 2. Democratic candidate | 37 |
| 3. Tea Party candidate | 21 |
| 4. Don't know | 21 |

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?

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| 1. Too much influence | 35% |
| 2. Too little influence | 29 |
| 3. The right amount of influence | 18 |
| 4. Don't know | 18 |

[RANDOMIZE Q26-Q35]

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.

- | | <u>Feb. 2014</u> | <u>Oct. 2013</u> | <u>Jun. 2013</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Very favorable | 29% | 23% | 26% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 14 | 15 | 14 |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 10 | 14 | 13 |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 8 | 6 | 7 |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 29 | 31 | 24 |
| 6. Don't know/No Opinion | 10 | 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.

	<u>Feb. 2014</u>	<u>Oct. 2013</u>	<u>Jun. 2013</u>
1. Very favorable	12%	7%	12%
2. Somewhat favorable	21	18	19
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	17	23	18
4. Somewhat unfavorable	14	15	12
5. Very unfavorable	18	15	17
6. Don't know/No Opinion	17	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	21%
2. Somewhat favorable	23
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	11
4. Somewhat unfavorable	10
5. Very unfavorable	30
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.

	<u>Feb. 2014</u>	<u>Oct. 2013</u>	<u>Jun. 2013</u>
1. Very favorable	23%	16%	12%
2. Somewhat favorable	22	20	17
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	15	23	20
4. Somewhat unfavorable	9	11	9
5. Very unfavorable	16	13	11
6. Don't know/No Opinion	16	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.

	<u>Feb. 2014</u>	<u>Oct. 2013</u>	<u>Jun. 2013</u>
1. Very favorable	20%	19%	4%
2. Somewhat favorable	16	18	7
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	13	16	19
4. Somewhat unfavorable	7	7	6
5. Very unfavorable	28	24	6
6. Don't know/No Opinion	15	16	58

Q31. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Leticia Van de Putte.

1. Very favorable	11%
2. Somewhat favorable	16
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	17
4. Somewhat unfavorable	9
5. Very unfavorable	13
6. Don't know/No Opinion	33

Q32. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of David Dewhurst.

1. Very favorable	10%
2. Somewhat favorable	21
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	22
4. Somewhat unfavorable	14
5. Very unfavorable	16
6. Don't know/No Opinion	18

Q33. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Dan Patrick.

1. Very favorable	10%
2. Somewhat favorable	16
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	23
4. Somewhat unfavorable	8
5. Very unfavorable	10
6. Don't know/No Opinion	33

Q34. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Todd Staples.

1. Very favorable	6%
2. Somewhat favorable	16
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	25
4. Somewhat unfavorable	6
5. Very unfavorable	8
6. Don't know/No Opinion	38

Q35. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Jerry Patterson.

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|--------------------------------------|----|
| 1. Very favorable | 5% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 16 |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 26 |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 4 |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 6 |
| 6. Don't know/No Opinion | 42 |

Policy Questions

[RANDOMIZE Q36-Q37]

[RANDOMIZE Q36A-Q36B]

Q36A. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose actions by the federal government on economic issues?

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| 1. Strongly support | 10% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 27 |
| 3. Somewhat oppose | 24 |
| 4. Strongly oppose | 30 |
| 5. Don't know/no opinion | 9 |

Q36B. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose actions by the federal government on social issues?

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly support | 10% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 23 |
| 3. Somewhat oppose | 23 |
| 4. Strongly oppose | 34 |
| 5. Don't know/no opinion | 10 |

[RANDOMIZE Q37A-Q37B, PRESENT ON SAME PAGE]

Q37A. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose actions by the state government on social issues?

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| 1. Strongly support | 15% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 38 |
| 3. Somewhat oppose | 21 |
| 4. Strongly oppose | 13 |
| 5. Don't know/no opinion | 12 |

Q37B. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose actions by the state government on social issues?

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| 1. Strongly support | 11% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 30 |
| 3. Somewhat oppose | 25 |
| 4. Strongly oppose | 22 |
| 5. Don't know/no opinion | 12 |

Q38. Below are a list of proposals for improving the K-12 education system in Texas. For each proposal, please tell us whether you think it would be extremely effective, somewhat effective, not very effective, or not at all effective in improving the quality of K-12 education in Texas. **[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS “Extremely effective”, “Somewhat effective”, “Not very effective”, “Not at all effective”, “Don’t know”. RANDOMIZE Q38A-Q38G]**

	Extremely Effective	Somewhat effective	Not very effective	Not at all effective	Don’t know
A. Creating a school voucher program	25%	26%	18%	15%	16%
B. Expanding the number of charter schools	19%	31%	22%	13%	14%
C. Increasing the pay of public school teachers	38%	36%	13%	8%	5%
D. Increasing funding for the public school system	40%	28%	17%	11%	5%
E. Providing more incentives for individuals to choose teaching as a profession	33%	43%	12%	6%	6%
F. Reducing the number of standardized tests students must take	32%	32%	18%	10%	8%
G. Increasing opportunities for online learning	28%	40%	16%	7%	9%

Q39. Which of the following do you think would be **MOST EFFECTIVE** in improving the K-12 education system in Texas? **[RANDOMIZE 1-7]**

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| 1. Creating a school voucher program | 14% |
| 2. Expanding the number of charter schools | 7 |
| 3. Increasing the pay of public school teachers | 14 |
| 4. Increasing funding for the public school system | 28 |
| 5. Providing more incentives for individuals to choose teaching as a profession | 10 |
| 6. Reducing the number of standardized tests students must take | 17 |
| 7. Increasing opportunities for online learning | 9 |

Q40. Would you say that the quality of roads and highways in Texas is:

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| 1. Excellent | 9% |
| 2. Good | 59 |
| 3. Not very good | 24 |
| 4. Terrible | 6 |
| 5. Don't know/no opinion | 2 |

Q41. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Texas's voter identification law, which requires people to present state-approved photo identification in order to vote.

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| 1. Very favorable | 51% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 15 |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 9 |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 6 |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 16 |
| 6. Don't know/No Opinion | 3 |

Q42. Do you support or oppose 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 | 26% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 25 |
| 3. Somewhat oppose | 17 |
| 4. Strongly oppose | 27 |
| 5. Don't know | 5 |

Q43. In enforcing immigration laws, do you think that primary responsibility should be given to state and local authorities or the federal government?

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| 1. State and local authorities | 47% |
| 2. Federal government | 40 |
| 3. Don't know/no opinion | 13 |

Q44. Should illegal immigrants who have graduated from Texas high schools and lived in the state for at least a year receive in-state tuition rates at Texas public colleges and universities, or should they have to pay the higher tuition rate for out-of-state students?

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| 1. In-state tuition | 40% |
| 2. Out-of-state-tuition | 47 |
| 3. Don't know/no opinion | 14 |

Q45. What is your opinion on the availability of abortion?

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| 1. By law, abortion should never be permitted. | 13% |
| 2. The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest or when the woman's life is in danger. | 29 |
| 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. | 17 |
| 4. By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice. | 37 |
| 5. Don't know | 5 |

Q46. What is your opinion on the legalization of marijuana possession?

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| 1. Marijuana possession should not be legal under any circumstances. | 23% |
| 2. Marijuana possession should be legal for medical purposes only. | 28 |
| 3. Possession of small amounts of marijuana for any purpose should be legal. | 32 |
| 4. Possession of any amount of marijuana for any purpose should be legal. | 17 |

Q47. 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").

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| 1. Very favorable | 15% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 17 |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 9 |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 7 |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 49 |
| 6. Don't know/No Opinion | 3 |

Q48. Please tell us whether you have ever heard of hydraulic fracturing, often referred to as fracking?

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| 1. Yes, I have heard of fracking | 75% |
| 2. No, I have not heard of fracking | 25 |

Q48B. **[ASK IF ANSWER TO Q48=1]** Based on what you have heard, do you think that the potential benefits of fracking outweigh the potential costs?

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| 1. Yes | 49% |
| 2. No | 32 |
| 3. Don't know/no opinion | 19 |

Political Knowledge

[Randomize INFO1-INFO3]

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

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| 1. Republican Party | 69% |
| 2. Democratic Party | 18 |
| 3. Neither | 2 |
| 4. Don't know | 10 |

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

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| 1. More than one-half | 9% |
| 2. More than two-thirds | 68 |
| 3. More than three-fourths | 10 |
| 4. Don't know | 13 |

INFO3. Who is the current Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives?

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| 1. Greg Abbott | 22% |
| 2. Joe Straus | 27 |
| 3. Susan Combs | 4 |
| 4. Victor Carrillo | 3 |
| 5. Don't know | 44 |

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	4%
2. Somewhat liberal	7
3. Lean liberal	9
4. In the middle	32
5. Lean conservative	18
6. Somewhat conservative	19
7. Extremely conservative	11

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

1. Democrat	42%
2. Independent	10
3. Republican	48

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

1. Strong Democrat	21%
2. Not very strong Democrat	10
3. Lean Democrat	11
4. Independent	10
5. Lean Republican	11
6. Not very strong Republican	16
7. Strong Republican	22

Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29	19%
2. 30-44	26
3. 45-64	38
4. 65 and up	17

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

1. Urban	29%
2. Suburban	49
3. Rural	23

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

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| 1. Yes, I live in the Houston area. | 19% |
| 2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area | 33 |
| 3. Yes, I live in the San Antonio area | 9 |
| 4. Yes, I live in the Austin area | 10 |
| 5. No, I live in another part of Texas. | 29 |

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

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| 1. One | 17% |
| 2. Two | 11 |
| 3. Three | 5 |
| 4. Four or more | 3 |
| 5. None | 63 |

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

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| 1. Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in public school in Texas. | 22% |
| 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. | 74 |

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

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

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

1. Less than high school	9%
2. High school degree	24
3. Some college	27
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	30%
2. No	70

[SPLIT-SAMPLE IDTXA-IDTXB]

IDTXA. If you had to choose, would you say you consider yourself a Texan first and an American second, or an American first and a Texan second?

1. Texan	29%
2. American	71

IDTXB. If you had to choose, would you say you consider yourself an American first and a Texan second, or a Texan first and an American second?

1. American	74%
2. Texan	26

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

1. Agnostic	6%
2. Assembly of God*	1
3. Atheist	4
4. Baptist*	15
5. Buddhist	0
6. Catholic*	21
7. Christian Scientist*	0
8. Church of Christ*	3
9. Church of God*	1
10. Disciples of Christ*	0
11. Episcopal/Anglican*	1
12. Hindu	0
13. Jehovah’s Witnesses	0
14. Jewish	2
15. Lutheran*	3
16. Methodist*	6
17. Mormon*	1
18. Muslim/Islam	1
19. Nondenominational Christian*	10
20. Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox*	0
21. Pentecostal*	2
22. Presbyterian*	2
23. Protestant (non-specific)*	4
24. Reformed*	0
25. Unitarian/Universalist*	0
26. United Church of Christ*	0
27. Spiritual but not religious	8
28. Other*	4
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	44%
2. No	56

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.	30%
2. The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	44
3. The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	20
4. Don’t know.	6

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

1. Extremely important	45%
2. Somewhat important	32
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	21
3. A few times a month	13
4. Once or twice a year	27
5. Never	25

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

1. White	61%
2. African American	13
3. Hispanic or Latino	23
4. Asian/Pacific Islander	1
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	5%
2. No	93
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	89%
2. Born in another country	11
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?

1. Both of my parents were born in the United States or Puerto Rico	59%
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?

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| 1. Yes | 43% |
| 2. No | 57 |

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

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

43. West Virginia	0
44. Wisconsin	1
45. Wyoming	0

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

1. Own	71%
2. Rent	29

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

1. Married	52%
2. Separated	1
3. Divorced	10
4. Widowed	5
5. Single	26
6. Domestic Partnership	6

GENDER. What is your gender?

1. Male	47%
2. Female	53