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Texas Statewide Survey

May 2012 Instrument

N=800 Adults

Margin of error: +/- 3.46% 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	48%
2. Somewhat interested	38%
3. Not very interested	9%
4. Not at all interested	4%
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	35%
3. About half	13%
4. One or two	11%
5. None	7%
6. Don't know/Refused/NA	1%

Most Important Problem

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

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

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

1. Immigration	12%
2. The economy	12%
3. Unemployment/jobs	11%
4. Border security	11%
5. Education	11%
6. Political corruption/leadership	10%
7. State budget cuts	5%
8. Gas prices	4%
9. Health care	3%
10. State government spending	3%
11. Crime and drugs	2%
12. Moral decline	2%
13. Taxes	2%
14. Water supply	2%
15. Gay marriage	1%
16. Energy	1%
17. Environment	1%
18. Transportation/roads/traffic	1%
19. Abortion	1%
20. Housing	1%
21. Social welfare programs	1%
22. Insurance rates	1%
23. The media	1%
24. Voting system	1%
25. Redistricting	1%
26. State courts	0%
27. Utility rates	0%
28. 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	19%
3. Neither approve nor disapprove	10%
4. Disapprove somewhat	8%
5. Disapprove strongly	46%
6. Don't know	1%

Q7. Overall, how do you rate the job the U.S. Congress is doing?

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Approve strongly | 1% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 9% |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 15% |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 23% |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 48% |
| 6. Don't know | 3% |

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 | 11% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 26% |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 16% |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 12% |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 31% |
| 6. Don't know | 4% |

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 | 61% |
| 3. Don't know | 14% |

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 | 4% |
| 2. Somewhat better off | 24% |
| 3. About the same | 29% |
| 4. Somewhat worse off | 20% |
| 5. A lot worse off | 19% |
| 6. Don't know | 4% |

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 | 38% |
| 2. Wrong track | 42% |
| 3. Don't know | 21% |

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?

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| 1. A lot better off | 4% |
| 2. Somewhat better off | 15% |
| 3. About the same | 48% |
| 4. Somewhat worse off | 19% |
| 5. A lot worse off | 13% |
| 6. Don't know | 2% |

Elections

Q13. Thinking ahead to the May 29 primary elections, do you think you will vote in the Republican Primary, the Democratic Primary, or do you usually not vote in primary elections?

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| 1. Republican Primary | 43% |
| 2. Democratic Primary | 30% |
| 3. Don't usually vote in primaries | 27% |

Likely Voters (n=512 ;MOE=+/- 4.33)

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|------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Republican Primary | 54% |
| 2. Democratic Primary | 31% |
| 3. Don't usually vote in primaries | 16% |

Q13A. **[Ask if Q13=1 OR Q13=2]** Many people cast their votes on Election Day, but many others vote before Election Day by absentee ballot or what is called early voting. What about you? Do you plan to vote on Election Day or before Election Day?

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|------------------------|-----|
| 1. On Election Day | 36% |
| 2. Before Election Day | 55% |
| 3. Don't know | 9% |

Likely Voters (n=433 ;MOE=+/- 4.71)

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|------------------------|-----|
| 1. On Election Day | 35% |
| 2. Before Election Day | 61% |
| 3. Don't know | 4% |

[For Q14 through Q19 and for Q22, 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.]

Q14. **[Ask if Q13=1]** If the 2012 Republican primary election for President were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? (n=345 ;MOE=+/- 5.28%)

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Mitt Romney | 60% |
| 2. Ron Paul | 15% |
| 3. Newt Gingrich | 9% |
| 4. Rick Santorum | 10% |
| 5. Michele Bachmann | 3% |
| 6. Jon Huntsman | 1% |
| 7. Other | 1% |

Likely Voters (n=275 ;MOE=+/- 5.91%)

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| 1. Mitt Romney | 63% |
| 2. Ron Paul | 14% |
| 3. Newt Gingrich | 9% |
| 4. Rick Santorum | 10% |
| 5. Michele Bachmann | 3% |
| 6. Jon Huntsman | 1% |
| 7. Other | 1% |

Q15. **[Ask if Q13=1]** If the 2012 Republican primary election for U.S. 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? (n=343 ;MOE=+/- 5.29%)

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| 1. David Dewhurst | 40% |
| 2. Ted Cruz | 28% |
| 3. Tom Leppert | 15% |
| 4. Curt Cleaver | 1% |
| 5. Ben Gambini | 1% |
| 6. Glenn Addison | 2% |
| 7. Joe Agris | 1% |
| 8. Craig James | 5% |
| 9. Lela Pittenger | 3% |
| 10. Don't know | 3% |

Likely Voters (n=274 ;MOE=+/- 5.92%)

1. David Dewhurst	40%
2. Ted Cruz	31%
3. Tom Leppert	17%
4. Curt Cleaver	1%
5. Ben Gambini	0%
6. Glenn Addison	2%
7. Joe Agris	1%
8. Craig James	4%
9. Lela Pittenger	3%
10. Don't know	2%

As you may know, there are two open seats for the Texas Railroad Commission.

Q16. [Ask if Q13=1] If the 2012 Republican primary election for one of the railroad commissioner seats were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? (n=345 ;MOE=+/- 5.28%)

1. Christi Craddick	29%
2. Roland Sledge	11%
3. Beryl Burgess	4%
4. Becky Berger	13%
5. Joe Cotten	13%
6. Warren Chisum	20%
7. Don't know	9%

Likely Voters (n=275 ;MOE=+/- 5.91%)

1. Christi Craddick	30%
2. Roland Sledge	10%
3. Beryl Burgess	5%
4. Becky Berger	13%
5. Joe Cotten	14%
6. Warren Chisum	19%
7. Don't know	8%

Q17. [Ask if Q13=1] If the 2012 Republican primary election for the other railroad commissioner seat were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? (n=342 ;MOE=+/- 5.3%)

1. Barry Smitherman	24%
2. Greg Parker	34%
3. Elizabeth Murray-Kolb	26%
4. Al Lee	7%
5. Don't know	9%

Likely Voters (n=272 ;MOE=+/- 5.94%)

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| 1. Barry Smitherman | 26% |
| 2. Greg Parker | 33% |
| 3. Elizabeth Murray-Kolb | 25% |
| 4. Al Lee | 8% |
| 5. Don't know | 8% |

Q18. [Ask if Q13=2] If the 2012 Democratic primary election for U.S. 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? (n=234 ;MOE=+/- 6.41%)

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| 1. Sean Hubbard | 22% |
| 2. Addie Dainell Allen | 22% |
| 3. Paul Sadler | 35% |
| 4. Grady Yarbrough | 12% |
| 5. Don't know | 9% |

Likely Voters (n=157 ;MOE=+/- 7.82%)

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|------------------------|-----|
| 1. Sean Hubbard | 25% |
| 2. Addie Dainell Allen | 19% |
| 3. Paul Sadler | 29% |
| 4. Grady Yarbrough | 15% |
| 5. Don't know | 11% |

Q19. If the 2012 general election for U.S. president were held today and Mitt Romney was the Republican nominee, would you vote for [randomize] Barack Obama, Mitt Romney, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

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| 1. Mitt Romney | 46% |
| 2. Barack Obama | 38% |
| 3. Someone else | 9% |
| 4. Haven't thought about it
enough to have an opinion | 8% |

Likely Voters (n=511 ;MOE=+/- 4.34%)

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| 1. Mitt Romney | 55% |
| 2. Barack Obama | 35% |
| 3. Someone else | 7% |
| 4. Haven't thought about it
enough to have an opinion | 3% |

Q20. If the 2012 general election for U.S. Senator from Texas were held today, would you vote for the **[randomize]** Republican candidate, the Democratic candidate, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

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| 1. Republican candidate | 45% |
| 2. Democratic candidate | 34% |
| 3. Someone else | 3% |
| 4. Haven't thought about it
enough to have an opinion | 18% |

Likely Voters (n=511 ;MOE=+/- 4.34%)

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| 1. Republican candidate | 55% |
| 2. Democratic candidate | 34% |
| 3. Someone else | 3% |
| 4. Haven't thought about it
enough to have an opinion | 8% |

Q21. Do you think your incumbent state representative deserves reelection in 2012, or is it time to give someone else a chance?

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| 1. Deserves reelection | 28% |
| 2. Time to give someone else a chance | 50% |
| 3. Don't know | 21% |

Likely Voters (n=512 ;MOE=+/- 4.33%)

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| 1. Deserves reelection | 35% |
| 2. Time to give someone else a chance | 54% |
| 3. Don't know | 11% |

Q22. **[Ask if Q13=1]** Thinking ahead to the 2014 statewide elections, 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?
(n=344 ;MOE=+/- 5.28%)

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| 1. Susan Combs | 29% |
| 2. Todd Staples | 10% |
| 3. Jerry Patterson | 9% |
| 4. Dan Branch | 3% |
| 5. Dan Patrick | 23% |
| 6. Another Republican candidate | 22% |
| 7. Don't know | 4% |

Likely Voters (n=274 ;MOE=+/- 5.92%)

- 1. Susan Combs 28%
- 2. Todd Staples 9%
- 3. Jerry Patterson 11%
- 4. Dan Branch 3%
- 5. Dan Patrick 23%
- 6. Another Republican candidate 21%
- 7. Don't know 5%

Q23. 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 34%
- 3. Tea Party candidate 18%
- 4. Don't know 27%

Q24. 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 29%
- 2. Too little influence 23%
- 3. The right amount of influence 23%
- 4. Don't know 26%

Q25. When voting for a political candidate, please indicate how important each of the following factors is in your decision, "very important", "somewhat important", "neither important nor unimportant", "very unimportant", "not important at all":

	Very important	Somewhat important	Neither Important nor unimportant	Not very important	Not important at all
Religious faith	23%	20%	24%	12%	21%
Issue positions	83%	12%	4%	0%	0%
Character	74%	18%	7%	0%	1%
Party	27%	29%	25%	10%	9%
Their record	74%	18%	7%	1%	0%

[RANDOMIZE Q26-Q31]

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

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| 1. Very favorable | 8% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 22% |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 21% |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 11% |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 14% |
| 6. Don't know enough about
him to have an opinion | 25% |

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

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| 1. Very favorable | 4% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 14% |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 20% |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 7% |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 7% |
| 6. Don't know enough about
him to have an opinion | 48% |

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

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| 1. Very favorable | 7% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 16% |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 16% |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 9% |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 10% |
| 6. Don't know enough about
him to have an opinion | 42% |

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

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| 1. Very favorable | 3% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 7% |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 20% |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 7% |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 8% |
| 6. Don't know enough about
him to have an opinion | 55% |

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

1. Very favorable	2%
2. Somewhat favorable	8%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	21%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	3%
5. Very unfavorable	2%
6. Don't know enough about him to have an opinion	63%

Q31. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Joe Straus.

1. Very favorable	3%
2. Somewhat favorable	6%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	22%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	6%
5. Very unfavorable	5%
6. Don't know enough about him to have an opinion	58%

[Randomize Q32 and Q34]

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

1. Very favorable	21%
2. Somewhat favorable	17%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	8%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	8%
5. Very unfavorable	44%
6. Don't know/No Opinion	3%

Q33. 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	13%
2. Somewhat favorable	25%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	12%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	12%
5. Very unfavorable	35%
6. Don't know/No Opinion	4%

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

1. Very favorable	13%
2. Somewhat favorable	27%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	14%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	15%
5. Very unfavorable	23%
6. Don't know/No Opinion	7%

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

1. Very favorable	27%
2. Somewhat favorable	19%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	16%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	8%
5. Very unfavorable	27%
6. Don't know/No Opinion	4%

Political Traits

[Randomize Q36 and Q37]

Q36. Here are several descriptive phrases. Using a 0-10 scale, where 0 means "not at all well" and 10 means "extremely well," please tell us how well each of the following phrases describe Barack Obama. **[Include "don't know" option for every scale.]**

- a. Really cares about people like me
Mean=5.33, Standard Deviation=4.03
- b. Strong leader
Mean=5.51, Standard Deviation=4.01
- c. Knowledgeable
Mean=6.41, Standard Deviation=3.95
- d. Fights for the middle class
Mean=5.50, Standard Deviation=4.03

Q37. Here are several descriptive phrases. Using a 0-10 scale, where 0 means “not at all well” and 10 means “extremely well,” please tell us how well each of the following phrases describe Mitt Romney. **[Include “don’t know” option for every scale.]**

- a. Really cares about people like me
Mean=5.04, Standard Deviation=3.48
- b. Strong leader
Mean=6.32, Standard Deviation=3.32
- c. Knowledgeable
Mean=6.86, Standard Deviation=3.33
- d. Fights for the middle class
Mean=5.22, Standard Deviation=3.58

Policy Questions

Q38. Of the three branches of federal government, which one do you trust the most?

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| 1. The U.S. Congress, the legislative branch | 9% |
| 2. The President, the executive branch | 23% |
| 3. The U.S. Supreme Court, the judicial branch | 39% |
| 4. Don’t know | 29% |

Q39. Which of the following best characterizes your opinion on the death penalty for those convicted of violent crimes?

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| 1. Strongly support | 42% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 31% |
| 3. Somewhat oppose | 11% |
| 4. Strongly oppose | 10% |
| 5. Don’t know | 5% |

Q40. Recently the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on the constitutionality of the new health care law, which is called the 2010 Affordable Care Act. What do you think the Supreme Court SHOULD do?

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| 1. Uphold the law as constitutional and let it stand | 26% |
| 2. Rule the individual mandate is unconstitutional, but keep the rest | 10% |
| 3. Rule the individual mandate is unconstitutional and overturn the whole thing | 45% |
| 4. Don’t know/No opinion | 19% |

Q41. Do you think the Supreme Court justices will decide the health care case primarily based on the legal arguments and the Constitution, or primarily based on politics and partisanship?

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| 1. Primarily on legal arguments | 36% |
| 2. Primarily on politics and partisanship | 43% |
| 3. Don't know/No opinion | 21% |

Q42. Compared to a year ago, would you say that K-12 public school education in Texas is a lot better, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse, or a lot worse?

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| 1. A lot better | 2% |
| 2. Somewhat better | 7% |
| 3. About the same | 39% |
| 4. Somewhat worse | 22% |
| 5. A lot worse | 17% |
| 6. Don't know/No opinion | 13% |

Q43. Do you think that Texas spends too much, too little, or about the right amount on primary and secondary education?

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| 1. Too much | 14% |
| 2. Too little | 51% |
| 3. About the right amount | 23% |
| 4. Don't Know | 13% |

Q44. In some states, it is legal for doctors to prescribe lethal doses of drugs so that a terminally ill patient can commit suicide. Do you approve or disapprove of laws that let doctors assist patients who want to end their lives this way?

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| 1. Approve | 45% |
| 2. Disapprove | 34% |
| 3. Don't know | 21% |

Q45. Do you think health insurance companies should be required to cover the full cost of birth control for women?

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| 1. Should be required | 49% |
| 2. Should not be required | 43% |
| 3. Don't know | 8% |

[Note: For Q46, the sample was randomly split and the question was asked in two different ways to each sub-sample. One sub-sample received the wording as presented below, while for the other, the orders of the arguments and response options were reversed. Results shown here are for the entire (combined) sample]

As you may know, Texas State Legislative candidates have recently been invited to pledge NOT to increase taxes when the legislature convenes in January 2013.

Q46. Some people say that state legislative candidates should pledge not to increase taxes before the primary elections so that voters know where they stand on taxes.

Others say that anti-tax pledges lock candidates into inflexible positions before the fiscal situation in January 2013 is clear.

Which of these positions is closer to yours?

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| 1. Candidates should pledge not to increase taxes before the primary elections. | 36% |
| 2. Candidates should not make pledges before the fiscal situation is clear. | 47% |
| 3. Not sure/Don't know | 18% |

[Rotate Q47 and Q48]

Q47. Generally speaking, do you believe the death penalty is applied fairly or unfairly in Texas today?

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| 1. Fairly | 51% |
| 2. Unfairly | 28% |
| 3. Don't know | 21% |

Q48. If you could choose between the following two approaches, which do you think is the better penalty for murder? **[Randomize 1-2]**

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| 1. The death penalty | 53% |
| 2. Life imprisonment with absolutely no possibility for parole | 37% |
| 3. Don't know | 10% |

Q49. What is your opinion on the availability of abortion?

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| 1. By law, abortion should never be permitted. | 12% |
| 2. The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest or when the woman's life is in danger. | 33% |
| 3. The law should permit abortion for reasons other than rape, incest, or danger to the woman's life, but only after the need for the abortion has been clearly established. | 13% |
| 4. By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice. | 37% |
| 5. Don't know | 4% |

Q50. Which of the following comes closest to your view on whether local law enforcement officials should enforce federal immigration laws?

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| 1. Local law enforcement officials should be required to actively enforce federal immigration laws. | 37% |
| 2. Local law enforcement officials should be allowed to enforce federal immigration laws, but it should not be a primary responsibility of theirs. | 42% |
| 3. Cities and counties should be allowed to restrict local law enforcement officials from enforcing federal immigration laws. | 11% |
| 4. Don't know | 10% |

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 | 73% |
| 2. Democratic Party | 13% |
| 3. Neither | 2% |
| 4. Don't know | 12% |

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 | 6% |
| 2. More than two-thirds | 69% |
| 3. More than three-fourths | 11% |
| 4. Don't know | 14% |

INFO3. Who is the current Attorney General of Texas?

1. Greg Abbott	66%
2. Michael Williams	1%
3. Susan Combs	5%
4. Victor Carrillo	1%
5. Don't know	27%

INFO4. Abortions make up what percentage of the services that Planned Parenthood provides?
[Open-ended, 0% to 100% slider with "Don't know" option]

Mean=40%, Standard Deviation=31% (n=497)

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	2%
2. Somewhat liberal	6%
3. Lean liberal	9%
4. In the middle	40%
5. Lean conservative	15%
6. Somewhat conservative	20%
7. Extremely conservative	8%

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

1. Democrat	31%
2. Independent	28%
3. Republican	33%
4. Other	1%
5. Not sure	6%

PID7.

1. Strong Democrat	20%
2. Not very strong Democrat	13%
3. Lean Democrat	8%
4. Independent	10%
5. Lean Republican	12%
6. Not very strong Republican	14%
7. Strong Republican	22%
8. Other	1%

Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29	16%
2. 30-44	27%
3. 45-64	37%
4. 65 and up	20%

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

1. Urban	28%
2. Suburban	54%
3. Rural	18%

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

1. Yes, I live in the Houston area.	18%
2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	34%
3. Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	9%
4. Yes, I live in the Austin area	9%
5. No, I live in another part of Texas.	30%

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1. One	15%
2. Two	13%
3. Three	5%
4. Four or more	3%
5. None	65%

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.	22%
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.	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?

1. Less than \$10,000	5%
2. \$10,000 to \$19,999	8%
3. \$20,000 to \$29,999	10%
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	7%
9. \$80,000 to \$99,999	7%
10. \$100,000 to \$119,999	7%
11. \$120,000 to \$149,999	3%
12. More than \$150,000	5%
13. Prefer not to say	13%

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

1. Less than high school	5%
2. High school degree	34%
3. Some college	25%
4. Two-year college degree	9%
5. Four-year college degree	19%
6. Post-graduate degree	8%

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

1. Agnostic	4%
2. Assembly of God*	1%
3. Atheist	4%
4. Baptist*	19%
5. Buddhist	1%
6. Catholic*	19%
7. Christian Scientist*	0%
8. Church of Christ*	3%
9. Church of God*	1%
10. Disciples of Christ*	1%
11. Episcopal/Anglican*	2%
12. Hindu	0%
13. Jehovah’s Witnesses	1%
14. Jewish	1%
15. Lutheran*	3%
16. Methodist*	5%
17. Mormon*	2%
18. Muslim/Islam	0%
19. Nondenominational Christian*	0%
20. Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox*	1%
21. Pentecostal*	5%
22. Presbyterian*	2%
23. Protestant (non-specific)*	3%
24. Reformed*	0%
25. Unitarian/Universalist*	1%
26. United Church of Christ*	0%
27. Spiritual but not religious	6%
28. Other*	6%
29. Don’t know	2%

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

1. Yes	46%
2. No	54%

CATHOLICID. **[Ask if RELIG = “Catholic”]** Do you identify with any of the following descriptions? Please select all that apply.

1. Liberal Catholic	22%
2. Conservative Catholic	17%
3. Traditional Catholic	37%
4. Charismatic Catholic	1%
5. Evangelical Catholic	3%
6. I do not identify with any of the above	21%

CHARISMATIC. [Ask if respond * to RELIG] Do you consider yourself to be a “spirit filled” or “charismatic” Christian?

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| 1. Yes | 36% |
| 2. No | 64% |

SOCIALGOSPEL. [Ask if respond * to RELIG] Do you consider social justice to be at the heart of the Gospel?

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| 1. Yes | 35% |
| 2. No | 65% |

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

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| 1. The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word. | 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?

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| 1. Extremely important | 47% |
| 2. Somewhat important | 33% |
| 3. Not very important | 9% |
| 4. Not at all important | 11% |

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

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| 1. More than once a week | 19% |
| 2. Once a week | 16% |
| 3. A few times a month | 13% |
| 4. Once or twice a year | 25% |
| 5. Never | 27% |

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

1. White	62%
2. African American	14%
3. Hispanic or Latino	18%
4. Asian/Pacific Islander	1%
5. Native American	1%
6. Multi-racial	3%

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

1. Yes	3%
2. No	97%
3. Don't know	0%

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	86%
2. Born in another country	11%
3. Don't know	3%

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	68%
2. One of my parents was born in another country	20%
3. Both of my parents were both in another country	12%

CALI. Did you move to Texas from California?

1. Yes	9%
2. No	91%

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

1. Own	73%
2. Rent	27%

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

1. Married	58%
2. Separated	2%
3. Divorced	10%
4. Widowed	6%
5. Single	20%
6. Domestic Partnership	4%

GENDER. What is your gender?

1. Male	47%
2. Female	53%

P08. In the 2008 presidential election, who did you vote for?

1. Barack Obama	41%
2. John McCain	43%
3. Someone else	5%
4. Did not vote	11%