

University of Texas / Texas Tribune
Texas Statewide Survey - Day 1 Summary

Field Dates: February 8-15, 2012

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%
--------------------	------

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	2%
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	31%
2. Almost every election	37%
3. About half	12%
4. One or two	10%
5. None	7%
6. Don't know/Refused/NA	2%

Retrospective Assessments

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

1. Approve strongly	19%
2. Approve somewhat	20%
3. Neither approve nor disapprove	5%
4. Disapprove somewhat	6%
5. Disapprove strongly	49%
6. Don't know	1%

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

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Approve strongly | 1% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 10% |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 14% |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 26% |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 47% |
| 6. Don't know | 2% |

Elections

Q13. Thinking ahead to the 2012 elections, do you think you will vote in the Republican Primary, the Democratic Primary, or do you usually not vote in primary elections?

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Republican Primary | 46% |
| 2. Democratic Primary | 33% |
| 3. Don't usually vote in primaries | 21% |

[For Q14 and Q17-Q19, 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? **[Randomize 1-4] (n=371 ;MOE=+/-5.09%)**

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Mitt Romney | 16% |
| 2. Ron Paul | 14% |
| 3. Newt Gingrich | 18% |
| 4. Rick Santorum | 45% |
| 5. Another Republican candidate | 6% |

Likely Voters (n=298 ;MOE=+/-5.68%):

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Mitt Romney | 16% |
| 2. Ron Paul | 14% |
| 3. Newt Gingrich | 17% |
| 4. Rick Santorum | 48% |
| 5. Another Republican candidate | 6% |

Q15. **[Ask if Q13=1]** How satisfied are you with your choices for a Republican presidential

nominee? (n=371 ;MOE=+/-5.09%)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very satisfied | 17% |
| 2. Somewhat satisfied | 34% |
| 3. Neither satisfied or unsatisfied | 14% |
| 4. Somewhat unsatisfied | 21% |
| 5. Very unsatisfied | 13% |
| 6. Don't Know/No Opinion | 1% |

Q16. **[Ask if Q13=1]** In selecting your candidate in the Republican presidential primary, which would you say is most important, **[Rotate options]** that the candidate shares your views on the issues, that he has the right experience, that he has high ethical standards and character, or that he can beat President Obama in November? (n=371 ;MOE=+/-5.09%)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Shares issue views | 20% |
| 2. Has the right experience | 8% |
| 3. Has high standards and character | 25% |
| 4. Can beat Obama | 45% |
| 5. Don't Know/No Opinion. | 2% |

[Randomize Q20, Q21, Q22, Q23]

Q20. If the 2012 general election for U.S. president were held today and Newt Gingrich was the Republican nominee, would you vote for **[randomize]** Barack Obama, Newt Gingrich, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-2]**

- | | |
|--|-----|
| 1. Newt Gingrich | 42% |
| 2. Barack Obama | 40% |
| 3. Someone else | 13% |
| 4. Haven't thought about it
enough to have an opinion | 5% |

Likely Voters (n=527 ;MOE=+/-4.27%):

- | | |
|--|-----|
| 1. Newt Gingrich | 49% |
| 2. Barack Obama | 38% |
| 3. Someone else | 12% |
| 4. Haven't thought about it
enough to have an opinion | 1% |

Q21. 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? **[Randomize 1-2]**

- | | |
|--|-----|
| 1. Mitt Romney | 40% |
| 2. Barack Obama | 39% |
| 3. Someone else | 16% |
| 4. Haven't thought about it
enough to have an opinion | 5% |

Likely Voters (n= 529;MOE=+/-4.26%):

- | | |
|--|-----|
| 1. Mitt Romney | 49% |
| 2. Barack Obama | 36% |
| 3. Someone else | 13% |
| 4. Haven't thought about it
enough to have an opinion | 2% |

Q22. If the 2012 general election for U.S. president were held today and Rick Santorum was the Republican nominee, would you vote for [randomize] Barack Obama, Rick Santorum, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion? [Randomize 1-2]

- | | |
|--|-----|
| 1. Rick Santorum | 44% |
| 2. Barack Obama | 39% |
| 3. Someone else | 11% |
| 4. Haven't thought about it
enough to have an opinion | 6% |

Likely Voters (n= 529;MOE=+/-4.26%):

- | | |
|--|-----|
| 1. Rick Santorum | 51% |
| 2. Barack Obama | 37% |
| 3. Someone else | 10% |
| 4. Haven't thought about it
enough to have an opinion | 2% |

Q23. If the 2012 general election for U.S. president were held today and Ron Paul was the Republican nominee, would you vote for [randomize] Barack Obama, Ron Paul, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion? [Randomize 1-2]

- | | |
|--|-----|
| 1. Ron Paul | 40% |
| 2. Barack Obama | 37% |
| 3. Someone else | 18% |
| 4. Haven't thought about it
enough to have an opinion | 5% |

Likely Voters (n= 529;MOE=+/-4.26%):

- | | |
|--|-----|
| 1. Ron Paul | 44% |
| 2. Barack Obama | 35% |
| 3. Someone else | 18% |
| 4. Haven't thought about it
enough to have an opinion | 2% |

[Randomize Q24, Q25, Q26, Q27]

Q24. 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 | 5% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 22% |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 19% |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 23% |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 25% |
| 6. Don't know/No Opinion | 6% |

Q25. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich.

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very favorable | 11% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 22% |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 12% |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 14% |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 35% |
| 6. Don't know/No Opinion | 5% |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very favorable | 10% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 20% |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 22% |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 21% |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 20% |
| 6. Don't know/No Opinion | 7% |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very favorable | 22% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 20% |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 14% |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 8% |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 23% |
| 6. Don't know/No Opinion | 12% |

[Randomize Q28 and Q29]

Q28. 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 | 23% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 17% |

- 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 4%
- 4. Somewhat unfavorable 6%
- 5. Very unfavorable 49%
- 6. Don't know/No Opinion 1%

Q34. Do you think most people you know would vote for a Mormon presidential candidate if they agreed with him or her on the issues?

- 1. Yes 58%
- 2. No 21%
- 3. Don't Know/No Answer 21%

Political Knowledge and Media Use

MEDIA1. Please indicate how often you use the following devices to read, watch, or listen to news and information, "never", "hardly ever", "sometimes", or "regularly".

	Never	Hardly Ever	Sometimes	Regularly
1. Tablets	75%	7%	9%	9%
2. Smartphone or Cell Phone	48%	12%	16%	25%

MEDIA2. Please indicate how often you read, watch, or listen to news and information from the following mediums, "never", "hardly ever", "sometimes", or "regularly".

	Never	Hardly Ever	Sometimes	Regularly
1. Smartphone or tablet applications	62%	11%	13%	14%
2. Search engines	15%	14%	25%	37%
3. Online social network sites	30%	20%	24%	26%

[Randomize INFO1-INFO3]

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

- 1. Republican Party 75%
- 2. Democratic Party 14%
- 3. Neither 1%
- 4. Don't know 10%

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 70%

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| 3. More than three-fourths | 12% |
| 4. Don't know | 11% |

INFO3. Who is the current Attorney General of Texas?

- | | |
|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Greg Abbott | 69% |
| 2. Michael Williams | 1% |
| 3. Susan Combs | 5% |
| 4. Victor Carrillo | 0% |
| 5. Don't know | 24% |

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?

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Extremely liberal | 5% |
| 2. Somewhat liberal | 9% |
| 3. Slightly liberal | 9% |
| 4. In the middle | 26% |
| 5. Slightly conservative | 13% |
| 6. Somewhat conservative | 23% |
| 7. Extremely conservative | 14% |

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

- | | |
|----------------|-----|
| 1. Democrat | 35% |
| 2. Independent | 29% |
| 3. Republican | 33% |
| 4. Other | 1% |
| 5. Not sure | 3% |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Strong Democrat | 23% |
| 2. Not very strong Democrat | 12% |
| 3. Lean Democrat | 7% |
| 4. Independent | 8% |
| 5. Lean Republican | 16% |
| 6. Not very strong Republican | 10% |
| 7. Strong Republican | 23% |
| 8. Other | 2% |

Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

- | | |
|----------|-----|
| 1. 18-29 | 14% |
|----------|-----|

2. 30-44	15%
3. 45-64	46%
4. 65 and up	13%

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

1. Urban	27%
2. Suburban	49%
3. Rural	23%

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

1. Yes, I live in the Houston area	19%
2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	31%
3. Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	7%
4. Yes, I live in the Austin area	11%
5. No, I live in another part of Texas	32%

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1. One	18%
2. Two	14%
3. Three	6%
4. Four or more	1%
5. None	61%

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

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

1. Less than high school	4%
--------------------------	----

2. High school degree	38%
3. Some college	31%
4. Two-year college degree	8%
5. Four-year college degree	13%
6. Post-graduate degree	5%

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

1. Agnostic	6%
2. Assembly of God*	2%
3. Atheist	4%
4. Baptist*	20%
5. Buddhist	1%
6. Catholic*	16%
7. Christian Scientist*	0%
8. Church of Christ*	3%
9. Church of God*	0%
10. Disciples of Christ*	0%
11. Episcopal/Anglican*	3%
12. Hindu	0%
13. Jehovah’s Witnesses	0%
14. Jewish	1%
15. Lutheran*	3%
16. Methodist*	4%
17. Mormon*	1%
18. Muslim/Islam	0%
19. Nondenominational Christian*	10%
20. Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox*	0%
21. Pentecostal*	3%
22. Presbyterian*	2%
23. Protestant (non-specific)*	3%
24. Reformed*	0%
25. Unitarian/Universalist*	1%
26. United Church of Christ*	1%
27. Spiritual but not religious	9%
28. Other*	7%
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	49%
2. No	51%

CATHOLIC. **[Ask if RELIG = “Catholic”]** Do you identify with any of the following descriptions?

1. Liberal Catholic	22%
2. Conservative Catholic	17%

- | | |
|--|-----|
| 3. Traditional Catholic | 29% |
| 4. Charismatic Catholic | 2% |
| 5. Evangelical Catholic | 2% |
| 6. I do not identify with any of the above | 27% |

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. | 33% |
| 2. The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word. | 40% |
| 3. The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God. | 21% |
| 4. Don't know | 7% |

MORMON. Do you believe that Mormons are Christians?

- | | |
|---------------|-----|
| 1. Yes | 40% |
| 2. No | 31% |
| 3. Don't Know | 29% |

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| 1. Extremely important | 48% |
| 2. Somewhat important | 28% |
| 3. Not very important | 11% |
| 4. Not at all important | 13% |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. More than once a week | 17% |
| 2. Once a week | 13% |
| 3. A few times a month | 13% |
| 4. Once or twice a year | 29% |
| 5. Never | 28% |

ANCESTRY. What is your ancestry or ethnic origin? **[Randomize 1-21, allow respondents to check multiple ancestries/origins]**

- | | |
|------------|-----|
| 1. English | 28% |
| 2. French | 7% |

3. German	21%
4. Irish	23%
5. Italian	2%
6. Polish	4%
7. Scottish	14%
8. Swedish	4%
9. American	39%
10. Norwegian	2%
11. Canadian	1%
12. Spanish (Spain)	7%
13. Cuban	0%
14. Puerto Rican	2%
15. Dominican	0%
16. El Salvadorian	0%
17. Honduran	0%
18. Guatemalan	0%
19. Nicaraguan	0%
20. Mexican	16%
21. Other Central America	0%
22. South America	1%
23. Other	20%

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

1. White	62%
2. African American	12%
3. Hispanic or Latino	19%
4. Asian/Pacific Islander	1%
5. Native American	2%
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. DK	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	89%
2. Born in another country	11%

NATIVE2. **[Ask NATIVE2 if answer 1 on NATIVE1]** Were your parents born in the United States or Puerto Rico, or another country?

- Both of my parents were born in

- | | |
|--|-----|
| the United States or Puerto Rico | 73% |
| 2. One of my parents was born in another country | 14% |
| 3. Both of my parents were both in another country | 13% |

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

- | | |
|---------|-----|
| 1. Own | 73% |
| 2. Rent | 26% |

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Single | 21% |
| 2. Married | 57% |
| 3. Divorced | 10% |
| 4. Separated | 2% |
| 5. Widowed | 6% |
| 6. Domestic Relationship | 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 | 39% |
| 2. John McCain | 46% |
| 3. Someone else | 4% |
| 4. Did not vote | 11% |