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**Texas Statewide Survey - Full Summary**

Field Dates: February 8-15, 2012

N=800 Adults

Margin of error: +/- 3.46% unless otherwise noted

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**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	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%

## Most Important Problem

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

1. The economy	30%
2. Unemployment/jobs	10%
3. Federal spending/national debt	17%
4. Political corruption/leadership	11%
5. Health care	4%
6. Moral decline	5%
7. National security/terrorism	1%
8. Immigration	3%
9. Taxes	1%
10. Gas prices	3%
11. Energy	0%
12. Gay marriage	0%
13. Education	3%
14. Social welfare programs	1%
15. Environment	1%
16. The media	0%
17. Abortion	0%
18. Crime and drugs	0%
19. Afghanistan/Pakistan	0%
20. Housing	0%
21. Iraq	0%
22. Federal courts/nominees	0%
23. Foreign trade	0%
24. Voting system	0%
25. Border security	1%
26. Partisan gridlock	3%
27. Income inequality	3%

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

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

### 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?

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 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%  |

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               | 13% |
| 2. Approve somewhat               | 25% |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 15% |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat            | 15% |
| 5. Disapprove strongly            | 30% |
| 6. Don't know                     | 2%  |

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 | 28% |
| 2. Wrong track     | 61% |
| 3. Don't know      | 11% |

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 | 25% |
| 3. About the same      | 30% |
| 4. Somewhat worse off  | 19% |
| 5. A lot worse off     | 20% |
| 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 | 43% |
| 2. Wrong track     | 38% |
| 3. Don't know      | 19% |

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 | 16% |
| 3. About the same      | 45% |
| 4. Somewhat worse off  | 23% |
| 5. A lot worse off     | 11% |
| 6. Don't know          | 1%  |

## 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?

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|------------------------------------|-----|
| 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%)**

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| 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%):**

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| 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%

Q17. **[Ask if Q13=1]** If the 2012 Republican primary election for U.S. 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 1-10]** (n=366 ;MOE=+/-5.12%)

1. David Dewhurst	38%
2. Ted Cruz	27%
3. Tom Leppert	7%
4. Curt Cleaver	0%
5. Glenn Addison	1%
6. Charles Holcomb	0%
7. Craig James	7%
8. Lela Pittenger	1%
9. Another Republican candidate	19%

Likely Voters (n=296 ;MOE=+/-5.70%):

1. David Dewhurst	38%
2. Ted Cruz	29%
3. Tom Leppert	7%
4. Curt Cleaver	0%
5. Glenn Addison	2%
6. Charles Holcomb	0%
7. Craig James	7%
8. Lela Pittenger	1%
9. Another Republican candidate	16%

Q18. **[Ask if Q13=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 1-5] (n=361 ;MOE=+/-5.16%)**

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Susan Combs                  | 27% |
| 2. Todd Staples                 | 8%  |
| 3. Jerry Patterson              | 8%  |
| 4. Dan Branch                   | 3%  |
| 5. Dan Patrick                  | 20% |
| 6. Another Republican candidate | 34% |

Likely Voters(n=293 ;MOE=+/-5.73%)

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Susan Combs                  | 27% |
| 2. Todd Staples                 | 9%  |
| 3. Jerry Patterson              | 8%  |
| 4. Dan Branch                   | 2%  |
| 5. Dan Patrick                  | 22% |
| 6. Another Republican candidate | 30% |

Q19. **[Ask if Q13=2]** If the 2012 Democratic primary election for U.S. 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 1-5] (n=255 ;MOE=+/-6.14%)**

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Sean Hubbard                 | 12% |
| 2. Addie Dainell Allen          | 10% |
| 3. Paul Sadler                  | 10% |
| 4. John Morton                  | 3%  |
| 5. Daniel Boone                 | 10% |
| 6. Another Democratic candidate | 55% |

Likely Voters (n=172 ;MOE=+/-7.47%)

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Sean Hubbard                 | 13% |
| 2. Addie Dainell Allen          | 12% |
| 3. Paul Sadler                  | 13% |
| 4. John Morton                  | 3%  |
| 5. Daniel Boone                 | 10% |
| 6. Another Democratic candidate | 50% |

**[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]**

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

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

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| 1. Newt Gingrich   | 49% |
| 2. Barack Obama  | 38% |
| 3. Someone else  | 12% |
| 4. Haven't thought about it<br>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]**

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

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

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|--|-----|
| 1. Mitt Romney   | 49% |
| 2. Barack Obama  | 36% |
| 3. Someone else  | 13% |
| 4. Haven't thought about it<br>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]**

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

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

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|--|-----|
| 1. Rick Santorum   | 51% |
| 2. Barack Obama  | 37% |
| 3. Someone else  | 10% |
| 4. Haven't thought about it<br>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]**

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

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

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|--|-----|
| 1. Ron Paul  | 44% |
| 2. Barack Obama  | 35% |
| 3. Someone else  | 18% |
| 4. Haven't thought about it<br>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.

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 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.

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 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.

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 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.

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 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.

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 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%  |

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

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very favorable                    | 15% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable                | 20% |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 13% |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable              | 14% |
| 5. Very unfavorable                  | 35% |
| 6. Don't know/No Opinion             | 3%  |

Q30. 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? **[Randomize 1-2]**

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|--|-----|
| 1. Republican candidate                                  | 44% |
| 2. Democratic candidate                                  | 36% |
| 3. Someone else  | 3%  |
| 4. Haven't thought about it<br>enough to have an opinion | 17% |

Q31. If Rick Perry were to run for reelection in the 2014 Gubernatorial election, how likely would you be to vote for him...

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very likely           | 21% |
| 2. Somewhat likely       | 18% |
| 3. Somewhat unlikely     | 9%  |
| 4. Very unlikely         | 42% |
| 5. Don't Know/No opinion | 10% |

Q32. 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 | 16% |
| 2. Democratic candidate | 37% |
| 3. Tea Party candidate  | 22% |
| 4. Don't know           | 25% |

Q33. 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            | 30% |
| 2. Too little influence          | 29% |
| 3. The right amount of influence | 18% |
| 4. Don't know                    | 22% |

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?

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

### Political Traits

Q35. Regardless of how you view Rick Perry, do you think that his recent candidacy for president helped, hurt, or had no effect on Texas's image among voters outside of the state.

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Helped Texas's image           | 6%  |
| 2. Hurt Texas's image             | 55% |
| 3. Had no effect on Texas's image | 30% |
| 4. Don't know                     | 9%  |

### [Randomize Q36 and Q37]

People can prefer a candidate for a variety of different reasons...

Q36. How important is it for you that a candidate represents your racial or ethnic background?

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very important        | 12% |
| 2. Somewhat important    | 13% |
| 3. Not at all important  | 69% |
| 4. Don't Know/No Opinion | 5%  |

Q37. How important is it for you that a candidate shares your positions on issues?

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very important        | 74% |
| 2. Somewhat important    | 21% |
| 3. Not at all important  | 0%  |
| 4. Don't Know/No Opinion | 4%  |

### Policy Questions

Q38. 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 | 20% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 26% |
| 3. Somewhat oppose  | 16% |
| 4. Strongly oppose  | 29% |

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| 5. Don't know | 9% |
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Q39. What should be the priority for U.S. immigration policy? Should it be to allow new immigrants who already have family members living in the U.S., or to allow new immigrants who already have useful job skills?

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| 1. Immigrants with family members living in U.S. | 26% |
| 2. Immigrants with useful job skills             | 41% |
| 3. Don't know                                    | 33% |

Q40. What is your opinion on the availability of abortion?

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| 1. By law, abortion should never be permitted.   | 15% |
| 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. | 12% |
| 4. By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice.   | 38% |
| 5. Don't know  | 6%  |

Q41. Do you believe that the government has a responsibility to provide many, some, few, or no social services for the poor?

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|---|-----|
| 1. The government has a responsibility to provide MANY social services. | 23% |
| 2. The government has a responsibility to provide SOME social services. | 38% |
| 3. The government has a responsibility to provide FEW social services.  | 26% |
| 4. The government has a responsibility to provide NO social services.   | 8%  |
| 5. Don't know   | 5%  |

Q42 Every ten years states redraw the boundaries of congressional and legislative districts based on new Census figures in a process called redistricting. Currently the state legislature and governor are primarily responsible for redistricting. Would you favor or oppose taking redistricting authority from the legislature and governor, giving it instead to an independent, appointed commission?

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|---------------|-----|
| 1. Favor      | 42% |
| 2. Oppose     | 27% |
| 3. Don't know | 30% |

Q43. What is your opinion on gay marriage or civil unions?

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| 1. Gays and lesbians should have the right to marry.                         | 31% |
| 2. Gays and lesbians should have the right to civil unions but not marriage. | 29% |
| 3. Gays and lesbians should not have the right to civil unions or marriage.  | 33% |
| 4. Don't know  | 7%  |

**[Randomize Q44 and Q45]**

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    | 47% |
| 2. Disapprove | 37% |
| 3. Don't know | 16% |

Q45. 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 | 52% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 25% |
| 3. Somewhat oppose  | 10% |
| 4. Strongly oppose  | 9%  |
| 5. Don't know       | 5%  |

**[Randomize Q46 and Q47]**

Q46. Do you think people who are less well off are envious of rich people?

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Yes                   | 51% |
| 2. No                    | 29% |
| 3. Don't know/No opinion | 19% |

Q47. Generally speaking, do you think that rich people pay their fair share of taxes?

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Yes                   | 39% |
| 2. No                    | 53% |
| 3. Don't know/No opinion | 8%  |

Q48. Which of the following is closer to your opinion: Most rich people are wealthy...**[Randomize 1-2]**

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|--|-----|
| 1. Because they know the right people or were born into wealthy families | 21% |
| 2. Because of their own hard work, ambition, or education                | 24% |
| 3. Both equally  | 53% |
| 4. Neither   | 2%  |

### 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?

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|---------------------|-----|
| 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?

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|----------------------------|-----|
| 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?

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|---------------------|-----|
| 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?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 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)

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

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| 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?

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| 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?

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

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

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| 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?

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| 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%
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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?

1. 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%