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**Texas Statewide Survey**

Field Dates: October 30 to November 8, 2015

N=1200 Adults

Margin of error: +/- 2.83% (3.28% adjusted for weighting) 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	47%
2. Somewhat interested	41
3. Not very interested	8
4. Not at all interested	3
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	36%
2. Almost every election	33
3. About half	12
4. One or two	10
5. None	8
6. Don't know	1

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\*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%.

## Political Figures and Elections

*[For Q16A-Q16B and Q17A-Q17B, after indicating their first choice, respondents were asked, “Of the remaining possible candidates, who would be your second choice, or have you not thought about it enough to have an opinion?”]*

Q16A. **[ASK IF Q15=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 1-15]**

(n=542, MOE is +/- 4.21%; MOE is +/- 4.72% when adjusted for weighting)

	First Choice	Second Choice
1. Ted Cruz	27%	19%
2. Donald Trump	27	15
3. Ben Carson	13	19
4. Marco Rubio	9	10
5. Jeb Bush	4	6
6. Rand Paul	4	3
7. Carly Fiorina	4	7
8. Mike Huckabee	2	5
9. Chris Christie	1	4
10. Rick Santorum	1	1
11. John Kasich	1	2
12. Bobby Jindal	0	1
13. Lindsey Graham	0	0
14. George Pataki	0	1
15. Jim Gilmore	0	0
16. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion	5	7

Q16C. **[ASK IF Q15=1]** Are there any of these candidates for the Republican nomination for president whom you would definitely not support? **[REMOVE CHOICE FROM Q16 AND Q16A. RANDOMIZE REMAINING CHOICES]** **[GRID AND SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]**

1. Jeb Bush	25%
2. Lindsey Graham	22
3. George Pataki	20
4. Chris Christie	18
5. Jim Gilmore	18
6. Donald Trump	16
7. John Kasich	16
8. Rand Paul	15
9. Rick Santorum	14
10. Mike Huckabee	11
11. Bobby Jindal	10
12. Marco Rubio	9
13. Carly Fiorina	9
14. Ted Cruz	8
15. Ben Carson	7

Q17A. **[ASK IF Q15=2]** If the 2016 Democratic primary election for president were held today, which of the following possible candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-4]**

(n=459, MOE is +/- 4.57%; MOE is +/- 5.76% when adjusted for weighting)

	First Choice	Second Choice
1. Hillary Clinton	61%	18%
2. Bernie Sanders	30	27
3. Martin O'Malley	1	13
4. Lawrence Lessig	0	5
5. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion	7	37

Q17C. **[ASK IF Q15=2]** Are there any of these candidates for the Democratic nomination for president whom you would definitely not support? **[REMOVE CHOICE FROM Q17 AND Q17A. RANDOMIZE REMAINING CHOICES]** **[GRID AND SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]**

1. Lawrence Lessig	6
2. Hillary Clinton	5
3. Bernie Sanders	5
4. Martin O'Malley	4

**[RANDOMIZE Q20-Q24]**

Q20. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Ted Cruz.

	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Don't Know/No Opinion
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	25	16	12	9	29	8
<b>June 2015</b>	22	18	15	8	29	7
<b>Feb. 2015</b>	26	15	12	8	28	10
<b>Oct. 2014</b>	26	18	11	8	28	8
<b>June 2014</b>	29	17	10	6	28	11
<b>Feb. 2014</b>	29	14	10	8	29	10
<b>Oct. 2013</b>	23	15	14	6	31	10
<b>June 2013</b>	26	14	13	7	24	17

Q21. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of John Cornyn.

1. Very favorable 6%
2. Somewhat favorable 20
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 24
4. Somewhat unfavorable 14
5. Very unfavorable 18
6. Don't know/no opinion 18

Q22. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Greg Abbott.

	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Don't Know/No Opinion
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	23	21	17	11	19	10
<b>June 2015</b>	24	24	15	9	20	7
<b>Feb. 2015</b>	25	21	16	9	19	10
<b>Oct. 2014</b>	23	24	12	11	23	8
<b>June 2014</b>	25	20	15	7	18	15
<b>Feb. 2014</b>	23	22	15	9	16	16
<b>Oct. 2013</b>	16	20	23	11	13	18
<b>June 2013</b>	12	17	20	9	11	31

Q23. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Donald Trump.

1. Very favorable 16%
2. Somewhat favorable 18
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 12
4. Somewhat unfavorable 12
5. Very unfavorable 39
6. Don't know/no opinion 3

Q24. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Hillary Clinton.

1. Very favorable	15%
2. Somewhat favorable	19
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	7
4. Somewhat unfavorable	9
5. Very unfavorable	47
6. Don't know/no opinion	3

**[RANDOMIZE Q25-Q26]**

Q25. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the Democratic Party.

1. Very favorable	12%
2. Somewhat favorable	20
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	12
4. Somewhat unfavorable	13
5. Very unfavorable	39
6. Don't know/no opinion	4

Q26. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the Republican Party.

1. Very favorable	8%
2. Somewhat favorable	22
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	17
4. Somewhat unfavorable	20
5. Very unfavorable	29
6. Don't know/no opinion	5

## Policy Questions

Q42. How much have you heard or read about Hillary Clinton's use of a personal email address and server for work-related matters while she was Secretary of State?

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|-------------------|-----|
| 1. A lot          | 57% |
| 2. Some           | 28  |
| 3. Not very much  | 8   |
| 4. Nothing at all | 4   |
| 5. Don't know     | 2   |

Q43. **[ASK IF Q44 EQ 1,2, or 3]** Has Hillary Clinton's use of a personal email address and server for work while she was Secretary of State made your opinion of her better, made your opinion worse, or has this not affected your opinion of Hillary Clinton?

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|---------------|----|
| 1. Better     | 5% |
| 2. Worse      | 49 |
| 3. No effect  | 44 |
| 4. Don't know | 2  |

## Political Knowledge

### [Randomize INFO1-INFO4]

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

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Republican Party | 77% |
| 2. Democratic Party | 10  |
| 3. Neither          | 2   |
| 4. Don't know       | 11  |

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 | 12 |
| 4. Don't know              | 13 |

INFO3. Which presidential candidate is currently a U.S. Senator from Florida? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

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|-------------------|----|
| 1. Rick Santorum  | 4% |
| 2. Marco Rubio    | 65 |
| 3. Rand Paul      | 3  |
| 4. Lindsey Graham | 2  |
| 5. Don't know     | 27 |

INFO4. Which presidential candidate is currently the governor of Ohio? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

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|-------------------|-----|
| 1. John Kasich    | 59% |
| 2. Chris Christie | 6   |
| 3. Jeb Bush       | 3   |
| 4. Bobby Jindal   | 3   |
| 5. Don't know     | 29  |

INFO5. Which of the following presidential candidates had a former career as a neurosurgeon? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

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|------------------|----|
| 1. Scott Walker  | 1% |
| 2. Mike Huckabee | 1  |
| 3. Ben Carson    | 78 |
| 4. Carly Fiorina | 1  |
| 5. Don't know    | 18 |

## Political Orientation

We're almost done. Now we just have a few basic questions for statistical purposes.

LIBCON. On a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 is extremely liberal, 7 is extremely conservative, and 4 is exactly in the middle, where would you place yourself? **[Wording on scale: (1) "Extremely liberal," (4) "In the middle," (7) "Extremely conservative"]**

1. Extremely liberal	6%
2. Somewhat liberal	10
3. Lean liberal	6
4. In the middle	29
5. Lean conservative	11
6. Somewhat conservative	21
7. Extremely conservative	17

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

1. Democrat	40%
2. Independent	11
3. Republican	49

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

1. Strong Democrat	18%
2. Not very strong Democrat	13
3. Lean Democrat	9
4. Independent	11
5. Lean Republican	14
6. Not very strong Republican	12
7. Strong Republican	22

## Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29	16%
2. 30-44	24
3. 45-64	37
4. 65 and up	22

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

1. Urban	29%
2. Suburban	52
3. Rural	19

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.       | 23% |
| 2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area | 26  |
| 3. Yes, I live in the San Antonio area    | 13  |
| 4. Yes, I live in the Austin area         | 9   |
| 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          | 16% |
| 2. Two          | 12  |
| 3. Three        | 6   |
| 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.   | 20% |
| 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. | 2   |
| 4. No, I do not have any children under 18 in school in Texas.                 | 76  |

JT1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following about how you view life's uncertainties: "I really dislike not knowing what is going to happen."

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|-------------------------------|----|
| 1. Totally disagree           | 5% |
| 2.                            | 5  |
| 3.                            | 7  |
| 4. Neither disagree nor agree | 32 |
| 5.                            | 18 |
| 6.                            | 15 |
| 7. Totally Agree              | 18 |

JT2. In general people often face risks when making financial, career or other life decisions. Overall, how would you place yourself on the following scale?

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|---|----|
| 1. Extremely uncomfortable taking risks               | 6  |
| 2.  | 10 |
| 3.  | 21 |
| 4. Neither comfortable nor uncomfortable taking risks | 32 |
| 5.  | 21 |
| 6.  | 6  |
| 7. Extremely comfortable taking risks                 | 4  |

JT3. We are interested in you and your family's economic security. By economic security we mean your security in being able to keep your job, maintain your income, have health insurance coverage, and retire comfortably. Overall, how satisfied are you about your economic security?

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|---------------------------|----|
| 1. Extremely dissatisfied | 11 |
| 2.                        | 10 |
| 3.                        | 18 |

4. Neither dissatisfied nor satisfied	24
5.	17
6.	12
7. Extremely satisfied	7

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

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

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

1. Less than high school	9%
2. High school degree	25
3. Some college	25
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	29%
2. No	71

RELIG1. What is your primary religious affiliation, if any? **[No open response on “other”]**

1. Agnostic	4%
<b>2. Assembly of God*</b>	<b>2</b>
3. Atheist	4
<b>4. Baptist*</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>5. Born again</b>	<b>2</b>
6. Buddhist	1
<b>7. Catholic*</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>8. Christian Scientist*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>9. Church of Christ*</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>10. Church of God*</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>11. Disciples of Christ*</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>12. Episcopal/Anglican*</b>	<b>1</b>
13. Evangelical	1
14. Hindu	1
15. Jehovah's Witnesses	1
16. Jewish	1
<b>17. Lutheran*</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>18. Methodist*</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>19. Mormon*</b>	<b>1</b>
20. Muslim/Islam	1
<b>21. Nondenominational Christian*</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>22. Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>23. Pentecostal/charismatic/spirit-filled*</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>24. Presbyterian*</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>25. Protestant (non-specific)*</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>26. Reformed*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>27. Unitarian/Universalist*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>28. United Church of Christ*</b>	<b>0</b>
29. Religious but not spiritual	0
30. Spiritual but not religious	7
31. No religious affiliation/none	7
<b>32. Other*</b>	<b>3</b>
33. Don't know	1

RELIG2. What is your secondary religious affiliation, if any? **[No open response on “other”]**

1. Agnostic	2%
<b>2. Assembly of God*</b>	<b>1</b>
3. Atheist	1
<b>4. Baptist*</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>5. Born again</b>	<b>6</b>
6. Buddhist	0
<b>7. Catholic*</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>8. Christian Scientist*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>9. Church of Christ*</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>10. Church of God*</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>11. Disciples of Christ*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>12. Episcopal/Anglican*</b>	<b>1</b>
13. Evangelical	1
14. Hindu	0
15. Jehovah’s Witnesses	0
16. Jewish	1
<b>17. Lutheran*</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>18. Methodist*</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>19. Mormon*</b>	<b>0</b>
20. Muslim/Islam	0
<b>21. Nondenominational Christian*</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>22. Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>23. Pentecostal/charismatic/spirit-filled*</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>24. Presbyterian*</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>25. Protestant (non-specific)*</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>26. Reformed*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>27. Unitarian/Universalist*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>28. United Church of Christ*</b>	<b>0</b>
29. Religious but not spiritual	2
30. Spiritual but not religious	7
31. No religious affiliation/none	30
<b>32. Other*</b>	<b>6</b>
33. Don’t know	12

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.	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?

1. Extremely important	46%
2. Somewhat important	30
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?

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. More than once a week | 14% |
| 2. Once a week           | 22  |
| 3. A few times a month   | 11  |
| 4. Once or twice a year  | 24  |
| 5. Never                 | 29  |

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. White                  | 61% |
| 2. African American       | 13  |
| 3. Hispanic or Latino     | 22  |
| 4. Asian/Pacific Islander | 1   |
| 5. Native American        | 1   |
| 6. Multi-racial           | 1   |
| 7. Other                  | 1   |

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

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|---------------|----|
| 1. Yes        | 4% |
| 2. No         | 95 |
| 3. Don't know | 1  |

NATIVE1. **[Ask if RACE = "Hispanic or Latino"]** Were you born in the United States or Puerto Rico, or in another country?

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|---|-----|
| 1. Born in the United States or Puerto Rico | 87% |
| 2. Born in another country                  | 13  |
| 3. Don't know                               | 1   |

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

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|---|-----|
| 1. Both of my parents were born in the United States or Puerto Rico | 58% |
| 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 | 41% |
| 2. No  | 59  |

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

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

50. Wyoming 0

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

1. Own	72%
2. Rent	28

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

1. Married	56%
2. Separated	2
3. Divorced	9
4. Widowed	5
5. Single	23
6. Domestic Partnership	5

GENDER. What is your gender?

1. Male	47%
2. Female	53