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**Texas Statewide Survey**

Field Dates: February 12 to February 19, 2016

N=1200 Adults

Margin of error: +/- 2.83% (3.49% 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%

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 50%
- 2. Somewhat interested 37
- 3. Not very interested 9
- 4. Not at all interested 3
- 5. Don't know 1

Q3B. 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 36
- 3. About half 10
- 4. One or two 10
- 5. None 10
- 6. Don't know 1

Q3A. Did you vote in any of the following recent elections? **[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS: "Yes, voted", "No", "Don't remember"]**

	Yes	No	Don't Remember
2014 General Election	74	20	7
2014 Democratic or Republican Primary Election	63	29	7
2012 General Election	74	18	8
2012 Democratic or Republican Primary Election	62	29	9

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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%.

***[Prior to the beginning of early voting, respondents were not given the option to state that they had “already voted” in either the Democratic or Republican Primary.]***

Q3C. If the 2016 primary elections for President were held today, would you vote in the Republican primary, the Democratic primary, wouldn't you vote in either primary, or have you already voted in the Republican or Democratic Primary?

1. Would vote in Republican primary	43%
2. Would vote in Democratic primary	37
3. Already voted in Republican primary	1
4. Already voted in Democratic primary	1
5. Wouldn't vote in a primary	8
6. Don't know	10

***[Q3E was only asked of respondents who indicated that they “Would vote” in either the Republican or Democratic Primary]***

Q3E. On a 0-10 scale, please rate how likely you are to vote in the upcoming March primary elections: 10 means you are absolutely certain to vote, 0 means you will definitely NOT vote, and 5 means you may or may not vote.

1. 0	0%
2. 1	0
3. 2	0
4. 3	0
5. 4	1
6. 5	2
7. 6	2
8. 7	6
9. 8	10
10. 9	11
11. 10	65
12. Don't know	3

## Most Important Problem

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

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

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

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

## Retrospective Assessments

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

	<b>Approve strongly</b>	<b>Approve somewhat</b>	<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>Disapprove somewhat</b>	<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Feb. 2016	17	23	9	8	42	1
Nov. 2015	17	19	9	8	46	1
June 2015	17	18	10	10	45	1
Feb. 2015	17	20	9	8	46	1
Oct. 2014	14	22	7	9	48	1
June 2014	17	20	6	8	48	1
Feb. 2014	15	19	9	11	44	1
Oct. 2013	17	20	8	8	46	1
June 2013	19	24	7	8	42	1
Feb. 2013	21	18	6	7	46	1
Oct. 2012	19	21	6	9	44	3
May 2012	17	19	10	8	46	1
Feb. 2012	19	20	5	6	49	1
Oct. 2011	15	18	9	8	49	1
May 2011	20	15	9	9	46	1
Feb. 2011	15	21	8	9	46	1
Oct. 2010	14	21	4	6	53	1
Sep. 2010	13	21	7	8	50	1
May 2010	19	16	6	8	50	1
Feb. 2010	21	20	7	10	40	2
Oct. 2009	21	20	7	8	44	0
June 2009	22	21	11	11	35	0
Feb. 2009	29	16	13	12	30	0

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

	<b>Approve strongly</b>	<b>Approve somewhat</b>	<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>Disapprove somewhat</b>	<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Feb. 2016	2	10	17	24	43	4
Nov. 2015	2	8	17	25	46	3
June 2015	2	13	21	26	36	2
Feb. 2015	3	17	19	24	34	3
Oct. 2014	2	12	13	30	41	2
June 2014	3	8	15	24	48	3
Feb. 2014	3	8	15	23	49	2
Oct. 2013	2	6	12	21	56	3
June 2013	2	10	16	23	46	2
Feb. 2013	3	11	12	23	48	3
Oct. 2012	1	10	18	26	43	3
May 2012	1	9	15	23	48	3
Feb. 2012	1	10	14	26	47	2
Oct. 2011	2	9	10	26	51	2
May 2011	1	15	20	27	35	3
Feb. 2011	2	17	19	26	33	4
Oct. 2009	2	12	11	22	49	4
June 2009	2	18	22	22	36	0
Feb. 2009	4	22	22	15	37	0

Q8A. How would you rate the job Greg Abbott has done as governor? Would you say that you...

	<b>Approve strongly</b>	<b>Approve somewhat</b>	<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>Disapprove somewhat</b>	<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	18	23	24	9	20	6
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	20	22	21	10	19	7
<b>June 2015</b>	22	24	28	8	16	15

Q8B. How would you rate the job Dan Patrick has done as lieutenant governor? Would you say that you...

	<b>Approve strongly</b>	<b>Approve somewhat</b>	<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>Disapprove somewhat</b>	<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	8	19	30	7	20	16
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	10	19	28	9	17	16
<b>June 2015</b>	13	19	28	8	16	15

Q8C. How would you rate the job Joe Straus has done as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives? Would you say that you...

	<b>Approve strongly</b>	<b>Approve somewhat</b>	<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>Disapprove somewhat</b>	<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	4	16	35	7	13	25
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	4	16	32	8	14	25

Q9A. How would you rate the job Ted Cruz has done as U.S. Senator? Would you say that you...

	<b>Approve strongly</b>	<b>Approve somewhat</b>	<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>Disapprove somewhat</b>	<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	18	19	15	10	32	6
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	27	17	11	9	28	9

Q9B. How would you rate the job John Cornyn has done as U.S. Senator? Would you say that you...

	<b>Approve strongly</b>	<b>Approve somewhat</b>	<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>Disapprove somewhat</b>	<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	7	20	26	14	18	15
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	7	20	22	16	18	16

Q10. 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?

	<b>Right Track</b>	<b>Wrong Track</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	22	66	12
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	22	68	10
<b>June 2015</b>	23	64	14
<b>Feb. 2015</b>	26	59	15
<b>Oct. 2014</b>	25	65	10
<b>June 2014</b>	23	65	13
<b>Feb. 2014</b>	25	63	12
<b>Oct. 2013</b>	20	69	11
<b>June 2013</b>	28	60	11
<b>Feb. 2013</b>	29	62	9
<b>Oct. 2012</b>	31	58	11
<b>May 2012</b>	25	61	14
<b>Feb. 2012</b>	28	61	11
<b>Oct. 2011</b>	14	75	11
<b>May 2011</b>	24	63	14
<b>Feb. 2011</b>	26	59	15
<b>Oct. 2010</b>	25	64	11
<b>Sep. 2010</b>	26	63	12
<b>May 2010</b>	27	62	11
<b>Feb. 2010</b>	31	56	13
<b>Oct. 2009</b>	35	59	10

Q11. 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?

	<b>A lot better off</b>	<b>Somewhat better off</b>	<b>About the same</b>	<b>Somewhat worse off</b>	<b>A lot worse off</b>	<b>Don't Know/No Opinion</b>
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	8	22	27	25	15	3
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	7	25	28	23	14	3
<b>June 2015</b>	7	24	33	21	13	3
<b>Feb. 2015</b>	11	25	33	18	11	3
<b>Oct. 2014</b>	6	25	30	23	14	2
<b>June 2014</b>	7	24	26	25	16	2
<b>Feb. 2014</b>	5	24	28	23	17	2
<b>Oct. 2013</b>	5	20	25	25	24	1
<b>June 2013</b>	7	28	31	18	15	1
<b>Oct. 2012</b>	7	25	25	19	23	1
<b>May 2012</b>	4	24	29	20	19	4
<b>Feb. 2012</b>	4	25	30	19	20	2
<b>Oct. 2011</b>	2	12	25	28	31	2
<b>May 2011</b>	2	20	26	24	25	3
<b>Feb. 2011</b>	3	24	30	24	17	2
<b>Oct. 2010</b>	3	19	20	23	33	3
<b>Sep. 2010</b>	3	20	21	20	34	2
<b>May 2010</b>	5	23	24	15	32	1
<b>Feb. 2010</b>	3	25	19	23	29	1
<b>Oct. 2009</b>	5	19	16	23	36	1

Q12. 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?

	<b>Right Track</b>	<b>Wrong Track</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	42	37	21
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	45	36	19
<b>June 2015</b>	50	32	18
<b>Feb. 2015</b>	50	30	20
<b>Oct. 2014</b>	48	35	18
<b>June 2014</b>	49	33	17
<b>Feb. 2014</b>	45	35	20
<b>Oct. 2013</b>	42	39	19
<b>June 2013</b>	50	32	18
<b>Feb. 2013</b>	45	39	16
<b>Oct. 2012</b>	43	34	23
<b>May 2012</b>	38	42	21
<b>Feb. 2012</b>	43	38	19
<b>Oct. 2011</b>	39	43	18
<b>May 2011</b>	36	48	16
<b>Feb. 2011</b>	41	41	18
<b>Oct. 2010</b>	45	37	18
<b>Sep. 2010</b>	43	38	18
<b>May 2010</b>	45	38	17
<b>Feb. 2010</b>	43	37	20
<b>Oct. 2009</b>	38	39	23

Q13. 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?

	<b>A lot better off</b>	<b>Somewhat better off</b>	<b>About the same</b>	<b>Somewhat worse off</b>	<b>A lot worse off</b>	<b>Don't Know/No Opinion</b>
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	5	20	45	19	9	2
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	5	18	45	23	7	1
<b>June 2015</b>	5	21	48	17	7	2
<b>Feb. 2015</b>	6	21	44	21	7	2
<b>Oct. 2014</b>	5	22	42	23	7	1
<b>June 2014</b>	6	21	42	21	8	2
<b>Feb. 2014</b>	5	20	43	22	9	1
<b>Oct. 2013</b>	5	17	41	23	12	2
<b>June 2013</b>	6	19	44	23	7	1
<b>Oct. 2012</b>	6	17	43	23	11	1
<b>May 2012</b>	4	15	48	19	13	2
<b>Feb. 2012</b>	4	16	45	23	11	1
<b>Oct. 2011</b>	3	13	40	28	15	1
<b>May 2011</b>	2	16	40	25	16	2
<b>Feb. 2011</b>	3	17	45	24	11	1
<b>Oct. 2010</b>	3	16	38	27	14	2
<b>Sep. 2010</b>	3	17	39	26	14	1
<b>May 2010</b>	4	16	42	25	13	1
<b>Feb. 2010</b>	3	14	41	29	12	2
<b>Oct. 2009</b>	3	14	39	27	16	1



Q14. Compared to a year ago, would you say that the Texas economy is a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

	<b>A lot better off</b>	<b>Somewhat better off</b>	<b>About the same</b>	<b>Somewhat worse off</b>	<b>A lot worse off</b>	<b>Don't Know/No Opinion</b>
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	4	22	41	23	5	4
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	4	25	41	20	5	5
<b>June 2015</b>	5	28	44	14	4	4
<b>Feb. 2015</b>	6	26	47	14	3	4
<b>Oct. 2014</b>	9	32	40	12	4	3
<b>Oct. 2012</b>	4	21	51	16	5	3

## Political Figures and Elections

**[For Q15 and Q16, respondents who had not yet voted were asked the questions as presented. If a respondent indicated that they hadn't thought about it enough to have an opinion, they received a follow-up questions: "If you had to make a choice, who would you choose?" For those who indicated that they had already voted in the Democratic or Republican Primary, the question prompt was as follows: "In the 2016 Republican/Democratic primary election for president, which of the following candidates did you vote for?" Among respondents who had already voted, if they refused to provide their vote choice, they were asked again with the following prompt: "We would like to include your response to this question, which will be kept absolutely confidential, with the responses of several hundred other Texans like you" and asked again for whom they had voted. Finally, for Q15A and Q16A, respondents were determined to be likely voters if they indicated that they are "Extremely" or "Somewhat" interested in politics and public affairs on Q2 AND indicated that they vote in "Every" or "Almost every" election in Q3B.]**

Q15. If the 2016 Republican primary election for president were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for? **[Randomize 1-13]**

*(n=526; MOE is +/- 4.27%; MOE is +/- 4.92% when adjusted for weighting)*

1. Ted Cruz	34%
2. Donald J. Trump	31
3. Marco Rubio	14
4. Jeb Bush	7
5. John R. Kasich	5
6. Ben Carson	6
7. Rand Paul	2
8. Carly Fiorina	1
9. Rick Santorum	0
10. Elizabeth Gray	1
11. Lindsey Graham	0
12. Mike Huckabee	1
13. Chris Christie	0

Q15A. *Among likely Republican primary voters*

*(n=407, MOE is +/- 4.86%; MOE is +/- 5.05% when adjusted for weighting)*

14. Ted Cruz	37%
15. Donald J. Trump	29
16. Marco Rubio	15
17. Jeb Bush	6
18. John R. Kasich	5
19. Ben Carson	4
20. Rand Paul	2
21. Carly Fiorina	1
22. Rick Santorum	1
23. Elizabeth Gray	1
24. Lindsey Graham	0
25. Mike Huckabee	0
26. Chris Christie	0

Q16. **[ASK IF Q3C OR Q3D EQ 2]** If the 2016 Democratic primary election for president were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for? **[Randomize 1-8]**

(n=460; MOE is +/- 4.57%; MOE is +/- 5.83% when adjusted for weighting)

- 1. Hillary Clinton 57%
- 2. Bernie Sanders 40
- 3. Martin J. O'Malley 1
- 4. Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente 2
- 5. Willie L. Wilson 1
- 6. Star Locke 0
- 7. Keith Judd 0
- 8. Calvis L. Hawes 0

Q16A. *Among likely Democratic primary voters*

(n=324, MOE is +/- 5.44%; MOE is +/- 5.99% when adjusted for weighting)

- 9. Hillary Clinton 54%
- 10. Bernie Sanders 44
- 11. Martin J. O'Malley 1
- 12. Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente 1
- 13. Willie L. Wilson 1
- 14. Star Locke 0
- 15. Keith Judd 0
- 16. Calvis L. Hawes 0

**[Q17 was only asked of respondents who indicated that they hadn't yet voted in the Democratic or Republican Primary, but intended to vote in one or the other.]**

Q17. You said that you would vote for **[INSERT RESPONSE FROM Q15 OR Q16]**, how certain are you about this choice?

*Among likely primary voters*

(n=731, MOE is +/- 3.62%; MOE is +/- 4.65% when adjusted for weighting)

- 1. Extremely certain 60%
- 2. Somewhat certain 34
- 3. Not very certain 4
- 4. Not at all certain 1

	Extremely certain	Somewhat certain	Not very certain	Not at all certain
<b>Bush voters</b>	22	43	24	11
<b>Cruz voters</b>	67	30	3	0
<b>Trump voters</b>	68	29	2	1
<b>Rubio voters</b>	41	49	10	0
<b>Kasich voters</b>	27	68	5	0
<b>Carson voters</b>	29	50	21	0
<b>Clinton voters</b>	69	29	2	0
<b>Sanders voters</b>	62	33	3	2

Q18. 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 | 22% |
| 2. Democratic candidate | 36  |
| 3. Tea Party candidate  | 12  |
| 4. Don't know           | 29  |

Q19. 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            | 33% |
| 2. Too little influence          | 23  |
| 3. The right amount of influence | 17  |
| 4. Don't know                    | 27  |

**[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.

	<b>Very Favorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Favorable</b>	<b>Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Unfavorable</b>	<b>Very Unfavorable</b>	<b>Don't Know/No Opinion</b>
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	16	20	13	11	37	5
<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 Donald Trump.

	<b>Very Favorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Favorable</b>	<b>Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Unfavorable</b>	<b>Very Unfavorable</b>	<b>Don't Know/No Opinion</b>
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	13	16	9	15	44	2
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	16	18	12	12	39	3

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

1. Very favorable	3%
2. Somewhat favorable	9
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	26
4. Somewhat unfavorable	14
5. Very unfavorable	26
6. Don't know/no opinion	22

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

	<b>Very Favorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Favorable</b>	<b>Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Unfavorable</b>	<b>Very Unfavorable</b>	<b>Don't Know/No Opinion</b>
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	15	18	11	7	46	7
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	15	19	7	9	47	3

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

1. Very favorable	14
2. Somewhat favorable	20
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	17
4. Somewhat unfavorable	12
5. Very unfavorable	31
6. Don't know/no opinion	7

**[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.

	<b>Very Favorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Favorable</b>	<b>Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Unfavorable</b>	<b>Very Unfavorable</b>	<b>Don't Know/No Opinion</b>
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	13	20	14	13	35	5
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	12	20	12	13	39	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.

	<b>Very Favorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Favorable</b>	<b>Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Unfavorable</b>	<b>Very Unfavorable</b>	<b>Don't Know/No Opinion</b>
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	8	20	16	22	30	5
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	8	22	17	20	29	5

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

	<b>Very Favorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Favorable</b>	<b>Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Unfavorable</b>	<b>Very Unfavorable</b>	<b>Don't Know/No Opinion</b>
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	21	17	15	9	33	5
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	19	15	15	8	38	4
<b>May 2012</b>	27	19	16	8	27	4

Q28. 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 the following candidates? **[RANDOMIZE 1-9]**  
**[Wording on scale: (1) “Extremely liberal,” (4) “In the middle,” (7) “Extremely conservative”. Include “Don’t know” response option.]**

*Among likely primary voters:*

	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Standard Error</b>
1. Jeb Bush	4.71	0.06
2. Donald J. Trump	4.63	0.09
3. Marco Rubio	5.19	0.06
4. John R. Kasich	4.63	0.06
5. Ted Cruz	6.21	0.06
6. Michael Bloomberg	3.17	0.09
7. Ben Carson	5.55	0.06
8. Hillary Clinton	2.41	0.08
9. Bernie Sanders	2.02	0.07

Q29. For each of the following presidential candidates, please tell us whether you think that they would be a great, good, average, poor, or terrible president: **[RANDOMIZE 1-9]**

	<b>Great</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Terrible</b>	<b>Don't know/No opinion</b>
<b>Jeb Bush</b>	3	12	34	22	22	7
<b>Donald J. Trump</b>	11	14	13	12	45	5
<b>Marco Rubio</b>	5	17	30	20	17	11
<b>John R. Kasich</b>	2	14	33	19	10	22
<b>Ted Cruz</b>	13	18	17	13	32	7
<b>Michael Bloomberg</b>	2	8	25	17	27	22
<b>Ben Carson</b>	4	17	25	19	25	10
<b>Hillary Clinton</b>	13	18	17	7	42	4
<b>Bernie Sanders</b>	11	17	20	11	33	8

*Among likely primary voters*

*(n=731, MOE is +/- 3.62%; MOE is +/- 4.65% when adjusted for weighting)*

	<b>Great</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Terrible</b>	<b>Don't know/No opinion</b>
<b>Jeb Bush</b>	3	15	32	26	22	2
<b>Donald J. Trump</b>	12	17	13	13	42	3
<b>Marco Rubio</b>	6	19	30	20	18	5
<b>John R. Kasich</b>	3	17	36	20	11	13
<b>Ted Cruz</b>	16	20	15	10	36	3
<b>Michael Bloomberg</b>	3	9	26	17	33	13
<b>Ben Carson</b>	4	19	26	18	28	5
<b>Hillary Clinton</b>	14	16	13	7	49	1
<b>Bernie Sanders</b>	12	18	17	10	39	4

Q30A. [ASK IF Q3C EQ 1 OR Q3D EQ 1 OR 3] When voting in the Texas Primary Election for president, which of the following is most important to you, picking a candidate who will...[RANDOMIZE 1-9]

Among likely Republican primary voters:

(n=407, MOE is +/- 4.86%; MOE is +/- 5.05% when adjusted for weighting)

	Overall	Cruz Supporters	Trump Supporters	Rubio Supporters
Give the Republican Party a good chance to win in November	20	20	13	36
Shake up politics-as-usual	15	18	19	2
Fight terrorism	10	13	9	8
Defend my faith and religious values	9	10	3	4
Work to guarantee equal rights for all groups in society	2	0	2	1
Reform immigration policy	14	12	20	16
Improve the American economy	21	19	27	21
Address economic inequality in the country	2	2	3	0
Improve America's standing in the world	7	7	5	12



Q30B. [ASK IF Q3C EQ 2 OR Q3D EQ 2 OR 4] When voting in the Texas Primary Election for president, which of the following is most important to you, picking a candidate who will...[RANDOMIZE 1-9]

Among likely Democratic primary voters:

(n=324, MOE is +/- 5.44%; MOE is +/- 5.99% when adjusted for weighting)

	Overall	Clinton Supporters	Sanders Supporters
Give the Democratic Party a good chance to win in November	23	32	13
Shake up politics-as-usual	9	3	16
Fight terrorism	7	6	8
Defend my faith and religious values	2	2	1
Work to guarantee equal rights for all groups in society	14	16	12
Reform immigration policy	9	8	10
Improve the American economy	18	23	13
Address economic inequality in the country	14	8	22
Improve America's standing in the world	4	3	5

Q31. In general, in the face of political or policy conflicts, is it more important for government officials to compromise or to stand on principle?

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|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Compromise         | 52% |
| 2. Stand on principle | 48  |

### Policy Questions

Q32. Which of the following poses the greatest threat to the United States? [RANDOMIZE 1-9]

	Feb. 2016	Nov. 2015
1. Foreign terrorist groups (e.g. ISIS, Al Qaeda)	25	18
2. Illegal immigration	17	22
3. Polarization/Intractable partisan conflict	13	12
4. Decaying American infrastructure	9	10
5. Gun violence/Mass shootings	8	9
6. Unfriendly foreign nations (e.g. Russia, Iran, China)	7	8
7. Racial tensions	6	6
8. Climate change	5	5
9. Computer network vulnerabilities	2	2
10. Other	4	6
11. Don't know/no opinion	6	3

Q33. Do you think that income inequality in the U.S. is a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem?

- |                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Major problem         | 44% |
| 2. Minor problem         | 30  |
| 3. Not a problem         | 19  |
| 4. Don't know/No opinion | 8   |

Q34. When it comes to reducing income inequality between the rich and poor, do you want to see the government...

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|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. More involved than it currently is | 37% |
| 2. As involved as it currently is     | 12  |
| 3. Less involved than it currently is | 15  |
| 4. Not involved in this issue         | 25  |
| 5. Don't know/No opinion              | 11  |

Q35. Do you support or oppose requiring criminal and mental health background checks on all gun purchases in the United States, including at gun shows and for private sales?

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly support | 54% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 24  |
| 3. Somewhat oppose  | 8   |
| 4. Strongly oppose  | 9   |
| 5. Don't know       | 4   |

Q36. As you may know, as of January 1st, Texans with a Concealed Carry License may now visibly carry holstered handguns in public. In general, does this make you feel more safe, less safe, or does it have no effect on your feelings of safety?

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. More safe             | 22% |
| 2. Less safe             | 37  |
| 3. No effect             | 34  |
| 4. Don't know/No opinion | 8   |

**[ROTATE 37A AND 37B]**

Q37A. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Newcomers from other countries enrich Texas with their hard work and values.

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly agree        | 18% |
| 2. Somewhat agree        | 35  |
| 3. Somewhat disagree     | 18  |
| 4. Strongly disagree     | 16  |
| 5. Don't know/No opinion | 13  |

Q37B. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States should be deported immediately.

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly agree        | 30% |
| 2. Somewhat agree        | 23  |
| 3. Somewhat disagree     | 18  |
| 4. Strongly disagree     | 23  |
| 5. Don't know/No opinion | 5   |

Q38. In so-called "sanctuary cities," local law enforcement officials do not actively enforce some federal immigration laws. Do you approve or disapprove of city governments that choose not to enforce some immigration laws?

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Approve of sanctuary cities    | 21% |
| 2. Disapprove of sanctuary cities | 59  |
| 3. Don't know/No opinion          | 21  |

Q39. How much have you heard about declining oil prices?

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|-------------------|-----|
| 1. A lot          | 54% |
| 2. Some           | 32  |
| 3. Not very much  | 10  |
| 4. Nothing at all | 4   |

Q39A. **[ASK IF Q39 EQ 1-3]** Based on what you have heard, how concerned are you about the effect that declining oil prices could have on Texas's economy?

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very concerned        | 24% |
| 2. Somewhat concerned    | 38  |
| 3. Not very concerned    | 23  |
| 4. Not at all concerned  | 9   |
| 5. Don't know/No opinion | 6   |

Q40. Would you approve or disapprove of Texas accepting refugees from Syria who have gone through a security clearance process?

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Approve               | 36% |
| 2. Disapprove            | 51  |
| 3. Don't know/No opinion | 13  |

Q41. If some of these Syrian refugees came to live in your community, do you think they would be welcomed, or not?

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Yes, welcomed         | 28% |
| 2. No, not welcomed      | 42  |
| 3. Don't know/No opinion | 30  |

Q42. Would you support or oppose banning Muslims who are not U.S. citizens from entering the United States?

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly support | 26% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 20  |
| 3. Somewhat oppose  | 19  |
| 4. Strongly oppose  | 22  |
| 5. Don't know       | 13  |

Q43. As you may know, the federal minimum wage is currently \$7.25 an hour. Do you favor or oppose increasing the minimum wage?

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Favor                 | 62% |
| 2. Oppose                | 27  |
| 3. Don't know/No opinion | 11  |

## 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 | 75% |
| 2. Democratic Party | 10  |
| 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?

- |                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| 1. More than one-half      | 6%  |
| 2. More than two-thirds    | 711 |
| 3. More than three-fourths | 11  |
| 4. Don't know              | 12  |

INFO3. Who is the current Attorney General of the state of Texas?

- |                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Glenn Hegar    | 11% |
| 2. George P. Bush | 5   |
| 3. Ken Paxton     | 79  |
| 4. Sid Miller     | 5   |

## Political Orientation

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

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

1. Extremely liberal	4%
2. Somewhat liberal	7
3. Lean liberal	6
4. In the middle	39
5. Lean conservative	11
6. Somewhat conservative	20
7. Extremely conservative	12

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

1. Democrat	44%
2. Independent	14
3. Republican	42

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

1. Strong Democrat	20%
2. Not very strong Democrat	14
3. Lean Democrat	11
4. Independent	14
5. Lean Republican	12
6. Not very strong Republican	11
7. Strong Republican	19

## Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29	15%
2. 30-44	29
3. 45-64	38
4. 65 and up	18

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

1. Urban	30%
2. Suburban	52
3. Rural	19

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

1. Yes, I live in the Houston area.	21%
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2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	27
3. Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	11
4. Yes, I live in the Austin area	11
5. No, I live in another part of Texas.	30

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1. One	17%
2. Two	14
3. Three	5
4. Four or more	2
5. None	61

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.	23%
2. Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in private school in Texas.	3
3. Yes, I have a child/children under 18 who are being home schooled in Texas.	2
4. No, I do not have any children under 18 in school in Texas.	73

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

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

AB. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be pro-life, pro-choice, or neither?

1. Pro-life	43%
2. Pro-choice	40
3. Neither	13
4. Don't know	5

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

1. Less than high school	10%
2. High school degree	24
3. Some college	28
4. Two-year college degree	9
5. Four-year college degree	20
6. Post-graduate degree	9

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	5%
<b>2. Assembly of God*</b>	<b>1</b>
3. Atheist	1
<b>4. Baptist*</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>5. Born again</b>	<b>2</b>
6. Buddhist	1
<b>7. Catholic*</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>8. Christian Scientist*</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>9. Church of Christ*</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>10. Church of God*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>11. Disciples of Christ*</b>	<b>1</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>5</b>
<b>19. Mormon*</b>	<b>1</b>
20. Muslim/Islam	1
<b>21. Nondenominational Christian*</b>	<b>7</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>3</b>
<b>26. Reformed*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>27. Unitarian/Universalist*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>28. United Church of Christ*</b>	<b>1</b>
29. Religious but not spiritual	1
30. Spiritual but not religious	5
31. No religious affiliation/none	9
<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	1
<b>7. Catholic*</b>	<b>3</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	0
15. Jehovah’s Witnesses	1
16. Jewish	0
<b>17. Lutheran*</b>	<b>1</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>0</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	1
30. Spiritual but not religious	8
31. No religious affiliation/none	32
<b>32. Other*</b>	<b>4</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.	30%
2. The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	43
3. The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	21
4. Don’t know.	6

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

1. Extremely important	47%
2. Somewhat important	28
3. Not very important	12
4. Not at all important	14

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 | 13% |
| 2. Once a week           | 21  |
| 3. A few times a month   | 12  |
| 4. Once or twice a year  | 26  |
| 5. Never                 | 28  |

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

- |                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. White                  | 60% |
| 2. African American       | 13  |
| 3. Hispanic or Latino     | 22  |
| 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?

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|---------------|----|
| 1. Yes        | 1% |
| 2. No         | 99 |
| 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?

- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| 1. Born in the United States or Puerto Rico | 84% |
| 2. Born in another country                  | 16  |
| 3. Don't know                               | 0   |

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

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|---|-----|
| 1. Both of my parents were born in the United States or Puerto Rico | 59% |
| 2. One of my parents was born in another country                    | 25  |
| 3. Both of my parents were both in another country                  | 16  |

MOVE. Did you move to Texas from some other state?

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|--------|-----|
| 1. Yes | 39% |
| 2. No  | 61  |

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

1. Alabama	2%
2. Alaska	0
3. Arizona	3
4. Arkansas	1
5. California	13
6. Colorado	2
7. Connecticut	0
8. Florida	4
9. Georgia	2
10. Hawaii	0
11. Idaho	0
12. Illinois	4
13. Indiana	3
14. Iowa	2
15. Kansas	2
16. Kentucky	1
17. Louisiana	7
18. Maine	1
19. Maryland	2
20. Massachusetts	2
21. Michigan	4
22. Minnesota	2
23. Mississippi	1
24. Missouri	3
25. Montana	1
26. Nebraska	2
27. Nevada	0
28. New Hampshire	1
29. New Jersey	2
30. New Mexico	3
31. New York	6
32. North Carolina	2
33. Ohio	3
34. Oklahoma	3
35. Oregon	1
36. Pennsylvania	3
37. South Carolina	0
38. South Dakota	0
39. Tennessee	0
40. Texas	3
41. Utah	1
42. Virginia	3
43. Washington	1
44. West Virginia	0
45. Wisconsin	1
46. Wyoming	0
47. Ontario	0
48. Not in the U.S. or Canada	2

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

1. Own	68%
2. Rent	32

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

1. Married	54%
2. Separated	2
3. Divorced	11
4. Widowed	4
5. Single	24
6. Domestic Partnership	5

GENDER. What is your gender?

1. Male	44%
2. Female	56