

**University of Texas / Texas Tribune Poll**  
**Texas Statewide Survey**

Field Dates: June 2 -11, 2017

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	50%
2. Somewhat interested	39
3. Not very interested	7
4. Not at all interested	3
5. Don't know	0

Q3. There are many elections in the state of Texas. Furthermore, many people intend to vote in a given election, but sometimes personal and professional circumstances keep them from the polls. Thinking back over the past two or three years, would you say that you voted in all elections, almost all, about half, one or two, or none at all?

1. Every election	33%
2. Almost every election	38
3. About half	11
4. One or two	13
5. None	4
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%.

## Most Important Problem

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

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

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

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

## Retrospective Assessments

Q5A. Name a person who you think has good ideas about what's best for Texas? **[OPEN-ENDED, INCLUDE "Don't Know" OPTION]**

Q6. How would you rate the job Donald Trump is doing as president? Would you say that you...

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Approve strongly               | 25% |
| 2. Approve somewhat               | 18  |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 6   |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat            | 7   |
| 5. Disapprove strongly            | 44  |
| 6. Don't know                     | 1   |

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

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't Know
June 2017	2	13	15	24	43	4
Feb. 2017	5	21	20	18	32	5
Oct. 2016	2	8	18	27	41	4
June 2016	2	8	16	24	45	5
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

Q7A. How would you rate the job the Texas Legislature is doing? Would you say that you...

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Approve strongly               | 12% |
| 2. Approve somewhat               | 22  |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 18  |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat            | 15  |
| 5. Disapprove strongly            | 27  |
| 6. Don't know                     | 8   |

Q8A. How would you rate the job Greg Abbott is doing 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>
June 2017	27	18	12	9	29	4
Feb. 2017	27	18	17	9	24	5
Oct. 2016	21	21	17	10	23	8
June 2016	20	22	19	10	21	8
Feb. 2016	18	23	24	9	20	6
Nov. 2015	20	22	21	10	19	7
June 2015	22	24	28	8	16	15

Q8B. How would you rate the job Dan Patrick is doing 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>
June 2017	15	19	18	8	28	11
Feb. 2017	16	16	24	8	23	14
Oct. 2016	12	19	20	9	22	18
June 2016	12	19	24	8	22	15
Feb. 2016	8	19	30	7	20	16
Nov. 2015	10	19	28	9	17	16
June 2015	13	19	28	8	16	15

Q8C. How would you rate the job Joe Straus is doing 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>
June 2017	5	20	25	12	17	21
Feb. 2017	7	16	31	9	14	22
Oct. 2016	5	16	30	9	14	26
June 2016	4	15	30	10	14	26
Feb. 2016	4	16	35	7	13	25
Nov. 2015	4	16	32	8	14	25

Q9A. How would you rate the job Ted Cruz is doing 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>
June 2017	21	17	12	9	35	6
Feb. 2017	20	18	14	10	29	9
Oct. 2016	16	19	13	11	34	7
June 2016	18	17	13	12	31	9
Feb. 2016	18	19	15	10	32	6
Nov. 2015	27	17	11	9	28	9

Q9B. How would you rate the job John Cornyn is doing 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>June 2017</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Feb. 2017</b>	11	19	22	12	22	14
<b>Oct. 2016</b>	8	20	22	14	22	15
<b>June 2016</b>	7	17	24	14	21	17
<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>June 2017</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Feb. 2017</b>	39	49	12
<b>Oct. 2016</b>	22	67	11
<b>June 2016</b>	18	70	12
<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</b>
<b>June 2017</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Feb. 2017</b>	12	28	36	11	9	4
<b>Oct. 2016</b>	8	20	29	25	15	4
<b>June 2016</b>	6	20	29	23	17	5
<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>June 2017</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Feb. 2017</b>	46	36	18
<b>Oct. 2016</b>	42	40	17
<b>June 2016</b>	41	38	22
<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</b>
June 2017	5	20	52	15	5	1
Feb. 2017	6	21	50	16	7	1
Oct. 2016	5	22	44	19	8	2
June 2016	5	18	44	20	9	3
Feb. 2016	5	20	45	19	9	2
Nov. 2015	5	18	45	23	7	1
June 2015	5	21	48	17	7	2
Feb. 2015	6	21	44	21	7	2
Oct. 2014	5	22	42	23	7	1
June 2014	6	21	42	21	8	2
Feb. 2014	5	20	43	22	9	1
Oct. 2013	5	17	41	23	12	2
June 2013	6	19	44	23	7	1
Oct. 2012	6	17	43	23	11	1
May 2012	4	15	48	19	13	2
Feb. 2012	4	16	45	23	11	1
Oct. 2011	3	13	40	28	15	1
May 2011	2	16	40	25	16	2
Feb. 2011	3	17	45	24	11	1
Oct. 2010	3	16	38	27	14	2
Sep. 2010	3	17	39	26	14	1
May 2010	4	16	42	25	13	1
Feb. 2010	3	14	41	29	12	2
Oct. 2009	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>
June 2017	6	28	39	17	4	6
Feb. 2017	6	22	49	11	5	6
Oct. 2016	3	22	45	19	5	5
June 2016	4	22	41	19	6	8
Feb. 2016	4	22	41	23	5	4
Nov. 2015	4	25	41	20	5	5
June 2015	5	28	44	14	4	4
Feb. 2015	6	26	47	14	3	4
Oct. 2014	9	32	40	12	4	3
Oct. 2012	4	21	51	16	5	3

Q15. Of the three branches of federal government, which one do you trust the most?

1. The U.S. Congress, the legislative branch      6%
2. The President, the executive branch      26
3. The U.S. Supreme Court, the judicial branch      38
4. Don't know      30



Q16. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the FBI.

1. Very favorable	11%
2. Somewhat favorable	34
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	24
4. Somewhat unfavorable	17
5. Very unfavorable	9
6. Don't know/no opinion	5

## Political Figures and Elections

Q17A. 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 | 21% |
| 2. Democratic candidate | 39  |
| 3. Tea Party candidate  | 16  |
| 4. Don't know           | 25  |

Q17B. 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          | 26  |
| 3. The right amount of influence | 16  |
| 4. Don't know                    | 27  |

### **[RANDOMIZE Q18-19]**

Q18. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Ted Cruz.

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very favorable                    | 20% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable                | 17  |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 12  |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable              | 9   |
| 5. Very unfavorable                  | 36  |
| 6. Don't know/no opinion             | 6   |

Q19. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Beto O'Rourke.

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|--------------------------------------|----|
| 1. Very favorable                    | 9% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable                | 9  |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 15 |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable              | 5  |
| 5. Very unfavorable                  | 8  |
| 6. Don't know/no opinion             | 55 |

Q20. Do you think Donald Trump...[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS “Yes”, “No”, “Don’t know”] [RANDOMIZE A-C]

A. has the temperament to serve effectively as president?

	June 2017	Feb. 2017	Oct. 2016
1. Yes	38%	39%	32%
2. No	53	48	59
3. Don’t know	9	13	9

B. is honest and trustworthy?

	June 2017	Feb. 2017	Oct. 2016
1. Yes	35%	38%	32%
2. No	55	50	60
3. Don’t know	9	12	8

C. is competent?

	June 2017
1. Yes	46%
2. No	47
3. Don’t know	7

Q21. Do you believe that the outcome of the 2016 presidential election was influenced by Russia?

1. Yes	39%
2. No	47
3. Don’t know enough to say	14

Q21A. [ASK IF Q21 = Yes] Do you think Russia’s influence... [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. Helped Donald Trump	95%
2. Helped Hillary Clinton	2
3. Don’t know	2

Q22. Do you think there was coordination between the Trump campaign and Russia in the 2016 Election?

1. Yes	39%
2. No	45
3. Don’t know enough to say	16

## Policy Questions

Q23. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the Affordable Care Act, also known as “Obamacare”.

1. Very favorable	14%
2. Somewhat favorable	25
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	9
4. Somewhat unfavorable	8
5. Very unfavorable	41
6. Don't know/no opinion	4

Q24A. And how much have you heard about the health care legislation that was passed earlier this year by the U.S. House of Representatives?

1. A lot	31%
2. Some	44
3. Not very much	20
4. Nothing at all	5

Q24B. **[ASK IF Q24A <=3]** Based on what you have heard, do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of that healthcare legislation?

1. Very favorable	3%
2. Somewhat favorable	17
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	22
4. Somewhat unfavorable	15
5. Very unfavorable	36
6. Don't know/No Opinion	7

Q25. What is your opinion on gay marriage?

1. Gays and lesbians should have the right to marry	55%
2. Gays and lesbians should not have the right to marry	32
3. Don't know	13

Q26. Would you say the United States Constitution has held up well as the basis for our government and laws and is in little need of change, or would you say that we should hold a convention of the states to consider amendments to the U.S. Constitution?

	<b>June 2017</b>	<b>February 2017<sup>†</sup></b>
1. Held up well	54%	53%
1. Hold a convention of the states	28	27
2. Don't know/No opinion	18	20

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<sup>†</sup> (n = 621, MOE is +/- 3.93%; MOE adjusted for weighting is +/- 5.39%)

*Now, let's turn to the State of Texas.*

Q27. How do you feel about the following statement: Generally speaking, the way state government runs in Texas serves as a good model for other states to follow?

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|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly agree    | 25% |
| 2. Somewhat agree    | 29  |
| 3. Somewhat disagree | 16  |
| 4. Strongly disagree | 19  |
| 5. Don't know        | 11  |

Q28. How closely have you been following the Texas Legislature this session?

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|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Extremely closely  | 11% |
| 2. Somewhat closely   | 44  |
| 3. Not very closely   | 32  |
| 4. Not at all closely | 12  |

Q29. Do you think that Texas spends too much, too little, or about the right amount on primary and secondary education?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Too much               | 10% |
| 2. Too little             | 47  |
| 3. About the right amount | 27  |
| 4. Don't know/no opinion  | 15  |

Q30. What about the state's universities and colleges? Do you think that Texas spends too much, too little, or about the right amount on higher education?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Too much               | 17% |
| 2. Too little             | 36  |
| 3. About the right amount | 27  |
| 4. Don't know/no opinion  | 20  |

Below are some proposals that the Texas Legislature debated this year. Please tell us whether you would support or oppose each of the following proposals: **[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS: “Strongly support”, “Somewhat support”, “Somewhat oppose”, “Strongly oppose”, “Don’t know”]**

	<b>Strongly support</b>	<b>Somewhat support</b>	<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>Strongly oppose</b>	<b>Don’t Know</b>
31A.A. Limiting the extent to which local governments can raise property taxes.	48	29	7	7	8
31A.B. Requiring local law enforcement officials to cooperate with federal immigration authorities	42	16	12	21	19
31A.C. Setting statewide rules for ride hailing services like Uber and Lyft	28	32	11	10	19
31A.D. Reducing state funding for higher education	15	18	20	34	13
31B.A. Redirecting state tax revenue to help parents pay for some of the cost of sending their children to private or parochial schools	16	26	15	33	10
31B.B. Taking the authority to set tuition rates away from public colleges and universities and giving it to the Legislature	12	22	21	23	22
31B.C. Requiring the burial or cremation of any fetal remains from an abortion, miscarriage, or stillbirth	25	19	10	29	17
31B.D. Making it illegal to text while driving in Texas	67	19	5	5	4
31C.A. Increasing state spending on pre-kindergarten programs	33	28	16	12	11
31C.B. Reducing business margins taxes	21	24	13	13	28
31C.C. Ensuring that police officers have the right to question a person’s immigration status during a legal	39	14	11	31	5

detainment, like during a routine traffic stop				
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Q32. As you probably know, state leaders and the Texas Legislature prioritized restricting access to public restrooms for transgender people. How important do you think it is that the Texas Legislature address this issue? **[SPLIT SAMPLE ORDER 1-4, 4-1]**

	<b>June 2017</b>	<b>February 2017</b>
1. Very important	26%	24%
2. Somewhat important	18	15
3. Not very important	14	13
4. Not at all important	33	38
5. Don't know/No opinion	9	11

Q33. In Texas, voters can choose to vote for all of the candidates of a party at once instead of having to vote for each candidate individually. Do you think being able to vote for all the candidates of a single party at once is a good idea, or is it a bad idea?

1. Good idea	44%
2. Bad idea	34
3. Don't know/No opinion	22

Q34A. If a registered voter legally votes in an election, but fails to follow the proper procedure for identifying himself at the polling place, state law...[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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| 1. <u>Should</u> penalize that voter     | 40% |
| 2. <u>Should not</u> penalize that voter | 38  |
| 3. Don't know                            | 22  |

Q34B. [IF Q34A == 1] What kind of penalty?

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|---|-----|
| 1. A fine, like a traffic ticket        | 62% |
| 2. A jail term of no more than 2 years  | 11  |
| 3. A jail term of no more than 10 years | 7   |
| 4. Don't know/No opinion                | 20  |

Q35. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: *a sincerely held religious belief is a legitimate reason to exempt someone from laws designed to prevent discrimination.*

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Agree                 | 30% |
| 2. Disagree              | 51  |
| 3. Don't know/no opinion | 19  |

Q36. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Russia.

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|--------------------------------------|----|
| 1. Very favorable                    | 4% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable                | 7  |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 27 |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable              | 22 |
| 5. Very unfavorable                  | 34 |
| 6. Don't know/no opinion             | 6  |



## Political Knowledge

### [Randomize INFO1-INFO4]

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

#### [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Republican Party | 87% |
| 2. Democratic Party | 4   |
| 3. Neither          | 2   |
| 4. Don't know       | 7   |

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    | 74 |
| 3. More than three-fourths | 8  |
| 4. Don't know              | 11 |

INFO3. Who is primarily responsible for the taxes that homeowners pay on their property?

#### [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Local governments      | 60% |
| 2. Texas state government | 27  |
| 3. The Federal government | 4   |
| 4. Don't know             | 10  |

## 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	10%
2. Somewhat liberal	12
3. Lean liberal	9
4. In the middle	21
5. Lean conservative	10
6. Somewhat conservative	21
7. Extremely conservative	17

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

1. Democrat	45%
2. Independent	9
3. Republican	46

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

1. Strong Democrat	22%
2. Not very strong Democrat	11
3. Lean Democrat	12
4. Independent	9
5. Lean Republican	14
6. Not very strong Republican	13
7. Strong Republican	20

## Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29	15%
2. 30-44	26
3. 45-64	37
4. 65 and up	23

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

1. Urban	31%
2. Suburban	51
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.	22%
2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	28
3. Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	10
4. Yes, I live in the Austin area	11
5. No, I live in another part of Texas.	29

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1. One	16%
2. Two	13
3. Three	6
4. Four or more	2
5. None	62

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.	21%
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.	1
4. No, I do not have any children under 18 in school in Texas.	75

SCHQ. **[ASK IF SCHOOL1=YES OR SCHOOL2=YES]** Would you say that the quality of your child's school is:

1. Excellent	34%
2. Good	52
3. Not very good	10
4. Terrible	4
5. Don't know	0

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

1. Less than \$10,000	4%
2. \$10,000 to \$19,999	6
3. \$20,000 to \$29,999	10
4. \$30,000 to \$39,999	10
5. \$40,000 to \$49,999	10
6. \$50,000 to \$59,999	8
7. \$60,000 to \$69,999	7
8. \$70,000 to \$79,999	7
9. \$80,000 to \$99,999	6
10. \$100,000 to \$119,999	5
11. \$120,000 to \$149,999	4
12. More than \$150,000	8
13. Prefer not to say	15

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

1. Pro-life	44%
2. Pro-choice	43
3. Neither	9
4. Don't know	4

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

1. Less than high school	3%
2. High school degree	26
3. Some college	24
4. Two-year college degree	9
5. Four-year college degree	25
6. Post-graduate degree	12

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	6
<b>4. Baptist*</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>5. Born again</b>	<b>2</b>
6. Buddhist	0
<b>7. Catholic*</b>	<b>19</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>0</b>
<b>11. Disciples of Christ*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>12. Episcopal/Anglican*</b>	<b>2</b>
13. Evangelical	2
14. Hindu	0
15. Jehovah’s Witnesses	0
16. Jewish	2
<b>17. Lutheran*</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>18. Methodist*</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>19. Mormon*</b>	<b>1</b>
20. Muslim/Islam	0
<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>0</b>
29. Religious but not spiritual	0
30. Spiritual but not religious	7
31. No religious affiliation/none	10
<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	3%
<b>2. Assembly of God*</b>	<b>1</b>
3. Atheist	1
<b>4. Baptist*</b>	<b>4</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>1</b>
<b>9. Church of Christ*</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>10. Church of God*</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>11. Disciples of Christ*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>12. Episcopal/Anglican*</b>	<b>0</b>
13. Evangelical	2
14. Hindu	0
15. Jehovah’s Witnesses	0
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>2</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>1</b>
<b>28. United Church of Christ*</b>	<b>0</b>
29. Religious but not spiritual	1
30. Spiritual but not religious	7
31. No religious affiliation/none	34
<b>32. Other*</b>	<b>4</b>
33. Don’t know	11

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.	26%
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.	24
4. Don’t know.	7

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

1. Extremely important	40%
2. Somewhat important	30
3. Not very important	13
4. Not at all important	17

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 | 12% |
| 2. Once a week           | 20  |
| 3. A few times a month   | 11  |
| 4. Once or twice a year  | 26  |
| 5. Never                 | 32  |

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. White                  | 58% |
| 2. African American       | 14  |
| 3. Hispanic or Latino     | 23  |
| 4. Asian/Pacific Islander | 1   |
| 5. Native American        | 1   |
| 6. Multi-racial           | 2   |

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         | 98 |
| 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 | 82% |
| 2. Born in another country                  | 17  |
| 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 | 61% |
| 2. One of my parents was born in another country                    | 22  |
| 3. Both of my parents were both in another country                  | 17  |

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

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|--------|-----|
| 1. Yes | 43% |
| 2. No  | 57  |

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

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

VETERAN. Which of the following best describes your current situation? Please check all that apply:



1. Active-duty military	1%
2. Military veteran	13
3. Active-duty military in my immediate family	2
4. Military veteran in my immediate family	18
5. None of the above	69

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

1. Own	68%
2. Rent	32

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

1. Married	52%
2. Separated	2
3. Divorced	9
4. Widowed	5
5. Single	24
6. Domestic Partnership	7

GENDER. What is your gender?

1. Male	47%
2. Female	53