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Texas Statewide Survey

Field Dates: October 18 to October 27, 2013

N=1200 Registered Voters

Margin of error: +/- 2.83% (3.3% adjusted for weighting) unless otherwise noted*

Interest and Engagement

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	45%
2. Somewhat interested	42
3. Not very interested	9
4. Not at all interested	4
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	30%
2. Almost every election	36
3. About half	14
4. One or two	12
5. None	6
6. Don't know	1

Retrospective Assessments

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

1. Approve strongly	17%
2. Approve somewhat	20
3. Neither approve nor disapprove	8
4. Disapprove somewhat	8
5. Disapprove strongly	46
6. Don't know	1

* 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 3.3%.

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

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|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1. Approve strongly | 2% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 6 |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 12 |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 21 |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 56 |
| 6. Don't know | 3 |

Q8. How would you rate the job the Texas Legislature is doing? Would you say that you...

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|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1. Approve strongly | 7% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 24 |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 24 |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 17 |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 22 |
| 6. Don't know | 5 |

Q9. How would you rate the job Rick Perry has done as governor? Would you say that you...

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Approve strongly | 16% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 23 |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 16 |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 14 |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 29 |
| 6. Don't know | 4 |

Political Figures and Elections

Q14. If the 2014 primary elections were held today, would you vote in the Republican primary, the Democratic primary, or wouldn't you vote in the primaries?

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|-------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Republican primary | 43% |
| 2. Democratic primary | 35 |
| 3. Wouldn't vote in a primary | 12 |
| 4. Don't know | 10 |

Q15. **[ASK IF Q14=1]** If the 2014 Republican primary election for 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=519, MOE is +/- 4.3%; adjusted for weighting, MOE is +/- 5.02%)

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|--|-----|
| 1. Greg Abbott | 50% |
| 2. Lisa Fritsch | 3 |
| 3. Tom Pauken | 2 |
| 4. Miriam Martinez | 2 |
| 5. Larry Kilgore | 1 |
| 6. Haven't thought enough
about it to have an opinion | 42 |

Q16. **[ASK IF Q14=1]** If the 2014 Republican primary election for 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 1-3]**

(N=514, MOE is +/- 4.3%; adjusted for weighting, MOE is +/- 5.02%)

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| 1. John Cornyn | 39% |
| 2. Dwayne Stovall | 7 |
| 3. Erick Wyatt | 6 |
| 4. Haven't thought enough
about it to have an opinion | 48 |

Q17. **[ASK IF Q14=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 1-4]**

(N=516, MOE is +/- 4.3%; adjusted for weighting, MOE is +/- 5.02%)

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|--|-----|
| 1. David Dewhurst | 26% |
| 2. Dan Patrick | 13 |
| 3. Jerry Patterson | 10 |
| 4. Todd Staples | 5 |
| 5. Haven't thought enough
about it to have an opinion | 46 |

Q18. **[ASK IF Q14=1]** If the 2014 Republican primary election for attorney general 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 1-3]**

(N=517, MOE is +/- 4.3%; adjusted for weighting, MOE is +/- 5.02%)

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| 1. Barry Smitherman | 11% |
| 2. Ken Paxton | 10 |
| 3. Dan Branch | 5 |
| 4. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion | 74 |

Q19. **[ASK IF Q14=1]** If the 2014 Republican primary election for comptroller 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=516, MOE is +/- 4.3%; adjusted for weighting, MOE is +/- 5.02%)

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| 1. Debra Medina | 14% |
| 2. Raul Torres | 5 |
| 3. Glenn Hegar | 4 |
| 4. Harvey Hilderbran | 2 |
| 5. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion | 75 |

Q20. If the 2014 election for Governor were held today and the candidates were the Democrat Wendy Davis and the Republican Greg Abbott, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

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|---|-----|
| 1. Greg Abbott | 40% |
| 2. Wendy Davis | 34 |
| 3. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion | 25 |

Q20A. Now, if the election were held today and the candidates were the following, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

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|---|-----|
| 1. The Republican Greg Abbott | 40% |
| 2. The Democrat Wendy Davis | 35 |
| 3. The Libertarian Kathie Glass | 5 |
| 4. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion | 20 |

Q21. If the 2014 election for Governor were held today and the candidates were the Democrat Wendy Davis and the Republican Tom Pauken who would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

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| 1. Wendy Davis | 38% |
| 2. Tom Pauken | 34 |
| 3. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion | 28 |

Q21A. Now, if the election were held today and the candidates were the following, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

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| 1. The Democrat Wendy Davis | 36% |
| 2. The Republican Tom Pauken | 33 |
| 3. The Libertarian Kathie Glass | 6 |
| 4. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion | 25 |

Q22. **[ASK IF Q14=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 1-10]**

(N=517, MOE is +/- 4.3%; adjusted for weighting, MOE is +/- 5.02%)

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| 1. Ted Cruz | 32% |
| 2. Rick Perry | 10 |
| 3. Jeb Bush | 9 |
| 4. Paul Ryan | 7 |
| 5. Marco Rubio | 6 |
| 6. Rand Paul | 6 |
| 7. Chris Christie | 4 |
| 8. Rick Santorum | 3 |
| 9. Bobby Jindal | 3 |
| 10. Scott Walker | 1 |
| 11. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion | 19 |

Q23. **[ASK IF Q14=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 1-8]**

(N=414, MOE is +/- 4.82%; adjusted for weighting, MOE is +/- 6.03%)

1. Hillary Clinton	67%
2. Joe Biden	7
3. Elizabeth Warren	5
4. Andrew Cuomo	1
5. Martin O'Malley	1
6. Brian Schweitzer	1
7. Mark Warner	1
8. Kirsten Gillibrand	0
9. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion	17

[RANDOMIZE Q26-Q30]

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

	<u>Oct. 2013</u>	<u>Jun. 2013</u>
1. Very favorable	23%	26%
2. Somewhat favorable	15	14
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	14	13
4. Somewhat unfavorable	6	7
5. Very unfavorable	31	24
6. Don't know/No Opinion	10	17

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

	<u>Oct. 2013</u>	<u>Jun. 2013</u>
1. Very favorable	7%	12%
2. Somewhat favorable	18	19
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	23	18
4. Somewhat unfavorable	15	12
5. Very unfavorable	15	17
6. Don't know/No Opinion	22	22

Q28. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Rick Perry.

1. Very favorable	17%
2. Somewhat favorable	22
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	14
4. Somewhat unfavorable	15
5. Very unfavorable	28
6. Don't know/No Opinion	5

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

	<u>Oct. 2013</u>	<u>Jun. 2013</u>
1. Very favorable	16%	12%
2. Somewhat favorable	20	17
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	23	20
4. Somewhat unfavorable	11	9
5. Very unfavorable	13	11
6. Don't know/No Opinion	18	31

Q30. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Wendy Davis.

	<u>Oct. 2013</u>	<u>Jun. 2013</u>
1. Very favorable	19%	4%
2. Somewhat favorable	18	7
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	16	19
4. Somewhat unfavorable	7	6
5. Very unfavorable	24	6
6. Don't know/No Opinion	16	58

Political Knowledge

[Randomize INFO1-INFO3]

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

1. Republican Party	65%
2. Democratic Party	19
3. Neither	3
4. Don't know	13

INFO2. What majority of both houses of the U.S. Congress is needed to override a presidential veto?

1. More than one-half	7%
2. More than two-thirds	69
3. More than three-fourths	12
4. Don't know	12

INFO3. Who is the current Attorney General of Texas?

1. Greg Abbott	77%
2. Michael Williams	1
3. Susan Combs	3
4. Victor Carrillo	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	3%
2. Somewhat liberal	8
3. Lean liberal	10
4. In the middle	34
5. Lean conservative	18
6. Somewhat conservative	19
7. Extremely conservative	8

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

1. Democrat	44%
2. Independent	10
3. Republican	46

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

1. Strong Democrat	20%
2. Not very strong Democrat	13
3. Lean Democrat	11
4. Independent	10
5. Lean Republican	10
6. Not very strong Republican	15
7. Strong Republican	21

Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29	16%
2. 30-44	28
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	29%
2. Suburban	51
3. Rural	20

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

1. Yes, I live in the Houston area.	23%
2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	29
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.	27

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1. One	20%
2. Two	13
3. Three	6
4. Four or more	2
5. None	59

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.	25%
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.	71

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

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

1. Less than high school	8%
2. High school degree	26
3. Some college	27
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	25%
2. No	75

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

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

EVANG. [Ask if respond * to RELIG] Do you consider yourself to be a “born again” or “evangelical” Christian?

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| 1. Yes | 42% |
| 2. No | 58 |

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. | 29% |
| 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. | 22 |
| 4. Don't know. | 6 |

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

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|-------------------------|-----|
| 1. Extremely important | 44% |
| 2. Somewhat important | 32 |
| 3. Not very important | 12 |
| 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 | 19 |
| 3. A few times a month | 13 |
| 4. Once or twice a year | 27 |
| 5. Never | 26 |

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. White | 60% |
| 2. African American | 13 |
| 3. Hispanic or Latino | 23 |
| 4. Asian/Pacific Islander | 2 |
| 5. Native American | 0 |
| 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 | 2% |
| 2. No | 97 |
| 3. Don't know | 2 |

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 | 88% |
| 2. Born in another country | 20 |
| 3. Don't know | 15 |

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 | 65% |
| 2. One of my parents was born in another country | 20 |
| 3. Both of my parents were both in another country | 15 |

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

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| 1. Yes | 41% |
| 2. No | 59 |

[Note: For “STATE” question, a state not being listed reflects that no respondents moved from that state to Texas in the current poll.]

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

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

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

1. Own	69%
2. Rent	31

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	47%
2. Female	53