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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	54%
2. Somewhat interested	33
3. Not very interested	8
4. Not at all interested	4
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	29%
2. Almost every election	42
3. About half	11
4. One or two	10
5. None	7
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. The economy	18%
2. Federal spending/national debt	14
3. Political corruption/leadership	13
4. Unemployment/jobs	7
5. Income inequality	6
6. Moral decline	6
7. Health care	5
8. Partisan gridlock	4
9. Immigration	3
10. National security/terrorism	3
11. Education	2
12. Social welfare programs	2
13. Taxes	2
14. Gay marriage	2
15. Environment	2
16. Border security	2
17. Gun control/gun violence	2
18. Crime and drugs	2
19. Gas prices	2
20. Abortion	1
21. Energy	0
22. The media	0
23. Housing	0
24. Government data collection	0
25. Afghanistan/Pakistan	0
26. Syria	0
27. Iran	0
28. Foreign trade	0
29. Voting system	0

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

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

### **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	6
4. Disapprove somewhat	8
5. Disapprove strongly	48
6. Don't know	1

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               | 3% |
| 2. Approve somewhat               | 8  |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 15 |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat            | 24 |
| 5. Disapprove strongly            | 48 |
| 6. Don't know                     | 3  |

Q8. How would you rate the job Rick Perry has done as governor? Would you say that you...

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Approve strongly               | 20% |
| 2. Approve somewhat               | 25  |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 16  |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat            | 10  |
| 5. Disapprove strongly            | 25  |
| 6. Don't know                     | 4   |

Q9. Thinking about the country, do you think that things are headed in the right direction, or do you think that things are headed off on the wrong track?

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|--------------------|-----|
| 1. Right direction | 23% |
| 2. Wrong track     | 65  |
| 3. Don't know      | 13  |

Q10. Compared to a year ago, would you say that the national economy is a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

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|------------------------|----|
| 1. A lot better off    | 7% |
| 2. Somewhat better off | 24 |
| 3. About the same      | 26 |
| 4. Somewhat worse off  | 25 |
| 5. A lot worse off     | 16 |
| 6. Don't know          | 2  |

Q11. Thinking about the state of Texas, do you think that things are headed in the right direction, or do you think that things are headed off on the wrong track?

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|--------------------|-----|
| 1. Right direction | 49% |
| 2. Wrong track     | 33  |
| 3. Don't know      | 17  |

Q12. Compared to a year ago, would you say that you and your family are economically a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

1. A lot better off	6%
2. Somewhat better off	21
3. About the same	42
4. Somewhat worse off	21
5. A lot worse off	8
6. Don't know	2

## Political Figures and Elections

### General Elections

Q13. If the 2014 general election for U.S. Senator from Texas was held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE, “the Republican John Cornyn”, “the Democrat David Alameel”, “the Libertarian Rebecca Paddock”, “the Green Party candidate Emily Sanchez”]** the Republican John Cornyn, the Democrat David Alameel, the Libertarian Rebecca Paddock, the Green Party candidate Emily Sanchez, someone else, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

1. John Cornyn	36%
2. David Alameel	25
3. Rebecca Paddock	5
4. Emily Sanchez	3
5. Someone else	5
6. Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	26

Q14. If the 2014 general election for Governor were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE, “the Republican Greg Abbott”, “the Democrat Wendy Davis”, “the Libertarian Katherine Glass”, “the Green Party candidate Brandon Parmer”]** the Democrat Wendy Davis, the Republican Greg Abbott, the Libertarian Kathy Glass, the Green Party candidate Brandon Parmer, someone else, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

1. Greg Abbott	44%
2. Wendy Davis	32
3. Kathy Glass	3
4. Brandon Parmer	1
5. Someone else	3
6. Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	17

Q15. If the 2014 general election for Lieutenant Governor were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE, “the Republican Dan Patrick”, “the Democrat Leticia Van de Putte”, “the Libertarian Robert Butler”, “the Green Party candidate Chandrakantha Courtney”]** the Democrat Leticia Van de Putte, the Republican Dan Patrick, the Libertarian Robert Butler, the Green Party candidate Chandrakantha Courtney, someone else, or haven’t you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

1. Dan Patrick	41%
2. Leticia Van de Putte	26
3. Robert Butler	4
4. Chandrakantha Courtney	1
5. Someone else	4
6. Haven’t thought about it enough to have an opinion	23

Q16. If the 2014 general election for Attorney General were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE, “the Republican Ken Paxton”, “the Democrat Sam Houston”, “the Libertarian Jamie Balagia”, “the Green Party candidate Jamar Osborne”]** the Democrat Sam Houston and the Republican Ken Paxton, the Libertarian Jamie Balagia, the Green Party candidate Jamar Osborne, or haven’t you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

1. Ken Paxton	40%
2. Sam Houston	27
3. Jamie Balagia	3
4. Jamar Osborne	3
5. Haven’t thought about it enough to have an opinion	27

Q17. If the 2014 general election for Comptroller were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE, “the Republican Glen Hegar”, “the Democrat Mike Collier”, “the Libertarian Ben Sanders”, “the Green Party candidate Deb Shafto”]** the Democrat Mike Collier and the Republican Glenn Hegar, the Libertarian Ben Sanders, the Green Party candidate Deb Shafto, or haven’t you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

1. Glenn Hegar	32%
2. Mike Collier	25
3. Ben Sanders	5
4. Deb Shafto	2
5. Haven’t thought about it enough to have an opinion	37

Q18. If the 2014 general election for Land Commissioner were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE, “the Republican George P. Bush”, “the Democrat John Cook”, “the Libertarian Justin Knight”, “the Green Party candidate Valerie Alessi”]** the Democrat John Cook, the Republican George P. Bush, the Libertarian Justin Knight, the Green Party candidate Valerie Alessi, or haven’t you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

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|--|-----|
| 1. George P. Bush  | 36% |
| 2. John Cook   | 25  |
| 3. Justin Knight   | 6   |
| 4. Valerie Alessi  | 3   |
| 5. Haven’t thought about<br>it enough to have an opinion | 30  |

Q19. If the 2014 general election for the Commissioner of Agriculture were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE, “the Republican Sid Miller”, “the Democrat Jim Hogan”, “the Libertarian Rocky Palmquist”, “the Green Party candidate Kenneth Kendrick”]** the Democrat Jim Hogan, the Republican Sid Miller, the Libertarian Rocky Palmquist, the Green Party candidate Kenneth Kendrick, or haven’t you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

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|--|-----|
| 1. Sid Miller  | 32% |
| 2. Jim Hogan   | 24  |
| 3. Kenneth Kendrick                                      | 5   |
| 4. Rocky Palmquist                                       | 4   |
| 5. Haven’t thought about<br>it enough to have an opinion | 34  |

Q20. If the 2014 general election for the Railroad Commission were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE, “the Republican Ryan Sitton”, “the Democrat Steve Brown”, “the Libertarian Mark Miller”, “the Green Party candidate Martina Salinas”]** the Democrat Steve Brown, the Republican Ryan Sitton, the Libertarian Mark Miller, the Green Party candidate Martina Salinas, or haven’t you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

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| 1. Ryan Sitton   | 32% |
| 2. Steve Brown   | 24  |
| 3. Mark Miller   | 6   |
| 4. Martina Salinas                                       | 4   |
| 5. Haven’t thought about<br>it enough to have an opinion | 33  |

Q21. If the 2014 election for the Texas Legislature in your district were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

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|---|-----|
| 1. Democratic candidate                               | 38% |
| 2. Republican candidate                               | 46  |
| 3. Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion | 16  |

Q22. 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 | 20% |
| 2. Democratic candidate | 38  |
| 3. Tea Party candidate  | 22  |
| 4. Don't know           | 20  |

Q23. 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            | 32% |
| 2. Too little influence          | 28  |
| 3. The right amount of influence | 21  |
| 4. Don't know                    | 19  |

Q24. If the 2016 primary elections for President were held today, would you vote in the Republican primary, the Democratic primary, or wouldn't you vote in either primary?

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|-------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Republican primary         | 45% |
| 2. Democratic primary         | 36  |
| 3. Wouldn't vote in a primary | 8   |
| 4. Don't know                 | 12  |



Q25. **[ASK IF Q24=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 1-11]**

(n=504, MOE is +/-4.37%; +/-5.00% adjusted for weighting)

1. Ted Cruz	33%
2. Rand Paul	9
3. Mike Huckabee	8
4. Rick Perry	7
5. Jeb Bush	7
6. Marco Rubio	6
7. Paul Ryan	6
8. Scott Walker	4
9. Chris Christie	3
10. Bobby Jindal	2
11. Rick Santorum	1
12. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion	13

Q26. **[ASK IF Q24=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 1-10]**

(n=426, MOE is +/-4.75%; +/-5.87% adjusted for weighting)

1. Hillary Clinton	64%
2. Elizabeth Warren	15
3. Joe Biden	8
4. Andrew Cuomo	2
5. Brian Schweitzer	1
6. Martin O'Malley	0
7. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion	10

**[RANDOMIZE Q27-Q34]**

Q27. 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>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

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

	<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>June 2014</b>	13	23	17	12	19	16
<b>Feb. 2014</b>	12	21	17	14	18	17
<b>Oct. 2013</b>	7	18	23	15	15	22
<b>June 2013</b>	12	19	18	12	17	22

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

1. Very favorable 6%
2. Somewhat favorable 16
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 24
4. Somewhat unfavorable 6
5. Very unfavorable 8
6. Don't know/No Opinion 39

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

	<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>June 2014</b>	21	24	11	9	28	7
<b>Feb. 2014</b>	21	23	11	10	30	5

Q31. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Greg Abbott.

	<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>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

Q32. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Wendy Davis.

	<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>June 2014</b>	22	12	11	7	33	16
<b>Feb. 2014</b>	20	16	13	7	28	15
<b>Oct. 2013</b>	19	18	16	7	24	16
<b>June 2013</b>	4	7	19	6	6	58

Q33. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Leticia Van de Putte.

	<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>June 2014</b>	10	12	19	7	11	40
<b>Feb. 2014</b>	11	16	17	9	13	33

Q34. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Dan Patrick.

	<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>June 2014</b>	15	23	17	8	16	21
<b>Feb. 2014</b>	10	16	23	8	10	33

Q35. Which candidate for governor, Wendy Davis or Greg Abbott, do you trust to do a better job on the following issues? **[RANDOMIZE A-H]**

	Wendy Davis	Greg Abbott	Don't Know/No Opinion
A. Public education	36%	41%	23%
B. The state economy	28%	49%	23%
C. Immigration	32%	45%	24%
D. The state budget	29%	48%	23%
E. Taxes	28%	47%	25%
F. Ethics in government	32%	45%	23%
G. Transportation	30%	44%	26%
H. Higher education	35%	42%	23%

### Policy Questions

Q36. Below are a list of proposals for improving the K-12 education system in Texas. For each proposal, please tell us whether you think it would be extremely effective, somewhat effective, not very effective, or not at all effective in improving the quality of K-12 education in Texas.

**[RANDOMIZE A-I]**

	Extremely Effective	Somewhat effective	Not very effective	Not at all effective	Don't know
A. Creating a school voucher program	26%	25%	14%	17%	18%
B. Expanding the number of charter schools	21%	30%	18%	12%	19%
C. Increasing the pay of public school teachers	35%	32%	14%	10%	9%
D. Increasing funding for the public school system	36%	25%	17%	14%	9%
E. Providing more incentives for individuals to choose teaching as a profession	32%	37%	15%	5%	11%
F. Reducing the number of standardized tests students must take	33%	33%	15%	9%	11%
G. Increasing opportunities for online learning	22%	41%	17%	8%	12%
H. Establishing a state-wide pre-kindergarten program	29%	26%	15%	17%	13%
I. Allowing more localized control over curriculum and standards	32%	33%	14%	10%	12%

Q37. Which of the following do you think would be **MOST EFFECTIVE** in improving the K-12 education system in Texas? **[RANDOMIZE 1-9]**

1. Creating a school voucher program	14%
2. Expanding the number of charter schools	6
3. Increasing the pay of public school teachers	11
4. Increasing funding for the public school system	20
5. Providing more incentives for individuals to choose teaching as a profession	5
6. Reducing the number of standardized tests students must take	14
7. Increasing opportunities for online learning	7
8. Establishing a state-wide pre-kindergarten program	9
9. Allowing more localized control over curriculum and standards	14

Q38. These days, if a man and woman are doing the same work, do you think...

1. The man generally earns more	59%
2. The woman generally earns more	2
3. Both earn about the same amount	34
4. Don't know	5

Q39. Do you think the Texas state government should do MORE to ensure that men and women are treated equally in the work place, is it doing enough right now, or is it doing too much already?

1. State should do more	49%
2. State is doing enough	34
3. State is doing too much	7
4. Don't know	10

Q40. Which of the following best characterizes your opinion on the death penalty for those convicted of violent crimes?

1. Strongly support	48%
2. Somewhat support	23
3. Somewhat oppose	13
4. Strongly oppose	12
5. Don't know	5

Q41. If you could choose between the following two approaches, which do you think is the better penalty for murder? **[Randomize 1-2]**

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| 1. The death penalty   | 56% |
| 2. Life imprisonment with absolutely no possibility for parole | 36  |
| 3. Don't know  | 8   |

***[Half of respondents received the following question. The other half received the same question with the statements and response options presented in the alternative order.]***

Q42. As you may know, Texas law currently prohibits hospitals from withdrawing life sustaining treatment from a pregnant woman who has no chance of recovery. Some people say that the state has a legitimate interest in protecting an unborn fetus, even if it means keeping the woman on life support against her and her family's wishes. Other people say that the woman's family should have the right to decide whether to withdraw life support, even if it means sacrificing the fetus.

Which of the following is closer to your opinion?

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| 1. In this situation, the state should have the right to protect the fetus.  | 26% |
| 2. In this situation, the family should have the right to make the decision. | 74  |

Q43. 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 ("Obamacare").

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very favorable                    | 16% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable                | 15  |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 8   |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable              | 8   |
| 5. Very unfavorable                  | 50  |
| 6. Don't know/No Opinion             | 3   |

Q44. Which would you rather your representative in Congress do when it comes to the Affordable Care Act?

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| 1. Leave the law as is                                       | 8% |
| 2. Work to improve the law                                   | 32 |
| 3. Work to repeal the law                                    | 26 |
| 4. Work to repeal the law and replace it with something else | 28 |
| 5. Don't know/no opinion                                     | 6  |

Q45. Should illegal immigrants who have graduated from Texas high schools and lived in the state for at least a year receive in-state tuition rates at Texas public colleges and universities, or should they have to pay the higher tuition rate for out of-state students?

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. In-state tuition      | 34% |
| 2. Out-of-state-tuition  | 49  |
| 3. Don't know/no opinion | 17  |

For each of the following statements, please indicate whether you “strongly agree”, “somewhat agree”, “somewhat disagree”, or “strongly disagree”: **[Randomize Q46A-Q46D]**

Q46A. Most immigrants pay their fair share of taxes.

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|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly agree    | 14% |
| 2. Somewhat agree    | 20  |
| 3. Somewhat disagree | 16  |
| 4. Strongly disagree | 40  |
| 5. Don't know        | 9   |

Q46B. We should restrict and control people coming to live in the U.S. more than we do now.

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|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly agree    | 50% |
| 2. Somewhat agree    | 23  |
| 3. Somewhat disagree | 14  |
| 4. Strongly disagree | 7   |
| 5. Don't know        | 6   |

Q46C. Newcomers from other countries enrich Texas with their hard work and values.

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|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly agree    | 21% |
| 2. Somewhat agree    | 39  |
| 3. Somewhat disagree | 17  |
| 4. Strongly disagree | 14  |
| 5. Don't know        | 8   |

Q46D. Undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States should be deported immediately.

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| 1. Strongly agree    | 32% |
| 2. Somewhat agree    | 22  |
| 3. Somewhat disagree | 18  |
| 4. Strongly disagree | 22  |
| 5. Don't know        | 6   |

Q47. Please tell us whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if...**[RANDOMIZE A-G]**

	Should be possible	Should not be possible	Don't know
A. The woman's own health is seriously endangered.	76%	13%	11%
B. She became pregnant as a result of rape.	72%	18%	10%
C. She became pregnant as a result of incest.	70%	20%	11%
D. There is a strong chance of a serious defect in the baby.	57%	28%	15%
E. The family has very low income and cannot afford any more children.	39%	48%	13%
F. She is not married and does not want to marry the man.	36%	52%	12%
G. She is married and does not want any more children.	36%	52%	12%

Q48. Do you think that a college education is necessary for a person to be successful in today's work world, or do you think that there are many ways to succeed in today's work world without a college education?

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|---|-----|
| 1. College education is necessary   | 28% |
| 2. There are many ways to succeed in today's world without a college degree | 68  |
| 3. Don't know   | 4   |



## 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 | 69% |
| 2. Democratic Party | 18  |
| 3. Neither          | 3   |
| 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      | 9% |
| 2. More than two-thirds    | 67 |
| 3. More than three-fourths | 13 |
| 4. Don't know              | 11 |

INFO3. Who is the current Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives?

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|--------------------|-----|
| 1. Greg Abbott     | 20% |
| 2. Joe Straus      | 29  |
| 3. Susan Combs     | 4   |
| 4. Victor Carrillo | 3   |
| 5. Don't know      | 43  |

INFO4. Among the 50 states, where does Texas rank in K-12 per student education funding?

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|-------------|-----|
| 1. Top 10   | 10% |
| 2. 11 to 20 | 15  |
| 3. 21 to 30 | 19  |
| 4. 31 to 40 | 25  |
| 5. 41 to 50 | 31  |

## 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?

1. Extremely liberal	5%
2. Somewhat liberal	9
3. Lean liberal	8
4. In the middle	30
5. Lean conservative	10
6. Somewhat conservative	19
7. Extremely conservative	18

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

1. Democrat	43%
2. Independent	10
3. Republican	47%

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

1. Strong Democrat	22%
2. Not very strong Democrat	10
3. Lean Democrat	10
4. Independent	10
5. Lean Republican	11
6. Not very strong Republican	11
7. Strong Republican	26

## Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29	16%
2. 30-44	26
3. 45-64	38
4. 65 and up	19

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

1. Urban	30%
2. Suburban	49
3. Rural	21

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.       | 21% |
| 2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area | 31  |
| 3. Yes, I live in the San Antonio area    | 10  |
| 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          | 13  |
| 3. Three        | 6   |
| 4. Four or more | 2   |
| 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.   | 23% |
| 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. | 1   |
| 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?

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

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

1. Less than high school	3%
2. High school degree	29
3. Some college	28
4. Two-year college degree	9
5. Four-year college degree	21
6. Post-graduate degree	10

ONEDU. These days many colleges and universities offer courses online. Have you ever taken a course online?

1. Yes	27%
2. No	73

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

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

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

1. Yes	48%
2. No	52

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.	34%
2. The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	37
3. The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	23
4. Don’t know.	6

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

1. Extremely important	50%
2. Somewhat important	27
3. Not very important	10
4. Not at all important	13

ATTEND. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services or participate in religious activities?

1. More than once a week	16%
2. Once a week	22
3. A few times a month	11
4. Once or twice a year	24
5. Never	27

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

1. White	60%
2. African American	13
3. Hispanic or Latino	23
4. Asian/Pacific Islander	2
5. Native American	0
6. Multi-racial/Other	2

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

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?

1. Born in the United States or Puerto Rico	89%
2. Born in another country	10
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?

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 | 40% |
| 2. No  | 60  |

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

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

43. Tennessee	1
44. Texas	1
45. Utah	2
46. Vermont	0
47. Virginia	3
48. Washington	1
49. West Virginia	0
50. Wisconsin	1
51. Wyoming	1

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

1. Own	73%
2. Rent	27

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

1. Married	54%
2. Separated	2
3. Divorced	13
4. Widowed	5
5. Single	21
6. Domestic Partnership	5

GENDER. What is your gender?

1. Male	47%
2. Female	53