University of Texas / Texas Tribune Poll
Texas Statewide Survey

Field Dates: June 8-17, 2018
N=1200 Adults
Margin of error: +/- 2.83% (3.28% adjusted for weighting) unless otherwise noted[*]

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	47%
2.	Somewhat interested	41
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	30%
2.	Almost every election	36
3.	About half	13
4.	One or two	13
5.	None	7
6.	Don't know	1

Q3A. How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting in the 2018 elections?

1.	Extremely enthusiastic	39
2.	Very enthusiastic	22
3.	Somewhat enthusiastic	22
4.	Not too enthusiastic	11
5.	Not at all enthusiastic	6

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

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

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

Policy Questions

Q34. Do you support or oppose separating children and parents who are apprehended while trying to enter the U.S. illegally?

1.	Strongly support	16%
2.	Somewhat support	12
3.	Somewhat oppose	13
4.	Strongly oppose	44
5.	Don't know/No opinion	14

Q35. Would you say that the North American Free Trade Agreement, known as NAFTA, has been good or bad for the Texas economy?

1.	Good	34%
2.	Bad	28
3.	Don't know/no opinion	38

Q36. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: *This country would be better off if we just stayed home and did not concern ourselves with problems in other parts of the world.*

1.	Strongly agree	12%
2.	Somewhat agree	27
3.	Somewhat disagree	28
4.	Strongly disagree	23
5.	Don't know	9

Political Knowledge

[Randomize INFO1-INFO3]

INFO1. Which political party holds the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives?
[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1.	Republican Party	83%
2.	Democratic Party	8
3.	Neither	2
4.	Don't know	8

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	74
3.	More than three-fourths	7
4.	Don't know	12

INFO3. Who won the popular vote in the 2016 Presidential Election? **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

1.	Donald Trump	24%
2.	Hillary Clinton	69
3.	Neither	2
4.	Don't know	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	10%
2.	Somewhat liberal	13
3.	Lean liberal	8
4.	In the middle	26
5.	Lean conservative	9
6.	Somewhat conservative	18
7.	Extremely conservative	17

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

1.	Democrat	43%
2.	Independent	11
3.	Republican	46

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

1.	Strong Democrat	21%
2.	Not very strong Democrat	10
3.	Lean Democrat	12
4.	Independent	11
5.	Lean Republican	12
6.	Not very strong Republican	13
7.	Strong Republican	21

REPCON. **[ASK IF PID7 >= 5]** Overall, do you think that Republican elected officials in Texas are conservative enough, too conservative, or not conservative enough?

1.	Conservative enough	50%
2.	Too conservative	10
3.	Not conservative enough	30
4.	Don't know/No opinion	9

DEMLIB. **[ASK IF PID7 <= 3]** Overall, do you think that Democratic elected officials in Texas are liberal enough, too liberal, or not liberal enough?

1.	Liberal enough	36%
2.	Too liberal	7
3.	Not liberal enough	37
4.	Don't know/No opinion	20

Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1.	18-29	16%
2.	30-44	26
3.	45-64	36
4.	65 and up	23

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

1.	Urban	33%
2.	Suburban	48
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.	24%
2.	Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	28
3.	Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	9
4.	Yes, I live in the Austin area	9
5.	No, I live in another part of Texas.	31

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1.	One	15%
2.	Two	12
3.	Three	4
4.	Four or more	2
5.	None	67

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.	19%
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.	78

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

1.	Less than $10,000	6%
2.	$10,000 to $19,999	6
3.	$20,000 to $29,999	8
4.	$30,000 to $39,999	9
5.	$40,000 to $49,999	9
6.	$50,000 to $59,999	10
7.	$60,000 to $69,999	7
8.	$70,000 to $79,999	5
9.	$80,000 to $99,999	5
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	16

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

1.	Pro-life	44%
2.	Pro-choice	39
3.	Neither	13
4.	Don't know	4

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

1.	Less than high school	6%
2.	High school degree	25
3.	Some college	23
4.	Two-year college degree	10
5.	Four-year college degree	25
6.	Post-graduate degree	11

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

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

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

1.	Agnostic	2
2.	**Assembly of God***	**1**
3.	Atheist	1
4.	**Baptist***	**7**
5.	**Born again**	**5**
6.	Buddhist	1
7.	**Catholic***	**3**
8.	**Christian Scientist***	**0**
9.	**Church of Christ***	**2**
10.	**Church of God***	**0**
11.	**Disciples of Christ***	**0**
12.	**Episcopal/Anglican***	**1**
13.	Evangelical	1
14.	Hindu	0
15.	Jehovah's Witnesses	0
16.	Jewish	1
17.	**Lutheran***	**1**
18.	**Methodist***	**3**
19.	**Mormon***	**0**
20.	Muslim/Islam	0
21.	**Nondenominational Christian***	**5**
22.	**Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox***	**0**
23.	**Pentecostal/charismatic/spirit-filled***	**2**
24.	**Presbyterian***	**0**
25.	**Protestant (non-specific)***	**4**
26.	**Reformed***	**1**
27.	**Unitarian/Universalist***	**0**
28.	**United Church of Christ***	**0**
29.	Religious but not spiritual	1
30.	Spiritual but not religious	6
31.	No religious affiliation/none	34
32.	**Other***	**4**
33.	Don't know	1

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.	28%
2.	The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	41
3.	The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	24
4.	Don't know.	7

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

1. Extremely important   43%
2. Somewhat important   28
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?

1. More than once a week   12%
2. Once a week   21
3. A few times a month   11
4. Once or twice a year   24
5. Never   33

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

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
7. Other   1
8. Middle Eastern   0

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

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?

1. Born in the United States or Puerto Rico   86%
2. Born in another country   14
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?

1. Both of my parents were born in the United States   62%
   or Puerto Rico
2. One of my parents was born in another country   25
3. Both of my parents were both in another country   13

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

1. Yes   42%
2. No   58

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

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

44. Utah	0
45. Vermont	0
46. Virginia	4
47. Washington	2
48. West Virginia	0
49. Wisconsin	2
50. Wyoming	1
51. Guam	0
52. Puerto Rico	1
53. Ontario	0
54. Not in the U.S. or Canada	1

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

1. Active-duty military	0%
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	70

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

| 1. Own | 68% |
| 2. Rent | 32 |

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

1. Married	51%
2. Separated	2
3. Divorced	10
4. Widowed	6
5. Single	27
6. Domestic Partnership	5

GENDER. What is your gender?

| 1. Male | 47% |
| 2. Female | 53 |