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. The economy 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?  

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Retrospective Assessments

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[RANDOMIZE Q9A-Q9B]

Q9A. How would you rate the job [Ted Cruz] is doing as U.S. Senator? Would you say that you...

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Political Figures and Elections

Q15. If the 2018 general election for U.S. Senator from Texas was held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE “the Republican Ted Cruz”, “the Democrat Beto O'Rourke”, “the Libertarian Neal Dikeman”] the Republican Ted Cruz, the Democrat Beto O'Rourke, the Libertarian Neal Dikeman, someone else, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? [RANDOMIZE 1-3]

1. Ted Cruz 41%
2. Beto O'Rourke 36
3. Neal Dikeman 2
4. Someone else 3
5. Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion 17

Q16. If the 2018 general election for Governor were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE “the Republican Greg Abbott”, “the Democrat Lupe Valdez”, “the Libertarian Mark Tippetts”] the Republican Greg Abbott, the Democrat Lupe Valdez, the Libertarian Mark Tippetts, someone else, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? [RANDOMIZE 1-3]

1. Greg Abbott 44%
2. Lupe Valdez 32
3. Mark Tippetts 4
4. Someone else 4
5. Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion 16

Q17. If the 2018 general election for Lieutenant Governor were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE “the Republican Dan Patrick”, “the Democrat Mike Collier”, “the Libertarian Kerry McKennon”] the Republican Dan Patrick, the Democrat Mike Collier, the Libertarian Kerry McKennon, someone else, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? [RANDOMIZE 1-3]

1. Dan Patrick 37%
2. Mike Collier 31
3. Kerry McKennon 4
4. Someone else 5
5. Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion 23

Q18. If the 2018 general election for Attorney General were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE “the Republican Ken Paxton”, “the Democrat Justin Nelson”, “the Libertarian Michael Ray Harris”] the Republican Ken Paxton, the Democrat Justin Nelson, the Libertarian Michael Ray Harris, someone else, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? [RANDOMIZE 1-3]

1. Ken Paxton 32%
2. Justin Nelson 31
3. Michael Ray Harris 6
4. Someone else 4
5. Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion 26
Q19A. If the 2018 election for the Representative in the United States House of Representatives in your district were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE “the Democratic candidate” and “the Republican candidate”] the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, or haven’t you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

1. Democratic candidate 41%
2. Republican candidate 43
3. Haven’t thought about it enough to have an opinion 17

Q19B. If the 2018 election for the Texas Legislature in your district were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE “the Democratic candidate” and “the Republican candidate”] the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, or haven’t you thought about it enough to have an opinion? [Randomize 1-2]

1. Democratic candidate 42%
2. Republican candidate 43
3. Haven’t thought about it enough to have an opinion 16

Q20A. 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]

1. Republican candidate 27%
2. Democratic candidate 41
3. Tea Party candidate 13
4. Don’t know 19

Q20B. Do you think the Tea Party movement has too much influence, too little influence, or the right amount of influence in the Republican Party?

1. Too much influence 30%
2. Too little influence 26
3. The right amount of influence 16
4. Don’t know 28
[RANDOMIZE Q22-25]

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

1. Very favorable 23%
2. Somewhat favorable 18
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 10
4. Somewhat unfavorable 8
5. Very unfavorable 34
6. Don’t know/no opinion 7

Q23. 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.

1. Very favorable 22%
2. Somewhat favorable 15
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 16
4. Somewhat unfavorable 8
5. Very unfavorable 16
6. Don’t know/no opinion 24

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

1. Very favorable 29%
2. Somewhat favorable 19
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 10
4. Somewhat unfavorable 12
5. Very unfavorable 23
6. Don’t know/no opinion 8

Q25. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Lupe Valdez.

1. Very favorable 12%
2. Somewhat favorable 18
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 19
4. Somewhat unfavorable 8
5. Very unfavorable 17
6. Don’t know/no opinion 25
Q26. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the Republican Party.

1. Very favorable 10%
2. Somewhat favorable 25%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 12%
4. Somewhat unfavorable 16%
5. Very unfavorable 32%
6. Don’t know/no opinion 5%

Q27. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the Democratic Party.

1. Very favorable 15%
2. Somewhat favorable 22%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 9%
4. Somewhat unfavorable 12%
5. Very unfavorable 37%
6. Don’t know/no opinion 5%

Q28. 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 15%
2. Somewhat favorable 26%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 22%
4. Somewhat unfavorable 16%
5. Very unfavorable 13%
6. Don’t know/no opinion 8%
Q31. How much have you heard about the investigations into Russian efforts to influence the U.S. presidential election in 2016?

1. A lot 58%
2. Some 27%
3. Not very much 10%
4. Nothing at all 5%

Q32. To the best of your knowledge, have the investigations uncovered any crimes?

1. Yes 45%
2. No 55%

Q33. Thinking about the investigations into Russian efforts to influence the U.S. presidential election in 2016, which comes closer to your point of view? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. They’re mostly efforts to investigate potential foreign interference in a U.S. election 42%
2. They’re mostly efforts to discredit Donald Trump’s presidency 45%
3. Don’t know/No opinion 13%
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.**

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<td>65 and up</td>
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**LOCATE. Would you say that you live in an urban, suburban, or rural community?**

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<td>Rural</td>
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**METRO. Do you live in the Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio, or Austin metropolitan areas?**

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<td>Yes, I live in the Houston area.</td>
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<td>Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area</td>
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<td>Yes, I live in the San Antonio area</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>Yes, I live in the Austin area</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>No, I live in another part of Texas.</td>
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**CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?**

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**SCHOOL. Do you have any children currently enrolled in school in Texas? (check all that apply)**

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<td>Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in public school in Texas.</td>
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<td>Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in private school in Texas.</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Yes, I have a child/children under 18 who are being home schooled in Texas.</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>No, I do not have any children under 18 in school in Texas.</td>
<td>78%</td>
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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
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 or Puerto Rico 62%
2. One of my parents was born in another country 25
3. Both of my parents were both in another country 13
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]

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