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Texas Statewide Survey

May 2012 Instrument

N=800 Adults

Margin of error: +/- 3.46% unless otherwise noted

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	48%
2. Somewhat interested	38%
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	32%
2. Almost every election	35%
3. About half	13%
4. One or two	11%
5. None	7%
6. Don't know/Refused/NA	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	19%
3. Neither approve nor disapprove	10%
4. Disapprove somewhat	8%
5. Disapprove strongly	46%
6. Don't know	1%

Q7. Overall, how do you rate the job the U.S. Congress is doing?

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| 1. Approve strongly | 1% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 9% |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 15% |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 23% |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 48% |
| 6. Don't know | 3% |

[For Q14 through Q19 and for Q22, respondents were first asked the questions below. If they initially answered that they didn't know, they were then asked a follow-up question: "If you had to make a choice, who would you choose?" Responses to the follow-up questions were folded into the results found below. "Likely Voters" were defined as those who indicated that they were either "Extremely" or "Somewhat" interested in politics in Q2 AND either voted in "Every" or "Almost every" election in Q3.]

Q14. **[Ask if Q13=1]** If the 2012 Republican primary election for President were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? (n=345 ;MOE=+/- 5.28%)

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| 1. Mitt Romney | 60% |
| 2. Ron Paul | 15% |
| 3. Newt Gingrich | 9% |
| 4. Rick Santorum | 10% |
| 5. Michele Bachmann | 3% |
| 6. Jon Huntsman | 1% |
| 7. Other | 1% |

Likely Voters (n=275 ;MOE=+/- 5.91%)

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| 1. Mitt Romney | 63% |
| 2. Ron Paul | 14% |
| 3. Newt Gingrich | 9% |
| 4. Rick Santorum | 10% |
| 5. Michele Bachmann | 3% |
| 6. Jon Huntsman | 1% |
| 7. Other | 1% |

Q15. **[Ask if Q13=1]** If the 2012 Republican primary election for U.S. Senator were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? (n=343 ;MOE=+/- 5.29%)

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| 1. David Dewhurst | 40% |
| 2. Ted Cruz | 28% |
| 3. Tom Leppert | 15% |
| 4. Curt Cleaver | 1% |
| 5. Ben Gambini | 1% |
| 6. Glenn Addison | 2% |
| 7. Joe Agris | 1% |

8. Craig James	5%
9. Lela Pittenger	3%
10. Don't know	3%

Likely Voters (n=274 ;MOE=+/- 5.92%)

1. David Dewhurst	40%
2. Ted Cruz	31%
3. Tom Leppert	17%
4. Curt Cleaver	1%
5. Ben Gambini	0%
6. Glenn Addison	2%
7. Joe Agris	1%
8. Craig James	4%
9. Lela Pittenger	3%
10. Don't know	2%

Q18. **[Ask if Q13=2]** If the 2012 Democratic primary election for U.S. Senator were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? (n=234 ;MOE=+/- 6.41%)

1. Sean Hubbard	22%
2. Addie Dainell Allen	22%
3. Paul Sadler	35%
4. Grady Yarbrough	12%
5. Don't know	9%

Likely Voters (n=157 ;MOE=+/- 7.82%)

1. Sean Hubbard	25%
2. Addie Dainell Allen	19%
3. Paul Sadler	29%
4. Grady Yarbrough	15%
5. Don't know	11%

Q19. If the 2012 general election for U.S. president were held today and Mitt Romney was the Republican nominee, would you vote for **[randomize]** Barack Obama, Mitt Romney, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

1. Mitt Romney	46%
2. Barack Obama	38%
3. Someone else	9%
4. Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	8%

Likely Voters (n=511 ;MOE=+/- 4.34%)

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| 1. Mitt Romney | 55% |
| 2. Barack Obama | 35% |
| 3. Someone else | 7% |
| 4. Haven't thought about it
enough to have an opinion | 3% |

Q20. If the 2012 general election for U.S. Senator from Texas were held today, would you vote for the [randomize] Republican candidate, the Democratic candidate, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

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| 1. Republican candidate | 45% |
| 2. Democratic candidate | 34% |
| 3. Someone else | 3% |
| 4. Haven't thought about it
enough to have an opinion | 18% |

Likely Voters (n=511 ;MOE=+/- 4.34%)

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| 1. Republican candidate | 55% |
| 2. Democratic candidate | 34% |
| 3. Someone else | 3% |
| 4. Haven't thought about it
enough to have an opinion | 8% |

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

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| 1. Very favorable | 8% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 22% |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 21% |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 11% |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 14% |
| 6. Don't know enough about
him to have an opinion | 25% |

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

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| 1. Very favorable | 4% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 14% |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 20% |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 7% |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 7% |
| 6. Don't know enough about
him to have an opinion | 48% |

Q28. 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	7%
2. Somewhat favorable	16%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	16%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	9%
5. Very unfavorable	10%
6. Don't know enough about him to have an opinion	42%

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

1. Very favorable	3%
2. Somewhat favorable	7%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	20%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	7%
5. Very unfavorable	8%
6. Don't know enough about him to have an opinion	55%

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

1. Very favorable	2%
2. Somewhat favorable	8%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	21%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	3%
5. Very unfavorable	2%
6. Don't know enough about him to have an opinion	63%

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

1. Very favorable	21%
2. Somewhat favorable	17%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	8%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	8%
5. Very unfavorable	44%
6. Don't know/No Opinion	3%

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

1. Very favorable	13%
2. Somewhat favorable	27%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	14%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	15%
5. Very unfavorable	23%
6. Don't know/No Opinion	7%

Political Traits

[Randomize Q36 and Q37]

Q36. Here are several descriptive phrases. Using a 0-10 scale, where 0 means "not at all well" and 10 means "extremely well," please tell us how well each of the following phrases describe Barack Obama. **[Include "don't know" option for every scale.]**

- a. Really cares about people like me
Mean=5.33, Standard Deviation=4.03
- b. Strong leader
Mean=5.51, Standard Deviation=4.01
- c. Knowledgeable
Mean=6.41, Standard Deviation=3.95
- d. Fights for the middle class
Mean=5.50, Standard Deviation=4.03

Q37. Here are several descriptive phrases. Using a 0-10 scale, where 0 means "not at all well" and 10 means "extremely well," please tell us how well each of the following phrases describe Mitt Romney. **[Include "don't know" option for every scale.]**

- a. Really cares about people like me
Mean=5.04, Standard Deviation=3.48
- b. Strong leader
Mean=6.32, Standard Deviation=3.32
- c. Knowledgeable
Mean=6.86, Standard Deviation=3.33
- d. Fights for the middle class
Mean=5.22, Standard Deviation=3.58

Political Knowledge

[Randomize INFO1-INFO3]

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

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| 1. Republican Party | 73% |
| 2. Democratic Party | 13% |
| 3. Neither | 2% |
| 4. Don't know | 12% |

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 | 69% |
| 3. More than three-fourths | 11% |
| 4. Don't know | 14% |

INFO3. Who is the current Attorney General of Texas?

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| 1. Greg Abbott | 66% |
| 2. Michael Williams | 1% |
| 3. Susan Combs | 5% |
| 4. Victor Carrillo | 1% |
| 5. Don't know | 27% |

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"]**

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| 1. Extremely liberal | 2% |
| 2. Somewhat liberal | 6% |
| 3. Lean liberal | 9% |
| 4. In the middle | 40% |
| 5. Lean conservative | 15% |
| 6. Somewhat conservative | 20% |
| 7. Extremely conservative | 8% |

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

1. Democrat	31%
2. Independent	28%
3. Republican	33%
4. Other	1%
5. Not sure	6%

PID7.

1. Strong Democrat	20%
2. Not very strong Democrat	13%
3. Lean Democrat	8%
4. Independent	10%
5. Lean Republican	12%
6. Not very strong Republican	14%
7. Strong Republican	22%
8. Other	1%

Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29	16%
2. 30-44	27%
3. 45-64	37%
4. 65 and up	20%

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

1. Urban	28%
2. Suburban	54%
3. Rural	18%

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

1. Yes, I live in the Houston area.	18%
2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	34%
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.	30%

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1. One	15%
2. Two	13%

3. Three	5%
4. Four or more	3%
5. None	65%

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.	22%
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.	74%

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

1. Less than \$10,000	5%
2. \$10,000 to \$19,999	8%
3. \$20,000 to \$29,999	10%
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	7%
9. \$80,000 to \$99,999	7%
10. \$100,000 to \$119,999	7%
11. \$120,000 to \$149,999	3%
12. More than \$150,000	5%
13. Prefer not to say	13%

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

1. Less than high school	5%
2. High school degree	34%
3. Some college	25%
4. Two-year college degree	9%
5. Four-year college degree	19%
6. Post-graduate degree	8%

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

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

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

1. Yes	46%
2. No	54%

CATHOLICID. **[Ask if RELIG = “Catholic”]** Do you identify with any of the following descriptions? Please select all that apply.

1. Liberal Catholic	22%
2. Conservative Catholic	17%
3. Traditional Catholic	37%
4. Charismatic Catholic	1%
5. Evangelical Catholic	3%
6. I do not identify with any of the above	21%

CHARISMATIC. [Ask if respond * to RELIG] Do you consider yourself to be a “spirit filled” or “charismatic” Christian?

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| 1. Yes | 36% |
| 2. No | 64% |

SOCIALGOSPEL. [Ask if respond * to RELIG] Do you consider social justice to be at the heart of the Gospel?

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| 1. Yes | 35% |
| 2. No | 65% |

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. | 31% |
| 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. | 20% |
| 4. Don't know. | 8% |

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

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| 1. Extremely important | 47% |
| 2. Somewhat important | 33% |
| 3. Not very important | 9% |
| 4. Not at all important | 11% |

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 | 19% |
| 2. Once a week | 16% |
| 3. A few times a month | 13% |
| 4. Once or twice a year | 25% |
| 5. Never | 27% |

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

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| 1. White | 62% |
| 2. African American | 14% |
| 3. Hispanic or Latino | 18% |
| 4. Asian/Pacific Islander | 1% |
| 5. Native American | 1% |
| 6. Multi-racial | 3% |

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

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| 1. Yes | 3% |
| 2. No | 97% |
| 3. Don't know | 0% |

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 | 86% |
| 2. Born in another country | 11% |
| 3. Don't know | 3% |

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 | 68% |
| 2. One of my parents was born in another country | 20% |
| 3. Both of my parents were both in another country | 12% |

CALI. Did you move to Texas from California?

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| 1. Yes | 9% |
| 2. No | 91% |

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

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| 1. Own | 73% |
| 2. Rent | 27% |

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

1. Married	58%
2. Separated	2%
3. Divorced	10%
4. Widowed	6%
5. Single	20%
6. Domestic Partnership	4%

GENDER. What is your gender?

1. Male	47%
2. Female	53%