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Texas Statewide Survey - DAY 1

Field Dates: June 5 to 14, 2015

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%
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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	46%
2. Somewhat interested	42
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	34%
2. Almost every election	39
3. About half	11
4. One or two	10
5. None	4
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 3.28%.

Retrospective Assessments

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

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| 1. Approve strongly | 17% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 18 |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 10 |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 10 |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 45 |
| 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 | 2% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 13 |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 21 |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 26 |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 36 |
| 6. Don't know | 2 |

Q7A. How would you rate the job that your U.S. Congressman is doing? Would you say that you...

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| 1. Approve strongly | 9% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 24 |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 24 |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 17 |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 19 |
| 6. Don't know | 7 |

Political Figures and Elections

Q16. 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?

1. Republican primary	47%
2. Democratic primary	33
3. Wouldn't vote in a primary	11
4. Don't know	10

[For Q17 and Q18, after indicating their first choice, respondents were asked, "Of the remaining possible candidates, who would be your second choice, or have you not thought about it enough to have an opinion?"]

Q17. **[ASK IF Q16=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 1-16]**

(n=504, MOE is +/- 4.37%; MOE is +/- 4.75% when adjusted for weighting)

	First Choice	Second Choice
1. Ted Cruz	20%	16%
2. Rick Perry	12	13
3. Scott Walker	10	14
4. Marco Rubio	8	9
5. Jeb Bush	7	5
6. Ben Carson	6	5
7. Rand Paul	6	8
8. Mike Huckabee	5	7
9. Carly Fiorina	3	4
10. Rick Santorum	2	2
11. Donald Trump	2	2
12. Chris Christie	1	3
13. Bobby Jindal	1	3
14. John Kasich	1	1
15. Lindsey Graham	1	2
16. George Pataki	0	0
17. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion	15	6

Q18. **[ASK IF Q16=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=457, MOE is +/- 4.58%; MOE is +/- 5.27% when adjusted for weighting)

	First Choice	Second Choice
1. Hillary Clinton	53%	17%
2. Bernie Sanders	15	11
3. Joe Biden	8	25
4. Elizabeth Warren	8	20
5. Andrew Cuomo	1	4
6. Martin O'Malley	1	4
7. Jim Webb	1	2
8. Lincoln Chafee	1	1
9. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion	12	17

Q19. 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	24%
2. Democratic candidate	34
3. Tea Party candidate	18
4. Don't know	24

Q20. 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	32%
2. Too little influence	26
3. The right amount of influence	22
4. Don't know	21

[RANDOMIZE Q21-Q26]

Q21. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Ted Cruz.

	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Don't Know/No Opinion
June 2015	22	18	15	8	29	7
Feb. 2015	26	15	12	8	28	10
Oct. 2014	26	18	11	8	28	8
June 2014	29	17	10	6	28	11
Feb. 2014	29	14	10	8	29	10
Oct. 2013	23	15	14	6	31	10
June 2013	26	14	13	7	24	17

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

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| 1. Very favorable | 18% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 16 |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 9 |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 9 |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 46 |
| 6. Don't know/no opinion | 2 |

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

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| 1. Very favorable | 17% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 18 |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 9 |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 10 |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 45 |
| 6. Don't know/no opinion | 2 |

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 | 76% |
| 2. Democratic Party | 9 |
| 3. Neither | 3 |
| 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 | 70 |
| 3. More than three-fourths | 8 |
| 4. Don't know | 15 |

INFO3. To the best of your knowledge, what percent of Texas's population is made up of Latinos/Hispanics? **[PROVIDE DROP-DOWN WITH OPTIONS RANGING FROM 0% to 100%]**

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| 1. 0-10% | 2% |
| 2. 11-20% | 14 |
| 3. 21-30% | 18 |
| 4. 31-40% | 27 |
| 5. 41-50% | 17 |
| 6. 51-60% | 13 |
| 7. 61-70% | 3 |
| 8. 71-80% | 2 |
| 9. 81-90% | 1 |
| 10. 90-100% | 0 |

INFO4. To the best of your knowledge, what percent of Texas's population is made up of African Americans/Blacks? **[PROVIDE DROP-DOWN WITH OPTIONS RANGING FROM 0% to 100%]**

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| 1. 0-10% | 12% |
| 2. 11-20% | 41 |
| 3. 21-30% | 23 |
| 4. 31-40% | 12 |
| 5. 41-50% | 2 |
| 6. 51-60% | 1 |
| 7. 61-70% | 1 |
| 8. 71-80% | 1 |
| 9. 81-90% | 0 |
| 10. 90-100% | 0 |

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	6%
2. Somewhat liberal	9
3. Lean liberal	7
4. In the middle	30
5. Lean conservative	12
6. Somewhat conservative	21
7. Extremely conservative	15

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

1. Democrat	39%
2. Independent	11
3. Republican	49

PID7.

1. Strong Democrat	19%
2. Not very strong Democrat	12
3. Lean Democrat	9
4. Independent	11
5. Lean Republican	15
6. Not very strong Republican	13
7. Strong Republican	21

Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29	15%
2. 30-44	23
3. 45-64	38
4. 65 and up	23

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

1. Urban	31%
2. Suburban	48
3. Rural	21

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

1. Yes, I live in the Houston area.	22%
2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	30
3. Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	11
4. Yes, I live in the Austin area	8
5. No, I live in another part of Texas.	29

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1. One	15%
2. Two	12
3. Three	5
4. Four or more	2
5. None	66

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.	20%
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.	76

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

1. Less than \$10,000	4%
2. \$10,000 to \$19,999	7
3. \$20,000 to \$29,999	11
4. \$30,000 to \$39,999	13
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	6
9. \$80,000 to \$99,999	7
10. \$100,000 to \$119,999	5
11. \$120,000 to \$149,999	4
12. More than \$150,000	6
13. Prefer not to say	14

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

1. Pro-life	44%
2. Pro-choice	37
3. Neither	12
4. Don't know	7

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

1. Less than high school	4%
2. High school degree	28
3. Some college	30
4. Two-year college degree	10
5. Four-year college degree	18
6. Post-graduate degree	11

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

1. Yes	28%
2. No	72

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

1. Agnostic	5%
2. Assembly of God*	1
3. Atheist	5
4. Baptist*	19
5. Buddhist	0
6. Catholic*	21
7. Christian Scientist*	1
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	0
14. Jewish	1
15. Lutheran*	2
16. Methodist*	6
17. Mormon*	1
18. Muslim/Islam	1
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	8
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?

1. Yes	45%
2. No	55

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.	30%
2. The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	42
3. The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	21
4. Don’t know.	7

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

1. Extremely important	45%
2. Somewhat important	28
3. Not very important	12
4. Not at all important	14

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

1. More than once a week	13%
2. Once a week	19
3. A few times a month	14
4. Once or twice a year	27
5. Never	28

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

1. White	61%
2. African American	13
3. Hispanic or Latino	22
4. Asian/Pacific Islander	1
5. Native American	0
6. Multi-racial	2

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

1. Yes	3%
2. No	95
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?

1. Born in the United States or Puerto Rico	88%
2. Born in another country	11
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	53%
2. One of my parents was born in another country	29
3. Both of my parents were both in another country	19

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

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| 1. Yes | 39% |
| 2. No | 61 |

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

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

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

1. Own	71%
2. Rent	29

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

1. Married	54%
2. Separated	1
3. Divorced	10
4. Widowed	7
5. Single	22
6. Domestic Partnership	5

GENDER. What is your gender?

1. Male	47%
2. Female	53