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**Texas Statewide Survey**

Field Dates: February 15-24, 2013

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	60%
2. Somewhat interested	24%
3. Not very interested	9%
4. Not at all interested	7%
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	39%
2. Almost every election	30%
3. About half	11%
4. One or two	14%
5. None	5%
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%.

## Political Figures and Elections

Q11. If Rick Perry were to run for governor again in 2014, would you vote for him, would you vote against him, or would you need to wait and see who is running against him?

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| 1. Vote for Perry     | 26% |
| 2. Vote against Perry | 36% |
| 3. Wait and see       | 33% |
| 4. Don't know         | 5%  |

Q12. 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 | 17% |
| 2. Democratic candidate | 36% |
| 3. Tea Party candidate  | 20% |
| 4. Don't know           | 22% |

Q13. 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            | 31% |
| 2. Too little influence          | 28% |
| 3. The right amount of influence | 18% |
| 4. Don't know                    | 22% |

### **[RANDOMIZE Q14-Q19]**

Q14. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Ted Cruz.

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| 1. Very favorable                    | 25% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable                | 14% |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 16% |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable              | 7%  |
| 5. Very unfavorable                  | 21% |
| 6. Don't know/No Opinion             | 17% |

Q15. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of John Cornyn.

1. Very favorable	12%
2. Somewhat favorable	20%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	18%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	11%
5. Very unfavorable	17%
6. Don't know/No Opinion	21%

Q16. 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	24%
2. Somewhat favorable	16%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	6%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	7%
5. Very unfavorable	47%
6. Don't know/No Opinion	1%

Q17. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of David Dewhurst.

1. Very favorable	6%
2. Somewhat favorable	14%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	27%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	14%
5. Very unfavorable	15%
6. Don't know/No Opinion	24%

Q18. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Rick Perry.

1. Very favorable	18%
2. Somewhat favorable	23%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	12%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	12%
5. Very unfavorable	30%
6. Don't know/No Opinion	5%

Q19. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Greg Abbott.

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| 1. Very favorable                    | 12% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable                | 17% |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 24% |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable              | 8%  |
| 5. Very unfavorable                  | 10% |
| 6. Don't know/No Opinion             | 29% |

Q21A. If the 2014 Republican primary election for governor 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 1-2]**

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| 1. Rick Perry   | 27% |
| 2. Greg Abbott  | 14% |
| 3. Don't usually vote in Republican primaries         | 31% |
| 4. Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion | 28% |

Among Republicans (n=549 MOE is +/- 4.18; adjusted for weighting, MOE is +/- 4.73)

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| 1. Rick Perry   | 49% |
| 2. Greg Abbott  | 17% |
| 3. Don't usually vote in Republican primaries         | 4%  |
| 4. Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion | 31% |

## 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 | 70% |
| 2. Democratic Party | 17% |
| 3. Neither          | 2%  |
| 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      | 7%  |
| 2. More than two-thirds    | 70% |
| 3. More than three-fourths | 10% |
| 4. Don't know              | 13% |

INFO3. Who is the current Attorney General of Texas?

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| 1. Greg Abbott      | 74% |
| 2. Michael Williams | 1%  |
| 3. Susan Combs      | 2%  |
| 4. Victor Carrillo  | 1%  |
| 5. Don't know       | 22% |

## 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	7%
2. Somewhat liberal	9%
3. Lean liberal	9%
4. In the middle	25%
5. Lean conservative	13%
6. Somewhat conservative	20%
7. Extremely conservative	18%

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

1. Democrat	41%
2. Independent	12%
3. Republican	46%
4. Other/Not Sure	0%

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

1. Strong Democrat	24%
2. Not very strong Democrat	8%
3. Lean Democrat	10%
4. Independent	12%
5. Lean Republican	12%
6. Not very strong Republican	10%
7. Strong Republican	25%
8. Other	0%

## Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29	20%
2. 30-44	30%
3. 45-64	35%
4. 65 and up	15%

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

1. Urban	30%
2. Suburban	48%
3. Rural	22%

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

1. Yes, I live in the Houston area.	20%
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	10%
5. No, I live in another part of Texas.	29%

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1. One	17%
2. Two	29%
3. Three	6%
4. Four or more	3%
5. None	62%

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.	24%
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.	2%
4. No, I do not have any children under 18 in school in Texas.	72%

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

1. Less than \$10,000	4%
2. \$10,000 to \$19,999	9%
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	6%
8. \$70,000 to \$79,999	7%
9. \$80,000 to \$99,999	8%
10. \$100,000 to \$119,999	5%
11. \$120,000 to \$149,999	5%
12. More than \$150,000	4%
13. Prefer not to say	14%

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

1. Less than high school	5%
2. High school degree	31%
3. Some college	29%
4. Two-year college degree	8%
5. Four-year college degree	19%
6. Post-graduate degree	9%



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

1. Agnostic	5%
2. <b>Assembly of God*</b>	<b>1%</b>
3. Atheist	5%
4. <b>Baptist*</b>	<b>20%</b>
5. Buddhist	1%
6. <b>Catholic*</b>	<b>15%</b>
7. <b>Christian Scientist*</b>	<b>0%</b>
8. <b>Church of Christ*</b>	<b>3%</b>
9. <b>Church of God*</b>	<b>0%</b>
10. <b>Disciples of Christ*</b>	<b>1%</b>
11. <b>Episcopal/Anglican*</b>	<b>2%</b>
12. Hindu	0%
13. Jehovah's Witnesses	0%
14. Jewish	1%
15. <b>Lutheran*</b>	<b>3%</b>
16. <b>Methodist*</b>	<b>6%</b>
17. <b>Mormon*</b>	<b>1%</b>
18. Muslim/Islam	1%
19. <b>Nondenominational Christian*</b>	<b>10%</b>
20. <b>Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox*</b>	<b>0%</b>
21. <b>Pentecostal*</b>	<b>3%</b>
22. <b>Presbyterian*</b>	<b>2%</b>
23. <b>Protestant (non-specific)*</b>	<b>4%</b>
24. <b>Reformed*</b>	<b>0%</b>
25. <b>Unitarian/Universalist*</b>	<b>1%</b>
26. <b>United Church of Christ*</b>	<b>0%</b>
27. Spiritual but not religious	8%
28. <b>Other*</b>	<b>6%</b>
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	50%
2. No	50%

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

1. Liberal Catholic	18%
2. Conservative Catholic	21%
3. Traditional Catholic	37%
4. Charismatic Catholic	0%
5. Evangelical Catholic	1%
6. I do not identify with any of the above	26%

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

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

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 | 37% |
| 2. No  | 63% |

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.                | 34% |
| 2. The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word. | 38% |
| 3. The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.                                  | 22% |
| 4. Don't know.   | 6%  |

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

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| 1. Extremely important  | 48% |
| 2. Somewhat important   | 29% |
| 3. Not very important   | 11% |
| 4. Not at all important | 13% |

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 | 16% |
| 2. Once a week           | 20% |
| 3. A few times a month   | 13% |
| 4. Once or twice a year  | 23% |
| 5. Never                 | 27% |

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. White                  | 65% |
| 2. African American       | 14% |
| 3. Hispanic or Latino     | 19% |
| 4. Asian/Pacific Islander | 1%  |
| 5. Native American        | 1%  |
| 6. Multi-racial           | 1%  |

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

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| 1. Yes        | 2%  |
| 2. No         | 96% |
| 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?

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|---|-----|
| 1. Born in the United States or Puerto Rico | 89% |
| 2. Born in another country                  | 11% |
| 3. Don't know                               |     |

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 | 69% |
| 2. One of my parents was born in another country                    | 21% |
| 3. Both of my parents were both in another country                  | 10% |

CALI. Did you move to Texas from California?

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| 1. Yes | 8%  |
| 2. No  | 92% |

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

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| 1. Active-duty military                        | 1%  |
| 2. Military veteran                            | 13% |
| 3. Active-duty military in my immediate family | 5%  |
| 4. Military veteran in my immediate family     | 16% |
| 5. None of the above                           | 70% |

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

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| 1. Own  | 70% |
| 2. Rent | 30% |

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

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| 1. Married              | 55% |
| 2. Separated            | 2%  |
| 3. Divorced             | 10% |
| 4. Widowed              | 4%  |
| 5. Single               | 24% |
| 6. Domestic Partnership | 5%  |

GENDER. What is your gender?

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