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**Texas Statewide Survey**

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N=800 Adults

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

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**Interest and Engagement**

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	52%
2. Somewhat interested	37%
3. Not very interested	8%
4. Not at all interested	3%
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	36%
3. About half	9%
4. One or two	10%
5. None	9%
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	19%
2. Approve somewhat	21%
3. Neither approve nor disapprove	6%
4. Disapprove somewhat	9%
5. Disapprove strongly	44%
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               | 10% |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 18% |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat            | 26% |
| 5. Disapprove strongly            | 43% |
| 6. Don't know                     | 3%  |

Q8. How would you rate the job Rick Perry has done as governor? Would you say that you...

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Approve strongly               | 9%  |
| 2. Approve somewhat               | 32% |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 17% |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat            | 12% |
| 5. Disapprove strongly            | 27% |
| 6. Don't know                     | 3%  |

## Elections

***[For Q17 through Q19, 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.]***

Q17. If the 2012 general election for U.S. president were held today, would you vote for the Democratic ticket of Barack Obama and Joe Biden, the Republican ticket of Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/- 4.22)

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|-----------------|-----|
| 1. Mitt Romney  | 55% |
| 2. Barack Obama | 39% |
| 3. Someone else | 6%  |

Q18. If the 2012 general election for U.S. Senator from Texas were held today, would you vote for the the Republican Ted Cruz, the Democrat Paul Sadler, the Libertarian John Jay Myers, the Green Party candidate David Collins, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/- 4.22)

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|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Ted Cruz       | 54% |
| 2. Paul Sadler    | 39% |
| 3. John Jay Myers | 3%  |
| 4. David Collins  | 2%  |
| 5. Someone else   | 2%  |

As you may know, there are two open seats for the Texas Railroad Commission.

Q19. If the 2012 general election for the contested railroad commissioner seat was held today, would you vote for the Republican Christi Craddick, the Democrat Dale Henry, the Libertarian Vivekandanda Wall, the Green Party candidate Chris Kennedy, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/- 4.22)

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|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Christi Craddick  | 50% |
| 2. Dale Henry        | 36% |
| 3. Vivekandanda Wall | 6%  |
| 4. Chris Kennedy     | 6%  |
| 5. Someone else      | 3%  |

Q20. Do you think your incumbent state representative deserves reelection in 2012, or is it time to give someone else a chance?

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/- 4.22)

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|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Deserves reelection                | 36% |
| 2. Time to give someone else a chance | 43% |
| 3. Don't know                         | 22% |

Q21. If the 2014 Republican primary election for lieutenant 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?

1. David Dewhurst	12%
2. Susan Combs	5%
3. Dan Patrick	3%
4. Dan Branch	1%
5. Jerry Patterson	1%
6. Todd Staples	1%
7. I won't be voting in the Republican primary in 2014	32%
8. Haven't thought enough about it	46%

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/- 4.22)

1. David Dewhurst	15%
2. Susan Combs	6%
3. Dan Patrick	5%
4. Dan Branch	1%
5. Jerry Patterson	1%
6. Todd Staples	1%
7. I won't be voting in the Republican primary in 2014	33%
8. Haven't thought enough about it	38%

Q21A 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?

1. Vote for Perry	19%
2. Vote against Perry	39%
3. Wait and see	38%
4. Don't know	5%

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/- 4.22)

1. Vote for Perry	22%
2. Vote against Perry	42%
3. Wait and see	35%
4. Don't know	2%

**[RANDOMIZE Q24-Q25]**

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

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/- 4.22)

1. Very favorable	22%
2. Somewhat favorable	27%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	11%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	11%
5. Very unfavorable	18%
6. Don't know enough about him to have an opinion	11%

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

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/- 4.22)

1. Very favorable	7%
2. Somewhat favorable	16%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	20%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	9%
5. Very unfavorable	5%
6. Don't know enough about him to have an opinion	43%

**[Randomize Q26 through Q27]**

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

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/- 4.22)

1. Very favorable	26%
2. Somewhat favorable	13%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	3%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	5%
5. Very unfavorable	52%
6. Don't know/No Opinion	1%

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

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/- 4.22)

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very favorable                    | 30% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable                | 22% |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 6%  |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable              | 6%  |
| 5. Very unfavorable                  | 35% |
| 6. Don't know/No Opinion             | 1%  |

**[Randomize Q28 through Q29]**

Q28. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Joe Biden.

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/- 4.22)

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very favorable                    | 26% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable                | 13% |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 3%  |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable              | 8%  |
| 5. Very unfavorable                  | 48% |
| 6. Don't know/No Opinion             | 2%  |

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

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/- 4.22)

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very favorable                    | 37% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable                | 16% |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 9%  |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable              | 5%  |
| 5. Very unfavorable                  | 31% |
| 6. Don't know/No Opinion             | 3%  |

**[Randomize Q31 through Q32]**

Q31. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Rick Perry.

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very favorable                    | 11% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable                | 29% |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 15% |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable              | 10% |
| 5. Very unfavorable                  | 31% |
| 6. Don't know/No Opinion             | 4%  |

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/- 4.22)

1. Very favorable	13%
2. Somewhat favorable	32%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	11%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	9%
5. Very unfavorable	33%
6. Don't know/No Opinion	2%

Q32. 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	8%
2. Somewhat favorable	14%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	23%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	7%
5. Very unfavorable	8%
6. Don't know/No Opinion	40%

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/- 4.22)

1. Very favorable	12%
2. Somewhat favorable	18%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	23%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	8%
5. Very unfavorable	11%
6. Don't know/No Opinion	29%

**Political Knowledge**

**[Randomize INFO1-INFO3]**

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

1. Republican Party	69%
2. Democratic Party	17%
3. Neither	1%
4. Don't know	13%

INFO2. What majority of both houses of the U.S. Congress is needed to override a presidential veto?

1. More than one-half	6%
2. More than two-thirds	73%
3. More than three-fourths	10%
4. Don't know	11%

INFO3. Who is the current Attorney General of Texas?

1. Greg Abbott	70%
2. Michael Williams	0%
3. Susan Combs	2%
4. Victor Carrillo	1%
5. Don't know	28%

### 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?

1. Extremely liberal	2%
2. Somewhat liberal	7%
3. Lean liberal	9%
4. In the middle	39%
5. Lean conservative	16%
6. Somewhat conservative	18%
7. Extremely conservative	8%

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

1. Democrat	41%
2. Independent	12%
3. Republican	44%
4. Other/Not Sure	3%

PID7.

1. Strong Democrat	22%
2. Not very strong Democrat	9%
3. Lean Democrat	10%
4. Independent	12%
5. Lean Republican	15%
6. Not very strong Republican	8%
7. Strong Republican	21%
8. Other	3%

### Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29	19%
2. 30-44	25%
3. 45-64	39%
4. 65 and up	18%



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

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|-------------|-----|
| 1. Urban    | 28% |
| 2. Suburban | 51% |
| 3. Rural    | 21% |

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

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| 1. Yes, I live in the Houston area.       | 20% |
| 2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area | 32% |
| 3. Yes, I live in the San Antonio area    | 8%  |
| 4. Yes, I live in the Austin area         | 9%  |
| 5. No, I live in another part of Texas.   | 32% |

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

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|-----------------|-----|
| 1. One          | 21% |
| 2. Two          | 11% |
| 3. Three        | 5%  |
| 4. Four or more | 2%  |
| 5. None         | 61% |

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

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| 1. Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in public school in Texas.   | 23% |
| 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. | 2%  |
| 4. No, I do not have any children under 18 in school in Texas.                 | 73% |

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

1. Less than \$10,000	6%
2. \$10,000 to \$19,999	8%
3. \$20,000 to \$29,999	11%
4. \$30,000 to \$39,999	9%
5. \$40,000 to \$49,999	8%
6. \$50,000 to \$59,999	7%
7. \$60,000 to \$69,999	7%
8. \$70,000 to \$79,999	6%
9. \$80,000 to \$99,999	8%
10. \$100,000 to \$119,999	8%
11. \$120,000 to \$149,999	4%
12. More than \$150,000	5%
13. Prefer not to say	12%

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

1. Less than high school	4%
2. High school degree	35%
3. Some college	24%
4. Two-year college degree	9%
5. Four-year college degree	20%
6. Post-graduate degree	8%

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

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

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

1. Yes	49%
2. No	51%

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

1. Liberal Catholic	21%
2. Conservative Catholic	24%
3. Traditional Catholic	33%
4. Charismatic Catholic	1%
5. Evangelical Catholic	1%
6. I do not identify with any of the above	30%

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 | 41% |
| 2. No  | 59% |

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.                | 29% |
| 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?

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|-------------------------|-----|
| 1. Extremely important  | 47% |
| 2. Somewhat important   | 29% |
| 3. Not very important   | 13% |
| 4. Not at all important | 12% |

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 | 14% |
| 2. Once a week           | 19% |
| 3. A few times a month   | 12% |
| 4. Once or twice a year  | 30% |
| 5. Never                 | 25% |

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. White                  | 65% |
| 2. African American       | 14% |
| 3. Hispanic or Latino     | 15% |
| 4. Asian/Pacific Islander | 1%  |
| 5. Native American        | 1%  |
| 6. Multi-racial           | 2%  |

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

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| 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?

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|---|-----|
| 1. Born in the United States or Puerto Rico | 88% |
| 2. Born in another country                  | 12% |
| 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?

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|---|-----|
| 1. Both of my parents were born in the United States or Puerto Rico | 60% |
| 2. One of my parents was born in another country                    | 24% |
| 3. Both of my parents were both in another country                  | 16% |

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

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

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

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|-------------------------|-----|
| 1. Married              | 60% |
| 2. Separated            | 1%  |
| 3. Divorced             | 10% |
| 4. Widowed              | 5%  |
| 5. Single               | 18% |
| 6. Domestic Partnership | 6%  |

GENDER. What is your gender?

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|-----------|-----|
| 1. Male   | 46% |
| 2. Female | 54% |

P08. In the 2008 presidential election, who did you vote for?

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|-----------------|-----|
| 1. Barack Obama | 40% |
| 2. John McCain  | 43% |
| 3. Someone else | 5%  |
| 4. Did not vote | 12% |