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Texas Statewide Survey

Field Dates: May 31 to June 9, 2013

N=1200 Adults

Margin of error: +/- 2.83% (3.3% 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	45%
2. Somewhat interested	41
3. Not very interested	10
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	31%
2. Almost every election	36
3. About half	12
4. One or two	13
5. None	7
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 3.3%.

Retrospective Assessments

Political Figures and Elections

Q14. 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	25%
2. Vote against Perry	38
3. Wait and see	31
4. Don't know	6

Q15. Do you usually vote in Republican primaries, Democratic primaries, or don't you normally vote in primaries?

1. Republican primaries	41%
2. Democratic primaries	31
3. Don't usually vote in primaries	23
4. Don't know	4

[For Q16-Q18 and Q29, respondents were filtered to their respective primary elections by their response to Q15. Sample size and MOE are presented for each of these questions based on the reduced sample size.]

Q16. **[ASK IF Q15=1]** 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? **[Randomize 1-4]**

(N=492, MOE is +/- 4.42%; adjusted for weighting, MOE is +/- 5.27%)

1. David Dewhurst	19%
2. Todd Staples	5
3. Jerry Patterson	6
4. Dan Patrick	10
5. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion	61

Q17. **[ASK IF Q15=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 1-8]**

(N=492, MOE is +/- 4.42%; adjusted for weighting, MOE is +/- 5.27%)

1. Rick Perry	10%
2. Ted Cruz	25
3. Marco Rubio	11
4. Rand Paul	13
5. Chris Christie	8
6. Paul Ryan	8
7. Rick Santorum	2
8. Bobby Jindal	2
9. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion	21

Q18. **[ASK IF Q15=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 1-7]**

(N=376, MOE is +/- 5.05%; adjusted for weighting, MOE is +/- 5.89%)

1. Hillary Clinton	66%
2. Joe Biden	11
3. Andrew Cuomo	1
4. Martin O'Malley	0
5. Kirsten Gillibrand	1
6. Brian Schweitzer	0
7. Mark Warner	1
8. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion	19

Q29. **[ASK IF Q15=1]** 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]**

(N=492, MOE is +/- 4.42%; adjusted for weighting, MOE is +/- 5.27%)

1. Rick Perry	45%
2. Greg Abbott	19
3. Someone else	11
4. Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	25

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 | 15 |
| 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 | 69 |
| 3. More than three-fourths | 12 |
| 4. Don't know | 13 |

INFO3. Who is the current Attorney General of Texas?

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| 1. Greg Abbott | 72% |
| 2. Michael Williams | 0 |
| 3. Susan Combs | 2 |
| 4. Victor Carrillo | 1 |
| 5. Don't know | 24 |

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 | 6% |
| 2. Somewhat liberal | 8 |
| 3. Lean liberal | 10 |
| 4. In the middle | 27 |
| 5. Lean conservative | 14 |
| 6. Somewhat conservative | 19 |
| 7. Extremely conservative | 15 |

PID3.

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| 1. Democrat | 45% |
| 2. Independent | 10 |
| 3. Republican | 46 |

PID7.

1. Strong Democrat	22
2. Not very strong Democrat	11
3. Lean Democrat	9
4. Independent	9
5. Lean Republican	11
6. Not very strong Republican	10
7. Strong Republican	23
8. Other	4

Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29	16%
2. 30-44	27
3. 45-64	38
4. 65 and up	19

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

1. Urban	27%
2. Suburban	50
3. Rural	23

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	9
4. Yes, I live in the Austin area	10
5. No, I live in another part of Texas.	30

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1. One	16%
2. Two	14
3. Three	6
4. Four or more	3
5. None	61

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.	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.	73

SCHQ. **[ASK IF SCHOOL1=YES OR SCHOOL2=YES]** Would you say that the quality of your child's school is:

1. Excellent	29%
2. Good	53
3. Not very good	13
4. Terrible	4
5. Don't know	4

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

1. Less than \$10,000	6%
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	6
9. \$80,000 to \$99,999	8
10. \$100,000 to \$119,999	5
11. \$120,000 to \$149,999	4
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	8%
2. High school degree	26
3. Some college	26
4. Two-year college degree	10
5. Four-year college degree	20
6. Post-graduate degree	10

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

1. Yes	27%
2. No	73

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

1. Agnostic	5%
2. Assembly of God*	1
3. Atheist	5
4. Baptist*	20
5. Buddhist	1
6. Catholic*	20
7. Christian Scientist*	0
8. Church of Christ*	3
9. Church of God*	1
10. Disciples of Christ*	0
11. Episcopal/Anglican*	2
12. Hindu	0
13. Jehovah’s Witnesses	0
14. Jewish	1
15. Lutheran*	3
16. Methodist*	5
17. Mormon*	1
18. Muslim/Islam	0
19. Nondenominational Christian*	9
20. Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox*	0
21. Pentecostal*	2
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	7
28. Other*	5
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

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.	40
3. The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	23
4. Don’t know.	7

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

1. Extremely important	45%
2. Somewhat important	30
3. Not very important	12
4. Not at all important	13

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

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	26
5. Never	28

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

1. White	61%
2. African American	13
3. Hispanic or Latino	20
4. Asian/Pacific Islander	1
5. Native American	1
6. Multi-racial	4

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	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?

1. Both of my parents were born in the United States or Puerto Rico	64%
2. One of my parents was born in another country	19
3. Both of my parents were both in another country	17

CALI. Did you move to Texas from California?

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

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

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| 1. Own | 71% |
| 2. Rent | 29 |

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

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| 1. Married | 53% |
| 2. Separated | 2 |
| 3. Divorced | 10 |
| 4. Widowed | 5 |
| 5. Single | 24 |
| 6. Domestic Partnership | 6 |

GENDER. What is your gender?

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