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Texas Statewide Survey

Field Dates: May 30 to June 8, 2014

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	54%
2. Somewhat interested	33
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	29%
2. Almost every election	42
3. About half	11
4. One or two	10
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 3.28%.

Political Figures and Elections

General Elections

Q13. If the 2014 general election for U.S. Senator from Texas was held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE, “the Republican John Cornyn”, “the Democrat David Alameel”, “the Libertarian Rebecca Paddock”, “the Green Party candidate Emily Sanchez”]** the Republican John Cornyn, the Democrat David Alameel, the Libertarian Rebecca Paddock, the Green Party candidate Emily Sanchez, someone else, of haven’t you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

1. John Cornyn	36%
2. David Alameel	25
3. Rebecca Paddock	5
4. Emily Sanchez	3
5. Someone else	5
6. Haven’t thought about it enough to have an opinion	26

Q14. If the 2014 general election for Governor were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE, “the Republican Greg Abbott”, “the Democrat Wendy Davis”, “the Libertarian Katherine Glass”, “the Green Party candidate Brandon Parmer”]** the Democrat Wendy Davis, the Republican Greg Abbott, the Libertarian Kathy Glass, the Green Party candidate Brandon Parmer, someone else, or haven’t you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

1. Greg Abbott	44%
2. Wendy Davis	32
3. Kathy Glass	3
4. Brandon Parmer	1
5. Someone else	3
6. Haven’t thought about it enough to have an opinion	17

Q15. If the 2014 general election for Lieutenant Governor were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE, “the Republican Dan Patrick”, “the Democrat Leticia Van de Putte”, “the Libertarian Robert Butler”, “the Green Party candidate Chandrakantha Courtney”]** the Democrat Leticia Van de Putte, the Republican Dan Patrick, the Libertarian Robert Butler, the Green Party candidate Chandrakantha Courtney, someone else, or haven’t you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

1. Dan Patrick	41%
2. Leticia Van de Putte	26
3. Robert Butler	4
4. Chandrakantha Courtney	1
5. Someone else	4
6. Haven’t thought about it enough to have an opinion	23

Q16. If the 2014 general election for Attorney General were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE, “the Republican Ken Paxton”, “the Democrat Sam Houston”, “the Libertarian Jamie Balagia”, “the Green Party candidate Jamar Osborne”]** the Democrat Sam Houston and the Republican Ken Paxton, the Libertarian Jamie Balagia, the Green Party candidate Jamar Osborne, or haven’t you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

1. Ken Paxton	40%
2. Sam Houston	27
3. Jamie Balagia	3
4. Jamar Osborne	3
5. Haven’t thought about it enough to have an opinion	27

Q17. If the 2014 general election for Comptroller were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE, “the Republican Glen Hegar”, “the Democrat Mike Collier”, “the Libertarian Ben Sanders”, “the Green Party candidate Deb Shafto”]** the Democrat Mike Collier and the Republican Glenn Hegar, the Libertarian Ben Sanders, the Green Party candidate Deb Shafto, or haven’t you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

1. Glenn Hegar	32%
2. Mike Collier	25
3. Ben Sanders	5
4. Deb Shafto	2
5. Haven’t thought about it enough to have an opinion	37

Q18. If the 2014 general election for Land Commissioner were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE, “the Republican George P. Bush”, “the Democrat John Cook”, “the Libertarian Justin Knight”, “the Green Party candidate Valerie Alessi”]** the Democrat John Cook, the Republican George P. Bush, the Libertarian Justin Knight, the Green Party candidate Valerie Alessi, or haven’t you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

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| 1. George P. Bush | 36% |
| 2. John Cook | 25 |
| 3. Justin Knight | 6 |
| 4. Valerie Alessi | 3 |
| 5. Haven’t thought about
it enough to have an opinion | 30 |

Q19. If the 2014 general election for the Commissioner of Agriculture were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE, “the Republican Sid Miller”, “the Democrat Jim Hogan”, “the Libertarian Rocky Palmquist”, “the Green Party candidate Kenneth Kendrick”]** the Democrat Jim Hogan, the Republican Sid Miller, the Libertarian Rocky Palmquist, the Green Party candidate Kenneth Kendrick, or haven’t you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

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| 1. Sid Miller | 32% |
| 2. Jim Hogan | 24 |
| 3. Kenneth Kendrick | 5 |
| 4. Rocky Palmquist | 4 |
| 5. Haven’t thought about
it enough to have an opinion | 34 |

Q20. If the 2014 general election for the Railroad Commission were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE, “the Republican Ryan Sitton”, “the Democrat Steve Brown”, “the Libertarian Mark Miller”, “the Green Party candidate Martina Salinas”]** the Democrat Steve Brown, the Republican Ryan Sitton, the Libertarian Mark Miller, the Green Party candidate Martina Salinas, or haven’t you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

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| 1. Ryan Sitton | 32% |
| 2. Steve Brown | 24 |
| 3. Mark Miller | 6 |
| 4. Martina Salinas | 4 |
| 5. Haven’t thought about
it enough to have an opinion | 33 |

Q25. **[ASK IF Q24=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 1-11]**

(n=504, MOE is +/-4.37%; +/-5.00% adjusted for weighting)

1. Ted Cruz	33%
2. Rand Paul	9
3. Mike Huckabee	8
4. Rick Perry	7
5. Jeb Bush	7
6. Marco Rubio	6
7. Paul Ryan	6
8. Scott Walker	4
9. Chris Christie	3
10. Bobby Jindal	2
11. Rick Santorum	1
12. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion	13

Q26. **[ASK IF Q24=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 1-10]**

(n=426, MOE is +/-4.75%; +/-5.87% adjusted for weighting)

1. Hillary Clinton	64%
2. Elizabeth Warren	15
3. Joe Biden	8
4. Andrew Cuomo	2
5. Brian Schweitzer	1
6. Martin O'Malley	0
7. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion	10

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 | 69% |
| 2. Democratic Party | 18 |
| 3. Neither | 3 |
| 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 | 9% |
| 2. More than two-thirds | 67 |
| 3. More than three-fourths | 13 |
| 4. Don't know | 11 |

INFO3. Who is the current Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives?

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| 1. Greg Abbott | 20% |
| 2. Joe Straus | 29 |
| 3. Susan Combs | 4 |
| 4. Victor Carrillo | 3 |
| 5. Don't know | 43 |

INFO4. Among the 50 states, where does Texas rank in K-12 per student education funding?

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| 1. Top 10 | 10% |
| 2. 11 to 20 | 15 |
| 3. 21 to 30 | 19 |
| 4. 31 to 40 | 25 |
| 5. 41 to 50 | 31 |

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	5%
2. Somewhat liberal	9
3. Lean liberal	8
4. In the middle	30
5. Lean conservative	10
6. Somewhat conservative	19
7. Extremely conservative	18

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

1. Democrat	43%
2. Independent	10
3. Republican	47%

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

1. Strong Democrat	22%
2. Not very strong Democrat	10
3. Lean Democrat	10
4. Independent	10
5. Lean Republican	11
6. Not very strong Republican	11
7. Strong Republican	26

Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29	16%
2. 30-44	26
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	30%
2. Suburban	49
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. | 21% |
| 2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area | 10 |
| 3. Yes, I live in the San Antonio area | 29 |
| 4. Yes, I live in the Austin area | 31 |
| 5. No, I live in another part of Texas. | 9 |

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

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| 1. One | 16% |
| 2. Two | 13 |
| 3. Three | 6 |
| 4. Four or more | 2 |
| 5. None | 63 |

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. | 1 |
| 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?

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| 1. Less than \$10,000 | 3% |
| 2. \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 7 |
| 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 | 5 |
| 8. \$70,000 to \$79,999 | 8 |
| 9. \$80,000 to \$99,999 | 6 |
| 10. \$100,000 to \$119,999 | 6 |
| 11. \$120,000 to \$149,999 | 5 |
| 12. More than \$150,000 | 7 |
| 13. Prefer not to say | 13 |

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

1. Less than high school	3%
2. High school degree	29
3. Some college	28
4. Two-year college degree	9
5. Four-year college degree	21
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*	2
3. Atheist	5
4. Baptist*	19
5. Buddhist	0
6. Catholic*	20
7. Christian Scientist*	0
8. Church of Christ*	4
9. Church of God*	0
10. Disciples of Christ*	0
11. Episcopal/Anglican*	1
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*	10
20. Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox*	0
21. Pentecostal*	1
22. Presbyterian*	2
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*	5
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	48%
2. No	52

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.	34%
2. The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	37
3. The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	23
4. Don’t know.	6

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

1. Extremely important	50%
2. Somewhat important	27
3. Not very important	10
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	16%
2. Once a week	22
3. A few times a month	11
4. Once or twice a year	24
5. Never	27

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

1. White	60%
2. African American	13
3. Hispanic or Latino	23
4. Asian/Pacific Islander	2
5. Native American	0
6. Multi-racial/Other	2

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

1. Yes	4%
2. No	95
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	89%
2. Born in another country	10
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	65%
2. One of my parents was born in another country	20
3. Both of my parents were both in another country	15

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

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| 1. Yes | 40% |
| 2. No | 60 |

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

43. Tennessee	1
44. Texas	1
45. Utah	2
46. Vermont	0
47. Virginia	3
48. Washington	1
49. West Virginia	0
50. Wisconsin	1
51. Wyoming	1

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

1. Own	73%
2. Rent	27

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

1. Married	54%
2. Separated	2
3. Divorced	13
4. Widowed	5
5. Single	21
6. Domestic Partnership	5

GENDER. What is your gender?

1. Male	47%
2. Female	53