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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%

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

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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%.

Most Important Problem

Q4. What would you say is the most important problem facing this country today? [Randomize]

3. 4.	The economy Federal spending/national debt Political corruption/leadership Unemployment/jobs Income inequality	18% 14 13 7 6
	Moral decline	6
	Health care	5
8.	Partisan gridlock	4
	Immigration	3
10.	National security/terrorism	3 3 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
11.	Education	2
	Social welfare programs	2
	Taxes	2
	Gay marriage	2
	Environment	2
	Border security	2
	Gun control/gun violence	2
	Crime and drugs	2
	Gas prices	2
	Abortion	1
	Energy	0
	The media	0
	Housing	0
24.	Government data collection	0
	Afghanistan/Pakistan	0
26.	Syria	0
27.	Iran	0
28.	Foreign trade	0
29.	Voting system	0

Q5. What would you say is the most important problem facing the state of Texas today? **[Randomize]**

1.	Immigration	15%
2.		15
	Political corruption/leadership	10
	Water supply	8
	Unemployment/jobs	7
	Education	5
7.	The economy	5
	Health care	5
9.	Crime and drugs	3
10.	Moral decline	3
11.	Social welfare programs	5 5 3 3 3 2 2 2 2 1
12.	Gas prices	3
13.	State budget cuts	2
14.	State government spending	2
15.	Taxes	2
16.	Environment	2
17.	Transportation/roads/traffic	2
18.	Redistricting	
	Gay marriage	1
	Energy	1
	Voting system	1
	Electoral fraud	1
	Gun control/gun violence	1
	The media	1
	Utility rates	1
	Abortion	0
	Housing	0
	Insurance rates	0
29.	State courts	0

Retrospective Assessments

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

1.	Approve strongly	17%
2.	Approve somewhat	20
3.	Neither approve nor disapprove	6
4.	Disapprove somewhat	8
5.	Disapprove strongly	48
6.	Don't know	1

Q7. How would you rate the job the U.S. Congress is doing? Would you say that you...

1.	Approve strongly	3%
2.	Approve somewhat	8
3.	Neither approve nor disapprove	15
4.	Disapprove somewhat	24
5.	Disapprove strongly	48
6.	Don't know	3

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

1.	Approve strongly	20%
2.	Approve somewhat	25
3.	Neither approve nor disapprove	16
4.	Disapprove somewhat	10
5.	Disapprove strongly	25
6.	Don't know	4
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Q9. Thinking about the country, do you think that things are headed in the right direction, or do you think that things are headed off on the wrong track?

1.	Right direction	23%
2.	Wrong track	65
3.	Don't know	13

Q10. Compared to a year ago, would you say that the national economy is a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

1.	A lot better off	7%
2.	Somewhat better off	24
3.	About the same	26
4.	Somewhat worse off	25
5.	A lot worse off	16
6.	Don't know	2

Q11. Thinking about the state of Texas, do you think that things are headed in the right direction, or do you think that things are headed off on the wrong track?

1.	Right direction	49%
2.	Wrong track	33
3.	Don't know	17

Q12. Compared to a year ago, would you say that you and your family are economically a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

1.	A lot better off	6%
2.	Somewhat better off	21
3.	About the same	42
4.	Somewhat worse off	21
5.	A lot worse off	8
6.	Don't know	2

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]

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]

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]

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

Q21. If the 2014 election for the Texas Legislature in your district were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

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3. Haven't thought about

it enough to have an opinion 16

Q22. 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	20%
2.	Democratic candidate	38
3.	Tea Party candidate	22
4.	Don't know	20

Q23. 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	28
3.	The right amount of influence	21
4.	Don't know	19

Q24. 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	45%
2.	Democratic primary	36
3.	Wouldn't vote in a primary	8
4.	Don't know	12

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

[RANDOMIZE Q27-Q34]

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

	Neither Favorable					Don't
	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	nor Unfavorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Know/No Opinion
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

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

	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Don't Know/No Opinion
June 2014	13	23	17	12	19	16
Feb. 2014	12	21	17	14	18	17
Oct. 2013	7	18	23	15	15	22
June 2013	12	19	18	12	17	22

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

1.	Very favorable	6%
2.	Somewhat favorable	16
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	24
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	6
5.	Very unfavorable	8
6.	Don't know/No Opinion	39

Q30. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Rick Perry.

			Neither			
	Favorable					Don't
	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	nor Unfavorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Know/No Opinion
June 2014	21	24	11	9	28	7
Feb. 2014	21	23	11	10	30	5

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

	Neither Favorable					Don't
	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	nor Unfavorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Know/No Opinion
June 2014	25	20	15	7	18	15
Feb. 2014	23	22	15	9	16	16
Oct. 2013	16	20	23	11	13	18
June 2013	12	17	20	9	11	31

Q32. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Wendy Davis.

	Neither Favorable					Don't
	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	nor Unfavorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Know/No Opinion
June 2014	22	12	11	7	33	16
Feb. 2014	20	16	13	7	28	15
Oct. 2013	19	18	16	7	24	16
June 2013	4	7	19	6	6	58

Q33. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Leticia Van de Putte.

	Neither Favorable				Don't	
	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	nor Unfavorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Know/No Opinion
June 2014	10	12	19	7	11	40
Feb. 2014	11	16	17	9	13	33

Q34. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Dan Patrick.

			Neither			
	Favorable				Don't	
	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	nor Unfavorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Know/No Opinion
June 2014	15	23	17	8	16	21
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Feb. 2014	10	16	23	8	10	33

Q35. Which candidate for governor, Wendy Davis or Greg Abbott, do you trust to do a better job on the following issues? **[RANDOMIZE A-H]**

on the following locator.			
	Wendy Davis	Greg Abbott	Don't Know/No Opinion
A. Public education	36%	41%	23%
B. The state economy	28%	49%	23%
C. Immigration	32%	45%	24%
D. The state budget	29%	48%	23%
E. Taxes	28%	47%	25%
F. Ethics in government	32%	45%	23%
G. Transportation	30%	44%	26%
H. Higher education	35%	42%	23%

Political Knowledge

[Randomize INFO1-INFO4]

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

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?

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?

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?

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?

1.	Yes, I live in the Houston area.	21%
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	9
5.	No, I live in another part of Texas.	29

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

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)

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?

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"]

2. 3. 4.	Agnostic Assembly of God* Atheist Baptist*	5% 2 5
	Buddhist	0
	Catholic*	20
	Christian Scientist*	0
	Church of Christ*	4
-	Church of God*	0
	Disciples of Christ*	0
	Episcopal/Anglican*	1
	Hindu	0
_	Jehovah's Witnesses	0
	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
	Protestant (non-specific)*	3
	Reformed*	0
25.	Unitarian/Universalist*	0
_	United Church of Christ*	0
_	Spiritual but not religious	8
	Other*	5
_	Don't know	3
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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.
- 3. The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.
- 4. Don't know.

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	49
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?

1. Yes 40% 2. No 60

STATE. [ASK IF MOVE=1] Which state did you move from (most recently)? [DROPDOWN LIST OF STATES]

44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50.	Tennessee Texas Utah Vermont Virginia Washington West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming	1 1 2 0 3 1 0 1	
HOME. Do	you own or rent your home?		
1. 2.	Own Rent	73% 27	
MARITAL. What is your marital status?			
2. 3. 4. 5.	Married Separated Divorced Widowed Single Domestic Partnership	54% 2 13 5 21	
GENDER.	What is your gender?		
1. 2.		47% 53	