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Texas Statewide Survey

Field Dates: October 10 to October 19, 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	48%
2. Somewhat interested	41
3. Not very interested	8
4. Not at all interested	3
5. Don't know	0

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	37%
2. Almost every election	38
3. About half	9
4. One or two	9
5. None	6
6. Don't know	1

Q3A. On a 0-10 scale, please rate how likely you are to vote in the upcoming November elections: 10 means you are absolutely certain to vote, 0 means you will definitely NOT vote, and 5 means you may or may not vote. **[INSERT 0-10 SCALE AND INCLUDE "Don't know" option]**

Mean 9.11; Standard Deviation 0.06

* 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%.

Retrospective Assessments

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

1. Approve strongly	14%
2. Approve somewhat	22
3. Neither approve nor disapprove	7
4. Disapprove somewhat	9
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	2%
2. Approve somewhat	12
3. Neither approve nor disapprove	13
4. Disapprove somewhat	30
5. Disapprove strongly	41
6. Don't know	2

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

1. Approve strongly	22%
2. Approve somewhat	24
3. Neither approve nor disapprove	13
4. Disapprove somewhat	11
5. Disapprove strongly	27
6. Don't know	3

Political Figures and Elections

[For Q14 through Q21, 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.]

Q14. If the 2014 general election for U.S. Senator from Texas was held today, would you vote for the Republican John Cornyn, the Democrat David M. Alameel, the Libertarian Rebecca Paddock, the Green Party candidate Emily "Spicybrown" Sanchez, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

Among likely voters (n=866, MOE is +/-3.33%; 3.60+/-% adjusted for weighting)

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|-------------------------------|-----|
| 1. John Cornyn | 57% |
| 2. David M. Alameel | 31 |
| 3. Rebecca Paddock | 7 |
| 4. Emily "Spicybrown" Sanchez | 5 |

Q15. If the 2014 general election for Governor were held today, would you vote for the Democrat Wendy Davis, the Republican Greg Abbott, the Libertarian Kathie Glass, the Green Party candidate Brandon Parmer, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

Among likely voters (n=866, MOE is +/-3.33%; 3.60+/-% adjusted for weighting)

- | | |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Greg Abbott | 54% |
| 2. Wendy Davis | 38 |
| 3. Kathie Glass | 6 |
| 4. Brandon Parmer | 2 |

Q16. If the 2014 general election for Lieutenant Governor were held today, would you vote for the Democrat Leticia Van de Putte, the Republican Dan Patrick, the Libertarian Robert D. Butler, the Green Party candidate Chandrakantha Courtney, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

Among likely voters (n=866, MOE is +/-3.33%; 3.60+/-% adjusted for weighting)

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Dan Patrick | 52% |
| 2. Leticia Van de Putte | 35 |
| 3. Robert D. Butler | 9 |
| 4. Chandrakantha Courtney | 4 |

Q17. If the 2014 general election for Attorney General were held today, would you vote for 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]**

Among likely voters (n=866, MOE is +/-3.33%; 3.60+/-% adjusted for weighting)

- | | |
|------------------|-----|
| 1. Ken Paxton | 54% |
| 2. Sam Houston | 34 |
| 3. Jamie Balagia | 8 |
| 4. Jamar Osborne | 4 |

Q18. If the 2014 general election for Comptroller were held today, would you vote for 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]**

Among likely voters (n=866, MOE is +/-3.33%; 3.60+/-% adjusted for weighting)

- | | |
|-----------------|-----|
| 1. Glenn Hegar | 49% |
| 2. Mike Collier | 34 |
| 3. Ben Sanders | 11 |
| 4. Deb Shafto | 6 |

Q19. If the 2014 general election for Land Commissioner were held today, would you vote for 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]**

Among likely voters (n=866, MOE is +/-3.33%; 3.60+/-% adjusted for weighting)

1. George P. Bush	50%
2. John Cook	32
3. Justin Knight	10
4. Valerie Alessi	7

Q20. If the 2014 general election for the Commissioner of Agriculture were held today, would you vote for the Democrat Jim Hogan and the Republican Sid Miller, the Libertarian David (Rocky) Palmquist, the Green Party candidate Kenneth Kendrick, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

Among likely voters (n=866, MOE is +/-3.33%; 3.60+/-% adjusted for weighting)

1. Sid Miller	47%
2. Jim Hogan	35
3. David (Rocky) Palmquist	9
4. Kenneth Kendrick	9

Q21. If the 2014 general election for the Railroad Commission were held today, would you vote for the Democrat Steve Brown, the Republican Ryan Sitton, the Libertarian Mark A. Miller, the Green Party candidate Martina Salinas, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

Among likely voters (n=866, MOE is +/-3.33%; 3.60+/-% adjusted for weighting)

1. Ryan Sitton	48%
2. Steve Brown	34
3. Mark A. Miller	10
4. Martina Salinas	9

Q28. **[ASK IF Q27=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 1-13]**

(n=560, MOE is +/-4.14%; 4.50+/-% adjusted for weighting)

1. Ted Cruz	27%
2. Rick Perry	14
3. Ben Carson	10
4. Jeb Bush	7
5. Rand Paul	7
6. Mike Huckabee	7
7. Paul Ryan	4
8. Marco Rubio	3
9. Chris Christie	3
10. Bobby Jindal	2
11. Scott Walker	2
12. Rick Santorum	1
13. John Kasich	0
14. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion	11

Q29. **[ASK IF Q27=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=429, MOE is +/-4.73%; 5.04+/-% adjusted for weighting)

1. Hillary Clinton	60%
2. Elizabeth Warren	13
3. Joe Biden	10
4. Andrew Cuomo	2
5. Brian Schweitzer	1
6. Jim Webb	1
7. Martin O'Malley	0
8. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion	13

[RANDOMIZE Q30-Q35]

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

	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Don't Know/No Opinion
Oct. 2014	26	18	11	8	28	8
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

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.

	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Don't Know/No Opinion
Oct. 2014	23	22	10	11	29	4
June 2014	21	24	11	9	28	7
Feb. 2014	21	23	11	10	30	5

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.

	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Don't Know/No Opinion
Oct. 2014	23	24	12	11	23	8
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

Q33. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Wendy Davis.

	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Don't Know/No Opinion
Oct. 2014	21	19	9	8	36	7
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

Q34. 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.

	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Don't Know/No Opinion
Oct. 2014	12	15	21	7	12	33
June 2014	10	12	19	7	11	40
Feb. 2014	11	16	17	9	13	33

Q35. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Dan Patrick.

	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Don't Know/No Opinion
Oct. 2014	12	24	20	7	15	20
June 2014	15	23	17	8	16	21
Feb. 2014	10	16	23	8	10	33