### **University of Texas / Texas Tribune**

#### **Texas Statewide Survey**

Field Dates: February 7 to February 17, 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?

Extremely interested	53%
Somewhat interested	36
Not very interested	8
Not at all interested	3
Don't know	0
	Somewhat interested Not very interested Not at all interested

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	32%
2.	Almost every election	38
3.	About half	11
4.	One or two	11
5.	None	6
6.	Don't know	1

<sup>\*</sup> 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**

Q13. If the 2014 primary elections were held today, would you vote in the Republican primary, the Democratic primary, or wouldn't you vote in the primaries?

1.	Republican primary	45%
2.	Democratic primary	32%
3.	Wouldn't vote in a primary	13
4.	Don't know	10

[For Q14 Q20, 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.]

#### **Primary Elections**

Q14. **[ASK IF Q13=1]** If the 2014 Republican primary election for governor were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-4]** 

In the initial question, 25% expressed no opinion.

(n=543, MOE is +/-4.21%; +/-5.37% adjusted for weighting)

1.	Greg Abbott	88%
2.	Miriam Martinez	5
3.	Lisa Fritsch	5
4.	SECEDE Kilgore	2

Among likely voters (n=461, MOE is +/-4.56%;+/-5.84% adjusted for weighting)

1.	Greg Abbott	90%
2.	Miriam Martinez	5
3.	Lisa Fritsch	4
4.	SECEDE Kilgore	1

Q15. **[ASK IF Q13=2]** If the 2014 Democratic primary election for governor were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-2]** 

In the initial question, 28% expressed no opinion.

(n=381, MOE is +/-5.02%; +/-6.06% adjusted for weighting)

1.	Wendy Davis	85%
2.	Ray Madrigal	15

Among likely voters (n=263, MOE is +/-6.04%;+/-7.25% adjusted for weighting)

Wendy Davis
 Ray Madrigal
 13

Q16. **[ASK IF Q13=1]** If the 2014 Republican primary election for senator were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-8]** 

In the initial question, 33% expressed no opinion.

(n=543, MOE is +/-4.21%; +/-5.37% adjusted for weighting)

1.	John Cornyn	60%
2.	Steve Stockman	16
3.	Linda Vega	7
4.	Dwayne Stovall	5
5.	Reid Reasor	4
6.	Ken Cope	4
7.	Chris Mapp	3
8.	Curt Cleaver	2

Among likely voters (n=461, MOE is +/-4.56%;+/-5.84% adjusted for weighting)

1.	John Cornyn	62%
2.	Steve Stockman	16
3.	Linda Vega	7
4.	Dwayne Stovall	4
5.	Ken Cope	4
6.	Reid Reasor	3
7.	Chris Mapp	3
8.	Curt Cleaver	1

Q17. **[ASK IF Q13=2]** If the 2014 Democratic primary election for senator were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-5]** 

In the initial question,74% expressed no opinion.

(n=381, MOE is +/-5.02%; +/-6.06% adjusted for weighting)

1.	Kesha Rogers	39%
2.	David Alameel	25
3.	Maxey Scherr	15
4.	Harry Kim	13
5.	Michael Fjetland	8

Among likely voters (n=263, MOE is +/-6.04%;+/-7.25% adjusted for weighting)

1.	Kesha Rogers	35%	)
2.	David Alameel	27	
3.	Maxey Scherr	15	
4.	Harry Kim	14	
5.	Michael Fjetland	9	

Q18. **[ASK IF Q13=1]** If the 2014 Republican primary election for lieutenant governor were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-4]** 

In the initial question, 24% expressed no opinion.

(n=543, MOE is +/-4.21%; +/-5.37% adjusted for weighting)

1.	David Dewhurst	38%
2.	Dan Patrick	31
3.	Todd Staples	16
4.	Jerry Patterson	14

Among likely voters (n=461, MOE is +/-4.56%;+/-5.84% adjusted for weighting)

1.	David Dewhurst	37%
2.	Dan Patrick	31
3.	Todd Staples	17
4.	Jerry Patterson	15

Q19. **[ASK IF Q13=1]** If the 2014 Republican primary election for attorney general were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-3]** 

In the initial question, 47% expressed no opinion.

(n=543, MOE is +/-4.21%; +/-5.37% adjusted for weighting)

1.	Dan Branch	42%
2.	Ken Paxton	39
3.	Barry Smitherman	19

Among likely voters (n=461, MOE is +/-4.56%;+/-5.84% adjusted for weighting)

1.	Dan Branch	42%
2.	Ken Paxton	38
3.	Barry Smitherman	20

Q20. **[ASK IF Q13=1]** If the 2014 Republican primary election for comptroller were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]** 

In the initial question, 54% expressed no opinion.

(n=543, MOE is +/-4.21%; +/-5.37% adjusted for weighting)

1.	Debra Medina	39%
2.	Harvey Hilderbran	25
3.	Glenn Hegar	25
4.	Raul Torres	12

Among likely voters (n=461, MOE is +/-4.56%;+/-5.84% adjusted for weighting)

1.	Debra Medina	39
2.	Harvey Hilderbran	26
3.	Glenn Hegar	24
4.	Raul Torres	11

Q21. **[ASK IF Q13=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 1-10]** 

(n=543, MOE is +/-4.21%; +/-5.37% adjusted for weighting)

1.	Ted Cruz	28
2.	Rick Perry	10
3.	Rand Paul	10
4.	Paul Ryan	8
5.	Jeb Bush	8
6.	Bobby Jindal	6
7.	Scott Walker	6
8.	Marco Rubio	6
9.	Chris Christie	4
10.	Rick Santorum	4
11.	Haven't thought enough about	
	it to have an opinion	12

#### **General Elections**

Q22. If the 2014 election for Governor were held today and the candidates were the Democrat Wendy Davis and the Republican Greg Abbott, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

1.	Wendy Davis	36%
2.	Greg Abbott	47
3.	Haven't thought about	
	it enough to have an opinion	17

#### [RANDOMIZE Q23A-Q23D]

Q23A. If the 2014 election for Lieutenant Governor were held today and the candidates were the Democrat Leticia Van de Putte and the Republican David Dewhurst, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

1.	Leticia Van de Putte	32%
2.	David Dewhurst	44
3.	Haven't thought about	
	it enough to have an opinion	24

Q23B. If the 2014 election for Lieutenant Governor were held today and the candidates were the Democrat Leticia Van de Putte and the Republican Dan Patrick, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

1.	Leticia Van de Putte	32%
2.	Dan Patrick	41
3.	Haven't thought about	
	it enough to have an opinion	28

Q23C. If the 2014 election for Lieutenant Governor were held today and the candidates were the Democrat Leticia Van de Putte and the Republican Jerry Patterson, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

1.	Leticia Van de Putte	30%
2.	Jerry Patterson	41
3.	Haven't thought about	
	it enough to have an opinion	29

Q23D. If the 2014 election for Lieutenant Governor were held today and the candidates were the Democrat Leticia Van de Putte and the Republican Todd Staples, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

1.	Leticia Van de Putte	29%
2.	Todd Staples	41
3.	Haven't thought about	
	it enough to have an opinion	30

Q24. 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	21%
2.	Democratic candidate	37
3.	Tea Party candidate	21
4.	Don't know	21

Q25. 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	35%
2.	Too little influence	29
3.	The right amount of influence	18
4.	Don't know	18

#### [RANDOMIZE Q26-Q35]

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

		Feb. 2014	Oct. 2013	Jun. 2013
1.	Very favorable	29%	23%	26%
2.	Somewhat favorable	14	15	14
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	10	14	13
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	8	6	7
5.	Very unfavorable	29	31	24
6.	Don't know/No Opinion	10	10	17

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

		Feb. 2014	Oct. 2013	<u>Jun. 2013</u>
1.	Very favorable	12%	7%	12%
2.	Somewhat favorable	21	18	19
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	17	23	18
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	14	15	12
5.	Very unfavorable	18	15	17
6.	Don't know/No Opinion	17	22	22

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

1.	Very favorable	21%
2.	Somewhat favorable	23
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	11
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	10
5.	Very unfavorable	30
6.	Don't know/No Opinion	5

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

		Feb. 2014	Oct. 2013	Jun. 2013
1.	Very favorable	23%	16%	12%
2.	Somewhat favorable	22	20	17
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	15	23	20
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	9	11	9
5.	Very unfavorable	16	13	11
6.	Don't know/No Opinion	16	18	31

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

		Feb. 2014	Oct. 2013	Jun. 2013
1.	Very favorable	20%	19%	4%
2.	Somewhat favorable	16	18	7
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	13	16	19
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	7	7	6
5.	Very unfavorable	28	24	6
6.	Don't know/No Opinion	15	16	58

Q31. 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.

1.	Very favorable	11%
2.	Somewhat favorable	16
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	17
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	9
5.	Very unfavorable	13
6.	Don't know/No Opinion	33

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

1.	Very favorable	10%
2.	Somewhat favorable	21
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	22
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	14
5.	Very unfavorable	16
6.	Don't know/No Opinion	18

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

1.	Very favorable	10%
2.	Somewhat favorable	16
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	23
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	8
5.	Very unfavorable	10
6.	Don't know/No Opinion	33

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

1.	Very favorable	6%
2.	Somewhat favorable	16
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	25
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	6
5.	Very unfavorable	8
6.	Don't know/No Opinion	38

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

1.	Very favorable	5%
2.	Somewhat favorable	16
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	26
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	4
5.	Very unfavorable	6
6.	Don't know/No Opinion	42

## 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	18
3.	Neither	2
4.	Don't know	10

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	68
3.	More than three-fourths	10
4.	Don't know	13

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

1.	Greg Abbott	22%
2.	Joe Straus	27
3.	Susan Combs	4
4.	Victor Carrillo	3
5.	Don't know	44

#### **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"]

1.	Extremely liberal	4%
2.	Somewhat liberal	7
3.	Lean liberal	9
4.	In the middle	32
5.	Lean conservative	18
6.	Somewhat conservative	19
7.	Extremely conservative	11

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

1.	Democrat	42%
2.	Independent	10
3.	Republican	48

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

1.	Strong Democrat	21%
2.	Not very strong Democrat	10
3.	Lean Democrat	11
4.	Independent	10
5.	Lean Republican	11
6.	Not very strong Republican	16
7.	Strong Republican	22

#### **Demographics**

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1.	18-29	19%
2.	30-44	26
3.	45-64	38
4.	65 and up	17

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

1.	Urban	29%
2.	Suburban	49
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.	19%
2.	Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	33
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.	29

## CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1.	One	17%
2.	Two	11
3.	Three	5
4.	Four or more	3
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.	22%
2.	Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in private school in Texas.	3
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.	74

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

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

1.	Less than high school	9%
2.	High school degree	24
3.	Some college	27
4.	Two-year college degree	9
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	30%
2.	No	70

## [SPLIT-SAMPLE IDTXA-IDTXB]

IDTXA. If you had to choose, would you say you consider yourself a Texan first and an American second, or an American first and a Texan second?

1.	Texan	299	%
2.	American	71	

IDTXB. If you had to choose, would you say you consider yourself an American first and a Texan second, or a Texan first and an American second?

1.	American	74%
2.	Texan	26

# RELIG. What is your religious affiliation? [No open response on "other"]

3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 13. 14. 15. 16.	Agnostic Assembly of God* Atheist Baptist* Buddhist Catholic* Christian Scientist* Church of Christ* Church of God* Disciples of Christ* Episcopal/Anglican* Hindu Jehovah's Witnesses Jewish Lutheran* Methodist* Mormon*	6% 1 4 15 0 21 0 3 1 0 2 3 6 1
19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27.	Muslim/Islam Nondenominational Christian* Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox* Pentecostal* Presbyterian* Protestant (non-specific)* Reformed* Unitarian/Universalist* United Church of Christ* Spiritual but not religious Other*	1 10 0 2 2 4 0 0 0 8 4
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	44%
2.	No	56

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.
- 3. The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God. 20
- 4. Don't know.

## IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

1.	Extremely important	45%
2.	Somewhat important	32
3.	Not very important	11
4.	Not at all important	12

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	21
3.	A few times a month	13
4.	Once or twice a year	27
5.	Never	25

## RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

1.	White	61%
2.	African American	13
3.	Hispanic or Latino	23
4.	Asian/Pacific Islander	1
5.	Native American	0
6.	Multi-racial	2

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

1.	Yes	5%
2.	No	93
3.	Don't know	2

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	11
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	59%
2.	One of my parents was born in another country	24
3.	Both of my parents were both in another country	18

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

1. Yes 43% 2. No 57

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

1.	Alabama	1%
2.	Alaska	2
3.	Arizona	3
4.	Arizona Arkansas	1
5.	California	14
	Colorado	2
	Connecticut	1
	District of Columbia	0
	Florida	3
	Georgia	2
	Hawaii	0
	Illinois	6
	Indiana	1
	lowa	2
	Kansas	2
	Kentucky	1
	Louisiana	8
	Maine	1
	Maryland	1
	Massachusetts	2
	Michigan	
	Mississippi	0
	Missouri	4
	Montana	0
	Nevada	0
	New Hampshire	0
	New Jersey New Mexico	2 4
	New York	5
	North Carolina	2
	North Dakota	0
	Ohio	4
	Oklahoma	5
	Oregon	1
	Pennsylvania	2
	Rhode Island	0
	South Carolina	0
	South Dakota	
	Tennessee	1 2
	Utah	0
	Vermont	0
	Virginia	3
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HOME. Do	you own or rent your home?	
1. 2.	Own Rent	71% 29
MARITAL	What is your marital status?	
2. 3. 4. 5.	Married Separated Divorced Widowed Single Domestic Partnership	52% 1 10 5 26 6
GENDER.	What is your gender?	
1. 2.	Male Female	47% 53