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**Texas Statewide Survey**

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N=1200 Adults

Margin of error: +/- 2.83% (3.28% adjusted for weighting) unless otherwise noted\*

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**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	44%
2. Somewhat interested	43
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	37%
2. Almost every election	37
3. About half	9
4. One or two	9
5. None	5
6. Don't know	2

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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]**

1. The economy	12%
2. Federal spending/national debt	12
3. National security/terrorism	10
4. Political corruption/leadership	9
5. Immigration	6
6. Health care	5
7. Moral decline	5
8. Income inequality	5
9. Unemployment/jobs	4
10. Partisan gridlock	4
11. Border security	3
12. Education	3
13. Middle East instability	3
14. Taxes	2
15. Gun control/gun violence	2
16. Crime and drugs	2
17. Gay marriage	2
18. Environment	2
19. Social welfare programs	1
20. Gas prices	1
21. Abortion	1
22. Voting system	1
23. Police brutality/police militarization	1
24. Race relations	1
25. The media	1
26. Government data collection	0
27. Energy	0
28. Housing	0
29. Afghanistan/Pakistan	0
30. Foreign trade	0
31. Russia/Ukraine	0
32. Gender inequality	0

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

1. Border security	21%
2. Immigration	17
3. Political corruption/leadership	7
4. Education	6
5. The economy	5
6. Health care	5
7. Unemployment/jobs	5
8. Water supply	3
9. Crime and drugs	3
10. Moral decline	3
11. Transportation/roads/traffic	3
12. Social welfare programs	2
13. State government spending	2
14. Taxes	2
15. Gay marriage	2
16. Gun control/gun violence	2
17. Abortion	1
18. Redistricting	1
19. State budget cuts	1
20. Gas prices	1
21. Environment	1
22. Insurance rates	1
23. Voting system	1
24. Utility rates	1
25. Energy	1
26. Housing	1
27. Electoral fraud	0
28. The media	0
29. State courts	0
30. Property rights	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	9
4. Disapprove somewhat	8
5. Disapprove strongly	46
6. Don't know	1

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

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|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1. Approve strongly               | 3% |
| 2. Approve somewhat               | 17 |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 19 |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat            | 24 |
| 5. Disapprove strongly            | 34 |
| 6. Don't know                     | 3  |

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?

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|--------------------|-----|
| 1. Right direction | 26% |
| 2. Wrong track     | 59  |
| 3. Don't know      | 15  |

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?

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|------------------------|-----|
| 1. A lot better off    | 11% |
| 2. Somewhat better off | 25  |
| 3. About the same      | 33  |
| 4. Somewhat worse off  | 18  |
| 5. A lot worse off     | 11  |
| 6. Don't know          | 3   |

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?

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|--------------------|-----|
| 1. Right direction | 50% |
| 2. Wrong track     | 30  |
| 3. Don't know      | 20  |

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?

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|------------------------|----|
| 1. A lot better off    | 6% |
| 2. Somewhat better off | 21 |
| 3. About the same      | 44 |
| 4. Somewhat worse off  | 21 |
| 5. A lot worse off     | 7  |
| 6. Don't know          | 2  |

Q13. Compared to a year ago, would you say that the Texas economy is a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

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|------------------------|----|
| 1. A lot better off    | 6% |
| 2. Somewhat better off | 26 |
| 3. About the same      | 47 |
| 4. Somewhat worse off  | 14 |
| 5. A lot worse off     | 3  |
| 6. Don't know          | 4  |

### Political Figures and Elections

Q14. 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]**

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|-------------------------|-----|
| 1. Republican candidate | 24% |
| 2. Democratic candidate | 34  |
| 3. Tea Party candidate  | 18  |
| 4. Don't know           | 23  |

Q15. Do you think the Tea Party movement has too much influence, too little influence, or the right amount of influence in the Republican Party?

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|----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Too much influence            | 32% |
| 2. Too little influence          | 28  |
| 3. The right amount of influence | 20  |
| 4. Don't know                    | 20  |

Q16. 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?

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|-------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Republican primary         | 46% |
| 2. Democratic primary         | 34  |
| 3. Wouldn't vote in a primary | 8   |
| 4. Don't know                 | 12  |

**[For Q17 and Q18, after indicating their first choice, respondents were asked, “Of the remaining possible candidates, who would be your second choice, or have you not thought about it enough to have an opinion?”]**

**Q17. [ASK IF Q16=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 1-16]**

(n=547, MOE is +/- 4.19%; MOE is +/- 4.70% when adjusted for weighting)

	<b>First Choice</b>	<b>Second Choice</b>
1. Ted Cruz	20%	12%
2. Scott Walker	19	15
3. Jeb Bush	9	6
4. Ben Carson	9	13
5. Rick Perry	8	8
6. Mike Huckabee	5	7
7. Rand Paul	4	7
8. Marco Rubio	4	7
9. Sarah Palin	3	4
10. Chris Christie	2	3
11. Bobby Jindal	1	5
12. Rick Santorum	1	2
13. John Kasich	1	2
14. Carly Fiorina	0	1
15. John Bolton	0	1
16. Lindsey Graham	0	0
17. Haven’t thought enough about it to have an opinion	13	7

**Q18. [ASK IF Q16=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=401, MOE is +/- 4.89%; MOE is +/- 6.14% when adjusted for weighting)

	<b>First Choice</b>	<b>Second Choice</b>
1. Hillary Clinton	62%	12%
2. Elizabeth Warren	12	25
3. Joe Biden	6	26
4. Bernie Sanders	5	10
5. Jim Webb	1	3
6. Martin O’Malley	1	2
7. Haven’t thought enough about it to have an opinion	14	22

**[RANDOMIZE Q19-Q23]**

Q19. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Ted Cruz.

	<b>Very Favorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Favorable</b>	<b>Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Unfavorable</b>	<b>Very Unfavorable</b>	<b>Don't Know/No Opinion</b>
<b>Feb. 2015</b>	26	15	12	8	28	10
<b>Oct. 2014</b>	26	18	11	8	28	8
<b>June 2014</b>	29	17	10	6	28	11
<b>Feb. 2014</b>	29	14	10	8	29	10
<b>Oct. 2013</b>	23	15	14	6	31	10
<b>June 2013</b>	26	14	13	7	24	17

Q20. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Rick Perry.

	<b>Very Favorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Favorable</b>	<b>Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Unfavorable</b>	<b>Very Unfavorable</b>	<b>Don't Know/No Opinion</b>
<b>Feb. 2015</b>	10	21	20	14	16	18
<b>Oct. 2014</b>	23	22	10	11	29	4
<b>June 2014</b>	21	24	11	9	28	7
<b>Feb. 2014</b>	21	23	11	10	30	5

Q21. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Greg Abbott.

	<b>Very Favorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Favorable</b>	<b>Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Unfavorable</b>	<b>Very Unfavorable</b>	<b>Don't Know/No Opinion</b>
<b>Feb. 2015</b>	25	21	16	9	19	10
<b>Oct. 2014</b>	23	24	12	11	23	8
<b>June 2014</b>	25	20	15	7	18	15
<b>Feb. 2014</b>	23	22	15	9	16	16
<b>Oct. 2013</b>	16	20	23	11	13	18
<b>June 2013</b>	12	17	20	9	11	31

Q22. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Dan Patrick.

	<b>Very Favorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Favorable</b>	<b>Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Unfavorable</b>	<b>Very Unfavorable</b>	<b>Don't Know/No Opinion</b>
<b>Feb. 2015</b>	10	17	23	9	15	26
<b>Oct. 2014</b>	12	24	20	7	15	20
<b>June 2014</b>	15	23	17	8	16	21
<b>Feb. 2014</b>	10	16	23	8	10	33

Q23. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Joe Straus.

	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Don't Know/No Opinion
Feb. 2015	3	9	25	7	7	49
June 2013	1	8	20	9	7	55

Q24. Now we're going to ask you about some institutions in American society. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of each one. **[GRID & RANDOMIZE A-H. INCLUDE "Don't know/no opinion" OPTION.]**

	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Don't Know/No Opinion
A. The public schools	9%	29%	20%	24%	15%	2%
B. The military	51%	27%	13%	4%	3%	2%
C. The police	27%	30%	19%	13%	10%	1%
D. The courts and the criminal justice system	9%	27%	23%	24%	15%	2%
E. The border patrol	26%	27%	25%	12%	7%	3%
F. The federal government	5%	18%	18%	21%	36%	2%
G. The Texas state government	16%	34%	19%	15%	12%	3%
H. The municipal or local government where you live	12%	34%	27%	15%	9%	3%



## Policy Questions

Q25. Below are some proposals that have been made for this session as the Texas legislature considers the budget for 2015-2016. Which of the following do you think should be the legislature's top priority? **[RANDOMIZE 1-9]**

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| 1. Continue to limit government by approving no new spending and no new taxes | 18 |
| 2. Continue state funding for border security operations                      | 18 |
| 3. Expand Medicaid funding under the Affordable Care Act                      | 15 |
| 4. Increase funding to K-12 public education                                  | 15 |
| 5. Lower property taxes                                                       | 13 |
| 6. Establish a school voucher program in Texas                                | 5  |
| 7. Provide public funds for transportation infrastructure                     | 5  |
| 8. Lower business taxes                                                       | 3  |
| 9. Expand state-funded, pre-kindergarten programs                             | 1  |
| 10. Don't know/no opinion                                                     | 7  |

***[On Q26, if respondents indicated that they were either somewhat or very dissatisfied with the amount of taxes Texans pay on that tax, they were asked whether they were if they were dissatisfied because they “would like to see Texans pay more in these taxes” or because they “would you like to see Texans pay less in these taxes?”]***

Q26. Would you say that you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the amount of the following state and local taxes that Texans pay?

	Very satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied, taxes should be increased	Don't Know/ No Opinion
A. Sales tax	13%	44%	23%	11%	5%	9%
B. Property tax	7%	26%	30%	24%	4%	13%
C. Business margins tax	8%	21%	18%	14%	27%	39%
D. “Sin” taxes (e.g. alcohol and tobacco)	19%	31%	17%	16%	18%	17%
E. Motor fuels (gasoline) tax	12%	39%	25%	15%	8%	9%

Q27. Please tell us whether you think traffic congestion and delays are an extremely serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not so serious problem, or not a problem at all.

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|-------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Extremely serious          | 27% |
| 2. Somewhat serious           | 46  |
| 3. Not so serious             | 19  |
| 4. Not serious problem at all | 5   |
| 5. Don't know/no opinion      | 4   |

Q28. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the following statements: *Congestion in my region is a result of...* [GRID. RANDOMIZE A-E. PROVIDE RESPONSE OPTIONS: “Strongly agree”, “Somewhat agree”, “Neither agree nor disagree”, “Somewhat disagree”, “Strongly disagree”, “Don’t know/no opinion”]

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't Know/No Opinion
A. people wanting to live or work here	34%	37%	15%	5%	3%	5%
B. insufficient spending on public transportation	20%	22%	25%	16%	11%	6%
C. insufficient spending on new roads	21%	27%	22%	15%	9%	6%
D. insufficient spending on the maintenance of existing roads	23%	31%	19%	14%	7%	5%
E. economic growth	27%	40%	18%	6%	4%	5%

Q29. Should illegal immigrants who have graduated from Texas high schools, lived in the state for at least three years, and applied for citizenship receive in-state tuition rates at Texas public colleges and universities, or should they have to pay the higher tuition rate for out-of-state students?

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| 1. In-state tuition      | 42% |
| 2. Out-of-state tuition  | 43  |
| 3. Don't know/No opinion | 15  |

Q30. Below is a list of proposals for improving the K-12 education system in Texas. For each proposal, please tell us whether you think it would be extremely effective, somewhat effective, not very effective, or not at all effective in improving the quality of K-12 education in Texas. **[RANDOMIZE A-H. GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS “Extremely effective”, “Somewhat effective”, “Not very effective”, “Not at all effective”, “Don’t know/no opinion”.]**

	<b>Extremely effective</b>	<b>Somewhat effective</b>	<b>Not very effective</b>	<b>Not at all effective</b>	<b>Don't Know/No Opinion</b>
A. Creating a school voucher program	22%	27%	15%	17%	19%
B. Making it easier for charter schools to open and operate	25%	33%	16%	12%	14%
C. Increasing the pay of public school teachers	30%	36%	18%	8%	8%
D. Increasing funding for the public school system	30%	31%	18%	12%	8%
F. Reducing the number of standardized tests students must take	33%	30%	17%	11%	9%
G. Increasing opportunities for online learning	22%	44%	18%	6%	11%
H. Expanding state-funded, pre-kindergarten programs	22%	32%	19%	17%	11%
I. Allowing more localized control over curriculum and standards	29%	33%	16%	9%	12%

Q31. How closely have you followed the news about a proposed school voucher program here in Texas?

- 1. Very closely 10%
- 2. Somewhat closely 30
- 3. Not too closely 41
- 4. Not at all 19

Q31A. From what you know or have heard, do you favor or oppose a school voucher program for Texas, or do you not know enough to say?

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| 1. Favor                    | 31% |
| 2. Oppose                   | 19  |
| 3. Don't know enough to say | 42  |
| 4. No opinion               | 7   |

Q32. In general, do you think gun control laws should be made more strict, less strict, or left as they are now?

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. More strict           | 36% |
| 2. Less strict           | 22  |
| 3. Left as they are now  | 36  |
| 4. Don't know/No opinion | 5   |

Q33. Do you support or oppose guaranteeing the right of faculty, staff, and students to carry concealed weapons on college campuses.

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly support | 22% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 25  |
| 3. Somewhat oppose  | 13  |
| 4. Strongly oppose  | 32  |
| 5. Don't know       | 8   |

Q34. As you may know, Texas law currently allows legally licensed individuals to carry concealed handguns in public places. Which of the following do you most agree with:

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| 1. Texans should <u>never</u> be allowed to carry a handgun in a public place.                                                         | 23% |
| 2. Texans should be allowed to carry a concealed handgun in a public place, as long as they have a license.                            | 45  |
| 3. Texans should <u>also</u> be allowed to openly carry a handgun in a public place, as long as they have a license to do so.          | 22  |
| 4. Texans should <u>always</u> be allowed to carry a handgun in a public place, and should not be required to have a license to do so. | 10  |

Q35. Do you support or oppose allowing **CITY OR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS** the ability to regulate the following activities: **[RANDOMIZE A-F. GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS: “Strongly support”, “Somewhat support”, “Somewhat oppose”, “Strongly oppose”, “Don’t know/no opinion”.]**

	<b>Strongly support</b>	<b>Somewhat support</b>	<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>Strongly oppose</b>	<b>Don’t Know/No Opinion</b>
A. Hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”)	25%	20%	13%	21%	21%
B. The distribution of plastic shopping bags by retailers	21%	25%	18%	25%	11%
C. Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act	24%	19%	13%	30%	13%
D. Smoking in public places	35%	19%	14%	28%	5%
E. The use of mobile devices while driving	34%	22%	11%	29%	5%
F. The regulation of guns	26%	23%	17%	28%	7%
G. Enforcement of Federal immigration laws	48%	22%	7%	14%	9%

Q36. We know that people are busy and have only a limited amount of time to follow current events and the news. Given this, how much have you heard about the following issues? **[GRID AND RANDOMIZE A-G WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS “A lot”, “Some”, “Not very much”, “Nothing at all”.]**

	<b>A lot</b>	<b>Some</b>	<b>Not very much</b>	<b>Nothing at all</b>
A. The election of the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives	12%	29%	31%	28%
B. The grand jury indictment of former-Governor Rick Perry	37%	40%	14%	9%
C. The contracting issues at Texas’s Health and Human Services Department	10%	22%	30%	38%
D. Changes to the rules of procedure in the Texas Senate	9%	22%	31%	38%
E. Tuition reimbursements for state employees	8%	19%	32%	42%
F. The investigation into the Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas (“CPRIT”)	8%	21%	29%	43%
G. The oversight of the Texas Enterprise Fund (“TEF”)	7%	18%	29%	46%

Q37. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States should be deported immediately.

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|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly agree    | 34% |
| 2. Somewhat agree    | 25  |
| 3. Somewhat disagree | 16  |
| 4. Strongly disagree | 19  |
| 5. Don't know        | 6   |

Q38. Do you think the government should or should not require parents to have their children vaccinated against infectious diseases (e.g. measles, mumps, whooping cough)?

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Should                | 75% |
| 2. Should not            | 14  |
| 3. Don't know/no opinion | 11  |

Q39. Which of the following best characterizes your opinion on the death penalty for those convicted of violent crimes?

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly support | 49% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 26  |
| 3. Somewhat oppose  | 10  |
| 4. Strongly oppose  | 9   |
| 5. Don't know       | 6   |

Q40. How often do you think people are wrongly convicted of death penalty offenses in the state of Texas?

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|-----------------------------|----|
| 1. Never                    | 3% |
| 2. Almost never             | 29 |
| 3. Occasionally             | 47 |
| 4. A great deal of the time | 12 |
| 5. Don't know               | 9  |

Q41. What is your opinion on the legalization of marijuana possession?

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Marijuana possession should not be legal under any circumstances.         | 24% |
| 2. Marijuana possession should be legal for medical purposes only.           | 34  |
| 3. Possession of small amounts of marijuana for any purpose should be legal. | 26  |
| 4. Possession of any amount of marijuana for any purpose should be legal.    | 16  |

Q42. How much discrimination against racial and ethnic minorities do you think exists in the United States today?

1. A great deal	21%
2. A lot	19
3. A moderate amount	25
4. A little	29
5. None at all	4

## 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 | 79% |
| 2. Democratic Party | 7   |
| 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      | 5% |
| 2. More than two-thirds    | 72 |
| 3. More than three-fourths | 8  |
| 4. Don't know              | 15 |

INFO3. To the best of your knowledge, what percent of Texas's population is made up of Latinos/Hispanics? **[PROVIDE DROP-DOWN WITH OPTIONS RANGING FROM 0% to 100%]**

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|-------------|----|
| 1. 0-10%    | 2% |
| 2. 11-20%   | 9  |
| 3. 21-30%   | 18 |
| 4. 31-40%   | 25 |
| 5. 41-50%   | 20 |
| 6. 51-60%   | 11 |
| 7. 61-70%   | 5  |
| 8. 71-80%   | 3  |
| 9. 81-90%   | 1  |
| 10. 90-100% | 0  |

INFO4. To the best of your knowledge, what percent of Texas's population is made up of African Americans/Blacks? **[PROVIDE DROP-DOWN WITH OPTIONS RANGING FROM 0% to 100%]**

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|-------------|-----|
| 1. 0-10%    | 16% |
| 2. 11-20%   | 44  |
| 3. 21-30%   | 21  |
| 4. 31-40%   | 9   |
| 5. 41-50%   | 4   |
| 6. 51-60%   | 0   |
| 7. 61-70%   | 0   |
| 8. 71-80%   | 1   |
| 9. 81-90%   | 0   |
| 10. 90-100% | 0   |



## 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	5%
2. Somewhat liberal	8
3. Lean liberal	7
4. In the middle	32
5. Lean conservative	13
6. Somewhat conservative	20
7. Extremely conservative	15

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

1. Democrat	40%
2. Independent	11%
3. Republican	49

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

1. Strong Democrat	20%
2. Not very strong Democrat	12
3. Lean Democrat	8
4. Independent	11
5. Lean Republican	15
6. Not very strong Republican	11
7. Strong Republican	23

## Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29	15%
2. 30-44	25
3. 45-64	37
4. 65 and up	23

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

1. Urban	32%
2. Suburban	45
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.	23%
2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	27
3. Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	10
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	16%
2. Two	11
3. Three	4
4. Four or more	2
5. None	67

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.	20%
2. Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in private school in Texas.	1
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.	78

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

1. Less than \$10,000	5%
2. \$10,000 to \$19,999	7
3. \$20,000 to \$29,999	9
4. \$30,000 to \$39,999	12
5. \$40,000 to \$49,999	8
6. \$50,000 to \$59,999	11
7. \$60,000 to \$69,999	6
8. \$70,000 to \$79,999	7
9. \$80,000 to \$99,999	6
10. \$100,000 to \$119,999	6
11. \$120,000 to \$149,999	4
12. More than \$150,000	6
13. Prefer not to say	14

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

1. Less than high school	3%
2. High school degree	32
3. Some college	28
4. Two-year college degree	8
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	7%
<b>2. Assembly of God*</b>	<b>1</b>
3. Atheist	5
<b>4. Baptist*</b>	<b>19</b>
5. Buddhist	0
<b>6. Catholic*</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>7. Christian Scientist*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>8. Church of Christ*</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>9. Church of God*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>10. Disciples of Christ*</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>11. Episcopal/Anglican*</b>	<b>2</b>
12. Hindu	0
13. Jehovah’s Witnesses	0
14. Jewish	1
<b>15. Lutheran*</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>16. Methodist*</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>17. Mormon*</b>	<b>1</b>
18. Muslim/Islam	1
<b>19. Nondenominational Christian*</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>20. Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>21. Pentecostal*</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>22. Presbyterian*</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>23. Protestant (non-specific)*</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>24. Reformed*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>25. Unitarian/Universalist*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>26. United Church of Christ*</b>	<b>0</b>
27. Spiritual but not religious	9
<b>28. Other*</b>	<b>5</b>
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.	34%
2. The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	38
3. The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	22
4. Don’t know.	7

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

1. Extremely important	46%
2. Somewhat important	28
3. Not very important	11
4. Not at all important	15

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

1. More than once a week	15%
2. Once a week	20
3. A few times a month	13
4. Once or twice a year	24
5. Never	28

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

1. White	62%
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	3%
2. No	96
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	10
3. Don't know	2

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	66%
2. One of my parents was born in another country	21
3. Both of my parents were both in another country	13

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

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|--------|-----|
| 1. Yes | 43% |
| 2. No  | 57  |

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

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

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

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

1. Own	73%
2. Rent	27

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

1. Married	55%
2. Separated	2
3. Divorced	11
4. Widowed	6
5. Single	22
6. Domestic Partnership	4

GENDER. What is your gender?

1. Male	47%
2. Female	53