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University of Texas / Texas Tribune Poll
Texas Statewide Survey

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Field Dates: June 8-17, 2018
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	47%
2.	Somewhat interested	41
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	30%
2.	Almost every election	36
3.	About half	13
4.	One or two	13
5.	None	7
6.	Don't know	1

Q3A. How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting in the 2018 elections?

1.	Extremely enthusiastic	39
2.	Very enthusiastic	22
3.	Somewhat enthusiastic	22
4.	Not too enthusiastic	11
5.	Not at all enthusiastic	6

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

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

1. Immigration   16%
2. Border security   14
3. Political corruption/leadership   8
4. Education   7
5. Health care   7
6. Gun control/gun violence   6
7. Moral decline   4
8. Unemployment/jobs   3
9. Crime and drugs   3
10. Hurricane recovery   3
11. The economy   2
12. Transportation/roads/traffic   2
13. Social welfare programs   2
14. State government spending   2
15. Taxes   2
16. Redistricting   2
17. Gas prices   2
18. Environment   2
19. Water supply   1
20. Abortion   1
21. State budget cuts   1
22. Insurance rates   1
23. Voting system   1
24. Energy   1
25. Housing   1
26. Property rights   1
27. Police brutality/militarization   1
28. Pension funding   1
29. Opioid/prescription drug abuse   1
30. Gay marriage   0
31. Utility rates   0
32. Electoral fraud   0
33. The media   0
34. State courts   0
35. Declining oil prices   0

Retrospective Assessments

Q6. How would you rate the job Donald Trump is doing as president? Would you say that you…

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't Know
June 2018	**29**	**18**	**7**	**6**	**38**	**1**
Feb. 2018	30	16	7	7	39	1
Oct. 2017	27	18	5	8	42	1
June 2017	25	18	6	7	44	1
Feb. 2017	32	14	8	4	40	3

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

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't Know
June 2018	**3**	**15**	**18**	**21**	**38**	**4**
Feb. 2018	2	17	16	22	39	3
Oct. 2017	2	10	15	24	45	3
June 2017	2	13	15	24	43	4
Feb. 2017	5	21	20	18	32	5
Oct. 2016	2	8	18	27	41	4
June 2016	2	8	16	24	45	5
Feb. 2016	2	10	17	24	43	4
Nov. 2015	2	8	17	25	46	3
June 2015	2	13	21	26	36	2
Feb. 2015	3	17	19	24	34	3
Oct. 2014	2	12	13	30	41	2
June 2014	3	8	15	24	48	3
Feb. 2014	3	8	15	23	49	2
Oct. 2013	2	6	12	21	56	3
June 2013	2	10	16	23	46	2
Feb. 2013	3	11	12	23	48	3
Oct. 2012	1	10	18	26	43	3
May 2012	1	9	15	23	48	3
Feb. 2012	1	10	14	26	47	2
Oct. 2011	2	9	10	26	51	2
May 2011	1	15	20	27	35	3
Feb. 2011	2	17	19	26	33	4
Oct. 2009	2	12	11	22	49	4
June 2009	2	18	22	22	36	0
Feb. 2009	4	22	22	15	37	0

Q8A. How would you rate the job Greg Abbott is doing as Governor? Would you say that you…

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't Know
June 2018	**27**	**20**	**13**	**12**	**24**	**5**
Feb. 2018	28	18	18	8	23	5
Oct. 2017	27	21	14	11	22	5
June 2017	27	18	12	9	29	4
Feb. 2017	27	18	17	9	24	5
Oct. 2016	21	21	17	10	23	8
June 2016	20	22	19	10	21	8
Feb. 2016	18	23	24	9	20	6
Nov. 2015	20	22	21	10	19	7
June 2015	22	24	28	8	16	15

Q8B. How would you rate the job Dan Patrick is doing as Lieutenant Governor? Would you say that you…

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't Know
June 2018	**18**	**18**	**18**	**8**	**26**	**12**
Feb. 2018	19	17	21	8	25	10
Oct. 2017	16	20	19	7	24	13
June 2017	15	19	18	8	28	11
Feb. 2017	16	16	24	8	23	14
Oct. 2016	12	19	20	9	22	18
June 2016	12	19	24	8	22	15
Feb. 2016	8	19	30	7	20	16
Nov. 2015	10	19	28	9	17	16
June 2015	13	19	28	8	16	15

[RANDOMIZE Q9A-Q9B]
Q9A. How would you rate the job Ted Cruz is doing as U.S. Senator? Would you say that you…

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't Know
June 2018	**21**	**18**	**13**	**8**	**33**	**7**
Feb. 2018	22	18	12	9	32	7
Oct. 2017	19	19	13	12	31	5
June 2017	21	17	12	9	35	6
Feb. 2017	20	18	14	10	29	9
Oct. 2016	16	19	13	11	34	7
June 2016	18	17	13	12	31	9
Feb. 2016	18	19	15	10	32	6
Nov. 2015	27	17	11	9	28	9

Q9B. How would you rate the job <u>John Cornyn</u> is doing as U.S. Senator? Would you say that you…

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't Know
June 2018	**8**	**19**	**21**	**14**	**24**	**13**
Feb. 2018	10	19	23	15	23	10
Oct. 2017	7	21	18	15	27	12
June 2017	9	19	18	14	27	12
Feb. 2017	11	19	22	12	22	14
Oct. 2016	8	20	22	14	22	15
June 2016	7	17	24	14	21	17
Feb. 2016	7	20	26	14	18	15
Nov. 2015	7	20	22	16	18	16

9C. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Robert Mueller is handling the investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 Election?

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't Know
June 2018	**24**	**13**	**14**	**10**	**28**	**11**
Feb. 2018	24	14	17	12	24	10

Q10. 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?

	Right Track	Wrong Track	Don't Know
June 2018	41	47	11
Feb. 2018	39	50	11
Oct. 2017	29	61	10
June 2017	34	54	12
Feb. 2017	39	49	12
Oct. 2016	22	67	11
June 2016	18	70	12
Feb. 2016	22	66	12
Nov. 2015	22	68	10
June 2015	23	64	14
Feb. 2015	26	59	15
Oct. 2014	25	65	10
June 2014	23	65	13
Feb. 2014	25	63	12
Oct. 2013	20	69	11
June 2013	28	60	11
Feb. 2013	29	62	9
Oct. 2012	31	58	11
May 2012	25	61	14
Feb. 2012	28	61	11
Oct. 2011	14	75	11
May 2011	24	63	14
Feb. 2011	26	59	15
Oct. 2010	25	64	11
Sep. 2010	26	63	12
May 2010	27	62	11
Feb. 2010	31	56	13
Oct. 2009	35	59	10

Q11. 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?

	A lot better off	Somewhat better off	About the same	Somewhat worse off	A lot worse off	Don't Know
June 2018	**26**	**25**	**23**	**14**	**8**	**4**
Feb. 2018	25	28	26	13	6	2
Oct. 2017	18	25	33	16	6	3
June 2017	14	28	30	18	7	3
Feb. 2017	12	28	36	11	9	4
Oct. 2016	8	20	29	25	15	4
June 2016	6	20	29	23	17	5
Feb. 2016	8	22	27	25	15	3
Nov. 2015	7	25	28	23	14	3
June 2015	7	24	33	21	13	3
Feb. 2015	11	25	33	18	11	3
Oct. 2014	6	25	30	23	14	2
June 2014	7	24	26	25	16	2
Feb. 2014	5	24	28	23	17	2
Oct. 2013	5	20	25	25	24	1
June 2013	7	28	31	18	15	1
Oct. 2012	7	25	25	19	23	1
May 2012	4	24	29	20	19	4
Feb. 2012	4	25	30	19	20	2
Oct. 2011	2	12	25	28	31	2
May 2011	2	20	26	24	25	3
Feb. 2011	3	24	30	24	17	2
Oct. 2010	3	19	20	23	33	3
Sep. 2010	3	20	21	20	34	2
May 2010	5	23	24	15	32	1
Feb. 2010	3	25	19	23	29	1
Oct. 2009	5	19	16	23	36	1

Q12. 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?

	Right Track	Wrong Track	Don't Know
June 2018	**46**	**37**	**16**
Feb. 2018	48	36	15
Oct 2017	43	40	16
June 2017	43	40	17
Feb. 2017	46	36	18
Oct. 2016	42	40	17
June 2016	41	38	22
Feb. 2016	42	37	21
Nov. 2015	45	36	19
June 2015	50	32	18
Feb. 2015	50	30	20
Oct. 2014	48	35	18
June 2014	49	33	17
Feb. 2014	45	35	20
Oct. 2013	42	39	19
June 2013	50	32	18
Feb. 2013	45	39	16
Oct. 2012	43	34	23
May 2012	38	42	21
Feb. 2012	43	38	19
Oct. 2011	39	43	18
May 2011	36	48	16
Feb. 2011	41	41	18
Oct. 2010	45	37	18
Sep. 2010	43	38	18
May 2010	45	38	17
Feb. 2010	43	37	20
Oct. 2009	38	39	23

Q13. 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?

	A lot better off	Somewhat better off	About the same	Somewhat worse off	A lot worse off	Don't Know
	10	**27**	**42**	**14**	**6**	**2**
Feb. 2018	11	27	42	13	5	1
Oct. 2017	9	22	47	16	5	1
June 2017	5	20	52	15	5	1
Feb. 2017	6	21	50	16	7	1
Oct. 2016	5	22	44	19	8	2
June 2016	5	18	44	20	9	3
Feb. 2016	5	20	45	19	9	2
Nov. 2015	5	18	45	23	7	1
June 2015	5	21	48	17	7	2
Feb. 2015	6	21	44	21	7	2
Oct. 2014	5	22	42	23	7	1
June 2014	6	21	42	21	8	2
Feb. 2014	5	20	43	22	9	1
Oct. 2013	5	17	41	23	12	2
June 2013	6	19	44	23	7	1
Oct. 2012	6	17	43	23	11	1
May 2012	4	15	48	19	13	2
Feb. 2012	4	16	45	23	11	1
Oct. 2011	3	13	40	28	15	1
May 2011	2	16	40	25	16	2
Feb. 2011	3	17	45	24	11	1
Oct. 2010	3	16	38	27	14	2
Sep. 2010	3	17	39	26	14	1
May 2010	4	16	42	25	13	1
Feb. 2010	3	14	41	29	12	2
Oct. 2009	3	14	39	27	16	1

Q14. 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?

	A lot better off	Somewhat better off	About the same	Somewhat worse off	A lot worse off	Don't Know/No Opinion
June 2018	**13**	**30**	**34**	**12**	**4**	**7**
Feb. 2018	13	30	38	13	3	3
Oct 2017	8	27	41	16	3	5
June 2017	6	28	39	17	4	6
Feb. 2017	6	22	49	11	5	6
Oct. 2016	3	22	45	19	5	5
June 2016	4	22	41	19	6	8
Feb. 2016	4	22	41	23	5	4
Nov. 2015	4	25	41	20	5	5
June 2015	5	28	44	14	4	4
Feb. 2015	6	26	47	14	3	4
Oct. 2014	9	32	40	12	4	3
Oct. 2012	4	21	51	16	5	3

Political Figures and Elections

Q15. If the 2018 general election for U.S. Senator from Texas was held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE "the Republican Ted Cruz", "the Democrat Beto O'Rourke", "the Libertarian Neal Dikeman"]** the Republican Ted Cruz, the Democrat Beto O'Rourke, the Libertarian Neal Dikeman, someone else, of haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-3]**

1.	Ted Cruz	41%
2.	Beto O'Rourke	36
3.	Neal Dikeman	2
4.	Someone else	3
5.	Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	17

Q16. If the 2018 general election for Governor were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE "the Republican Greg Abbott", "the Democrat Lupe Valdez", "the Libertarian Mark Tippetts"]** the Republican Greg Abbott, the Democrat Lupe Valdez, the Libertarian Mark Tippetts, someone else, of haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-3]**

1.	Greg Abbott	44%
2.	Lupe Valdez	32
3.	Mark Tippetts	4
4.	Someone else	4
5.	Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	16

Q17. If the 2018 general election for Lieutenant Governor were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE "the Republican Dan Patrick", "the Democrat Mike Collier", "the Libertarian Kerry McKennon"]** the Republican Dan Patrick, the Democrat Mike Collier, the Libertarian Kerry McKennon, someone else, of haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-3]**

1.	Dan Patrick	37%
2.	Mike Collier	31
3.	Kerry McKennon	4
4.	Someone else	5
5.	Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	23

Q18. If the 2018 general election for Attorney General were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE "the Republican Ken Paxton", "the Democrat Justin Nelson", "the Libertarian Michael Ray Harris"]** the Republican Ken Paxton, the Democrat Justin Nelson, the Libertarian Michael Ray Harris, someone else, of haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-3]**

1.	Ken Paxton	32%
2.	Justin Nelson	31
3.	Michael Ray Harris	6
4.	Someone else	4
5.	Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion	26

Q19A. If the 2018 election for the Representative in the United States House of Representatives in your district were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE "the Democratic candidate" and "the Republican candidate"]** the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

1. Democratic candidate   41%
2. Republican candidate   43
3. Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion   17

Q19B. If the 2018 election for the Texas Legislature in your district were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE "the Democratic candidate" and "the Republican candidate"]** the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-2]**

1. Democratic candidate   42%
2. Republican candidate   43
3. Haven't thought about it enough to have an opinion   16

Q20A. 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   27%
2. Democratic candidate   41
3. Tea Party candidate   13
4. Don't know   19

Q20B. 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   30%
2. Too little influence   26
3. The right amount of influence   16
4. Don't know   28

Q21. Do you support or oppose allowing Texans to complete their voter registration forms online?

1. Support   57%
2. Oppose   22
3. Don't know/No opinion   20

[RANDOMIZE Q22-25]

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

1.	Very favorable	23%
2.	Somewhat favorable	18
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	10
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	8
5.	Very unfavorable	34
6.	Don't know/no opinion	7

Q23. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Beto O'Rourke.

1.	Very favorable	22%
2.	Somewhat favorable	15
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	16
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	8
5.	Very unfavorable	16
6.	Don't know/no opinion	24

Q24. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Greg Abbott.

1.	Very favorable	29%
2.	Somewhat favorable	19
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	10
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	12
5.	Very unfavorable	23
6.	Don't know/no opinion	8

Q25. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Lupe Valdez.

1.	Very favorable	12%
2.	Somewhat favorable	18
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	19
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	8
5.	Very unfavorable	17
6.	Don't know/no opinion	25

[RANDOMIZE Q26-27]

Q26. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the Republican Party.

1.	Very favorable	10%
2.	Somewhat favorable	25
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	12
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	16
5.	Very unfavorable	32
6.	Don't know/no opinion	5

Q27. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the Democratic Party.

1.	Very favorable	15%
2.	Somewhat favorable	22
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	9
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	12
5.	Very unfavorable	37
6.	Don't know/no opinion	5

[RANDOMIZE Q28-30]

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

1.	Very favorable	15%
2.	Somewhat favorable	26
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	22
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	16
5.	Very unfavorable	13
6.	Don't know/no opinion	8

Q29. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the National Rifle Association (NRA).

1.	Very favorable	26%
2.	Somewhat favorable	15
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	13
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	7
5.	Very unfavorable	32
6.	Don't know/no opinion	6

Q30. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the National Football League (NFL).

1. Very favorable   13%
2. Somewhat favorable   13
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable   20
4. Somewhat unfavorable   19
5. Very unfavorable   28
6. Don't know/no opinion   7

Q31. How much have you heard about the investigations into Russian efforts to influence the U.S. presidential election in 2016?

1. A lot   58%
2. Some   27
3. Not very much   10
4. Nothing at all   5

Q32. To the best of your knowledge, have the investigations uncovered any crimes?

1. Yes   45%
2. No   55

Q33. Thinking about the investigations into Russian efforts to influence the U.S. presidential election in 2016, which comes closer to your point of view? **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

1. They're mostly efforts to investigate potential   42%
   foreign interference in a U.S. election
2. They're mostly efforts to discredit Donald Trump's   45
    presidency
3. Don't know/No opinion   13

Policy Questions

Q34. Do you support or oppose separating children and parents who are apprehended while trying to enter the U.S. illegally?

1.	Strongly support	16%
2.	Somewhat support	12
3.	Somewhat oppose	13
4.	Strongly oppose	44
5.	Don't know/No opinion	14

Q35. Would you say that the North American Free Trade Agreement, known as NAFTA, has been good or bad for the Texas economy?

1.	Good	34%
2.	Bad	28
3.	Don't know/no opinion	38

Q36. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: *This country would be better off if we just stayed home and did not concern ourselves with problems in other parts of the world.*

1.	Strongly agree	12%
2.	Somewhat agree	27
3.	Somewhat disagree	28
4.	Strongly disagree	23
5.	Don't know	9

Q37. Do you approve or disapprove of how state leaders and the Legislature are handling K-12 public education in Texas?

1.	Approve strongly	2%
2.	Approve somewhat	14
3.	Neither approve nor disapprove	19
4.	Disapprove somewhat	25
5.	Disapprove strongly	26
6.	Don't know	14

[SPLIT-SAMPLE Q38A - Q38B]
Q38A. What do you think should be the primary source of funding for public education in Texas? **[RANDOMIZE 1-2] [*adjusted MOE = +/- 4.71*]**

1.	Local school districts	32%
2.	State government	50
3.	Don't know/no opinion	18

Q38B. What do you think should be the primary source of funding for public education in Texas? **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]** *[adjusted MOE= +/-4.99]*

1.	Local property taxes	23%
2.	Existing state taxes	50
3.	Don't know/no opinion	27

Q39. In general, do you think gun control laws should be made more strict, less strict, or left as they are now?

1. More strict   51%
2. Less strict   13
3. Left as they are now   31
4. Don't know / No opinion 5

Q40. If more people carried guns, do you think the United States would be safer, less safe, or would it have no impact on safety?

1. More safe   37%
2. Less safe   39
3. No impact on safety   15
4. Don't know/No opinion 9

Q41. Thinking about school shootings that have occurred in the United States in recent years, from what you know or have read, how much do you think each of the following factors is to blame for the shootings? **[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS, "A great deal", "A fair amount", "Not much", "Not at all", "Don't know/No opinion".] [RANDOMIZE A-K]**

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not much	Not at all	Don't know/No opinion
A. Insufficient restrictions on gun ownership	36%	17%	15%	27%	5%
B. Poor enforcement of existing gun laws	40%	23%	20%	12%	5%
C. Insufficient security at schools	33%	34%	21%	7%	4%
D. Insufficient mental health resources for students	49%	33%	10%	3%	5%
E. Poor parenting	46%	32%	13%	3%	5%
F. Media attention to perpetrators	41%	31%	17%	5%	6%
G. Drug use	24%	27%	29%	12%	8%
H. Violence in popular culture (for example, violent video games and movies)	35%	27%	20%	14%	4%
I. Failure to identify potential school shooters in advance	44%	34%	13%	4%	6%
J. School building design	17%	22%	28%	26%	7%
L. Bullying (in person and online)	44%	35%	13%	3%	4%

Q41A. Thinking about school shootings that have occurred in the United States in recent years, which of the following factors is **most to blame** for these school shootings? **[RANDOMIZE 1-11]**

1. Poor parenting	18%
2. Insufficient restrictions on gun ownership	17
3. Insufficient mental health resources for students	14
4. Bullying (in-person and online)	13
5. Insufficient security at schools	8
6. Failure to identify potential school shooters in advance	8
7. Violence in popular culture (for example, violent video games and movies)	7
8. Poor enforcement of existing gun laws	6
9. Media attention to perpetrators	6
10. Drug use	1
11. School building design (for example, too many entrances and exits)	1

Q42. Do you support or oppose legalizing sports betting in Texas?

1. Support	40%
2. Oppose	24
3. Don't know/No opinion	36

Q43. Which of the following best characterizes your opinion on the death penalty for those convicted of violent crimes?

1. Strongly support	38%
2. Somewhat support	27
3. Somewhat oppose	13
4. Strongly oppose	12
5. Don't know / No opinion	10

Q44. What is your opinion on the legalization of marijuana possession?

1. Marijuana possession should not be legal under any circumstances	16%
2. Marijuana possession should be legal for medical purposes only	31
3. Possession of small amounts of marijuana for any purpose should be legal	30
4. Possession of any amount of marijuana for any purpose should be legal	23

Q45. As you may know, currently, the maximum penalty for possession of small amounts of marijuana can include up to 180 days in jail and/or a fine of up to $2,000. Would you support or oppose reducing punishment for possession of small amounts of marijuana to a citation and a fine of $250?

1. Strongly support   44%
2. Somewhat support   25
3. Somewhat oppose   9
4. Strongly oppose   12
5. Don't know / No opinion   9

Political Knowledge

[Randomize INFO1-INFO3]

INFO1. Which political party holds the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives?
[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1.	Republican Party	83%
2.	Democratic Party	8
3.	Neither	2
4.	Don't know	8

INFO2. What majority of both houses of the U.S. Congress is needed to override a presidential veto?

1.	More than one-half	7%
2.	More than two-thirds	74
3.	More than three-fourths	7
4.	Don't know	12

INFO3. Who won the popular vote in the 2016 Presidential Election? **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

1.	Donald Trump	24%
2.	Hillary Clinton	69
3.	Neither	2
4.	Don't know	5

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	10%
2.	Somewhat liberal	13
3.	Lean liberal	8
4.	In the middle	26
5.	Lean conservative	9
6.	Somewhat conservative	18
7.	Extremely conservative	17

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

1.	Democrat	43%
2.	Independent	11
3.	Republican	46

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

1.	Strong Democrat	21%
2.	Not very strong Democrat	10
3.	Lean Democrat	12
4.	Independent	11
5.	Lean Republican	12
6.	Not very strong Republican	13
7.	Strong Republican	21

REPCON. **[ASK IF PID7 >= 5]** Overall, do you think that Republican elected officials in Texas are conservative enough, too conservative, or not conservative enough?

1.	Conservative enough	50%
2.	Too conservative	10
3.	Not conservative enough	30
4.	Don't know/No opinion	9

DEMLIB. **[ASK IF PID7 <= 3]** Overall, do you think that Democratic elected officials in Texas are liberal enough, too liberal, or not liberal enough?

1.	Liberal enough	36%
2.	Too liberal	7
3.	Not liberal enough	37
4.	Don't know/No opinion	20

Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29   16%
2. 30-44   26
3. 45-64   36
4. 65 and up   23

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

1. Urban   33%
2. Suburban   48
3. Rural   20

METRO. Do you live in the Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio, or Austin metropolitan areas?

1. Yes, I live in the Houston area.   24%
2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area   28
3. Yes, I live in the San Antonio area   9
4. Yes, I live in the Austin area   9
5. No, I live in another part of Texas.   31

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1. One   15%
2. Two   12
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   19%
   public school in Texas.
2. Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in   3
   private school in Texas.
3. Yes, I have a child/children under 18 who are   1
   being home schooled in Texas.
4. No, I do not have any children under 18   78
   in school in Texas.

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

1. Less than $10,000 — 6%
2. $10,000 to $19,999 — 6
3. $20,000 to $29,999 — 8
4. $30,000 to $39,999 — 9
5. $40,000 to $49,999 — 9
6. $50,000 to $59,999 — 10
7. $60,000 to $69,999 — 7
8. $70,000 to $79,999 — 5
9. $80,000 to $99,999 — 5
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 — 16

AB. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be pro-life, pro-choice, or neither?

1. Pro-life — 44%
2. Pro-choice — 39
3. Neither — 13
4. Don't know — 4

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

1. Less than high school — 6%
2. High school degree — 25
3. Some college — 23
4. Two-year college degree — 10
5. Four-year college degree — 25
6. Post-graduate degree — 11

RELIG1. What is your primary religious affiliation, if any? **[No open response on "other"]**

1.	Agnostic	6%
2.	**Assembly of God***	**0**
3.	Atheist	6
4.	**Baptist***	**15**
5.	**Born again**	**3**
6.	Buddhist	1
7.	**Catholic***	**17**
8.	**Christian Scientist***	**0**
9.	**Church of Christ***	**3**
10.	**Church of God***	**1**
11.	**Disciples of Christ***	**0**
12.	**Episcopal/Anglican***	**2**
13.	Evangelical	2
14.	Hindu	0
15.	Jehovah's Witnesses	0
16.	Jewish	1
17.	**Lutheran***	**2**
18.	**Methodist***	**5**
19.	**Mormon***	**1**
20.	Muslim/Islam	1
21.	**Nondenominational Christian***	**6**
22.	**Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox***	**0**
23.	**Pentecostal/charismatic/spirit-filled***	**2**
24.	**Presbyterian***	**1**
25.	**Protestant (non-specific)***	**3**
26.	**Reformed***	**0**
27.	**Unitarian/Universalist***	**0**
28.	**United Church of Christ***	**0**
29.	Religious but not spiritual	1
30.	Spiritual but not religious	6
31.	No religious affiliation/none	10
32.	**Other***	**3**
33.	Don't know	1

RELIG2. What is your secondary religious affiliation, if any? **[No open response on "other"]**

1.	Agnostic	2
2.	**Assembly of God***	**1**
3.	Atheist	1
4.	**Baptist***	**7**
5.	**Born again**	**5**
6.	Buddhist	1
7.	**Catholic***	**3**
8.	**Christian Scientist***	**0**
9.	**Church of Christ***	**2**
10.	**Church of God***	**0**
11.	**Disciples of Christ***	**0**
12.	**Episcopal/Anglican***	**1**
13.	Evangelical	1
14.	Hindu	0
15.	Jehovah's Witnesses	0
16.	Jewish	1
17.	**Lutheran***	**1**
18.	**Methodist***	**3**
19.	**Mormon***	**0**
20.	Muslim/Islam	0
21.	**Nondenominational Christian***	**5**
22.	**Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox***	**0**
23.	**Pentecostal/charismatic/spirit-filled***	**2**
24.	**Presbyterian***	**0**
25.	**Protestant (non-specific)***	**4**
26.	**Reformed***	**1**
27.	**Unitarian/Universalist***	**0**
28.	**United Church of Christ***	**0**
29.	Religious but not spiritual	1
30.	Spiritual but not religious	6
31.	No religious affiliation/none	34
32.	**Other***	**4**
33.	Don't know	1

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.	28%
2.	The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	41
3.	The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	24
4.	Don't know.	7

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

1.	Extremely important	43%
2.	Somewhat important	28
3.	Not very important	13
4.	Not at all important	17

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

1.	More than once a week	12%
2.	Once a week	21
3.	A few times a month	11
4.	Once or twice a year	24
5.	Never	33

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

1.	White	58%
2.	African American	14
3.	Hispanic or Latino	23
4.	Asian/Pacific Islander	1
5.	Native American	1
6.	Multi-racial	2
7.	Other	1
8.	Middle Eastern	0

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

1.	Yes	1%
2.	No	98
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	86%
2.	Born in another country	14
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	62%
2.	One of my parents was born in another country	25
3.	Both of my parents were both in another country	13

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

1. Yes   42%
2. No   58

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

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

44. Utah	0	
45. Vermont	0	
46. Virginia	4	
47. Washington	2	
48. West Virginia	0	
49. Wisconsin	2	
50. Wyoming	1	
51. Guam	0	
52. Puerto Rico	1	
53. Ontario	0	
54. Not in the U.S. or Canada	1	

VETERAN. Which of the following best describes your current situation? Please check all that apply:

1. Active-duty military	0%	
2. Military veteran	13	
3. Active-duty military in my immediate family	2	
4. Military veteran in my immediate family	18	
5. None of the above	70	

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

1. Own	68%	
2. Rent	32	

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

1. Married	51%	
2. Separated	2	
3. Divorced	10	
4. Widowed	6	
5. Single	27	
6. Domestic Partnership	5	

GENDER. What is your gender?

1. Male	47%	
2. Female	53	