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Texas Statewide Survey

Summer 2009 Instrument
N=924 Adults
Margin of error: +/- 3.22%
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Note: Due to rounding, not all percentages will sum to 100

Interest and Engagement

Q1. Are you registered to vote in the state of Texas?

1. Yes	86%
2. No	13%
3. Don't know	2%

Q2. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is extremely *uninterested*, 10 is extremely interested, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how interested, generally speaking, would you say you are in politics and public affairs?

1. Uninterested (0-4)	16%
2. In the middle (5)	14%
3. Interested (6-10)	71%

Most Important Problems

Q3. What would you say is the most important problem facing this country today?

1. The economy	29%
2. Unemployment/jobs	12%
3. Federal spending/national debt	15%
4. Political corruption/leadership	12%
5. Health care	6%
6. Moral decline	5%
7. National security/terrorism	4%
8. Immigration	4%
9. Taxes	2%
10. Gas prices	2%
11. Energy	1%
12. Gay marriage	1%
13. Education	1%
14. Social welfare programs	1%
15. Environment	1%
16. The media	1%
17. Abortion	1%
18. Crime and drugs	1%
19. Afghanistan/Pakistan	0%
20. Housing	0%

21. Iraq	0%
22. Federal courts/nominees	0%
23. Foreign trade	0%
24. Food supply	0%
25. Voting system	0%

Q4. What would you say is the most important problem facing the state of Texas today?

1. Immigration	18%
2. The economy	16%
3. Unemployment/jobs	13%
4. Border security	13%
5. Political corruption/leadership	6%
6. Health care	6%
7. Gas prices	4%
8. Crime and drugs	4%
9. Education	3%
10. State government spending	3%
11. Moral decline	3%
12. Taxes	2%
13. Social welfare programs	2%
14. Insurance rates	1%
15. Water supply	1%
16. Gay marriage	1%
17. Energy	1%
18. Environment	1%
19. Transportation	1%
20. Abortion	1%
21. Housing	0%
22. State courts	0%
23. The media	0%
24. Voting system	0%

Q5. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not at all, 10 is extremely closely, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how closely would you say you followed the Texas legislative session this year?

1. Not closely (0-4)	40%
2. In the middle (5)	17%
3. Closely (6-10)	36%

President Obama's Traits

Here are three words and phrases. We'd like you to indicate, on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not at all, 10 is completely, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how much each one describes Barack Obama.

Q6. "Intelligent"

1. Does not describe well (0-4)	13%
2. In the middle (5)	17%
3. Describes well (6-10)	70%

Q7. "Provides strong leadership"

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| 1. Does not describe well (0-4) | 33% |
| 2. In the middle (5) | 13% |
| 3. Describes well (6-10) | 54% |

Q8. "Honest"

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| 1. Does not describe well (0-4) | 42% |
| 2. In the middle (5) | 13% |
| 3. Describes well (6-10) | 45% |

State Retrospective Assessments

Q9. Overall, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of the way Rick Perry has been handling his job as governor?

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| 1. Approve strongly | 13% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 29% |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 28% |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 15% |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 17% |

Q10. Overall, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of the job the Texas state legislature is doing?

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| 1. Approve strongly | 2% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 27% |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 47% |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 23% |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 12% |

Broader Retrospective Assessments

Q11. Overall, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

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| 1. Approve strongly | 22% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 21% |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 11% |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 11% |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 35% |

Q12. Now, thinking about the economy specifically, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama has been handling the economy since taking office?

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| 1. Approve strongly | 16% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 22% |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 12% |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 13% |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 38% |

Q13. How strongly do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

1. Approve strongly	2%
2. Approve somewhat	18%
3. Neither approve nor disapprove	22%
4. Disapprove somewhat	22%
5. Disapprove strongly	36%

Q14. Thinking about the 2010 primary elections in Texas, do you think that you will:

1. Definitely vote in the Republican primary	27%
2. Probably vote in the Republican primary	12%
3. Definitely vote in the Democratic primary	21%
4. Probably vote in the Democratic primary	8%
5. I only vote in general elections	9%
6. Don't Know	24%

Q15. If the 2010 Republican Primary election for governor were held today, would you vote for Rick Perry, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Leo Berman, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion? **(N=364, MoE=+/-5.14%; Registered voters: N=350, MoE=+/-5.24%)**

1. Rick Perry	38%	38% (Registered voters)
2. Kay Bailey Hutchison	26%	27%
3. Leo Berman	2%	1%
4. Someone else	7%	7%
5. Undecided	27%	26%

Q16. If the 2010 Democratic Primary election for governor were held today, would you vote for Tom Schieffer, Leticia Van de Putte, Kinky Friedman, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion? **(N= 281, MoE=+/-5.85%; Registered voters: N=262, MoE=+/-6.05%)**

1. Tom Schieffer	2%	3% (Registered voters)
2. Leticia Van de Putte	7%	7%
3. Kinky Friedman	12%	13%
4. Mark Thompson	3%	2%
5. Someone else	13%	14%
6. Undecided	64%	62%

Q17. If Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison resigns from the Senate to run for Governor and there is a special election to fill her Senate seat, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion? **(N=924, MoE=+/-3.22%; Registered voters: N=823, MoE=+/-3.42%)**

1. Roger Williams (Republican)	1%	1% (Registered voters)
2. David Dewhurst (Republican)	9%	9%
3. Greg Abbott (Republican)	5%	6%
4. Michael Williams (Republican)	2%	1%
5. Florence Shapiro (Republican)	2%	3%
6. John Sharp (Democrat)	9%	10%
7. Bill White (Democrat)	6%	7%
8. Elizabeth Ames Jones (Republican)	2%	1%
9. Undecided	65%	62%

Q18. Compared to a year ago, would you say that the country is economically...

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| 1. A lot better off | 1% |
| 2. Somewhat better off | 10% |
| 3. About the same | 20% |
| 4. Somewhat worse off, or | 28% |
| 5. A lot worse off? | 41% |

Q19. What about you? Compared to a year ago, would you say that you and your family are economically...

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| 1. A lot better off | 3% |
| 2. Somewhat better off | 14% |
| 3. About the same | 40% |
| 4. Somewhat worse off, or | 27% |
| 5. A lot worse off? | 16% |

Q20. How big of a problem is poverty in our society today?

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| 1. A big problem | 51% |
| 2. Somewhat of a problem | 31% |
| 3. A small problem | 15% |
| 4. Not a problem at all | 3% |

Political Emotions and Affect

Now I'm going to read you some words and phrases. I'd like you to tell me how well they describe the way you feel when you think about the way things are going in the country these days.

Q21. How about "anxious" or "worried"? How well do these words describe your feelings?

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| 1. Very well | 31% |
| 2. Somewhat well | 44% |
| 3. Not very well | 20% |
| 4. Not at all | 6% |

Q22. And, how about "hopeful" or "optimistic"? How well do these words describe your feelings?

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| 1. Very well | 13% |
| 2. Somewhat well | 40% |
| 3. Not very well | 33% |
| 4. Not at all | 15% |

Q23. Some people think the country needs leaders who have experience and knowledge about how businesses, politics, and special interests work in the United States. Suppose these people are at one end of a 1-7 scale, at point 1. Others think things in government are so broken that we need to bring in people from outside politics who might be able to reform the way things are done. Suppose these people are at the other end of the scale, at point 7. People who are exactly in-between are at point 4, and of course other people have opinions at other points between 1 and 7. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or wouldn't you have any opinion about that?

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| 1. Need leaders with experience in politics (1-3) | 19% |
| 2. In the middle (4) | 20% |
| 3. Needs leaders from outside politics (5-7) | 50% |
| 4. Not sure | 10% |

Do you think that [QUESTION ITEM] has knowledge and experience about politics or comes from outside of current politics? Where would you place [QUESTION ITEM] on this scale?

Q23a. Barack Obama?

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| 1. Person with experience in politics (1-3) | 45% |
| 2. In the middle (4) | 19% |
| 3. Person from outside politics (5-7) | 29% |
| 4. Not sure | 8% |

Q23b. Mitt Romney?

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| 1. Person with experience in politics (1-3) | 35% |
| 2. In the middle (4) | 19% |
| 3. Person from outside politics (5-7) | 20% |
| 4. Not sure | 27% |

Q23c. Ron Paul?

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| 1. Person with experience in politics (1-3) | 30% |
| 2. In the middle (4) | 20% |
| 3. Person from outside politics (5-7) | 20% |
| 4. Not sure | 30% |

Q23e. Rick Perry?

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| 1. Person with experience in politics (1-3) | 59% |
| 2. In the middle (4) | 17% |
| 3. Person from outside politics (5-7) | 12% |
| 4. Not sure | 13% |

Q23f. Kinky Friedman?

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| 1. Person with experience in politics (1-3) | 12% |
| 2. In the middle (4) | 13% |
| 3. Person from outside politics (5-7) | 48% |
| 4. Not sure | 26% |

Q24. If the 2012 presidential election were held today, which of the following would you vote for, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

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| 1. Barack Obama | 36% | 34% (Registered voters) |
| 2. Mitt Romney | 34% | 39% |
| 3. Don't know | 30% | 27% |

Q25a. On a 1-to-7 scale, where 1 is strongly oppose, 7 is strongly support, and 4 is exactly in the middle, how strongly do you support or oppose the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court, where she would be the first Latina to serve on the Supreme Court? **(N=463, MoE=+/-4.55%)**

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| 1. Oppose (1-3) | 41% |
| 2. In the middle (4) | 13% |
| 3. Support (5-7) | 33% |
| 4. No opinion | 14% |

Q25b. On a 1-to-7 scale, where 1 is strongly oppose, 7 is strongly support, and 4 is exactly in the middle, how strongly do you support or oppose the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court, where she would be the first American of Puerto Rican descent to serve on the Supreme Court? **(N=461, MoE=+/-4.55%)**

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| 1. Oppose (1-3) | 34% |
| 2. In the middle (4) | 22% |
| 3. Support (5-7) | 40% |
| 4. No opinion | 10% |

Q26a. On a 1-to-7 scale, where 1 is strongly oppose, 7 is strongly support, and 4 is exactly in the middle, how strongly do you support or oppose the candidacy of Ted Cruz for Attorney General of Texas, where he would be just the second Latino in Texas history to hold the office? **(N=458, MoE=+/-4.58%)**

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| 1. Oppose (1-3) | 13% |
| 2. In the middle (4) | 24% |
| 3. Support (5-7) | 22% |
| 4. No opinion | 42% |

Q26b. On a 1-to-7 scale, where 1 is strongly oppose, 7 is strongly support, and 4 is exactly in the middle, how strongly do you support or oppose the candidacy of Ted Cruz for Attorney General of Texas, where he would be the first American of Cuban descent to hold the office? **(N=467, MoE=+/-4.53%)**

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| 1. Oppose (1-3) | 15% |
| 2. In the middle (4) | 25% |
| 3. Support (5-7) | 22% |
| 4. No opinion | 38% |

Q27a. On a 1-to-7 scale, where 1 is strongly oppose, 7 is strongly support, and 4 is exactly in the middle, how strongly do you support or oppose the appointment of Hope Andrade as Texas Secretary of State, where she is the first Latina in Texas history to hold the office? **(N=454, MoE=+/-4.60%)**

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| 1. Oppose (1-3) | 11% |
| 2. In the middle (4) | 25% |
| 3. Support (5-7) | 25% |
| 4. No opinion | 39% |

Q27b. On a 1-to-7 scale, where 1 is strongly oppose, 7 is strongly support, and 4 is exactly in the middle, how strongly do you support or oppose the appointment of Hope Andrade as Texas Secretary of State, where she is the first female of Mexican descent to hold the office? **(N=470, MoE=+/-4.52%)**

1. Support (1-3)	13%
2. In the middle (4)	23%
3. Oppose (5-7)	24%
4. No opinion	40%

National Policy Issues

Next we are going to ask some questions about your opinions on national policy issues.

Q28. Some people believe that the government should take a more active role in directly helping poor people. Suppose these people are at one end of a 1-to-7 scale, at point 1. Other people believe that the government is already doing enough to directly help poor people, and that the poor should be responsible for improving their own situations beyond what the government is already providing them. Suppose these people are at the other end of the scale, at point 7. People who are exactly in-between are at point 4, and of course other people have opinions at other points between 1 and 7. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or wouldn't you have any opinion about that?

1. More active government role (1)	10%
2. (2)	7%
3. (3)	12%
4. In the middle (4)	16%
5. (5)	14%
6. (6)	13%
7. Individual responsibility (7)	25%
8. Not sure	3%

Q28a. And what about Barack Obama? Where would you place him on the same scale?

1. More active government role (1)	29%
2. (2)	15%
3. (3)	15%
4. In the middle (4)	13%
5. (5)	7%
6. (6)	5%
7. Individual responsibility (7)	11%
8. Not sure	4%

Q28b. Where would you place the Republican Party on the same scale?

1. More active government role (1)	9%
2. (2)	5%
3. (3)	9%
4. In the middle (4)	16%
5. (5)	15%
6. (6)	13%
7. Individual responsibility (7)	26%
8. Not sure	7%

Q29. Some people think that illegal immigrants who have lived and worked long enough in the U.S. should be allowed to keep their jobs and apply for legal status. Suppose these people are at one end of a 1-to-7 scale, at point 1. Other people think that illegal immigrants should be deported back to their native country, no matter

how long they have lived and worked in the U.S. Suppose these people are at the other end of the scale, at point 7. People who are exactly in-between are at point 4, and of course other people have opinions at other points between 1 and 7. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or wouldn't you have any opinion about that?

1. Stay and apply for legal status (1)	21%
2. (2)	11%
3. (3)	10%
4. In the middle (4)	12%
5. (5)	9%
6. (6)	7%
7. Deported back to native country (7)	27%
8. Not sure	4%

Q29a. And what about Barack Obama? Where would you place him on the same scale?

1. Stay and apply for legal status (1)	31%
2. (2)	15%
3. (3)	13%
4. In the middle (4)	15%
5. (5)	4%
6. (6)	2%
7. Deported back to native country (7)	9%
8. Not sure	11%

Q29b. Where would you place the Republican Party on the same scale?

1. Stay and apply for legal status (1)	9%
2. (2)	5%
3. (3)	6%
4. In the middle (4)	17%
5. (5)	16%
6. (6)	12%
7. Deported back to native country (7)	26%
8. Not sure	9%

Q30. Some people think the federal government should provide health insurance for everyone. Suppose these people are at one end of a 1-to-7 scale, at point 1. Other people think that individuals should be responsible for obtaining their own health insurance. Suppose these people are at the other end of the scale, at point 7. People who are exactly in-between are at point 4, and of course other people have opinions at other points between 1 and 7. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or wouldn't you have any opinion about that?

1. Government should provide insurance (1)	23%
2. (2)	9%
3. (3)	8%
4. In the middle (4)	16%
5. (5)	7%
6. (6)	9%
7. Individuals responsible for own insurance (7)	25%
8. Not sure	4%

Q30a. And what about Barack Obama? Where would you place him on the same scale?

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| 1. Government should provide insurance (1-3) | 46% |
| 2. (2) | 17% |
| 3. (3) | 10% |
| 4. In the middle (4) | 10% |
| 5. (5) | 4% |
| 6. (6) | 2% |
| 7. Individuals responsible for own insurance (5-7) | 6% |
| 8. Not sure | 6% |

Q30b. Where would you place the Republican Party on the same scale?

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| 1. Government should provide insurance (1) | 9% |
| 2. (2) | 4% |
| 3. (3) | 5% |
| 4. In the middle (4) | 15% |
| 5. (5) | 16% |
| 6. (6) | 14% |
| 7. Individuals responsible for own insurance (7) | 29% |
| 8. Not sure | 8% |

State Policy Issues

Now we would like to ask you some questions about college affordability and educational opportunity for Texas students.

Q31. Overall, do you support or oppose reinstating legislative control over tuition rates at Texas public colleges and universities?

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| 1. Strongly support | 23% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 31% |
| 3. Somewhat oppose | 13% |
| 4. Strongly opposed | 10% |
| 5. Don't know | 23% |

Q32. What is your opinion concerning the amount of state revenue that should be used to make education at state colleges and universities more affordable for Texans?

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| 1. State revenues should be increased to make college education more affordable <i>for all Texans</i> | 42% |
| 2. State revenues should be increased to make college education more affordable <i>for only the most needy Texans</i> | 16% |
| 3. State revenues should stay the same with no changes in the affordability of college education for Texans | 18% |
| 4. State revenues should be decreased even if it means making college education more expensive for Texans | 6% |
| 5. Don't know | 19% |

Q33. Do you support or oppose in-state tuition rates for undocumented or illegal immigrants who live in Texas and attend Texas public colleges and universities.

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| 1. Strongly support | 13% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 13% |
| 3. Somewhat oppose | 13% |
| 4. Strongly opposed | 47% |
| 5. Don't know | 15% |

Q34. Do you support or oppose continuing bilingual education in Texas public schools for students who do not speak English?

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| 1. Strongly support | 22% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 21% |
| 3. Somewhat oppose | 16% |
| 4. Strongly opposed | 34% |
| 5. Don't know | 7% |

Now we would like to ask you some general state policy questions.

Q35. Do you support or oppose deputizing local police officers and sheriff's deputies to enforce federal immigration laws?

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| 1. Strongly support | 35% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 26% |
| 3. Somewhat oppose | 9% |
| 4. Strongly opposed | 18% |
| 5. Don't know | 13% |

Q36. Some people argue that requiring registered voters to present government-issued photo identification in order to vote reduces voter fraud and does not place major obstacles on anyone who is legally entitled to vote. Other people argue that such a requirement has a negligible effect on voter fraud and places significant obstacles on immigrants, elderly, low-income, disabled, and minority voters. Do you agree or disagree with requiring registered voters to present a government-issued photo identification at the polls before they can be allowed to vote?

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| 1. Agree | 70% |
| 2. Disagree | 17% |
| 3. Don't know | 14% |

Q37. Gambling policy was discussed by the Texas legislature this past session. Which of the following gambling policy proposals would you most support?

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| 1. Banning all gambling and gaming in Texas | 10% |
| 2. Leaving current gambling laws unchanged | 18% |
| 3. Allowing limited expansion of gambling, but only in existing locations | 13% |
| 4. Expanding gambling but only to Indian reservations | 7% |
| 5. Allowing full casino gambling in Texas | 40% |
| 6. Don't know | 12% |

Q38. What is your opinion on gay marriage or civil unions?

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| 1. Gays and lesbians should have the right to marriage | 29% |
| 2. Gays and lesbians should have the right to civil unions but not to marriage | 32% |
| 3. Gays and lesbians should not have the right to civil unions or marriage | 32% |
| 4. Don't know | 8% |

Q39. Do you support or oppose passing an English-only amendment to the Texas constitution?

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| 1. Strongly support | 43% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 17% |
| 3. Somewhat oppose | 10% |
| 4. Strongly opposed | 18% |
| 5. Don't know | 12% |

Q40. Earlier this year, the legislature considered passing a bill that would ban smoking in most restaurants and public places, with few exemptions. Would you support a ban on smoking in most public places in Texas?

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| 1. Yes | 63% |
| 2. No | 31% |
| 3. Don't Know | 6% |

Q41. Some people are arguing that Texas should accept \$555 million in federal stimulus money to extend benefits to additional unemployed workers. Other people believe this would result in higher costs for employers in the long run, so the state should reject these stimulus funds. Which of these positions is closest to your own, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

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| 1. Accept the \$555 million in federal stimulus money for unemployed workers | 36% |
| 2. Reject the \$555 million in federal stimulus money for unemployed workers | 43% |
| 3. Don't know | 21% |

Migration History and Geographic Identity

Q42. Which of the following *best describes* how you came to live in Texas?

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| 1. I was born and raised in Texas | 51% |
| 2. I was born elsewhere in the United States, and first came to live in Texas as a child. | 11% |
| 3. I was born elsewhere in the United States, and first came to live in Texas as an adult. | 25% |
| 4. I was born outside the country, and first came to live in Texas as a child. | 6% |
| 5. I was born outside the country, and first came to live in Texas as an adult. | 7% |

Q43. With which of the following geographic areas do you *most strongly identify* yourself?

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| 1. The American South (I am a Southerner) | 8% |
| 2. The State of Texas (I am a Texan) | 54% |
| 3. My region within Texas (I am an East Texan, West Texan, North Texan, etc.) | 7% |
| 4. My hometown or city (I am a Houstonian, El Pasoan, Amarilloan, Austinite, etc.) | 15% |
| 5. I don't really identify with any of these areas | 17% |

Political Knowledge Questions

We're nearly done now. Here are some questions to which not everyone may know the right answer. If you come to one to which you don't know the right answer, don't worry about it. Just mark "couldn't say" and move on to the next one.

INFO1. What percentage vote of the U.S. House and the U.S. Senate is needed to override a Presidential veto?

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| 1. A simple majority | 8% |
| 2. Two-thirds | 60% |
| 3. Three-fourths | 9% |
| 4. Ninety percent | 2% |
| 5. Couldn't say | 21% |

INFO2. Which position does Timothy Geithner hold in the current federal administration?

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| 1. Secretary of the Treasury | 48% |
| 2. Secretary of State | 2% |
| 3. Attorney General | 3% |
| 4. Secretary of Defense | 2% |
| 5. Couldn't say | 45% |

INFO3. What are the terms of service for members of the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate?

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| 1. Both state representatives and state senators serve two-year terms. | 14% |
| 2. Both state representatives and state senators serve four-year terms. | 12% |
| 3. State representatives serve two-year terms, state senators serve four-year terms. | 24% |
| 4. State representatives serve two-year terms, state senators serve six-year terms. | 14% |
| 5. Couldn't say | 37% |

INFO4. Which statewide elected position in Texas does David Dewhurst hold?

1. Attorney General	8%
2. Railroad Commissioner	6%
3. Lieutenant Governor	36%
4. Comptroller of Public Accounts	2%
5. Couldn't say	48%

General Political Orientations

LIBCON. On a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 is extremely conservative, 1 is extremely liberal, and 4 is exactly in the middle, where, generally speaking, would you place yourself?

1. Liberal (1-3)	24%
2. In the middle (4)	29%
3. Conservative (5-7)	48%

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

1. Democrat	29%
2. Independent	26%
3. Republican	31%
4. Other	5%
5. Not sure	9%

PID7-1. Generally speaking, would you say that you usually think of yourself as a ...

1. Strong Democrat	17%
2. Not very strong Democrat	13%
3. Independent, leaning Democrat	8%
4. Independent	14%
5. Independent, leaning Republican	12%
6. Not very strong Republican	12%
7. Strong Republican	20%
8. Don't know	5%

**This is the PID7 in the available spss dataset. It derives as follows: 1. Respondents who answer Republican and Democrat on PID3 are asked a follow-up question whether they are a "strong" or "not very strong" Republican or Democrat. 2. PID3 Respondents who select "independent" are asked whether they are independent or lean Republican or Democrat. 3. Respondents who select Other or Not Sure in PID3 are also asked whether they lean Republican or Democrat. All of these responses are present in PID7-1 (PID7 in the spss dataset).*

PID7-2. Generally speaking, would you say that you usually think of yourself as a ...

1. Strong Democrat	19%
2. Not very strong Democrat	15%
3. Independent, leaning Democrat	8%
4. Independent	11%
5. Independent, leaning Republican	10%
6. Not very strong Republican	13%
7. Strong Republican	23%

*PID7-2 is the figure presented on the Texas Politics Project website. It is not present in the downloadable spss dataset. These figures only reflect respondents who answer Republican, Democrat, and Independent in PID3 and then indicate whether they are strong, weak, or lean toward one particular party. Respondents who answer Other and Not Sure on PID3 are excluded from these figures.

PID7-3. Generally speaking, would you say that you usually think of yourself as a ...

1. Strong Democrat	20%
2. Not very strong Democrat	14%
3. Independent, leaning Democrat	8%
4. Independent	10%
5. Independent, leaning Republican	10%
6. Not very strong Republican	14%
7. Strong Republican	24%

*PID7-3 is also not present in the spss dataset. These figures are the same as PID7-2, above, but only include registered voters.

INVOLVE. People often discuss politics informally in many different settings. Please think back over the past year and indicate whether you heard or took part in a conversation about politics in any of the following settings. *Please mark ALL that apply.*

1. Office or workplace	54%
2. Informally with friends or family	81%
3. Civic or charitable club or organization	10%
4. Social club or organization	15%
5. Recreational or sporting event or club	20%
6. Business or labor association	7%
7. A child's school or related activity	11%
8. Church or religious organization	20%
9. Political club or organization	8%
10. Online social network such as MySpace or Facebook	27%
11. Online blog	18%
12. None of these	12%

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Finally, a few final questions for statistical purposes...

COUNTY. In which county do you reside?

Please see dataset.

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

1. Urban	31%
2. Suburban	49%
3. Rural	20%

CHILD. How many children do you have currently living with you? (If you don't have any just enter 0.)

1. One	13%
2. Two	15%
3. Three	7%
4. More than three	4%
5. None	62%

INCOME. What was your estimated household income for 2008?

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

EDOFER. What is the highest level of education you completed?

1. Less than high school	10%
2. High school	33%
3. Some college	32%
4. College degree	18%
5. Post-graduate degree (examples: MA, JD, PhD)	8%

RELIG. What is your religious affiliation?

1. Agnostic	5%
2. Assembly of God	2%
3. Atheist	2%
4. Baptist	15%
5. Buddhist	0%
6. Catholic	24%
7. Christian Scientist	0%
8. Church of Christ	3%
9. Church of God	1%
10. Disciples of Christ	0%
11. Episcopal/Anglican	1%
12. Hindu	0%
13. Jehovah's Witnesses	1%
14. Jewish	1%
15. Lutheran	2%
16. Methodist	4%
17. Mormon	1%
18. Muslim/Islam	1%

19. Nondenominational Christian	11%
20. Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox	0%
21. Pentecostal	2%
22. Presbyterian	1%
23. Protestant (non-specific)	3%
24. Reformed	0%
25. Unitarian/Universalist	1%
26. United Church of Christ	0%
27. Other (please specify)	5%
28. Spiritual but not religious	10%
29. Don't know	3%

EVANG. Would you describe yourself as a “born-again” or evangelical Christian?

33% of sample. (Only asked of certain respondents, see data set for details)

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

1. More than once a week.	18%
2. A few times a month.	23%
3. Once or twice a year.	24%
4. Never.	22%
5. Prefer not to say.	13%

RACE. What race do you consider yourself to be?

1. White	53%
2. African American	9%
3. Hispanic or Latino	32%
4. Asian/Pacific Islander	1%
5. Native American	0%
6. Multi-racial	3%
7. Don't know/Refused/NA	1%

ETHNIC. **[Ask if RACE = “Hispanic or Latino”]** People of Hispanic or Latino origin come to the United States from many different countries. From which country do you trace your Hispanic or Latino heritage? (If you trace your heritage from more than one country, please select your primary country of origin.)

1. Mexican	69%
2. Puerto Rican	4%
3. Cuban	0%
4. Dominican	0%
5. Salvadoran	2%
6. Other Central American	6%
7. Other South American	2%
8. Spain	9%
9. Other	2%
10. Don't know/Refused/NA	5%

NATIVE1. **[Ask if RACE = "Hispanic or Latino"]** Were you born in the United States or Puerto Rico, or in another country?

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| 1. Born in the United States or Puerto Rico | 67% |
| 2. Born in another country | 33% |
| 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?

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| 1. Both of my parents were born in the United States or Puerto Rico | 67% |
| 2. One of my parents was born in another country | 16% |
| 3. Both of my parents were both in another country | 17% |

Please see data set for additional demographic information on the sample.