Interest and Engagement

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 52%
2. Somewhat interested 37%
3. Not very interested 8%
4. Not at all interested 3%
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 34%
2. Almost every election 36%
3. About half 9%
4. One or two 10%
5. None 9%
6. Don't know/Refused/NA 1%
Most Important Problem

Q4. What would you say is the most important problem facing this country today?

1. The economy 31%
2. Federal spending/national debt 17%
3. Unemployment/jobs 14%
4. Political corruption/leadership 7%
5. Partisan gridlock 6%
6. Health care 5%
7. Moral decline 3%
8. Income inequality 2%
9. Gas prices 2%
10. Education 2%
11. Social welfare programs 2%
12. Immigration 2%
13. Taxes 1%
14. National security/terrorism 1%
15. Abortion 1%
16. Crime and drugs 1%
17. Afghanistan/Pakistan 1%
18. Energy 0%
19. Gay marriage 0%
20. Environment 0%
21. The media 0%
22. Housing 0%
23. Border security 0%
24. Iraq 0%
25. Federal courts/nominees 0%
26. Foreign trade 0%
27. Voting system 0%
Q5. What would you say is the most important problem facing the state of Texas today?

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

Retrospective Assessments

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

1. Approve strongly  19%
2. Approve somewhat  21%
3. Neither approve nor disapprove  6%
4. Disapprove somewhat  9%
5. Disapprove strongly  44%
6. Don’t know  3%
Q7. Overall, how do you rate the job the U.S. Congress is doing?

1. Approve strongly 1%
2. Approve somewhat 10%
3. Neither approve nor disapprove 18%
4. Disapprove somewhat 26%
5. Disapprove strongly 43%
6. Don’t know 3%

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

1. Approve strongly 9%
2. Approve somewhat 32%
3. Neither approve nor disapprove 17%
4. Disapprove somewhat 12%
5. Disapprove strongly 27%
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?

1. Right direction 31%
2. Wrong track 58%
3. Don’t know 11%

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?

1. A lot better off 7%
2. Somewhat better off 25%
3. About the same 25%
4. Somewhat worse off 19%
5. A lot worse off 23%
6. Don’t know 1%

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?

1. Right direction 43%
2. Wrong track 34%
3. Don’t know 23%
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?

1. A lot better off 6%
2. Somewhat better off 17%
3. About the same 43%
4. Somewhat worse off 23%
5. A lot worse off 11%
6. Don’t know 1%

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?

1. A lot better off 4%
2. Somewhat better off 21%
3. About the same 51%
4. Somewhat worse off 16%
5. A lot worse off 5%
6. Don’t know 3%

Q14. Looking ahead to the future, do you think your children will be better off than you are, worse off, or about the same economically?

1. Better off 23%
2. Worse off 41%
3. About the same 18%
4. Don’t know 18%

Q15. Thinking about the condition of the national economy, do you think the worst is over or is the worst yet to come?

1. Worst is over 30%
2. Worst is yet to come 42%
3. Don’t know 27%

Q16. What about the money you owe on credit cards and installment loans – not including your mortgage – would you say that you:

1. Owe a lot more than you can afford 15%
2. Owe a little more than you can afford 14%
3. Owe about what you can afford 24%
4. Owe less than what you can afford 17%
5. Don’t have any debts 16%
6. Don’t have any credit cards or installment loans 12%
7. Don’t know 2%
Elections

[For Q17 through Q19, respondents were first asked the questions below. If they initially answered that they didn’t know, they were then asked a follow-up question: “If you had to make a choice, who would you choose?” Responses to the follow-up questions were folded into the results found below. “Likely Voters” were defined as those who indicated that they were either “Extremely” or “Somewhat” interested in politics in Q2 AND either voted in “Every” or “Almost every” election in Q3.]

Q17. If the 2012 general election for U.S. president were held today, would you vote for the Democratic ticket of Barack Obama and Joe Biden, the Republican ticket of Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan, someone else, or haven’t you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/− 4.22)

1. Mitt Romney 55%
2. Barack Obama 39%
3. Someone else 6%

Q18. If the 2012 general election for U.S. Senator from Texas were held today, would you vote for the the Republican Ted Cruz, the Democrat Paul Sadler, the Libertarian John Jay Myers, the Green Party candidate David Collins, someone else, or haven’t you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/− 4.22)

1. Ted Cruz 54%
2. Paul Sadler 39%
3. John Jay Myers 3%
4. David Collins 2%
5. Someone else 2%

As you may know, there are two open seats for the Texas Railroad Commission.

Q19. If the 2012 general election for the contested railroad commissioner seat was held today, would you vote for the Republican Christi Craddick, the Democrat Dale Henry, the Libertarian Vivekandanda Wall, the Green Party candidate Chris Kennedy, someone else, or haven’t you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/− 4.22)

1. Christi Craddick 50%
2. Dale Henry 36%
3. Vivekandanda Wall 6%
4. Chris Kennedy 6%
5. Someone else 3%
Q20. Do you think your incumbent state representative deserves reelection in 2012, or is it time to give someone else a chance?

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/− 4.22)

1. Deserves reelection 36%
2. Time to give someone else a chance 43%
3. Don’t know 22%

Q21. If the 2014 Republican primary election for lieutenant governor 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?

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/− 4.22)

1. David Dewhurst 12%
2. Susan Combs 5%
3. Dan Patrick 3%
4. Dan Branch 1%
5. Jerry Patterson 1%
6. Todd Staples 1%
7. I won’t be voting in the Republican primary in 2014 32%
8. Haven’t thought enough about it 46%

Q21A If Rick Perry were to run for governor again in 2014, would you vote for him, would you vote against him, or would you need to wait and see who is running against him?

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/− 4.22)

1. Vote for Perry 19%
2. Vote against Perry 39%
3. Wait and see 38%
4. Don’t know 5%

1. Vote for Perry 22%
2. Vote against Perry 42%
3. Wait and see 35%
4. Don’t know 2%
Q22. Suppose the Tea Party movement organized itself as a political party. When thinking about the next election for Congress, would you vote for the Republican candidate from your district, the Democratic candidate from your district, or the Tea Party candidate from your district?

1. Republican candidate 16%
2. Democratic candidate 36%
3. Tea Party candidate 17%
4. Don’t know 30%

Among Likely Voters (n=540; MOE=+/- 4.22)

1. Republican candidate 18%
2. Democratic candidate 36%
3. Tea Party candidate 20%
4. Don’t know 26%

Q23. 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 21%
3. The right amount of influence 23%
4. Don’t know 26%

Among Likely Voters (n=540; MOE=+/- 4.22)

1. Too much influence 32%
2. Too little influence 26%
3. The right amount of influence 26%
4. Don’t know 16%

[RANDOMIZE Q24-Q25]

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

Among Likely Voters (n=540; MOE=+/- 4.22)

1. Very favorable 22%
2. Somewhat favorable 27%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 11%
4. Somewhat unfavorable 11%
5. Very unfavorable 18%
6. Don’t know enough about him to have an opinion 11%

Q25. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Paul Sadler.
Among Likely Voters \((n=540 ; \text{MOE}=+/- 4.22)\)

1. Very favorable 7%
2. Somewhat favorable 16%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 20%
4. Somewhat unfavorable 9%
5. Very unfavorable 5%
6. Don’t know enough about him to have an opinion 43%

[Randomize Q26 through Q27]

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

Among Likely Voters \((n=540 ; \text{MOE}=+/- 4.22)\)

1. Very favorable 26%
2. Somewhat favorable 13%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 3%
4. Somewhat unfavorable 5%
5. Very unfavorable 52%
6. Don’t know/No Opinion 1%

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

Among Likely Voters \((n=540 ; \text{MOE}=+/- 4.22)\)

1. Very favorable 30%
2. Somewhat favorable 22%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 6%
4. Somewhat unfavorable 6%
5. Very unfavorable 35%
6. Don’t know/No Opinion 1%

[Randomize Q28 through Q29]

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

Among Likely Voters \((n=540 ; \text{MOE}=+/- 4.22)\)

1. Very favorable 26%
2. Somewhat favorable 13%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 3%
4. Somewhat unfavorable 8%
5. Very unfavorable 48%
6. Don’t know/No Opinion 2%
Q29. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Paul Ryan.

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/- 4.22)

1. Very favorable 37%
2. Somewhat favorable 16%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 9%
4. Somewhat unfavorable 5%
5. Very unfavorable 31%
6. Don't know/No Opinion 3%

Q30. When voting for a political candidate, please indicate how important each of the following factors is in your decision, “Extremely important”, “Somewhat important”, “not very important”, “Not at all important”:

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/- 4.22)

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Q30A. When voting for a political candidate, please indicate which of the following factors is MOST important in your decision:

Among Likely Voters (n=540 ;MOE=+/- 4.22)

1. Religious faith 4%
2. Issue positions 56%
3. Character 20%
4. Party 6%
5. Political record 14%
Q31. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Rick Perry.

1. Very favorable 11%
2. Somewhat favorable 29%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 15%
4. Somewhat unfavorable 10%
5. Very unfavorable 31%
6. Don’t know/No Opinion 4%

Among Likely Voters (n=540; MOE=+/− 4.22)

1. Very favorable 13%
2. Somewhat favorable 32%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 11%
4. Somewhat unfavorable 9%
5. Very unfavorable 33%
6. Don’t know/No Opinion 2%

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

1. Very favorable 8%
2. Somewhat favorable 14%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 23%
4. Somewhat unfavorable 7%
5. Very unfavorable 8%
6. Don’t know/No Opinion 40%

Among Likely Voters (n=540; MOE=+/− 4.22)

1. Very favorable 12%
2. Somewhat favorable 18%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 23%
4. Somewhat unfavorable 8%
5. Very unfavorable 11%
6. Don’t know/No Opinion 29%
**Government**

Q33. How do you feel about the following statement: Generally speaking, the way state government runs in Texas serves as a good model for other states to follow.

1. Strongly agree 18%
2. Somewhat agree 36%
3. Somewhat disagree 18%
4. Strongly disagree 18%
5. Don’t know 10%

Please read the following series of statements that will help us understand what you think about a number of issues facing Texas. For each statement, please indicate if you “strongly agree”, “somewhat agree”, “somewhat disagree”, or “strongly disagree” with it. The first one is... [Randomize 33A-33D]

Q33A. The state government in Austin is more efficient and less wasteful than the national government in Washington.

1. Strongly agree 23%
2. Somewhat agree 49%
3. Somewhat disagree 20%
4. Strongly disagree 8%

Q33B. The state government in Austin has become too dependent on financial aid from Washington.

1. Strongly agree 9%
2. Somewhat agree 33%
3. Somewhat disagree 45%
4. Strongly disagree 14%

[Split Sample Q33C1 and Q33C2]

Q33C1. The state government in Austin should require state and local employees, including police, fire, and emergency medical workers, to pay more of the cost of their retirement pensions.

*(n=381 ;MOE=+/- 5.02)*

1. Strongly agree 19%
2. Somewhat agree 33%
3. Somewhat disagree 34%
4. Strongly disagree 14%
Q33C2. The state government in Austin should require state and local employees to pay more of the cost of their retirement pensions.

(n=416 ; MOE=+/− 4.80)

1. Strongly agree 25%
2. Somewhat agree 36%
3. Somewhat disagree 28%
4. Strongly disagree 11%

[Rotate Q34-Q35]

Q34. Now just a few questions about state government in Austin.

Below are some pairs of opposite phrases, please tell me which one better describes your state government: [Randomize Q34A-Q34D]

Q34A.

1. Mostly corrupt OR 33%
2. Mostly honest 42%
3. Don’t know 25%

Q34B.

1. Mostly careful with people’s tax dollars OR 41%
2. Mostly careless with people’s tax dollars 39%
3. Don’t know 19%

Q34C.

1. Mostly addresses the needs of Texas residents OR 55%
2. Mostly ignores the needs of Texas residents 30%
3. Don’t know 16%

Q34D.

1. Is too divided along partisan lines OR 37%
2. Can usually work together to address issues 49%
3. Don’t know 13%

Q35. Now just a few questions about the federal government in Washington.

Below are some pairs of opposite phrases, please tell me which one better describes the federal government: [Randomize Q35A-Q35D]

Q35A.

1. Mostly corrupt OR 70%
2. Mostly honest 15%
3. Don’t know 15%

Q35B.

1. Mostly careful with people’s tax dollars OR 12%
2. Mostly careless with people’s tax dollars 79%
3. Don’t know 9%

Q35C.
1. Mostly addresses the needs of Texas residents OR 13%
2. Mostly ignores the needs of Texas residents 61%
3. Don’t know 27%

Q35D.
1. Is too divided along partisan lines OR 86%
2. Can usually work together to address issues 5%
3. Don’t know 9%

Q36. In attempting to deal with the budget shortfall, state lawmakers have two basic options at their disposal: cutting spending and increasing revenue. Please choose your preference for how state lawmakers should close the budget gap on a 0-10 scale, where 10 indicates that you prefer that state lawmakers close the gap entirely through revenue increases, and 0 indicates that you prefer that state lawmakers close the gap entirely through spending cuts.

Mean=4.28
Standard Deviation=2.72

Q37. Of the three branches of federal government, which one do you trust the most?

1. The U.S. Congress, the legislative branch 10%
2. The President, the executive branch 28%
3. The U.S. Supreme Court, the judicial branch 34%
4. Don’t know 28%

Policy Questions
Q38. Some people argue that requiring registered voters to present government-issued photo identification at the polls 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 but places significant obstacles on elderly, low-income, disabled, and minority voters. Do you agree or disagree with the idea that registered voters should be required to present a government issued photo ID at the polls before they can be allowed to vote?

1. Agree 66%
2. Disagree 27%
3. Don’t know 7%
Q39. What is your opinion on gay marriage or civil unions?

1. Gays and lesbians should have the right to marry 36%
2. Gays and lesbians should have the right to civil unions but not marriage 33%
3. Gays and lesbians should not have the right to civil unions or marriage 25%
4. Don’t know 7%

Q40. Should illegal immigrants who have graduated from a Texas high school and lived in the state for at least three years 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?

1. In-state tuition 36%
2. Out-of-state tuition 50%
3. Don’t know/no opinion 14%

For each of the following statements, please indicate whether you “strongly agree”, “somewhat agree”, “somewhat disagree”, or “strongly disagree”: [Randomize Q41A-Q41D]

Q41A. State and local police in Texas should NOT be permitted to inquire about or report the immigration status of people they routinely encounter on the street.

1. Strongly agree 18%
1. Somewhat agree 13%
2. Somewhat disagree 16%
3. Strongly disagree 46%
4. Don’t know 6%

Q41B. Most immigrants pay their fair share of taxes.

1. Strongly agree 12%
2. Somewhat agree 21%
3. Somewhat disagree 21%
4. Strongly disagree 38%
5. Don’t know 9%
Q41C. We should restrict and control people coming to live in the U.S. more than we do now.

1. Strongly agree 48%
2. Somewhat agree 28%
3. Somewhat disagree 13%
4. Strongly disagree 5%
5. Don’t know 6%

Q41D. Newcomers from other countries enrich Texas with their hard work and values.

1. Strongly agree 20%
2. Somewhat agree 43%
3. Somewhat disagree 18%
4. Strongly disagree 10%
5. Don’t know 10%

Q42. Compared to a year ago, would you say that K-12 public school education in Texas is a lot better, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse, or a lot worse?

1. A lot better 2%
2. Somewhat better 9%
3. About the same 34%
4. Somewhat worse 27%
5. A lot worse 16%
6. Don’t know/no opinion 12%

Q43. Do you think that Texas spends too much, too little, or about the right amount on primary and secondary education?

1. Too much 11%
2. Too little 52%
3. About the right amount 23%
4. Don’t know/no opinion 14%

Q44. What about the state’s universities and colleges? Do you think that Texas spends too much, too little, or about the right amount on higher education?

1. Too much 19%
2. Too little 37%
3. About the right amount 28%
4. Don’t know/no opinion 16%
As you may know, Texas State Legislative candidates have recently been invited to pledge NOT to increase taxes when the legislature convenes in January 2013.

Q45. Some people say that state legislative candidates should pledge not to increase taxes before the elections so that voters know where they stand on taxes. Others say that anti-tax pledges lock candidates into inflexible positions before the fiscal situation in January 2013 is clear.

Which of these positions is closer to yours?

1. Candidates should pledge not to increase taxes before the elections. 34%
2. Candidates should not make pledges before the fiscal situation is clear. 52%
3. Not sure/Don't know 14%

Q46. As you may know, some states have a history of discrimination in their election laws. Because of this, they are required to request federal approval before implementing any changes to their voting procedures or election practices.

Do you think these states should still be subject to federal supervision, or do you think they should be able to change their voting and election practices without the approval of the federal government?

1. These states should still be under federal supervision 51%
2. These states should be able to change their voting and election practices without federal approval 36%
3. Not sure/Don't know 13%

Q47. How often do you personally come in contact with immigrants who speak little or no English?

1. Often (daily or weekly) 57%
2. Sometimes (monthly) 31%
3. Rarely (once a year) 10%
4. Never 1%
5. Don't know 1%
Q48. Some people think that our elected officials and policy-makers should follow the advice of scientists on many issues. Others think that scientists are often either biased or wrong on many issues. For each of the following issues, please use a 0-10 scale to indicate how much politicians and public officials should defer to scientists: 10 means to follow scientific advice completely, 0 means to ignore scientific advice, and 5 means to weight it equally with other factors.

Q48A. Stem cell research
Mean: 6.52
Standard Deviation: 2.82

Q48B. Global warming
Mean: 5.67
Standard Deviation: 3.44

Q48C. Abortion
Mean: 5.15
Standard Deviation: 3.14

Q48D. Space exploration
Mean: 6.99
Standard Deviation: 2.50

Q48E. Childhood obesity
Mean: 6.33
Standard Deviation: 2.72

Q48F. AIDS
Mean: 6.96
Standard Deviation: 2.56

Q48G. Birth control
Mean: 5.70
Standard Deviation: 3.00

Q48H. Legalizing drug use
Mean: 5.63
Standard Deviation: 2.91
Q48I. Health care coverage

Mean: 5.64  
Standard Deviation: 2.86

Q48J. Natural disaster preparedness

Mean: 7.15  
Standard Deviation: 2.31

Q48K. Nuclear power

Mean: 7.05  
Standard Deviation: 2.29

Q48L. Coal production

Mean: 6.13  
Standard Deviation: 2.81

Q48M. Gun control

Mean: 4.61  
Standard Deviation: 3.38

Q49. Please tell us whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following statements: [PROVIDE GRID]

[RANDOMLY SELECT 4 OF Q49A-Q49H, RANDOMIZE SELECTION]

(for Q49A-Q49H, n is between 389 and 412, MOE is between +/-4.83 and 4.99)

Q49A. When faced with a difficult decision, politicians should follow the advice of relevant experts, even if it means going against their ideology.

1. Strongly agree 25%
2. Somewhat agree 41%
3. Somewhat disagree 27%
4. Strongly disagree 8%

Q49B. Most of the time, instinct and gut reactions are just as good as the advice of scientists.

1. Strongly agree 14%
2. Somewhat agree 37%
3. Somewhat disagree 29%
4. Strongly disagree 20%
Q49C. Faith is a better guide than scientific evidence on most important questions.

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Q49D. Scientists and academics are not hostile to people of faith.

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Q49E. Scientists and academics are not concerned about the moral implications of their research.

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Q49F. Most university professors are liberals who are trying to push an ideological agenda with their research.

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Political Knowledge

[Randomize INFO1-INFO3]

INFO1. Which political party holds the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives?

1. Republican Party 69%
2. Democratic Party 17%
3. Neither 1%
4. Don't know 13%

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

1. More than one-half 6%
2. More than two-thirds 73%
3. More than three-fourths 10%
4. Don't know 11%

INFO3. Who is the current Attorney General of Texas?

1. Greg Abbott 70%
2. Michael Williams 0%
3. Susan Combs 2%
4. Victor Carrillo 1%
5. Don't know 28%

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?

1. Extremely liberal 2%
2. Somewhat liberal 7%
3. Lean liberal 9%
4. In the middle 39%
5. Lean conservative 16%
6. Somewhat conservative 18%
7. Extremely conservative 8%

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

1. Democrat 41%
2. Independent 12%
3. Republican 44%
4. Other/Not Sure 3%
PID7.

1. Strong Democrat 22%
2. Not very strong Democrat 9%
3. Lean Democrat 10%
4. Independent 12%
5. Lean Republican 15%
6. Not very strong Republican 8%
7. Strong Republican 21%
8. Other 3%

Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29 19%
2. 30-44 25%
3. 45-64 39%
4. 65 and up 18%

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

1. Urban 28%
2. Suburban 51%
3. Rural 21%

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

1. Yes, I live in the Houston area. 20%
2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area 32%
3. Yes, I live in the San Antonio area 8%
4. Yes, I live in the Austin area 9%
5. No, I live in another part of Texas. 32%

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1. One 21%
2. Two 11%
3. Three 5%
4. Four or more 2%
5. None 61%
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. 23%
2. Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in private school in Texas. 2%
3. Yes, I have a child/children under 18 who are being home schooled in Texas. 2%
4. No, I do not have any children under 18 in school in Texas. 73%

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

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

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

1. Less than high school 4%
2. High school degree 35%
3. Some college 24%
4. Two-year college degree 9%
5. Four-year college degree 20%
6. Post-graduate degree 8%
RELIG. What is your religious affiliation? [No open response on “other”]

1. Agnostic 5%
2. Assembly of God* 1%
3. Atheist 4%
4. Baptist* 17%
5. Buddhist 0%
6. Catholic* 16%
7. Christian Scientist* 0%
8. Church of Christ* 2%
9. Church of God* 0%
10. Disciples of Christ* 0%
11. Episcopalian/Anglican* 3%
12. Hindu 0%
13. Jehovah’s Witnesses 0%
14. Jewish 1%
15. Lutheran* 1%
16. Methodist* 7%
17. Mormon* 2%
18. Muslim/Islam 0%
19. Nondenominational Christian* 10%
20. Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox* 0%
21. Pentecostal* 3%
22. Presbyterian* 2%
23. Protestant (non-specific)* 4%
24. Reformed* 0%
25. Unitarian/Universalist* 0%
26. United Church of Christ* 0%
27. Spiritual but not religious 12%
28. Other* 7%
29. Don’t know 0%

EVANG. [Ask if respond * to RELIG] Do you consider yourself to be a “born again” or “evangelical” Christian?

1. Yes 49%
2. No 51%

CATHOLICID. [Ask if RELIG = “Catholic”] Do you identify with any of the following descriptions? Please select all that apply.

1. Liberal Catholic 21%
2. Conservative Catholic 24%
3. Traditional Catholic 33%
4. Charismatic Catholic 1%
5. Evangelical Catholic 1%
6. I do not identify with any of the above 30%
CHARISMATIC. [Ask if respond * to RELIG] Do you consider yourself to be a “spirit filled” or “charismatic” Christian?

1. Yes 39%
2. No 61%

SOCIALGOSPEL. [Ask if respond * to RELIG] Do you consider social justice to be at the heart of the Gospel?

1. Yes 41%
2. No 59%

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. 29%
2. The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word. 42%
3. The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God. 21%
4. Don’t know. 7%

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

1. Extremely important 47%
2. Somewhat important 29%
3. Not very important 13%
4. Not at all important 12%

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

1. More than once a week 14%
2. Once a week 19%
3. A few times a month 12%
4. Once or twice a year 30%
5. Never 25%
RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

1. White 65%
2. African American 14%
3. Hispanic or Latino 15%
4. Asian/Pacific Islander 1%
5. Native American 1%
6. Multi-racial 2%

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 88%
2. Born in another country 12%
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 60%
2. One of my parents was born in another country 24%
3. Both of my parents were both in another country 16%

LEAVE1. In the last 12 months, have you considered moving out of the state of Texas?

1. Yes, I have 24%
2. No, I have not 74%
3. Don’t know/no opinion 2%

LEAVE2. [Ask if LEAVE1=1] How important, on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 indicates “not-at-all important”, and 10 means “very important”, are each of these reasons why you have considered moving out of the state of Texas? [Randomize A-N]

A. To be closer to family
   Mean=4.07
   Standard Deviation=4.19
B. High cost of housing here
   Mean=3.54
   Standard Deviation=3.82
C. Opportunity for better jobs elsewhere
   Mean=5.26
   Standard Deviation=3.88
D. I want to live around people like me
   Mean=5.15
   Standard Deviation=3.58
E. Current high tax rates here
   Mean=3.32
   Standard Deviation=3.45
F. Prospect of higher tax rates if I stay here
   Mean=3.23
   Standard Deviation=3.50
G. Traffic congestion and overcrowding here
   Mean=4.65
   Standard Deviation=3.61
H. High crime here
   Mean=4.11
   Standard Deviation=3.57
I. The quality of schools is declining here
   Mean=4.45
   Standard Deviation=3.95
J. The economy is getting worse here
   Mean=4.12
   Standard Deviation=3.50
K. I want a quieter place to live
   Mean=4.61
   Standard Deviation=3.92
L. I want a better climate
   Mean=6.47
   Standard Deviation=3.55
M. I want to live around more Democrats
   Mean=3.22
   Standard Deviation=3.81
N. I want to live around more Republicans
   Mean=1.50
   Standard Deviation=2.75
LEAVE3. [Ask if LEAVE1=1] Which of the following is the MOST important reason why you have considered moving out of the state of Texas?

(n=189 ;MOE=+/− 7.13)

1. To be closer to family 15%
2. High cost of housing here 1%
3. Opportunity for better jobs elsewhere 22%
4. I want to live around people like me 6%
5. Current high tax rates here 1%
6. Prospect of higher tax rates if I stay here 1%
7. Traffic congestion and overcrowding here 2%
8. High crime here 1%
9. The quality of schools is declining here 2%
10. The economy is getting worse here 3%
11. I want a quieter place to live 8%
12. I want a better climate 18%
13. I want to live around more Democrats 4%
14. I want to live around more Republicans 0%
15. Other 15%

COME1. When did you move to Texas?

1. In the last 2 years. 4%
2. Between 2 and 5 years ago. 4%
3. More than 5 years ago. 38%
4. Always lived in Texas 54%

COME2. [Ask if COME1=1, 2, or 3] How important, on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 indicates “not-at-all important”, and 10 means “very important”, are each of these reasons why you moved to the state of Texas? [Randomize A-N]

A. To be closer to family
   Mean=4.62
   Standard Deviation=4.27

B. Low cost of housing
   Mean=4.59
   Standard Deviation=3.81

C. Opportunity for better jobs
   Mean=5.97
   Standard Deviation=3.91

D. I want to live around people like me
   Mean=3.63
   Standard Deviation=3.60

E. Prospect of lower taxes
   Mean=4.31
   Standard Deviation=3.71

F. Less traffic congestion and overcrowding
   Mean=3.24
   Standard Deviation=3.44

G. Less crime
Mean=4.10  
Standard Deviation=3.72  

H. The quality of schools is better  
Mean=3.62  
Standard Deviation=3.77  

I. The economy was getting better in Texas  
Mean=5.07  
Standard Deviation=3.70  

J. a quieter place to live  
Mean=3.88  
Standard Deviation=3.69  

K. a better climate  
Mean=4.19  
Standard Deviation=3.71  

L. I wanted to live around more Democrats  
Mean=1.18  
Standard Deviation=2.43  

M. I wanted to live around more Republicans  
Mean=2.04  
Standard Deviation=3.15  

N. To go to college or graduate school  
Mean=2.62  
Standard Deviation=3.59  

COME3. [Ask if COME1=1, 2, or 3] Which of the following is the MOST important reason why you chose to move to the state of Texas?  
(n=359 ;MOE=+/- 5.17)  

1. To be closer to family 33%  
2. Low cost of housing 3%  
3. Opportunity for better jobs 35%  
4. I want to live around people like me 1%  
5. Prospect of lower taxes 2%  
6. Less traffic congestion and overcrowding 0%  
7. Less crime 1%  
8. The quality of schools is better 2%  
9. The economy was getting better in Texas 8%  
10. a quieter place to live 3%  
11. a better climate 4%  
12. I wanted to live around more Democrats 0%  
13. I wanted to live around more Republicans 0%  
14. To go to college or graduate school 6%  

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?  

1. Own 73%  
2. Rent 27%  

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MARITAL. What is your marital status?

1. Married 60%
2. Separated 1%
3. Divorced 10%
4. Widowed 5%
5. Single 18%
6. Domestic Partnership 6%

GENDER. What is your gender?

1. Male 46%
2. Female 54%

P08. In the 2008 presidential election, who did you vote for?

1. Barack Obama 40%
2. John McCain 43%
3. Someone else 5%
4. Did not vote 12%