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Texas Statewide Survey

Field Dates: October 30 to November 8, 2015

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%
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Q2. Generally speaking, would you say that you are extremely interested in politics and public affairs, somewhat interested, not very interested, or not at all interested?

1. Extremely interested	47%
2. Somewhat interested	41
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	36%
2. Almost every election	33
3. About half	12
4. One or two	10
5. None	8
6. Don't know	1

*In calculating the margin of error (MOE) for the survey, we provide two calculations, one that compensates for the relative standard deviation of the weights and one that does not. Without taking the variance of the weights into account, the margin of error for the full sample is 2.83%. To compensate for the additional uncertainty from weighting, we apply a multiplier derived from the coefficient of variation of the weights: $\sqrt{1+CV^2}$, where $CV=sd(weights)/mean(weights)$. For this weight sensitive calculation, the MOE for the full sample is 3.28%.

Most Important Problem

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

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

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

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

Retrospective Assessments

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

1. Approve strongly	17%
2. Approve somewhat	19
3. Neither approve nor disapprove	9
4. Disapprove somewhat	8
5. Disapprove strongly	46
6. Don't know	1

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

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|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1. Approve strongly | 2% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 8 |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 17 |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 25 |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 46 |
| 6. Don't know | 3 |

Q8A. How would you rate the job Greg Abbott has done as governor? Would you say that you...

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Approve strongly | 20% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 22 |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 21 |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 10 |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 19 |
| 6. Don't know | 7 |

Q8B. How would you rate the job Dan Patrick has done as lieutenant governor? Would you say that you...

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Approve strongly | 10% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 19 |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 28 |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 9 |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 17 |
| 6. Don't know | 16 |

Q8C. How would you rate the job Joe Straus has done as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives? Would you say that you...

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| 1. Approve strongly | 4% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 16 |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 32 |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 8 |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 14 |
| 6. Don't know | 25 |

Q9A. How would you rate the job Ted Cruz has done as U.S. Senator? Would you say that you...

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Approve strongly | 27% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 17 |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 11 |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 9 |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 28 |
| 6. Don't know | 9 |

Q9B. How would you rate the job John Cornyn has done as U.S. Senator? Would you say that you...

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| 1. Approve strongly | 7% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 20 |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 22 |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 16 |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 18 |
| 6. Don't know | 16 |

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
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/No Opinion
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
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/No Opinion
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
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 2016 primary elections for President were held today, would you vote in the Republican primary, the Democratic primary, or wouldn't you vote in either primary?

1. Republican primary	50%
2. Democratic primary	35
3. Wouldn't vote in a primary	7
4. Don't know	8

[For Q16A-Q16B and Q17A-Q17B, after indicating their first choice, respondents were asked, "Of the remaining possible candidates, who would be your second choice, or have you not thought about it enough to have an opinion?"]

Q16A. **[ASK IF Q15=1]** If the 2016 Republican primary election for president were held today, which of the following possible candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-15]**

(n=542, MOE is +/- 4.21%; MOE is +/- 4.72% when adjusted for weighting)

	First Choice	Second Choice
1. Ted Cruz	27%	19%
2. Donald Trump	27	15
3. Ben Carson	13	19
4. Marco Rubio	9	10
5. Jeb Bush	4	6
6. Rand Paul	4	3
7. Carly Fiorina	4	7
8. Mike Huckabee	2	5
9. Chris Christie	1	4
10. Rick Santorum	1	1
11. John Kasich	1	2
12. Bobby Jindal	0	1
13. Lindsey Graham	0	0
14. George Pataki	0	1
15. Jim Gilmore	0	0
16. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion	5	7

Q16C. **[ASK IF Q15=1]** Are there any of these candidates for the Republican nomination for president whom you would definitely not support? **[REMOVE CHOICE FROM Q16 AND Q16A. RANDOMIZE REMAINING CHOICES]** **[GRID AND SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]**

1. Jeb Bush	25%
2. Lindsey Graham	22
3. George Pataki	20
4. Chris Christie	18
5. Jim Gilmore	18
6. Donald Trump	16
7. John Kasich	16
8. Rand Paul	15
9. Rick Santorum	14
10. Mike Huckabee	11
11. Bobby Jindal	10
12. Marco Rubio	9
13. Carly Fiorina	9
14. Ted Cruz	8
15. Ben Carson	7

Q17A. **[ASK IF Q15=2]** If the 2016 Democratic primary election for president were held today, which of the following possible candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion? **[Randomize 1-4]**

(n=459, MOE is +/- 4.57%; MOE is +/- 5.76% when adjusted for weighting)

	First Choice	Second Choice
1. Hillary Clinton	61%	18%
2. Bernie Sanders	30	27
3. Martin O'Malley	1	13
4. Lawrence Lessig	0	5
5. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion	7	37

Q17C. **[ASK IF Q15=2]** Are there any of these candidates for the Democratic nomination for president whom you would definitely not support? **[REMOVE CHOICE FROM Q17 AND Q17A. RANDOMIZE REMAINING CHOICES]** **[GRID AND SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]**

1. Lawrence Lessig	6
2. Hillary Clinton	5
3. Bernie Sanders	5
4. Martin O'Malley	4

Q18. Suppose the Tea Party movement organized itself as a political party. When thinking about the next election for Congress, would you vote for **[Randomize]** the Republican candidate from your district, the Democratic candidate from your district, or the Tea Party candidate from your district? **[Randomize 1-2]**

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| 1. Republican candidate | 22% |
| 2. Democratic candidate | 35 |
| 3. Tea Party candidate | 17 |
| 4. Don't know | 26 |

Q19. Do you think the Tea Party movement has too much influence, too little influence, or the right amount of influence in the Republican Party?

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| 1. Too much influence | 34% |
| 2. Too little influence | 26 |
| 3. The right amount of influence | 19 |
| 4. Don't know | 21 |

[RANDOMIZE Q20-Q24]

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

	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Don't Know/No Opinion
Nov. 2015	25	16	12	9	29	8
June 2015	22	18	15	8	29	7
Feb. 2015	26	15	12	8	28	10
Oct. 2014	26	18	11	8	28	8
June 2014	29	17	10	6	28	11
Feb. 2014	29	14	10	8	29	10
Oct. 2013	23	15	14	6	31	10
June 2013	26	14	13	7	24	17

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

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| 1. Very favorable | 6% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 20 |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 24 |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 14 |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 18 |
| 6. Don't know/no opinion | 18 |

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

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

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

1. Very favorable 16%
2. Somewhat favorable 18
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 12
4. Somewhat unfavorable 12
5. Very unfavorable 39
6. Don't know/no opinion 3

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

1. Very favorable 15%
2. Somewhat favorable 19
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 7
4. Somewhat unfavorable 9
5. Very unfavorable 47
6. Don't know/no opinion 3

[RANDOMIZE Q25-Q26]

Q25. 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	12%
2. Somewhat favorable	20
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	12
4. Somewhat unfavorable	13
5. Very unfavorable	39
6. Don't know/no opinion	4

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	8%
2. Somewhat favorable	22
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	17
4. Somewhat unfavorable	20
5. Very unfavorable	29
6. Don't know/no opinion	5

[RANDOMIZE Q27-Q28]

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

1. Very favorable	19%
2. Somewhat favorable	15
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	15
4. Somewhat unfavorable	8
5. Very unfavorable	38
6. Don't know/no opinion	4

Q28. 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	28%
2. Somewhat favorable	20
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	16
4. Somewhat unfavorable	8
5. Very unfavorable	23
6. Don't know/no opinion	6

Policy Questions

Q29. Of the three branches of federal government, which one do you trust the most?

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| 1. The U.S. Congress, the legislative branch | 18% |
| 2. The President, the executive branch | 18 |
| 3. The U.S. Supreme Court, the judicial branch | 24 |
| 4. Don't know | 40 |

Q30. Which of the following factors should play the greatest role in guiding your Congressperson's actions?

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| 1. The beliefs of constituents like you | 64% |
| 2. The personal beliefs of the representative | 12 |
| 3. The positions of the political party to which they belong | 10 |
| 4. Don't know/No opinion | 15 |

Q31. Do you think your congressional representative should mostly be looking out for the interests of...

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| 1. Their congressional district | 30% |
| 2. Their state | 15 |
| 3. The country as a whole | 47 |
| 4. Don't know/No opinion | 8 |

Q32. In general, in the face of political or policy conflicts, is it more important for government officials to compromise or to stand on principle?

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| 1. Compromise | 51% |
| 2. Stand on principle | 49 |

Q33. In general, do you think that political leaders publicly express their religious faith too much, too little, or the right amount?

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| 1. Too much | 27% |
| 2. Too little | 35 |
| 3. Right amount | 19 |
| 4. Don't know/No opinion | 18 |

[RANDOMIZE Q34A-Q34B]

Q34A. Do you think that the Republicans in Congress are conservative enough, too conservative, or not conservative enough?

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| 1. Conservative enough | 14% |
| 2. Too conservative | 35 |
| 3. Not conservative enough | 34 |
| 4. Don't know/No opinion | 16 |

Q34B. Do you think that the Democrats in Congress are liberal enough, too liberal, or not liberal enough?

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| 1. Liberal enough | 19% |
| 2. Too liberal | 48 |
| 3. Not liberal enough | 15 |
| 4. Don't know/No opinion | 18 |

Q35. Which of the following poses the greatest threat to the United States? **[RANDOMIZE 1-9]**

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| 1. Illegal immigration | 22 |
| 2. Foreign terrorist groups (e.g. ISIS, Al Qaeda) | 18 |
| 3. Polarization/Intractable partisan conflict | 12 |
| 4. Decaying American infrastructure | 10 |
| 5. Gun violence/Mass shootings | 9 |
| 6. Unfriendly foreign nations (e.g. Russia, Iran, China) | 8 |
| 7. Racial tensions | 6 |
| 8. Climate change | 5 |
| 9. Computer network vulnerabilities | 2 |
| 10. Other | 6 |
| 11. Don't know/no opinion | 3 |

Q36. Do you think that women who want to avoid becoming pregnant should have access to birth control?

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| 1. Yes, should have access | 87% |
| 2. No, should not have access | 5 |
| 3. Don't know/No opinion | 7 |

Q37. What is your opinion on gay marriage?

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| 1. Gays and lesbians should have the right to marry | 43% |
| 2. Gays and lesbians should not have the right to marry | 43 |
| 3. Don't know | 14 |

Q38. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States should be deported immediately

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| 1. Strongly agree | 30% |
| 2. Somewhat agree | 25 |
| 3. Somewhat disagree | 18 |
| 4. Strongly disagree | 21 |
| 5. Don't know/No opinion | 6 |

Q39. As you may know, the 14th Amendment to the Constitution says that all children born in the United States are automatically U.S. citizens regardless of their parents' legal status. Would you favor or oppose changing the Constitution to REPEAL this part of the 14th Amendment?"

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| 1. Favor | 48% |
| 2. Oppose | 39 |
| 3. Don't know/No opinion | 13 |

Q39A. In so-called "sanctuary cities," local law enforcement officials do not actively enforce some federal immigration laws. Do you approve or disapprove of city governments that choose not to enforce some immigration laws?

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| 1. Approve of sanctuary cities | 23% |
| 2. Disapprove of sanctuary cities | 60 |
| 3. Don't know/No opinion | 17 |

Q40. In general, do you think gun control laws should be made more strict, less strict, or left as they are now?

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| 1. More strict | 41% |
| 2. Less strict | 18 |
| 3. Left as they are now | 36 |
| 4. Don't know/No opinion | 6 |

Q41A. Thinking about mass 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-I]

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not much	Not at all	Don’t know
A. Failure of the mental health system to identify dangerous individuals	55	30	7	3	5
B. Current gun laws	28	17	17	33	5
C. Drug use	34	35	18	7	7
D. Violence in movies, video games, music lyrics	30	27	24	14	5
E. Spread of extremist points of view on the internet	37	36	16	5	6
F. Insufficient security at public buildings including businesses and schools	29	33	26	7	5
G. Inflammatory language from prominent political commentators	25	27	24	15	9
H. Unstable family situations	48	35	11	2	5
I. Media attention given to perpetrators of mass shootings	47	34	11	3	5

Q41B. And which of the following factors is **most** to blame for the shootings? [RANDOMIZE 1-9]

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| 1. Failure of the mental health system to identify dangerous individuals | 30% |
| 2. Current gun laws | 13 |
| 3. Unstable family situations | 13 |
| 4. Media attention given to perpetrators of mass shootings | 10 |
| 5. Violence in movies, video games, music lyrics | 8 |
| 6. Spread of extremist points of view on the internet | 7 |
| 7. Insufficient security at public buildings including businesses and schools | 7 |
| 8. Drug use | 4 |
| 9. Inflammatory language from prominent political commentators | 3 |
| 10. Don’t know/No opinion | 7 |

Q42. How much have you heard or read about Hillary Clinton’s use of a personal email address and server for work-related matters while she was Secretary of State?

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| 1. A lot | 57% |
| 2. Some | 28 |
| 3. Not very much | 8 |
| 4. Nothing at all | 4 |
| 5. Don’t know | 2 |

Q43. **[ASK IF Q44 EQ 1,2, or 3]** Has Hillary Clinton's use of a personal email address and server for work while she was Secretary of State made your opinion of her better, made your opinion worse, or has this not affected your opinion of Hillary Clinton?

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| 1. Better | 5% |
| 2. Worse | 49 |
| 3. No effect | 44 |
| 4. Don't know | 2 |

Political Knowledge

[Randomize INFO1-INFO4]

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

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| 1. Republican Party | 77% |
| 2. Democratic Party | 10 |
| 3. Neither | 2 |
| 4. Don't know | 11 |

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

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| 1. More than one-half | 6% |
| 2. More than two-thirds | 69 |
| 3. More than three-fourths | 12 |
| 4. Don't know | 13 |

INFO3. Which presidential candidate is currently a U.S. Senator from Florida? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

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| 1. Rick Santorum | 4% |
| 2. Marco Rubio | 65 |
| 3. Rand Paul | 3 |
| 4. Lindsey Graham | 2 |
| 5. Don't know | 27 |

INFO4. Which presidential candidate is currently the governor of Ohio? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

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| 1. John Kasich | 59% |
| 2. Chris Christie | 6 |
| 3. Jeb Bush | 3 |
| 4. Bobby Jindal | 3 |
| 5. Don't know | 29 |

INFO5. Which of the following presidential candidates had a former career as a neurosurgeon? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

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| 1. Scott Walker | 1% |
| 2. Mike Huckabee | 1 |
| 3. Ben Carson | 78 |
| 4. Carly Fiorina | 1 |
| 5. Don't know | 18 |

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	6%
2. Somewhat liberal	10
3. Lean liberal	6
4. In the middle	29
5. Lean conservative	11
6. Somewhat conservative	21
7. Extremely conservative	17

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

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

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

1. Strong Democrat	18%
2. Not very strong Democrat	13
3. Lean Democrat	9
4. Independent	11
5. Lean Republican	14
6. Not very strong Republican	12
7. Strong Republican	22

Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29	16%
2. 30-44	24
3. 45-64	37
4. 65 and up	22

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

1. Urban	29%
2. Suburban	52
3. Rural	19

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

1. Yes, I live in the Houston area.	23%
2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	26
3. Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	13
4. Yes, I live in the Austin area	9
5. No, I live in another part of Texas.	29

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1. One	16%
2. Two	12
3. Three	6
4. Four or more	3
5. None	63

SCHOOL. Do you have any children currently enrolled in school in Texas? (check all that apply)

1. Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in public school in Texas.	20%
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.	76

JT1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following about how you view life's uncertainties: "I really dislike not knowing what is going to happen."

1. Totally disagree	5%
2.	5
3.	7
4. Neither disagree nor agree	32
5.	18
6.	15
7. Totally Agree	18

JT2. In general people often face risks when making financial, career or other life decisions. Overall, how would you place yourself on the following scale?

1. Extremely uncomfortable taking risks	6
2.	10
3.	21
4. Neither comfortable nor uncomfortable taking risks	32
5.	21
6.	6
7. Extremely comfortable taking risks	4

JT3. We are interested in you and your family's economic security. By economic security we mean your security in being able to keep your job, maintain your income, have health insurance coverage, and retire comfortably. Overall, how satisfied are you about your economic security?

1. Extremely dissatisfied	11
2.	10
3.	18

4. Neither dissatisfied nor satisfied	24
5.	17
6.	12
7. Extremely satisfied	7

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

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

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

1. Pro-life	45%
2. Pro-choice	35
3. Neither	13
4. Don't know	6

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

1. Less than high school	9%
2. High school degree	25
3. Some college	25
4. Two-year college degree	9
5. Four-year college degree	20
6. Post-graduate degree	10

ONEDU. These days many colleges and universities offer courses online. Have you ever taken a course online?

1. Yes	29%
2. No	71

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

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

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.	31%
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.	20
4. Don’t know.	8

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

1. Extremely important	46%
2. Somewhat important	30
3. Not very important	11
4. Not at all important	12

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

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. More than once a week | 14% |
| 2. Once a week | 22 |
| 3. A few times a month | 11 |
| 4. Once or twice a year | 24 |
| 5. Never | 29 |

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. White | 61% |
| 2. African American | 13 |
| 3. Hispanic or Latino | 22 |
| 4. Asian/Pacific Islander | 1 |
| 5. Native American | 1 |
| 6. Multi-racial | 1 |
| 7. Other | 1 |

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

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| 1. Yes | 4% |
| 2. No | 95 |
| 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?

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|---|-----|
| 1. Born in the United States or Puerto Rico | 87% |
| 2. Born in another country | 13 |
| 3. Don't know | 1 |

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 | 58% |
| 2. One of my parents was born in another country | 24 |
| 3. Both of my parents were both in another country | 18 |

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

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| 1. Yes | 41% |
| 2. No | 59 |

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

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

50. Wyoming 0

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

1. Own	72%
2. Rent	28

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

1. Married	56%
2. Separated	2
3. Divorced	9
4. Widowed	5
5. Single	23
6. Domestic Partnership	5

GENDER. What is your gender?

1. Male	47%
2. Female	53