

**University of Texas / Texas Tribune Poll**  
**Texas Statewide Survey**

Field Dates: February 3 -10, 2017

N=1200 Adults

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

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**Interest and Engagement**

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

1. Yes, registered	100%
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Q2. Generally speaking, would you say that you are extremely interested in politics and public affairs, somewhat interested, not very interested, or not at all interested?

1. Extremely interested	50%
2. Somewhat interested	37
3. Not very interested	9
4. Not at all interested	3
5. Don't know	0

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	34
3. About half	11
4. One or two	13
5. None	5
6. Don't know	1

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

## Most Important Problem

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

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

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

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

## Retrospective Assessments

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

1. Approve strongly	32%
2. Approve somewhat	14
3. Neither approve nor disapprove	8
4. Disapprove somewhat	4
5. Disapprove strongly	40
6. Don't know	3

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

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

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

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

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

	<b>Approve strongly</b>	<b>Approve somewhat</b>	<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>Disapprove somewhat</b>	<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>Feb. 2017</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Oct. 2016</b>	12	19	20	9	22	18
<b>June 2016</b>	12	19	24	8	22	15
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	8	19	30	7	20	16
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	10	19	28	9	17	16
<b>June 2015</b>	13	19	28	8	16	15

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

	<b>Approve strongly</b>	<b>Approve somewhat</b>	<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>Disapprove somewhat</b>	<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>Feb. 2017</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Oct. 2016</b>	5	16	30	9	14	26
<b>June 2016</b>	4	15	30	10	14	26
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	4	16	35	7	13	25
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	4	16	32	8	14	25

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

	<b>Approve strongly</b>	<b>Approve somewhat</b>	<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>Disapprove somewhat</b>	<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>Feb. 2017</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Oct. 2016</b>	16	19	13	11	34	7
<b>June 2016</b>	18	17	13	12	31	9
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	18	19	15	10	32	6
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	27	17	11	9	28	9

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

	<b>Approve strongly</b>	<b>Approve somewhat</b>	<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>Disapprove somewhat</b>	<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>Feb. 2017</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Oct. 2016</b>	8	20	22	14	22	15
<b>June 2016</b>	7	17	24	14	21	17
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	7	20	26	14	18	15
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	7	20	22	16	18	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?

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

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

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

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

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

Q15. Do you feel like you have been left behind by changes in the economy?

1. Yes 33%
2. No 48
3. Don't know/No opinion 19

Q16. Of the three branches of federal government, which one do you trust the most?

1. The U.S. Congress, the legislative branch 7%
2. The President, the executive branch 28
3. The U.S. Supreme Court, the judicial branch 36
4. Don't know 30

Q16A. Now we're going ask you about some institutions in American society. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of each one. **[GRID & RANDOMIZE A-F. INCLUDE "Don't know/no opinion" OPTION.]**

	<b>Very Favorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Favorable</b>	<b>Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Unfavorable</b>	<b>Very Unfavorable</b>	<b>Don't Know/No Opinion</b>
A. The Military	50	26	13	4	3	3
B. The Police	33	31	15	9	9	3
C. The courts and the criminal Justice System	7	33	25	19	13	2
D. The federal government	5	18	23	23	27	3
E. The Texas state government	17	30	22	11	17	2
F. The municipal or local government where you live	14	33	25	15	9	4



**Political Figures and Elections**

Q17A. Suppose the Tea Party movement organized itself as a political party. When thinking about the next election for Congress, would you vote for **[Randomize]** the Republican candidate from your district, the Democratic candidate from your district, or the Tea Party candidate from your district? **[Randomize 1-2]**

- 1. Republican candidate 24%
- 2. Democratic candidate 38
- 3. Tea Party candidate 15
- 4. Don't know 23

Q17B. 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 31%
- 2. Too little influence 22
- 3. The right amount of influence 21
- 4. Don't know 26

Q18. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Donald Trump.

	<b>Very Favorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Favorable</b>	<b>Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable</b>	<b>Somewhat Unfavorable</b>	<b>Very Unfavorable</b>	<b>Don't Know/No Opinion</b>
<b>Feb. 2017</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Oct. 2016</b>	13	18	7	9	49	2
<b>June 2016</b>	16	15	10	10	46	4
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	13	16	9	15	44	2
<b>Nov. 2015</b>	16	18	12	12	39	3

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

- 1. Very favorable 30%
- 2. Somewhat favorable 12
- 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 12
- 4. Somewhat unfavorable 12
- 5. Very unfavorable 28
- 6. Don't know/no opinion 6

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

- 1. Very favorable 2%
- 2. Somewhat favorable 8
- 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable 19
- 4. Somewhat unfavorable 16
- 5. Very unfavorable 46
- 6. Don't know/no opinion 8

Q21. Please tell us whether you think that Donald Trump will be a great, good, average, poor, or terrible president

	Great	Good	Average	Poor	Terrible	Don't know
February 2017	24	19	8	7	36	7
October 2016	10	19	14	9	49	NA
June 2016	12	18	15	12	44	NA

**[RANDOMIZE Q22, Q23]**

Q22. Do you think Donald Trump has the temperament to serve effectively as president?

	Feb. 2017	Oct. 2016
1. Yes	39%	32%
2. No	48	59
3. Don't know	13	9

Q23. Do you think that Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy?

	Feb. 2017	Oct. 2016
1. Yes	38%	32%
2. No	50	60
3. Don't know	12	8

**Policy Questions**

**[SPLIT-SAMPLE Q24A-Q24B]**

Q24A. Would you say the United States Constitution has held up well as the basis for our government and laws and is in little need of change, or would you say that we should hold a new constitutional convention to update the Constitution?

*(n = 577, MOE is +/- 4.08.###%; MOE adjusted for weighting is +/- 5.32%)*

	Feb. '17	Oct. '16	Jun. '16
1. Held up well	64%	59%	55%
2. Hold a new constitutional convention	18	25	26
3. Don't know/No opinion	17	17	19

Q24B. Would you say the United States Constitution has held up well as the basis for our government and laws and is in little need of change, or would you say that we should hold a convention of the states to consider amendments to the U.S. Constitution?

*(n = 621, MOE is +/- 3.93%; MOE adjusted for weighting is +/- 5.39%)*

1. Held up well	53%
4. Hold a convention of the states	27
5. Don't know/No opinion	20

Q25A. Do you support or oppose the U.S. banning Syrian refugees from entering the United States?

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly support | 37% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 17  |
| 3. Somewhat oppose  | 14  |
| 4. Strongly oppose  | 26  |
| 5. Don't know       | 6   |

Q25B. Do you support or oppose temporarily blocking entry into the U.S. for individuals travelling from Syria, Sudan, Somalia, Libya, Iran, Iraq, and Yemen?

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly support | 40% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 16  |
| 3. Somewhat oppose  | 13  |
| 4. Strongly oppose  | 25  |
| 5. Don't know       | 6   |

Q25C. Would you support or oppose banning Muslims who are not U.S. citizens from entering the United States?

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly support | 30% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 15  |
| 3. Somewhat oppose  | 15  |
| 4. Strongly oppose  | 32  |
| 5. Don't know       | 8   |

Q26A. What would you like to see happen to the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare"? **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

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|--------------------|-----|
| 1. Repeal it       | 52% |
| 2. Don't Repeal it | 35  |
| 3. Don't know      | 14  |

Q26B. **[ASK IF Q26A = 1]** Do you think lawmakers should... **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

*(n = 623, MOE is +/- 3.93%; MOE adjusted for weighting is +/- 5.05%)*

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|--|-----|
| 1. Repeal the law and replace it with an alternative | 66% |
| 2. Repeal the law and don't replace it               | 30  |
| 3. Don't know  | 4   |

Q26C. **[ASK IF Q26A = 2]** Do you think lawmakers should... **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

*(n = 409, MOE is +/- 4.85%; MOE adjusted for weighting is +/- 6.85%)*

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Keep the law in place as is | 25% |
| 2. Expand what the law does    | 64  |
| 3. Don't know                  | 11  |

Q26D. If lawmakers repeal the Affordable Care Act with the intention of replacing it, should they... **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

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|--|-----|
| 1. Wait until they have the details of a replacement plan figured out before they repeal the health care law | 68% |
| 2. Repeal the health care law immediately and figure out the details of a replacement plan later             | 23  |
| 3. Don't know  | 8   |

*Now, let's turn to the State of Texas.*

Q27. Based on what you have read or heard, which of the following statements best describes the financial situation in the current legislative session compared to the state's finances heading into the previous session in 2015? **[RANDOMIZE 1-3]**

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|--|-----|
| 1. The state has more money available compared to 2015                     | 12% |
| 2. The state has less money available compared to 2015                     | 25  |
| 3. The state has about the same amount of money available compared to 2015 | 18  |
| 4. Don't know enough to say  | 45  |

Q28. Below are some priorities being discussed as the Texas Legislature considers the budget for 2018-2019. Which of the following do you think should be the legislature's top priority? **[RANDOMIZE 1-7]**

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|---|-----|
| 1. Redesigning the system of K-12 public school funding in Texas                | 17% |
| 2. Establishing a school voucher program in Texas                               | 4   |
| 3. Continuing to limit government by approving no new spending and no new taxes | 16  |
| 4. Lowering property tax bills for homeowners                                   | 20  |
| 5. Lowering business taxes  | 4   |
| 6. Increasing state funding for border security operations                      | 12  |
| 7. Increasing funding for Child Protective Services                             | 14  |
| 8. Don't know/no opinion  | 15  |

Q29. Would you say that the quality of K-12 public school education in Texas is:

- |                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| 1. Excellent     | 8% |
| 2. Good          | 39 |
| 3. Not very good | 34 |
| 4. Terrible      | 8  |
| 5. Don't know    | 11 |

Q30. Below are a list of proposals for improving the K-12 education system in Texas. For each proposal, please tell us whether you think it would be extremely effective, somewhat effective, not very effective, or not at all effective in improving the quality of K-12 education in Texas. **[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS “Extremely effective”, “Somewhat effective”, “Not very effective”, “Not at all effective”, “Don’t know”. RANDOMIZE Q30A-Q30I]**

	<b>Extremely effective</b>	<b>Somewhat effective</b>	<b>Not very effective</b>	<b>Not at all effective</b>	<b>Don’t Know/No Opinion</b>
A. Creating a school voucher program	20	26	16	19	19
B. Expanding the number of charter schools	19	25	2-	18	19
C. Increasing the pay of public school teachers	36	35	12	9	8
D. Increasing funding for the public school system	35	30	15	11	9
E. Providing more incentives for individuals to choose teaching as a profession	35	37	13	5	10
F. Reducing the number of standardized tests students must take	35	35	13	7	10
G. Increasing opportunities for online learning	21	42	18	6	13
H. Grading individual schools on an A-F scale	21	35	17	12	15
I. Expanding state-funded, pre-kindergarten programs	28	32	15	12	13

Q31. Which of the following do you think would be **MOST EFFECTIVE** in improving the K-12 education system in Texas? **[RANDOMIZE 1-9]**

1. Reducing the number of standardized tests students must take 21
2. Increasing funding for the public school system 20
3. Creating a school voucher program 13
4. Increasing the pay of public school teachers 13
5. Providing more incentives for individuals to choose teaching as a profession 8
6. Expanding the number of charter schools 7
7. Grading individual schools on an A-F scale 7
8. Expanding state-funded, pre-kindergarten programs 7
9. Increasing opportunities for online learning 4

Q32. Do you support or oppose proposals that would redirect state tax revenue to help parents pay for some of the cost of sending their children to private or parochial schools?

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|---------------|-----|
| 1. Support    | 35% |
| 2. Oppose     | 44  |
| 3. Don't know | 21  |

Q33. Should illegal immigrants who have graduated from Texas high schools, lived in the state for at least three years, and applied for citizenship receive in-state tuition rates at Texas public colleges and universities, or should they have to pay the higher tuition rate for out-of-state students?

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. In-state tuition      | 47% |
| 2. Out-of-state tuition  | 36  |
| 3. Don't know/No opinion | 17  |

Q34. What is your opinion on the legalization of marijuana possession?

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| 1. Marijuana possession should not be legal under any circumstances.         | 17% |
| 2. Marijuana possession should be legal for medical purposes only.           | 30  |
| 3. Possession of small amounts of marijuana for any purpose should be legal. | 32  |
| 4. Possession of any amount of marijuana for any purpose should be legal.    | 21  |

Q35. Which of the following comes closer to your opinion?

*Transgender people should have access to public restrooms based on...* **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

- |                           | <b>Feb. 2017</b> | <b>Oct. 2016</b> | <b>June 2016</b> |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Their birth gender.    | 54%              | 51%              | 52%              |
| 2. Their gender identity. | 31               | 31               | 29               |
| 3. Don't know/No opinion  | 15               | 18               | 19               |

Q36. How important do you think it is that the Texas Legislature pass a law regulating transgender access to public restrooms? **[SPLIT SAMPLE ORDER 1-4, 4-1]**

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very important        | 24% |
| 2. Somewhat important    | 15  |
| 3. Not very important    | 13  |
| 4. Not at all important  | 38  |
| 5. Don't know/No opinion | 11  |

Q37. What is your opinion on the availability of abortion?

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|--|-----|
| 1. By law, abortion should never be permitted.   | 17% |
| 2. The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest or when the woman's life is in danger.  | 26  |
| 3. The law should permit abortion for reasons other than rape, incest, or danger to the woman's life, but only after the need for the abortion has been clearly established. | 15  |
| 4. By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice.   | 38  |
| 5. Don't know  | 5   |

Q40. Some cities in the United States act as what have been called “sanctuary cities” for immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally. That means that when local police or city government employees learn that someone is in the country illegally, they do not automatically turn that person over to federal immigration enforcement officers for possible deportation. **[ROTATE SUPPORT/OPPOSE CLAUSES]**

Supporters of “sanctuary cities” say that this improves public safety because it encourages people in immigrant communities to work with police to help arrest dangerous criminals without fear of being deported themselves.

Opponents of “sanctuary cities” say that this practice is a violation of federal law and allows some dangerous criminals who are in the country illegally to continue to commit violent crimes.

Thinking about your own view, do you support or oppose “sanctuary cities”?

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly support | 22% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 15  |
| 3. Somewhat oppose  | 9   |
| 4. Strongly oppose  | 41  |
| 5. Don't know       | 13  |

Q41A. As you may or may not be aware, the state of Texas has less money on hand to fund state government than it did in 2015. In general, which of the following approaches to this situation do you think is best?

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|---|-----|
| 1. Create new sources of revenue, such as new fees and/or taxes                     | 17% |
| 2. Increase existing sources of revenue by raising fees and/or taxes                | 12  |
| 3. Make across-the-board cuts to all state government programs and agencies         | 20  |
| 4. Make targeted cuts to specifically chosen state government programs and agencies | 50  |

Q41B. As you may know, the state maintains a reserve called the Economic Stabilization Fund, also known as the Rainy Day Fund.

Faced with potential cuts to the budget, should lawmakers consider spending money from the Rainy Day Fund?

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Yes                   | 43% |
| 2. No                    | 31  |
| 3. Don't know/No opinion | 26  |

**[SPLIT-SAMPLE Q42A-Q42B]**

Q42A. Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the Texas Legislature passing laws designed to override measures adopted by local governments?

*(n = 593, MOE is +/- 4.02%; MOE adjusted for weighting is +/- 5.38%)*

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Approve               | 29% |
| 2. Disapprove            | 39  |
| 3. Don't know/No opinion | 32  |

Q42B. Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the Texas Legislature passing laws designed to override measures adopted by voters in city and county elections?

*(n = 604, MOE is +/- 3.99%; MOE adjusted for weighting is +/- 5.35%)*

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Approve               | 15% |
| 2. Disapprove            | 56  |
| 3. Don't know/No opinion | 29  |



## Political Knowledge

### [Randomize INFO1-INFO4]

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

[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Republican Party | 81% |
| 2. Democratic Party | 6   |
| 3. Neither          | 4   |
| 4. Don't know       | 8   |

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      | 9% |
| 2. More than two-thirds    | 69 |
| 3. More than three-fourths | 8  |
| 4. Don't know              | 14 |

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

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|--------------------|-----|
| 1. Donald Trump    | 20% |
| 2. Hillary Clinton | 74  |
| 3. Neither         | 2   |
| 4. Don't know      | 3   |

INFO4. Which Texas agency regulates oil and gas production in the state? [RANDOMIZE 1-4]

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|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Texas Railroad Commission          | 42% |
| 2. Texas Department of Agriculture    | 10  |
| 3. Texas Department of Public Safety  | 4   |
| 4. Public Utility Commission of Texas | 24  |
| 5. Don't know                         | 21  |

## 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	7%
2. Somewhat liberal	9
3. Lean liberal	5
4. In the middle	37
5. Lean conservative	8
6. Somewhat conservative	17
7. Extremely conservative	17

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

1. Democrat	41%
2. Independent	12
3. Republican	46

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

1. Strong Democrat	21%
2. Not very strong Democrat	11
3. Lean Democrat	10
4. Independent	12
5. Lean Republican	13
6. Not very strong Republican	14
7. Strong Republican	19

## Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29	18%
2. 30-44	27
3. 45-64	36
4. 65 and up	19

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

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

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

1. Yes, I live in the Houston area.	25%
2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	26
3. Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	10
4. Yes, I live in the Austin area	11
5. No, I live in another part of Texas.	28

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1. One	17%
2. Two	14
3. Three	5
4. Four or more	4
5. None	60

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.	27%
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.	70

SCHQ. **[ASK IF SCHOOL1=YES OR SCHOOL2=YES]** Would you say that the quality of your child's school is:

1. Excellent	37%
2. Good	47
3. Not very good	12
4. Terrible	3
5. Don't know	1

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	10
4. \$30,000 to \$39,999	9
5. \$40,000 to \$49,999	9
6. \$50,000 to \$59,999	8
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	5
11. \$120,000 to \$149,999	5
12. More than \$150,000	6
13. Prefer not to say	13

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

1. Pro-life	42%
2. Pro-choice	41
3. Neither	13
4. Don't know	5

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

1. Less than high school	4%
2. High school degree	30
3. Some college	25
4. Two-year college degree	10
5. Four-year college degree	20
6. Post-graduate degree	10

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

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

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

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

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.	32%
2. The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	40
3. The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	23
4. Don’t know.	5

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

1. Extremely important	44%
2. Somewhat important	28
3. Not very important	12
4. Not at all important	16

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 | 13% |
| 2. Once a week           | 20  |
| 3. A few times a month   | 12  |
| 4. Once or twice a year  | 25  |
| 5. Never                 | 30  |

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. White                  | 59% |
| 2. African American       | 12  |
| 3. Hispanic or Latino     | 24  |
| 4. Asian/Pacific Islander | 0   |
| 5. Native American        | 1   |
| 6. Multi-racial           | 3   |

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

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|---------------|----|
| 1. Yes        | 3% |
| 2. No         | 96 |
| 3. Don't know | 1  |

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

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|---|-----|
| 1. Born in the United States or Puerto Rico | 88% |
| 2. Born in another country                  | 12  |
| 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 | 63% |
| 2. One of my parents was born in another country                    | 21  |
| 3. Both of my parents were both in another country                  | 15  |

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. Arizona	4
3. Arkansas	2
4. California	11
5. Colorado	2
6. Connecticut	1
7. District of Columbia	1
8. Florida	6
9. Georgia	3
10. Hawaii	1
11. Idaho	1
12. Illinois	4
13. Indiana	2
14. Iowa	2
15. Kansas	3
16. Louisiana	8
17. Maryland	2
18. Massachusetts	2
19. Michigan	3
20. Minnesota	1
21. Mississippi	1
22. Missouri	3
23. Nebraska	1
24. New Jersey	1
25. New Mexico	3
26. New York	5
27. North Carolina	2
28. Ohio	2
29. Oklahoma	3
30. Oregon	1
31. Pennsylvania	3
32. Tennessee	1
33. Texas	4
34. Virginia	2
35. Wisconsin	2
36. Wyoming	0
37. Puerto Rico	1
38. Not in the U.S. or Canada	2

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

1. Own	67%
2. Rent	33



MARITAL. What is your marital status?

1. Married	56%
2. Separated	2
3. Divorced	10
4. Widowed	5
5. Single	23
6. Domestic Partnership	5

GENDER. What is your gender?

1. Male	47%
2. Female	53