

University of Texas / Texas Tribune Poll
Texas Statewide Survey

Field Dates: October 6 - 15, 2017

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	44
3. Not very interested	6
4. Not at all interested	2
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	35%
2. Almost every election	36
3. About half	10
4. One or two	13
5. None	4
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. Political corruption/leadership	14%
2. The economy	7
3. National security/terrorism	7
4. Immigration	7
5. Health care	7
6. Moral decline	7
7. Gun control/gun violence	6
8. Federal spending/national debt	5
9. North Korea	5
10. Partisan gridlock	4
11. Income inequality	3
12. Border security	3
13. Taxes	3
14. Race relations	3
15. The media	3
16. Unemployment/jobs	2
17. Education	2
18. Crime and drugs	2
19. Environment	2
20. Abortion	2
21. Russia	2
22. Middle East instability	1
23. Social welfare programs	1
24. Voting system	1
25. Police brutality/police militarization	1
26. Foreign trade	1
27. Gay marriage	0
28. Gas prices	0
29. Government data collection	0
30. Energy	0
31. Housing	0
32. Afghanistan/Pakistan	0
33. Gender inequality	0

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

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

Retrospective Assessments

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

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Approve strongly | 27% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 18 |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 5 |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 8 |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 42 |
| 6. Don't know | 1 |

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
Oct. 2017	2	10	15	24	45	3
June 2017	2	13	15	24	43	4
Feb. 2017	5	21	20	18	32	5
Oct. 2016	2	8	18	27	41	4
June 2016	2	8	16	24	45	5
Feb. 2016	2	10	17	24	43	4
Nov. 2015	2	8	17	25	46	3
June 2015	2	13	21	26	36	2
Feb. 2015	3	17	19	24	34	3
Oct. 2014	2	12	13	30	41	2
June 2014	3	8	15	24	48	3
Feb. 2014	3	8	15	23	49	2
Oct. 2013	2	6	12	21	56	3
June 2013	2	10	16	23	46	2
Feb. 2013	3	11	12	23	48	3
Oct. 2012	1	10	18	26	43	3
May 2012	1	9	15	23	48	3
Feb. 2012	1	10	14	26	47	2
Oct. 2011	2	9	10	26	51	2
May 2011	1	15	20	27	35	3
Feb. 2011	2	17	19	26	33	4
Oct. 2009	2	12	11	22	49	4
June 2009	2	18	22	22	36	0
Feb. 2009	4	22	22	15	37	0

Q7A. How would you rate the job the Texas Legislature did in the recently concluded legislative sessions? Would you say that you...

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|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1. Approve strongly | 5% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 23 |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 21 |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 17 |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 20 |
| 6. Don't know | 13 |

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
Oct. 2017	27	21	14	11	22	5
June 2017	27	18	12	9	29	4
Feb. 2017	27	18	17	9	24	5
Oct. 2016	21	21	17	10	23	8
June 2016	20	22	19	10	21	8
Feb. 2016	18	23	24	9	20	6
Nov. 2015	20	22	21	10	19	7
June 2015	22	24	28	8	16	15

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

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

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

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't Know
Oct. 2017	4	19	29	11	16	20
June 2017	5	20	25	12	17	21
Feb. 2017	7	16	31	9	14	22
Oct. 2016	5	16	30	9	14	26
June 2016	4	15	30	10	14	26
Feb. 2016	4	16	35	7	13	25
Nov. 2015	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...

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

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

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

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
Oct. 2017	29	61	10
June 2017	34	54	12
Feb. 2017	39	49	12
Oct. 2016	22	67	11
June 2016	18	70	12
Feb. 2016	22	66	12
Nov. 2015	22	68	10
June 2015	23	64	14
Feb. 2015	26	59	15
Oct. 2014	25	65	10
June 2014	23	65	13
Feb. 2014	25	63	12
Oct. 2013	20	69	11
June 2013	28	60	11
Feb. 2013	29	62	9
Oct. 2012	31	58	11
May 2012	25	61	14
Feb. 2012	28	61	11
Oct. 2011	14	75	11
May 2011	24	63	14
Feb. 2011	26	59	15
Oct. 2010	25	64	11
Sep. 2010	26	63	12
May 2010	27	62	11
Feb. 2010	31	56	13
Oct. 2009	35	59	10

Q11. Compared to a year ago, would you say that the national economy is a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

	A lot better off	Somewhat better off	About the same	Somewhat worse off	A lot worse off	Don't Know
Oct. 2017	18	25	33	16	6	3

June 2017	14	28	30	18	7	3
Feb. 2017	12	28	36	11	9	4
Oct. 2016	8	20	29	25	15	4
June 2016	6	20	29	23	17	5
Feb. 2016	8	22	27	25	15	3
Nov. 2015	7	25	28	23	14	3
June 2015	7	24	33	21	13	3
Feb. 2015	11	25	33	18	11	3
Oct. 2014	6	25	30	23	14	2
June 2014	7	24	26	25	16	2
Feb. 2014	5	24	28	23	17	2
Oct. 2013	5	20	25	25	24	1
June 2013	7	28	31	18	15	1
Oct. 2012	7	25	25	19	23	1
May 2012	4	24	29	20	19	4
Feb. 2012	4	25	30	19	20	2
Oct. 2011	2	12	25	28	31	2
May 2011	2	20	26	24	25	3
Feb. 2011	3	24	30	24	17	2
Oct. 2010	3	19	20	23	33	3
Sep. 2010	3	20	21	20	34	2
May 2010	5	23	24	15	32	1
Feb. 2010	3	25	19	23	29	1
Oct. 2009	5	19	16	23	36	1

Q12. Thinking about the State of Texas, do you think that things are headed in the right direction, or do you think that things are headed off on the wrong track?

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

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
Oct. 2017	9	22	47	16	5	1
June 2017	5	20	52	15	5	1
Feb. 2017	6	21	50	16	7	1
Oct. 2016	5	22	44	19	8	2
June 2016	5	18	44	20	9	3
Feb. 2016	5	20	45	19	9	2
Nov. 2015	5	18	45	23	7	1
June 2015	5	21	48	17	7	2
Feb. 2015	6	21	44	21	7	2
Oct. 2014	5	22	42	23	7	1
June 2014	6	21	42	21	8	2
Feb. 2014	5	20	43	22	9	1
Oct. 2013	5	17	41	23	12	2
June 2013	6	19	44	23	7	1
Oct. 2012	6	17	43	23	11	1
May 2012	4	15	48	19	13	2
Feb. 2012	4	16	45	23	11	1
Oct. 2011	3	13	40	28	15	1
May 2011	2	16	40	25	16	2
Feb. 2011	3	17	45	24	11	1
Oct. 2010	3	16	38	27	14	2
Sep. 2010	3	17	39	26	14	1
May 2010	4	16	42	25	13	1
Feb. 2010	3	14	41	29	12	2
Oct. 2009	3	14	39	27	16	1

Q14. Compared to a year ago, would you say that the Texas economy is a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

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

Q15. Of the three branches of federal government, which one do you trust the most?

1. The U.S. Congress, the legislative branch	5%
2. The President, the executive branch	27
3. The U.S. Supreme Court, the judicial branch	36
4. Don't know	32

Political Figures and Elections

Q16A. 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 | 37 |
| 3. Tea Party candidate | 17 |
| 4. Don't know | 25 |

Q16B. 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 | 33% |
| 2. Too little influence | 26 |
| 3. The right amount of influence | 15 |
| 4. Don't know | 26 |

Q17A. Regardless of how you intend to vote in elections, do you feel like the Republican Party of Texas is welcoming to people like you?

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|---------------|-----|
| 1. Yes | 41% |
| 2. No | 44 |
| 3. Don't know | 15 |

Q17B. Regardless of how you intend to vote in elections, do you feel like the Texas Democratic Party is welcoming to people like you?

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|---------------|-----|
| 1. Yes | 41% |
| 2. No | 45 |
| 3. Don't know | 14 |

[RANDOMIZE Q18-19]

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

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very favorable | 19% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 19 |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 11 |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 14 |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 31 |
| 6. Don't know/no opinion | 6 |

Q19. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Beto O'Rourke.

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|--------------------------------------|----|
| 1. Very favorable | 9% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 7 |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 16 |

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| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 5 |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 8 |
| 6. Don't know/no opinion | 53 |

[Randomize Q20A-Q20B]

Q20A. Below is a pair of opposite phrases. Which one better describes the Texas State Government?

Mostly careful with people's tax dollars

OR

Mostly careless with people's tax dollars

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| 1. Mostly careful with people's tax dollars | 44% |
| 2. Mostly careless with people's tax dollars | 37 |
| 3. Don't know | 18 |

Q20B. Below is a pair of opposite phrases. Which one better describes the Texas State Government?

Mostly addresses the needs of Texans

OR

Mostly ignores the needs of Texans

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|---|-----|
| 1. Mostly addresses the needs of Texans | 49% |
| 2. Mostly ignores the needs of Texans | 38 |
| 3. Don't know | 13 |

[Randomize Q21A-Q21B]

Q21A. Below is a pair of opposite phrases. Which one better describes your local government?

Mostly careful with people's tax dollars

OR

Mostly careless with people's tax dollars

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| 1. Mostly careful with people's tax dollars | 42% |
| 2. Mostly careless with people's tax dollars | 41 |
| 3. Don't know | 17 |

Q21B. Below is a pair of opposite phrases. Which one better describes your local government?

Mostly addresses the needs of local residents

OR

Mostly ignores the needs of local residents

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|--|-----|
| 1. Mostly addresses the needs of local residents | 47% |
| 2. Mostly ignores the needs of local residents | 39 |
| 3. Don't know | 13 |

Q22. Since Donald Trump has become president, do you think America has become more united, more divided, or stayed about the same?

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|-----------------|----|
| 1. More united | 9% |
| 2. More divided | 63 |
| 3. The same | 23 |
| 4. Don't know | 4 |

Q23. Do you think Donald Trump...[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS "Yes", "No", "Don't know"] [RANDOMIZE A-F]

A. has the temperament to serve effectively as president?

	Oct. 2017	June 2017	Feb. 2017	Oct. 2016
1. Yes	36%	38%	39%	32%
2. No	56	53	48	59
3. Don't know	8	9	13	9

B. is honest and trustworthy?

	Oct. 2017	June 2017	Feb. 2017	Oct. 2016
1. Yes	38%	35%	38%	32%
2. No	53	55	50	60
3. Don't know	9	9	12	8

C. is competent?

	Oct. 2017	June 2017
1. Yes	45%	46%
2. No	48	47
3. Don't know	7	7

D. cares about people like you?

	Oct. 2017
1. Yes	40%
2. No	51
3. Don't know	9

E. is a strong leader?

	Oct. 2017
1. Yes	47%
2. No	49
3. Don't know	4

F. is knowledgeable?

	Oct. 2017
1. Yes	44%
2. No	49
3. Don't know	6

Q24. Do you approve or disapprove of how Donald Trump has handled each of the following? [GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS “Approve strongly”, “Approve somewhat”, “Neither approve nor disapprove”, “Disapprove somewhat”, “Disapprove strongly”, “Don’t know”]

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove Strongly	Don’t Know
24A. Russian interference in the 2016 Elections	22	11	13	6	41	6
24B. North Korean threats toward the United States	29	14	6	7	40	3
24C. Political protests by professional athletes	29	11	7	7	43	3
24D. Border security	30	13	9	8	37	3
24E. The legal status of young people who were brought to the United States illegally as children	20	18	9	10	38	5
24F. Hurricane damage in Texas, Louisiana, and Florida	40	16	12	9	20	3
24G. Hurricane damage in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands	28	15	6	6	42	4
24H. Health care, including attempts at reforming the Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”)	21	18	9	8	41	3
24I. Relations with international allies of the United States	27	14	9	8	37	4
24J. Relations with the Congress	17	16	15	14	32	6
24K. Judicial nominees, including the Supreme Court	34	10	11	8	31	6
24L. White supremacists	20	12	10	8	45	5
24M. Race relations	22	14	12	6	43	4

Q25. Do you approve or disapprove of how each of the following are responding to the effects of Hurricane Harvey in Texas? [GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS “Approve strongly”, “Approve somewhat”, “Neither approve nor disapprove”, “Disapprove somewhat”, “Disapprove strongly”, “Don’t know”]

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don’t Know
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			disapprove			
25A. The Federal Government	30	27	17	10	10	6
25B. Texas State Government	38	30	13	7	6	6
25C. Local governments in the affected areas	38	31	13	5	4	9
25D. The people of Texas	69	17	7	1	3	3
25E. The news media	17	30	18	14	16	5
25F. Insurance companies	9	16	29	12	11	23

Policy Questions

Q26. Should people that rebuild their homes in frequently flooded areas be eligible for federal relief in the future if their homes flood again?

- 1. Yes 39%
- 2. No 39
- 3. Don't know 23

Q27. How important is it for federal, state, and local authorities to address problems caused by Hurricane Harvey in each of the following areas? **[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS "Extremely important", "Somewhat important", "Not very important", "Not at all important", "Don't know"]**

	Extremely important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important	Don't know
27A. Transportation	54	35	6	2	3
27B. Housing	70	22	5	1	2
27C. Public Education	59	27	8	3	4
27D. Public health	79	15	3	1	3
27E. Environmental contamination	72	20	3	2	3
27F. Debris cleanup and disposal	76	18	2	1	2
27G. Unemployment	53	31	8	2	5
27H. Damage to local businesses	54	35	6	2	3
27I. Tourism	20	34	28	12	5

Q27A. Still thinking about the problems caused by Hurricane Harvey, which of the following is **most important** for federal, state, and local authorities to address immediately? **[Randomize]**

- 1. Transportation 2%
- 2. Housing 26
- 3. Public Education 2
- 4. Public Health 22
- 5. Environmental contamination 15
- 6. Debris cleanup and disposal 28
- 7. Unemployment 3
- 8. Damage to local business 2
- 9. Tourism 0

Q28. Were you or anyone close to you, such as a family member or close friend, directly impacted by Hurricane Harvey?

- 1. Yes 43%
- 2. No 55
- 3. Don't know/no opinion 2

Q29. Do you think that climate change contributed to the severity of recent hurricanes that impacted Texas, Louisiana, Florida, and Puerto Rico?

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Yes | 45% |
| 2. No | 42 |
| 3. Don't know/no opinion | 13 |

Q30. Which would you prefer?

[RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS AND RESPONSE OPTIONS]

the current health insurance system in the United States, in which most people get their health insurance from private employers, but some people have no insurance

or

a universal health insurance program, in which everyone is covered under a program like Medicare that's run by the government and financed by taxpayers

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| 1. The current health insurance system | 40% |
| 2. A universal health insurance program | 45 |
| 3. Don't know/no opinion | 16 |

Q31A. What would you like to see happen to the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare"?

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|--------------------|-----|
| 1. Repeal it | 50% |
| 2. Don't repeal it | 38 |
| 3. Don't know | 12 |

Q31B. **[IF Q31A == 1]** Do you think lawmakers should...

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| 1. Repeal the law and replace it with an alternative | 57% |
| 2. Repeal the law and don't replace it | 38 |
| 3. Don't know | 4 |

Q31C. **[IF Q31A == 2]** Do you think lawmakers should...

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Keep the law in place as is | 14% |
| 2. Expand what the law does | 74 |
| 3. Don't know | 12 |

Q32. 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 | 25% |
| 2. Somewhat agree | 19 |
| 3. Somewhat disagree | 21 |
| 4. Strongly disagree | 30 |
| 5. Don't know/no opinion | 5 |

Q33. As you may know, a program begun in 2012 prevents the deportation of young people who were brought to the United States illegally as children, completed high school or military service, and have not been convicted of a serious crime. Do you think this program should be...

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| 1. Continued | 59% |
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- 2. Ended 30
- 3. Don't know 11

Q34. Do you support or oppose requiring local law enforcement officials to cooperate with federal immigration authorities?

- 1. Strongly support 44%
- 2. Somewhat support 14
- 3. Somewhat oppose 14
- 4. Strongly oppose 19
- 5. Don't know 9

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

- 1. Local law enforcement agencies decide policies for their officers 45%
- 2. Officers should always be able to question a person's immigration status 44
- 3. Don't know 11

Q36. Overall, do you think the news media mostly serves...

- 1. People like you 23%
- 2. People in powerful positions 60
- 3. Don't know 17

Q37. How important is the news media to democracy in the U.S.?

- 1. Very important 50%
- 2. Somewhat important 22
- 3. Not very important 9
- 4. Not at all important 11
- 5. Don't know 8

Q38A. How much have you heard about recent court decisions finding discrimination in Texas's election system?

- 1. A lot 20%
- 2. Some 36
- 3. Not very much 25
- 4. Nothing at all 19

Q38B. Based on what you know, do you think that Texas's election system discriminates against racial and ethnic minorities?

- 1. Yes 38%
- 2. No 47
- 3. Don't know 15

Q39. As you probably know, some Texas leaders prioritized restricting access to public restrooms for transgender people in the recently concluded legislative session. How important do you think it is that the Texas Legislature address this issue?

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| 1. Very important | 24% |
| 2. Somewhat important | 19 |
| 3. Not very important | 15 |
| 4. Not at all important | 36 |
| 5. Don't know | 6 |

Q40. Which of the following is closest to your opinion regarding Confederate statues and monuments on public property?

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| 1. They should be removed from public view | 8% |
| 2. They should be moved to a museum or other site where they can be presented in historical context | 30 |
| 3. They should remain where they are with historical context provided | 22 |
| 4. They should remain where they are unchanged | 34 |
| 5. Don't know | 6 |

Q41. 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 | 52% |
| 2. Less strict | 13 |
| 3. Left as they are now | 31 |
| 4. Don't know | 5 |

Q42. Thinking about mass shootings that have occurred in the United States in recent years, which of the following factors is most to blame for the shootings?

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| 1. Failure of the mental health system to identify dangerous individuals | 24% |
| 2. Current gun laws | 21 |
| 3. Drug use | 2 |
| 4. Violence in movies, video games, music lyrics | 5 |
| 5. Spread of extremist points of view on the internet | 13 |
| 6. Insufficient security at public buildings, including businesses and schools | 5 |
| 7. Inflammatory language from prominent political commentators | 4 |
| 8. Unstable family situations | 5 |
| 9. Media attention given to perpetrators of mass shootings | 10 |
| 10. Don't know | 10 |

Q43. If more people carried guns, do you think the United States would be safer, less safe, or would it have no impact on safety?

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| 1. Safer | 38% |
| 2. Less safe | 41 |
| 3. No impact | 14 |
| 4. Don't know | 7 |

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 | 84% |
| 2. Democratic Party | 6 |
| 3. Neither | 2 |
| 4. Don't know | 8 |

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

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| 1. More than one-half | 7% |
| 2. More than two-thirds | 75 |
| 3. More than three-fourths | 6 |
| 4. Don't know | 11 |

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

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| 1. Donald Trump | 20% |
| 2. Hillary Clinton | 73 |
| 3. Neither | 2 |
| 4. Don't know | 5 |

Political Orientation

We're almost done. Now we just have a few basic questions for statistical purposes.

LIBCON. On a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 is extremely liberal, 7 is extremely conservative, and 4 is exactly in the middle, where would you place yourself? **[Wording on scale: (1) "Extremely liberal," (4) "In the middle," (7) "Extremely conservative"]**

1. Extremely liberal	10%
2. Somewhat liberal	10
3. Lean liberal	8
4. In the middle	25
5. Lean conservative	11
6. Somewhat conservative	19
7. Extremely conservative	17

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

1. Democrat	42%
2. Independent	11
3. Republican	47

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

1. Strong Democrat	20%
2. Not very strong Democrat	11
3. Lean Democrat	10
4. Independent	11
5. Lean Republican	15
6. Not very strong Republican	15
7. Strong Republican	17

REPCON. Overall, do you think that Republican elected officials in Texas are conservative enough, too conservative, or not conservative enough?

1. Conservative enough	49%
2. Too conservative	11
3. Not conservative enough	31
4. Don't know	9

DEMLIB. Overall, do you think that Democratic elected officials in Texas are liberal enough, too liberal, or not liberal enough?

1. Liberal enough	36%
2. Too liberal	7
3. Not liberal enough	35
4. Don't know	22

Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29	16%
2. 30-44	25
3. 45-64	36
4. 65 and up	23

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

1. Urban	29%
2. Suburban	51
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	27
3. Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	11
4. Yes, I live in the Austin area	9
5. No, I live in another part of Texas.	28

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1. One	16%
2. Two	13
3. Three	5
4. Four or more	3
5. None	62

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.	3
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.	74

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

1. Less than \$10,000	4%
2. \$10,000 to \$19,999	5
3. \$20,000 to \$29,999	9
4. \$30,000 to \$39,999	11
5. \$40,000 to \$49,999	10
6. \$50,000 to \$59,999	10
7. \$60,000 to \$69,999	7
8. \$70,000 to \$79,999	7
9. \$80,000 to \$99,999	7

10. \$100,000 to \$119,999	5
11. \$120,000 to \$149,999	6
12. More than \$150,000	6
13. Prefer not to say	15

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

1. Pro-life	43%
2. Pro-choice	42
3. Neither	12
4. Don't know	3

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

1. Less than high school	3%
2. High school degree	26
3. Some college	23
4. Two-year college degree	10
5. Four-year college degree	26
6. Post-graduate degree	12

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

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

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.	43
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	29
3. Not very important	11
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 | 12% |
| 2. Once a week | 17 |
| 3. A few times a month | 13 |
| 4. Once or twice a year | 28 |
| 5. Never | 30 |

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

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

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

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| 1. Yes | 1% |
| 2. No | 99 |
| 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 | 10 |
| 3. Don't know | 2 |

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 | 24 |
| 3. Both of my parents were both in another country | 14 |

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

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| 1. Yes | 42% |
| 2. No | 58 |

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

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

49. Not in the U.S. or Canada 2

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

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| 1. Active-duty military | 1% |
| 2. Military veteran | 13 |
| 3. Active-duty military in my immediate family | 4 |
| 4. Military veteran in my immediate family | 19 |
| 5. None of the above | 67 |

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

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| 1. Own | 70% |
| 2. Rent | 30 |

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

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| 1. Married | 52% |
| 2. Separated | 1 |
| 3. Divorced | 10 |
| 4. Widowed | 6 |
| 5. Single | 25 |
| 6. Domestic Partnership | 6 |

GENDER. What is your gender?

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| 1. Male | 47% |
| 2. Female | 53 |