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Greg Abbott 29%, Wendy Davis 21%

***“Don’t know” in the lead right now with 50% in
2014 Texas Governor’s race***

***Texans stay upbeat about the Lone Star State, but worry
about the future of the national economy***

(AUSTIN) A recent poll conducted by the Texas Lyceum, the statewide nonprofit, nonpartisan premier leadership group, shows Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott ahead of State Senator Wendy Davis by eight percentage points, should she decide to run for governor. Among registered voters, Abbott comes in at 29 percent to 21 percent for Davis. However, at this very early stage “don’t know” comes out way ahead of both with 50 percent of the registered voters polled between September 6 – September 20.

Among women, Abbott and Davis are in a statistical tie, 25 percent to 23 percent, with Abbott holding a lead over Davis that is within the poll’s 3.47 percent margin of error. Fifty-one percent of women remain undecided on the Abbott-Davis matchup. Looking among African Americans and Hispanic registered voters Davis enjoys a lead with both groups. Among African Americans, Davis carries a 26-point lead - 36 percent to 10 percent - and among Hispanics, Davis leads Abbott 22 percent to 18 percent.

Meanwhile, in the March Republican gubernatorial primary Greg Abbott is the clear favorite among self-identified Republican Primary voters with 22 percent of the vote, and only token support for his potential rivals including Tom Pauken. However, by the numbers, the race is still wide open, as 69 percent of respondents indicated that they hadn’t yet thought enough about the election to have an opinion.

In a generic ballot matching up Republican and Democratic candidates for 2014 races in Congress and the Legislature, the Republican candidate enjoys a lead in both. Twenty-nine percent of registered voters said they would choose the Republican candidate for Congress compared to 23 percent for the Democrat. For the Texas Legislature, 23 percent said they would choose the Republican compared to 19 percent for the Democrat.

"Once again, the Republicans continue to dominate the ballot for governor and all legislative offices. Moreover, GOP candidates essentially split the female vote and win males by close to 20 points," said professional pollster and University of Texas Professor Daron Shaw, PhD (Texas Lyceum Class of 2003) who has conducted the Lyceum Poll for the past seven years.

"On the other side of the ledger, those Democrats hoping to turn the state blue in the short term might also take solace in the fact that more than half of the electorate isn't yet engaged with the 2014 elections," Shaw said.

Texans remain positive about the state's economy but believe the worst is yet to come for the national economy. Sixty-two percent of Texas adults believe the Texas economy is better off than the rest of the country while only 32 percent of Texans expressed the opinion that the national economy has improved over last year.

The poll, which was conducted September 6 – 20, shows positive overall job approval ratings for state and federal elected leaders. Fifty percent of registered voters agree that President Obama is doing a good job as president. Meanwhile, 56 percent of registered voters approve of the job Governor Perry is doing. Of course both President Obama and Governor Perry's approval numbers fare better within their respective political parties, and racial gaps do exist in President Obama's numbers with 88 percent of blacks and 71 percent of Hispanics approving of the job he is doing as president while 63 percent of whites disapprove. Coming off the legislative session, 59 percent of registered voters approve of the job the Texas Legislature is doing.

"We are extremely proud to share the results of our seventh Texas Lyceum Poll," said 2013 Lyceum President Collin Cox. "We included questions about how Texans feel about spending tax dollars on water and transportation infrastructure and public education as well as statewide elections. We will continue to conduct the Lyceum Poll as a springboard for discussions at our annual public conferences and quarterly meetings and share them online for anyone who wishes to make comparisons to similar questions from year to year."

About the Texas Lyceum The Texas Lyceum, a nonprofit, non-partisan group is the premier statewide leadership organization focused on identifying the next generation of top Texas leaders. The Lyceum consists of [96 men and women from throughout the state](#) who begin their six-year term while under the age of 46, and have demonstrated leadership in their community and profession, together with a deep commitment to Texas. For more information, please visit www.texaslyceum.org. Texas Lyceum is on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/texaslyceum>

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