

TEXAS LYCEUM POLL

2014 Texas Statewide Survey

CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT

N=1,000 ADULTS

MOE=+/-3.1 PERCENTAGE POINTS UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

CELL PHONE SUPPLEMENT

BILINGUAL INSTRUMENT/INTERVIEWERS

September 11-25, 2014

Hello. We're conducting a survey on behalf of the Texas Lyceum, a nonprofit, non-partisan organization focused on public policy issues affecting Texas and the United States.

May I please speak with the person in your home who is 18 or older and who will be having the next birthday?

IF ASK WHY BIRTHDAY SELECTION: This helps us make sure we represent adults living within a household correctly.

IF NECESSARY: We're interested in your views on several current issues. We would like to include your responses to this survey, which will be kept absolutely confidential, with the responses of several hundred other Texans like you. The survey should take about 18 minutes to complete, depending on your answers.

SECTION I:

GENERAL MOOD AND 2014 ELECTION ITEMS

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

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| 1. Yes, registered. | 83% |
| 2. No, not registered. | 17 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 0 |

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?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Extremely interested. | 29% |
| 2. Somewhat interested. | 47 |
| 3. Not very interested. | 11 |
| 4. Not at all interested. | 11 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 2 |

Q3. **[ASK Q3 IF Q1 EQ 1]** Many times people intend to vote but do not end up doing so because of events or personal circumstances. With this in mind, on a 0-10 scale please rate how likely you are to vote in the upcoming November elections: 10 means you are absolutely certain to vote, 0 means you will definitely NOT vote, and 5 means you may or may not vote.

Mean 9.4, Standard Deviation 0.13

Q4. Thinking about the country, do you think things are moving in the right direction or are we off on the wrong track?

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| 1. Right direction. | 27% |
| 2. Off on the wrong track. | 60 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 13 |

Q5. What do you think is the most important issue facing the country today?

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| 1. The economy | 15% |
| 2. National security/terrorism | 8 |
| 3. Immigration | 8 |
| 4. War (unspecified) | 7 |
| 5. Political corruption/leadership | 6 |
| 6. Middle East unrest | 6 |
| 7. Health care | 5 |
| 8. Unemployment/jobs | 5 |
| 9. National debt | 3 |
| 10. Border security | 3 |
| 11. Education | 3 |
| 12. Social welfare programs | 3 |
| 13. Federal spending/budget deficit | 2 |
| 14. Moral decline | 2 |
| 15. Gay marriage | 1 |
| 16. Polarization/Gridlock/Partisanship | 1 |
| 17. Income inequality | 1 |
| 18. Other/Don't know/Nothing in particular | 13 |

Q6. What do you think is the most important issue facing the state of Texas today?

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INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT SAYS 'SAME AS WHAT I SAID' EARLIER, ENTER IN THE ISSUE AGAIN HERE.

1. Immigration	18%
2. Border security	13
3. Education	11
4. Unemployment/jobs	6
5. Health care	6
6. Governor/Rick Perry/Gubernatorial Election	5
7. Water supply	3
8. Federal Government/The President	2
9. Social welfare programs	2
10. The economy	2
11. Political corruption/leadership	1
12. Moral decline	1
13. Taxes	1
14. Transportation/roads/traffic	1
15. Abortion	1
16. Housing	1
17. Gun violence/gun control	1
18. Republicans	1
19. Other/Don't know/Nothing in particular	24

Q7. How well do you think Barack Obama [**PRON: BA-ROCK O-BAMA**] is handling his job as president? Is he doing a very good job, somewhat good job, somewhat poor job, or very poor job?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very good job. | 14% |
| 2. Somewhat good job. | 34 |
| 3. Somewhat poor job. | 18 |
| 4. Very poor job. | 32 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 3 |

Among registered voters (n=879 MOE is +/- 3.31%)

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very good job. | 12% |
| 2. Somewhat good job. | 32 |
| 3. Somewhat poor job. | 17 |
| 4. Very poor job. | 36 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 2 |

Q8. Would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job that Rick Perry is doing as Texas governor? Would that be somewhat or strongly approve/disapprove?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly approve | 25% |
| 2. Somewhat approve | 30 |
| 3. Somewhat disapprove | 15 |
| 4. Strongly disapprove | 22 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 8 |

Among registered voters (n=879 MOE is +/- 3.31%)

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Strongly approve | 28% |
| 2. Somewhat approve | 29 |
| 3. Somewhat disapprove | 13 |
| 4. Strongly disapprove | 24 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 6 |

Thinking ahead to the November 2014 general election...

(For Q9 through Q11 respondents were asked the question as written below. Those unwilling to express an opinion, were provided with the follow-up: "If you had to make a choice, who would you choose?" The results presented below combine those initially expressing an opinion with those prompted after initially being unsure. Likely voters were determined with a regression model that relied on turnout intention, interest, race/ethnicity, and partisan strength to predict turnout.)

Q9. **[ASK IF Q1 EQ 1]** If the election for Governor were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE CANDIDATE CHOICES]** the Republican Greg Abbott, the Democrat Wendy Davis, the Libertarian Kathy Glass, the Green Party candidate Brandon Parmer, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it?

Among likely voters (n=666, MOE is +/-3.80 %)

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|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Greg Abbott | 49% |
| 2. Wendy Davis | 40 |
| 3. Kathy Glass | 2 |
| 4. Brandon Parmer | 2 |
| 5. Refused | 8 |

Q10. **[ASK IF Q1 EQ 1]** If the election for Lieutenant Governor were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE CANDIDATE CHOICES]** the Republican Dan Patrick, the Democrat Leticia Van de Putte **[PRON: LET-EESH-E-A VAN DE PYOOT]**, the Libertarian Robert Butler, the Green Party candidate Chandrakantha **[PRON: CHAN-DRACK-ANTHA]** Courtney, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it?

Among likely voters (n=666, MOE is +/-3.80 %)

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Dan Patrick | 47% |
| 2. Leticia Van de Putte | 33 |
| 3. Robert Butler | 3 |
| 4. Chandrakantha Courtney | 2 |
| 5. Refused | 14 |

Q11. **[ASK IF Q1 EQ 1]** If the election for U.S. Senator were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE CANDIDATE CHOICES]** the Republican John Cornyn **[PRON: CORN-IN]**, the Democrat David Alameel, the Libertarian Rebecca Paddock, the Green Party candidate Emily Marie Sanchez, or haven't you thought enough about it?

Among likely voters (n=666, MOE is +/-3.80 %)

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|------------------------|-----|
| 1. John Cornyn | 48% |
| 2. David Alameel | 30 |
| 3. Rebecca Paddock | 4 |
| 4. Emily Marie Sanchez | 4 |
| 5. Refused | 14 |

[RANDOMLY SELECT ONE OF Q12A OR Q12B]

Q12A. If the election for representative to the U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for the **[RANDOMIZE PARTIES]** Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it?

Among likely voters (n=666, MOE is +/-3.80 %)

1. Democratic candidate	35%
2. Republican candidate	46
3. Someone else	2
4. Haven't thought enough about it /DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA	17

Q12B. And if the election for representative to the Texas State House were held today, would you vote for the **[RANDOMIZE PARTIES]** Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it?

Among likely voters (n=666, MOE is +/-3.80 %)

1. Democratic candidate	31%
2. Republican candidate	38
3. Someone else	2
4. Haven't thought enough about it /DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA	29

Q13. 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	25%
2. Democratic candidate	38
3. Tea Party candidate	14
4. Don't know	23

Among likely voters (n=666, MOE is +/-3.80 %)

1. Republican candidate	27%
2. Democratic candidate	35
3. Tea Party candidate	20
4. Don't know	19

Q14. In November Texans will be asked to consider a constitutional amendment that would use \$1.4 billion a year in excess funds from oil and gas companies (also known as the “Rainy Day Fund”) to build and repair roads and bridges. If the election were today, would you support or oppose this initiative? Would you say that you strongly or just somewhat support/oppose the initiative?

Among likely voters (n=666, MOE is +/-3.80 %)

1. Strongly support	40%
2. Somewhat support	34
3. Somewhat oppose	7
4. Strongly oppose	10
5. Don't know/REF	9

Q15. Several states, including Texas, have considered instituting a new tax on full-calorie, non-diet, soda drinks. Supporters say it will work like a cigarette tax, encouraging healthier choices and adding revenue. Opponents say the state shouldn't tax people's freedom to make choices like this. Would you say you support or oppose a soda-tax?

1. Support	27%
2. Oppose	68
3. Don't know	5

Among likely voters (n=666, MOE is +/-3.80 %)

1. Support	21%
4. Oppose	74
5. Don't know	4

SECTION II:
PERSONAL ECONOMIC PERCEPTIONS

Q16. Thinking about the national economy, do you think the country is better off, worse off, or about the same compared to a year ago?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Better off. | 32% |
| 2. Worse off. | 34 |
| 3. About the same. | 30 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 3 |

Among registered voters (n=879 MOE is +/- 3.31%)

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Better off. | 30% |
| 2. Worse off. | 36 |
| 3. About the same. | 31 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 2 |

Q17. Now thinking about you and your family's economic situation, would you say that you are better off, worse off, or about the same economically compared to a year ago?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Better off. | 28% |
| 2. Worse off. | 24 |
| 3. About the same. | 46 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 2 |

Among registered voters (n=879 MOE is +/- 3.31%)

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Better off. | 28% |
| 2. Worse off. | 25 |
| 3. About the same. | 45 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 1 |

Q18. Do you think Texas's economy is better off, worse off, or about the same as the rest of the country?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Better off | 61% |
| 2. Worse off | 10 |
| 3. About the same | 23 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 6 |

Among registered voters (n=879 MOE is +/- 3.31%)

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Better off | 64% |
| 2. Worse off | 10 |
| 3. About the same | 22 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 4 |

SECTION III:
ISSUES & POLICY

Q19. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the Affordable Care Act.

1. Very favorable	13%
2. Somewhat favorable	20
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	5
4. Somewhat unfavorable	13
5. Very unfavorable	35
6. Don't know/No opinion	14

Among likely voters (n=539, MOE is +/-4.22 %)

1. Very favorable	14%
2. Somewhat favorable	21
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	4
4. Somewhat unfavorable	9
5. Very unfavorable	43
6. Don't know/No opinion	8

Q20. What type of health insurance do you currently have?

1. Employer provided	44%
2. Individually pay for it	12
3. Enrolled in a government health insurance program (for example, Medicare or Medicaid)	25
4. Do not currently have health insurance	16
5. Don't know/Refused	4

Q21. How often would you say that you drink full-calorie (non-diet) soda?

1. Very often	13%
2. Somewhat often	17
3. Not very often	32
4. Never	36

Q22. What do you think should happen to the unaccompanied children from Central America who have been illegally crossing the border into the US? Should they be allowed to stay in the US while awaiting an immigration hearing, even if it takes a long time, or should they be returned to their own country as soon as possible?

1. Allowed to stay	42%
2. Returned to their home country	48
3. Don't know/Refused	10

Among likely voters (n=666, MOE is +/-3.80 %)

1. Allowed to stay	36%
2. Returned to their home country	58
3. Don't know/Refused	7

- Q23. Please tell us whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if...[Response options: “Should be possible”, “Should not be possible”, “Don’t know”] [ASK 1 OF A-C, 1 OF D-E, AND 1 OF F-G]

(Due to randomization patterns, the n for each question ranges from 317 to 573, producing margins of error between +/-4.17% and +/-5.5%)

	Should be possible	Should not be possible	Don't know
A. The woman's own health is seriously endangered.	68%	21%	11%
B. She became pregnant as a result of rape.	68%	21%	11%
C. She became pregnant as a result of incest.	68%	24%	8%
D. There is a strong chance of a serious defect in the baby.	54%	31%	15%
E. The family has very low income and cannot afford any more children.	35%	55%	10%
F. She is not married and does not want to marry the man.	35%	55%	9%
G. She is married and does not want any more children.	32%	56%	12%

- Q24. How much have you heard about Governor Rick Perry’s recent indictment [PRON: in-dite-ment]? A lot, some, not very much, or nothing at all?

1. A lot	24%
2. Some	39
3. Not very much	20
4. Nothing at all	17
5. Don't know/Refused	1

- Q25. [ASK IF Q24 EQ 1-3] Based on what you have heard, do you think that Governor Perry is guilty of the crimes he has been accused of committing; do you think that he’s innocent; or do you think that it’s too soon to tell?

(n=677 MOE is +/-3.77%)

1. Guilty	22%
2. Innocent	28
3. Too soon to tell	43
4. Don't know/Refused	7

Q26. [ASK IF Q24 EQ 1-3] Would you say that the charges against Governor Perry are mostly political or are they legitimate criminal charges?

(n=677 MOE is +/-3.77%)

- 1. Mostly political charges 72%
- 2. Legitimate criminal charges 28

When thinking about the overall health of you, your family, and others, for each of the following, would you say that they are “Extremely healthy”, “somewhat healthy”, “somewhat unhealthy”, or “extremely unhealthy”?

	Extremely healthy	Somewhat healthy	Somewhat unhealthy	Extremely unhealthy	Don't know/ NA
Q27A. Yourself	34%	52%	9%	3%	1%
Q27B. Your immediate family (spouse and children)	40%	47%	5%	1%	7%
Q27C. Your extended family (aunts, uncles, and cousins)	20%	55%	11%	3%	12%
Q27D. Most Texans	5%	45%	25%	7%	18%
Q27E. Most Americans	3%	40%	32%	9%	15%

**SECTION V:
DEMOGRAPHICS**

We're almost done. The final questions are for statistical purposes...

AGEG.

1. 18-29	25%
2. 30-44	30
3. 45-64	31
4. 65+	14

COUNTY. In which county do you reside?

LOCATE. Would you say you live in an urban area, a suburban area, a small town, or rural area?

1. Urban	21%
2. Suburban	32
3. Small town	30
4. Rural	13
5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	4

MARRIED. What is your current marital status?

1. Never married	24%
2. Married	53
3. Divorced	12
4. Widowed	7
5. Separated	2
6. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	2

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1. One	19%
2. Two	15
3. Three	8
4. Four or more	7
5. None	51

CHILDGEN. **[ASK IF CHILD EQ 1-4]** Of the children currently living with you, are they boys, girls, or both?

1. Boys	30%
2. Girls	25
3. Both	43
4. DK/Refused	2

INCOME. What was your total household income for 2012? **[READ CATEGORIES]**

1. Less than \$15,000	14%
2. \$15,000-\$25,000	13
3. \$25,000-\$40,000	14
4. \$40,000-\$75,000	19
5. \$75,000-\$150,000	19
6. More than \$150,000	6
7. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	15

EDOFR. What is the highest level of education you completed? **[READ CATEGORIES AS NECESSARY]**

1. Less than high school	7%
2. High school	26
3. Some college	28
4. College degree	23
5. Post-graduate degree (MA, LLD, PhD)	14
6. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	2

RELIGION. What is your religious denomination **[PRON: DEE-NOM-I-NATION]**?

1. Protestant	15%
2. Catholic	29
3. Other Christian	37
4. Jewish	1
5. Muslim, Buddhist, or other non-Christian	3
6. Agnostic/Atheist	5
7. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	11

FUND. **[IF RELIGION EQ 1]** Would you say that you are evangelical, fundamentalist, or born-again?

1. Yes	71%
2. No	29

RACE. Would you say that you are...

1. White/Anglo-saxon	46%
2. African American	11
3. Hispanic	37
4. Other	6

LIBCON. Generally speaking, would you say that you are...

1. Liberal	20%
2. Moderate, or	29
3. Conservative.	43
4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	9

PID3.

1. Democrat	39%
2. Independent	21
3. Republican	36
4. Other	3

Among likely voters:

1. Democrat	40%
2. Independent	9
3. Republican	49
4. Other	1

PID7.

1. Strong Democrat	19%
2. Weak Democrat	9
3. Lean Democrat	11
4. Independent	22
5. Lean Republican	10
6. Weak Republican	8
7. Strong Republican	18
8. Other	3

Among likely voters:

1. Strong Democrat	21
2. Weak Democrat	9
3. Lean Democrat	11
4. Independent	9
5. Lean Republican	14
6. Weak Republican	10
7. Strong Republican	26
8. Other	1

GENDER. (BY OBSERVATION)

1. MALE	49%
2. FEMALE	51

Thank you very much for your time today/ this evening! Have a good day/evening.