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 2016 ELECTION ITEMS

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

1. Yes, registered. 87%
2. No, not registered. 13
3. DON’T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. 1

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. 37%
2. Somewhat interested. 46
3. Not very interested. 10
4. Not at all interested. 6
5. DON’T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. 1

Q3. There are many elections in the state of Texas. Furthermore, many people intend to vote in a given election, but sometimes personal and professional circumstances keep them from the polls. Thinking back over the past two or three years, would you say that you voted in all elections, almost all, about half, one or two, or none at all?

1. Every election 26%
2. Almost every election 28
3. About half 11
4. One or two 15
5. None at all 20

Q5. What do you think is the most important issue facing the country today?
1. The economy  
2. National security-terrorism  
3. Immigration  
4. Race relations/racial issues  
5. The presidential race  
6. Unemployment/jobs  
7. Health care  
8. Education  
9. Political corruption/leadership  
10. National debt  
11. Crime and drugs  
12. Moving away from Christianity/God  
13. Poverty/Income inequality  
14. Foreign policy  
15. Federal spending/budget deficit  
16. Moral decline  
17. Border security  
18. Social welfare programs  
19. Environment  
20. Polarization/Gridlock/Partisanship  
21. Gun violence/gun control  
22. Police  
23. Barack Obama  
24. Other  
25. Don’t know/NA
Q6. What do you think is the most important issue facing the state of Texas today?

1. Immigration 19%
2. Education 12
3. The economy 6
4. Border security 5
5. Unemployment/jobs 4
6. Political corruption/leadership 3
7. Health care 3
8. Gun violence/gun control 3
9. Racism 3
10. Crime and drugs 1
11. Taxes 1
12. Social welfare programs 1
13. Water supply 1
14. Energy 1
15. Environment 1
16. Abortion 1
17. State courts 1
18. Low wages/poverty/cost of living 1
19. Republicans/the right wing 1
20. Growth/Infrastructure 1
21. National Security/Terrorism 1
22. Presidential Election 1
23. Other 9
24. Don’t know/ NA 19

SECTION III: ISSUES & POLICY

Q33. Some people argue that requiring registered voters to present government-issued photo identification at the polls reduces voter fraud and does not place major obstacles on anyone who is legally entitled to vote. Other people argue that such a requirement has a negligible effect on voter fraud but places significant obstacles on elderly, low-income, disabled, and minority voters. Do you agree or disagree with the idea that registered voters should be required to present a government issued photo ID at the polls before they can be allowed to vote?

1. Agree 74%
2. Disagree 24
3. Don’t know/No opinion 2

Q34. As you may know, the Affordable Care Act offers states the opportunity to expand Medicaid to provide health insurance to more low-income uninsured adults. The federal government would subsidize this expansion initially, after which Texas taxpayers would have to pay for the expanded coverage. What do you think Texas should do… [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. Keep Medicaid as is 49%
2. Expand Medicaid 42
3. Don’t know/No opinion 9
Q35. Which of the following comes closer to your opinion? Transgender students should have access to public school facilities like restrooms and locker rooms based on... [RADNOMIZE 1-2]

1. Their birth gender 54%
2. Their gender identity 31%
3. Don't know/Know opinion 15%

Q36. Would you say that immigration helps the United States more than it hurts it, or immigration hurts the United States more than it helps it?

1. Helps more than it hurts 54%
2. Hurts more than it helps 33%
3. A little of both (Vol.) 8%
4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 5%

Q37. Would you favor or oppose building a wall along the US-Mexico border to try to stop illegal immigration?

1. Favor 35%
2. Oppose 59%
3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 6%

Q38. Do you support or oppose a ban on the immigration of any person who lives in a country where there has been a history of terrorism against the west?

1. Support 40%
2. Oppose 51%
3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 8%

Q39. How much have you heard about the debate happening in some cities over whether ride-hailing services like Uber and Lyft should be regulated in the same way as existing taxi companies?...A lot, a little, or nothing at all?

1. A lot 24%
2. A little 38%
3. Nothing at all 33%
4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 5%

Q40. Some cities are currently debating how to best regulate ride-hailing services. Which statement comes closest to your view on this subject?...[ROTATE STATEMENTS]

These services should be required to follow the same rules and regulations as taxis--it is important that everyone follow the same rules when it comes to things like pricing, insurance, and disability access.

or

These services should not be required to follow the same rules and regulations as taxis--it is important to let companies be innovative and meet the needs of their customers, even if that goes against existing regulations

1. Should be required to follow the same rules and regulations as taxis 54%
2. Should not be required to follow the same rules and regulations as taxis 35%
3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 11%
Q41. Regardless of how you think ride-hailing services should be regulated, do you think that decision should take place at the municipal or city level, or in the Texas Legislature?

1. Municipal or city level 48%
2. Texas Legislature 43
3. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 9

[RANDOMIZE Q42-Q43]

Q42. Was there ever a specific instance in which you felt discriminated against by the police because of your racial or ethnic background?

1. Yes 18%
2. No 81
3. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 1

Q43. Was there ever a specific instance in which you felt discriminated against by an employer or a potential employer because of your racial or ethnic background?

1. Yes 22%
2. No 77
3. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 2

SECTION V: DEMOGRAPHICS

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

AGEG. In what year were you born?

1. 18-29 20%
2. 30-44 29
3. 45-64 34
4. 65+ 17

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 23%
2. Suburban 38
3. Small town 22
4. Rural 14
5. DON’T KNOW/REFUSED 3

MARRIED. What is your current marital status?

1. Never married 27%
2. Married 56
3. Divorced 8
4. Widowed 6
5. Separated 2
6. DON’T KNOW/REFUSED/NA 1

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?
1. One 22%  
2. Two 15  
3. Three 8  
4. Four or more 4  
5. None 51  

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

1. Less than $15,000 8%  
2. $15,000-$25,000 12  
3. $25,000-$40,000 14  
4. $40,000-$75,000 21  
5. $75,000-$150,000 22  
6. More than $150,000 9  
7. DON’T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. 13
EDOFR. What is the highest level of education you completed? [READ CATEGORIES AS NECESSARY]

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<td>Some college</td>
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RELIGION. What is your religious denomination [PRON: DEE-NOM-I-NATION]?

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<td>Other Christian</td>
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<td>Jewish</td>
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<td>Muslim, Buddhist, or other non-Christian</td>
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FUND. [IF RELIGION EQ 1] Would you say that you are evangelical, fundamentalist, or born-again?

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<td>Yes</td>
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RACE. Would you say that you are…

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<td>White/Anglo</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
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LIBCON. Generally speaking, would you say that you are…

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<td>Moderate, or</td>
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<td>Conservative.</td>
<td>40%</td>
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PID3. Do you consider yourself to be a Democrat, a Republican, or neither?

1. Democrat 41%
2. Independent 21
3. Republican 38

(Among registered: n = 862, MOE +/- 3.34%)
1. Democrat 42%
2. Independent 17
3. Republican 41

(Among likely voters: n = 502, MOE +/- 4.37%)
1. Democrat 39%
2. Independent 12
3. Republican 50

GENDER. (BY OBSERVATION)

1. MALE 48%
2. FEMALE 52

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