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.  89%
2. No, not registered. 11
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?

1. Extremely interested. 39%
2. Somewhat interested. 44
3. Not very interested. 11
4. Not at all interested. 6
5. DON’T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. 0

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

1. Right direction. 34%
2. Off on the wrong track. 52
3. DON’T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. 14
Q5. What do you think is the most important issue facing the country today? [OPEN-ENDED]

1. Immigration 13%
2. The economy 11
3. Political corruption/leadership 10
4. Health care 10
5. National security/terrorism 7
6. Unemployment/jobs 5
7. Race relations/racial issues/ethnicity 5
8. Education 3
9. Foreign affairs/policy 3
10. Unity / Division of country 3
11. Social welfare programs 2
12. Federal spending/budget deficit 1
13. National debt 1
14. Moral decline 1
15. Border security 1
16. Taxes 1
17. Environment 1
18. Middle East unrest 1
19. Polarization/Gridlock/Partisanship 1
20. Police 1
21. Gender equality 1
22. Civil Rights/Freedom 1
23. Wars / less military intervention overseas 1
24. Other (specify) 7
25. Don't know / No response 7

Q6. What do you think is the most important issue facing the state of Texas today? [OPEN-ENDED]

1. Immigration 21%
2. Education 13
3. Border security 6
4. The economy 5
5. Political corruption/leadership 5
6. Health care 5
7. Unemployment/jobs 4
8. Taxes 2
9. Transgender/bathroom law 2
10. Crime and drugs 1
11. State government spending (i.e. too much spending) 1
12. Moral decline 1
13. Social welfare programs 1
14. Water supply 1
15. Energy 1
16. Transportation/roads/traffic 1
17. Gun violence/gun control 1
18. Population growth 1
19. Other (specify) 10
20. Don't know / No response 17
Q7.  How well do you think Donald Trump is handling his job as president? Is he doing a very good job, somewhat good job, somewhat poor job, or very poor job?

1. Very good job. 19%
2. Somewhat good job. 24
3. Somewhat poor job. 18
4. Very poor job. 36
5. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 4

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

1. Strongly approve 27%
2. Somewhat approve 26
3. Somewhat disapprove 12
4. Strongly disapprove 18
5. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 17

Q8A.  Would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job that Dan Patrick is doing as Texas’s Lieutenant Governor? Would that be somewhat or strongly approve/disapprove?

1. Strongly approve 11%
2. Somewhat approve 27
3. Somewhat disapprove 13
4. Strongly disapprove 19
5. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 30

Thinking ahead to the 2018 Elections... [Q9-Q11 WERE ASKED ONLY OF REGISTERED VOTERS. N = 890, MOE +/- 3.28%] [RANDOMIZE Q9A-Q9B]

Q9A.  If the 2018 election for Senate were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE] the Republican Ted Cruz [PRONOUNCED: CRUISE], the Democrat Beto O’Rourke [PRONOUNCED: BET-TOE O-ROKR], or haven’t you thought enough about it?

1. Ted Cruz 30%
2. Beto O’Rourke 30
3. Haven’t thought enough about it 37
4. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 3

Q9B.  If the 2018 election for Senate were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE] the Republican Ted Cruz [PRONOUNCED: CRUISE], the Democrat Joaquin Castro [PRONOUNCED: WAH-KEEN CASTRO], or haven’t you thought enough about it?

1. Ted Cruz 31%
2. Joaquin Castro 35
3. Haven’t thought enough about it 31
4. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 4

Q10.  If the 2018 election for Lieutenant Governor were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE] the Republican Dan Patrick, the Democrat Mike Collier [PRONOUNCED: MIKE CALL-EE-ER], or haven’t you thought enough about it?

1. Dan Patrick 25%
2. Mike Collier 27%
3. Haven’t thought enough about it 46%
4. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 3
Q11. 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 43%
3. Tea Party candidate 9%
4. Don’t know 23%

[ROTATE Q16A-Q16B]

Q16A. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the issue of immigration and border security?

1. Approve 38%
2. Disapprove 58%
3. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 4%

Q16B. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Republicans in Congress are handling the issue of immigration and border security?

1. Approve 27%
2. Disapprove 60%
3. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 13%

Q17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Texas Legislature is handling the issue of immigration and border security?

1. Approve 36%
2. Disapprove 44%
3. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 20%

SECTION II:
PERSONAL ECONOMIC PERCEPTIONS

Q18. Thinking about the national economy, do you think the country is better off, worse off, or about the same compared to a year ago?

1. Better off. 32%
2. Worse off. 20%
3. About the same. 44%
4. DON’T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. 4%

Q19. 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?

1. Better off. 27%
2. Worse off. 15%
3. About the same. 57%
4. DON’T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. 1%
Q20. Do you think Texas’s economy is better off, worse off, or about the same as the rest of the country?

1. Better off 58%
2. Worse off 9%
3. About the same 26
4. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 7

Q21. Looking ahead to the future, do you think your children will be better off than you are, worse off, or about the same economically?

1. Better off 45%
2. Worse off 28
3. About the same 19
4. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 9

Q40. Would you say that the North American Free Trade Agreement, known as NAFTA, has been good or bad for the Texas economy?

1. Good 43%
2. Bad 24
3. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 33

SECTION III: ISSUES & POLICY

Immigration

Let’s talk about immigration for a few minutes...

Q22. 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 62%
2. Hurts more than it helps 27
3. A little of both (Vol.) 6
4. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 5

Q23. Thinking specifically about recent immigrants, that is people who have come to the United States to live and work in the past ten years or so, which of the following statements is closer to your opinion about these immigrants coming to the United States?...[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. They mostly adopted essential American culture and values when they got here, 33%
2. They mostly retained their own cultures and values 52
3. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 16
Illegal Immigration

The next few questions concern illegal immigration...

Q25. How concerned are you about illegal immigration? Extremely concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned?

1. Extremely 37%
2. Somewhat 35
3. Not very 15
4. Not at all 12
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 1

Q26. [IF Q25 EQ 1|2] What is the primary reason for your concern over illegal immigration? [OPEN-ENDED]

(n = 699, MOE +/- 3.71%)

1. Safety / Criminality 19%
2. Economic concerns / Jobs 17
3. Illegal / Should follow proper process 13
4. Government resources 9
5. National security / terrorism 8
6. Need to be properly vetted / keep track of who comes in 6
7. American culture 2
8. Other 20
9. Don't know 5

Q28. Would you favor or oppose building a wall along the US-Mexico border to try to stop illegal immigration?

1. Favor 35%
2. Oppose 61
3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 4

Q39. If implemented, do you think President (Donald) Trump's executive orders on immigration would make the United States safer or less safe, or doesn't it make much of a difference at all?

1. Safer 37%
2. Less safe 22
3. No difference 39
4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 3

Q29. Do you believe President Trump truly will deport millions of illegal immigrants currently living in the United States?

1. Yes 50%
2. No 40
3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 10

Q30. And do you want him to do that (deport millions of illegal immigrants currently living in the US)?

1. Yes 31%
2. No 62
3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 8
**Immigration Reform**

Q31. What should be the priority for U.S. immigration policy? Should it be... [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. allowing new immigrants who already have family members living in the U.S. [or] 32%
2. allowing new immigrants who already have useful job skills 46
3. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 22

Q33. Please tell us whether you support or oppose each of the following ideas. Would that be strongly or somewhat support/oppose:

A. Allowing illegal immigrants living in the U.S. the opportunity to become citizens after a long waiting period if they pay taxes and a penalty, pass a criminal background check, and learn English.

1. Strongly support 63%
2. Somewhat support 27
3. Somewhat oppose 4
4. Strongly oppose 5
5. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 1

B. Tightening U.S. border security and providing Border Patrol with increased technology, infrastructure, and personnel.

1. Strongly support 53%
2. Somewhat support 27
3. Somewhat oppose 10
4. Strongly oppose 7
5. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 3

C. Requiring U.S. business owners to check the immigration status of any employee they hire, with stiff fines and penalties for employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants.

1. Strongly support 49%
2. Somewhat support 23
3. Somewhat oppose 13
4. Strongly oppose 10
5. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 5

D. Allowing engineers and scientists from other countries who earn graduate degrees in the U.S. to remain in the U.S. to work.

1. Strongly support 56%
2. Somewhat support 30
3. Somewhat oppose 6
4. Strongly oppose 4
5. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 4

E. Varying the number of low-skilled immigrants allowed to enter the country depending on how the U.S. economy is doing.

1. Strongly support 24%
2. Somewhat support 34
3. Somewhat oppose 19
4. Strongly oppose 16
5. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 8
**State Level Immigration**

*Split-sample Q34A-Q34B; n = 574 for Q34A, producing an MOE of +/- 4.1%; n = 426 for Q34B, producing an MOE of 4.75%*

Q34A. With Donald Trump in the White House, should the Texas Legislature continue funding border security operations in Texas at the same levels as before, increase funding for border security operations, or decrease funding for border security operations?

1. Continue funding 45%  
2. Increase funding 28%  
3. Decrease funding 21%  
4. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 6%

Q34B. With Republicans in control of the Congress, should the Texas Legislature continue funding border security operations in Texas at the same levels as before, increase funding for border security operations, or decrease funding for border security operations?

1. Continue funding 41%  
2. Increase funding 37%  
3. Decrease funding 15%  
4. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 7%

Q35. Some illegal immigrants were brought to Texas as children by their parents. Do you think that these individuals should receive in-state tuition rates, or should they pay have to pay the higher rates of out-of-state residents?

1. In-state rates 61%  
2. Out-of-state rates 31%  
3. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 8%

**Sanctuary Cities**

Q36. In some cities, 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. [ROTATE SUPPORT/OPPOSE CLAUSES]

Supporters of these so-called “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 these so-called “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”?

1. Support 45%  
2. Oppose 49%  
3. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 5%
Q37. In each of the following interactions with a police office, should a person’s immigration status be checked, or not?

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<td>A. During a routine traffic stop</td>
<td>44%</td>
<td>53%</td>
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<td>B. When that person is reporting a crime</td>
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<td>57</td>
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<td>C. When the police suspect that person is a witness to a crime or can provide information</td>
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<td>58</td>
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<td>D. When that person is arrested for a crime</td>
<td>93</td>
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**SECTION V: DEMOGRAPHICS**

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

**AGE**. In what year were you born?

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**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?

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<td>Rural</td>
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**MARRIED**. What is your current marital status?

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<td>Never married</td>
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<td>Married</td>
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<td>Divorced</td>
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<td>Widowed</td>
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<td>Separated</td>
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**INCOME**. What was your total household income for 2012? [READ CATEGORIES]

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

1. Less than high school 3%
2. High school 18
3. Some college 28
4. College degree 34
5. Post-graduate degree (MA, LLD, PhD) 17
6. DON’T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. 1

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

1. Protestant 22%
2. Catholic 26
3. Other Christian 30
4. Jewish 0
5. Muslim, Buddhist, or other non-Christian 3
6. Agnostic/Atheist 9
7. DON’T KNOW/REFUSED 10

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

1. Yes 73%
2. No 27

RACE. Would you say that you are…

1. White/Anglo 43%
2. African American 12
3. Hispanic 38
4. Other. 7

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

1. Liberal 21%
2. Moderate, or 34
3. Conservative. 37
4. DON’T KNOW/REFUSED 8

PID3. Do you consider yourself to be a Democrat, a Republican, or neither?

1. Democrat 32%
2. Independent 40
3. Republican 27

GENDER. (BY OBSERVATION)

1. MALE 47%
2. FEMALE 53

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