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2014 Texas Lyceum Poll – Day Two
Republicans Ahead in Key Statewide Races
Davis running better than other Dems

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The Lyceum Poll Finds:
- Among likely voters:
- Governor: Greg Abbott 49%, Wendy Davis 40%
- Lt. Governor: Dan Patrick 47%, Leticia Van de Putte 33%
- U.S. Senate: John Cornyn 48%, David Alameel 30%
- Republicans leading in generic ballots for Congress and State Legislature
- Constitutional amendment for transportation funding supported by 74%
- Texans are paying attention, but "too soon to tell" if Governor Perry broke the law, most Texans believe charges are "political"
- President Obama's job approval is split

(AUSTIN) A recent poll conducted by the Texas Lyceum, the premiere statewide nonprofit, nonpartisan leadership group, shows that among likely voters Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott is ahead of Democratic State Senator Wendy Davis by nine percentage points. Davis holds a clear lead among Democrats (86 percent to 6 percent), Hispanics (62 percent to 26 percent), and African Americans (83 percent to 3 percent). However, Abbott holds strong leads among Republicans (85 percent to 5 percent) and Anglos (62 percent to 27 percent), and also slight leads with both Independents (38 percent to 32 percent) and with women (46 percent to 44 percent).

The poll, which carries a margin of error of +/- 3.8 percent for the likely voter sub-sample, was conducted September 11 – 25.

In the race for Lieutenant Governor, Republican State Senator Dan Patrick of Houston leads likely voters over Democratic State Senator Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio by 14 points (47 percent to 33 percent) with a stronghold among Republicans (85 percent to 2 percent) and Anglos (59 percent to 22 percent).

Van de Putte leads Patrick among Democrats (75 percent to 5 percent), African Americans (68 percent to 4 percent), and Hispanics (55 percent to 31 percent).

In a generic ballot between Republican and Democratic candidates for 2014 races in Congress and in the Texas State Legislature, the Republican candidates hold the lead. Forty-six percent of likely voters said they would choose the Republican candidate for Congress compared to 35 percent who said they would choose the Democrat. For the Texas State Legislature, 38 percent said they would choose the Republican compared to 31 percent choosing the Democrat.

The transportation ballot initiative, which, if passed, will spend $1.4 billion from the state's Rainy Day Fund to pay for transportation infrastructure projects, is supported by an overwhelming 74 percent of likely voters.

"Davis is running slightly ahead of other Democrats on the ballot and over-performs compared to Democrats from recent statewide races," says University of Texas Professor Daron Shaw (Texas Lyceum Class of 2003) who conducted this year's Lyceum Poll along with Lyceum Poll Research Director, Joshua Blank. "But the number of candidates who have made up this kind of deficit in the last month, in a state where party ID favors the other side so consistently, is close to zero."

Governor Perry approval/opinions on his indictment
Texas Governor Rick Perry's positive approval rating (57 percent among registered voters) basically remains unchanged from this time last year. However, Texans are unsure about the Governor's innocence after an independent prosecutor hired by the Travis County District Attorney's Office indicted him for allegedly abusing his power by threatening to veto funding for the Public Integrity Unit unless the head of that office, District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg, resigned after her arrest for a DUI. For those Texans who had heard something about the indictment, 43 percent said it is "too soon to tell" whether or not Perry was innocent or guilty, while 28 percent believe the Governor is innocent, and 22 percent believe he is guilty. It is interesting to note that an overwhelming 72 percent believe the charges against the Governor are mostly political, whereas only 28 percent see them as legitimate criminal charges.

Similar to previous Lyceum polls, Texans remain positive about the state's economy compared to the nation's. When asked whether Texas' economy is better off, worse or about the same as the rest of the country, 61 percent of those polled expressed the opinion that Texas' economy is better off.

President Obama's job approval among adult Texans is almost evenly split, with 48 percent approving and 50 percent registering disapproval (among registered voters 44 percent approve, 53 percent disapprove). Not surprising, Republicans continue to rank President Obama's performance as poor (89 percent), while Democrats give him a good rating at 83 percent.

University of Texas Professor Daron Shaw (Texas Lyceum Class of 2003) conducted the poll of 1,000 Texas adults, which has a margin of error of +/- 3.1 percentage points. Dr. Shaw and his assistant, University of Texas PhD candidate Joshua Blank, used the latest in polling techniques, contacting respondents both by landline as well as cell phones with the use of English and Spanish language instrumentation.

Texas Lyceum President Roberta Schwartz comments, "In the eighth year of our Annual Texas Lyceum Independent Poll, it's always exciting and thought-provoking to take the pulse of Texans on key issues and candidates shaping our Lone Star State – 2014's results are very interesting!"

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 and on Twitter @TexasLyceum http://twitter.com/texaslyceum

TEXAS LYCEUM POLL

2014 Texas Statewide Survey questions relevant to issues discussed above.

CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT
N=1,000 ADULTS
MOE=+/-3.1 PERCENTAGE POINTS UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED
CELL PHONE SUPPLEMENT
BILINGUAL INSTRUMENT/INTERVIEWERS
September 11-25, 2014

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SECTION I:
GENERAL MOOD AND 2014 ELECTION ITEMS

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

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?

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?

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

Q7.   How well do you think Barack Obama 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.   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%)

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?

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%)

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 Kathie 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 %)

1.	Greg Abbott	49%
2.	Wendy Davis	40
3.	Kathie 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, the Libertarian Robert Butler, the Green Party candidate Chandrakantha Courtney, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it?

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

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, 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 %)

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

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?

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%)

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?

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%)

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?

    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%)

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

SECTION III:
ISSUES & POLICY

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