TEXAS LYCEUM POLL

2015 Texas Statewide Survey

CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT
N=1,000 ADULTS
MOE=+/-3.1 PERCENTAGE POINTS
CELL PHONE SUPPLEMENT
BILINGUAL INSTRUMENT/INTERVIEWERS
September 8-21, 2015

SECTION I:
GENERAL MOOD AND 2016 ELECTION ITEMS

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

    1.   Yes, registered.   80%
    2.   No, not registered.   20
    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.   31%
    2.   Somewhat interested.   41
    3.   Not very interested.   13
    4.   Not at all interested.   14
    5.   DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.   1

Q3.   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.   28%
    2.   Off on the wrong track.   63
    3.   DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.   9

Q4.   What do you think is the most important issue facing the country today?

1. The economy   16%
2. Immigration   10
3. Unemployment/jobs   7
4. National security/terrorism   7
5. Health care   4
6. Education   4
7. Race relations/racial issues   3
8. Federal spending/budget deficit   2
9. National debt   2
10. Moral decline   2
11. Moving away from Christianity/God   2
12. War   2
13. The presidential race   2
14. Political corruption/leadership   1
15. Border security   1
16. Gay marriage   1
17. Social welfare programs   1
18. Abortion   1
19. Crime and drugs   1
20. Iran/nuclear weapons   1
21. Middle East unrest   1
22. Polarization/Gridlock/Partisanship   1
23. Gun violence/gun control   1
24. Barack Obama   1
25. Other   10
26. Don't know/No opinion   9

Q5.   What do you think is the most important issue facing the state of Texas today?

1.	Immigration	24%
2.	Education	9
3.	Unemployment/jobs	7
4.	Border security	5
5.	The economy	4
6.	Health care	3
7.	Political corruption/leadership	2
8.	Crime and drugs	2
9.	Social welfare programs	2
10.	Transportation/roads/traffic	2
11.	Gun violence/gun control	2
12.	Low wages/poverty/cost of living	2
13.	Low oil price	2
14.	Gas prices	1
15.	Moral decline	1
16.	Taxes	1
17.	Water supply	1
18.	Gay marriage	1
19.	Energy	1
20.	Abortion	1
21.	Housing	1
22.	Voting system	1
23.	Racism	1
24.	Legalization of Marijuana	1
25.	Republicans/the right wing	1
26.	Nothing	1
27.	Other	7
28.	Don't know/No opinion	16

Q6.   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.	22%
2.	Somewhat good job.	30
3.	Somewhat poor job.	11
4.	Very poor job.	33
5.	DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	4

Q7.   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   20%
    2. Somewhat approve   35
    3. Somewhat disapprove   12
    4. Strongly disapprove   13
    5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   20

Thinking ahead to the 2016 Texas Primary Elections…

[ASKED ONLY OF REGISTERED VOTERS]
Q8.   Do you think you will vote in the **[RANDOMIZE PARTY OPTIONS]** Republican primary, the Democratic primary, haven't you yet decided, or do you not usually vote in primaries?

    1. Republican Primary   33%
    2. Democratic Primary   23
    3. Haven't decided   27
    4. Don't usually vote in primaries 16
    5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   1

[RESPONDENTS WERE ASKED Q9A IF THEY SAID THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY. AFTER ANSWERING Q9A, THEY WERE ASKED, "AND WHO WOULD BE YOUR SECOND CHOICE?"]
Q9A.   If the 2016 Republican primary for President were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought much about it ? **[RANDOMIZE 1-17]**

(n=261; MOE +/- 6.01%)

		First Choice	Second Choice
1.	Donald Trump	21%	10%
2.	Ted Cruz	16	18
3.	Ben Carson	12	21
4.	Jeb Bush	10	6
5.	Carly Fiorina	6	7
6.	Marco Rubio	3	10
7.	Mike Huckabee	2	5
8.	Rick Perry	1	3
9.	Rand Paul	1	2
10.	John Kasich	1	2
11.	Bobby Jindal	1	1
12.	George Pataki	1	0
13.	Rick Santorum	1	0
14.	Scott Walker	0	4
15.	Lindsey Graham	0	1
16.	Chris Chistie	0	1
17.	Jim Gilmore	0	0
18.	Haven't thought about it enough	25	9

[RESPONDENTS WERE ASKED Q10A IF THEY SAID THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE DDEMOCRATIC PRIMARY. AFTER ANSWERING Q10A, THEY WERE ASKED, "AND WHO WOULD BE YOUR SECOND CHOICE?"]

Q10A.   If the 2016 Democratic primary for President were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought much about it ? **[RANDOMIZE 1-6]**

(n=185; MOE +/- 7.15%)

		First Choice	Second Choice
1.	Hillary Clinton	36%	31%
2.	Bernie Sanders	24	16
3.	Joe Biden	15	35
4.	Jim Webb	2	3
5.	Lincoln Chafee	0	2
6.	Martin O'Malley	0	1
7.	Haven't thought about it enough	23	13

[RANDOMIZE Q11-Q16]
[LIKELY VOTERS ARE DEFINED AS THOSE RESPONDENTS WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE AND INDICATED ON Q2 THAT THEY ARE EITHER "EXTREMELY INTERESTED" OR "SOMEWHAT INTERESTED" IN POLITICS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS.]

Q11.   If the 2016 election for president were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE]** Jeb Bush or Hillary Clinton, or haven't you thought much about it?

Among registered voters (n=389; MOE +/- 4.97%); Among likely voters (n=297; MOE +/-5.69 %)

		Registered Voters	Likely Voters
1.	Jeb Bush	32%	35%
2.	Hillary Clinton	27	27
3.	Haven't thought much about it	41	39

Q12.   If the 2016 election for president were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE]** Ted Cruz or Hillary Clinton, or haven't you thought much about it?

Among registered voters (n=437; MOE +/- 4.69%); Among likely voters (n=339; MOE +/- 5.32%)

		Registered Voters	Likely Voters
1.	Ted Cruz	32%	39%
2.	Hillary Clinton	31	32
3.	Haven't thought much about it	47	29

Q13.   If the 2016 election for president were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE]** Marco Rubio or Hillary Clinton, or haven't you thought much about it?

Among registered voters (n=373; MOE +/- 5.07%); Among likely voters (n=295; MOE +/- 5.71%)

		Registered Voters	Likely Voters
1.	Marco Rubio	22%	27%
2.	Hillary Clinton	32	34
3.	Haven't thought much about it	44	40

Q14.   If the 2016 election for president were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE]** Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton, or haven't you thought much about it?

Among registered voters (n=391; MOE +/- 4.96%); Among likely voters (n=324; MOE +/- 5.44%)

		Registered Voters	Likely Voters
1.	Donald Trump	33%	39%
2.	Hillary Clinton	38	37
3.	Haven't thought much about it	29	25

Q15.   If the 2016 election for president were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE]** Scott Walker or Hillary Clinton, or haven't you thought much about it?

Among registered voters (n=437; MOE +/- 4.69%); Among likely voters (n=344; MOE +/- 5.28%)

		Registered Voters	Likely Voters
1.	Scott Walker	29%	33%
2.	Hillary Clinton	31	31
3.	Haven't thought much about it	40	36

Q16.   If the 2016 election for president were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE]** Rick Perry or Hillary Clinton, or haven't you thought much about it?

Among registered voters (n=376; MOE +/- 5.05%); Among likely voters (n=300; MOE +/- 5.66%)

		Registered Voters	Likely Voters
1.	Rick Perry	31%	34%
2.	Hillary Clinton	37	38
3.	Haven't thought much about it	32	28

SECTION II:
PERSONAL ECONOMIC PERCEPTIONS

Q17.   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.   31%
2.   Worse off.   34
3.   About the same.   33
4.   DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.   2

Q18.   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.   25%
2.   Worse off.   23
3.   About the same.   51
4.   DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.   0

Q19.   Do you think Texas's economy is better off, worse off, or about the same as the rest of the country?

1.   Better off   52%
2.   Worse off   14
3.   About the same   28
4.   DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   6

Q20.   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   40%
2.   Worse off   27
3.   About the same   22
4.   DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   10

SECTION III:
ISSUES & POLICY

Q21.   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	14%
2.	Somewhat favorable	23
3.	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	15
4.	Somewhat unfavorable	14
5.	Very unfavorable	33
6.	Don't know/No opinion	11

Q22.   What type of health insurance do you currently have?

1.	Employer provided	43%
2.	Individually pay for it	5
3.	Enrolled in a government health insurance program (for example, Medicare or Medicaid)	26
4.	Do not currently have health insurance	14
5.	Don't know/Refused	2

Q23.   Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples the right to marry legally?

1.	Favor	49%
2.	Oppose	40
3.	Don't know/Refused	11

Q24.   As you may know, the Texas Legislature recently approved spending 800 million dollars on border security operations over the next two years. Do you support or oppose this increase in funding for border security? Would that be strongly or somewhat?

1.	Strongly support	42%
2.	Somewhat support	20
3.	Somewhat oppose	13
4.	Strongly oppose	18
5.	DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	7

Q25.   Regardless of whether or not you support the additional spending, do you think it will be very effective, somewhat effective, not very effective, or not at all effective in securing the Texas border?

1.	Very effective	14%
2.	Somewhat effective	47
3.	Not very effective	20
4.	Not at all effective	12
5.	DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	6

Q26.   As you may know, the Department of Justice was recently ordered to stop the deportation of any undocumented immigrant youth who attends college or serves in the military and to provide them with a legal work permit that is renewable. Do you support or oppose this policy? Would that be strongly or somewhat?

1.   Strongly support   42%
2.   Somewhat support   23
3.   Somewhat oppose   9
4.   Strongly oppose   19
5.   DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   7

Q27.   Regardless of whether or not you support this policy, do you think it does a lot, some, not very much, or nothing at all to encourage people to enter the United States illegally?

1.   A lot   20%
2.   Some   24
3.   Not very much   22
4.   Nothing at all   24
5.   DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   10

Q28.   How much do you personally worry about global warming or climate change? A great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or not at all?

1.   A great deal   23%
2.   A fair amount   26
3.   Only a little   19
4.   Not at all   31
5.   DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   1

Q29.   Would you support or oppose Congress passing new legislation that would regulate energy output from private companies in an attempt to reduce global warming? Would that be strongly or somewhat?

1.   Strongly support   40%
2.   Somewhat support   27
3.   Somewhat oppose   11
4.   Strongly oppose   16
5.   DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   6

[RANDOMIZE Q30-Q31]
Q30.   Was there ever a specific instance in which you felt discriminated against by the police because of your racial or ethnic background?

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

Q31.   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   78
3.   DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   0

Q32.   Would you encourage children to play youth or high school football, or would you discourage them from it?

1. Encourage   72%
2. Discourage   21
3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   6

Q33.   **[ASK IF Q32 EQ 1]** What's the main reason why you would encourage children to play youth or high school football? Is it because you like the sport, because team sports are important, because of the culture, because of the exercise, because it builds character and discipline, because it keeps them out of trouble, or some other reason?

1. Like the sport   5%
2. Team sports are important   15
3. The culture   1
4. Exercise   13
5. Builds character and discipline   38
6. Keeps them out of trouble   19
7. Other   8
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   2

Q34.   **[ASK IF Q32 EQ 2]** What's the main reason why you would discourage children from playing youth or high school football? Is it because of the chance of injury, because of the culture, because you would prefer they do other things, or some other reason?

1. Chance of injury   71%
2. The culture   4
3. Prefer they do other things   12
4. Other   11
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   1

Q35.   Would you support or oppose legalizing the use of marijuana in the state of Texas?

1. Support   46%
2. Oppose   50
3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   4

[ASK IF Q35 EQ 2]
Q35A.   You said that you opposed legalizing the use of marijuana in Texas, would you support or oppose reducing the maximum punishment for possessing small amounts of marijuana to a citation and a fine?

1. Support   57%
2. Oppose   39
3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA   4

SECTION V:
DEMOGRAPHICS

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

AGEG.

1.	18-29	20%
2.	30-44	29
3.	45-64	34
4.	65+	16

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

1.	Urban	27%
2.	Suburban	32
3.	Small town	21
4.	Rural	16
5.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	4

MARRIED. What is your current marital status?

1.	Never married	23%
2.	Married	51
3.	Divorced	12
4.	Widowed	7
5.	Separated	4
6.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	2

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1.	One	16%
2.	Two	14
3.	Three	8
4.	Four or more	6
5.	None	53

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

1.	Boys	29%
2.	Girls	28%
3.	Both	41%
4.	DK/Refused	2%

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

1.	Less than $15,000	10%
2.	$15,0000-$25,000	12
3.	$25,000-$40,000	13
4.	$40,000-$75,000	20
5.	$75,000-$150,000	19
6.	More than $150,000	9
7.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	16

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

1.	Less than high school	5%
2.	High school	27
3.	Some college	26
4.	College degree	26
5.	Post-graduate degree (MA, LLD, PhD)	13
6.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	4

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

1.	Protestant	25%
2.	Catholic	26
3.	Other Christian	28
4.	Jewish	1
5.	Muslim, Buddhist, or other non-Christian	2
6.	Agnostic/Atheist	7
7.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	11

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

1.	Yes	69%
2.	No	26

RACE. Would you say that you are…

1.	White/Anglo-saxon	47%
2.	African American	11
3.	Hispanic	36
4.	Asian/Pacific Islander.	2
5.	Native American, or	1
6.	Multi-racial	3

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

1.	Liberal	18%
2.	Moderate, or	29
3.	Conservative.	43
4.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	10

PID7.
1.	Strong Democrat	17%
2.	Weak Democrat	9
3.	Lean Democrat	11
4.	Independent	27
5.	Lean Republican	10
6.	Weak Republican	8
7.	Strong Republican	18

GENDER. (BY OBSERVATION)

1.	MALE	50%
2.	FEMALE	50