# TEXAS LYCEUM POLL

## 2016 Texas Statewide Survey

CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT
N=1,000 ADULTS
MOE=+/-3.1 PERCENTAGE POINTS (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)
CELL PHONE SUPPLEMENT
BILINGUAL INSTRUMENT/INTERVIEWERS
September 1-11, 2016

*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   |

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


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

1.  The economy                              15%
2.  National security/terrorism              9
3.  Immigration                              8
4.  Race relations/racial issues             7
5.  The presidential race                    6
6.  Unemployment/jobs                        5
7.  Health care                              4
8.  Education                                4
9.  Political corruption/leadership          3
10. National debt                            2
11. Crime and drugs                          2
12. Moving away from Christianity/God        2
13. Poverty/Income inequality                2
14. Foreign policy                           2
15. Federal spending/budget deficit          1
16. Moral decline                            1
17. Border security                          1
18. Social welfare programs                  1
19. Environment                              1
20. Polarization/Gridlock/Partisanship       1
21. Gun violence/gun control                 1
22. Police                                   1
23. Barack Obama                             1
24. Other                                    11
25. Don't know/ NA                           8

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 |

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?

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Very good job. | 26% |
| 2. | Somewhat good job. | 32 |
| 3. | Somewhat poor job. | 13 |
| 4. | Very poor job. | 28 |
| 5. | DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 2 |

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 | 23% |
| 2. | Somewhat approve | 38 |
| 3. | Somewhat disapprove | 11 |
| 4. | Strongly disapprove | 17 |
| 5. | DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 11 |

*Thinking ahead to the 2016 Elections…*

**[Q8A-Q11: ASK ONLY OF REGISTERED VOTERS]**

*[Likely voters are defined as those respondents who are registered to vote, say that they have voted in "Every" or "Almost" every election on Q3, and are "Extremely" or "Somewhat" interested in politics on Q2]*

Q8A.    If the 2016 election for president were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE]** the Republican ticket of Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Democratic ticket of Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine, or haven't you thought enough about it?

(Among likely voters: n = 502, MOE +/- 4.37%)

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Trump/Pence | 42% |
| 2. | Clinton/Kaine | 36 |
| 3. | Haven't thought enough about it | 15 |
| 4. | DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 6 |

(Among registered: n = 862, MOE +/- 3.34%)

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Trump/Pence | 35% |
| 2. | Clinton/Kaine | 39 |
| 3. | Haven't thought enough about it | 18 |
| 4. | DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 8 |

Q8B.    And what if the candidates were **[RANDOMIZE]** the Republican ticket of Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Democratic ticket of Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine, the Libertarian ticket of Gary Johnson and Bill Weld, the Green Party ticket of Jill Stein, or haven't you thought enough about it?

(Among likely voters: n = 502, MOE +/- 4.37%)

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Trump/Pence | 39% |
| 2. | Clinton/Kaine | 32 |
| 3. | Johnson/Weld | 9 |
| 4. | Stein | 3 |
| 5. | Haven't thought enough about it/Don't know | 14 |
| 6. | DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 3 |

(Among registered: n = 862, MOE +/- 3.34%)

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Trump/Pence | 30% |
| 2. | Clinton/Kaine | 29 |
| 3. | Johnson/Weld | 10 |
| 4. | Stein | 3 |
| 5. | Haven't thought enough about it/Don't know | 24 |
| 6. | DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 3 |

Q9.    If the election for representative to the U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it?

(Among likely voters: n = 502, MOE +/- 4.37%)
|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Democratic Candidate | 31% |
| 2. | Republican Candidate | 42 |
| 3. | Someone else | 6 |
| 4. | Haven't thought enough about it/Don't know | 20 |
| 5. | DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 1 |

(Among registered: n = 862, MOE +/- 3.34%)
|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Democratic Candidate | 31% |
| 2. | Republican Candidate | 33 |
| 3. | Someone else | 8 |
| 4. | Haven't thought enough about it/Don't know | 26 |
| 5. | DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 1 |

Q10.   And if the election for representative to the Texas State House were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it?

(Among likely voters: n = 502, MOE +/- 4.37%)
|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 6. | Democratic Candidate | 31% |
| 7. | Republican Candidate | 39 |
| 8. | Someone else | 6 |
| 9. | Haven't thought enough about it/Don't know | 23 |
| 10. | DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 1 |

(Among registered: n = 862, MOE +/- 3.34%)
|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 6. | Democratic Candidate | 31% |
| 7. | Republican Candidate | 32 |
| 8. | Someone else | 6 |
| 9. | Haven't thought enough about it/Don't know | 29 |
| 10. | DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 1 |

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]**

(Among likely voters: n = 502, MOE +/- 4.37%)
|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Republican candidate | 26% |
| 2. | Democratic candidate | 34 |
| 3. | Tea Party candidate | 14 |
| 4. | Don't know | 27 |

(Among registered: n = 862, MOE +/- 3.34%)
|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Republican candidate | 24% |
| 1. | Democratic candidate | 37 |
| 2. | Tea Party candidate | 13 |
| 3. | Don't know | 27 |

Would you say that your feelings towards the following people and groups are generally favorable or unfavorable? Would that be extremely or just somewhat favorable/unfavorable? **[RANDOMIZE Q12-Q19]**

*(Among registered: n = 862, MOE +/- 3.34%; among likely voters: n = 502, MOE +/- 4.37%)*

| | | Extremely favorable | Somewhat favorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Extremely unfavorable | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Q12.** **Donald Trump** | *Adults* | 14 | 21 | 11 | 51 | 3 |
| | *Registered Voters* | 15 | 22 | 11 | 49 | 3 |
| | *Likely Voters* | 21 | 25 | 7 | 44 | 3 |
| **Q13.** **Hillary Clinton** | *Adults* | 17 | 26 | 11 | 43 | 3 |
| | *Registered Voters* | 17 | 26 | 10 | 44 | 3 |
| | *Likely Voters* | 20 | 19 | 7 | 51 | 2 |
| **Q14.** **Greg Abbott** | *Adults* | 20 | 38 | 14 | 15 | 13 |
| | *Registered Voters* | 23 | 36 | 14 | 15 | 11 |
| | *Likely Voters* | 31 | 34 | 13 | 16 | 6 |
| **Q15.** **Dan Patrick** | *Adults* | 6 | 28 | 14 | 12 | 40 |
| | *Registered Voters* | 7 | 27 | 15 | 13 | 38 |
| | *Likely Voters* | 10 | 33 | 11 | 18 | 28 |
| **Q16.** **Ken Paxton** | *Adults* | 4 | 24 | 12 | 12 | 48 |
| | *Registered Voters* | 4 | 25 | 13 | 13 | 45 |
| | *Likely Voters* | 7 | 28 | 13 | 14 | 39 |
| **Q17.** **Ted Cruz** | *Adults* | 13 | 31 | 20 | 29 | 8 |
| | *Registered Voters* | 13 | 31 | 20 | 29 | 7 |
| | *Likely Voters* | 16 | 29 | 19 | 33 | 4 |
| **Q18.** **John Cornyn** | *Adults* | 7 | 29 | 14 | 9 | 41 |
| | *Registered Voters* | 8 | 29 | 15 | 9 | 39 |
| | *Likely Voters* | 12 | 35 | 17 | 11 | 25 |
| **Q19.** **Barack Obama** | *Adults* | 26 | 28 | 15 | 29 | 2 |
| | *Registered Voters* | 27 | 27 | 14 | 30 | 2 |
| | *Likely Voters* | 27 | 19 | 13 | 40 | 1 |

Regardless of how you intend to vote for president in 2016, which candidate do you think would do a better job handling each of the following issues – Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump? **[RANDOMIZE Q20-Q28]**

*(Among registered: n = 862, MOE +/- 3.34%; among likely voters: n = 502, MOE +/- 4.37%)*

| | Registered Voters | | | Likely Voters | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Hillary Clinton | Donald Trump | Don't know | Hillary Clinton | Donald Trump | Don't know |
| **Q20. Immigration** | 49 | 43 | 8 | 42 | 50 | 7 |
| **Q21. Terrorism** | 43 | 46 | 12 | 42 | 49 | 9 |
| **Q22. The Economy** | 43 | 47 | 10 | 40 | 52 | 9 |
| **Q23. Foreign Policy** | 55 | 34 | 10 | 49 | 42 | 9 |
| **Q24. Health Care** | 49 | 41 | 10 | 44 | 48 | 8 |
| **Q25. The Environment** | 58 | 28 | 14 | 50 | 37 | 14 |
| **Q26. Crime** | 40 | 48 | 12 | 37 | 53 | 10 |
| **Q27. Education** | 56 | 33 | 12 | 48 | 42 | 11 |
| **Q28. Changing the culture of Washington, D.C.** | 33 | 58 | 13 | 29 | 58 | 13 |

## SECTION II:
## PERSONAL ECONOMIC PERCEPTIONS

Q29.    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.           | 29% |
| 2. | Worse off.            | 34  |
| 3. | About the same.       | 35  |
| 4. | DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 2   |

Q30.    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.           | 30% |
| 2. | Worse off.            | 19  |
| 3. | About the same.       | 50  |
| 4. | DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 1   |

Q31.    Do you think Texas's economy is better off, worse off, or about the same as the rest of the country?

|    |                      |     |
|----|----------------------|-----|
| 1. | Better off           | 60% |
| 2. | Worse off            | 11  |
| 3. | About the same       | 25  |
| 4. | DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 4 |

Q32.    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           | 42% |
| 2. | Worse off            | 29  |
| 3. | About the same       | 20  |
| 4. | DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 9 |

## 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. | $15,0000-$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]**

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Less than high school | 5% |
| 2. | High school | 17 |
| 3. | Some college | 28 |
| 4. | College degree | 32 |
| 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 | 18% |
| 2. | Catholic | 32 |
| 3. | Other Christian | 31 |
| 4. | Jewish | 0 |
| 5. | Muslim, Buddhist, or other non-Christian | 3 |
| 6. | Agnostic/Atheist | 7 |
| 7. | DON'T KNOW/REFUSED | 8 |

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

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Yes | 74% |
| 2. | No | 26 |

RACE. Would you say that you are…

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | White/Anglo | 46% |
| 2. | African American | 12% |
| 3. | Hispanic | 36% |
| 4. | Other. | 6% |

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

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Liberal | 23% |
| 2. | Moderate, or | 33 |
| 3. | Conservative. | 40 |
| 4. | DON'T KNOW/REFUSED | 4 |

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.*