

**Emerson College Polling Society**  
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**2014 Texas Governor's Race and Issues**

Hello, I'm calling from the Emerson College Polling society to conduct a very brief public opinion survey regarding **the Texas Governor's race and current political issues**. I am not selling anything, and at no time will I ask you for a contribution or a donation. You will not be added to any mailing list as a result of your participation. The survey will likely take about **10** minutes. At the end of the survey you will have the option to have a report sent to your home. Your name will, at no time, be linked to your responses. If you do not want to participate, you may withdraw at any time.

**AFFIRMATION OF INFORMED CONSENT: A**

Please answer yes or no to the following question:

Do you understand that the information from this survey will be used only to learn about public opinion regarding communication issues and that you are under no obligation to participate?

Press 1 for YES ..... 1

Press 2 for NO ..... 2

**IF PARTICIPANT INDICATES "YES," CONTINUE WITH THE SURVEY. IF PARTICIPANT INDICATES "NO," THANK THE PARTICIPANT FOR THEIR TIME AND END THE SURVEY.**

**SCREENING FOR ADULT PARTICIPANTS: B**

Please answer yes or no to the following question:

Are you age 18 or older?

Press 1 for YES ..... 1

Press 2 for NO ..... 2

1. Mid-term elections will be held in November to elect a new governor...members of Congress...and candidates for many local offices. How likely are you to vote in the November election?

Press 1 for Very likely

Press 2 for Somewhat likely

Press 3 for Not sure

Press 4 for Somewhat unlikely

Press 5 for Very unlikely

2. Are you currently registered as a Democrat, Republican, Independent or Other...or are you not registered?

Press 1 for Republican

Press 2 for Democrat  
Press 3 for Independent or other  
Press 4 for Not registered

3. What is your gender?  
Press 1 for Female  
Press 2 for Male

4. I am now going to read you the names of several Texas political figures. Please tell me if your opinion of each one is favorable, unfavorable, unsure, or you have never heard of the person. We'll start with Texas Governor Rick Perry.

Is your opinion of Rick Perry generally favorable or unfavorable?  
Press 1 for Favorable  
Press 2 for Unfavorable  
Press 3 for Not sure  
Press 4 for Never heard of him

5. Is your opinion of U.S. Senator Ted Cruz generally favorable or unfavorable?  
Press 1 for Favorable  
Press 2 for Unfavorable  
Press 3 for Not sure  
Press 4 for Never Heard of him

6. Is your opinion of Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott generally favorable or unfavorable?  
Press 1 for Favorable  
Press 2 for Unfavorable  
Press 3 for Not sure  
Press 4 for Never Heard of him

7. Is your opinion of Texas State Senator Wendy Davis generally favorable or unfavorable?  
Press 1 for Favorable  
Press 2 for Unfavorable  
Press 3 for Not sure  
Press 4 for Never heard of her

8. The primary election for the Governorship of Texas was held on March 4. Did you vote in the Democratic primary, the Republican primary, or neither?

Press 1 for Democratic primary

Press 2 for Republican primary

Press 3 for Neither

9. If the November election for governor was held today and the candidates were Democrat Wendy Davis and Republican Greg Abbott, who would you vote for?

Press 1 for Wendy Davis

Press 2 for Greg Abbott

Press 3 for Not sure

10. Regardless of who you plan to vote for in the governor's race, who do you expect to *win* the election?

Press 1 for Wendy Davis

Press 2 for Greg Abbott

Press 3 for Not sure

11. Critics of Wendy Davis say that she misrepresented some of the details about her life when she was a single mother. Do you believe these claims about her are true, false or are you not sure?

Press 1 for True

Press 2 for False

Press 3 for Not sure

12. Greg Abbott has been criticized for campaigning with gun-rights supporter Ted Nugent, who, in the recent past, called President Obama a "subhuman mongrel". Do you think Nugent's support helps, hurts or has no effect on Abbott's campaign?

Press 1 for Helps

Press 2 for Hurts

Press 3 for No effect

13. Now I am going to ask your opinion on some of the issues affecting Texas, its people and and its economy. We'll start with fracking.

"Fracking" is a process that is used to extract oil and natural gas by injecting water and chemicals under high pressure into the bedrock. Based on what you know today, what is your opinion of fracking? Do you strongly approve...somewhat approve...somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove?

Press 1 for Strongly approve

Press 2 for Somewhat approve  
Press 3 for Somewhat disapprove  
Press 4 for Strongly disapprove

14. Texas recently put in place more strict requirements for voter identification. How confident are you that you currently have a valid form of voter ID?

Press 1 for Very confident  
Press 2 for Somewhat confident  
Press 3 Not sure  
Press 4 if you think you Do *not* have a valid form of voter ID

15. Do you believe the issue of climate change is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to the United States?

Press 1 for Major threat  
Press 2 for Minor threat  
Press 3 for Not a threat  
Press 4 for Not sure

16. What do you think should be our leaders' top priority for immigration reform? Is it creating a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants...securing U.S. borders...Doing both equally...Doing neither...Or do you oppose all immigration reform?

Press 1 for a Path to citizenship  
Press 2 for Securing the borders  
Press 3 for Doing both equally  
Press 4 for Doing neither  
Press 5 for Oppose all immigration reform

17. What phrase best describes your views on abortion? Are you pro-life, pro-choice, unsure, or does the issue not matter to you?

Press 1 for Pro-life  
Press 2 for Pro-choice  
Press 3 for Unsure  
Press 4 for Doesn't matter

18. Under what circumstances if any, do you believe abortion should be allowed? The options are: any time before the third trimester, as allowed under Supreme Court rulings,...any time up to 20 weeks...only in cases of rape or incest or to protect the life of the mother...or abortion should never be allowed.

Press 1 for Any time before the third trimester,  
as allowed under Supreme Court rulings

Press 2 for Any time up to 20 weeks

Press 3 for Only in cases of rape, incest or to protect the life of the mother

Press 4 for Abortion should never be allowed

19. Have you or anyone you know signed up for Obamacare, also called the Affordable Care Act?

Press 1 for Yes

Press 2 for No

20. Do you personally know anyone (including yourself or your family) who is a Texas resident and has no health insurance coverage?

Press 1 for Yes

Press 2 for No

21. In your opinion, is Texas heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?

Press 1 for Right direction

Press 2 for Wrong direction

Press 3 for Not sure

22. What is your age category?

Press 1 for 18-34

Press 2 for 35-54

Press 3 for 55-74

Press 4 for 75 and above

23. Do you support increasing the national minimum wage from its current rate of \$7.25 an hour to the proposed rate of \$10.10 an hour?

Press 1 for Yes

Press 2 for No

24. What is your race?

Press 1 for White

Press 2 for African-American

Press 3 for Hispanic or Latino

Press 4 for Asian

Press 5 for Other

25. What term best describes your religious beliefs? The options are Atheist or agnostic, Catholic, Jewish, Evangelical, mainstream Protestant or Other?

Press 1 for Atheist or agnostic

Press 2 for Catholic

Press 3 for Jewish

Press 4 for Evangelical

Press 5 for Mainstream Protestant

Press 6 for Other

26. If you would like a completed copy of the survey please give us your address.

Thank you for your cooperation. That completes our survey!