



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
Department of Political Science

## Earl Survey Research Lab™

### Political Science Class Survey – 2016 Election

**N = 518 Registered Voters**

**MOE ±4.2**

**Cell Phone and Landline**

**\* denotes answers where respondents made up less than 1%**

*From October 11 to November 3, 2016, undergraduate students conducted interviews as part of a class project who were enrolled in Political Analysis and Environmental Law, taught by Dr. Jared Perkins, and Introduction to American Government, taught by Dr. Sara Norman.*

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#### **Introduction**

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm a student at Texas Tech University, and we are conducting an election survey about policy preferences of Texas voters. May I speak to an adult living in this household?

- 1 Adult living in the household is on the phone
- 2 Respondent not available now

- 6 Language Barrier
- 7 Physically or Mentally Incompetent
- 8 No adults live in household (Under 18)

- 9 Refused

#### **Question [AGREE]**

Your number was selected at random and your answers will be completely confidential. If I ask a question you do not want to answer, just let me know and I will go on to the next one. You may stop the survey at any time. This survey should take less than 10 minutes. May I continue?

- 1 CONTINUE
- 2 REFUSE

**Q1**

Did you happen to vote in the primary election for president this year?

1 Yes 61%

2 No 37%

8 DK 2%

9 REF

*If 2, 8, or 9, skip to Q3*

**Q2**

Who did you vote for in the primary for president election?

DO NOT READ ANSWER OPTIONS

REPUBLICAN

1 Ted Cruz 15%

2 Donald J. Trump 31%

3 Marco Rubio 8%

4 John R. Kasich 2%

5 Ben Carson 2%

6 Jeb Bush\*

7 Rand Paul\*

8 Mike Huckabee\*

9 Elizabeth Gray

10 Chris Christie

11 Carly Fiorina

12 Rick Santorum\*

13 Lindsey Graham

DEMOCRAT

14 Hillary Clinton 23%

15 Bernie Sanders 9%

16 Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente

17 Martin J. O'Malley

18 Willie L. Wilson

19 Keith Judd

20 Calvis L. Hawes

21 Star Locke

22 DK 3%

23 REF 5%

**Q3**

If the election for President was held today, would you vote for Democrat Hillary Clinton, Republican Donald Trump, Libertarian Gary Johnson, Green Party Jill Stein, some other candidate, or you do not plan to vote? **[ROTATED]**

- 1 Democrat Hillary Clinton 34%
- 2 Republican Donald Trump 50%
- 3 Libertarian Gary Johnson 5%
- 4 Green Party Jill Stein 2%
- 5 Some other candidate 2%
- 6 I do not plan to vote\*

8 DK 5%

9 REF 1%

*If 6, skip to Q33*

**Q4**

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ted Cruz is handling his job as a United States Senator for Texas?

[CALLER: 'If not sure/don't know,' probe with, "It doesn't have to be specific, just in general, would you say more approve or more disapprove?"]

- 1 Approve 44%
- 2 Disapprove 36%

8 DK 18%

9 REF 2%

**Q5**

Are you aware that Ted Cruz can be challenged for his seat in the U.S Senate in the Republican primary election of 2018?

- 1 Yes, I am aware 62%
- 2 No, I am NOT aware 37%

- 8 DK 2%
- 9 REF\*

*If 2 or 8, skip to Q7.*

**Q6**

Would you vote for that challenger in the Republican primary election for 2018?

- 1 Yes 29%
- 2 No 29%

- 8 DK 40%
- 9 REF 2%

**Q7**

Are you aware that President Obama nominated Merrick Garland to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court?

- 1 Yes, I am aware 56%
- 2 No, I am NOT aware 43%

- 8 DK 1%
- 9 REF\*

*If 2 or 8, skip to Q9*

**Q8**

Do you think the Senate should or should not confirm Merrick Garland to the U.S. Supreme Court?

- 1 Should confirm 44%
- 2 Should NOT confirm 46%

- 8 DK 7%
- 9 REF 3%

-----Block 1 [ROTATE]-----

**Now I am going to ask you some questions about Texas political issues.**

**Q9**

Are you aware that the Texas Legislature passed a bill that allows people with concealed handgun licenses to carry guns into some college buildings and classrooms?

- 1 Yes, I am aware 89%
- 2 No, I am NOT aware 10%

- 8 DK 1%
- 9 REF\*

*If 2 or 8, skip to Q11*

**Q10**

Do you approve or disapprove of this bill?

- 1 Approve 59%
- 2 Disapprove 37%

- 8 DK 4%
- 9 REF\*

**Q11**

In general, do you think that transgender students in public schools have the right to use bathrooms matching their identity?

1 Yes 35%

2 No 52%

8 DK 10%

9 REF 4%

**Q12**

In general, do you think that transgender people have the right to use public bathrooms matching their identity?

1 Yes 44%

2 No 48%

8 DK 5%

9 REF 3%

**Q13**

Are you aware that Governor Greg Abbott filed a lawsuit against the federal government to prohibit refugees from Syria to enter the state of Texas?

1 Yes, I am aware 73%

2 No, I am NOT aware 26%

8 DK 1%

9 REF\*

*If 2 or 8, skip to Q15.*

**Q14**

Do you support Governor Greg Abbott's decision to deny refugees entrance into the state of Texas?

1 Yes 65%

2 No 31%

8 DK 4%

9 REF\*

**Q15**

Do you support a Muslim women's right to wear a hijab that covers her head?

1 Yes 77%

2 No 18%

8 DK 4%

9 REF 1%

**Q16**

Do you believe that citizens should have the right to ban fracking for natural gas in their city limits?

1 Yes 67%

2 No 16%

8 DK 15%

9 REF 2%

-----Block 2 [ROTATE]-----

**Q17**

Do you support Donald Trump's policy to temporarily ban Muslims from entering the United States?

1 Yes 47%

2 No 45%

8 DK 6%

9 REF 2%

**Q18**

Do you support Donald Trump's policy to build a wall between the United States and Mexico?

1 Yes 48%

2 No 48%

8 DK 4%

9 REF\*

-----Block 3 [ROTATE]-----

**Q19**

Do you think Hillary Clinton's email investigation has made her more or less trustworthy?

1 More trustworthy 8%

2 Less trustworthy 80%

8 DK 10%

9 REF 2%



**Q20**

Do you support Hillary Clinton's plan to make college debt-free for public universities?

1 Yes 42%

2 No 54%

8 DK 4%

9 REF\*

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**Q21[PARTYGEN]**

Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

1 Republican 37%

2 Democrat 23%

3 Independent 27%

4 Something else 11%

8 DK 1%

9 REF\*

*If 2, skip to Q21b*

*If 3, skip to Q21c*

*If 4, 8, or 9, skip to Q22*

**Q21a [PARTYREP]**

Do you consider yourself to be a strong or not so strong Republican?

1 Strong 71%

2 Not so strong 25%

8 DK 3%

9 REF 1%

*If 2, 8, or 9, skip to Q22.*

**Q21b [PARTYDEM]**

Do you consider yourself to be a strong or not so strong Democrat?

1 Strong 73%  
2 Not so strong 26%

8 DK 1%  
9 REF\*

*If 2, 8, or 9, skip to Q22.*

**Q21c [PARTYIND]**

Do you lean more toward the Republican Party or the Democratic Party or Neither? **[ROTATED]**

1 Republican 40%  
2 Democrat 25%  
3 NEITHER 34%

8 DK\*  
9 REF 1%

**Q22[IDEOSOC]**

How would you describe your political views – very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal, or very liberal **[REVERSE RANDOMLY]**

1 Very conservative 2%  
2 Conservative 13%  
3 Moderate 32%  
4 Liberal 31%  
5 Very liberal 12%

8 DK 8%  
9 REF 2%

**Q23**

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- 1 Less than high school 1%
- 2 High school diploma/GED 16%
- 3 Some college, no degree 17%
- 4 Two-year degree (Associate's degree) 15%
- 5 Four-year degree (Bachelor's degree) 31%
- 6 Graduate or professional degree (Master's, Doctorate) 19%
  
- 8 DK\*
- 9 REF 1%

**Q24**

Do you currently have any children that are in grade school?  
(K-12)

- 1 Yes 27%
- 2 No 73%
  
- 8 DK\*
- 9 REF

**Q25**

Do you currently have any children that are in college?

- 1 Yes 22%
- 2 No 78%
  
- 8 DK
- 9 REF

**Q26**

Are, yourself, a member of a church, synagogue, or mosque?

1 Yes 67%

2 No 32%

8 DK\*

9 REF

**Q27**

What is your current marital status?

1 Single/never married 23%

2 Not married but living with partner 1%

3 Married 58%

4 Separated 1%

5 Widowed 6%

6 Divorced 10%

8 DK 1%

9 REF\*

**Q28**

In what year were you born?

1 18-24 years old 7%

2 25-34 years old 12%

3 35-44 years old 16%

4 45-54 years old 23%

5 55-64 years old 20%

6 65-74 years old 14%

7 75+ years old 8%

**Q29**

Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

1 Yes 16%

2 No 83%

8 DK 1%

9 REF 1%

**Q30**

What race do you consider yourself to be?

1 White 73%

2 African-American 9%

3 Hispanic or Latino 10%

4 Asian/Pacific Islander 1%

5 Native American 1%

6 Multi-racial 1%

7 Other 2%

8 DK\*

9 REF 2%

**Q31**

Do you consider yourself to be living in a metropolitan area, a suburban area, or a rural community?

1 Metropolitan area 31%

2 Suburban area 41%

3 Rural community 26%

8 DK 2%

9 REF\*

**cell1 (landline version only)**

Do you happen to have a cell phone, or not?

1 Yes 88%

2 No 12%

9 REF 1%

**cell2 (landline version only)**

Thinking about all the phone calls you receive, do you receive more calls on your cell phone, or more calls on your regular home phone, or is it about equal?

1 More on cell 36%

2 More on regular home phone 40%

3 About the same 24%

9 REF 1%

**cell3 (cell version only)**

Is a cell phone your only phone, or do you also have a regular phone where you currently live?

1 Regular phone also 27%

2 Cell only phone 72%

9 REF 2%

**cell4 (cell version only)**

Thinking about all the phone calls you receive, do you receive more calls on your cell phone, or more calls on your regular home phone, or is it about equal?

1 More on cell 70%

2 More on regular home phone 11%

3 About the same 17%

9 REF 2%

## **gender**

Those are all of the questions that I have. Thank you very much for participating. If you have any questions, you may call Dr. Sara Norman at the survey lab at 806-834-7364. Texas Tech University has an Institutional Research Board that protects the rights of people who participate in research. If you have questions, please call 806-742-2064.

*END SURVEY*

RECORD RESPONDENT'S GENDER

1 MALE 51%

2 FEMALE 49%