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Political Science Class Survey – 2017 Post-Election

N = 442 Registered Voters

MOE ±4.6

Cell Phone and Landline

*** Denotes answers where respondents made up less than 1%**

From March 20 to April 13, 2017, ESRL employees and undergraduate students conducted interviews as part of a class project who were enrolled in Political Analysis, taught by Dr. Jared Perkins, and Introduction to American Government, taught by Dr. Sara Norman.

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

Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Donald Trump** is handling his job as President of the United States?

[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 43%
- 2 Disapprove 49%

- 8 DK 6%
- 9 REF 1%

Q2

I would like your opinion about some possible international concerns for the U.S. Please rate the concerns as a major threat, minor threat, or not a threat. [RANDOMIZE] [PEW]

Q2_1 China's emergence as a world power

- 1 Major threat 42%
- 2 Minor threat 42%
- 3 Not a threat 13%

- 8 DK 3%
- 9 REF *

Q2_2 Tensions with Russia

- 1 Major threat 48%
- 2 Minor threat 39%
- 3 Not a threat 9%

- 8 DK 3%
- 9 REF *

Q2_3 The Islamic militant group in Iraq and Syria, known as ISIS

- 1 Major threat 79%
- 2 Minor threat 17%
- 3 Not a threat 2%

- 8 DK 1%
- 9 REF

Q2_4 Cyberattacks from other countries [CALLER: IF RESPONDNET ASKS FOR CLARIFICATION, SAY "Hacker attacks" OR "internet attacks."]

- 1 Major threat 73%
- 2 Minor threat 20%
- 3 Not a threat 5%

- 8 DK 2%
- 9 REF *

Q2_5 A large number of refugees leaving countries such as Iraq and Syria

- 1 Major threat 41%
- 2 Minor threat 37%
- 3 Not a threat 19%

- 8 DK 2%
- 9 REF

Q3

Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's ban on immigration from Muslim countries?

- 1 Approve 44%
- 2 Disapprove 49%

- 8 DK 6%
- 9 REF 1%

Q4

Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage, or is that not the responsibility of the federal government? [PEW]

- 1 Yes, government is responsible 45%
- 2 No, government is not responsible 48%

- 8 DK 5%
- 9 REF 1%

If 1, skip to Q4a.

If 2, skip to Q4b.

If 8 or 9, skip to Q5.

Q4a

Should health insurance:

- 1 Be provided through a single national health insurance system run by the government 60%
- 2 Continue to be provided through a mix of private insurance companies and government programs 35%

- 8 DK 3%
- 9 REF 2%

Q4b

Should the government:

- 1 Not be involved in providing health insurance at all 32%
- 2 Continue programs like Medicare and Medicaid for seniors and the very poor 68%

- 8 DK *
- 9 REF

Q5

How much, if anything, have you heard about Donald Trump’s choice of Neil Gorsuch to be the next Supreme Court justice? Have you heard: [PEW]

- 1 A lot 39%
- 2 A little 36%
- 3 Nothing at all 25%

- 8 DK *
- 9 REF

Q6

From what you’ve seen and heard so far, do you think the Senate should or should not confirm Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court? [PEW]

- 1 Should confirm 43%
- 2 Should NOT confirm 25%

- 8 DK 28%
- 9 REF 3%

Q7

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

Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Greg Abbott** is handling his job as Governor of 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 54%
- 2 Disapprove 30%

- 8 DK 15%
- 9 REF 1%

Q8

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 47%
- 2 Disapprove 38%

- 8 DK 14%
- 9 REF 2%

Q9

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 67%
- 2 No, I am NOT aware 31%

- 8 DK 2%
- 9 REF *

If 2 or 8, skip to Q11.

Q10

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

- 1 Yes 41%
- 2 No 22%

- 8 DK 36%
- 9 REF 1%

-----Each of these appear individually and randomly.-----

Q11

If you had to choose, which comes closest to your view? Transgender people should be: [PEW]

1 Allowed to use the public restrooms of the gender with which they currently identify 37%

2 Required to use the public restrooms of the gender they were born into 49%

8 DK 10%

9 REF 4%

Q12

Are you aware that most Texas school districts teach abstinence-only sex education or no sex education?

1 Yes, I am aware 54%

2 No, I am NOT aware 44%

8 DK 1%

9 REF *

Q13

Do you support abstinence-only sex education or would you prefer that Texas school districts adopt a more comprehensive approach?

1 Abstinence-only sex education 14%

2 Adopt a more comprehensive approach 77%

8 DK 8%

9 REF 1%

Q14

Do you support the new requirement in Texas that medical clinics must bury the fetal remains from an abortion procedure?

1 Yes, I support the requirement 42%

2 No, I do NOT support the requirement 46%

8 DK 9%

9 REF 2%

Q15

Do you think marriages between gay and lesbian couples should or should not be recognized by the law as valid?

- 1 Should be recognized as valid 64%
- 2 Should NOT be recognized as valid 28%

- 8 DK 4%
- 9 REF 3%

Q16

The Texas Supreme Court will soon hear a case regarding whether same-sex married couples are entitled to the legal benefits of marriage (such as insurance coverage for a spouse). Do you think same-sex married couples are entitled to the full benefits of marriage?

- 1 Yes, they are entitled to the full benefits 68%
- 2 No, they are NOT entitled to the full benefits 27%

- 8 DK 3%
- 9 REF 1%

Q17

Do you think Texas should legalize medical marijuana, legalize marijuana in general, should not legalize marijuana at all, or you need more information?

- 1 Legalize medical marijuana 25%
- 2 Legalize marijuana in general 43%
- 3 Should not legalize marijuana at all 21%
- 4 Needs more information 8%

- 8 DK 2%
- 9 REF *

Q18

Do you support the current policy of using a portion of the property taxes from areas with expensive real estate to fund schools in areas with lower property values?

1 Yes 68%

2 No 24%

8 DK 7%

9 REF 1%

Q19

Do you support an increase in the state funding for the Texas Child Protective Services agency?

1 Yes 80%

2 No 10%

8 DK 9%

9 REF 1%

Q20

Do you support the continued enforcement and protections for species under the Endangered Species Act?

1 Yes 84%

2 No 7%

8 DK 7%

9 REF 2%

Q21

Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to protect all endangered species listed under the Endangered Species Act, even those found only in Texas?

1 Yes 69%

2 No 23%

8 DK 7%

9 REF 1%

Q22[PARTYGEN]

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

- 1 Republican 33%
- 2 Democrat 20%
- 3 Independent 30%
- 4 Something else 15%

- 8 DK 2%
- 9 REF *

If 2, skip to Q22b

If 3, skip to Q22c

If 4, 8, or 9, skip to Q23

Q22a [PARTYREP]

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

- 1 Strong 79%
- 2 Not so strong 18%

- 8 DK 2%
- 9 REF *

If 2, 8, or 9, skip to Q23.

Q22b [PARTYDEM]

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

- 1 Strong 82%
- 2 Not so strong 17%

- 8 DK 1%
- 9 REF *

If 2, 8, or 9, skip to Q23.

Q22c [PARTYIND]

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

- 1 Republican 58%
- 2 Democrat 17%
- 3 NEITHER 24%

- 8 DK *
- 9 REF

Q23[IDEOSOC]

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

- 1 Very conservative 9%
- 2 Conservative 17%
- 3 Moderate 32%
- 4 Liberal 25%
- 5 Very liberal 12%

- 8 DK 4%
- 9 REF 1%

Q24

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- 1 Less than high school 1%
- 2 High school diploma/GED 13%
- 3 Some college, no degree 19%
- 4 Trade School 2%
- 5 Two-year degree (Associate's degree) 12%
- 6 Four-year degree (Bachelor's degree) 32%
- 7 Graduate or professional degree (Master's, Doctorate) 21%

- 8 DK
- 9 REF *

Q25

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

1 Yes 26%

2 No 74%

8 DK

9 REF

Q26

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

1 Yes 61%

2 No 39%

8 DK *

9 REF *

Q27

What is your current marital status?

1 Single/never married 31%

2 Not married but living with partner 4%

3 Married 53%

4 Separated

5 Widowed 6%

6 Divorced 6%

8 DK

9 REF *

Q28

In what year were you born?

- 1 18-24 years old 4%
- 2 25-34 years old 9%
- 3 35-44 years old 13%
- 4 45-54 years old 23%
- 5 55-64 years old 20%
- 6 65-74 years old 20%
- 7 75+ years old 12%

Q29

Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- 1 Yes 20%
- 2 No 79%

99 DK/REF *

Q30

What race do you consider yourself to be?

- 1 White 62%
- 2 African-American 13%
- 3 Hispanic or Latino 15%
- 4 Asian/Pacific Islander 1%
- 5 Native American 2%
- 6 Multi-racial 3%
- 7 Other 4%

- 8 DK 1%
- 9 REF 1%

Q31

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

- 1 Metropolitan area 28%
- 2 Suburban area 45%
- 3 Rural community 27%

- 8 DK 1%
- 9 REF

Q32a cell1 (landline version only)

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

- 1 Yes 82%
- 2 No 18%

- 9 REF

Q32b 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 46%
- 2 More on regular home phone 19%
- 3 About the same 35%

- 9 REF

Q32a 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 16%
- 2 Cell only phone 84%

- 9 REF

Q32b 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 78%
- 2 More on regular home phone 5%
- 3 About the same 18%

9 REF

Q33 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 53%
- 2 FEMALE 47%