

Texas Pre-Primary Poll 2/11/10

N=2017 Total Respondents

N=1508 Registered Voters

N=464 Likely Republican Primary Voters

3. If the Republican Primary for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Kay Bailey Hutchison, Rick Perry, and Debra Medina, for whom would you vote? (CANDIDATES ROTATED)

(IF NOT SURE, ASK): **Toward which candidate are you leaning? N=464 Likely Republican voters**

1.	Kay Bailey Hutchison	29%
2.	Rick Perry	45%
3.	Debra Medina	17%
4.	Not vote	--
8.	Not Sure	8
9.	Refuse	2

4. How certain are you that you will vote for.... (CHOICE IN Q3)

	<u>Hutchison</u>	<u>Perry</u>	<u>Medina</u>	
1. Absolutely certain	56		66	55
2. Fairly certain		36		31
3. Not too certain		3		3
4. Not certain at all		5		1
8. Not Sure		--		--
9. Refuse		--		--

ROTATE #5 & #6

5. If the November General Election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Rick Perry, the Republican and Bill White the Democrat; for whom would you vote? (CANDIDATES ROTATED)(IF NOT SURE, ASK): Toward which candidate are you leaning? **N=1508 Registered voters**

1.	Perry	43%
2.	Bill White	37
4.	Other	1
5.	Would not vote	5
8.	Not sure/	13
9.	NA/Refuse	2

6. If the November General Election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Kay Bailey Hutchison, the Republican and Bill White the Democrat, for whom would you vote? (CANDIDATES ROTATED)(IF NOT SURE, ASK): Toward which candidate are you leaning?

1.	Hutchison	42%
2.	Bill White	34
4.	Other	1
5.	Would not vote	5
8.	Not sure/	15
9.	/Refuse	2

ROTATE #7 & #8

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Rick Perry is doing as Governor?

	<u>N=1508 Reg. Voters</u>	<u>Feb 2006</u>
1. Approve	46%	47%
2. Disapprove	38%	38%
3. Not sure/	14	14
4. NA/Refuse	2	--

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kay Bailey Hutchison is doing as Senator?

1. Approve		48%
2. Disapprove	27	
3. Not sure/		22
4. NA/Refuse		3

9. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Bill White or haven't you heard enough about him to have an opinion?

1. Favorable		23%
2. Unfavorable		7
3. Not heard enough	65	
8. Not sure/		--
9. Refuse		5

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President?

1 Approve		40%
2 Disapprove		48
8 Not sure/		10
9 NA/Refuse		2

11. Generally speaking, would you say things in Texas are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?"

1 right direction		53%
2 wrong track		35
8. Not Sure/		12
9. Refuse		1

12. Do you think there should be term limits on how long a person can serve as Texas governor, or not?

1. Yes		75%
2. No	21	
8. Not Sure/		4
9. Refuse		1

13. Which is more important in your vote in the TX republican primary for Governor in March ? (READ/ROTATE 1&2)

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1. TX state issues the Governor will have to deal with		71%
or		
2. Sending Washington a message.		25%
8. Not Sure/		5
9. Refuse		--

14. Which ONE of the following issues is MOST important to your vote in the March primary for Governor? (READ & ROTATE 1-7)

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1. Health care		7%
2. Insurance rates	4	
3. Immigration		13
4. Transportation	2	
5. Jobs and the economy	38	
6. The state budget and taxes		21
7. Education		12
8. Something else		1
88. Not Sure/		3
99. Refuse		1

15. Would you vote for a candidate for governor who supports the Roe vs. Wade court decision legalizing abortion rights?

(GOP primary only)

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| 1. | yes | 43% |
| 2. | no | 48% |
| 8. | Not Sure/ | 7% |
| 9. | Refuse not sure/refuse | 1 |

16. Do you believe illegal immigrants should:

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| 1. | Be given work visas to stay in the United States | 23% |
| 2. | Be allowed to get on a path of citizenship | 29 |
| 3. | Be deported to their country of origin | 38 |
| 8. | Not Sure | 9 |
| 9. | Refuse | 2 |

17. Texas state government is expected to have a large budget deficit next year. The vast majority of the state budget goes toward health care, education and highways. To balance the budget, would you prefer : (READ & ROTATE 1-4)

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| 1. | cuts in education | 7% |
| 2. | cuts in health care for the poor | 11 |
| 3. | cuts in highway funding | 41 |
| 4. | increases in state taxes and fees | 20 |
| 8. | Not Sure | 13 |
| 9. | Refuse | 8 |

18. How should TX pay for more needed highway construction? (READ/ROTATE 1-5)

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| 1. | increase state gas tax | 16% |
| 2. | Increase toll roads | 21 |
| 3. | borrow money using state bonds | 17 |
| 4. | take money from other programs. | 15 |
| 5. | allow "local option" gas taxes in metro areas | 10 |
| 6. | no more money is needed VOLUNTEERED ONLY | 3 |
| 8. | Not Sure | 17 |
| 9. | Refuse | 2 |

19. What do you think Texas should do to create more jobs? (READ/ROTATE 1-4)

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| 1. | Offer more incentives for businesses to move to Texas | 40% |
| 2. | Cut business taxes | 25 |
| 3. | Spend money on public works projects | 16 |
| 4. | Do nothing because economy will sort itself out | 9 |
| 8. | Not Sure | 8 |
| 9. | Refuse | 2 |