

Texas Freedom Network Education Fund Frequency Questionnaire

May 4-12, 2010
601 Likely voters

Q.4 First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

	Total
Yes.....	100
No	-
(ref:SCREEN1)	

2008 Vote History¹

	Total
Voted	91
Did not vote.....	9
(ref:2008 VOTE HISTORY ALLOCATED)	

2006 Vote History

	Total
Voted	66
Did not vote.....	34
(ref:2006 VOTE HISTORY ALLOCATED)	

Q.8 I know it is a long way off, but what are the chances of your voting in the election for Governor, Congress, and other state-wide and local offices this November: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or do you not think you will vote?

	Total
Almost certain	84
Probably.....	14
50-50.....	1
Don't think I will vote	-
(Don't know/refused).....	-
(ref:WILLVOTE)	

¹ Greenberg Quinlan Rosner employs a hybrid voter screen to determine likely voters that is based on vote history from the voter file when available, self-reported vote history when vote history is not available and stated intention to vote in 2010. Likelihood of voting for each combination of these variables is estimated based on an analysis of data from the last like election in 2006 and only those voters with a high probability of voting are included in the sample. The vote history tables combine data from the voter file for those respondents who are on the file and self-reported vote history for those who are not on the file.

Q.9 In Texas, there are primaries to nominate candidates for Governor, state legislature and other offices. Very few people vote in these party primaries. Thinking about the recent primary in Texas that took place on March 2 this year, were you able to vote in that primary, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total
Voted	50
Ineligible/too young	3
Did not vote	45
Can't remember/don't know	3
Refused	-
(ref:VOTEPRIM)	

Q.10 Thinking about the election for STATE LEGISLATURE in November, if the general election for state legislature were held today, for whom would you vote -- the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	Total
Democratic candidate	31
Lean Democratic candidate	4
Republican candidate	49
Lean Republican candidate	6
(Undecided/Refused)	11
Total Democratic candidate	34
Total Republican candidate	54
(ref:LEGVOTE)	

Q.12 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Separation of church and state is a key principle of our Constitution."

	Total
Strongly agree	51
Somewhat agree	16
Somewhat disagree	7
Strongly disagree	19
(Don't know/refused)	6
Total agree	68
Total disagree	26
Agree - Disagree	41
(ref:CHURCHSTATE)	

Q.13 Who do you think should be responsible for writing curriculum standards and textbook requirements for Texas' public schools:

Teachers and academic scholars

OR

An elected state school board?

	Total
Teachers and academic scholars - Strongly	64
Teachers and academic scholars - Not so strongly	9
Elected school board - Not so strongly	5
Elected school board - Strongly	13
(Neither/Other)	4
(Don't know/refused)	5
Total teachers	72
Total elected school board	19
Teachers - Elected school board	54
(ref:CURRIC1)	

Q.14 Thinking about the Texas State Board of Education, are you LESS likely or MORE likely to support a candidate for the state school board who home schools their own children or sends them to private school instead of public school, or does that have no impact?

	Total
Much less likely	27
Somewhat less likely	15
No impact	41
Somewhat more likely	5
Much more likely	10
(Don't know/refused)	3
Total less likely	42
Total more likely	14
Less - More	28
(ref:ATTENDPUBLIC)	

Q.15 Now I am going to describe several issues. Please tell me whether you support or oppose each one.

	Strng Supp	Smwt Supp	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	DK/ Ref	Total Supp	Total Opp	Supp - Opp
15 Using public tax-payer money to fund vouchers to allow some students to attend private schools, including parochial and religious schools.....	26	16	15	40	3	42	55	-13
16 Teaching about contraception, such as condoms and other birth control, along with abstinence, in high school sex-education classes.....	62	17	6	13	1	80	19	61
17 Requiring public schools to protect all children from bullying, harassment, and discrimination in school, including the children of gay and lesbian parents or teenagers who are gay (ref:SOCIALISSUE)	73	15	3	6	3	88	9	78

Q.18 Thinking about the education in public schools in Texas today, would you rather see religion have more influence, the same amount of influence, or less influence on education in Texas public schools than it does now?

	Total
More influence	49
The same amount of influence	26
Less influence	21
(Don't know/refused).....	5
More - Less	28
(ref:SCHRELIGROLE)	

Q.19 Now I would like to ask you about something a little different. As you may know, the Texas State Board of Education is in the process of revising the curriculum requirements for public schools in Texas. How closely have you been following what the State Board of Education is doing - very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

	Total
Very closely	10
Somewhat closely.....	44
Not too closely	25
Not at all closely.....	20
(Don't know/refused).....	1
Very/Somewhat	54
Not too/Not at all	45
(ref:ATTENTSBOE)	

Q.20 In general, do you favor or oppose the new curriculum requirements being developed by the Texas State Board of Education?

	Total
Strongly favor.....	10
Somewhat favor.....	19
Somewhat oppose.....	16
Strongly oppose.....	16
(Favor some; oppose some; Both)	4
(Don't know/refused).....	35
Total favor	29
Total oppose	32
Favor - Oppose	-3
(ref:SBOE)	

Q.21 Now let me read you some information about the Texas State Board of Education and the changes they are making to the public school curriculum.

Every ten years, the Texas State Board of Education oversees a review of curriculum requirements for the state's public schools. Teachers, scholars, and curriculum experts make initial recommendations, and then the elected Board members revise the curriculum. This year, the majority on the Board has made more than 300 changes to the 120-page document of initial recommendations. Many of these changes include adding topics to the curriculum that promote religious views and conservative political opinions. For example, the revisions include removing commonly-accepted language, facts, and descriptions from social studies and science requirements because some members of the Board hold conflicting political or religious perspectives.

Having heard this information, do you favor or oppose the new curriculum requirements being developed by the Texas State Board of Education?

	Total
Strongly favor.....	15
Somewhat favor.....	15
Somewhat oppose.....	20
Strongly oppose.....	37
(Don't know/refused).....	14
Total favor	29
Total oppose	57
Favor - Oppose	-27
(ref:SBOEINFO)	

[176 Respondents]

Q.22 (IF FAVOR IN SBOEINFO) Please describe why you FAVOR the new curriculum requirements being developed by the Texas State Board of Education?

	Total
RELIGIOUS VIEWS	27
Religion should be part of school	17
Country founded on Christian/Religious Beliefs	8
Right to practice religion	3
Country will be better off/no religion reason for so many problems	2
CONSERVATIVE VIEWS	20
Keep from going too far left/Liberal Bias in public schools	12
Restoring balance/back to traditions	6
Should teach morals/morals are important	4
CHANGE IS NEEDED	13
CURRICULUM NEEDS UPDATING	7
TEACH BOTH SIDES	6
IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF KIDS	6
ELECTED BOARD	5
NEED MORE INFO	3
NOT IN FAVOR	2
DON'T KNOW	11
OTHER	12

(ref:SBOEFAV)

[341 Respondents]

Q.23 (IF OPPOSE IN SBOEINFO) Please describe why you OPPOSE the new curriculum requirements being developed by the Texas State Board of Education?

	Total
BASED ON PERSONAL OPINIONS	21
LIMIT RELIGION IN SCHOOL	17
Oppose religious content/Should not be taught in school	11
Violates separation of church and state	6
DISTORTION OF HISTORY	16
TOO POLITICAL/TOO CONSERVATIVE	13
NOT ACADEMICS/NOT QUALIFIED	12
FORCING VIEWS ON KIDS	8
WORKS WELL THE WAY IT IS	6
SHOULD COVER ALL RELIGIONS NOT ONE	3
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	5
DO NOT OPPOSE/FAVOR IT	4
OTHER	10

(ref:SBOEOPP)

(Questions #24-46 are not being publicly released at this time.)

Q.47 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade	4
High School graduate	16
Non college post H.S.	1
Some college	28
College graduate	32
Post-graduate school.....	18
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.48 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat.....	20
Weak Democrat	10
Lean Democrat	6
Independent.....	9
Lean Republican	10
Weak Republican.....	14
Strong Republican	31
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.51 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Liberal, Moderate or Conservative?

	Total
Liberal	16
Moderate.....	34
Conservative	48
(Don't know/refused).....	2
(ref:IDEO1)	

[550 Respondents]

Q.52 (IF VOTED IN VOTE08) Earlier you said you voted in the 2008 election for President. Was 2008 the FIRST time you ever voted for President?

	Total
No	92
Yes, first time for President.....	5
Yes, first time for any office	2
(Don't know/Refused)	0
(ref:FIRST)	

Q.53 What is your religion -- Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Mormon, another Christian religion, another non-Christian religion, or do you not have a religious affiliation?

	Total
Protestant	43
Catholic.....	21
Jewish.....	0
Muslim/Islam.....	0
Mormon.....	1
Other Christian.....	19
Other non-Christian religion.....	2
Not affiliated or nothing in particular	10
(Don't now/refused).....	3
(ref:RELIG1)	

[524 Respondents]

Q.54 (SKIP IF JEWISH, MUSLIM, ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC, OR OTHER NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN RELIG1) When it comes to your religious identity, would you say you are fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal, mainline, or liberal, or do none these describe you?

	Total
Fundamentalist	11
Evangelical	11
Charismatic.....	4
Pentecostal	4
Mainline	11
Liberal	7
(No designation, or just Christian or just Protestant)	37
(Other)	7
(Don't know/refused).....	8
(ref:PROTID)	

[524 Respondents]

Q.55 (SKIP IF JEWISH, MUSLIM, ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC, OR OTHER NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN RELIG1) Would you describe yourself a born-again Christian, or no?

	Total
Yes.....	49
No	48
(Don't know/Refused)	3
(ref:BORNAGIN)	

Q.56 Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services, more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

	Total
More than once a week	23
Once a week.....	30
Once or twice a month.....	14
A few times a year	15
Seldom.....	10
Never	6
(Don't know/Refused)	2
(ref:RELIG2)	

Q.57 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger?

	Total
Yes.....	38
No	61
(Don't know/refused).....	0
(ref:KIDS)	

[230 Respondents]

Q.58 (IF YES IN KIDS) Thinking about the oldest child who still lives with you, what kind of school are they in? Is it a public school, religious school, non-religious private school, are they home-schooled, or are they not in school?

	Total
Public school.....	69
Religious school.....	8
Non-religious private school	1
Home-schooled.....	4
Not in school	16
(Post-secondary school or college)	0
(Other)	0
(Don't know/refused).....	0
(ref:KIDSCHOOL)	

Q.55 What is your race?

	Total
White.....	71
African American or Black	9
Hispanic or Latino	17
Asian or Pacific Islander	1
Native American	0
(Other)	1
(Don't know/refused).....	1
(ref:RACE)	

Q.3 In what year were you born?

	Total
18-24.....	6
25-29.....	6
30-34.....	7
35-39.....	9
40-44.....	10
45-49.....	12
50-54.....	9
55-59.....	10
60-64.....	7
Over 64	21
(No answer)	3
(ref:AGE)	

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total
Male	48
Female.....	52
(ref:GENDER)	