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Summary of Texas Statewide Voter Survey February 7-11, 2009

The following results are from a telephone survey of N=1,006 randomly selected registered voters in the state of Texas. This survey was conducted February 7-11, 2009. The margin of error to the results of this survey is +/- 3.1% at the .95 test level. Key findings from this survey are provided below.

From the outset of the survey, a large majority of voters favor allowing slot machines at Texas race tracks and on Indian reservations. Support ranges from 56% of conservative Republicans to 76% of moderate/liberal Democrats. In addition, 67% of African-Americans, 62% of Anglos, and 62% of Hispanics favor slot machines at the tracks and Indian reservations.

Would you favor or oppose allowing slot machines at the existing and licensed Texas horse and greyhound race tracks where pari-mutuel betting is already allowed under current law and on the existing Indian reservations in Texas?

63% Favor
32% Oppose
5% Depends / Unsure

Furthermore, 82% of voters think they should have an opportunity to decide on this issue in the form of a statewide constitutional amendment election.

Regardless of your position on this issue, do you think the state legislature should allow Texas voters to decide if slot machines at the race tracks and Indian reservations should be allowed by putting it to a vote in a statewide constitutional amendment election?

82% Yes
14% No
4% Depends / Unsure

When asked to choose, 60% of respondents selected allowing slot machines from a list of four options as their first choice for additional or new sources of state revenue.

If you had to choose, which one of the following would be your first choice for any additional or new sources of state revenues? **(Randomize choices)**

60%	Allowing slot machines at the race tracks and Indian reservations
13%	Increasing the state sales tax
13%	Increasing severance taxes on oil and gas production
5%	Establishing a personal income tax
0%	Other / alternative sources (vol)
1%	Combination (vol)
6%	None (vol)
2%	Undecided / refused (vol)

Support for slot machines at Texas race tracks and on Indian reservations increases based on specific information. Included in this assessment are the following:

Texans are already gambling extensively by spending more than two billion dollars a year on gaming and related tourism activities in the neighboring states of Louisiana, New Mexico, and Oklahoma, and this proposal would keep over one billion dollars of that money in Texas.

80%	Favor	18%	Oppose	2%	No difference / Unsure
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This proposal would create 53,000 new, permanent jobs in Texas.

80%	Favor	17%	Oppose	3%	No difference / Unsure
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The slot machines would be regulated and monitored by the State.

78%	Favor	18%	Oppose	4%	No difference / Unsure
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This proposal would generate revenues for the Indians that would help them pay for their own health care facilities, scholarships and other educational funds, and upgraded housing for tribe members.

75%	Favor	21%	Oppose	4%	No difference / Unsure
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Because neighboring states offer VLTs or slot machines at their racetracks, this proposal would help Texas race tracks be competitive, thereby benefitting thousands of Texans employed in horse breeding, training, and racing.

74%	Favor	23%	Oppose	4%	No difference / Unsure
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Because this proposal would prohibit the ever increasing number of unregulated eight-liners, legalizing a limited number of slot machines at race tracks would actually increase regulation, control, and oversight of gaming in Texas.

69%	Favor	24%	Oppose	7%	No difference / Unsure
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After hearing the informative statements, 75% of Texas voters favor (54% strongly) allowing slot machines at race tracks and on Indian reservations compared to 23% who are opposed. Informed support ranges from 68% of conservative Republicans to 84% of moderate/liberal Democrats. In addition, 77% of African-Americans, 73% of Anglos, and 79% of Hispanics favor slot machines at the tracks and on Indian reservations after hearing the informative statements.