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### Perry places foundation at center

The Texas Public Policy Foundation, whose support of school vouchers, limited government and other notions once marked it as somewhat to the right of political center, is now solidly mainstream, according to Gov. Rick Perry.

"I think the mainstream of the Legislature is reflective of the people that go out and vote," Perry said after addressing the foundation's legislative conference. "And with this last election, I think the Public Policy Foundation, by and large, reflects the thinking of mainstream Texas."

The foundation was set up in 1989 by Dr. James Leininger of San Antonio, a leading advocate of school vouchers and a high-dollar backer of GOP candidates.

Perry, noting that both he and Democratic challenger Tony Sanchez campaigned last year on no-new-taxes platforms, said it's clear to him that all Texans back the limited government approach espoused by Leininger's foundation.

"Mr. Sanchez and I both talked about that we're going to come to Austin, Texas, whoever wins, and we're going to make the government fit inside of available revenue with no new taxes," Perry said. "I would suggest to you, with my logic here, that 100 percent of the people of Texas must agree with that. He got 39.9 percent of the vote and I got 58 percent."

For the record, 39.9 and 58 add up to 97.9.

Also for the record, Perry got 57.8 percent of the votes and Sanchez got 39.96 percent.