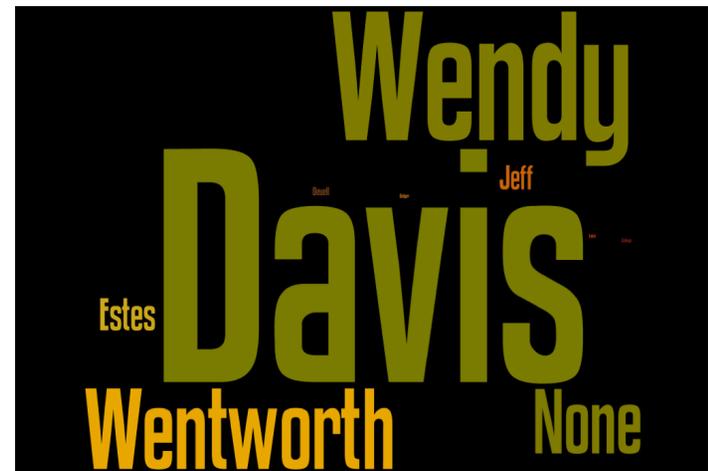


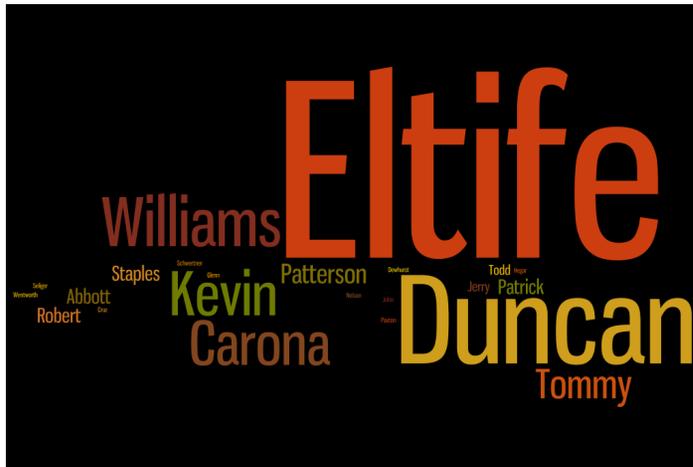
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Which members of the Texas congressional delegation are most likely to lose their seats?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "None" • "Lloyd Doggett" • "Doggett," • "Doggett" • "Congressman Doggett and Congressman Canseco" • "None" • "Reyes, Farenthold" • "Canseco" • "Farenthold." • "Obvious Doggett, Farenthold in a Primary, I hear Ron Paul won't be back" • "Canseco, Farenthold, maybe Doggett depending on the primary challenger (if any)" • "Canseco" • "Doggett" • "Congressman Reyes" • "Quico Canseco and Lloyd (LLOYD! ~ Ari Gold) Doggett. Maybe Blake Farenthold." • "Canseco, Farenthold" • "Doggett, Canseco" • "Doggett" | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Not Lloyd Doggett. The cat with 9 lives will emerge with 6 or 7 lives and half his war chest intact." • "None" • "Lloyd Doggett" • "Canseco" • "Quico Canseco... Blake Farenthold" • "Lloyd Doggett" • "Quico Canseco" • "Canseco" • "Doggett, Farenthold, Canseco" • "Lloyd Doggett. It appears to be an extremely personal vendetta against Doggett and Travis County." • "Doggett and Canseco, but I think they both will be ok. Reyes will have a tough primary." • "Doggett, unless the Hispanic vote splits in the primary." • "?" • "Doggett" • "Doggett; Canseco, Farenthold" • "Doggett" • "Doggett... Canseco" • "None" • "In order, Canseco, Farenthold" |
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- "Francisco Canseco"
- "Doggett, Farenthold"
- "Doggett & Canseco."
- "Ron Paul. Duh."
- "Farenthold is the only one even vulnerable. Quico got a pretty good shake from the court map, and Flores will be around until he's ready to go play golf in Bryan full time. And I'll believe Doggett's dead when I see him in the casket. And even then I'll put a mirror under his nose..."
- "Doggett"
- "Doggett"
- "Lloyd Doggett"
- "1. Liberal Lloyd Doggett... 2. Canseco... 3. Farenthold"
- "Blake Farenthold"
- "Doggett"
- "Doggett"
- "Joe Barton. Well, I can dream can't I."
- "Any that are supported only by the tea party"
- "Not sure"
- "None"
- "Canseco"
- "Congressman Doggett."
- "Doggett"
- "Lloyd Doggett"
- "It is difficult to gage at this time."
- "Canseco... Doggett"
- "Blake Farenthold"
- "Canseco"
- "Canseco"
- "Francisco Canseco"
- "Doggett... Canseco... Reyes"
- "None"
- "Lloyd Doggett (twice--his old one in re-districting, and his new one in the primary)"
- "Canseco"
- "Doggett, Farenthold"
- "Doggett"
- "Hopefully Doggett"
- "Farenthold"
- "Canseco seems the most vulnerable with Farenthold more secure in his new district but still vulnerable because not a skilled campaigner."
- "Doggett"
- "Lloyd Doggett"
- "Canseco"
- "Lloyd Doggett... Quico Canseco"
- "Canseco; Farenthold"

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- "Doggett"

Which Texas senators are most likely to lose their seats?

- "Wendy Davis"
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- "Davis, Wentworth"
- "Wendy Davis"
- "None"
- "None"
- "Davis, Estes, Wentworth"
- "Estes"
- "Davis."
- "Wendy Davis had a perfect storm in 2008 and won by a whopping 2% against a candidate not known for his campaign work ethic or his warm personality."
- "None"
- "Davis and Wentworth are the only two with serious challenges but both of them are likely to retain their seats. All the money in the world is probably not enough to make Shelton or Elizabeth Ames Jones good enough candidates to win their races against popular incumbents."
- "None"
- "Craig Estes, Wendy Davis"
- "Wendy Davis. Biggest target out there in dangerous territory. This ain't 2008."
- "Davis"
- "Davis"
- "I don't believe any standing Senators will lose their seat."
- "Not Wendy Davis. The folk hero shall rise again."
- "Wentworth... Davis"
- "Wendy Davis, Wentworth."
- "Davis"
- "Wendy Davis"
- "Wentworth... Davis"
- "Davis; Estes; Seliger"
- "None"
- "Jeff Wentworth, Wendy Davis"
- "Wendy Davis, Jeff Wentworth"
- "Davis, Wentworth, Estes"
- "Davis"
- "Don't know, but hope Wendy Davis holds on since she is an excellent senator."

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- "Davis. Her complaining all the time is similar to what caused Brimer problems when she beat him. Wentworth will be fine - his criticisms of Jones sunk her."
- "Wendy Davis. Which would put Lucio into the swing-vote position again."
- "None"
- "Davis"
- "Davis; Estes"
- "Davis"
- "Wentworth"
- "None"
- "None."
- "Wendy Davis"
- "None"
- "Wendy Davis is the only one; Wentworth looks like he's in good shape."
- "Wendy Davis"
- "0"
- "Wendy Davis is it."
- "Wendy Davis still has an uphill climb. Money spent trying to defeat Wentworth is money wasted."
- "Wendy Davis"
- "Davis"
- "Jeff Wentworth"
- "Davis"
- "None"
- "Wendy Davis"
- "No incumbent. SD 11 is the race to watch."
- "None"
- "Estes"
- "Davis"
- "None"
- "Senator Davis is toast. Sen. Wentworth might have issues, but he seems to be winning that race right now. And I guess Sen. Estes is on the watch list now, too."
- "Deuell"
- "Huh? Incumbents will not be defeated."
- "The only State Senator in serious jeopardy of losing her seat is Senator Davis."
- "Deuell... Davis... Wentworth"
- "Jeff Wentworth"
- "Wendy Davis"
- "Davis"
- "Wendy Davis"
- "Wendy Davis"
- "Wentworth"
- "Wendy Davis"

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- "Wendy Davis"
- "None"
- "Davis"
- "Davis"
- "None"
- "Wendy Davis"
- "None"
- "Wendy Davis' district is winnable by her but still likely to be hard fought."
- "Wendy Davis... Jeff Wentworth"
- "Wendy Davis and Jeff Wentworth"
- "None"
- "Wendy Davis"
- "Gallego; Davis"
- "Wendy Davis"

Which Texas representatives are most likely to lose their seats?

- "Aaron Pena"
- "James White... J.M. Lozano"
- "Ideologues in swing districts."
- "Torres, Guillen, Riddle, Berman, S. Carter, Perry"
- "John Garza, JM Lozano, Wayne Christian, Marva Beck, Chuck Hopson, Dee Margo,"
- "Representative Garza and Representative Margo"
- "Marva Beck"
- "Torres, Garza, Lozano, Harper-Brown"
- "Tuffy Hamilton"
- "Beck, Landtroop, Christian, Margo."
- "Too many"
- "James White, JM Lozano, Margo, Carter, Eiland"
- "Not sure at this point."
- "Doggett"
- "Mike Hamilton"
- "Brave move by Lozano. Might be his end, however."
- "I think those already bailing out saw the writing on the wall, but I'll add Hamilton and Smith."
- "Hoping Riddle"
- "Let's hope that the lightweights of '11 are shown the door. Paging Representatives White and Beck, please exit stage (far) right."
- "Christian, White, Landtroop, Burnam,"
- "White; Garza; Legler; Torres; Scott; Margo; Christian; Beck"

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- "JM Lozano... Ken Legler"
- "Pena, Lozano"
- "Marva Beck"
- "Legler, Lozano, Nash, Hopson, Beck, Landtroop, White,"
- "Legler, Margo, Lozano"
- "Hopefully the most recent party-switcher, Lozano."
- "In the primaries, Marva Beck, Tuffy Hamilton, Wayne Christian and Doc Anderson. Lozano will have a tough time in both primary and general. Pena will have tough time in the general."
- "?"
- "Lozano"
- "Beck... Garza... Hamilton... Landtroop... Lozano... Margo... Torres... Workman"
- "John Garza, JM Lozano"
- "Raul Torres"
- "Don't know"
- "Scott/Torres, Aliseda/Lozano, Margo, Garza, Legler."
- "Aaron Pena and his skinny me."
- "J.M. Lozano. We'll see how his last name plays in a Republican primary."
- "Raul Torres, Connie Scott"
- "J.M. Lozano"
- "Landtroop"
- "Don't know"
- "James White. Wayne Christian."
- "Landtroop"
- "Wayne Christian"
- "Don't know"
- "John Garza, Jim Landtroop, Ken Legler, Connie Scott, Raul Torres, James White"
- "Tuffy"
- "Not sure."
- "That is very difficult to gage from Austin."
- "Eissler... Hamilton... Truitt... Todd Smith... Nash"
- "Marva Beck"
- "The Only Christian in The House, Beck, Hopson, Lozano, Legler, Garza, Margo"
- "Morrison"
- "Ken Legler... Raul Torres... Connie Scott... John Garza... James White"
- "Ken Legler"
- "Anderson, Beck, Christian, Eiland, Garza, Hopson, Landtroop, Legler, Lozano, Margo, Nash, Pena, Sheets, Torres, White, Workman"
- "Cain, Christian, -White, Pena, Torres, Scott, Lozano, Margo, Harper-Brown, Sheets, Garza and Legler."

- "Don't know."
- "Lozano, Landtroop, Hamilton, Beck"
- "Marva Beck, Wayne Christian, Dee Margo"
- "Lozano"
- "No names, but I do expect the Democrats to pick up a dozen seats based on bounce back from a terrible year in 2010 and higher turnout in 2012."
- "Legler, Hamilton"
- "James White"
- "Torres, Lozano, White"
- "Wayne Christian, Marva Beck, Connie Scott, James White, Jim Landtroop, Ken Legler, Dee Margo"
- "White"
- "Simpson"

Who'll be the next lieutenant governor if Dewhurst moves on?

- "Duncan"
- "Duncan"
- "Kevin Eltife."
- "Duncan"
- "Eltife"
- "Not sure"
- "Todd Staples"
- "Duncan"
- "Robert Duncan"
- "Carona."
- "Eltife or Duncan"
- "Abbott"
- "Carona is in much better position that people generally perceive. The conventional wisdom is Eltife or maybe Duncan. History would suggest that a more conservative Republican or someone with the unified support of the Democrats will win."
- "Elected or presiding officer?"
- "Duncan's the most adult and common sense of them with some seniority who can work with both sides, so it won't be him. Maybe Eltife. Anyone but Patrick."
- "Duncan"
- "Who the hell knows"
- "Williams"
- "Senator Duncan has the gravitas and budget experience to do the best job but you have to wonder if Governor Perry's sanctuary city knife in the back will have a lingering impact. Eltife is well liked and a keen mover of process. With Paxton and Schwertner in the wings you know that Dan Patrick has his Machiavellian dreams in high gear. Let's hope the

Senate R's do not soon forget the rejection of tradition and process that he represents."

- "Carona"
- "Tommy Williams."
- "Don't Know"
- "Dewhurst will still be around."
- "Kevin Eltife"
- "Eltife"
- "Robert Duncan or Kevin Eltife"
- "Jerry Patterson"
- "Carona"
- "Glenn Hegar"
- "Tommy Williams"
- "Staples"
- "Abbott if he wants it."
- "Eltife. If a Republican wins the White House, look for Perry to seek a Cabinet or Ambassador position. He won't want to wait eight years to run for President, in which case Duncan and Eltife would be elevated."
- "Abbott. Money talks."
- "Eltife or Duncan"
- "Eltife"
- "Carona"
- "Patterson"

- "Eltife"
- "Eltife"
- "Jerry Patterson"
- "Kevin Eltife"
- "Nelson"
- "Not sure."
- "Kevin Eltife"
- "Whichever Republican who can consolidate the Democrats"
- "Tommy Williams."
- "Williams"
- "Duncan"
- "Kevin Eltife"
- "Robert Duncan"
- "Williams"
- "Duncan"
- "Eltife"
- "Senator Eltife"
- "Patterson"
- "Carona"
- "Tommy Williams"
- "Eltife"
- "Sen. Eltife. And a big shout out for Senate District 1 being the breeding ground for interim Lite Guvs."

- "Eltife"
- "Eltife as the placeholder."
- "Senator Seliger"
- "Carona if elected by Senators"
- "Kevin Eltife"
- "Kevin P. Eltife"
- "Eltife"
- "John Carona"
- "Dan Patrick"
- "Carona"
- "Tommy Williams"
- "Eltife (History repeats itself--SD1 wins the promotion with the support of the Ds)"
- "Eltife"

- "Eltife"
- "Eltife"
- "Eltife"
- "Eltife or Duncan"
- "Wentworth"
- "Eltife"
- "Todd staples. Are you sure dewy moves on, Cruz might just get him into a run off and keep him in the lite Guv seat"
- "Kevin Eltife"
- "Duncan"
- "Tommy Williams"
- "Williams"
- "Eltife"

Will Joe Straus win another term as speaker of the House?

- "It's awfully hard to unseat a sitting speaker as evidence by the multiple, unsuccessful attempts to remove Tom Craddick. Vote counters may think they have enough, but opening day jitters find the weak ones too afraid to follow through!"
- "Let the members decide without frantic feeding frenzies from outside groups. What a concept."
- "Odds favor him but it is my understanding he needs to cultivate

some of the newer Members some more."

- "No contest. MQS' vitriolic approach to politics has reached so far over the line that it may actually help Joe. The House hates the ugliness of a real Speaker's race when the result is already a foregone conclusion, and there is no one likely to put their name forth to even challenge Joe at this point."

- "Someone has to beat him and that person does not seem to exist."
- "The man passed some of the most CONSERVATIVE legislation out of that body in history... how could the extreme TEA BAGGERS not realize that??? Oh yea, that would require rational thought."
- "The low point of Straus' power will be the 2011 session. Let the dynasty begin. ('And they're off!)"
- "MQS has had his day."
- "God help us if he does not."
- "The right is wrong! As usual!"
- "Democrats will win enough seats to allow him to win through coalition rather than needing a majority of Rs."
- "If the hardcores couldn't get him after the 2010 tsunami, they're not going to get him. There will be 8 to 10 more D members than last time, and where else are they going to go?"
- "After kowtowing to conservative Christians in the last session, Joe Strauss is only Jew-ish."
- "It depends on if the Democrats keep giving their votes to someone who gives them little in return."
- "If he makes up with some of the Dems that elected him in the first place"
- "Since the alternative on the Republican side will be Phil King, Straus is a shoe in."
- "You can't beat somebody with nobody. In 2011, there were two opposition candidates (Chisum and Paxton), and neither will be back in 2013. Members will not rally around Craddick again, and Phil King can't get the votes. Take out the strong members leaving for the Senate (Hancock and Taylor), and take out the key Straus lieutenants (Bonnen, Branch, Hunter, Keffer), and you're left with no viable opposition."
- "Only because Paxton is moving to the Senate."
- "There is no coalition to oppose him in the election, but the session will be very rough. No one will want to have a special session in 2014 -- even if the Supreme Court suggests that school finance needs to be addressed prior to 2015."
- "He has shown a talent for fighting off opponents but he has further antagonized deep conservatives by flirting, even opaquely, with the need for additional revenues."
- "If we know what is good for us we will keep a steady hand in the leadership. So you might not agree with him on all issues. No he is not in your face with his leadership style. But, we need someone who will be steady and be able to work with the Ds."

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