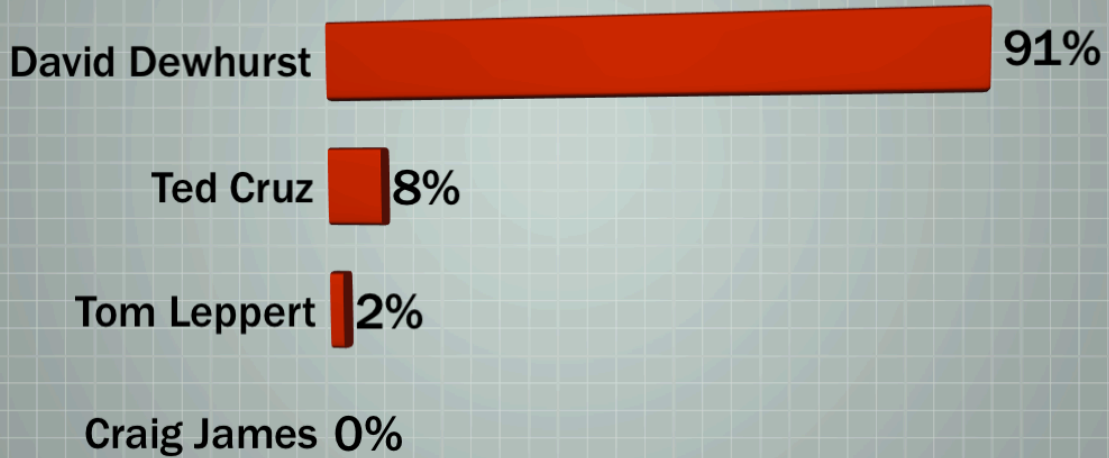


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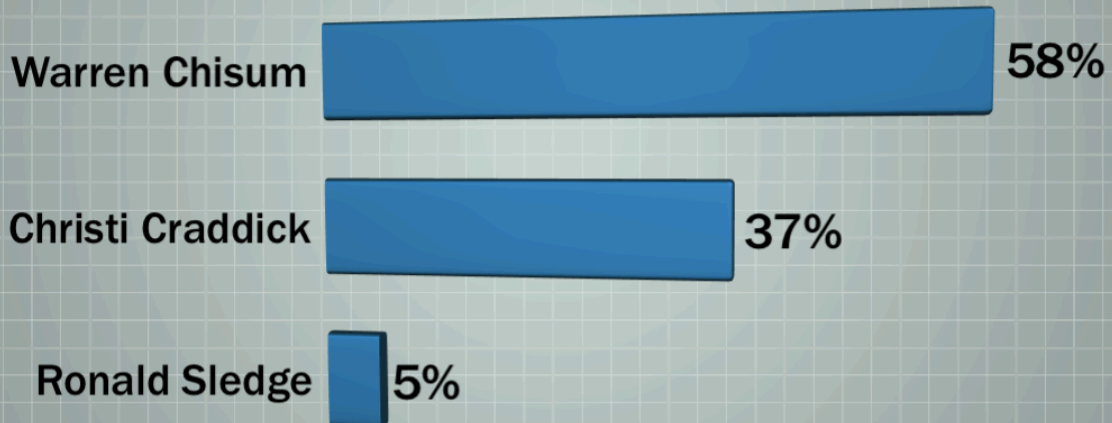
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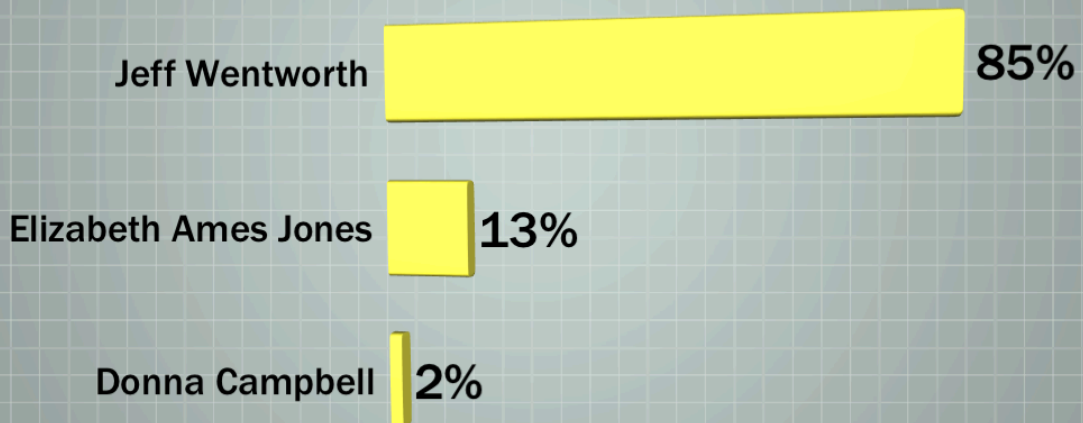
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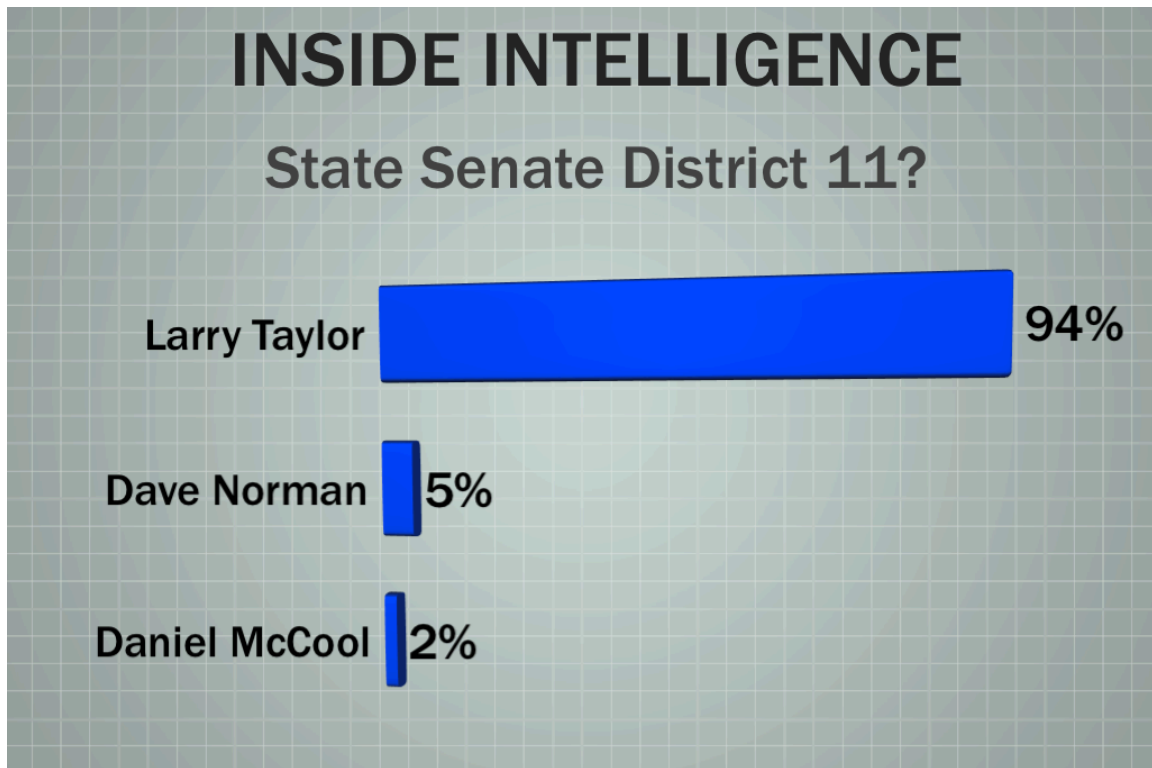
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## State Senate District 25?



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## State Senate District 11?



### *Who will win this U.S. Senate primary?*

Dewhurst may win without a runoff"

- "In a runoff with Dew"
- "Cruz needs to make a big move, and now, to keep his Tea Party base energized and bleed off some Chamber of Commerce Rs from Dewhurst."
- "Texans are looking for a FIGHTER with proven RESULTS on their behalf. We're tired of POLITICIANS."
- "Cruz slides into Tea Party oblivion and Leppert rises as a real threat but ultimately Dewhurst prevails."
- "Depends. If no run-off, it's the Dew. If he can't get to 50% +1, all bets are off."

• "Has this race ever been in doubt?"

- "In a runoff."
- "The Dew prevails in a runoff."
- "Without Santorum at the top to pull out the MOST conservative voters, Cruz will not win."
- "There could be a runoff but the Dew prevails either way."
- "The Dew is already attacking Cruz on his conservative credentials. Looks like someone is already scared..."
- "But if Ted Cruz gets into the runoff all bets are off and Cruz could win in a low turnout, base election July 31."

- "Run-off likely"
- "Dewhurst may very well win 50 plus percent."
- "He's the only one with some statewide name id"
- "The Dew abides."
- "An outright win is possible, but unlikely if/as Leppert pours on the cash."
- "Social promotion"
- "Governor Dewhurst cruises"
- "Craig James is an ass."
- "It might go to runoff."
- "Dewhurst seems inevitable, although his debate performance last Friday was extremely unimpressive. Dewhurst's money and name recognition prevail in low-interest election."
- "Too many people want Dewhurst to leave Texas for him not to win. Apologies to Mr. Cruz, who would make a great Senator."
- "Could be a runoff with?"
- "He will be our Senator in July."
- "Cruz might force Dewhurst into a runoff."
- "Cruz is not ready to be a Senator, he is an angry staffer"

### *Who will win this Railroad Commission primary?*

Warren is working hard as we would expect he would"

- "Again, in a runoff with Craddick"
- "Who would voters trust more than a good 'ol boy from West Texas?"
- "The most important industry in Texas needs the best EXPERIENCE, rather than another POLITICIAN."
- "Christi Craddick is about the weakest legacy leap ever devised. She thinks "fracking" is creating political fissures."
- "And with this election victory, the winner gets the right to answer the same question over the next four years: "Now tell me...what exactly does the Railroad Commission do?"
- "I'm working very hard to bring this one up to the level of indifference. Failing so far."
- "Daddy's million will put her over the top but she is doing very well on her own."
- "Daddy's name and daddy's money will get this lobbyist elected"
- "I have no idea."
- "No idea"
- "Warren, Warren, PLEASE, Warren."
- "After a runoff of course."

- "Of course, Christi has the experience, er name recognition."

- "The only woman with the last name Democrats hate? Yes, please."

- "Unfortunately!"

### ***Who will win this (SD-9) state Senate primary?***

CONSERVATIVES will win Texas primary elections across the board."

- "Who cares?"

- "Conservatives will finally get rid of Todd...finally."

- "Hancock is aggressively ignorant. Let's hope that doesn't play in SD-9 these days."

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- "Hancock has the network and enough gravitas to pull it off"

- "This is a good one. If Kelly wins, it's because he looks like Joel Osteen."

- "TLR vs. Trials Round 1"

- "Kelly's arrogance will finally catch up with him."

- "Hancock will outwork Smith"

### ***Who will win this (SD-25) state Senate primary?***

A longer campaign benefits Jeff"

- "Probably a runoff"

- "Runoff city."

- "Everyone agrees that Wentworth needs to go. Why replace him with a Wentworth-LITE candidate?"

- "Hard to beat an incumbent in Texas."

- "Campbell and Jones will split some of the same base."

- "Probably a run-off"

- "This will be a tight race. Campbell won't be the winner, but garner enough of the vote to be a spoiler for one of the other candidates."

- "Name i.d. makes Wentworth tough."

- "This is Wentworth's to lose, but he knows how to fight his way to the top."

- "Donna & EAJ will split conservatives, ignominiously ending the political career of EAJ"

- "Run-off likely"

- "Elizabeth Jones is being underestimated. She is well known, as is her husband, in conservative Hayes County, which makes up the bulk of the district."

- "Conservatives won't get rid of Wentworth...never."

- "TLR will be exposed."
- "Wentworth will lose, no matter who wins. All his hopes for a higher post are gone."
- "But the Siebert approach resonates- She'd have a harder time running on social/choice agenda w/out antagonizing Alamo Hts crowd and those old school R family-generated, core constituencies and Wentworth has stared down the gay kissing/fetus photos campaigns for over a decade"
- "Sen. Wentworth is just out of gas. He doesn't want the job any more, and maybe it's time it goes to someone who does."
- "Lots of antipathy towards Wentworth, the advantages of incumbency are huge"
- "TLR vs. Trials Round 2"
- "TLR breaks the first rule of politics "don't let your personal feelings get in the way of your politics"."
- "Hard to beat even this long time incumbent."
- "Run-off between Campbell and Jones. Wentworth is dead in the water."

• *"Who will win this (SD-11) state Senate primary?"*

Who?"

- "Never heard of any of them, so again who cares."
- "Troy Fraser will soon have competition... of a sort."
- "Don't know."
- "Taylor walks away with this. No runoff."

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