

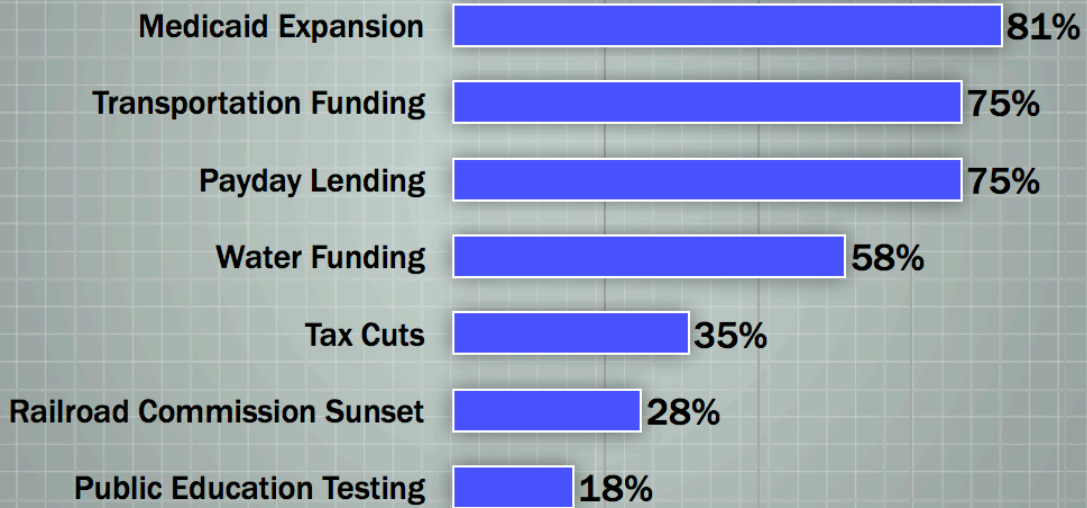
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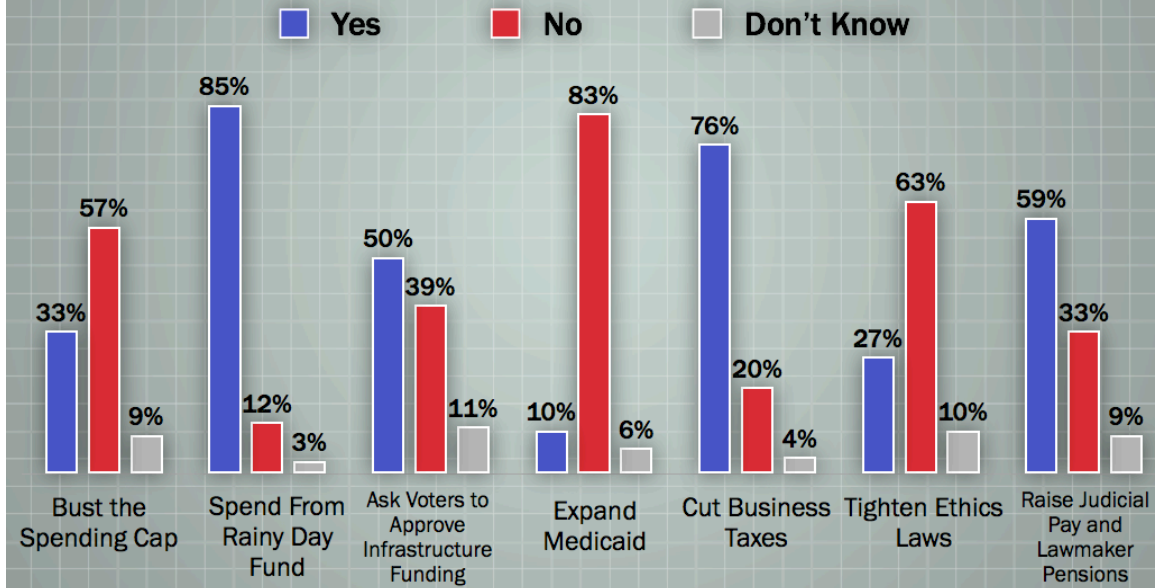
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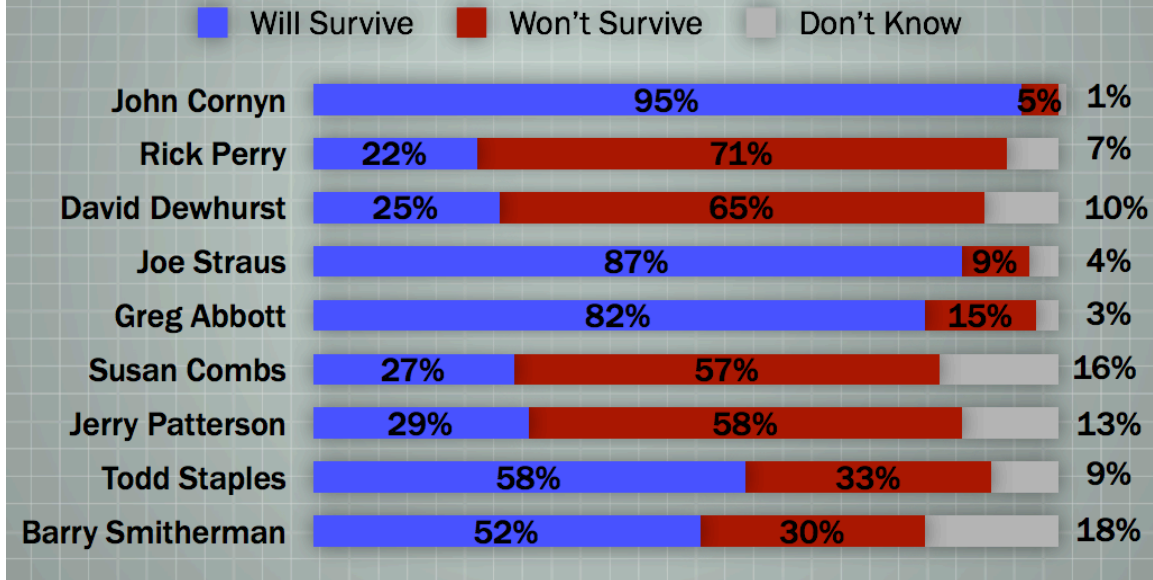
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Will the Legislature:



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Who will survive the 2014 elections?



What will be left undone at the end of the session?

- "More left undone than done. Very typical of the Texas Legislature."
- "Query: When something is 'doorknob dead' (e.g. payday lending) in the 83rd Legislature is that term synonymous with 'undone'?"
- "Too much time between now and Sine Die to say with any reasonable sense of confidence. We're all just throwing darts."
- "It's hard to soar with eagles when you fly with turkeys!"
- "In final verse of the so-called Kumbayah Session, Senators and Representatives sing: 'Some abdicating responsibility, Lord...Kumbayah!'"
- "Tax cuts will be done, but whether they will sum to Perry's desired \$1.8 billion target is questionable."
- "As I made all these check marks, I think I figured out why it was such an easy session. None of the hard things were decided."
- "The list you provided was too short. It appears to me that leadership has failed us -- again. The big three govern about as well as Josh Hamilton plays baseball for the Anaheim Angels"
- "Maybe better to ask what will be done...."
- "The House strained a gnat with less than half of what the governor wants. If

the Senate even passes HB500 and the governor doesn't veto it, the governor wants more tax relief."

- "Cautiously optimistic about the Railroad Commission; the Governor isn't about to let the Feds come in and take over regulation in Texas, so you can count on it being lumped in the Special..."

- "A void in leadership in both chambers."

- "Budget, water, test reduction are must haves; the rest nice but not necessary."

- "There are a lot of big issues still in the ditch. I hope they can at least get water and RRC across the finish line but I'm not too optimistic."

- "Perry has a history of getting his way. He has made it clear the only way to get home without a special is to implement a tax cut and fund water. Everything else is expendable."

When all is said and done (special sessions or not), will the Legislature:

- "Will the House get its way on spending Rainy Day Funds without implicating the spending cap? Or will the AG's opinion stand? Stay tuned...."

- "Lawmakers, specially those that are expecting a Republican primary, need to be careful about raising their pensions. This issue can come back to hurt them."

- "There will be a special session. But then again, aren't all legislative sessions 'special' (in their own way)?"

- "They will pass window dressing legislation that shows they are getting tough on ethics. Window dressing, mind you, nothing of substance."

- "A void in leadership in both chambers."

Will each of these current officeholders hold their current office, or another statewide office, in 2015?

- "Cornyn: TEA Party candidates need not apply; Perry: 'It's deja-vu all over again.' Dewhurst: the only known outcome on this list; Straus: As an R or a D? Abbott: Yes, but only if he runs for AG; Patterson: He's going to write his Texana speeches all the way to the East wing of the Capitol; and Combs-Staples-

Smitherman: Consider this a field wager. Field wagers never pay."

- "Any republican with statewide ambitions should run this cycle. I believe this is the last cycle a Republican candidate can run statewide and only have a primary to worry about."

- "With regards to Perry, this is where the cowboy rides away.... to make another presidential run."
- "Perry beats Abbott. Combs stays put. Staples beats Dewhurst and Patterson."
- "Jerry might be a railroad commissioner next."
- "Praying for more Ted Cruz's."
- "What an uninspiring list of oops-ers, has-beens, wannabes, never-wills, and who's thats. Even Republicans are sick of this crew."
- "I liked Cornyn until he decided to carry Ted Cruz' purse."

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