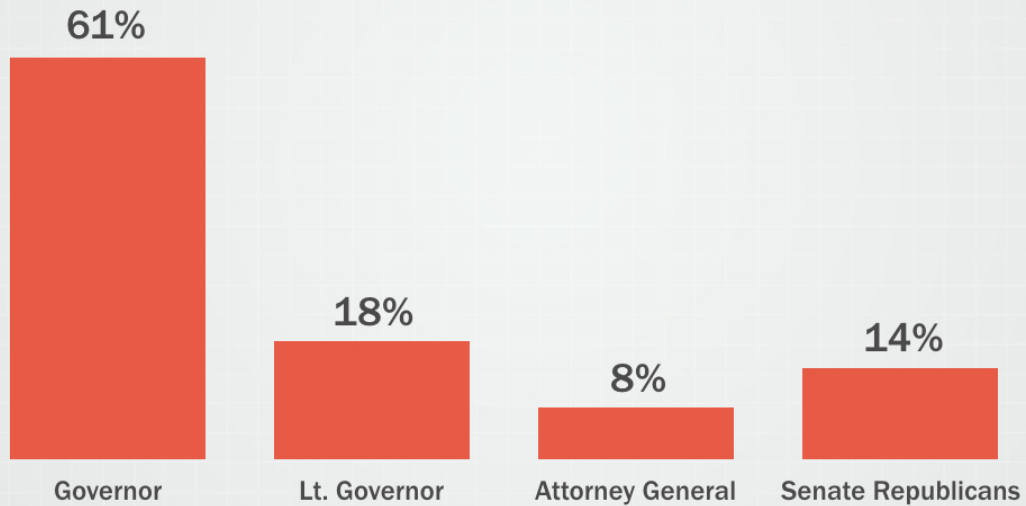


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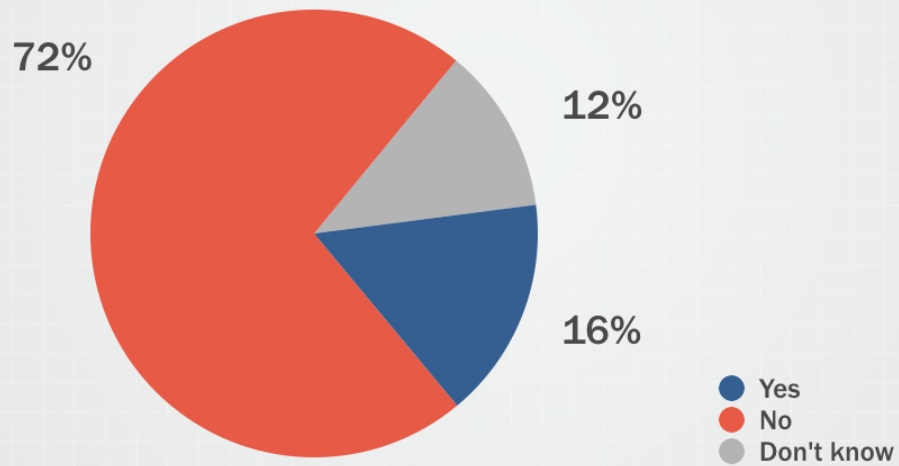
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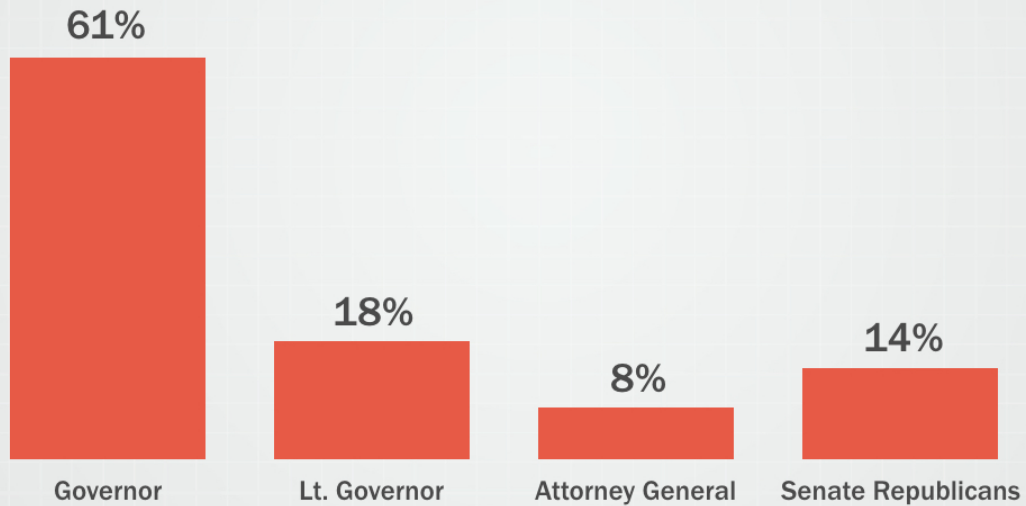
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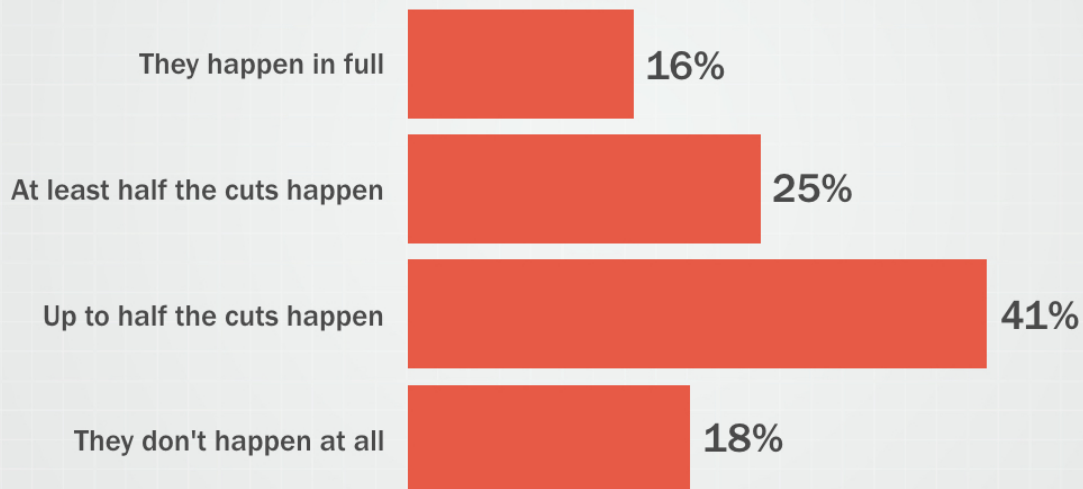
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## WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE \$100 MILLION IN CUTS TO CHILD THERAPY SERVICES?



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### ***Who gets most of the credit (or blame) for Texas kicking Planned Parenthood out of the Medicaid program?***

- "The announcement came from the South wing of the Capitol. It's all on Gov. Abbott."
- "ALL OF THE ABOVE! And it definitely is blame, not credit."
- "Ted Cruz"
- "I'm happy that Dr./Senator Schwertner held a public hearing. The fact that PP didn't show up made a very clear statement."
- "Lt. Guv has been the most vocal so he will make sure he gets the credit."
- "Wasn't this basically done in 2011?"
- "As Truman said 'the buck stops here.'"
- "Abbott gets the credit because he's the only one in town."
- "Don't care."

## ***Will current inquiries into Planned Parenthood yield criminal charges?***

- "While some prosecutor may try to do something, the likelihood is that it goes nowhere. This is more a case of lack of ethics rather than commission of crime. It's a PR battle, and Planned Parenthood has lost."

- "Which provisions of the Texas Penal Code are Planned Parenthood employees supposed to have violated?"

- "Planned Parenthood did nothing wrong so any charges would be lies trumped up by the far right anti-women Republicans."

- "Possibly and should!"

- "The video evidence of criminal behavior is overwhelming. PP's denial of crimes, then stating that they'd discontinue doing what they claimed they weren't doing — that's admitting guilt."

- "Regardless of your personal feelings, this issue failed to gain the media

## ***Who gets most of the credit (or blame) for cuts in child therapy services in the Medicaid program?***

- "Jane Nelson. Plain and simple."

- "OTHER: The greedy providers billing for non-effective 'services, which are not evidence based. It is not the price but the utilization for the wrong patients and for the wrong treatments. Everyone seems to miss the real cause of the problem."

- "Tea Partiers!"

attention it deserved. It was a two-week story and now the nation has moved on to the next issue."

- "There will probably be no charges regarding the sale of fetal tissue, but the defenders of Planned Parenthood who are insisting they did nothing wrong are missing the point. What the videos revealed is that the women who run Planned Parenthood have a callous, unserious and even joking attitude about the abortions they perform. They show that they truly believe it is no big deal. Any credibility that Planned Parenthood had is completely gone. Only the strident crazies support them now. American attitudes toward abortion will remain ambivalent, but Planned Parenthood is over."

- "Don't care."

- "Any politician with the letter 'R' after their name."

- "What constitutes 'child therapy'? Administering drugs? Thank goodness for anyone with the courage to help children, rather than to drug them into submission."

- "You should've provided an 'all of the above' option. This is an issue that all Republicans will have to deal with."

- "Cold and heartless! Becoming the calling card for Republicans in the Texas Senate."

- "They should all be held accountable."

### ***What happens to the \$100 million in cuts to child therapy services ordered by lawmakers?***

- "But gradual versus all at once."

- "The Republicans are doing exactly what everyone expected them to do. Make sure those kids are born with all their glorious special needs but cut all funding for them so they must live a horrific life. There will be a reckoning for these God invoking false prophets."

- "If they don't happen, then taxpayers need to know why. And who's responsible for negligence."

- "Some of the cuts will remain... until they become a campaign issue. These

cuts may have the same electoral implications as the CHIP cuts that were done a few legislative cycles ago. Former Democratic congressman Chet Edwards was able to hold on for one more cycle because of CHIP."

- "Some level of cuts was warranted. Problem was Legislature is not very precise in targeting needed cuts... instead, it uses a hatchet."

- "The real question is what happens to the children left without services."

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