

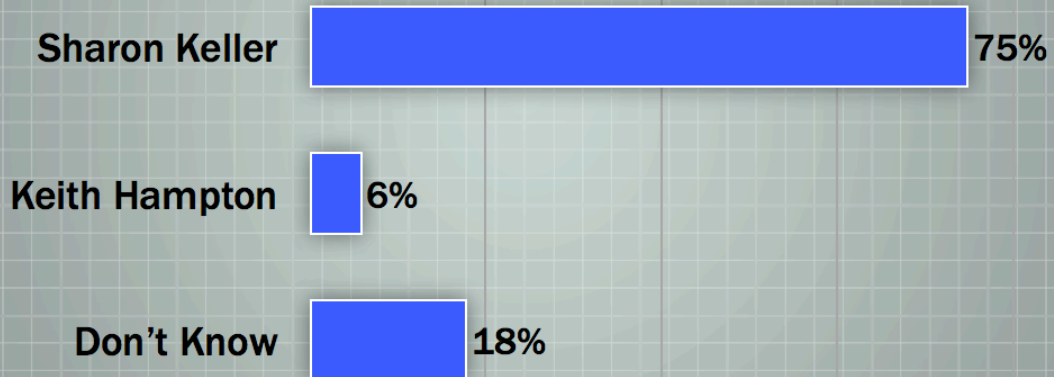
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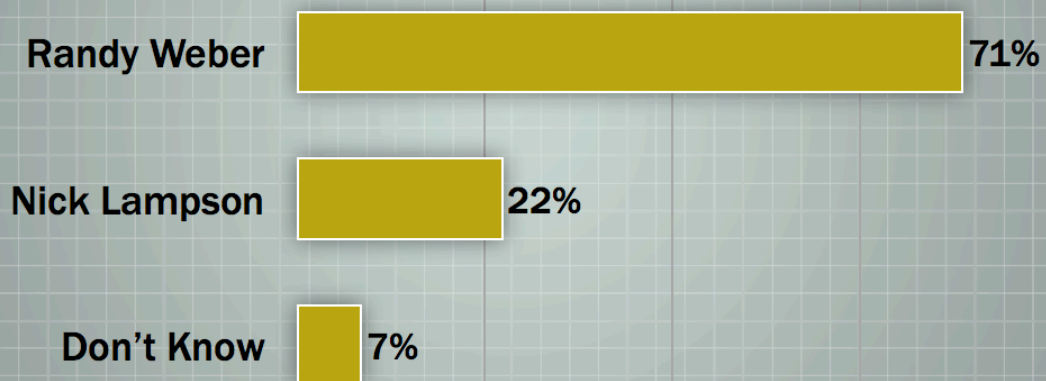
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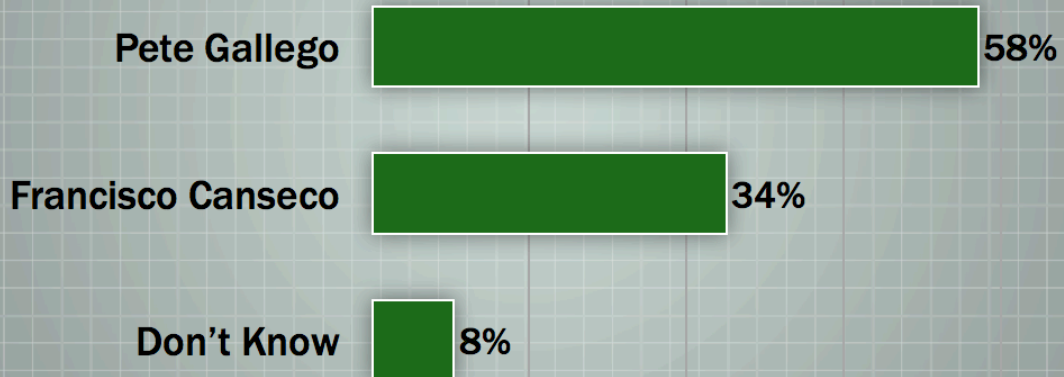
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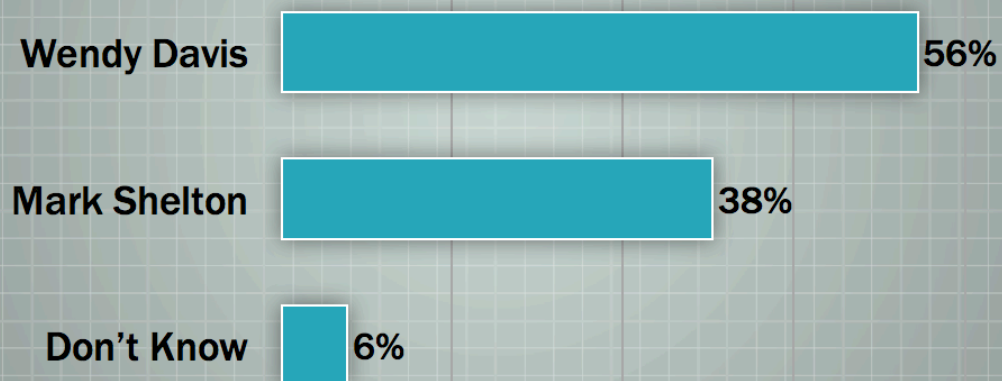
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Who will win the SD-10 race?



Who do you think will win the race for presiding judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals?

- "Still not time for a D. But if Keith wins somehow, will Terry Keel go back to practicing criminal appellate law?"
- "This is shaping up to be a killer race."
- "Keller was cleared of the alleged misconduct charges, and Hampton doesn't have the money to remind people of it all."
- "Sharon 'hang 'em high' Keller is most in step with Texas."
- "Keller will win. It's a shame."
- "Even though I know R's and D's that agree she is not fit to serve on the bench, she will win because of the low level of communication in the race and the partisan leanings of the state."
- "C'mon."
- "There is no way in a decent society that someone like Sharon Keller would be re-elected to anything. But, she will be in this state. It is an embarrassment."
- "This Republican is going with the Democrat and I know nothing of his judicial philosophy. He could be an idiot for all I care! We have gone full circle with our statewide justices and both courts need a good sweeping."
- "Pure partisan, R trumps D."
- "Sadly, no one knows anything about this race, so it will largely default to a generic D vs. R matchup. Hampton will probably mop up on endorsements from newspapers, etc., which will close the gap a bit. But Keller should still win."
- "When was the last time a white woman from the GOP lost a statewide general election to a D? 20 years ago? Longer? Who she is or what he has or hasn't done is irrelevant in obscure races like this one."
- "So depressing"
- "Sharon is an excellent judge. The media needs to recognize her stellar qualities."
- "D's cannot win."
- "Only because of straight-ticket voting. Keller is a poor excuse for an officeholder and would, under ordinary circumstances in a democracy, be retired."
- "I'm pretty sure 'Whom did you say?' will beat 'Who's that other one again?' "
- "Keller was the top vote getter in GOP primary."
- "And what do they do?"

Who do you think will win the CD-14 race?

- "Do they allow Oakley sunglasses to be worn atop one's head on the floor of the U.S. House?"
- "District favors an R, and Nick can't run against the ghost of DeLay again."
- "The district has a heavy African American voting population. Republican/Tea Party has for some reason seemed to have teed off on black folks, protestations aside Nick does well with average folks"
- "This one may sneak up on people. District is marginally Republican, but Lampson will get a homer vote out of Jefferson County, as well as some crossover from Clear Lake folks who remember his support of NASA. Will be close."
- "Obama's re-election should spur African American turnout throughout the district, particularly in Jefferson County."
- "This election should turn out record numbers of conservatives who rightly FEAR for our country if BHO is re-elected. Weber is a fine conservative."
- "Nick is a serious candidate but the playing field is tilted too far against him."
- "Nick is a great guy and was a good Member of Congress, but the ticket is too top-heavy against him this time. Too bad he is not up against Stockman."
- "It will be close but Weber's negatives outweigh his positives."
- "If only there was something at the top of the ticket to get out the black vote..."
- "Any Republican will win in this election."

Who do you think will win the CD-23 race?

- "Too early to predict the outcome of this race at this time."
- "Pete will run the better campaign."
- "Mr. Gallego goes to Washington!"
- "Voters in the district have known Pete for a lot longer than they've known Quico. They trust Pete and will send him to Washington."
- "Also, a squeaker."
- "When a candidate blows through 4 campaign managers, the problem isn't the campaign managers."
- "Pete had to outspend Ciro by 12-1 and get help from outside groups to win. Quico will have money and will bring the fight to Pete."
- "I don't know of any group of voters in Texas who want to elect another big government liberal, which is what Gallego has proven to be."

- "The final result in CD23 may end up being lopsided but there is no way to predict that now. On paper, this is the most competitive Texas race this fall, with the possible exception of Davis / Shelton in SD10."
- "Mayor Castro did a great job improving Gallego's chances with his convention speech."

- "Key race, high energy, refocused challenger spells the end for a Republican buffoon."
- "Pete could have been a state senator. Tons of money will be spent, but this is a shoe leather race in a district as large as New England."
- "Pete lives in Austin"

Who do you think will win the SD-10 race?

- "As much as I disagree with Sen. Davis, she appears to be outworking Rep. Shelton. I hope I am wrong on this one!"
- "Great incumbent candidate versus good on paper challenger in a slight GOP district."
- "I recently drove the district and saw more Davis signs than Shelton signs."
- "No Obama coattails or a weak Brimer to carry Davis over the finish line this time around."
- "Depends on presidential election base turn out."
- "Without a Libertarian, it's quite an uphill race for Sen. Davis."
- "Shelton is a Tier II recruit at best and SD-10 has only gotten to be more favorable territory for Davis since her victory in 2008. Republicans should be wary because the more they target her the stronger they make her following statewide."
- "This will be the litmus test for Democrats. If they can hold their

ground here there may be hope for them statewide in the next decade."

- "She's not running against Brimer; she has a legislative record; she's not running against Brimer; the presidential race won't bring more Ds to the polls; she's not running against Brimer; there's no Libertarian; and she's not running against Brimer."
- "Genial R doctor trumps flighty leftist D."
- "Davis' consultants not recruiting a Libertarian spells doom for her. The Lib made the difference the first time. Not having the Lib will make the difference again."
- "Shelton needs to hang up his medical practice and get out and campaign."
- "Brimer lost this seat last time by running to the courthouse instead of to the voters. I don't expect Shelton will make the same mistake."
- "Again, close, but Davis is doing everything she has to do to win and she's running in the district in which

she beat Brimer so the demographics are with her."

- "Wendy is the next Dewhurst, needs to stop measuring curtains."

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