

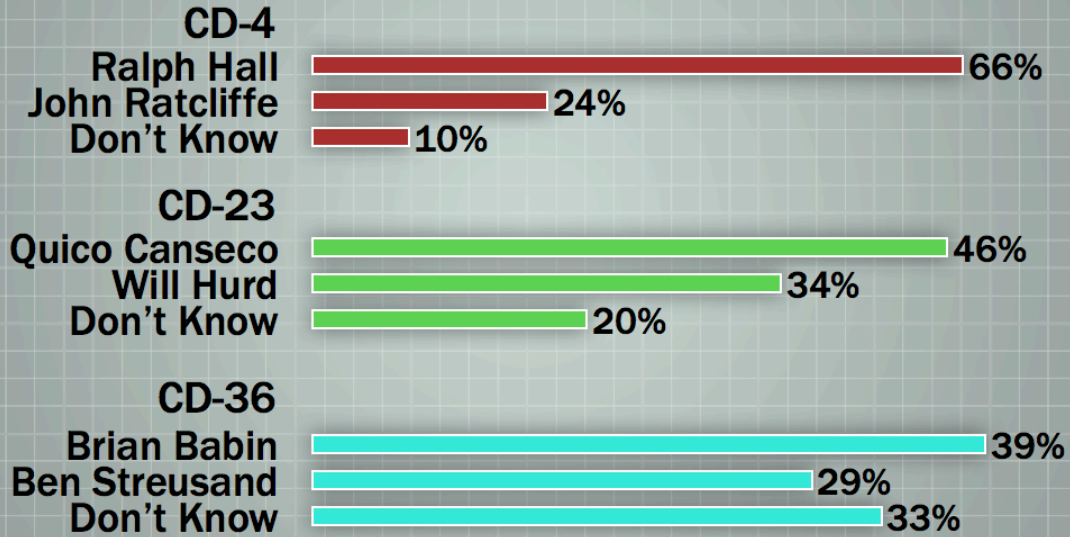
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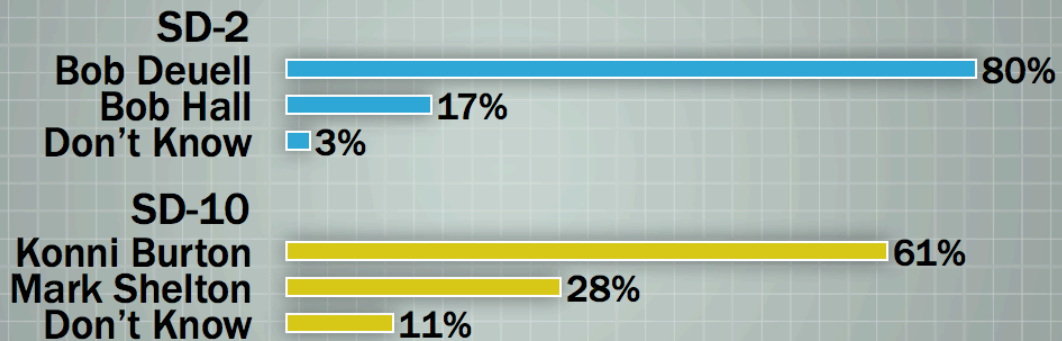
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### *Who will win the CD-4 GOP congressional runoff?*

- "Before he switched parties, while representing a solidly Republican district, he beat a guy name Ralph Hall. Never count the old guy out."
- "Why does a 90-year-old need to cling to a Congressional seat?"
- "Ralph Hall's constituents LOVE him. They'll turn out again to keep him in office."
- "Too bad that Ralph just did not retire"
- "A bit surprised, but I hear they love him in his district."
- "Hall will win but the margin will surprise many."
- "He will hang on for one more run"
- "Rep Hall has done a lot for his district and at the end of the day loyalists will send him back to DC 'one-more-time.'"
- "Hard to turn your back on an old war horse knowing this will be his last term"
- "Last time around the barn is a winner for the old warhorse"

### *Who will win the CD-23 GOP congressional runoff?*

- "They gave Quico a chance, it won't happen again."
- "Turnout advantage skews towards Hurd"
- "Quico needs to go back home"
- "Last time around Hurd had an 11 point lead heading into the runoff and he couldn't capitalized. He has a strong Aggie network in the district, but if they stay home, it'll be Canseco vs. Gallego II."

### *Who will win the CD-36 GOP congressional runoff?*

- "Babin nearly captured this district in 1996. He has deep roots there."
- "Local ties beats money advantage"
- "Brian won all but one county and has a grassroots network. Streusand doesn't live in the district."
- "Finally, Ben gets a win"
- "CD - 36? Babin."
- "Orange County will be the deciding factor in this race and the folks from there relate more to Babin."
- "Streusand's chances are better if he chooses someone else to voice-over his ads for him...doesn't sound like he's from 'round heah'"

### *Who will win the SD-2 GOP congressional runoff?*

- "Deuell is a mediocre Senator, but probably good enough here."
- "Hall's grassroots are motivated and will turn out in the run-off. Deuell defeated himself with a liberal voting record."
- "Tea party streak continues"
- "As much as I don't want this to happen, the Texas electorate has ceded its votes to a few talking heads who have only their selfish interests and desire control the Texas Legislature in mind. Texas is growing with out of state transplants, and the state is losing its roots. It's very sad that the people who have made Texas so great are being replaced by those who don't understand what makes this state exceptional."
- "Deuell will win but the margin will surprise many."
- "Deuell has bigger numbers, but it will be close. He may have to explain why he should come back when so many who are more conservative than he will not be."
- "You have to go with the incumbent when you have no clue what you're talking about."

### *Who will win the SD-10 GOP congressional runoff?*

- "Konni is one of the few beneficiaries of an ACTUAL Ted Cruz endorsement."
- "Konni's grassroots support will turn out again. Shelton is a poor campaigner with a poor voting record in the House."
- "OMG!"
- "Ted Cruz wins this race"
- "Ted Cruz endorsed Burton. So Burton wins."
- "Enthusiasm gap gives advantage to the tea partiers in the runoffs."
- "Aren't we trying hard to make sure no one who has served before comes back?"
- "Looking at results from the March 4th primary, Burton is in the driver's seat."
- "Ted Cruz will be a tough opponent for Mark Shelton."
- "We need Shelton for some sanity in Senate"
- "Here comes the Cruz magic wand again."
- "Sen. Cruz wins with Burton"

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