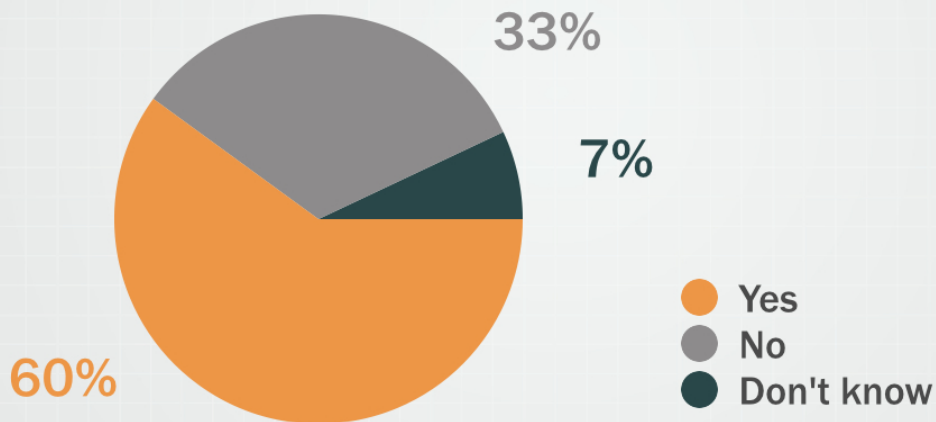


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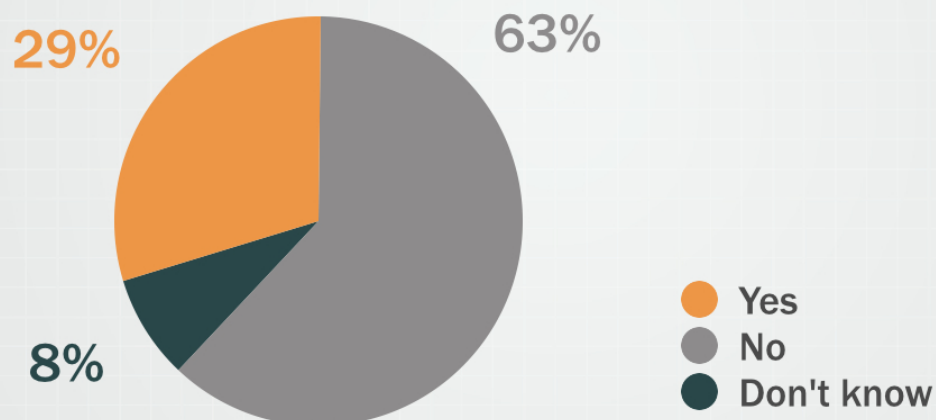
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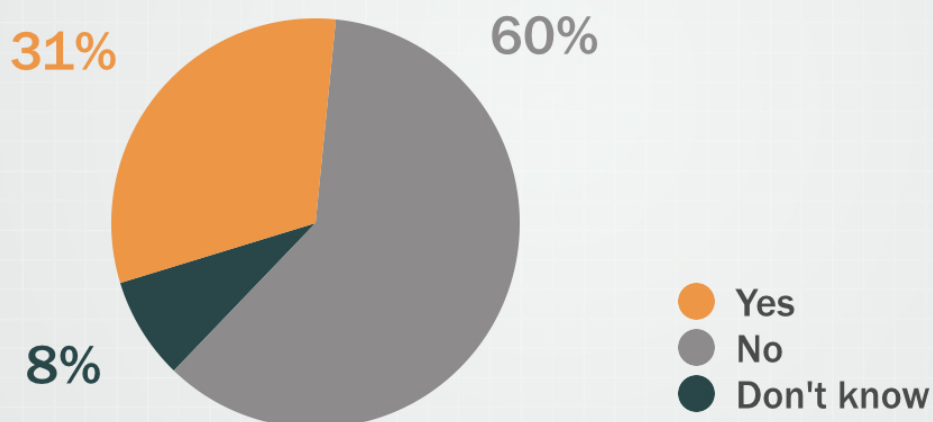
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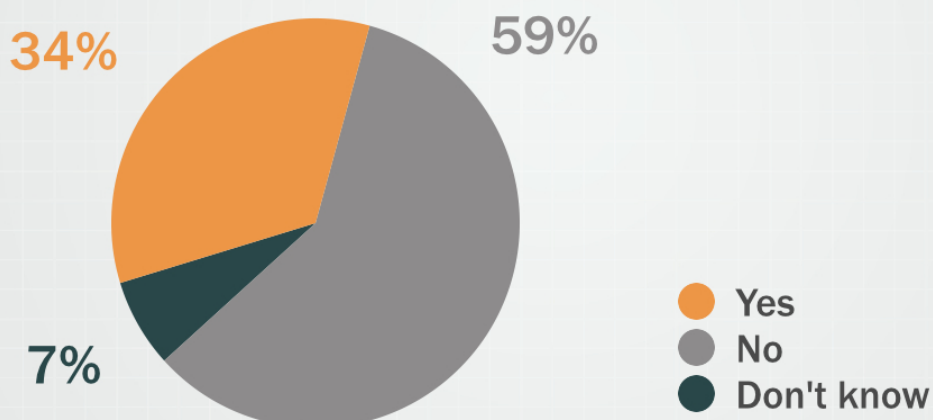
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Should the Texas House continue its impeachment inquiry against Regent Wallace Hall?

- "The evidence backs up Hall's allegations of favoritism to members of the Lege. That plus the loss of Dewhurst in the Senate should signal the death knell of this impeachment."

- "Get a grip, people. The obsession with UT and Texas A&M exhibited by the Legislature and the Governor borders on pathological. What about the other 95% of the kids in Texas institutions of higher education? Where's the obsession with community college tuition, rural campuses, and fast growth urban schools?"

- "With fervor!"

- "It should complete its charge and move on."

- "If you start an inquiry, you should finish it."

- "Not only continue, but press on with all haste."

- "Yes, posthaste."

- "If there is sufficient evidence that he misused his official capacity then I think it warrants repercussions."

- "They should have never investigated the guy for asking questions people did not want to answer."

- "Release of private information of two students was the most serious breach by Hall. If he did this knowingly, he should be prosecuted."

If convicted, he should be impeached if he does not resign after conviction."

- "They are at a point of no return. I'm not sure they ever thought this through. They now have no choice but to continue."

- "The law relating to impeachment of state officials, such as regents, is broad to say the least. This investigation is and has been purely political and to go forward opens up a Pandora's box. Impeachment should be only used for real misconduct, not as political theater."

- "The pressure is productive, even if it hasn't worked thus far. Hall's fishing expeditions have been a blunderbuss approach, designed to harm (not improve) the University of Texas."

- "Yes... And then they should move on to rick Perry's impeachment for trying to sabotage a flagship institution over petty university pride (and a serious permanent inferiority complex that all aggies suffer from)."

- "Hall has a clear pattern of failing to comply with laws and rules that apply to his position. He has failed miserably at providing the level of transparency he is demanding of others."

- "Yes, if evidence exists to justify it. Bad behavior mustn't be ignored."

- "Wallace Hall broke the law. Nobody is above the law."

- "Still not sure I understand what he did--leak confidential documents, or something else. Certainly don't like the crowd he hangs out with or his rhetoric and think he should be working to improve UT's national prestige, not hurting it. Under that criteria, he should be impeached."

- "I don't particularly care and--so long as it doesn't stray into football--neither will the vast majority of Texans."

- "Time for the committee recommendation to go forward."

- "Hall's sole mission as a regent has been to destroy the University of Texas at Austin and Bill Powers. He has done ALL that he can to undermine the university and attempt to 'run' the day-to-day affairs himself! Mr. Hall is an idiot appointed by an idiotic Governor!"

- "This is a battle of folks between folks blindly support UT no matter

what and the rest of us, who see UT as a mildly corrupt, parochial and cluelessly mediocre institution. Wallace Hall should be hailed as a hero -- and if he'd gone after any other Texas institution he'd be hailed as a hero."

- "Not to defend the guy, but the whole exercise ON BOTH SIDES reveals bad government. Bad leadership all around."

- "Time to move on! I got a fundraising call from UT and told them, no donations until they settle this mess."

- "They didn't think this one through; there appears to be no end game. He won't be impeached."

- "He seems to be doing what he was appointed to do, albeit in a counterproductive and annoying way. Isn't that the status quo under Rick Perry?"

Should University of Texas regents choose a new chancellor while Rick Perry is still governor?

- "The regents should choose a new chancellor when they find the right person for the job."

- "Sure, why not."

- "Is there any part of state government or higher ed that this Governor has not politicized? The reputation of the University of Texas has been jeopardized by political interference of the Governor through his appointees to the UT Board of Regents."

- "If Texas wants to look yet more provincial, hire yet another crony."

- "The process should begin unless it's believed the three new regents would significantly alter the outcome."

- "It is a sad commentary on the character of the governor that UT supporters even have to worry about Rick Perry having any input into or influence over the selection of a new chancellor or president of the University of Texas. But, Perry's demonstrated over the years that he's

the kind of person who would like to gig 'em a little bit on the way out."

- "If they do, rest assured he or she will be a hack."
- "They should take the necessary time to vet candidates, and if the right one is found they should move ahead regardless of who's Governor."
- "The next guy's tenure will run during Abbott's term as governor. As such, Abbott should have a role, even if small. And if the BoR goes ahead and appoints someone, well then they need to remember they serve at the pleasure of the governor--especially when a new governor comes to town."
- "It's time for Gov. Perry's influence to wane."
- "Because I would like for it to be Dr. Janek!"
- "They should hire a chancellor when they determine they have a great candidate."
- "Rick Perry was a cheerleader at Aggieland. What else needs to be said?"
- "If there is a qualified successor, why not?"
- "Delaying the process to 2015 should not be an option."
- "Governors appoint regents, regents hire chancellors. Ask John Montford."

• "The best potential applicants will not want to dive into a political maelstrom. The appointment should wait until after a new governor can settle things down."

- "Adios, mo fo."
- "It doesn't matter when they choose a new chancellor. RP is a lame duck, a 'has-been' and has not influence over his appointees."
- "Adios, mo fo!"
- "Let the next gov put their stamp on UT"
- "Selection might not be good for UT; but there is no legitimate basis to delay selection."
- "Why appoint a new Chancellor while Perry can still have influence - you still have Cigarroa doing Perry's bidding! REALLY - you blow up a story about forcing President Powers out of UT-Austin while you yourself are on the way out Mr. Cigarroa? Ah, yes, you were told you would receive NO other appointments from republican governor's etc. unless you completed the task you were sent to do at UT! Now, we understand!"
- "IF it's a good pick."
- "Their choice will be bad for UT System whenever they pick a replacement"
- "toe-MAY-toe, Greg-AB-bott"

If University of Texas at Austin President Bill Powers resigns or is fired, should UT's chancellor name a new president for UT-Austin while Perry is still in office?

- "The chancellor should hire a new president when he finds the right person for the job."
- "They should take their time and hire a president without worrying about who is Governor."
- "Fears that Perry will damage the UT reputation are misplaced. Too late, he's already made it a national laughingstock."
- "He should name an interim who doesn't want the job, and begin the process of a national search."
- "First, the UT regents should select the next chancellor who should begin the process of selecting the next president of UT-Austin. If compatibility, excuse me, collegiality, between the chancellor and president is as important as Cigarroa continues to stress, then he of all people should recognize that the next chancellor needs to make the selection. If Perry is still here, fine. But he should be irrelevant in this process. It's all about the future, and he's the past."
- "God knows who they would hire."
- "See comment #2."
- "The new chancellor should conduct a search for the new President, which could reasonable take longer than Perry's remaining term. The chancellor should conduct a search for the best candidate."
- "No, Cigarroa and Perry are both lame ducks who won't be around to live with the consequences of this hire. Cigarroa shouldn't hire Powers' replacement because that person will have to work with Cigarroa's successor (not Cigarroa) and that person will also be forced to clean up and repair this mess for which Cigarroa is partially responsible and for which Perry is completely responsible. Besides, you don't hire a president of a Tier 1 Public Ivy overnight--it takes time; more time that Perry and Cigarroa have."
- "Same as #2"
- "We shouldn't do shit while Perry is still in office."
- "Rick Perry wants to saw Varsity's horns off...and his regents are the saw."
- "Why not?"
- "Maybe an interim president."
- "See above."
- "The best potential applicants will not want to dive into a political maelstrom. The appointment should wait until a new governor sets a new course."
- "To find someone to serve as president of a great institution like UT, you should take the time to find the right person. Someone who will serve at least 6 - 10 years, to provide stability for the institution and the legislature."

- "But will need to appoint interim."
- "The new chancellor should have the opportunity to build own team."
- "A new president should be hired by the new Chancellor..."
- "Adios, mo fo Part Deux!"
- "Wallace Hall and Bill powers"
- "Does anyone not see a pattern here? Mr. Perry is intent on doing GRAVE harm to UT Austin - as long as he is in office that is what he plans

to do! (Heavens I sound almost like our crazy conspiracy theory governor, except in this case it is the TRUTH!)"

- "Let the incoming Longhorn Guv have some input!"
- "Perry will appoint guy diedrich president of ut"
- "Silly question. They should pick a president when they find a good candidate, irrespective of who's governor."
- "See 2 above"

Should a governor have any say in naming the chancellors and presidents at state universities?

- "The Governor appoints the regents who make these decisions, and he signs the budgets that fund these universities. Why wouldn't he have a say?"
- "Governors need to stick with the powers that they have under the Texas Constitution and state statutes instead of creating new unauthorized powers."
- "This is complicated. Ideally, no. We should be able to trust academics and university leadership to select the best person for the job. However, once a Board of Regents becomes as politicized as this body has, oversight is required. Contrast their behavior to the UH Board of Regents and their selection of Khator. UH has only gained in national reputation and campus politics have been minimized, even through significant leadership shake-ups."

- "I am a Bob Duncan fan but Senator Duncan is no educator. Texas universities need to stop thinking small and bring in some real academic talent."
- "And this happens through the appointment of regents...to suggest otherwise is foolish."
- "There is no way to get around the influence of the governor."
- "Yes. Governors appoint Regents. Regents hire staff. That is having a say."
- "John Sharp certainly thinks so!"
- "This is a result of Perry being in office way too long. Texas should be smarter than this."
- "They always have and always should have a say."

- "Governor has some say through appointments to the board of regents. Governor should not be more involved than having good appointees in the absence of some fraud, misconduct, or other extreme measure."

- "The decisions about the leadership positions of our state's universities should be left to the board of regents, rather than the governor."

- "That a job for regents, but Governors from Jim Ferguson to Rick Perry may disagree."

- "A smart governor would appoint quality regents and stay out of their business, rather than turning their job into an extension of his political operation."

- "Should a governor run a higher education facility? Hmmm. Let me think. Okay I'm done. NO!!!"

- "Only as much as you have appointed the Regents who serve you."

- "The governor appoints the regents for a reason. Let them do their jobs."

- "Job for the regents. Governor can make his thoughts know through them."

- "Suggestions only nothing further than that"

- "UT continues to crumble in so many interesting ways, the train wreck is a joy to watch, they have major issues with their leadership, the loser horn network, oh, did I say that out loud, I mean Longhorn Network has to air things other than sports on

it because they cannot fill the time with sports. Other schools leave what is left of the flounder big 12 which is being destroyed because of UT, Ah, the hubris of the grads and the institution are catching up. The eyes of Texas are a fading...all the live long day"

- "I know it's not been in vogue in Austin for the past few decades but I sort of like following our state constitution: The governor appoints-- subject to confirmation by the senate-- independent members of the governing bodies of state universities and agencies. Those boards, in turn, set broad policy for their organizations based on statutes and budgets adopted by the legislature and signed by the governor. Board members then hire and oversee the top officials at their agencies to carry the adopted policies."

- "Input but not control."

- "The governor has already appointed the boards of regents, THEY should be the one's to make the decisions - but they should do so FREE of the prejudices of the Governor (yes, I realize that is a very 'Pollyanna' like statement, but I want it to be true)"

- "They always have, and they always will. Stop being naive."

- "Of course, it is one of the duties of the Governor."

- "Governor leads the state. He should have a say, but the say isn't absolute."

- "Academic freedom should mean something."

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