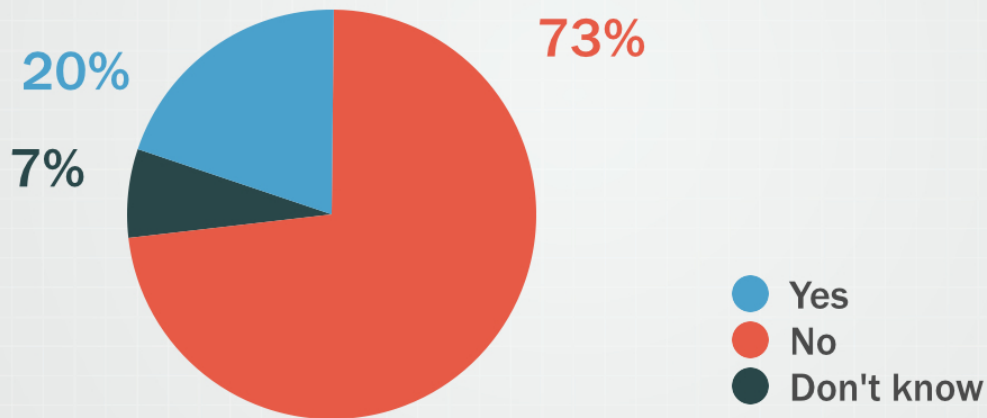


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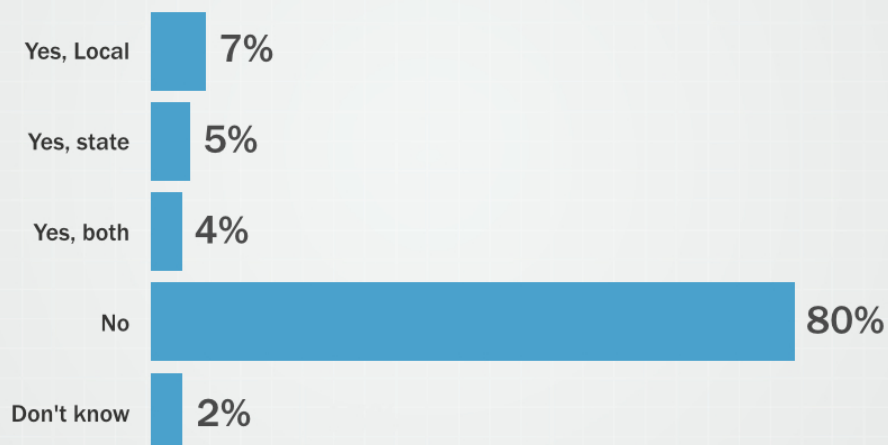
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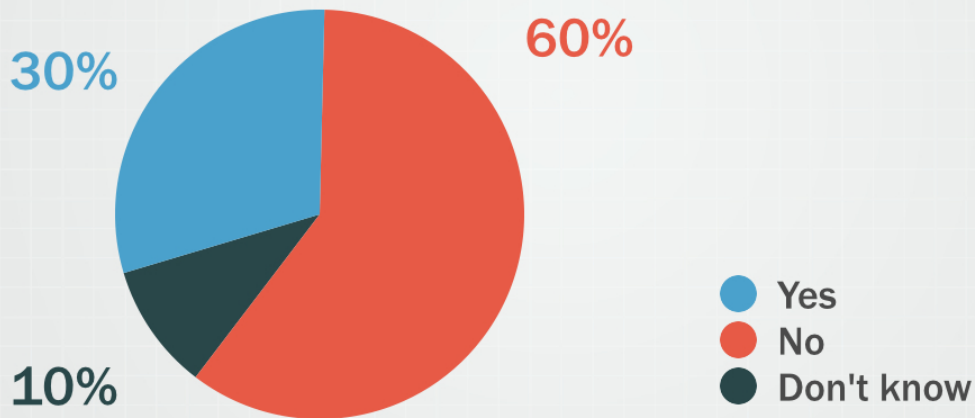
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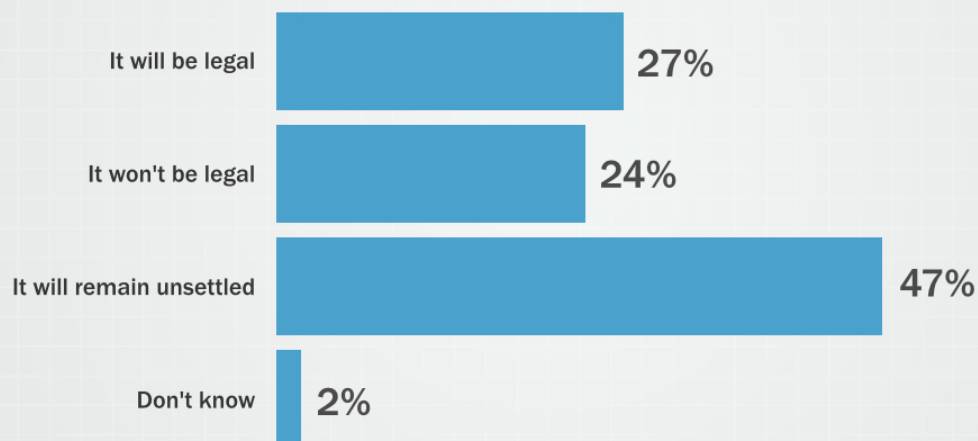
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SAME-SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN ONE YEAR?



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Do you think this year's election results could be affected by an October surprise?

- "There is so much noise with the Ebola, Middle East, Somalia, economy, government gridlock and sundry Washington scandals that a surprise cannot get through."
- "Like ISIS members being caught illegally crossing the U.S.-Mexico border?"
- "Surprised the Davis Campaign using either Obama for an ad. I guess trying to just hold the base and beat Bill White's 39%?"
- "Voters are more savvy so the tactic is less effective."
- "It's the beauty of Octobers and elections - there can always be a surprise of some sort and often what is expected or routine for some is a surprise for some one else."
- "Didn't change anything earlier this year when one former candidate called one of the runoff's bat shit crazy in the waning days. Why would it change now?"
- "As they say in the Valley, 'that rice is cooked.'"
- "Depends on the surprise."
- "It always matters."
- "Seems like there's always something lurking out there . . . but it would have to be a big something to make a difference."
- "Just a question of will there be a surprise"
- "only in the sense that the margins might spike in either direction--outcomes less likely to change"
- "Not by anything we have seen so far, but October is not over."
- "indictment of Paxton unlikely"
- "Nothing surprises people anymore"
- "That is why it is called a surprise."
- "There will certainly be attempts. Whether anything catches will depend on what the surprises are."
- "Like a statewide candidate having a vasectomy on-air on the radio?"
- "ooohhh What's the surprise? Tell us! Tell us!"
- "Hard to answer that question -- that's why it's called a surprise."
- "Surprise! Republicans win."
- "I suppose a surprise is possible, but unlikely. There is little interest in this election."
- "Could be, sure. But the efficacy of October surprises is not as great as once was before the time of instant communications. It used to be a surprise could be rolled out and the opposing candidate would have no time to respond. With the expansion

of 24 hour news, social media and around the clock campaign operations, campaigns can respond to almost anything."

- "what...Halloween?"

- "The Ds are dead. "

Will government officials' handling of Ebola in Texas figure into this year's elections?

- "Already has. The Washington DC gridlock and general incompetence has negatively impacted the public's confidence in governments ability to do anything."

- "State and local elected officials are in the clear. The hospital and its staff, on the other hand, better lawyer up."

- "They'll blame the feds..."

- "Dallas' Mayor and County Judge are DISASTERS! It should cost the Democrats."

- "Blame has not quite settled in yet - hard to tell. Now the Doctors without Borders program is going to get a lot of scrutiny. "

- "No. This effort viewed through a political prism is about 2016. "

- "Maybe in Dallas but not beyond."

- "We have been too busy to notice what if anything is happening...unless you are from the Dallas area."

- "It would take more than one case to wake the general public and affect races. "

- "Not unless they really were lying to us! "

- "It's really more of a federal failure so probably not. "

- "not yet--1: malpractice as cause notwithstanding, hospital and drs are suit proof thanks to Tx anti plttf tort law; 2: always a lag between a train wreck and the finger pointing leading to rounding up and shooting usual suspects in the name of train safety -- think West, Tx explosion or a dozen plus other train wrecks directly a consequence of state and local infrastructure and systemic failures 3: Unless remedial contact tracing and isolation efforts fail to contain, this falls in the category of another govt screw up--voters think 'whew, glad it wasn't me' or worse, 'thats what you get for going to Africa, you moron.' 4: Maybe half or more voters don't understand germ theory and barely seem to grasp as a policy matter where babies come from..very easy to obfuscate responsibility and accountability "

- "Could as Perry has shown leadership by being proactive."

- "What could possibly go wrong with Texas' handling of a deadly and highly contagious virus, with no known cure?"

- "Ebola in Texas is the Malaysian Airlines of Fall 2014. If only the media would get so amped up about our 50

year high rates of pertussis (whooping cough)."

- "If the handling of the Ebola matter is made an issue, it has a very real potential for affecting the elections. From my discussions it appears that there is a great deal of skepticism on how the Ebola matter is being handled and the potential for a real crisis."

- "It seems the elected officials were all over it. To the extent there was any issue, it was within the hospital itself, where information was not properly shared."

- "Ebola, if it's a political issue at all, is a federal responsibility."

Will Rick Perry ever go to trial after his indictment earlier this year?

- "He is standing accused in Travis county is he not? "

- "What's the incentive for the State to drop its charges? If it does, it effectively proves Perry's point that it was all political."

- "The wrong messenger. The wrong issue."

- "Como se dice, NO?"

- "Somehow, the battery of lawyers who have been retained should be able to get him out on some technicality."

- "Super lawyers will eventually find the right angle to avoid trial. "

- "They'll cut a deal if necessary. "

- "remember that Gary Larson cartoon with the dog hiding behind the fridge w 'cat fud' scrawled on the door and a cat peering into it...caption was, 'oh please oh please'"

- "A trial in Travis County is possible, and even a conviction. Will that conviction be upheld - No."

- "motion to quash will succeed"

- "plea bargain is in the works. No admission of guilt and a fine."

- "What the governor did ,as a matter of law, is not criminal. It is not a crime to threaten a legal act unless the subject of the threat does a legal act. "

- "He shouldn't, but you never know with trial court judges."

- "He will settle - he needs to be back on the campaign trail, I mean trail as soon as possible!"

- "We can only hope so."

- "Nobody in the elected class, including judges, thinks a trial is a good idea. They'll try to get it taken care of without a trial."

- "Perry should have been indicted for other misdeeds over the years, but not over this allegation. Most of us don't even understand what the crime was."

- "Tom Delay.v2?"

What will be the law on same-sex marriages in Texas a year from now?

- "Texas will be the last state that defined marriage as one man-one woman to redefine it. "
- "It should always be illegal as it is an illicit disgrace to the sanctity of marriage. Society should not have to accept or tolerate sinful behavior. If someone chooses to make bad choices then they should ensure the consequences of those. Everyone else should not be expected to embrace, recognize or fund their behavior."
- "The 5th Circuit is reviewing briefs now on Texas law and constitution. That court is less activist than the others that have rammed the issue in other states--AGAINST the will of the people."
- "Like it or not, gay people in Texas having a legally binding union is Inevitable."
- "The only winner in this mess will be civil-unions. "
- "We'll go down kickin' and screamin'."
- "Legal by court mandate, but plenty of wailing and gnashing of teeth in the interim and post-decision. "
- "I wouldn't touch that irony w a 10 foot tongue depressor"
- "The 5th Circuit will overturn the Texas law but the Supreme Court still will not have taken up the issue. "
- "The Fifth Circuit has not spoken on this issue. Until either it or the U.S. Supreme Court reverses the Texas ban, same-sex marriage will continue to be illegal in Texas. It's not even a close call."
- "But it will be legal all around us and the Feds will stay out of it. "
- "US Sup Ct will legalize it for all states, but a year from now it might remain unsettled."
- "In 30 years, we're going to look back at this law and say, 'what were we thinking?' and 'why did we care?'"
- "It may take slightly longer than a year in Texas, where legal resistance will be vigorous, but same-sex marriage is inevitable as a new U.S. constitutional right."
- "part of right-wing Republican agenda (led by Steve Hotze) to make sure that gays don't procreate....I mean live together."

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