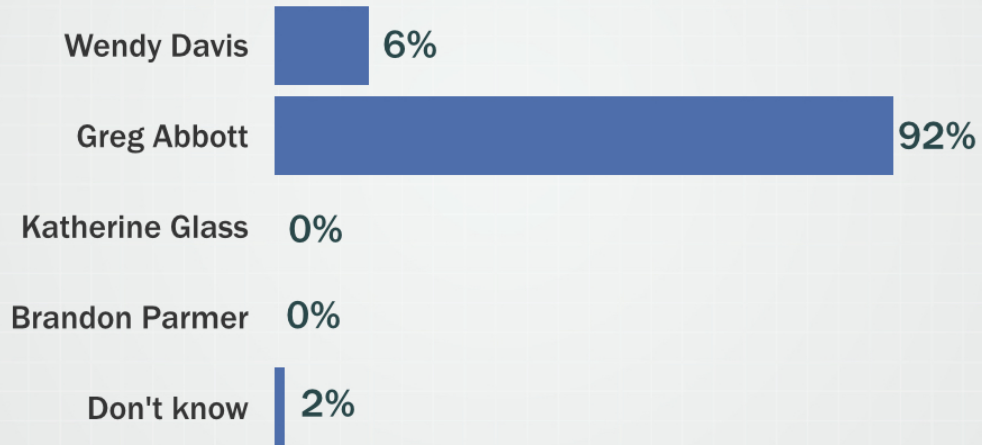


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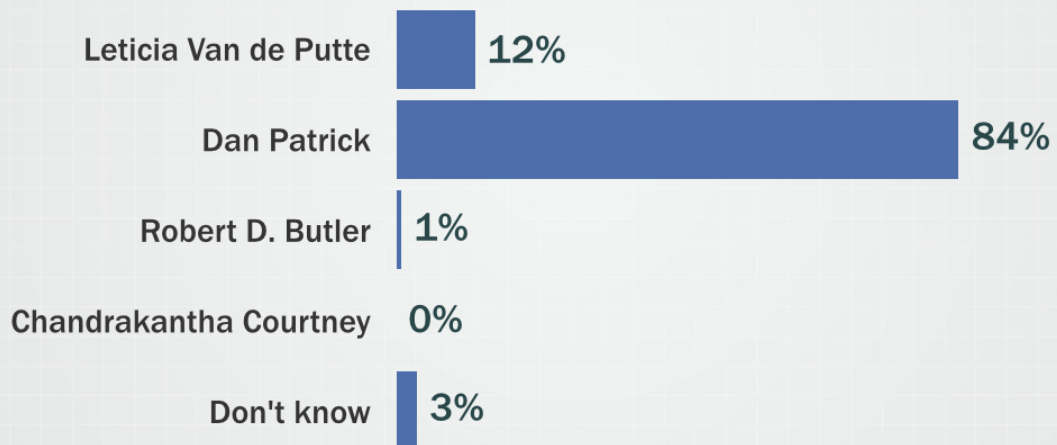
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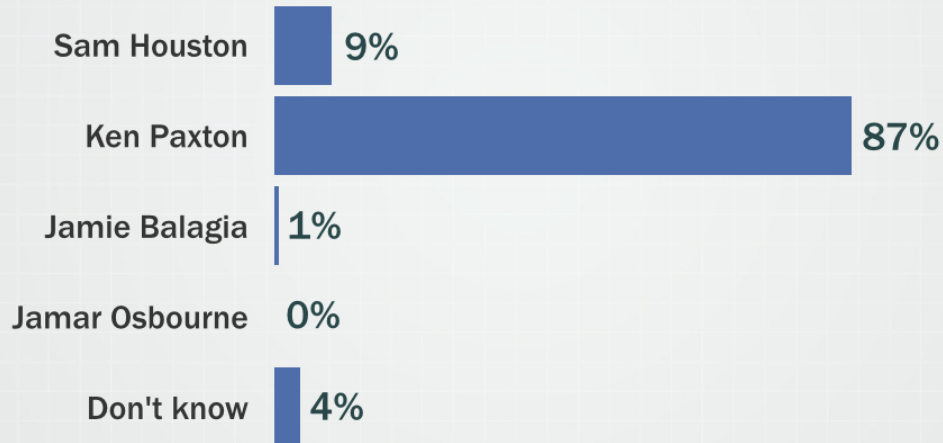
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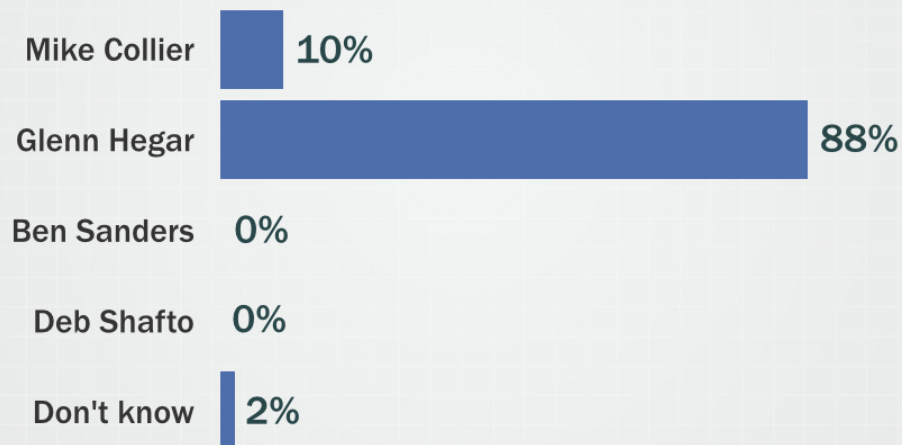
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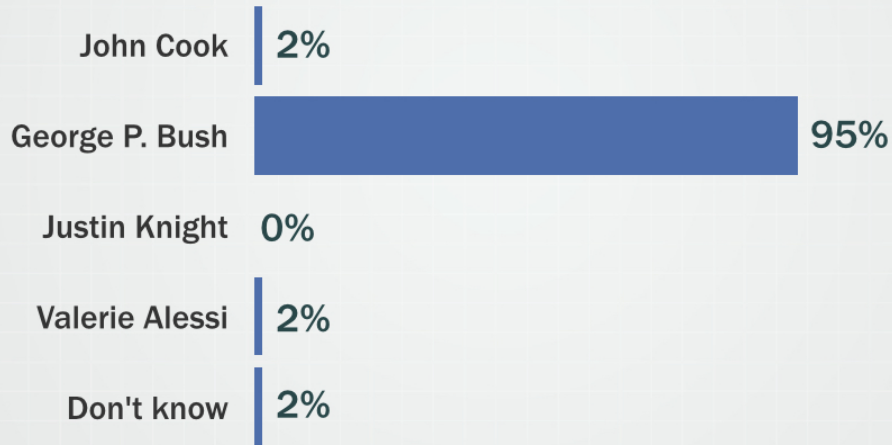
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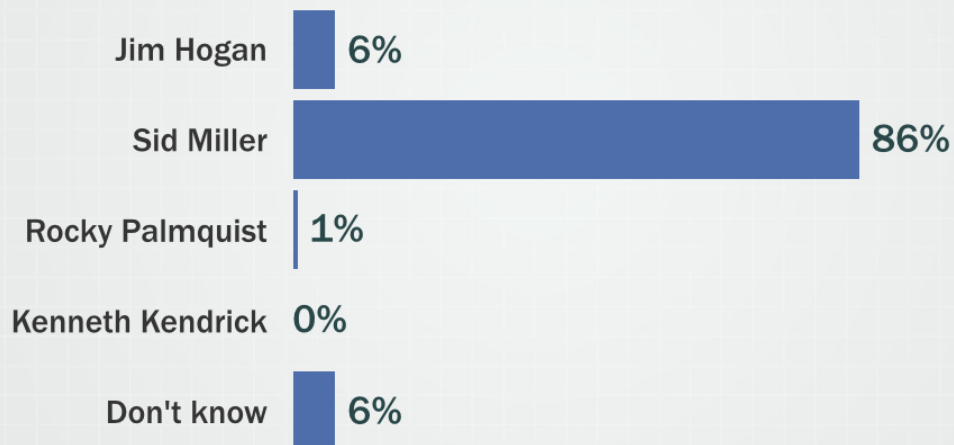
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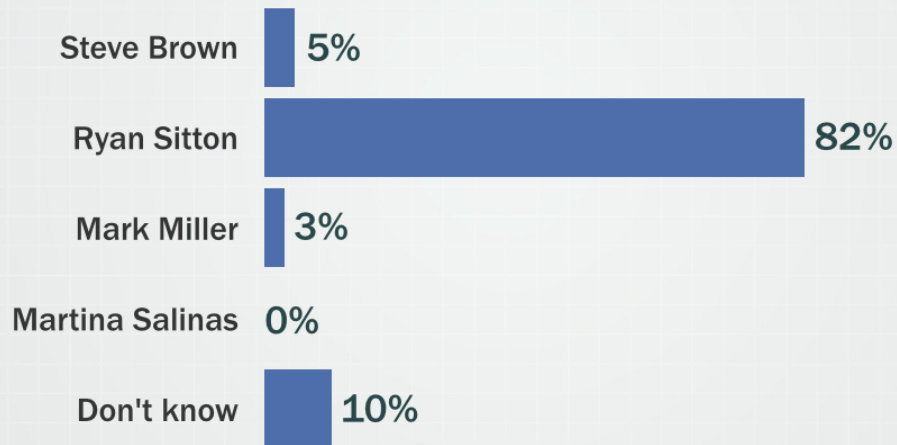
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Who will win the race for governor?

- "Headline: DAVIS MEETS EVERY VOTER IN THE STATE; LOSES BY 15 POINTS"
- "Wendy's aborted campaign has set back the cause of women in Texas politics by 25 years."
- "It's not going to be as close as Democrats would like to think - not this time at least. "
- "What will be Battleground's excuse? It surely won't be lack of money. "
- "Abbott never had to run the race he and his team were prepared to run.

Davis and her team ran a race that they'd like to forget. "

- "Davis' only issue is pro-abortion. She's wholly incompetent to be Texas' Governor."
- "The Abbott's should be picking fabrics and colors for the personal residence."
- "Republicans are again headed for wins averaging 10 points in every statewide race."
- "Duh"

- "If people were smart and truly cared about the direction of this state, she would win!"
- "Another repub sweep. For all of her star power on the East and left Coasts, Davis has run a terrible campaign."
- "Wendy will get a lower % of the vote than Bill White."
- "Two points to Kathie Glass for running the least slimy campaign!"
- "Partisanship aside, there isn't really anyone who can say with a straight face that they think Wendy can win. Right?"
- "Mr. Abbott barring any mistakes or new info"
- "By 20 points. Most demoralizing loss by Ds since the takeover began. "
- "You could've saved us time on all of these questions by offering a straight-ticket button--after all, that's what most voters are going to do!"
- "Its a Republican sweep and the Democrats and their allies in the media will respond as if it was somehow unfair -- but its just democracy. Democrats keep trying to win by changing the messenger -- Tony Sanchez, Trial Lawyer Bell, Trial Lawyer White, Wendy Davis -- but the problem isn't the messenger its the message. Texans are not going to vote for big spending, pro-trial lawyer, liberal, abortion on demand candidates, no matter who they are. "

Who will win the race for lieutenant governor?

- "Note to Battleground TX and Hollywood liberals: Next time, study where the levers of power reside in Texas before picking a candidate to fund."
- "While Chandrakantha has obviously run a strong campaign, this just isn't the year for her to beat 'Don't Know.'"
- "Is Leticia in some witness protection program?"
- "By a bigger margin than Abbott..."
- "Even though the polls show a double digit lead for Dan Patrick, I can't bring myself to check the box beside his name even though this is just a survey. "
- "I'd much rather discuss A&M football on a Monday at the office. "
- "The big question is will Abbott or Patrick lead the Republican ticket in Texas?"
- "Duh twice over"
- "She will be a dynamic Lt. Governor!"
- "Van de Putte's inability to build any fire and momentum is the biggest surprise and disappointment of the cycle."
- "Partisanship aside, there isn't really anyone who can say with a straight face that they think Leticia can win. Right?"

- "Again barring any mistakes or new info"

- "Trouncing of a lousy candidate by one even worse. A bad day for Texas."

Who will win the race for attorney general?

- "Not sure who will be happier when Paxton wins: The TEA Party or the Texas media who gets to write about his lingering ethics issues."

- "Only among the Texas Tribune staff will Sam Houston get more than 45% of the vote."

- "We might as well have another AG under indictment."

- "Defaming attempts by the Republican left didn't work. Thank goodness. Paxton is a principled, courageous conservative."

- "That felony indictment on Wednesday, November 5th is gonna sting a little bit."

- "Maybe after the election his handlers will let him come out and play"

- "Even though he may end up being disqualified or removed from office, there hasn't been enough resources to get the message out broadly about his legal issues."

- "Shame."

- "Anybody voting for Paxton is seriously delusional; an electorate that puts party first over felonious activity needs a serious gut check. "

- "The silent Ken Paxton is the Texas GOP's blister waiting to burst. The 'run silent, run deep' strategy of Paxton's reactionary handlers will be his - and maybe the whole party's - undoing"

- "Partisanship aside, there isn't really anyone who can say with a straight face that they think Sam Houston can win. Right?"

- "Ken will win but will be interesting to see if any legal remedies impact his ascension."

- "Biggest victory by the most unqualified candidate for this job in recent history. D stands for dead. "

- "I bet Sam Houston gets the closest to 48"

Who will win the race for comptroller?

- "Perhaps this is wishful thinking. "

- "This is the one office where it is easier to assess a candidate's

qualifications and where qualifications should prevail but won't. "

- "Farmers Fight!"

- "Best qualified candidate on the ballot for either party. "
- "Let's be honest here: Hegar is a political hack with no experience handling multi-billion dollar budgets while Collier is actually a CPA and knows how to crunch numbers, but we find ourselves in a position where, once again, the electorate puts party first over common sense. "
- "Partisanship aside, there isn't really anyone who can say with a straight face that they think Mike Collier can win. Right?"
- "Stay under the radar and keep praying in your campaign Ads-Good Government At Work!"

Who will win the race for land commissioner?

- "Didn't George P. already win this seat back in March?"
- "You mean, Senator / Governor / Congressman / President Bush?"
- "No brainer. The Bush dynasty will continue."
- "Without my vote. No more Bushes."
- "And a next-gen star is born. Bush for Governor 2022?"
- "Rs will sweep all statewide races. I'm not sure why we're surveying this."
- "Governor and Land Commissioner are the only votes I feel really good about..."
- "Who cares. "
- "George P was affable enough until he refused to endorse his own father for President. Thanks for the reminder that there is craven. And then there is Bush craven. "
- "Actually like this guy; he's got the money and prestige but he also brings some class sometimes missing from our candidates and definitely a more practical approach as a Republican- Wish he and Straus did more together; maybe they will!"

Who will win the race for agriculture commissioner?

- "Sid Miller: Because traditional animal husbandry is between one heifer and one bull."
- "Right about now Wayne Christian is going, 'How the hell did Sid...'"
- "Really? He hasn't really campaigned on the issues and when he does, he doesn't understand what the office is responsible for and appropriations."

- "Checking the box by Sid Miller's name may be even creepier than checking a box by Dan Patrick's name. I'll go with Jim Hogan just to feel better about myself."
- "Perfect fit for Texas #2 income source."
- "Like my ballot. I'm skipping this race."
- "Finally an Ag Commissioner who can actually drive a tractor."
- "Don't Care!"

Who will win the race for railroad commissioner?

- "Sitton's rise proves that Old Testament names have fallen out of favor with Texas Republican voters."
- "Finally, new blood!"
- "You should have had a straight ticket survey to make this easier on your respondents."
- "In the past, I have always voted for the 'person' and not the party. Sadly, over the years, I have watched the wackadoodles in the Republican Party do nothing but support the CRAZIES in their party, even over MUCH MORE qualified Democrats. This year, I think I might join the 'straight ticket' voters and push the Democratic button - I would rather vote for MY crazies over theirs!"
- "Again, who cares. "
- "We have railroads? Do they transport oil?"
- "Don't know but maybe I should; let me investigate this one!"

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