

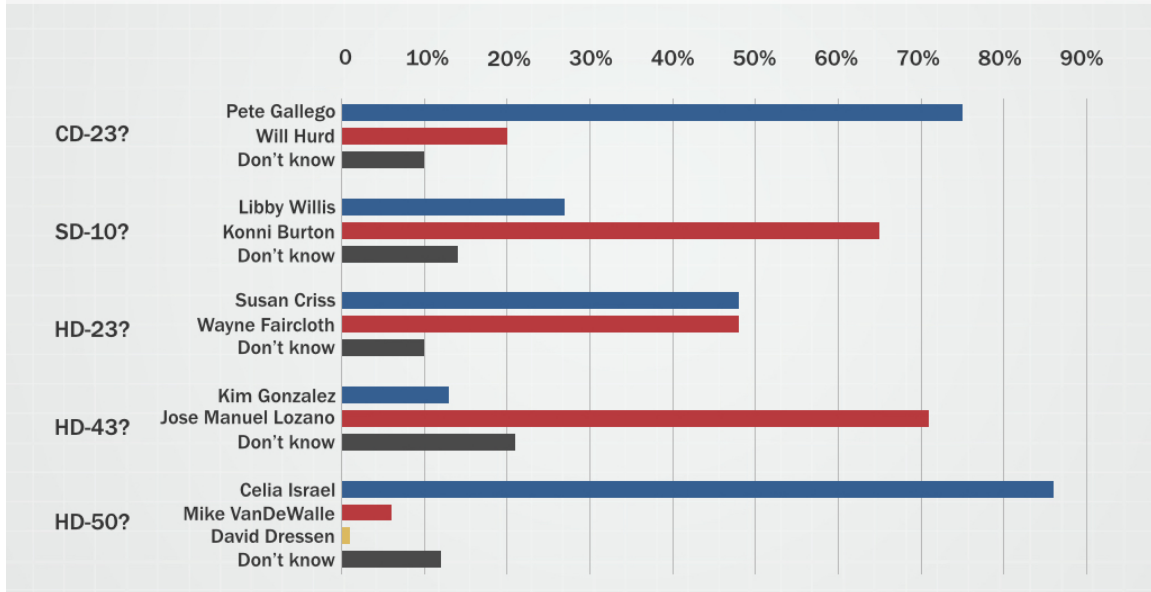
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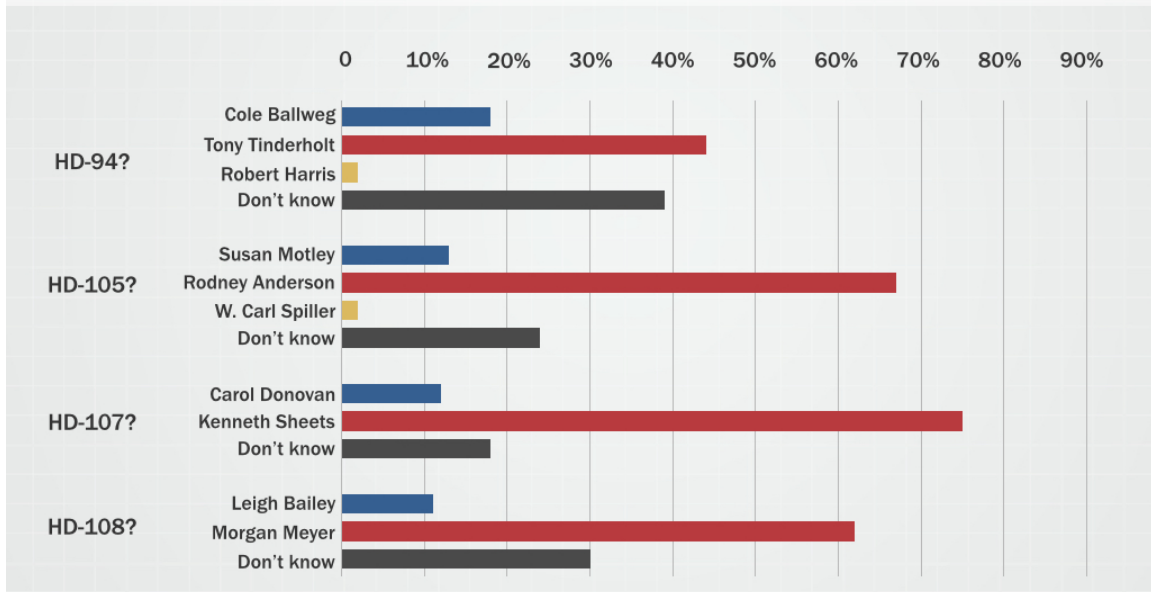
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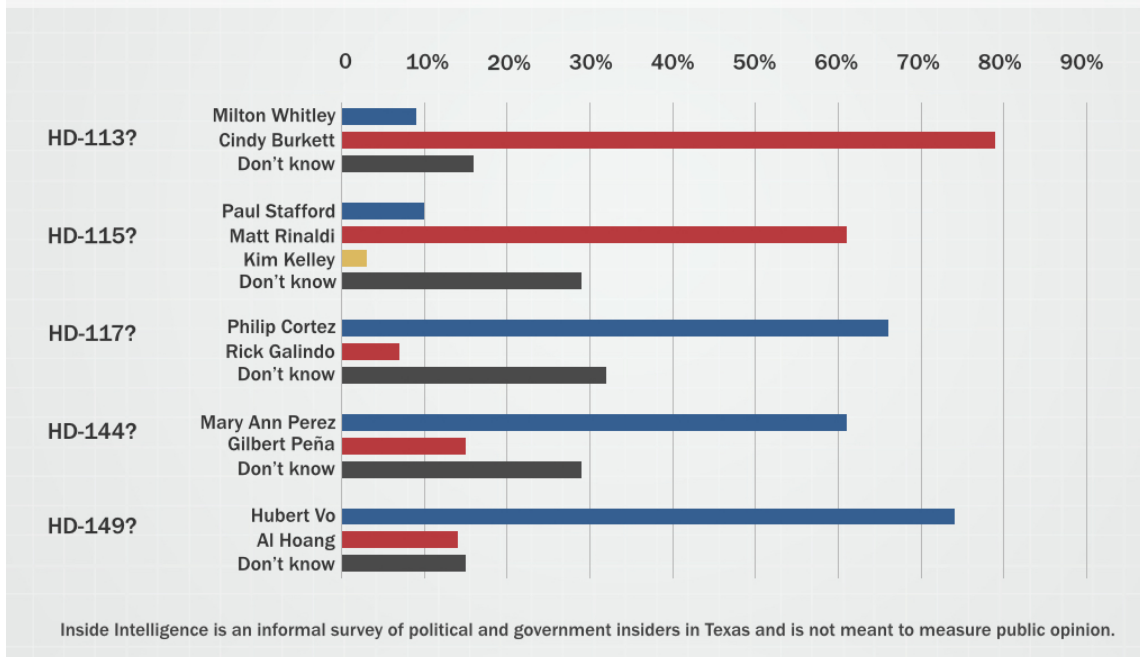
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### *Who will win the race in CD-23?*

- "The Austin resident who represents a congressional district in West Texas and San Antonio will hang on by a thread."
- "This is a district where POTUS is upside down by 30 points. However, the GOP has once again failed to do outreach to Latino voters. And that's No Bueno."
- "But I have seen photos of Pete Gallego actually in the district, so it must be pretty tight to get him back home..."
- "Stupid move by NRCC to have Gov. Perry front for Hurd. Perry moves nobody, except negatively."
- "Working Hard"
- "The Democrats need to do some real soul-searching if Will Hurd manages to beat the incumbent, Pete Gallego."
- "Two reasons why Gallego wins. 1 Corvalan takes votes from Hurd, and 2. Gallego works the district, he is in front of the constituency."
- "51-49"
- "It's a winnable district for the GOP if Pete ever steps down. As it is, he's represented so much of that district for so long (for those with short

memories or who don't know, Pete served in the Texas House for 20+ years) and he's done an excellent job with constituent services--so much so that they'll continue to re-elect him."

- "Pete has a unique quality to attract crossover voters since they know the man."

### ***Who will win the race in SD-10?***

- "Konni Burton is super cray- cray!!"
- "There are too many angry republicans voting in that county and they'll elect one of their own."
- "God help us!"
- "Turn off the lights!"
- "A whole lotta shaking' going on here, this will be the one to watch...."
- "Republican swing at end will benefit Burton."

- "Wish full thinking but probably wrong"
- "Anyone who has been anointed by Sen. Cruz in Texas this cycle has won. Konni Burton will continue that streak."
- "Battleground and the Texas Dem Party are working double overtime to keep this seat. At the end of the day, I don't think it'll be enough."

### ***Who will win the race in HD-23?***

- "The trial lawyers will lose this one, by a close margin."
- "Right time, wrong candidate."
- "Facts about Criss ethical problems are emerging too slowly to defeat Criss."

- "The D's hold this seat"
- "And haven't you heard, she'll make history!!!"

### ***Who will win the race in HD-43?***

- "Everybody loves Raymond and J.M."
- "Pepito wins! Pepito wins! Again."

- "Lozano could be in trouble depending on the Valley turn out"

### ***Who will win the race in HD-50?***

- "It's Austin. She'll win."
- "Tie falls to the runner...."
- "She wins"
- "HD-50 has been neatly carved in favor of the Democrats, so any old D will do."
- "I'm calling a huge upset here! VanDeWalle has done 30,000 pieces of mail, over 10,000 calls, and radio with just \$40,000."
- "Is this race really seen as competitive? If so, we need to redefine 'competitive.'"

### ***Who will win the race in HD-94?***

- "As a republican I hope Tinderholt does not win. He is a great example of why we should eliminate straight ticket voting in this state."
- "Wish Cole could win this one, but it's crazy Tarrant County. And Tinderholt will find a Metroplex cadre ready to take him in."
- "The tinderbox will explode before midnight on Election Day"
- "Sign up at his desk if you want to participate in the invasion of Mexico... free t-shirts and hats"
- "I can only hope."

### ***Who will win the race in HD-105?***

- "Not sure anyone works harder than Rodney."
- "Anderson knocked off Linda Harper-Brown so he had better seal the deal by holding the seat for the Rs."
- "Anderson is a likable guy. This race is done."
- "Rodney has run one of the best campaigns in the state this year."
- "Depends on turnout in Dallas County, etc."
- "It's tight, but Anderson will pull it off."
- "I think it's a toss-up."
- "Working hard but this is a tight district"

### ***Who will win the race in HD-107?***

- "...oops, take that back about Rodney. Not sure anyone works harder than Sheets."
- "This will be the last chance the Ds have to take this seat. Sheets wins: 53-47"
- "Another close race."
- "My upset pick"
- "When close-quarters combat is involved, always side with the Marine."

### ***Who will win the race in HD-108?***

- "Highland Park? Who cares. Can we trade these two, Dan Branch and a player to be named later for someone else?"
- "Soon D but not yet"
- "With endorsements ranging from KBH to Giuliani, and Bob Rowling fundraisers, how can Meyer lose this one?"

### ***Who will win the race in HD-113?***

- "Working hard ... one of the few toss up districts"

### ***Who will win the race in HD-115?***

- "Practicing his seconding speech for Turner."

### ***Who will win the race in HD-117?***

- "He's too decent a guy to lose that race."
- "Time for a slight readjustment."
- "This is a D district he is well thought of"
- "The odds are with Cortez."

### ***Who will win the race in HD-144?***

- "D district"

### ***Who will win the race in HD-149?***

- "I don't even think Vo's constituents can understand him."
- "The Vietnam War is still raging in the 149"
- "Republicans are smart to pick an Asian candidate. But, they need to put more work into that district."
- "Hubert Vo makes me miss Kelly Fero."

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