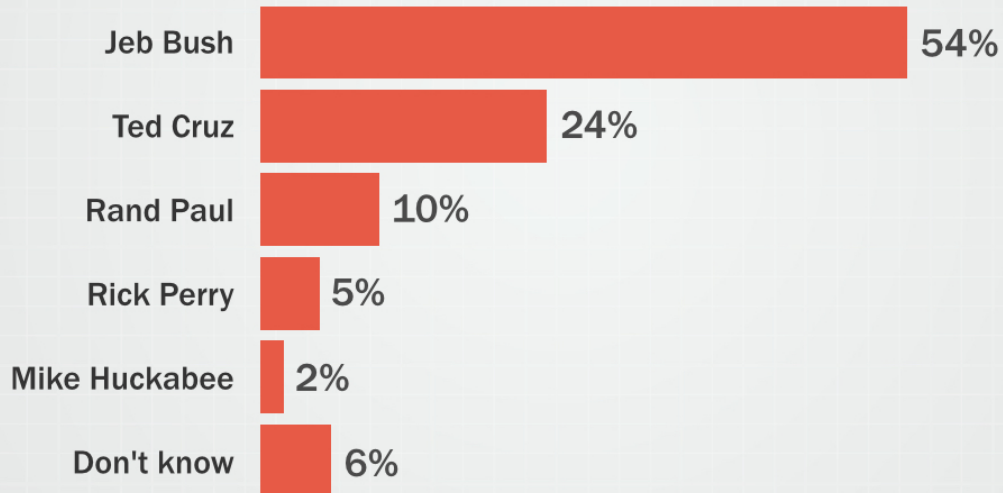


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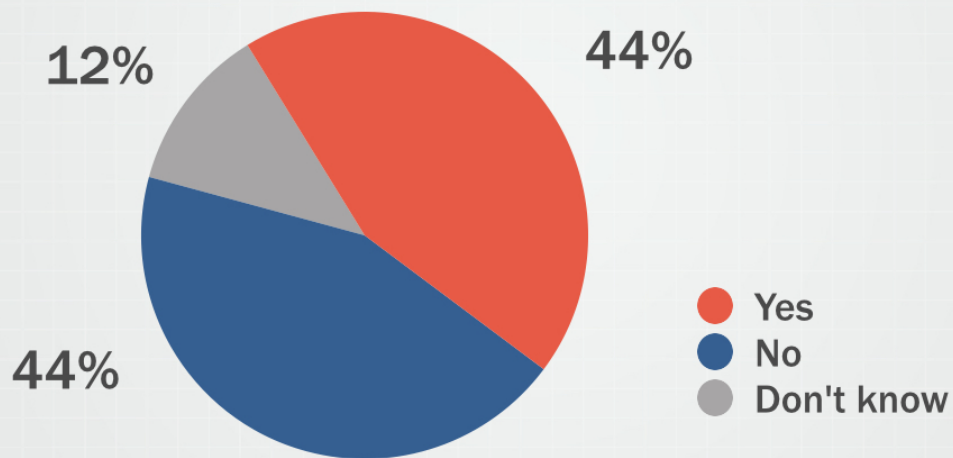
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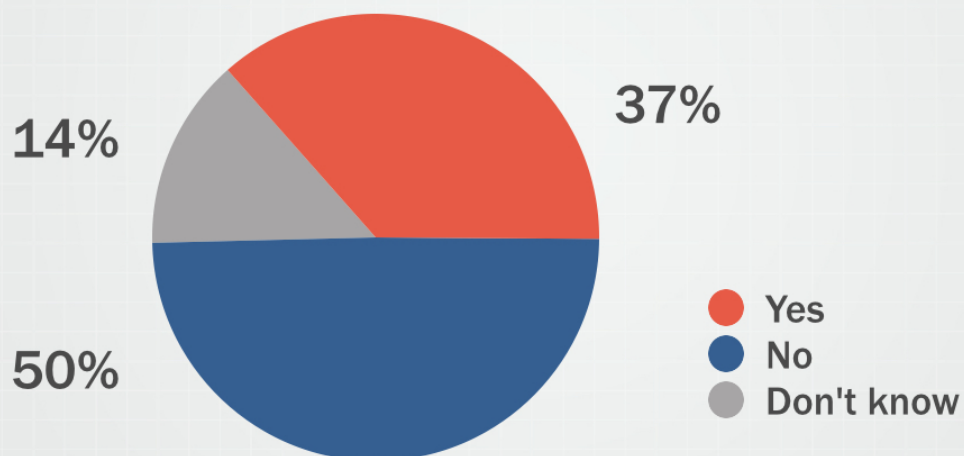
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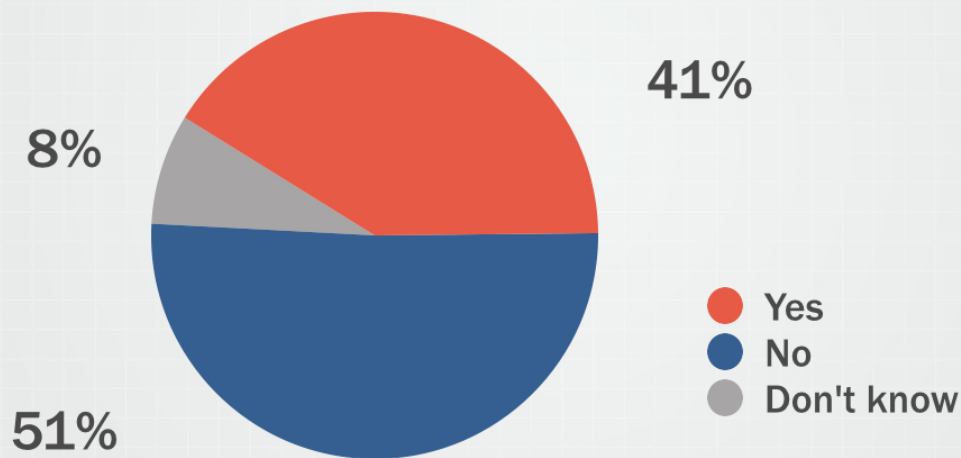
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## ***Which of these 2016 presidential candidate with Texas ties finishes highest in next year's GOP primary?***

- "Not sure who will finish highest - maybe the one in favor of decriminalization of marijuana? Joking aside, Jeb will have the resources to go deepest into the primaries."
- "Like the past 2 Texas gubernatorial campaigns, NEW MEDIA rules. And the Cruz campaign has the best."
- "Another clown bus loaded w flat earthers, anti vaxxers who, with maybe couple of exceptions think we co-existed with dinosaurs."
- "I think someone without Texas ties will get it done."
- "None of the above. Scott Walker will clean their clocks."
- "Bush is the only one that doesn't come across as a total, or partial, douchebag, to somebody out there. He should win it outright."
- "Since I'll be supporting the Democratic candidate — barring the GOP nominating Teddy Roosevelt, I hope that Ted Cruz does well."
- "Ted Cruz will not only finish highest as the candidate with Texas ties, he will prevail as the Republican nominee."

- “It will come down to Jeb and Ted. The GOP will then be locked in battle between the money types and the foot soldiers. Do they really want to nominate a squishy ‘conservative’ again? Or do they want the real thing?”
- “Too early to tell.”
- “Don't we have enough nutcases? Exactly how do we end up with Rick Santorum?”
- “In the Texas primary only? It depends on who is still in the race at that point.”
- “Bush will almost certainly be in the final two, assuming he develops a

message beyond ‘I'm the adult in the race.’”

- “Bush is likely ahead in organization/resources, but there's no presumptive GOP nominee this time.”
- “With Scott Walker coming on strong. This assumes Perry and Cruz won't be around by then. Obviously, if Perry and Cruz are still around, they'll split a good number of votes.”
- “Paul will win NH, have ‘bitcoin’ funding and survive to a convention floor fight.”

### ***Do you think a Texas-connected candidate will be the nominee?***

- “Texas' job growth is a winning issue.”
- “Gee — kinda goes against how the rest of the world feels about climate change, vaccinations, public health, public education and those wonderful Bush ('41) years”
- “Ted Cruz ... cause the GOP can't help itself ... it's the ‘double down of crazy’ cycle ... just watch.”
- “Hopefully Scott Walker.”
- “Jeb Bush.”
- “Hell NO”
- “It really is too early to tell.”
- “If Jeb counts as Texas-connected, then yes.”
- “As many as 8 candidates have a path to the nomination.”
- “The data supports Ted Cruz as currently being on the path to winning the Republican nomination.”
- “Jeb Bush”
- “The odds favor one of them.”
- “The top five finishers will probably include Paul, Bush and Cruz. Walker and Rubio are the other two who look strong now, but a longer shot could well emerge during the campaign.”
- “Putin will foil Rand Paul's allure and cost him Reaganite conservatives.”
- “While WAY early, the smart money seems to be behind Jeb Bush . . . if he's indeed a ‘Texas-connected’ candidate.

Unless completely neutered by the attacks from the right, he appears to have the upper hand.”

***Do you think a Texas-connected candidate will be the vice presidential pick of either party?***

- “If one of these is selected as the Veep candidate, it won't be for the traditional reason of bringing a big state (or region) into the fold, instead it will be to appeal a certain segment of the national populace based on ideology and principle.”
- “If not the top of the ticket, then certainly VP.”
- “What's the inverse of the yellow dog rule?”
- “Question 2 above and this question are easy to hedge off one another ... if the GOP goes with a moderate like Jeb then they have to go crazy on the VP (and vice-versa) ... one way or the other, there will be a far right guy, probably Cruz, on the ticket ... plus they need to build the bench for the future.”
- “Maybe one of the Castros.”
- “Hell NO. It will not be Ted, it will not be Rick and Jeb does not have a chance in hell. The base has not love for him and the Bush family. Maybe George P but none of the others. Maybe Susana Martinez for VEEP is as close as Texas gets.”
- “None of the Texas connected candidates meet the profile of a strong VP candidate.”
- “Clinton/Castro is the ticket. Don't we already have bumper stickers?”
- “What are the odds for having one Texan on both major party slates in 2016?”
- “VP will be Susana Martinez or Marco Rubio, most likely.”
- “Hillary Clinton will surely choose a Castro brother to join her on the Democrat ticket as VP.”
- “Castro for the Democrats.”
- “We'll take odds on a Scott Walker-Jeb Bush ticket.”
- “Jimmy Fallon is hoping for Rick Perry to replace Biden.”
- “Depends on what connections the nominee has. In general, you

don't need Texas to bolster the GOP ticket."

- "Far too early to make an intelligence guess on that one."
- "Maybe Secretary Castro. But it won't matter for Texas. Texas will be an R state."

- "Um, no. Finish the sentence: running strong is the \_\_\_\_\_ - Cruz ticket ..."

- "Who the heck knows?"
- "Rick Perry is very Joe Biden-like."

***Regardless of the ultimate outcome, does the timing of the Travis County case against Rick Perry ruin his presidential chances this cycle?***

- "His oops moment last cycle and lack of raising money this cycle will ruin his presidential chances. Fighting a partisan witch hunt is an asset not a liability with the primary voters."
- "That's definitely the game plan of the corrupt DA's office."
- "Fancy rims, Italian loafers even a stack of memorized 3x5 cards from a room full of policy advisors can't disguise that his brain stem still doesn't connect to the neocortex. And, the criminal case simply gives those donors already reluctant an excuse to stall until he stalls out somewhere between Iowa and South Carolina, even if stupid Tuesday turns into the SEC primaries."
- "His chances are already ruined."

- "If the public at large doesn't care that man has been criminally indicted and is now going to be prosecuted then I give up on the public at large."

- "He'll ruin it by himself."
- "But it was never really very viable to begin with so this will be the convenient excuse on why it flamed it."
- "Rick Perry needs no help in ruining his presidential chances this or any cycle."
- "Perry did himself in. Oops."
- "Ruin? No. Hamper? Absolutely."
- "To an extent until a verdict is reached in this case, it only fuels a fire for Perry and for Perry supporters. There will be a race to spin the 'overzealous' prosecution



as liberal posturing and meddling, all of which help Perry fundraise and draw attention from folks across the country. If the trial proceeds and starts to turn, there is a chance it would be enough to force Perry out. For now it's beneficial to a large degree."

- "The Democrats are professionals at character assassinations on any Republican with a chance of winning the WH. If they cannot win in the arena of ideas and legislation that will go after credible Republicans on legal grounds, trumped up charges or again character assassination. They have zero chance of winning on ideas. They have every chance of winning on BS emotional approaches to issues lacking any logic or facts."
- "What chance? He isn't even making a register in all the early polls."
- "Rick Perry's prospects are much more dependent on other factors than the Travis County case. The GOP has a strong field of contenders, stronger and more credible than 4 years ago. The economy is doing better than it was 4 years ago reducing somewhat the urgency of Perry's best messages. Foreign affairs will probably play a much greater role

than domestic affairs will in the race based on recent news events, which is also the reverse of 4 years ago. Perry is likely to be perceived as stronger on domestic and economic issues than on foreign affairs. These are the types of factors, and there are others, that are likely to impact Perry's prospects more so than the Travis County court case."

- "He does not need help from a prosecution. His stupidity and mis-speaks will be his undoing again."
- "It doesn't ruin him, but it adds a fresh set of bruises on his already puffy face."
- "Not if his third motion to dismiss is successful."
- "It doesn't help."
- "Probably, yes."
- "Well, it never helps anything to be under indictment."
- "It probably makes him less attractive to GOP voters focused on winning the White House rather than on ideological purity but might earn him support from some of the nuttier GOP voters."
- "Unfortunately, the rest of the country will know Governor Perry

has been indicted, but doesn't necessarily know the local politics: that a degenerate drunk is running our Public Integrity Unit and that Governor Perry is being prosecuted for lawfully exercising his veto power under the Texas Constitution."

- "He has no job! Having NEVER worked anywhere except for the Government he HAS to run for President — it's another government job with FREE housing for him."
- "It doesn't ruin his chances currently, but it is a cloud that will spit at him."
- "He lost before that."
- "RP has done enough damage himself."
- "What chances? He had none to begin with. He's angling for a cabinet appointment."
- "Perry was already on shaky ground in his second run, so it needed to be flawless."
- "Rick Perry ruined Rick's chances of being president this cycle (or any cycle)."

- "He wouldn't win in any event, indictment or no, because GOP voters will not trust him with the nomination. There are too many alternatives who are smarter, harder-working, and lacking baggage."

- "It is icing on the cake. 2 out of 3 got him."

- "He's not going to make it regardless."

- "Plus his record which when examined closely by the national media, will look pretty abysmal."

- "No, Rick Perry ruined Rick Perry's presidential chances."

- "May provide the killing blow?"

- "It was the only option left to punch him, and punch him hard they did."

- "What chances?"

- "And don't care."

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