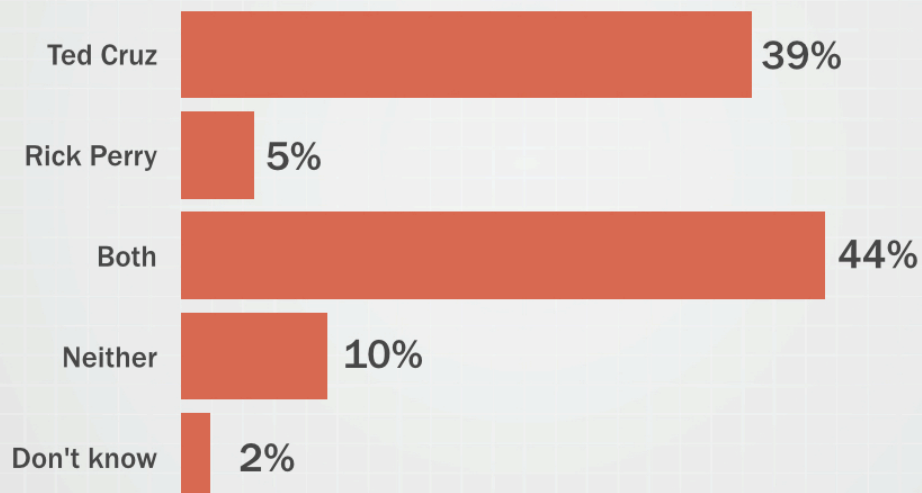


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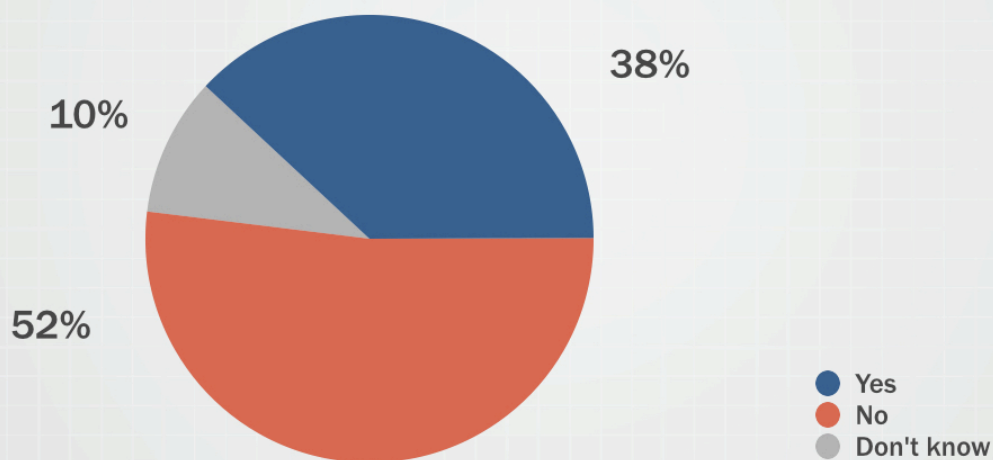
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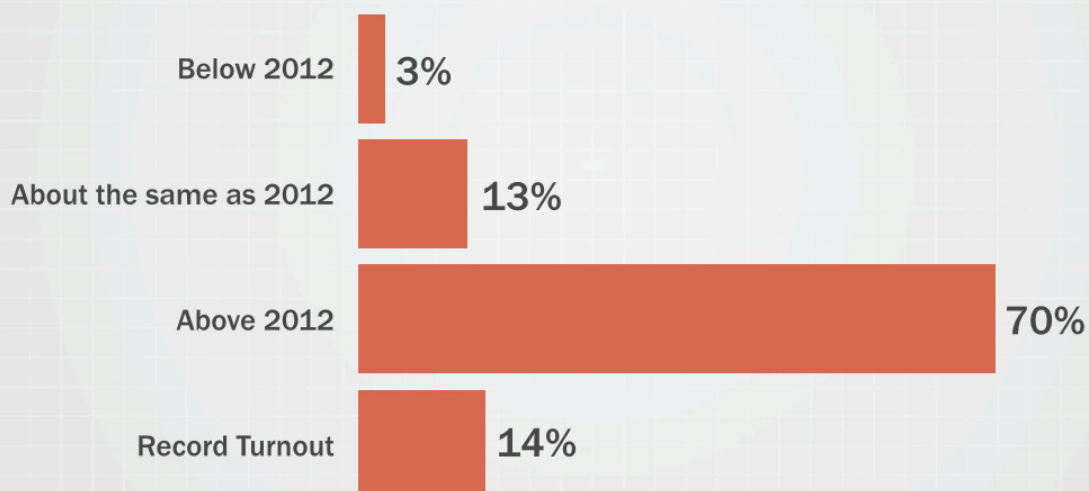
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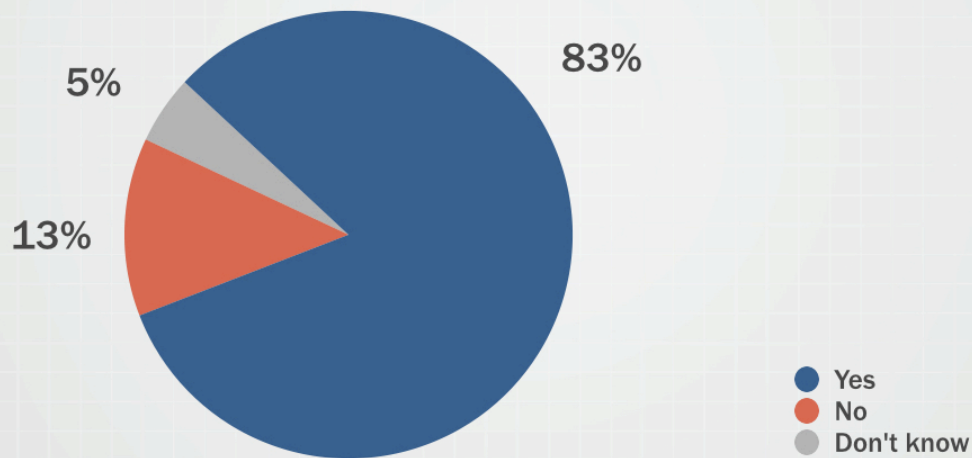
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Who makes the cut for that first GOP presidential debate on Aug. 6 in Cleveland?

- "A presidential debate without a Texan is no debate at all."
- "It's the Oprah of GOP presidential debates: You get a slot and YOU get a slot and YOU get a slot... everybody gets a slot on stage!"
- "Cruz is a better debater, but Perry is 'prettier.' If there is Texas fatigue,' they will dump Perry and go with Cruz."
- "Poor old Perry. Shootin' both irons, and no one can hear him."
- "Perry can't break from the pack. Attacking Trump wasn't smart."
- "The network wants Trump and Perry to scrap."
- "Cruz is in easily. Perry got some publicity by attacking Trump, but not enough."
- "RP a has been"
- "Rick Perry is the only voice of reason, which means that the networks will likely leave him out!"

With one of two indictments now gone, does the court case against Rick Perry conclude before the Iowa caucus?

- "What court case?"
- "But it won't matter because Perry will have shuttered his presidential hopes."
- "He'll walk away a free man and will have forever this badge of honor."
- "But the groundwork for dismissal of the second charge has been laid."
- "Gone? You forgot about the appeal of the appeal, followed by the appeal of the appeal. No way this is all done before the 2016 general election, much less the primaries."
- "The Dems will drag it out as long as they can. Character assassination is their MO."
- "Trial ends before end of the year."
- "Is the glass half empty or half full — did the panel of Republican judges dismiss one or see merit in another?"
- "It does not really matter. The special prosecutor has already been discredited with the dismissal of the one charge."
- "As the defense asserts, this bogus indictment is hanging by a thread now. It is merely the criminalization of normal politics. Travis County Democrats, with aid of an alleged GOP lawyer, should be ashamed of themselves. This is the third time in recent years they have attempted to bring down prominent Texas Republican officials that they couldn't beat at the ballot box by bringing transparently vacuous charges. The scheme is to bring false charges that take a long time to wind through the court system, but enervate the target in the process."
- "Perry headed to trial."

More than 1.4 million voters cast ballots in the 2012 GOP presidential primary. What are your turnout expectations for the primary next year?

- "This party [GOP] has been divided in like a civil war — brother against brother — sister against sister."
- "RR is correct about historic high turnout, and it won't be just suburban Whites. Hispanics turned out in droves for HRC in '08."
- "Depends on registration efforts of RPT, but I would guess it's about the same."
- "After enduring the Obama presidency, Texas GOP voters are ravenous for a red president. They will turn out."

- "The angst among the grassroots will bring out new voters who're afraid of the status quo."

- "It has to be a record turnout because for the first time in modern history Texas will be critical in the delegate count."

- "But depends on who's running."

- "2012 was an odd election because of the redistricting battle. It should be higher on a uniform election day."

If he does not win the presidential nomination next year, does Ted Cruz run for re-election?

- "He will run for re-election and he will win."

- "He will retire to Goldman Sachs and write a book about the moral decay of America and restoration of the Gold Standard."

- "God help us if he does."

- "Ego is far too delicate to be 'junior' anything."

- "Well, of course he will — he is a U.S. Senator! Otherwise no one will talk to him!"

- "He might also get a VP nomination. Look at how many VP candidates have gotten the presidential nomination afterward. Truman, Nixon, LBJ, G. H. W. Bush, Mondale, Humphrey, Gore..."

- "As long as Trump staying in GOP primary, lots of folks will come out to vote."

- "Republicans will have a spirited primary, boosting overall turnout."

- "The first year that the GOP Presidential Primary actually matters, and with the Democrat primary a forgone conclusion..."

- "Ego demands it."

- "He's brilliant, young and full of energy."

- "He can't resist the spotlight of being in office unless he thinks he thinks he can con a 'news' network into paying him a bunch as a commentator to the sheep people."

- "For someone who rails against government, he needs to continue his streak of government jobs."

- "Hope not, he is totally worthless and in fact is a net negative on behalf of Texas for the rest of his Senate career."

- "Like or dislike, Cruz has real convictions, unlike Perry."

- "That guy will never give up."

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