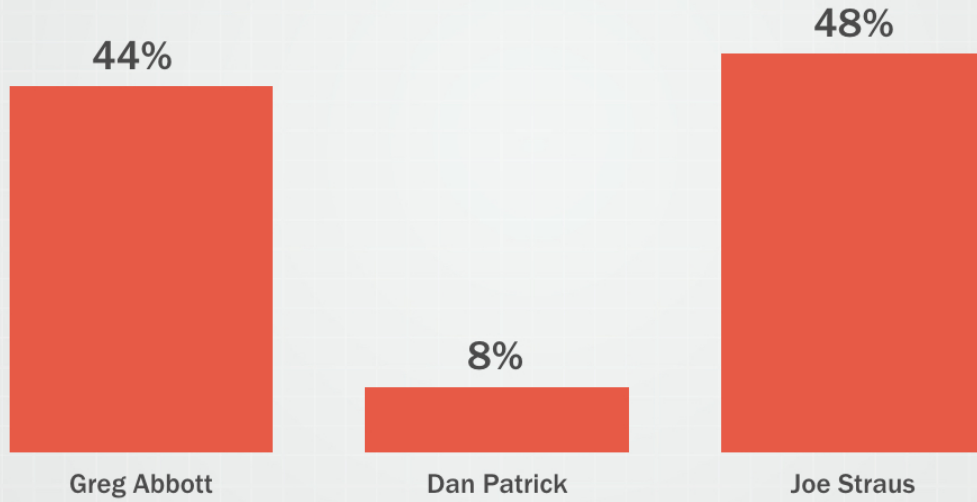


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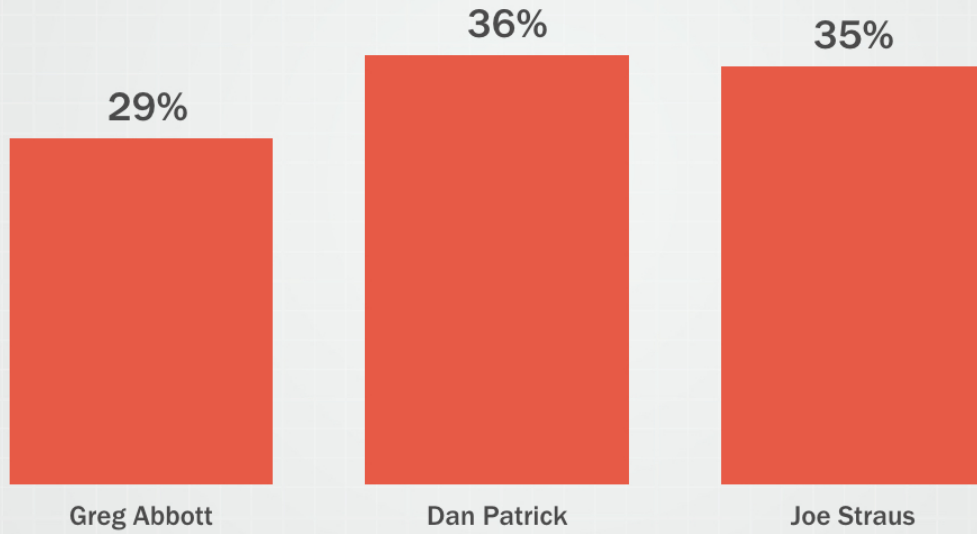
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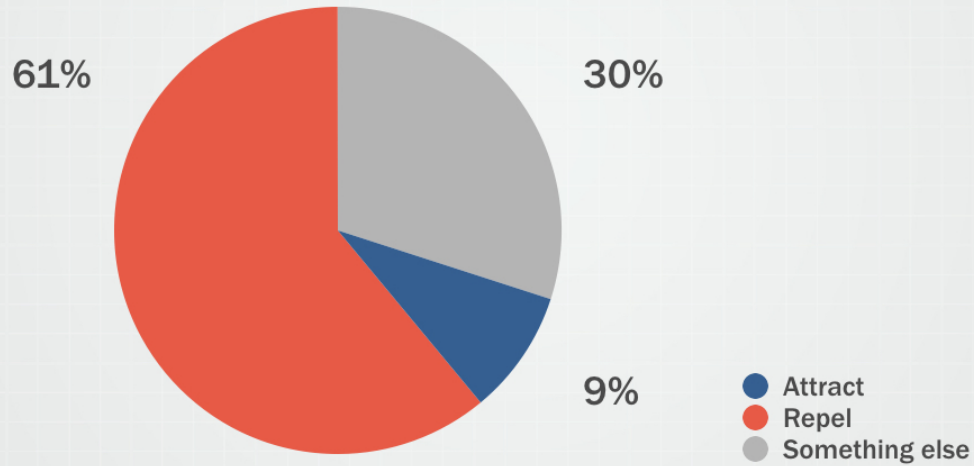
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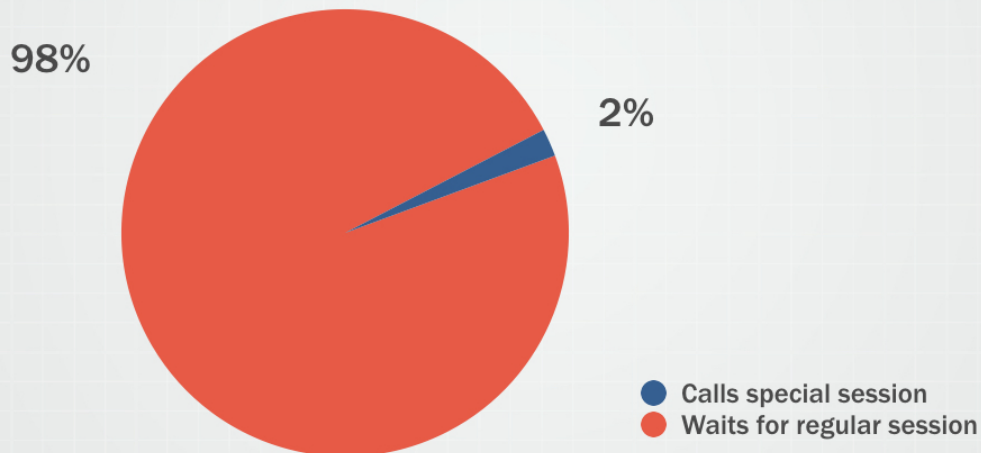
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Whose approach to sanctuary cities has the best chance of success?

- "Abbott = smart Governor = Enforce the Law."
- "Since this is a completely right wing, racist political issue not based on reality, I'd say Abbott's getting more wingnuts elected is the winner here."
- "The voters are sick and tired of being manipulated by politicians — which exactly what this choice does. Fast Track would be the correct approach to motivate voters, but we are left wondering whether they really plan to fix the problem or manipulate the electorate."
- "Straus' measured, thoughtful approach makes the most sense, so therefore it's DOA with the xenophobes and hyper partisans in his party."
- "Someone should remind Patrick that only Abbott can call a legislative session."
- "Since only the Governor can call a special session, his plan is the only plan."
- "Of your potential choices, the answer would be 'All of the above.'"
- "Demagoguery works."

- "I'm not sure what you are defining as success, but whatever it is, I'm betting on Patrick."

- "There are more of them — House members — than there are senators!"

Where do you think the voters are?

- "Depends on which voters."

- "People are tired of Patrick playing politics."

- "Which voters — the large, silent majority or the loud, vocal minority?"

- "Straus, if one counts all registered voters and not just the Republican base of racists. Patrick, if one only counts the base."

- "I know they want a special session for this — and for marriage."

- "Answer is Straus for where all voters and population are. Republican primary voters are with Patrick or Abbott."

- "Abbott still leads in public's view."

- "3-5xR Primary voters are w/ Patrick."

- "Abbott is the Governor. No one knows who the others are outside of their families."

- "Abbott's got the right idea: just ride this thing to Republican victories. Actually doing something about it is really messy and may backfire."

- "Abbott has ability to make life uncomfortable for sanctuary city advocates, which is sufficient for now."

- "You mean all voters? They don't care. You mean Republican primary voters? They see monsters under their beds."

- "At least the Republican primary voters are with him."

- "Well, the question is too wide open. Traditional R's with Straus. Tea Party with Patrick. Abbott pandering to anyone that will pay attention to him"

- "Patrick knows what voters want. He and they aren't likely to get what they want, though."

- "Depends. Which voters are you talking about? The SC debate is largely a manufactured controversy to appease a fraction of Republican voters who are predisposed to negative racial and/or ethnic sentiments."

- "You said crazy ass voters — right?"

Does this debate attract or repel Hispanic voters?

- "Hispanic voters... are not a uniform group, just as 'Anglo' voters' opinions

vary greatly who live on the same street."

- "I think it does both... some will be offended while other Hispanics believe this policy is the right approach."
- "Not all Hispanics support sanctuary cities..."
- "It is wrong to assume Hispanic citizens support lawlessness."
- "Neither attract nor repel. It doesn't matter until Democrats can more effectively engage Hispanic voters as a racial group across age cohorts."
- "Repels because those who profit from illegal workforce fund the PR campaign."
- "Many Hispanics are coming to the conclusion that unfettered illegal immigration creates financial pressures on public education, healthcare and basic services that they too will have to pay for, not to mention downward pressure on wages. The REAL war on women and income equality is being waged by illegal immigrants who will take any job they can get at below market wages, and as a result adversely impacting the wage rate available to other women seeking entry level or manual labor jobs. Sometimes facts get in the way of partisan advocacy, and as such, many Hispanics will vote Republican because they get it."
- "Not really sure"
- "Can we please stop referring to Hispanic voters as if they're a monolithic group?"
- "No impact whatsoever because those upset aren't citizens, thus not allowed to vote."
- "It depends. We forget that the Hispanic voters have a wide range of perspectives. Some come from families who just got to Texas, some from families who have been here since Texas was a part of Spain, and the rest from every generation in between. Some are of Mexican descent, some of Cuban, some..."
- "The economy"
- "Let us be clear, some Hispanic voters are absolutely aligned with the Gov./Lt. Gov., however a majority are not. This is not an issue of civil disobedience, but rather a issue of municipalities purposefully, and at times flaunting the fact, of ignoring federal law and they should be held accountable."
- "Most Hispanic Americans, I believe are in favor of the change. Many worked hard to be here, if not were already here and not satisfied with easy access to America."
- "Research has shown this issue has a zero sum gain or loss."
- "Neither; the idea that Hispanics march lock-step on immigration issues is a cheap, racist stereotype."
- "'Hispanic' is not a monolith. There are Mexicans, Guatemalans, Cubans, etc. Merely having a link to somewhere in the old Spanish empire doesn't create loyalty. If one's group is being pilloried, there will be a reaction. But 'Hispanic' isn't anyone's group."
- "Hispanic voters are the most double minded of every segment. They want the border secured but they also want to allow their friends and family to be

allowed in. Hispanic voters away from the border see things differently from those on the border."

- "It has little effect. Most conservative Hispanics — a substantial minority of the Hispanic population — want to see the law enforced."
- "Patrick's election results speak for themselves. A bold stance attracts voters, not repels them. Patrick garnered a strong share of Hispanic votes to prove the point."
- "Both. Why do both parties — and reporters — believe Hispanics all think and vote alike? The days of one solid voting block because of certain issues are over."

- "Depends on if they and their family came here legally or not."
- "Sad thing is the answers are easy. But liberals don't like rule of law."
- "Frustrates the public. People want the police to pick up people who are breaking the law ... that's their job. If they do not have proper documentation, they are breaking the law."
- "Within the context of the anti-Hispanic rhetoric of the Republican presidential candidates, how do you think they feel? Dumb question."
- "They don't vote and the R's know it."

When all is said and done, what does Abbott do on sanctuary cities?

- "Ted Cruz will run on this issue in Texas."
- "Avoid controversy while manipulating voters. That's how to gain poll numbers in keeping with Congress."
- "He only calls a special session if a national newsworthy event takes place in a sanctuary city."
- "Abbott is congenitally incapable of making a decision."
- "Abbott's smarter than to bank political capital on a special on this nasty boil."
- "No primary to worry about so it's a safe decision."

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