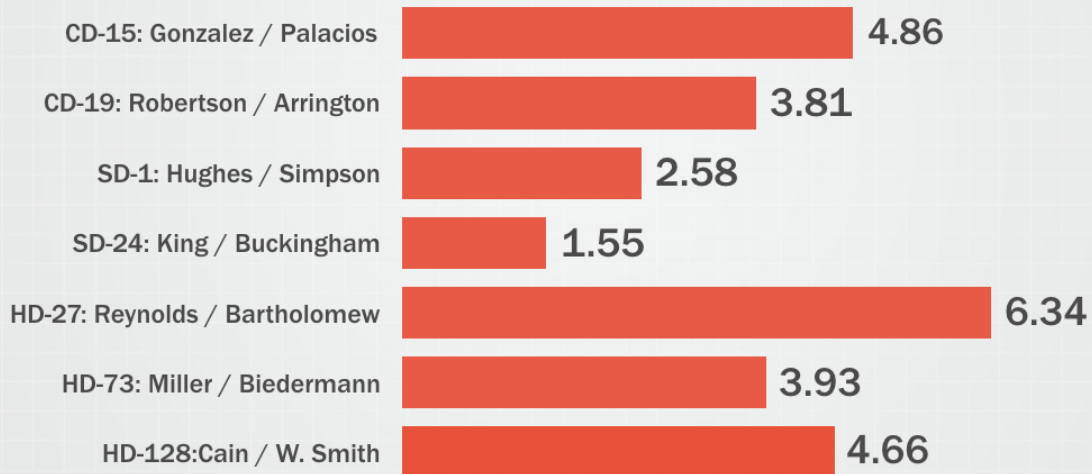


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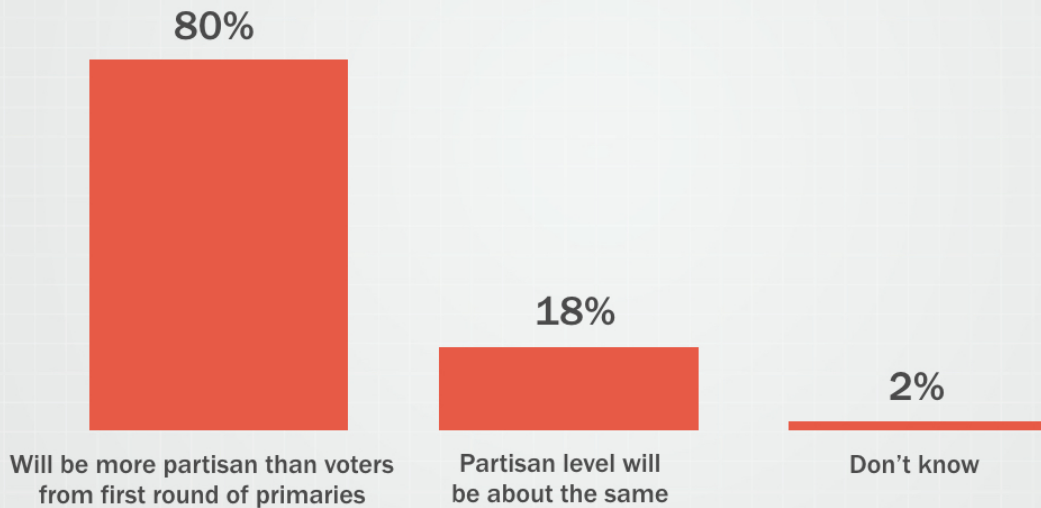
RANK THE FOLLOWING RUNOFF CONTESTS,
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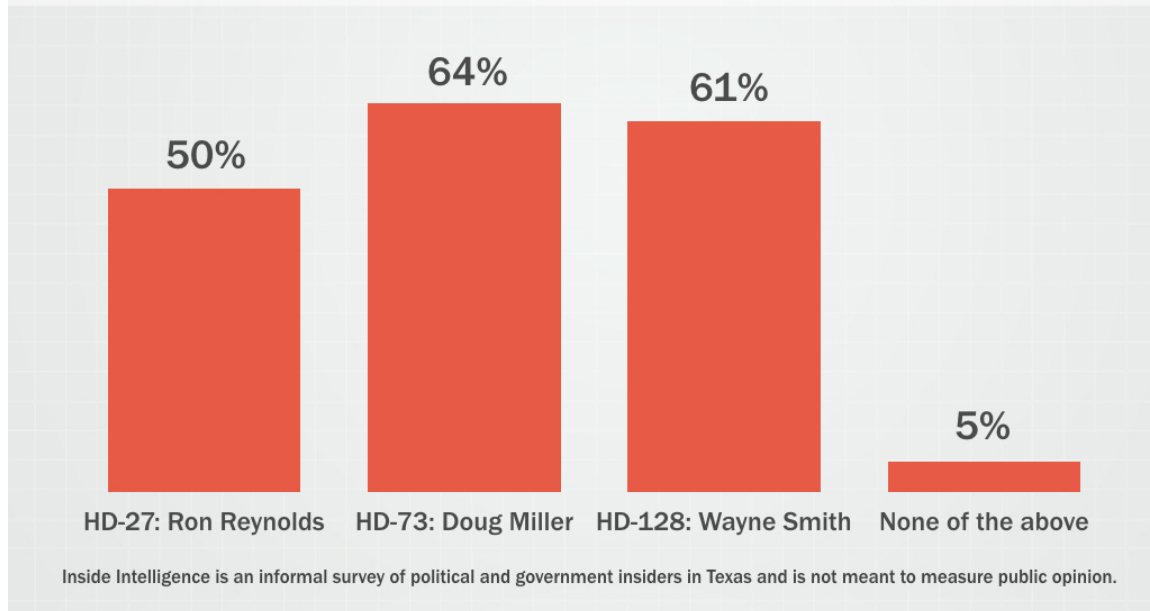
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WHICH OF THESE INCUMBENTS WILL WIN THEIR RUNOFF ELECTION?



What's your prediction about the voters who will turn out for the runoff elections?

- "Lower turnout because that's how runoffs work."
- "History will repeat itself."
- "In the Republican primary, with Trump off the ballot, these decisions will be made by the purely partisan voters. Probably the same can be said for having Bernie off the ballot on the Democrat side."
- "That is not the right question for Republicans this cycle. Real issue: the runoff will see no voters who voted in the Republican primary for the first time ever on March 1."
- "Trumpsters voted for familiar names down ballot, which was the opposite of what they did at the top of the ballot."
- "Runoff voters skew upwards toward 5R & 5D voters."
- "Always watch the person in second place."

Which of these incumbents will win their runoff election?

- "Not sure, but it's damn harder now than it used to be to run as an incumbent."

Tell us what you think. In two sentences or less, analyze last week's primary elections.

- "You are about to witness a McGovern-style exodus, but this time it will be the Reagan Republicans leaving the party."
- "Democratic and Republican as expected for President. Tea Party did not do as they hoped in Lege."
- "Hard fought"
- "Menendez shocked the world... again."
- "Alternate Universe day OR Republican Chickens come home to roost day."
- "The entire cycle was shameful and an embarrassment to the Republican Party. All should step up to the plate and run a cohesive campaign against Empower Texans/Texans for Fiscal Responsibility or whatever name they conjure up next!"
- "There are a lot of mad, scared and newly engaged people in both parties."
- "I think the Michael Quinn Sullivan party shored up their strongholds but lost ground in districts they hoped to infiltrate."
- "Barbarians at the gate, but thankfully held off for another two years."
- "Empower Texas had a bad night and the Speaker had a real good night."
- "Straus is the real leader."
- "Texas pols ducked Trump, Speaker dumped MQS, and the cow jumped over the moon."
- "Both parties saw some surprises. Texas Republicans just may save themselves from the far right crazies!"
- "The Lehrmann/Massengale was a huge embarrassment for TLR, and MQS didn't have a great day either."
- "1) Great night for Texas Supreme Court incumbents; 2) Dunn at al. live to fight another day."
- "Nothing was settled between Empower Texas and the management of the House. When MQS recognizes as a victory the retirement of Rep. Keffer, you know they believe in the power of their intimidation."
- "Increased voter turnout diluted the ultra conservative vote."
- "Low voter turnout once again! A minority is deciding our future."
- "Good day for the Speaker."

- "Incumbency is not always bad. It is good to be first on the ballot."
- "Republicans are still able to turnout more voters. More voters, regardless of how they vote, equals more winners in your party column."
- "Trump-Morrow 2016"
- "Tough outgoing for Tim Dunn and company."
- "Significant that Cruz did not capture 40 percent of the Texas Primary vote. He has serious problem with the Texas Republican Establishment."
- "Empower Texas made no progress."
- "Trumpsters did damage down ballot."
- "Cruz didn't fare too well as a 'favorite son' of Texas..."
- "The anti-Straus crew might crack 20 votes this time around; otherwise, business as usual in the House, while the Senate gets even more 'conservatarian.'"
- "It was a draw — which means it was a victory for Straus and Company."
- "Bad for Sticky"
- "MQS wasted a lot of money belonging to a few people. Business and REAL conservatives had to spend a lot of money to keep the state moving in the right direction."
- "Nothing out of the ordinary."
- "Made consultants a lot of money."
- "My guys/gals won. I think it went great."
- "Social media/reality show type politics have seemingly arrived, at least on the national level. Maybe we are seeing the beginning of the end of the Texas tea party."
- "The GOP base is angry and they turn out."
- "The contest in both parties are headed for the conventions."
- "The laws of gravity and politics are still in play. Resources and disciplined campaign tactics prevailed over rookie attempts to create a new political reality."
- "High turnout makes the result based almost purely on name identification."
- "Disaster for House leadership. Two chairs in runoff and a calendars committed member gone."
- "What world do we live in when Dan Flynn and Debbie Riddle are 'liberals'?"
- "Demonstrates the power of incumbency and that many angry Rs & Ds do not participate down ballot."
- "Pleased yet amazed the R judges survived attacks from the right. Bummed that the only Dem RRC candidate who campaigned came in third."
- "Incumbents prevailed."
- "Push"

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