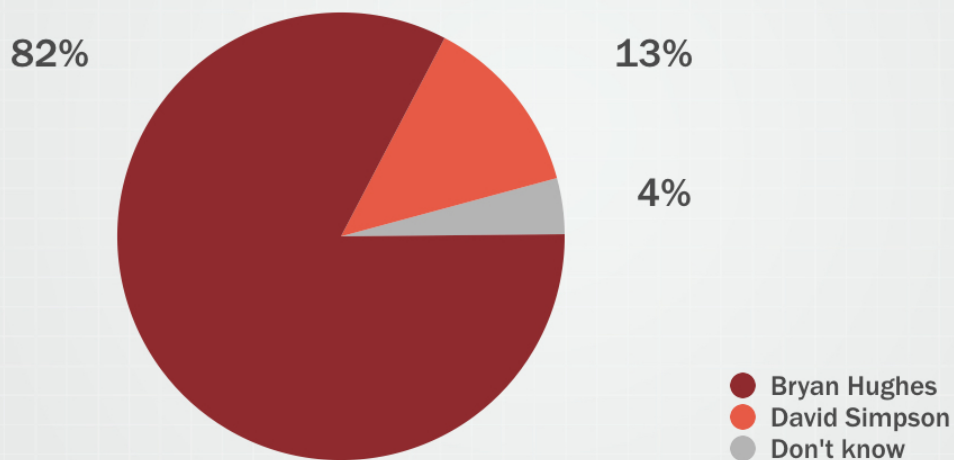


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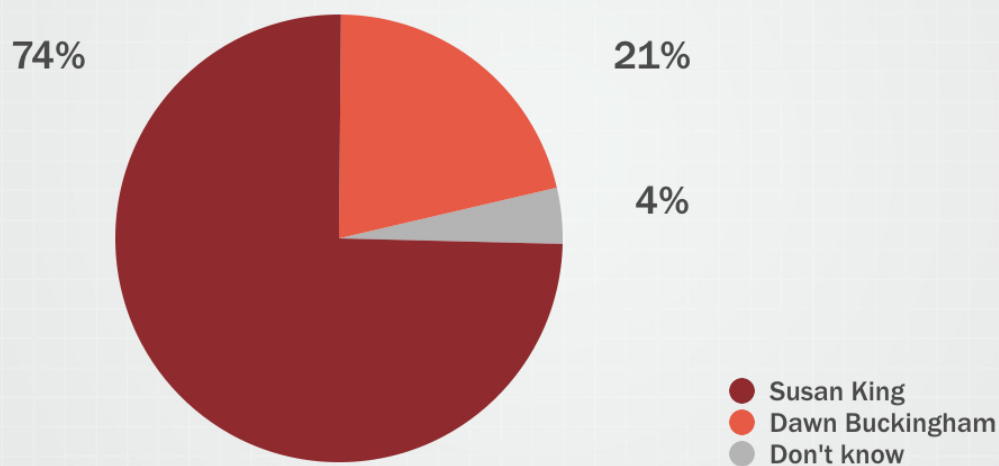
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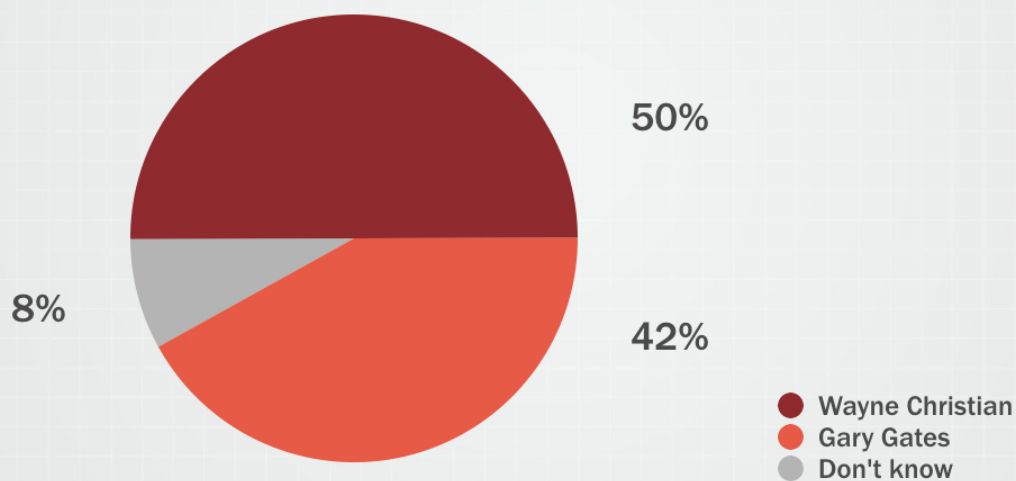
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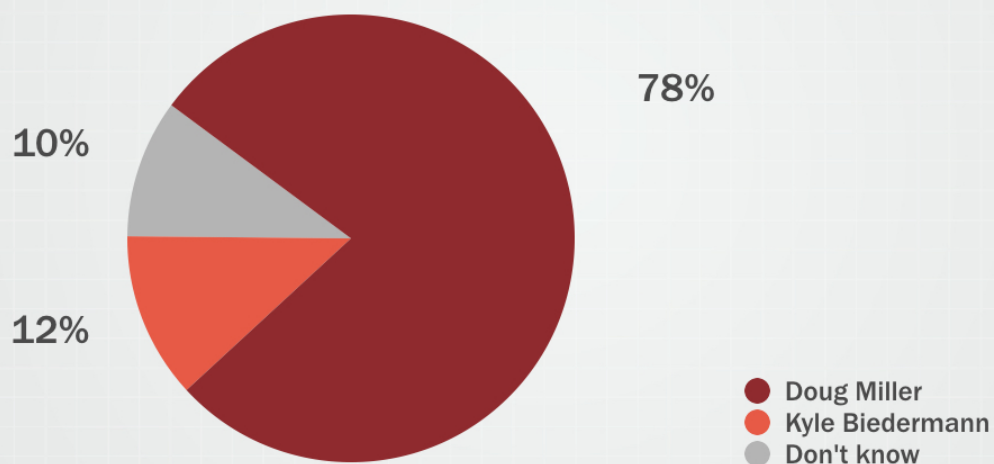
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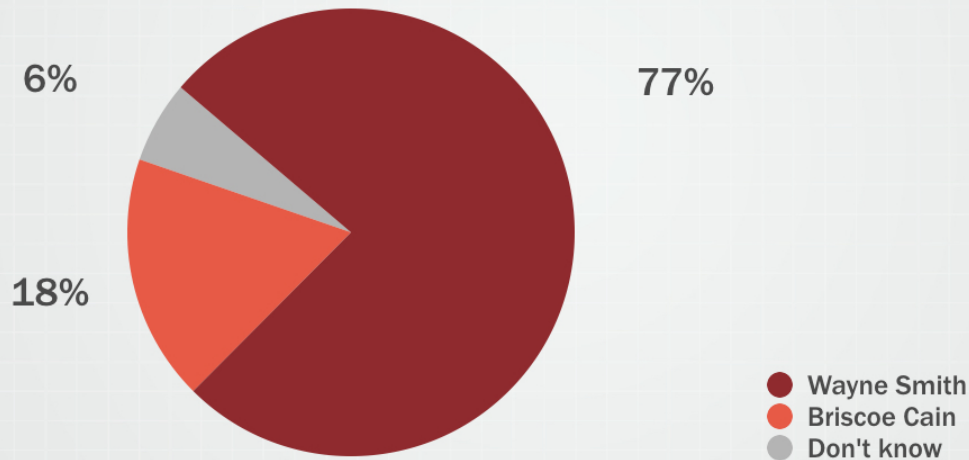
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House District 128?



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Who wins in the Senate District 1 GOP runoff?

- "Marijuana hurt Simpson."

Who wins in the Senate District 24 GOP runoff?

- "PLEASE let it be Susan King!!!"
- "King's record is LIBERAL."
- "Dawn Buckingham is viewed as favorably as a Veterans Administration doctor now."
- "Susan King and her short skirts"
- "I don't know who wins... but I'm hoping for Buckingham."

Who wins in the Railroad Commission GOP runoff?

- "Turnout must be (and will be) low."
- "The write-in candidate?"

- "Gates. Uses it for higher office. A waste. Wayne would do the job. Industry sat on their ass and were too cowardly to get involved. Wonder why we get lousy candidates? Business is chicken shit. We might take a side and offend someone. A key industry

regulator and industry sits it out. Pathetic."

- "How many previous losses for Gates?"

Who wins in the House District 73 GOP runoff?

- "Die Leute denken nicht Hitler Witze lustig sind."

- "The defamation by Miller reveals the man's LACK of integrity."

- "Herr Biedermann will not be in Poland by the spring."

Who wins in the House District 128 GOP runoff?

- "I am SUPER scared on this one — but Smith REALLY needs to pull this one out."

- "Oh so close on March 1st."

What will be the most notable surprise from the runoff elections?

- "Not much of one"
- "How poorly MQS and Empower performed during this election."
- "Justin Holland wins by 10-plus points."
- "Ron Reynolds will win. Why? Because when a Democratic organization like Annie's List recruits a REPUBLICAN woman to run against a Democratic man with a 100 percent voting record — Democrats get pissed. (Yes, he has some personal baggage, but really — you recruited a Republican woman????)"
- "I wish for no surprises."
- "Sanity will prevail over extremism."

- "None. No notable surprise during the partisan primary elections. The state's turnout will be low."
- "Wayne Smith might lose."
- "That Gary Gates will be able to paint Wayne Christian as a liberal."
- "Speaker Straus Looks Good Again!"
- "Establishment victory"
- "Just how low the voter turnout was for such important matters!"
- "There is nothing notable from this runoff election."
- "TEA members of the Republican Party are not as strong as pundits think."

- "Empower Texas will continue to spend other people's money to lose elections."
- "How the Kyle Biedermann supporters in District 73 react to the recently advertised court documents about Kyle Biedermann's divorce from 15 years ago. Do they continue to rebel against Speaker Straus or stay home?"
- "Higher turnout than expected."
- "No surprises"
- "Smith loses."
- "The turnout."
- "That there will be few surprises."
- "That sanity prevails?"
- "Susan King winning a seat in the Senate."
- "Lowest turnout ever for a run-off."
- "Yarborough beats Garrett for Democrat nomination for RRC, i.e., they will be picking the least qualified candidate (and least active campaigner) of the original three. This will be the latest sign of the weakness of Democrats in Texas. Texas Dems can't hope to put up a strong challenge in a statewide race until they can get it together enough to pick a strong person to carry their banner."
- "Ground game wins elections."
- "The sweep by the Speaker's crew."
- "Wayne Smith squeaking out a win."
- "???"
- "Don't see any coming."
- "Given her left-wing donation history, Dawn Buckingham."
- "The lack of turnout"
- "Rock-bottom low turnout will show that nobody cares and that Republicans are deflated due to the Trump Train."
- "High turnout"
- "None"

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