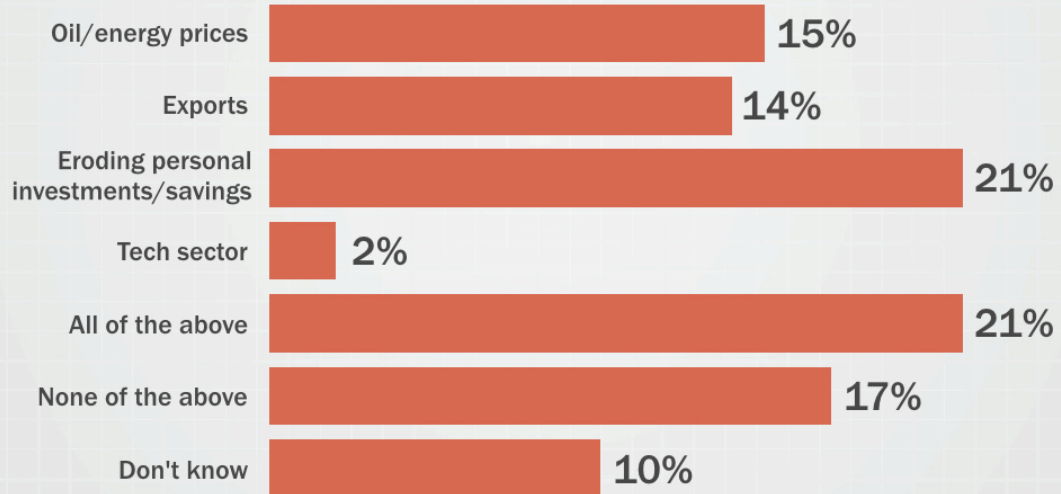


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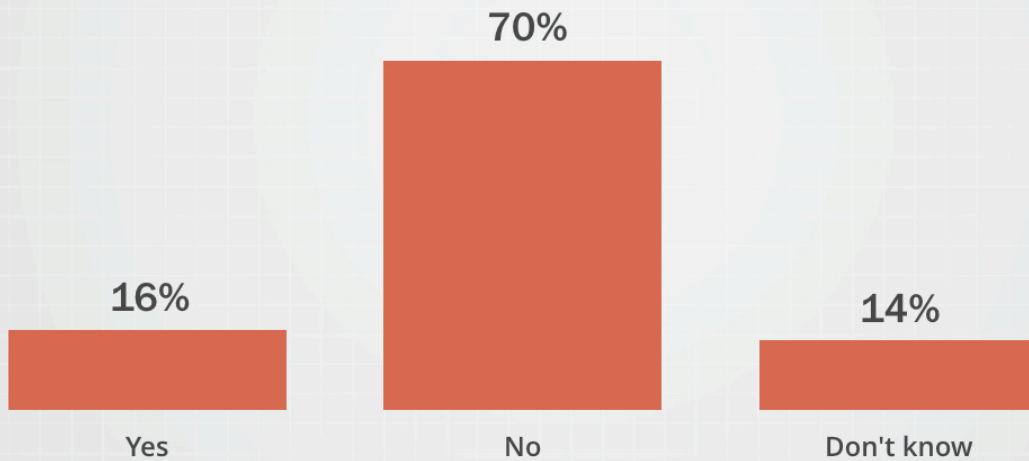
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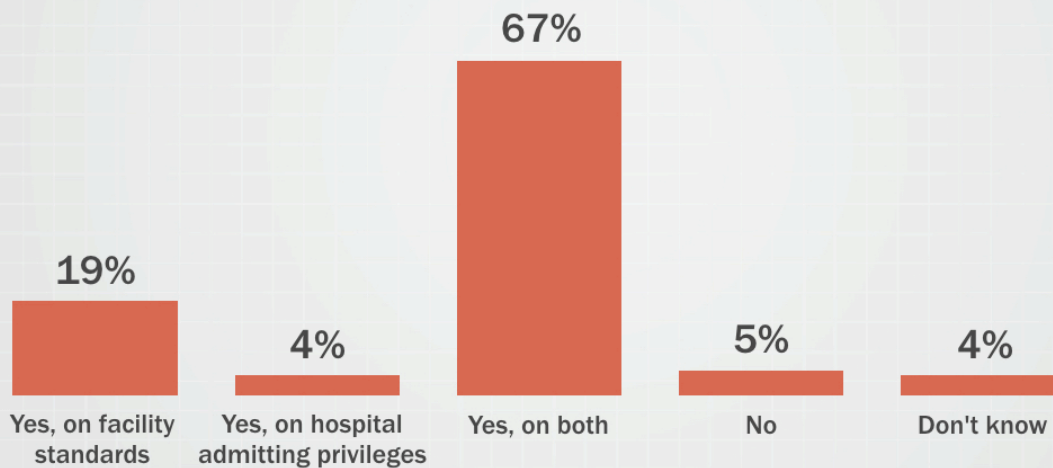
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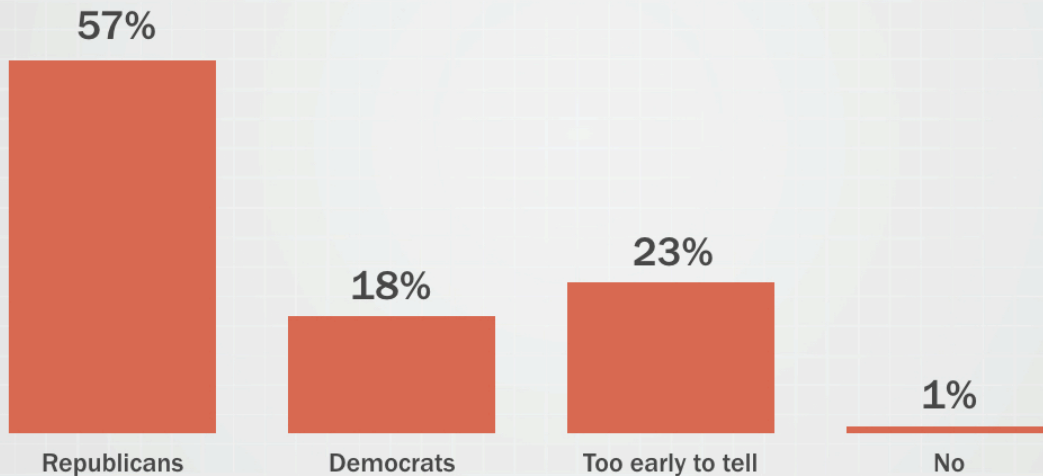
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- "Our 'direct' economic exchange with Great Britain is not significant enough to greatly affect our economy. Where our exchanges with them intersect with the U.S. economy is where it might be felt."
- "Brexit's effect on Texas will be minimal or less."
- "Brexit will have absolutely no effect on the Texas economy."
- "Seems like the emotional, knee-jerk reaction in the markets is starting to recover, so the short-term 'blow' is much ado about nothing. I'm more concerned about the price of WTI and its effect on the Texas economy than the EU getting its panties in a bunch."
- "It will have a positive impact on Texas. The EU is going to fall apart and that will make a stable pro-business Texas the place to do business!"
- "We may feel it, but it will only be temporary."

- "You left out the automotive sector. Lobbyists love to drive their Range Rovers and Jaguars."
- "As we press 'reverse' on Darwinism and slink back into the ocean, economic activity that requires opposing thumbs will probably suffer."
- "It will not hurt us one bit. Really, are you kidding!!!! Why ask this question. Oh, you all are asking the same old stupid sky is falling questions as the rest of the media acting hysterically."
- "Oil is still the big thing, but Brexit should have no lasting effect on oil. It's a global market that responds to supply and demand, and Britain's status in the EU is just not a major factor in those forces."
- "Short term issue"
- "'Uncertainty' is never a good thing in the markets or the economy. Brexit has

definitely created that dynamic in a very intertwined world."

- "It'll just be a short-term hit in terms of stock and commodity prices. Long-term, it really shouldn't impact our state."
- "It won't hurt Texas very much. Business will shift to Ireland, the other (and soon to be only) English speaking member of the EU."
- "Meh. Much ado about nothing."
- "A lower Pound and Euro vs. the dollar will make competitive exports from the UK and Europe cheaper."
- "In the short term it will have some impact, but people that buy, trade, will figure it out."
- "Another reason to vote against Trump."

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- "Sadly, the Brits are already seeing the foolishness of their decision! This does NOT help Trump in any way."
- "While there are parallels of a strong discontent with political elites, Trump seems incapable of capitalizing on this. His greatest opponent in this race is his own mouth."
- "Never underestimate the anger of the voter."
- "The irony is that the people who tend to love Trump are those who make fun

of Europeans. How funny that they think the Brits have provided such a strong example."

- "No. Brexit was, in essence, a single-issue election (a referendum) that boiled down to immigration. The U.S. presidential election is typically not a single issue (unless it's the economy, stupid)."
- "The Brexit vote is awakening those voters that have been lollygagging this election cycle. It has also forced those

voters that are voting for Trump for the hell of it to reconsider."

- "Trump is 'reverse Darwinism.'"
- "About as much as Groundhog Day."
- "What part of HELL YES do you not understand? Can you say P-R-E-S-I-D-E-N-T TRUMP? GET USED TO IT. ELITES ARE GETTING IT HANDED TO THEM."
- "Brexit means that Brits are worried about immigration, as are the Trumpists, but the problem that the Trumpists have is — Trump. He can't win a general election."
- "I'm picking 'Don't know.' I've been completely wrong so far on virtually everything in the presidential race ... and still remain astounded that we've ended up with these two presumptive candidates out of all the possible choices. 320-plus million people and this is what we've got? Really?? I'm no longer in the prediction mode."

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- "Of course they will! They won't stop attempting to overturn Roe, make SAFE, LEGAL abortions harder to obtain and continue to FORCE motherhood on women who are not ready. They are all PRO-LIFE — until the child gets here and then — NO healthcare, NO education and NO benefits or help to the child or the woman they have FORCED into becoming a mother. Ah, really shows you how much they CARE for the total health of woman and her child!"
- "They will never give up even while the state faces debilitating foster care. The focus is on the child before it is born, not while living."
- "The biennial attempt to restrict abortions will have extra energy this year."
- "I look forward to our agriculture commissioner leading this charge, as I'm sure he will, based on his Facebook postings."

- "Trump is a buffoon. I think many Republicans nationwide will join me in voting for the Libertarian candidate."
- "I still doubt Trump can win, but the Brexit campaign was totally parallel to ours: emotional appeal vs. bloodless policy."
- "Again, the 'pundits' have no clue how angry people are across the globe."
- "Welcome to the electoral college system."
- "It's a great talking point, and one the media has seized upon. But so far evidence has shown that Trump has just turned out GOP general election voters, not any actual 'new' voters. Unless/until he's changing the actual math for November turnout, then there will be no Trump victory to foreshadow."

- "Let's deal with CPS first, and the safety of children are actually born."
- "Isn't the definition of stupidity doing the same thing twice and expecting a different outcome?"
- "Yes, because it makes good politics."
- "Only if they find the time after obsessing about where people go to pee."
- "The Lege will absolutely revisit this issue."
- "Wow, what a thought. Safety for women. Novel, eh?"
- "I don't think anyone knows what they're going to try to do about the A word, but whatever it is will soak up a lot of wind in the Capitol. And that's fine with me."
- "Of course. Why waste an opportunity to do something to get re-elected, I mean, to do something about abortion."
- "Let's take another look at scope of practice."
- "It doesn't seem like SCOTUS will put up with hospital admitting provisions at all, but maybe some new facility requirements could give the Lege the appearance of action. It would be another three years before they got thrown out."
- "Too close to 2018 elections and they already look like a bunch of nuts and crooks. They will worry more about gay marriage and school bathrooms."
- "They just can't give up..."
- "Of course they will, they have to. But I'm not sure where it falls on the list of social issues the GOP wants. More than transgender bathrooms? More than sanctuary cities, Part 4? More than other abortion-related measures that they may want to start in on?"
- "Yes, because they can't help themselves."
- "Another answer is 'yes, on neither.' They'll just come up with other stupid TRAP laws."

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- "Historically, pro-choice folks accept the victory and sigh with relief. They take their marbles and go home while the pro-lifers are inspired by strong, passionate religious beliefs and will never let the fight die."
- "In Texas, it will help Trump as this is one more concrete example of why the Supreme Court appointments are so important. Now, conservatives have to trust will make strong appointments. But hey, his appointments won't be worse than Hillary's so what do we have to lose by going all in for Trump?"
- "The law of the land is what it is — only one side wants to change it — and change makes for zealots (hard to be a zealot about 'not changing')."

- "You would expect the losing party to be more riled up, in this case, Texas Republicans. However, that boost among the base vote may not be visible this year when other factors (Trump) swamp any expected impact."
- "Now swing-state social conservative Independents have an excuse to hold their nose and vote for Trump."
- "Wins are scarce for Texas Democrats. Any reason for hope is helpful."
- "Hey, I don't like the decision but it just handed the Republicans a victory and a GOTV issue. Mrs. Clinton is screaming privately at those in the black robe. Ha ha. The friggin' irony. Just when I thought it could not get any better. Repeat after me, again, P-R-E-S-I-D-E-N-T TRUMP! YEP, GET USED TO IT."
- "Losers are always motivated more than winners. Ask post-WWI Germany."
- "Both bases will be motivated. And then you have the everyday folks who just don't care one way or the other."
- "Crank up the fundraising on GOP side."
- "If it were Cruz instead of Trump, it'd be an issue because he's got a clear record on abortion. Trump doesn't, so he can't capitalize."

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