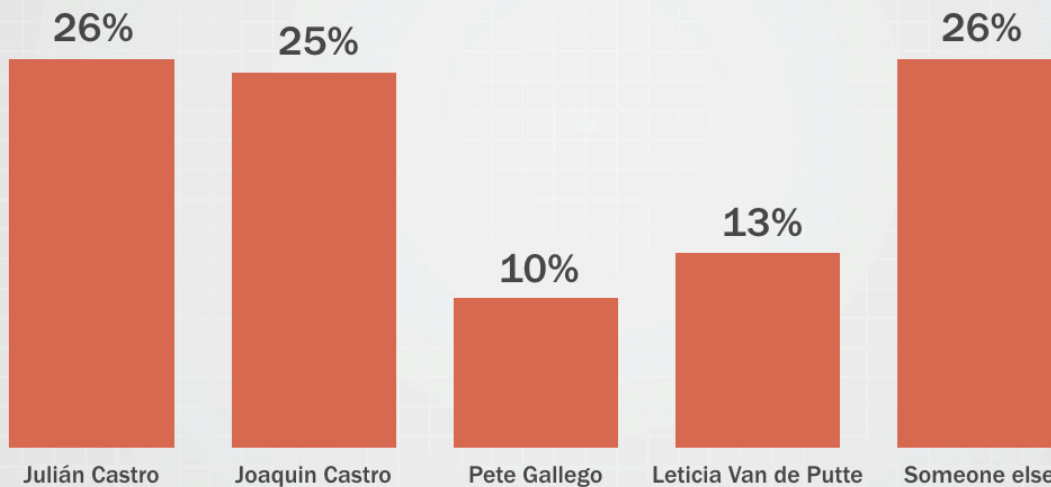


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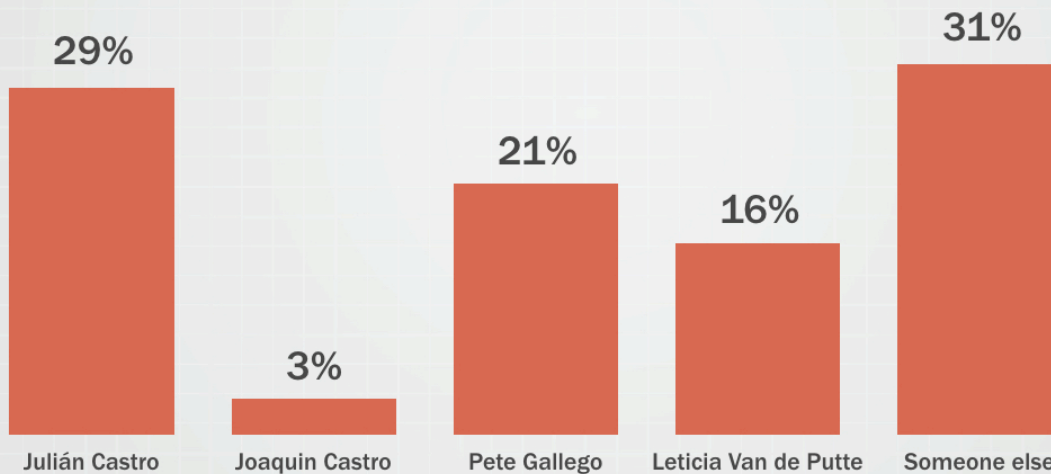
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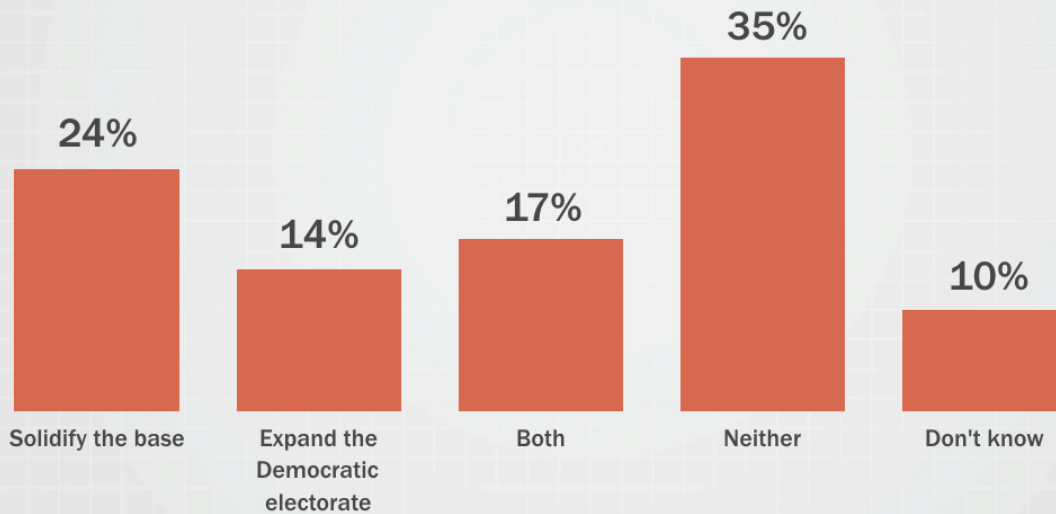
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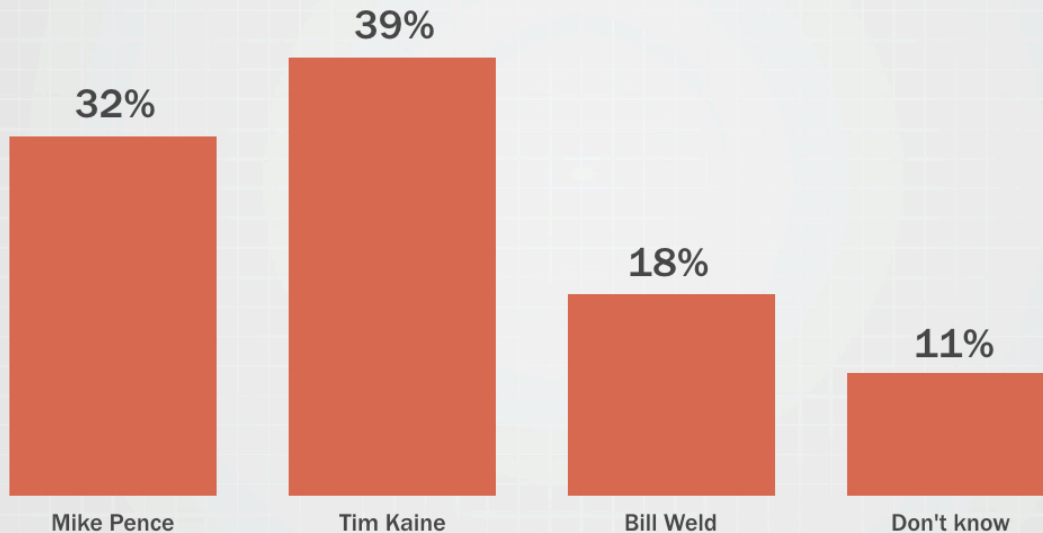
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- "Dan Patrick"
- "The convention will rev up excitement about the possibility of taking back this seat. It will take Democratic turnout and the convention should excite Texas Dem activists which will help Gallego."
- "Is none of the above an option?"
- "There's a convention going on in Philadelphia?"
- "I'm not sure which Castro is which."
- "Both Castros will dominate. The only downside is that Texas Dems have put all (two) of their eggs in one basket. No deep bench."
- "VDP has been instrumental to the process and is now a 'lobbyist,' and with a Hill win — she will undoubtedly be placed well in the inner circle or outside circle of friends."
- "None of the above. Looks like the dream team of Castros fizzled out. I would have picked Castro if I were

Clinton but she went with a safe bet and within her comfort zone. It shows how the liberals treat minorities. They take them for granted. They use them as a tool. Why again do they follow blindly?"

- "None of the above, I think. At this point I doubt the Castros will get any more capital out of the DNC. LVdP and Gallego have such a Texas-centric audience that I can't imagine the DNC gives them a boost. I'd say more in need of that boost? Gallego."

- "Seriously? Why is LVP even on this list? She's not even in office anymore, but to your point, Gallego has an election to win so if he reaches out to his core and new constituency at the convention then he's got a better chance of getting re-elected to Congress."

- "Wendy Davis — because she has no place to go but up."

- "Where's Wendy?!?! Oh, she was the flavor of the month last general election."

- "None of them. Nationally, unless you are a Texas donor, the Ds do not care about you."

- "None"

Which Texas Democrat stands to lose the most from his or her time in Philadelphia this week at the Democratic National Convention?

- "None will lose. The Ds don't have anyone with a tin ear or sense of self importance as big as Ted Cruz's."

- "No one — at least in the eyes of Democrats. They all support Hillary."

- "None of them really will gain much."

- "Gallego has to unearth some DCCC love to make up for getting outraised 2:1."

- "Political value from this is probably transitory — the media loves the epiphanies and drama but they have to go back to a state where colored lives really don't matter because they have been redistricted into irrelevant cells and hotbeds and have yet to vote a moveable fraction of their throw weight into statewide influence. Career-wise, couldn't say where they might land in a Clinton Administration — good for them, and possibly good for us once you set aside the really important issues like bathroom gender access."

- "Who??"

- "Former Bill Clinton delegate and took one for the team in 2014."

- "Tempted to say 'none.'"

- "None, especially. Maybe Garry Mauro."

- "Jimmy Joe"

- "She can't go any lower."

- "LVP, her job is a thankless one and no one will remember the fine job she did at the DNC."

- "No one loses."

- "The district is a close one in terms of Rep/Dem — keep campaigning, Pete!"
- "If I were Pete, I would not go near that radioactive waste dump call the Democratic National Convention. A couple of well-placed pictures of him with some of the Elizabeth Warren types are great material for Hurd and his efforts with the business community."
- "Though he should win his race, (I THINK he's on the ballot again)he is out of step with what's going on up there and is thus at some risk of being painted with a brush that won't help him in West Texas."
- "As long as he's not cutting promos for HC in his 'official' capacity, then he'll be a'ight."
- "Both Castros — they have got on board a sinking left-wing ship."
- "Julian Castro: from near veep to also ran. Out of sight, out of mind."
- "Hey, being out of touch with most Texas voters doesn't really help, does it?"
- "Julián has very little experience at actually doing anything — he would have been a 'Palin-like' VP. Now, like other TX Democrats, he's just waiting for that old demographic ship to come in."
- "With HRC's pick of Kaine, Democrats are no longer placing hopes on Hispanic community, but looking at white PA, VA and NC."
- "Nothing at risk locally, to say the least."
- "She's a has been."
- "Who??"
- "Since he can't speak Spanish fluently, and is not the VP choice, what's the post-Obama administration plan??"
- "None, especially."
- "Hillary Clinton"

What effect will the Democratic national convention have on the election?

- "The D convention organizers, Michelle Obama, Elizabeth Warren, Bill Clinton, Cory Booker, Bernie Sanders and others did a great job of deflecting the Wasserman Schultz debacle and the radical Sanders self-immolators to generate a vision for the future and excitement about the Clinton campaign."
- "In Texas, or nationally? In Texas, not much."
- "They will be feeling the Bern till Labor Day."
- "The choice for clear-minded Republicans now is Clinton or the Libertarians."

- "Inspire and solidify the base — lots of doors to be knocked on."
- "It will continue to be a cesspool of radioactive waste. It will be messy and create more problems. Implosion is best way to describe it."
- "Democrat family members are disillusioned beyond repair by Hillary's 'corruption.'"
- "Hard to say, the base will solidify when on Day 1 there were chants of 'Lock her up!'"
- "Unless the WikiLeaks spoil the party and leave Sanders supporters upset yet again."
- "No impact in Texas — no excitement, no nothing."
- "The Democrats will expand the electorate, but have lost control of their base. Ditto for the Republicans."
- "One would hope, but DNC machinations and Bernie burn outs certainly undermine that expectation. In Texas, A quién le importa? Está igual que siempre (lo mismo como siempre hasta que esos votantes intensifiquen)."
- "Nobody cares about either convention. And with the Dem email shenanigans, fewer still will care."
- "Make Bernie voters mad."
- "Neutral effect."

Which veep candidate helps his ticket more?

- "Weld is a 'grownup in the room.' If you see the Johnson/Weld YouTube ad, you find yourself saying, 'Hmmm, maybe I better re-think this'; whether you're a D or R. I'm sending the ad to all my R friends who say they can't vote for Trump."
- "None."
- "Kaine is a nice guy, but he's not prepared for this rat race."
- "C'mon now, no one gives a flip about veeps. Stop trying to make it happen."
- "Senator Kaine's experience in the African American community is huge."
- "Pence had his inner 'I could have been a contender!' moment during the 60 Minutes interview. Now nothing but a lap dog. Or a servile puppy dog as Ted would say."
- "I guess it depends what you consider 'help.'"
- "I believe he will do more for Hillary in terms of his constituency."
- "Is that even a real question? Kaine is a nothing. Clinton pissed off Hispanics with that pick. Ha, I love her lousy pick. To top it off, Kaine is a wimp, a wuss, he has nothing to offer. Why again did she pick him? Pence is strong and proven. He is a solid conservative. She picked a weakling because she wants to wear

the pants. She cannot handle an equal. Insecurity is her middle name."

- "Trump was VOID of conservative credentials until he chose Pence as his running mate."
- "None"
- "Kaine's liberalism is not trustworthy for the die-hards. Not sure if this helps or hurts Hillary."
- "I don't think any of the VP candidates do much to their ticket."
- "He is solid and responsible, Trump needed him."
- "Johnson-Weld ticket will be above 15 by mid-August, and then comes the debates. Hold on!"
- "Bona fides speak for himself and itself ... has walked the walk... A stark contract "
- "Other than the candidate himself, nobody cares about a VP candidate."
- "Both veep candidates are good choices, considering the weaknesses of

the presidential nominees. Of the two, Pence probably helps Trump more, because Trump is so weak on experience and on conservative bona fides."

- "Clinton went with safe choice when she needed a bold one. Trump went with a solid choice when people thought he would go bold."
- "Pence is a proven conservative who helps bring in that portion of the party. Kaine is devout Catholic, but how does he support pro-life policies of Clinton?"
- "Clinching Virginia is pretty significant as it requires Trump to win both OH & FL to have a path to 270 EVs."
- "Helps keep the R base, which Trump needed even more than Clinton. In fact, the D base is not happy with Kaine, and I don't think he'll do much in keeping independents."
- "RP. Fluffer."

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