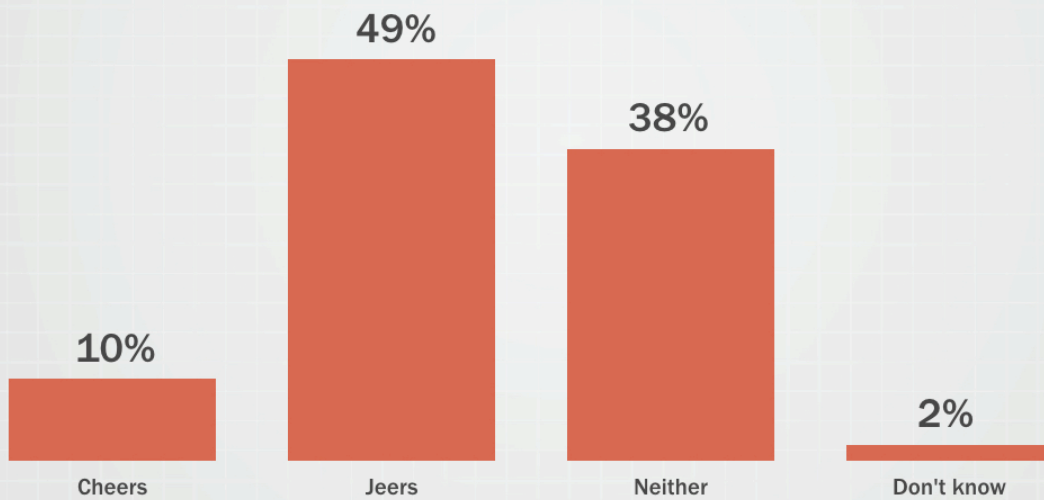


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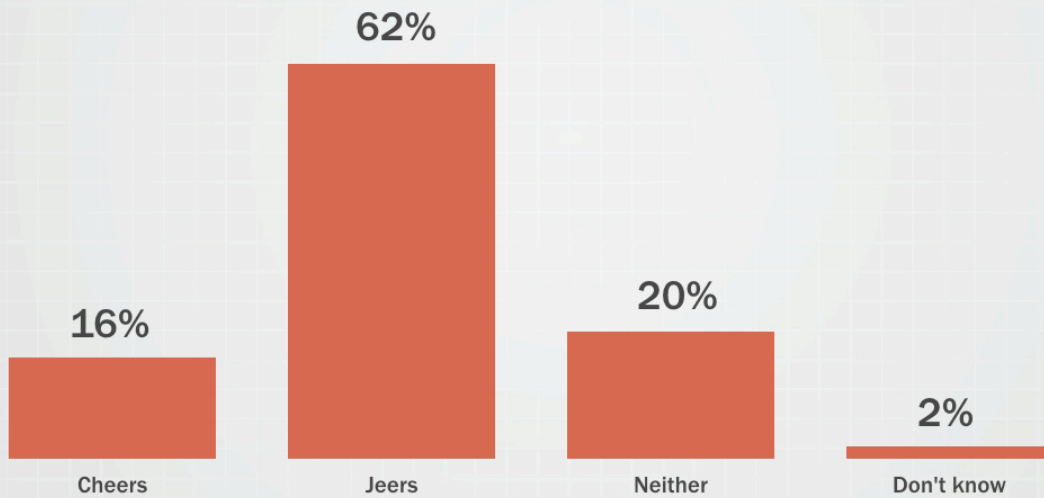
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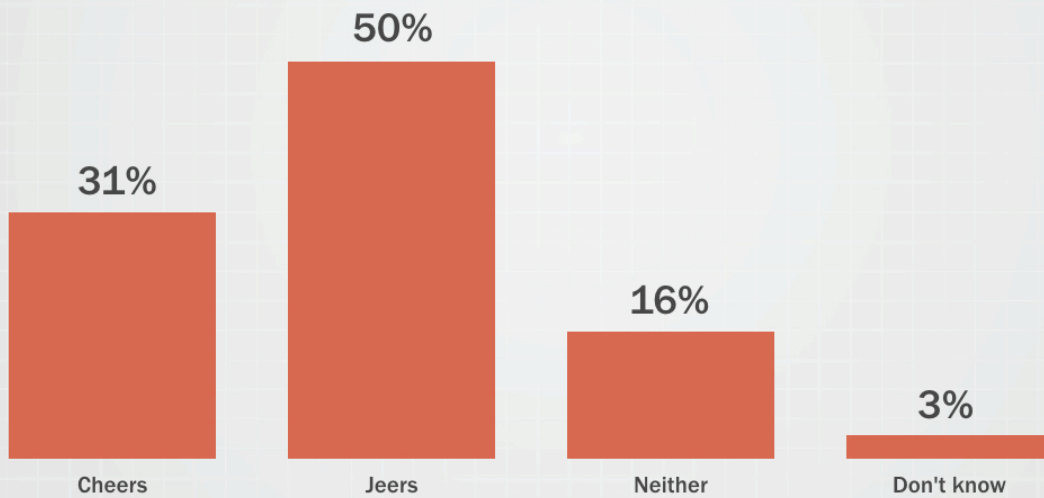
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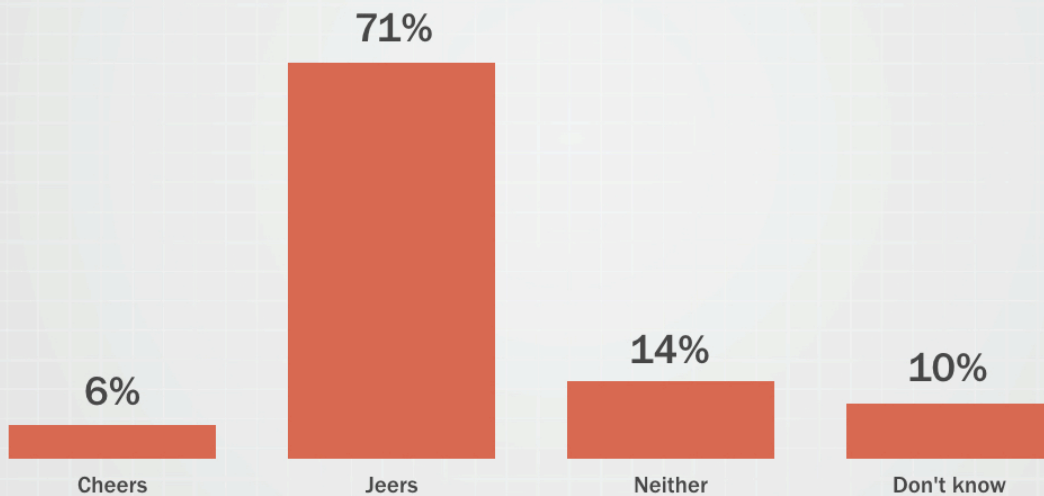
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Ted Cruz endorses Donald Trump for president...

- "Ted's convention move was questionable but he could fall back on consistency and principles. Now, that's gone. It was a shortsighted move to cover his bases on a 2018 challenge and will backfire more than his convention speech. Two unforced errors."

- "Meh."

- "Case study in political expediency?"

- "For all his 'fire and brimstone' warning us of the DIRE consequences of Voldemort, oops, Donald Trump becoming president, he certainly folded

when the pressure began mounting and endorse this 'jewel' of the Republican Party. (Ted — they are STILL going to run someone against you!!!)"

- "No surprise when birds of a (unprincipled, self-serving, sob) feather flock together."

- "Political calculations will always 'TRUMP' a politician's conscience."

- "Cruz did what he had to do in a no-win situation."

- "He would have been better off keeping his mouth shut. But it is Teddy Cruz, and that is a very hard thing for him to do."
- "Not sincere, but despite the agreement, it's gotta be hard to support someone who spoke ill of your family."
- "I'm happy for both men. Cruz is courageous and principled. He's helping us attain our goal: defeat Hillary."
- "First, he was lying Ted, now he's flip-flopping Ted. Make up your mind, stupid! Be a man and stick to your principles. You just proved how much of a politician you really are and for that I take away your Tea Party credentials! Booo!"
- "The one time I actually liked Ted Cruz and he had to blow it."
- "Non-event"
- "Cruz sold out his alleged values."
- "Can't run as a Profile in Courage now."
- "Hopefully this will officially end his political career."
- "Now his believers see him as a typical politician. He keeps digging a deeper hole for himself. The smell from the BS gets worse. The entire charade shows he is consumed by Ted."
- "Cruz and Trump are not cheer-ful people."
- "Caves."
- "Finally. He should have honored his word long ago."
- "Neither... Cruz already showed his cards... and he is all about himself and this has turned off many supporters. He's toast."
- "He needed to do it. Political necessity. If Trump wins or loses narrowly, Cruz would be toast if he didn't endorse him."
- "Cruz and Burton."
- "Will he still his conscience?"
- "It's not about me. It's about me. It's not about ... who were we talking about?"
- "He has somehow seized the worst of both worlds."
- "Happy Father's Day, Rafael!"
- "Can you imagine the 2018 campaign with a sitting Republican president campaigning for U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul for Texas' U.S. Senate seat against a sitting Republican U.S. senator?"
- "Pathetic. Yet another politician for whom principle and self-respect take a back seat to career advancement and the spoils of office. Heidi should make him sleep in the doghouse for weeks."
- "Who cares?"
- "Killed his brand."
- "He made his bed."

- "About time he learned how to play with others."
- "Typical move by a typical pol."
- "Sell out! Oh wait, just another politician."

Dan Patrick blames Black Lives Matter for Dallas police shooting...

- "Sometimes it's best to keep one's mouth shut."
- "That is racist and idiotic."
- "He is clueless as are most people in regards to this organization or to what is going on in our country regarding these shootings. (Well, except Greg Popovich!!! Talk about an enlightened person!)"
- "I am paid to talk, and his statement left me speechless."
- "Without the ill-considered BLM protest, five Dallas police officers might still be alive."
- "Horrible, but he is playing the same Trump cards with his political future believing nothing he can say will hurt him with his voting base."
- "Not that I'm a Black Lives Matter supporter, but if-then comments don't make sense."
- "They want credit, so give it to them. And follow the money. They're paid to make trouble."
- "Dan Patrick is a moron; BLM didn't hold the gun and didn't pull the trigger and to equate a deranged psychopath with peaceful protests is ridiculous;

- "Who cares about lyin' Ted?"

hence, the incredulous gasp among the audience when the statement was said."

- "But for the BLM-led protests, there would have been no violence that day."
- "I think BLM is genuinely out to protest that gets overtaken by rioters. Kind of like the Tea Party — originally formed as 'Taxed Enough Already' — has been overtaken by people who are more concerned with bathroom policies. We can't blame people with good intentions when their causes are hijacked by others."
- "Should we blame all police for the bad decisions of a few? As always, Dan Patrick will say anything convenient to further his agenda."
- "Same grasp of reality as the presidential candidate he supports."
- "He is getting crazier every day!"
- "Black Lives Matter is to blame for the murders. They foster violence. The group should be put on trial for accessory to murder. DAs around the country have prosecuted similar cases."
- "A rare moment of poor choice for Mr. Goeb. He doesn't usually stumble quite so openly."

- "Do we really still care what Patrick says?"
- "Far more truth than fiction."
- "What a pathetic little man. He lives in the 'now' and not the 'future'... the Republican Party in five years will be the minority forever. Danny Goeb doesn't know how to expand the party... and these types of comments show his little understanding of race in politics."
- "He's right to criticize BLM. But I don't see enough of a tie-in in Dallas."
- "And I blame big spoons for making me fat."

Greg Abbott places conditions on Texas' participation in the nation's refugee resettlement program...

- "It's a winning issue for Abbott."
- "That is bigoted, and pandering to the worst elements in Texas."
- "Pander, pander, pander. I have not proven myself crazy enough and I don't want to end up like Ted Cruz, so let me make certain I keep doing as many CRAZY things as possible."
- "We are becoming a post-Christian Texas, and the blame goes to those that wave the Christian Flag highest, but only practice 'Selective Christianity.' Isaiah 16:4 and 2 Samuel 4:3"
- "Any pushback on Obama's irresponsible immigration policies is a plus for Texas."
- "Whatever. Does anybody even pay attention to what Gov. Abbott does with

- "Hello, Lt. Governor? Black Lives Matter and NAACP members are trying to stop the violence."
- "Why no BLM panelist at TTF?"
- "Neither. Both sides blame the other for the extremists they tolerate. This was business as usual, no one has the higher ground."
- "He wouldn't have a clue."
- "Complete idiocy and racist pandering."

Sen. Cruz, Lt. Gov. Dan and AG Paxton sucking up all of the oxygen?"

- "...glad the governor is living up to his Christian principles."
- "Protecting the people is his No. 1 responsibility."
- "Greg Abbott loves to pander to the anti-immigrant wing of his delusional political party."
- "NIMBY!"
- "Unfortunately, I think his attempt to insert productive reforms into the process have been overshadowed by the Skittles meme."
- "'This is Abbott 'standing up' to Obama one more time. How much has the 'racist outrage' cost this state and this nation in the last eight years?"

- "Next time he's in New York, he should take time to visit the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island."

- "Hell, yeah! You really want to be France? We have closed our borders more than once in the history of the U.S., and 'that's a fact Jack!' Don't let CAIR's lies fool you. They are professional liars."

- "Deliver us, O Lord, from the fury of the Danes. Er, the Muslims, rather."

- "Can you say pander?"

- "Proceed with caution."

Ken Starr says sexual assault at Baylor not "an endemic problem"...

- "Ken Starr understands the law. He understands fundraising. He understands the internal functions of complex academic institutions. He does not understand public relations — not in the least bit."

- "Looks endemic to the rest of the world. Probably why he left the school."

- "What does he know? Is he a female student on campus?"

- "Sexual assaults happen on EVERY college campus. Because of the way in which Baylor chose to HANDLE these incidents, it threw gasoline on the fire! If a sexual assault (or any assault) happens, you MUST deal with it THEN! Overlooked — regardless of who is involved — is NOT acceptable."

- "May be factually true turning on the word 'endemic.' But, so what? There is no path to redemption for Starr, and no

- "Again... Abbott is doing nothing to expand the Party... rather, he is all about re-election."

- "If the Feds had done things differently, I might feel differently."

- "Abbott is not grandstanding on an issue where Obama is grandstanding."

- "Let them eat nothing!"

- "Jeers. So much for 'innocent until proven guilty.' Break out the Skittles."

healing for the Baylor community by making this fine distinction."

- "Ken Starr's failure to recognize sexual assault IS THE ENDEMIC PROBLEM."

- "Baylor's regents should release the entire Pepper Hamilton report. Until they do, we can only guess at what the real problems at Baylor were."

- "Every single time this man opens his mouth, he says the exact wrong thing (even when the great Merrie Spaeth attempts to coach him.) Good riddance, Ken, can you just please go away now?"

- "It's an endemic problem. Unfortunately, it's not limited to Baylor."

- "Nah, just with the football players!!! Right."

- "I don't understand the full kick in the face at Ken Starr — again. He was right about Clinton."
- "The very man who went after Bill Clinton on his sex scandal has the audacity to say that 'rape' is not an endemic problem. Mr. Starr, can you define what 'is' is?"
- "Depends on what the meaning of 'endemic problem' is..."
- "How would he know? He didn't investigate."
- "Facts having a tough time this year."
- "Get a clue, Ken. You lived in wonderland. CLUELESS!"
- "Douche bag."
- "Then what is it?"
- "Although Baylor trustees looked decisive with their initial action on the attorneys' report, as time goes on the behavior of the current Baylor football coaches, the lack of Baylor administration follow through, and the deep denial of Baylor alums and supporters are looking more and more like Penn State. For example, how can any educated person think the problem is with the Rice band and not with Baylor's culture against women?"
- "I'm not advised."
- "What a buffoon!"
- "Liar"
- "Hubris"
- "Sexual assault needs to stop because it's endemic across demographics; in college, outside college and across races."
- "At some point, cluelessness becomes culpability."
- "You'd think Starr would know sexual assault when he sees it, no cigar."
- "Oh geez. What is with this week's questions? It's a parade of horrors, LOL. Is there no one left in public life who has any self-awareness?"
- "Ridiculous statement"
- "Ken Starr, please go away."
- "Dumb ass... makes Republicans look stupid."
- "Dumbass!!! What would you expect him to say..."
- "Seriously?"

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