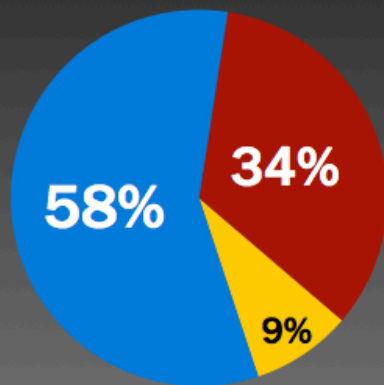


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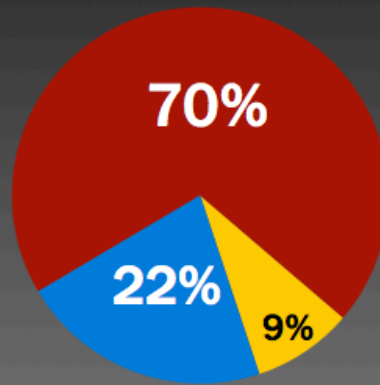
The Texas Weekly / Texas Tribune insider's poll
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Do you think Governor Rick Perry
is running for president in 2012?



Do you think he should
run for president?



● Yes ● No ● Don't Know

Complete verbatim answers to a prompt on who will be the Republican nominee for president in 2012 and who will win that race:

- "Perry" mate no matter who takes the nomination."
- "Newt"
- "Pence"
- "I think Mitt Romney will ultimately be the nominee for the party but to win in the general the running mate must be strategic. Perhaps a Haley Barbour or John Thune."
- "John Thune will win Republican nomination and White House."
- "Midwestern governor"
- "Frontrunners are Palin, Romney, Huckabee and Gingrich. Of those, my choice would be Romney."
- "Question wording not so good here. Winner, however, will likely be Barack Obama, if that is what you're asking."
- "If sanity reins in the land, probably Romney, if insanity reins, Palin. Mitch Daniels is also worth watching."
- "Today, Romney. Tomorrow, who knows. 2012 could be to R's what 2008 was to D's with an unknown breaking out of the pack."
- "Far too early to tell who has the "best" shot, but Rick Perry, John Kasich, and Chris Christie have good shots should they take the plunge. Dr. Condi Rice is an interesting choice for running
- "Sarah Palin"
- "Mitch Daniel Mitch Daniel"
- "It is way too early to have a clue. 2 years ago at this time we were all ushering in the Age of Aquarius as Obama was being carried to the throne. It is a different world now and will be in 2 more years."
- "Impossible to know, no frontrunner, race will pit one "Tea Party" backed candidate against one "establishment" backed candidate for the nomination in a long, drawn out race"
- "Mitt Romney"
- "Romney"
- "a. Mitt Romney b. Obama"
- "Best shot - Mitch Daniels Likely Primary winner - Mike Huckabee"
- "Romney and he will lose to Obama"
- "A sane one"
- "PALIN. The perfect blend of outsiderism, kneejerk conservatism, pop culture icon and salt of the earth ignorance."
- "My father was--probably still is in some sense--a life-long Republican

voter. The party left him behind in the late '80's. Since then, I've had difficulty understanding national Republican primary voters. At least in that respect, I think I'm not too different from most American voters so my money is on Obama winning a second term."

- "Mitt Romney"
- "A non-tea party, traditional conservative Republican has the best shot at winning. I'm not sure that if person can make it out of the Republican primaries."
- "Sarah Palin"
- "Rick Perry"
- "Mitt Romney"
- "Mitt Romney has the best chance to win. Huckabee is the likely nominee. Obama will win re-election."
- "Gov Perry; Sen. Thune; Gov. Pawlenty; Gov. Barbour all have good shot. Thune or Perry wins presidential nomination."
- "Huckabee on both counts"
- "Jeb Bush"
- "Given the election 3 weeks ago, Palin has the best shot if the Tea Party movement maintains its strength. Obama will win a 2nd term."
- "Mitt Romney/He will win"
- "Romney has the best shot, but Obama wins."

- "Best Republican--Jeb Bush Winner--Barrack Obama"
- "Romney will be the nominee. Think President Obama still has a chance, if economy comes roaring back."
- "Obama"
- "Rick Perry"
- "??? Who knows?"
- "Perry."
- "Sarah Palin will have the best shot, but I do not think she will defeat Barack Obama."
- "Romney or Huckabee. Obama will win."
- "Mitch Daniels"
- "Re question 2: Who cares whether or not we think Gov. Perry "should" run for president? He's been in politics most of his life. Why should he not test the waters if the opportunity presents itself? The better questions would have been: Do you think Rick Perry should be president? - or - Do you think he has a chance of becoming president?"
- "Mitt Romney would have the best shot IMO. Much depends upon how the R's behave over the next 18 months or so. Perry's opening could likely come through a "draft" at the Convention? Not sure "the moderate middle" is ready for another Pres from Texas?"
- "No idea on first issue your guess is as good as mine as to will get nomination but I like Palin"

- "Romney, Daniels, Thune, Obama"
- "Assuming the Tea Party is still alive and kicking, there is no one better positioned to be the R's candidate than Rick Perry. The mid-term will force Obama to get his groove back and he should win re-election."
- "I believe the pundits that Gov. Chris Christie will be the nominee for the Republicans and I believe he wins the Whitehouse in 2012."
- "Mike Huckabee. Winner - Obama"
- "Chris Christy"
- "Someone not now heavily on the radar. We have had a generational shift and the time for the Bob Doles and John McCains is over. Someone like John Thune might have a shot. The one who wins will be the anti-Obama. A woman could have an advantage but not Palin, she is too polarizing."
- "None--the tide will turn after Congress takes virtually no action and the economy rebounds, and President Obama will win re-election."
- "Mike Huckabee; I think Omama will win against Huckabee or other governor or former governor"
- "Daniels/Who will win? If you mean the R primary, ?."
- "Gov Perry is absolutley not running for President. He'll be too busy running for VP. The Republican nominee will be the consensus candidate between Bush R's and Tea Partiers; or a mixed ticket of these interests: Palin-Pawlenty; Pawlenty-Perry; Romney-Paul etc."
- "Chris Christie Winner Barack Obama: A personally liked president who has proven he will say anything necessary to succeed, ie; you can keep your current doctor and your cast of health care will not increase, in fact it will go down."
- "I think Mitch Daniel would be the stronger candidate against President Obama; however, I believe Sarah Palin will win the Republican primary because she is the godmother of the Tea Party and more conservative voters (activists) participate in primaries. Accordingly, I believe Sarah Palin will win the Republican nomination for President and will be defeated by President Obama. Just like the 2010 election cycle was similar to 1994 I believe the 2012 election cycle will be similar to the 1996 election cycle where the Republicans nominated Senator Bob Dole who was defeated by President Clinton."
- "Newt Gingrich or Sarah Palin. The Republican."
- "Haley Barbour"
- "Right now Rick Perry probably has the best shot at winning, but I imagine he will be usurped by any number of household Republican names when the primary is closer and the Tea Partiers have run out of fire to breathe."
- "Romney would probably have the best shot, though I doubt he can get the nomination. If Palin runs (which I doubt) I think she would get the nomination. Otherwise, maybe Huckabee."
- "Mitt Romney....Mitt Romney"

- "Mitt Romney, but despite the current mood Obama will win an easy re-election."
- "I think Perry is positioning himself more as a running mate than a presidential candidate. I still believe the GOP candidate is off the radar or barely on it now."
- "I think the best shot for the Republicans is someone bland and boring like Pawlenty who can say the right things and look like a plausible alternative to Obama. They, of course, won't do that. They will nominate someone so polarizing, like Palin or Perry, that the middle will come back to Obama, who will also move to the middle for the next two years. I think the Democrats can take comfort in the fact that the Republicans will bail them out in 2012; they won't be able to help themselves by nominating someone like Pawlenty."
- "Pawlenty or Daniels, but neither is likely to get the nomination; Obama will be the ultimate victor, assuming the recent upward economic trends hold. Perry should run simply because politics is about seizing opportunities, and this is the best opportunity for him. He can become the "electable" version of Palin."
- "Although he has not been mentioned, I believe John Cornyn is in a good position to make a run for the White House and would have a great chance at winning."
- "Any Republican (or Democrat for that matter) will be better than Obama! Obama's class warfare is no way to run this Country."
- "Romney. Romney. (because Republicans always nominate the "next in line" (Nixon, Reagan, Bush, Dole, Bush, McCain)"
- "Mitt Romney"
- "Someone who hasn't surfaced--not the usual (Fox News) faces; Other Governors, maybe a US Senator from South or the usual self funders"
- "A late bloomer."
- "For the 2012 presidential election, Mike Huckabee or Mitt Romney will end up as the nominee for the GOP Presidential ticket. One of these men will challenge President Obama in 2012 for President. The 2012 presidential winner will be determined by two factors: the recovery of the economy and how the new congress governs. If the new congress, with a GOP majority in the house, does not govern and instead plays partisan politics President Obama will win a second term for President of the United States. If however the newly elected congress finds solutions to the economy and passes an immigration bill that is fair and just, the GOP candidate will win the bid for president in 2012."
- "Haley Barbour"
- "Yet to be determined rising star (Christie, Rubio). Good chance Rs (ABP-Anyone but Palin) will win since Obama and Ds have cast die on additional taxes and fees and Rs are already planning for 2012."
- "Jeb Bush probably has the best shot if he can overcome the Bush dynasty"

effect--he is probably the only one that can beat Obama."

- "Romney, same"
- "Romney"
- "Thune and Thune"
- "Jon Thune and Mitt Romney will rise to the top. Mitt Romney will win in 2012."
- "Romney will beat Obama."
- "Right now I think it's Romney or Huckabee with the best shot. If it were today, I say Romney."
- "Senator John Thune best shot at White House, I fear Palin will win the Republican Nomination."
- "MN Gov. Tim Pawlenty would have the best shot, but more likely the nominee will be one of a half dozen ideologues."
- "Someone, anyone, outside of government. I don't think a currently sitting governor or members of Congress will be successful."
- "Jindal"
- "Romney"
- "Mitt Romney has the best chance to win in two years, but it is too early to say who will win."
- "Someone who hasn't hit the radar screen yet -- don't know"
- "Romney would but he can't get the nomination.....best shot to actually get

nomination and win is Daniels from Indiana.....Obama will be re-elected unless the economy stalls again"

- "Best Shot: John Thune Likely Nominee: Mitt Romney"
- "NONE. OBAMA."
- "It is impossible at this point to identify a single R that has the "best" shot. There are a whole raft of possibilities that have slightly better or slightly worse shots than others. It won't be Sarah Palin. She will crash and burn before the first primary. She is burning too bright, too early. Regardless of the R candidate, the best bet right now is that Obama will be re-elected. The economy will improve, unemployment will go down, and President will get the credit."
- "Haley Barbour good Republican Candidate; President Obama wins a close one after redefining his agenda over the next two years and the economy improves."
- "Mitch Daniels could win the nomination. Any Republican should be able to beat President Obama in 2012."
- "Pawlenty -- Obama will win"
- "Sarah Palin is kicking off her nationwide book tour (read: kicking her Presidential campaign tires), but she doesn't stand a chance against Obama or even her own party insiders. I would watch out for dark horses like Marco Rubio or Chris Christie - their stocks are sky high right now. I still think Obama will win a second term once he gets on the campaign trail again, and his 2008

voters fall in love with him all over again."

- "Sarah Palin. God help us all. It all depends on the economy."
- "I don't know, but if Palin is at the top of the ticket, then I think Obama wins again."
- "Romney, Obama"
- "Chris Christy"
- "Palin seems to have the wind at her back, but I don't have a real feel for it yet."
- "Names are out there: Gingrich, Palin, Romney, but it's going to take a Reaganesque Republican to combat a sitting president and quite frankly there isn't one out there yet that can beat Obama."
- "Best shot for Republicans will be Idaho Governor Butch Otter. Democrats will win."
- "Haley Barbour. Obama may actually make a resurgence with GOP control of the House - could be very close unless the GOP nominates an idiot."
- "Sara Palin / Barack Obama"
- "Mike Pence Barack Obama"
- "Mitt Romney - best chance"
- "Gingrich"
- "Not sure there's a Republican who can win the primary who can also win the White House . . ."

- "Chris Christie. If the unemployment numbers drop significantly and consumer confidence starts improving Obama wins reelection but since that probably won't happen whomever the Republican nominee is will win"

- "Too early to tell."

- "Mitt Romney has the best shot at the White House among R's, but, at this point, Sarah Palin is most likely to win the nomination."

- "Too early to tell."

- "I think Haley Barbour is the Republican with the best chance to win the WH in 2012. Its a long time until 2012. If the economy improves President Obama could rebound, If not It will be difficult for him to overcome."

- "Romney. Obama wins."

- "Palin."

- "Palin will be nominee. Obama will be reelected."

- "Romney has the best shot to win and would win, if nominated. Who the heck knows who these folks will nominate!?"

- "Jimmy Carter won in 1976 because he was an absolute Washington outsider, from the opposite party, and from the opposite political philosophy. Rick Perry is the mirror image today of where Governor Carter was then. If the current trends continue, Rick has a chance to win the nomination and the Presidency. Many in Texas don't picture Rick as a possible President, but the path is there."

- "Palin | Obama"
- "I see no front-runners right now. Ideally, I'd like to see a Rick Perry, Bobby Jindal or Huckabee; however, I can't see any of them building the campaign infrastructure in time. I do think Republicans will win the White House in 2012."
- "Mitt Romney. 50% chance of winning."
- "Romney so far, just about any Republican will win if the economy doesn't improve"
- "Perry current front runner. But a unannounced candidate will ultimately win the nomination and the election."
- "Looks like Palin is the current frontrunner, but with any luck she'll go the Rush Limbaugh route and be a commentator rather than an elected official. If Palin is the nominee, Obama will win."
- "Romney or Jeb Bush. Obama will win."

This week's participants: Cathie Adams, Brandon Aghamalian, Victor Alcorta, James Aldrete, Clyde Alexander, George Allen, Jay Arnold, Jim Arnold, Kip Averitt, Louis Bacarisse, Charles Bailey, Tom Banning, Mike Barnett, Walt Baum, Leland Beatty, Dave Beckwith, Luke Bellsnyder, Hugh Brady, Steve Bresnen, Andy Brown, Blaine Bull, Jose Camacho, Lydia Camarillo, Snapper Carr, Corbin Casteel, William Chapman, James Clark, Rick Cofer, Lawrence Collins, John Colyandro, Harold Cook, Hector Deleon, Kate Doner, Tom Duffy, Scott Dunaway, David Dunn, Jeff Eller, Jack Erskine, John Fainter, Terry Frakes, Wil Galloway, Bruce Gibson, Machree Gibson, Scott Gilmore, Daniel Gonzalez, Jim Grace, Thomas Graham, John Greytok, Michael Grimes, Clint Hackney, Anthony Haley, Wayne Hamilton, Bill Hammond, Sandy Haverlah, Albert Hawkins, Susan Hays, Jim Henson, Steve Holzheuser, Mike Hull, Deborah Ingersoll, Kyle Janek, Cal Jillson, Cliff Johnson, Jason Johnson, Russ Keane, Robert Kepple, Richard Khouri, Heidi Kirkpatrick, Tom Kleinworth, Sandy Kress, Tim Lambert, Pete Laney, Dick Lavine, James LeBas, Randy Lee, Leslie Lemon, Lance Lively, Ruben Longoria, Vilma Luna, Matt Mackowiak, Dan McClung, Kathy Miller, Robert Miller, Lynn Moak, Michael Moore, Steve Murdock, Craig Murphy, Keir Murray, Richard Murray, Sylvia Nugent, Todd Olsen, Gardner Pate, Bill Pewitt, Jerry Phillips, Tom Phillips, Wayne Pierce, John Pitts, Royce Poinsett, Kraege Polan, Jay Propes, Ted Melina Raab, Bill Ratliff, Tim Reeves, Chuck Rice, Carl Richie, Kim Ross, Jeff Rotkoff, Luis Saenz, Mark Sanders, Jim Sartwelle, Stan Schlueter, Bruce Scott, Steve Scurlock, Bradford Shields, Christopher Shields, Carol Sims, Ed Small, Martha Smiley, Glenn Smith, Terral Smith, Todd Smith, Larry Soward, Bob Stein, Jeri Stone, Keith Strama, Bob Strauser, Colin Strother, Bruce Todd, Trey Trainor, Lisa Turner, Ken Whalen, Darren Whitehurst, Ellen Williams, Christopher Williston, Michael Wilt, Alex Winslow, Lee Woods, Peck Young, Angelo Zottarelli.s