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GOP favors Dewhurst, Paul for Senate

Raleigh, N.C. – The race to take Kay Bailey Hutchison’s spot on the GOP ballot line in 2012 is afoot, and there is a host of candidates furiously putting together staffs and campaign plans to enter what should be a crowded field. Right now, name recognition dictates that David Dewhurst and little-mentioned possibility Ron Paul are the favorites ahead of Attorney General Greg Abbott and six others with single-digit support. Meanwhile, despite frequent denials in his interest, word is that Governor Rick Perry has been testing his numbers outside Texas in what should also be a busy presidential race. But he should shore up his home-base support before dipping his toes into foreign waters—he places sixth behind Paul and the four national frontrunners in his own state.

Dewhurst is the preferred Senate nominee of 23% of Republican primary voters, just ahead of Paul’s 21%, with Abbott at 14%, Rep. Joe Barton at 7%, Elizabeth Ames Jones at 6%, Tom Leppert, Michael Williams, and former state Solicitor General Ted Cruz at 3% apiece, and former Secretary of State Roger Williams at 1%, with 19% undecided or preferring someone else.

Perry has a decent 65-26 job approval rating with his party faithful, but when he is pitted against the usual White House suspects, he comes in at only 9%, behind Mike Huckabee’s 24%, Sarah Palin’s and Newt Gingrich’s 17%, and even Paul’s and Mitt Romney’s 10%. He bests only Tim Pawlenty’s 4% and Mitch Daniels’ 3%. Despite his talk of secession and other conservative stances, Perry does best with moderates, taking 16% behind Huckabee’s 23% and Gingrich’s 17%, but he gets only 7% of the three-quarters who place themselves to the right of center.

In Perry’s absence, Palin benefits most, getting boosted to 21% behind Huckabee’s 25%, with the rest of the candidates staying pretty steady: Gingrich’s 17%, Romney’s 10%, Paul’s 9%, Pawlenty’s 5%, and Daniels’ 3%. Palin takes all of Perry’s moderate supporters, tying Huckabee’s 23% with them.

“A Ron Paul candidacy would instantly make this one of the most interesting Senate races in the country next year,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “If his son can get elected, what’s to say he can’t?”

PPP surveyed 400 usual Texas Republican primary voters from January 14th to 16th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-4.9%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

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Texas Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

Favorable..... 60%
Unfavorable 22%
Not sure 17%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Huckabee?

Favorable..... 71%
Unfavorable 15%
Not sure 15%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?

Favorable..... 69%
Unfavorable 24%
Not sure 7%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 52%
Unfavorable 27%
Not sure 21%

Q5 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Rick Perry's job performance?

Approve 65%
Disapprove..... 26%
Not sure 9%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of David Dewhurst?

Favorable..... 45%
Unfavorable 17%
Not sure 39%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Elizabeth Ames Jones?

Favorable..... 9%
Unfavorable 12%
Not sure 79%

Q8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tom Leppert?

Favorable..... 13%
Unfavorable 14%
Not sure 73%

Q9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Michael Williams?

Favorable..... 14%
Unfavorable 10%
Not sure 75%





Q10 Given the choices of Greg Abbott, Joe Barton, Ted Cruz, David Dewhurst, Elizabeth Ames Jones, Tom Leppert, Ron Paul, Michael Williams, and Roger Williams who would you most like to see as the Republican Senate candidate in 2012?

<i>Greg Abbott</i>	14%
<i>Joe Barton</i>	7%
<i>Ted Cruz</i>	3%
<i>David Dewhurst</i>	23%
<i>Elizabeth Ames Jones</i>	6%
<i>Tom Leppert</i>	3%
<i>Ron Paul</i>	21%
<i>Michael Williams</i>	3%
<i>Roger Williams</i>	1%
<i>Someone else/Undecided</i>	19%

Q11 If the Republican candidates for President next year were Mitch Daniels, Newt Gingrich, Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, Ron Paul, Tim Pawlenty, Rick Perry, and Mitt Romney who would you vote for?

<i>Mitch Daniels</i>	3%
<i>Newt Gingrich</i>	17%
<i>Mike Huckabee</i>	24%
<i>Sarah Palin</i>	17%
<i>Ron Paul</i>	10%
<i>Tim Pawlenty</i>	4%
<i>Rick Perry</i>	9%
<i>Mitt Romney</i>	10%
<i>Someone else/Undecided</i>	5%

Q12 If the Republican candidates for President next year were just Mitch Daniels, Newt Gingrich, Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, Ron Paul, Tim Pawlenty, and Mitt Romney who would you vote for?

<i>Mitch Daniels</i>	3%
<i>Newt Gingrich</i>	17%
<i>Mike Huckabee</i>	25%
<i>Sarah Palin</i>	21%
<i>Ron Paul</i>	9%
<i>Tim Pawlenty</i>	5%
<i>Mitt Romney</i>	10%
<i>Someone else/Undecided</i>	8%

Q13 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

<i>Liberal</i>	4%
<i>Moderate</i>	21%
<i>Conservative</i>	75%

Q14 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	52%
<i>Man</i>	48%

Q15 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

<i>Hispanic</i>	7%
<i>White</i>	90%
<i>African-American</i>	1%
<i>Other</i>	3%

Q16 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

<i>18 to 29</i>	8%
<i>30 to 45</i>	20%
<i>46 to 65</i>	46%
<i>Older than 65</i>	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	60%	25%	44%	67%
Unfavorable	22%	60%	37%	16%
Not sure	17%	16%	19%	17%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	71%	13%	60%	77%
Unfavorable	15%	53%	25%	9%
Not sure	15%	34%	15%	13%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	69%	40%	45%	77%
Unfavorable	24%	60%	51%	15%
Not sure	7%	-	5%	8%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	52%	-	54%	54%
Unfavorable	27%	69%	29%	25%
Not sure	21%	31%	18%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Perry Approval				
Approve	65%	37%	52%	70%
Disapprove	26%	63%	42%	19%
Not sure	9%	-	5%	11%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Dewhurst Favorability				
Favorable	45%	13%	34%	50%
Unfavorable	17%	47%	25%	12%
Not sure	39%	40%	41%	38%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Jones Favorability				
Favorable	9%	24%	8%	9%
Unfavorable	12%	20%	15%	11%
Not sure	79%	56%	77%	80%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Leppert Favorability				
Favorable	13%	9%	15%	13%
Unfavorable	14%	38%	18%	12%
Not sure	73%	53%	67%	75%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Williams Favorability				
Favorable	14%	32%	8%	15%
Unfavorable	10%	6%	15%	9%
Not sure	75%	62%	77%	76%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
2012 GOP Sen Primary				
Greg Abbott	14%	9%	15%	14%
Joe Barton	7%	18%	5%	6%
Ted Cruz	3%	6%	12%	1%
David Dewhurst	23%	13%	19%	25%
Elizabeth Ames Jones	6%	20%	6%	5%
Tom Leppert	3%	-	9%	2%
Ron Paul	21%	3%	19%	23%
Michael Williams	3%	-	3%	4%
Roger Williams	1%	-	1%	0%
Someone else/Undecided	19%	31%	10%	20%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/ Perry				
Mitch Daniels	3%	5%	-	3%
Newt Gingrich	17%	-	17%	18%
Mike Huckabee	24%	-	23%	25%
Sarah Palin	17%	14%	6%	21%
Ron Paul	10%	28%	13%	9%
Tim Pawlenty	4%	-	5%	4%
Rick Perry	9%	28%	16%	7%
Mitt Romney	10%	25%	15%	8%
Someone else/Undecided	5%	-	4%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/o Perry				
Mitch Daniels	3%	30%	-	3%
Newt Gingrich	17%	-	12%	20%
Mike Huckabee	25%	13%	23%	26%
Sarah Palin	21%	22%	23%	21%
Ron Paul	9%	-	11%	9%
Tim Pawlenty	5%	-	5%	6%
Mitt Romney	10%	19%	13%	9%
Someone else/Undecided	8%	17%	13%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	60%	59%	62%
Unfavorable	22%	17%	28%
Not sure	17%	24%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee Favorability			
Favorable	71%	70%	71%
Unfavorable	15%	10%	20%
Not sure	15%	20%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	69%	67%	71%
Unfavorable	24%	25%	24%
Not sure	7%	8%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	52%	51%	52%
Unfavorable	27%	21%	35%
Not sure	21%	28%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Perry Approval			
Approve	65%	65%	64%
Disapprove	26%	23%	29%
Not sure	9%	12%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Dewhurst Favorability			
Favorable	45%	40%	51%
Unfavorable	17%	11%	23%
Not sure	39%	50%	27%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Jones Favorability			
Favorable	9%	7%	12%
Unfavorable	12%	12%	13%
Not sure	79%	82%	76%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Leppert Favorability			
Favorable	13%	12%	15%
Unfavorable	14%	11%	18%
Not sure	73%	77%	67%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Williams Favorability			
Favorable	14%	13%	16%
Unfavorable	10%	7%	14%
Not sure	75%	80%	70%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Sen Primary			
Greg Abbott	14%	16%	12%
Joe Barton	7%	4%	10%
Ted Cruz	3%	3%	4%
David Dewhurst	23%	20%	26%
Elizabeth Ames Jones	6%	7%	4%
Tom Leppert	3%	3%	3%
Ron Paul	21%	18%	25%
Michael Williams	3%	4%	3%
Roger Williams	1%	1%	-
Someone else/Undecided	19%	24%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/ Perry			
Mitch Daniels	3%	1%	5%
Newt Gingrich	17%	20%	14%
Mike Huckabee	24%	24%	24%
Sarah Palin	17%	13%	22%
Ron Paul	10%	11%	9%
Tim Pawlenty	4%	5%	3%
Rick Perry	9%	10%	8%
Mitt Romney	10%	10%	11%
Someone else/Undecided	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/o Perry			
Mitch Daniels	3%	1%	6%
Newt Gingrich	17%	21%	14%
Mike Huckabee	25%	24%	25%
Sarah Palin	21%	17%	25%
Ron Paul	9%	10%	8%
Tim Pawlenty	5%	6%	5%
Mitt Romney	10%	10%	11%
Someone else/Undecided	8%	12%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	60%	43%	62%	40%	59%
Unfavorable	22%	25%	22%	60%	16%
Not sure	17%	32%	16%	-	26%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	71%	63%	71%	40%	90%
Unfavorable	15%	15%	15%	60%	-
Not sure	15%	22%	14%	-	10%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	69%	57%	71%	40%	52%
Unfavorable	24%	43%	22%	60%	48%
Not sure	7%	-	8%	-	-

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Rom ney Favorability					
Favorable	52%	66%	51%	40%	33%
Unfavorable	27%	12%	28%	60%	52%
Not sure	21%	22%	21%	-	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Perry Approval					
Approve	65%	49%	66%	60%	74%
Disapprove	26%	47%	25%	40%	10%
Not sure	9%	4%	10%	-	16%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Dewhurst Favorability					
Favorable	45%	40%	45%	20%	67%
Unfavorable	17%	29%	16%	-	-
Not sure	39%	30%	39%	80%	33%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Jones Favorability					
Favorable	9%	-	10%	-	16%
Unfavorable	12%	10%	12%	20%	10%
Not sure	79%	90%	78%	80%	74%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Leppert Favorability					
Favorable	13%	8%	14%	-	16%
Unfavorable	14%	10%	15%	20%	-
Not sure	73%	82%	71%	80%	84%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Williams Favorability					
Favorable	14%	4%	15%	20%	21%
Unfavorable	10%	10%	11%	-	5%
Not sure	75%	86%	75%	80%	74%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
2012 GOP Sen Primary					
Greg Abbott	14%	12%	14%	40%	16%
Joe Barton	7%	8%	6%	-	10%
Ted Cruz	3%	18%	2%	-	-
David Dewhurst	23%	12%	23%	-	52%
Elizabeth Ames Jones	6%	-	6%	-	22%
Tom Leppert	3%	4%	3%	-	-
Ron Paul	21%	25%	22%	-	-
Michael Williams	3%	4%	3%	20%	-
Roger Williams	1%	-	1%	-	-
Someone else/Undecided	19%	16%	19%	40%	-

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/ Perry					
Mitch Daniels	3%	-	3%	34%	-
Newt Gingrich	17%	28%	15%	-	48%
Mike Huckabee	24%	23%	25%	-	10%
Sarah Palin	17%	19%	17%	66%	21%
Ron Paul	10%	9%	11%	-	-
Tim Pawlenty	4%	-	5%	-	-
Rick Perry	9%	18%	8%	-	16%
Mitt Romney	10%	2%	11%	-	5%
Someone else/Undecided	5%	-	5%	-	-

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/o Perry					
Mitch Daniels	3%	-	4%	20%	-
Newt Gingrich	17%	28%	16%	-	38%
Mike Huckabee	25%	23%	25%	-	36%
Sarah Palin	21%	41%	20%	40%	21%
Ron Paul	9%	5%	10%	-	-
Tim Pawlenty	5%	-	6%	-	-
Mitt Romney	10%	-	11%	-	-
Someone else/Undecided	8%	2%	9%	40%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	60%	40%	62%	58%	69%
Unfavorable	22%	10%	26%	27%	15%
Not sure	17%	50%	12%	15%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	71%	60%	68%	70%	77%
Unfavorable	15%	10%	18%	18%	8%
Not sure	15%	30%	15%	12%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	69%	80%	56%	72%	71%
Unfavorable	24%	20%	32%	24%	20%
Not sure	7%	-	12%	5%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	52%	40%	41%	60%	48%
Unfavorable	27%	20%	38%	24%	27%
Not sure	21%	40%	21%	15%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Perry Approval					
Approve	65%	80%	53%	66%	67%
Disapprove	26%	20%	32%	27%	21%
Not sure	9%	-	15%	8%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Dewhurst Favorability					
Favorable	45%	40%	26%	48%	55%
Unfavorable	17%	10%	29%	16%	10%
Not sure	39%	50%	44%	36%	35%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Jones Favorability					
Favorable	9%	10%	12%	8%	9%
Unfavorable	12%	-	9%	13%	17%
Not sure	79%	90%	79%	79%	74%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Leppert Favorability					
Favorable	13%	10%	9%	17%	12%
Unfavorable	14%	10%	18%	15%	12%
Not sure	73%	80%	74%	69%	76%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Williams Favorability					
Favorable	14%	30%	18%	13%	9%
Unfavorable	10%	-	9%	12%	12%
Not sure	75%	70%	74%	75%	79%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Sen Primary					
Greg Abbott	14%	-	12%	19%	12%
Joe Barton	7%	10%	9%	7%	3%
Ted Cruz	3%	10%	-	3%	4%
David Dewhurst	23%	20%	15%	23%	30%
Elizabeth Ames Jones	6%	-	18%	2%	5%
Tom Leppert	3%	10%	-	4%	3%
Ron Paul	21%	30%	24%	18%	22%
Michael Williams	3%	-	3%	5%	2%
Roger Williams	1%	-	-	1%	1%
Someone else/Undecided	19%	20%	21%	19%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/ Perry					
Mitch Daniels	3%	-	6%	2%	2%
Newt Gingrich	17%	-	30%	16%	14%
Mike Huckabee	24%	33%	18%	23%	28%
Sarah Palin	17%	-	18%	18%	21%
Ron Paul	10%	44%	9%	9%	4%
Tim Pawlenty	4%	-	-	5%	6%
Rick Perry	9%	22%	6%	10%	6%
Mitt Romney	10%	-	9%	11%	13%
Someone else/Undecided	5%	-	3%	7%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/o Perry					
Mitch Daniels	3%	11%	6%	2%	2%
Newt Gingrich	17%	-	31%	16%	14%
Mike Huckabee	25%	33%	16%	24%	31%
Sarah Palin	21%	22%	25%	18%	23%
Ron Paul	9%	22%	13%	8%	5%
Tim Pawlenty	5%	-	-	8%	6%
Mitt Romney	10%	-	9%	12%	10%
Someone else/Undecided	8%	11%	-	12%	9%

