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Senator John Cornyn is Looking Comfortable in His Seat

Raleigh, N.C. – If Texans could vote today, Senator John Cornyn would lead every potential Democratic candidate for Senate. Most Texans don't even know who the Democratic candidates are.

While Cornyn's job performance approval rating is low, (34-36, with 30% unsure), he is better known than all the potential Democratic candidates except for Bill White. Bill White, the former mayor of Houston, has a 34/24 favorability rating.

When pitted together, Texans barely chose Cornyn over White (45-42) for Senate in 2014. Because he is only down by three points, if White decides to run next year, he has plenty of time to move up in the polls.

Other potential Democratic candidates were largely unknown. 47% of voters had an unsure opinion of San Antonio mayor, Julian Castro, 66% were unsure of the Texan Senator, Wendy Davis, and 67% were unsure of former Houston mayor, Annise Parker.

When set up against these potential Democrats for Senate, Cornyn beat Castro (48-41), Davis (48-37), and Parker (47-36).

Texan votes were also polled on their support of assault weapons, arming teachers, putting officers in schools, and their approval of the NRA. The poll found that 49% supported banning assault weapons while 41% opposed. Texans support putting police officers in every school in the country (47-39) but opposed arming teachers (56-31).

While more people have a favorable opinion of Obama (47%) than the NRA (46%), they said they trust the NRA on the issue of guns more than Obama (47-43). Even with their distrust of President Obama on this issue, voters oppose impeaching Obama (50-39).

“Even after ten years in the Senate a lot of Texans are unfamiliar with John Cornyn,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But the Republican lean of the state should make him a clear favorite for reelection anyway.”

PPP surveyed 500 Texas voters from January 24 to 27th. The margin of error is +/-4.4%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.



Texas Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 47%
Disapprove..... 51%
Not sure 2%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator John Cornyn's job performance?

Approve 34% *Not sure* 30%
Disapprove..... 36%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Julian Castro?

Favorable..... 29%
Unfavorable 24%
Not sure 47%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Wendy Davis?

Favorable..... 15%
Unfavorable 19%
Not sure 66%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Annise Parker?

Favorable..... 16%
Unfavorable 17%
Not sure 67%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Bill White?

Favorable..... 34%
Unfavorable 24%
Not sure 42%

Q7 If the candidates for Senate next year were Republican John Cornyn and Democrat Julian Castro, who would you vote for?

John Cornyn 48%
Julian Castro..... 41%
Not sure 11%

Q8 If the candidates for Senate next year were Republican John Cornyn and Democrat Wendy Davis, who would you vote for?

John Cornyn 48%
Wendy Davis..... 37%
Not sure 14%

Q9 If the candidates for Senate next year were Republican John Cornyn and Democrat Annise Parker, who would you vote for?

John Cornyn 47%
Annise Parker 36%
Not sure 16%

Q10 If the candidates for Senate next year were Republican John Cornyn and Democrat Bill White, who would you vote for?

John Cornyn 45%
Bill White..... 42%
Not sure 13%

Q11 Would you support or oppose banning assault weapons?

Support 49%
Oppose 41%
Not sure 10%





Q12 Would you support or oppose putting armed police officers in every school in the country?

Support..... 47%
Oppose..... 39%
Not sure..... 14%

Q13 Would you support or oppose providing teachers with guns?

Support..... 31%
Oppose..... 56%
Not sure..... 12%

Q14 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the National Rifle Association?

Favorable..... 46%
Unfavorable..... 40%
Not sure..... 14%

Q15 Who do you trust more on the issue of guns: Barack Obama or the NRA?

Barack Obama..... 43%
The NRA..... 47%
Not sure..... 10%

Q16 Would you support or opposing impeaching President Obama?

Support..... 39%
Oppose..... 50%
Not sure..... 11%

Q17 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 8%
Somewhat liberal..... 15%
Moderate..... 30%
Somewhat conservative..... 22%
Very conservative..... 25%

Q18 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman..... 56%
Man..... 44%

Q19 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat..... 32%
Republican..... 43%
Independent/Other..... 25%

Q20 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 19%
White..... 62%
African-American..... 13%
Other..... 7%

Q21 If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

18 to 45..... 30%
46 to 65..... 48%
Older than 65..... 22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	47%	83%	87%	69%	21%	9%
Disapprove	51%	12%	11%	27%	79%	90%
Not sure	2%	5%	3%	5%	-	0%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cornyn Approval						
Approve	34%	16%	14%	17%	45%	63%
Disapprove	36%	76%	57%	48%	14%	14%
Not sure	30%	7%	28%	36%	41%	22%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Castro Favorability						
Favorable	29%	54%	66%	34%	17%	5%
Unfavorable	24%	24%	15%	13%	26%	39%
Not sure	47%	23%	18%	53%	57%	56%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Davis Favorability						
Favorable	15%	20%	24%	18%	11%	6%
Unfavorable	19%	27%	18%	12%	19%	26%
Not sure	66%	53%	58%	70%	70%	69%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Parker Favorability						
Favorable	16%	35%	20%	24%	9%	6%
Unfavorable	17%	18%	15%	11%	13%	29%
Not sure	67%	47%	65%	65%	78%	66%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
White Favorability						
Favorable	34%	52%	55%	45%	18%	17%
Unfavorable	24%	21%	13%	15%	27%	42%
Not sure	42%	26%	32%	40%	56%	41%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cornyn/Castro						
John Cornyn	48%	17%	10%	24%	71%	87%
Julian Castro	41%	72%	88%	61%	14%	3%
Not sure	11%	11%	2%	15%	15%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cornyn/Davis						
John Cornyn	48%	17%	11%	24%	73%	88%
Wendy Davis	37%	69%	79%	53%	12%	6%
Not sure	14%	13%	10%	24%	15%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cornyn/Parker						
John Cornyn	47%	19%	16%	21%	73%	86%
Annise Parker	36%	63%	66%	56%	11%	7%
Not sure	16%	18%	18%	23%	16%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cornyn/White						
John Cornyn	45%	17%	8%	18%	71%	86%
Bill White	42%	73%	82%	63%	13%	7%
Not sure	13%	10%	10%	19%	15%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Assault Weapons Ban						
Support	49%	72%	80%	65%	33%	13%
Oppose	41%	28%	12%	24%	53%	81%
Not sure	10%	-	8%	11%	15%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Armed Police in Every School						
Support	47%	71%	37%	34%	48%	61%
Oppose	39%	26%	48%	49%	40%	24%
Not sure	14%	3%	16%	17%	11%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Giving Teachers Guns						
Support	31%	37%	21%	14%	39%	53%
Oppose	56%	62%	72%	74%	42%	31%
Not sure	12%	2%	7%	11%	18%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
NRA Favorability						
Favorable	46%	17%	15%	30%	69%	81%
Unfavorable	40%	68%	68%	52%	18%	15%
Not sure	14%	14%	17%	18%	13%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Trusted More on Guns: Obama or NRA						
Barack Obama	43%	82%	66%	62%	17%	11%
The NRA	47%	11%	20%	24%	71%	88%
Not sure	10%	7%	14%	14%	12%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Impeaching Obama						
Support	39%	17%	15%	17%	59%	74%
Oppose	50%	80%	77%	69%	29%	15%
Not sure	11%	3%	9%	15%	11%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	47%	52%	41%
Disapprove	51%	46%	56%
Not sure	2%	2%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cornyn Approval			
Approve	34%	26%	44%
Disapprove	36%	34%	38%
Not sure	30%	40%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Castro Favorability			
Favorable	29%	28%	31%
Unfavorable	24%	19%	30%
Not sure	47%	54%	39%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Davis Favorability			
Favorable	15%	13%	17%
Unfavorable	19%	16%	22%
Not sure	66%	71%	61%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Parker Favorability			
Favorable	16%	17%	16%
Unfavorable	17%	15%	20%
Not sure	67%	69%	64%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
White Favorability			
Favorable	34%	32%	36%
Unfavorable	24%	20%	30%
Not sure	42%	48%	33%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cornyn/Castro			
John Cornyn	48%	44%	52%
Julian Castro	41%	42%	39%
Not sure	11%	14%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cornyn/Davis			
John Cornyn	48%	44%	54%
Wendy Davis	37%	41%	32%
Not sure	14%	15%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cornyn/Parker			
John Cornyn	47%	42%	55%
Annise Parker	36%	39%	32%
Not sure	16%	19%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cornyn/White			
John Cornyn	45%	40%	52%
Bill White	42%	45%	38%
Not sure	13%	15%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Assault Weapons Ban			
Support	49%	53%	44%
Oppose	41%	35%	49%
Not sure	10%	11%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Armed Police in Every School			
Support	47%	48%	44%
Oppose	39%	37%	42%
Not sure	14%	14%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Giving Teachers Guns			
Support	31%	28%	35%
Oppose	56%	60%	51%
Not sure	12%	12%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
NRA Favorability			
Favorable	46%	41%	52%
Unfavorable	40%	45%	35%
Not sure	14%	14%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Trusted More on Guns: Obama or NRA			
Barack Obama	43%	47%	38%
The NRA	47%	43%	52%
Not sure	10%	10%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Impeaching Obama			
Support	39%	36%	41%
Oppose	50%	53%	46%
Not sure	11%	10%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	47%	95%	10%	49%
Disapprove	51%	5%	88%	45%
Not sure	2%	-	1%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cornyn Approval				
Approve	34%	10%	57%	26%
Disapprove	36%	57%	15%	44%
Not sure	30%	33%	28%	30%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Castro Favorability				
Favorable	29%	57%	13%	22%
Unfavorable	24%	11%	32%	25%
Not sure	47%	32%	55%	53%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Davis Favorability				
Favorable	15%	24%	8%	14%
Unfavorable	19%	11%	25%	19%
Not sure	66%	65%	67%	68%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Parker Favorability				
Favorable	16%	26%	7%	19%
Unfavorable	17%	12%	24%	11%
Not sure	67%	61%	69%	69%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
White Favorability				
Favorable	34%	55%	19%	31%
Unfavorable	24%	10%	36%	24%
Not sure	42%	35%	45%	45%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cornyn/Castro				
John Cornyn	48%	8%	83%	39%
Julian Castro	41%	85%	8%	41%
Not sure	11%	7%	10%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cornyn/Davis				
John Cornyn	48%	7%	84%	40%
Wendy Davis	37%	78%	6%	38%
Not sure	14%	15%	10%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cornyn/Parker				
John Cornyn	47%	4%	87%	36%
Annise Parker	36%	78%	4%	37%
Not sure	16%	18%	9%	27%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cornyn/White				
John Cornyn	45%	5%	81%	37%
Bill White	42%	84%	8%	44%
Not sure	13%	11%	11%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Assault Weapons Ban				
Support	49%	75%	23%	53%
Oppose	41%	18%	67%	34%
Not sure	10%	7%	10%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Armed Police in Every School				
Support	47%	41%	55%	41%
Oppose	39%	45%	32%	43%
Not sure	14%	14%	13%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Giving Teachers Guns				
Support	31%	14%	52%	23%
Oppose	56%	81%	30%	62%
Not sure	12%	5%	17%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
NRA Favorability				
Favorable	46%	14%	78%	42%
Unfavorable	40%	72%	13%	38%
Not sure	14%	14%	9%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Trusted More on Guns: Obama or NRA				
Barack Obama	43%	81%	7%	46%
The NRA	47%	10%	85%	39%
Not sure	10%	9%	8%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Impeaching Obama				
Support	39%	12%	67%	32%
Oppose	50%	83%	18%	54%
Not sure	11%	5%	15%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	47%	70%	32%	84%	51%
Disapprove	51%	28%	65%	16%	49%
Not sure	2%	2%	3%	-	-

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Cornyn Approval					
Approve	34%	30%	41%	11%	25%
Disapprove	36%	41%	30%	48%	50%
Not sure	30%	29%	29%	41%	25%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Castro Favorability					
Favorable	29%	47%	21%	41%	32%
Unfavorable	24%	24%	24%	18%	27%
Not sure	47%	29%	55%	41%	41%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Davis Favorability					
Favorable	15%	16%	10%	30%	19%
Unfavorable	19%	25%	19%	14%	11%
Not sure	66%	59%	71%	56%	70%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Parker Favorability					
Favorable	16%	19%	15%	23%	12%
Unfavorable	17%	21%	14%	25%	19%
Not sure	67%	60%	71%	53%	70%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
White Favorability					
Favorable	34%	40%	29%	44%	39%
Unfavorable	24%	20%	28%	12%	33%
Not sure	42%	40%	43%	44%	28%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Cornyn/Castro					
John Cornyn	48%	29%	62%	10%	40%
Julian Castro	41%	58%	28%	71%	54%
Not sure	11%	13%	10%	20%	6%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Cornyn/Davis					
John Cornyn	48%	29%	63%	11%	40%
Wendy Davis	37%	50%	25%	76%	42%
Not sure	14%	21%	12%	13%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Cornyn/Parker					
John Cornyn	47%	31%	60%	14%	40%
Annisette Parker	36%	51%	26%	62%	37%
Not sure	16%	18%	14%	24%	23%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Cornyn/White					
John Cornyn	45%	24%	59%	13%	40%
Bill White	42%	61%	29%	67%	53%
Not sure	13%	15%	12%	20%	7%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose Assault Weapons Ban					
Support	49%	59%	41%	68%	57%
Oppose	41%	37%	50%	16%	31%
Not sure	10%	5%	9%	16%	13%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose Armed Police in Every School					
Support	47%	53%	45%	45%	44%
Oppose	39%	43%	40%	31%	41%
Not sure	14%	5%	15%	24%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose Giving Teachers Guns					
Support	31%	30%	38%	7%	27%
Oppose	56%	63%	48%	80%	63%
Not sure	12%	6%	14%	13%	10%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
NRA Favorability					
Favorable	46%	34%	57%	21%	36%
Unfavorable	40%	54%	32%	55%	51%
Not sure	14%	13%	12%	23%	14%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Trusted More on Guns: Obama or NRA					
Barack Obama	43%	54%	32%	71%	54%
The NRA	47%	37%	59%	14%	34%
Not sure	10%	9%	9%	16%	12%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose Impeaching Obama					
Support	39%	30%	48%	15%	26%
Oppose	50%	58%	41%	80%	54%
Not sure	11%	12%	12%	5%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval				
Approve	47%	54%	45%	43%
Disapprove	51%	43%	53%	55%
Not sure	2%	3%	2%	2%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cornyn Approval				
Approve	34%	27%	34%	44%
Disapprove	36%	40%	34%	33%
Not sure	30%	32%	32%	24%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Castro Favorability				
Favorable	29%	31%	29%	28%
Unfavorable	24%	21%	24%	27%
Not sure	47%	48%	48%	45%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Davis Favorability				
Favorable	15%	12%	17%	13%
Unfavorable	19%	25%	14%	22%
Not sure	66%	64%	69%	66%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Parker Favorability				
Favorable	16%	21%	14%	15%
Unfavorable	17%	17%	16%	19%
Not sure	67%	62%	70%	66%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
White Favorability				
Favorable	34%	35%	33%	35%
Unfavorable	24%	21%	26%	27%
Not sure	42%	44%	42%	38%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cornyn/Castro				
John Cornyn	48%	41%	49%	53%
Julian Castro	41%	47%	39%	36%
Not sure	11%	12%	12%	10%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cornyn/Davis				
John Cornyn	48%	43%	49%	54%
Wendy Davis	37%	43%	36%	33%
Not sure	14%	14%	15%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cornyn/Parker				
John Cornyn	47%	42%	48%	55%
Annise Parker	36%	40%	35%	33%
Not sure	16%	18%	17%	12%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cornyn/White				
John Cornyn	45%	36%	47%	53%
Bill White	42%	49%	38%	40%
Not sure	13%	14%	15%	7%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Assault Weapons Ban				
Support	49%	53%	49%	45%
Oppose	41%	38%	43%	42%
Not sure	10%	9%	8%	13%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Armed Police in Every School				
Support	47%	44%	49%	44%
Oppose	39%	40%	41%	36%
Not sure	14%	16%	10%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Giving Teachers Guns				
Support	31%	33%	30%	31%
Oppose	56%	56%	58%	53%
Not sure	12%	11%	11%	16%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
NRA Favorability				
Favorable	46%	37%	51%	49%
Unfavorable	40%	49%	37%	36%
Not sure	14%	14%	13%	15%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Trusted More on Guns: Obama or NRA				
Barack Obama	43%	53%	40%	37%
The NRA	47%	35%	49%	56%
Not sure	10%	11%	11%	7%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Impeaching Obama				
Support	39%	27%	42%	46%
Oppose	50%	66%	46%	38%
Not sure	11%	6%	12%	16%

