

(<http://www.chron.com/news/texas/article/Tea-party-poised-for-big-wins-in-Texas-GOP-runoffs-5505101.php>), millions have been spent by similar Tea Party candidates this election season attacking their "establishment Republican" opponents.

The *Chronicle* reported, "Though the tea party has sputtered this year in elections around the country, Texas' conservative insurgents are the front-runners in Republican primary runoffs for major statewide offices and positioned to bolster their ranks in the Legislature. Victories now and again in November would signal an aggressive new slate of Republican priorities — from tightened spending to expanded gun rights — after Gov. Rick Perry leaves office in January."

If the Tea Party does see big wins at the polls, it suggests that Texas isn't becoming more blue--in fact, the state might be turning a brighter shade of red.

Chuck DeVore, Vice President of Policy at the Texas Public Policy Foundation told Breitbart Texas that new transplants from liberal states have little to do with any political shift.

"The future course of Texas is in the hand of Texans," he said. "It's up to them if Texas continues to promote policies that has made it the economic envy of country, [including] relatively low taxes and light burden of regulation."

DeVore continued, "I don't see that trend changing due to transplants. Conservatives are leaving Illinois and California to move to Texas; and liberals from Texas are relocating to the more liberal states, assuming they can find a job. People sort themselves out. ... [Additionally,] people who move here tend to absorb the values of those around them."

Indeed, a joint [study \(http://www.texastribune.org/2013/03/11/polling-center-californias-conservative-migration/\)](http://www.texastribune.org/2013/03/11/polling-center-californias-conservative-migration/) by the University of Texas and *Texas Tribune* confirmed that "California has been losing people in droves. The plurality of those migrants have moved to Texas, as many as 70,000 (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/11/28/californians-moving-census-survey_n_1117049.html) in 2011 and 60,000 (<http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Californias-Population-Moving-Out-182914961.html>) in 2012." However, after polling a significant portion of the fresh transplants, the study found that over half (57 percent) of them are self-proclaimed conservatives and only 27 percent are liberal.

The *Texas Tribune* concluded, "So while some may want to perceive the wave of Californians coming to Texas as part of the broader demographic trends that might eventually turn Texas purple, and then blue, the data collected to date suggest that Perry's pitch appears to be hitting a chord with Californians who wear cowboy boots instead of Birkenstocks."

Ultimately, today's primary run-off elections may be more telling of Texas' fate than the influx of migrants. The elections are critical, as state officials will arguably play a significant role in whether or not Texas turns blue.

DeVore concluded, "The fate of Texas is not dependent on the type of people who move here. It depends on the elected representatives who enact what they believe their constituents want them to do."

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Randy Mann · 21 hours ago

The great state of Texas. May your citizens prosper and continue the good fight for conservative politics and ideals. One Texas is worth two Californias!

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Whatever → Randy Mann · 18 hours ago

If business conditions are favorable for my line of work, I will be one of those happy Asian conservatives from California moving to the great state of Texas.

Probably a 5000% chance I will never vote Democrat.

Nevertheless, conservatives in Texas should not get cocky. Keep up the work, the moment you blink, the Dems will be waiting to pounce.

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RightinTexas → Whatever · 17 hours ago

Come on over! We remain ever-vigilant. Come join us.

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Stan Carter → RightinTexas · 16 hours ago

I am thrilled to read that Californians escaping to the free state of Texas aren't turning your great state blue.

The attitude of the Californians that I know that have moved to your state is more like FREE AT LAST FREE AT LAST THANK GOD ALMIGHTY FREE AT LAST. That was sure Chuck DeVore's attitude when he moved to Texas from the Peoples Republic of California.

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Nero07 → Stan Carter · 11 hours ago

For every three transplants that come to Texas, two are most likely conservatives fleeing liberal tyranny and one MIGHT be a liberal who has not opened his eyes to realize his statist policies suck!

I am a soon to be transplant from California and the only people who will lose is the Republican party of California when they lose yet another conservative voter who no longer wishes to live under liberal/progressive fascism

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Lngtaltxn → Whatever · 17 hours ago

We'll extend a warm Texas welcome.

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SouthTexasFrac → Whatever · 16 hours ago

Texas was recently list as the BEST State to do business in (again!). Trust me, you will be welcome here. There is a saying down here: "We are all Texans, it just took some of us longer to get here."

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oldandtired → Whatever · 11 hours ago

Better hurry, property is selling fast.

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BostonTea101st → Whatever · 5 hours ago

Victories in Republican primaries shouldn't be overstated either. If liberal transplants aren't voting in the GOP Primary then it's impossible to know if they're actually overwhelming real Americans. Don't get cocky and assume the state is in the bag when the real elections haven't even taken place.

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silly_gring0s → Randy Mann · 17 hours ago

Kristin is my new favorite Breitbart girl.

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boondoggles → Randy Mann · 16 hours ago

Texas has voter id laws and they want to see your photo. This is going to cut down on the multiple voting the dems tend to do. And busing from one precinct to another won't work either.

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D.I. · 21 hours ago

The people of Travis County may disagree.

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shaggyk → D.I. · 21 hours ago

Austin's a liberal magnet in a very large blue state. Travis County has been

deep red, so it's not much of a factor.

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Bruiser in Houston → shaggyk · 20 hours ago

Really, Williamson County is the red one. Travis is purple, Austin is a blue dot.

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shaggyk → Bruiser in Houston · 15 hours ago

Heh, I reversed the colors. I guess people figured out what I meant.

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FreedomFighter → shaggyk · 18 hours ago

And Austin voters are regularly duped by those they put in the city council. They all act all leftist but wouldn't seriously consider turning their back on the million\$ in subsidies on fluoride. Always in the developers pockets no matter how many Birkenstock trust fund babies they manage to tickle.

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AnUnusedName → D.I. · 18 hours ago

Travis County is still still pointedly Texan, the most politically active in Austin may be the leftists but the surrounding area and all the normal people inside the city generally still have a very small town/rural mindset. Austin is growing but as is the case in most cities the suburbs will remain more conservative than the core.

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KeepingItRed → AnUnusedName · 12 hours ago

100% Agreed. After living in Austin for the last ten years, one would be surprised how many conservatives there really are here...people just don't want to voice it too loud...and trust me, after watching Obama destroy this nation and/or many Californians moving here looking for work...they know the liberal agenda does not serve them well...so yes, I like the way you say that..."Travis County is still pointedly Texan!"

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AnUnusedName → KeepingItRed · 10 hours ago

Well I may have some optimistic bias it being the place of my birth and not wanting to be ashamed of that, but even going back today I still see plenty of the rural Texas charm in areas surrounding the city.

Not sure why conservatives tend to be less politically active there, even my family in that area tend to be less outspoken on political matters that the ones living in and between Houston and Austin. Would think it would be the other way around Austin being the state Capitol and all.

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RightinTexas → D.I. · 17 hours ago

Austin has forever been full of old clapped-out hippies. Retreads from the '70s.

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Texaslady58 · 20 hours ago

God blessed Texas :))

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Jarhead John → Texaslady58 · 13 hours ago

Texas is more than a State, it's a State of Mind.

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Zachary Goldberg · 20 hours ago

The fate of Texas is not dependent on who moves there? Guess I missed what happened in Virginia(once one of the most conservative states) and Colorado; Vermont was once the most republican state in the nation having voted Republican in every election since Lincoln up until 1988, and California was also another conservative state; North Carolina seems to be weaving in and out but I doubt there's much to worry there.

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Bruiser in Houston → Zachary Goldberg · 20 hours ago

Colorado had boredom fatigue. Outside of Denver and Pueblo, Colorado is solid RED. Virginia is a slightly different story. Democrats have been moving to the four Virginia counties abutting Washington DC for 20 years. They don't ebb and flow with various administrations, but rather settle into the bureaucracy. The fate of Virginia is controlled by a tiny corner of the state.

Colorado has had its "experimentation" with liberalism. Even the pot laws are starting to backfire, as the revenue is nowhere near what was claimed. Expect a swing redward.

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Zachary Goldberg → Bruiser in Houston · 20 hours ago

I anxiously await that.

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RightinTexas → Bruiser in Houston · 17 hours ago

Texas is a whole other country.

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Lngtaltxn → RightinTexas · 17 hours ago

No, Texas is a whole nother country.

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john doe → Bruiser in Houston · 16 hours ago

" The fate of Virginia is controlled by a tiny corner of the state."

I never understood this argument. The rest of the state don't vote ?

They also seem to have their own definition of conservatism and a

"virginia republican" almost always turns into a monster.

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Nick099 → Zachary Goldberg · 18 hours ago

Va suffers from "court infection injection." The folks who set up in Washington to leech off the Taxpayer run to live in nearby Va.....since blue DC is mostly crime-ridden.

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Bruiser in Houston · 20 hours ago

Like many transplants (including me back in the 70s), the latest wave is becoming Texan. Some want to become "more Texan than born Texans."

Battleground Texas has already failed, which is why Wendy is being abandoned, and Obama is trying the tactic of elevating Hoolian Castro to national prominence. This too, shall fail.

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JJTX → Bruiser in Houston · 19 hours ago

Castro the communist. Baby killing communists will never get further than San Antonio's pointless mayor in Texas.

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Steve Dose → Bruiser in Houston · 19 hours ago

National Democrat exposure is the kiss of death in Texas. Castro's Federalization will end him in Texas.

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Bruiser in Houston · 20 hours ago


While there has been some success with turning certain areas blue (Harris County, for example), the tide is turning back. I expect Harris County to go solid red this November.

Last fall, the local media fell all over themselves to tell "we the unwashed" how popular our current mayor (Denise Porker) is, because she got 58% of the vote against a slate of nobodies. Twenty years ago, Bob Lanier used to garner 93% of the vote. Even Lee Brown (who is usually mocked and ridiculed here as "Out of Town Brown" used to get 65%.)

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AnUnusedName → Bruiser in Houston · 18 hours ago

 That's pretty optimistic when much of Harris is inner city, entitlement voting and outright fraud are the name of the game there.

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 **TheLordRegent** · 19 hours ago

So far Texas has been lucky that the majority of Cali transplants are actual Americans. Relying on luck, however, is not a good idea. Luck can run out.

Employers in Texas need to start actively sifting applicants from democrat (read: fascist) states to ensure that they are importing and hiring actual Americans, not dems.

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 **AnUnusedName** → Lone dog · 18 hours ago

A politician yes but that formula does not necessarily apply to voters.

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 **Nick** → TheLordRegent · 13 hours ago

I agree with you. I hope with these Tea party wins the state Government pushes policy that just makes Texas an outright hostile place for "progressives" to live. Hopefully they will root out the "progressive" agenda and strangle it mercilessly. Furthermore since "progressives" have made it clear that you can't be a Christian or conservative and hold a job etc in blue states employers who want to see Texas stay businesses friendly should do the same here. Fair is fair, have an "ready for hillary" bumper sticker on your car and the boss sees it? Clean out your desk. Most "progressives" are terrible employees anyway good riddance.

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 **JJTX** · 19 hours ago

WE gotta kick the F'ing Rinos OUT!

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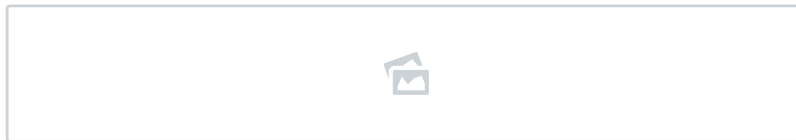
 **TrueTexas** · 18 hours ago

How exactly would the Leftists and the Democrats turn the state Blue (read Red)? By telling voters we need more government growth, more government control, more taxes, more debt, fewer jobs and less energy production, more government dependency, more leftist driven societal decay and immorality? That is all the Democrats have to offer.

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 **FreedomFighter** · 18 hours ago

Texas must stand.



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 **Wallbanger** → FreedomFighter · 17 hours ago

I love that!

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 **Fyrzowt** · 18 hours ago

The conservative atmosphere is one reason why I moved to Texas from California. Many folks want to dump all of California into the ocean, and I understand the emotion. But if you could cut L.A. And 'Frisco out, it is a very rural and conservative state overall. There are just too many Libs in the cities...

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 **Lobo Lobosco** → Fyrzowt · 17 hours ago

It really is a shame what progs have done to such a beautiful place. They are a disease.

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 **rickroland** → Fyrzowt · 11 hours ago

You'd have to take Sacramento as well, it's really the looniest of all the cities in

California (and it's where a ton of California's loonyness and festers).

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rusty50 · 18 hours ago

Texas delivers good news...ounce again.

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Lngtaltxn → rusty50 · 17 hours ago

Ounce? as in 16 = a pound?

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Nick099 · 18 hours ago

Liberals are not leaving their blue states for Texas. Its the Conservatives who are leaving the high tax, low employment states for freedom and opportunity.

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Lngtaltxn → Nick099 · 17 hours ago

That really doesn't bode well for the US overall.

Yes, Texas may become more solid red, but with fewer red states and fewer electoral votes, we might not do so well in nat elections.

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Nick099 → Lngtaltxn · 4 hours ago

Well that may true in the very immediate future, but not long-term. Already some blue states have lost congressional seats with red states picking them up. So there will be more representation in the House. Make no mistake; there will not be less red states. Just more solid red states as opposed to purple and the blue states will implode. The problem becomes severe for hard-core blue states. The makeup of the Electorate in blue states is not all solidly liberal-left-wing-jerks. The largest component is made up of "moderates," which is just another word for mostly disinterested and uninformed voters who would vote Conservative if they had an education or bothered to pay attention. These are the folks who shake their heads when their property taxes come due, or go to the gas pump, get the electric bill, or food shopping...yet continue to vote over and again for the same a\$\$ clown Dems who sent them the tab. They are perennial victims and will only begin to change their vote when they pay attention. The Lefty loons are (as always) a small group. As Conservatives leave...for various reasons the taxes will continue to go up causing a massive implosion of these states. Those states may then begin to turn red....if there is the right leadership. Meanwhile red states will flourish. Populations will grow and it will be hard for a blue state to field a prez candidate coming from a Detroit-like area. Just a few quick thoughts.

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