

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Hart Research Associates
DATE: February 16, 2026
RE: Current dynamics in Texas U.S. Senate Democratic Primary

Between February 6 and 12, 2026, Hart Research conducted a statewide survey among a representative sample of 803 likely general election voters. The survey, which has an overall margin of error of $\pm 3.5\%$, was conducted via landline, cell phone, text-to-web, and included bilingual interviews.

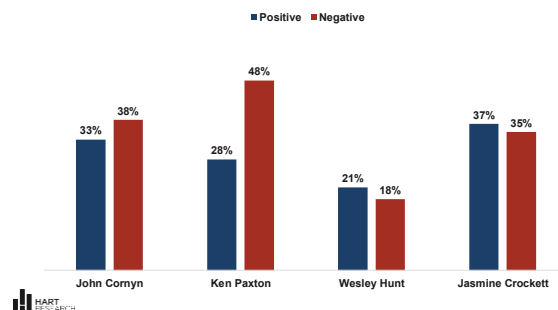
Our survey yields the following takeaways--(A) Democrats have an opportunity to turn Texas blue in the November elections, (B) largely due to anti-Trump dynamics but also to the relatively unpopularity of the three GOP candidates, and as a result (C) Jasmine Crockett has the potential to win the general election (especially against Ken Paxton):

The following are the key survey results.

While the generic trial heat for U.S. Senate shows a Republican with a 48% to 44% lead over a Democrat, inserting President Trump into the mix (as is likely in the midterm election) reverses the GOP advantage. Thus, 48% of Texans would vote for a Democrat who will be a check/balance against Trump, compared to 42% who prefer a Republican who would help pass Trump’s policies.

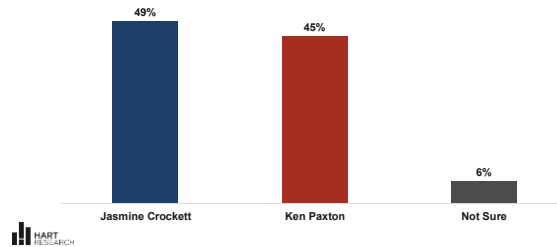
The largest factor between the two “generic” trial heats are Independents, who would vote for the anti-Trump Democrat over the pro-Trump Republican by a 59% to 20% margin.

The feeling thermometer shows Jasmine Crockett with a net positive statewide, compared to the underwater ratings of the Republican front-runners:



As a result of her profile and the favorable political environment, Jasmine Crockett currently leads Ken Paxton in the initial trial heat:

If the election were held today between the following, for whom would you vote?

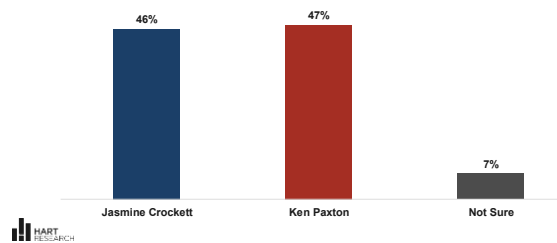


We did several projective exercises in this survey to simulate a general election situation in a Crockett-Paxton election.

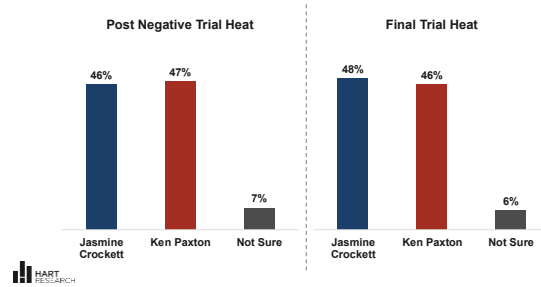
First, we anticipate the Republicans will attack Jasmine Crockett literally the day after the primary, so we presented negative arguments that have been made by the NRSC against the Congresswoman (liberal DC Democrat who is anti-ICE/using Senate race to raise her national profile.

Not surprisingly, the negative information against Crockett boosts Paxton, but importantly the trial heat remains a near dead-heat.

Post Negative Trial Heat



Then, we read two positive statements for Crockett and re-asked voter preference, not surprisingly the Congresswoman jumps back into the lead against Paxton:



The bottom line from the survey:

1. Democrats have a tremendous opportunity to take advantage of the national anti-Trump trend and win a Senate seat in Texas;
2. Jasmine Crockett is currently running ahead of Ken Paxton;
3. Our “exercise” of communicating negative AND positive messages on Crockett show that she remains a competitive candidate (even after the negatives) and that she can win in November.