

1**The suburbs are the fastest-growing part of the state, and the people who live there vote Republican.**

1990

Suburban counties' share of total state population: 14.1%

53.4%

Percentage of suburban counties' vote that went to GOP gubernatorial candidate Clayton Williams



2010

Suburban counties' share of total state population: 20.7%

64.7%

Percentage of their vote that went to Rick Perry

**2****The counties that house the state's six big cities are becoming more liberal, but they're not as liberal as the suburbs are conservative.**

2010

52.3%

The "Big Six" counties' vote for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill White—a much smaller percentage than the burbs gave to Rick Perry.

3**Small towns may be getting smaller, but they're becoming more and more reliably Republican.**

1993

Small-town counties had 25 seats in the Texas House of Representatives, only 1 of which was held by a Republican.



2013

By last year, these shrinking counties had only 18 seats in the House—15 of which were held by Republicans.

**4****The Republicans may have a Hispanic problem, but the Democrats have a bigger Anglo problem.**

2012

Percentage of the Texas Hispanic vote that went to Barack Obama

63%

Percentage of the Texas non-Hispanic white vote that went to Mitt Romney

76%

5**The Texas Democratic Party is still in shambles.**

165

(a county's main administrative office)

Number of Texas's 254 counties in which no Democrat filed to run for county judge

86

(including eight counties with populations of more than 100,000)

Number of Texas counties in which no Democrat filed for any county-wide office

59

will be on the ballot for the Legislature

Number of the 150 Texas House districts in which no Democratic choice