

Clay Higgins

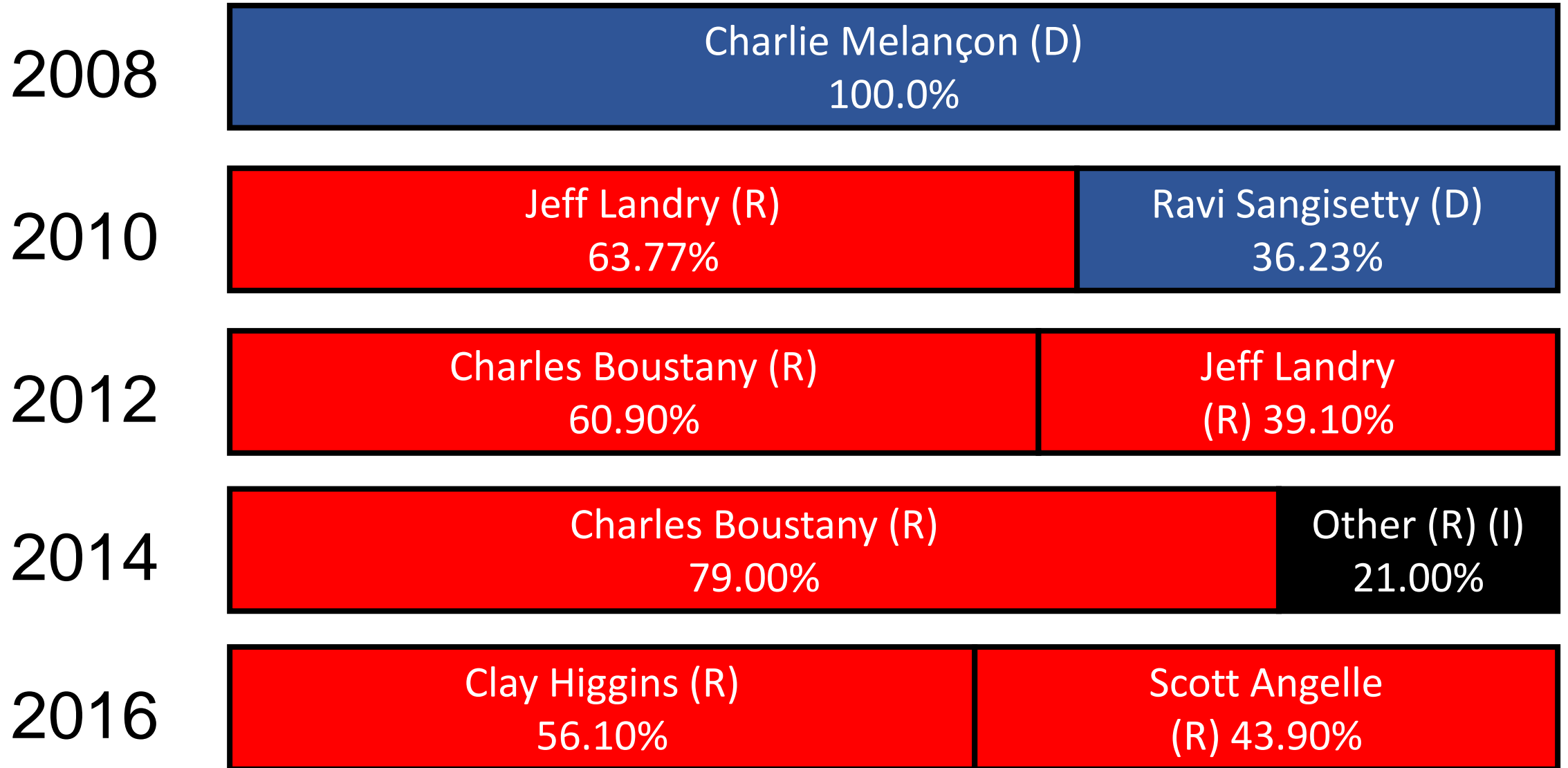
LA-3



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Recent Election Results



*The 2018 General Election was cancelled

Literature Review

Wong
(2014)

Due to modern hyperpartisanship, Republicans don't "cross the aisle" anymore.
Republican representatives generally vote for restrictionist policies.

Size of Latino population correlates with voting pattern regardless of party.
Large Latino population \Leftrightarrow expansionist vote and vice versa.

Casellas and Leal
(2013)

Representative party is a strong predictor of voting habits.
(corroborates Wong, 2014)

Party voting rates in a representative's home district predicts their voting patterns.

Wong
(2017)

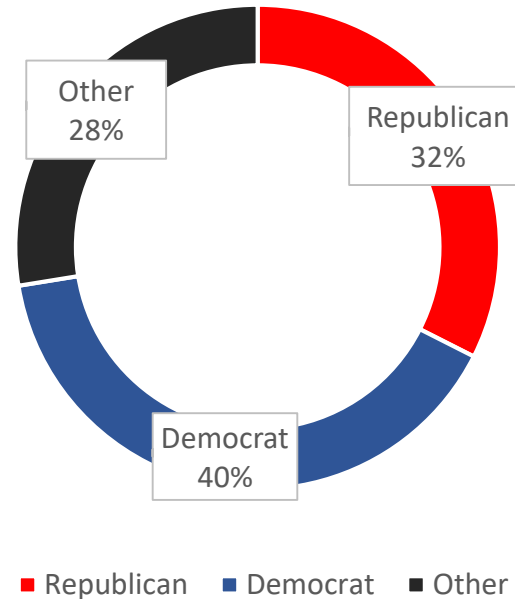
A large foreign born population is linked with votes for expansionist policies

Predictions for Clay Higgins

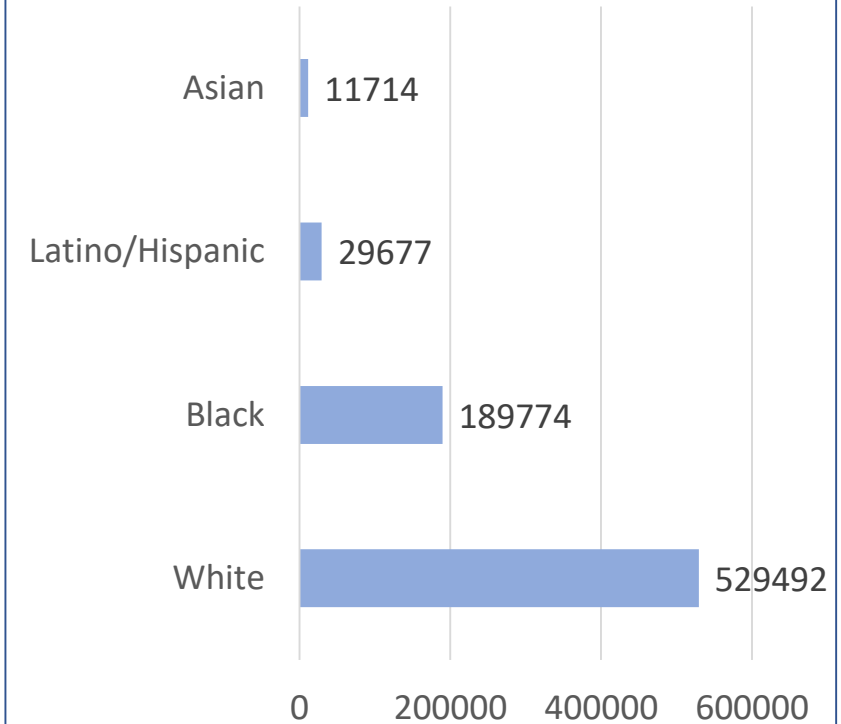
Relevant information:

- ❖ Congressman Higgins is a Republican
- ❖ Congressman Higgins won the 2018 primary with a majority of the votes (55.7%), with second place Mildred Methvin (D) garnering only 17.8%
- ❖ Only 3.1% of LA-3 population is foreign-born

Qualified Voters in LA-3 (November 2018 Election)



2017 Demographic Predictions



Prediction: Congressman Higgins will very vocally express a Restrictionist stance, as the small Hispanic/foreign-born populations do not threaten his House seat.

Prediction: Congressman Higgins will consistently vote for Restrictionist policies, as he is a Republican in a district with almost no Hispanic or foreign-born population.

Conclusion: Despite LA-3's seeming Democratic majority, Higgins' electoral security, majority White and native-born electorate, and Republican partisanship would make a Restrictionist stance optimal for re-election.

Clay Higgins in Office

TWEETS



Higgins has mentioned immigration or the border wall in 18/56 tweets (32%) since January 1, 2019

BILLS

- ❖ Voted on 20 immigration related bills since taking office
- ❖ Voted the party line all 20 times
- ❖ 5 of Higgins' sponsored bills (20% of total) are about immigration
- ❖ Authored a bill that directly opposed calls to "abolish ICE"

COMMITTEES

- ❖ Member of two committees
- ❖ Homeland Security Committee
- ❖ Ranking member of Subcommittee on Border Security, Facility, and Operations

WEBSITE

- ❖ Homepage states: "Congressman Clay Higgins has prioritized South Louisiana values and voted to cut taxes, create new jobs, **secure the border**, and keep our communities safe."
- ❖ 12 Issues pages, including immigration.
 - ❖ "The responsibilities and opportunities of America are great and will not be taken advantage of by those who come here illegally or with malicious intent."
- ❖ Has mentioned immigration in 8/20 press releases this year (40%)
- ❖ Sole video press release this year is about Border Wall
 - ❖ "Criminal cartels control 100% of the Mexican side of our [border]"
 - ❖ Has almost 1.4 million views