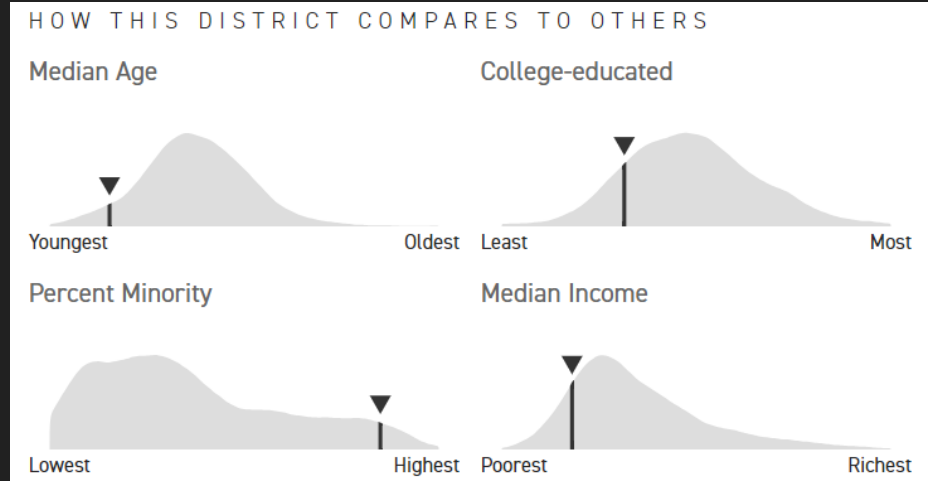


# Texas 18th Congressional District

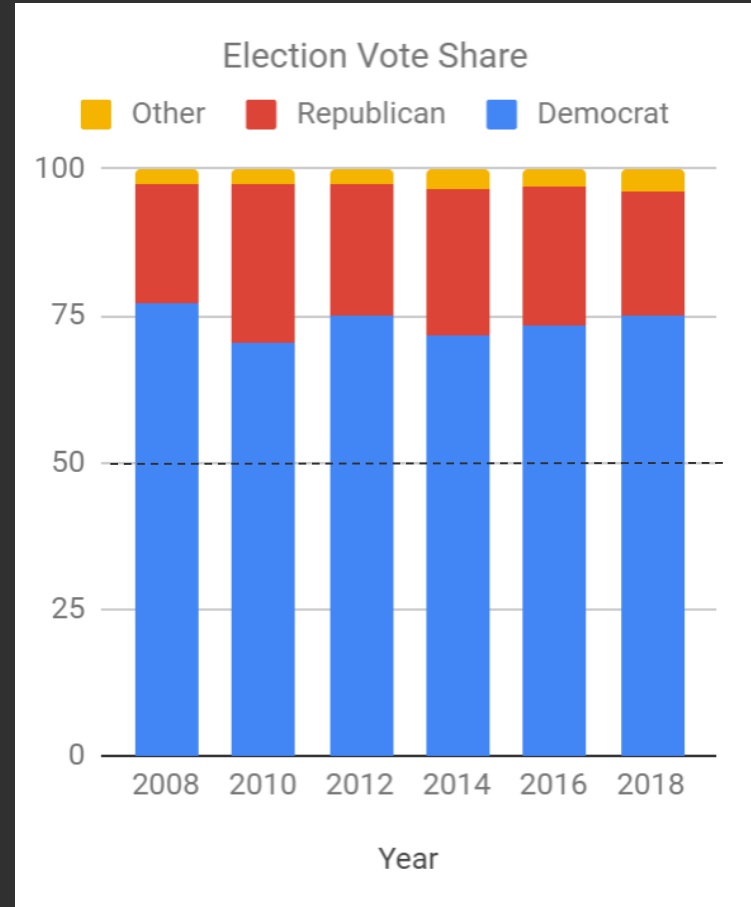
Sheila Jackson Lee (D)



Tori Gorton

# 2008-2018 Election Results

Jackson Lee has been TX-18's  
representative since she was  
first elected in 1994



# Determinants of Support for Restrictive/Permissive Immigration Policy

Higher % unemployed population

(Wong 2014)

Southern state

(ibid)

Republican MC

(ibid)

Protests in area

(Wong and Ramakrishnan 2010)

Recent immigration

(ibid)

Large share of agricultural jobs

(ibid)

Non-White MC

(Wong 2014)

# How do these determinants map on TX-18?

**7.1% unemployment rate (high)** (US = 4%)

(census.gov, 2017)

**Southern state**

**Negligible agricultural jobs**

(ibid)

**Democrat MC**

**Protests (e.g. 2006 May Day, June 2018)**

**African-American MC**

**Immigrant population grew 2x national rate (2000-2013)**

(Capps et al, 2015)



Jackson-Lee more likely  
to support permissive  
policy

# Website

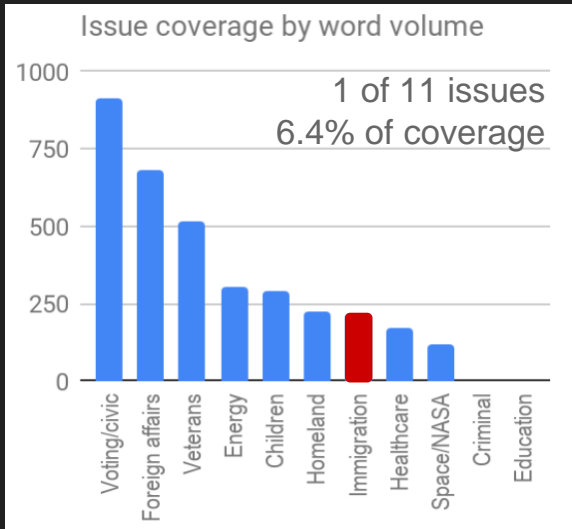
pro-comprehensive reform

protect Dreamers

condemn Trump Twitter/xenophobia

protect families @ border

TPS for victims of war/disaster



No mention on campaign site

# Twitter

15% of tweets on immigration

dozens of retweets on immigration

tone + content

**anti-border wall**

**anti-Trump**

pay US workers - **condemns** shut

down over the wall

border wall is “**inefficient**”

**condemns** family separation

**happy** about progress on

challenging “**immoral + abhorrent**

**child separation policy**”

# Bill Sponsorship

4% of bills on immigration

E.g.

Protect American Taxpayers  
and Secure Border Act

Continue American Safety Act

Save America Comprehensive  
Immigration Act

Border Security, Cooperation,  
and Act Now Drug War  
Prevention Act

No Fly for Foreign Fighters Act

**permissive + comprehensive  
approach with anti-terrorist +  
anti-drug stance**