

Exit Polling Proves Ted Cruz Is Right

The Super Tuesday I exit polling data were conclusive.

In every state where self-identified evangelical Christians gave U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz even a plurality of their support, he won. His placement in the other states also directly correlated with his ability to win self-described born-again Christians.

Based on the polling data, one could reasonably assume a pastor-driven voter education effort in future states might have a beneficial impact for the Texas senator. But time is running out.

To secure the nomination, Cruz still needs eight state delegate majorities, and he also needs to win nearly 60 percent of the remaining delegates. With all of the other Republican presidential candidates vowing to continue on, his pathway to the nomination becomes very difficult.

But even if evangelicals can't give Cruz the nomination outright, by turning out, they can extend the contest all the way to the national convention by preventing the other candidates from achieving the necessary delegate counts.

The data below show the popular votes, delegates awarded, and exit polling data for each of the Super Tuesday I states:

Alabama

Donald Trump *	371,715	36 delegates
Ted Cruz	180,601	13 delegates
Marco Rubio	159,799	1 delegate

Ben Carson	87,516
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John Kasich	37,969
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Exit Polling—77 percent self-identified as born-again or evangelical Christians. Breakdown of “evangelical vote”: Trump 44 percent, Cruz 22 percent, Rubio 17 percent, Carson 11 percent, Kasich 3 percent

Alaska

Ted Cruz	7,973	12 delegates
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Donald Trump	7,346	11 delegates
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Marco Rubio	3,318	5 delegates
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Ben Carson	2,401
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John Kasich	892
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No exit polling was conducted in Alaska.

Arkansas

Donald Trump	129,865	16 delegates
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Ted Cruz	121,031	15 delegates
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Marco Rubio	99,307	9 delegates
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Ben Carson	22,664
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John Kasich	14,862
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Exit Polling—78 percent self-identified as born-again or evangelical Christians. Breakdown of “evangelical vote”: Cruz 33 percent, Trump 33 percent, Rubio 24 percent, Carson 6 percent, Kasich 2 percent

Georgia

Donald Trump *	500,743	43 delegates
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Ted Cruz	315,514	18 delegates
Marco Rubio	304,629	15 delegates
Ben Carson	80,396	
John Kasich	72,193	

Exit Polling—69 percent self-identified as born-again or evangelical Christians. Breakdown of “evangelical vote”: Trump 39 percent, Cruz 26 percent, Rubio 23 percent, Carson 6 percent, Kasich 4 percent

Massachusetts

Donald Trump	298,986	21 delegates
John Kasich	110,505	8 delegates
Marco Rubio	109,471	8 delegates
Ted Cruz	58,376	4 delegates
Ben Carson	15,752	1 delegate

Exit Polling—26 percent self-identified as born-again or evangelical Christians. Breakdown of “evangelical vote”: Trump 49 percent, Rubio 19 percent, Cruz 13 percent, Kasich 10 percent, Carson 7 percent

Minnesota

Marco Rubio	41,073	17 delegates
Ted Cruz	32,242	13 delegates
Donald Trump	23,650	8 delegates
Ben Carson	8,084	
John Kasich	6,443	

No exit polling was conducted in Minnesota.

Oklahoma

Ted Cruz	157,941	16 delegates
Donald Trump	130,141	14 delegates
Marco Rubio	119,562	13 delegates
Ben Carson	28,572	
John Kasich	16,515	

Exit Polling—75 percent self-identified as born-again or evangelical Christians. Breakdown of “evangelical vote”: Cruz 39 percent, Rubio 26 percent, Trump 25 percent, Carson 7 percent, Kasich 2 percent

Tennessee

Donald Trump *	332,702	31 delegates
Ted Cruz	211,159	14 delegates
Marco Rubio	180,944	10 delegates
Ben Carson	64,846	
John Kasich	45,243	

Exit Polling—76 percent self-identified as born-again or evangelical Christians. Breakdown of “evangelical vote”: Trump 41 percent, Cruz 27 percent, Rubio 18 percent, Carson 7 percent, Kasich 4 percent

Texas (incomplete)

Ted Cruz	1,238,520
Donald Trump	757,108
Marco Rubio	501,836
John Kasich	120,154

Ben Carson	117,667
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Exit Polling—63 percent self-identified as born-again or evangelical Christians. Breakdown of “evangelical vote”: Cruz 50 percent, Trump 26 percent, Rubio 15 percent, Carson 4 percent, Kasich 3 percent

Vermont

Donald Trump	19,897	8 delegates
John Kasich	18,455	8 delegates
Marco Rubio	11,708	
Ted Cruz	5,907	
Ben Carson	2,538	

Exit Polling—30 percent self-identified as born-again or evangelical Christians. Breakdown of “evangelical vote”: Trump 26 percent, Rubio 24 percent, Kasich 23 percent, Cruz 16 percent, Carson 9 percent

Virginia

Donald Trump	356,077	17 delegates
Marco Rubio	327,423	16 delegates
Ted Cruz	173,360	8 delegates
John Kasich	96,677	5 delegates
Ben Carson	60,105	3 delegates

Exit Polling—53 percent self-identified as born-again or evangelical Christians. Breakdown of “evangelical vote”: Trump 36 percent, Rubio 28 percent, Cruz 20 percent, Carson 8 percent, Kasich 6 percent

* – signifies the winner received a majority of the delegates;

RNC rules require eight state majorities to be eligible for the party's nomination.