

## Los Angeles Times / Bloomberg News Poll

### Press Release 1 –Democratic and Republican Primaries

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#### THE RACE FOR DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE TIGHTENS

*Among Republican-Primary Voters, John McCain Surges While Rudy Giuliani Subsides*

The presidential season has finally begun. And with some surprises. With a handful of caucuses and primaries behind both the Democratic and Republican candidates, NY Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton is still leading Illinois Senator Barack Obama in the latest LA Times/Bloomberg national poll and Arizona Senator John McCain has taken the reins from former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani. Giuliani has slid to fourth place in the latest poll. Sen. McCain has surged past the Republican candidates with momentum on his side, winning the New Hampshire primary and the South Carolina primary, which was his Achilles heel in 2000. This time around, instead of losing the Republican vote, which was 80% of the Republican voters, McCain split this voter group in the southern state with former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, but bested him by 17 points among independents. McCain's saving grace in New Hampshire and South Carolina were the independent voters. Huckabee's campaign was relying on the Christian right or evangelicals to lift him to win the Palmetto state, but their vote did not get him to the top. The margin of this group's votes for Huckabee was not as large as it was in Iowa. According to the media consortium entrance/exit polls conducted by Edison/Mitofsky, in Iowa 60% of the Republican primary voters considered themselves evangelicals and they supported Huckabee 46% to 10% for McCain, while in South Carolina, the same share of voters said they were evangelicals, but supported McCain by 27% to 43% for Huckabee.

The Republican race is wide open with no candidate taking frontrunner status -- Huckabee won Iowa and former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney won in Nevada and Michigan. Giuliani made a strategic decision to bypass the early states to concentrate his campaign in Florida where he is hoping to jumpstart his ascent to the nomination. However, in the Sunshine state, recent polling shows his lead shrinking and it is anyone's race. Giuliani, McCain and former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney are running neck-and-neck for first place, with Huckabee close behind. Closed primaries, such as Florida, the next stop before the February 5<sup>th</sup> super Tuesday primaries, presents certain problems for McCain.

On the Democratic side, Clinton has a nine point advantage over Obama, but that lead has declined from 24 points in an early December Times/Bloomberg poll. African-American voters that gave Clinton a lead in earlier polls are now coalescing behind the first major black presidential candidate since Jesse Jackson in 1980. Many blacks were wary that Obama could do well outside the black community, but Iowa and New Hampshire proved that he had wider appeal and he received support from whites (population in Iowa and N.H. is almost all white.) Overwhelming majorities of black voters are supporting Obama. Latinos, however, are supporting Clinton. Latinos, are not a monolithic voting bloc as pundits would like to suggest. There are Latino endorsements for both Clinton and Obama. Nevada is one example, where the culinary union, an influential union in the state, whose membership is about 40% Latino, endorsed Obama. This ethnic group defied their union by voting for Clinton by more than two to one.

## Democratic Primary and Caucuses

If the election were held today, Clinton would get 42% of Democratic primary likely voters, while Obama would receive 33%, and former North Carolina Senator John Edwards would get the support of 11% of voters. Still, 12% are undecided. The race is shaking out to a two-candidate race and voters are solidifying their votes between Clinton and Obama. Seven in 10 of both Clinton and Obama voters are certain they will vote for their candidate. This was not always so for Obama -- in a December Times/Bloomberg poll, 53% of Obama's voters were certain, while 47% said they could vote for someone else.

*Q. If the Democratic primary or caucus for president were being held in your state today and the candidates were New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, former North Carolina Senator John Edwards, Illinois Senator Barack Obama, and Ohio Representative Dennis Kucinich, for whom would you vote? (Includes leaners)*

	<u>1/22/08</u>	<u>12/03/07</u>	<u>10/22/07</u>	<u>6/10/07</u>	<u>04/09/07</u>
Hillary Clinton	42%	45%	48%	33%	33%
Barack Obama	33	21	17	22	23
John Edwards	11	11	13	8	14
Dennis Kucinich	1	1	1	2	n/m
Someone else*	1	8	6	27	17
Don't know	12	15	15	9	13

\*includes candidates that have dropped out (Chris Dodd, Joe Biden, Bill Richardson) or received less than .5% (Mike Gravel). The first poll had Al Gore in the horserace.

Some of the reasons why Obama is doing better is partly because of the bounce he got off winning Iowa, coming in a close second in New Hampshire and doing well in Nevada. Also the campaign has boiled down to two candidates – Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. He has seen a sharp rise in certain demographic groups that make him competitive with his rival from New York. It is not that Clinton is losing big shares of subgroups, it is that Obama is gaining ground through undecideds and voters of candidates that dropped out. For instance, in the 18-44 year old subgroup, they went from giving Clinton a 22 point advantage in the December poll to just a small three point lead now, (albeit within the poll's margin of error). And it also shows that this group went from a 12% undecided, to a 9% undecided in the latest poll.

### Some demographic groups:

- *Party affiliation:* In the December poll, Clinton received the lion's share of Democratic votes at 51% to 21% for Obama. In the current poll, she leads by 10 points. For the independent voters -- Obama won this group in Iowa, N.H. and Nevada and they are now moving toward him nationally. In December, Clinton led in this group by six points; now Obama has taken the lead by four points.
- *Party ideology and affiliation:* Liberals are supporting Clinton by 46% to 35%, but in December her lead in that group was 28 points. Moderate to conservative Democrats supported Clinton by just under two to one in December, but now they are barely supporting her with a small six point lead -- 38% to 32% for Obama.
- *Age:* The 18-44 year olds voting in the Democratic primary, are split giving Clinton a slight three point lead by 43% to 40%, but in the December poll, they gave Clinton a 12 point advantage over the Illinois senator. The difference in the support is among the 18-29 year olds who are strongly behind Obama (the base was too small to break out). The elderly (65+) have not changed their strong support for Clinton. It is 56% to 18% for Obama. The 45-64 year olds went from solid Clinton supporters in December (31 point advantage over Obama) to just a marginal lead (34% to 30%), (within the error margin).

- *Gender*: Men in the December poll gave Clinton a 12 point lead, but now only gave her a small five point lead (36% to 31%); while women support the NY senator by 46% to 34%. However, this is a drop from December where she led Obama by 33 points among women voters. Working and non-working women are voting for the NY Senator over Obama (48% to 34% for working women and 42% to 36% for non-working women). Women 45 and older are supporting Clinton by 41% to 31%, while in the December poll, she romped him by 49% to 16%. Married women are still very supportive of the NY senator –half are supporting her, while roughly three in 10 are supporting the Illinois senator. Single women, though, are splitting their vote between the two. Women with less than a college degree have usually been Clinton’s ally and this poll shows that they are marginally for her by 44% to 36%. (In December it was 54% to 11%). And women with a college degree are backing the woman candidate by 50% to 31%.
- *Race*: White voters are giving Clinton a sizeable lead with a 19 point advantage over Obama. But two-thirds of African-Americans are supporting the Illinois senator. Fifteen percent of blacks are undecided. The minorities (excluding black voters) are overwhelmingly for Clinton.
- *Regions of the country*: Voters living on the East Coast are somewhat divided, giving Clinton the edge by 38% to 33%, while the Midwest and Western voters are stronger for Clinton and the Southern voters support Obama by 42% to 28%.
- *Candidate drop out*: If a voter’s candidate dropped out of the race (that would be John Edwards voters, Dennis Kucinich voters and someone else), their votes would split between the two major candidates.

*Clinton or Obama choose the other for vice president*: At least three out of five Democratic primary voters would be pleased if Clinton was elected the Democratic nominee and chose Obama as her running mate. The reverse is true as well if Obama was the candidate and chose Clinton as his running mate.

Q. If Hillary Clinton/Barack Obama is elected the Democratic nominee for President, would you want her/him to choose the other for vice president?

Clinton Choose Obama as VP:

	Among those who supported:	
	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Obama</u>
Choose Obama as VP	56%	80%
Not choose Obama	28	11
Don’t know	16	9

Obama Choose Clinton as VP:

	Among those who supported:	
	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Obama</u>
Choose Clinton as VP	70%	58%
Not choose Clinton	15	32
Don’t know	15	10

The poll finds that Democratic primary voters are more satisfied with their choices this year, compared to Republicans who are not too satisfied with their field of candidates.

Q. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the selection of Democratic/Republican presidential candidates in the race?

	<u>Dem Voters</u>	<u>Rep Voters</u>
Very satisfied	44%	21%
Somewhat satisfied	31	32
Dissatisfied	11	24
Neither	13	19
Don’t know	1	4

## Issues for Democratic Candidates

Experience is not as important an issue as the need for change, according to the Democratic primary voters. Among the 28% who cite experience over change as a quality that is important in choosing a president, more than six in 10 voters supported Clinton. More than half said the need for change is more important and they supported Obama by 48% to 31% for Clinton. Each candidate is trying to paint themselves as the candidate that will bring needed change to the country, but Obama seems to be winning the battle as the change agent.

The poll tested how voters rated the candidates on how they would handle certain issues. Clinton beat Obama on handling the economy, health care, foreign policy, has the right experience and splits could substantially change the way things are done in Washington, giving Obama a small lead (39% to 34% for Clinton). The one thing that voters think Obama has over Clinton is honesty and integrity. More than a third thought he has more honesty and integrity than Clinton and Edwards, while she received about a quarter of voters believing she has that quality.

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Edwards</u>
Q. Who would be best on handling:			
Foreign policy	56%	25	8
Health care	55%	20	10
The economy	48%	27	12
Q. Who do you think:			
Has right experience	58%	13	11
Will change the way things are done in DC	34%	39	11
Has more honesty/integrity	23%	36	13

*Economy:* Men and women, as well as both Democrats and independents believe that Clinton would be best on handling the economy. As a matter of fact, when asked what should be the top priority for candidates running for president, economy was one of the top mentions along with Iraq. Forty-one percent of voters cited economy (44% cited Iraq) and they support Clinton over Obama by 44% to 35%. Economy will be an important issue in the race for president because of the falling housing market, recession jitters, foreclosures, and an overall malaise in the economy. Healthcare is a distant third on the priority list at 23%. (Among Republican voters, economy has even surpassed the war in Iraq as the most important issue for candidates to address.) In the December Times/Bloomberg poll, 29% of Democratic voters thought economy was the most important issue, behind 39% who thought Iraq was.

*Healthcare/Foreign Policy:* As was mentioned, health care runs third on the priority list that voters want the candidates to address. Among those who did mention this issue, Clinton and Obama surprisingly split this issue (39% to 36% respectively). But when voters were asked who was best on handling health care, most demographic groups believe Clinton would be best on this issue.

And most demographic groups also think she would be best on handling foreign policy.

*Honesty and Integrity:* Small pluralities of most demographic groups believe that Obama has more honesty and integrity.

*Change things in Washington:* Forty-two percent of Democratic voters think Obama will change the way things are done in Washington, compared to 33% for Clinton. However, independents are somewhat split on this issue, giving Clinton a slight advantage – 36% to 32% for Obama. Men have more faith in Obama to make changes (39% to 29% for Clinton), while women nearly split their vote on who has this quality, by 39% for Obama to 36% for Clinton. Nearly half of black voters said that Obama is the man to make changes, while a small plurality of whites believe that as well.

*Right experience:* Majorities of most demographic groups (including 53% of black voters) said that Clinton has the right experience to be president of the U.S.

*Racial issues:* There has been a lot said in the media about Clinton and/or Obama using the race card in their campaign. Much was said about Clinton saying that Martin Luther King Jr. could not have gotten his dream fulfilled were it not for a president to sign legislation. But more than seven in 10 voters said Obama did not use race, as did about the same share that thought that of Clinton. Put another way, 58% of all Democratic voters said neither used the race card, but 10% said both did. More than two-thirds of black voters said Clinton did not use race to win votes, while 27% said she did. Three-quarters of white voters also agreed that she didn't use the race card. Almost three-quarters of black voters said Obama didn't use the race card, while a fifth thought he did. Just over seven in 10 white voters said Obama didn't use race to capture more votes, while 23% thought he did.

*Skill to be a president:* More than three-fifths of Democratic primary voters said that Obama has the experience and skills to be a successful president, while almost seven in 10 Republican voters disagreed that he had those skills. Among independents who said they would vote in the Republican primary, they were divided over this issue with 44% saying he had the skills and 44% denying that he did. Nearly three out of five white Democratic voters thought Obama had the right experience to be a successful president, while 84% of blacks believed he had the qualities of a good president as well. Voters with a college degree or more are more convinced that Obama has the skills to be a successful president than those with less education.

*Iraq and troop withdrawal:* Almost two-thirds of all respondents want troops to leave either within the next year or immediately. Depending on which primary voters will be attending, Democratic or Republican primaries, their opinions on the war in Iraq and when troops should be withdraw are widely different. For instance, Nearly nine out of 10 Democratic voters would like the troops home within the year or immediately, while less than one in 10 said they should stay for as long as it takes to win the war. On the other aisle, nearly six out of 10 Republican voters said the troops should stay as long as necessary, while a little more than a third thought the troops should be withdrawn within the year or right away.

Q. Should the United States, withdraw troops from Iraq right away, or should the U.S. begin withdrawing troops home with the next year, or should troops stay in Iraq for as long as it takes to win the war?

	All <u>Resps</u>	Registered <u>Voters</u>	Dem Primary <u>Voters</u>	Rep Primary <u>Voters</u>
Home right away	23%	20%	32%	9%
Within next year	42	43	55	27
Stay as long as takes	28	31	9	58
Don't know	7	6	4	6

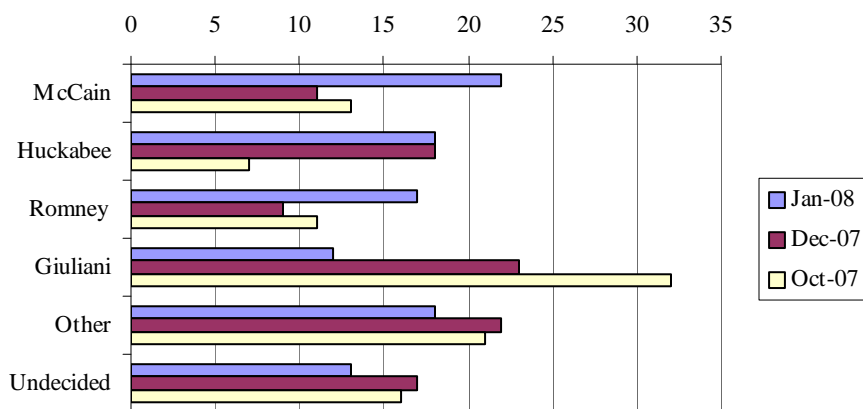
## Republican Primaries and Caucuses

Republican-primary voters have not yet united behind any one or even two front-runners, but Arizona Senator John McCain has ridden his New Hampshire and South Carolina bounce into a very soft lead nationwide, the survey found, while support for former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani, once the front-runner in these national contests, continues to slide. In this survey McCain is backed by 22% of Republican-primary voters nationwide, with former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee and former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney close on his heels at 18% and 17% respectively. Giuliani has 12% of the vote, 6% chose Texas Representative Ron Paul and 12% chose some other candidate. Thirteen percent of Republican-primary voters remain undecided.

The "other candidate" category includes now-withdrawn candidates former Tennessee Senator Fred Thompson at 10% and California Congressman Duncan Hunter at 1%. Both were included by name in the Republican candidate vote question at the beginning of the survey and left in the question for consistency after they withdrew. Thompson exited from the race before the last day of the survey period and Hunter pulled his hat from the ring on Sunday. Daily sample sizes are not large enough to analyze the vote before and after their withdrawal. Thompson declined to endorse any other candidate and it remains to be seen which other candidate might appeal to Thompson's voters.

It is a testament to how divided the Republican primary and caucus electorate continues to be that the closest to a national front runner at this time has the backing of barely more than one out of five primary voters and is locked into a near statistical tie – within the five point margin of error – with his closest rivals.

Republican Caucus / Primary



The race is still fluid - nearly one in 10 Republican-primary voters were just leaning toward the candidate they chose, and 13% remain undecided. More than two out of five of those that chose a candidate at this time said they might end up voting for someone else, including about half of Romney's voters.

Another indication of how fluid this race is can be seen in a comparison of results over time. Last fall, Giuliani was the front-runner, with a bigger than two-to-one lead over his closest rival at the time – Fred Thompson who had 15%. By late December, the race was changing... Huckabee's rise in the Iowa polls brought him national recognition and he rose out of single digits to within hailing distance of the lead nationwide, catching Fred Thompson who remained static at 14%, to trail only Giuliani within margin– 23% to 17%. In this survey, John McCain is the candidate with momentum.

### John McCain

Senator McCain's national level of support was stuck in low double digits in the Times/Bloomberg poll and others through December as the Iowa caucuses neared, but it has doubled since his wins in New Hampshire and South Carolina to give him a narrow lead, within margin, as the Republican front-runner at 22% in this survey.

His strength lies now, as it did in his early bid for the presidency in 2000, among independents. Among Republicans alone, he is mired in a three way tie with Huckabee and Romney.

This could spell trouble ahead for the candidate some Republicans consider a "maverick" for his support of campaign finance reform and his somewhat moderate stance on social issues. New Hampshire and South Carolina are partially open primary states where independents can participate in both major parties' nomination process and in both cases, the Arizona lawmaker's wins were driven by his strong support among those independents who opted to vote in the Republican primaries. It remains to be seen whether McCain can carry a closed primary state like Florida, where the only voters casting ballots in the Republican primary are registered Republicans. This survey finds Republican-affiliated likely primary voters nationwide splitting three ways between McCain, Huckabee and Romney, and independents throwing a plurality of their support behind McCain.

McCain also has the edge over the other candidates among older voters, liberals and moderates, Western voters, and those with college degrees. He has a wide margin among voters who go to church less often than weekly. He splits men and the less affluent (household incomes under \$60K annually) with Huckabee, and women and the more affluent with Romney.

### *Mitt Romney*

Mitt Romney, whose wins in Wyoming, Michigan and Nevada have given him the most delegates so far, has also made some headway in nationwide support. He was mired at a level of around one in 10 nationwide in October and early December, so his wins and near-misses have helped him to nearly double his support to 17% in this most recent poll.

Romney's campaign may benefit from the recent turmoil in the stock market and the general pessimistic economic mood in the country. Republican-primary voters, like most Americans, are concerned about the economy- when asked what is the top priority for presidential candidates to address, the economy was mentioned by more than two out of five, followed by illegal immigration (26%), protecting the country from terrorist attacks (27%), and the Iraq war (22%). Those who are most concerned about hearing economic issues discussed by the candidates split their votes between McCain and Romney (26% and 22% respectively), and when asked directly which candidate would be best to handle the economy, voters gave Romney a bigger vote of confidence than anyone else at 23%, followed by McCain within margin at 17%.

Romney has the edge over the others in very few demographic categories nationwide – he is the favorite of married women and suburban voters. He splits conservatives, women and the more affluent with McCain.

### *Mike Huckabee*

Mike Huckabee has not yet translated his triumph in Iowa into a winning formula elsewhere, but his grass roots appeal in that state did translate into a higher level of recognition and support nationwide—bouncing him from 7% in last October's Times/Bloomberg poll to 17% in early December. However, he has had no luck broadening that support in the intervening weeks, polling at a very similar 18% in this most recent survey. The good news for Huckabee is that this level of support keeps him in contention as one of the top three in a race for front-runner status that is too close to call, but to break out of that he will need to make some headway among Republican-primary voters who are less concerned about social issues and more about the economy and protecting the country from terrorism.

Huckabee, a one-time Baptist preacher, may also benefit from Fred Thompson's withdrawal from the race last Monday, if the pool of socially conservative voters who have been backing Thompson swing his way and not toward Romney or some other candidate. Religious conservative Thompson voters won't do Huckabee or any of the other candidates much good if they end up splitting three ways as the rest of their cohort does. In this survey, Thompson had 14% of the vote among Christian conservatives while Huckabee, McCain and Romney split most of the rest of their votes at 19%, 19% and 21% respectively. And, clearly, not all of the Christian right are voting just on conservative social values. Romney, who has positioned himself to the right for his presidential run, has a history of pro-choice and gay-friendly actions and hails from one of the most liberal states in the nation.

Huckabee edges the other candidates among evangelicals, married men and Republican men, and wins by 10 points over McCain in the south. He ties Romney for second place among independents. He splits men, Protestants, and voters in households making less than \$60K annually with McCain.

### *Rudy Giuliani*

Rudy Giuliani, who as recently as last fall could claim national front-runner status, has pursued a strategy of sitting out the early primaries in favor of pursuing big wins in Florida and elsewhere later on. So while his rivals have used their early wins to build support nationwide, the ex mayor of New York has slipped rather dramatically in national support from 32% in October to 23% in December, ending up at 12% in this most recent survey.

The next big race for the Republican presidential candidates comes next week in Florida, where Giuliani has basically staked his campaign on a win. He is hoping such a visible triumph could give him a bounce just in time to make a splash in the Super Tuesday extravaganza of 20+ simultaneous primaries on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Recent Florida polls find Giuliani falling behind, or at best locked in a three way tie with McCain and Romney, however, voters will give his strategy a final reality test in Florida on January 29th.

Giuliani is not dominating any particular category nationwide at this time. He has the support of fewer than one out of 10 independents voting in the Republican primaries and only 14% of Republicans.

### **The Issues For Republican Candidates**

The survey found that the theme of "change" is resonating with Republican as well as Democratic-primary voters this year. When asked if the next Republican nominee should campaign on a platform of continuing the policies of George W. Bush, or talk about moving the country in a new direction, 54% said that a new direction is needed, compared to 26% who said that Bush's policies are sound. Independents and moderates are most acutely concerned with change –seven in 10 out of each of those groups said they'd like to see the Republican nominee talk about moving the country in a new direction, compared to fewer than half of Republicans and conservatives.

However much they would like to see change happen, there is no consensus among voters as to which candidate would be best at changing things in Washington. Long time Senator John McCain got the biggest vote of confidence for change, at only 18%, roughly the same proportion as said that they aren't sure which candidate would be best. Other candidates got the nod from between 10% and 13% of voters. Twelve percent said that none of the candidates could do it and 2% felt that all were equally capable.

When asked which candidate would be best at handling other issues – such as the economy, taxes, social issues such as gay rights and abortion, foreign policy, and illegal immigration – once again, there were few clear winners. Nearly two out of five picked McCain as best on foreign policy, but a tiny plurality of 23% chose Romney over the others on the economy, 23% chose McCain on illegal immigration and 24% chose Huckabee as the candidate best on conservative social issues. Sometimes there were as many or more undecided as chose any single candidate. For example, when it comes to handling taxes, 26% were undecided as to who would be best, compared to the highest candidate numbers - Romney at 16% and Giuliani at 15% .

*Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best at...*

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	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Huckabee</u>	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Giuliani</u>	<u>Others</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
Foreign policy	39%	8	11	10	11	17
Social issues	16%	24	12	12	12	20
The economy	17%	12	23	13	10	18
Illegal immigration	23%	10	14	9	13	25
Taxes	13%	13	16	15	11	26
Changing things in DC	18%	10	13	11	14	20

source: Los Angeles Times Bloomberg poll

Conservatives, who split between support for McCain and Romney as their presidential candidate, have mustered some level of enthusiasm for Huckabee on social issues – 24% of conservatives, including 34% of religious conservatives, chose the former Baptist preacher as the candidate best to handle such things as abortion and gay rights.

However, Huckabee doesn't provide the whole package for conservatives. A 42% plurality of conservative Republican-primary voters said the economy is the most important issue for candidates to address, while only 7% said that social issues such as gay rights and abortion are the most important. Conservatives and even to a lesser extent the religious wing of the right, chose Romney as the best candidate to handle the economy.

Among all Republican-primary voters, 43% mentioned the economy as the most important problem for candidates to address, and that group splits its primary vote between McCain and Romney at 26% and 23% respectively. Second on Republican-primary voter's minds this election season is protecting the country from terrorism. Voters concerned about terrorism split between Giuliani at 18% and McCain at 20%. McCain was also chosen by nearly two out of three as the candidate who could best handle foreign affairs – nearly four to one more support on that issue than any of his rivals.

More than one out of four Republican-primary voters mentioned illegal immigration as the issue for candidates to address, and 22% mentioned the war in Iraq.

### **Some Political Demographic Trends**

It is not only conservatives that are casting about for a candidate to commit to, however. Less conservative Republican-primary voters (those who say they are liberal or moderate) are having a tough time settling on who to back in this race as well.

Back in October, more moderate Republican-primary voters split between McCain and Giuliani. They are now tending toward McCain at 27% with Huckabee close behind at 22%, within margin. However, the undecided among this group, at 16%, outweighs the support for any other single candidate – more moderate voters back Romney at 13%, Giuliani at 11% and all other candidates in single digits.

**Republican Primary/Caucus Vote Trend among Liberal and Moderate Voters**

	Jan <u>2008</u>	Dec <u>2007</u>	Oct <u>2007</u>
McCain	27	14	25
Huckabee	22	11	3
Romney	13	4	10
Giuliani	11	31	27
Other	10	25	21
D/Know	17	15	17

source: Los Angeles Times Bloomberg poll

While only 10% of conservatives remain undecided, their two favorite candidates –McCain and Romney – are garnering only about one in five votes each. Neither candidate has impeccable conservative credentials.

The somewhat surprising level of support Giuliani enjoyed among conservatives last fall – a time when Pat Robertson endorsed him on the basis of protecting the country from terrorists – has eroded. In October's poll, Republican-primary voting conservatives backed the ex New York Governor by 15 points over the more socially conservative Thompson, but by early December Mike Huckabee, whose values and beliefs are more closely aligned with the right than are pro-choice Giuliani's, was splitting the conservative vote with him.

In this survey Huckabee's support has shrunk from 20% to 13% since last December among conservatives and Giuliani's from 20% to 14%, while Romney's and McCain's have grown from 12% and 10% respectively to 20% and 21% today.

McCain in particular has made big headway among this group, tripling his support compared to last October. Romney's support has nearly doubled in that time, while Giuliani's support has declined 20 points.

**Republican Primary/Caucus Vote Trend among Conservative Primary Voters**

	Jan <u>2008</u>	Dec <u>2007</u>	Oct <u>2007</u>
McCain	21%	10%	7%
Huckabee	13	20	9
Romney	20	12	11
Giuliani	14	20	34
Other	22	20	24
D/Know	10	18	15

source: Los Angeles Times Bloomberg poll

## Religious Voters

Religious voters also have yet to settle on a candidate. In December's poll, nearly three in 10 evangelical conservative voters backed Huckabee, down to 19% now. McCain's support among that group has risen from a negligible 6% in previous polls to 19% now, matching the level of support for the much more religiously themed candidacy of Mike Huckabee. Add in that Mitt Romney's support has grown from under one in 10 to one out of five of these voters as well, and you have a three way tie in the most recent poll. More than one in four are supporting some other candidate and 10% are undecided.

### Republican Primary/Caucus Vote Trend among Religious Conservative Primary Voters

	Jan <u>2008</u>	Dec <u>2007</u>	Oct <u>2007</u>
McCain	19%	6%	6%
Huckabee	19	28	14
Romney	21	9	9
Giuliani	6	9	23
Other	25	20	33
D/Know	10	28	15

source: Los Angeles Times Bloomberg poll

Voters who attend church at least weekly are also split three ways right now between McCain (20%), Huckabee (21%) and Romney (18%). More than one in five chose some other candidate, including 12% for Fred Thompson, who has now withdrawn from the race.

Huckabee was the choice of roughly one in 10 of these voters last October, but has had the vote of more than one out of five since then. Rudy Giuliani had the support of about three in 10 last October, dropped to 14% last December, and has less than one out of 10 at this point. Twelve percent of these voters are still undecided in the current poll, down from just under one in 10.

### Republican Primary/Caucus Vote Trend among Voters who Attend Church Weekly

	Jan <u>2008</u>	Dec <u>2007</u>	Oct <u>2007</u>
McCain	20%	14%	6%
Huckabee	21	23	11
Romney	18	12	13
Giuliani	8	14	29
Other	21	18	23
D/Know	12	19	18

source: Los Angeles Times Bloomberg poll

## Presidential General Match-ups

The poll tested Clinton and Obama with the four leading Republican candidates. Except for the match-up against McCain, Clinton and Obama bested Romney, Giuliani and Huckabee by more than 10 points each. McCain is another issue. If Republicans are looking for a strong candidate to put up against the Democrats, it looks like McCain may be their candidate. Clinton leads the Arizona senator by four points and Obama and McCain virtually split the vote (42% for Obama, 41% for McCain) although both match-ups are well within the poll's margin of error. Interestingly, independents are split between Clinton and McCain and Obama and McCain. Independents make up a good portion of both McCain's and Obama's vote, so if it were to come down between these two candidates, how would this affect the outcome of the election.

If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were (Hillary Clinton/Barack Obama), the Democrat, or (Mitt Romney/John McCain/Rudy Giuliani/Mike Huckabee), the Republicans or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (Includes leaners)

### *Clinton vs. Republican candidates: (Split Sample)*

	Reg	Dem	Rep	Self-Described
	Primary	Primary	Primary	Independents
	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>
Clinton	<b>50</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>49%</b>
Romney	<b>39</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>32</b>
S/Else	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>
D/Know	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>

	Reg	Dem	Rep	Self-Described
	Primary	Primary	Primary	Independents
	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>
Clinton	<b>46</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>39</b>
McCain	<b>42</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>39</b>
S/Else	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>
D/Know	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>

	Reg	Dem	Rep	Self-Described
	Primary	Primary	Primary	Independents
	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>
Clinton	<b>53</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>53</b>
Giuliani	<b>37</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>30</b>
S/Else	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>
D/Know	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>

	Reg	Dem	Rep	Self-Described
	Primary	Primary	Primary	Independents
	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>
Clinton	<b>51</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>46</b>
Huckabee	<b>38</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>32</b>
S/Else	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>
D/Know	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>

*Obama vs. Republican candidates: (Split sample)*

	Reg	Dem	Rep	Self-Described
	Primary	Primary	Primary	Independents
	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>
Obama	<b>46</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>46</b>
Romney	<b>35</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>32</b>
S/Else	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>
D/Know	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>

	Reg	Dem	Rep	Self-Described
	Primary	Primary	Primary	Independents
	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>
Obama	<b>49</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>45</b>
Giuliani	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>30</b>
S/Else	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>
D/Know	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>

	Reg	Dem	Rep	Self-Described
	Primary	Primary	Primary	Independents
	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>
Obama	<b>41</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>37</b>
McCain	<b>42</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>37</b>
S/Else	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
D/Know	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>

	Reg	Dem	Rep	Self-Described
	Primary	Primary	Primary	Independents
	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>
Obama	<b>47</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>41</b>
Huckabee	<b>37</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>34</b>
S/Else	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>
D/Know	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>

*--- Analysis by Susan Pinkus and Jill Darling*

## Data Tables

### Guide to column headings:

DEM VTR / REP VTR	Democratic-primary and Republican-primary likely voters – Includes registered party members and eligible others who are likely to vote in a Democratic/Republican primary.
DEM / IND / REP	Self described Democrats, independents, Republicans (Party Affiliation)
LIB / MOD / CONS	Self described liberal, moderate and conservative voters
MD/CON	Self described moderate or conservative voters combined
LB/MD	Self described liberal or moderate voters combined
RELRT	Self described conservative evangelical or born-again voters
WKLY+ / LESS	Religious services attendance – weekly or more, or less often than that
WHITE / BLACK*	Non-Hispanic white-alone and black-alone voters
REG	Registered voters and those in states where registration is not required to vote

### Release Notes:

- \* Small sample size of African-Americans in Democratic Primary – N=88
- (vol.) indicates a volunteered response
- ‘-’ indicates that a response added up to less than 0.5% of the question base
- The order of candidate names and the order of any arguments or statements are rotated in all questions that mention them. Question order is also rotated whenever applicable.
- Missing questions are operational, or will be published in a subsequent release
- Duncan Hunter and Fred Thompson withdrew as candidates for the Republican nomination for president during the survey's field period. Their names were not removed from Q20 - the Republican-primary vote question.

### Survey Methodology

The Los Angeles Times / Bloomberg Poll contacted 1,541 adults nationwide by telephone January 18 to 22, 2008. Included are 1,312 registered voters, 532 Democratic-primary likely voters and 337 Republican-primary likely voters. "Primary likely voters" include both registered party members *and* eligible others who say they intend to vote or have voted in either party primary or caucus. November general election matchup questions were asked of two random half samples of 669 and 643 registered voters each.

Telephone numbers were chosen randomly from a list of all exchanges in the nation, allowing listed and unlisted numbers to be contacted. Multiple attempts were made to contact each number. Areas with higher concentration of African American households were disproportionately contacted in a separate random national sample to allow a more accurate analysis of that subgroup. Adults in both samples were weighted slightly to conform with their respective census proportions by sex, ethnicity, age, education, and national region.

The margin of sampling error for all adults and all registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For Democratic-primary voters, it is 4 points, for Republican-primary voters 5 points. For the two random half samples of registered voters, it is 4. For certain other subgroups, the error margin may be somewhat higher.

Poll results may also be affected by other factors such as question wording and the order in which questions are presented. Interviews were conducted by Interviewing Service of America, Inc. in Van Nuys.

**Q5 TO Q19 ASKED OF REG DEMS AND ELIGIBLE OTHERS LIKELY TO VOTE IN DEM PRIMARY/CAUCUS**

Q5. If the Democratic primary for president were being held in your state today and the candidates were New York Senator Hillary Clinton, former North Carolina Senator John Edwards, Illinois Senator Barack Obama, and Ohio Representative Dennis Kucinich, for whom would you vote: Clinton, Edwards, Obama, or Kucinich? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Democratic-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters								
	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK*</u>
Clinton	42	46	38	43	32	36	46	45	18
Edwards	11	7	14	9	20	21	5	14	1
Kucinich	1	2	1	2	-	1	2	2	-
Obama	33	35	32	33	36	31	34	26	66
S/Else	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
Don't Know	12	10	14	13	11	10	13	12	15

**Q6 Asked Of Voters Who Indicated A Candidate Choice**

Q6. Are you certain you are going to vote for that candidate, or is it possible that you might end up voting for somebody else?

	Democratic-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters Who Chose A Candidate								
	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK*</u>
Certain	66	66	65	65	66	64	68	63	76
Might vote for someone else	31	31	32	32	33	30	32	34	23
Don't Know	3	3	3	3	1	6	-	3	1

	<u>CLINTON VOTERS</u>	<u>OBAMA VOTERS</u>
Certain	70	70
Might vote for someone else	27	29
Don't Know	3	1

**Q7 Asked Of Voters Who Chose Edwards, Kucinich, Or Some Other Candidate**

Q7. If your candidate dropped out of the race, would you support Hillary Clinton, or Barack Obama?

*- Too few responses to report*

Q8. If Hillary Clinton is elected the Democratic nominee for president would you want her to choose Barack Obama as her vice president, or not?

	Democratic-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters								
	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK*</u>
Yes	62	71	56	67	46	56	65	56	80
No	24	19	28	20	36	28	22	31	9
Don't Know	14	10	16	13	18	16	13	13	11

Q9. If Barack Obama is elected the Democratic nominee for president would you want him to choose Hillary Clinton as his vice president, or not?

	Democratic-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters								
	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK*</u>
Yes	60	65	55	64	51	49	67	53	76
No	27	26	29	23	32	38	20	34	13
Don't Know	13	9	16	13	17	13	13	13	11

Q10. In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the selection of Democratic presidential candidates in the race, or are you neither satisfied nor dissatisfied? (IF SATISFIED/DISSATISFIED) Are you very (satisfied/dissatisfied) or only somewhat (satisfied/dissatisfied)

----- Democratic-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>DEM</u> <u>VTR</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK*</u>
Satisfied (net)	<u>76</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>90</u>
Very satisfied	<u>44</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>65</u>
Somewhat satisfied	<u>31</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>26</u>
Dissatisfied (net)	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>2</u>
Somewhat dissatisfied	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>
Very dissatisfied	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>
Neither	<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8</u>
Don't Know (net)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

More Combined Responses From Q10...

----- Democratic-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>DEM</u> <u>VTR</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK*</u>
Very/satisfied	<u>44</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>65</u>
Some/satisfied	<u>31</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>25</u>
Dissatisfied	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>2</u>
Neither	<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8</u>
Don't Know	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

Q11. Which of the following is most important to you in choosing a candidate for president: The value of experience or the need for change?

----- Democratic-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>DEM</u> <u>VTR</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK*</u>
Value of experience	<u>28</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>13</u>
Need for change	<u>52</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>70</u>
Both equally (vol)	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>15</u>
Neither/S else (vol)	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Don't Know	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>

Q12. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best at handling the economy: Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, or Barack Obama?

----- Democratic-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>DEM</u> <u>VTR</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK*</u>
Hillary Clinton	<u>48</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>30</u>
John Edwards	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>1</u>
Barack Obama	<u>27</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>52</u>
Other candidate (vol)	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>
None of them (vol)	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
All equally (vol)	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Don't Know	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>

Q13. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think has more honesty and integrity: Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, or Barack Obama?

----- Democratic-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>DEM</u> <u>VTR</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK*</u>
Hillary Clinton	23	24	22	27	18	17	28	23	18
John Edwards	13	11	15	10	24	19	9	18	3
Barack Obama	36	36	39	35	41	35	37	31	62
Other candidate (vol)	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
None of them (vol)	4	2	4	2	2	4	4	5	-
All equally (vol)	13	14	12	14	8	15	11	14	8
Don't Know	10	12	8	11	7	10	10	9	7

Q14. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best at handling health care: Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, or Barack Obama?

----- Democratic-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>DEM</u> <u>VTR</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK*</u>
Hillary Clinton	55	55	54	57	46	43	62	54	45
John Edwards	10	9	11	6	24	16	6	14	5
Barack Obama	20	23	20	22	17	21	20	16	39
Other candidate (vol)	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
None of them (vol)	2	1	2	1	3	3	1	3	-
All equally (vol)	3	2	3	3	2	6	2	2	4
Don't Know	10	10	9	11	7	11	9	11	7

Q15. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best on handling foreign policy: Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, or Barack Obama?

----- Democratic-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>DEM</u> <u>VTR</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK*</u>
Hillary Clinton	56	55	56	57	55	55	57	56	45
John Edwards	8	5	11	6	12	12	5	10	3
Barack Obama	25	30	23	27	18	22	27	23	40
All equally (vol)	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	3
None of them (vol)	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	2
Don't Know	8	7	8	7	11	7	9	9	7

Q16. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think has the right experience to be president: Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, or Barack Obama?

----- Democratic-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>DEM</u> <u>VTR</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK*</u>
Hillary Clinton	58	57	59	60	52	53	62	57	53
John Edwards	11	8	12	8	20	16	7	14	2
Barack Obama	13	14	12	13	10	13	13	9	31
Other candidate (vol)	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
None of them (vol)	4	3	6	4	6	4	4	5	2
All equally (vol)	7	9	6	8	5	8	6	7	8
Don't Know	6	9	5	6	6	6	7	7	4

Q17. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think will substantially change the way things are done in Washington: Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, or Barack Obama?

----- Democratic-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK*</u>
Hillary Clinton	34	30	33	33	36	29	36	31	30
John Edwards	11	9	13	10	13	17	7	14	2
Barack Obama	39	46	37	42	32	39	39	38	49
None of them (vol)	5	5	6	2	8	6	5	7	4
All equally (vol)	4	5	3	5	4	4	5	3	4
Don't Know	7	5	8	8	7	5	8	7	11

Q18. Do you think Hillary Clinton has tried to use racial issues to win more Democratic votes, or not?

----- Democratic-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK*</u>
Yes	22	25	20	23	20	23	21	18	27
No	72	71	73	72	72	73	72	76	67
Don't Know	6	4	7	5	8	4	7	6	6

Q19. Do you think Barack Obama has tried to use racial issues to win more Democratic votes, or not?

----- Democratic-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK*</u>
Yes	23	21	22	22	21	20	24	23	21
No	71	76	70	72	70	75	69	70	74
Don't Know	6	3	8	6	9	5	7	7	5

**Q20 TO Q29 ASKED OF REGISTERED REPUBLICANS AND ELIGIBLE OTHERS LIKELY TO VOTE IN A REPUBLICAN PRIMARY OR CAUCUS**

Q20. If the Republican caucus or primary for president were being held in your state today and the candidates were former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, California Congressman Duncan Hunter, Arizona Senator John McCain, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, former Tennessee Senator Fred Thompson, or Texas Representative Ron Paul for whom would you vote? : Giuliani, Huckabee, Hunter, McCain, Romney, Thompson or Paul? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

----- Republican-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----										
	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
Giuliani	12	11	14	10	14	15	10	6	8	13
Huckabee	18	22	13	19	19	22	14	19	21	16
McCain	22	27	21	33	19	22	22	19	20	27
Paul	6	3	8	6	7	6	6	10	7	4
Romney	17	13	20	19	17	11	23	20	18	16
Hunter†	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1
Thompson†	10	7	12	5	10	13	8	14	12	8
S/Else	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
Don't Know	13	16	10	8	14	10	15	10	12	15

† Hunter and Thompson withdrew from consideration for the nomination during the survey's field period. Their names were not removed from the question, for consistency. Daily sample sizes are not sufficient for analysis before and after withdrawal

**Q21 Asked Of Voters Who Indicated A Candidate Choice**

Q21. Are you certain you're going to vote for that candidate, or is it possible that you might end up voting for somebody else?

	----- Republican-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters Who Chose A Candidate -----									
	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
Certain	52	47	53	47	54	56	48	55	53	52
Might vote for s/else	41	47	41	51	38	38	44	39	41	39
Don't Know	7	6	6	2	8	6	8	6	6	9

Q22. In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the selection of Republican presidential candidates in the race, or are you neither satisfied nor dissatisfied? (IF SATISFIED/DISSATISFIED) Are you very (satisfied/dissatisfied) or only somewhat (satisfied/dissatisfied)

	----- Republican-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
Satisfied (net)	53	56	52	58	56	52	55	63	59	53
Very satisfied	21	17	24	17	24	22	21	23	28	19
Somewhat satisfied	32	39	28	41	32	31	34	40	31	34
Dissatisfied (net)	24	19	25	27	20	24	24	21	22	24
Somewhat dissatisfied	13	9	15	17	13	10	16	21	15	13
Very dissatisfied	11	10	10	10	7	13	8	-	7	11
Neither	19	24	18	15	19	24	14	14	17	16
Don't Know (net)	4	1	5	-	5	-	7	2	2	7

*More Combined Responses From Q22...*

	----- Republican-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
Very/satisfied	21	17	24	17	24	22	21	23	28	19
Some/satisfied	32	39	28	41	32	31	34	40	31	34
Dissatisfied	24	19	25	27	20	23	24	21	22	24
Neither	19	24	18	15	19	24	14	14	17	16
Don't Know	4	1	5	-	5	-	7	2	2	7

Q23. In your opinion, should whoever becomes the next Republican nominee campaign on a platform of continuing the policies of George W. Bush, or should he talk about moving the country in a new direction?

	----- Republican-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
Continue Bush policies	26	15	30	12	31	26	25	35	36	16
New direction	54	70	49	70	47	57	52	39	42	70
Don't Know	20	15	21	18	22	17	23	26	22	14

Q24. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best on social issues, such as abortion and gay rights: Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, John McCain, Mitt Romney or Fred Thompson?

	----- Republican-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
Rudy Giuliani	12	16	12	11	13	14	11	5	5	17
Mike Huckabee	24	20	24	30	25	30	18	34	32	17
John McCain	16	24	13	33	12	17	15	8	12	19
Mitt Romney	12	7	16	1	16	10	14	18	19	6
Fred Thompson	11	-	15	1	13	10	11	13	12	10
Other candidate (vol)	1	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
None of them (vol)	4	6	3	7	1	5	3	2	3	6
All equally (vol)	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Don't Know	20	25	17	15	20	13	27	20	17	25

Q25. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think will substantially change the way things are done in Washington: Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, John McCain, Mitt Romney, or Fred Thompson?

	----- Republican-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
Rudy Giuliani	11	9	12	10	11	15	6	13	9	13
Mike Huckabee	10	14	7	13	10	13	8	9	13	8
John McCain	18	21	17	17	20	12	23	20	17	17
Mitt Romney	13	11	15	11	14	13	14	14	13	12
Fred Thompson	12	9	13	4	11	11	12	12	9	16
Other candidate (vol)	2	1	3	6	2	4	-	3	3	2
None of them (vol)	12	14	12	14	11	17	9	9	14	13
All equally (vol)	2	5	1	-	3	1	3	1	1	4
Don't Know	20	16	20	25	18	14	25	19	21	15

Q26. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best at handling the economy: Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, John McCain, Mitt Romney or Fred Thompson?

	----- Republican-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
Rudy Giuliani	13	9	15	8	16	15	12	13	12	11
Mike Huckabee	12	12	10	13	12	11	13	14	13	13
John McCain	17	21	16	23	15	17	16	11	14	22
Mitt Romney	23	20	25	21	25	21	24	20	23	21
Fred Thompson	9	3	12	6	10	10	8	16	9	9
Other candidate (vol)	1	-	2	6	-	2	-	3	2	-
None of them (vol)	5	11	3	12	1	7	4	1	4	8
All equally (vol)	2	6	-	1	2	4	-	-	3	1
Don't Know	18	18	17	10	19	13	23	22	20	15

Q27. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best on taxes: Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, John McCain, Mitt Romney or Fred Thompson?

	----- Republican-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
Rudy Giuliani	15	11	18	12	17	17	13	13	12	16
Mike Huckabee	13	16	10	19	12	18	8	19	16	12
John McCain	13	21	10	15	12	14	13	5	11	16
Mitt Romney	16	14	18	13	18	12	20	14	17	15
Fred Thompson	9	2	12	6	10	12	7	15	11	6
None of them (vol)	5	6	5	4	3	5	4	1	2	9
Other candidate (vol)	2	1	2	5	1	3	1	3	2	1
All equally (vol)	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	2
Don't Know	26	28	24	25	26	19	33	29	29	23

Q28. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best on handling foreign policy: Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, John McCain, Mitt Romney or Fred Thompson?

	----- Republican-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
Rudy Giuliani	10	6	13	5	13	10	10	9	9	9
Mike Huckabee	8	13	4	4	10	12	4	7	9	9
John McCain	39	41	40	48	39	37	42	31	38	45
Mitt Romney	11	12	10	13	10	5	16	13	9	10
Fred Thompson	10	4	12	4	10	11	8	15	10	8
Other candidate (vol)	1	-	2	6	-	3	-	3	2	-
None of them (vol)	3	4	3	4	1	5	1	1	2	5
All equally (vol)	1	1	1	-	1	2	1	2	2	-
Don't Know	17	19	15	16	16	15	18	19	19	14

Q29. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best on handling the illegal immigration situation: Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, John McCain, Mitt Romney or Fred Thompson?

	----- Republican-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
Rudy Giuliani	9	9	10	7	11	9	10	8	8	12
Mike Huckabee	10	8	9	3	12	12	7	12	11	10
John McCain	23	32	19	37	20	23	22	14	23	20
Mitt Romney	14	9	17	9	16	11	18	12	15	12
Fred Thompson	12	3	16	9	13	14	10	20	11	14
Other candidate (vol)	1	-	2	8	-	2	-	3	2	1
None of them (vol)	5	9	4	7	2	8	3	1	3	8
All equally (vol)	1	4	-	-	1	2	-	-	2	-
Don't Know	25	26	23	20	25	19	30	30	25	23

**Q31 AND Q32 ASKED OF ALL DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRIMARY/CAUCUS VOTERS**

Q31. What issue or problem do you consider the top priority for candidates running for president to address this election: Is it the war in Iraq, or protecting the country from terrorist attacks, or the economy, or education, or the environment, or healthcare issues, or illegal immigration, or other social issues, such as abortion and gay rights, or is there another issue? (TWO RESPONSES ACCEPTED)

	----- Among Republican-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
War in Iraq	22	28	21	32	19	22	22	17	17	28
Protecting country										
from terrorist attacks	27	17	31	12	33	29	24	31	28	23
Economy	43	46	42	53	38	41	44	35	38	47
Education	3	4	2	6	3	1	6	3	4	2
Environment	1	3	1	3	1	2	1	2	1	1
Healthcare issues	9	14	7	8	8	8	10	5	6	12
Illegal immigration	26	19	30	20	27	27	25	32	32	20
Social issues	6	-	7	-	8	7	6	7	9	4
Other issues	4	5	3	2	5	3	4	3	5	3
None of these/all (vol)	5	6	5	9	5	4	7	11	7	4

	----- Among Democratic-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK*</u>	
War in Iraq	44	49	43	43	50	42	45	51	42	
Protecting country										
from terrorist attacks	12	11	14	13	11	11	13	10	15	
Economy	41	45	39	41	44	51	35	41	33	
Education	8	4	10	10	3	2	12	6	17	
Environment	7	10	5	6	8	4	9	9	2	
Healthcare issues	23	24	22	24	19	18	27	21	30	
Illegal immigration	5	1	7	2	12	4	5	6	2	
Social issues	3	5	1	2	6	5	2	3	3	
Other issues	2	4	1	2	3	1	3	2	1	
None of these/all (vol)	10	6	11	10	8	13	8	8	13	
Don't Know	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	

Q32. Do you think Barack Obama has the experience and skills to be a successful president, or not?

	----- Among Republican-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
Yes	24	37	19	44	19	29	19	16	21	23
No	68	55	73	44	74	64	72	71	73	66
Don't Know	8	8	8	12	7	7	9	13	6	11

	----- Among Democratic-Primary/Caucus Likely Voters -----									
	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK*</u>	
Yes	61	67	58	61	61	67	57	57	84	
No	27	23	28	25	30	24	29	32	11	
Don't Know	12	10	14	14	9	9	14	11	5	

**Q33 TO Q40 – November Matchups - ASKED OF RANDOM HALF SAMPLES OF REGISTERED VOTERS**

**Hillary Clinton v. Republicans**

Q33. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Hillary Clinton, the Democrat, and Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Clinton or Romney, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----										
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Clinton	50	88	13	90	49	10	84	60	25	44	57
Romney	39	7	76	6	32	77	11	31	61	45	33
S/Else	5	1	6	1	10	5	2	4	7	5	4
D/Know	6	4	5	3	9	8	3	5	7	6	6

Q34. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Hillary Clinton, the Democrat, and John McCain, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Clinton or McCain, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----										
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Clinton	46	83	13	87	39	9	75	55	24	38	54
McCain	42	11	74	9	39	80	20	31	63	47	37
S/Else	5	2	4	2	11	3	1	4	7	7	2
D/Know	7	4	9	2	11	8	4	10	6	8	7

Q35. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Hillary Clinton, the Democrat, and Rudy Giuliani, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Clinton or Giuliani, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----										
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Clinton	53	89	19	90	53	11	78	68	27	47	58
Giuliani	37	8	70	7	30	78	16	26	59	43	32
S/Else	5	1	6	1	10	7	3	1	8	7	3
D/Know	5	2	5	2	7	4	3	5	6	3	7

Q36. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Hillary Clinton, the Democrat, and Mike Huckabee, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Clinton or Huckabee, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----										
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Clinton	51	86	20	89	46	11	84	63	23	45	55
Huckabee	38	9	70	6	32	78	9	28	62	40	36
S/Else	5	2	5	2	14	4	2	4	9	8	3
D/Know	6	3	5	3	8	7	5	5	6	7	6

### Barack Obama v. Republicans

Q37. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Obama or Romney, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	
Obama	46	79	18	77	46	12	71	65	19	43	49	
Romney	35	13	73	9	32	74	17	24	54	42	30	
S/Else	7	2	3	3	10	5	3	5	10	5	9	
D/Know	12	6	6	11	12	9	9	6	17	10	12	

Q38. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and Rudy Giuliani, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Obama or Giuliani, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	
Obama	49	90	18	85	45	12	82	63	18	43	53	
Giuliani	32	7	73	4	30	70	12	26	49	42	24	
S/Else	8	1	5	3	11	6	3	5	13	6	10	
D/Know	11	2	4	8	14	12	3	6	20	9	13	

Q39. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and John McCain, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Obama or McCain, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	
Obama	41	74	12	81	37	3	74	48	18	36	46	
McCain	42	18	81	9	37	83	15	37	61	52	34	
S/Else	5	2	5	1	5	6	2	5	6	4	5	
D/Know	12	6	2	9	21	8	9	10	15	8	15	

Q40. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and Mike Huckabee, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Obama or Huckabee, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	
Obama	47	83	17	86	41	9	76	63	19	44	49	
Huckabee	37	11	74	6	34	79	18	24	60	42	34	
S/Else	6	2	3	2	11	3	-	5	8	5	7	
D/Know	10	4	6	6	14	9	6	8	13	9	10	

**Q52 Asked Of All Respondents. Table Reported *In This Release Only* Among Registered Voters**

Q52. In your opinion, should the United States withdraw troops from Iraq right away, or should the U.S. begin bringing troops home within the next year, or should troops stay in Iraq for as long as it takes to win the war?

	----- Among Registered Voters -----								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CONS</u>
Troops home right away	20	32	9	32	19	8	27	22	15
Within the next year	43	55	27	58	47	24	56	54	30
As long as it takes	31	9	58	8	26	61	13	20	50
Not sure	5	3	5	2	7	6	4	3	5
Refused	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0