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California Still A Clinton State & McCain Takes The Lead

Tuesday, February 5th is just a week away and more than twenty states around the country will be voting in primaries and caucuses for their party's candidate, including California. However, before super primary day, Republicans are campaigning all through Florida asking Floridians for their vote on January 29th, and the South Carolina Democratic primary just ended with a romp for Illinois Senator Barack Obama. Both winners of these elections are hoping for a bounce to last through super primary day. About half of the delegates for each party's candidate will be awarded on that day. In South Carolina, Obama beat second place finisher NY Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton by two to one. However, North Carolina Senator John Edwards was hoping for a better than third place win as he needed South Carolina to give him some good news in order to show that his campaign was viable (i.e. an infusion of well-needed funds) and for voters to look at him as an electable candidate. Unfortunately this did not happen and Edwards is limping into Feb. 5th. In the SC Republican primary just over a week ago, Arizona Senator John McCain beat out all the other Republican candidates (winning independents and splitting Republicans with former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee,) which has given him momentum on the campaign trail, including in California. McCain would like to move the discussion away from economy, which helps former Mass. Governor Mitt Romney to the discussion on Iraq and national security, which helps him.

With campaigns counting on February 5th to bring them one step closer to being their party's nominee, California will play a crucial role in bringing that about. California has 441 delegates for the Democratic nominee and 170 delegates for the Republican nominee (although delegates are appointed proportionally by whoever wins in each congressional district).

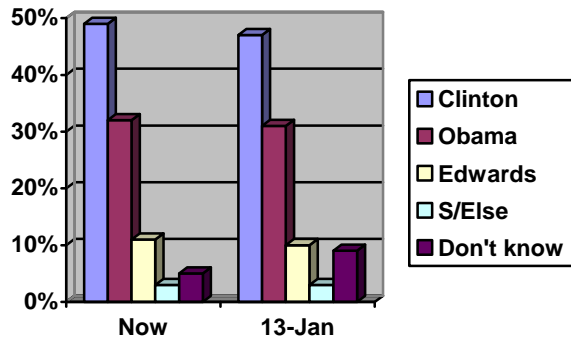
A new Los Angeles Times/CNN/Politico poll, conducted by Opinion Research Corporation, found that Californians are still supporting the first woman candidate running for office and that Arizona Senator John McCain's lead has grown since two weeks ago when this media group interviewed California primary voters, with Romney the only other Republican candidate to be within striking distance of overtaking the Arizona senator.

The strength of Clinton's voters have grown from 59% in the previous poll who said they were certain to vote for her to more than seven in 10 in the current poll. McCain's voters have also become more certain -- from just 40% to 63%. McCain, in previous state primary elections and especially in the 2000 primaries, found him to be at a disadvantage when independents were not allowed to vote in Republican primaries. California is such a state, but the poll finds that he barely ekes out a seven point lead over Romney.

Except for interviewing on Sunday, interviewing for this poll was taken before Obama's huge win in South Carolina and the high profile endorsement of him by U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts and Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Among Democratic primary likely voters, Hillary Rodham Clinton received strong support -- 49% of voters, compared to 32% for Obama, 11% for Edwards, and 3% for someone else (which includes Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich who dropped out during the interviewing period). Just one in 20 are undecided.



As was mentioned, Clinton voters are quite certain that they will vote for her, as well as the Obama voters. Overall, about two-thirds of Democratic primary voters are certain they will support their candidate, while a third said they could change their minds. But almost three-quarters of Clinton's voters and two-thirds of Obama voters are sure of their candidate.

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

	-----Current Poll-----			-----Jan 11-13-----		
	-----Among-----			-----Among-----		
	Dem Prim Voters	Clinton Voters	Obama Voters	Dem Prim Voters	Clinton Voters	Obama Voters
<i>Certain</i>	66%	73%	66%	58%	59%	64%
<i>Could change</i>	34	27	34	42	41	36

Some important demographics:

- Registered Democratic voters are strongly behind Clinton by 51% to 30%. This support has changed little since two weeks ago when the Times/CNN/Politico asked the question. But declined-to-state or independent registered voters have changed. In the earlier poll, Clinton led by 52% to 29% for Obama, now Obama leads by 41% to Clinton's 28%.
- Liberals voting in the Democratic primary have narrowed their support for Clinton. Compared to the earlier poll, Clinton's lead among this group has dropped by five points.
- Absentee voters are strongly supporting Clinton by 53% to 30%, while those who will go to their precinct on Feb. 5th are giving Clinton an eight point lead. In the earlier poll, Clinton was beating Obama by 16 points among precinct voters. This isn't surprising, given absentee voters cast their ballot before certain events happen, such as Obama's big win in South Carolina on Saturday and the endorsement of him by Senator Edward Kennedy.
- Men support Clinton, but the lead has gone from 46% to 32% for Obama a couple of weeks ago, to a narrower 42% to 36%. Women are still just as strong for Clinton. Women with less than a college degree as well as those with a college degree have solidified their support around the woman candidate. In the earlier poll, Obama had a six point advantage with the more educated women, but now Clinton has a 20 point lead. White women also give Clinton a huge lead over Obama, while white men marginally give Clinton a five point lead over Obama by 37% to 32%.

- The elderly are big fans of Clinton. Almost two-thirds of voters 65 and over are supporting the NY senator (two weeks ago, it was a 55% support). The 18-44 year olds are narrowly supporting Clinton by 43% to 37%. Although the 18-29 year olds are a small base, it appears that they are splitting their vote between the two major candidates. The 45-64 year olds are also supporting the NY senator.
- In the South Carolina primary, most of the black voters backed Obama, while a quarter of white voters supported the Illinois senator. Clinton split the white vote with Edwards and just about a fifth of black voters supported Clinton. California divides like South Carolina between the two races. Black voters are overwhelmingly supporting Obama with roughly the same share of white voters going his way as in the Palmetto State. Latinos, who may roughly make up about a fifth of the Democratic-primary voters, give Clinton huge support. Almost three out of five Latino voters (59%) support the NY senator, while nearly three out of 10 back Obama. Less than half of white voters (47%) back Clinton, while 28% support Obama and 17% support Edwards.
- Interestingly union members are splitting their vote between Clinton and Obama.
- Voters living in the coastal areas of the state are supporting Clinton with a nine point lead (down from a 20 point lead in the poll taken two weeks ago). Clinton wins most of the regions. She splits the Bay Area with Obama.

	<u>Los Angeles</u>	<u>Rest/South</u>	<u>Bay Area</u>	<u>Rest/North</u>	<u>Coastal</u>	<u>Inland</u>
Clinton	45%	54%	41%	44%	44%	52%
Obama	39	21	38	34	35	26
Edwards	6	18	8	12	11	13

Issues For Democratic Primary Voters

Economy has usurped the war in Iraq and protecting the country from terrorism as the most important issue candidates need to address in the upcoming election. In the latest Times/Bloomberg national poll when voters were asked which issue is a priority for candidates to discuss, economy rose as the top mention (split with Iraq among Democratic voters). Among Democratic primary voters nationally who cited economy, they supported Clinton over Obama by 48% to 27%. In the national poll, she was also mentioned by nearly half of Democratic primary voters as the one that could best handle the economy. California voters are no different, except more, 54%, think she would be best at handling the economy, while a quarter thought that of Obama and 15% believed Edwards was the candidate to handle this issue. Almost six in 10 registered Democratic voters believed Clinton was the candidate to handle the floundering economy. However, independents are a little more divided with 40% backing Clinton and 32% supporting Obama. Men and women strongly back Clinton on this issue, as well as Latinos and whites. Black voters are divided between Clinton and Obama. Voters whose family income is \$100,000 or more believe Clinton is the best candidate to handle the economy, as well as families across all income levels. Clinton has laid out a clear plan to help the economy that she has talked about for months and it seems to have resonated with the voters.

Health care is also another strong issue for the NY Senator. Clinton has often spoke about the need to reform the health care system. Her plan is to get universal coverage for all. In a past Times/Bloomberg national poll, voters said that her failure to pass a health reform bill in 1993 helped her learn from her mistakes. Her experience in working with Congress on this issue will give her the experience of working with Congress now. And in California, nearly six in 10 Democratic primary voters think Clinton would be best at handling health care. Independents are solidly behind her by 47% to 28% on this issue. Latinos, slightly more than whites, see this issue as one of Clinton's strengths. Black voters believe Obama can reform health care. Men and women are in agreement that the NY senator is the candidate for this issue.

Iraq is a big issue for Democratic voters. The party is split as to whether there should be an immediate withdrawal of troops or a timed withdrawal. In the latest Times/Bloomberg national poll reported last week, a third of Democratic-primary voters said they want troops out of Iraq immediately, while almost six out of 10 said troops should be gone within the year. No candidate is campaigning on removing all troops from Iraq immediately, but Clinton has said there will be several brigades out in the first 60 days when she is president. In the national poll, both groups supported Clinton. So it is not surprising, that in this California poll, a plurality of voters think Clinton is the best candidate to handle the situation in Iraq, although it is not as strong a backing as they give her for health care and the economy. More than two out of five Democratic primary voters said Clinton could best handle the war in Iraq, while 29% thought that of Obama and 14% believe that for Edwards. Among registered Democrats – 47% said Clinton was the candidate for the job, while 27% said Obama was. However, among independents, Obama ekes out a three point advantage --35% to 32% for Clinton, although within the poll’s margin of error. Where there wasn’t any gender gap on the economy and health care, there is a gender gap on the issue of Iraq, with men splitting their vote between the two candidates, while women give Clinton a 29 point lead over Obama. Young voters between the ages of 18-35 prefer Clinton by 39% to 33% for Obama. The elderly are solidly behind Clinton and the 45-64 year olds give Clinton a seven point advantage over her rival.

Nationally, Obama has a slight advantage over Clinton on who would be best on *substantially changing the ways things are done in Washington* by 39% to 35%. In California, Democratic voters are split as to which candidate will change things once they get to Washington. Democrats and independents have two minds over this issue – independents believe Obama is the change agent, while Democrats are split. The poll also finds a gender gap on this issue with men thinking the Illinois senator has this attribute and women thinking the NY senator would be best at changing things.

Who do you think will substantially change the way things are done in Washington DC?

	Dem	-----Democratic Primary Voters-----				
	Prim Voters	Democrats	Independents	Men	Women	
Clinton	39%	41%	31%	32%	45%	
Obama	40	39	47	47	35	
Edwards	11	12	10	12	10	

The Republican Primary

As the February 5th California primary date approaches, Republican-primary voter preferences are consolidating fast. A previous Los Angeles Times/CNN/Politico survey of California taken just two weeks ago found Republican-primary likely voters in California largely fragmented between the large field of candidates and uncertain of their vote, but this most recent survey indicates that the soft lead that Arizona Senator John McCain had at that time was an indication of momentum, he has forged ahead as the field of candidates grows smaller. McCain leads at this time with 39% of the vote, followed by Romney at 26%, Rudy Giuliani with 13% and Mike Huckabee at 11%. Five percent are backing some other candidate and only 6% are still undecided.

Even though California has a closed Republican primary this year, where only registered party members can cast ballots, McCain is still finding his strongest support among registered Republicans who identify more with independents than with the Republican party, or are moderate in their political leanings. However, unlike the 2000 California primary in which he won big among independents but lost the primary by running way behind among Republicans, this survey shows him holding his own among affiliated Republicans and conservatives.

Firming Up The Vote

The previous L.A. Times/CNN/Politico survey was taken right after McCain's win in New Hampshire, before Romney's January 15th nine point win in Michigan over McCain, and before McCain's three point win over Huckabee in South Carolina on January 22nd. At that time, the survey found Republican-primary likely voters in California divided, undecided and uncertain of their vote. As the primary nears, voters are making up their minds.

Two weeks ago, sixteen percent of Republican-primary likely voters were still undecided, and among the 84% who backed a candidate, more than six out of 10 said they still might change their mind and vote for someone else. In this survey, 6% of likely voters remain undecided, and among those who back a candidate, nearly six in 10 say they are certain they are going to vote for that candidate. Sixty-three percent of McCain's voters are sure, and 61% of Romney's. This is not to say that the outcome on February 5th is set in stone, by any means. Campaigns can change on the strength of a speech, a blunder, or other newsworthy events. Nearly four in 10 voters are still waiting to fully commit to their candidate, and what happens in the Florida primary tomorrow, January 29th, while not affecting the delegate count overall, may well have an impact on this and other races in the Super Tuesday extravaganza of more than 20 state primaries and caucuses on February 5th.

Certainty of Vote Among Primary Voters and Candidate Voters, compared to Early January

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

	All Rep Primary Voters		McCain Voters		Romney Voters	
	<u>1/27</u>	<u>1/13</u>	<u>1/27</u>	<u>1/13</u>	<u>1/27</u>	<u>1/13*</u>
Certain	57%	39%	63%	40%	61%	37%
Not certain	43	61	37	60	39	63

Source: LA Times/CNN/Politico polls

Republican Primary Vote – McCain Momentum

In the previous Times/CNN/Politico survey, McCain had opened a slight lead over Romney by a within-margin four points - 20% to 16% - while 14% backed Giuliani, 13% were for Huckabee and 21% were hoping to vote for someone else. "Someone else" included 6% for Fred Thompson, who dropped out of the race last week, and 8% for Ron Paul, who has 2% of the vote in the survey this time. While that survey couldn't pick out a clear winner, in hindsight it can be seen as McCain picking up momentum in the state. While Romney gained nine points among likely voters in the last two weeks, McCain nearly doubled his support over that period, rising from 20% then to 39% today.

Party Affiliation

Californians had until January 22nd to register to vote in the February 5th primary. This time around only registered Republicans can cast ballots for Republican candidates, so all Republican primary-voters are registered in the party. However, roughly one out of five of these Republican-primary voters said they feel more aligned with independents than with the Republican party.

Independent-leaning Republican-primary voters were widely divided two weeks ago (they gave no single candidate more than 20% of their vote) but are now backing McCain by more than three to one over Romney. And again, Romney has failed to win over the majority of the voters who feel closer to the Republicans – coming only to within hailing distance of McCain who edges him 34% to 27% among that group.

Republican Primary Vote Among All Voters and Self-Described Republicans and Independents, Compared to Early January

If the presidential primary were held today, please tell me which candidate you would be most likely to vote for: *Note: small N among independents in early January poll. (Includes Leaners).

	----- Republican-Primary Voters -----					
	Likely Voters		Affil Republicans		Affil Independents	
	<u>1/27</u>	<u>1/13</u>	<u>1/27</u>	<u>1/13</u>	<u>1/27</u>	<u>1/13*</u>
McCain	39%	20%	34%	25%	52%	20%
Romney	26	16	27	16	15	11
Huckabee	11	13	12	11	10	18
Giuliani	13	14	16	11	4	18
Other Candidates	5	21	5	22	10	25
Undecided	6	16	6	15	9	8

Source: LA Times/CNN/Politico polls

Political Ideology

Most Republican voters in California consider themselves conservative. Only about a third of Republican-primary likely voters in this survey identified themselves as moderate or liberal and in the 2000 Republican primary, three out of 10 Republican voters said they were moderate or liberal. The Times' exit poll found six out of 10 of those moderate voters backed McCain over George W. Bush in the 2000 primary but since the vast majority of voters were conservative, and they strongly backed Bush over McCain by 69% to 26%, Bush trounced McCain by a decisive 60% to 35% overall.

The political landscape is different in 2008. The primary in 2000 was a "blanket" primary in which everyone could cast votes for all candidates, for one thing, and this time around the Republicans are holding a closed primary. But the voting patterns are similar - the moderates and liberals in this survey are a smaller minority, but they are backing McCain in a big way – by 50% to 15% over Romney. However, a major difference this time around is that the two-thirds conservative majority of Republican-primary voters in this survey have not consolidated behind a different candidate as they did with Bush in 2000 – so the McCain is squeaking out a within-margin four point lead of 32% to 28% over Romney among conservatives as well. McCain needs the support of these core Republicans to win, so if this holds up, it is good news for his campaign.

McCain and Romney have benefited almost equally from conservatives who were undecided or backing minor candidates such as Thompson, Hunter, and Paul two weeks ago –the two candidates have risen 9 and 10 points respectively among that group since the last survey. Mike Huckabee, who had 16% of the conservative vote two weeks ago, has 13% today. Giuliani, had 13% two weeks ago and 16% today. Two weeks ago, more than one in five conservatives backed some other candidate, and that number has dropped to 5% today.

Less conservative voters similarly gave up on other candidates to concentrate on the top two, but are mostly focusing in on McCain, who enjoyed a 22 point gain among this group since the last survey, dwarfing Romney's six point rise. Huckabee's support changed little – 6% then and 8% now, and Giuliani dropped from 17% two weeks ago to 9% today. Only 7% of this group remains undecided.

Republican Primary Vote by Political Ideology Compared to Early January.

	Liberal & Moderate		Conservative	
	<u>1/27</u>	<u>1/13</u>	<u>1/27</u>	<u>1/13</u>
McCain	50%	28%	32%	23%
Romney	15	9	28	18
Huckabee	8	6	13	16
Giuliani	9	17	16	13
Other Candidates	11	27	5	21
Undecided	7	13	6	9

Source: LA Times/CNN/Politico polls

Age

Republican-primary voters who are younger than 50 have also consolidated behind McCain in the last couple of weeks. Two weeks ago more than 1 out of 4 were backing a candidate other than one of the top four and 17% were undecided. In the current poll, only 3% of that group remain undecided and McCain's support has doubled from 19% to 40%. Romney picked up only a few points – rising from 11% last time to 17% today among the under 50's. McCain also picked up 15 points among voters between the ages of 50 and 65. Older voters headed toward Romney in this survey – 12% backed him two weeks ago compared to 27% today. Their support for McCain dropped from 43% then to 35% today.

Republican Primary Vote by Age Compared to Early January

	Ages 18-49		Ages 50-64		Age 65 +	
	<u>1/27</u>	<u>1/13</u>	<u>1/27</u>	<u>1/13</u>	<u>1/27</u>	<u>1/13</u>
McCain	40%	19%	36%	21%	35%	43%
Romney	17	11	27	24	27	12
Huckabee	19	14	8	6	9	12
Giuliani	14	12	12	19	13	10
Other Candidates	7	27	7	21	7	16
Undecided	3	17	10	9	9	7

Source: LA Times/CNN/Politico polls

Religious Voters

Religious voters in California, as elsewhere, have not yet settled on a Republican candidate to back. Two weeks ago, a very slim plurality of 26% of evangelicals backed former Baptist preacher Mike Huckabee, who is conservative on social issues of concern to evangelicals. This survey found him garnering barely more evangelical votes than Mitt Romney, a Mormon from a liberal state who was once pro-choice and gay-friendly and both of them are running behind McCain who has a slim plurality of 35% of the evangelical vote today.

Those who attend church weekly or more are even more divided – 28% back McCain, 24% Romney and 22% are voting for Huckabee, with 6% for some other candidate and 10% not sure. It is less that religious voter's haven't made up their minds than they just don't have one consensus candidate to back and their vote is spread out. Two weeks ago, 30% backed a candidate other than the top four, and today it is 6%. No one particular candidate benefited from the change - Huckabee gained 10 points in this group, McCain gained seven points, and Romney four.

**Republican Primary Vote by Religious Services Attendance and Evangelical ID,
Compared to Early January**

	----- Attend Church -----							
	Weekly or More		Less Often		Evangelical		Not Evangelical	
	<u>1/27</u>	<u>1/13</u>	<u>1/27</u>	<u>1/13</u>	<u>1/27</u>	<u>1/13</u>	<u>1/27</u>	<u>1/13</u>
McCain	28%	21%	43%	24%	35%	18%	38%	26%
Romney	24	20	23	12	21	5	25	20
Huckabee	22	12	7	12	23	26	5	4
Giuliani	10	11	16	15	11	8	16	17
Other Candidates	6	30	7	20	4	24	9	23
Undecided	10	6	4	17	6	19	7	10

Source: LA Times/CNN/Politico polls

The Issues- Economy, Illegal Immigration, Iraq and National Security

McCain has the edge over the other Republican candidates among Republican-primary voters when it comes to illegal immigration, handling the war in Iraq and protecting national security, the survey found. Voters were divided between Romney and McCain at 34% and 32% respectively on who would be best at handling the economy, a subject of big concern for voters in California and elsewhere. Rudy Giuliani once owned the issue of national security, and he still garners a respectable 22% on that subject, running 10 points higher than Romney on that issue.

Republican Primary Candidates Best On Issues (Top Four Candidates)

Regardless of your choice for president, which candidate do you think would be best at ...

Horizontal table

	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Huckabee</u>	<u>Giuliani</u>
...handling the situation in Iraq	56%	13	9	12
...fighting terrorism and protecting national security	47%	12	9	22
...handling the economy	32%	34	12	13
...handling the illegal immigration situation	32%	21	13	18

Source: LA Times/CNN/Politico poll

A Closer Look At The Economy

There is no doubt that the mood in the country is tending sharply toward pessimism when it comes to the economy – a LA Times/Bloomberg poll released last week found Americans nationwide expecting a recession in the near future. Californians are no exception - a PPIC survey released last Thursday found nearly three quarters of adults statewide predicting bad economic times in the coming year, up sharply from their previous California poll in December.

Republican-primary voters in California in this survey are split on which Republican candidate would do the best job of steering the country's economic course, with self-described independents giving McCain a five point edge over Romney, while Romney edges ahead by six points among Republicans. Romney's lead increases somewhat to nine points among conservative primary voters, while McCain leads 40% to 29% among more moderate voters.

Republican-primary voters who live in households living on less than \$60,000 annually pick McCain on the economy by 10 points – 40% to 30% -- while more affluent voters look to Romney by 38% to 28%. Both groups back McCain in the primary race.

Absentee Voters

California has a large – and growing - pool of absentee voters – and in this survey, about one out of five Republican-primary voters say they have already voted. Close to half of ballots cast in the California primaries on February 5th may be absentee, if recent trends continue. About 47% of ballots cast in California's governor primary in 2006 were absentee.

Similarly, this survey found 47% of likely voters saying they already have or will vote absentee in this election, including 44% of Republican-primary likely voters. While Romney does better among absentee voters in general – closing McCain's lead down to eight points in those who plan to cast their ballot by mail, McCain leads by 17 points among voters planning to vote at their precincts on election day. Those who have already voted have McCain ahead within margin by 39% to 35%.

Republican Primary Vote Among Absentee Voters and Those Who Have Already Voted.

	All likely	Precinct	-- Absentee Voters --	
	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>Voted</u>
McCain	39%	37%	37%	39%
Romney	26	20	29	35
Huckabee	11	14	12	6
Giuliani	13	15	11	10
Other Candidates	5	9	3	3
Undecided	6	5	8	7

Source: LA Times/CNN/Politico polls

Some Other Demographics

McCain has stronger leads among men, younger voters, and those with higher household incomes. Huckabee passes Romney and McCain among voters in households with less than \$40K annual income.

Republican Primary Vote by Selected demographics

Horizontal table

	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Huckabee</u>	<u>Giuliani</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
Male	42%	21	10	14	8	5
Female	34%	25	15	13	6	7
Men 45+	42%	23	11	11	6	7
Women 45+	31%	26	13	12	7	11
Ages 18-44	42%	19	14	16	8	1
Ages 45-64	36%	23	14	11	6	10
Ages 65+	35%	27	9	13	7	9
HH income <\$40K	17%	20	26	18	11	8
HH income \$40K+	41%	23	11	13	7	5

Source: LA Times/CNN/Politico poll

---- Analysis by Susan Pinkus and Jill Darling

Data Tables

Guide to column headings:

REG	Registered Voters
DEMPRIM	Democratic Primary Voters (includes registered Republicans and independents who say they will definitely vote, or who are very or extremely likely to vote.)
REPPRIM	Republican Primary Voters (registered Republicans who say they will definitely vote, or who are very or extremely likely to vote.)
LIKELY	Democratic or Republican Likely Voters (Democratic or Republican Primary voters who are deemed most likely to vote because of past voting behavior and other indicators)
R/DEM / R/IND / R/REP	Registered Democrats, Independents and Republicans
DEM / IND / REP	Self-described Independents and Republicans
LIB / MOD / CON	Self described liberals, moderates and conservatives
LIB/MOD	Self described liberals and moderates combined

Notes:

- (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

Survey Methodology

The Times/CNN/Politico.com Poll, conducted by Opinion Research Corporation, contacted 2,212 adults in the state of California by telephone January 23-27, 2008. Among them were 1,820 registered voters, of which 918 said they intend to vote in the Democratic primary and 690 in the Republican primary. Primary voters were screened for their likelihood of voting and 518 Democrats and 437 Republicans were deemed most likely to vote in the February 5th California primary. Likely voters were determined by a process which included questions on intention to vote, certainty of vote, and vote history. First time voters are included, depending on their interest and intention.

Telephone numbers were randomly selected from among a list of all exchanges in the state, allowing contact with both listed and unlisted numbers. Multiple attempts were made to contact each number. Adults in the entire sample were weighted slightly to conform with census proportions for sex, ethnicity, age, education, region, and the Secretary of State’s latest report of party registration.

The margin of sampling error for all adults and registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points; for Democratic primary voters it is +/-3, for Democratic likely voters it is +/-4 and for Republican primary and likely voters it is +/-5. For certain other subgroups, the error margin may be somewhat higher. Poll results may also be affected by factors such as question wording and the order in which questions are presented. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish.

Q7 To Q12 Asked Of Registered Democrats And Independents Who Intend To Vote In The Democratic Primary

Q7. If the presidential primary were held today, please tell me which candidate you would be most likely to vote for:

	-----Among Democratic Primary Voters -----							
	<u>LIKELY</u>	<u>DEMPRIM</u>	<u>R/DEM</u>	<u>R/IND</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Clinton	49	47	51	28	46	49	42	51
Edwards	11	11	10	17	12	10	12	11
Kucinich	1	2	1	6	4	-	3	1
Obama	32	32	30	41	33	34	36	29
Other candidate	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2
Don't know	5	6	6	6	4	6	5	6

Q8 Asked Of Voters Who Chose A Candidate

Q8. Are you certain you are going to vote for that candidate, or is it possible that you might end up voting for somebody else?

	-----Among Democratic Primary Voters With a Candidate Choice -----							
	<u>LIKELY</u>	<u>DEMPRIM</u>	<u>R/DEM</u>	<u>R/IND</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Certain	70	66	68	57	67	66	66	66
Not certain	30	34	32	43	33	34	34	34

Among Those Who Voted For:
CLINTON EDWARDS OBAMA

Certain	73	45	66
Not certain	27	55	34

Q9. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best at handling the economy: Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, or Barack Obama?

	-----Among Democratic Primary Voters -----							
	<u>LIKELY</u>	<u>DEMPRIM</u>	<u>R/DEM</u>	<u>R/IND</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Hillary Clinton	57	54	58	40	56	54	50	58
John Edwards	14	15	14	19	17	12	15	14
Barack Obama	24	25	23	32	22	28	27	22
Other candidate (vol)	1	1	1	1	-	1	2	1
All equally (vol)	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1
None of them (vol)	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2
Don't know	1	2	1	5	2	2	2	2

Q10. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best at handling health care: Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, or Barack Obama?

	-----Among Democratic Primary Voters -----							
	<u>LIKELY</u>	<u>DEMPRIM</u>	<u>R/DEM</u>	<u>R/IND</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Hillary Clinton	57	56	58	47	57	55	50	62
John Edwards	14	13	13	15	15	10	14	12
Barack Obama	23	24	23	28	21	27	27	22
Other candidate (vol)	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
All equally (vol)	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-
None of them (vol)	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	1
Don't know	2	3	2	5	3	4	3	2

Q11. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best at handling the situation in Iraq: Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, or Barack Obama?

	<u>LIKELY</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>R/DEM</u>	<u>R/IND</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Hillary Clinton	45	44	47	32	45	42	36	52	
John Edwards	15	14	13	19	17	11	14	14	
Barack Obama	28	29	27	35	28	31	35	23	
Other candidate (vol)	2	2	2	4	2	1	3	2	
All equally (vol)	3	3	4	1	3	4	5	2	
None of them (vol)	5	4	4	4	3	5	5	3	
Don't know	2	4	3	5	2	6	2	4	

Q12. 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?

-----Among Democratic Primary Voters -----

	<u>LIKELY</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>R/DEM</u>	<u>R/IND</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Hillary Clinton	39	39	41	31	34	40	32	45	
John Edwards	12	11	12	10	14	9	12	10	
Barack Obama	40	40	39	47	43	42	47	35	
Other candidate (vol)	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	
All equally (vol)	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	
None of them (vol)	5	5	4	5	5	5	4	5	
Don't know	1	2	1	5	2	2	2	2	

Q13 To Q17 Asked Of Registered Republicans Who Intend To Vote In The Republican Primary

Q13. If the presidential primary were held today, please tell me which candidate you would be most likely to vote for:

-----Among Republican Primary Voters -----

	<u>LIKELY</u>	<u>REPRIM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB/MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>EVANGEL</u>	<u>NOT/EVAN</u>
Giuliani	13	13	4	16	9	16	11	16
Huckabee	11	13	10	12	8	13	23	5
McCain	39	37	51	34	50	32	35	38
Paul	2	3	6	2	4	2	2	4
Romney	26	23	15	27	15	28	21	25
Other Candidates	3	4	5	3	7	3	2	5
Don't know	6	7	9	6	7	6	6	7

Q14 Asked Of Voters Who Chose A Candidate

Q14. Are you certain you're going to vote for that candidate, or is it possible that you might end up voting for somebody else?

-----Among Republican Primary Voters with a Candidate Choice -----

	<u>LIKELY</u>	<u>REPRIM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB/MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>EVANGEL</u>	<u>NOT/EVAN</u>
Certain	57	57	49	61	56	57	55	57
Not certain	43	43	51	39	44	43	45	43

Among Those Who Voted For:

	<u>MCCAIN</u>	<u>ROMNEY</u>
Certain	63	61
Not certain	37	39

Q15. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best at handling the economy: Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, John McCain, or Mitt Romney?

	-----Among Republican Primary Voters -----							
	<u>LIKELY</u>	<u>REPPRIM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB/MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>EVANGEL</u>	<u>NOT/EVAN</u>
Rudy Giuliani	13	13	9	14	12	14	13	13
Mike Huckabee	11	12	7	11	10	10	17	8
John McCain	31	32	39	30	40	28	33	30
Mitt Romney	35	34	34	36	29	37	28	38
Other candidate (vol)	3	3	5	2	4	2	3	3
All equally (vol)	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
None of them (vol)	2	2	4	2	1	3	1	4
Don't know	4	4	2	5	4	5	5	4

Q16. 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, or Mitt Romney?

	-----Among Republican Primary Voters -----							
	<u>LIKELY</u>	<u>REPPRIM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB/MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>EVANGEL</u>	<u>NOT/EVAN</u>
Rudy Giuliani	19	18	10	21	16	19	17	18
Mike Huckabee	13	13	11	12	7	15	17	11
John McCain	33	32	46	29	45	26	34	31
Mitt Romney	20	21	20	22	17	24	17	24
Other candidate (vol)	3	3	4	2	2	3	3	2
All equally (vol)	2	2	1	2	3	1	2	2
None of them (vol)	7	7	7	7	6	8	4	9
Don't know	3	4	1	5	4	4	6	3

Q17. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best in fighting terrorism and protecting national security: Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, John McCain, or Mitt Romney?

	-----Among Republican Primary Voters -----							
	<u>LIKELY</u>	<u>REPPRIM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB/MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>EVANGEL</u>	<u>NOT/EVAN</u>
Rudy Giuliani	24	22	13	26	18	25	21	24
Mike Huckabee	8	9	1	9	5	9	12	7
John McCain	48	47	62	44	57	43	48	46
Mitt Romney	13	12	12	13	10	13	10	13
Other candidate (vol)	1	2	4	1	2	2	1	2
All equally (vol)	1	2	-	2	2	1	2	1
None of them (vol)	3	3	4	3	2	4	1	5
Don't know	2	3	4	2	4	3	5	2

Q17a Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best at handling the situation in Iraq: Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, John McCain, or Mitt Romney?

	-----Among Republican Primary Voters -----							
	<u>LIKELY</u>	<u>REPPRIM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB/MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>EVANGEL</u>	<u>NOT/EVAN</u>
Rudy Giuliani	14	12	3	16	13	12	13	12
Mike Huckabee	7	9	4	8	6	9	12	7
John McCain	57	56	70	53	63	54	54	57
Mitt Romney	14	13	14	14	10	15	11	15
Other candidate (vol)	1	2	2	1	2	1	3	1
All equally (vol)	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
None of them (vol)	3	3	6	2	2	3	1	4
Don't know	4	5	1	6	3	6	6	4