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HILLARY CLINTON'S CORE GROUPS MOVING TOWARD BARACK OBAMA

The match-up against John McCain in the November general election is shaping up to be very competitive for either Democratic challenger

The Democratic presidential election has changed dramatically since New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and Illinois Senator Barack Obama began their quest for the Democratic presidential nomination. Clinton was thought of as the inevitable candidate and her campaign rode that wave convincingly. Her campaign coffers were filled and she had the support of many influential Democratic leaders. The Democratic primaries were supposed to be over by Super Tuesday on February 5th. In fact, her campaign didn't plan for primaries going through Texas and Ohio on March 4th. But Obama's campaign took her and the nation by surprise. Along came a candidate with not much national experience nor national name recognition, but years of service in state politics and not quite a full term as U.S. Senator. Obama's message of change and hope has captured the hearts of the Democratic voters and helped propel him to frontrunner status, according to a new Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg poll. The enthusiasm for his campaign has energized young voters who usually don't come out to vote and independents who may decide the outcome of the November election.

As late as January of this year, a Times/Bloomberg poll had Clinton leading Obama by nine points and she was still considered the frontrunner of the Democratic Party, although many polls, including this one, showed her advantage dwindling. This latest poll now shows that Obama has overtaken her with momentum on his side (winning the last 11 primaries/caucuses) and is leading by six points (48% to 42%). In January, she had 42% of the vote, compared to 33% for Obama and 11% for Edwards (before he dropped out). It appears that the Edwards voters have opted to support Obama over Clinton (her share of the Democratic voters remain about the same, while Obama's support rose 15 points).

Clinton and Obama

It's a good thing for Clinton that many primaries and caucuses have already been held otherwise if the vote were held in these states today, she would be losing by large margins. Among voters who already voted they would have switched their vote and Obama would be winning by 18 points. Among those who already voted for the NY Senator, Clinton loses more voters than voters who supported her opponent. Eight percent said

they would vote for Obama if they could do it over again, while among the Obama voters, just 1% would switch and vote for Clinton.

More Democratic voters believe that Obama is the candidate to beat Arizona Senator John McCain in November. Nearly two out of five Democratic voters said he could beat McCain, while almost the same share said both he and Clinton could beat the Republican nominee equally. Just a fifth thought Clinton, alone, was the better candidate to beat McCain. Interestingly, among Clinton voters, 39% thought she stood a better chance of beating the Arizona Senator, while 65% of Obama voters believed that he could beat the Republican (11% of Clinton voters said Obama is the better candidate, while only 3% of Obama voters thought that of Clinton). Clearly, there is more goodwill for the rival candidate among Clinton's voters than Obama's which may show some of the difficulty Clinton would have if she became the Democratic nominee.

Demographics: Clinton's strength among her core groups is vanishing -- Democrats, women voters, voters who are less educated and those with lower income households are moving toward Obama. Especially problematic for her is the movement of women toward Obama. Women are now splitting their vote, while Obama enjoys a sizeable lead among men.

She splits the Democratic vote, while in the Times/Bloomberg poll last month, she had a 10 point advantage with this group. Independents shifted by a large margin to Obama, as compared to last month's poll (Edwards was still in the race and had 20% support).

Clinton's base of less educated voters is also moving away from her. Last month, she had a 10 point lead over Obama, but now they are splitting this group's votes.

Women, the cornerstone of her support is dwindling. Last month, she had the support of women by 46% to 34%. In this poll, they are up for grabs -- Obama receives 43% of their support to Clinton's 44%. This could be a huge problem for the first woman in American history vying to become president. Men are strongly supporting the African-American male candidate by 52% to 40%. Married women are marginally more for Obama, although within the poll's margin of error, while Clinton gets the single women's vote. She does, however, still keep the loyal 65 and older cohort by almost three to one and she gets the backing of non-working women. (Working women give Obama a four point advantage over his opponent.)

Liberals are solidly behind Obama, while moderate to conservative Democrats are somewhat divided.

Some demographics explaining the Democratic primary differences between candidates:

	<u>CLINTON</u>	<u>OBAMA</u>
<u>Gender</u>		
Male	40%	52
Female	44%	43
<u>Education</u>		
Less than college	46%	45
College or more	35%	53
<u>Age</u>		
18-44	36%	58
45-64	44%	42
65 and over	62%	24
<u>Party Affiliation</u>		
Democrats	46%	46
Independents*	31%	52
<u>Political Ideology</u>		
Liberal	38%	58
Moderate/conservative	42%	44
<u>Household Income</u>		
Less than \$40K	34%	53
\$40K-\$59K	63%	29
\$60K or more	35%	54
<u>Working/Gender</u>		
Working women	41%	45
Non-working women	52%	39
<u>Gender/Marital</u>		
Married women	40%	51
Single women	50%	44
<u>National Regions</u>		
East	45%	48
Midwest	41%	44
South	43%	48
West*	40%	51

*small base

Super delegates and Seating Florida and Michigan: As far as the technical questions confronting the Democratic Party – whether Florida and Michigan should be seated at the convention although they didn’t obey the rules by having their primary earlier than the Party’s rules allowed, or how should the super delegates cast their vote – could fracture the party. Voters are just as divided about the issue of the super delegates as are the Party’s leaders. They are split on whether they should vote as they like or should they vote the way their state voted. Not surprisingly, a majority of Clinton voters said they should vote as they like, while nearly half of the Obama voters want the super delegates to vote for the candidate that won in their state. As far as seating Florida and Michigan – a majority of Democratic primary voters said delegates from these states should be seated and allowed to vote at the Democratic convention this summer.

Republicans and John McCain

More than half of Republican voters said they are happy with McCain as their nominee. Just 11% are enthusiastic, while 44% said they are just happy. It appears that the conservative leaders active in the Republican Party are not in step with their constituents. A majority of conservatives are happy with

McCain’s nomination, while slightly more than a quarter said they are either unhappy (20%) or angry (6%). About a fifth are undecided. Half of those who are religious conservatives said they are happy with McCain, nearly three in 10 said they are unhappy. Among Republican primary voters who said they were unhappy, roughly three in 10 said they would vote for McCain. But the majority of those unhappy will either vote for another party’s candidate (31%) or stay home on election day (20%). A fifth said they were unsure what they will do.

Which Democratic candidate more difficult for McCain: A strong plurality of Republican voters believe that Obama would be the more difficult candidate to beat McCain in November than Clinton.

Which candidate would be more difficult for John McCain to beat in November:
Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama?

	<u>Rep Voters</u>
Hillary Clinton	14%
Barack Obama	42
Both of them	16
Neither of them	18
Don’t know	10

Phrases that describe McCain: A list of phrases were read to Republican voters that could describe McCain. The voters were allowed up to two responses. Almost three in 10 of the Republican voters thought he was honest and trustworthy, followed by a quarter who thought the AZ Senator had an admirable character, nearly another quarter thought he had a good chance to win in November, and almost a quarter of the voters thought he was not a true conservative. A troubling number for McCain, which he is trying to rectify, is that he is not considered a true conservative by 26% who describe themselves as conservative and 37% who consider themselves part of the religious right.

Issues as Top Priority

As in last month’s Times/Bloomberg poll, economy is still the number one issue that voters want candidates to address this election, followed by Iraq. All other issues (health care, illegal immigration, national security and others) are in low double or single digits. Among Democratic primary voters, 54% cite economy and 39% mention the war in Iraq. However, among Republican primary voters, 31% mentioned the economy, followed by 30% who mentioned national security and a similar number who mentioned illegal immigration.

Among those who cited economy, voters in both general election match-ups were split. But, among those who cite the situation in Iraq, while Clinton and McCain virtually divided the vote, Obama bests McCain by 7 points (49% to 42%).

November General Election Match-ups

If the November election were held today, McCain would beat Clinton by 46% to 40%, while eking out a 2 point advantage over Obama (44% to 42%), although well within the poll’s margin of error. About one in 10 in both match-ups were undecided and 5% would vote for someone else. McCain and Obama split the independent voters, while McCain takes that group away from Clinton.

Obama vs. McCain:

Demographics: It appears that Obama has more crossover appeal than Clinton. Among independents McCain and Obama split the vote (41% to 39%), while just about the same share of Republicans (12%) and Democrats (14%) crossed over to vote for the other party's nominee. However, 25% of moderate Republicans (*small base*) would vote for Obama, while only 12% of moderate Democrats would vote for McCain. (Seventeen percent of moderate Republicans would vote for Clinton.) The younger voters (18-29), energized by Obama's campaign, are a strong group for him. They give him a 13 point advantage over McCain, compared to McCain beating Clinton by six points among the same age group. And the elderly give McCain a 25 point advantage. The 30-64 years olds are splitting their vote.

There is a gender gap with men supporting McCain at 48%, while women are supporting Obama at 47%. College graduates were a mainstay in Obama's campaign, but he barely gets a three point advantage over the Republican candidate (45% to 42% in this group). The less educated are also splitting their vote by 44% for McCain to 42% for Obama. Voters in an affluent home (more than \$100K) are solidly behind McCain, while those in households earning between \$60K and \$100K are splitting their vote, and those earning less are supporting the Democrat.

Conservative voters: McCain has his work cut out convincing the conservatives and religious conservatives that he is the man for the job; that he will be a good conservative president by choosing strict constructionist jurists and by being a good fiscal and social conservative as well. His ratings by the American Christian Union this year is in the 60's (and a good conservative rating is at the lowest, in the 80's).

Less than half of registered voters who attend religious services weekly or more are backing McCain, while about two out of five are supporting Obama. A bare majority of white evangelicals are supporting McCain, while a third are backing the Democrat. A small majority of white Christians are backing the Republican, while nearly three in 10 are supporting Obama. But on a better note for McCain, two-thirds of those who consider themselves part of the religious right are backing the Arizona senator.

Clinton vs. McCain:

Demographics: Clinton's appeal to Republicans or independents is not as strong as Obama's. Less than one in 10 Republican voters said they will crossover and vote for Clinton, but 14% of Democrats will vote for McCain in this matchup. A fifth of moderate Democrats said they will support McCain, while 17% of moderate Republicans will support the Democratic candidate. The elderly voters are still a dedicated voting bloc for Clinton in the Democratic primaries, but against McCain, he gets their support by 48% to 41%. Interestingly, the 18-29 year olds, who overwhelmingly supported Obama against McCain, support the Republican over Clinton by 47% to 41%. And the 30-44 year old voters virtually split their vote by 41% to 39% for McCain, while the older baby boomers go for McCain. The less affluent still side with Clinton, but by a very narrow margin (44% to 40%), while the more affluent back the Republican. The less educated, also another mainstay demographic group for Clinton, are now backing McCain by three points. The more educated are also backing McCain, but by 10 points. There is a gender gap, as was found with the Obama-McCain match-up. Nearly half (48%) of women support Clinton, while almost the same share of men support McCain.

McCain does a little better with the religious conservative voters against Clinton. More than three out of five white Christians support McCain, as do seven in 10 who consider themselves religious conservatives, 54% of white evangelicals and 53% who attend religious services weekly or more. The idea of another Clinton presidency appear to have these voters coalescing somewhat more around McCain.

Impression of the Candidates: Clinton, as in past polls by the Times/Bloomberg poll and others, has the least favorable rating of the three leading candidates running for president. Her negatives far outweigh both her Democratic rival and her possible Republican opponent. Independents are split as to whether they like her, while more than six out of 10 each of independents have a positive opinion of Obama and McCain.

	<u>Reg Voters</u>		<u>Independents</u>	
	<u>Fav</u>	<u>Unf</u>	<u>Fav</u>	<u>Unf</u>
Hillary Clinton	51%	42	48%	44
Barack Obama	61%	27	63%	25
John McCain	61%	26	65%	21

Issue of Age/Race/Gender: Most voters agree that age doesn't matter, whether the candidate will be 72 years of age (for John McCain), or 47 years of age (for Barack Obama) when he becomes president. Almost eight of 10 voters said age does not matter, while 12% thought McCain was too old and 3% thought Obama was too young. Sixteen percent of Democrats thought McCain was too old, while only 4% of Republicans thought Obama was too young.

Three in five voters believe the country is ready to elect a woman president, but 31% do not think it is time. More voters thought the country was ready for an African-American man to become president (70% to 20% who disagree). More than 4 out of 10 conservatives believed it is not time for a madam president (or at least this one), while less than a quarter thought that about a black president. Republicans are also wary of having a woman president at 45%, compared to 48% who think the country is ready. By two to one, independents are more conducive to having a black president over a woman commander-in-chief.

Series of issues and characteristics: Comparing Clinton and Obama to McCain on who would be best at handling some national issues, Clinton beat McCain on handling the economy, health care, substantially change the ways things are done in Washington, the illegal immigration situation and splits the issue of taxes.

Between Obama and McCain, Obama beats McCain on handling health care and substantially change the ways things are done in Washington and splits on the issue of taxes and the character trait of honesty and integrity.

Which candidate would: (horizontal tables)

	-----Reg. Voters-----		-----Reg. Voters-----	
	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>
<u>Character traits:</u>				
Have the right experience	46%	34	53%	22
Be the strongest leader	44%	39	41%	35
Change the way things are done in Washington	23%	45	20%	55
<u>Best handle:</u>				
Protecting country from terrorism	54%	27	58%	21
The situation in Iraq	51%	35	47%	34
Taxes	40%	39	40%	38
Illegal immigration situation	35%	38	40%	29
The economy	34%	43	42%	34
Health care	28%	52	30%	44

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Survey Methodology

The Los Angeles Times / Bloomberg Poll contacted 1,408 adults nationwide by telephone February 21 through 25, 2008. Included are 1,246 registered voters, 436 Democratic-primary voters and 290 Republican-primary voters. "Primary 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 658 and 588 registered voters each.

Telephone numbers were chosen randomly in separate samples of landline and cell phone exchanges in the nation, allowing listed and unlisted landline numbers and households that have cell phone service only to be contacted. Multiple attempts were made to contact each number.

Numbers in the cell phone exchange sample were hand-dialed and screened for households with cell phones only, resulting in 118 interviews with respondents living in households with no landline. The cell and landline samples were combined using a composite weight that adjusted for number of phones in the household, sample ratio and non-response. Adults in the combined sample were then adjusted to the most recent estimates from the National Health Interview Survey for household phone types and to census proportions of sex, ethnicity, age, education, and national regions.

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 5 points, for Republican-primary voters 6 points. For the two random half samples of registered voters, it is 4. For some subgroups, the error margin may be higher.

Survey results may also be affected by error introduced by combining cell and landline samples and by factors such as question wording and the order in which they are asked. Interviews were conducted by Interviewing Service of America, Inc. in Van Nuys.

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Guide to Column Headings:

REG	Registered voters
DEMPRIM, REPRIM	Dem/Rep likely primary/caucus voters
DEM , IND , REP	Self described Democrats, Independents, Republicans (Party Affiliation)
LIB , MOD , CONS	Self described liberal, moderate and conservative voters
MD/CNS	Self described moderate and conservative voters combined
LB/MD	Self described liberal and moderate voters combined
RELRT	Self described conservative “evangelical or born-again” voters
WKLY+, LESS	Religious services attendance – at least weekly v. less often than that
WHITE, NON/WHT	Non-Hispanic white voters and all others

Survey 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 required to eliminate order bias.
- Numbers are percentages, tables are read vertically

(COMBINED VOTE FOR DEM PRES NOMINEE - CANDIDATE FAVORED BY LIKELY VOTERS + CANDIDATE VOTED FOR IN STATE PRIMARY/CAUCUS ALREADY HELD)

Combined Vote: Which candidate [did you/will you] vote for in the Democratic primary or caucus for president?

	----- Voted or Likely to Vote in Democratic Primary/Caucus -----									
	<u>DEMPRIM</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CNS</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND*</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>NON/WHT</u>	
Hillary Clinton	42	38	42	46	31	40	44	53	23	
Barack Obama	48	58	44	46	52	52	43	35	70	
Other candidate	5	2	7	4	11	4	7	8	-	
Don't know	5	2	7	4	6	4	6	4	7	

* Note: very small N for independents – N=81

(Q8-Q9 ASKED OF THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY VOTED IN A DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY/CAUCUS)

Q9. Regardless of who you voted for in the election, if the Democratic primary or caucus for president were being held in your state again today, who would you vote for - Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama?

	----- Already Voted in Democratic Primary/Caucus -----									
	<u>DEMPRIM</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CNS</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND*</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>NON/WHT</u>	
Hillary Clinton	37	31	42	44	22	36	38	53	14	
Barack Obama	55	64	50	51	62	56	54	37	81	
Other Candidate (vol)	1	-	2	-	6	2	1	2	-	
Don't know	7	5	6	5	10	6	7	8	5	

(Q10 - Q12 ASKED OF DEMOCRATIC-PRIMARY LIKELY VOTERS AND THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY VOTED)

Q10. As you may know, there are 796 super delegates in the Democratic Party. These delegates are party leaders and Democratic elected officials who are appointed and can support any candidate they choose. Do you think these delegates should be free to vote for a candidate as they like, or should they vote for the candidate that won in their state?

	----- Voted or Likely to Vote in Democratic Primary/Caucus -----									
	<u>DEMPRIM</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CNS</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND*</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>NON/WHT</u>	
Vote as they like	45	45	50	49	42	43	47	41	52	
Vote for candidate that won in their state	44	44	43	40	46	52	36	46	40	
Don't know	1	11	7	11	12	5	17	13	8	

Q11. As you may also know, the Democratic Party says it will not allow delegates from Michigan and Florida to vote at the Democratic convention this summer, because those states held primary elections earlier than the Party's rules allowed. Should the Democratic Party allow the delegates from those two states to vote at the convention, even though they were chosen in violation of the Party's rules, or should these two states not be allowed to vote at the convention?

	----- Voted or Likely to Vote in Democratic Primary/Caucus -----									
	<u>DEMPRIM</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CNS</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND*</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>NON/WHT</u>	
Allow FL and MI to vote	52	51	51	54	52	58	46	49	56	
Don't allow FL, MI to vote	29	35	27	28	33	24	35	28	32	
MI not FL/FL not MI (vol)	6	2	9	7	3	10	1	8	2	
Don't know	13	12	13	11	12	8	18	15	10	

Q12. Which candidate has the better chance of beating John McCain in November: Hillary Clinton, or Barack Obama; or do they have an equal chance, or do you think that neither can beat McCain in November?

	----- Voted or Likely to Vote in Democratic Primary/Caucus -----									
	<u>DEMPRIM</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CNS</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND*</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>NON/WHT</u>	
Hillary Clinton	20	13	23	21	11	26	13	28	6	
Barack Obama	38	43	38	41	24	36	39	32	49	
Equal	34	34	29	32	50	30	38	32	37	
Neither	3	2	5	1	9	5	1	2	5	
Don't know	5	8	5	5	6	3	9	6	3	

(Q13 - Q16 ASKED OF LIKELY VOTERS AND THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY VOTED IN A REPUBLICAN PRIMARY/CAUCUS)

Q13. Now that John McCain is almost certain to become the Republican nominee for president, are you feeling happy or unhappy about his nomination, or have you no opinion one way or the other? (IF HAPPY) Are you enthusiastic or just happy about his nomination? (IF UNHAPPY) Are you angry or just unhappy about his nomination?

	----- Voted or Likely to Vote in Republican Primary/Caucus -----						
	<u>REPRIM</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>
Happy (net)	<u>55</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>50</u>
Enthusiastic	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
Happy	<u>44</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>37</u>
Unhappy (net)	<u>24</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>28</u>
Unhappy	<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>28</u>
Angry	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
No opinion one way or the other	<u>20</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>21</u>
Don't know	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO ARE UNHAPPY WITH MCCAIN NOMINATION)

Q14. Although you say you are unhappy with John McCain as the Republican nominee, are you still likely to vote for him for president in November, or are you likely to vote for another party's candidate, or are you likely to stay home and not vote for president?

Note: table among small N = 77

Vote for McCain	28
Vote for another party's candidate	31
Stay home and not vote	20
Don't know	21

(ASKED OF REPUBLICAN-PRIMARY LIKELY VOTERS AND THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY VOTED)

Q15. Which candidate would be more difficult for John McCain to beat in November: Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama, or would both of them be equally difficult, or do you think McCain would not have a problem with either one?

	----- Voted or Likely to Vote in Republican Primary/Caucus -----						
	<u>REPRIM</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>
Hillary Clinton	14	22	13	13	15	13	14
Barack Obama	42	36	42	47	41	43	52
Equal	16	19	16	14	11	21	20
Neither	18	18	18	17	22	14	9
Don't know	10	5	11	9	11	9	5

Q16. Now, I'm going to read a few phrases and ask you to tell me which one of them fits John McCain best. Of course, if none of the phrases describe him, or if they fit him about the same, then you can tell me that, too. Here are the phrases: He has an admirable character, or he has a good chance to win in November, or he is not a true conservative, or he is honest and trustworthy, or he cannot control his temper, or he is too old for the job, or he is not a true Republican? (TWO REPLIES ACCEPTED)

	----- Voted or Likely to Vote in Republican Primary/Caucus -----						
	<u>REPRIM</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>
Honest and trustworthy	28	52	22	32	25	31	16
Admirable character	25	19	26	25	28	22	25
Good chance to win in November	24	23	25	25	16	33	26
Not a true conservative	23	10	26	20	26	18	37
Not a true Republican	6	3	6	5	10	1	7
Cannot control his temper	3	6	3	3	4	3	1
Too old for the job	3	5	2	2	2	4	4
None of them apply	3	1	4	4	5	2	1
All of them apply	7	-	8	4	10	2	6
Don't know	8	7	9	7	6	11	9

(Q17 - Q51 ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS)

Q17. 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 REPLIES ACCEPTED)

	----- Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Economy	40	54	31	42	41	40	32	49	39	46	36	
War in Iraq	31	39	28	33	35	25	35	36	25	31	30	
Healthcare issues	17	21	10	27	12	12	21	19	13	16	18	
Protect country	15	5	30	7	9	28	5	10	23	14	15	
Illegal immigration	14	4	30	4	18	22	9	10	21	17	12	
Education	8	9	2	13	8	5	14	8	6	5	12	
Environment	5	6	4	10	2	2	13	3	2	5	5	
...Abortion/Gay rights	4	2	8	2	4	7	4	1	7	3	5	
Other	4	2	3	2	6	3	3	3	4	4	3	
None/ All (vol)	8	9	6	8	9	5	10	6	8	7	9	
Don't know	2	1	-	1	4	1	1	4	-	2	1	

Q18. 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)

	----- Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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	40	75	8	76	32	9	73	43	20	32	48	
McCain	46	18	83	14	45	84	20	39	67	49	43	
S/Else	5	4	6	3	10	3	4	3	7	8	3	
Don't know	9	3	3	7	13	4	3	15	6	11	6	

Q19. 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)

	----- Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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	42	75	6	75	39	12	78	47	21	37	47	
McCain	44	14	80	14	41	79	15	33	65	48	39	
S/Else	5	5	7	5	8	1	4	4	6	5	5	
Don't know	9	6	7	6	12	8	3	16	8	10	9	

(Q21-Q32 ASKED OF RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS - N=658)

Q21. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be the strongest leader: Hillary Clinton or John McCain?

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Hillary Clinton	39	70	7	71	27	16	59	39	25	36	41	
John McCain	44	15	82	14	48	79	24	39	63	48	41	
Other candidate (vol)	4	5	2	6	4	1	2	8	2	3	5	
Neither of them (vol)	3	4	-	2	4	1	7	2	2	3	3	
Both equally (vol)	3	2	8	3	2	2	4	3	3	2	3	
Don't know	7	4	1	4	15	1	4	9	5	8	7	

Q22. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best at handling the economy: Hillary Clinton or John McCain?

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Hillary Clinton	43	73	7	75	38	16	62	44	29	41	45	
John McCain	34	10	66	7	32	65	19	24	51	37	31	
Other candidate (vol)	3	2	1	4	3	1	1	5	2	1	4	
Neither of them (vol)	6	5	8	2	7	7	7	3	9	8	4	
Both equally (vol)	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	3	2	1	3	
Don't know	11	8	15	10	17	7	10	18	7	10	13	
Refused	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	3	-	2	-	

Q23. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best at handling health care: Hillary Clinton or John McCain?

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Hillary Clinton	52	81	15	84	51	23	74	55	36	49	56	
John McCain	28	8	62	3	27	56	13	18	47	30	27	
Other candidate (vol)	3	4	1	6	3	1	2	7	2	2	4	
Neither of them (vol)	7	2	8	2	5	10	4	6	9	7	6	
Both equally (vol)	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	
Don't know	9	5	13	5	14	9	7	14	6	11	7	

Q24. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best at handling taxes: Hillary Clinton or John McCain?

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Hillary Clinton	39	71	6	73	28	14	62	30	26	39	39	
John McCain	40	10	82	10	45	72	17	37	59	38	41	
Neither of them (vol)	7	5	4	2	6	6	7	5	8	9	4	
Other candidate (vol)	1	3	-	3	1	-	3	2	1	2	1	
Both equally (vol)	2	3	2	2	3	3	1	6	1	2	3	
Don't know	11	8	6	10	17	5	10	20	5	10	12	

Q25. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think has the right experience to be president: Hillary Clinton or John McCain?

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Hillary Clinton	34	63	13	58	30	12	58	31	22	27	40	
John McCain	46	14	79	26	39	76	20	37	67	54	40	
Other candidate (vol)	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	4	1	2	1	
Both equally (vol)	6	8	3	6	11	2	5	12	4	3	9	
Neither of them (vol)	6	7	2	5	6	7	10	6	5	6	6	
Don't know	6	5	1	3	12	2	5	10	1	8	4	

Q26. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think has more honesty and integrity: Hillary Clinton or John McCain?

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Hillary Clinton	31	55	8	59	22	13	54	22	23	28	35	
John McCain	45	18	75	16	47	78	22	45	60	45	44	
Other candidate (vol)	3	2	2	5	3	2	1	6	2	2	4	
Neither of them (vol)	7	8	6	6	5	4	8	8	7	7	7	
Both equally (vol)	6	7	7	6	12	-	7	7	5	7	4	
Don't know	8	10	2	8	11	3	8	12	3	11	6	

Q29. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think will substantially change the way things are done in Washington: Hillary Clinton or John McCain?

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Hillary Clinton	45	69	14	73	38	22	64	46	32	40	50	
John McCain	23	4	46	8	17	47	11	22	31	21	25	
Other candidate (vol)	4	5	1	7	4	1	4	6	3	3	5	
Neither of them (vol)	16	13	25	6	21	19	15	12	21	20	13	
Both equally (vol)	4	2	9	2	7	3	3	4	5	6	2	
Don't know	8	7	5	4	13	8	3	10	8	10	5	

Q30. Regardless of your choice for president, who would be best at handling the illegal immigration situation: Hillary Clinton or John McCain?

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Hillary Clinton	38	60	12	65	28	21	56	38	30	36	40	
John McCain	35	17	58	12	34	64	23	34	45	35	35	
Other candidate (vol)	2	4	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	
Neither of them (vol)	9	6	9	8	9	8	6	8	11	10	8	
Both equally (vol)	4	3	8	2	8	1	3	3	5	4	3	
Don't know	12	10	12	10	20	5	10	16	8	13	12	

Q31. Regardless of your choice for president, who would be best at handling the situation in Iraq: Hillary Clinton or John McCain?

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Hillary Clinton	35	62	6	63	29	11	65	33	20	32	39	
John McCain	51	23	88	26	49	83	24	46	71	53	49	
Other candidate (vol)	3	3	2	5	3	2	2	7	1	3	3	
Neither of them (vol)	4	5	2	3	6	2	6	3	5	4	3	
Both equally (vol)	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	
Don't know	6	7	2	3	13	1	3	10	3	8	5	

Q32. Regardless of your choice for president, who would be best at protecting the country from terrorism: Hillary Clinton or John McCain?

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Hillary Clinton	27	53	1	53	20	10	53	20	20	22	32	
John McCain	54	23	91	25	54	87	29	55	70	58	50	
Other candidate (vol)	1	2	-	2	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	
Neither of them (vol)	5	8	4	5	2	2	5	3	4	5	4	
Both equally (vol)	4	6	1	3	7	-	4	8	2	2	5	
Don't know	9	8	3	12	16	1	8	13	3	11	7	

(Q34-Q45 ASKED OF RANDOM HALF SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS N=588)

Q34. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best at handling the economy: Barack Obama or John McCain?

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Barack Obama	34	58	6	62	30	10	59	44	15	33	34	
John McCain	42	20	80	16	44	68	18	35	61	50	36	
Other candidate (vol)	7	7	5	8	9	4	12	4	5	3	10	
Neither of them (vol)	4	3	3	5	4	3	3	5	2	4	4	
Both equally (vol)	2	1	-	1	2	3	1	1	3	3	1	
Don't know	11	11	6	8	11	12	7	11	14	7	15	

Q35. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be the strongest leader: Barack Obama or John McCain?

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Barack Obama	35	53	13	62	31	15	52	42	22	32	38	
John McCain	41	24	79	18	35	71	24	31	58	47	36	
Other candidate (vol)	4	6	3	6	2	5	4	4	3	2	6	
Neither of them (vol)	5	3	2	4	7	1	5	6	5	3	7	
Both equally (vol)	5	3	2	2	11	2	2	10	4	9	2	
Don't know	10	11	1	8	14	6	13	7	8	7	11	

Q36. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best at handling health care: Barack Obama or John McCain?

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Barack Obama	44	69	13	69	44	19	70	47	28	41	45	
John McCain	30	12	61	7	28	55	6	30	43	37	24	
Other candidate (vol)	6	7	5	12	5	3	8	4	5	7	6	
Neither of them (vol)	4	4	5	6	3	4	4	6	3	2	6	
Both equally (vol)	1	1	1	1	-	3	1	1	2	1	2	
Don't know	15	7	15	5	20	16	11	12	19	12	17	

Q37. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think would be best at handling taxes: Barack Obama or John McCain?

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Barack Obama	38	64	5	68	37	12	67	43	22	33	43	
John McCain	40	17	80	16	36	72	20	36	57	51	32	
Other candidate (vol)	4	7	3	5	4	2	1	3	4	2	5	
Neither of them (vol)	5	5	2	4	7	2	6	9	2	6	4	
Both equally (vol)	1	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	1	2	-	
Don't know	12	6	8	6	15	11	6	9	14	6	16	

Q38. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think has the right experience to be president: Barack Obama or John McCain?

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Barack Obama	22	35		1	44	14	9	30	34	12	16	27
John McCain	53	39		89	32	50	77	34	44	71	61	47
Other candidate (vol)	4	8		3	8	4	2	3	3	3	4	4
Neither of them (vol)	6	3		3	5	8	3	13	6	2	5	7
Both equally (vol)	5	5		2	2	8	5	6	7	4	6	5
Don't know	10	10		2	9	16	4	14	6	8	8	10

Q39. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think has more honesty and integrity: Barack Obama or John McCain?

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Barack Obama	33	51		12	59	28	11	45	48	21	32	35
John McCain	33	16		70	14	21	70	13	22	53	40	26
Other candidate (vol)	3	2		3	2	3	4	4	1	3	1	5
Neither of them (vol)	9	8		1	6	16	1	18	10	2	9	8
Both equally (vol)	10	15		8	9	14	7	10	11	10	11	10
Don't know	12	8		6	10	18	7	10	8	11	7	16

Q42. Regardless of your choice for president, who do you think will substantially change the way things are done in Washington: Barack Obama or John McCain?

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Barack Obama	55	71		23	70	60	34	74	66	40	52	57
John McCain	20	10		50	12	8	41	12	15	29	21	20
Other candidate (vol)	3	2		2	2	5	2	3	2	3	2	4
Neither of them (vol)	13	6		22	5	18	17	6	9	21	17	9
Both equally (vol)	1	1		2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	-
Don't know	8	10		1	10	8	4	4	7	5	6	10

Q43. Regardless of your choice for president, who would be best at handling the illegal immigration situation: Barack Obama or John McCain?

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Barack Obama	29	44		5	51	29	11	50	43	11	25	33
John McCain	40	31		68	25	34	61	28	25	56	46	35
Other candidate (vol)	2	2		4	3	2	2	-	2	3	2	3
Neither of them (vol)	9	5		13	3	15	7	9	9	10	11	7
Both equally (vol)	3	1		1	2	3	1	3	3	3	3	3
Don't know	17	17		9	16	17	18	10	18	17	13	19

Q44. Regardless of your choice for president, who would be best at handling the situation in Iraq: Barack Obama or John McCain?

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----										
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEMPRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Barack Obama	34	53	11	63	30	7	61	41	17	25	42
John McCain	47	28	83	14	54	79	21	43	66	59	38
Other candidate (vol)	3	2	2	3	2	4	1	3	3	1	4
Neither of them (vol)	4	6	2	6	4	-	4	7	1	5	3
Both equally (vol)	1	4	-	3	-	-	1	-	2	1	1
Don't know	11	7	2	11	10	10	12	6	11	9	12

Q45. Regardless of your choice for president, who would be best at protecting the country from terrorism: Barack Obama or John McCain?

	----- Half Sample Registered Voters -----										
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEMPRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Barack Obama	21	39	1	48	13	6	36	30	9	14	28
John McCain	58	40	92	30	58	83	41	47	74	68	49
Other candidate (vol)	2	2	2	3	1	2	1	2	2	2	2
Neither of them (vol)	7	4	3	3	17	1	11	11	2	7	7
Both equally (vol)	3	6	2	6	2	-	5	2	2	3	3
Don't know	9	9	-	10	9	8	6	8	11	6	11

(Q46 - Q51 ASKED OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)

Q46. What is your impression of New York Senator Hillary Clinton? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her to say?

	----- Registered Voters -----										
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEMPRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Favorable (net)	51	78	19	82	48	23	74	59	30	47	56
Very favorable	25	44	4	47	22	6	40	28	8	20	29
Somewhat favorable	26	34	14	35	26	17	34	31	22	27	27
Unfavorable (net)	42	17	76	13	44	73	22	31	63	46	37
Somewhat unfav'ble	14	8	21	5	20	20	7	16	18	17	12
Very unfavorable	27	9	56	8	24	52	15	14	45	29	25
Haven't heard enough	4	3	5	2	5	2	3	5	4	3	4
Don't know (net)	3	2	-	3	3	3	1	6	3	4	3

Q47. What is your impression of Illinois Senator Barack Obama? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him to say?

	----- Registered Voters -----										
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEMPRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Favorable (net)	61	77	36	78	63	41	79	70	48	58	63
Very favorable	30	50	10	52	25	10	53	39	16	29	32
Somewhat favorable	30	27	26	25	37	31	26	31	32	29	31
Unfavorable (net)	27	14	52	13	25	44	16	19	38	27	26
Somewhat unfav'ble	12	7	22	6	15	17	9	9	16	12	12
Very unfavorable	15	7	30	7	11	27	7	10	22	15	15
Haven't heard enough	8	5	10	7	7	10	3	8	8	10	7
Don't know (net)	4	4	2	2	5	5	2	3	6	5	4

Q48. What is your impression of Arizona Senator John McCain? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him to say?

	----- Registered Voters -----											
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Favorable (net)	<u>61</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>58</u>	
Very favorable	24	9	39	12	25	40	19	23	28	24	23	
Somewhat favorable	38	38	41	32	40	44	25	40	47	41	35	
Unfavorable (net)	<u>26</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>30</u>	
Somewhat unfav'ble	13	20	5	20	12	6	23	9	9	11	15	
Very unfavorable	13	22	4	20	9	5	20	13	7	10	15	
Haven't heard enough	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	
Don't know (net)	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	

Q49. As you may know, John McCain will be 72 years of age and Barack Obama will be 47 years of age at the time of the presidential election in November. Some people say that McCain is too old to become president or Obama is too young, while others say that age doesn't matter. How about you? Do you think McCain is too old or Obama is too young to be president of the U.S., or does age not matter?

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McCain too old	<u>12</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	
Obama too young	3	4	3	2	5	4	5	2	4	3	4	
Age does not matter	<u>79</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>78</u>	
Both (vol)	3	5	1	5	3	1	2	3	3	4	3	
Don't know	3	1	4	2	1	6	3	2	3	2	3	

Q50. Do you think the country is ready to elect a woman president, or not?

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	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Yes	<u>61</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>59</u>	
No	31	16	48	19	30	45	21	27	41	29	32	
Don't know	8	8	5	8	10	7	4	11	8	8	9	

Q51. Do you think the country is ready to elect an African-American man for president, or not?

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	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>PRIM</u>	<u>REPRIM</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>
Yes	<u>70</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>68</u>	
No	20	15	31	17	15	27	14	17	24	18	22	
Don't know	10	8	5	9	13	9	5	11	10	11	10	