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Fred Thompson Moving Up in the Republican Primary Horserace to the Detriment of John McCain

- **Hillary Rodham Clinton Still Has Solid Lead in Democratic Primary Race; but Obama More Electable in General Election**

As found in previous polls, Republicans are not too satisfied with their field of candidates compared to their Democratic counterparts, especially the conservative element of the Republican Party. Less than one in three Republican primary voters said they could vote for all the candidates running for the Republican nomination for president, compared to two in five Democratic primary voters. With the contentious division between parties and the White House, Democrats are looking for a candidate that can bridge partisan divides, rather than one with extensive experience in government and policy making. And that group believes Barack Obama, the Illinois Senator, is the candidate that can bring the country together. On the other side of the political aisle, although most of the ten Republican candidates are trying to sound as conservative as they can to woo the conservative base of the party, Republicans are more concerned about national security issues and terrorism than the so-called social issues, such as abortion and gay rights. And, that group sees former Mayor of New York Rudy Giuliani as the candidate capable of defending our country.

Republican primary voters

Former Mass. Governor Mitt Romney would like to be the candidate of the conservative right. As the former Mass. governor plays to the party's conservative core, the new Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg poll shows that he is having a hard time climbing over the top tiered candidates. Now that former Tennessee Senator and actor Fred Thompson has unofficially announced that he will enter the race, conservatives have moved toward his candidacy, making it more difficult for Romney to campaign to that base.

Thompson has become a competitive candidate and the poll shows that he is in a statistical tie with former Mayor of New York Rudy Giuliani among Republican primary voters, including independents voting in the GOP primary. Thompson is being touted as the new Ronald Reagan. All of his allure, though, is on an untested candidate who has not had to endure the rigors of a national high-profile campaign or spar with his rivals in three Republican debates. But, having said that, Giuliani captured 27% of Republican primary voters, while Thompson received 21%. McCain is only supported by 12% of the voters, while Romney is backed by 10%. Fourteen percent are undecided. The others running are in low single digits.

Former Arizona Senator John McCain's campaign appears to be in trouble from both sides of his party – moderate Republicans want a troop withdrawal while McCain wants to keep the troops in Iraq, and conservatives are not interested in voting for him. One issue that should worry the McCain campaign is that

22% of all Republican primary voters, including 25% of the religious right, said that they could not vote for McCain under any circumstances.

If the Republican primary or caucus for president were being held in your state today and the candidates were Kansas Senator Sam Brownback, former House Majority Leader Newt Gingrich, 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, Colorado Congressman Tom Tancredo, former governor of Wisconsin Tommy Thompson, and former Tennessee Senator and actor Fred Thompson, for whom would you vote?(with leaners)

	REPUBLICAN		CONSERVATIVE	RELIGIOUS
	<u>PRIMARY VOTERS</u>	<u>INDEPENDENTS</u>	<u>REPUBLICAN</u>	<u>RIGHT</u>
Giuliani	27	31	24	12
Fred Thompson	21	17	26	32
McCain	12	8	12	11
Romney	10	15	11	10
Gingrich	9	12	7	8
Huckabee	3	1	4	7
Tom Thompson	2	2	2	--
Hunter	1	--	1	1
Brownback	--	--	-	--
S/Else	1	3	--	1
D/know	14	11	13	18

What if the primary or caucus in your state was narrowed down to Rudy Giuliani , John McCain, Mitt Romney and Fred Thompson? Regardless of your choice for president, if the election were being held today, for whom would you vote: Giuliani, McCain, Romney or Thompson? (with leaners)

	REPUBLICAN		CONSERVATIVE	RELIGIOUS
	<u>PRIMARY VOTERS</u>	<u>INDEPENDENTS</u>	<u>REPUBLICAN</u>	<u>RIGHT</u>
Giuliani	32	38	25	22
Thompson	28	20	34	42
McCain	17	15	17	14
Romney	14	15	17	12
Don't know	9	11	7	9

When the race is narrowed down to the top four candidates, Giuliani and Thompson are nearly neck and neck at 32% and 28%, respectively. McCain got the backing of 17% of the voters, while Romney received 14%. In an April Times/Bloomberg poll, only three candidates were mentioned (Thompson was not included) and Giuliani received 48% of the vote, to McCain's 25% and Romney's 20%.

More than two thirds of Republican primary voters said that the candidate's views on national security and terrorism are the most important issues in choosing a candidate for president, while 22% believe it is social issues, such as abortion and gay rights. Among those candidates who mention national security, nearly a third supported Giuliani, 21% backed Thompson, 13% supported McCain and 10% backed Romney. Among those who cited social issues, about a fifth would back Thompson or Giuliani, while about one in eight would back each McCain or Romney.

Also, nearly two out of five Republican primary voters said they would be less likely to vote for a candidate that favors abortion rights, 11% said it would make them more likely and 48% said it would not factor into their decision. This issue is a litmus test for the religious right. Nearly two-thirds of those who consider themselves religiously conservative said it would make them less likely to vote for a candidate who favors abortion rights.

Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate for president in November 2008, if you knew he or she was in favor of abortion rights, or would knowing that not be a factor in your vote?

	REPUBLICAN		CONSERVATIVE	RELIGIOUS
	<u>PRIMARY VOTERS</u>	<u>INDEPENDENTS</u>	<u>REPUBLICAN</u>	<u>RIGHT</u>
More likely	11	6	8	10
Less likely	39	43	45	65
Not a factor	48	49	45	24
Don't know	2	2	2	1

Thompson, more so than Romney, is the beneficiary of the conservative base because of his views on this issue, among others. In a follow-up interview Penny Crider, a 44 year old from Livonia, Michigan, said “Thompson opposes abortion and his core beliefs have never changed. He doesn’t flip flop.” More than a fifth of Republican primary voters who said they would be less likely to vote for a pro-choice candidate, are supporting Thompson vs. 15% for Giuliani and 14% for Romney.

As we have seen in the debates and in the candidates campaigning, President George W. Bush is barely mentioned. And usually, if he is mentioned, he is criticized for his mismanagement of the war (the candidates’ words) and the immigration issue (most candidates are against Bush’s policy). So it is not surprising that almost two-thirds of Republican primary voters want the new Republican nominee to campaign on a platform of moving the country in a new direction.

Some demographics: The younger voters and the elderly voters (65+) are splitting their vote between Giuliani and Thompson. Republican voters with less than a college education are swinging toward Giuliani, while those more educated are dividing their support between Giuliani (29%) and Thompson (26%). Men are dividing their vote – 30% each – for Giuliani and Thompson, while women give Giuliani more than a 10 point advantage or more over the top three candidates. Those Republican voters who attend religious services weekly or more are leaning marginally toward Thompson (26%) than Giuliani (21%). But those who attend services less than that are solidly for Giuliani.

Democratic primary voters

On the other side of the aisle, with three debates under their belt as well, the Democratic candidates are in the same holding pattern as they were in a Times/Bloomberg poll conducted in April. NY Senator Hillary Clinton is well liked by her party and remains in the lead with 33% of Democratic primary voters, followed by Illinois Senator Barack Obama at 22% and former North Carolina Senator John Edwards at 8% (a decline of six points from the April poll). Former VP Al Gore, who has said he is not running for president, received 15% of the vote, while the other candidates running were in low single digits. At this point, Clinton is in good position going forward working toward the front loaded primaries. However, in general election match-ups, Obama appears to be more electable than his primary rivals. One problem for Clinton in a general election campaign may be voters other than her Democratic base who could not vote for her. For example, when paired in a general election match-up with the top three Republican candidates – McCain, Giuliani and Romney – Clinton just receives the support of between 3% and 6% of Republicans. Included in the 18% of all Democratic primary

voters who said that they could not vote for Hillary Clinton under any circumstances, are roughly a quarter of independents who would vote in a Democratic primary or caucus said they, too, could not vote for Clinton under any circumstance. For Obama, just 5% of Democratic primary voters, including 4% of independents who would not vote for him. His appeal is more widespread. More than half of Democratic primary voters said that choosing a candidate for president who can bridge partisan divides is more important to them, while 39% who said a candidate with long experience in government and policy making is. Three in 10 of Democratic voters who cited a candidate who can bring the country together, supports Obama, while more than half of those who mention long experience in policy making back the NY Senator. In a match-up with the top three Republican candidates, Obama receives more support from Republicans than Clinton – anywhere from 9% to 15%, plus he gets the support of between 19% to 28% from conservatives.

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, Connecticut Senator Chris Dodd, former North Carolina Senator John Edwards, Delaware Senator Joe Biden, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, Illinois Senator Barack Obama, former Vice President Al Gore, and Ohio Representative Dennis Kucinich, for whom would you vote? (with leaners)

	<u>DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS</u>	<u>LIBERAL DEMOCRATS</u>	<u>MOD/CONSER DEMOCRATS</u>	<u>INDEPENDENTS</u>
Clinton	33	40	33	25
Obama	22	21	25	19
Gore	15	18	9	19
Edwards	8	10	6	12
Biden	5	4	9	3
Richardson	4	1	5	4
Kucinich	2	--	--	7
Dodd	1	--	3	--
Someone else	1	3	--	--
Don't know	9	3	10	11

What if the primary or caucus in your state was narrowed down to Hillary Rodham Clinton, John Edwards and Barack Obama? Regardless of your choice for president, if the election were being held today for whom would you vote: Clinton, Edwards or Obama? (with leaners)

	<u>DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS</u>	<u>LIBERAL DEMOCRATS</u>	<u>MOD/CONSER DEMOCRATS</u>	<u>INDEPENDENTS</u>
Clinton	42	51	43	37
Obama	32	27	36	33
Edwards	20	18	17	23
Someone else	2	3	1	2
Don't know	4	1	3	5

What is more important to you in choosing a candidate for president: A candidate who bridge partisan divides, or a candidate with long experience in government and policy making?

	(51%)	(39%)
	Bridge divides	Experience
Obama	31	11
Clinton	21	51
Gore	15	14
Edwards	11	4
Biden	7	3
Richardson	3	6
Kucinich	3	--
Dodd	--	3

Some demographics: Younger voters are more inclined to vote for Obama than Clinton (32% to 25%), while older voters support Clinton. Those 45-64 years old give Clinton 38% vs. Obama at 19%; 65 and over voters support Clinton by more than three to one (38% to 11%). The less affluent are supporting Clinton by more than two to one, while the more affluent voters are somewhat divided (22% for Clinton, 26% for Obama). Interestingly, women with higher education are split – 29% for Clinton and 27% for Obama, but women less educated (high school or less) are supporting Clinton over Obama with a huge 25 point advantage.

General election match-ups

In a generic presidential general election, the Democrats beat the Republicans by eight points among registered voters (49%-41%). But when the match-ups are among different candidates, the story is slightly different.

Clinton vs. three top Republican candidates: McCain narrowly leads Clinton by 45% to 41%, although within the poll's margin of error. The gender gap that has been seen in many election polls is no exception in this poll. Among men, 34% support the NY Senator, 52% support the Arizona Senator, while the reverse is true of women – 47% for Clinton and 38% for McCain. A large majority of minorities are supporting the Democrat over McCain, as well as the other top two candidates – Giuliani and Romney. Independents support Clinton by 40% to 34%.

Romney narrowly leads Clinton by 43% to 41%, but well within the poll's margin of error. Again, there is a gender gap, with men supporting Romney, while Clinton receives the support of the women. White voters would give Romney a 14 point advantage over his Democratic rival.

Giuliani beats Clinton by 10 points (49%-39%). Slightly more than half of white voters support the Republican candidate (an 18 point lead over Clinton). Women who usually are strong supporters of the only female candidate for president, barely supports Clinton over Giuliani (45%-41%), while men solidly endorse the former mayor of NY (57%-32%).

Edwards vs. three top Republican candidates: McCain narrowly leads Edwards by five points, but within the poll's margin of error --45% to 40%. Edwards, too, sees a gender gap – with men supporting McCain (54%-31%) and women giving the Democrat a 12 point advantage.

Edwards beats Romney by 14 points (46%-32%). White voters are virtually split between the two. Independents give Edwards a 41%-27% lead over his opponent.

Edwards marginally is ahead of Giuliani by 46% to 43%, although within the poll's margin of error. Once again, men are supporting the Republican candidate over the Democratic opponent. Women are supporting Edwards (48%) over Giuliani (38%). Nearly half of white voters support Giuliani.

Obama vs. three top Republican candidates: This poll shows that Obama, among the top three Democratic candidates, appears to be the more electable candidate. Obama takes a 12 point advantage over McCain (47%-35%), has a 16 point lead over Romney (50%-34%) and a small five point lead over Giuliani within the poll's margin of error. More minorities support Obama against each of the three Republican matchups than the other two Democratic candidates. White voters split their votes among Obama and McCain and Obama and Romney. But, Giuliani gets a nine point advantage with this racial group over his Democratic rival (49% for Giuliani, 40% for Obama). The Democratic Senator from Illinois maintains a leads in each of the three paired matchups among women voters. Independents are also supporting the Democratic candidate over the three Republican candidates.

Issues and character traits

Voters were asked what characteristics will play a major role in deciding which candidate to choose for president. More than a fifth each said strong leadership qualities and build respect for the U.S. around the world, followed by 20% who said shares my values, 20% who said put politics aside and work with the opposing party and 18% has more integrity.

Among Republican primary voters who mentioned strong leadership qualities, 32% would vote for Giuliani in the Republican primaries, 18% would support former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, 18% would back Thompson, 15% would back Romney and 6% would support McCain. Among Democratic primary voters who also mentioned strong leadership qualities, Clinton leads all of her opponents by at least more than two to one.

Among Republican voters who cited shares the same values, Giuliani tops his opponents by a solid lead.

Among Democratic voters who mentioned build respect around the world, 31% said they would vote for Obama, followed by Clinton at 25%, 15% for Gore and 7% for Edwards.

Nearly all voters think that Iraq is either the most important issue for the presidential candidates to grapple with (36%) or an important issue (58%). Just 5% said Iraq wasn't important. Nearly half of Democrats, plus more than two out of five liberals said the war was the most important issue.

Four out of five voters believe illegal immigration is the most important issue (15%) or an important issue (66%). Less than a fifth thought this issue was not important.

If Hillary Clinton becomes the Democratic nominee, more than three-quarters of voters said that their feelings about Bill Clinton will not affect their voting for his wife. Roughly a fifth each of liberals and Democrats said the former president being married to a candidate will have a positive effect, while roughly the same share of conservative and Republican voters said it would have a negative effect (but would they have voted for Hillary Clinton any way?).

Congress

Congress' job approval rating has plummeted since the last poll in April. Now 27% of all Americans approve of the way Congress is handling its job, while 65% disapprove. This is one of the worst ratings the Times/Bloomberg or Times poll has registered for this legislative body. This drop in ratings may be due to the vote to not include a timetable for withdrawal of troops from Iraq and the illegal immigration issue. The Democrats came into office overtaking Republican majorities in both Houses with the promise of cleaning house, working in a bipartisan way and withdrawing troops from Iraq.

Just 29% of the respondents said that the Democrats in Congress are working hard to bring fundamental change to the way government is run, compared to 63% who said they are governing in a business as usual manner. Even liberals and Democrats, the core of the Democratic party, are not pleased with Congress. Roughly half of both groups said that the Democrats in Congress are governing in a business as usual manner.

Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House, has a net negative rating – 41% to 37%. In a January Times/Bloomberg poll, Pelosi received an overall positive impression from the public, 34% to 21%. In comparing Pelosi to former Speaker and Republican Newt Gingrich, who was Speaker in the mid 1990's, he received a 47% job approval rating, compared to 36% disapproving. But in his days as Speaker, Gingrich never got past 30% in overall favorable ratings.

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***Results from the Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg Poll
June 7-10, 2007 (2008 Presidential race and national issues)***

Guide to Column Headings

Among All: (Q5-Q8)

ALL	All adults
REG	Registered voters
LIB	Self-described liberals
MOD	Self-described moderates
CON	Self-described conservatives
DEM	Self-described Democrats
IND	Self-described Independents
REP	Self-described Republicans
MEN	Males
WOM	Females

Among Democrats and Independents/Others voting in the Democratic Primary or Caucus: (Q20-Q23)

DemPV	All Democratic Primary Voters
LibDem	Liberal Democrats
Mod/Con	Moderate/conservative Democrats
IND	Independents
MEN	Males
WOM	Females
WHT	Whites
N/Wht	Non-Whites

Among Republicans and Independents/others voting in Republican Primary or Caucus: (Q24-Q29)

RepPV	All Republican Primary Voters
IND	Independents
ConRep	Conservative Republicans
MEN	Males
WOM	Females
RELG	Religious Conservatives

Among Registered voters: (Q30-Q43)

REG	All Registered voters
LIB	Self-described liberals
MOD	Self-described moderates
CON	Self-described conservatives
DEM	Self-described Democrats
IND	Self-described Independents
REP	Self-described Republicans
MEN	Males
WOM	Females

Note:

- Questions are not in numerical order.
- (vol.) indicates a volunteered response
- ‘-’ indicates of less than 0.5%

Q5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	Among All									
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Approve (net)	<u>27</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>26</u>
Approve strongly	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Approve somewhat	<u>23</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>21</u>
Disapprove (net)	<u>65</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>62</u>
Disapprove somewhat	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>27</u>
Disapprove strongly	<u>40</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>36</u>
Don't know	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>12</u>

Q6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nancy Pelosi is handling her job as Speaker of the House? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	Among All									
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Approve (net)	<u>36</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>37</u>
Approve strongly	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>
Approve somewhat	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>27</u>
Disapprove (net)	<u>39</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>37</u>
Disapprove somewhat	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>
Disapprove strongly	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>19</u>
Don't know	<u>25</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>26</u>

Q7. As you may know, Newt Gingrich was Speaker of the House in the mid 1990's. Did you approve or disapprove of the way Newt Gingrich handled his job when he was Speaker of the House? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Did you (approve/disapprove) strongly or did you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	Among All									
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Approve (net)	<u>46</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>42</u>
Approve strongly	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>13</u>
Approve somewhat	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>29</u>
Disapprove (net)	<u>34</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>35</u>
Disapprove somewhat	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
Disapprove strongly	<u>24</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>25</u>
Don't know	<u>20</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>23</u>

Q8. Do you think the Democrats in Congress are working hard to bring fundamental change to the way government is run, or are they governing in a "business as usual" manner?

	Among All									
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Bring change	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>33</u>
Business as usual	<u>63</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>57</u>
Don't know	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>

(ASKED OF DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS/OTHERS VOTING IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY OR CAUCUS)

(ORDER OF CANDIDATE NAMES IS ROTATED)

Q20. 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, Connecticut Senator Chris Dodd, former North Carolina Senator John Edwards, Delaware Senator Joe Biden, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, Illinois Senator Barack Obama , former Vice President Al Gore, and Ohio Representative Dennis Kucinich, for whom would you vote: Clinton, Dodd, Edwards, Biden, Richardson, Obama, Gore or Kucinich? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Among Democratic Primary Voters							
	<u>DemPV</u>	<u>LibDem</u>	<u>Mod/Con</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>N/WHT</u>
Clinton	33	40	33	25	29	36	25	51
Obama	22	21	25	19	27	18	22	22
Gore	15	18	9	19	13	16	19	6
Edwards	8	10	6	12	10	7	11	3
Biden	5	4	9	3	5	6	2	12
Richardsn	4	1	5	4	6	3	5	1
Kucinich	2	—	—	7	3	—	2	—
Dodd	1	—	3	—	—	2	2	—
Someone else (vol.)	1	3	—	—	—	2	1	—
Don't know	9	3	10	11	7	10	11	5

(ORDER OF CANDIDATES' NAMES IS ROTATED)

Q21. What if the primary or caucus in your state was narrowed down to Hillary Rodham Clinton, John Edwards and Barack Obama? Regardless of your choice for president, if the election were being held today for whom would you vote: Clinton, Edwards or Obama? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Among Democratic Primary Voters							
	<u>DemPV</u>	<u>LibDem</u>	<u>Mod/Con</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>N/WHT</u>
Clinton	42	51	43	37	35	47	35	59
Obama	32	27	36	33	41	26	32	31
Edwards	20	18	17	23	21	19	25	7
Someone else (vol.)	2	3	1	2	2	2	3	—
Don't know	4	1	3	5	1	6	5	3

(ORDER OF CANDIDATES IS ROTATED)

Q22. Thinking again about the possible Democratic candidates for president, are there any of them that you would not vote for under any circumstances? Would you not vote for Hillary Rodham Clinton, or Chris Dodd, or John Edwards, or Joe Biden, or Bill Richardson, or Barack Obama , or Al Gore, or Dennis Kucinich? (UP TO FOUR REPLIES ACCEPTED)

	Among Democratic Primary Voters							
	<u>DemPV</u>	<u>LibDem</u>	<u>Mod/Con</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>N/WHT</u>
Would vote for all of them (vol.)	40	43	40	32	40	40	41	38
Hillary Rodham Clinton	18	12	18	24	23	14	20	12
Dennis Kucinich	9	12	5	16	8	10	11	7
Al Gore	8	4	7	10	7	8	9	5
John Edwards	6	8	5	7	6	6	4	10
Barack Obama	5	3	7	4	7	4	6	3
Bill Richardson	5	7	3	6	7	4	3	11
Joe Biden	4	6	2	4	5	3	2	8
Chris Dodd	2	3	1	1	3	1	2	1
Other	3	4	4	1	1	5	3	4
Don't know	11	8	13	13	7	13	9	14

Q23. What is more important to you in choosing a candidate for president: A candidate who can bridge partisan divides, or a candidate with long experience in government and policy making?

	Among Democratic Primary Voters						
	<u>DemPV</u>	<u>LibDem</u>	<u>Mod/Con</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u> <u>N/WHT</u>
Candidate who can bridge partisan divides	51	47	42	69	54	49	54 43
Long experience in government and policy making	39	39	48	26	37	41	36 47
Don't know	10	14	10	5	9	10	10 10

(ASKED OF REPUBLICANS AND INDEPENDENTS/OTHERS VOTING IN REPUBLICAN PRIMARY OR CAUCUS)

(ORDER OF CANDIDATE NAMES IS ROTATED)

Q24. If the Republican primary or caucus for president were being held in your state today and the candidates were Kansas Senator Sam Brownback, former House Majority Leader Newt Gingrich, 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, Colorado Congressman Tom Tancredo, former governor of Wisconsin Tommy Thompson, and former Tennessee Senator and actor Fred Thompson, for whom would you vote: Brownback, Gingrich, Giuliani, Hucakabee, Hunter, McCain, Romney, Tancredo, Tommy Thompson or Fred Thompson? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Among Republican Primary Voters					
	<u>RepPV</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>ConRep</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>RELIG</u>
Giuliani	27	31	24	30	24	12
Fred Thompson	21	17	26	30	14	32
McCain	12	8	12	11	12	11
Romney	10	15	11	7	12	10
Gingrich	9	12	7	9	10	8
Huckabee	3	1	4	5	1	7
Tommy Thompson	2	2	2	1	3	—
Hunter	1	—	1	—	1	1
Brownback	—	—	—	—	1	—
Someone else (vol.)	1	3	—	—	2	1
Don't know	14	11	13	7	20	18

(ORDER OF CANDIDATES' NAMES IS ROTATED)

Q25. What if the primary or caucus in your state was narrowed down to Rudy Giuliani, John McCain, Mitt Romney and Fred Thompson? Regardless of your choice for president, if the election were being held today, for whom would you vote: Giuliani, McCain, Romney or Thompson? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Among Republican Primary Voters					
	<u>RepPV</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>ConRep</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>RELIG</u>
Giuliani	32	38	25	37	27	22
Fred Thompson	28	20	34	35	22	42
McCain	17	15	17	14	20	14
Romney	14	15	17	9	18	12
Someone else (vol.)	—	1	—	—	—	1
Don't know	9	11	7	5	13	9

(ORDER OF CANDIDATES' NAMES IS ROTATED)

Q26. Thinking again about the possible Republican candidates for president, are there any of them that you would not vote for under any circumstances? Would you not vote for Sam Brownback, or Newt Gingrich, or Rudy Giuliani, or Mike Huckabee, or Duncan Hunter, or John McCain, or Mitt Romney, or Tom Tancredo, or Fred Thompson, or Tommy Thompson? (UP TO FOUR REPLIES ACCEPTED)

	Among Republican Primary Voters					
	<u>RepPV</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>ConRep</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>RELIG</u>
Would vote for all of them (vol.)	29	22	31	28	29	32
John McCain	22	23	25	26	19	25
Rudy Giuliani	12	15	14	7	17	20
Newt Gingrich	9	16	3	4	13	7
Mitt Romney	8	10	7	11	5	8
Sam Brownback	4	5	3	4	3	2
Fred Thompson	4	—	5	5	3	1
Mike Huckabee	3	5	3	4	2	2
Duncan Hunter	3	5	4	4	2	2
Tommy Thompson	3	7	3	4	3	—
Tom Tancredo	2	7	1	2	2	—
Other	3	—	3	4	1	4
Don't know	18	21	15	15	22	15

Q27. Which of the following is most important to you in choosing a candidate for president: their views on social issues, such as abortion and gay rights, or their position on national security and terrorism?

	Among Republican Primary Voters					
	<u>RepPV</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>ConRep</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>RELIG</u>
National security	68	71	68	77	60	48
Social issues	22	13	25	15	27	37
Both (vol.)	8	14	6	6	9	12
None (vol.)	1	2	—	2	1	1
Don't know	1	—	1	—	3	2

Q28. Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate for president in November 2008, if you knew he or she was in favor of abortion rights, or would knowing that not be a factor in your vote? (IF MORE OR LESS) Would this make you much (more/less) likely or only somewhat (more/less) likely to vote for that candidate?

	Among Republican Primary Voters					
	<u>RepPV</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>ConRep</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>RELIG</u>
More likely (net)	11	6	8	10	12	10
Much more likely	8	2	5	9	6	6
Somewhat more likely	3	4	3	—	6	4
Less likely (net)	39	43	45	28	49	65
Somewhat less likely	10	5	13	10	11	12
Much less likely	29	38	32	18	38	53
Not a factor	48	49	45	62	36	24
Don't know	2	2	2	—	3	1

Q29. 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?

	Among Republican Primary Voters					
	<u>RepPV</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>ConRep</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>RELIG</u>
Move in a new direction	65	77	55	73	59	51
Continue Bush policies	27	12	37	22	30	40
Don't know	8	11	8	5	11	9

(ASKED OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS) (ORDER OF PARTIES ROTATED)

Q30. If the November general election for president were being held today, which party would you like to see win: the Democratic Party or the Republican Party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Among Registered Voters								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Democratic	49	80	58	24	95	44	3	46	51
Republican	41	11	27	69	3	30	94	44	38
Other party (vol.)	1	3	—	—	1	2	—	2	1
Neither (vol.)	3	2	4	3	1	8	—	3	3
Don't know	6	4	11	4	—	16	3	5	7

(ASKED OF SPLIT SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS)

(ORDER OF NEXT FIVE QUESTIONS AND CANDIDATES WITHIN EACH QUESTION IS ROTATED)

Q31. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Hillary Rodham 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)

	Among Registered Voters								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
McCain	45	15	35	73	18	34	89	52	38
H R Clinton	41	71	43	18	70	40	6	34	47
Someone else (vol.)	9	8	12	8	8	13	5	11	8
Don't know	5	6	10	1	4	13	—	3	7

Q32. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Hillary Rodham 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)

	Among Registered Voters								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Romney	43	6	37	71	16	34	85	47	39
H R Clinton	41	76	48	17	73	42	5	36	46
Someone else (vol.)	10	13	8	8	8	12	8	14	6
Don't know	6	5	7	4	3	12	2	3	9

Q33. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Hillary Rodham 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)

	Among Registered Voters								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Giuliani	49	18	39	76	24	34	92	57	41
H R Clinton	39	67	47	16	66	43	3	32	45
Someone else (vol.)	9	9	9	8	9	15	5	10	8
Don't know	3	6	5	—	1	8	—	1	6

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

	Among Registered Voters								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
McCain	45	19	33	70	17	35	85	54	36
Edwards	40	69	43	19	75	39	6	31	48
Someone else (vol.)	7	6	10	6	5	9	5	8	7
Don't know	8	6	14	5	3	17	4	7	9

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

	Among Registered Voters								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Edwards	46	73	51	26	82	41	14	40	52
Romney	32	3	21	59	6	27	70	41	24
Someone else (vol.)	13	15	16	9	8	15	9	13	12
Don't know	9	9	12	6	4	17	7	6	12

(ASKED OF SPLIT SAMPLE OF REGISTERED VOTERS)

(ORDER OF NEXT FOUR QUESTIONS AND CANDIDATES WITHIN EACH QUESTION IS ROTATED)

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

	Among Registered Voters								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Edwards	46	69	60	23	80	37	12	43	48
Giuliani	43	16	31	67	10	43	85	51	38
Someone else (vol.)	4	7	3	4	4	7	1	3	5
Don't know	7	8	6	6	6	13	2	3	9

Q37. 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)

	Among Registered Voters								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Obama	47	81	57	19	86	45	9	47	47
McCain	35	7	26	60	7	30	77	40	32
Someone else (vol.)	10	7	8	13	1	18	6	9	11
Don't know	8	5	9	8	6	7	8	4	10

Q38. 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)

	Among Registered Voters								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Obama	50	79	56	28	88	44	14	57	45
Romney	34	8	25	56	2	31	72	35	33
Someone else (vol.)	7	8	7	6	5	9	4	3	10
Don't know	9	5	12	10	5	16	10	5	12

Q39. 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)

	Among Registered Voters								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Obama	46	74	56	23	81	43	15	47	46
Giuliani	41	14	30	67	10	39	80	47	38
Someone else (vol.)	5	4	6	3	1	7	—	2	6
Don't know	8	8	8	7	8	11	5	4	10

(ASKED OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)

Q40. Regardless of your choice for president, which of the following characteristics will play a major role in deciding which candidate you will vote for as the next president of the United States. Will it be that the candidate has strong leadership qualities, or cares about people like you, or has not changed his or her position for political advantage, or has more integrity than the other candidates, or shares your values, or will build respect for the U.S. around the world, or will be able to put aside partisan politics and work with the opposing party? (UP TO TWO REPLIES ACCEPTED)

	Among Registered Voters								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Strong leadership qualities	22	19	18	26	21	22	21	22	21
Build respect for the U.S. around the world	22	28	24	17	30	23	17	23	22
Put aside partisan politics and work with opposing party	20	22	22	16	21	18	18	23	16
Shares my values	20	17	16	25	14	17	28	21	19
More integrity than the other candidates	18	19	15	20	14	22	20	14	21
Cares about people like me	12	9	15	11	16	9	7	9	14
Stand firm in their positions and not change beliefs	10	5	12	13	5	11	14	9	11
All	8	10	10	6	9	9	7	6	10
None	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Other	2	1	5	1	2	4	1	2	3
Don't know	2	5	1	1	1	3	3	2	3

(ORDER OF NEXT TWO QUESTIONS IS ROTATED)

Q41. When you decide which candidate to support for your party's presidential nomination, is his or her stand on Iraq the most important issue, an important issue - but not the most important one, not too important, or not important at all?

	Among Registered Voters								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Important issue (net)	<u>94</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>
Most important	36	42	37	30	46	31	26	36	35
Important, not the most important	58	51	58	63	48	60	71	57	59
Not too important (net)	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
Not too important	4	4	3	5	4	6	2	6	3
Not important at all	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2
Don't know	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	—	—	—	<u>3</u>	—	—	<u>1</u>

Q42. When you decide which candidate to support for your party's presidential nomination, is his or her stand on illegal immigration the most important issue, an important issue - but not the most important one, not too important, or not important at all?

	Among Registered Voters								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Important issue (net)	<u>81</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>81</u>
Most important	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>
Important, not most	<u>66</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>66</u>
Not too important (net)	<u>18</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
Not too important	<u>16</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>17</u>
Not important at all	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
Don't know	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	—	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	—	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Q43. If Hillary Rodham Clinton is the Democratic presidential nominee, will your feelings about Bill Clinton affect your decision to vote for or against her in the upcoming presidential general election, or will it not affect the way you vote one way or the other? (IF AFFECT) Will that affect your vote in a positive way or in a negative way?

	Among Registered Voters								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Will not affect	<u>76</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>80</u>
Positive way	<u>10</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>
Negative way	<u>14</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>12</u>
Don't know	—	—	<u>1</u>	—	—	<u>1</u>	—	—	<u>1</u>

Methodology

The Los Angeles Times / Bloomberg Poll contacted 1,183 adults nationwide by telephone June 7 through 10, 2007. Included are 1,056 registered voters, 449 Democratic Primary voters and 408 Republican Primary voters. "Primary Voters" include both registered party members *and* eligible others who plan to vote in the party primaries. The 2008 presidential election match-up questions were split among two random sub-groups of 513 and 543 registered voters respectively. 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. Adults 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 and Republican primary voters it is plus or minus 5 percentage points. For each of the odd/even subgroups, the margin of error is plus or minus 4 percentage points. 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.